



**January 3, 2021
The Epiphany of the Lord**

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MASS INTENTIONS:

January 2nd 5:00 pm - Pro Populo
 January 3rd 9:00 am - Tony & Elizabeth Vogel
 11:30 am - Bartolo Albizures
 January 5th Linda Sentman
 January 6th Mario Albizures
 January 7th Phyllis Petit
 January 8th Bill Petit
 January 9th 5:00 pm - Herman Harms
 January 10th 9:00 am - Joe & Mary Vogel & Family
 11:30 am - Pro Populo

If you would like a Mass said for a special intention please contact the parish office.



AT THE PARISH THIS WEEK:

Tuesday, January 5th:

6:00 pm Mass

Wednesday, January 6th:

No Mass at St. Robert's - Solemn High Latin Mass at St. John the Evangelist in Goshen at 6:00 pm

Thursday, January 7th:

8:00 am Mass

8:30 am - 6:00 pm All Day Adoration

Friday, January 8th:

8:00 am Mass

Saturday, January 9th:

4:00 pm Confession

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, January 10th:

9:00 am Mass

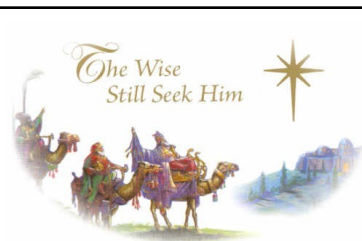
10:15 am Religious Education

11:30 am Misa en español



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mark Spalding and all the faithful departed.

For by gold the power of a king is signified, by frankincense the honor of God, by myrrh the burial of the body; and accordingly they offer Him gold as King, frankincense as God, myrrh as Man. -St John Chrysostom



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Let Us Pray For:

Edith Sands, Larry Harris, Bill Fleck, Josiah Abbott, Marco Martinez, Bill Reese, Nyla Dee Evans, Lucy Daugherty, Ashley Ervin, Richard Seagert, Thiago Lugo, Jeff Labas, Brie Ann Armstrong, Tim Shepherd, Tom Tatum, John Coonrod, Rex Tharp, Chad Alexander, Debby & Doug Hyde, Bob Wagoner, Jeanne Huser, Arlene Wring, Joe Accetta, Gary D., Jesus Diaz, Fernando Santaromita, Donna Zubowski, Shirley Williams, Jim Norman, Carolyn Reed, Fred & Judy Geyer, Pat O'Hara, Josephine Koontz, Ray & Bobbie Elbertson, Bill Leonhard, Chris & Rosemary Spalding, Chris Martin, Deanna Niccum, Bernie Bradley, Delores Hardy, Liz Learned, Summer West, Larry Reynolds, Carl & Paula Roemele, Brooks Mobley, Paul Nisbet, Mike Drancik, Winnie Lautzenheiser, Joanna Maxine & Evelyn Ruth Johnson

Dear family,

The secular world has moved on but the Church's celebration of Christmas continues! Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord. This is the day we commemorate the arrival of the Magi bearing their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Traditionally this feast is observed on January 6 as is still the case in Rome, the Holy Land, and Latin America (therefore marking the end of the 12 Days of Christmas). But for whatever reason here in the United States it gets transferred to the nearest Sunday. The Epiphany is one of my favourite feast days and has an interesting tradition connected to it. It is customary to bless houses at this time of year using blessed chalk to mark an inscription above the front door. This year the inscription reads 20+C+M+B+21. The numbers signify the new calendar year and the letters are the initials of the Three Wise Men (Caspar, Melchoir, and Balthasar). Their initials also form an abbreviation for the Latin phrase *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* which means "Christ bless this house." If anyone would like me to come do the Epiphany blessing at their home please e-mail SaintRobertPriest@yahoo.com with your name, address, and 3 dates and times that would work for you. I will respond as quickly as I can letting you know which date and time would work for me.

This year we have an extra special opportunity to celebrate the Epiphany in a unique way. My brother Fr. Royce Gregerson has invited our parish to participate in a Solemn High Mass at his church of St. John the Evangelist in Goshen at 6:00 P.M. on January 6. This will be a Traditional Latin Mass (also known as the Extraordinary Form) and there will be booklets available in both English and Spanish to follow the Latin text of the Mass. There will also be beautiful Gregorian chant and lots of "smells and bells." As you know I recently went to Nebraska to learn how to celebrate the Traditional Latin Mass. It will be quite some time before I am ready to do that but this might be a nice opportunity to see what could be possible at St. Robert's someday. **In order to allow our participation in this special Mass our regular Wednesday evening schedule is canceled for January 6.** Please join us at St. John the Evangelist Church at 417 S. Main Street in Goshen on January 6 at 6:00 P.M. if you are able. I can promise you won't regret it!

In Christ,

Father Dennis



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION:

Envelopes \$1238.00 Catholic Charities \$139.00
Loose \$1382.00 Christmas \$1271.00
Votive \$47.00

Monthly Budget \$13,200.00

\$100 every month will go to R.E.A.C.H.



Next Sunday's Gospel Reading

Mark 1: 7-11



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