





JANUARY 8, 2023  
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Sun	1/8	8:00 AM <b>10:00 AM</b>	In Memory of Gladys Schaumberg <b>Mass at St John's - Danielle Bluma &amp; Deceased Members of the Bluma &amp; Rozmiarek Families</b>	
Tues	1/10	<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>Communion Service at St John's</b>	
Wed	1/11	<b>8:15 AM</b> 9:00 AM	<b>Communion Service at St John's</b> Communion Service / Faith Formation	
Thurs	1/12		<b>No Services</b>	
Fri	1/13	8:15 AM	In Memory of Florence, Walter & Duane Ebert	
Sat	1/14	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Mass at St John's - Alice Nackers</b>	
Sun	1/15	8:00 AM <b>10:00 AM</b>	In Memory of Jim Socha Req by Marilyn Socha <b>Mass at St John's - Joseph Nicholas Decker</b>	



Thank you to Jim & Jodi Soltvedt for the January bulletin sponsorship in  
Memory of Gary & Dori Kropp and Norman & Julie Soltvedt

**Saturday, January 21st**  
Annual Respect Life Mass  
St. Francis Xavier Cathedral  
140 S Monroe Ave, Green Bay, WI 54301  
4:00 p.m.  
Light reception to follow



Gospel Meditation - The Epiphany  
of the Lord - January 8, 2023

A friend of mine is a young priest who teaches high school physics at a Catholic boys' prep school. Like many today, the boys often think science and religion are enemies. So, he delights in their raised eyebrows when he reminds them his first full-time job as a priest was to be an astrophysicist. He cataloged the size, shape, and matter of distant stars. He tells them, "Science gave me more love for God, not less."

The Magi were something like scientist-astronomers. Like today's scientists, they employed disciplined methods of discovering dependable patterns in the world. Their rigorous commitment to the truth led them to the joy of discovering Jesus. Their love for knowledge leads them to worship the Source of all knowledge. Luke says of them, "They were overjoyed at seeing the star."

We may see the universe as cold and empty and feel sad. But why should we do that? The Magi, like my priest-friend, show us there is another way to experience the world. We use our intelligence to discover the beautiful patterns in the world — in mathematics, physics, astronomy, biology, neuroscience, and so on — and allow this to lead us to greater love for God. So, my fellow Magi: the world needs us to be overjoyed at finding God in science and, finally and fully, in Jesus. ~ Father John Muir



St Sebastian Feast Day  
Breakfast January 22nd  
following Mass  
Hosted by the Christian Women  
Everyone Welcome!



**RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION**

Next RE Classes  
January 22nd  
Grades 1-11  
following the Breakfast



**Mass & Eucharistic Healing Service**  
January 15, 2023

12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Adoration and Confession  
3:00 p.m. Mass  
followed by Eucharistic Healing and Personal Prayer  
All are invited to attend.

Nativity Of Our Lord Catholic Community  
2270 S Oneida St, Green Bay WI

**PRAYER**

O my God, teach my heart where and how to seek You,  
where and how to find You.  
You are my God and You are my all and I have never seen  
You. You have made me and remade me,  
You have bestowed on me all the good things I possess,  
Still I do not know You. I have not yet done that for which  
I was made. Teach me to seek You.  
I cannot seek You unless You teach me  
or find You unless You show Yourself to me.  
Let me seek You in my desire, let me desire You in my  
seeking. Let me find You by loving You, let me love You  
when I find You. Amen

DAY/TIME	LECTOR	DISTRIBUTORS	GREETERS	SERVERS	USHERS
SUNDAY	Chris Stedl	Dcn Rich Matuszak		Paden Melchert	Rick Stedl
8:00AM / JAN 15				Graham Kisling	Jacob VandenHeuvel

#### INCOME FOR WEEK:

Church Support	\$ 590.00
Loose Collection	119.00
Improvements	50.00
Flowers & Decorations	80.00
Other	58.00

#### Attention Married Couples

Join Green Bay Marriage Encounter on February 18 & 19, 2023 in Green Bay at the Quad-Parish Faith Formation Center for an enriching weekend experience you will treasure for a lifetime. It would be a perfect Christmas gift that will be appreciated as a thoughtful and warm gift of love during the cold days of February and beyond. Call 920-809-3496 or visit [www.gbme.org](http://www.gbme.org) for more information or to register.

#### Why Do We Do That? - Catholic Life Explained - Wedding Feast & Epiphany

**Question:** How are the feasts of the baptism of Jesus and the account of the wedding feast of Cana related to the Epiphany celebration?



**Answer:** The Epiphany season focuses on revealing Jesus to the world. Following the Christmas celebration, the liturgical year lays out a series of manifestation points in which Jesus is made publicly known. From its very beginning, the Christian community highlighted three events in the life of Jesus. These are the Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord and the wedding feast at Cana.

The Epiphany discloses Jesus to the world of the Gentiles, represented by the magi from the East. The accounts of Jesus' baptism reveal his identity and mission, along with exposing him to those to whom he was sent to minister. The miracle of turning water to wine at the wedding feast of Cana, unique to John's Gospel, is the first public sign that Jesus performs, thus manifesting his public identity and his powers.

Today in the Roman Church, these are usually celebrated on three successive Sundays: Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord which is usually the next Sunday, and the wedding feast of Cana, which is proclaimed on the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time in lectionary year C.

These feasts connect around the concept of epiphany, public manifestation of Jesus to the world. They help us get to know more intimately who Jesus is and what he is about. Spend some time delving more deeply into your understanding of who Jesus is. Continue to cultivate these "epiphany" moments in your life.



*Please keep in your prayers the family of Sean Wagner who recently passed away. As we pray for his soul, may he rest in peace.*

On Thursday, January 19th we are sponsoring a homeless meal for supper at St John Evangelist Shelter in Green Bay. There are sign-up sheets in the lobby of church for food, cooks and servers. We appreciate any help you can give. We are trying to serve 100 people.



#### (Practicing) Catholic - Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman - Faith and Fear

When I was little, you could tell I believed in the destructive power of the monsters who lived beneath my bed because I would never let my ankles anywhere near the bottom of the mattress. (It's common knowledge that bare ankles are premium monster bait — ask any child you know).

You can often tell what a person believes by what they fear.



But here's the thing: belief isn't always enough. It's obvious that Herod believed in Christ's power because of how terrified he was by it and by the room he made in his life for the possible impact of the Messiah. In fact, if belief was the only measure of orthodoxy, you could stand most modern Christians next to Herod and he would tower above them.

Remember, there's something just as bad as disobeying God: discounting Him. I know I am guilty of that in a thousand small ways each day. In the person I ignore or the opinion I sneer at. In the unkind words I let roll from my tongue. In the prayers of thanksgiving that I don't say because I am "too busy."

I believe in God, but I do not fear Him — mostly because my very modern understanding of the concept of "fear" would lump God in with those monsters beneath my bed.

But what if we understood fear in a more traditional sense — awe, reverence, and wonder? "All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him." — Psalm 72:11

When Herod heard the news of the coming of the Messiah, it compelled him to do something. Not the right thing, mind you, but something. It moved him into action.

So, then, it should move us all.

*We saw his star at its rising, and have come to do him homage. — Matthew 2:2*

**Ministry of the Sick:** Please notify the parish office if a member of your family is confined to their home or is hospitalized. Also, please inform the hospital of your affiliation with your parish.

**Baptisms:** Please call the parish office two months in advance.

**Marriage:** Please call St. John's parish office eight months in advance.

**Funeral Arrangements:** Please call St. John's parish office.

**Anointing of the Sick and Dying:** Please call St. John's parish office.

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Hours – Mon/Tues/Thurs/8:00 – 4:00  
Wednesday 8:30 - Noon, Closed Friday