

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

*FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6*

*RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13*

*SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6*

*GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12*

**Reflection**

The astrologers, or magi, stand in for all the non-Jews of the world, just as the shepherds on Christmas night stood in for all the poor and dispossessed, the most illogical of all worshipers. No one would have expected the glad tidings to be delivered to the lowly shepherds. Similarly, no one quite expected Gentile astrologers from Persia or thereabouts to make their way to Israel and break open the story of salvation to the whole surprised world. And no one was quite ready for the almost fanatical Pharisee, Saul, to carry the good news of the Messiah to the non-Jewish world. In today's second reading, Paul reminds the Ephesians and himself once again of the amazing truth of his conversion. The revelation once given to the prophets and apostles was given to him! The revelation is not just for Israel, but is for the whole world—Israel and beyond Israel, right to Persia and beyond to the lands of the rising and setting sun. Jews and Gentiles alike share in the same Body of Christ and are coheirs of eternal life.

The doors are indeed thrown open to the whole world. As the new bright and shining Jerusalem, the Church must welcome all who come by any route, any route whatsoever. Every person who knocks at the door of Christianity and seeks Christ must be welcomed. Their stories must be told and heeded. They who have sought Christ by whatever light they have must be helped to see by the light of Christ that shines on all, the Christ who has come for all. It is no surprise that the small family rituals of this feast day endure. In Southern European countries and in the churches of the Eastern Rite, Epiphany takes primacy of place over Christmas as a feast day. Gifts are given, in imitation of the gift-giving of the magi. Doors are thrown open in welcome on this Twelfth Day of Christmas, "Little Christmas," as it sometimes is known in the northern latitudes. This is the day we open our doors and hearts in welcome. This is the day we honor all seekers and seers, are helped by them, and help them as best we can.

Please Welcome to the St. Joseph community our  
"NEWEST MEMBERS"

**BAPTISM**

*Aubrey Rose McDaniel  
Jagger Thomas Sheanshang*

We Remember in Prayer Those Who have Entered  
"NEW LIFE"

*Marion Schwerling*



**BEGINNING 2010 WITH THANKSGIVING....**

So many people have expressed appreciation for our Christmas liturgies and the church environment. All of the compliments go to those who volunteered their time and talent for the benefit of the whole parish; Margaret Monaco and her team of volunteer decorators, SpareTimeParishioners and the artist (who wants to be unnamed) created Advent candles and set up the manger scene for our front lawn; Connie Lauer, Jan Schwegmann and Teresa Blank with the various choirs and musicians helped us pray in song; our ushers assisted many visitors, our Lectors, altar servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion assisted at Mass; and our parish staff extended itself for the sake of a beautiful Christmas celebration.

Even our smallest parishioners helped us celebrate Christmas. A group of little angels and shepherds joined Mary and Joseph at the 4 PM Christmas Eve Mass. On Holy Family Sunday, the third day of Christmas, Sheila Horan, Lynn Donnermeyer and their helpers organized the Sunday pre-school children put on a pageant telling the Holy Family's story.

As we begin 2010, we have so much to be grateful for here at St. Joseph. Fr. Lange and I often comment how grateful we are for blessing of serving here at St. Joseph. We hear the words, "Thank you", but all the credit belongs to so many others who give their generous and joyful stewardship.

Gratitude is the core virtue of the Christian life. It is also a great way to begin a new year. I pray that each of you will be mindful of the many reasons you have to be grateful to our heavenly Father in the new year.  
*Fr. Gerry Reinersman*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Deacon &amp; Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</i>	<i>Servers</i>	<i>Mass Intentions</i>
01/09/2010 Saturday 5:00 PM	Marlene Broering	<b>EMC Captain:</b> Pat Borssart <b>EMC:</b> Julie Finn, Marge Schack, Mary C. Smith, Dolores Kierman, Larry Uebel, Sylvia Uebel Sr. Julaien Middendorf, Kathy Machenheimer	Chris Loos Daniel Vogel Alex Weiglein Carly Weiglein	Kathleen Niece
01/10/2010 Sunday 8:00 AM	Geri Coyle	<b>EMC Captain:</b> Jeanne Pettit <b>EMC:</b> Dennis Brennan, Sharon Clark, Joyce Whitford Carrie Hamberg, Tina Koch, Dona Kramer	Anna Bradtmueller Ashley Hamberg Megan Hamberg	For the People
9:30 AM	Debbie Behler	<b>EMC Captain:</b> Steve Winbigler <b>EMC:</b> Julie Schimpf, Dennis Elix, Tom Hansman, Mary Short Jerome Quitter, Toney Reinert, Kristina Chism, Tom Herms	Hannah Hatch Jessica Verst Becky VanHandorf Kristin Winbigler	Jim Baird
11:30 AM	Steve Popovich	<b>EMC Captain:</b> Ken Burton <b>EMC:</b> Jean Geiman, Karen Bond, Arthur Wittrock, Rob Mardis Maria Geiman, Ximena Burton, Gary Volker, Lynn Mowery	Danielle Bryan Andrea Davis Chase Hauke Joey Niehaus	The Hehman Family
7:00 PM	Rocke Saccone	<b>EMC Captain:</b> Joan Zai <b>EMC:</b> Steve Millbourn, Donald Clark	Gio Bakunawa Keno Bakunawa Daniel Powell Emily Powell	Johanna Siegrist

## The Epiphany of the Lord

**MEN'S RETREAT** ....All men of the parish are invited to attend the Men's Retreat at Marydale Retreat Center on the weekend of January 29th-31st, 2010. The Retreat leader will be Fr. Larry Schaeper. For more information or to make your reservation, please call Bob Lauer at 781-7939 or send an email to sjholyname@yahoo.com

**BBHS 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE OPEN HOUSE....** Bishop Brossart High School has rescheduled its annual **OPENHOUSE for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders on SUNDAY, JANUARY 10th.** The program includes classroom visits, exhibits and presentations featuring campus ministry, technology, clubs, athletics, campus development, and financial aid. Test results of the diocesan placement exam will be distributed and scholarships will be announced. Door prizes including a HP Netbook will be awarded to attending guests. A Spring Open House for 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be announced at a later date. For more information call BBHS at 859.635.2108.

**BE CONNECTED...BE INFORMED...** St. Joseph parishioners, who wish to receive information on parish activities & events here at Church, are asked to supply the parish with their e-mail address. Please e-mail cbreitenstein@stjoeschool.net.  
*Please let us know if your email has changed so that we can keep our list current.*

**ST. JOSEPH CHURCH PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES...** Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday from the end of the last morning Mass until closing of Benediction and rosary which begins at 6:00 p.m. The Patriotic Rosary is also prayed during adoration from 3:10-3:40 for the needs of our nations. Stop by for a visit.

### SERVER'S WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

<b>Mon. Jan. 04</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Daniel McKay, Josh Ollberding
<b>Tues. Jan. 05</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Garrett Ahlbrand, Ben Barbara
<b>Wed. Jan. 06</b>	<b>9:00</b>	Nina Reinert, Sam Tiefermann, Jessice Vogt
<b>Thurs. Jan. 07</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Ally Heck, Brennah Hunter
<b>Fri. Jan. 08</b>	<b>9:00</b>	School Mass
<b>Sat., Jan. 09</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Josh Ollberding, Katy Ollberding

### Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Mon. 01/04</b>	6:30	John & Frances Kremer
	8:30	Dorothy Muehlenkamp
<b>Tues. 01/05</b>	6:30	Jerome Groeschen
	8:30	Mary Murphy
<b>Wed. 01/06</b>	6:30	William Coleman, Jr.
	9:00	Jimmy Kelley
<b>Thurs. 01/07</b>	6:30	Rosemary Geiman
	8:30	Cliff Knapp
<b>Fri. 01/08</b>	6:30	Theresa Recker
	9:00	For those in Nursing Homes
<b>Sat. 01/09</b>	8:30	Kathy Crowe Houp



### MEETINGS & EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Jan. 04	Mon.	School Begins 7:30 PM RCIA AFR
Jan. 05	Tues.	8:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Society RMR
Jan. 06	Wed.	9:30 AM Familia CV 7:00 PM Worship CV 7:30 PM Drama Club Practice MH
Jan. 07	Thurs.	8:00 PM Holy Name Society KH
Jan. 08	Fri.	9:30 AM Familia CV

**ST. MARY'S LADIES SOCIETY... ANNUAL \$500.00 RAFFLE...** will be held on Thursday, January 21. This is a benefit for needs in the parish rectory and church sacristy/ for raffle tickets call Helen Fehr 441-2633.

**HELPERS OF GOD'S PRECIOUS INFANTS PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE,** Bishop Dennis Schnurr will offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at St. Teresa of Avila church, 1175 Overlook Ave., Price Hill, at 8:30 a.m., followed by a Rosary Procession to the nearby Planned Parenthood facility. The Prayer vigil will be held on the second Saturday of each month at St. Teresa of Avila Church. On the first, third and fourth Saturdays, Helpers will continue its 13-year prayer vigil at Holy Name Church, 2448 Auburn Avenue, Cincinnati, with an 8:00 a.m. Mass, Rosary and Benediction. Pray to end abortion.

### FR. DEJACO COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS...CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENT DATES:

**January**....no monthly dinner on New Year's Day...  
**On January 3rd** a breakfast will be served beginning at 9:00 AM till ? Sausage, eggs, bacon, pancakes, and fruit. Adults \$6.50 & Kids \$4.50.  
**February 5th** monthly dinner Our famous Fish or Spaghetti and meatballs will be served 4:00 to 8:00 PM Carry-outs available call 635-9863

### TOTAL COLLECTION INDICATED BELOW INCLUDES CHRISTMAS Dec. 25 COMBINED WITH SUNDAY Dec. 27.

Weekly Collection - Sunday	December 27, 2009
Our Tithe to God	\$19,771.50
Loose	\$3,206.00
Children's Collection	
Other (Holyday, etc)	\$20,024.50
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$43,002.00</b>
<b>Weekly Budget Sunday Collections</b>	<b>\$23,000.00</b>
<b>Budget Excess/(Shortfall)</b>	<b>\$20,002.00</b>
<b>Diocesan Collections</b>	<b>\$533.00</b>
<b>Capital Campaign Fund for December 27</b>	<b>\$13,460.00</b>