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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday 7:15 a.m.  
Sept. – May, Friday 8:00 a.m.  
Saturday 7:30 a.m.  
Weekend, Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Weekend, Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Holy Day, Evening 6:30 p.m.  
Holy Day, Day 7:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday, 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Anytime upon request.

BAPTISM

Sunday after 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday  
Call Rectory to make arrangements.

WEDDINGS

No date should be set without consulting the Pastor. Call for an appointment at least six months in advance.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Please register by calling the Parish Office.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday, 4:00 p.m.

# Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Today we hear Matthew's account of the magi coming to pay homage to Jesus. Having recently emphasized the kingly origins of Jesus from the house of David (Matthew 1: 1-17), Matthew now addresses how one comes to recognize the kingly power of Jesus in our lives.

This recognition does not come through official channels of power. King Herod is asked by the magi, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (2:2). But Herod does not know, and needs not only the chief priests and scribes but also the magi to inform him where Jesus is to be found (2:4-8). The former rely on their interpretation of prophecy and the latter on their experience of intimations of the supernatural in nature. The magi are wise men who rely on the sighting of a star in the East to lead them. They are also led in their actions by a dream in which they are warned not to return to Herod (2: 12).

These types of guidance are consistent with Matthew's treatment of prophecy and dreams elsewhere in his accounts of the birth and infancy of Jesus. In these other passages prophecy and dreams are often the means by which God acts; they also reveal how people should act in response. Thus, an angel of the Lord appears to Joseph three times in dreams and directs his actions (1:20-22, 24-25; 2: 13-15, 19-21). Four times prophecies signal Jesus' birth and events that happen in his life (1:23; 2:15, 18, 23).

The kingly power of Jesus is suggested in our lives through subtle perceptions that are not susceptible to logical analysis, in transcendent experiences amid everyday living, and in the word of God that guides us to perceive the divine.

*Scripture Reflections and Commentaries by  
Msgr. Ralph Kuehner and Rev. Joseph J. Juknialis*

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## Readings for the Week of January 4, 2009

Sunday The Epiphany of the Lord  
Is 60:1-6; Ps 147; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Monday Saint John Neumann, bishop  
1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Ps 100; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday Blessed André Bessette, religious  
1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday Saint Raymond of Peñafort, priest  
1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 2; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday 1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Ps 72; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 72; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 72; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday The Baptism of the Lord  
Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29;  
Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



**This Week in our Parish**

**Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
**Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee meeting  
**Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**  
 11:30 a.m. Rosary Society Luncheon at Riley's  
**Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts  
 7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A.  
 8:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul  
**Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**  
 6-8:00 p.m. Pack 907  
**Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**  
 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Confessions  
 4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass  
**Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
 9-10 a.m. CCD classes  
 10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

**ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS**

Rosary Society January Luncheon- the Rosary Society will meet at Riley's Restaurant in Springdale at 11:30 on Tuesday January 6th. The restaurant is located in a shopping center on Springfield Pike and Springdale Road. All are welcome to join us. (We will have gift certificates to sell for this.)

**The Sympto-Thermal method of Natural Family Planning** is being taught at St. Susanna in the Rectory Basement located on Fourth Avenue next to the St. Susanna School, beginning January 11th at 2:00 p.m. This monthly course teaches a natural method of family planning that is safe, effective, and morally acceptable. The method has been simplified, and the course consists of three monthly sessions. For more information or to register, call Tom & Colleen O'Rourke at 398-3116 or visit the Couple to Couple League at [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org).

**Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center**

“Defending Our Catholic Faith”, an apologetics series given by Mr. Gary Michuta, continues on January 10th from 9am to 3pm with the topic “The Catholic Church and the Holy Eucharist”. Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center, 5440 Moeller Ave., Norwood. Donation: \$15. Call 513-351-9800 for details.

“The Faith Unplugged”: a vibrant monthly faith building series of talks by motivational speaker Michael Walsh with music by Lee Roessler for older “teens and young adults, FREE at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center 5440 Moeller Ave Norwood from 7-8:30pm. Next in series: January 7 – “Jesus 365” - building a public faith. Feel welcome no matter where you are in your faith journey. Call 513-351-9800 for more information.



**Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>** **The Epiphany of the Lord**  
 5:00 p.m. Charles Keene Family  
**Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>** **The Epiphany of the Lord**  
 8:00 a.m. Leo & Luella Wenzel – Birthday Remembrance (Karen)  
 10:30 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People  
**Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>** **John Neumann, bishop**  
 7:15 a.m. Mary M. Mitrione (Women’s American Italian Society)  
**Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>** **Weekday after Epiphany**  
 7:15 a.m. Clarence Meyers (Liz Brandner)  
**Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>** **Weekday after Epiphany**  
 7:15 a.m. Special Intention  
**Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>** **Weekday after Epiphany**  
 7:15 a.m. Communion Service  
 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church in Hamilton  
**Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>** **Weekday after Epiphany**  
 8:00 a.m. Martha Bushelman (Nancy & Mark Alfes)  
**Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>** **Baptism of the Lord**  
 7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Celebrant  
 5:00 p.m. Ruth Huentelman (Golden Girls)  
**Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>** **Baptism of the Lord**  
 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People  
 10:30 a.m. Thomas J. Brady (Rosalie Vitale Brady)

<b>Budgeted Weekly Offering</b>	\$ 12,072.00
<b>12/21/2008</b>	\$ 7,245.80
<b>Shortfall</b>	\$ (4,826.20)
<b>Year to Date Budgeted Offering</b>	\$ 301,800.00
<b>Year to Date Actual Offering</b>	\$ 234,007.73
<b>Shortfall</b>	\$ (67,792.27)
<b>NOTE:</b> Additional figures not available at the time of this printing.	

**THE OPEN DOOR FOOD PANTRY** thanks you for your donations of plastic bags and egg cartons. The Pantry is in great need of paper and plastic bags at this time. Thank you!

**CONGRATULATIONS**

To those recently baptized at St. Ann Church:  
 Andrew Enderle and Jackson Enderle, children of Vincent and Halicia Enderle  
 Alexavier Wilson, child of Christopher and Dana Wilson  
 Dylan Maryann Brown child of Andrew and Lori Brown  
 Samuel Von Hagen and Lucy Von Hagen  
 Children of Mark and Jessica Von Hagen