



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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Website: [www.ihm-newmelle.org](http://www.ihm-newmelle.org)

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Parish Office: 636-398-5270

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## Schedule of Holy Mass

Saturday: 8:00am  
4:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday  
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am  
Weekdays: 8:00am, St. Joseph Chapel

## Weekly Devotions and Prayers

### Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday 8:30am until Friday, 11:30am

### Rosary:

Following 8am Mass weekdays & before Sat. 4pm.

### Perpetual Help Devotions:

Tuesdays following 8am Mass

### Respect Life Prayers:

Thursday following 8am Mass

### Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction:

Friday at 11:30am

### First Saturday of the Month Devotions

8am Mass, Rosary, 15 minutes of meditation

## Sacraments

### Reconciliation:

Wednesday in church, 7pm  
Saturday following 8am Mass

### Marriage:

Contact the parish office  
at least six months prior to the wedding

### Baptism:

Contact the parish office  
to register for class and to arrange date

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:

Contact Shawn Mueller in the parish office

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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

**JANUARY 6, 2019**

## *A Gift for the Wise Men*

A rather liberal priest was teasing one of the women of the parish, asking, "How do we know the Wise Men weren't Wise Women?" She answered, "If they were, they'd have brought bottles, diapers, and a bassinet, instead of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Maybe they were wise enough to know that Mary could have bought a lot of diapers with the gold.

The gifts, of course, are symbols of who Jesus is: a king who is both God and human. And I wonder what our gifts to the Lord say about our faith in him. Remember the song about the little drummer boy, who had no gift to bring but his ability to play the drum? Or the parable of the woman who brought two small coins to donate at the temple

(Mark 12:42)? They both remind us that a person who gives all they have, no matter how little it seems, is the most generous.

So what do we bring to the newborn king? I can give my time by coming to church for the feast of Epiphany and actually paying attention. How often do I sit in the pews, answer the prayers by heart, and suddenly realize that I can't remember what the first reading was, or what the homily was about? Just making the effort to listen to the words of scripture, to hear what God may be trying to tell me, could be a great gift. Or I could bring someone in our family, or a friend, who doesn't go to church very much.

Now let's not forget the meaning of "epiphany." In ancient times it meant the

appearance or manifestation of a divine being. In the early church the feast included the baptism of Christ (with the voice of the Father and the Spirit as a dove) and the miracle at Cana, as well as the visit of the magi. So what we celebrate is not so much our gifts or those of the Wise Men, as it is a gift from God, manifest in Jesus. Maybe a way to celebrate the Epiphany is to reflect on how God has been made known to me. Simple things, like a hug from a friend or an answered prayer, or major events like a wedding, the birth of a child, or a funeral, can all be ways to experience the Lord. The Wise Men received the gift of an epiphany by following a star. May the light of Christ lead you to him also.

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## Welcome to Immaculate Heart of Mary: *Informed—Hospitable—Missionary*

### Parish Staff

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### Religious Education

Shawn Mueller, Director

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Parish School of Religion  
Grades 1 thru 8, September thru May, 6-7:30pm, Wednesdays  
Confirmation Preparation  
8th Grade—September thru May, 6-7:30pm, Wednesdays  
Children's Liturgy of the Word  
September thru May, during the 9:30am Sunday Mass  
Adult Education  
Wednesdays at 8:45am and 6:10pm, September thru May  
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—contact Shawn for schedule

### Quick Contacts Directory

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Ruth Willis 636-398-4597  
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Teresa Berfanger 636-398-5565

## *Come, let us adore Him!*

Dear Parishioners,

Blessed and joyous Feast of the Epiphany!!! As our Christmas season continues we can think back over these days and reflect upon the many gifts that have blessed our life. As we begin the new year we can reflect upon the many gifts we shall receive and offer in the course of the year. When all is said and done, the gifts that matter most to us are the ones that are the least tangible.

Our gifts of love and time cannot be put in a box or given a price tag. The very act of gift giving is a sign of our love and attentiveness to others. It is an act of friendship and appreciation that often goes beyond the item itself. Gifts celebrate the reality of our lives as expressions of communion. Our God is a living communion of love, and our lives most closely reflect His when we strive to make our communion a deeper reality.

While God's communion is perfect and complete, ours tend to be a bit more messy and disjointed. Isn't it amazing that Jesus so joyfully entered into the uncertainty of our lives? Isn't it humbling that He shows us how to patiently accept our imperfections, but gently challenges us to grow beyond them? Jesus' whole life is caught up in the mystery of communion, and He invites us to join Him in His passionate endeavor to make divine communion a human reality.



May the communion we profess when gathered before God's altar touch and transform our lives. May the peace we so freely exchange at Mass be the peace we bring to a fragile and doubting world. Let us join the Magi in bringing our gifts to the Christ, let us glorify the living Christ in our worship and serve Him in our neighbor. May the celebration of this feast day inspire us to give freely of ourselves in loving service to God and one another.

Peace,

Your Spiritual Father,

*Fr. Tom*

P.S. Many thanks for the countless expressions of kindness and your generous expressions of love throughout the Christmas season and in 2018. I am truly blessed by your prayers, friendship and support. I am so often humbled by simple words of encouragement and gratitude that you so freely offer. Thank you for being a family of faith that I feel so privileged to serve and shepherd.



## *Feast of Epiphany Year C*

**Some men who studied the stars came from the East to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the baby born to be king of the Jews? We saw his star... and we have come to worship him." MATTHEW 2:1-2**

A Michigan newspaper carried a story about a light bulb that had been burning day and night on a porch for 35 years. An electrical engineer speculated that early light bulbs had strong filaments, which may account for the bulb's longevity. Today's reading recalls another light that has been burning day and night for 2,000 years- the light of the star of Bethlehem that points to Jesus, the Light of the World. Does the light from the star of Bethlehem burn as brightly in my heart as it did five years ago? Ten years ago?

*Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits and blessings which You have given me, for all the pains and insults which You have borne for me. Merciful Friend, Brother and Redeemer, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day.* **St. Richard of Chichester**

Mark Link S.J. "Mission"



## Next Week Ministry Schedule

January 12—4:00pm

EM: Ann Zaleuke, Mary Hannig, Jim & Chris Warren, Bryan Potter, Donna Cuddihee, Karen Wilson, Bernadine Pollihan

Lec: Sharon Hagan, Larry Graves

GB: Stan & Barb Nikonowicz

Serv: Alex McCarthy, Sophia Hake

Ush: Chris Cuddihee, Bill Pollihan, Tom Zaleuke, Dave Hendrix

January 13—7:30am

EM: Bob Brossette, John Fiacco, Carol Rabbitt, Julia Kettler, Jan Kardasz, Kris Jenkins

Lec: Bob Leeker, Chuck Kettler

GB: Rich & Jolene Molitor

Serv: Mary Grace & Janie Becker

Ush: Tom Meczkowski, Rick Scharf, Gary Potter, Larry Smith

January 13—9:30am

EM: Joe Faron Sr., Kris Preuss, Lisa Murphy, Laura Orf, Bob Caldwell, Judeen Kutsko, Kat Menne, Pat Gentry

Lec: Don & Susan Hladky

GB: Steve & Trish Williams

Serv: Brianna, Morgan, Jordan Dale

Ush: Alan Raymond, Gary Struckhoff, Charles Hinkle, Walt Hollenstein, Dave DeBold, Stan Kostecki

## IHMformation Station

January 12, 4:00	Andy & Barb Pope
January 13, 7:30	Bob & Teresa Berfanger
January 13, 9:30	Dave & Pat Gentry

## This Week at Home



Sunday, January 6

Jonah Team will pray with you after  
9:30am Mass

Monday, January 7

Eucharistic Adoration resumes today  
Scouts, Founders Hall/trailer, 6:30pm

Tuesday, January 8

Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am  
Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, 9am  
Marian Council, Weber Hall, 6:30pm  
Children's Choir, church, 7pm  
KofC officers, Founders Hall, 7pm

Wednesday, January 9

Bible Study, Weber Hall, 8:45am  
PSR, Weber Hall/Founders Hall/Trailer, 6pm  
Bible Study, Grand Hall, 6pm  
Reconciliation, 7pm

Thursday, January 10

Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am  
RCIA, Weber Hall, 6:30pm  
Choir practice, church, 7pm

Friday, January 11

Early Birds Bible Study, Weber Hall, 6:45am  
Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30am

Saturday, January 12

Reconciliation, 8:45am

Sunday, January 13

KofC Breakfast, Founders Hall, 8-11am

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## 2019 Guide Book & Directory Advertising Opportunity

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the parish. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the church office: 636-398-5270.

Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It "will pay" to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.



## Update Membership Information

Does our parish database have YOUR family membership record correct?

Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so).

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year.

Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published?

If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct. The Church Office number is 636-398-5270.

## Mass Intentions

<b>Monday, January 7</b>	
8:00am	Shirley McDonald +
<b>Tuesday, January 8</b>	
10:00am	Bob Keune + Ruth Ann David & Charlotte Atchison +
<b>Wednesday, January 9</b>	
8:00am	Tom Holstein + Terry Daub (2nd ann.) +
<b>Thursday, January 10</b>	
8:00am	All Souls
<b>Friday, January 11</b>	
8:00am	Moira Ryan +
<b>Saturday, January 12</b>	
8:00am	Candelaria Dureza +
4:00pm	Connie Burbes +
<b>Sunday, January 13</b>	
7:30am	People of the Parish
9:30am	Erma Guinn +

### Please pray for all the sick and suffering, including:

Ed Haas, Mark Hanna, John Fiacco, Dee Schipper, Phyllis Zerr, Vickie Brink, Sandy Knott, Cindy Biddy, Mary Conover, Audrey Hueffmeier, Christine Potter (Gary & Cassie's Potter's daughter-in-law), Zina Riley (mom of Andrew Riley), David & Lisa Debold (Dave & Pam DeBold's children), Betty Enderle (mom of Kay Cherry)

**Hospitalization:** If you are hospitalized, please let us know. Please call the office or ask a friend to call for you if necessary.

**Communion Calls:** If you would like to receive Communion but are unable to get to Mass because of illness or disability, please contact the parish office: 636-398-5270.

**Prayer Requests:** Rita Langford at 636-398-4654 or email [ritalangford4@gmail.com](mailto:ritalangford4@gmail.com).



### Rest in Peace

We offer our prayerful sympathy to John & Susan Schleipman on the death of their nephew **Johnny Schleipman**

May they and all the faithful departed rest in the eternal peace of Christ.

## Contributions—December 22/23

General Offertory:	\$14,869.31
Online – General Offertory:	<u>\$5,075.01</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,944.32</b>
Christmas:	\$8,879.00

### Contributions for December 29/30 will be recorded next week

*"...the Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel."  
(EPHESIANS 3:6)*

Today we celebrate that Christ came to all of us, not just the Hebrews. He has given each of us unique gifts. We all have different yet equally valuable roles to play in the Body of Christ. Pray daily and ask God how He wants you to use your gifts so that we may all "be one."

*We pray ... that each of us use our unique gifts to help build the Body of Christ.*

*Heavenly Duster*

Pat Noack

*Purificators*

Jane Szostek

## Needed at the Pantry

corn and green beans; pork and beans; peanut butter; canned fruit: mandarin oranges, peaches, fruit cocktail, apple sauce; tuna helper, hamburger helper; canned chicken; ketchup; sugar; vegetable oil; BBQ sauce; Bisquick; jello; all-purpose cleaning supplies, toilet paper

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn King and offer Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

**In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul collection so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.**

EWTN CATHOLIC RADIO: AM 1460

The Legion of Mary has purchased a bench so that people can pray in front of the Our Lady of Fatima grotto. The bench seat flips up and you will be able to put in prayer requests, acquire flyers on how to pray and how to pray the Rosary specifically, and if you need a rosary to pray with, you will be able to acquire a rosary, too. We hope that our parish family will enjoy this bench even more in the coming year as the weather gets warmer.

**Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!**



## PSR Corner



PSR resumes on Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. In the Traditional- Devotional Dedication of the Months of the Year, January is typically dedicated to The Holy Name and Childhood of Jesus.

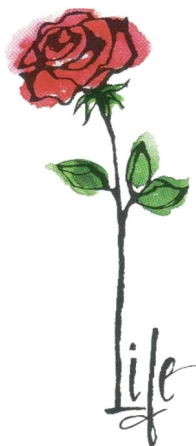
### Readings for the Week

Mon: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;  
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
Tue: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44  
Wed: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52  
Thu: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;  
Lk 4:14-22a  
Fri: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16  
Sat: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30  
Sun: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38;  
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

### Roses for Life

The Knights of Columbus will be holding the annual Roses for Life campaign at all Masses this weekend, January 5/6. The Knights ask for your support by signing the roses you will find in the pews. These roses will then be collected and sent to our elected representatives in Washington D.C. to remind them that we support the right to life of the unborn, and that we expect them to vote in support of pro-life legislation.

The Knights also ask you to pray the Rosary to end abortion and to pray for safe travel for those going to Washington D.C. to participate in the annual March for Life, which will take place on January 18. January 22 is the 46th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion on demand in the U.S.



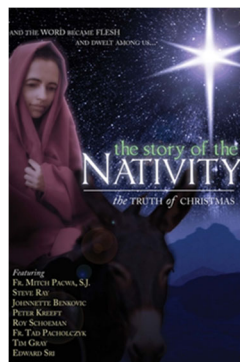
### Pope's Intentions for January:

**Young People and the Example of Mary**  
That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

## St. Paul Library & Lighthouse CDs

(Note: With close to 3000 items, the Parish Library is located in the Grand Hall past the restrooms. It is open during the week-normal business hours-and works on an honor system. Items from the Lighthouse CD rack are located and available in the Narthex.

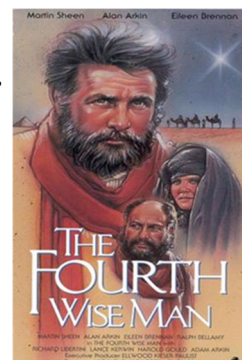
### From the Parish Library: Grand Hall (lower level of church)



The story of the birth of Jesus is often misunderstood. But this fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity clears away widespread misunderstandings of Jesus' origin. Join top scholars, inspirational speakers, and popular authors as they explain the story behind the story of the birth of Jesus. The Story of the Nativity also includes stunning works of art depicting the biblical story, from Fra Angelico to Rembrandt, and footage from the Holy Land showing the places where the Christmas story actually took place. Explore the true story of Mary and Joseph, Jesus' miraculous conception, the birth of John the Baptist, the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, the Star of Bethlehem, and the birth of Jesus. This is an invaluable tool for believer and unbeliever alike to learn more about Jesus of Nazareth and about the truth of Christmas. Includes bonus interview with Cardinal Christoph Schoenborn, editor of the Catechism!

### The Fourth Wise Man

Based on Henry van Dyke's classic, *The Story of the Other Wise Man*, this fictional story set in Biblical times is told in gently comic terms. A Magi named Artaban (Martin Sheen) sees a sign in the heavens that he hopes will lead him and his faithful servant to the Messiah. Artaban takes with him three precious gifts to present to the Messiah. For 33 years Artaban pursues Jesus, only to miss Him at every turn. Along the way, Artaban uses his gifts to help people in dire need. He now has nothing to present to the Messiah when he finds Him. The story culminates on Easter Sunday as Artaban, old and dying, finally encounters the new King, bringing peace to his life. A deeply moving experience examining what true faith really means. Starring Martin Sheen and Alan Arkin.





## Blessing Your Home for Epiphany

A beautiful Epiphany tradition will continue at our parish this weekend as Fr. Tom blesses chalk to scrawl markings over the door of our homes, carrying forth an ancient custom practiced in many homes around the world.

### Some background:

The family gathers to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows.

A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above the home's entrance, 20 + C + M + B + 19. 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 the house." The "+" signs represent the cross and 2019 is the year.

### The Chalk has been blessed with these words:

*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 this chalk which you have created, that it may be helpful to 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.*

### Instructions for Blessing the Home

Using the blessed chalk mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 19 while saying:

*The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human more than two thousand 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*

"Chalking the door" is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God's blessing of our lives and home. With time the chalk will fade. As it does we let the meaning of the symbols written sink into the depths of our heart and be manifest in our words and actions the Latin words, *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house."

**Be sure to get the "ritual" and piece of blessed chalk and holy water to bless your house on or around the Feast of Epiphany. There are various "blessings" that can be found on the web.**

**Invitation to Surviving Divorce . . .** "I'm furious. What can I do with this anger?" "If God is good, why did He allow this divorce?" "Why does it hurt so much?" Find the answers to these questions and more in a new ministry to Catholics who have suffered from divorce: **The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide**. The 12-week DVD program features Catholic experts who present Church teaching along with lay men and women who share their challenges on the way to true healing. Immaculate Conception Parish—Dardenne is hosting the program beginning **January 10**. There is a \$25 fee which will cover all materials needed. (*Scholarships available for anyone*). Contact Debi at [debijo@att.net](mailto:debijo@att.net) for more information

## Thank You!

We in the parish office want to thank everyone who so thoughtfully dropped by with cookies, candy, cake and other very generous tokens of love and appreciation. Please know that we are so very thankful to each of you, and have remembered you and your loved ones in our prayers. We are so blessed to be working side-by-side with you as we honor and praise God in our little corner of the world. Thanks again, and a blessed new year to all!



## What's Your Catholic IQ?

1. The "star in the east" that the wise men followed... (Matthew 2:9)
  - a. stayed in the same place their entire journey
  - b. was another name for Haley's comet
  - c. moved ahead of them and stopped over the place where Jesus was
  - d. was just a mirage.
2. The wise men stopped in Jerusalem... (Matthew 2:2)
  - a. to inform Herod about Jesus
  - b. to find out where Jesus was
  - c. to ask about the star
  - d. to buy presents
  - e. none of the above
3. Where do we find the Christmas story?
  - a. Matthew
  - b. Mark
  - c. Luke
  - d. John
  - e. A and C
4. What is the origin and meaning of the word "epiphany"?
  - a. from the Greek, meaning "to show forth"
  - b. from the Latin, meaning "astrologers or magicians"
  - c. from the Greek, meaning "before Lent"
  - d. from the German, meaning "after Christmas"
5. What are/were the three traditional names assigned to the Wise Men (Magi)?
  - a. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego
  - b. Huey, Dewey and Louie
  - c. Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar
  - d. Peter, Paul and James
6. Who wrote the text of the Epiphany carol "We Three Kings of Orient Are"?
  - a. Phillips Brooks
  - b. Father Josef Mohr
  - c. Charles Wesley
  - d. John Henry Hopkins Jr.
7. What is myrrh?
  - a. the Arabic word for silver
  - b. the dried sap of an African tree used anciently in embalming ointments and burned at funerals
  - c. nutmeg
  - d. a mercurial compound used to treat flesh wounds.
8. Which King of Israel wanted to kill the baby who would grow to be the Messiah?
  - a. Flavius Josephus
  - b. Caesar Augustus
  - c. Herod
  - d. Quirinius

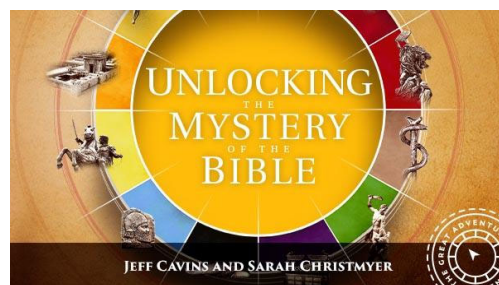
## 7 Steps to Becoming Financially Free Catholic Group Study

Are you interested in:

- ❖ Deepening your relationship with the Lord?
- ❖ Strengthening your marriage and family life?
- ❖ Breaking free from the bondage of consumer debt?
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### How do I sign up?

Call Peggy in the church office: 636-398-5270.

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**Men's White House Retreat:**  
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## The Holy Name of Jesus and the Struggle with “Foul Language”



In Colossians 3 St. Paul asks the believers to “put to death what is earthly in them” giving a list of sins. He adds in verse 8 “But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth.” It seems we’ve lost not only a level of civility and discourse in our society, but also the ability to articulate our words without resorting to language that is often peppered with profanity. Pure speech is a difficult virtue to attain. Some have greater struggles than others to be sure, especially if they were raised in a household without such filters of self-control. Regardless of where one is at, it is fitting in this month which focuses on the holy name of Jesus to try and grow in the virtue of language that is less toxic. One such way is to pray the Litany to the Holy Name of Jesus. The other is to pray the Divine Praises. While people recognize these as part of a traditional benediction ceremony it is interesting to note that the Divine Praises were composed in a slightly shorter form by Luigi Felici, a Jesuit priest, in 1797, as a prayer to make reparation for blasphemy and profane language.

*Blessed be God.*

*Blessed be His Holy Name.*

*Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.*

*Blessed be the Name of Jesus.*

*Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.*

*Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.*

*Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.*

*Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.*

*Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.*

*Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.*

*Blessed be her glorious Assumption.*

*Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.*

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1. c. Read Matthew 2:9. The star did not stay stationary over the manger or the house. This verse makes it clear that the star moved "in front" of the Magi and guided them till it "stood over where the young child was."
2. b. Read Matthew 2:2. They assumed Herod would know. I find it fascinating that although the scribes knew exactly where the Messiah was to be born (according to Micah 5:2), they were not interested enough to travel the four or five miles to Bethlehem to see for themselves.
3. e. Isn't it amazing how God divinely inspired these two gospel writers to write His exact words, but He used their interests and professions to recall different aspects of Jesus' birth. Matthew, a tax collector, records the genealogy of Jesus (used for taxation) and the "Magi" - men of means from a foreign country. Luke, a physician, records the pregnancy and birth.
4. a. "To show forth." The Greek components are *epi* (meaning "on" or "to") and *phainēin* (meaning "to show").
5. c. Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar.
6. d. John Henry Hopkins Jr., an Episcopal priest, wrote the text of this hymn in 1857 for a Christmas pageant at the General Theological Seminary in New York City.
7. b. The dried sap of an African tree used anciently in embalming ointments and burned at funerals.
8. c. Herod. Caesar Augustus was the chief of the Roman state. Quintinius was the Roman governor of Syria. Flavius Josephus was the Jewish historian who chronicled Herod's reign.

## Catholic IQ Answers

The 20th Anniversary **St. Louis Marian Conference** will be held at the Renaissance Hotel **Friday thru Sunday, January 11/12/13**. Confirmed speakers are Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke, Dr. Gregory Thompson, Peggy Schneier, Fr. Vincent Lambert, Mary Lou McCall, Fr. Tom Sullivan, Bishop Robert Hermann, and Fr. Charles Becker. For additional information, call 314-401-1707 or visit website [stlmarianconference.net](http://stlmarianconference.net)

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There will be a **Euchre Tournament** sponsored by St. Joseph/Josephville Knights of Columbus on the second Saturday of each month through March 2019. The next tournament is **Saturday, January 12** at 7pm at 1410 Josephville Road, Wentzville. These tournaments are open to the public. Cost is \$10. Keep your partner. For more information call Ralph Orf at 636-485-5306.

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