

MASS INTENTIONS: Please, fill out the form below and drop in the collection basket or mail to the office. There is a \$5 stipend for each Mass requested. **PLEASE, PRINT!**
Intention: _____
Offered by: _____

***WINTER** May the God of **WINTER** be with you, walking with you as warmth and light through the iced-over parts of your life. May you see these icy times as God’s invitation to “walk on water”. In the dark and cold winter moments of your journey, may your trust in the hidden growth of winter be for you a source of inner strength. May the blessing of **WINTER HOPE** be with you. By Maxine Shonk, OP*

Prayer/Reflection: Most generous, most merciful God, help us to model our lives in your love and bounty to the benefit of others. Open our eyes to the needs of the brothers and sisters who are struggling with life issues. Bless us in our endeavors, we pray.

Quote from the Holy See (as we end the Jubilee Year of Mercy): “Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope where everyone is welcomed, loved and forgiven.” - Pope Francis @Pontifex, June 2013

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (592-9455)
Hours: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Tues. & Thurs.;
5:00-7:00 p.m., Wed.
Dates: 4 Jan, 5 Jan, 10 Jan Clients: 42
Money spent on assistance: \$ 610.00
Items Needed: fruit and toilet paper
THANK YOU



CHALKING THE DOOR: A BLESSING ON YOUR HOME AT EPIPHANY

The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ is one of the oldest Christian feasts, though, throughout the centuries, it has celebrated a variety of things. Epiphany comes from a Greek verb meaning “to reveal,” and all of the various events celebrated by the Feast of the Epiphany are revelations of Christ to man.

On Epiphany, January 8th, 2017 family and friends gather to ask God’s blessing on their homes and those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows. We invite you to adopt this custom in your family.

A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above the home’s entrance, 20 + C + M + B + 17. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, “May Christ bless the house.” The “+” signs represent the cross and 2017 is the year.

Blessing the Chalk

V. Our help is the name of the Lord:

R. The maker of heaven and earth.

V. The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in:

R. From this time forth for evermore.

Let us pray.

Loving God, bless this chalk which you have created, that it may be helpful to your people; and grant that through the invocation of your most Holy Name that we who use it in faith to write upon the door of our home the names of your holy ones Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, may receive health of body and protection of soul for all who dwell in or visit our home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Instructions for Blessing the Home

Using the blessed chalk mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 17 while saying:

The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God’s Son who became human two thousand and sixteen years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

Then offer the following prayer:

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen

“Chalking the door” is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God’s blessing of our lives and home. With time the chalk will fade. As it does we let the meaning of the symbols written sink into the depths of our heart and be manifest in our words and actions the Latin words, *Christus mansionem benedicat*, “May Christ bless the house.”

Father Shawn has blessed the chalk and it is located in the back of church in a basket.

Solemnity the Epiphany of the Lord
 January 7, 2017, 4:00 PM
 January 8, 2017, 10:00 AM
 January 8, 2017, 5:00 PM, Epiphany Vespers

Mass Intentions This Week

Saturday, January 7, 2017

4:00 PM Saint Patrick Parishioners' (pro populo)

Sunday, January 8, 2017

10:00 AM †James R. Wade-Brady Family

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

12:10 PM †Bernie Alberts—Marjorie Alberts

Thursday, January 12, 2017

7:00 PM †Carol Kelly—Kelly Family

Eucharistic Adoration & Confession following Mass

Saturday, January 14, 2017

4:00 PM †Rita Goeke

Sunday, January 15, 2017

10:00 AM Saint Patrick Parishioners' (pro populo)

Additional Masses at St Mary of Woods: Saturday, 6:00 PM
and Sunday, 8:00 AM; Wed. 7:00 PM and Fri., 12:10 AM.

Parish Offering Weekend: 24, 25 Dec 2016**Sunday Offering-Christmas \$17,209.27****Weekend Mass Attendance for 24, 25 Dec 2016: 743****Weekend Mass Attendance for 31 Dec 16 & 1 Jan 17: 488****LITURGICAL MINISTERS:****Jan 14, 2017 4:00 pm****Mus/Can: Judy Wells, Julie Quay, Mindy Bailey****Servers: James, Megan, Jason Dillon****Lec/Read: Sue Brewer, Sean Coakley****Extra Mins: Mary Smith, Mary Giannola, Sharon Traul****January 15, 2017, 10:00 am****Mus/Can: Leanna/Adult Choir, Bob & Connie Rhoades****Servers: Trevor Sclesley, Aaron Campbell, Cale Kline****Lec/Read: Linda Tromblay, Sharon Traul****Extra Mins: Lacey Campbell, John Vicario, Wendy Miller****Commissions: Finance/Stewardship, Keith Krieger, 599.5306****Property Maintenance & Development, Tim O'Rielley, 593.2365****PARISH PRAYER LINE: Tammy Bauer, 937.441.0645**

Rest in the Peace of Christ : Father Patrick Sheridan, our beloved pastor and our parishioners: Cheryl L. Snyder, Bernadette Bensman, Michael Fitzpatrick, Michael Tynan, Shirley Jorgensen, Kathleen A. Wilcoxon, John Entelisano and Patricia Woolf, who passed on to glory and are remembered with love and held in our prayers.

Marriage, Youth & Family News**Jan. 8 Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**



This wondrous Scripture appears almost as a drama, with Herod making a great effort to find the new ruler who would shepherd Israel, using the Magi as informants. The text names three gifts, but doesn't name how many Magi there were. In its clarity and simplicity, the Gospel tells us that Jesus came not just for the Jews but for the foreigners from many lands. Matt 2:1-4, 7-11 (Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families 2016-17)

On the Way Home I wonder what we can do to light the way for Jesus to come into school, work, and family activities? (Celebrating Sunday's for Catholic Families 2016-17, LTP)

PFF Classes Resume Today Jan. 8 with the Feast of Epiphany.

Steubenville High School Conference**@Franciscan University.**

“Elevate” – June 23-25th. *And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I make all things new.”* (Rev. 21:5). Reserve your spot today. Cost: \$199. families pay \$100. Contact

Mary Woolf 441-6177.  /steubenville  /go2steubenville

NPM Youth Music Institute

July 10-13th. High School students in the graduating classes of 2017-2021 are invited to attend. You will experience the best of NPM convention with a youth friendly experience, housed at Xavier University. Contact Mary

Woolf or Kathy LeVan to attend!