

The Catholic Community of Divine Savior

Norridge, IL

JANUARY 6, 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord

Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?"

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

~ Matthew 2:1-2

Morris Drop-In Center



It's time for our annual celebration on Friday, January 25, 2019 at Elmcrest Banquets. to enjoy the afternoon with a luncheon, entertainment and some holiday cheer. Cost of \$30.00 also includes bus transportation. Reservations and payments are due by Saturday, January 19, 2018 by calling Florence Porada at 708.453.4214.

Men's Silent Retreat

All men are invited to attend our annual retreat, February 22nd to 24th. Arrive Friday between 4:00-6:00PM at the Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House in Barrington, IL and depart Sunday 12:00-1:00 PM. This year's theme is following the sequence of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, exploring the story of how God cares for us, of what that care means for us, and how the story of salvation helps us define who we are and how we live.

The retreat master is Fr. Ron Bieganowski, SJ., a renowned literature teacher from Marquette university. Meals, snacks, and over night accommodations are provided as the Jesuits endeavor to make your brief stay comfortable and restful. For more information on this Catholic spiritual tradition, contact Ralph Cantal at 708.452.6438, or cell 708.362.0631.

Communion Ministers needed for Central Baptist Village

How would you like to make a new friend and serve God at the same time? We are looking for a few individuals (both men and women) who would be willing to visit some of the residents at Central Baptist Village in Norridge, approximately once every six weeks.

You would lead a short prayer service in the chapel and distribute the Eucharist. After that you would visit the rooms of those who are unable to get to the chapel to distribute communion to them. If you are interested but not sure, I can arrange for you to shadow one of our teams on a Sunday. To join this wonderful and fulfilling ministry or if you have further questions, please call Frank at the Parish Office, 708.456.9000.

Epiphany Blessing for the Home

All: Make the Sign of the Cross.

Head of Household: *Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here, in the name of the Lord.*



All: *Blessed be God forever.*

Using chalk, write over a doorpost at an entrance to your house:

20 + C + M + B + 19

(to symbolize the Magi Caspar, Melchior, Balthasar,
and the year 2019)

All: *God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of the Light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



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**FCFF Liturgy &
Formation Session
Sunday
January 13th
8:00 AM—10:30 AM**

FINDING GOD

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us. We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.

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Next weekend, January 12/13, the targeted items for our weekly collection for the needy will be: CANNED VEGETABLES, PASTA & TOMATO PRODUCTS, PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY. Your donations may be left in the vestibule of the church.



The food pantry at our sharing parish, St. Eulalia's in Maywood, IL, is in great need of the donations we receive each week. Your continued generosity in remembering the needy is appreciated. parish.

Weekly Offering

December 22/23 Envelopes used: 246

Cash/Checks in Envelopes	= \$ 4,495.00
Loose cash	= \$ 475.25
Give Central	= \$ 637.00
Collection Total	= \$ 5,607.25

Children's Envelopes = \$ 22.25

December 24/25 Envelopes used: 330

Cash/Checks in Envelopes	= \$ 20,288.00
Loose cash	= \$ 1,064.00
Give Central	= \$ 1,370.00
Collection Total	= \$ 22,722.00

Children's Envelopes = \$ 22.25

As members of this faith community, we are invited to become good stewards of what God has entrusted to us. God Bless all those whose support has enabled Divine Savior Church to continue its mission.

Please remember to mark the amount of your contribution on your envelope each week. This will ensure that your contributions are recorded accurately.



Please remember Anita Aiello, Joseph Bachmeier, Lillian Baureis, Maria Bordignon, Donna & Jerry Bruss, Peggy A. Carolan, Marilee Cass, Greg Cazolas, Biagio Cirrincione, Marge Clemens, Al Corrado, Dawn Crimmins, Josephine Davi, Rosemary DiBiase, Antonio DiBrita, Marcel Dillie, MaryAnn Entrup, Glen Erickson, Geraldine Fergus, Lorraine Gallas, John Gaydos, MaryAnn Gaydos, Lucille Gibula, Lola Golonka, Rosemary Hauck, Gina Hess, Renee Holm, Sylvia Johnnic, Virgil Kolb, Jackie Kukielka, Jon Lapo, Gloria Lesniak, Erica Lursky, Maria Makos, Glenn Mateus, Berniece Michna, Mary Morreale, Ernest Morris, William Murray, Edward Pasdiora, James Pastorino, Lily Prawica, Frances Rehfuß, Lillian Ross, Joanne Rupert, Caterina Savarino, Hope Scharpenter, Alicia Schmitz, Matt Schoenbach, Maria Scimeca, Dominic Senese, Billy Southerton, Mickey Stefanski, Steve Strzelecki, Anthony Taurina, Vincent Thome, Raymond Tomaszak, Arlene Ventura, and all parishioners, family members, and friends in your prayers.

Please pray as well for Loretta Lodestro, Kenneth Sprow and all who have died. May they now rest in eternal peace.

When a Family Member is Hospitalized

Please notify the parish office, 708.456.9000, when a family member is hospitalized. Because of HIPPA (privacy) laws, Presence Resurrection Medical Center and other hospitals are no longer permitted to notify us when parishioners are admitted to the hospital.

If you know of any member of Divine Savior Church who is homebound or temporarily homebound and would like a Minister of Care to bring them the Eucharist please let us know. Just call the Parish Office, 708.456.9000, and ask for Frank.



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Mardi Gras 2019

Save the date: Saturday, February 23rd

The Star of Bethlehem

The unfolding of the story of the Incarnation continues today as the Church celebrates the Epiphany. The tale of the magi from the East is one of the most fascinating in all of scripture. It has much to teach us about what we can come to expect, even in circumstances and places that may seem insignificant or small. Bethlehem was a tiny town, what we might refer to today as a town without even one stop light. Yet it is over this seemingly insignificant place that the guiding star stops in its own search for the place where the Savior would be born. Too often we fail to recognize the fact that the star of Bethlehem comes to rest in our everyday lives, where we can experience God's presence, manifested in ever new ways. Epiphany calls us to shake off our stupor and recognize the One who comes to save us.



Prayers matter! Come and join the Intercessory Prayer Group on the first and third Tuesdays of every month in the Rectory basement from

6:30—8:00 PM. There, we give praise and thanks, share the scripture, recite the rosary, and share teachings and songs, giving witness to the goodness of our Lord. People of any age are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Tessie at 708.452.1187.

For those who cannot join us in person, we would like to pray for you. Please place your intentions in the box near the statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the back of the church.

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20)

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Monday of this week is Christmas Day in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Caesar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called pontiffs were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named The Last Year of Confusion. The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia's Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

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January 6, 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord (C)

Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2-5a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12

Herod Was Correct

King Herod, the most powerful man in the region, was greatly troubled to hear about the birth of a king. Why would a reigning king fear a little child? Perhaps because he believed if word spread that a future messiah had been born, the Jews would be harder to control. They were easier to dominate when they were without hope, without a leader.

Herod was correct. Wise men from the East looking for the King of the Jews fulfilled prophecies that foretold all nations would come to Israel looking for a messianic leader.

Herod was also troubled because, if indeed this newborn was a king, he had a pretender and a competitor right under his royal nose. King Herod was correct again.

Although Jesus did not pretend to overthrow the Romans, he did come with authority and would upend the existing order. Jesus would preach to the heart and demand that no one sit on that throne except God his Father.

Pseudo Domenico presents the arrival of the Magi as a procession of vassals showing homage to their king. Kneeling, bowing, and standing erect with gifts in hand, authorities from far away are showing reverence to the newborn royalty who sits on Mother Mary's lap. His royal hall is the hillside, his scepter a baby finger, his royal family is Joseph and Mary.

These Gentile kings were the first to do what all of creation and all of history have been doing since then—bending their knee to the King of the Universe. Herod was right to worry.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: Adoration of the Kings, 1450s
Artist: Pseudo Domenico di Michelino
Location: Vatican Museums

For Reflection

Jesus' reign comes to give security to those who love him. Does his authority and care give me security? Do I seek earthly securities aside from the treasures he offers me: his will, protection, and grace?

When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

Matthew 2:3

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Tweet for the Week!

"Looking at Jesus we see the face of the God who is Love, and we learn to recognize Him in the faces of our brothers and sisters."

MASS



SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Monday, January 7, 2019

7:30 AM— Divine Savior Parishioners

 Monday: 1 John 3:22-4:6
Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

 7:30 AM— John Bredin
Harriet Pavis
Joseph Porada
Rose Ryan

 Tuesday: 1 John 4:7-10
Mark 6:34-44

 Wednesday: 1 John 4:11-18
Mark 6:45-52

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

 7:30 AM— Bridget & Zachary Pfister
Menandro Gregori

 Thursday: 1 John 4:19-5:4
Luke 4:14-22a

Thursday, January 10, 2019

 7:30 AM— Ross Cerniglia
Frances & Margaret Petrovic

 Friday: 1 John 5:5-13
Luke 5:12-16

 Saturday: 1 John 5:14-21
John 3:22-30

Friday, January 11, 2019

7:30 AM— Domenic Rossi

 Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Saturday, January 12, 2019
Vigil: The Baptism of the Lord

 4:00 PM— Harry & Rose Arquilla
Edward & Victoria Wnek
Special Intentions of Richard Horneck
Special Intentions of Jackie Leland

Sunday, January 13, 2019
The Baptism of the Lord

 8:00 AM— Betty Ness
10:30 AM— Frances Nimietz
Louise Zittman

EASTERN STAR

*Fair eastern star, that art ordain'd to run
Before the sages, to the rising Sun,
Here cease thy course, and wonder that the cloud
Of this poor stable can thy Maker shroud.
--Sir John Beaumont*



Ministers & Servers Schedule for the weekend of January 12/13

	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers		Servers
4:00 PM	Fr. Beath	O. McAteer	J. Brown S. Kukiela D. Sulimowski		
8:00 AM	Fr. LoBianco	M. Bratko	S. Kumiega L. Panlilio I. Petryszak	C. Mikucki L. Remoquillo	J. Panlilio K. Partyka E. Remoquillo
10:30 AM	Fr. Beath	C. Giacalone	V. Chernich C. Lizak N. Sta Ana		

Mission Statement of The Catholic Community of Divine Savior

We are a faith community that seeks the fullest relationship with Jesus, by our communion with each other, through the Eucharist, Sacraments, Prayer, and Service.

Pastoral Staff

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This Week

Monday: — FCFF Catechist Meeting
 7:00 PM
 Tuesday: — Morris Drop-In
 8:00 AM—Parish Hall
 — Bible Discussion
 11:00 AM—Rectory
 Sunday: — FCFF Liturgy and Formation Session
 8:00 AM—10:30 AM

WEEKEND LITURGIES

Saturday: 4:00 PM Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 AM

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Monday-Friday: 7:30 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday: 3:15 - 3:45 PM. Please call the rectory.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

One Sunday a Month. Please call the rectory.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please call the rectory.

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