

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



CURRENT WEEK

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• **Saturday, January 2- 6:00 P.M.**

Intention: ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE of Beatrice, David, Deirdre and Brenden Mello from Jim and Camille Mello

NEXT WEEK

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

• **Saturday, January 9 - 6:00 PM**

Intention: ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE of Harry and Wanda Shawver from Bill Shawver



Saturday, January 2, 6 pm - Lynda LANCASTER

Saturday, January 9, 6 pm - Frank AMBROSIC

If unable to read at your appointed time, please secure a replacement from the master schedule previously sent to you.

Please arrive 10 minutes before Mass & check in with the Sacristan.



Saturday, January 2, 6 pm - Linda SPERLING

Saturday, January 9, 6 pm - Kira GEISS

If unable to serve at your appointed time, please secure a replacement from the master schedule previously sent to you. Please arrive 10 minutes before Mass & check in with the Sacristan.

GREETERS

• **Saturday, January 2, 6 pm** - Perry CARTWRIGHT, Ed RYSCUCK

• **Saturday, January 9, 6 pm** - Phil HARGARTEN, Cindy HARGARTEN

LIVE STREAMING

We will also be Live Streaming the Mass for those not able to attend or prefer to remain home. The streamed Mass will be available shortly before 6 p.m. on Saturday, and can be found on our Parish YouTube Channel. A link can be found on our Parish Website under Mass/Parish YouTube Channel.



ALTAR SERVERS

Servers, you are an important part of our parish liturgical services. We will be conducting on the job training. Please sign up on the Bulletin Board if you are interested. **REMINDER: Those children who made their First Communion are eligible to serve as Altar Servers.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

January 3, 2021 - Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

January 4, 2021 - First John 3:22-4:6; Psalms 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

January 5, 2021 - First John 4:7-10; Psalms 72:1-4, 7-8; Mark 6:34-44

January 6, 2021 - First John 4:11-18; Psalms 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mark 6:45-52

January 7, 2021 - First John 4:19-5:4; Psalms 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17; Luke 4:14-22

January 8, 2021 - First John 5:5-13; Psalms 147:12-15, 19-20; Luke 5:12-16

January 9, 2021 - First John 5:14-21; Psalms 149:1-5 and 6a and 9b; John 3:22-30



*The Epiphany of the Lord
Isaiah 60:1-6*

CARAVANS OF CAMELS

About those camels, we are not too sure about them. Yes, every nativity scene shows the magi seated on stately dromedaries, or leading their beasts of burden by bit and rein. But, quite honestly, the story of the Magi never tells us how they got there. They could have traveled on foot, in chariot, on horseback, elephants, or by camel—but we just do not know.

The reason we keep putting them on camels in our art is because of Isaiah's prophecy. He predicted that caravans of camels would fill Jerusalem, and that people from the East would come bearing gold and frankincense. "Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!" he proclaims. "Your light has come."

In Matthew's story, the magi realize that Jerusalem's light has come. They follow the star and bring their gifts of gold and frankincense. Myrrh, too. By telling about these gifts, Matthew turns our attention back to Isaiah. Reading that prophecy, we realize that the light Isaiah mentioned is the Light of the World, Jesus Christ.

When we see the magi seated on camels, we are remembering Isaiah. When we remember Isaiah, we remember the light that came to shatter the darkness of our world. Those camels carry hope.

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WELCOME TO ST. ANN OF THE DUNES!

Whether you come from another part of the world or a nearby parish, we welcome you to St. Ann of the Dunes! We thank you for sharing in the celebration of the Eucharist with us and we appreciate your generosity. We invite you to join our parish family if you are looking for a spiritual home or a summer church home. Registration forms can be found at the back of the church. We look forward to getting to know you. **All parishioners are asked to keep us informed of change of address, phone number or email address. Should you need the Eucharist brought to you, please let one of the Greeters know and we'll be sure that someone will bring Communion to you at your seat.**

HELP US - HELP YOU!



"I was hospitalized and my pastor did not visit me." "I was in the hospital and wanted to receive the Eucharist but no one came." Do these comments sound familiar? There are two solutions to solve the issues:

- When you are admitted to the hospital, request that they notify your pastor that you have been admitted. They can enter the name of your parish on the admitting form.
- You or your family can call the Parish office during the office hours of 9am-1pm on Tuesday through Thursday. The office number is 219-879-7565. After office hours or on the weekends, please contact Father Jon Plavcan at 219-926-1282 to notify the parish of your hospitalization.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY SERVICE MEN & WOMEN



St. Ann is honored to have members serving in both the Armed Services and the Peace Corps. As a community of Christ's people, we at St. Ann's honor their service and salute their dedication by offering prayers for their safety and welfare. Please remember all members of the U.S. military in your prayers. **Please note, we have been asked not to publish individual names, ranks, and locations of our military for security and safety reasons.**

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Any items you would like to be included in the bulletin each week need to be to the parish office, preferably via email, by **Monday for the week you wish to include the information. Further, if you wish to post something on the parish bulletin board, please request permission from Fr. Jon Plavcan.**

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

ST. THOMAS MORE NETWORKING

St. Thomas More's Networking group invites you to a zoom meeting on Wednesday, January 13th. The zoom meeting will be held from 7:00-8:30 pm. Please contact Donna Weidenfeller at donna-weidenfeller@gmail.com to receive an invitation. The topic will be Putting Your Best Foot Forward. Resume, Interviewing and Job site tips and tricks!

QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS – CHRIST THE KING ADORATION CHAPEL

Could you adore our dear Lord for one hour at Queen of All Saints Church, Legacy Center? The chapel is open daily from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. If you wish to adore after 8:00 p.m., you can obtain a key from the rectory. Please come and visit Jesus any hour. "Could you not watch one hour with ME?" Adoration is still needed for certain times and days, please call Ann Fletcher at 874-4506 or Sandy Butler at 879-7142 for a list and more information.

HOST YOUR NEXT EVENT AT TRINITY BANQUET HALL

Trinity Banquet Hall is located on the grounds of Saint Patrick Catholic Community in Chesterton, Indiana. Two event spaces, The Chandelier Room or Trinity Hall, offer you elegance and flexibility, and will serve as the perfect setting for your upcoming wedding reception, party, shower, professional event, fundraiser, or other celebration. Whether you are expecting 50 guests or 300 guests, thinking of a rustic theme or an elegant black tie affair; Trinity Banquet Hall can provide your guests the space and amenities to make your occasion memorable. For more information or to schedule a tour of Trinity Banquet Hall you may contact: Fran Antone 219.926.1282 ext.3. fantone@stpatparish.org

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE THANK YOU!!

Peace and Social Justice wishes to thank everyone who participated in the Christmas drive to benefit the Westchester Neighbors Food Pantry. In-kind donations of food and other necessities totaled about \$200, while donations for scrip grocery cards totaled \$7,575. Your generous contributions are deeply appreciated. On behalf of the commission and our friends at the food pantry, THANK YOU!

WONDERFUL NEWS FOR ST. ANN'S

Thank you to the generous parishioner who has made a \$10,000.00 pledge to not only cover the shortfall for the 2020 Catholic Service Appeal but has allowed St. Ann of the Dunes to go over their goal. This a wonderful Christmas gift to our parish as it will be the first time in some years that the parish goal has been reached. The money collected over the goal will be returned to the parish plus a certain percentage since the goal was fulfilled. Merry Christmas!
Father Jon

OUR NATIVITY MEMORIAL

Thanks to the extreme generosity of gifts to the memorial fund, we were able to purchase a new Nativity two years ago. The generous gifts were made in the name of Joseph "Joey" Niepokoj, a former parishioner who passed away in 2018. We are very grateful to the family and friends of Joey who thoughtfully created a memorial to him.

2021 CALENDARS ARE HERE

The 2021 calendars are now available on the entry table. Feel free to take one.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Christmas Memorial flowers. Our Church looks beautiful thanks to your generosity and thoughtfulness.

2021 MASS INTENTIONS

There are several openings available in 2021 to remember or honor your loved ones through a mass intention. Just send your request to St. Ann of the Dunes, P O Box 727, Beverly Shores, 46301. Right now, openings are available for the Saturday evening mass at 6:00 pm only. We will do our best to accommodate your requested date. Please leave a phone number we can contact you at in case of questions. The suggested donation to request a mass in memory or to honor your loved one is \$10.00. Please make checks payable to St. Ann of the Dunes.

2021 ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

Your 2021 St. Ann's envelopes are available in the library. Please stop by after Mass to pick them up. They can also be picked up during office hours which are Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Masks are required in the office.

ATTENTION LECTORS

Your 2021 workbook is available in the sacristy. You can also stop by during office hours to pick up the workbook. Office hours are Tuesday-Thursday- 9:00am-1:00 pm.

PRAYER FOR THE DEPARTED

Please keep all of our departed family and friends in your prayers who recently passed away.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

SACRAMENTAL POLICIES UPDATED

Baptism - Those requesting Baptism (for their children) must be registered and attending the Parish for mass at least six months prior to the request. There is a formation meeting before a date can be scheduled for the Baptism.

GodParents/Sponsors - In order to serve in either of these roles one must be a practicing Catholic who has been Confirmed and if married, your marriage must have taken place before a Catholic Priest (or deacon). A Practicing Catholic is one who is registered in the Parish and attends Mass on a regular basis.

Wedding - Couples requesting a Wedding must be registered and practicing their Faith by attending Mass for at least a year before a date can be reserved. There are Pre-Cana classes as well as several appointments with the Pastor that are required. Please contact the Parish a year in advance.

SAVE A SEAT TO ATTEND MASS

In order to comply with current COVID-19 restrictions while allowing the faithful the opportunity to attend Mass, you must sign up through Save-A-Seat. To reserve a seat at St. Ann's Mass, go to stpatparish.org website-St. Patrick's Church-Chesterton and scroll down to find the select button for St. Ann's. Enter your first and last names, your email address, your phone number and the number of adults and children that would like to attend. Check the box that says you have read and understand the general release. Double check to make sure your information is accurate. Then click the "reserve seat" button. A confirmation email will be sent to the email address you entered. Please make sure that you bring this confirmation email with you to Mass. If you do not have this confirmation, you cannot be admitted to Mass. A facemask is required.

If you have been sick over the last 14 days, have a fever or a cough, please stay at home. If symptoms occur, please cancel your reservation. Please be considerate for everyone's safety.

PARISH EMAIL LIST

If you would like to receive up to date information about our Parish and you are not already on our email list, please contact the office by email and we will add you to our email list. This way you will receive up to date information on everything happening in our Parish. The parish email address is: stannedunes@comcast.net We look forward to hearing from you.

WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS

To all St Ann's Parishioners: One of the things that makes St Ann's a wonderful place to worship is the willingness of those that attend St Ann's to volunteer when needed. We are in great need of additional Lector/Commentators and especially Eucharistic Ministers. Due to job changes and relocation we have lost some of our volunteers and now have only a bare minimum to meet the weekly need. Please consider becoming a volunteer for these important ministries. We can train you! Contact the Parish Office directly at 879-7565. Thank You from the bottom of my heart.
Mary Lou Marshall (Scheduler)



**\$\$\$ MONEY MANAGEMENT REPORT \$\$\$
for December 24 - December 26, 2020**

Mass Collection: (includes Lithuanian Mass)	\$ 2,320.00
Budgeted Amount:	\$ 4,800.00
WEEKLY SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ (2,480.00)
CHRISTMAS COLLECTION	\$ 3,417.00

Parish Utilities collection next weekend
Diocesan Savings as of 9/30/20 \$ 77,408.51

ONLINE GIVING

In times when there are concerns about exposure to disease or spreading of a virus, online giving is a convenient option to continue to support St. Ann's and its mission. Whether you are attending weekly mass or worshipping at home, your vital support can still happen regardless of where you are. You may now opt to contribute to St. Ann electronically by using one of our online options. Access us on line at: <https://st-ann-of-the-dunes.org>.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT -- A Little Something

About Our Advertisers

Chesterton Feed & Garden Center - For more than 45 Years, Chuck Roth has been making the Duneland Area more beautiful! That's how long he has been associated with Chesterton Feed and Garden Center! Located near downtown Chesterton, it's just ten short minutes from the shores of Lake Michigan, the Dunes National Lakeshore and the Indiana Dunes State Park. Come in, relax and browse in a friendly atmosphere full of unique gardening ideas. They are known for their pleasant and knowledgeable staff. So, whether you are interested in landscape plants, lawns, pets, wild bird feeding, water gardening or garden décor, they can offer you solutions and guidance to make your home and garden beautiful. **As a bonus, they offer Scrip cards for \$25 and \$50 and they give St. Ann's a 6% rebate.**



COMMISSION MEETINGS AND REPORTS

SOCIALLY DISTANCED SCRIP BUYING

Scrip can now be shipped to your home using the Raise Right app. There is a 3 minute "Ship to Home" tutorial that explains how to use the new app. by going to www.shopwithscrip.com/holiday-resources. Mystery bonuses will be available during the holiday season, example: Dazzle Days and Surprise Daily Bonuses. The info will be on the app.

A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

Lord, you make all things new. You bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our Spirits to be born again. Thank you for this new year for all the potential it holds. Come and kindle in us a mighty flame so that in our time, many will see the wonders of God and live forever to praise Your glorious name. Amen