

ST. ANNE CATHOLIC CHURCH



Epiphany of the Lord



102 N. 19th Street ~ New Castle
Sunday Mass at 10 a.m.

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Office Hours - Monday—Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-noon; 1-4:30 p.m.

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St. Anne Prayer line - call the Office at 765-529-0933

SACRAMENTS: Baptism—Call the Parish Office to schedule your child's baptism.

Marriage—Call the Parish Office to make an appointment at least 6 months in advance.

Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life, contact: Fr. John Hall, 765-529-0933

MASS TIMES

INTENTIONS

Monday,	@ St. Elizabeth, 4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Adoration with Confessions
Tuesday,	@ St. Anne, 8:00 a.m.	For Peace
Wednesday,	@ St. Anne, 4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Adoration with Confessions Elizabeth Hickman
Thursday,	@ St. Anne, 8:00 a.m.	For Vocations
Saturday,	@ St. Elizabeth, 5:00 p.m.	
Sunday,	@ St. Elizabeth, 8:00 a.m. @ St. Anne, 10:00 a.m.	St. Anne & St. Elizabeth Churches

Confessions: Before each respective weekday evening Mass, 4:30—5:15 p.m. or by appointment (If there is No evening Mass, there are NO confessions)

The Special Intentions of Pope Francis for January

For True Human Fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SUNDAY	January 9	10:00 a.m.
CANTOR	Pat Cronk	
SERVER	Carter & Anna L.	
LECTOR	Bob Garzewski	
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF	*Phyllis Slavens, Renee Guerrero	
HOSPITALITY MINISTERS	Twilla Deaton, Angie Sorrell	

Sunday Offerings

Last week's offering will be in next week's bulletin.

The financial support of our parishioners and visitors is deeply appreciated!

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

WISE MEN STILL SEEK HIM



Epiphany. What a good word! We use it to express a sudden striking realization. We receive clarity. Epiphany of the Lord is the recognition of his appearance. He is manifest—able to be seen, clearly visible. The three wise men who came in search of Epiphany were real. They began their journey in the East following a star, an act of creation, and continued searching by the light of the Scriptures of Israel. Lo, the star appeared again and led them to the Christ child. Epiphany! They fell down and worshipped him.

We know very little about them apart from Scripture and traditional stories. They were not Jewish. They were Gentiles, like most of us. (Gentile means not Jewish!) They were driven to find Jesus, “Where is he?” Even early in the story, the King of the Jews was the savior for all. These three travelers represent all of us.

We know they brought gold, frankincense and myrrh. We are familiar with gold. It’s still very valuable today. It represents immortality and kingship. In fact at this time, gold was an essential gift for a king

Myrrh was more valuable than gold at the time of Jesus. Like frankincense, it was imported over great distances, and was very expensive by the time it reached its destination. Myrrh and frankincense are both resins from certain trees. Suppliers would wound the trees and the trees would bleed sap. It would dry into tears and be harvested. It might be milky white or different shades of gold. Bacteria won’t grow in it and it does not decay. Both have been used as medicines and perfumes, and in incense for thousands of years.

Frankincense and myrrh recognize priesthood, but in different ways. Myrrh was used to consecrate Levitical priests and the tabernacle in the wilderness. It was mixed with wine and offered to Jesus at his crucifixion as a pain killer, but he refused it. Myrrh was used in burials. Nicodemus brought it with aloe to embalm Jesus’ body. It represents pain, sacrifice, death and afterlife. Myrrh represents humanity. The gift of frankincense meant that the wise men understood the Child to be divine. It was used in worship, an offering to God. The three gifts for a Child who is fully human, divine and a king.

We can imitate these three kings. Set out to find Jesus. Go in and be with him. Bring the gift of yourself. And bow down.

January 2, 2022

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana. — Loyola Press

ENVELOPES - Those that use weekly envelopes, your 2022 boxes are in the narthex to pick up. If you'd like to sign up for direct deposit and eliminate writing out checks and remembering your envelope, sign up instructions are listed below.

HELP US GROW - Consider scheduling a recurring electronic contribution today. It's easy! *You* can elect when to schedule your contributions.

Please contact the parish office or visit our website, <http://saintannenc.us> for an enrollment form. Return it to the parish office or you may put it in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket.

2022 CALENDARS - We have 2022 liturgical calendars for you on the table in the narthex. Thank you to Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service for sponsoring the calendars.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS, PHONE OR PERSONAL INFORMATION - We are currently updating our records and will soon be sending out end of the year documents. If you have a change of address, phone number or personal information, please make sure the parish office is updated.

Please call the office at 765-529-0933 or email your information to stannechurch@hotmail.com

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG - The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a fund drive for the Henry County Pregnancy Care Center in January.

Next weekend, baby bottles will be handed out for you to collect loose change, dollar bills or even a check! **ALL CHECKS NEED TO BE MADE OUT TO THE HENRY COUNTY PREGNANCY CARE CENTER (HCPCC).** Please return your bottles by January 30.



WELCOME! - *If you are visiting our church and would like to become a part of our parish family, please contact the parish office; 765-529-0933.*

OFFICES OPENING - The parish offices will reopen on Tuesday, January 4, regular hours.

MASS INTENTIONS - We are accepting Mass intentions for 2022. The Church considers the Mass as the greatest form of prayer intercession.

You may have a Mass said for the living or the dead. If you would like to have a Mass offered, there are envelopes for this at the entrances of church. The suggested stipend is \$10.00.

FATIMA RETREAT - Step away from electronics, phones, and computers and focus your attention on your relationship with God.

Self-guided days of silence are from 8 a.m.—4 p.m. and offer retreatants the opportunity to come away to Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House in a relaxed, calm and quiet setting to "unplug" from the outside world.

\$35.00 includes a room to use for the day, continental breakfast, lunch and use of common areas and grounds of the retreat house.

Spiritual direction may also be scheduled for an additional suggested donation. Please contact our Registrar Jennifer Burger at jburger@archindy.org or (317) 545-7681 extension 101, if you are interested in meeting with a spiritual director or to register.

Fatima Retreat House is located at 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis.



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