

**Liturgy  
Of The  
Eucharist**



Saturday, January 10  
4:30pm Lector: Jim Cavanaugh  
Euch. Min: Kathy Dawson, Sue Lochbaum,  
Lucille Morgan  
Ushers: Ed Ewald, Larry Head  
Acolytes: Ashley Dawson, Audrey Head

Sunday, January 11  
9:00am Lector: Belinda Beccue  
Euch. Min: Emily Colbert, Mary Jo Hettinger,  
Jane Lieb, Earl Reinhart, Tom  
Walsh  
Ushers: Scott Docherty, Jack Lee, Rich  
Walsh  
Acolytes: Nick, Ben, & Matt Menacher

11:30am Lector: Susan Shurilla  
Euch. Min: Mary Hittmeier, Mark & Melinda  
McHale  
Ushers: David Marker, Mike McHale  
Acolytes: Emily Davis, Natalie Hittmeier



**Mass Intentions**

Mon., Jan. 5 Saint John Neumann, Bishop  
No Scheduled Mass

Tues., Jan. 6 Weekday after Epiphany  
No scheduled Mass

Wed., Jan. 7 Weekday after Epiphany  
7:30am + Ruth Loriaux req. Jon & JoAnne Adams

Thurs., Jan. 8 Weekday after Epiphany  
7:30am + Eugene Schneider req. Schneider Family

Fri., Jan. 9 Weekday after Epiphany  
7:30am Michael & Madonna Hettinger  
req. Hettinger Family

Sat. Jan. 10 Baptism of the Lord  
4:30pm + Owen Huber req. Jim & Jean Rowe

Sun. Jan. 4 Baptism of the Lord  
9:00am Parishioners of our Parish  
11:30am + Mary Jo Hill req. Madonna Davis

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 5TH**

Monday 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 100; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
Tuesday 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72; Mk 6:34-44  
Wednesday 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 2; Mk 6:45-52  
Thursday 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72; Lk 4:14-22a  
Friday 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 72; Lk 5:12-16  
Saturday 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 72; Jn 3:22-30  
Sunday Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29; Acts 10:34-38; Mk 1:7-11

**2008 Annual Diocesan Appeal**

	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Owe</u>
St. Philomena	\$38,832.00	\$31,278.32	\$7,553.68
St. Michael	\$8,104.00	\$4,440.00	\$3,664.00

Thank you to all who have made a pledge to the ADA!

Remember, our parish will pay amount not met by our goal!

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

The Magi brought the child Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. What gifts do I place before Jesus? My time? My talent? My treasure?

**COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>**

Sunday Offering ..... \$3291.00  
Children's Offering ..... \$5.77  
Building Fund..... \$838.30  
St. Thomas More High School ..... \$113.00  
Local Special Collection..... \$75.00  
Christmas ..... \$5121.91  
Retirement Fund for Religious ..... \$45.00

**COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>**

Sunday Offering ..... \$3535.00  
Children's Offering ..... \$1.86  
Building Fund..... \$592.50

**WEEKLY PRAYER LIST**

Please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: Emily Colbert, Amy Courson, Joan Higley, Anne Mula, Frank Mula, Karen Parrish, Lisa Roemer, Mary Ann Schack & Nancy Schroeder.

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*How does Epiphany deepen our understanding of what it means to be followers of Jesus?*

The Epiphany celebrates the public manifestation of God among us in the person of Jesus. Matthew's Magi account concerning Gentiles from unknown lands acknowledging Jesus as king, powerfully communicates an essential truth about Jesus and his followers. It affirms that any true follower of Jesus must be "catholic." This does not mean membership in the Catholic Church. Rather to be "catholic" is to be universal, with a welcoming open stance toward all.

Jesus came for all people. By accepting Jesus, we too become people open to all, welcoming all, breaking down boundaries, and reconciling enemies. Like Jesus, we welcome all, the social outcast and the stranger, the immigrant and the powerful, the rich and the poor, to be part of our table. We make sure there is room at the table for all, treating all with human dignity and respect.

Paul's letters to his communities stress this significant aspect of following Jesus. Having encountered Christ in a powerful manner on the Damascus road, Paul's life is completely changed. For Paul, following Christ demands a whole new way of being, seeing and doing.

Paul's Letter to Philemon challenges a Christian slave master to treat his Christian slave as Jesus would have treated him. In Galatians 3:28, Paul highlights the lesson of the Magi that in Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek, male nor female, slave nor free. All are equal when viewed through the Jesus lens.

How do the Magi challenge the way you follow Jesus?

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR**

January 4	Confirmation Class 6:00pm—7:30pm	Session #15
January 7	Religious Ed Board Meeting 7:30pm	Session #15
January 11	Confirmation Class 6:00pm—7:30pm	Session #16
January 14		Session #16

**YOUTH GROUP NEWS:**

- Youth Group Ski Trip—There are only 7 available spots left for the ski trip.
  - Schroeder’s “Winter Blue’s and Saints” 6:30pm, January 11
  - Ski Trip, January 17 & 18
  - Parent Drivers Needed!  
January 11 – Around Monticello  
March 1—Ice Skating in Champaign  
March 15—St. Louis
- If we do not have at least 6 drivers per event, youth group for that evening will be cancelled.

**Brian Bastic**, representing **DIOCESAN PUBLICATIONS** (our bulletin publisher) will be at the parish soon. He will be renewing present advertisements and seeking new ones. If interested, please call the parish office. We feel this is an excellent service and that the sponsors get good coverage with their ads. THANKS TO YOU, and **DIOCESAN PUBLICATIONS**, the bulletin is published weekly at no cost to the parish.

**CENTERING PRAYER GROUP** meets Tuesday afternoon at 4:00pm at the home of Rosemary Hardy.

**CHOIR PRACTICE** Wednesday at 7:00pm.

**RELIGIOUS ED BOARD MEETING** Wednesday evening at 7:00pm.

**HOLY HOUR** Saturday morning at 9:00am.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS** will be taken down next Sunday, January 11, at 8:30am at St. Michael and at 12:30pm at St. Philomena. God is calling you to volunteer your time to help. Many hands make light work.

**SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB LUNCHEON** will be held Thursday, January 15, at 12:00noon.



**Mass Intentions**

Tuesday, January 6  
5:30pm Mr. & Mrs. Bill Hendrix

Sunday, January 11  
7:30am Parishioners of our Parish



Tuesday, January 6  
5:30pm Lector: Lucina Hyde  
Euch. Min: Evelyn Dick

Sunday, January 11  
7:30am Lector: Donna Walsh  
Euch. Min: Eva Bentley & Fran Einhorn  
Acolytes: Maggie & Patrick Tracy

**COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>**

Sunday Offering .....	\$715.00
Utility Assistance Fund .....	\$50.00
Flowers .....	\$12.00
Retirement Fund for Religious .....	\$118.00
Christmas Collection .....	\$1347.00

**COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>**

Sunday Offering .....	\$669.00
Utility Assistance Fund .....	\$210.00
Retirement Fund for Religious .....	\$20.00
St. Thomas More High School .....	\$50.00

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK:**

This week’s Sponsor of the Week is **Heath’s Tire and Automotive!** To view the full ad, see the back of the bulletin. And don’t forget to patronize all of our sponsors — they make the bulletins possible.

**EPIPHANY**

