The Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019

They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2:11
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30;
Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7;
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;
Blessing of the Home;
National Migration Week
Monday: St. Raymond of Penyafort;
Julian Calendar Christmas

The Epiphany of the Lord, January 6, 2019
Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
— Isaiah 60:1

The Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation is held
3pm-4pm on Saturday, 8am on First Saturday, or by
appointment. Please contact the secretary, Cindy Barone
at the Parish Office if you are interested in any of the
following: Baptism, Anointing of the Sick, Christian
Initiation of Adults, joining the parish, bulletin ads or
Weddings (six months prior to the desired wedding
date). To arrange a pastoral visit for Homebound
Parishioners please contact Kathleen Dieffenbaugher at
the Parish Office, Ext 9. Please contact Cindy at the Parish
Office to arrange a pastoral visit for a hospitalized
parishioner. Our Parish Office is open 8am until 4pm
Monday - Thursday and 8am until noon each Friday.
Eucharistic Adoration is held Monday 8am-5pm,
6pm-10pm; Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8am-5pm
Wednesday 10am-5pm; Saturday 8am-noon.

Collection & Attendance Data: Dec 29/30 2018
4:30pm — 7:30am —
9:00am — 11:30am —

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: NOT AVAILABLE

1st Collection: $
2nd Collection: $
Miscellaneous: $
Online: $
TOTAL: $ NOT AVAILABLE
Our Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 5
7:30am  William E. Nesbitt
4:30pm  People of the Parish

Sunday, January 6
7:30am  Karol & Martin Pastor
9:00am  Mary Lou Hutchinson
11:30am Rita Remley

Monday, January 7
7:30am  Helen Mahlke
5:30pm  Jane Sneddon

Tuesday, January 8
7:30am  Paul Otte

Wednesday, January 9
8:30am  George Zoeckler (A)

Thursday, January 10
7:30am  Henry Roth Family

Friday, January 11
7:30am  Ray O’Donnell

Saturday, January 12
7:30am  Jim Bordas
4:30pm  Jack and Katie Fahey

Sunday, January 13
7:30am  People of the Parish
9:00am  June Bryson
11:30am Betty Bettinachi

New Seminar on Adult Faith Formation!

Involved with, or hoping to someday be involved with, some kind of adult faith formation in your parish? The Diocese is offering a new mini-course in the Northern Panhandle that explores the theory and practice of adult faith formation in parish life. The seminar will meet 4 consecutive Tuesday evenings from 6-7:30pm beginning January 22nd. The course fee is $20 which includes all course materials; scholarships are available if the cost is an obstacle. A full course description can be found at https://vleff.udayton.edu/calendar/course.php?course=23 (Note: this description is for the online version of the in-person course that the Diocese is offering).

To sign up or get more information, contact Nick Mayrand at nmayrand@dwc.org or 304-233-0880, ext. 376. Registration closes January 8th, at which time a central location will be selected for the 4 weekly meetings that best suits those registered.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Monday of this week is Christmas Day in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Caesar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called “pontiffs” were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named “The Last Year of Confusion.” The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia’s Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, January 12th 4:30pm
Sacristan: Karen Kelly
Lectors: Carole Kliner and David Post
Altar Servers: The Blatt Family
EMOHCS: Karen and Jim Kelly, Lucille Otte, Jenn and Chad Byrum

Sunday, January 13th 7:30am
Sacristan: Gretchen Wilson
Lectors: Amanda Castle and Shaunna Hershberger
Altar Servers: Alex Tarr, Ava Hanson
EMOHCS: Gretchen Wilson, Kathy Ulevich, Rudy Conti, Kathy Galinski, Joe Roxby

Sunday, January 13th 9:00am
Sacristan: Adriana Wolf
Lectors: Jacob and Meredith Dailer
Altar Servers: Adam Wolf, Grant McCabe, Jack Adams, Will Medovic
EMOHCS: Adriana and Elizabeth Wolf, Cameron McCabe, Isaac Smith, April Stolfer

Sunday, January 13th 11:30am
Sacristan: NEEDED
Lectors: Doug Blanco and Nathan Schmidt
Altar Servers: Isaac, Mason and Kendall Schmitt, Liam White
EMOHCS: Tom Conti, Ava Zende, Alaina Zende, Adrienne Michaud, Robbie DiLorenzo

Office of Safe Environment:
To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today’s feast is new as feasts go, and it sets us this year in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting schedules and commitments, a young man, testing the limits, has strayed from his parents and gone off to the big city. Mary and Joseph search frantically, only to find the child Jesus in the temple, conversing with the elders and scholars of the law, who are amazed at his wisdom.

In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious center of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people gathered in the synagogues, centers of learning, for daily prayer and study. Still, everyone longed to journey to the temple to participate in the offerings, and to fulfill certain obligations of the law that could only be done there. On this feast, we catch a glimpse of the family of Jesus: parents dealing with the normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely grounded in the ways of faith and tradition.

There has always been an appreciation in Christianity for the value of pilgrimage—the journey to holy places that is a symbol of our life’s journey to God, and a sense of connection to important events in our family history. During the Christmas season, many of us undertake pilgrimages to the family homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a beautiful manger scene or festival of lights. There are few better days than this in our calendar for spending time with the family, especially on a short pilgrimage to a favorite place. Just make sure that no one gets left behind!

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Children’s Liturgy of the Word
is held each Sunday during 9am Mass. All 3 year olds through 1st graders are welcome to attend. The presider will call the children up to the front of the church after the opening prayer.
Join us for the MLK Walk

St. Michael Parish will once again participate in the walk honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, which begins at 2pm Sunday, January 20. This year, the walk has been moved to our neighborhood, so it will be easier than ever to take part.

The march will begin at the First Christian Church at 1343 National Road. (It’s the church with the big round window). We will walk to Wheeling Jesuit’s Chapel of Mary and Joseph, where an interfaith prayer service will begin at 3pm. Even if you can’t join us for the walk, please come to the prayer service. It’s always an inspiring event.

A dinner will be served at 4pm in Wheeling Jesuit’s Benedum Room.

Have you experienced divorce and would like to know more about the annulment process? Are you divorced and remarried outside the Catholic Church? Would you like to know how to make your marriage valid in the Church so you can receive the Sacraments again? Please contact Fr. Smay: 304-242-1560, x5 or msmay@stmikesparish.org about the annulment process.

Unfortunately, a lot of people have erroneous ideas about the process. It is doable and Father Smay will help you throughout the process.

We are all one in the Body of Christ and we must care for the suffering within the Body. Please support the good works that Catholic Charities West Virginia is doing on your behalf for the poor and suffering. Contributions may be made online at www.CatholicCharitieswv.org, mail to 2000 Main Street, Wheeling, WV 26003.

"If you can't fly, then run, if you can't run, then walk, if you can't walk, then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward." — Martin Luther King Jr.
In their new pastoral letter against racism, *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*, the Catholic bishops of the United States invite conversion of hearts, minds, and institutions in order to address the evil of racism that still exists in our communities.

By our baptism, we are members of Christ’s body and sharers in his mission. Imitating Christ, we must care for all members of our communities, honoring each person as unique, sacred, and created in the image of God. We know that the evil of racism cuts to the core of God’s plan for humanity, devaluing the diversity God created within the human family. As followers of Christ, we seek to reclaim the God-given sanctity of each person’s inviolable human dignity. The bishops remind us, “The command of love requires us to make room for others in our hearts. It means that we are indeed our brother’s keeper (see Gn 4:9).”

Some among us may want to believe that our country has moved beyond the reality of racism that has so profoundly stained its past, or that racism does not involve us. Almost every day, news headlines demonstrate that our country’s “original sin” of racism continues to impact the lives of many Americans, many of them Catholic—particularly those who belong to the African American, Hispanic/Latino, or Native American communities.

There are signs that racism’s legacies remain prevalent in many systemic inequalities that have deep impact on people of color. The bishops write, “Racism can only end if we contend with the policies and institutional barriers that perpetuate and preserve the inequality—economic and social—that we still see all around us.”

“*We read the headlines that report the killing of unarmed African Americans by law enforcement officials. In our prisons, the numbers of inmates of color, notably those who are brown and black, is grossly disproportionate. Despite the great blessings of liberty that this country offers, we must admit the plain truth that for many of our fellow citizens, who have done nothing wrong, interactions with the police are often fraught with fear and even danger.*”

– U.S. bishops, *Open Wide Our Hearts*

Within the walls of the Church, many people of color have experienced discrimination and outright racism. Leadership has been lacking. The bishops write, “All too often, leaders of the Church have remained silent about the horrific violence and other racial injustices perpetuated against African Americans and others.” Reflecting on these realities, the bishops implore us to find ways to actively work against the evil of racism. We must seek racial justice within our Church and in our country. Let us all allow the Holy Spirit to convert our hearts to do the work of healing, so we may live authentically in true relationship to one another. Let the fruit of this conversion be evident in our full celebration and integration of ethnic and cultural diversity, which is truly a gift from God.
How Can I Respond?

**Listen to and know the stories of our brothers and sisters who have suffered from racism in history, and in the present.** True and authentic encounter is difficult but worth the effort. Authentic relationships require vulnerability, humility, and getting outside of your comfort zones. For some, this will mean actively seeking opportunities to engage with people of diverse backgrounds. For others, this might mean raising your voice or sharing your story. Through authentic engagement we bring together diverse perspectives and experiences which honor the fullness of God’s plan.

**Work to address both individual and systemic racism.** Racism can be individual, when persons fail to recognize certain groups as created in the image of God and equal in dignity, or it can be systemic, where practices or policies are upheld that treat certain groups of people unjustly. These systems are often perpetuated due to the silence or unawareness of many. Commit to learning more about racism and employment, housing, wealth, education, criminal justice, and voting—and then get involved in diocesan, parish or community efforts to pray and work for conversion of both hearts and systems.

**Think about what you can do, wherever you are.** Commit to raising your awareness in whatever situations you find yourself.

**As people of faith,** we can intentionally work to create spaces of welcome and opportunities for encounter. Create opportunities for sharing of stories and learn how racism impacts our communities. Regularly think about whose voices may be missing as leaders and volunteers in parish ministry. In parishes and schools, educators can use activities from usccb.org/racism to integrate content on the pastoral letter into their lessons.

**In your family,** think about who you socialize with on a regular basis. Intentionally create opportunities to interact with those you may not run into over the normal course of your week. Where in your community do you see diverse groups of people come together? Parents: talk with your children about race. Continuing to talk with them about everyone’s human dignity and the pain of racism in our country will help form them to respect the dignity of all. Find prayers for children at usccb.org/racism.

**At school or work,** ask: How you can learn more about other cultures? What resources are available to you? If there are others who are treated differently because of their race, speak up. Think about what you might do if you hear someone make disparaging remarks about a classmate or coworker. How can you be ready to respond?

**As individuals and communities of faith, examine your conscience.** We all must ask ourselves: Where have I not lived as an example of Christ’s love? Where have my attitudes or perceptions caused me to devalue persons of other cultures or ethnicities? When have I been unnecessarily suspicious or allowed a preconceived notion to overshadow the human nature of another? When have I seen the “other” instead of welcoming an opportunity to listen to the story of that person’s life, struggles, or joys?

For More Information

Read the new pastoral letter, *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love* and then talk with others about how your community can respond to the bishops’ invitation in the pastoral letter. USCCB resources against racism are at usccb.org/racism.
EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS
Submitted by Shandi Nodurft

♦ **January 7**: Parent Association Meeting 6:30 PM – school cafeteria
♦ **January 10th**: Box Top Shopping
♦ **January 11th**: Bake Sale

2019 Early Childhood Open House

Please join Mrs. Burge and the Early Childhood Team on **Wednesday, February 6th** for our Early Childhood Open House. Please join us in the school cafeteria for a presentation beginning at 6:30.

We are proud to offer Lil Cherubs (2 year olds with an adult partner), Preschool Three, Preschool Four, Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten and our Expanded Day Program!

Please call the school office at **304-242-3966 ext. 1** to RSVP to our school secretary Mrs. Diane Fahey.

Texas Roadhouse Gift Card Fundraiser
Dine to Donate Day
Thursday, January 31, 2018

St. Michael Parish School Gift Card Fundraiser was a huge success. Our families sold $9,150.00 in gift cards sales. Our school receives 10% of those sales meaning that your participation brought in $915. Thank you to the 39 families that participated in this fundraiser. Of course, the gift cards can be used at anytime but we hope you will use them to help us celebrate Catholic Schools Week on Thursday, January 31st. SMPS continues their fundraising efforts by receiving 20% of all restaurant ticket receipts on this evening. Thank you for your support!
Sponsor a Student

As the enter a new calendar year please consider sponsoring a student at St. Michael Parish School as we several school families in need of tuition assistance.

If your child has benefited from a quality Catholic education at St. Michael Parish School, perhaps you would consider offering that gift to another child. Many families are struggling in our present economy and could truly use some help. Thank you for your consideration!

Please contact Shandi Nodurft for further information or questions at 304.242.3966 ext. 4.

Important Dates For The 2018-2019 School Year

- **January 18th:** Noon dismissal/Professional Development
- **January 21st:** No School MLK Day
- **January 26th:** Father/Daughter Dance
- **January 31st:** Texas Roadhouse Dine to Donate
- **January 27-Feb. 1st:** CSW
- **February 15th:** Noon dismissal/Professional Development
- **February 18th:** No School President’s Day
- **April 15th -April 22nd:** Easter Break
- **May 24th:** Kindergarten Graduation
- **May 29th:** 8th Grade Graduation
- **May 31st:** Last Day of School/Picnic

SMPS Teacher Wish List

**PK:** Gift card for Amazon to order religious stickers based on the letter of the week and girls dress-up clothes in good condition.

**TK:** Paper cutter, dress-up clothes and dolls (They were destroyed in the flood.)

**K:** Lysol wipes, Clorox wipes, art supplies, crayons

**1st:** Lysol wipes, and Clorox wipes. White and color construction paper.

**2nd:** Several sets of small alphabet letters for spelling and phonics. Base 10 and 100 block sets.

**3rd:** Lined, wide ruled paper, dry erase markers, pencils and construction paper.

**4th:** Student privacy dividers, loose leaf paper, pencils, and black pens.

**5th:** Hardcover set of Catholic bibles

**6th:** Scholastic dollars for class sets of novels.

**7th:** Expo dry erase markers, Expo dry erase spray, #2 pencils, loose leaf paper

**8th:** Age appropriate Accelerated Reading books, Interest level UG, Book Level 6-10, pencils, and dry erase markers.

**Art:** Glue sticks, paper plates, plastic cups, wet wipes.

**Science Lab:** Glue ~ LOTS ~ clear and white.

**Hot lunch:** New pantry shelves and small sharp knives.

**Music:** Brightly colored duct tape.
**PRAYER FOR HEALING WITHIN THE CHURCH**

*St. Peter*, pray for the church that it may be rebuilt, healed, and made holy.

*St. Monica*, pray for the abused, survivors, and for justice.

*St. Catherine of Siena*, pray for reform and restoration of the clergy.

*St. John Vianney*, pray for the holiness of priests and bishops.

*St. Benedict*, pray that all evil be cast out of the church.

*St. Anthony*, pray for us to find a way forward.

*St. Paul*, pray for the bishops that they may be fearless in confronting other bishops.

*St. Augustine*, pray for true repentance and transparency.

*Our Lady of Sorrows*, pray for us.

**Hail Mary**, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death, amen.

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**FUNERAL CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED!**

Our parish is pleased to have a dedicated group of men and women who attend each Funeral Mass and assist in leading the music and sung prayer during the Mass. This ministry is very important as it provides not only musical support but is also a ministry of presence and prayer offered to support the family as they grieve and to pray for the repose of the soul of the deceased. We are in need of additional members to assist in this ministry – could you please help us? The choir gathers about 15-20 minutes before the Funeral Mass and then sings for the Mass. Choir members are notified by a phone tree when a funeral is scheduled. This is a wonderful ministry for those who are retired, but please know that all are welcome. If you are interested, please contact Clara White 304.242.2278 or Lucille Otte 304.242.3014.

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**COMMEMORATIVE MASS ASSOCIATION (CMA)**

The CMA is a special program which allows our parishioners and friends to remember their loved ones in a beautiful way. A total of 18 Masses will be celebrated for the repose of the souls of those inscribed in the Parish Commemorative Mass Association throughout the year of enrollment. The cost to enroll is $50. The bulletin will regularly list the names of those enrolled in the CMA.

At the time of enrollment, you will receive a beautiful leatherette-type folder describing the Commemorative Mass Association. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions or to enroll someone in the CMA.

**Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them Lord, and Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them and All the Souls of the Faithfully Departed.**
Looking for a way for your family to help others?

Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center needs people to deliver meals to shut-ins. There are three different ways you could help.

Drivers are needed on Thursdays for a route that includes three downtown high rise apartment complexes for elderly people, and three private homes.

Drivers are needed one or two Saturdays a month to deliver the Pike route, which includes three senior citizen apartment complexes near St. Michael – Brookpark, Petroplus Tower and Welty Apartments - and six private homes.

Backup drivers are always needed. If you are flexible and willing to be called at the last minute if the regular driver can’t make it, please let Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center know.

Your family could do this, or you and a few neighbors could share a route. If you found four families, each family would only have to drive one route per month. Easy peasy!

Volunteers pick up meals at the Neighborhood Center between 10:30am and 11:30am. The routes should take about an hour to complete. This is a wonderful way to thank God for all the blessings in our lives. If you can help, please call Keith Miller, the new Neighborhood Center volunteer coordinator, at 304.650.9608.

Parish School of Religion (PSR)

January 6th

PSR News

Our Parish School of Religion (PSR) is back in session! As we move into the dicey weather months, a reminder to parents that weather cancellations will be announced through the Remind app system, which sends a simple text message to all parents who have signed up. If you have not yet registered, simply text @439e98 to the phone number 81010, or go to this link on your smartphone’s browser: rmd.at/439e98

Questions about PSR? Get in touch with Nick at nmayrand@dwc.org.

All Youth Group Members!

Upcoming 2019 Meetings at the Angelus Center

Jan. 6th - 5th and 6th grade meeting 6 -7:30pm
Jan. 7th -3rd and 4th grade meeting after school until 4:30pm
Jan. 13th -7th and 8th grade meeting
6 - 7:30pm

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**Pro Life Corner**

save the date!

January 22nd is the Annual Pro-Life Liturgy—Details to follow!

baby update...

Your spiritually adopted baby weighs over one pound now. His mother can feel him moving now. Before he was too small for her to feel. Although he swam with ease in his watery world, he needed to be big and strong enough to kick hard against the outside uterine wall and dent it—the inside wall of the uterus has no feeling. We are mid-way through the pregnancy now. Your prayers have helped your baby’s mother continue with her pregnancy and seek the help she needs.

important contact numbers:

- Northern Panhandle Gabriel Project: 304-639-5039
- Birthright International: Helpline: 1.800.550.4900
- Aim Women’s Center (Steubenville, OH): (740) 283-3636
- Wellspring Pregnancy Center (Moundsville, WV): (304) 810-0292
- Rachel’s Vineyard: 877 HOPE 4 ME (877-467-3463)
- Silent No More: 888-735-3448
- Post Abortion Support
- Post Abortion Support

Please pray for these men and women serving our country in the military, and for their families:

- Petty Officer First Class Eric J Auber, US Navy
- Staff Sergeant Robert Michael Baker, US Marine Corps
- Sergeant Anthony DiBias, US Army
- Chief Warrant Officer 4 John DiBias, US Army
- Technical Sergeant Andrew G. Futey, US Air Force
- Specialist Matthew Graney, US Army
- Lieutenant Andrew Klug, US Navy
- Captain Zach Lehman, US Marine Corps
- Capt. Michael Neuman, US Army
- Major Christopher Nodurft, US Marine Corps
- Seaman First Class Cody Patterson, US Navy
- Specialist Seth Sleime, US Army
- Warrant Officer 1 (W01) Christopher Snyder
- Sergeant Major Stephen Spohn, US Army
- Sergeant First Class Wendy Spohn, US Army
- Lieutenant Colonel Aaron P Tillman, US Air Force
- Chief Master Sergeant Patrick Vanranken, US Air Force
- Airman First Class Taylor Wilkinson, US Air Force
- Airman First Class Sierra E. McKenna, US Air Force
- PVT Jacob Ulevich, US Army

Please contact the Parish Office with changes in rank or to add someone to the list. Thanks to ALL who

Finding God

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew’s Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi’s home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.

R C I A

(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

The parish will continue classes for any adults who want to join the Catholic Church.

Classes will be held on Sunday mornings between the 9am - 11:30am Masses.

Please contact Fr. Smay at msmay@dwc.org or call 304-242-1560. ext 5.

Thank you!

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