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The Epiphany of the Lord

Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,
“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising and
have come to do him homage.”

Matthew 2:1-2

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday
at 6:30 a.m. & 8:00 a.m.

This week we will not have 6:30 a.m. Mass Monday-Thursday

Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00—4:30 p.m. or by appointment

Rosary: Every Sunday—Friday at 7:30 a.m. (before the 8:00 a.m. Mass)

Annunciation Men's Club Presents

9th Annual



CHILI COOK OFF

January 13, 2018

5:30pm - 8:30pm

Annunciation Cafeteria

**\$8 for adults and \$3 for children
(beverages available for purchase)**



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Friday
February 9th,
2018

Dear Friends,

I hope you were able to welcome the New Year last Sunday in a way that you much enjoyed, whether that be in great celebration amid throngs of other individuals or whether that be in the simple quiet of your own home. Wherever and however we began 2018, may this Year be one filled with many blessings for all of us as well as our parish family of Annunciation.

You may remember that as we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany there is a tradition in the Church for families and individuals to bless their homes. For this blessing the family gathers at the front entrance, or their most used doorway of entry into their home, to ask God's blessing upon each of them who live there, as well as all those who will come and visit their home in the new year. The blessing is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in your home, in your comings and goings, in your conversations, your work and play, and in your joys and sorrows. The traditional way of doing this is to use the blessed piece of chalk you received at church to write above your home's entrance, 20 + C + M + B + 18.

The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless this house." The "+" signs represent the cross and 2018 is the year.

I would like to invite you to adopt this custom for your family as you begin another New Year together.

Blessing of a Home at Epiphany

V. *Our help is the name of the Lord.*□

R. *The maker of heaven and earth.*□

V. *The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in:*

□R. *From this time forth for evermore.*□

Let us pray.

Loving God, bless our home with this chalk which you have created, that it may be helpful to us your people; and grant that through the invocation of your most Holy Name that we who use it in faith to write upon the door of our home the names of your holy ones Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, may receive health of body and protection of soul for all who dwell in or visit our home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Marking the lintel of your front doorway of your Home:□

With the blessed chalk write as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 18 while saying:

The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and sixteen years ago.

May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the New Year. Amen.□

Then offer the following prayer:

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen□

With time the chalk will fade and as it does we are to let the meaning of the symbols written above our doors to sink into the depths of our heart and be manifested in our words and actions, the Latin words, *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless this house."

ALSO...**Please don't forget** about our **Chili Cook Off** this coming Saturday evening! I hope many of you can join in this community event where a number of recipes of chili will be put before us for tasting and our collective judgment on whose is the Best of Annunciation! It will be a fun night.

And for all of the parents who had a child baptized here in 2017....Please be sure to join us at the **10am Mass** next Sunday for a **special blessing** as we look to complete the Christmas Season remembering the Baptism of our Lord. We will have donut holes for these families--and all other young families--following this Mass to celebrate their children's share in the Baptism of Jesus Christ!

May you have a blessed week –

Father Mike

MASS INTENTIONS		
Monday January 8	8:00 a.m.	No 6:30 a.m. Mass today JoAnn Abeln
Tuesday January 9	8:00 a.m.	No 6:30 a.m. Mass today Jennifer Mangels
Wednesday January 10	8:00 a.m.	No 6:30 a.m. Mass today John Joseph Harty
Thursday January 11	8:00 a.m.	No 6:30 a.m. Mass today Delores Hampel
Friday January 12	6:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	Charles & Jackie Pratte Melvanah Lee
Saturday January 13	5:00 p.m.	Zachary Bruno
Sunday January 14	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Helen Huber People of the Parish

MASS	SERVERS	
Monday January 8	8:00 a.m.	Ethan S., Megan C.
Tuesday January 9	8:00 a.m.	Thomas O., Erin M., James T.
Wednesday January 10	8:00 a.m.	Daniel S., Joe R.
Thursday January 11	8:00 a.m.	Mary K., Maggie B.
Friday January 12	8:00 a.m.	Finn M., Andi L.
Saturday January 13	5:00 p.m.	Gabby M., Jillian M. Josie S.
Sunday January 14	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Miles S., Erin M., Mary K. Eva M., Sabrina C., Nick M.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE			
DATE TIME	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	JAN. USHERS
Saturday Jan. 13 5:00 p.m.	T. Kelly, D. Kuja- wa, R. Pelikan, T. Bergmann, D. Eskridge	M. Disben- nett	B. Bretsch, K. Franklin, B. Halliday, K. Kujawa
Sunday Jan. 14 8:00 a.m.	T. & M. Schnei- der, C. Boncek, R. Cunningham, P. Hillmeyer	M. Lucchesi	D. Braun, C. Henry, J. Pico, G. Trost
Sunday Jan. 14 10:00 a.m.	T. & J. Corcoran, T. Beavin, K. Lickenbrock, C. LaBarge	M. Mueller	T. Strahan, R. Nix, G. Mackey, T. Domino

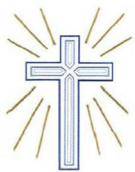
MONEY	COUNTERS
Mon., Jan. 8	Tues., Jan. 16
C. LaBarge	G. Burns
M. Pelikan	J. McArthur
B. Lenz	M. Wedel

WEEKLY ANNUNCIATION PARISH CALENDAR			
Monday <i>January 8</i>	12:40 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:30 p.m.	St. Patrick Day Salads/Casseroles Bible Study Basketball Practice Parish Council Adult Basketball Practice	128 E. Glendale Klocker House Gym MPH Gym
Tuesday January 9	8:30 a.m. 8:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m. 2:50 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions Eucharistic Adoration (ends at 9 p.m.) Quilters Divine Mercy Chaplet Basketball Practice Rosary for Religious Freedom HCA Board St. Vincent dePaul Divine Mercy Chaplet	Church Church GlenElm Church Gym Church MPH ANN Church
Wednesday January 10	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	Little Lambs Playgroup Peregrine Society Basketball Practice Athletic Association PSR Bible Study Men of the Parish Pray the Rosary	Gym MPH/ANN Gym MPH School & Cafe Klocker House Outside Church
Thursday January 11	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:30 p.m.	Basketball Practice Adult Choir Practice WOA Speaker Adult Basketball	Gym Church MPH Gym
Friday January 12	5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	Basketball Games RCIA Five O'Clock Shadows	Gym Klocker House Church
Saturday January 13	8:00 a.m.	Basketball Games Chili Cookoff 2018	Gym Cafeteria
Sunday January 14	a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Baptism Class of 2017 & Donut Holes Liturgy of the Word for Children R.C.I.A. Basketball Games Basketball Practice	Church Vestibule Church Klocker House Gym Gym

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of Jim Spinale. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. May the families know the compassion and comfort of the Risen Lord. Amen.

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*Rest In Peace*

JANUARY GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH MENU: Beef stew, canned corn, Martha White biscuit mix, pineapple & Jello. Optional items: Peanut butter & jelly, crackers (any kind), hearty soup



RCIA resumes today. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about RCIA, contact Fr. Mike at 314-962-5955 or RCIA director Patrick Stack at 314-565-9143.

THE ANNUNCIATION GRIEF SUPPORT'S NEXT MEETINGS ARE:

7pm in the Klocker House on Jan. 16. All are welcome, please join us. Jeanne Place, jeanne.place@gmail.com or 314-918-0783, or Mary Hittler, mhittl@sbcglobal.net or 314-277-5116



THANK YOU to all who donated hand and feet warmers (shoes and a check for hand warmers) for the homeless which were distributed at their Christmas dinner at SVDP parish. It was a very cold night and the recipients were grateful for their gift of warmth. From their mouths, "God bless you and Merry Christmas!" Recipients included many adults, elderly and children. We had **the exact number** for attendees.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH**

Ruth Henry	Mike Vonderharr	Patty Cabot
Margit Vincenz	Robert Janecek	Joann Wills
Gloria Smith	Mary Strauss	Pat Rebman
Richard Timmerman	Mark Forrest	Julie Gibson
Drew Hittler	Sue Knoll	Robin Hittler
Holly Stoltz Smith	Jennifer Sinner	Cassie Gorecki
Molly LaBarge Sublette		

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EMAIL PRAYER TEAM: If you have any requests for the Email Prayer Chain, call Cheryl Braun, prayers@goannunciation.com or 314-712-0966. (For name in the bulletin, please call or email the parish office)

HCA Little Lambs

Playgroup for Parents & Children

Where: Annunciation Campus Gym
from 9-10:30am

Dates:

September - 15th & 26th	January - 10th & 26th
October - 11th & 27th	February - 20th
November - 8th & 29th	March - 7th & 23rd
December - 13th	April - 11th & 27th
	May - 16th



Infants through
5 years old

For questions
314-650-3208 contact:
Ashley - astanze21@gmail.com

Bishop Rivituso 30th Anniversary:

For it is declared: "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek. Heb 7:17"

Please join our parish on January 14, 2018 after the 8:00 and 10:00 Mass to wish Bishop Mark Rivituso a Happy 30th Year Anniversary to the priesthood. We will have donuts, coffee and juice to celebrate. The Women of Annunciation are creating a Spiritual Bouquet Book for the special intention of Bishop Rivituso, **the increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life**. We will have note cards available to write your petitions and add to the book or you can e-mail Martha Disbennett disbennett4@gmail.com or Mariann Wedel mrjwedel@att.net with your petitions and we will write them up and add to the book. We are blessed to have Bishop Rivituso in residence at our parish.



Could you help us?
We still have a few certificates left that we need to sell.

TWB CERTIFICATES THAT WE HAVE FOR SALE:
Best Buy \$100
California Pizza Kitchen \$25

Dierbergs \$100
Papa Johns \$10
Straubs \$25

TGI Fridays \$25
TJ Maxx/Marshalls/Home Goods \$100
Thank you!

Women's Retreat



Come and be...Relaxed

Ladies of the parish, I would like to invite you to the upcoming ladies ACTS Retreat. The retreat starts Thursday evening February 1, and ends on Sunday, February 4 returning to Mass at Our Lady of Providence. The Ladies from Annunciation, Our Lady of Providence and Sts. Teresa and Bridget parishes are on the team preparing for the retreat. During the retreat we have Mass every day, talks from the women on the team on various topics of faith, say the rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet and have quiet time to pray and explore the beautiful grounds of LaSalle Retreat House. Consider giving yourself a gift of renewal and the opportunity to connect with ladies of the parish. Please contact Mary Nussbaum for more info 314-729-7375.

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LA SALLE RETREAT CENTER On Wednesday, January 31 from 6-9:00 pm, La Salle Retreat Center (2101 Rue De LaSalle Drive, Glencoe) is hosting a dinner and a behind-the-scenes tour. Explore our historical buildings and hear fun stories from Brothers who attended school at La Salle! The cost is \$30 per person which includes cocktails, 3-course dinner, tour and historical book. Space is limited! Register at www.LaSalleRetreat.org.

RETROUVAILLE is marriage program for couples whose marriage has become off course. It begins with a weekend program that can help get your relationship back on track. It's an effective program that has worked for thousands of couples & it can work for your marriage. The next program begins with the weekend of February 2 - 4, 2018. [800-470-2230](tel:8004702230) or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com or contact Kerry ([314.753.2022](tel:3147532022)) or Tom ([314.409.4199](tel:3144094199))

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE FY 18				
	Dec. 24 & 25, 2017	Dec. 31, 2017		
SUNDAY ENVELOPES	\$11,688.20	\$11,236.00	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET FY 18 (7/17-6/18)	\$316,730.79
LOOSE DONATIONS	\$132.00	\$208.00	YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL FY 18	\$351,297.51
ONLINE DONATIONS	\$635.00	\$0.00	YEAR TO DATE SURPLUS/(SHORTALL)	\$34,566.72
CHRISTMAS DONATIONS	\$8,361.72	\$390.00		
SOLEMNITY OF MARY DONATIONS	\$0.00	\$115.00		
STOCK DONATIONS	\$0.00	\$0.00		
TOTAL	\$20,816.92	\$11,949.00	TOTAL NO. OF HOUSEHOLDS	697
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$11,730.77	\$11,730.77	TOTAL NO. OF ENVELOPES USED THIS WEEK	
WEEKLY SURPLUS/(SHORTFALL)	\$9,086.15	\$218.23	% OF HOUSEHOLD USING ENVELOPES	
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	SVDP	Seminary		
Thank you (LAST 2 WEEKS)	\$573.46	\$2,410.00		
Did you know? You can sign up for <i>Online Giving</i> by visiting our parish website http://www.goannunciation.com/annunciation-online-donations.html You can also sent up automatic payments through your own bank too. To donation stock or securities to Annunciation, please contact Patricia Griffaw in the Archdiocesan Finance Office, Securities Department, at 314-792-7123.				



Catholics Returning Home

Welcomes you home!

Annunciation Catholic Church

If you are a Catholic who has been away from the Church for a while, this invitation is for you. Our faith community misses you and is incomplete without you. No matter how long you have been away, and for whatever reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church.

Please join us for informal listening sessions and an update of the Catholic faith. The sessions are conducted in a support-group format. Everyone is welcome, no matter where they are from.

To learn more, contact Debbie Kujawa at 314.397.4970



All women in the parish are invited to attend a free speaker event WOA is sponsoring on Thursday, January 11, in the MPH Room from 6:45 p.m - 8:00 p.m.

Our speaker, Sister Sandy Schwartz, FSM, RN, an SSM Hospice Community Liason, provides all adults, regardless of age, with general information on the benefits of Hospice Care, and she addresses many of the untrue myths associated with these services.

Consider joining us for this event, because not only is this topic important to be prepared for, but informing ourselves about these services may allow us the opportunity to offer support and knowledge to someone else in the future.

There will be time for questions and socializing. We will have drinks and a light dessert.

Please RSVP by email or phone if you would like to attend:

Mollie Lucchesi, WOA Speakers Coordinator, 314-918-1658, Mary.Lucchesi@sbcglobal.net OR

Mariann Wedel, WOA Social Events Coordinator, 314-961-3086, mrjwedel@att.net

Questions about WOA? Please contact:: Ann Kelly, WOA President, at 314-397-8834 or annkellyfamily@yahoo.com



ANNUNCIATION PARISH CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Liturgy of the Word is a special liturgy available at 10:00 am Mass. Each week a theme that correlates to the Sunday readings and Gospel is presented to the children using age appropriate materials. The adult catechists incorporate prayer, song, group discussion, worksheet, and other activities so the children can relate the Word of God to daily life. The children depart from the front of church after a blessing from the priest prior to the first reading, gather in the school building for the lesson, and return during offertory.



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- Opportunities to Dash in the Stash Room throughout the evening for decked-out Divas.
- \$25/pp for punctual divas received by Jan. 5th, \$35/pp for fashionably late divas after Jan. 5th (8 people per table)
- Evening includes Diva signature cocktail, beer and water. Feel free to bring your own drinks and snacks for the table.
- Prizes for the winning trivia table and for the table with the best Diva attire!
- You might not want to be fashionably late to register, space is limited!

Visit the [Holy Cross Academy Diva Dash](#) Facebook page for more info and updates!!

Visit DivaDash.gesture.com to register today!

Contact Heather.T.Potts@gmail.com with any questions.

"A cheerful heart is good medicine." Proverbs 17:22

DON'T FORGET YOUR SALADS/CASSEROLES THIS MONDAY:

We would like to thank all of you for bringing salads, "Ranch" dressing and casseroles every month. We are waging the war against hunger with our weapons of 1 lb. packages of salad, fresh vegetables, ranch dressing and casseroles. Extra gifts of packages of cookies or a loaf of bread are also appreciated. The coolers will be on the porch at 128 East Glendale Road by 7 AM and will remain there until 10 PM. Only casseroles, bags of salad and vegetables go in the coolers. Please place all non-perishables in the large Rubbermaid tub. Thank you for your help in this very important mission! Marty Usseted, 799-7613, or Kristin Tegethoff, 799-6761



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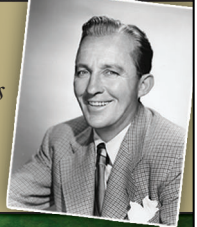


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