

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 5TH, 2025

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Confessions: Before Saturday and Sunday Masses

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Mon	01/06	7:00am	St. Ignatius	Special Intention by Blaise & Judy Andrepont
Tues	01/07	7:00am	Sts. Peter/Paul	RIP Charles Weisenfels by Gilbert Weisenfels Family
Wed	01/08	6:00pm	Sts. Peter/Paul	RIP Tony Siebenmorgen by Dennis & Pam Siebenmorgen
Thurs	01/09	7:00am	St. Meinrad	RIP Gilbert Weisenfels by Kay Johns
Fri	01/10	7:00am	St. Meinrad	RIP Tony Geels by Kenneth & Sharon Siebenmorgen
Sat	01/11	4:00pm	St. Meinrad	RIP Butch Geels by Bob Siebenmorgen
Sat	01/11	6:00pm	Sts. Peter/Paul	RIP Laverne Stovall by Myra Bauer & Tyna Burrows
Sun	01/12	8:00am	St. Meinrad	Parishioners by Fr. John
Sun	01/12	10:20am	St. Ignatius	Special Intention by Mary Koch

BIRTHDAYS: 1/6 Luke Siebenmorgen, Grayson Friemel, 1/8 Wyatt Wommack, 1/9 Trisha Mainer, 1/11 Harold Walker, Blake Blackard, 1/12 Elijah King, Susan Johnson.

ANNIVERSARY: 1/9 Randy & Linda Siebenmorgen.

	Last Sunday's Collection	Second Collection
St. Ignatius	\$ 787.00	\$
Sts. Peter & Paul	\$ 1115.00	\$
St. Meinrad	\$ 1282.00	\$

DATE	LECTOR	USHERS	EMHC
01/11	Ruby Koch		Joe Koch & Hermina Fox
01/11	Linda Oldham	Bill Beshoner & Jim Tencleve	Ruth Beshoner, Mark Siebenmorgen, Alice Hughes
01/12	Jim Koch		Donnie & Jamie Siebenmorgen
01/12	Amanda Brewer SERVERS	Mike Johnson & Adam Fritsche Emma Gregory & Lily Bean	Amanda Bean, Patty Pridgin, Susie Bauer

Symposium on the Dangers of Human Trafficking and Pornography in Arkansas Saturday, January 25, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Christ the King Church, Little Rock. Attendees will hear from experts: Father Jeffery Bayhi, Father Chuck Swanson, Bishop Marcelo Sanchez Sorondo, Former Scotland Yard Inspector Kevin Hyland and Cyber Specialist Kevin Medcalf. Free breakfast and lunch, 5 p.m. Mass. Register for this free symposium at dolrtaskforce.org
The Diocese of Little Rock Task Force against Human Trafficking and Pornography.

History of Epiphany: Next to Easter, Epiphany is the oldest season of the Church year. In Asia Minor and Egypt, the Epiphany was observed as early as the second century. The Festival of the Epiphany fell (and still falls), on January 6. It was observed as a unitive festival — **both the birth and Baptism of Jesus** were celebrated at this time. January 6 was chosen as Epiphany Day because it was the winter solstice, a pagan festival celebrating the birthday of the sun god. In 331 AD the secular solstice was moved back to December 25, but January 6 continued to be observed in the Church. Christians substituted Epiphany for the solstice. The emphasis was upon the re-birth of light. In keeping with this time, the First Lesson for Epiphany Day is appropriate: "*Arise, shine; for your Light has come.*" The unitive Festival of Epiphany was divided when December 25 was chosen as the birthday of Jesus. The Church in the East continued to celebrate Epiphany in terms of the **Baptism of Jesus** while the Western Church associated Epiphany with the visit of the Magi. For the East, the **Baptism of Jesus** was more vital because of the Gnostic heresy claiming that only at his baptism did Jesus become the Son of God. On the other hand, to associate Epiphany with the Magi is appropriate, for the Magi might not have gotten to Bethlehem until a year after Jesus' birth. By this time the Holy Family was in a house rather than in a stable. If this was the case, then the Magi could not have been a part of the manger scene popularly portrayed in today's Christmas scenes and plays. The Vatican II lectionary and calendar combine the two by placing the visit of the Magi on Epiphany Day and the **Baptism of Jesus** on Epiphany I (The First Sunday after the Epiphany) — this year, **January 12, 2025**.