

# EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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## LOWERY'S LINES

**Epiphany Proclamation!**

It is a tradition to announce the date of Easter on today's solemnity of the Epiphany. *The proclamation of the date of Easter and the other moveable feasts on Epiphany* dates from a time when calendars were not readily available. It was necessary to make known the date of Easter in advance, since many celebrations of the liturgical year depend on its date. The number of Sundays that follow Epiphany, the date of Ash Wednesday, and the number of Sundays that follow Pentecost are all computed in relation to Easter. Although calendars now give the date of Easter and the other feasts in the liturgical year for many years in advance, the Epiphany proclamation still has value. It is a reminder of the centrality of the resurrection of the Lord in the liturgical year and the importance of the great mysteries of faith which are celebrated each year.

*Know, dear brothers and sisters,  
that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
so by leave of God's mercy  
we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection,  
who is our Savior.*

*On the **twenty-sixth** day of **February** will fall Ash Wednesday,  
and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.*

*On the **twelfth** day of **April** we will celebrate with joy Easter Day,  
the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*On the **twenty-fourth** day of **May** will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*On the **thirty-first** day of **May**, the feast of Pentecost.*

*On the **fourteenth** day of **June**, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.*

*On the **twenty-ninth** day of **November**, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever.*

*Amen.*

**Installation Mass Next Weekend at 11:00 a.m.**

Bishop Boyea will be here next Sunday to celebrate the 11:00 a.m. Liturgy with us and to install me as your second Pastor. While I have officially been your pastor since June 26, I put off scheduling this brief rite so that you could get used to me being here. A few weeks ago at Confirmation, the Bishop asked why he had not yet come to install me. I did not have an answer; and so he set the date. Please know of my joy to be here as a member of our parish and to serve you as your pastor.

*Peace, Fr. Shaun*

**THIS WEEK'S LITURGIES****Monday, January 6**

1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
9:00 am + Keith Dunn & Jan Jandasek

**Tuesday, January 7**

1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

**Wednesday, January 8**

1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52  
7:00 pm + Carolyn Parent

**Thursday, January 9**

1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a  
9:00 am + Tina Samland

**Friday, January 10**

1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16  
9:00 am + Denice Duncan

**Saturday, January 11**

1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

**Sunday, January 12****THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17  
4:30 pm + Christopher Crowley  
9:00 am St. Mary Magdalen Parishioners  
11:00 am + Thomas Libby

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7** This section of the book of Isaiah contains the words of a prophet who spoke to God's people exiled in Babylon. Four different times, the prophet speaks about a mysterious servant who will one day deliver the Israelites and make them great again. Today we hear one of these messages.

**Acts 10:34-38** The Apostle Peter was originally skeptical about preaching the Gospel to non-Jews. But one day, the Holy Spirit summoned him to preach to a Gentile---the pagan army officer Cornelius and his household. We will now hear Peter speak about the remarkable effect this had upon him.

**Matthew 3:13-17** John asks Jesus why he seeks baptism. The Church Fathers responded that Jesus was baptized to sanctify the waters for the Church, so that all future Baptisms would be touched by the waters blessed by Jesus himself.

**Reflect:** Name one way that being a Baptized Christian changes your everyday life.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Larry Buslepp	Herb Langer	Paul Sultana
Cathy Buel	Ron Linhart	Marylyn Trader
Olive Burbridge	Gwen Maes	Don Tremel
Paul Burbridge	Pearl Mays	Patty Yeager
Barbara Chellis	Martine Mounck	Jennifer Yanick
Terry Clark	Keri Miles	Tom Zremski
Hugh Conahan	Stan Osdras	Artie
John Davidson	Louis Ostrowski	Bill
Karoline DeRosia	Stella Paweski	Carrie
Tom Hargrave	Charlie Rinaldi	Charlie
Victor Hibbeln	Karie Schifko	Jeanette
Sr. Joyce Hoile	Peggy Schmid	Kathleen
Kathy Jagusch	Lisa Shibley	Margie
Elaine Kay	Samantha Shibley	Mary
Frances Krula	Cindy Sultana	Stella

**Important Note About our Prayer List**

The names of the sick will run in this column for 6 weeks, at which time they will be removed. To add a name, re-list a name, or remove a name, please call the parish office at 810-229-8624. Many people have recuperated so we appreciate updates in order to be current. Thank You!

# FORMED

**FORMED Faith Sharing Group Signups**

Faith Sharing Groups using **FORMED** will start on Sunday, January 19. There is still time to sign up to participate.

For more information and to sign up, please visit the **FORMED** Faith Sharing Groups sign up table in the Gathering Area, or contact Deacon Devon Wolfe at 810-229-8624, ext. 118 or [deacon4@saintmarymagdalen.org](mailto:deacon4@saintmarymagdalen.org)

**Men's Breakfast**

Men's Breakfast is held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month at 7:30 am. Are you hungering for a deeper relationship with God? **PLEASE JOIN US JANUARY 11 in the rectory lower level.**

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**SAVE the DATE!**

**Young Couples Game Night** will be a chance to have fun playing cards and board games with your spouse and fellow parishioners - Friday, **January 10**, from 6-9 pm! Snacks and non-alcoholic beverages provided. BYOB

FREE Childcare will be available. Please RSVP for childcare to Devon Wolfe by January 7 at [deacon4@saintmarymagdalen.org](mailto:deacon4@saintmarymagdalen.org).

*Sponsored by the Marriage Ministry Team.*



## RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS



Today we celebrate the wonderful **Feast of the Epiphany**. Epiphany is a Feast Day within the Church's liturgical celebration of Christmas. In the Western tradition, we associate it with the "Visit of the Magi," or visitors from the East. Epiphany is traditionally celebrated the 12<sup>th</sup> day after Christmas, (Twelfth Night).

Epiphany takes its name from the Greek *epiphania*, a manifestation. Jesus, born quietly in Bethlehem's stable, is revealed, or made manifest, as the Son of God. In the recognition of Him by the Magi, the Christ, He is revealed to the "nations."

**Here are five facts about the Feast of the Epiphany you may not know:**

- ♦ The three Kings represent Europe, Arabia and Africa.
- ♦ Hundreds of years ago, roast lamb was served at Epiphany to honor Christ and the Three Kings' visit.
- ♦ In some European countries, children leave their shoes out to be filled with gifts, while others leave straw for the three kings' horses.
- ♦ In Prague, a Three Kings swim commemorates Epiphany Day at the Vltava River.
- ♦ In New York, El Museo del Barrio has celebrated and promoted Three Kings' Day annual parades for over thirty years.

**First Eucharist Rite of Enrollment**

First Eucharist candidates and their parents will take part in the Rite of Enrollment during the **9 am Liturgy on January 12**.

**Annual Pet Food Drive**  
**January 8 thru January 26**

Our 3rd grade classes are heading up our annual pet food drive to collect pet food for families/seniors in our area who struggle to feed their beloved dogs and cats. Please place your donations in the marked bins (posters made by our 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes) in the gathering area. Thank you for your support!



## YOUTH NEWS



Come and meet new friends this New Year at Youth Group! We are discussing our New Years Resolutions tonight! Youth Group is from 7-9 pm in the Youth Room on Sunday evenings; we hope you will join us!

Next week we are going to be talking about parables with St Mary Magdalen's very own author Colleen Schulte!

Looking ahead, mark your calendar to participate in our annual **Winter Weekend Getaway February 28-March 1**. The cost for the weekend is \$100 which includes lodging and 5 meals. If you plan to ski at Caberfae Peaks, all rentals and lift tickets are extra.

**50+ Potluck Lunch**  
**January 10, 11am**

At this time of cold weather, have some warm friends to meet up with! Our 50+ Potluck Lunch group invites you to join them for their monthly potluck lunch this week. We will be discussing the possibility of a Parish mission of finding mattresses, bedding and pillows for the homeless and people sleeping on floors in Flint.

The main dish will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert.

**Questions? Please call Cate at 810.772.3236**

**Magdalen's Preschool Open House**  
**Saturday, January 11, 2020**  
**10:30 am - 12:00 pm**



We offer a Christian-based preschool program for 3, 4, and early 5 year old's.

We invite you to come meet our preschool staff; tour the classrooms, Chapel, and gym play area; ask questions; and find out more about our exciting preschool program.

Contact Amanda Faiola at 810-229-0010 for more information.

## CHARITY & JUSTICE

### CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING COME AND LEARN!

**Thursday, January 9th, 6:30-8:00pm**

St. Patrick's Parish in Brighton is hosting a presentation on the basic elements of Catholic Social Teaching in McCann Hall. Speakers will be Bill O'Bryan and Fr Dave Buersmeyer, Pastor of St. Regis Catholic Church, both members of the 'Strangers No Longer' ministry based in Detroit.

The talk will cover the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching, especially the principle of Life and Dignity of the Human Person, the foundation in which all other principles are based upon.

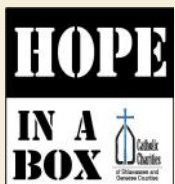
Come and hear what our recent Popes have said on the matter, and what all this might mean for your walk with the Lord.



### Severe Weather Network of Livingston County Early Help Needed!

The Severe Weather Network of Livingston County has set up a homeless shelter for the upcoming winter months at Chilson Hills Church. At this time, volunteers are needed for NOW through January 11. Opportunities include: meal preparation, laundry needs, (no training needed), evening chaperone (6-10pm) and overnight chaperones (10pm-7am), both of which require online training.

Trained volunteers are welcome to sign-up, or if you wish to be trained, it is available on their website. Please visit [www.livingstonswn.org](http://www.livingstonswn.org) and select Volunteer & Training Info. This page will guide you to training and volunteer opportunities! Thank you for assisting individuals in our community who are experiencing homelessness this winter.



### HOPE IN A BOX MONTH OF JANUARY NEEDS:

TOILET PAPER  
MOUTHWASH

*January needs are one of the most important!*

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### WEEK OF 12/15/19

Approximately 1536 people participated

Env/Cash \$ 19,948

Debt Reduction \$ 340

EFT/Online \$ 5,276

**TOTAL \$ 25,564**

Children's Collection \$77.15

### WEEK OF 12/22/19

Approximately 1444 people participated

Env/Cash \$ 23,443

Debt Reduction \$ 2,835

EFT/Online \$ 17,610

**TOTAL \$ 43,888**

Children's Collection \$76.00

### To Sister Joyce's Friends at St. Mary Magdalen

A Blessed Christmas to each of you! You are Sister Joyce's wonderful friends—you are special angels of Light—you are Jesus to her!

Thank you kindly for your many messages. Her face lights up with joy and delight as she opens the card to see who sent it!

Sister Joyce has a long journey to recovery but has great hope and determination and great trust in God's healing graces! She is in rehab here at St. Francis Senior Ministries.

God bless you all! Keep in touch.

*Sister Janet Hay*

*Pastoral and Healthcare Minister  
for our senior Sisters.*

### Caregiver SUPPORT Activities at Be Our Guest

**The following activities are free and open to all people who are caregivers.**

Ralph C. Wilson, Jr.  
Legacy Funds

OF THE  
Community Foundation  
FOR SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN



LIVINGSTON COUNTY  
CATHOLIC  
CHARITIES  
HELPING LIVES GROW

*Relaxation Techniques and  
Gentle Fitness with Laura*

January 9, 5:00-6:00 pm

*Chair Massages*

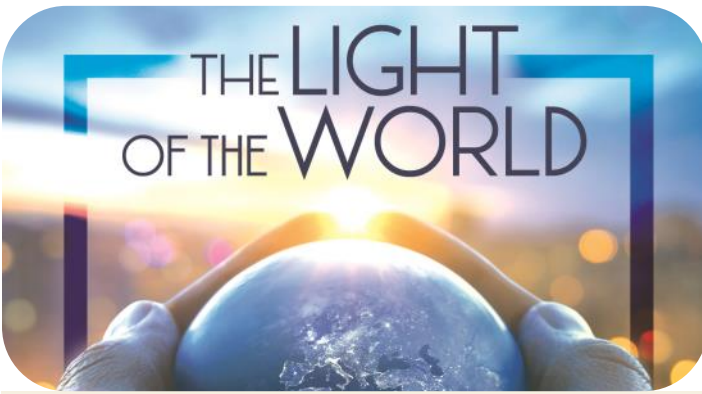
January 14, 4:00-6:00 pm

*Understanding and Responding  
to Dementia-Related Behavior*

January 29, 4:00-5:00 pm

Held at:

Be Our Guest Adult Day  
Livingston County Catholic Charities  
2020 Grand River Ave., Suite 103  
Howell, MI



### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### Monday, January 6

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 9:45 am Yoga
- 4:15/7:00pm St. Patrick's Basketball
- 6:00 pm Magdalen's Kitchen
- 7:30 pm K of C Business Meeting

#### Tuesday, January 7

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 12:15 pm Exercise and Balance
- 4:15 pm St. Patrick's Basketball
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Committee
- 7:00 pm Catholic Biblical School of Michigan
- 7:00 pm Community Life

#### Wednesday, January 8

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 9:15 am MOMS Group
- 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 5:00 pm Religious Formation
- 6:45 pm Religious Formation Team Meeting
- 7:30 pm Finance Council
- 7:30 pm Marriage Ministry

#### Thursday, January 9

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 10:00 am Panning Small Group
- 4:15 pm Rosary Prayer Group
- 5:30 pm Religious Formation
- 7:00 pm Spiritual Development
- 7:15 pm Adult Volleyball
- 7:30 pm Music Ministry

#### Friday, January 10

- 9:00 am Preschool
- 9:45 am Yoga
- 10:00 am Sew Much Fun
- 11:00 am 50+ Sr. Pot Luck Lunch
- 4:30 pm St. Patrick's Basketball
- 6:00 pm Couples Game Night

#### Saturday, January 11

- 7:30 am Men's Breakfast
- 10:30 am Preschool Open House
- 4:30 pm RCIA

#### Sunday, January 12

- 9:30 am K of C Pancake Breakfast
- 9:00 am First Eucharist Rite of Enrollment
- 7:00 pm Youth Group



### Saint Patrick School News

The Saint Patrick School Christian Service Committee has had a very busy first semester. This group of parent volunteers organizes and promotes service-oriented projects within the school community. Through the integration of the Corporal Works of Mercy, the committee exposes and encourages our children to answer the call of Christian service.

Some of the various projects include weekly and monthly nonperishable donations to Livingston County food banks, a school-wide coat-drive organized by the 8th grade class, a 6th grade school newspaper in which all proceeds benefit the Chadtough Foundation, a 6th grade card writing ministry, a 2nd grade initiative to reach out to the residents of Brookdale Senior Center, and a 5th grade commitment to the Adopt-a-Family Christmas program (see picture).

In addition, the school community has made a commitment to the *Kids Against Hunger* Program. Through several bake sales and dress down fundraisers, the students will raise money to purchase all the food and postage for this cause. The student body will then package the food during Catholic Schools Week in January.



### Free Throw Contest for All Girls and Boys ages 9-14

***Sunday, January 12 between the 9 am and 11 am masses in the gym.*** No pre-registration required. Come join us for some free throw fun and a chance to win some prizes! Winners will progress through local, district, and jurisdictional competitions.

### **PANCAKE BREAKFAST Sunday, January 12**

Join us for breakfast and cheer our youth on as they compete!



### Are you experienced using Microsoft Office Publisher?

We need your time and your expertise! Ideally, we would like to have one or two volunteers to help create our weekly bulletin using our publisher bulletin template.

You can choose the day and time that works best for you to come into the office to work on the bulletin. The time commitment would likely be 6-8 hours per week. We are looking for someone who enjoys typing and is detail oriented; creativity is a plus!

Please contact Sandi Phillips or Gayle Zawisa in the office if you are interested or let Fr. Shaun know.

Yoga classes will resume on  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 6**

### MINISTERS OF PRAYER

January 5– January 11

Sunday	Nancy Nychpor
Monday	Barb Dolkowski
Tuesday	Rachel Tuzinsky
	Jean Glowacki
Wednesday	Colleen Atwood
Thursday	Diane Davidson
	Lisa Klein
Friday	Clarence and Ginny Kroll
Saturday	Judy Brown

### WELLNESS QUOTE

**“The Lord stands above the new day, for God has made it. All restlessness, all worry, and anxiety flee before him.”**

*-Dietrich Bonhoeffer*