



St. Edward Catholic Church



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A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

Year C - The Epiphany of the Lord

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Regional Mass at St. Barbara Church in
Harrison City, Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

Weekdays - Tues & Thurs 10:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confession on Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents must attend a Baptism Class.
Please call the parish office to schedule.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the pastor and arrange date at
least 1 year in advance. Attendance at
Marriage Prep. Program is required.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF

ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)

Adults interested in becoming Catholic
should contact the Faith Formation Office.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK &

HOMEBOUND

Communion calls to the sick and
homebound and those confined in nursing
homes are made regularly. Please notify
the parish office.

CONTACT US:

Parish Office: 724-446-5197

Parish Fax: 724-446-1433

SVDP Help Line: 724-493-3987

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Diocesan Web:

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LORD,
every nation
on earth will
ADORE
you.



Parish Mission Statement

We, of St. Edward, are a large parish family diverse in age, community and background. We are united by a shared Catholic faith, offering hospitality and opportunities for spiritual growth. Our baptismal commitment is continually renewed by living and proclaiming the word of God, through our celebration of the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. The proclaiming of our faith is found in our example and participation in the world. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we strive to grow in Christ during our journey of a lifetime.



SAT: **JANUARY 5**
6:00pm † Anthony Roethlein (Anni)
(Family)

SUN: **JANUARY 6**
9:00am For the Living & Deceased Members
of St. Edward Parish

MON: **JANUARY 7**
No Mass Today

TUE: **JANUARY 8**
10:00am † Rose Marie Exton
(Family)

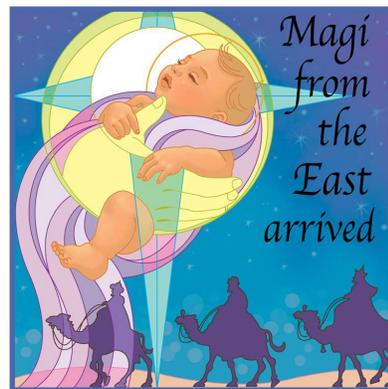
WED: **JANUARY 9**
No Mass Today

THU: **JANUARY 10**
10:00am † Gen McCusker (B.R.)
(Husband, Jim)

FRI: **JANUARY 11**
No Mass Today

SAT: **JANUARY 12**
6:00pm † Jean Lane
(Family)

SUN: **JANUARY 13 - The Baptism of the Lord**
9:00am For the Living & Deceased Members
of St. Edward Parish



Today's feast is filled with ironies for us. It celebrates those from afar who early acknowledged the Christ child and reminds us of those nearby who were threatened by him. Living in a current political climate that debunks globalism and challenges the meaning of Christianity, we must ask: "How do we make Christ's presence known?" Who do we accept into our communities and our lives regardless of their origins? Christ's coming has always turned things upside down.

FIRST READING: Isaiah poetically describes the light that has shone on Jerusalem. The exiles have returned, and they must not be downcast, but walk with eyes raised. There has been a total transformation. The heart of the text is a reminder of the glory of God in Israel's — and our — midst.

"Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."

SECOND READING: The author of Ephesians reminds the community that God has made mystery known to him by revelation. He was not a companion of Jesus; the Spirit has brought him the grace to speak of Christ to the community and to proclaim that Jesus is not just the Savior of the Jewish people but of all — gentiles included.

GOSPEL: The story of the visit by the Magi appears only in the Gospel according to Matthew. Here we see wise figures, most likely astronomers, seeking out the newly born king to pay him homage. The number three is a late interpretation, as are names for these mysterious figures. The gifts acknowledge the infants regal stature, and hint at the anointing that will await him in death. This story underscores the universality of the Messiah, who has come to redeem all.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"...the Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel." (Ephesians 3:6)

Today we celebrate that Christ came to all of us, not just the Hebrews. He has given each of us unique gifts. We all have different yet equally valuable roles to play in the Body of Christ. Pray daily and ask God how He wants you to use your gifts so that we may all "be one".

If you do not receive the parish offertory envelope packet, please consider making a donation to these additional collections this month of January:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Church Improvement | |

Simply place these donations in a regular envelope with your name, collection name, and amounts written on the envelope. Thank you for supporting the parish!

ST. EDWARD PARISH TO CELEBRATE 100 YEARS!

100

In the year 2020, our parish here at St. Edward will celebrate 100 years! Mark your calendar for October 25, 2020 when Bishop Edward Malesic will celebrate our 100th Anniversary Mass here at St. Edward at 3:00 PM.

Many events will be happening throughout the next 2 years and many volunteers will be needed. More news will follow in the upcoming bulletins.

FINDING GOD

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.



Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
— *Isaiah 60:1*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3,
9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30;
Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7;
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;
Blessing of the Home;
National Migration Week
Monday: St. Raymond of Penyafort;
Julian Calendar Christmas

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

QUEEN OF ANGELS SCRIPS FOR SALE - You can help support Queen of Angels Catholic School by purchasing Giant Eagle, Kohl's, Shop'n Save, Walmart/Sam's Club gift cards or McDonald's certificates after all Masses this weekend. Scrips are also available in the parish office during the week.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - Will meet this Sunday at 10:00am in Edwardian Hall.

RCIA SESSION - Continues on Tuesday, January 8th at 6:30pm in the parish meeting room.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES - Classes continue next Sunday, January 13th from 10:15-11:30am for students from the parish in grades 1-5.

ST. EDWARD LUNCH GROUP - Will meet on Thursday, January 10th at 12:00 Noon at Rodney's Restaurant in Irwin. All are welcome to join in for food and fellowship. No reservations necessary.

BAPTISM CLASS - As we begin the New Year, we remind new expectant parents of the necessary Baptism Preparation Class. The next class is scheduled for Sunday, February 3rd at 10:30am in the church hall. Please call the parish office to register at 724-446-5197.

2019 RELIGIOUS CATHOLIC CALENDARS - Through the courtesy of Nickels Funeral Home, the 2018 Catholic Calendars are available this weekend in the church vestibule. Please thank them for their generosity.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! - The St. Edward Night at the Races will take place this year on Saturday, March 2nd at 7:30pm. Doors open at 7pm. More news coming soon! Mark your calendar and plan on attending this great night out! Those who would like to volunteer are asked to call Dawna Kavel at 724-446-1802.

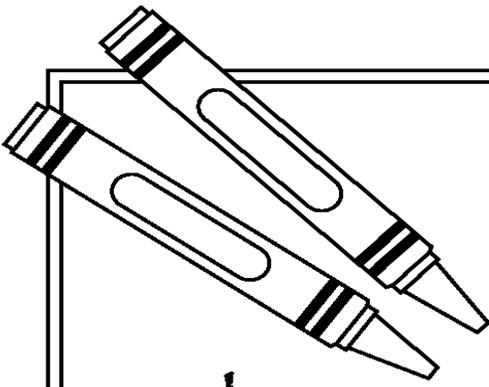
K OF C FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP - All boys and girls, ages 9-14 are welcome to compete on Sunday, January 13th at Queen of Angels Gym in Irwin at 2:00pm. Information by calling Al at 724-864-3487 or Mike at 724-864-6680.

COACHES & PLAYERS NEEDED FOR CYO BOYS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL LEAGUE - The diocese is looking for coaches and players for a CYO high school boys' basketball league. The league is open to Diocese of Greensburg parishioners in grades 9-12 who meet eligibility requirements. The season will run from January through the CYO state tournament in March. Games will be played Thursday and Saturday evenings at the Queen of Angels Catholic School gym in North Huntingdon. Contact Jeff Wilkins for details at wilkinsjjj@windstream.net. All coaches must comply with diocesan clearance policies.

HELP WANTED - St. Anne Home in Greensburg is hiring RN's, LPN's, Nurse Aides, Dietary Aide's and Maintenance Personnel for their newly completed expansion and modernization facility. Excellent benefits, pension and tuition reimbursement available. Please call 724-837-6070 and ask for Human Resources. You may also visit www.stannehome.org.

PARISH SECRETARY POSITION - our Lady of Grace Church, Greensburg is accepting applications for the Full-time position of Parish Secretary. Qualifications: Proficiency with MS Office 365; ability to learn other software for parish database and fiscal management; ability to work in a team environment; excellent communication, prioritization and organizational skills. Submit resume asap to: Our Lady of Grace Church, 1011 Mount Pleasant Road, Greensburg, PA 15601. ATTN: Business Manager.

HOLY FAMILY NEW & IMPROVED BINGO - Will begin on Sunday, January 13th in West Newton and will continue each month on the second Sunday of each month (except for May when it will be May 19th.). Early Bird games begin at 12:30pm. Admission is \$15 and includes 15 games. Kitchen will be open serving hamburgers, hot dogs, fries, pizza, beverages, and more!



Just for KIDS

The Star that Led to the King

The wise men from the East saw a bright star. They followed it to the place where the child who would be King of the Jews was born. When they went inside, they saw baby Jesus with His mother, Mary. They bowed down and worshiped Him. *(Read Matthew 2:1-11.)*

Help the wise men follow the star ✧ path that leads to baby Jesus.



A 16x16 grid of symbols used for a path-finding puzzle. The symbols are crosses (+) and diamonds (◇). The path starts at a star icon in the top right corner and winds through the grid to a 'v' symbol at the bottom right. The path sequence is: Row 1, Col 16 (Star); Row 2, Col 15 (◇); Row 3, Col 14 (◇); Row 4, Col 13 (◇); Row 5, Col 12 (◇); Row 6, Col 11 (◇); Row 7, Col 10 (◇); Row 8, Col 9 (◇); Row 9, Col 8 (◇); Row 10, Col 7 (◇); Row 11, Col 6 (◇); Row 12, Col 5 (◇); Row 13, Col 4 (◇); Row 14, Col 3 (◇); Row 15, Col 2 (◇); Row 16, Col 1 (◇).

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Use the code to fill in the blanks and find out what gifts the wise men brought.

♥ = A ✽ = E † = I ⊕ = O * = Y

G ⊕ LD FR ♥ NK † NC ✽ NS ✽ M * RRH



20 + C + M + B + 19
Feast of the Epiphany

Today we will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, the traditional day to bless homes. House Blessing Kits are made available this weekend for families to bless their own homes. These kits include the prayer of blessing, a vial of Holy Water and a piece of blessed chalk with which you can write above the main door of your house 20 + C + M + B + 19 (C, M, & B stand for the names of the three wise men, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar). It also stands for the first letters of the Latin saying, *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ Bless this House!".

The blessing should take place before the close of the Christmas season, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which is next Sunday, January 13th. May this special door of your house be a reminder of all the Blessings and Graces that this New Year can bring.

We ask our parishioners to return the Holy Water vials when finished so we can use them again next year. A box will be placed on the bulletin table for these Holy Water bottles.



March for Life

On Friday, January 18th in Washington D.C., the annual March for Life will take place on the 46th anniversary of the Supreme Court's infamous *Roe v. Wade* decision. Those in attendance will petition Congress and our President to protect the right of every born and pre-born human being. We ask everyone to help celebrate life through prayer, liturgy, and self-education. Life is sacred, so each of us has the responsibility to see that all human life is given respect and dignity. We have the obligation to support life through our prayer, sacrifice and knowledge.

ST. AGNES MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP - St. Agnes Parish will sponsor a bus to Washington, DC on Friday, January 18th. The bus will leave St. Agnes at 6:00am and return late evening. The cost is \$15 for students and \$25 for adults and includes a bagged lunch with a hoagie. The bus will stop at a restaurant on the way home for dinner on your own. The trip also includes a visit to the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception where a Mass will be celebrated in the chapel. To register, please call Darlene at 724-864-5393.

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO THE MARCH FOR LIFE - The Office for Evangelization and Faith Formation of the Diocese will sponsor a Youth Pilgrimage to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. January 17-18 for students in grades 9-12. The cost of the trip is \$100 per student. The youth pilgrimage includes the Life Is Very Good evening rally at the Eagle Bank Arena on the campus of George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., as well as the Life is Very Good Mass on Friday morning at the Eagle Bank Arena in Fairfax, VA. Please contact Cheryl Hall at 724-446-5197 for information.

NEWS FROM CHERY HALL
Coordinator of Catechesis

Faith Formation News grades 1 to 5

Our next class will be held on **Sunday, January 13th** after Mass, 10:15 am to 11:30 am.

Middle Youth Ministry grades 6 to 8

Will meet on **Monday, January 14th** in Edwardian Hall from **6:30 pm to 8:00 pm**



Please keep our eighth grade students in your prayers as they continue on their journey to prepare for Confirmation.

Please be sure to read the prayers they composed to the Saint whose name they are choosing for Confirmation.

*St Patrick,
Protect me from harm. Keep me from straying from
the path of God. Help me and everyone around me to
be a better Christian. Please guide me through the
traps of Satan. Please show me the way to eternal
life. Amen. ~ Dominick W.*

Grades 9-12



Registration is underway for the Diocesan **Winter Retreat weekend** of March 1-3. Early bird registration fee is \$120.00 and scholarship funding is available. Please contact Cheryl for more details. The annual Winter Retreat provides an opportunity for our young people to take time out of their busy lives to slow down and be with God for one faith-filled weekend. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, this time apart provides youth with an opportunity to encounter Jesus, reflect upon the movement of God in their lives, and develop what their personal response will be to the call of discipleship that they receive at their baptism. This retreat is a gift to our young people. It is a time to come to know and love God even more. Please visit the Diocese website to view pictures of past retreats.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION CORNER

RCIA

RCIA session resumes on **Tuesday, January 8th** at 6:30 pm in the meeting room. All are welcome to join us and learn more about your faith.

THANK YOU BULLETIN SPONSORS!

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