
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

The VIGIL

Sunday January 08, 2023 (A Cycle)

Epiphany of the Lord, Solemnity





Epiphany Sunday

The Solemnity of Epiphany is celebrated on January 6 or the Sunday between January 2–8. The term “epiphany” comes from the Greek *epipháneia* and means “manifestation.” The festal ritual refers to the event of the newborn Jesus revealed as the manifestation of the long hoped-for Messiah of the Jewish people and the Son of God incarnate, and thereby the light of all nations as the prophet Isaiah claimed (60:1–6). Christians, thus, celebrate the manifestation of Jesus as Christ and Son of God to the whole world.

In the Gospel reading, Jesus is revealed to Magi who have come from the East in search of what God has done (Matt 2:1–12). These searchers are the first fruits of the so-called “Gentiles,” a term from the Greek noun, *éthnē*, indicating all other nations to the Jewish people. All humankind is, therefore, now also invited into intimate covenantal relationship with God based upon believing that this is precisely what God has done in and through Jesus. The Magi lead all peoples of the earth into the eternal covenantal relationship with God through Jesus as Christ and Son. Epiphany Sunday is, therefore, an affirmation of the universal possibility of salvation for each and every person in God’s creation.

Our reading from Isaiah comes from what scholars call Third Isaiah, a prophet from Israel’s post-exilic period whose summonses from God are preserved in the larger collection of the historical prophet Isaiah of Jerusalem who worked in the 8th century BCE. This later prophet, writing in the name of his forebear, lived after the Israelites were exiled from their homeland into the Babylonian Empire (ca. 587-6 BCE) then were allowed to return by the succeeding Persian Empire and the edict of King Cyrus in 538 BCE. As the people resume autonomous worship of God and their ensuing way of life, Third Isaiah summons God’s people to look to God’s light that is shining upon them, whose glory is radiating around them. The hope is that one day all nations will walk through this light with which God blesses his people. God’s beacon will, thus, gather all the peoples of the earth into the relationship between God and his chosen people, the Jews, which is a model for all humankind to live in right relationship with God.

The Magi, a term that indicates Zoroastrian priests from the East and, in Matthew’s vocabulary, those tuned into God’s activity in creation outside of Judaism, recognize the true manifestation of God the moment they encounter it (Matt 2:1–12). They’ve come this far resulting from their openness to how God is acting in the world and have used their political connections to pursue their vocation. Now that they encounter the truth of how God is manifesting in the world, in intimate communion with all humankind, each and every human being, they forsake their political connections with Herod and follow their consciences. Now they must face this world that God has created anew, having encountered the manifestation of God incarnate.

God’s question for us, on this Epiphany 2023, is how we might let go of worldly affiliations, political and otherwise, to pursue God’s vocation for us in this new year based upon our openness to God and his sustaining covenantal relationship with us through Jesus, Christ and Son, who calls us to ever deepening relationship and openness to God’s plan for the world. Paul believes that God’s grace gave him a new vocation (Eph 3:2–3a). He would argue that God does the same for all of us all of the time. Our only task is to respond.

PRAY FOR THE HEALING PRESENCE

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Anne Borushko
Mary Canaday
Aaron Cole
Joey Coutu
Maureen Coutu
Gus Cops, OFM, Cap.
Patricia Ellen Devine
Simone Eder
Vickie Figueroa
Kalen Fortuna
David Laverty
William (Bill) Leto
Michael Martin
Jerry McFee
Tommy Nance
Vertis Park, Jr.
Dr. Bob Preuss
Charles Sheron
Pat Sprankle
Anna Tyler
Rene VanZaelen
Jerry Walker

TODAY'S READINGS

Matthew 2: 1-12
Isaiah 60: 1-6;
Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
(The Messiah-King)

Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6
(Good News for All)

Matthew 2: 1-12
(Magi with Gifts)

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of January 2023

For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Jan. 09: Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7; Psalm 29: 1-2, 3-4, 9-10; Acts 10: 34-38; Matthew 3: 13-17

Tues., Jan. 10: Hebrews 2: 5-12; Psalm 8: 2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Mark 1: 21-28

Wed., Jan. 11: Hebrews 2: 14-18; Psalm 105: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mark 1: 29-39

Thurs., Jan. 12: Hebrews 3: 7-14; Psalm 95: 6-7c, 8-9, 10-11; Mark 1: 40-45

Fri., Jan. 13: Hebrews 4: 1-5, 11; Psalm 78: 3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8; Mark 2: 1-12

Sat., Jan. 14: Hebrews 4: 12-16; Psalm 19: 8, 9, 10, 15; Mark 2: 13-17

Sun., Jan. 15: Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6; Psalm 40: 2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; First Corinthians 1: 1-3; John 1: 29-34

EXPERIENCE JOY!

WEEKLY COLLECTION

01/01/2023

Coming Next Week!

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Jan 8, 2023
Joe Vujic

Sunday, Jan 15, 2023
Jon Bozich
Carolyn Carson

Sunday, Jan 22, 2023
Michael Ayoub
Joyce Carson

Sunday, Jan 29, 2023
Monica Laske
Carolyn Alexander

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE: *Givers*

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." MATTHEW 2:11

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we as Christian **Stewards** are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.



SAVE THE DATE

St. Charles Women's Retreat is the weekend of February 24-26, 2023
(St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center, Detroit)
"Seeking Peace: Becoming Peacemakers"

You can register at www.stpaulretreat.org, or see Patty Gillis or Jessica Edwards at church. A \$30.00 deposit will hold your place, and you can pay whatever you can afford at the retreat. Bring a sister or friend with you--the more the merrier! For more info, call Patty Gillis at 313.399.8320.

You're Invited by St. Matthew Parish!

Celebrate the closing of the Christmas Season with a warm afternoon of carols, chanting, and cheer on **Sunday, January 8, at St. Matthew Church**, 6021 Whittier, Detroit. **St. Matthew's special Holiday Choir will lead a Christmas carol singalong in the Church at 3:30 p.m. At 4 p.m., all are invited to participate in a Vesper Service (evening prayer) for Epiphany, the Feast of the Magi, the Three Wise Men.** Immediately after Vespers, we will gather in the church auditorium for Christmas cookies, hot cider, and mulled wine for fellowship and fun. The doors to the church will be open at 3 p.m. for personal worship if so desired. If you have any further questions, please call the rectory at 313-884-4470. There is no cost for the event. Please come!

Archdiocese of Detroit, Archbishop Vigneron issue statement on death of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Benedict, the first pope in over 600 years to resign the papacy, died December 31 in Vatican City. He was 95.

In response to news of the December 31 death of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron shares his "great gratitude to God for the great gift he was to the Church."

Pope Emeritus Benedict died December 31 at the Mater Ecclesiae Monastery in Vatican City. Archbishop Vigneron, who Benedict appointed as Archbishop of Detroit in 2009, recalls the many gifts of Pope Emeritus Benedict:

"While his many gifts have long been evident—his penetrating intellect, his piety, his courage—what most resonates with me now is his profound humility and the gentleness with which he exercised his ministry.

"God was good to his Church in Our Holy Father Pope Benedict, and he was generous to us in his service. Let us return the favor by praying fervently for him, that he may be welcomed quickly into the kingdom.

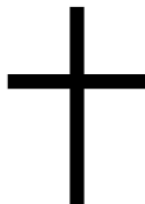
"Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace."

Joseph Aloisius Ratzinger was born on April 16, 1927, and was ordained to the priesthood on June 29, 1951. He was elevated to the College of Cardinals in 1977 by Pope Paul VI.

Upon the death of Pope John Paul II in 2005, Ratzinger was elevated to the papacy on April 19, taking the name Benedict. In February 2013, Pope Benedict became the first pope in centuries to resign from his post, stating, "...in order to govern the bark of St. Peter and proclaim the Gospel, both strength of mind and body are necessary, strength which in the last few months has deteriorated in me to the extent that I have had to recognize my incapacity to adequately fulfill the ministry entrusted to me."

As Pope Emeritus, he spent much of his resignation away from the public eye and serving the Church through a life of prayer.

Pope Emeritus Benedict's funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Peter's Square on January 5, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. Central European Time (3:30 a.m. Eastern Standard Time).



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OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES
MASS TIMES
St Charles Borromeo Detroit
Mass Times
Friday 11am
Sunday 11:30am
Nativity of Our Lord
Mass Times
Thursday, 11am
Sunday 9:30am
St Augustine / St Monica
Mass Times
Wednesday, 9am
Sunday 10am

Family of Parishes Prayer Groups
Tuesday Men's Prayer Group
6pm, St. Augustine / St. Monica
Tuesday Zoom Prime Time Bible Study
St. Elizabeth / Sacred Heart, 7pm.
For Zoom link go to www.sacredheartdetroit.com/primetime

St. Charles Mission Statement
St. Charles Borromeo, a diverse urban parish of Detroit, is rooted in Christ's Gospel and Catholic tradition. We strive to build a community of faith through education, worship, and evangelization. We are called to carry on Christ's ministry to our brothers and sisters, especially the sick and their families, the elderly, youth, and the disabled. With Mary as our example of unconditional love, we strive to welcome everyone to share joyfully in the peace, love and salvation of Jesus Christ. We acknowledge that it is the Holy Spirit who calls and empowers us, who strengthens and renews us, and who gives us the will to continue our mission, until Jesus comes.

Archbishop Vigneron's statement on Pope Francis' Global Rules for Reporting Abuse
A new papal law requiring priests and religious to report sexual abuse and misconduct provides "clear directives for universal accountability in response to the horrors of clergy sexual abuse," Archbishop Vigneron has told Detroit Catholic. The law provides whistleblower protections for anyone making a report and requires all dioceses to have a system in place to receive the claims confidentially. And it outlines internal procedures for conducting preliminary investigations when the accused is a bishop, cardinal or religious superior. "I am deeply sorry to all those who have been injured and are enduring a lifetime of physical, emotional and spiritual suffering because of perverse actions by those in authority," the archbishop said. "No one is above civil law, and importantly, no one is above God's law." Pope Francis announced the new norms. The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others directly to law enforcement – no matter when the abuse occurred. The Michigan Attorney General's Office has established a toll-free reporting hotline at (844- 324-3374, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5pm. aginvestigations@michigan.gov). Individuals also may contact their local police department. For complaints involving priests, deacons, religious, or laity, individuals are welcomed to contact the Archdiocese of Detroit's Victim Assistance Coordinator at (866) 343-8055 or vac@aod.org.

20th Annual MLK Day Rally & March
For Jobs, Peace, and Justice while
Protecting Water, Climate and Communities

Monday, January 16, 2023, Noon

Historic St. Matthew's-St. Joseph's Episcopal Church
8850 Woodward Ave. between King and Holbrook

Schedule:

Rally & Cultural Presentations: Noon-1:30pm

March: 1:45--2:30

Community Meal: 2:30-3:00

Please wear a mask and social distance.

The Detroit MLK Committee invites all progressive organizations and institutions to join in this MLK Day. Our focus for 2023 will be:

- Winning full funding for the Right to Counsel Ordinance
- Ensuring that all Detroit residents have access to quality housing, water services, good schools, environmentally sound communities and healthy food.
- Ending all forms of police brutality and misconduct
- Abolishing the Pentagon budget while demanding No More Funds to NATO and the end to the proxy war in Ukraine
- The complete elimination of poverty by guaranteeing a basic annual income for all people.

NOTE: We have removed the signs for social distancing on the south side of church (choir side). The north side of church is still reserved for those who want to continue social distancing. However, everyone will continue to all wear masks in the church.

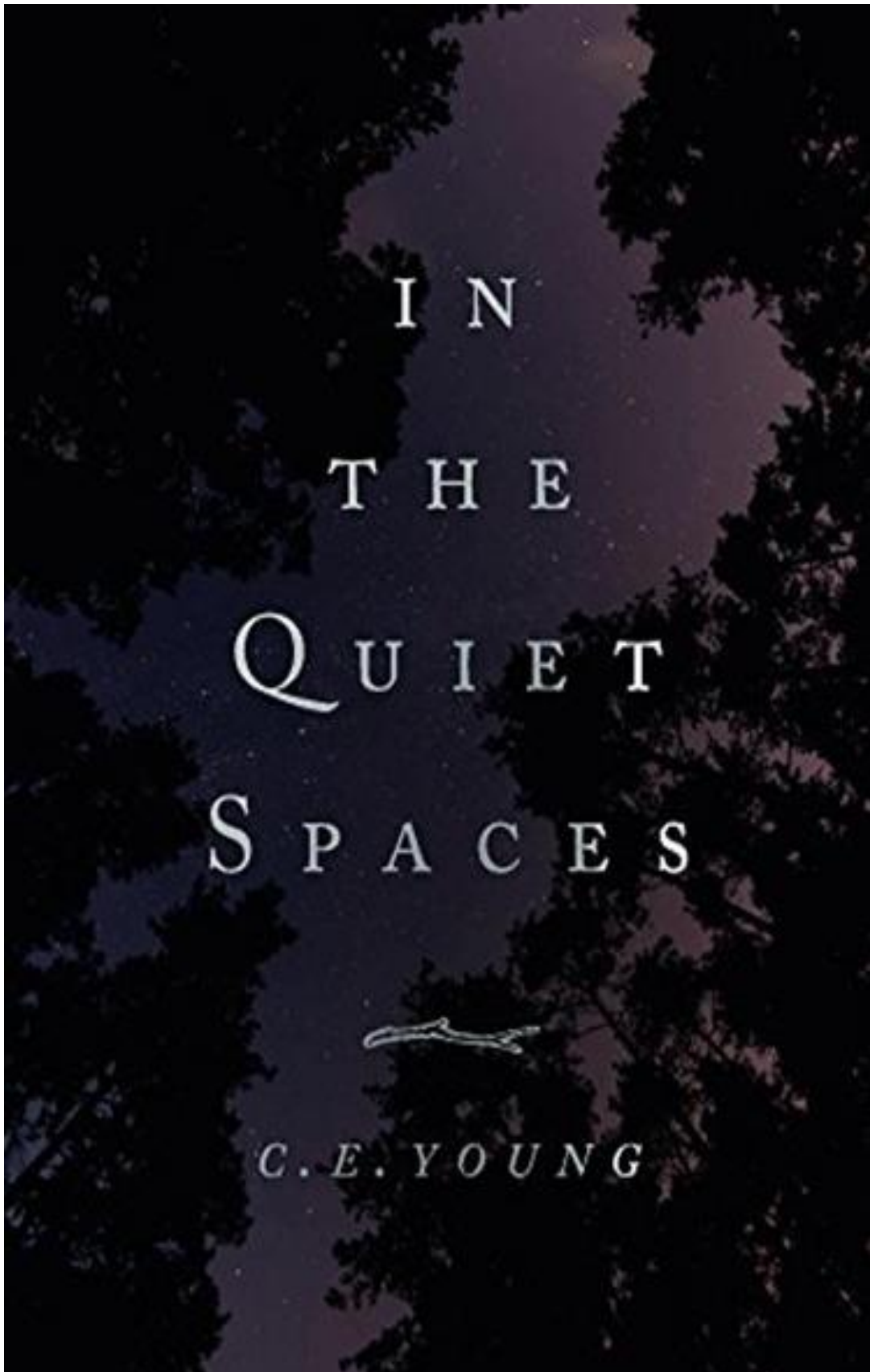
Nativity Pantry News... With your help, we were able to provide food to 1,744 families. That breaks down to 5,742 people in 2022! We are grateful for your continued support of the pantry. Your weekly donations make a difference. This week we need: Spaghetti Sauce, Noodles, and Peanut Butter. Again, thank you never seems to be enough but THANK YOU!

Sunday Community Dinners... As one of our most important ministries to our members, neighbors, we have been blessed to have many sponsors, but as with most ministries, we are in need of more. If you and your group would like to learn more about sponsoring a meal or if you're ready to sign up, please call or email Georgia Kingsley at 586-206-2202, gfk111@aol.com.

January DINNER SCHEDULE

January 08, 2023 – **St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscans**
January 15, 2023 – **JoAnn Eder**
January 22, 2023 – **Parish Council**
January 29, 2023 – **Cardinal Mooney Basketball Team**

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