



St. Mary's Catholic Church

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The Epiphany of the Lord
January 7, 2024

"...We saw His star at its rising and have come to do Him homage." Mt 2:2

Today the Holy Mother Church celebrates the solemnity of Epiphany.

Following an ancient custom, I announce to you the dates of the movable feasts for this Liturgical year. Feb 14 Ash Wednesday, Mar 31, Easter Sunday, May 9, Ascension, May 19, Pentecost, Jun 2, Body and Blood of Christ, Dec 1, Advent. All celebrated to the glory and honor of God.

Epiphany derives from the Greek *epiphaneia* meaning to reveal and the Latin *epiphania* meaning manifestation or to show forth. This feast celebrates the manifestation of the birth Christ through a star to the Gentile world. Today as well we celebrate the Theophany of the Lord, because today the prophesy of Isaiah is fulfilled: "See darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears His glory." (Is 60:2)

Today's Gospel tells us how the three wise men from the far East were led by a guiding star to where Jesus was. First these men were wise for their attentiveness to the inspiration of God. Their visit was symbolic in many ways.

God did not need any human intervention to announce the birth of Christ to distant lands. It is a fact that speaks for itself. As such whenever we have the privilege to preach Christ, we must count it a blessing and a rare privilege.

The itinerary of the Magi led them to Herod the King, to reveal to him what stands written in the Scriptures, but unknown to him, that the Messiah will be born in Bethlehem. Within his own kingdom. What a blessing, though he will not welcome it. This was explicit in the prophesy of Micah "And you Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you will come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel". (Micah 5:2) This was the first Good News ever next only to Gen 3:15 (protoevangelium).

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<https://www.mariansisters.com/blog/the-epiphany-of-our-lord>

This Week at St. Mary's Church

Mon.	Jan. 8	8:00 am Mass (†Sue Schendel) 8:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 12:30 pm St. Anthony Slice of Heaven (High School) 1:00 pm Pinochle
Tues.	Jan. 9	8:00 am Mass (Int. Sandy Cameron) 4:30 pm Adoration & Confession 5:30 pm Mass
Wed.	Jan. 10	8:00 am Mass (†Olga "Honey" Canney) 9:00 am St. Zelig Martin Mom's Group 6:30 pm Genesee Mass 7:00 pm RCIA/OCIA
Thurs.	Jan. 11	8:00 am Mass (Int. Michelle Connelly) 6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Society
Fri.	Jan. 12	9:00 am School Mass 10:30 am Mass at Paradise Creek of Olympus 2:30 pm Open Youth Room 4:00 pm Funeral Mass for Mary Ann Moser
Sat.	Jan. 13	8:00 am Mass (†Anthony & Josephine Lewandowski) 8:45 am Reconciliation 5:00 pm Mass

Schedule of Masses

Saturday Evening—5:00 pm
Sunday Morning—8:00 & 11:30 am
Genesee—9:45 am Rosary @ 9:15 am
Rosary—Mon-Thurs. 7:40 am/Fri. 8:35 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday—8:30 am
Tuesday—4:30 pm
Sunday (Genesee)—9:15 am.

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Family Faith Formation

Saturday January 7th

Religious Education 9:15 a.m.

MS/HS Youth Groups at 12:45 p.m.

St. Mary's Student Council

The Student Council of St. Mary's School is proud to announce the great success of this year's Elves' Workshop charity fundraising event. The purpose of this event was to both give our youth a nice chance to do some Christmas shopping for their loved ones, and to raise money for charity. This year, with hard work from our Student Council and the many people who shopped at our Elves' Workshop, we were able to raise \$790.85. AMAZING! This shows the generosity and caring Christmas spirit in our school community. St. Nicholas would be very proud of our charitable giving and sends all of us a special blessing. The proceeds this year went to two different charities: Give Kids the World Village (www.gktw.org) and to Christmas for Kids (<https://www.christmasforkidsmoscow.org/>).

A huge thank you to Mrs. Otto and our Student Council members who worked many days and gave up many lunch and recess times to make this happen for our school and for less fortunate children. Also, thank you to everyone who donated items or money to our workshop, we could not have an Elves' Workshop without those donations. We hope you had a Merry Christmas and Blessings on the new year.

—St. Mary's School Student Council



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Sacrificial Giving: December 2023

Budgeted Offertory Income: \$31,466.53

December 3: \$ 7,585.63

December 10: \$ 5,574.36

December 17: \$ 7,382.36

December 24: \$ 11,109.11

December 31: \$ 5,326.26

December Offertory Income: \$36,977.72

Our Offertory Goal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 is \$318,000. At 53% of the year, we have received 53.39% of our annual goal. Thank you!

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"on entering the house, they saw the child with Mary His Mother." (Mt 2:11) Here we see the core of Biblical Mariology showing how inseparably Mary the Mother of God is connected with her Divine Son, constantly sharing in His lot in his salvific mission. It was not by chance that Joseph was not present at the visit of these foreign Kings.

Seeing the child, first: "they prostrated themselves and did him homage." An act which teaches us how reverently we must always stand before the Lord. "Then they opened their treasure and offered him gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. Sacred gifts of mystic meaning. Incense disclosed him as God as well as the eternal High Priest. Gold proclaims him the King of kings, and Myrrh foretells his death of which his body will know no corruption.

In addition to their homage, adoration, and worship, they gave him their best, in acknowledgement that we owe all we have to God.

The big lesson from today's gospel is the contrast between the Kings who received the message of Christ's birth but welcomed it differently. The evil King Herod, said to the wise men: "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word that I too may go and do Him homage." (Mt 2:8) As ignorant as he was, he did not know that the child was set to reveal the secret thought in men's hearts.

Like the kings in today's gospel, each of us can either be a Herod or the wise men in our relationship with God and our fellow men. Some selflessly work for the good of others, while some back stab their neighbors. We say sweet things to our neighbors before them, but our hearts are full of malice and evil intent. If you are such a person, repent. The light of Christ is searching you out, nothing hidden is hidden before him.

Fr. Benjamin.

Liturgy Committee

Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Let us express our gratitude for all our volunteers at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Please join us on Saturday, January 20th at 6:30 pm for a dinner at the Family Center. Please spread the word to all those who have volunteered over the past year. You are all key to what makes our community so special. RSVP to Lauren Goracke (email the office or call at 208-882-4813) with number attending and/or food restrictions by Monday, January 15th. See you there!



2023 Idaho Catholic Appeal

St. Mary's Moscow

Total Pledged: \$ 60,288
Parish Goal: \$ 57,583
Percent of Goal: 104.7%
Rebate Earned: \$ 2,705
Rebate Received: \$ 0

St. Mary's Genesee

Total Pledged: \$ 9,520
Parish Goal: \$ 7,067
Percent of Goal: 134.71%
Rebate Earned: \$ 2,453
Rebate Received: \$ 2,143

Thank you so much for your generosity and support for the 2023 Idaho Catholic Appeal.

Seniors Game Day

Let's gather again on Wednesday, January 17 from 1--2:30 pm. It's the beginning of a new year – so we will celebrate with a game day. Bring your favorite game and, if you want, a goodie to share. There will be coffee, tea, cookies, and all sorts of goodies and fellowship. Don't forget to mark your calendar for Wednesday, January 17 at 1 pm. Hope you can come and bring a friend!

Coffee Social



Please join us after both Sunday Masses.

Donuts, coffee, and community!

The sign up sheet is in the library. Please consider hosting one weekend. Thanks.

Please Join Us in Prayer

- ♦ **For the repose of the souls of our loved ones:**
Debbie Meshishnek, Margaret Joyce, Amelia Turk, Olga "Honey" Canney, Sue Schendel, Patty Funke, Sister Lillian Repak OSU, Sennoi Roth, Phil Mohan, Dave Hutton, Rodger Pedersen, Terry Dahmen, Alice Hall, Joe Ulliman, Sr. Mary Forman, Ellie Olesen, Harold Grassl, Conor Richards, Fr. Sean Caulfield, Leslie Wilson, Norma Bailey, Fern Bielenberg, Deborah Evans.
- ♦ **For our friends and family:** Carlton (C.K.) Brown, Amy Scott, Scott Troka, Kim Squires, Jill Rinaldi, Linda Nickels, Martha Bieker, Bettina Gilbert, Leona Ahles, Fr. Gabriel Morales, Mary Ann Moser, Eileen Brady, Dick & Doris Gludt, Terry Bielenberg, Arlene Stoddard, Randy Osborne, Doris West, & Chuck Stoddard.
- ♦ **For our Diocesan Seminarians:** Joshua Tennyson, Ian Willnerd, Nathan Ribb, Nicholas Sower, Monico Heredia, Connor Brown, Ryan Olenick, Zachary MacKeller, Joseph Patti, Christopher Din, Ronald Onyekwelu, Leonardo Guillermo Gutierrez.
- ♦ **For all married couples celebrating an anniversary in the month of January.**

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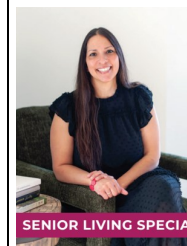
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