



# ST. MARY

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

January 2, 2022

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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## THE EPIPHANY of the Lord

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,  
who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6b*

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

**OPEN ADORATION HOURS:**

Sunday: 5pm & 6pm  
Tuesday: 5pm  
Thursday: 2am & 3am  
Please call OLG at 316-283-  
3499 if interested in taking an  
hour or being a substitute!

**Office Hours:**

Monday — Thursday 9am-4:30pm  
Friday: 9-12:30pm

**WEEKDAY MASS:** Tuesday-  
5:30pm; Wednesday, Thursday  
Friday: 8am



# Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday	Jan. 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
5:30pm	✠Ray & Denise Bina
Wednesday	Jan. 5, St. John Neumann
8:00am	✠John Holub
Thursday	Jan. 6, St. Andre' Bessette
8:00am	✠Marguerite Snapp
Friday	Jan. 7, St. Raymond of Penyafort
8:00am	Julie Friesen
Saturday	Jan. 8
8:00am	No Latin Mass
5:30pm	✠Martin Zimmerman
Sunday	Jan. 9, The Baptism of the Lord
8:30am	People of the Parish
10:30am	Leona Rogers

Please Pray For our Sick, Home Bound & Care Home Parishioners: Deanna Beckner Nancy Budde  
Alma Gordon Virginia Holub Lou Kuestersteffen  
Maggie Morgan Stacy Morris Brett Roufs  
Bryan Sahlfeld Norman Salmans Jonah Wagner  
Walt & Lois Silvernale

## Stewardship Message—

### Seek Him

*Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12*

Today's Gospel presents us with the story of the manifestation of Jesus to the Gentiles through the visitation of the Magi. With the birth of Jesus, the world as a whole is able to see God in a new way. The word Epiphany is often used to describe a moment in which you suddenly see or understand something in a new or very clear way. And so it was with the birth of Christ. Rightfully understood, God was no longer to be thought of simply as the God of the Israelites but as the God of the Universe, who would sacrifice Himself for all of mankind. May we also seek Him, that we may pay him homage, to prostrate ourselves and place our gifts—our very selves—before Him.

## STEWARDSHIP

If you didn't pick up your stewardship packet in November, we have now mailed them out. Please fill it out upon receiving it and return by placing them in the collection box, or drop off/mail to the parish office at 106 E. 8th. We rely on the entire parish family and are very grateful for all of your help! There are many opportunities for stewardship, and if you are able, please consider several ministries, or even try a new ministry!! We truly appreciate the hard work & dedication our parishioners bless us with, and we cannot function as a parish without you ALL!

## HARVEST HOUSE

Harvest House will meet at Our Lady of Guadalupe Rectory on the 13th of January at 10 am. At last month's meeting we enjoyed Christmas snacks, gift certificate giveaways, companionship and planning future meetings. Please come join the fun. Bring a friend, a snack or just bring yourself!

**THANK YOU TO THE FAMILIES THAT HELPED SET THE CHURCH UP FOR CHRISTMAS. YOUR HELP MADE LIGHT WORK AND LESS TIME! MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

## ALTAR SOCIETY

We will have our first meeting of 2022 this Thursday, January 6th at 6:30pm in the parish center. All ladies of the parish are automatic members of Altar Society. Please come and see what's new in 2022!!

## OUR SUNDAY VISITOR

The parish office is considering changing from the current weekly *Our Sunday Visitor* paper (provided on the table in the vestibule) to offering *The National Catholic Register*, which is bi-weekly publication. If you have any questions, thoughts or concerns, please let Fr. Voelker know, or call the parish office at 282-0459. Thank you!

## Our Gifts to God & Parish

Fiscal Year: July 2021-June 2022

**\*\*Due to early bulletin submission, numbers for Dec. 26 will be in the Jan. 9 bulletin.**

Collections for:	<b>Dec. 19, 2021</b>
*Regular Collection	\$ 14,865.00
Children's Collection	\$ <u>108.33</u>
	\$ 14,973.33
Other:	
*Building Fund.....	\$ 1,252.00
Budget per week is.....	\$ 14,584.60
Collections year-to-date compared to budget	
Through Dec. 19, 2021	\$ (12,027.59)**

**\*\*Your contributions are greatly appreciated. If you are behind, please make every effort to catch up & do your part. Thank you! —Father Voelker**

## DOCTRINAL SECTION

For the Church which believes and prays, the Wise Men from the East who, guided by the star, made their way to the manger of Bethlehem, are only the beginning of a great procession which winds throughout history. Thus the liturgy reads the Gospel which relates the journey of the Wise Men, together with the magnificent prophetic visions of the sixtieth chapter of the Book of Isaiah and Psalm 71, which depict in bold imagery the pilgrimage of the peoples to Jerusalem. Like the shepherds, who as the first visitors to the newborn Child in the manger, embodied the poor of Israel and more generally those humble souls who live in deep interior closeness to Jesus, so the men from the East embody the world of the peoples, the Church of the Gentiles – the men and women who in every age set out on the way which leads to the Child of Bethlehem, to offer him homage as the Son of God and to bow down before him. The Church calls this feast “Epiphany” – the appearance of the Godhead. If we consider the fact that from the very beginning men and women of every place, of every continent, of all the different cultures, mentalities and lifestyles, have been on the way to Christ, then we can truly say that this pilgrimage and this encounter with God in the form of a Child is an epiphany of God’s goodness and loving kindness for humanity (cf. *Tit* 3:4).

~Pope Benedict XVI

### St. Vincent dePaul Reflection

The Magi came to worship the newborn king. Are we capable of that ourselves? Are we willing to bow down before the Lord and pay him homage? Are we able to make Christ the absolute center of our lives? Or do we clutch alien gods as Herod did? These are manifold: power, popularity, security, comfort, only to name a few. Most such gods are reflections of our inner selves. They mirror forth our own desire to be the center of the universe. Unlike Herod, the Magi bowed down before the Lord and worshipped him. May we also bow down before him in the person of the poor, who are—in a phrase we use so often that it can easily lose its meaning—our “Lords and Masters” as Vincent said.

### The Parish Leadership Team

The Movement called “Amazing Parish” has been adapted by many parishes in the Catholic Diocese of Wichita. Its founder is Pat Lencioni, a New York Times best-selling author and who has worked with hundreds of corporations to help them achieve success through organizational health and leadership. This Leadership team meets regularly with the Pastors to assist with the needs of the Parish of St. Mary. Our leadership team members are: *Matt Anderson, Joshua Bargdill, Mary Ann Bruggeman, Amber Holguin, Mike Weber, Fr. Voelker and Fr. Max Biltz.*



## 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.

### Catechism Class (Formerly PSR)

Grades 1st- 8th - 1st & 3rd Sunday at 9:30am in the Parish Center. Mandy Casey (620) 200-7278

### Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM)

Wednesday: 7pm; Grades 9-12 Bill & Carrie Weber & Jonathan & Kasey 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, call Laurie Kimere at (417)531-8904.

### Rosary Prayer Line

To activate, call Mickey Stump at 620-386-0421 or if she is not available call Barbara Fayette at 283-6467 to activate the line.

### 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.

## Information About Sacraments

\*\*PLEASE CALL FR. VOELKER AT 316-282-0459 EXT. 2

### 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)

Saturday 4:00 -5:00 p.m. 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.

MINISTRY LEADERS AND VOLUNTEERS  
THE STEWARDSHIP WAY OF GIVING

THANK YOU FOR GIVING OF YOUR  
TIME AND TALENTS  
THIS PAST YEAR!  
LOOKING FORWARD TO 2022!

Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

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

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/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

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 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

College Nights

Calling all college aged young adults in our community! We're starting up a college ministry here at St. Mary's. Our first meeting will be Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. We'll be providing dinner and fellowship. Please come and bring a friend! Contact Jon (316-217-4367) or Kasey (620-245-4641) Weber if you have any questions.

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.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Liturgical Role

Altar Servers

Sat. 01/08 5:30pm Luke & Leah Littlejohn  
Sun. 01/09 8:30am Payton Ryan & Ethan Stucky  
Sun. 01/09 10:30am Evan & Ryan Antle

\*Ryan R

Greeters

Sat. 01/08 5:30pm Scott Oden family  
Sun. 01/09 8:30am Nathaniel Martens family  
Sun. 01/09 10:30am Justin Hett family

Cantor/Accompanist

Sat. 01/08 5:30pm M. Frazier, L. Curiel  
Sun. 01/09 8:30am B. Nguyen, L. Curiel  
Sun. 01/09 10:30am B & C Weber, E. Stabler

Lector

Sat. 01/08 5:30pm Richard Mick  
Sun. 01/09 8:30am Leigh Ann O'Halloran  
Sun. 01/09 10:30am Terri Bockhaus

Sacristans

Weekday—Jan. 4—8—Mary Russell  
Sat. 01/08 5:30pm Mary Russell  
Sun. 01/09 8:30am Shari McCall  
Sun. 01/09 10:30am Mary Ann Bruggeman

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Schowalter Villa—Mike O'Halloran  
Sat. 01/08 5:30pm Deb Henning  
Sun. 01/09 8:30am Shari McCall  
Sun. 01/09 10:30am Carolyn Woerner

Nursing Homes & Shut Ins/EMHC—

Jan. 1—Kathleen Morris

Hospital EMHC: Month of January covered by OLG

Ushers

Sat. 01/08 5:30pm Gary & Brett Littlejohn  
Sun. 01/09 8:30am John Sommers  
Sun. 01/09 10:30am Warren Wiens

Church Cleaners— Jan. 7

Rafael, Paulina, Gabriel, Melissa Navarro, Stephanie Pham

Wash Server Albs Jan. 3

Mary Heinemann & Pam Sims

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