

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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." - Mt 2:1-2

LA EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR

Jesús nació en Belén de Judá, en tiempos del rey Herodes. Unos magos de Oriente llegaron entonces a Jerusalén y preguntaron: "¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que acaba de nacer? Porque vimos surgir su estrella y hemos venido a adorarlo". - Mt 2, 1-2

Parish Insight



THE THREE WISE MEN OF THE EAST

BY MARIBEL ROSAS-PALMA, HISPANIC/LATINO SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION COORDINATOR

On the night of January 5, the children of Mexico go to sleep very early because they know that the Three Wise Men will arrive at any moment, but before, they have to leave one of their shoes, the oldest if possible, under the Christmas tree and inside, a letter that they have carefully made for the Kings, where they list the toys they would most like to receive as a gift. Melchior, Gaspar and Baltazar, the Kings of the East will bring gifts to the children who have behaved very well throughout the year. They have been observing all the time.

The kids would also leave 3 glasses with milk and cookies for the Kings and 3 buckets with water and a little straw for the elephant, the horse and the camel on which the three Kings travel.

The next morning, January 6, all the children get up very early to check the gifts that were left under the tree and check if they managed to convince the kings to leave them the first ones on their list. There are no classes that day so all the children can go out to show their toys to their neighbors and friends, play with them and even exchange them for a brief moment.

In the evening of January 6, they will meet with their families to cut the traditional "Rosca de Reyes", to celebrate that the baby God was adored by the Three Wise Men, the animals and all those who came to see him and give him gifts. La "Rosca de Reyes" is a sweet bread, prepared specially for this day, shaped like an oval ring that represents the infinite circle of God's love and it's decorated with citron fruits that represent the jewels of the crowns of the Three Wise Men and sugar crusts, favorites of many, that represent the cardinal points.

The most special part of this bread are figurines representing the baby Jesus hidden in the bread, alluding to the persecution that the child suffered along with his parents by King Herod. The use of the knife also has a special meaning, because it alludes to the danger that the little child God was in of being found and killed.

All participants must individually cut their own piece very carefully so as not to cut the baby Jesus but with the luck of finding him. The ones who find him have to prepare tamales on February 2, the celebration of Candelaria ("Candlemas"), the day in which the celebration of Christmas officially ends in Mexico. "La Rosca de Reyes" is usually enjoyed with hot chocolate or "atole" (a typical Mexican drink) and makes a delicious and fun family meal.

The tradition says that on the night of January 5 to dawn on the 6th, guided by a bright star, the Three Wise Men from the East, regally attired and mounted on a camel, a horse and an elephant, set out on the journey to visit and worship the newborn Jesus. They carried offerings for him: gold for being king, myrrh for being a man, and incense for being God, which they spread before the Redeemer. The Kings symbolize the first Gentiles converted to Christianity, as described in the Book of Matthew in the Bible. This is when the Epiphany begins, which means manifestation, and it is when the son of God manifests himself to the people who did not know him or had heard of him. That is, it is the day when the entire world knows of the existence of Jesus and that is why it is known as the Epiphany of the Kings.

For this reason, traditionally the wise men themselves visit all the children that day in Mexico, leaving gifts for them.



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WOMEN OF THE HEART THURSDAY, JANUARY 11 10:15 AM

Women of the Heart is a gathering of women seeking to enrich their spirituality through a

short presentation, reflection, discussion, prayer, while building relationships with one another. All women of the parish are invited to the monthly gatherings of Women of The Heart. Please feel free to attend as often as your schedule allows. No registration is needed. During this academic year the theme will be **"Seasons of Our Journey."**

Ecclesiastes 3:1, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven".

Future meeting dates and time: 10:15 am to noon, the second Thursday of the Month: 2/8, 3/14, 4/11, and 5/9.

Should you have any questions and/or wish to have your email be included in communication being sent out related to the monthly meetings, please contact Julie Mussio at jmussio@smspnewman.org.



CATHOLIC THINKER'S BOOK CLUB

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9 7:00 PM

We will meet on Tue. Jan. 9, 2024 at 7 p.m. in the Loyola Room to discuss the

following movies: The Scarlet and the Black, Nightjohn, and The Miracle Club. Watch at least one or all three, or just come. We also plan to discuss the Synod on Synodality using articles from America.

Please contact John jgpone@sbcglobal.net or Annemarie amariesa@umich.edu

Santo Niño de Cebu Celebration Sunday, January 21

5:00 PM (Mass) 6:00 PM (Reception in Donnelly Hall)

Join the Filipino American community at Saint Mary for our Sinulog celebration starting with Mass at 5 PM followed by a potluck dinner.



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INFANT BAPTISM CLASS AT SMSP

Baptism preparation class is required to be taken for your first child. If you've taken the class elsewhere, proof of that will be necessary to schedule a baptism. Upcoming classes are on Monday 6:30-7:30 PM on the following dates: **1/8, 2/5, 3/4, 4/8.**

Please pick up a baptism class packet from the Parish Office at least one week prior to the class. You will need to bring this to class.

Please contact Dorota <u>dbest@smspnewman.org</u> or 734-663-0557 ext. 226 to register for a class.

We also offer the class in Spanish at the same time in a different room. Contact Rosa Luz for more information on Spanish Baptisms rpostigo@smspnewman.org



ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

Whether you are an English-learner or want to help someone improve their language skills, we welcome you!

Tutors and learners meet individually or in small groups each week, Sunday at 12:45 pm and 3:00 pm.

For tutors, no language or teaching experience is required - just an interest in helping others practice English!

All levels of English learners are welcome, and the program is free.

For more information or to sign up, email Rosa Luz (<u>rpostigo@smspnewman.org</u>).



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"One cannot know the Lord without this habit of adoring, of adoring in silence. I believe, if I am not mistaken, this prayer of adoration is the prayer least known by us, it is the one we do the least", as if it were a "waste of time before the Lord, before the mystery of Jesus Christ".

Instead, we should rediscover "the silence of Adoration: he is the Lord and I adore him."-Pope Francis

We have Eucharistic Adoration on Monday (10-11 am), Tuesday (4-5 pm), Wednesday 5:45-9 pm (Rosary for Life from 6:00-6:20 pm, Praise & Worship from 8:00-9:00 pm), and Thursday (3:45-4:45 pm) Here is the link for our Wednesday night adoration signup: <u>t.ly/bCXbA</u>

Thank you for supporting this ministry!

BORN FOR JOY

MONDAYS | 7:00 PM

An anonymous 12-step recovery group for men who struggle with sexual acting out/pornography and are sincerely looking for hope and help in a community of fellow strugglers. Structured discussions are led by experienced leaders, offering times for listening and sharing.

Discern, discover, and understand your struggles. Find God already helping you, and recover your joy. Students and young people (18+) especially welcome.

Visit <u>www.saa-recovery.org</u> or contact Frank B. by phone or text at 734-548-4440



LGBT OUTREACH MINISTRY

7:00 PM ON THE 1ST AND 3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

Meetings are private and confidential. As a diverse community of believers, we respect each person as a unique reflection of God's presence in our midst. We commit ourselves to being a community of care, support, formation, reconciliation, and witness to justice with and among gay and lesbian persons, parents, family members, and friends. We provide a safe space for discussion, healing, and prayer.

Contact group members Rodrigo rodri_cg@hotmail.com or Cynthia jcynthia@umich.edu

Grad/YP & Undergrads

GRAD/YP MASS & DINNER

MONDAY, JANUARY 8 @ 6:30 PM

All graduate students and young professionals are invited to join us for mass followed by a social time with a meal. We'll begin with mass in the Church, and share social time and dinner in Newman Hall. Meat and vegetarian options provided.

For more information, please contact the Grad/YP Lead Team (smsp.grads.lead@umich.edu)

KATERI INSTITUTE - VOTIVE MASS FOR ST. THOMAS AQUINAS & RECEPTION

SATURDAY JANUARY 27 | 11:00 AM

The Kateri Institute for Catholic Studies will be sponsoring a Votive Mass for St. Thomas Aquinas at St. Mary Student Parish followed by a reception with free pizza. This event will be an opportunity for Catholic faculty and staff to connect with Catholic undergraduate and graduate students at Michigan.

Contact kshinseki@smspnewman.org

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THURSDAYS AT 5:10 PM

All undergrads are invited to join us for mass followed by dinner and a short talk! This student-led space each week encourages community and fellowship through sharing a meal together. We will have a variety of speakers share brief talks connected to faith. All are welcome to come any time throughout the semester!

Next meeting : January 11, 2024

Contact Michael Regan mregan@smspnewman.org

CATHOLIC STUDIES NIGHTS

All undergraduates are invited to join & be inspired by other enthusiastic seekers who are on the RCIA journey. These open RCIA Wednesday night sessions are an opportunity for Catholic undergrads to dive deeper into their faith & Catholic teaching.

All sessions meet from 7-9pm on Wednesdays, and will involve a presentation, discussion period, and time for prayer and reflection.

Schedule & Topics:

January 10th: The Eucharist- Speaker Fr. Kyle Shinseki February 21st: Works of Mercy & Justice March 13th: Magisterium, Creed, & Vatican II

Questions? Contact Rita Zyber at rzyber@smspnewman.org



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Registration Deadline

January 15

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Mass Intentions, Meetings & Events

MEETINGS & EVENTS: JANUARY 7 – JANUARY 14

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

1:00 PM	Spanish Reconciliation
3:00 PM	Rosca de Reyes — Donnelly Hall
4:00 PM	Reconciliation — Spiritual Direction Room
7:00 PM	Reconciliation — Spiritual Direction Room
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TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

8:30 AM	DAYTIME WARMING CENTER- Newman Hall
4:00 PM	Adoration — Church
7:00 PM	Catholic Thinker's Book Club — Loyola Room

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

8:30 AM	DAYTIME WARMING CENTER- Newman Hall
5:45 PM	Reconciliation — Donnelly Hall, Monteith Room
5:45 PM	Adoration — Church
6:00 PM	Pro Life Rosary — Church
7:00 PM	Hispanic Small Group — Loyola Room
7:00 PM	RCIA — Donnelly Hall

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

8:30 AM	DAYTIME WARMING CENTER- Newman Hall
10:00 AM	Women of the Heart — Donnelly Hall
3:45 PM	Adoration — Church
5:45 PM	Ig.nite — Newman Hall

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

8:30 AM	DAYTIME WARMING CENTER- Newman Hall
8:00 AM	Santo Rosario — Zoom
6:30 PM	Friday Formation Night — Donnelly Hall
7:00 PM	Social Event — Loyola Room, Newman Lounge

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

12:45 PM	ESL– English as a Second Language — Loyola Room		
1:00 PM	Spanish Reconciliation		
3:00 PM	ESL Lessons — Rectory Dining Room, Rectory Lounge		
4:00 PM	Reconciliation — Spiritual Direction Room		
7:00 PM	Reconciliation — Spiritual Direction Room		

MASS INTENTIONS: JANUARY 7- JANUARY 14

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

5:00 PM	Mass for	People of the Parish			
SUNDAY, JANUARY 7					
8:30 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM 2:00 PM 5:00 PM 8:00 PM	Mass for Mass for Mass for Mass for Mass for Mass for	+ Michael M. Nollet + Delores Dawson + George Vuylsteke + Arturo Garcia + Cecilia Vuylsteke + Lasid Matias			
MONDAY, JANUARY 8 5:10 PM Mass for + Ann Galucci Covey					
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9 5:10 PM Mass for					
WEDNESDA	Y, JANUARY 10				
5:10 PM	Mass for	+ William Hatten			
THURSDAY, 5:10 PM FRIDAY, JAN	JANUARY 11 Mass for	+ Mike Nollet			
12:10 PM	Mass for	+ Madeleine Nollet			
	JANUARY 13 Mass for	+ Bruno Olszewski			
SUNDAY, JANUARY 14					
8:30 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM 2:00 PM	Mass for Mass for Mass for Mass for	People of the Parish + Dr. James Hart + Manuel Go			
5:00 PM 8:00 PM	Mass for Mass for	+ Ronald Gobeyn			

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SCHEDULE

OFFICE HOURS

Sunday 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Monday-Thursday 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Friday 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Saturday 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL 5:00 PM

SUNDAY MASSES

8:30 AM

10:00 AM

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Noon

2:00 PM (Spanish)

Watch live or anytime after the mass https://www.michigancatholics.org/category/misa-en-linea/

5:00 PM

8:00 PM

DAILY MASSES

Monday-Thursday 5:10 PM Friday 12:10 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sunday 4:00-4:30 PM & 7:00-7:30 PM

Wednesday 5:45 PM - 6:30 PM or by appointment

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 10:00-11:00 AM

Tuesday 4:00-5:00 PM

Wednesday 5:45 PM - 9:00 PM

Thursday 3:45-4:45 PM

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

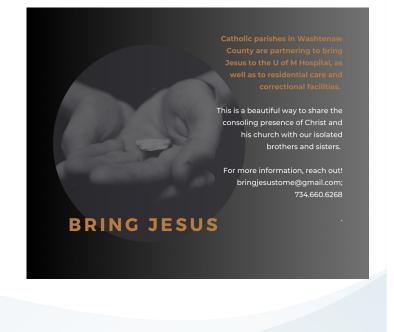
If you are sick or a homebound parishioner, we can bring you communion at your home, or the place you would want us to come.

Please contact Dorota dbest@smspnewman.org

Check our FORMED resources !

Our parish recently subscribed to FORMED, a comprehensive streaming service for Catholics. Led by the Augustine Institute and Ignatian Press, and in collaboration with more than 100 content providers, the site offers something for everyone. With movies, e-books, audio content, scripture talks, plus kid and family -friendly programming, the service can help everyone to learn and grow in faith.

Anyone in the parish can access these resources for free by creating an account. Go to <u>formed.org</u>, then click "sign up" at the top. Enter our parish zip code, 48104, submit your information to register, then continue searching for something you might enjoy.



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USCCB MINISTRY WITH PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES - LISTENING SESSIONS

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops wants to hear about your experiences of ministry with people with disabilities (physical and/or mental) and will hold two listening sessions on Tuesday, January 9 at 8 pm and Tuesday, January 16 at 2 pm via Zoom.

1) English-language Listening Session

Tuesday, January 9, 2024: 8pm ET / 5pm PT

Register in advance for this meeting: usccb.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwpcOyuqTluHtbD1pWBTbBUB8P8CWsg5WuC

2) General Listening Session

Tuesday, January 16, 2024: 2pm ET / 11am PT

Register in advance for this meeting: usccb.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0udOGrqDkoG9CUJtQNuySLfMcHtYMaVFDE



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Many families need and receive financial assistance for Catholic school tuition through the need-based Diocese of Lansing scholarship program.

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Applications will be available on December 1, 2023 and are due by March 1, 2024:

dolcatholicschools.org/affording-catholic-education

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Prayer Requests

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Sunday Readings

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JANUARY 7- The Epiphany of the Lord

Reading I	ls	60: 1-6
Psalm	Ps	72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Reading II	Eph	3:2-3a, 5-6
Gospel	Mt	2: 1-12

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.

JANUARY 14–Second Sunday in Or	ainary	Time
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Reading I	1 Sm	3: 3b-10, 19
Psalm	Ps	40: 2, 4, 7-10
Reading II	1 Cor	6: 13c-15a, 17-20
Gospel	Jn	1:35-42

Through baptism we have been joined to the Lord who calls us to be his disciples. How well do we listen to his voice? How willing are we to do his will?

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