

*The Sanctuary Lamp is the candle near the tabernacle which reminds us of the true presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.*

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in **memory of Jerry & Jenny Anderson by Andrew & Katie Bond**

### Bulletin Submission Information

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### WARNING ABOUT RISK ASSUMED BY PARISHIONERS:

While our parish staffs will attempt to take appropriate precautions consistent with the advice of public health authorities, parishioners and guests should understand that they assume the risk of contracting COVID-19 anytime they enter a public space since such precautions do not eliminate the risk of infection.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

Masks are required while inside a church building.

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Saturday Vigil Masses:

**4:00 PM** - Immaculate Heart of Mary Church with confessions before Mass at 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM

**5:30** - Corpus Christi Church with confessions before Mass from 4:30 PM - 5:00 PM

#### Sunday Morning Mass

**7:30 AM** - St. Patrick's Church

**9:00 AM** - St. Patrick's Church

**9:30 AM** - Sacred Heart Church, Abingdon

**10:00 AM** - Corpus Christi Church streamed Mass, still with drive through communion

**11:00 AM** - Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

### WEEK DAY MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday & Friday-Immaculate Heart of Mary at 8:00am**

*(NB: Monday Mass WILL NOT be at St. Patrick's)*

**Tuesday & Thursday-Corpus Christi at 12:10pm**

**Wednesday & Saturday-St. Patrick at 8:00am**

**Drive-Thru Distribution of Holy Communion:** For those not yet ready to attend Mass, but would like to receive the Sacrament, this option is available after 10:00 AM Mass at Corpus Christi parking lot.

"We saw His star at its rising  
and have come to do Him homage."

Matthew 2: 2

January 3, 2021



### Catholic Meaning of the Magi Gifts

By Laura Leddy Turner

#### Identity of The Magi

Magi is derived from the Greek word "magoi," which can have four different meanings. Magoi can refer to priestly men of Persia; men who have occult powers and knowledge of astrology; magicians; or charlatans. Matthew indicates in his Gospel that the Magi came from the East and were guided by a star. Balaam, an Old Testament prophet, had revealed that the Messiah's arrival would be marked by a bright star. With this information, it's likely the magi were Persian priests, educated in astrology and astronomy, who interpreted the star's appearance as a sign of Christ's birth.

#### Fit For a King

From ancient times, gold has been associated with rarity and royalty. Because of its endurance, gold also became associated with immortality. In the time of Jesus gold was an essential gift for a king or deity. The magi's gift of gold symbolizes their acknowledgement of Jesus as a king whose kingdom cannot be destroyed by earthly powers. As Christianity evolved, so too did the description of the magi. In the seventh century, a work attributed to St. Bede known as the Excerpta et Collectanea indicated the gift of gold was presented by Melchior, a bearded, elderly man.

#### To Honor a Priest

Frankincense, also known as olibanum, was also considered precious. The plant-derived, resin-like substance was used for medicinal purposes and in incense. Frankincense was not native to Israel and was expensive to import, but was a logical gift to be borne by a visitor from the east to Jerusalem where it was used in ritual by the temple elders. In presenting frankincense to Jesus, the magi recognized Jesus's role as a priest. The priest-astrologer bearing frankincense was described by St. Bede as young, beardless and of ruddy complexion.

#### The Consolation of Myrrh

Myrrh was, in Jesus's time, more valuable than gold. It is obtained from trees which grow in southern Arabia and other parts of the African continent. Its ancient use was as an analgesic and an embalming element. Myrrh symbolized pain, death and the afterlife. As a gift of the magi, it foretold of Jesus's suffering and death. Jesus was offered myrrh with wine to soothe him during the crucifixion. Myrrh also was used to anoint his body after his death. The figure associated with offering myrrh to the Christ child is Balthasar, who St. Bede described as black-skinned and heavily bearded.

<http://classroom.synonym.com/catholic-meaning-magi-gifts-7815.html>

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**EPIPHANY**

Please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

**Eucharistic Adoration**



**St. Patrick's Parish**  
 Wednesdays 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM  
**Corpus Christi Church**  
 Saturdays 11:00 AM

Or you can visit our Lord any day of the week and at any time by visiting Him at the Divine Mercy Perpetual Adoration Chapel on the grounds of IHM.

The Rosary will be prayed at St. Patrick's Church on Thursdays at 3pm .  
 Please join us inside the church for the winter.

**Altar and Rosary Society:**

The January Altar and Rosary Intention is to pray for an abundance of blessings upon all our priests, deacons and seminarians, especially those in the Diocese of Peoria.

Those praying the rosary are Elizabeth Means, Janet Carpenter, Caty Seper, Maria Galletan and Rosa Rugama



Please let us know if your address or phone number has changed. You may call Kathy at 309-368-7191.

The Journey of a Lifetime  
**RCIA**  
 Thursdays 7pm-McAteer Center-Corpus Christi

Jesus, receiver of the wise men and their gifts,  
 help us to follow the light  
 in the midst of our dark world.  
 Fix our eyes and hearts on your light,  
 that we might be bearers of that light  
 to all those who walk in the dark.  
 Amen



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**CHROMEBOOK MAINTENANCE:**

Several of you have mentioned minor issues with your Chromebooks or wireless internet connectivity. Remember that just as the human brain and body need a rest, so too does the technology we use. If you've completely restarted your Chromebook since we moved to online learning, you can expect problems. Please restart your Chromebook and your wireless internet router and modem to let their "brians reset". This can help with minor issues and product speed.

Also, we're exploring some of our Chromebooks being part of a previous recall. Please check your emails for the form to fill out regarding your students' Chromebooks.

**Feast of the Holy Innocents**

The Holy Innocents saved the Child Jesus from death by King Herod by the shedding of their own blood. The Holy Innocents are the special patrons of small children, who can please the Christ Child by being obedient and helpful to parents, and by sharing their toys and loving their siblings and playmates.



The feast of the Holy Innocents is an excellent time for parents to inaugurate the custom of blessing their children. From the Ritual comes the form which we use on solemn occasions, such as First Communion. But parents can simply sign a cross on the child's forehead with the right thumb dipped in holy water and say:

May God bless you,  
 and may He be the Guardian  
 of your heart and mind  
 —the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit.  
 Amen.

*The feast of the Holy Innocents was actually acknowledged on December 28th but it is important to remember these souls during the Christmas season.*

*To read more on this visit [www.catholicculture.org](http://www.catholicculture.org)*

“A voice was heard in Ramah,  
 sobbing and loud lamentation;  
 Rachel weeping for her children,  
 and she would not be consoled,  
 since they were no more.”  
 Matthew 3: 18



### ST. FRANCIS CONFERENCE St. Vincent de Paul

January 3 - Epiphany of the Lord:  
Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, your gifts to St. Vincent de Paul can once again give comfort and peace to a newborn child.

### LET US PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

**Lord, look with loving kindness on the needs of all our parishioners, and remember especially those who are ill at home, in the hospitals and nursing homes;**

Linda Krueger, Steven Nemeth, Barbara Phillips, Larry Welch, Adam, Bill Richards, Consuelo Howell, Lewis Nichols, Jim Verheyen, Deb Worden, Patricia & John Kissinger, Lenard Palmer, Mona (Mendez) Sollom, Kathrin Hall, Ioda Rayford, Ventura Betty Alva, Horst Eoecker, Berniece Walck, Bill and Pam Pogue, Maggie Dupuy

**Sick & Shut-ins:** Please notify the office if a parishioner is seriously ill or housebound, hospitals are not allowed to give out this info. Also please call when the parishioner is well, so we may take them off the list and say a prayer of thanksgiving.



### Pray for Our Military especially for those from Corpus Christi Parish

Ryan Beil, Joseph Mangieri,  
Samuel "Max" Hess, Tony  
Trisilla, Mark McDowell, Jimmy  
Nache, Zach Kaniewski, Kim  
Becker, Matthew Schiff, Christopher Edwards\*,  
Sean Hatfield, Maria Blunt, Nathan Jones, Kavan  
Woodruff, Timothy Brennan, Jesus Weigand, Makena  
Bryan, Gabrielle Harris, Alex Foster, Austin Foster

If you have a family member serving in the Military please contact Kathy Ensley at 368-7191 when your loved one comes home, please call and we will remove their name from the list and offer prayers of thanksgiving for their safe return.

\* Serving Combat Duty



**Prayer Warriors:** Every day is abortion day now that they are doing chemical abortions in Peoria.

**7x7x7x:** 7am, 7pm-7 words "Lord, please stop abortion in this country."

**Upcoming:** January Prayer Service. Be watching for news or visit the website at [www.knoxcountyrighttolife.org](http://www.knoxcountyrighttolife.org).

### Christmas Reflection: Flight to Egypt through Joseph's Eyes By Merridith Frediani

Joseph, husband of Mary and father to Jesus, was also no stranger to divine communication via dreams. In the first chapter of Matthew we read about an angel coming to him with a message to not be afraid of marrying Mary; her child is from the Holy Spirit. Good man that he was, he recognized the veracity of the dream and did not dismiss it as the result of having eaten some meat that had gone bad the night before. Joseph knew it was not physiological in nature. It was the real thing and he proceeded with the original plan of marrying Mary.

#### A Family Man

There are no recorded words spoken by Joseph in the Bible. He has been referred to as Joseph the Silent. But from his actions we gain insight into who he was. Joseph was tasked to be the earthly father of the Son of God. He, in effect, had his own annunciation experience in the first dream when the angel came to him. His fatherhood and the authority that goes with it is conferred on him when the angel tells him to name Mary's baby Jesus. Such an honor is reserved for the father of the baby (see Redemptoris Custos by Pope John Paul II).

We see Joseph acting with complete trust in God. In a time and place where women were killed for adultery, others would understand had he quietly divorced her. When he agreed to God's plan and committed to Mary and the fatherhood of Jesus, he acted counter-culturally. He trusted that the angelic message regarding Jesus' conception was real and not the product of an odd dream. He served God in the vocation of fatherhood that he was called to. We can use our imagination to envision what that looked like. We can impose our own experience of parenthood, or if we are not parents, our own experience of loving family, on him and imagine what his life living with and raising Jesus was like. Joseph, as Jesus' father, was involved in his care and responsible for his safety. He may have felt the weight of having to provide for his family.

#### His Vital Role in the Story

After two years of fatherhood, Jesus' life was threatened by Herod and Joseph is told in a dream to rise and take the family to Egypt. A second dream was probably not a big surprise. He was obedient and he trusted. Despite having nowhere specific to go and no way of supporting himself or his family, he went, in the dark of night. He did what any loving father would do to protect his child, trusting that God would take care of them. God did. We can imagine his fear for the safety of his wife and child. We can imagine his worry about the necessities of life. We can imagine his awe at the instructions and the immediacy and we can wonder if he wondered about it. But we know he acted. We know that from the moment of his acceptance of the message in the first dream, Joseph embraced God's perfect plan.

In Joseph we see a man who radically trusted God. We do not know if he initially struggled with what God asked of him; we only know he obeyed.

Whether we are man or woman, single or married, a parent or not, we can hold Joseph up as a model of trust and fidelity to God and his plan. When we struggle with what God asks of us, we can ask for intercession from St. Joseph. We can thank him for his obedience and docility. He played an important, yet quiet role in salvation history.

To read this full article visit [www.media.ascensionpress.com](http://www.media.ascensionpress.com)



## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 2nd & Sunday, January 3rd

5:30 pm Karen Cratty  
*Kevin & Jean*

10:00 am Wong & Kilgore Families  
Living and Deceased

Tuesday, January 5th

12:10 pm Scott Mellican  
*Fran Norquist*

Thursday, January 7th

12:10 am Phyllis Mitchell  
*Ida Hoben*

Saturday, January 9th & Sunday, January 10th

5:30 pm Father William Miller  
*Lisa Welch*

10:00 am Sherrill Swanson  
*Thompson Family*

## Sacred Heart



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### Mass Intentions

**January 3rd** is for Fr. David Kurt by Ken & Louise Batson

**January 10th** is for Gerald Pica by Joyce Pica

**Let us pray for all who are ill at home, in hospitals & care centers and especially those who have asked for prayer. Father of mercy, give your people help and strength from heaven...** Rhonda Yocum, Joyce Pica, Wayne Tabb, Bev Links, Lucy Crocket, Myra Harper, Ruth Jamerson, Beth Penn, Angie French, Judy Cummins, Jerry Boyd, Jim Erlandson, Lois Burke, Chuck Shank, Maggie Dupuy

### Anniversaries of our faithful departed:

Greg Nolta, Virginia Grady (Ginny), Edward M. Jordon, John C. Watters, Vivian Wessels, Lottie Olson, Viola Nichols, Robert J. Campbell, Dean Edmonson, Victoria Worden, Edward Carr, Tim Pogue, David W. Treadway, Thomas H. Hoben, Tracy Chapman, Margaret Parrish, Robert "Bob" Nichols, Jack Morrison, Elmer Kann, Clara Molley, Oscar Fifield, John P. Cofield, Sue Foley, Karyn Brodine, Katherine Bliss, Elizabeth "Libby" Barnes, Anthony Campisi, Rose Middaugh, Frank Rockford, Ikene Cofield, Thomas Hunt, John Bohlander, Myrtle Bradford, Edward Callahan, Daniel Fox, William McKillip, George Melton

*Eternal Rest, Grant Unto Them  
O Lord & Let Perpetual Light  
Shine Upon Them*

Sunday Mass	9:30am
Confessions following	
Phone: Corpus Christi	343-8256
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### Corpus Christi Parish

Weekend Collection for Sunday, December 20, 2020

Weekly Expenses: \$8400.00  
Weekly Collection: \$\_\_\_\_\_  
Weekly Shortfall: \$\_\_\_\_\_

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