



Behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

Matthew 2:9

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## The Epiphany of the Lord

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Saint Paul speaks of the “stewardship of God’s grace” to which he was called. Like Saint Paul, each of us is to be a steward of God’s grace. A steward is one who is entrusted with something that belongs to another. The steward bears responsibility for what is entrusted to him or her. Saint Paul understands that his encounter with the Lord and his faith in Jesus Christ carry with them a sacred responsibility, to bring the news of salvation to all. We too have been blessed with much, including the gift of faith, and are called to be good stewards of all with which we have been entrusted. We do this by nurturing a faithful and faith-filled heart, responding to God’s grace through the attitudes and actions that make up our daily lives. We do this as well by sharing our faith and the impact of faith with others, so that they may be drawn to our Lord. This is a sacred responsibility, a blessing, a privilege.

standing and bring this gift in your interactions with others. You might have a talent for bringing new ideas and creative insights into situations at home, work, parish, or your city. You might have a gift for helping people to work together for a great cause or purpose. All of these gifts have been given to you by God, to be used for God’s purposes, for God’s greater glory. All of these are glimpses of God’s grace, and like Saint Paul, you are called to be a good steward of them, as a sign of Christ’s life within you. You bring your gifts to the Lord by using them well, sharing them generously and responsibly in caring for others and for all of creation.

Today’s Readings: Is 60:1–6; Ps 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–11, 12–13; Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6; Mt 2:1–12

### BEARING GIFTS

The magi brought gifts to the baby Jesus. What gifts do you bring to the Lord? You might have the gift of patience or under-

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# Notes from Fr. Bob Bacik

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! May 2020 be a great year for you and your family! May peace prevail in our world, country, state and city. May our Church be a visible sign of the love of our merciful God for all to see and experience. Remember to pray that holiness may live in our hearts and lives, replacing the hollowness that sometimes follows the holidays.

Once again, thank you to everyone that made our Christmas celebrations so beautiful and holy! Thank you to the decorators, musicians, ushers, servers, lectors, instrumentalists, church cleaners, greeters and everyone else that pitched in!! It was a great Christmas season!

Today we celebrate The Epiphany of the Lord. The magi from the east followed a star to the house where they found the child Jesus with Mary his mother. As the magi gave the Christ child gifts that spoke to His identity, in some parts of the world this is the time when gifts are given.

Once again, we bless chalk for each household to mark the doors of our homes asking God to bestow gifts of peace, safety and good will for the New Year. Family members gather at the main entrance and pray the following prayer:

May we who live in this home  
Guard the sacredness of this doorway.  
May God protect all who enter and leave from this doorway.  
May we welcome all at this door in the name of Christ.  
May the blessing of God and His Peace and Grace  
Rest upon all who shall pass across it. Amen.

Upon saying this prayer, use the blessed chalk to mark the entrance:

20+C+M+B+20

The numbers stand for the current Year of Grace; the letters identify the names that tradition gives to the Three Wisemen— Casper, Melchior and Balthasar. The initials of the Wisemen also abbreviate the Latin phrase: *Christus mansionem benedicat* — May Christ bless this house! The blessed chalk can then be respectfully discarded in your yard or garden.

On a personal note, I wish to express my thanks and appreciation for all the gifts, cards, food, and well wishes during this Christmas season. Your kindness and generosity lifts my spirit. I can never say thank you enough for your warm hospitality.

Fr. Bob



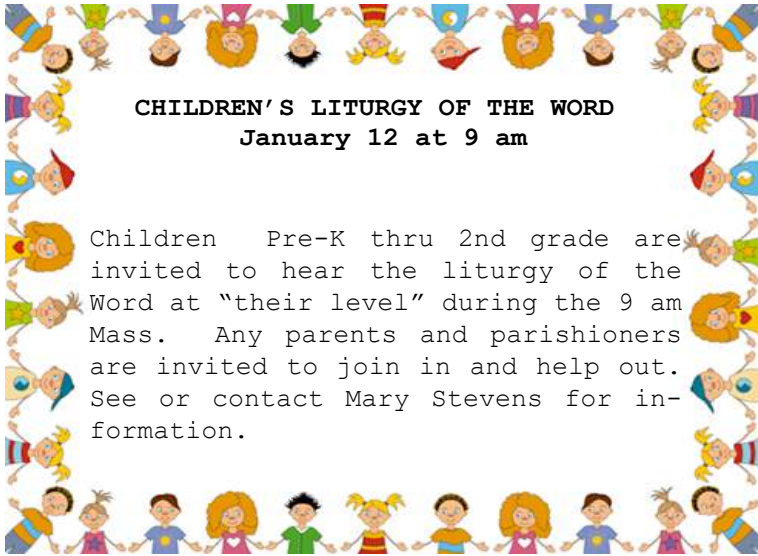


## PARISH WIDE

Jan. 12—Children's Liturgy of the Word—9:00 am  
Jan 13 — Mitten Making— 9 am to 2 pm Large Hall

### Thank you— Giving Tree

Thank you to everyone who took a tag off the Giving Tree this year. We helped 30 kids have a brighter Christmas thanks to you. A special thank you for everyone getting them back on time. This made our job much easier.



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**  
January 12 at 9 am

Children Pre-K thru 2nd grade are invited to hear the liturgy of the Word at "their level" during the 9 am Mass. Any parents and parishioners are invited to join in and help out. See or contact Mary Stevens for information.

### Dynamic Catholic at St. Martha's

Dynamic Catholic events are not about feeling. They are about doing. They don't just give you something to think about. They give you a plan. They help you make your life work better. On Saturday, April 25th, come to St. Martha Parish in Okemos for a life-changing event titled Find Your Greatness. The goal is not to just inspire you for a few hours. At Find Your Greatness, you'll walk away with more than just knowledge about four life-changing habits. You'll leave with a personalized plan on how to engage these habits in your normal, ordinary, everyday life. Tickets can currently be purchased by visiting [DynamicCatholic.com](http://DynamicCatholic.com) or after Masses on January 11th and 12th.

If you purchase your tickets at St. Martha, St. Jude, St. Mary in Williamston, St. Therese or St. Isidore on January 11th or 12th you will get a discounted price of only \$19 per ticket. We can't wait to see you there!



## Dynamic Catholic

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

Sundays—10:15 AM—11:15 AM

**Jan. 5—NO REF Classes**

**Jan. 12—REF Classes Resume**

Sign up for **REMIND** to receive all notifications for REF. Go to

<https://www.remind.com/join/stisidorer>

Sign up to receive notices via text or email.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Jan.8—Business Meeting— 7:00 PM

**Knight of the Month:** Ken Brink

**Family of the Month:** The Kingsbury Family

## An Opportunity to Serve

Many of us make New Year's resolutions. Have you ever considered volunteering at a hospice? Mother Teresa House of Lansing needs your help. A Few hours a week is very rewarding both to the volunteer and to the people at Mother Teresa House. Call the Hospice at 484-5494 or Deacon John at 651-6685.

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**HELP NEEDED**  
**JAN. 12— AFTER MASS**   
**TO TAKE DOWN THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

### **MITTENS FOR THE HOMELESS**

Monday, Jan. 13

Large Hall—9 am to 2 pm

All ladies are welcome to join us. No sewing skills needed. We would welcome all the help we can get.

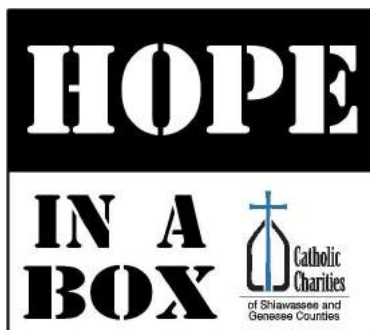
Always in need of Yarn, Sweaters, or money to buy supplies.



## MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

SATURDAY — January 4	5:30 PM	† John & Helen Bartkowiak by the Family
SUNDAY — January 5	9:00 AM	† Fr. Ray Urbanek by Gary & Barb Koonter
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	6:30 PM	† Harriet Delaney by Dave & Cheryl Lewis Family
Thursday	8:30 AM	† Rev. John E. Young
Friday	8:30 AM	† Leon Lundie, Sr. by Mrs. Frances Lundie & Family
SATURDAY — January 11	5:30 PM	† Michael Fons
SUNDAY — January 12	9:00 AM	† Frank Kral by the Family

**PRAYERS: PLEASE PRAY FOR** MELVIN PAMMENT, - KEVIN PLATTE, OLIVER WASHINGTON, - GERRY PACE, - PAT SIMPSON, - RAY DOYLE, - KYLE WALLER, - JUDITH MARTELL (MOTHER OF TERESA PICKENS), - JIM (MAYO) HURST, - CHARLES OLENICZAK (BROTHER OF BARB WRIGHT), - BRUCE CHANDLER (BROTHER OF MARTI ROWLEY), - JIM OLENICZAK (BROTHER OF BARB WRIGHT), - ROSE MORRILL, - JULIE STONER (DAUGHTER OF GENE & BARB STONER), - FRANK LUNDIE, - JOHN MARTINEZ, (FRIEND OF JESSE ANGUIANO) - JANET ARTHUR, - PAM DELONG, - SUSAN DELONG, - THERESA HEEG, - LANA MIERSEN, - MARY STEIN, AGGIE CASSADY, - SHIRLEY GREENE, - MARY MAPES (MOTHER OF MIKE MAPES), - BILL DUSO, - TERESA KECK, (SISTER OF PHYLLIS HART & HELEN STELZER), - SHANNON HURST, - DENNY LEE, - DAVID OLENICZAK, - JEANNE OLENICZAK, - VERN WRIGHT, - DON ELLIOTT, - TONI DOYLE, - KEITH HURST, - MARY LOU DOYLE, - VIRGINIA BERNAL (COUSIN OF JESSE ANGUIANO), - DAWN WROBEL, - GARY ANDERSEN, - PEGGY ROUMPZ (FRIEND OF NANCY CLARK), - THERESA PICKLER (FRIEND OF JESSE ANGUIANO), - JULIE JUSTICE (GRANDDAUGHTER OF LARRY & DEBBIE EARL), - BERRY DECKER (JESSE ANGUIANO)



Need for the month of  
January

Toilet Paper

<b>OFFERTORY</b>	
Dec. 28 & 29, 2019	
60 Adult Envelopes	\$2,528
Loose Collection	\$457
Children's Offertory	\$11
<b>Total Weekly Offertory</b>	<b>\$2,996</b>

**2020 Offertory Envelopes** are in the entryway of church. If you do not see your envelopes please contact the office. Children's envelopes are available, please record the name and child's envelope number on the list. 2020 Calendars are also available

