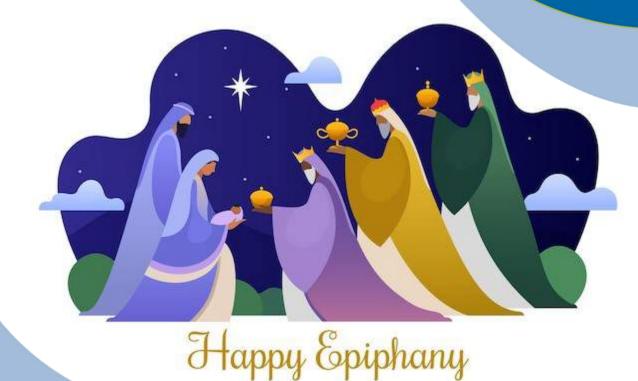
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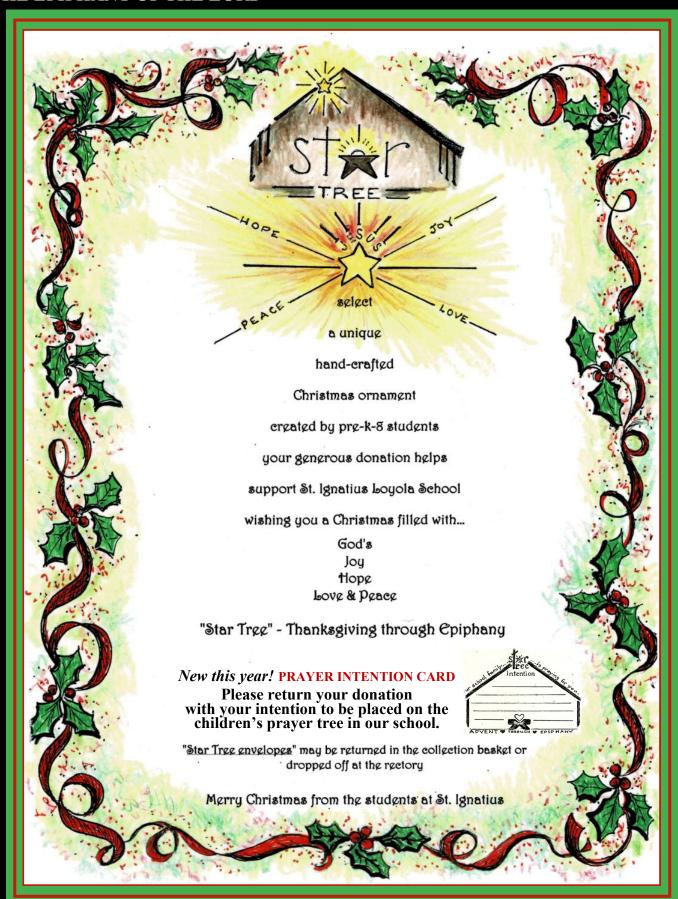


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ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 6th to Sunday, January 12th Monday, January 6

6:30 a.m. John Pinkerton

9:00 a.m. Dale & Sandy Hollenbach

Tuesday, January 7

6:30 a.m. Kathryn Stewart 8:00 a.m. Pat Capillo

Wednesday, January 8

6:30 a.m. Dorothy Prendergast

8:00 a.m. Lucille Kline

Thursday, January 9

6:30 a.m. Barbara Gavin 8:00 a.m. Joseph Yokitis

Friday, January 10

6:30 a.m. Anton Wassmer

8:00 a.m. All Souls

Saturday, January 11

8:00 a.m. Int. of Dcn. Tom & Maureen Devaney - 22rd Ann.

4:00 p.m. Augustine & Maria Doan

Sunday, January 12 - The Baptism of the Lord

7:30 a.m. Jackie Roth 9:00 a.m. Irma Farina 10:30 a.m. Robert Searls 12:00 p.m. Eleanor Bocian

GOSPEL MESSAGE

All nations are invited to sing the Lord's praises for they have been called to hear the good news and worship the long-awaited Messiah and King with the gift of their lives.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will I go and what will I offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JANUARY 11/12

ls 42:1-4, 6-7 or ls 40:1-5, 9-11 / Acts 10: 34-38 or Ti 2:11-14: 3: 4-7 / Lk 3:15-16: 21-22

GETHSEMANE'S ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

This Mass commemorates all of those interred or entombed in both Gethsemane & St. Mary's Cemeteries in 2024. It will be held on Sunday, January 19th at 3:00 PM in the Chapel of the Resurrection at Gethsemane Cemetery.

All are welcomed.

WITH GRATITUDE

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WITH GRATITUDE

Sister Rosemarie and Sister Patricia wish to thank their Advent Angels for the many prayers and thoughtful gifts they received nightly.

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- If school is closed for the day Adoration and all events and meetings will be canceled also for that day.
- If school has a late start due to snow or severe weather, then Adoration will be canceled for that day.
- If school is being dismissed early due to weather, then Adoration and all events and meetings will be <u>discontinued/canceled</u> beginning at the hour school is dismissed.
- If school is closed or being dismissed early due to weather on Tuesday then Adoration will bediscontinued/canceled for Tuesday AND Wednesday.



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March 2nd
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Sunday after
12:00pm Parish
Mass

both days at St. Ignatius Education Center

Key Note Speaker – Reverend Thomas Bortz

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Registration - Parish Retreat 2025

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ACTIVE PARISHIONER STATUS FOR SPONSORSHIP

We receive many requests from parishioners to be a godparent or sponsor for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Part of that request is to be able to verify that a person is an "active member" of our Parish.

An "active member" of this parish is one who

- Is properly registered
- Faithfully attends Mass on Sundays/Holy Days
- If married, must be validly married, i.e., in a Catholic Church by a priest or deacon
- If single, must be 16 years of age and received the Sacrament of Confirmation
- Participates in parish activities when possible
- Regularly contributes through the Sunday offertory collection by use of the parish envelope system or direct withdrawal.

(your envelope use confirms Mass attendance)
While assessments of an inquirer's status
will be made individually, the above are the main
factors considered in making that determination.

New Parishioners, welcome to St. Ignatius!

Are *you* officially registered in our parish? If you are not receiving our offering envelopes or the *AD Times* you may not be registered.

To register, visit the Rectory Monday-Friday, 9 $^{\mbox{\scriptsize AM}}$ - 5 $^{\mbox{\scriptsize PM}}.$

You must be registered for 3 months to:

- serve as a sacramental Godparent or Sponsor
- begin Marriage Preparation
- have your child/children Baptized.

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All information is confidential.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Today is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. For centuries we as Catholics celebrated this Feast on Jan. 6, but the decision was made a number of years ago (at least in the United States) to celebrate the Epiphany on the Sunday which falls between Jan. 2 and Jan. 8.

"Epiphany" means "manifestation." It is on this day that Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is revealed as the light of all nations. Officially Christmas is not over. In fact, the recommendation of the Church is that on this day those who display a crèche, a nativity or manger scene, should replace the shepherd and sheep with the Magi and their likely animals on which they traveled as well as their gifts. However, that is all secondary to the real meaning of this day.

At Christmas the Messiah Jesus was revealed to the shepherds, who were Jewish. But on this day the Lord is revealed to all nations and to the Gentiles (represented by the Magi). We are all familiar with the star the Magi followed, but we need to understand all that is happening and what it means. This all represents the Light of Christ, a Light which today we honor and commemorate. We are called to be the Light of Christ right now to those around us and those with whom we come in contact. That way we can be the disciples Christ wants us to be.

The poet William Cullen Bryant captures the significance of the star the Magi followed very well when he wrote, "O Father, may that Holy Star, Grow every year more bright, And send its glorious beams afar, To fill the world with light." Thank you for your continued support and donations!

THIS WEEK LET US PRAY...

On this Solemnity of the Epiphany, may we be given the grace to always see in others the face of Christ our Savior.



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PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

They will be distributed to the participating families from our Church after weekend Masses during January.

Any questions please call the Rectory.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 PM Vigil Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 &10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon

Daily: Monday

6:30 & 9:00 AM School Year 6:30 & 8:00 AM Summer

Tuesday through Friday: 6:30 & 8:00 AM Year round

Saturday: 8:00 AM

First Friday: 7:00 PM

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Wednesdays Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 AM until 7 PM Evening Prayer & Benediction

Reconciliation/Confession:

Saturday - 3:00 - 4:00 PM - Church Confessionals

Baptism: Third Sunday of each month 1:30 PM.
Baptism Seminar: First Sunday of each month 1:30 PM - JP II Rm.
Seminar attendance is required for parents before Baptism.
Please call the Rectory at 610.678.3767 to register for the Seminar.

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