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WEST ALLIS, WISCONSIN

The Epiphany of the Lord - January 5, 2025



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Saturday: Sunday: **4:00 pm** (MPH West) **8:30 am, 10:30 am,**

7:00 pm (MPH East)
Weekdays: 8:00 am (MPH East)

Monday, Wednesday,

Friday, and First

Saturdays

SCHOOL YEAR WEEKDAY MASS:

Tuesdays 8:00 am (MPH West)

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MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

The Mary Candle at 106th St. is burning this month

In Loving Honor of Edward Renner

The Chapel Candle at 106th St. Site is burning this month

In Loving Memory of Theresa Borowski

The Mary Votive Light at 116th St. Site is burning this month Ferd and Arlene Haevers Living and Deceased Family Members

MASS INTENTIONS



Epiphany of the Lord

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2025

8:00 AM + Beth Varela (East Site)

4:00 PM + Michael Iannantuoni (West Site)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025

8:30 AM Living and Deceased Members

of our Parish (East Site)

10:30 AM + James J. Kusik and + Jeffrey

Kusik (East Site)

7:00 PM † Edward Holzem (East Site)

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025

8:00 AM Deceased Jisa and Heemstra

Families (East Site)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025

8:00 AM + Mary Herro (West Site)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2025

8:00 AM Living and Deceased Members

of the Kielar and Dombrowski

Families (East Site)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2025

4:00 PM † Michael Kuchar (West Site)

Pope's Monthly Intention for 2025

For the right to an education. Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Just a Reminder:

To schedule Masses for the 2025 year, please stop in at the parish office or call 414-453-5192 and we will be happy to assist you. Mass Intentions are \$20.



REFLECTIONS FROM FR. MATTHEW

"Guide us to Thy Perfect Light, Lord"

The **Feast of the Epiphany** is a celebration of light and revelation. It marks the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus, highlighting that His coming is for all nations. Through reflections on Isaiah's prophecy, Paul's letter to the Ephesians, and the Gospel of Matthew, we explore how Jesus' light shines for all, guiding and inviting us to follow Him.

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the Magi visiting Jesus. This is more than a story about wise men bringing gifts. It shows that Jesus is the Messiah for all people. The star guiding the Magi symbolizes God's light leading all nations to Jesus.

As we reflect on the Epiphany, we are reminded to follow the example of the Magi. We are called to seek Jesus, recognize His light, and honor Him as our king. Let us embrace the humility and love that Jesus shows us and share His light with the world.

There are **five spiritual lessons** we can learn from the story of the Magi in Matthew's Gospel. *First*, the importance of attentiveness in spiritual life, likening it to the Magi's contemplative stargazing. *Secondly* the necessity of taking action once God's will is discerned. *Third*, walking the spiritual path inevitably involves facing opposition, both from the world and darker spiritual forces. *Fourth*, the need to offer Christ the best of ourselves, not holding back our talents or love. *Finally*, encountering Christ leads to transformation. One cannot come to Christ and remain unchanged, symbolized by the Magi returning home by a different route.

The Feast of the Epiphany also invites us to reflect on the universality of Jesus' mission and the radical nature of God's kingdom. It calls us to recognize the light of Christ that shines for all peoples and to embrace the transformative power of this revelation in our lives and communities. As the disciples of Christ, we are called to reveal the light of Christ to others, sometimes in unexpected ways, echoing Isaiah's prophecy and the narrative of the Magi. Let us bring the light of Christ to the lives of people and manifest God's plan of salvation for all.

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

The Feast of Epiphany is the manifestation of light. Become the light, leading others to Jesus as the light of the star led the Magi to Him. May you be guided by the light of wisdom in every path of life.

"Like the Magi, may we also journey and be attentive, untiring and courageous on the path to find the invisible God who was born among us."

— Pope Francis



It takes many people to put together all of our Christmas season liturgies, so thank you to our....decorators, ushers, altar servers, greeters, Eucharistic Ministers, contemporary choir, singers, cantors, and instrumentalists.

Your time and talent is a blessing and very much appreciated!

Also, thank you to those who donated to the Christmas Memorial flowers/decorations. Flower Memorials will be listed in next week's bulletin.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Readings for the week of January 5, 2025

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 In 3:22 4:6/Rs 2:7bs 8 10 12s

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/

Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10,

12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps72:1-2, 14

and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

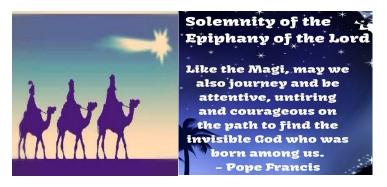
Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28,

29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Director: Sr. Vita Lobo, SJT 414-595-7052 faith@mphwa.org.

January Classes: January 12, 19



Epiphany Home Blessing

Bless the home with the current year, along with initials C-M-B are marked above the doorway with Blessed chalk.

$$20 + C + M + B + 25$$

Prayer of Blessing:

Blessed is this doorway.

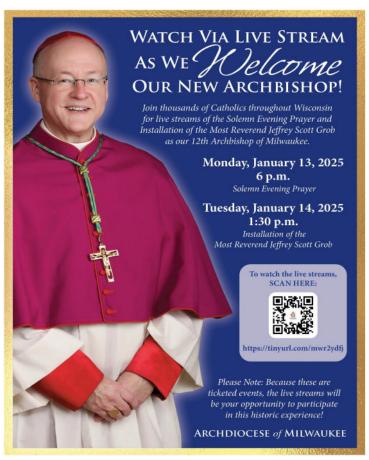
May all who come into our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us as we welcome them with respect and kindness. May all our comings and goings be under the seal of God's loving care. May we seek and serve in everyone we meet, Jesus who is Lord forever and ever. Amen

Breakfast With Jesus December 15th









WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, January 5, 2025

9:15 AM Faith Formation Classes - All PC, ND & Gym (106 St.)

MONDAY, January 6, 2025

Sheepshead - PC 9 (106 St.) 9:00 AM

Pastoral Council Meeting - ND (106 St.) 6:00 PM 6:00 PM Evening Prayer - Church (106 St.)

TUESDAY, January 7, 2025

10:00 AM Book Buzz - BH Living Rm (116 St.) 6:45 PM Evening Prayer & Rosary - Church (106 St.)

WEDNESDAY, January 8, 2025

8:45 AM Scripture Study - ND (106 St.) 9:00 AM MPH Helping Hands - BH (116 St.) 9-11 AM MPH Food Pantry - BH (116 St.) 9:00 AM Sheepshead - PC 9 (106 St.) Human Concerns Mtg. - ND (106 St.) 5:30 PM 6:00 PM Dartball - Gym (106 St.)

6:00 PM Evening Prayer - Church (106 St.)

THURSDAY, January 9, 2025

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal - Church (106 St.) 6:00 PM Evening Prayer - Church (106 St.)

FRIDAY, January 10, 2025

Evening Prayer and Chaplet of Divine Mercy -6:00 PM Church (106 St.)

SATURDAY, January 11, 2025

7:00 AM Men's Scripture Study - ND (106 St.) 8:30 AM MPH SVDP Meeting - BH 9:30-11:30 AM MPH Food Pantry - BH (116 St.)

10::00 AM Pickleball - Gym (106 St.)

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HUMAN CONCERNS/OUTREACH

Director: Kathy Smith 414-453-5192 ext. 125 Kathy@mphwa.org



St. Ben's Community Meal JANUARY dates:

Serve: Monday, Jan. 20

Sandwich making & Bag packing: Thursdays Jan.

16th & 23rd

8AM Kitchen at 106th Parish Center Food Drop Off: 8AM-9AM or 2-3PM

Contact Kathy: to donate/serve

Questions/volunteer

Kathy Smith 414-453-5192x125 or kathy@mphwa.org Blessings to all who help with this ministry!



MQSCA SCHOOL

Principal: Nick Lee 414-476-0751 leen@mqscateacher.org

Catholic Schools Week: January 27-31 MQSCA - Sip and Support, March 8

COME JOIN US

Dinner and Comedy Sportz

Saturday, January 25, at MPH Parish Center

Welcome hour begins at 5:00 pm Buffet Dinner by Bunzel's at 6:00 pm Comedy Sportz begins at 7:30 pm

Tickets: \$40

Reserve tables for 6 are available for \$240 Contact the Parish Office for tickets. Limited seating.

'Save the Date' February 22, 2025 – Trivia Night



M. P. H. PARISH FESTIVAL 2025

Planning for the MPH 2025 parish festival has started. Mark your calendar – festival weekend - June 20 – 22, 2025.

Do you have ideas or activities you would like us to consider? Bring them to the festival committee meeting. All are welcome! The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 7 at 4:30 pm – in the Notre Dame Room – 106th St.



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