



From the Pastor's Desk

Feast of the Epiphany

Today's feast celebrates the visit of the magi to 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 everyone who kept Assumption Church in their intentions in this Christmas Season, and the support given to the parish through the Christmas collection. Also, many thanks for your Christmas greetings and remembrances. All were appreciated. As these early days of the New Year 2019 begin to unfold, may our lives be filled with a like spirit of generosity and appreciation.

National Migration Week 2019 (Jan. 6 – 12, 2019)

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 2019, "**Building Communities of Welcome**" draws attention to the fact that each of our families have a migration story, some recent and others in the distant past. Regardless of where we are and where we came from, we remain part of the human family and are called to live in solidarity with one another.

Unfortunately, in our contemporary culture we often fail to encounter migrants as persons, and instead look at them as unknown others, if we even notice them at all. We do not take the time to engage migrants in a meaningful way, as fellow children of God, but remain aloof to their presence and suspicious or fearful of them. During this National Migration Week, let us all take the opportunity to engage migrants as community members, neighbors, and friends. To do so, we will look at the important role that foster care plays in the lives of unaccompanied immigrants and refugees, highlight MRS' Parishes Organized to Welcome Refugees, and examine local initiatives that are making important contributions in this regard.

Collections

December 23rd\$ 6,706.11

December 25th\$ 8,598.95

Due to an early deadline, please see the January 13th bulletin for the collection total for December 30th.

5200 Club

Week # 15 Winner: Janice & Tom Miller

Seller: Mary Lou Toelke

Ticket: 0964

Faith Formation

In 16th century England, when Henry VIII's request for a divorce was denied by the Pope, he declared himself head of the Church of England and required all his subjects to give religious allegiance to him. Practice of the Catholic faith was forbidden, priests could not administer the sacraments. One tradition is that the song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" was a carol akin to apocalyptic writing in the Book of Revelation. The symbols served as a kind of "coded catechism" to teach doctrines in a way that would not put the lives of Catholics in jeopardy at a time when they would have been persecuted or killed for talking about their religion. These are the symbols of the 12 days (Christmas – Epiphany) and their meanings:

<i>12 lords a leaping</i>	12 beliefs of Creed
<i>11 pipers piping</i>	11 apostles (- Judas)
<i>10 ladies dancing</i>	10 commandments
<i>9 drummers drumming</i>	9 choirs of angels
<i>8 maids a milking</i>	8 beatitudes
<i>7 swans a swimming</i>	7 sacraments
<i>6 geese a laying</i>	6 Church precepts
<i>5 golden rings</i>	1 st 5 books of Bible
<i>4 calling birds</i>	4 Gospels
<i>3 French hens</i>	3 persons – Trinity
<i>2 turtle doves</i>	2 natures of Jesus
<i>Partridge in a Pear Tree</i>	Jesus = partridge
	Cross = pear tree



The American Bishops have made the Catechisms for Adults available online. Reflect on what you already know about each of these teachings, then consult the Adult Catechism at: <http://ccc.usccb.org/flipbooks/uscca> .

Yearly Tax Statements

If you would like a yearly tax statement, please call or e-mail the parish office and your statement will be mailed to you. We only send statements to those who request them.

Thank You

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This Week in the Parish

Monday	1/7	Prayer Group	12:30 P.M.
		Campaign for Life	7:00 P.M.
Wednesday	1/9	Choir	7:30 P.M.
Saturday	1/12	Men's Group	8:30 A.M.
Sunday	1/13	Coffee and Donuts	

Mass Intentions

Monday	January 7
8:30 A.M.	Assumption Purgatorial Society
Tuesday	January 8
8:30 A.M.	Jacqueline Rose
Wednesday	January 9
8:30 A.M.	Communion Service
Thursday	January 10
8:30 A.M.	Communion Service
Friday	January 11
8:30 A.M.	Communion Service
Saturday	January 12
4:00 P.M.	For the Parish
Sunday	January 13
9:00 A.M.	Thelma Kaup
11:00 A.M.	Milton Mackin

Night at the Races

Mark your calendars for January 19th, 2019. Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association hosts Night at the Races. Doors open at 7:00 P.M. First race is at 7:40 P.M. Admission is \$15.00 which includes food and drinks. \$10.00 for ages 60 and over. No admission without a ticket and you must be 21 years old. You can purchase tickets by contacting Jennie Ludwig at 266-8226 or online at www.squareup.com/store/OLGAA.



Dine to Donate

On Wednesday, January 9th, if you eat at Perkins on Hamilton Avenue and use the coupon in the bulletin, the Mt. Healthy Alliance will receive 20% of your bill. A good deal all around. Thanks for your support.



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