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THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

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Worship Aid for the Epiphany of the Lord

Prayer for Vocations



Almighty Father, You have created for us some definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous "Yes." Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations. May our young people respond to Your call with courage and zeal. Stir among our men a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests. Bless us with consecrated religious and those called to a chaste single life, permanent deacons, and faithful husbands and wives, who are a sign of Christ's love for His Church. We commend our prayer for vocations to You, Father, through the intercession of Mary our Mother, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr

Penitential Rite

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and
in what I have failed to do,
And striking their breast, they say:
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask
blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

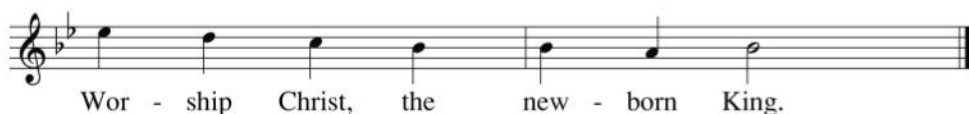
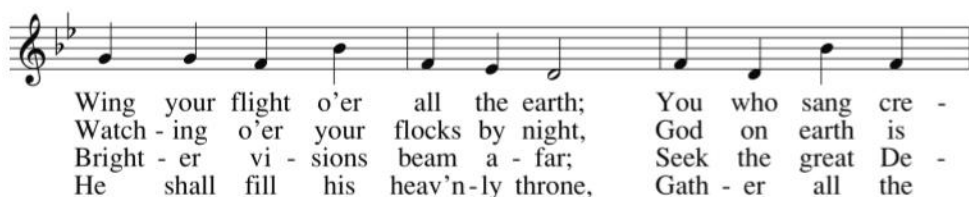
Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.
Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.

Christe Eleison/Christ, have mercy.
Christe Eleison/Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.
Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.

Entrance Hymn

Angels from the Realms of Glory



Text: Sts. 1-3, James Montgomery, 1771-1854; st. 4, *Christmas Box*, 1825
Tune: REGENT SQUARE, 8 7 8 7 8 7; Henry Smart, 1813-1879

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on
earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore
you, we glorify you, we give you thanks
for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father, you take away the sins of the
world, have mercy on us; you take away
the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you
alone are the Lord, you alone are the
Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy
Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Is 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Response



O God, with your judgment endow the king,
and with your justice, the king's son;
he shall govern your people with justice
and your afflicted ones with judgment. *R.*

Justice shall flower in his days,
and profound peace, till the moon be no more.
May he rule from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth. *R.*

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts;
the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute.
All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him. *R.*

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out,
and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;
the lives of the poor he shall save. *R.*

Text: Refrain trans., *Lectioary for Mass*, © 1969, 1981, 1997, ICEL; verses, *New American Bible*, © 1970, Cofraternity of Christian Doctrine
Music: Michel Guimont, © 1994, 1998, GIA Publications, Inc.

Second Reading

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. son, and if a son then also an heir, through God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Mt 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*"

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

All make a profound bow:
*and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary,
and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic
and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Offertory Hymn

We Three Kings from Orient Are



1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; Bear - ing
2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, Gold I
3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; In - cense
4. Myrrh is mine: its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a
5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



gifts, we trav - erse a - far Field and foun - tain,
bring to crown him a - gain; King for - ev - er,
owns a De - i - ty nigh; Prayer and prais - ing,
life of gath - er - ing gloom; Sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
God and Sac - ri - fice; "Al - le - lu - ia,



Moor and moun - tain, Fol - low - ing yon - der star.
Ceas - ing nev - er, O - ver us all to reign.
Glad - ly rais - ing, Wor - ship - ing God on high.
Bleed - ing, dy - ing, Sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
Al - le - lu - ia!" Sounds through the earth and skies.



O star of won - der, star of night, Star with



roy - al beau - ty bright, West - ward lead - ing,



still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to the per - fect Light.

Text: Matthew 2:1-11; John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891, alt.
Tune: KINGS OF ORIENT, 88 44 6 with refrain; John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Communion Hymns

1. The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

2. They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
3. And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.
4. This star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay.
5. Then entered in those wise men three,
Full rev'rently upon their knee,
And offered there in his presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.
6. Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,
Who made the heavens and earth of naught,
And with his blood our life has bought.

Text: English Carol, 17th C.

What Child is This?

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
3. So bring him incense, gold and myrrh
Come peasant, king to own him.
The King of kings salvations brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone him.

*This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.*

Text: William C. Dix, 1827-1898

2. Why lies he in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.

The First Noel

Recessional Hymn

As with Gladness, Men of Old

1. As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore your splendor see.

2. As with joyful steps they sped
To that lowly manger-bed,
There to bend the knee before
Him, whom heav'n and earth adore;
So may we with hurried pace
Run to seek your throne of grace.

3. As they offered gifts most rare
At that manger crude and bare;
So may we this holy day,
Drawn to you without delay,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to you, our heav'nly King.

4. Holy Jesus, every day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds your glory hide.

5. In the heav'nly city bright
None shall need created light;
You, its light, its joy, its crown,
You, its sun which goes not down;
There forever may we sing
Alleluias to our King.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.

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Weekend Mass Schedule

St. Cecilia (Oakley): Saturday 3:30 PM | Sunday 8 AM, 10 AM, and 8:15 PM

St. Mary (Hyde Park): Saturday at 4 PM | Sunday at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

The Oratory of St. John Vianney at St. Anthony Church (Madisonville): Saturday 3 PM | Sunday 9:30 AM

Daily Mass Schedule

St. Cecilia (Oakley): 9 AM Mass, Monday-Saturday. Communion service, Monday-Saturday 8 AM

All-day Adoration follows the 9 AM Mass on Wednesdays with 7 PM Holy Hour and Confessions from 7-7:50 PM.

St. Mary (Hyde Park): 5:30 PM evening Mass, Monday-Thursday with Holy Hour on Tuesdays following the 5:30 PM Mass.

The Oratory of St. John Vianney at St. Anthony Church (Madisonville): 11:45 AM Mass, Monday-Friday.

Confession Schedule

Confessions begin immediately after all daily Masses and one hour before weekend Masses, ending 30 minutes before Mass.

For information on weddings, baptisms and funerals, please visit eastsidefaith.org or call the appropriate parish office.

St. Cecilia (Oakley)

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For a complete listing of ministries and staff, visit eastsidefaith.org.

Mass Intentions (St. Mary)

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

5:30 PM For the People of the Parish

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

5:30 PM Alex Siegel by St. Mary Faculty

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

5:30 PM Sandy Langford by Ann Glacken

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

5:30 PM Maureen Rosenbaum by Jim & Beth Mock

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

5:30 PM No Mass

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

4:00 PM Bob Staun by Jim & Truka Fisk

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

8:30 AM Lore Schiecht by The Jonas Family

10:30 AM Marian Leonard by Margie Wimberg

Mass Intentions. If you have any particular intentions for which you would like to have a Mass offered, please contact your parish office. Intentions are often requested for those who have died, but may include any kind of need that you or someone you know is experiencing for which prayer is needed.



Wedding Banns

No banns this week.

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The Epiphany of the Lord

January 8, 2023

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. This day is celebrated around the world as the day of the visitation of the Magi—a day when Jesus is revealed as our Savior. What an incredible revelation to the Gentiles to find out that Our Divine Lord was born.

On Monday, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, the day the Holy Spirit came down from heaven on the day of Jesus' glorious baptism. He was proclaimed the beloved Son of the Father. This was our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany.

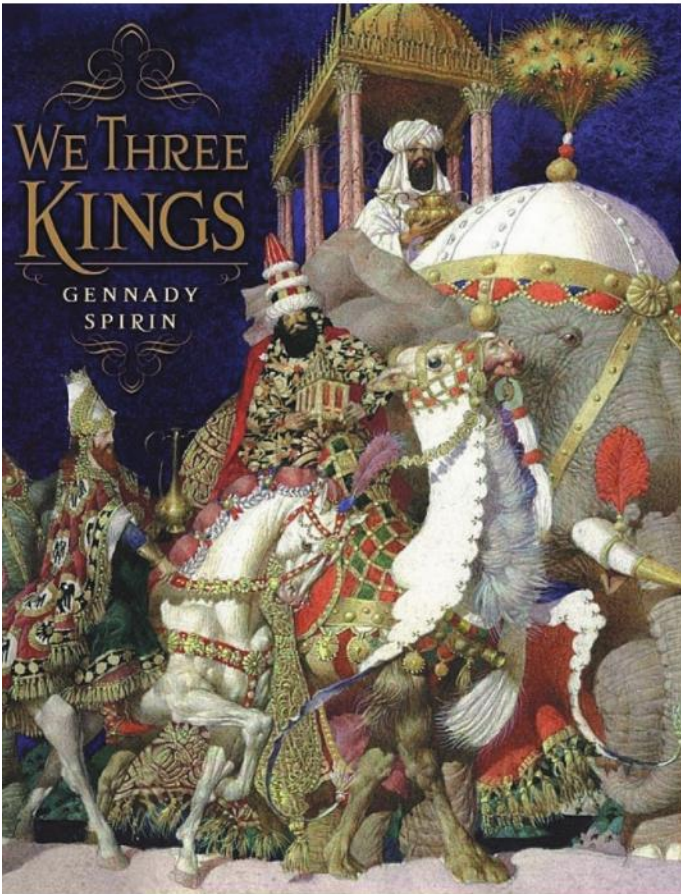
These feasts conclude the Christmas Season, but let us work to keep the joy of the season in our hearts and in our lives.

Amen? Amen!

Fr. Jesse

We Three Kings

A beautiful little picture book that follows the lyrics from the well-known hymn. So perfect for the Epiphany!



With this podcast, Catholics will:

- Read the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church in 365 days
- Understand the essentials of the Catholic Faith and why they matter
- See how Church teaching is rooted in Sacred Scripture
- Absorb over 2,000 years of Sacred Tradition
- Encounter God's plan of sheer goodness
- Transform their relationship with the Church that Christ founded.

If you have ever wanted to understand what it means to be Catholic and allow those truths to shape your life—this podcast is for you!

Scan this code to learn more about the podcast, which began on January 1.

Epiphany House Blessing

This Saturday and Sunday blessed chalk will be available at each of the side alters for you to take home. The blessing of the home is a popular Epiphany custom. The gospel tells us that the magi found Christ “on entering the house.” The door to your home is a holy threshold. Using specially blessed chalk, many households inscribe above the door the first two numbers of the year + C + M + B then the last two numbers of the year. Tradition tells us that the letters stand for the names of the magi; Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. The inscription also stands for the Latin phrase *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, which means “May Christ, bless this dwelling.” It is appropriate to bless your door in January, as *janua* means “door” and the first month is the door to the New Year. Write above the entry way with the chalk:

20 + C + M + B + 23



From the Desk of Fr. Ken

This weekend we tell of the Magi giving gifts. Gold represents His Kingship and Diving. Frankincense represents His Priesthood. Myrrh represents His death and burial. And, speaking of gifts, thank you for your cards, gift cards, food, and money. I am grateful.

Fr. Ken Schoof

From the School Office

St. Mary School

Open House

Sunday, January 29, 2023

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Come and tour the school
View student work
You will be amazed!



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Catholic Schools Week 2023
January 29-February 4
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While we grieve that he is no longer with us here, I join Catholics everywhere in offering my profound gratitude to the Lord for the gift of Pope Benedict XVI and his ministry. Together we beg our Lord to grant him eternal rest.”

ARCHBISHOP
TIMOTHY P. BROGLIO
President, United States Conference of
Catholic Bishops



Mass Intention Offerings

If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a special occasion, on behalf of a family member or friend, or a deceased loved one, please contact the church office at 513-321-1207 ext. 8100 or cbrigger@smshp.com. We will send a personalized Mass card to the intention recipient or their family. We kindly ask for a \$5 offering. Thank you.

St. Vincent DePaul

SVDP Food Drive is NEXT weekend, January 14 & 15. Non-perishable food and baby Items will be collected in the vestibule. Thank you for your support.

Dear 65+ Parishioners,

Let's Get Connected! EPIC offers a hands-on, in-person connection which is vital to our well-being. Isolation, loneliness, and lack of social interaction cause seniors to become withdrawn and depressed.

Your **St. Mary EPIC** group offers an easy, monthly way to connect with other senior parishioners and your parish community. You can enjoy activities, programs, entertainment, dining, and conversation in a familiar, safe environment. We also open two events each year to include family, friends, and all parishioners to mix and be a part of the larger community!

Intergenerational events are such a great way to remain in touch. Did you know that we have been entertained by our very own Paul Chiappone and his music group? We have also been blessed by Zac Mills and the SMS children's choir! There is so much talent in our parish, and people are so willing to share that with us. We are grateful.

It costs nothing to join us. It does not require a lengthy commitment. IT DOES offer the fantastic opportunity to get together with fellow parishioners, men, and women. IT DOES offer opportunities to be seen and heard and be a vital active part of this community.

A good new year's resolution is to come out and meet and enjoy our vibrant senior group!

P.S. Remember when you were young and how fun it was to go on a road trip? It is not too late to sign up for our **"Road Trip to Cape Cod."** Talk about an adventure! Talk about feeling vibrant and enjoying the quaint beauty of Cape Cod. Now, this is not your average "senior" event.

Visit smchp.com / Search: EPIC

Come join the fun! Happy New Year,
Mary Landrum EPIC, Chair / mlandrum@smshp.com

First Grade Christmas Play Pals

You're Invited



ALL YEAR LONG
EXTRAORDINARY PARISHIONERS IN
COMMUNITY



“The happiness you are seeking, the happiness you have a right to enjoy, has a name and a face: it is Jesus of Nazareth.” - POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI



CATECHESIS (kat’i-ke’sis) n.

The Nicene Creed was a response to the Arian heresy, which denied the divinity of Christ. It takes its name from the city of Nicaea, where an ecumenical council was held in A.D. 325. At this council, Saint Athanasius, a doctor of the Church, defended the divinity of Christ. Subsequent to the meeting in Nicaea, the original creed underwent some changes – at meetings in Constantinople in A.D. 381 and Chalcedon in A.D. 450. The Nicene Creed is the only Christian creed accepted in common as authoritative by the Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican, and major Protestant Churches.



KNOW YOUR SAINTS

St. Joan of the Cross (1666-1736)

An encounter with a shabby old woman many dismissed as insane prompted St. Joan to dedicate her life to the poor. For Joan, who had a reputation as a businesswoman intent on monetary success, this was a significant conversion.

Born in 1666 in Anjou, France, Joan worked in the family business—a small shop near a religious shrine—from an early age. After her parents’ death she took over the shop herself. She quickly became known

for her greediness and insensitivity to the beggars who often came seeking help.

That was until she was touched by the strange woman who claimed she was on intimate terms with the deity. Joan, who had always been devout, even scrupulous, became a new person. She began caring for needy children. Then the poor, elderly and sick came to her. Over time she closed the family business so she could devote herself fully to good works and penance.

She went on to found what came to be known as the Congregation of St. Anne of Providence. It was then she took the religious name of Joan of the Cross. By the time of her death in 1736 she had founded 12 religious houses, hospices and schools. Pope John Paul II canonized her in 1982.

Glória in excelsis Deo. The Novus Ordo Latin Mass is celebrated every Tuesday at 9AM at St. Cecilia. There are booklets to help you following along with the Mass.

Winter Bible Study: St. Joseph and Authentic Masculinity

Mondays 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM starting January 9 at St. Cecilia Parish (Commons) | Material Cost: \$20

A 6-week custom class taught by Mr. Colin Kunath

In this study, we will explore St. Joseph’s role in salvation history in the context of major figures from the Old Testament and their struggles to embody the masculine virtues required for their God given missions.

By examining where figures like Adam, Noah and Abraham failed but Joseph succeeded, we will discover ways to better understand what it means to be a man living in Christ’s image. This examination will lead us to the culmination of manhood in Christ’s perfection and, with God’s grace, help us to better understand what it is to be a man. While this study will be focused on masculinity, both men and women are welcome.

To register, go to www.eastsidefaith.org, click on For Adults, then click on Desiring Formation.

Financial Peace University

Wednesdays from 7-9 PM starting January 11 in the St. Cecilia School (classroom above the Commons) | Material Cost: \$79

Never worry about money again with Financial Peace University! It’s a proven plan to help you master budgeting, beat debt, and live the life of your dreams. Through nine lessons rooted in biblical wisdom, you’ll learn from Dave Ramsey and his team of financial experts. This course is facilitated by parishioner Brian Sellers.

To register, go to www.eastsidefaith.org, then click on For Adults, then click on Desiring Formation



PRO-LIFE MASS at 8:00 a.m. every Saturday at Holy Name Church on Auburn Avenue, followed by prayer vigil in front of Planned Parenthood. For more info, contact John Wendeln at 513-218-1938.



Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr invites you to join him in exploring the wonder of the Mass through a special video series featuring Bishop Robert Barron. Each Sunday from January 8 through February 12, Archbishop Schnurr will email you his own brief insights along with a 25-minute episode from Word on Fire's *The Mass*. **Also available in Spanish.**

Join Archbishop Schnurr and fellow Catholics across the archdiocese and experience the Mass in a whole new way.
Sign up for free at CatholicAOC.org/theMass



Save the Date: Lenten Mission 2023

- Speaker: Fr. Larry Richards
- Date: February 27, 28, March 1, 2
- Time: 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
- Location: St. Cecilia Church

A gifted and captivating speaker, preacher, retreat master, and author, Father Larry Richards holds the answer to some of life's most profound questions. He speaks from experience as a pastor of an inner-city parish, a high school chaplain, a counselor, and an evangelist. Father Larry Richards has directed hundreds of Retreats, Parish Missions, and Conferences for young and old alike. His inspirational talks and presentations, always authentic and enthusiastic, have changed the hearts, minds, and lives of millions of listeners worldwide.

Some of his most popular talks are entitled, *The Truth, Confession, The Mass Explained, Knowing God's will, Prayer, Living in the Holy Spirit, and Be a Man.* We pray you will join us for this life-changing Lenten mission!

St. Francis Seraph Ministries offers a personal connection to those who need special care for their feet. The underserved and homeless spend so much time on their feet, frequently walking long distances daily. The **Foot Care for the Souls** program needs volunteers and community support. Volunteers provide foot care, foot massage, new socks, and shoes to the homeless and working poor. Please reach out to Theresa at tdiersen@sfsministries.org or 513.276.7037 for more information.

Catechists are people who keep the memory of God alive; they keep it alive in themselves and they are able to revive it in others. – Pope Francis

The Archdiocesan Office of Prison Ministry is looking for men and women to teach three new courses at Lebanon Correctional Institution. The courses are eight weeks in duration, one evening each week – Fall of 2023: *Why be Poor in Spirit?*; Winter 2023: *Back to the Garden*; and Spring 2024: *Seeking God's Will*. Volunteers will be trained and all curriculum and materials will be provided. **Please call 513.240.3466 or email info@serenelliproject.org to learn more.**



The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:6. ... all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense.

Matthew 2:11. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.



Isaiah prophesied that the magi would give gold and frankincense. But myrrh didn't make his list. Why?

In the Old Testament, myrrh is associated with anointing. The Lord instructs Moses to include myrrh in the sacred anointing oil. This oil is so sacred that it can only be used in the temple and to anoint priests (Exodus 30:23, 25-33). But in the gospels, myrrh is associated with Jesus' passion. It is presented to Jesus while he hangs on the cross (Mark 15:23). And after Jesus' death, Nicodemus supplies a mixture of myrrh and aloes to anoint his body for the tomb (John 19:39).

Though earlier in his writing Isaiah depicts the Redeemer as the Suffering Servant who was "pierced by our sins" and gave "his life as a reparation offering" (Isaiah 52:13-53:12), today's first reading envisions a more triumphant Messiah. Matthew, on the other hand, includes myrrh in the gifts given at the Epiphany to presage Christ's eventual death for our sins. Even amid their joyful worship, the Magi know what's in store for this innocent baby: a life of unjust suffering that will culminate in a cruel death.

Like the Magi, we must remember—amid our celebration today—that the destiny of the Christ Child is the cross. *~Mike Keefe*

Mike Keefe is most blessed to be a husband and dad. A few of his kids attend St. Mary School. The other one just turned one. His wife, Barbara, mostly tolerates his amazing Dad Jokes.

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Mailed:	\$32,253	FYTD Budget:	\$429,000
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