



January 3, 2021
Epiphany of the Lord

<u>Our Lady of the Holy Spirit</u>	<u>Mass Intention</u>
Monday, Jan. 4 8:00 am	All Souls
Wednesday, Jan. 6 5:30 pm	All Souls
Thursday, Jan. 7 8:00 am	All Souls
Friday, Jan. 8 8:00 am	Special Intention
Sunday, Jan. 10 10:30 am 5:30 pm	Steve Vahlkamp All Parishioners
<u>St. Isidore</u>	<u>Mass Intention</u>
Tuesday, Jan. 5 8:00 am	Jeanette McCabe
Saturday, Jan. 9 8:00 am	Special Intention
Sunday, Jan. 10 8:00 am	John & Cassie Reedy

Parish Connections and Suggestions

Mobile App: Our Lady of the Holy Spirit

Website: www.mtzolhs.org

Facebook: Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Catholic Church and St. Isidore Catholic Church – Bethany

Email: pastor@mtzolhs.org secretary@mtzolhs.org
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ONLINE GIVING Go to www.mtzolhs.org and set up online giving. Or go to OLGapp.com and click on the app store for your device. There is a video that walks you through how to set up one-time or recurring online giving. The link address is: <https://youtu.be/kW1s4AvfMo4>

FORMED.org The Catholic Faith on Demand. Go to www.mtzolhs.formed.org

Are you new and need to fill out parishioner forms? Call the office at 864-3467.

Life threatening emergencies please call 217-264-2868.

Make your church an “extra child” in your will.

Parish Council A parish council is a consultative body that serves to advise the parish about pastoral/parish issues. Call the office to reach a member of parish council.

A locked dropbox is located by the parish office door for 24/7 drop off of paperwork, registrations, collection envelopes, etc.



The weekly collection report will return after the holidays. Thank you for your contributions to our parishes.

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Isaiah 60:1-6. Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13. Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6. Matthew 2:1-12.

Copartners in the Promise. The readings and this solemnity are filled with competing images and persons. Darkness and light. Christians of Jewish heritage and Gentiles. Chosen people and coheirs, copartners. Herod and the Magi. Epiphany teaches us this: all are members of the same body, all are coheirs of God’s goodness, all are copartners in the promise of Christ Jesus. Like the Magi, how will I give homage to Christ today? Whom do I look down upon that I must see as a copartner with me? What treasure will I give away, will I offer to another?



Please pray for the sick: Shannon Barker, Edie Cox, Sandy Nicholson, Carol Jacoby. Please call the office at 864-3467 to add or remove names. Or email to secretary@mtzolhs.org

Miss seeing someone at Mass? Contact them and invite them back, let’s keep growing.

Now is the time to continue to support your parish. Thank you all for your dedication. Mail in or drop off your envelopes, if you aren’t joining us at this time.

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The Pastor's Corner

A Visit

The Feast of Epiphany celebrates three "epiphanies," or showings-forth, of Our Lord. In the first place, Jesus was revealed to the gentiles for the first time, in the persons of the three wise men. (Matt. 2:1-15) This is the principal object of today's feast, but there are others. Jesus was revealed at his baptism in the Jordan by the voice of the Father to be "my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." (Matt. 3:13-17) Finally, he revealed himself at the beginning of his public ministry when he turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana. (John 2:1-11)

The wise men showed great faith in traveling a long distance to find him who was born King of the Jews. We can imitate the faith of the wise men by coming to the place where Our Lord lies hidden today: in the tabernacle. In days gone past, it was a pious custom to pay a visit to Jesus in the tabernacle. Saints of old were even known to make their visit kneeling on the church steps if they found the door locked. In these latter days, we have sped up our lives to make more time for less important things, and our sweet Jesus often gets jostled aside.

Nothing ventured, nothing gained. If you pass by a Catholic church, try the door. Your visit need not be long. How long does it take to say, "Jesus, I love you?" Tell him where you're off to next, and ask him to help you do whatever it is for his sake. Then, you can go back to your duties, newly strengthened by Jesus.

You will ordinarily find OLHS and St. Isidore's open on during daylight hours. (If I had a couple volunteers to lock and unlock the churches, we could have a consistent schedule of hours when we are open. As it is, you can at least count on the church being open during office hours and on Sundays all day.)

The following hymn was written by Reginald Heber, a bishop of the Church of England, who served in India. It is a popular Epiphany hymn among many protestant denominations.

Rev. Jason P. Stone

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining,
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall:
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.

Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,
Odors of Edom and offerings divine?
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gifts would his favor secure;
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

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