

COME
let us
ADORE HIM

Epiphany of the Lord
Jan 3, 2021

Wed.	Jan 6 th	11:30am	St. John
Thurs.	Jan 7 th	7:00pm	St. Columbkille
Fri.	Jan. 8 th	9:30am	St. John
Sat.	Jan. 9 th	4:00pm	St. John
Sun.	Jan. 10 th	8:30am	St. Joseph
Sun.	Jan. 10 th	10:30am	St. Columbkille

Readings for the Week

Monday, Jan. 4th

1 John 3:22-4:6 Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, Jan 5th

1 John 4:7-10 Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday, Jan. 6th

1 John 4:11-18 Mark 6:45-52

Thursday, Jan. 7th

1 John 4-19, 5:4 Luke 4:14-22

Friday, Jan. 8th

1 John 5:5-13 Luke 5:12-16

Saturday, Jan. 9th

1 John 5:14-21 John 3:22-30

Sunday, Jan. 10th

Isaiah 55:1-11 1 John 5:1-9

Mark 1:7-11



We will be having a rosary on Wednesday's at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.

Let Us Give Thanks!

Weekend Collection - \$4627.00

Loose - \$12.00

Building Fund - \$95.00

Christmas Collection - \$4804.00

650 Parish Families

(297 Family envelope holders)

95 Envelopes used

Mass Intentions for Weekend of Jan 2 & 3

Saturday St. John: + Carol Lamke

Sunday St. Joseph: Good Shepherd Parishioners

Sunday St. Columbkille: John Cieslinski

Donations:

In memory of John Cieslinski by Karen & Kevin Romzek

In this Sunday's Reading

"..They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

Matthew 2:11

An important detail in this scene is that the Magi knelt before Jesus before presenting their gifts. We, too, should take the time to kneel before Jesus - to pray - before we offer the gifts that God has given to us. Taking that time to pray helps make it clear how God may be asking us to use our gifts.



I Heard God Laugh by Matthew Kelly

If you did not get a book that was given out at Christmas mass you can pick them up at the entries of all the churches.

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Religious Education/Faith Formation

Please pray for all who come together for our programs. Tuesday & Wednesday program includes:

Kindergarten through 6th grade.

Argyle: 6-7:30pm Tuesday (Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26)

Ubyly 3-4:30pm Wednesday (Jan. 6, 13, 20)

Sheridan Corners: Wednesday (Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27)

Youth Group

Youth Group will be meeting again in Feb. 2021.

Happy New Year to all.

Youth group is for all 7th thru 12th graders.

All are welcome and there is no charge.

Christian Initiation

Christian Initiation RCIA Meetings will be held on Sunday, Jan. 3; Sunday, Jan. 17; and Sunday, Jan. 31 at 6:30 pm at St. Columbkille church in the gathering room. If you have any questions, please call Dana Irion at 989-553-0585 or Fr. Nate at 989-658-8145.

Christ's Mission Appeal 2020

Our Parish is conducting the annual Christ's Mission Appeal. Our goal for this year is \$56,548 as of this week our Parish has pledged \$34,773. Please be generous to the Christ's Mission Appeal by sharing your gifts and blessings. Your contribution to Christ's Mission Appeal is a way of serving our brothers & sisters throughout the diocese and continuing the saving work begun by Jesus.



VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE:

Counters:

We will be counting on Monday's starting at the being of the New Year.

Monday Jan 4: Shirley Piontkowski, Jeanene Schmidt, Judy Messing

Jan. 11: Kathy Beaver, Charlotte Baker, Del Czewski

Tuesday Jan. 19: Rose Maikrzek, Luci Kubacki, Ann Ypma

4:00pm Saturday Jan. 9th St. John

Lector: Martin Kubacki

EMHC: Luci Kubacki

Ushers: Jim Czewski, Tom Murray, Glen Peruski

8:30pm Sunday Mass Jan. 10th St. Joseph

Lector: Denise Kubacki

EMHC: Denise Kubacki

Ushers: Steve Briolat, Gordon Farrelly, Bill Izydorek

10:30am Sunday Mass Jan. 10th St Columbkille

Lector: Kathy Cregeur

EMHC: Dan Irion

Ushers: Dan Cregeur, Ronnie Irion

MARRIAGE PREPARATION WORKSHOP

WHEN: Saturday, March 13, 2021; 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

WHERE: Virtual-online

The Diocesan Marriage Preparation Workshop helps engaged couples understand what it means to get married in the Catholic Church. Among the topics covered are: Marriage as a Sacrament, Marital Intimacy, Natural Family Planning, Communication, Conflict Resolution, and Family of Origin.

COST & CONTACT/REGISTRATION INFO:

Registration fee is \$50 per couple. Registration deadline is Monday, March 8 2022

To register: call 989-797-6660 or register online

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Jesus Thirsts for Your Love!

Will you quench His thirst?

Fr. Nate's Update

(Right: Parishioners' Nativity Scene in Ubyly; Below: Sign by our St. Joseph Church)



Dear Reader, fellow **Saint-in-the-Making**,
Blessed New Year, and **Happy Feast of Mary, Mother of God (Jan. 1)**!

First, some humor: *The Alaska Department of Fish and Game reports that male reindeer drop their antlers at the beginning of winter, usually late November to mid-December. Female reindeer retain their antlers till after they give birth in the spring. Therefore, according to every depiction of Santa's reindeer, EVERY single one, from Rudolph to Blitzen, had to be female. We should have known... only women would be able to pull a man (who has eaten too many cookies) in a red suit all around the world in one night and not get lost.*



THANK YOU! To all who sent me cards or gifts or prayers for Christmas. I am so blessed to be your shepherd, leading you closer to our Good Shepherd, and to His Mother, His earthly Father Joseph, and His Heavenly Father!

“THE PRAYER PROCESS” from **I Heard God Laugh**: This book is so helpful and inspiring that I listened to the audiobook twice! I'm excited to see how it will help you and I grow in our intimate relationship with God, with each of the three Divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you'd like another copy

to give to a friend, a neighbor, a coworker, a family member, please check our churches for extra copies, or call the office. Here is the prayer process (as explained in another book by Matthew Kelly, *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*, p. 61-62):

“In The Prayer Process we take time – a minute, two minutes or maybe ten minutes – to spend time with Jesus every day. Pick a specific time when you will pray; for example, first thing in the morning or at night when the kids go to sleep. Find a quiet place where you can exclusively focus on God and begin. The seven steps of The Prayer Process are as follows:

- **Gratitude:** Begin by thanking God in a personal dialogue for whatever you are most grateful for today.
- **Awareness:** Revisit the times of the past twenty-four hours when you were and were not the-best-version-of-yourself. Talk to God about these situations and what you learned from them.
- **Significant Moments:** Identify something you experienced today and explore what God might be trying to say to you through that event (or person).

- **Peace:** Ask God to forgive you for any wrong you have committed (against yourself, another person, or Him) and to fill you with a deep and abiding peace.
- **Freedom:** Speak with God about how he is inviting you to change your life, so that you can experience the freedom to be the-best-version-of-yourself.
- **Others:** Lift up to God anyone you feel called to pray for today, asking God to bless and guide them.
- Finish by praying the **Our Father**.

“Each of the first six steps in the process should stimulate a conversation with God. It is easy to fall into the trap of merely thinking about these things. When you find yourself doing that, return to actually speaking with God about whatever it is you are thinking. The goal is to develop the ability to have intimate conversations with God during this time set aside for prayer. The more deeply rooted we become in this daily habit of prayer, the more those conversations with God will spill over into the moments of our daily lives.”



(Image from cover of “Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father” by Fr. Donald H. Calloway- recommended!)

2021 Year of St. Joseph: Pope Francis wrote a letter about St. Joseph for 2021 (the Year of St. Joseph) called *With a Father’s Heart*. He says the pandemic has helped us see more clearly the importance of “ordinary” people who exercise patience and offer hope; by doing they resemble St. Joseph, “the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence,” who nonetheless played “an incomparable role in the history of salvation.” Here’s a selection; google “patris corde” to read it:

“The aim of this Apostolic Letter is to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal...”

“The saints help all the faithful “to strive for the holiness and the perfection of their particular state of life”.[28] Their lives are concrete proof that it is possible to put the Gospel into practice.

“Jesus told us: “Learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart” (Mt 11:29). The lives of the saints too are examples to be imitated. Saint Paul explicitly says this: “Be imitators of me!” (1 Cor 4:16). By his eloquent silence, Saint Joseph says the same.

“Before the example of so many holy men and women, Saint Augustine asked himself: “What they could do, can you not also do?” And so he drew closer to his definitive conversion, when he could exclaim: “Late have I loved you, Beauty ever ancient, ever new!”

“We need only ask Saint Joseph for the grace of graces: our conversion.

“Let us now make our prayer to him:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Let Us Pray...

**(Pope’s JANUARY Intention):* May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all (Lord, hear our prayer!)

God loves you, I love you, I pray for you, please pray for me! -Fr. Nate Harburg

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The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6 | Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 | Mt 2:1-12

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

The Christmas tree has become a fire hazard, shedding needles everywhere. The kids have cast aside their new toys. Perhaps we've overspent this holiday season and are vaguely anxious about the bills. The bookmark in our Advent devotional is stuck at Dec. 9, and we've already blown a couple New Year's resolutions. And yet, the words of prophet Isaiah shake us out of our doldrums: "Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you ... Raise your eyes and look about." Freed from the busyness of the holiday season, we get a kind of do-over. Even on the grayest of winter days, Christ's light breaks through in this new year and presents new opportunities to open ourselves to the activity of the Holy Spirit acting in our lives. Let us pray for the grace to recognize it.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I love the feast of the Epiphany because I went into labor with my oldest son that night; he came into the world on a rainy, blustery Monday morning in 1998. I remember the joy my healthy baby boy brought to me and my husband, his grandmas, aunts, uncles and cousins. Imagine the joy the Wise Men must have felt when they followed that star and saw baby Jesus for the first time! They praised the Christ Child with their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. God still dwells among us today, and the Light of Christ beckons us all to follow it. As we bless our homes this Epiphany and pray, "May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love," let us witness to God's presence in our homes and in our hearts by offering Christ our very own gifts - of our lives and our abiding faith in him.

PRAY the Blessing of the Home and Household: "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with his love. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love."

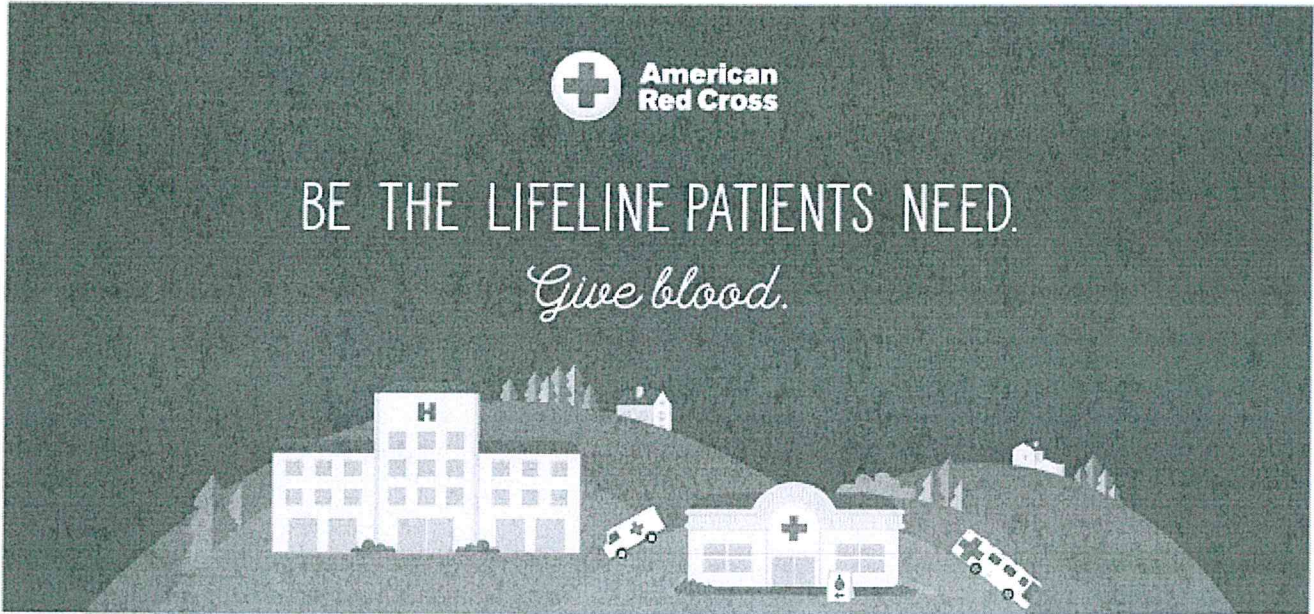


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Blood Drive St. John Parish Center

1935 Hamilton, Ubyly

**Tuesday, January 5, 2021
1:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.**

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