

Saint  
**Boniface**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish  
Weekly

January 6th, 2019

**Reconciliation**  
Sundays  
10:15 - 10:45 AM

**Sunday Mass**  
8:30 & 11 AM

**Office Hours**  
9 AM - 2 PM  
Monday - Thursday

**January 6th ~ Epiphany** (*Fr. Adam*)

8:30 AM ~ Mr. and Mrs. Charles DeGrella +      11 AM ~ People of the Parish

**January 13th ~ The Baptism of the Lord** (*Fr. Adam*)

8:30 AM ~ People of the Parish      11 AM ~ Mr. and Mrs. Sherell Schreiber +

**Pastor** ~ Fr. Jeff Shooner  
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**Office Manager** ~ Patty Loerch  
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**Welcome to Saint Boniface!**

Everyone is invited to be a member of the parish by registering as either a member or associate member. Cards are available at the doors of the church.

**Change of Address?** Please notify Patty in the Parish Office of any changes to your family records.

**Stewardship**, lifetime of opportunity, responsibility, and accountability.

**Have you remembered** Saint Boniface in your will?

Saint Boniface is a Roman Catholic Church in the heart of downtown Louisville and has been ministering to the local community *since 1836*. We are a community formed by the Word of God, the Sacraments and the Tradition of the Catholic Church. We strive to be a catalyst for positive change in our neighborhood. We put the faith we have received into action through a variety of social outreach programs, namely: Saint John's Day Center for Homeless Men, Central Louisville Community Ministries (CLCM), and by assisting Nativity Academy in their mission to educate at-risk youth. In these efforts we strive to be a refuge for those in need, and offer hope to our surrounding community.

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## ***The Epiphany is celebrated by believers around the world - but what is it?***

LOS ANGELES, CA (Catholic Online) - Each year the Pope leads an Epiphany Mass in St. Peter's Basilica and people around the globe take part in celebrations specific to their region. In Spanish-speaking countries, The Epiphany is called Dia de los Reyes, meaning "Three Kings' Day," while in Pamplona, Spain celebrates with a Cabalgata Los Reyes Magos parade.

There are several traditions and names for celebrating the Epiphany, but what is it?

The Epiphany is celebrated each January 6 and is a day dedicated to the birth of Christ, which includes a nod toward the three Kings who came to visit Him.

According to [Dictionary.com](#), the word "epiphany" means "an appearance or manifestation, especially of a deity."

Appearance is correct, as Christ revealed himself in the form of a newborn babe to the Three Wise Men, who traveled from their countries to pay tribute to the Son of God.

It is also a reference to the baptism of Christ by John the Baptist. The six Sundays following Epiphany are known as the time of manifestation.

The [Gospel of Matthew](#) describes three Wise Men, named Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar, who were told of Christ's birth and set off, following the Star of Bethlehem, to meet the baby Jesus.

Each king brought with him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to represent Jesus' elevated position, divine birth and mortality respectively.

Historically, Christmas was celebrated each day from Christmas Eve to the Epiphany, with January 6 being as large a celebration as December 25.

Though Protestant churches celebrate a season of Epiphany from January 6 to Ash Wednesday, the Catholic Church observes Epiphany as a single day, with some in America celebrating the Epiphany feast the Sunday following January 6.

In Spain, children believe their Christmas presents are delivered by the Three Wise Men on January 6, while in Venice, children believe "La Befana," an imaginary old woman in Italian folklore, brings gifts to them on the Epiphany Day. An old Catholic tradition is the Star Singers, which are groups of people who dress as the Wise Men and carry a wooden star who go door-to-door to sing and collect donations for the poor.

In Germany, if the Star Singers (Sternsinger) come to your door, they offer a blessing for your home. If you accept, they write 20 \* C + M + B + 14 in chalk above your doorway. The numbers represent the year and the letters represent the phrase *Christus mansionem benedictat*, meaning "God bless this house."

In Bulgaria it is traditional for an Eastern Orthodox priest to throw a cross in a river. It is believed whoever recovers the cross will be healthy through the rest of the year, as will any who join in a dance within the river's frigid waters.

Mexico makes King's bread, called *Rosca de Reyes*, which has a circular shape and is decorated with figs, cherries or dried and candied fruits. In Spain, the King's bread includes baking a Jesus figurine and a bean into the bread. Whoever discovers the figurine is crowned king or queen of the celebration, while the person who discovers the bean must pay for the following year's Epiphany party.

### **Five facts about the Feast of the Epiphany**

The three Kings represent Europe, Arabia and Africa

1. Hundreds of years ago, roast lamb was served at Epiphany to honor Christ and the Three Kings' visit
2. In some European countries, children leave their shoes out to be filled with gifts, while others leave straw for the three kings' horses
3. In Prague, a Three Kings swim commemorates Epiphany Day at the Vltava River
4. In New York, El Museo del Barrio has celebrated and promoted Three Kings' Day annual parades for over thirty years

Now that you know what Epiphany is, and have several ideas of how to celebrate, enjoy Epiphany by honoring the birth of Christ and the presence of the Three Wise Men.

## Servers for this Week

8:30 a.m. Mass

Server: Ed Hilbert

Lector: Fred Williams

Gift Bearers:

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Ellen Hilbert, Maggie Spink, Charles Gazaway

Hospitality Ministers: Carol Cook, Kim McCoy

11:00 a.m. Mass

Server: Debbie Hornback

Lector: Susan Foley

Gift Bearers:

Eucharistic Ministers: Carlotta Ingram, Charles Gazaway

Hospitality Ministers:

*If you are interesting in serving please contact Charles Gazaway at 502.553.0317 or cgazaway@outlook.com*



## Prayer Requests

Bob Camfield  
Scott McCoy  
Al Pepper  
Jeff Wenzel

*If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please call the church office at 584.4279.*



**Mass Intentions...**we are now looking at the 2019 calendar and have two masses per week that need intentions. Please call the church office if you would like for your intention to be included.

**Conversations...**For the January episode of Conversations with Archbishop Kurtz, Chancellor Dr. Brian Reynolds and Archbishop Kurtz discuss the top ten good news stories in the Archdiocese and the theology of stewardship. Archbishop also welcomes guest Mother Paul Magyar, LSP to talk about the ministry of the Little Sisters of the Poor and the 150th anniversary of the order's presence in the United States and in the Archdiocese of Louisville.

**Parenting Pointers...** Today is the Feast of the Epiphany when Christians celebrate the three kings, who had been following a star and found the baby, Jesus. Celebrate this with your children by sharing a King cake, or simply walk outside and marvel at the stars. Seek to understand the mystery of the universe.

**Marriage Moments...** What does it mean to be "copartner" or "members of the same body." (Ephesians 3:6) Applied to marriage, copartner means equal in dignity and decision making. Being a member of the same body does not mean some mythical new creature with two heads, but rather that we are in this life together. What happens to one of us, impacts the other.

**Nativity Academy at St. Boniface...**would like to thank you for your gifts towards the Angel Tree project. We are so blessed to have so many that believe in our mission and offer such generous support. You have made this season very special for our students and their families. We are grateful for you.



**Did you know...** that Kentucky is currently at the highest number of children in out of home care ever recorded? Over 8000 children have been removed from their biological homes due to substance abuse by the birth family, domestic violence, or some type of abuse or trauma to the children. Their need for foster and/or adoptive homes is greater than ever. Do you have love to give? If not you, then who? Foster the future—give a child a home. For more information: contact Samantha Frisby samanthac@sjkids.org or 502.893.0241 x293.

## Next week's readings....

1st Reading—Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11  
2nd Reading—Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7  
Gospel Reading—Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



## December 30th, 2018 Collection Report

\$4,230.00	Weekly Budget
\$3,964.00	Stewardship
\$(266.00)	Under for the week

*Regular use of your offertory envelopes assures that you are kept as an active member of the parish.*

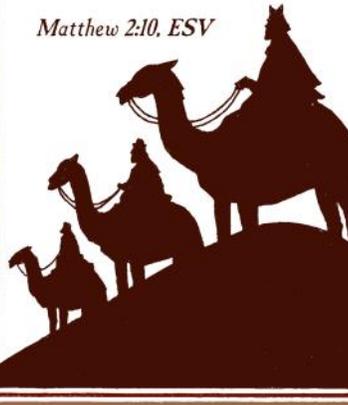
## Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

This year we celebrate Epiphany on its traditional day, as January 6th happens to fall on a Sunday. Falling twelve days after Christmas, this was regarded as enough time for the magi to travel to Bethlehem from foreign lands. With their arrival, Jesus is now manifest to the outside world. Just as the star in the East symbolized the light of Christ shining for the whole world to see, we are called to manifest Christ in our lives so others can realize the Good News wherever we go.



*When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.*

*Matthew 2:10, ESV*



## Reflection on the Gospel

The feast of the Epiphany is celebrated in many cultures and often times more prominently than Christmas! At a time when many homes have taken down decorations and put away special dishes from the season, we are reminded that there are still celebrations to be had. The gifts given by the magi symbolize the best physical objects that humanity has to offer. And Jesus is the best that God has to offer. Gift giving is in full swing.

## Today's Focus: A Renewed Epiphany

We are tempted to think of Epiphany as a single day for celebrating the arrival of the magi. Yet every day, in our own lives, we are offered the opportunity to behold and reveal the God-appearing that is Epiphany.

*"...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Matthew 2:11*

## Consider/Discuss

*In what places do darkness, fear, or our world's division seem overwhelming to me?*