Epiphany of the Lord

January 3, 2021

St. Theresa of Avila

Catholic Church

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The mission of our two parishes is to be a community that believes and proclaims the powerful and loving presence of Jesus Christ and extends his love to others. We are called and sent to pass down the Catholic Faith we have inherited through our worship, word and work.

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St. Theresa of Avila & St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Churches Welcome you to our celebration of the Holy Mass on this The Epiphany of the Lord—Sun., Jan. 3, 2021

St. Theresa 5:00 pm Mass (S), Sat., January 2	~ Tobiasiewicz Family
St. Theresa 7:00 am Mass (S), Sun., January 3	~ Kenneth Costelle
St. Elizabeth 9:00 am Mass (K), Sun., January 3	~
St. Theresa 11:00 am Mass (S), Sun., January 3	~ +Colt McLean
Monday, January 4	
No Mass	
Tuesday, January 5	
St. Theresa 5:00 pm (S)	~Holy Hour
St. Theresa 6:00 pm (S)	~Bob Costelle
Wednesday, January 6	
St. Theresa 8:00 am (S)	~+Joyce White
Thursday, January 7	
St. Theresa 8:00 am (S)	~Sandy Lindsey
Friday, January 8	
St. Theresa 8:00 am (S)	~ In Thanksgiving
Saturday, January 9	
St. Theresa 5:00 pm (S)	~ +Cindy Rust
Sunday, January 10—Baptism of the Lord	
St. Theresa 7:00am Mass (S)	~
St. Elizabeth 9:00am Mass (K)	~
St. Theresa 11:00am Mass (S)	~ Departed from the Franczyk Family

MY NEW YEAR PRAYER AND WISHES FOR YOU

O yes! We made it, we are here, thank God. We are grateful to God for his goodness and mercy. God has been so kind to us. Of course, everything that happened in your life in 2020 may not be all you desired or expected but we have a lot to be thankful for. We are deeply grateful to God for all the good things he has done in our life.

My favorite prayer is from the Scriptures. I enjoy praying scripturally because it is real, it works, and the words are genuine. I will share and pray my new year prayer with you;

The Lord said to Moses: "Speak to Aaron and his sons and tell them: This is how you shall bless the Israelites. Say to them; The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let his face shine upon you and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace! So, they shall invoke my name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them."

The words of this prayer actually came from God himself. "Say to them; The Lord bless you and keep you!" It is one thing to be blessed and another thing to be kept for the blessing. It is one thing to be blessed with wealth and another thing to be in good health in order to enjoy the wealth. It is one thing to be blessed with a good certificate and another thing to be blessed with the right and good job. It is one thing to win and another thing to be able to manage success. It is one thing to have a wedding and another thing to a have a marriage, it is one thing to have your dream job and another thing to be able to keep the job. In fact, the list can be longer...

As we begin the new year, we make lots of promises to ourselves, what we called "New Year Resolutions." We make certain commitments like; I will take my faith more seriously, I will eat more healthy food, I will exercise more frequently, I will discipline myself financially, I will pay more attention to my health, I will make effort to quit smoking, I will cut down on my drinking, I will do more with my family, I will participate and give more to my parish, etc. Whatever may be your New Year Resolution(s), may the Lord grant you the grace to not just quit in February.

As you enter the New Year, my prayer for you is this: May the Lord bless you and keep you. And may He let his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May you have a happy and prosperous New Year.

May the blessings of Almighty God, The Father, The Son, and the Holy Spirit remain with you and your family both now and forever – Amen.

Happy New Year!

Father Abraham

The Epiphany of the Lord

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/122720.cfm

Reading 1 Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

Reading 2 Colossians 3:12-21

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Gospel Luke 2:22-40

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel*." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. 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. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

Offerings

Last Weekend's Offering ***Thank you!***

From Sat., December 26 & Sun., December 27, 2020

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton:

Envelopes:	$775.00
Loose:	$58.00
Total contributions for the week:	$833.00
Christmas collection:	$471.00
Diocesan Christmas Needy collection:	$120.00
Mission Outreach:	$25.00

St. Theresa of Avila:

Envelopes	$1933.00
Online Giving:	$1170.00
Loose:	$27.00
Total contributions for the week:	$3020.00
Capital Campaign:	$00.00
Building/Maintenance:	$420.00
Needy/Poor:	$100.00
Christmas collection:	$2062.00
Diocesan Christmas Needy collection:	$445.00

Liturgical Ministers—Next weekend, Saturday Jan. 9 & Sunday, Jan. 10

Saturday 5:00 pm—St. Theresa
Lector: L. Purcell

Sunday 7:00 am—St. Theresa
Lector: R. Orr
Sunday 9:00 am—St. Elizabeth
Lector: M. Sigrist

Sunday 11:00 am—St. Theresa
Lector: S. Williams

Father Abraham would like to thank the following Parishioners for their help in decorating the St. Theresa GYM, which is for the meantime our Worship Place…

Bob & Vicki Shawn, Mike & Theresa Purcell, Grant Purcell, Rene, Austin & Ethan Crouse, Aaron & Alex Wilzbach, Ruth & Tony Wagner, Lynn Larimer, Margaret Frazier, Deb Husk, Tom DeClue, Mike Aldag, Denise McCormack, Rita Boudet and Glenda Hunter

Parishioners, are you or a loved one in the hospital, sick or have any kind of emergency? Please give Father Abraham a call 618-944-8888. He would like to talk to you!

St. Theresa Men's Fellowship

Join Us
Sat., Jan. 16, 2021

9:00am in the former Convent living room

We will make our own breakfast.

If you have any questions contact the following men: Tim Buhnerkempe, Luke Purcell, Derick Vincent or Todd Holsapple. For more information you also contact the Parish Office.

Father Abraham would like to invite all the men of our Parish to join this group as we talk about faith and family.

From the Desk of ...
The Director of Religious Education

Hello!

PSR will not be in session January 3rd. Classes will resume on January 10th.

Blessings,
Denise
denisemccormack67@yahoo.com
618-322-1310 (call or text)

Stained-Glass Window Fund

The current balance in the Stained-Glass Window Fund is $9,857.04. *Thank You* for your continued support.

ST. ANDREW DINNERS

An opportunity for young men and their parents to meet Bishop McGovern and priests in the diocese to enjoy a meal, pray, discuss priestly vocations and whatever else is on your mind!

January 31st | 4 p.m.

The Undercroft of the Cathedral of St. Peter, Belleville

For more information or to RSVP, contact Rev. Nicholas Junker
618-722-5035 | njunker08@hotmail.com

St. Theresa Food Pantry

Schedule for weekend items to be brought...
For the week of Jan 9/10—pasta & sauce
For the week of Jan 16/17– meal in a can
For the week of Jan 23/24—canned vegetables
For the week of Jan 30/31—canned fruit

The Food Pantry is open Thursdays 9:00am-11:00am. . Donations can be dropped off in the gym at Mass times. Thank you very much for your donations! Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus (Council #6985).

Saint John Bosco

Saint John Bosco had an important dream as a child. He dreamed that he was teaching children about God. When he grew up, his life was like that dream!

He juggled and did tricks to get kids to listen to him, then he could teach them about God and they would all go to Mass together.

Year B: Epiphany of the Lord

Catholic Kids Bulletin

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Epiphany of the Lord
Color: White

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Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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What color are the priest's vestments? We are still celebrating the Christmas season, so he is wearing white.

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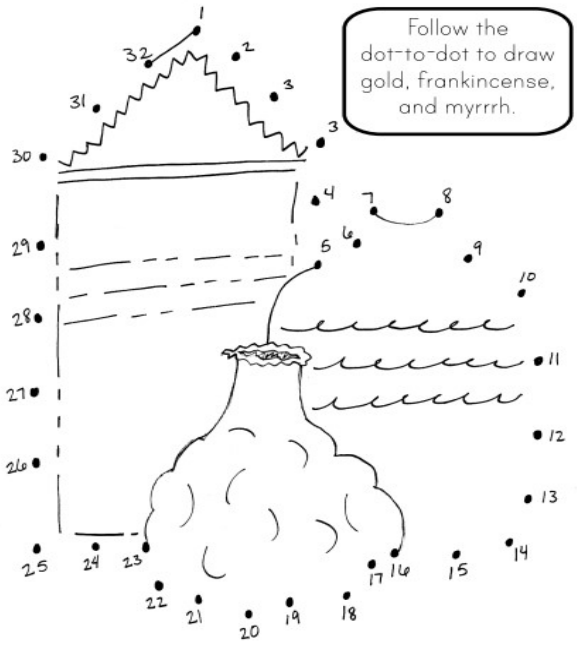

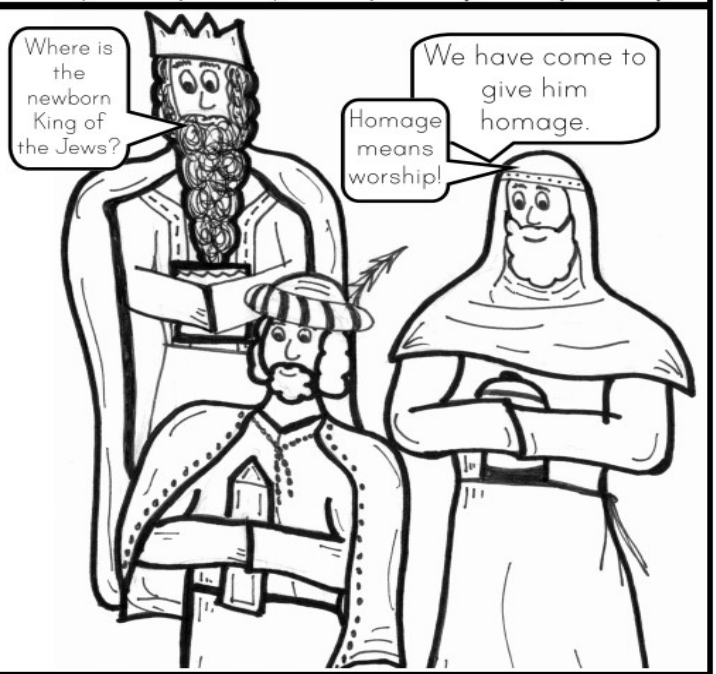

Gospel

The Magi saw a star rise over Bethlehem and followed it to visit baby Jesus. They brought Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

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Our Lady and the Magi

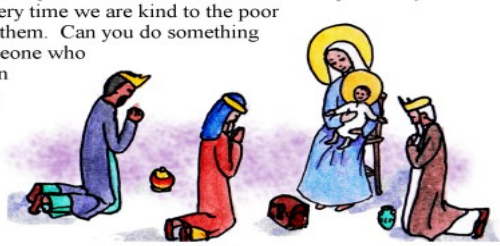
On January 1st we celebrate the feast of Mary, the Mother of God. Do you know why Mary is so special? She always says yes to God. When God asked her to be the mother of His Son she said yes, even though she knew she would have to suffer a lot. She accepted Jesus' death on the cross because God willed it.

Mary was the way that God chose to come into the world. He could have come as a grown-up king with great power, but He chose instead to come into the world the way everyone else does, being born of a mother. Mary was the perfect woman- He had made her for Himself- so she deserves to be greatly honoured as God's mother.

On January 3rd this year we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, when the wise men, or magi, came from far away to worship the new baby King Jesus. They travelled for many days and were guided by a star that God put in the sky for them. Finally they came to the house in Bethlehem where Mary and Jesus were staying.

Even though Mary was just a poor young mother and Jesus was a poor helpless baby, the great men fell on their knees before them and worshipped Jesus, offering their expensive treasures of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

God loves the poor so much he made Himself a poor baby. He is honoured every time we are kind to the poor and pray for them. Can you do something kind for someone who is poorer than you, or say a prayer for them today?



Answer to puzzle on front: the Mother of God. Answers to Cross-Word: Across: 4.myrrh 6.to 8.East 9.star 11.find 14.secretly 15.king 16.gold 18.Bethlehem Down: 1.frankincense 2.Jesus 3.at 4.Mary 5.Herod 7.overjoyed 10.they 12.as 13.is 17.he

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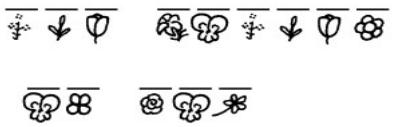
The Kids' Bulletin

January 1 and
Epiphany Sunday January 3rd, 2021

Mary,



Under what title do we honour Our Lady on January 1st?
Use the code to find out!

D E F G H M O R T

Saint Gregory Nazianzen
January 2

SAINT GREGORY LIVED A LIFE OF SACRIFICE AND PENANCE, AND THOUGHT NOTHING OF ALL WORLDLY RICHES AND PLEASURES. HE WROTE AND TAUGHT ABOUT THE FAITH SO ELOQUENTLY THAT MANY WERE BROUGHT BACK TO THE FAITH. BECAUSE OF ALL HE DID TO TEACH THE FAITH HE IS CALLED A DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH.

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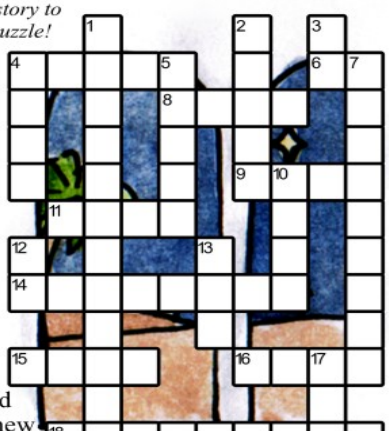
EPIPHANY CROSS-WORD

Fill in the blanks in the story to find the words for the puzzle!



Around the time that _____(2d) was born, some wise men from the _____(8a) saw in the sky a special _____(9a) at ____(13d) rising, and followed it to _____(11a) the new-born Saviour. First they came to Jerusalem where _____(10d) went to ask _____(15a) Herod if he knew where the new King would be born. ____(12d) Herod did not know, he called the priests and scribes, who told them that the Baby would be born in _____(18a). Then Herod told a ____(17d) and said that he wanted to go and honour the Baby King too, and told the men to return once they had found him and tell him where the Baby was. The men were _____(7d) when they found Jesus with his mother _____(4d), and they did him homage, giving their gifts of _____(16a), _____(1d) and _____(4a). But ___(3d) night an angel appeared ___(6a) them and told them to _____(14a) go home by another road, since King _____(5d) wanted to kill Baby Jesus.

Please pray for the sick, their caregivers, residents in nursing homes** and the homebound…

Addi Darnell

Deloris Meador**

Ralph Mirka**

Connie Mullen**

Janice Todd**

Lonnie White**

God Bless Our Service Men & Women!

Capt. Elizabeth Parker—USAF, Davis Monthan AFB, AZ. Daughter of Marilyn Feldhake & Wayne Deaton

Cpt. Katherine Deaton—Army, Ft. Jackson, SC., Daughter of Marilyn Feldhake & Wayne Deaton

Samantha Kless—Nellis AFB, Las Vegas, NV. Granddaughter of Joan Kless.

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