

JANUARY 4 - SATURDAY

1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

Vigil Readings: *See Sunday*4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim – *Pamela Hildebrand*6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**JANUARY 5 – FEAST OF EPIPHANY***Sunday Readings:*

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

9:00 AM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. Samuel – *Annette Niehaus*12:30 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**JANUARY 6 – MONDAY**

1 Jn 3:22 – 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

JANUARY 7 - TUESDAY

1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44

7:00 PM – *Spanish* – Fr. Miguel**JANUARY 8– WEDNESDAY**

1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52

9:30 AM – *English*– Fr. Samuel – *Fr. Joe Robinson***JANUARY 9 - THURSDAY**

1 Jn 4:19 – 5:4; Lk 4:14-22

7:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**JANUARY 10 – FRIDAY**

1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16

9:30 AM – *English* – Fr. Miguel – *Rose Adams***JANUARY 11 - SATURDAY**

1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

Vigil Readings: *see Sunday*4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim – *Fr. Joe Robinson*6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy**JANUARY 12 – BAPTISM OF OUR LORD***Sunday Readings:*

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

9:00 AM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. Samuel – *Frank Lienhart*12:30 PM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy**English Mass Ministry Schedule: January 11-12**

Lectors: 4:00 PM – R. Welz

11:00 AM – R. Schinaman

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 PM – D. Mercer/S. Terschack

11:00 AM – L. Washam

Servers: 4:00 PM – S. Heidemann/M. Sonenschein

11:00 AM – H. Loyd

Offertory Family: 4:00 PM: Keller

11:00 AM: N/A

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They will appear in next week's bulletin.

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CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Jane Beyer (01), Roseanna McCoy (01), Jim Meridieth (01), Michael Eilerman (01), Viola Gilkey (03), Connie Nuxoll (04), William Hennies (04), Mark Langer (05), Beth Renick (05), Russell Strotman (07), Andrea Lalley (07), Gail Kelly (08), Robert Paquette (08), Phyllis Williamson (08), Doug Mercer (09), John Schwierling (10), Mary Jo Danzinger (10), Helen Dunbar (10), Jerry Finke (10).

FOUR GRAND CLUB: Congratulations to our Week 19 winners: Carol Roosa, Alan Stigler and Scott and Linda Scheidler. They each won \$25.

FR. RUDY'S REFLECTION:

Throughout the ages, the journey of the Magi to Bethlehem to pay homage to the Christ child is one of the most beautiful stories of the Christmas season, resplendent with radiance, mystery, and excitement. It is one of the most remembered stories from Scripture, as we have reflected on the imagery of this dramatic scene from the time of our childhood. A guiding star—the light of Christ—compels a group of foreigners, likely astronomers or learned men of the East, to travel hundreds of miles over rough terrain with only a light in the night sky pointing the way. Why did they do this? Because these courageous men believed that at the end of their journey they would find “the way, the truth, and the life” in Christ the Lord, just as we are called to do in our lives today (John 14: 6).

According to Saint Pope John Paul II, the Magi represent the peoples of the whole earth who, in the light of the Lord’s birth, set out on the way leading to Jesus and, in a certain sense, are the first to receive that salvation inaugurated by His birth and brought to fulfilment in the paschal mystery of His Death and Resurrection. Through their eyes, ears, and voices, they became our first missionaries to proclaim the fullness of light only Jesus can bestow upon us.

As part of this story, when the Magi are united with this child, they fall to their knees to worship and present to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These gifts symbolically describe the mission of Christ here on earth. Gold symbolizes a gift fit for a king, frankincense signifies the presence of a priest, and finally, myrrh is a gift for to anoint the body to preserve and protect its integrity.

We should remember the Epiphany is both an *event*—the Magi’s arduous journey to adore the newborn King—as well as a *symbol* of the *Word made flesh* who dwelt for a time in the midst of humankind and changed lives and hearts for the world’s ultimate and promised salvation. Today, the journey of the Magi continues to guide all nations and people on their *own* journey toward the Lord, and in homage for his sacrifice and love, offer their own treasures and gifts of themselves. His light, His love, and His enduring presence guide and inspire

our lives. And if we look up beyond ourselves *to Him*, we find just what we are looking for.

ITEMS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO ASSIST LOCAL REFUGEES: Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio is welcoming many new arrivals in the Cincinnati area, for whom we set up housing. Donations of household items and gently used furniture (especially living room and dining room) are greatly appreciated. We particularly need linens, large stock pots and umbrella strollers. If you have items you would like to donate, please call us at 513-241-7745 or email furniture@ccswoh.org. Please note that we rely on volunteers for furniture moving, so we cannot guarantee immediate pick-up. If you would like to be one of those volunteers, please contact Tonicia Green at tgreen@ccswoh.org or 513.672.3836. We also have an Amazon wish list: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3MFOBKDB2UB/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_2

FOOD FOR ALL: Nutritious, affordable food is not readily available to every person in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Hunger exists in our communities. Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio travels to where hunger is located in Adams, Brown, Clermont, Clinton, and Highland Counties. Interested in reducing hunger and food insecurity, volunteering at a mobile pantry or learning more about hunger in our area? Contact April Hoak, Food for All coordinator at ahoak@ccswoh.org or 513-672-3720.

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