

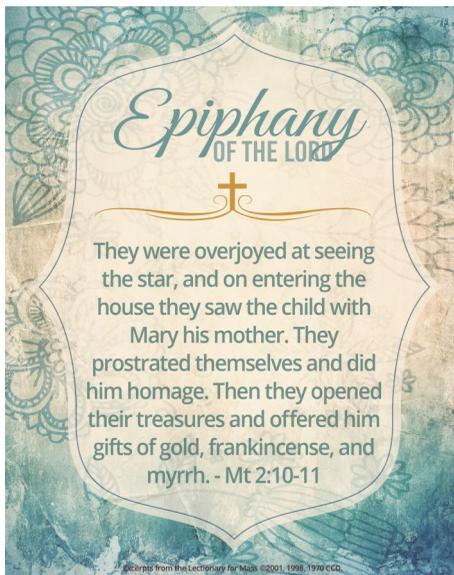


Elizabeth is coordinating a Terre Haute Deanery Pilgrimage. Price = \$ 5,599

Where: Rome, Italy
When: October 19—28, 2026
10 days

Highlights: Visit the Catacombs, St. Peter's, Vatican Museum, Michaelangelo's frescoes in the Sistine Chapel, the Basilica and tomb of St. Francis and so much more.

For Information and Reservations, contact Elizabeth Davis at Elizabeth@sacredheart-stmarysvillage.org or cell (812) 240-5234.



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. - Mt 2:10-11

The Stars We Follow by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Everyone follows a star.

It is human nature to seek. If we are rich, we want to be richer. If we are smart, we want to be smarter. If we are powerful, we want to be more powerful.

We cannot stay in one place, so to speak — to say, “I am what I am, I have what I have, and it is enough.” Even the very act of maintaining a status quo, be it health or wealth or spiritual goodness, requires action. It requires effort. It requires movement. This is human nature. There is nothing wrong with it. When we stop seeking, we die.

But what are we looking for? Where are we going?

I often wonder if the Magi knew what they were seeking — really, truly knew. They were seeking “the newborn king of the Jews,” yes, but did they understand who he was? What he was? I don't see how they could have. They were wise men, but they were not prophets. They simply knew this was an endeavor they had to undertake. They knew it in their souls.

There really is very little that we know for certain about the Magi. We don't know how many of them there were. We don't know their religion. We don't know where they came from. All we know for certain is that they listened to a voice they heard deep within themselves. And, heeding that voice, they went forth.

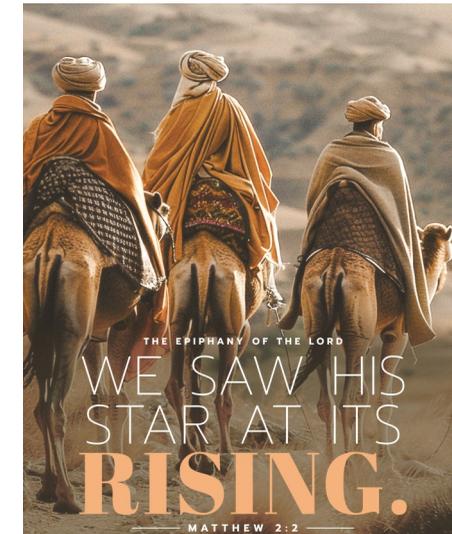
And what did they find? They found what we all seek, even if, foolishly, we seek it in riches or power.

They found the face of the Child.

So tell me this. Of all the stars you could follow, which one does the voice — that one deep within you— tell you to chase?

Point to it. And go forth. ©LPi

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January 4, 2026

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The sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony are arranged by calling the Parish Office to schedule preparation.

Prayer Intention of the Holy Father

For prayer with the Word of God. Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Epiphany House Blessing

The Epiphany household blessing is a centuries-old tradition that invokes God's blessing on all who enter one's home. All you need for an Epiphany blessing is chalk, which is usually made available by parishes either on the feast of the Epiphany or in the weeks leading up to it. There are a few different formulas for blessings out there, but the essence of the ritual is always the same: a priest or the head of the household calls down God's blessing on the house and everyone who comes into it, and an inscription is made above the door in chalk. The inscription reads: the first two digits of the year + C + M + B + the last two digits of the year. The initials C, M and B represent the names of the magi — Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar — and also signify the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house."
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Mass Intentions

1/4 Mary Winters
1/11 Sally Massey

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Date	January 4	January 11
Lector		Steve Norris
Server	Owen Ramsey	Vivian Sereno
Ushers		Steve Norris Tucker Robertson
EMs	Lana Thralls Kelly Stafford	Carol Cummins MaryLu Thralls
Counters	Terry & Kay Jatczak	Patty Curley Colleen Meyers
Cleaners		Chris & Marlene Smithson

Thank You!

Elizabeth, Fr. Darwin and the staff were deeply touched by your kindness and generosity toward each of us this holiday season. Thank you so much. We feel very appreciated.



Linda Dubois 1/4
Jane Frazier 1/4
Jonathan Wrin 1/4
Peggy Lucas 1/7
Corey Fagg 1/7
Flo Callahan 1/8

Reflections by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Step Into the Light

How strange it is to think that if not for Herod's directions, the magi would not have known where to find Jesus. They were not Jews, they knew nothing of the old prophecies. It was Herod who convened the scholars. It was Herod who pointed the way — for ulterior motives, certainly, but nonetheless, this is the part he played. It was Herod who made the Epiphany possible.

"Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance," writes the prophet (Isaiah 60:3). A king may keep to the shadows, suspicious of the light — he may foolishly imagine he can snatch it from the sky to keep as his own possession, and, upon finding the light cannot be governed, grow to loathe it, and even seek to extinguish it once and for all.

But all his grand designs will come to nothing because there is no king so powerful that he can see in the dark. And even a man like Herod — a man so jealous that he sought to kill God — cannot prevent the breaking of day.

The Epiphany marks the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. It is a celebration of truth reaching places it was not expected to reach, of brightness illuminating corners of the world long ago consigned to shadow. It is a reminder that the battle has already been won, the night is over. All that remains is for us to decide: will we step into the light?

"See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory."
— Isaiah 60:2 ©LPi

Finance Report

Description	December 24	December 28	Budgeted
Christmas Collection	\$ 1,298	\$ 2,024	\$ 2,308
Galvin	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 115
Retired Religious	\$ 25		
Silent Auction Proceeds	\$ 529		



David Auterson
Flo Callahan
Ray Edwards
Jane Frazier
Dan Kane

Rosie Meehan
Dick Stultz
Jeanette Stultz
Dave Sullivan



Save the Date!

We will be doing a photo directory this year. Universal Church Directories will be here on April 9 in Galvin Hall to take pictures of our parish families. If possible, please try to come out and have your photo taken. One of the blessings of a full directory is that it allows us to look back on our history as a parish community. More details will be coming soon. Thank you!