

**MASSES FOR JANUARY 6 - 12**

Monday, 6	8:30 am (SF)	<b>Carl Oprisch (Michael &amp; Amy Heiss)</b> 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7b-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday, 7	8:30 am (SJ)	<b>Doris Martaus (Eleanore Simone)</b> 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday, 8	8:30 am (SF)	<b>For the People</b> 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday, 9	8:30 am (SJ)	<b>John Skrabak (Dave &amp; Sheryl Maple)</b> 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday, 10	8:30 am (SF)	<b>Mary Ellen Rawson (Mary Lynn &amp; Steve Lewis)</b> 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday, 11	5:00 pm (SF)	<b>Barb Carter (Marlene Mehalko)</b>
Sunday, 12	9:00 am (SJ)	<b>John Haynes (Marian &amp; Rick Barker)</b>
	11:00 am (SF)	<b>Ellsworth Graham (Janice McClain)</b> Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**THE WEEK AT A GLANCE**

<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	<b>Parish School of Religion - 6:00pm (SJH)</b>
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	Choir Practice - 7:00pm (SJ)
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	St. Anne's Society - 9:15am (SJH)
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	Confessions - 10:30am (SJ)

**As of 12/30/2024:** Trinity West: David Stasiulewicz, Antonio Zaguirre, Amanda Wickham; Trinity East;. **Please remember to pray for all our sick, shut-ins, and those in nursing homes.** If a family member is admitted into a hospital, please be sure to contact the parish office so Father may go and visit them.

**A Note from our Pastor**

As you already know, beginning Jan. 1, 2025, our parish secretary, Michelle Fouts, will only be in the office a couple days a week and for only a few hours on those days. I am most grateful for all that Michelle has done for the parishes and for me. I am equally grateful for her willingness to continue working to assist me. With this change, I hope that everything will continue to run smoothly! Please keep in mind that for 19 years and serving several parishes at the same time, I was able to take care of the office work. I am quite capable of answering the phone, although you may need to leave a message, but I assure you that I will return your call as soon as possible. I am also able to complete Sacramental Certificates if you need one and I can also schedule Mass intentions. I am certain that everything will continue as it has been and I ask for your patience and understanding. Again, thanks to Michelle and enjoy your "retirement."



It's Pirohi time! Need to get out of the house for a while? We will begin making potato pirohi on **Mon., Jan. 13 – 9:00 AM – SJH – and every Monday morning through the end of February.** New workers are *always* welcome. Bring your apron and join this "fun" group. If you are an "early bird" and would like to help with some of the prep work (making the potato or cabbage balls), the kitchen is open at 8:00 AM. With enough help, we are usually done by 11:00. You may contact DeDe Kidder (740-632-3372) with questions or to volunteer your help.



**Super Bowl LIX (59) will be held on Sunday, Feb. 9th!** Representatives for **St. Francis/St. Joseph Educational Fund** are selling spaces for the **Super Bowl Pool** beginning this weekend. The cost is \$20 a square and 8 prizes of various amounts will be awarded. The squares sell fast. If you are getting a square for a non-parishioner, please put your name in the **Sold By** column on the contact information sheet. If you are unable to get a square after Mass, the list is at the Rectory during the week. Feel free to purchase one there.



CHURCH SUPPORT: **Christmas: St. Francis:** Adult: (Envelopes) \$2,817.00; Loose: \$300.00; Candles: \$65.00; **St. Joseph:** Adult: (Envelopes) \$1,910.00; Loose: \$50.00; Candles: \$59.00; Poor & Needy: \$45.00. **Dec. 28-29—St. Francis:** Adult (Envelopes): \$1,957.00; Loose: \$325.00; Religious Retirement: \$75.00; Christmas: \$95; Poor & Needy: \$705.00; Candles: \$155.00; **St. Joseph:** Adult (Envelopes) \$1,008.00; Loose \$45.00. May God bless you for your goodness to His Church! **Weekly Mass Attendance for Dec. 24-25: 5:00pm: 231; 7:00 pm: 70; 10:00am: 91. Dec. 28-29: 5:00pm: 88; 9:00 am: 90; 11:00am: 73.**



**MASSES:** For **Theresa Popp** by the Restifo Family; Carol Rogers.

**MEMORIALS: St. Francis Church** in memory of: **Evelyn Ray** by Valerie & Shawn Irwin; **Theresa Popp** by Tim & Agie Rock; Frank & Linda Slowikowski; M/M Joseph Brem; Marge Sines & Sons; Mike & Bridget Cernansky; Janice McClain.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Theresa Popp**. We extend our deepest sympathy to the Popp Family. May Theresa live in the eternal light of Christ.

**Parish School of Religion** - Parents, please remember that classes will be held this coming Wednesday since the first Wednesday of the month fell on New Years Day.

**Thank you to all of my Church Family** for remembering my 90th birthday with cards and good wishes. God bless you during this Holy Season and always. **~Bill Straka**

## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### GROW AND GO

#### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

**GROW:** Deeply fatigued from their perilous journey, the three wise men must have been filled with doubt and hope in equal measure, wondering if the star would truly lead them to the promised King. "Is this really worth it?" they may have questioned. "Will we ever meet this child?" And then, in a single gaze, Christ broke into the world of humanity. In this perfect encounter with the Son of God, the wise men "prostrated themselves" and "opened their treasures" before him – in all his glory and all his innocence. We, on our earthly pilgrimage, may relate to feeling exhausted, full of both hope and heartache, as we wait and wonder where we will meet Jesus. Today, remember, he is here, among us. Waiting for our presence, waiting for our heart. Like today's Scripture from Isaiah, the Magi must have experienced their hearts *throbbing* and *overflowing* with wonder and awe at the sight of their long-awaited King.

#### GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

**GO:** "Your light has come!" What thrilling words these must have been, proclaimed to a world that had been shrouded in darkness, eagerly – *desperately* – waiting for their God to save them. And not only has their light come; with it came a promise that this light would guide all nations. Yet this invitation to light, to *freedom*, also comes with a great responsibility. This light that came into the world isn't just for us to follow; it is also for us to reflect to others. In today's world, this may not involve leading flocks of sheep or strumming a 10-stringed lyre, but it *does* call us to live as radiant witnesses of Christ's love, always singing his praise! Perhaps this means living joyfully despite our suffering. Maybe it looks like practicing generosity, when we feel like we have little left to give or remaining hopeful in a bleak situation. We are called to praise at all times, but it takes different forms in the different seasons of our life. Whatever season we find ourselves in, let us, like the Magi, seek the King, trusting in his promise and following his light.

**REFLECT:** Consider areas in your life where the Child Jesus is waiting to break in. Where does he long to heal you, comfort you, and bring you peace? Like the wise men, we are on a pilgrimage filled with hope – and at times, fear and restlessness. On this great feast, let us offer Jesus our treasure – our hearts – and, in return, he will give us the greatest gift of all: himself.