



ST. JAMES

CATHOLIC CHURCH

LOVE GOD—LOVE PEOPLE—MAKE DISCIPLES

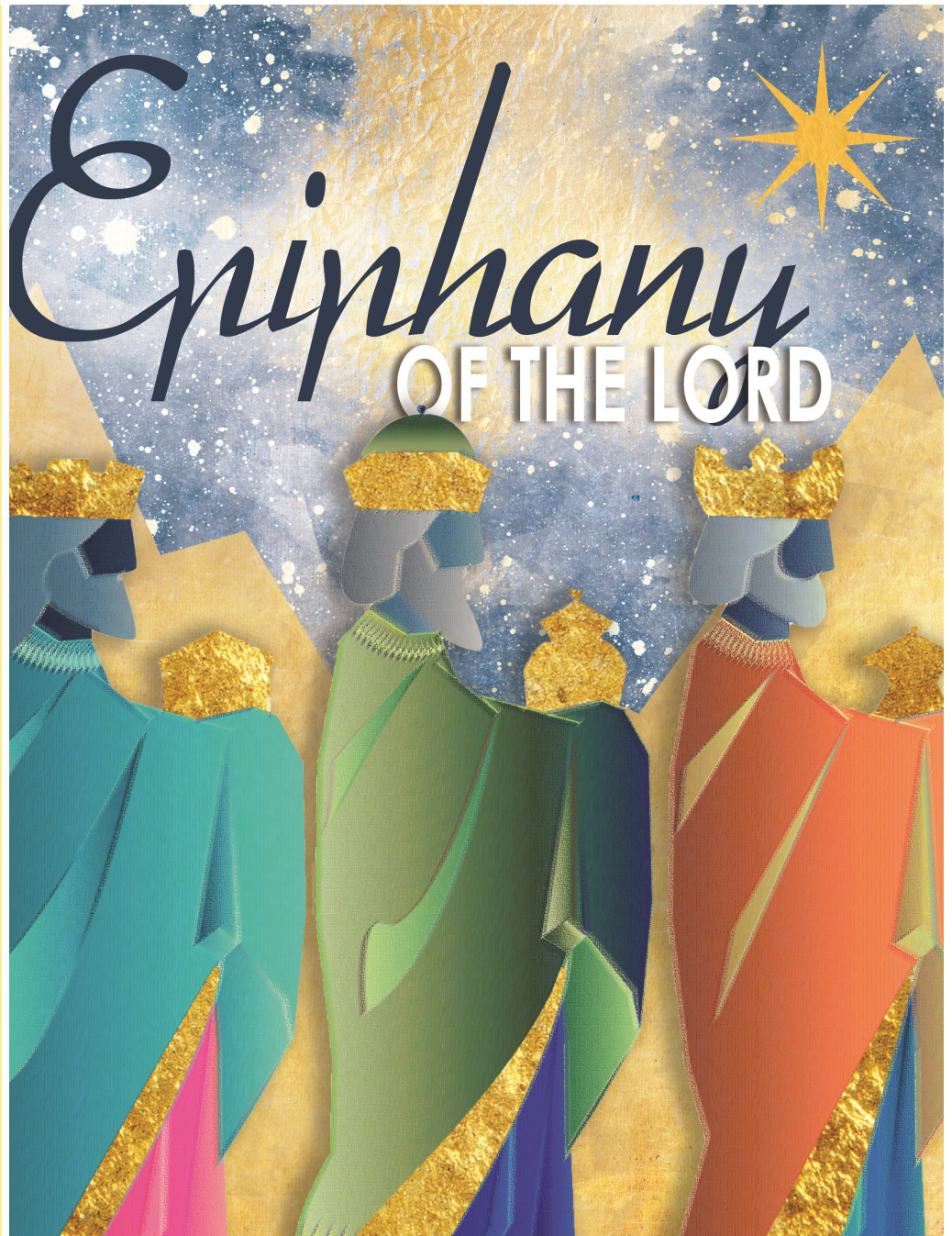
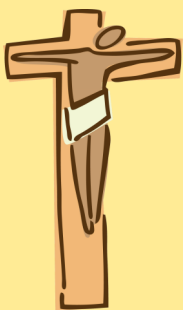
January 7, 2018 The Epiphany of the Lord

St. James Parish Mission Statement

We, the Catholic faith community of St. James, freely choose to respond to God the Father's unconditional love by centering our lives in Christ through prayer and the Sacraments; welcoming and sharing our love with all people by being missionary disciples of Jesus and open always to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Our Vision:

Love God—Love People—
Make Disciples



This Week at St. James

Saturday, January 6th
 3:00 P.M. Reconciliation
 4:00 P.M. People of Sts. James, Cornelius & Cyprian

Sunday January 7th **The Epiphany of the Lord**
 8:30 A.M. Msgr. Sy Fedewa—*Sts. C&C*
 8:30 A.M. Joe Rabadoux—*Glen & Marilyn Garner*
 9:40—10:40 A.M. Faith Formation Class
 11:00 A.M. †Dcn. Lester Arquette—*St. James Parish*
 5:00 P.M. ROCK (grades 9-12)—*Youth Room*

Monday, January 8th **NO SERVICES**
 11:00 A.M. Faith Study Group
 7:00 P.M. Men's Discovery Group—*Conference Room*

Tuesday, January 9th
 12:10 P.M. †Mike Achtenberg—*Arlene, Erin & Dan*
Mass preceded by Rosary

Wednesday, January 10th
 12:10 P.M. Mass preceded by Rosary

Thursday, January 11th
 9:00 A.M. Mass followed by Rosary
 7:00 P.M. RCIA—*Youth Room*
 7:00 P.M. First Reconciliation Service

Friday, January 12th
 9:00 A.M. Mass followed by Rosary

Saturday, January 13th
 3:00 P.M. Reconciliation
 4:00 P.M. †Jack Feiten—*Karen & Charli Heiler*

Sunday January 14th
 8:30 A.M. Mr. & Mrs. Merhalski—*Sts. C&C*
 8:30 A.M. Msgr. Sy Fedewa—*St. James*
 9:40—10:40 A.M. Faith Formation Class
 11:00 A.M. People of Sts. James, Cornelius & Cyprian



Ministry Schedule For Next Week



Saturday, January 13th 4:00 P.M.
Lector: Diane Whitney, Dan Bishop
Commentator: NEED ONE!
EM: Theresa Seman, Joan Jones, Chuck Dadswell
Altar Server: Emily Jones, Patrick Gaddy
Ushers: Sandy DeView, Marilee Soltis
Music Tech: Sam Thompson

Sunday, January 14th 8:30 A.M.
Lector: Pete Barnum, Ginnie Sheridan
Commentator: William Barnum
EM: Dcn. Al Turkovich, Sue Domzalski, Emma Barnum, Rhonda McNeely, Ted Burch, Alison Burch, Ron Iwaszkiewicz
Altar Server: Lillian Kelly, Wesley Rogers, Madison Barrett
Ushers: Dave Knauf, Tim Zielinski, Tom Dick, Paul Schnipke, Jerry Baldwin
Liturgy of the Word: Deb LaFleur
Music Tech: Riley Kerschke

Sunday, January 14th 11:00 A.M.
Lector: Lynda Simpson, Brenda Messing
Commentator: Connie Shutes
EM: Wayne Babin, Nancy Babin, Margaret Marshall
Altar Server: Emma Murphy, Elizabeth Liebrand
Ushers: Ryan Skaggs, Brad Trierweiler, Ernie Amoguis, Lori Stid
Music Tech: Zachary Leibrand



Parish Directory

Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:00-4:00 Fridays 8:00-Noon

New Parishioners please register with the office or at www.stjamesmason.org

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 7TH

Sunday **The Epiphany of the Lord** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Monday **The Baptism of the Lord** Is 42:1-4, 6-7 ; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21-28

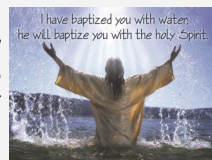
Wednesday 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2 & 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

Friday 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 2:13-

Sunday **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42



Hope is the confident expectation of finding God.

WOMEN'S CLUB

Monday Night!! Jan 8th @ 6:30pm

Start the New Year out with the inspirational David St. Amant, one of St. James' own cherished parishioners! Join us as he shares his story of challenges, courage, and life. David and his mother Linda, will share a presentation of pictures, information, and personal memories. A truly amazing family! This is one you definitely want to be present for! Bring your daughters, sisters, mothers, aunts, friends; all women are welcome and encouraged to attend!



BLACKTHORN DINNER & AUCTION



The Blackthorn Dinner Concert and Silent Auction is coming up March 3, 2018, so it's time to start thinking about silent auction items! We are accepting donations of **NEW** or **HAND-CRAFTED** items. Questions? Call the office!

Tickets are on sale now!

You may purchase your tickets online at our website www.stjamesmason.org or pick up an order form in the gathering space.

USHERS NEEDED!

Seeking two new ushers for Team 1—4 P.M. Masses. Would serve in the Months of January, April, July & October. Seeking two new Ushers for Team 2—4 P.M. Masses. Would serve in the Months of February, May, August & November. Seeking two new ushers for Team 3—11 A.M. Masses. Would serve in the Months of March, June, September & December. Additional Ushers are welcomed for all teams in order to give the Ministry some depth. If interested, please contact George Wygant, Usher Coordinator, 517-676-0855 or email george.wygant@yahoo.com.

LANSING CATHOLIC HS CORKS + CUISINE FOOD TASTING EVENT

Corks & Cuisine will showcase delicious food from local restaurants and sips of wine and beer from area distributors and brewing companies. This first ever event will be held at the Impression 5 Science Center on Saturday, January 27th from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Please visit our website at www.lansingcatholic.org for event details, online ticket sales and sponsorship opportunities. Contact Paula Wilcox, LCHS Event Coordinator at paula.wilcox@lansingcatholic.org or 517-267-2121 for information.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Fulltime Position Open at Mother Teresa House for an Overnight Caregiver
Female. Fulltime, 4 nights per week, 10pm to 8am. Begins January 2, 2018.

The overnight Caregiver provides personal care for up to three terminally ill guests of Mother Teresa House, according to the mission and policies of Mother Teresa House. A female caregiver is needed. This is a full time position, with health benefits. The candidate must be mature, and self-directed. Minimum one year of caregiving experience required.

WELCOME!



If you are worshipping with us for the first time or have visited before, we welcome you! If you are looking for a church home in this community, we invite you to consider St. James. Please join us again!

If you would like to register with us, please call the office or visit us at www.stjamesmason.org.



Please Pray for Our Sick:

1/2 Margaret Marshall, Jean Orlando 12/18 Duffy Williams Aydin Weyer, Susan Wedell 12/13 Shirley Grieve, Kari Olney 12/5 Patricia Seman

A portion of our 4% Christian Service Tithe has been sent to:
~Capital Area Community Services~

Thank you *Our Sponsor of the Week*
~Kempeinen Dentistry, PC~



Last Week's Collections

December 31st \$11,374.87
(143 envelopes, 44 EFT from 652 households)

This date last year \$8,873.00

Fiscal Year to date (since July 1st)

This Year \$247,409.10

Last Year \$237,628.85

Advent Project \$ 4,376.00

WHAT IS EPIPHANY?



A Light to the Nations

Today is Epiphany Sunday. Epiphany is a special festival in the church year that is celebrated on January 6th. The word "*epiphany*" is from the Greek language, and it means "manifestation" or "showing." In the first two centuries after the time of Jesus, many Christians spoke Greek. Because Epiphany was established as a church festival about two hundred years after the death of Jesus by these Greek speaking Christians, a Greek word was used to name the festival.

The Greek speaking Christians who established Epiphany were living in the area where today on the map we find the countries of Turkey, Syria and Iraq. In this area two hundred years after the time of Jesus, the winter solstice (the shortest day of the year) occurred on January 6th in the Alexandrian calendar used by the Greek-speaking people. So Epiphany was celebrated on that day, the day that marks the end of darker days and the beginning of brighter days.

A hundred years later in Rome, Christmas was first celebrated on December 25th, because in the Julian calendar of the Romans that was the day of the winter solstice. When the church in Rome began to celebrate both Christmas and Epiphany, it kept Christmas on December 25th and Epiphany on January 6th, the traditional night of New Year festivities for the pagans. Thus January 6th becomes the 12th night of the Christmas season, so we have songs like "*The Twelve Days of Christmas.*"

The story of the three wise men was traditionally read on January 6th. These men came from the East following a bright star to bring gifts to the child born to be king of the people of Judea. The story tells us that they brought gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Gold is a gift fit for a king, and it signifies that Jesus is a king. Frankincense is a kind of incense that was burned in the temple in Jerusalem by the priests. It signifies that Jesus helps us relate to God, which is what the priests were charged with doing in the temple. And myrrh is a spice used in those days in preparing for burial the bodies of those who had died. The gift of myrrh signifies that Jesus will bring us closer to God through his death.

The story of the wise men reminds us that not only the people of Bethlehem or Nazareth or even Jerusalem will be affected by the life of the child born to Mary and Joseph, but people from far away, too. In fact, we are among those people, because we are far away from where Jesus was born. We don't speak the language he spoke, nor do we live in a world like his world. Perhaps that's why we enjoy the story of the wise men, because it reminds us that Jesus was born, lived and died for us, too, as well as for those who knew and followed him in his own time.



RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES

You are invited to 2 new retreats at St Francis Retreat Center directed by Tony Sperendi. For more information go to www.stfrancis.ws/ or 517-669-8321.

Wednesday, January 17th from 9:00 am-3:30 pm "*A Contemplative Retreat on the Life of Jesus.*" Focus or refocus your life on Jesus this New Year. Along with presentations and discussions, let the silence and reflection be places of renewal for you. Cost is \$65 or \$55 for seniors 60 and over. Includes Mass, snacks, and lunch.

Friday, January 19th from 5:00 pm-9:00 pm "*Fun, Food, & Learning about Marital Love.*" Reserve a spot and renew your marriage with a fun and informative evening. The cost is \$75 per couple and includes dinner and materials.

YOU'RE INVITED!

The Catholic Community of St. Jude invites you to join us for a dramatic presentation of some of Jesus' parables by MCT Drama Ministry, a group of theatrical performers, well experienced and passionate about sharing Christ with others.

Join us on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 7 pm at the Catholic Community of St. Jude 801 N. Bridge St., DeWitt

The main objective of *The Parable Project* is to help our audience engage their imaginations with Scripture using theatre. By using drama, audience participation and improve, we bring the audiences' imaginations and hearts to life, inspired by the messages of the Gospel, so they can experience the love of God in a fresh, new way.

HUSH DOCUMENTARY COMING TO ST. MARTHA

At 6:30 pm on Monday, January 8th, the St. Martha Council of Catholic Women (CCW) will be showing the award-winning documentary "*HUSH*". Director, Punam Kumar Gill, felt that questioning anything around abortion was a treason to her feminist identity. But when she heard that the health information being given to women was subject to the politics of the people involved, and that 50 million women worldwide could be affected annually, she decided to take an honest look at this controversial subject. In the documentary, she wades through the highly volatile and politicized research around abortions' disputed connections with breast cancer, premature birth and psychological problems. This compelling documentary is open for all in the community! Childcare will be provided.

THE MAN EVENT
LET US RUN WITH PERSEVERANCE
THE RACE THAT IS SET BEFORE US
HEBREWS 12:1

FEBRUARY 24, 2018

FEATURING:

10AM - 5PM
OUR LADY OF FATIMA
MICHIGAN CENTER, MI
911 NAPOLEON RD.
ADULTS \$40
STUDENTS \$30
EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

STEVE RAY MESSAGE
BISHOP BOYEA MASS
BRIAN FLYNN MUSIC

AS MEN, WE WEAR DIFFERENT SHOES THROUGHOUT OUR DAYS, BUT LET US ALWAYS RUN THE GOOD RACE THAT GOD HIMSELF HAS SET BEFORE US...

WWW.THEMANEVENT.ORG

“What a blessed day!”
“Please do more of these. It made me a better Catholic man.”
“Conference helped prepare me for Lent!”
“Just one word... AWESOME!”



KNIGHT'S CORNER

Upcoming Events:

January 9th - Bishop Povish Assembly Meeting

January 19th - 4:30—7:00 PM First Lenten Fish Fry

January 26th - 4:30—7:00 PM Second Lenten Fish Fry

Now that the Lenten Fish Fries are about to start up, we remind you that it takes many volunteers to make them successful. Last year the Mason Council Knights of Columbus donated \$5000 to the new addition, plus other donations during the last year. We welcome anyone who would like help with the Fish Fries. Just show up or call Jeff Haueter or Bob McCormick. The more volunteers we have, the better we can help that new kitchen become a reality, plus it's a lot of fun to work the Fish Fries!

ATTENTION ALL SINGLES

(Mid 30s & up): Lansing Catholic Singles invite you to join them January 14th for 11 am Mass at the Church of the Resurrection in Lansing. Meet in the back of church at 10:40 am (taking our seats at 10:50). After we'll head to a local restaurant for lunch.

For more information phone 517-321-7886 or email lansingcatholicsingles@live.com. Make a New Year's resolution to get out and meet some new friends!

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Families with children preparing for First Reconciliation should plan on attending the Family First Reconciliation Celebration on Thursday January 11th from 6 to 8 pm. This is a dessert potluck so you can drop off the dessert of your choice in Cave Hall and then come to church by 6 pm. We will have a communal setting with a few priests available for individual reconciliation. A short reception will follow. Preparation for First Eucharist will begin with the first workshop on Sunday January 28th from 6 to 7:45 pm. This is a change from the original schedule of Feb.4th- due to it being Super Bowl Sunday. Children please bring your backpacks!

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS!

R.O.C.K.

Epiphany Party TONIGHT!! 5-7pm in the ROCK ROOM!
All 9th-12th Graders should come! Bring your Friends!

Next Meeting: Sunday, January 21st Talent Show & Chili Cook-Off!!

ENCOUNTER

Epiphany Party January 9th! Bring a gift for the white elephant gift exchange!! Bring your friends!
Tuesdays from 4-5:45 pm OR 6-7:45 pm! Bring your friends for a night of Fun, Exploring our Faith & Encountering God's Love! All 6th-8th Graders welcome!

Thank you for all who participated in the New Year's Eve Party Wagon Fundraiser!! We raised \$560 for ROCK!! Special thanks to Kathy Anderson & Lori Stid for putting our overflowing wagon of goodies together!

GOT TALENT?? We Need You!

Calling all youth who want to show off their talents! We need stars for our Talent Show on Sunday, January 21st! Contact Heather to sign up!

