

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church



Saturday, January 5: 5:00 pm:
People of the Parish

Sunday, January 6: 9:00 am:
†Repose of the Soul of Rev. Joseph W. Umphries, Jr., by: Fr. Joey Kaump

Monday, January 7: 8:00 am:
†Repose of the Soul of Rev. Edward E. Kelly, by: Fr. Joey Kaump

Wednesday, January 9: 12:00 pm:
†Repose of the Soul of Charlotte Toon, by: Carl Toon

Thursday, January 10: 12:00 pm:
†Repose of the Souls of the Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Memphis, by: Fr. Joey Kaump

Friday, January 11: 8:00am:
Kim Hall, by Pamela Jenkins

Parish Office

Office Hours: 8:30 am—2:30 pm

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Parish Website: www.icuctn.org
Pastor: Rev. Joey Kaump
Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper: Nina Pierce
Religious Education Director: Teresa Vallee
Office Assistant/IT: Lillie Vallee
Custodial: Phillip Scott
Youth Group Director: Christy Atwill & Julie Cunningham
Music Director: Sherri Fisher Hanna
Pianist: Gian Garma
Knights of Columbus: Paul Cunningham-3rd Degree
Mike Vallee-4th Degree
Meals Ministry: Brenda Piazza (731) 446-0903
To register for Formed.org: icuctn.formed.org
Facebook: facebook.com/icuctn
Bulletin Deadline: Noon on Monday

Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 6:
P.R.E. Classes 10:00am
Adult Education 10:00am
Youth Group 6:00pm

Tuesday, January 8:
Adult Education Class 12:00pm

Sunday, January 13:
P.R.E. Classes 10:00am
Adult Education 10:00am
Youth Group 6:00pm

Tuesday, January 15:
Adult Education Class 12:00pm

Sunday, January 20:
P.R.E. Classes 10:00am
Adult Education 10:00am
Youth Group 6:00pm

Monday, January 21:
Office Closed-Martin Luther King, Jr.

Tuesday, January 22:
Adult Education Class 12:00pm

Sunday, January 27:
P.R.E. Classes 10:00am
Adult Education 10:00am
Youth Group 6:00pm

Tuesday, January 29:
Adult Education Class 12:00pm

Altar Linens for the month of

January:
Katie Young
Thank you!

Hospitality Sunday Host Jan. 13:

Julia Barrientos

Thank you!

Please Sign up to Help!

December 30, 2018

Regular Offertory: \$ 2,654.00

Mary, Mother of God: \$ 2,127.00

Total: \$ 4,781.00

***Thank you for your support
& generosity!***

Holy Sacraments Offered

Baptism: Arranged by appointment with the Parish Office.

First Eucharist: Arrangements made with the Religious Education Director.

Confirmation: Arrangements made with the Religious Education Director.

Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:15pm—4:50pm
Sundays 8:30am—8:45am

Matrimony: Arrangements must be made six (6) months prior to the wedding date. Contact the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Parish Office.

Holy Orders: Contact the Parish Priest.

*Happy birthday to all
January birthdays!!*

Names on the prayer list for family and friends will be removed on monthly basis. They will not be put back on until requested.

Please notify church office to remove or add a person.



January 12 & 13

Lector:

5:00 pm: Winnie Logan

9:00 am: Matt Chappell

Eucharistic Minister:

5:00 pm: Tom Pituch, Sue & John Holzner

9:00 am: Mindy Chappell, Brenda Piazza,
Beverly Canale

Altar Servers:

9:00 am: Hannah & Haley Arthurs

*"Pray without
ceasing."*

1 Thessalonians 5:17



Our Parishioners:

*Lupita Berner
Dawn Black
Ruth Ann Fowler
Robert Garrigan
Lawrence Harmon
Gerald Harris
Muriel Hester
Geraldine Hinson
Bonnie Hurt
Terry Johnson
Pat Kasnow
Deborah Lattus
Andy Lucy
Amy Martinek
Brenda Piazza
Marian Spencer
Mary Ann Westmoreland*

Family & Friends:

*Kathleen Amsden
John Bacon, Jr.
Mike Boerger
Patricia Boerger
Wade Davis
Bethany Ellegood
Judy Gillory
Alyson Harvey
Susan Wright Hicks
Mayci Hogg
Scott Holzner
Jerry Joyner
Will Logan
Rosalba Lopez
Anna Oliver
Josephine Piazza
Fr. Robert Ponticello
Vince Ray
Rita Reedy
Kim Roney
Steven G. Scott
Sue Shroads
Vita Totty
Lauren Tucker
John Wright*

Epiphany

In order to celebrate this feast of Manifestation more fully, we need to know more about the theology and significance of this great feast of Epiphany. Elsa Chaney explains in layman's terms about this feast. Some of the references to the liturgy and divine office refer to pre-Vatican II rites, but all the insights are still applicable.

The feast of manifestation, or Epiphany, is traditionally celebrated the 12th day after Christmas, January 6th. In the dioceses of the United States this feast has been moved to the Sunday between January 2 and January 8.

For many years in the English speaking world the feast of Epiphany has been overshadowed by that of Christmas. But unless we realize the significance of this great day, we see only one side of the mystery of the Incarnation. Now after contemplating the staggering fact that God has become a human child, we turn to look at this mystery from the opposite angle and realize that this seemingly helpless Child is, in fact, the omnipotent God, the King and Ruler of the universe. The feast of Christ's divinity completes the feast of His humanity. It fulfills all our Advent longing for the King "who is come with great power and majesty." We see that whereas Christmas is the family feast of Christianity, Epiphany is the great "world feast of the Catholic Church."

Epiphany is a complex feast. Originating in the Eastern Church and formed by the mentality of a people whose thought processes differ sharply from our own, the Epiphany is like a rich Oriental tapestry in which the various themes are woven and interwoven — now to be seen in their historical setting, again to be viewed from a different vantage

point in their deep mystical significance. In this brief introduction four of the main ideas of the Epiphany will be outlined.

Divine manifestation: The Epiphany takes its name from the Greek *epiphania*, which denotes the visit of a god to earth. The first idea of the feast is the manifestation of Christ as the Son of God.

"Begotten before the daystar and before all ages, the Lord our Savior is this day made manifest to the world." The feast unites three events in the life of Christ when His divinity, as it were, shines through His humanity: the adoration of the Magi; the baptism of Christ in the Jordan; and the first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana. Moreover, at Epiphany the Church looks forward to the majestic coming of Christ on the "youngest day" when His manifestation as God will be complete. The Gospels of the baptism and the marriage at Cana are read on the Octave Day and the Second Sunday after Epiphany, and later Sunday masses in the Epiphany season continue to show the divine power of our Lord in some of His most striking miracles.

Royal kingship: A second important idea in Epiphany is the extension of Christ's kingship to the whole world. The revelation of Christ to the three kings at Bethlehem is a symbol of His revelation to the whole of the Gentile world. Epiphany presents to us the calling of not merely a chosen few, but all nations to Christianity.

Your Light is Come: Closely linked to both these themes of divine manifestation and world kingship is a third idea running through the Epiphany feast: that of light. During Advent, the world was in darkness, and we prayed and waited in the spirit of the Jewish nation which lived in expectation of the Coming Light during thousands of years.

At Christmas the Light shone forth, but dimly, seen only by a few around the crib: Mary and Joseph and the shepherds. But at Epiphany the Light bursts forth to all nations and the prophecy is fulfilled: "The Gentiles shall walk in Thy light, and kings in the brightness of Thy rising." The mysterious star of Epiphany, "flashing like a flame," is still another facet of the light-motif, a symbol capable of being interpreted in a dozen different ways.

How much food for thought and reflection is contained in just these three ideas, and what a significance they have for our own time! Epiphany lifts our eyes from the family celebrations and demands that we should include in our vision "all the ends of the earth." It demands that, like the three wise men, we should have the courage to follow the light of the star we have seen, however hazardous the journey; that the light of our faith, like that of the wise men, should be so strong that we are able to see and recognize our Lord and Ruler in however unexpected a way He may present Himself to us; and that having recognized Him, we should bow down and adore Him, offering Him our total loyalty.

Moreover, Epiphany demands that like these kings we should return to our own countries a different way, carrying to all those we meet the light of Christ. "For behold, darkness shall cover the earth," says the Epistle of the Epiphany Mass, "and a mist the people: but the Lord shall arise upon Thee, and His glory shall be seen upon Thee. And the Gentiles shall walk in Thy light. . . ." These words may be applied to us, upon whom the light of Christ has indeed risen, and who have the responsibility to radiate that light in the darkness of our own world. It is clear how much the feast of Epiphany must mean to all who are engaged in the apostolate and are striving to extend the kingdom

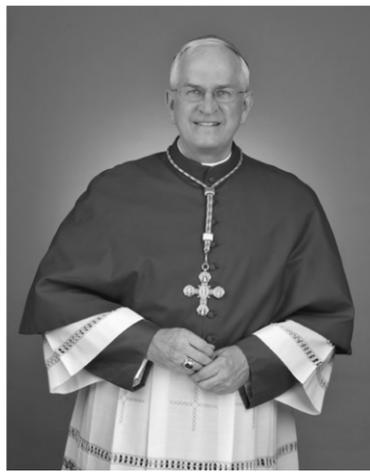
of Christ.

The royal nuptials: Besides the important ideas outlined above, there is still another great theme threaded through the Epiphany feast—the theme of the royal nuptials, the wedding of Christ with humanity. It is an idea on a completely different level from the historical events which the Epiphany celebrates, yet inextricably bound up with them; for example, the historical marriage feast of Cana is used by the Church to suggest the setting for Christ's nuptials with the Church; the wise men represent not only the three Persian Magi adoring the Babe 2000 years ago at Bethlehem, but also the Gentile world hurrying to the wedding feast at the end of time when mankind's nuptials with the divine Bridegroom will be celebrated; the gold, frankincense and myrrh are not only tokens for the little Baby King in the stable, but royal wedding gifts for the mystical marriage feast of heaven.

The Epiphany antiphon for the hour of Lauds brings out strikingly this theme of the divine marriage of Christ with humanity, and at the same time shows the deep mystical significance behind the historical events surrounding the feast. Perhaps nowhere more clearly than in this antiphon do we see that on Epiphany we do not commemorate a set of historical facts as much as we celebrate a great mystery: "This day the Church is joined to her heavenly Spouse, for Christ has cleansed her crimes in the Jordan. With gifts the Magi hasten to the royal nuptials, and the guests are gladdened with wine made from water."

Activity Source: *Twelve Days of Christmas, The* by Elsa Chaney, The Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN, 1955

A message from our Apostolic Administrator:
Dear Faithful of the Diocese of Memphis



On this Solemnity of Epiphany, we gather as one church to celebrate the great manifestation of Jesus Christ our Savior to the world. For the Diocese of Memphis, this is an especially blessed occasion as we celebrate the 48th anniversary of our 1971 establishment as a diocese on the Solemnity of the Epiphany. Together, let us pray that Jesus Christ, the light of the world, will be the light that brightens our hearts, our families, our parishes, and our communities.

Finally, I ask for your prayers for the new bishop. With this letter, I enclose a special prayer for all of us to pray as Pope Francis prepares to select the next bishop of Memphis. While there is no timetable for this decision, it is my fond hope that a bishop will be installed during 2019. In the meantime, I assure you of my commitment and that of my delegate, Fr. Robert Marshall, to serve you well in the interim.

Please continue to pray for me and for one another. May this Solemnity of the Epiphany make us ever grateful for the gift of our faith, for each other, and most especially, for Jesus Christ, Who is the Light of the World.

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D.
Apostolic Administrator



Prayer for Our New Bishop

O God, Eternal Shepherd,
who guide Your flock with unfailing care,
in Your fatherly love,
grant Your Church of Memphis in Tennessee
a shepherd who will walk in Your ways
and whose watchful care will bring us Your blessing.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.



Mass intentions refer to the particular purpose for which a specific Mass is offered. This may be to honor God or thank him for blessings received. But technically a Mass intention means that the sacrifice is offered for some person(s) living or dead.

Intenciones de una Misa: Se refiere al particular propósito por el cuál una Misa es específicamente ofrecida. Esto puede ser para honrar a Dios, o darle gracias por bendiciones recibidas. Pero técnicamente la intención de una Misa significa que el Sacrificio es ofrecido para alguna persona o personas, vivas o muertas !!

Adult Faith Formation

**Adult Ed. will resume on
Tuesday, January 8 at 2:00.
We will be studying session 15:
Acts 18 Ministry in Corinth.**

*Fr. Joey would like to say "Thank you" to all the cards, gifts,
and well wishes over the Christmas and New Year holiday.*

thank you