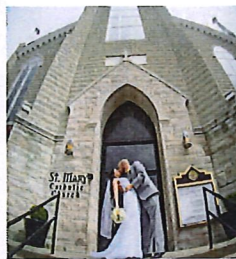


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**Office Hours:**

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**Become Catholic - RCIA**  
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**Marriage**  
Couples planning to marry need to contact the parish office at least 6 months prior to their anticipated wedding date.

**Anointing of the Sick**  
Offered first weekend of each month after Masses. To schedule a time for receiving please contact the Parish Office.

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**This Week in the Parish**

Sunday 1/15	Monday 1/16	Tuesday 1/17	Wednesday 1/18	Thursday 1/19	Friday 1/20	Saturday 1/21
<b>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Confession 9:15-9:45 am Mass 10am  Confession 3:15-3:45 pm Mass 4:00 pm	<b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b> Parish Offices and Food Pantry Closed today Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm Creation Care 6 pm	Food Pantry 9am-12 & 1-3 pm Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm  St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 5:00 pm	Food Pantry 9am-12 & 1-3 pm      Choir 6:30-8pm	Food Pantry 9am-12 & 1-3 pm Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm	Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm	Confession 3:15-3:45 pm Mass 4:00 pm

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

January 22, 2023

First Reading; Is 8:23—9:3

Second Reading; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

Gospel; Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

**Mass Intentions**

Sat. 1/14	4:00 pm	Doris Bush
Sun. 1/15	10:00 am	Jack Dills and family
	4:00 pm	Needs and Intentions of the Parish
Mon. 1/16	12:05 pm	David Baumgart
Tues. 1/17	12:05 pm	Marite Mossesgeld Barredo on her birthday
Thurs. 1/19	12:05 pm	Greg Clausheide
Fri. 1/20	12:05 pm	Charles and Shirley Kaufman
Sat. 1/21	4:00 pm	Carmela Endriga Kintanar on her birthday
Sun. 1/22	10:00 am	Doris Bush
	4:00 pm	Jack Dills and family
Mon. 1/23	12:05 pm	Needs and Intentions of the parish
Tues. 1/24	12:05 pm	David Baumgart
Thurs 1/26	12:05 pm	Paul Webb
Fri. 1/27	12:05 pm	Tom Schlechte
Sat. 1/28	4:00 pm	Lou Roman Abello and Marilen Ledesma b on their birthdays

**MASS INTENTIONS...** Please contact Lee Griggs 812-425-1577 ext 207 to schedule a Mass intention or you can fill out a Mass Intention envelope found in church and drop it in the stewardship basket or go to our website.

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*Welcome to Sts. Mary and John Parish!!*  
*Steve and Ann Hurst*

A "Hello" and a warm "Welcome" to all guests. If you are new to the area or are looking for a parish home, we invite you to register here at Sts. Mary and John Parish. We would love to welcome you as a member of our parish family. Please contact Lee Griggs 812-425-1577 or email Lee at lgriggs@evdio.org.

**Weekly Collection Jan 7-8, 2023**

Mass Time	Collections
Saturday 4 pm	\$ 1,052.00
Sunday 10:00 am	\$ 2,549.00
4:00 pm	\$ 1,588.00
Electronic	\$ 779.63
Office Mail in	\$ 1,830.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,798.63</b>

SVDP \$ 466.00 Alms Collection \$ 1,509.00

Let us pray... That we may faithfully live as God's Stewards, fulfilling the plan He had for each of us as He formed us in the womb.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR...** Lee Ann Kipta, Donna Leader, Margaret Ballard, Janet Porter, Emma Majewski, Jan Howell, Patti and Tom Harmon, Ray Bigge, Bill O'Nan, Sue Martin, Mary Eichenberger, Carolyn Stagg, Betty Feller, Anne Priestly

**Pray for our loved ones in the Military...**

LT Jake Morris, 1st LT Danielle Morris, Andrew Hicks, William Russell, Reed Shanks; Air Force Special Agent, Lt. Noah Huelsing, 2nd Lt. Corey Cannon, Staff Sergeant Shaun Nelson, Nathan Ulrich; Marines

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 1/14 Bradley Bonnell
- 1/15 Kenneth Lutz
- 1/17 Donna Wargel
- 1/19 Brent Schmitt, Gloria Windsor-Smith
- 1/20 Melody Vezzoso
- 1/21 Judith Peistrup
- 1/22 Stanley Logel
- 1/23 Sharon Cain
- 1/24 Sally Sunderman
- 1/26 Gracelyn Berg, Pam Diehl
- 1/27 Joe Day



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

Your St. Vincent de Paul committee worked with 15 "neighbors" again this week.



Rent assistance comprised the majority of needs. In particular, we were able to help one mother with four children under 15 years of age, and a grown daughter living with her. We paid the last amount she needed to handle this month's rent. In the process of our visit, we noted that there were no beds in her apartment, nor dressers to store their clothing. On her behalf we were able to apply to a wonderful group of volunteers named "Sleep in Heavenly Peace". That group's volunteers get together and build beds for children aged 14 and under, buy and supply the mattresses for them, and then install them in qualifying homes, complete with bed linens. Thanks for the opportunity to be of such service to the needy in our area.

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**Neighbor to Neighbor**

**Classes Starting February 2023!**

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Neighbor To Neighbor, a FREE faith-based life skills education program to help families or individuals move toward self-sufficiency. The short course teaches goal setting for finance, health and other life-skills.

- Participant Requirements:**
- Working or actively seeking work
  - Not receiving or applying for disability or social security
  - Attend an interview prior to acceptance in the class.
  - Attend 10 classes (2 classes a week for 5 weeks).
  - Complete 1 and 2 Month Follow Up Classes
  - Complete 3 Month Follow Up Interview

- Participants Learn:**
- Goal setting in areas of finance, faith, health & community
  - How to develop a personal budget
  - Community and social engagement opportunities
  - Skills for job development
  - Action towards personal change.



Upon successful completion, participants earn assistance with rent, utilities, or other appropriate expense. The next session in Evansville will begin on February 16. Sessions will also take place in Princeton. Call Catholic Charities at 812-423-5456 today for information or to sign up for the program!

Upon the successful completion of the Neighbor to Neighbor program, participants earn a voucher toward their rent, utilities, or other appropriate expense.

**For More Information or to Schedule an Interview**  
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What can we do each week to become more appreciative of the gift of creation's beauty? -Try to praise God regularly for beauty you notice. -Ask God to help us see Jesus's gaze especially in suffering creation and the poor.

These are some of many considerations that are part of our prayer and discussions the 3rd Monday of every month. YOU are welcome to join us from 6-7 pm on the 3rd floor of the Ministry Center this Monday, January 16.

Creation Care group gathers monthly on the 3rd Monday of each month in 2023... please join us.

Jan 16	July 17
Feb 20	August 21
March 20	September 18
April 17	October 23
May 22	November 20
June 19	December 18

**For inquiring minds who want to know**

If you would like to watch Fr. Alex's weekly homilies, you can view them on his YouTube channel at [youtube.com/@azenthofer](https://youtube.com/@azenthofer).

**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Stewardship Gifts**

"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..." ISALAH 49:5

God have given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, Stewards have to do what God is calling them to do and I also have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and become the saint that God is calling you to be.



“Today Christ works the first of his signs from heaven by turning water into wine. But water has still to be changed into the sacrament of his blood, so that Christ may offer spiritual drink from the chalice of his body, to fulfill the psalmist’s prophecy: How excellent is my chalice, warming my spirit.”

—from a sermon by Saint Peter Chrysologus (Sermon 160, PL 52, 620-622).

“The Connection Between Epiphany And The Eucharist” continued from the front...

but in a particular fashion, “when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law” (Gal.4:4) to be the greatest manifestation and revelation of God’s presence. “For in [Christ Jesus] the whole fulness of deity dwells bodily” (Col. 2:9). Jesus is Himself the great sacrament of God’s love. Jesus was the fullest revelation possible of God’s goodness and love. As Catholics we believe that Jesus is both Son of God and Son of Mary—truly human and truly divine. In His person, and through His actions, words and gestures Jesus made God and God’s love present on earth. He was, and is still, for us “the image of the unseen God” (Col.1:15), the “Word made flesh” who lived among us (cf. Jn.1) and hence the greatest sacrament of God! Thus, a multi-form encounter with Christ occurs within the framework of the eucharistic liturgy which Vatican II reminds us is “the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed,...the fount from which all her power flows” (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, 10). In a certain sense, the feast of Epiphany is the Church’s recognition that the great prophecy of Isaiah, of which “the Lord Himself will give [us] a sign. Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel” (7:14) has indeed heralded the observable presence of God with us as a permanent and stable reality. Have you ever noticed that the preferred design of the monstrance is a sunburst? It consists of rays or “beams” radiating out from the central disk in the manner of sunbeams on a stand, usually topped by a cross. The monstrance has the appearance of a great star upon the altar. Just as the star guided the Magi to Bethlehem (Hebrew: *Bet Lehem* “House of Bread”), so the monstrance should be our “star” guiding us to the bread of life. “Whoever comes to me,” says Jesus, “will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty” (John 6:35). Wise men still seek Him.

Life in the Eucharist: St. Catherine of Siena

St. Catherine of Siena, one of the greatest mystics and a doctor of the Church, dedicated her whole life to God from prayer, to service, to giving spiritual counsel to anyone



from beggars to Popes. She was born in 1347, made a perpetual vow of virginity at a very young age, became a member of the Third Order of St. Dominic, and lived a reclusive life of prayer and penance at home for the first several years of her life. According to the account recorded by her confessor, Blessed Raymond of Capua,

for the last seven years of her life, Catherine ate nothing besides the Eucharist. Even today, there is an ongoing Eucharistic miracle in Siena (the home of St. Catherine) in which a collection of around 350 consecrated hosts was found to be incorrupt and has remained incorrupt from 1730 until today. Over almost 300 years, and they show no signs of decay!

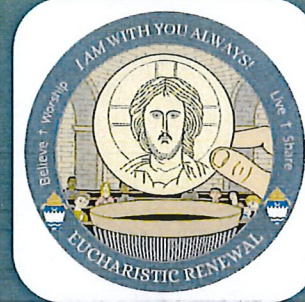
Adoro te Devote: Epiphany Water

While the feast of Epiphany in the Roman Rite is primarily focused on the visit of the Magi, historically it was more focused on the baptism of Jesus Christ in the Jordan River. For this reason, there developed a special blessing of Epiphany water in memory of Jesus sanctifying the waters of Baptism. This blessing of water on Epiphany was maintained by Eastern Catholics, but Roman Catholics also have an optional ceremony that was approved in 1890 that did homage to this tradition. The emphasis of the blessing, however, was less on the commemoration of Jesus’ baptism and more on the symbolic nature of water as a cleansing agent. In this way, the blessing of Epiphany water in the Roman Rite was used to cast out Satan and all his demonic angels. It is a powerful blessing, one that uses strong language to invoke the power of God over evil. It reminds us of the spiritual power of holy water and encourages us to use it in faith, trusting in the protecting help of God over our spiritual enemies.



# Encountering the Eucharist

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Most Catholics are surprised to discover that the regulations regarding what constitutes valid matter regarding the wine are rather strict. Not just any old “store bought” wine will do. Canon 924 of the present Code of Canon Law (1983) states: §3 “The wine must be natural, made from grapes of the vine, and not corrupt.” This means that the wine must be naturally fermented with nothing added to it, and the wine itself cannot have soured or become vinegar, nor can it have anything artificial added to it like preservatives, or flavors. Additionally, the total alcohol content can not be above 18%.

What We Believe...

The Connection Between Epiphany And The Eucharist

After the Christmas season, the Church begins with her first round of her ordinal numbers counting off the weeks until the beginning of Lent. The season called “Ordinary Time” is so named after the ordinal numbers—a number defining a thing’s position in a series, such as “first,” “second,” or “third” and not intended to special or distinctive features. the liturgy during the Second weeks after Christmas were the celebration of Epiphany (i.e. first, Epiphany). In fact, next to the the Epiphany is the oldest of Evidence suggests that in the



mean that these weeks have no However, before the reforms of Vatican Council, the Sundays and numbered in relation to the celebration of Epiphany (i.e. first, second third Sunday “after” season from Easter to Pentecost, the festivals of the church year! second century in Asia Minor

and Egypt, the Epiphany was celebrated on January 6 which was observed as a commemoration of both the birth and baptism of Jesus. Like Christmas, which developed later at Rome, the Epiphany took its date from a pagan festival which it replaced; and like Christmas, it too, was a solstice festival. In the old calendar, the winter solstice occurred on January 6. The word “epiphany” means manifestation and the root of the word was often used to describe the dawn, and the appearance of gods bringing help to men. The Epiphany was also called the Theophany, the Feast of the Manifestation, the Feast of Lights, the Feast of the Appearing of Christ. Historically, Epiphany and its season focused on three major events in the life of Our Lord: the visit of the Magi (Matt. 2:10ff), the baptism of Christ (Lk. 3:21-22), and the changing of water into wine at Cana, our Lord’s first miracle (Jn. 2:1-11). In each of these stories from Scripture, we encounter a theophany—a visible manifestation of God to humankind. In other words, Epiphany focuses on a personal encounter with God that is an event where the manifestation occurs in an observable way. For the Magi, the theophany was the star they followed. At Jesus’ baptism, the Holy Spirit appeared in the form of a dove and we hear the audible voice of the Father. Essentially, the entire Trinity was manifested in an observable way! Finally, by changing water into wine we see the first demonstration of Jesus’ divine power over earthly elements and a foreshadowing of Jesus changing wine into His blood at the last supper which was itself a foreshadowing of His death on the cross and the moment a soldier pierced his side with a spear and when out gushed blood and water (Jn. 19: 34). If we, like the Blessed Virgin Mary, ponder all these things in our heart (cf. Lk. 2:19), we should be able to perceive the sacramentality that’s associated with the Solemnity of Epiphany. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that the “sacraments are efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us. The visible rites by which the sacraments are celebrated signify and make present the graces proper to each sacrament” (#1131). What were the star, the voice, and the wine if not “efficacious signs” that signified and made visible the presence of God to the Magi, to John the baptizer, and the multitude of guests during the wedding at Cana? We, therefore, see that the Church has always assigned an importance to the Epiphany and its season not so much in the retelling of the stories themselves as in the sacramental foundations these events will later demonstrate. Let us not miss the point! God has chosen to “appear” or to manifest Himself in visible ways all throughout the Scriptures continued on the back