



From the Pastor's Desk

Feast of the Epiphany:

Today's feast celebrates the visit of the magi to the home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Tradition names the three magi (kings) as Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar. As these visitors offered gifts to the newborn child, may we be willing to bring

the gifts of our lives and our service to the building up of God's kingdom.

Thank You!!!

As we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany and reflect on the gifts we bring to the service of the Church and God's kingdom, it certainly is an appropriate time to offer our parish thanks to all who helped to make our liturgies the fuller expression of faith and worship for our Christmas liturgies. Thank you!!

This **Monday, January 9**, the Church will celebrate the **Baptism of the Lord**. With its celebration, the Christmas Season will conclude and Ordinary Time resumes on the liturgical calendar.

Creating a Culture of Encounter

National Migration Week, Jan. 8 – 14, 2017

For nearly a half century, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National Migration Week, which is an opportunity for the Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking. The theme for National Migration Week 2017 draws attention to Pope Francis' call to create a culture of encounter, and in doing so to look beyond our own needs and wants to those of others around us. In the homily given at his first Pentecost as pope, he emphasized the importance of encounter in the Christian faith: "For me this word is very important. Encounter with others. Why? Because faith is an encounter with Jesus, and we must do what Jesus does: encounter others."

With respect to migrants, too often in our contemporary culture we fail to encounter them as persons, and instead look at them as others. We do not take the time to engage migrants in a meaningful way, but remain aloof to their presence and suspicious of their intentions. During this National Migration Week, let us all take the opportunity to engage migrants as children of God who are worthy of our attention and support.

This Week in the Parish

Monday	1/9 Canasta	11:30 A.M.
	1/9 Campaign for Life	7:00 P.M.
Tuesday	1/10 YAG Sports League	6:00 P.M.
Wednesday	1/11 Legion of Mary	9:15 A.M.
	Choir	7:30 P.M.
Saturday	1/14 Men's Group	8:30 A.M.

Collections:

Sunday, December 25th
 Christmas Collection.....\$12,078.28
 Sunday, December 25th
 Regular Collection.....\$6,248.00
 Sunday, January 1^s..... \$4,351.00
 Sunday, January 1st Solemnity of Mary
 \$2,023.00



OUR LADY OF GRACE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

All School Mass

Tuesday, January 10th at 10:30 A.M.

Fr. McCarthy – Presider

Lunch Menu

Monday – Brunch for Lunch

Tuesday – Chicken Nuggets

Wednesday – Hot Dog

Thursday – Spaghetti & Meatballs

Friday – Mini-Pizza Bagels

5200 Club

Week #15 Winner: Will Gibson

Seller: Jo Cranford

Ticket: 1950

Mass Intentions

Monday 8:30 A.M.	January 9 Sherry Zimmer
Tuesday 8:30 A.M.	January 10 Trisha Togni
Wednesday 8:30 A.M.	January 11 Communion Service
Thursday 8:30 A.M.	January 12 Communion Service
Friday 8:30 A.M.	January 13 Communion Service
Saturday 4:00 P.M.	January 14 Charles Riedy
Sunday 9:00 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	January 15 For the Parish Mary Lou Butsch

Yearly Tax Statements

If you would like a yearly statement for income tax purposes, please call or e-mail the parish office and we will mail you your statement before the end of January. We are only sending statements out to those who request them. Thank you.

And they're off!

Mark your calendars for January 21st, 2017. Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association presents Night at the Races. Doors open at 7:00 P.M. Admission tickets are \$15.00 and can be bought from Jennie Ludwig, 266-8226, Rodney Rosenacker, 479-2646, Joe Cooper, 482-0331 or Mike Rapien, 522-6126. NO admission without a ticket and you must be 21 years old.

Pampered Chef Festival Basket Booth

Join Barb Hessler after the masses this weekend in the Parish Center to have a look at the wonderful new Pampered Chef items available! Your orders will benefit the Assumption Festival Basket Booth. Last year they were able to create two very nice Pampered Chef baskets that were a huge hit! Your support again this year is much appreciated! If you are unable to stop by after the masses January 8 & 9, feel free to order via this link:

<https://pamperedchef.com/go/Assumption2017>
Any questions, please call Barb Hessler, [513-520-8664](tel:513-520-8664).

From Adam Couch Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation

Sacraments Class Schedule (9:50 – 10:50 AM)

	Jan. 8	Jan. 15
1 st Communion	CLASS	CLASS
Confirmation	CLASS	CLASS

Class Rescheduled

The 1st Communion and Confirmation classes cancelled on December 4 are rescheduled for Sunday, January 15.

Confirmation Class Reminder

Confirmation Names sheets will be collected at the January 8 class. Also, please bring any remaining Sponsor Information sheets to class January 8. Contact Adam with any questions or if you need another sheet.

Contact me at

faithformation.assumption@gmail.com with questions/comment

Sponsor of the Week Herrmann Services Heating*Cooling*Electrical 737-8423

