

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2024

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue
www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org

Rectory Office Hours:
Tuesdays and Thursdays
11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Parish Office: 814-942-0371
or call the Cathedral Office at 944-4603.

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator

Parish Secretary
Paula Hall

Director of Music Ministry
Cathy McFee

Eucharist: Sunday: 11:30 AM

Holy Days: 5:30 PM

Holy Communion for the home bound - weekly:
Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open Sunday through Saturday: 7:30 AM - 5PM for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be held at Our Lady of Fatima.

Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be held at the Cathedral. 944-4603

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Parishioners wishing to receive the sacrament of healing may call the Cathedral Parish Office to make arrangements. 814-944-4603

Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603
One Cathedral Square

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop

Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator
Paula Clemens, Secretary
PH: 814-944-4603

Christian Initiation Team: 944-4603
Catholics returning Home: 944-4603
Mail Ministry to Elderly, Homebound, Seriously Sick and Grieving - 944-4603

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Web: www.holytrinitycatholic.school

Holy Trinity Eldorado (Pre-K thru Grade 5) 814-942-7835

Holy Trinity Fairview (Pre-K thru Grade 5) 814-381-7011

Director of Religious Education:
Chris Laraia – Pre-K thru 8 - 312-7317

Religious Education Office: Sundays – 943-7424

Director of Music Ministry
Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO
Music Ministry Office - 944-2044
E-Mail: lthayer@dioceseaj.org

Reconciliation @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday
12:30 PM Saturday

Religious Education @ Cathedral: Pre-K through 11
Sacramental Formation @ Cathedral: First Reconciliation
First Communion
Confirmation

Sacramental Formation @ the Cathedral: Baptismal Prep
Marriage Prep
Christian Initiation

Hospital Visitation: Call the Cathedral: 944-4603

Cathedral Eucharist:

Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil)	Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil)	Weekdays: 12:00 PM
8:00 AM	8:00 AM	Saturday: 12:00 PM
10:00 AM	12:00 Noon	
5:00 PM		

THE FATIMA TOWERS

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

11:30 A.M.

Today, January 7, 2024, The Epiphany of the Lord.

Cathy Starr (Barbara A. Francis)

Next Sunday, January 14, 2024, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

John Kasun, Sr. (Kasun Boys and Families)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

January 7, The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM +Sandy Cuomo (Patty & Bear McCloskey)

10:00 AM +Fred Reismeier (Dick & Becky Moran)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

There is an 11:30 AM Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Church.

January 8, Monday, The Baptism of the Lord

12:00 PM All God's People (Altoona Catholic Daughters)

January 9, Tuesday, Weekday

12:00 PM +Patty Wiedemer, Anniv. (Family)

January 10, Wednesday, Weekday

12:00 PM +Fr. Paul Turnbull (Ed & Jeanine McCloskey)

January 11, Thursday, Weekday

12:00 PM Special Intentions of Joe Gibbons, Birth. (Susan Crooks)

January 12, Friday, Weekday

12:00 PM +Michael J. Ronan, Jr. (Paula Schimminger Dent)

January 13, Saturday, Weekday

12:00 PM +Charles Z. Walker, USN (Tom Byrne)

Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM +Frances Pagliaro and Robert Beck (Family)

January 14, Sunday, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM +Rosemary Plank Greig (Albert Schlecht)

10:00 AM +Pat & Bernadine Farrell (Family)

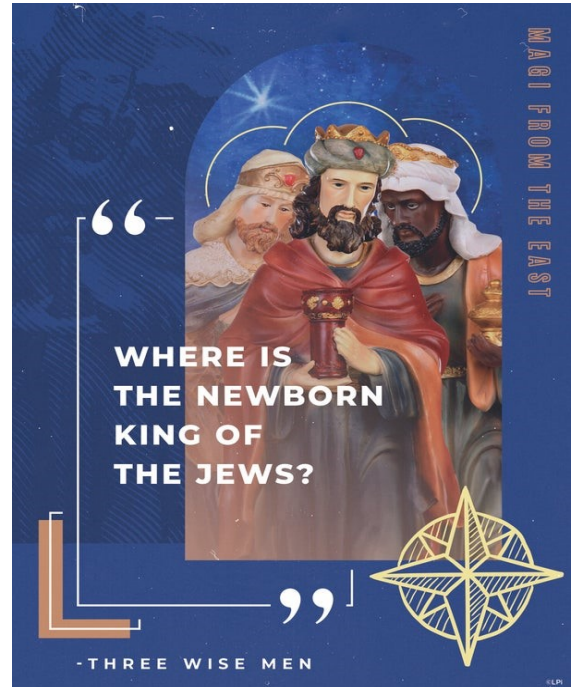
5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

There is Mass at 11:30 A.M. at Our Lady of Fatima Parish.



**TABERNACLE
CANDLE**

During the month of January, the sanctuary candle is being lit in memory of Tom Byrne by his Family.



Readings for the week of January 7, 2024

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/
Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk
1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a,
8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk
1:40-45

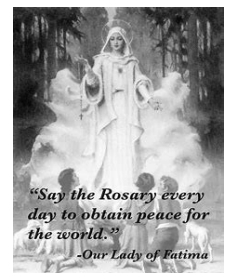
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1
-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10
(8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/ Jn 1:35-42

Thank You Very Much

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated. The contributions for Sunday, December 31, were \$1,921. The Christmas Collection was \$2,901. Thank you.



Confirmation Preparation

There is an 11th grade session on Sunday, January 14, in the Cathedral Hall from 2:30-4:30 PM. A sponsor or parent must attend with the student. Please bring your red folder.

There is a 10th grade session on Sunday, January 28, in the cathedral hall from 2:30-4:30 PM. A sponsor or parent must attend with the student. Please bring your red folder.

There is a 9th grade session on Sunday, February 18, in the cathedral hall from 2:30-4:30 PM. A sponsor or parent must attend with the student. Please bring your red folder.

The Final Session and Interview for 11th grade confirmation candidates will be on Sunday, March 17, from 2:30-4:30 PM. A parent or sponsor must attend with the student. All make-up work must be turned in

FIRST COMMUNION PREP

There will be a 1st Communion Meeting on Tuesday, February 6, in the cathedral hall from 6:30-8:00 PM. Parents and students must attend. If you haven't already turned done so, please bring your completed Reconciliation text and Family Crest activity.

There will be another meeting on Tuesday, March 5, in the cathedral hall from 6:30-8:00 PM. Parents and students must attend.



Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes & Discovery of Barcelona

Msgr. Carson will be leading a pilgrimage from September 15-24, 2024.

Pilgrimage information is available in the brochures available in the vestibule, at the Cathedral's Facebook page, and at <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1213040>.

A Note of Thanks

Gratitude is extended to the Stanley J Krish Funeral Home for sponsoring this year's Catholic Art Calendar.



The Christmas season comes to an end with the Feast of Our Lord's Baptism on Monday, January 8.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Step Into the Light

How strange it is to think that if not for Herod's directions, the magi would not have known where to find Jesus. They were not Jews, they knew nothing of the old prophecies. It was Herod who convened the scholars. It was Herod who pointed the way — for ulterior motives, certainly, but nonetheless, this is the part he played. It was Herod who made the Epiphany possible.

“Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance,” writes the prophet (Isaiah 60:3). A king may keep to the shadows, suspicious of the light — he may foolishly imagine he can snatch it from the sky to keep as his own possession, and, upon finding the light cannot be governed, grow to loathe it, and even seek to extinguish it once and for all.

But all his grand designs will come to nothing because there is no king so powerful that he can see in the dark. And even a man like Herod — a man so jealous that he sought to kill God — cannot prevent the breaking of day.

The Epiphany marks the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. It is a celebration of truth reaching places it was not expected to reach, of brightness illuminating corners of the world long ago consigned to shadow. It is a reminder that the battle has already been won, the night is over. All that remains is for us to decide: will we step into the light?

“See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory.” — Isaiah 60:2

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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A stranger in a foreign land, I was exhausted and homesick as my summer Spanish immersion ended in Guatemala. The rusty minivan arriving outside my small residence filled me with joyful hope. I was flying home to the U.S. and would be, at long last, completely happy. Or so I thought. After about half an hour of being home, I thought to myself, “This place is boring. I want to go somewhere.” So, I hopped in my car and left to see my friends. As I drove, I wistfully wondered, “Where am I *truly* at home?”

The feast of Epiphany has a lot to do with our notion of home. Where is our origin? Where are we going? When is our wandering done? Saint Matthew tells us of the Magi, “**They were overjoyed at seeing the star.**” This star will bring them *home*, to a place where their questing will end, and they will be satisfied. Their real home is neither in the East nor in the earthly Jerusalem. Somehow, their home is wherever this boy and his parents are.

If you're a teenager or older, you probably know by now that every physical home we have is temporary. So, we look up at the countless stars in our proverbial skies: things which bedazzle and beckon us to follow toward peace. The Gospel invites us to behold that — at long last — God has sent us a star to follow home, one that whispers, “Follow me! I will take you home!” Perhaps that star is your spouse. A friend. An opportunity. A cause. An intuition about a new direction. A prayer group. What is it for you? How will you know? It will lead you to Mary and Joseph and their son, and you will be home.

— *Father John Muir*

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