

## THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – JANUARY 7, 2017

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of The Lord, and the arrival of the Magi to the place where Jesus Christ was born. The Gospel describes the Magi as being overjoyed at seeing the star that had led them to the new born child. When the Magi saw him with Mary his mother, they fell on their knees and worshipped him. Then, they offered him the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh --symbols of Christ's royalty, divinity and eventual suffering and death.



In giving these gifts, the Magi recognized that Jesus was born to be our Savior. May we too recognize Jesus as our Savior in all that we say and do.

This Sunday, I also wish to echo the U. S. Catholic Bishops' invitation to take up the Holy Father's challenge to "live in solidarity with the poor". Poverty is a serious issue around the world and in our country.

Did you know that more than 46 Million Americans live in poverty in the United States?

The U.S. Catholic Bishops and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) have designated January as Poverty Awareness month. The goal is to educate and promote understanding about poverty and its root causes with a domestic anti-poverty program named Poverty USA.

I pray you will reflect on this issue with compassion. To learn what you can do to help build awareness and generate positive actions visit <http://www.povertyusa.org/>.

On the journey,

*Fr. Dennis G. Lewandowski*

### Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday: 4:30pm (confessions at 3:30pm)

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00am

### Week Days Mass at 9:00am:

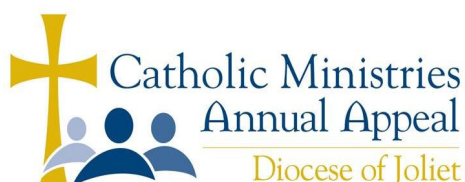
Monday- Wednesday Mass

Thursday & Friday Communion Service

The Catholic Church is able to carry out its good works in large part due to the generosity of her people. Catholics financially support their Church primarily through the Sunday offertory collection.

Weekly collections for December 23-24: \$23,893

**Thank you for your generosity!**



The 2018 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal is now underway! The Diocese of Joliet is mailing information about the 2018 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) this month to all CMAA donors at Holy Spirit Catholic Community. The CMAA supports thirty ministries that benefit every parish in the Diocese, including ours, as well as our friends and neighbors most in need.

Our parish's goal for the 2018 CMAA will be listed in the mailing sent by the Diocese. If we raise more than this goal, 70% of the amount paid over goal will be returned to us for use. This is a great benefit for our parish! Please review the information you receive and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's CMAA.

If you do not receive a mailing from the Diocese about the CMAA, please contact the parish office at 630-922-0081 to verify your membership and contact information.

**Blood Pressure Sunday**  
**January 7, 2018**

in  
 the **Gathering Place**  
 after the **Sunday Masses**

***We pray for those who are sick,  
 especially: John Collier.***

***We also pray for and remember those  
 who have gone to eternal life,  
 especially:  
 William Connors and Everett Kroeze.***

*For the complete Prayer List  
 visit the Pastoral Care Tab at:*

<http://hsc.us/pastoral-prayer-network.php>

*Joliet Diocese Vocations Prayer Calendar,  
 visit: [www.dioceseofjoliet.org/vocations/  
 sectioncontent.php?secid=16](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/vocations/sectioncontent.php?secid=16)*

### **Stephen Ministry is Here For You!**



The Holidays are upon us. Sometimes in loss when someone is grieving the loss of a spouse or child, normal support may not be there. Their support system moves on with their lives. This is the time a grieving person could use a friendly ear.

Stephen Ministry is a confidential one-to-one ministry that supports anyone going through a difficult time, whether it is a **separation or divorce, loss of a job, or loss of a child or spouse.**

Stephen Ministers are here to support **YOU! Call today!**

Contact Kathy Ford RN/Parish Nurse and Coordinator of Stephen Ministry at 630-922-0081 or [pastoralcare@hsc.us](mailto:pastoralcare@hsc.us).

**Saturday, January 06, 2018**

- Ministers of Care in OFF SITE Event (9:00 AM)

**Sunday, January 07, 2018**

- Blood Pressure Sunday in Gathering Place (8:00 AM)
- Donuts and Fellowship in Gathering Place (8:00 AM)
- RCIA in Multipurpose Room (9:00 AM)
- Seasoned Spirits in Gathering Place (12:15 PM)
- Baptisms in Worship Space (12:30 PM)

**Monday, January 08, 2018**

- WBS Core Team in Gathering (1:00 PM)
- Stephen Ministry in Gathering Place (7:00 PM)

**Tuesday, January 09, 2018**

- Korean Cenacle Prayer in Multipurpose Room (10:00 AM)
- First Reconciliation Celebration and Reception (6:00 PM)

**Wednesday, January 10, 2018**

- Women's Bible Study in Gathering Place (9:30 AM)
- First Reconciliation Celebration and Reception (6:00 PM)

**Saturday, January 13, 2018**

- TMIY - That Man Is You in Gathering Place (7:00 AM)

**Sunday, January 14, 2018**

- RCIA in Multipurpose Room (9:00 AM)



***Baptism Preparation Workshop***

*Baptism Preparation is a 2-part Workshop at Holy Spirit for parents seeking baptism for their child.*

*Classes are held three times a year, and meet on Friday nights from 7:00pm - 8:30pm and on Saturdays from 10:00 am to noon. Both parents are expected to attend both sessions of this adult's only workshop.*

**Upcoming workshops are  
January 19 & 20, 2018  
May 18 & 19, 2018**

**Register at:  
<https://hsc.us/baptism.php>**

**RCIA**



Rite of Christian  
Initiation of Adults

Has the New Year prompted you to make a resolution about checking out your faith life? Do you have questions about the Catholic faith?

If you are not baptized or baptized in another faith, seeking sacraments, or coming back to your faith....this process might be for you!

We will be meeting on January 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 9:00am in the Multi-Purpose Room. All are invited!

Contact Roberta Balsewicz, RCIA Director for more information at 630-922-0081 x 34 or [rcia@hsc.us](mailto:rcia@hsc.us).



**Retreat/ workshop for widowed men/women**

The Joyful Again! program brings understanding and hope to help you on your new life's journey.  
I felt welcome." "Found hope." "Am more at peace."

Upcoming Dates: **March 3 & 4, 2018** and **April 21 & 22, 2018**

For more information contact us at Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry **Ph: 1-708-354-7211**

**Email: [joyfulagain7211@gmail.com](mailto:joyfulagain7211@gmail.com) Website:[www.joyfulagain.org](http://www.joyfulagain.org)** (Short video on website.)

**IMPORTANT:** Register early, space is limited.

Mass Intentions & Liturgical Ministers				
<b>Mass Intentions</b>	<b>Saturday, January 6 - 4:30 PM</b> Margaret Kuniewicz, mother of Judi Endres	<b>Sunday, January 7 - 8:00 AM</b> People of Holy Spirit	<b>Sunday, January 7- 9:30 AM</b> Samuel J. Demkoski, husband & father of Demkoski family	<b>Sunday, January 7 - 11:00 AM</b> Season Spirits Ministry.
<b>Paten</b>	*Gretchen Talley, Michael Fairchild, Katie Talley, Mariann Costello, William Griffith	*Deborah Newson, Jackie Gieser, Mike Zidek	*Barbara Marciniak, Deacon Carlos Rubio, Mary Kostic, Dennis Kostic, Gerry Jaurigue	*Jim Costelloe, Deacon Carlos Rubio, Christopher Alagna, Kathleen
<b>Chalice</b>	*Grace Griffith, Patrick Noonan, Sandra McLamore	*Susan Hejnosz, Pita Rina	*Robert Marciniak, Judy Barrick, Sheila Domingos	*Lorrie Adamson, Anthony A Edeh, Tony Vaccariello
<b>Lectors</b>	Katie Talley, David Kammes	Dick Hercher, Karen Rice	Paul Eichamer, Erin Millhouse	Christopher Wrobe, Henry Sharum
<b>Acolytes</b>	Calista Wold, Alex Wold	Brady Kunka, Taylor Kunka	Donovan Watson, Charlie Watson	Pauline de Guzman, Phillip Nwosisi
<b>Greeter</b>	*Frank & Vicki Silhavy, Angela Strohbeck, Sara Strohbeck, Caleb Strohbeck, Jacob Strohbeck, Rich Strohbeck, Jim Dvorchak, Dick Walz	*Kurt Jarvie, GERALYN Armitage, Cathy West, Carl Homolka, Vivian Homolka	*Jeffrey & Linda Hiller, Dianna Olaszek, Brian Watts, Gregory Kestler, Theresa Watson	Abhijit Guha, Annette Guha-Wolf, Dariusz Pupik, Renata Pupik
<b>Baptism</b>				12:30pm Al & Donna Larson
<b>Mass Intentions</b>	<b>Monday, January 8 - 9:00 AM</b> Samuel J. Demkoski, husband & father of Demkoski	<b>Tuesday, January 9 - 9:00AM</b> Jerry Spreitzer, friend of Jerry and Fran Mastro	<b>Wednesday, January 10 - 9:00AM</b> Kelly Novak, loved one of Jim and Nancy Novak	<b>Thursdays and Fridays - 9:00AM</b> Communion Service

## RE Reminders



Jan. 7 & 14 Grades 1-8 No sessions at ASCA

### Events below will be held at Holy Spirit

Jan. 9 & 10 Grade 2 Celebrations of First Reconciliation 6:00

Jan. 12 & 13 Grade 9 Confirmation Retreats

Jan. 15 Grade 7 Plarn Service Project - 9:30-11:30

Jan. 15 Grade 5/6 Spiritual Event - 12:30-1:45

If you have any questions contact Jane at [dre@hsc.us](mailto:dre@hsc.us) or Kim at [asstdre@hsc.us](mailto:asstdre@hsc.us).



## CHAOS Youth Night

Our middle school youth group (CHAOS) will be having its next youth night **Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>** from **7:00-8:15pm** at **Holy Spirit**. Join us for food, faith, games & community.

Please contact Sean Curtis at [echo2@hsc.us](mailto:echo2@hsc.us) with any questions.