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January 8, 2012

The Epiphany of the Lord



All are welcome.

Handicapped parking is located in front of church.

Personal hearing devices are available from the ushers/greeters.

**Children's Chapel available for the young and the restless
in the rear of the church.**

Mass Intentions for the Week of January 9 - January 15

Day	Time	Intentions
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Adeline Kulikowski, Yolanda Kerelis, Lydia Michalek
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Jolana & Anthony Arvay, Nicanor, Jacoba, Maria M. Rojas
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Frank Mamolella, John Hopp
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Adeline Kulikowski, Eva & Stanley Grabowski
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Laura McDonnell
Saturday	8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Purgatorial Society Stanley Klepczarek, Dorothy McNichols, Daniel Mrowinski
Sunday	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Mary Jo Stefanski, Lucy Pittacora Sandy & John Fisher Arlene Skryd Parishioners of St. Cletus Purgatorial Society

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;
National Migration Week
Monday: The Baptism of the Lord;
National Vocation Awareness Week
Tuesday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins
Friday: St. Hilary
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

ATTENTION! LECTORS EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Please pick up your schedule questionnaires
and return them by January 15. Thank you.

Paulette Bolton
Director of Liturgy



Please remember our sick in your prayers:
Mary Dybas, James McSweeney, John Karch,
Gertrude Koenig-Stoiber, Gerdi Dorso,
Joe Falls, Loretta Pavlik, N. Zagrodnik, Scott Malcak,
Bob Zimmerman, Breann Moddes, Betty Niwa,
Joan Workman, Betty Zapf, Donald Cuttill,
Idolina Montano, Sue Kremer, Gail Pankow-Locker,
Kathryn Super-Wilson, Lydia Ciaglia, Maeva Bishop,
Katie Meyer, Howard Pohlman, Evelyn Kilker,
Jessica Gundling, Joe Saban, Ola Maveety,
Jean Weekley, Marilyn Mateševac. Also pray for our
parishioners who are in nursing homes or are
homebound and unable to attend Mass.

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA NEXT WEEKEND JANUARY 14/15

The Natural disasters which occurred in 2010
continue to challenge the Church in Latin America.
Your participation in this collection will help the
Church to re-establish and strengthen her presence
in this region and ensure that the faithful can
continue to experience the Lord's love in the
sacraments and in their local parish communities.
Envelopes are available in the pews this weekend.
Please be generous.

***Please pray for those who have
died and their families...***



Nancy Makris

***May the Lord grant them eternal rest.
Amen.***



**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
January 8, 2012**

**All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him**

— Psalm 72:11

NOTES FROM FATHER BOB...



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

A pilgrim to the Holy Land was one day praying in the underground cave at Bethlehem, when he heard an unusual hubbub in the basilica above. It grew louder; it seemed to be getting ever nearer. Then, suddenly, the grotto was flooded with a crowd of West Africans led by three magnificent black bishops. Everything about them – their glistening eyes, their chants, their brilliantly colored clothes – seemed to speak of a childlike delight. Not even the Magi in their traditional garb could have cut so splendid a sight. After a period of prayer, they retraced their steps to the basilica above and there celebrated the Mass of the Epiphany. It was a woman, dressed even more sumptuously than the rest, who read the passage from Isaiah we heard today: “Arise, shine out... for your light has come...the nations come to your light.” The pilgrim realized that the ancient prophecy was being fulfilled yet again.

The story of the Magi, recorded by Matthew, has an almost magical charm about it, which befits this wonderful Christmas season. But of course what matters is not so much the story as the message it conveys. It’s possible to get lost in questions, such as: How many Magi were there? (Matthew doesn’t say.) Where exactly did they come from? (“From the east” is not very helpful). What kind of star was it that could guide them and then pinpoint the location of the stable? To get hung up on such questions is to risk missing the real point of the story.

The real point of the story, its message to us, is that the tiny Child of Bethlehem is meant for all humankind, and that he is worth seeking, at whatever cost. Like a wondrous light that can never be extinguished, he draws people from every land towards him. His first visitors, as we heard on Christmas Day, were a handful of Jewish shepherds; his second, we learn today, are a group of pagans, that is, non-Jewish Wise Men, travelling from far-away lands. The very word “epiphany” means a revelation; today we celebrate the revelation that Jesus is for everyone. As Paul explained in our second reading, God has laid bare his eternal plan, which is that the whole world, pagans as well as Jews, are to be sharers in the same inheritance.

The gifts the Wise Men bring are significant, for they speak subtly of the identity of the Child in the manger. They show why he is worth seeking. Gold – the royal metal - is fitting for one born to be King. Sweet-smelling incense – used for worship of God - is so eminently suitable for the one who is God-made-man. Myrrh - used for embalming the dead - a seemingly odd gift, is also appropriate, for this Child has come into the world to lay down his life as our Savior.

Among the blessings of the Second Vatican Council was the decision to describe the Church as a pilgrim people. Like the Magi, we are pilgrims on a journey; our guiding star is the precious gift of faith. We remain as pilgrims for as long as this life lasts, and would be lost without it’s guidance. The Magi had to make a long, arduous journey before they found the Lord. Perhaps friends and families ridiculed them. Surely, there must have been times on the way when they felt like giving up. Then, when the journey was almost over, they ran into King Herod.

The Christian pilgrimage also has its hazards; it sometimes invites ridicule, can even seem a waste of time. Yet persevere in it we must; nothing else is so important. Sunday Mass, a kind of milestone on the way, enables us to take our bearings, ensures that we are on course, and are able to receive in Communion the food needed for the journey. It is only at the end that we shall find what we’ve always been looking for, even if we’ve sometimes sought it in the wrong place; what in fact we were made for – the face to face vision of Jesus, the light of our lives.

The word “Magi,” used to describe our Lord’s visitors, does not, strictly speaking, mean “wise men.” All the same, it isn’t a bad way of describing them. The truly wise people in this world are those who have wisdom not simply of the head, but also of the heart...the kind of wisdom that leads them to pin their hopes on the star of their faith and to follow it courageously to the end.

May that kind of wisdom be granted to us all.

Fr. Bob
Pastor



Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2012

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

One who is for all

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord gets easily swamped by the song “We Three Kings” and the typical crèche scene that includes three royally robed monarchs. While scripture specifies three gifts, though, it does not specify as many persons. Nor are they kings; nor are they necessarily all men. The key, of course, is the actual name of the feast: *Epiphany*—a sudden burst of understanding, a revelation, a light. But even that is not enough. The light who is Christ is called a “light to the nations,” which in Bible-speak means “all the world.” The new translation of the Mass proclaims Jesus’ salvation “for many” rather than “for all,” as we used to say. Words matter, but the point is to celebrate the absolute and pure light that dawns upon all the world in the Incarnation of Christ.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 6-5; Matthew 2:1-12 (20)*

“Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come.”

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD; NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK BEGINS

The start of something big

John the Baptist preached a message of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. When Jesus presented himself for baptism, the stakes got higher: He saw the heavens open and heard a voice proclaim him the beloved Son of God. His public ministry began immediately afterward. The sacrament of Baptism also calls the followers of Christ to something big: repentance and service. Today begins National Vocation Awareness Week, a time to think about how you will live out your call to greatness—in your chosen vocation or in the vocation you are still contemplating. By your baptism you were anointed with the Holy Spirit, which gives you the power to act with justice and compassion.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or 55:1-11; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 John 5:1-9; Mark 1:7-11 (21)*

“God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing.”

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

Ask an authority on the subject

Jesus astounded the people who met him along the way not only by the great deeds and signs that he performed and by what he taught—to love one’s enemies or forgive countless times. The amazement of the crowds was also due to the authority with which he spoke, not citing other rabbis or scholars but teaching from his own soul. In the church we often identify “authority” only with the teaching office, the Catechism, the decrees of popes, or the sense of the faithful. But the authority with which each baptized person testifies to Christ is also the authority, the authenticity, of his or her own life of faith, justice, and mercy.

TODAY’S READINGS: *1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28 (306)*

“The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.”

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

Appearances aren’t always deceiving

You don’t have to look very hard into Catholic tradition to find stories of supernatural appearances of Jesus, the saints, and especially Mary to believers through the centuries. These kinds of occurrences really go back to biblical times. In the New Testament the Holy Spirit “appeared” in the form of a dove at Jesus’ baptism, Jesus himself ap-

peared to his disciples after his Resurrection, and the risen Christ made a decisive personal intervention in the life of Saint Paul, to name a few examples. Officially the church treads lightly on the subject and does not require Catholics to believe in a particular apparition. Most of us will never have such an experience, but we can indeed learn to make ourselves aware of the presence and guidance of God.

TODAY’S READINGS: *1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39 (307)*

“Speak, for your servant is listening.”

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

Everybody needs some healing

Some days it can be really tough to know and feel that God is with us. Though we believe God is there, it can sometimes feel as though we are miles away from God. Think about a time when you’ve been there; hardship, suffering, grief, and sickness can exacerbate that feeling, yet it is in these times when God draws especially close to us. The church honors such points in life with the Sacrament of Anointing. The sacrament is not only for people near death but for all in need of healing. It is a way in which you can acknowledge and place your pain and fear in the presence of a loving God and your community of faith. In what ways could you use a bit of anointing in your life?

TODAY’S READINGS: *1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45 (308)*

“Woe to us! This has never happened before.”

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

FEAST OF HILARY, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

A both/and, not an either/or situation

While we might not remember much about the heresies that roiled the early church, in their day they were the subject of some hard-ball religious conflict. Why all the fuss? Because most of these false beliefs challenged the basic tenets of Christian faith, like the divinity of Jesus. If we believe in one God, some said, how can we also believe that both the Father and Jesus are God? Isn’t that two Gods? Saint Hilary, a church leader who defended the orthodox doctrine, wrote: “Whatever is in the Father is also in the Son; whatever is in the unbegotten is also in the only-begotten.” Have faith in a God who would be so gracious and loving as to take the form of a human being, Jesus.

TODAY’S READINGS: *1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2:1-12 (309)*

“Who but God alone can forgive sins?”

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

Righteousness tests should be left behind

Ever considered serving the church via a vocation to religious life only to conclude you couldn’t “measure up” to the challenge or that you somehow were not “worthy” of the calling? It is no accident that Vocation Awareness Week closes with a gospel passage in today’s Mass readings highlighting the fact that Jesus called to discipleship those whom his society and its religious leaders considered to be unworthy sinners and outcasts. The truth is, all are called to serve in some way. There is no test for righteousness you have to pass first. Rather than focus on your shortcomings, take some time to consider how your gifts, skills, and interests can serve humanity and the church.

TODAY’S READINGS: *1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mark 2:13-17 (310)*

“Many tax collectors and sinners sat with Jesus and his disciples.”

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"The Year of the Teen and Young Adult"

Youth Ministry Update!

TEEN FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Small groups will meet **this** Sunday, January 8, in the homes of our catechists at assigned times. All are welcome to bring a friend.

Our large group meets in Morrissey Hall at 3:15 p.m. on Saturday, January 22, the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision. We welcome Linda Couri, a former abortion-industry insider turned pro-life advocate as our speaker. All teens and adults are welcome to join us for this wonderful talk.

TEEN HOSTED MASS

All teens and families are welcome to join us on Sunday, January 22, at 5:00 p.m. for our next teen hosted Mass. All teens are welcome to stay for pizza and social immediately following in Room 201 of the Education Building.

DROP-IN

Our next drop-in is this Wednesday, January 11, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. in the teen room. All high school teens are welcome to "drop-in" during those hours for games, music, and hanging out. Hope to see you there! Bring your friends!

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Any high school teen is invited and encouraged to participate in this year's advisory commissions board. Your input helps us to keep connected with the parish and to plan socials, service projects, prayer opportunities, etc. We meet again on Tuesday, January 17, at 6:00 p.m. in the teen room.

SOLSBERRY, INDIANA SUMMER MISSION TRIP 2012

We will be traveling to the Solsberry Hill Catholic Retreat Center in Solsberry, Indiana July 29–August 3. We will be serving with Habitat for Humanity, Catholic Worker House, Catholic Relief Services, local food banks and soup kitchens, and similar organizations. More information and registration forms are available on our website this weekend at www.stcletusparish.com/youth. Registration and non-refundable deposits will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis and are due by **Monday, January 9**. There may be a waiting list, so get yours in early!

OVERNIGHT CHICAGO SERVICE-BASED RETREAT

On Friday and Saturday January 27/28, we will be staying at the Brother David Darst Center www.brdaviddarstcenter.org at 2834 S. Normal, Chicago 60616. We will be doing 2–3 service projects in the city and reflecting/learning about Catholic Social Teaching. Adult chaperones are needed! Registration and fee are due this Tuesday, **January 3**. All information is available on our website www.stcletusparish.com/youth.

ARCHDIOCESAN ALL-NIGHT SKI EVENT 2012

Friday, February 3 and Saturday, February 4, teens from all over Chicago will be skiing at Chestnut Mountain in Galena. Our bus will depart Friday evening and will return Saturday morning. Adult chaperones are needed! Registration information is available on our website www.stcletusparish.com/youth. Forms and non-refundable fees are due by Thursday, January 12, as processing is completed through the Archdiocese. **NO LATE APPLICATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED!**

SAVE THE DATE!

St. John of the Cross is hosting its second annual benefit concert "4U2" to relieve poverty on Friday, January 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the church. Teens from our parish, St. Francis Xavier, and St. John will be performing. Bring your friends!

STAY UP-TO-DATE ON OUR ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

"Like" St. Cletus Youth Ministry on Facebook! You can do this on our webpage www.stcletusparish.com/youth.

ST. CLETUS KAIROSANS

We have created a new Facebook group for those who have attended St. Cletus hosted Kairos retreats (K3, K6, and K9.) It will allow us to keep you updated on Kairos reunions and other pertinent information. There is a link to it on our website www.stcletusparish.com/youth.

Kristen Maxwell

Youth Ministry

Social Concerns Ministry Update!

GIVING TREE

2011 was a difficult time financially for many of us. However, the year ended on a hopeful note for the 468 families who were grateful recipients of Christmas gifts and/or food baskets during our Advent Giving Tree Project. That hope and good will was shared by the myriad of parishioners and people in our community who participated in the project by taking and filling gift and/or food basket requests from the trees; by volunteering countless hours to help in the necessary preparation, organization, and distribution of the beautifully wrapped and carefully selected gifts and food items; by offering financial assistance to make sure everyone who registered for the program was remembered; by spreading the word in our community about this project to ensure support even beyond that of our faithful parishioners; or by praying for the struggling families we serve, and for the stamina and health of our volunteers.

Thank you to all – organizations, groups and individuals, from grade school students to retired older adults – who contributed in any way to the overwhelming success of this year's Giving Tree Project. The workings of the Holy Spirit were most apparent in every step along the way! This outreach program continues to give to all volunteers involved an inspiring perspective to the Advent and Christmas Season. We are filled with awe, humility, and gratitude as we act as ambassadors of this caring parish. In the weeks to come, I will share some of the many words of appreciation I continue to receive from the families we help at Christmas and throughout the year. As this New Year unfolds, may the same Spirit who guides us in this project continue to dwell among us all!

FOOD PANTRY

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Food Pantry in 2011. Recognizing that almost everyone continues to be negatively impacted by the economy, you can be proud that our Food Pantry continued to meet the need, because of the St. Cletus parishioners' ongoing positive response to Jesus' call to help the less fortunate and to see Him in the faces of those we serve. Your concern and generosity was apparent every month with your food donations and monetary contributions...you are the foundation of this outreach!

We are grateful, too, for the donations and sponsored food drives from so many community schools, organizations and businesses. Lastly, our food pantry could not operate without the many hours of service provided by our volunteers. THANK YOU for your dedication in sorting and shelving groceries, packing bags, carrying them to church to set up for the monthly food distribution, donating hours of service to the Greater Chicago Food Depository, which helps pay for food we order from them each month, and most especially for representing St. Cletus Parish as you serve our clients. As Jesus would say *"Well-done, good and faithful servant!"* With the continued support of donors and volunteers in 2012, we will strive to keep our shelves stocked to adequately serve those who come to us for help.

SEVERAL REMINDERS:

- All non-perishables are greatly appreciated, especially the items on each week's "most needed at this time" list. This week we are very low on cereal, canned meat, boxed sides, dry pinto beans, juice, coffee, and all sizes of diapers.
- Remember to check expiration dates to avoid out of date goods.
- Contributions can be dropped off in the designated bins in the Church vestibule when you come to Mass on the weekend, and daily from 7:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Full-size brown paper grocery bags are also needed and can be dropped off in the food bins. Our next food distribution will be on Thursday, January 12, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Church vestibule.

Thanks, again!

Mary Beth Ford

Director of Social Concerns

SOCIAL CONCERNS CONTINUED...

FEDERAL JOBS AND HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES

Interfaith Career Network (ICN) invites job seekers to an informative session on how to increase your chances of success when applying for federal jobs. Our speaker on Thursday, January 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 S. Wolf Rd., Western Springs, will be Becky Brillion, from Naperville's Community Career Center. Becky's discussion "Federal Job Application Tips and Hints," will help job seekers identify open positions, navigate the process and tailor their resume to match government hiring requirements.

Projections of the federal employment sector add 153,000 civilian employees by the end of 2012, bringing the total number of federal workers to 1.43M. Retirement plans of long-term federal workers are still on track and allow for additional new hire opportunities. Federal job benefits are among the best in the country, adding to the attractiveness of working for the government, but landing a federal job involves a different process than landing in the private sector. Learn about the government job postings website through this demonstration presentation where explanation of the GS pay system will also be described, resume writing towards the federal goal will be explained, and participant questions will be answered. Plan to attend and invite a friend.

This meeting is open to all and there is no fee to attend. *ICN offers job support through various programs through the month. For further information, please visit our website at: www.interfaithcareernetwork.org.*

WHAT'S NEW AT ICN?

INTERFAITH CAREER NETWORK invites you to a job search program for the Newly Unemployed. Just beginning your search? Think you might be in the near future? Not sure how to begin? Know someone who recently lost their job – call them and let them know. This program is just for you! Discover valuable job search tools and tactics learned by job seekers with experience and success. Get your job search off to a great start on Monday, January 16, at 7:00 p.m. at St. John of the Cross Parish Center. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Tom Tisa at (708) 467-0722 or at tomtisa@msn.com. Come yourself and bring a friend.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As the new year begins and we are full of new resolves – perhaps this is the year to consider serving as a lector or Communion minister or usher.

The requirements are simple: commitment to our Faith and a desire to serve at the Lord's table. Schedules are set respecting your own preferences and availability. One evening of training is offered. The Lord gives us many gifts – the greatest of which is our very selves.

We are invited each week to share in the table of the Word and the Eucharist (thanksgiving). Maybe this is the year you will respond to the Lord's invitation to participate in a special way by sharing your time and talent.

Tuesday:	Jan. 10 – 6:30-7:15pm – Lector Training	
	OR	- 1 night only - choose 1
Wednesday:	Jan. 11 – 7:30-8:15pm – Lector Training	
Tuesday:	Jan. 10 – 7:15-8:15pm – Communion Minister Training	
	OR	- 1 night only - choose 1
Wednesday:	Jan. 11 – 6:30-7:30pm – Communion Minister Training	

Paulette Bolton
Director of Liturgy

St. Cletus Book Club

The next book is

City of Thieves

by Dennis Benioff

We will meet to discuss it on
Tuesday, January 17, at 7:00 p.m.
 (Room 102 of the Education Building)

Questions? Email: loriashe@aol.com**CABARET IS COMING
SAVE THE DATE!**

On Friday, February 3, we will once again transform Morrissey Hall into a piano bar and cabaret! We will be entertained by the incredible talents of Tony Kidonakis and Jeff Snyder, who were an absolute hit last year! Ticket information will be available next week in the Canticle and on our website. If you missed this event in 2011 you do NOT want to miss it in 2012. Start planning now for an evening of outstanding entertainment to support our Fine Arts Series.

Justin Sisul

Music Director

**SUBURBAN CATHOLIC SINGLES GROUP (SCSG)
 MULTI PARISH MINISTRY
 FOR SINGLES IN THEIR 40'S AND 50'S
 JANUARY EVENTS**

Dinner & Movie – Saturday January 14 – 5:00 p.m.
The Patio Restaurant, 2800 Highland Ave., Lombard
Followed by a movie at the AMC Theater, 80 York-
town Shopping Ctr., Lombard

January 27 or January 28 – TBD

Above events are subject to change.

Visit our website for more up-to-date information
www.suburbancatholicsingles.blogspot.com

You can contact us at singlesadmin@gmail.com
 Find us on Facebook-Suburban Catholic Singles

NAZARETH ACADEMY 2012 ENTRANCE EXAM**We Want You to Test With Us!****Saturday: January 14, 2012 @ 8:00 a.m.****Please bring:**

- Two #2 pencils
- NO calculators
- NO pre-registration required
- \$25 Exam fee

Optional Parent Gathering at 8:15-9:15 a.m.
 Q & A Session with refreshments.

**LET US CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY ESPECIALLY...**

Lt. Cdr. Amy Sloan Bloyd	US Coast Guard	Alexandria, Virginia
Michael Carr	USA	
Captain Anthony Cech, Chaplin	USA	Schofield Barracks Ft. Bragg, NC
Sgt. Franklyn Cuchana	USA	
2nd Lt., Thomas G. Dybicz	USA Ranger	Ft. Benning, GA
Sgt. Michael Fittanto	USA	Kabul, Afghanistan
M/Sgt. Patrick Hegeman	USMC	Okinawa, Japan
Sgt. Joseph Kaminski	USA	Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya
Kevin Lewis	USA	Kabul, Afghanistan
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Please let us know of others serving in the military...also when friends and loved ones return from deployment overseas. Call Eugenia Callison at (708) 482-4974 for more information.

Sunday Collection – January 1, 2012

Total Active Registered Families 2,768

Collection Statistics# of envelopes used - this week 675
% of registered families 24%Amount Collected\$ 22,617 Envelope Users
3,499 Loose Checks/Cash
2,098 Electronic Giving**\$28,214 Total****Weekly Collection Budget: \$27,000****Over (under) Budget \$1,214****This Fiscal Year @ 1/01/12**

Actual Sunday Collections \$707,615

Budgeted Sunday Collections 702,000**YTD Over (Under) than budget \$5,615*****Hail Mary...Our prayers are being answered.
Mass attendance is increasing. Keep Praying!
Fr. Bob, Pastor*****EPIPHANY OF THE LORD***"They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh..." Matthew 2:11*

Notice the distinct order of events in the Magi's visit. First they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we presume to present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what gifts God might be asking us to share. But when we kneel before Him in prayer we will find the answer.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

DAY/ DATE	TIME	LOCATION/ ROOM #	EVENT
Monday, January 9	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:45 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	S-200 C S-98 MH	Athletic Association CREDO Team Mass CREDO Team Pot Luck Men's Basketball
Tuesday, January 10	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	C S-200 S-207 RB C MH	Lector Training RCIA PreCana School Board Meeting Communion Minister Training High School Boys' Basketball
Wednesday, January 11	9:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	RB S-208 MH C C S-200 MH	Mission Ladies Teen Drop-In Market Day Communion Minister Training Lector Training Baptism Prep Class High School Boys' Basketball
Thursday, January 12	1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	MH S-Music S-Band S-Music CV S-102 S-Music MH	Leisure Loafers Children's Choir Spanish Choir Contemporary Choir Food Pantry AA Closed Meeting Chancel Choir High School Boys' Church League
Friday, January 13	7:00 p.m.	S-207	Spanish Ministry Bible Class
Saturday, January 14	11:00 a.m.	MH	Pine Wood Derby
Sunday, January 15			
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