



ST. MARY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Mary Mission Statement:
To be companions with Christ
our Savior

January 5, 2020

The Epiphany
of the Lord

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil -5:30pm
Lord's Day -8:30am & 10:30am

Sacrament of Forgiveness (Confession)

Sat. 4-5pm or by appointment
Sun. 8:00-8:25 am

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9am-4:30pm; Fri.: 9-12:30 pm
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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. - Mt 2:10-11a

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Adoration Chapel

Open Hours:

Sunday: 3pm

Monday: 7pm

Tuesday: 5am & 10am

Thursday: 1am

Friday: 1pm & 3pm

Saturday: 1am

Mass Schedule This Week:

**Wednesday, Thursday and
Friday-8am**

**Office Hours: Monday—
Thursday 9am—4:30pm
Friday: 9am—12:30pm**



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday	Jan. 7, St. Raymond of Penyafort
5:30 p.m.	No Mass
Wednesday	Jan. 8
9:00 a.m.	✠Charlie & Carrie Riley
Thursday	Jan. 9
8:00 a.m.	✠Gerald Rogers
Friday	Jan. 10
8:00 a.m.	Julie Friesen
Saturday	Jan. 11
8:00a.m.	No Latin Mass
5:30p.m.	People of the Parish
Sunday	Jan. 12, The Baptism of the Lord
8:30a.m.	✠Duane Haxton
10:30a.m.	✠David Winter

Please Pray For our Home-Bound & Care Home Parishioners:

Geraldine Adkins	Stella Miller	Virginia Schierling
Carmen Alvarado	Sara Quinones	Sharon Story
Gertrude Mahoney	Bryan Sahlfeld	Ethel Wetschensky
	Lois Silvernale	

PLEASE FILL OUT & TURN IN STEWARDSHIP PACKETS ASAP SO MINISTRY LEADERS CAN ADJUST THEIR ROSTERS. THANK YOU!

Stewardship Message—Empowered! “Fully Alive as Missionary Disciples”

The Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

Today, as we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, we reflect on the presentation of gifts to the newborn King. The three magi came from the East to bring exquisite gifts and to see the Christ child. Gifts of gold, incense, and perfume would have been rare and expensive, but these men wanted to share only their very best. How does that compare to the gifts that you bring before our Lord today? Have you come with a desire to share only the very best of yourself? Do not be intimidated by the wealth that the magi had at their disposal. God does not require your wealth; He desires the humility of heart that allows one to make a tremendous gift of self. A disciple's heart is a humble heart. Like the magi, prostrate yourself before the Lord and offer him only the very best of yourself.

Parish Events

**DAILY MASS: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 8am
Scheduled this week:**

Monday: SMCS resumes; SVdP-7pm OLG

Wednesday: CYM: 7pm

Thursday: Harvest House 10am OLG; RCIA-7pm; School Council 7pm

Friday: Family Home Rosary (316) 570-7455 for info

The Lord's Pantry: Next Sunday G-L

Attention all Adorers and Substitutes

We will have a meeting on January 7 at 7:00pm for all adorers and substitutes for the Adoration Chapel at the OLG Parish Hall. That Tuesday evening, we will discuss some changes to the schedule and making sure that someone is with the Blessed Sacrament when it is exposed in the monstrance. Please make sure you are there or contact one of the coordinators if you cannot attend (Tony Arellano (316) 281-9320, Lettie Kruse (316)283-0026)—Fr. Devin

Altar Society News

Happy New Year to one and all! I hope the Good Lord brings you many Blessing in the New Year. It is a bittersweet moment for me as I turn over my role as President of Altar Society. It has been a wonderful four years to serve all the ladies of the parish. I have made some life long friends in this role and my parish life is so much richer because of it. I also want to thank the Parish for their support of the Festive Fall Fair as I know some of my ideas were outside the box especially with the menu changes I tried. I think we have all agreed the Turkey Meal is back with some great labor intense absences. Please consider joining us at future meetings with our new board: President--Sue Schmidt, 1st Vice-President--Jeanne Drake, 2nd President--CJ Sutton, Secretary--Wendy Hoffman, and Treasurer--Jemma Hrenchir. They will do a terrific job of serving our ladies of the Parish and I thank them for taking over these roles. Thank you again ladies and the St. Mary Parish for your support over the last four years.
~Kathy Chouinard

Our Gifts to God & Parish

Fiscal Year: July 2019-June 2020

Collections for: Dec. 22, 2019

*Regular collection.....	\$ 12,292.60
Children's collection.....	\$ 25.00
	\$ 12,317.60
Building Fund....	\$ 1,905.00
Budget per week is.....	\$ 15,186.92

Collections year-to-date compared to budget through Dec. 22, 2019..... \$ (22,174.23)

Collections for Christmas, Dec. 29 and Jan. 5, will be in the Jan. 12 bulletin due to early bulletin deadlines.

DOCTRINAL SECTION

The light that shone in the night at Christmas illuminating the Bethlehem Grotto, where Mary, Joseph and the shepherds remained in silent adoration, shines out today and is manifested to all. The Epiphany is a mystery of light, symbolically suggested by the star that guided the Magi on their journey. The true source of light, however, the "sun that rises from on high" (cf. Lk 1: 78), is Christ.

In the mystery of Christmas, Christ's light shines on the earth, spreading, as it were, in concentric circles. First of all, it shines on the Holy Family of Nazareth: the Virgin Mary and Joseph are illuminated by the divine presence of the Infant Jesus. The light of the Redeemer is then manifested to the shepherds of Bethlehem, who, informed by an Angel, hasten immediately to the grotto and find there the "sign" that had been foretold to them: the Child, wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger (cf. Lk 2: 12).

The shepherds, together with Mary and Joseph, represent that "remnant of Israel", the poor, the anawim, to whom the Good News was proclaimed. Finally, Christ's brightness shines out, reaching the Magi who are the first-fruits of the pagan peoples. The palaces of the rulers of Jerusalem, to which, paradoxically, the Magi actually take the news of the Messiah's birth, are left in the shade. Moreover, this news does not give rise to joy but to fear and hostile reactions. The divine plan was mysterious: "The light came into the world, but men loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were wicked" (Jn 3: 19).

But what is this light? Is it merely an evocative metaphor or does this image correspond to reality? The Apostle John writes in his First Letter: "God is light; in him there is no darkness" (I Jn 1: 5); and further on he adds: "God is love". These two affirmations, taken together, help us to understand better: the light that shone forth at Christmas, which is manifested to the peoples today, is God's love revealed in the Person of the Incarnate Word. Attracted by this light, the Magi arrived from the East.

~Pope Benedict XVI

Readings for the week of December 29, 2019

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/ Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28

Friday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34

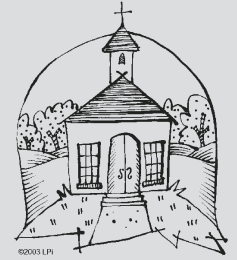
Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Parish Information

Communion to the Sick

If you are unable to attend Mass due to age, illness, or are recovering from surgery, call the parish office so that Communion may be brought to you.



Bulletin Deadline

Must be submitted in writing no later than 10am on Tue.

Religious Education Class Times (PSR)

Grades 1st- 8th - Wednesday 6:30 - 7:40pm Mandy Casey (620) 200-7278

Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM)

Wednesday: 7pm; Grades 9-12 Greg & Resa Davenport/Bill & Carrie Weber.

Perpetual Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Chapel is located at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 415 S. Ash. If interested in a permanent hour call coordinator, Lettie Kruse at 727-1200 or 283-0026.

Rosary Prayer Line

To activate, call Michelle Stump at 620-386-0421 or if she is not available call both Barbara Fayette 283-6467 & Lou Kuestersteffen 283-6414 to activate both prayer lines.

Welcome/Registering

Welcome to St. Mary's Catholic Parish. Please register by calling or dropping by the parish office. Please keep us informed of changes of names, addresses, numbers, etc.

Interested in the Catholic Faith

A warm invitation is extended to non-Catholics to attend any of our religious services. They are particularly invited to learn more about the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church. For more information, call the parish office at 316-282-0459, or Mark Frazier at 316-727-6287.

Information About Sacraments

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents are required to be registered in the parish. Call the parish office to make arrangements.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

In an emergency of serious illness, if sick and confined to a home, entering a hospital or local nursing home - please notify the rectory.

Sacrament of Forgiveness (Confession)

Sat. 4:00 -5:00 p.m. Tuesday 5:00-5:20 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00-8:25 a.m. Any time by appointment.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples intending to enter into Christian Marriage are asked to call the parish office for an appointment. The first appointment must be scheduled at least nine months prior to the proposed date of marriage.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus Annual Free Throw Contest will be held Sunday, January 12th in St. Mary's gym. The competition is open to all boys and girls, ages 9 to 14 (age as of Jan. 1, 2020 will determine age division) Doors open at noon, registration is at 12:30pm, and competition starts at 1pm. Winners of each division will receive medals and advance to District competition in February.

The K of C Assembly/Council After Christmas, Christmas Party will be held Sunday, January 19th at St. Mary's in the gym. This new social event is for Knights and spouses, council widows and guest, and prospective Knights and spouses. 5:30pm: Social time, 6:15pm catered meal, 7pm Bingo played for cash prizes. \$9.00 per person, pay at the door. For food preparation purposes, please call John at 283-0907 to reserve by January 14th.

The Knights of Columbus Annual Pro-Life Baby Shower will be conducted from January 18th thru January 26th. A crib will be set up in the church foyer to accept baby shower items. (diapers, formula, clothes, etc.) The collection point will remain up for the nine day period. All donated items will then be given to Hartland Pregnancy Care Center to be distributed to needy new mothers whose choice was **life**.

Seeking Classroom Foster Grandparents

If you enjoy working with children and earning a little extra income, consider becoming a Classroom Foster Grandparent. Catholic Charities Wichita is recruiting people ages 55 and older to work 15 to 40 hours a week at local schools. Foster Grandparents earn a tax-free stipend while helping children develop the social and academic skills needed for success in school. To learn more, call (316) 264-8344, ext. 1211 to sign up for an information session Jan. 7 or Jan. 9.

ST. MARY SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

St. Mary School will resume on January 6, 2020.

New to the Parish?

Welcome to St. Mary's Parish, we are pleased to have you join us in worship. If you would like to join the parish please complete the information below and return it to us in the collection basket, or by mail. We will send you registration information or you may come by the parish office and register.

Welcome and God Bless!

Name _____

Address _____

Zip _____ Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Liturgical Role

Altar Servers

Sat. 1/11 5:30pm Alex & Luke Littlejohn, Allison Weber
Sun. 1/12 8:30am David & Patrick Graham, Wyatt Ford
Sun. 1/12 10:30am Payton Ryan, Andrew Guyer
Bailey & Spencer Steinmetz *Adrian

Greeters & Gift Bearers

Sat. 01/11 5:30pm Mary Kauffman
Sun. 01/12 8:30am Ron & Bernice Capps
Sun. 01/12 10:30am Cassandra Adams

Cantor/Accompanist

Sat. 01/11 5:30pm M. Frazier, L. Curiel
Sun. 01/12 8:30am J. Damon, S. Koerner
Sun. 01/12 10:30am A. Cox, E. Stabler

Lector

Sat. 01/11 5:30pm Debra Henning, Sandra Kelso
Sun. 01/12 8:30am Betty Lanzrath, Rodger Graham
Sun. 01/12 10:30am Tami Carlgren, Cathy Guyer

Sacristans

Weekday—Jan. 8—Jan. 11—Linda Frazier
Sat. 01/11 5:30pm Shelly Oswald
Sun. 01/12 8:30am Shari McCall
Sun. 01/12 10:30am Mary Ann Bruggeman

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Weekday—Jan 8—11—Rita Sadowski

Sat. 01/11 5:30pm Mike Weber (No Precious Blood)
Sun. 01/12 8:30am *J. Pomeroy, Daniel Casey, Shari McCall
Sun. 01/12 10:30am Don & Shelly Hageman and
Mary Ann Bruggeman

Nursing Homes: (Pres. & Shut ins) Jan. 11—Rita Sadowski

EMHC-Hospital—Jan. 12—Kathleen Morris

Ushers

Sat. 01/11 5:30pm Kyle & Linda Kientz,
Carrol Langenhorst & Gary Littlejohn
Sun. 01/12 8:30am Dale Kaiser, Christopher Kitzke
Ethan & Clayton Killman
Sun. 01/12 10:30am James & Carrie Reid
Earl & Annabelle Smith

Church Cleaners Jan. 10—

Rafael & Paulina Navarro & Stephanie Pham

Wash Albs Jan. 6

Claire Hanna & Terri Wray

Our advertiser of the week is
Broadway Colonial Funeral Home
and Monuments

Please check their ad in
the back of the bulletin.

