

**St. Monica
Catholic Church
(Est. 1858)**

**The Epiphany of the Lord
January 7, 2018**



Epiphany

Living in the Light of God!

What a wonderful and beautiful Christmas we celebrated in worship, sound and beauty! I pray that you continue to unwrap the gift of Jesus that we received this Christmas: wisdom, knowledge, understanding, counsel, courage, reverence, and “wonder and awe” in the presence of God.

**Day of Reflection Saturday the 13th
from 9 AM to Noon: please join us in the
PEC. GRATITUDE is our theme!**

Into the Deep Bible Study:

This Tuesday @ 6 pm St Monica & this Wednesday @ 4:30 pm St John's. We will begin with the gospel of St. Mark. Please bring your new American Bible as we take a remarkable journey through the Gospel we will be reading all through this liturgical year. *If you thirst for a deeper relationship with God and Jesus, this is for you.*

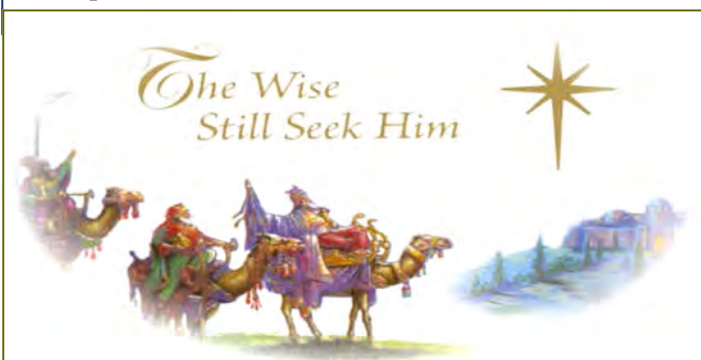
It has been a wonderful six months here at St. Monica, for you have been extraordinarily wonderful and welcoming.

Please if you haven't checked out the FORMED.org marvelous movies, educational and Sacramental content and so much more await you and your family. Our parish code is R87GP3. If you find something wonderful, please share.

This truly has been the best Christmas Ever!
Love, Joy, Peace....Father Ron

GOD'S PROMISE TO ALL PEOPLE

Today Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and that they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses - 8:30 a.m.
**First Friday Adoration/Sacred Heart Devotion
and Other Fridays Holy Hour - 9:00 a.m.**
First Saturday Mass with the Anointing of the Sick 10:00 a.m.
Holy Day Masses
8 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Confessions - Saturday: 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 - Or by Appointment

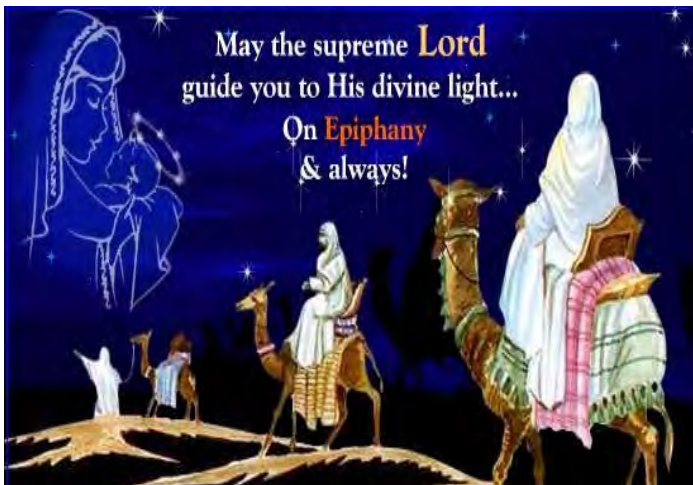
Those needing "Anointing of the Sick" or in need of a Priest, please call these telephone numbers only:

**During Business Hours: Parish Office - 325-9777
After Business Hours : 904-994-6803**

Please call the Parish Office to let us know if a parishioner is hospitalized, seriously ill or homebound so that a Priest can visit and anoint them.

Next Week's Mass Intentions

Sat.	01/06	4:30 p.m.	+ James Hall
Sun.	01/07	9:00 a.m.	Parishioners
Mon.	01/08	9:00 a.m.	Living members of Barady & Clementine Family
Tue.	01/09	8:30 a.m.	+ Miguel Dejuk Yunis
Wed.	01/10	8:30 a.m.	+ Anita Tressel
Thur.	01/11	8:30 a.m.	+ Zachany Hancock
Fri.	01/12	8:30 a.m.	+ Geneva Beck
Sat.	01/13	4:30 p.m.	+ Isabelle Daniell



Office Hours
PARISH OFFICE

Phone: 386-325-9777 • Fax: 386-329-1960

Mon., Wed., Thur., and Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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Diane Mutchie, Stewardship Pastoral Associate
Lorenzo Delacruz, Church Sexton

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The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the calling of Jesus as Messiah, Son of God, and Savior of the World. The magi, representatives of pagan religions, come to honor Jesus and share the good news of his birth. This gives hope to the world and universality to the role of Jesus plays in the salvation of the entire world. (CCC#528)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mk 1:7-11
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
- Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Baptism Reminder!

Individuals or families must be registered Parishioners and attending Mass for six months before requesting the Baptism of a baby.

St. Johns the Evangelist Interlachen
All are Welcome

Mass Schedule

- Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
Friday 6:00 p.m.
Sunday 11:30 a.m.

Social after Sunday Mass

Confessions

- Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Bible Study

- Wednesday 4:30 p.m.

Here's What's Happening!

If you donated a poinsettia for Christmas, you can pick up your plant after January 9th.

**January 9, 2018 - Into the Deep,
Bible Study
with Father Ron, 6:00 p.m.**

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January 13, 2018 - Day of Reflection, Gratitude is the theme, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the Parish Enrichment Center.

If you need a tax letter, please contact the office. We have a list we use every year, so if you have already requested a letter, you will be on the list to receive it.

We need help with the pigeons, if you would like to help, call the office.



Congratulations on your Confirmation!

***Clarence Keiser
Stephany Foster
Jim Wigand***



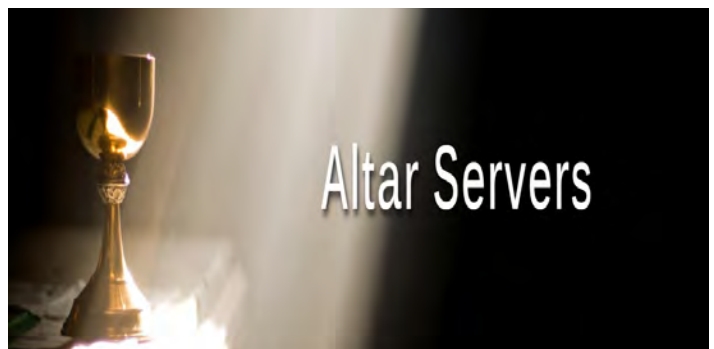
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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Where on earth would you go to honor the magi? Iran or Saudi Arabia, Tarshish or the Isles come to mind, but Cologne, Germany would be a good choice. There the Shrine of the Three Kings has been the centerpiece of the city's cathedral since the fourth century. Today it is the largest reliquary in the world: a gilded and ornamented triple casket gleaming high above the altar. In the fourth century, the supposed relics of the wise men were taken from Constantinople to Milan, where they remained until the German Emperor with the unlikely name Frederick Barbarossa (Red Beard) gave them to the Archbishop of Cologne. Ever since, pilgrims have streamed into the city to honor the magi, the first of all pilgrims, and thus the heavenly patrons of all who have some holy wanderlust.

This largest Gothic cathedral in Europe today was begun in the mid-1200s to house the relics. In medieval times, the relics in a city's possession were often the key to a sound international economy. The reliquary was last opened in 1864, and the remains of three men were indeed discovered. The cathedral is well worth a visit, with enormous twin spires forming the largest façade of any church in the world (it is the model for St. Patrick's in New York). Construction began in 1248 and ended in 1880, a six-hundred-year project. Today, it is a World Heritage Site, described by the U.N. as "an exceptional work of human creative genius." This great treasure of our tradition suffered fourteen direct bomb hits in World War II but did not collapse. It survived while the city burned around it, preserved, the townspeople say, by three heavenly patrons.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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