

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Mon	Jan	2	No Mass	
Tue	Jan	3	No Mass	
Wed	Jan	4	8:00 AM	Raymond & Joann Adams
Thur	Jan	5	8:00 AM	Ray Gross
Fri	Jan	6	8:00 AM	Patrick & Dorothy Finnerty

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Sat	Jan	7	5:00 PM	Walt Rau
Sun	Jan	8	8:30 AM	Thelma Simmer
			10:30 AM	John Weber

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Weekend of January 7 & 8

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday 5:00 PM Dave Brickner (B), Mary Brickner (B), Amy Faber (B), Bob Grinzinger (C), Mary Hauck (C*), Earl Schafer (C*), Ed Schafer (C), Sandy Smith (C)

Sunday 8:30 AM Judy DeVergilio (B), Mary Beth Hauck (B), Carol Matthews (B), Cindy Schumacher (C), Vickie Block (C*), Dianne Schumacher (C*), Carrie Bleise (C), Judy Schumacher (C)

Sunday 10:30 AM Sarah Mindel (B), Bob Pasch (B), Mary Pasch (B), Ann Schafer (C), Emily Fussman (C*), Paul Stickler (C*), Joe Steffke (C), Jan Gross (C)

Lectors

Saturday 5:00 PM Dan Grisdale
Sunday 8:30 AM Connie Lynch
Sunday 10:30 AM John Haupt

Cantors

Saturday 5:00 PM Ken Gross
Sunday 8:30 AM Chris Neyer
Sunday 10:30 AM Brian Schafer



Ushers/Greeters

Saturday 5:00 PM Bob Mead, Fred Gould, Norm Rau, Robb Wentworth
Sunday 8:30 AM Ray Clark, Skip Curtis, Jim Kreamsreiter, Jerry Ward
Sunday 10:30 AM Leon Cotter, Dale Finnerty, Ken Massey, Carl Straus

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Sun 10:30 AM Barb Schafer, Haley McMullen

Sunday School

Sun 10:30 AM Amanda Gottschalk, Brogan Sprague, Thomas Fussman

Altar Servers

Weekdays (January 2 – January 6) Kennedy Fike, Mitchell Fussman, Nathan Finnerty
Saturday (January 7 – 5:00 PM) Krista Faber, Mitchell Fussman, Nate Schafer
Sunday (January 8 – 8:30 AM) Kennedy Fike, Madeline Fike, Sam Steffke
Sunday (January 1 – 10:30 AM) Natalie Finnerty, Nathan Finnerty, Tucker Gross

May God bless us in His mercy.

Mon	(Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen) 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
Tue	(The Most Holy Name of Jesus) 1 Jn 2:29, 3:6; Jn 1:29-34
Wed	(St. Elizabeth Ann Seton) 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
Thurs	(St. John Neumann, Bishop) 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
Fri	(St. Andre Bessette) 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38
Sat	(St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest) 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11
Sun	(The Epiphany of the Lord) Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

~ Stewardship in Action ~

Envelopes (164)	5,557.00
Christmas Envelopes (162)	5,358.00
Electronic Giving (1)	20.00
On-line Giving (31)	1,141.00
Visitors	680.00
Total	12,756.00
Capital Campaign Contributions (Phase II)	3,209.00
Religious Retired	480.00
Total Religious Retired	3,781.00

The Week Ahead

Tuesday	Parish Core Committee meeting at 6:30 PM in the rectory. School Committee meeting at 7:00 PM in the school library.
Wednesday	Elementary Faith Formation in school from 7:00 – 8:00 PM. Inquiry Class for R.C.I.A. in the church basement at 7:00 PM.
Sunday (Jan. 8)	K of C breakfast serving from 8:00 AM – noon. Youth Ministry Series for Jr. High & High School from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER SCHOOL NEWS

Classes resume this Tuesday, January 3.

School Committee meeting this Tuesday, January 3, at 7:00 PM in the library.

SCRIP orders will be taken again this Tuesday, January 3.

Please join us for Mass this Thursday, January 5, at 8:00 AM.

Two on the Town packages featuring 2 for 1 dining and entertainment specials are now available in the school office. Each package sells for \$20 with \$5 going to our school.

FAITH FORMATION & RCIA

***Elementary Faith Formation:** Classes will meet this Wednesday, January 4, from 7:00 – 8:00 PM in school.

***Inquiry session for RCIA:** This Wednesday, January 4, at 7:00 PM in the church basement.

***Jr. High and High School Youth Ministry:** Jr. High and High School students will meet next Sunday, January 8, from 6:00–8:00 PM.

Mt. Pleasant Soup Kitchen food collection next weekend.

PRAYER LINE

Anyone in need of prayer support and would like their intentions on the parish Prayer Line, please call Maxine Finnerty (644-3416), Marilyn Hackenbruch (330-1917) or June Schumacher (772-2226).

PRAYER BLANKETS

Covered in Prayer, a ministry in our parish, involves the sewing of blankets that are given to those who are ill. Caring volunteers commit to prayer for the recipient as they fulfill their part in the construction of the blanket. The blanket becomes interwoven with prayers for healing and comfort for the recipient who then understands that they are not alone and that there are those who care and pray for their healing. If you know of a parishioner or anyone in need of a Prayer Blanket, please call the parish office (644-2041).

Sponsor of the week:

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“Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.”
(Luke 2:16-21)

St. Luke’s narrative of the birth of Jesus has been romanticized by so many well meaning and pious authors and artists that the true meaning is often lost. The spot revered as the birthplace of Jesus is under the main altar of the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. Tapestries and drapes hide soot stained walls and ceilings of the small cave. But in nearby Shepherds’ Field are caves in the steep sloping sides of the valley below Bethlehem that provide a more authentic image. Troughs (called mangers) are carved into the walls of the caves to feed and water the animals that shepherds and travelers brought in for safekeeping. In such a less than idyllic setting, God Incarnate, conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit with the consent of Mary, was born and given the name Jesus. Shepherds, considered lowly and insignificant, believed what they heard and came to pay homage. Do I believe what I have heard? Do I pay homage to the Son of God and Son of Mary? Is my belief reflected in the way I live and imitate Jesus?

You are the Lord of our history; our yesterdays, todays, and tomorrows. We join all of creation in giving You praise and glory for the year behind us and for the days you give us in the year ahead.

Forgive us for any misuse of days passed, and help us in this new year to use Your gift of days in a more loving and generous way.

Give us the strength to be less fearful and anxious, but to find our hope in the Good News brought about by the gift of Your Son.

Show us how to face adversity with the grace and peace You can provide, and to see challenges as opportunities to draw closer to You.

Fill us with Your compassion, that we may do our part to bring about a more just and non-violent world, and to care for the most vulnerable among us.

We thank you for the gift of this new year, and ask that you bless it, and help us to be good stewards of the time You have so graciously entrusted to us.

We as all this through Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. Amen