

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor Fr. Roger Abadano

Deacon Robert Kruse

Epiphany of the Lord

January 2, 2022

Our Mission Statement: St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community strives to be an instrument of peace and love in Amherst County through fellowship in the Eucharist and service to the poor, the youth, the stranger and the un-churched, in cooperation with other Christian churches.

Readings

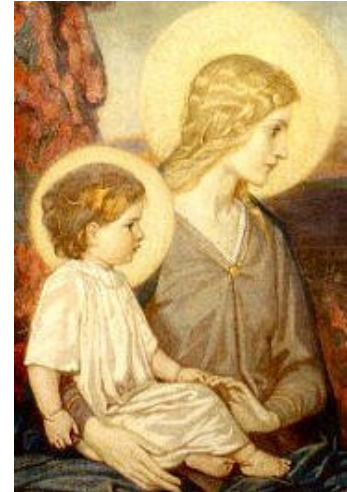
Reading I: Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm: Psalm 72

Response: "Lord, every nation will adore you."

Reading II: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12



Mass Intentions

Sat.-Jan. 1

For: Repose of the soul of +Mary Bauer Shinal req: Tina Murphy

For: Repose of the soul of +Tillie Winfield req: Jim & Carol Charles

Prayer List

WE PRAY TO THE LORD...Becky Baudaillier, Chris Bogdewic, Flora Brabo, Maria Brabo, Donna Brewster, Jean Camm, Honey Furfaro, Jennifer Furfaro, Irene & Dr. George Gray, Carolyn Greaves, Jordan Greaves, Bob Green & Family, Phil Greenwood, Janet Hollingsworth, Christine Horwege, Tom Hunnicutt, Beverly Infante, Jim Kirkwood, Wayne Mundy, Gene Onestinghel, Parker Onestinghel, Pat Onestinghel, Lori Ann Pompie, Marti Sanita, Rick Shoman, Cochise Suarez, Claudia Szarnicki, Meghan Thomas, Angus Topfer, Susy Weiss, Reggie Wilkerson, Kevin Williams, and George Winfield. **LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS.**

Epiphany of the Lord

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany. "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words, the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season. — *Pius Parsch*

Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation. St. Leo brings out this point admirably in a sermon, read at Matins, in which he shows in the adoration of the Magi the beginnings of Christian faith, the time when the great mass of the heathen sets off to follow the star which summons it to seek its Saviour.

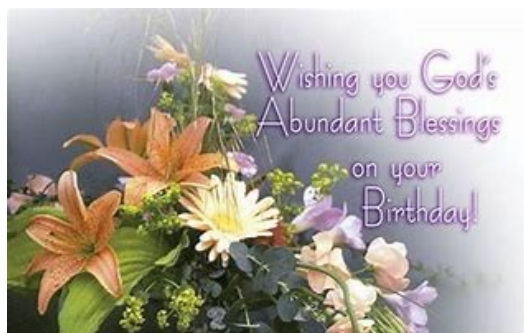
St. Francis News and Notes...

- Only one mass this weekend—Sat. at 5 pm. Sunday is not a holy day of obligation.
- All collection envelopes are ready to be picked up.
- Thank you to all who provided their time and talents to prepare our church for the celebration of the birth of Jesus.



January Birthdays

Isaac Cochran	5
Jim Clarke	7
Austin Luther	7
Emma Luther	7
Kaelynn Smith	8
Richard Mundy	18
John Pelissier	19
Pam Gouldthorpe	19
Michelle Douthat	22
Shirley Kanthack	23
Jacob Alger	29
Margaret Golightly	30
Fiora Grey	31



Mass Times: Sat., 5:00 pm **Reconciliation:** Sat., 4:30pm –4:50pm & by appt.

Office Hours: Tues. 11:00-3 pm; Wed. 1:00-3:30 pm; Fri. 11:00-3 pm **Office phone:** 434-946-2053

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