

January 7, 2018

The Epiphany of the Lord

Mass Readings: Is. 60:1-6; Eph. 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt. 2:1-12
Resp. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Events for this week.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 am to 9:00 pm in the Adoration Chapel

- Sun. 10 am Mass—Epiphany of the Lord
11 am Religious Education/Youth Program
- Mon. 7:35 am: Rosary
8 am Mass: 4th Degree Knights of Columbus — Bishop Leipzig Assembly †
6 pm Parish Council Meeting
- Tue. 7:35 am: Rosary
8 am Mass: Intentions of Tony & Kay Farro and Blessings on the Marriage
9 am: Book Study — *Rediscovering Jesus*
- Wed. 7:35 am Rosary
8 am Mass: Jane Herman †
6:30 pm: Study — “Who Am I to Judge?”
- Thur. 7:35 am: Rosary
8 am Mass: Leonard Herman †
9 am: Bible Study — Gospel of John
6:30 pm: OLV Catholic Women at Mary Calder’s
- Sat. 4 pm Confessions
5:30pm Vigil Mass — Bernice & Earl Ligget †
- Sun 10 am Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
11 am Religious Education/Youth Program

Babysitting during 10:00 am Mass.
(in basement classroom under parish office).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THOSE THAT NEED OUR PRAYERS: Jackie & Bruce Caldwell, Mark Lowery, Susan Hoyt, David Walker, Rita DuBernay, Rod Durham, Mary Fiorillo, Gayle Knight, Debbie Knight, Roxanne Gibson, Bill Brown, Ella Rogers, Valentino Ricciotti, Quenten Fabiano, Laurel Olmsted, Marie Hannah-Hamer, Laulima Lyman, Ruby Annalora, Cindy Hagness, Kay Frost, Louise Mitchell, Boomer Doell, Joseph Vaughan, Todd Wilson, Frank Elliott, Katie Sheere, Bob McBride, Kay Sheere, Bird Dobbins, Merrill Gorham, Correne Bonkowski, Maria Haney, Rita Ellison, Virginia Wimer, Anna Melba Astitas Aliaga, Denise McDaniel, Dave Fischer, Bob Hazlett, June Shira, Chelsea Tose, Ken Gannon, Penny Lane Forrest, Jody Schlieski Hanson. **To update this list, call or email the parish office.**

NO Coffee and Donuts Today

Coffee and Donuts are canceled until there are volunteers to host this opportunity for parish fellowship. If you can help, **please sign up** at on the schedule at the back of Church.

Calendars are Available

Please pick up a calendar for this 2018 year. They are at the back of Church.

Free Book: Rediscover Jesus

Did you get your copy of this book? English copies are available **in the vestibule**. If you would like a **Spanish** book, please **contact Amanda**. It is the parish’s gift to you., to help you know Jesus more deeply.

Prayer Request Line

Please contact Mary Gover 963-3042
or Theresa Beery 963-2372.

Baptism

Preparation is required for parents. Please call the office for further information.

Marriage

Preparation and instruction classes at least 6 months before the wedding. Contact Fr. Saji at the parish office.

Communion to the Sick

If you know of anyone who is homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, please contact the parish office at 541- 963-7341.

Website

www.olvcatholic.org

FORMED

Online resources to build your faith. Register for free at FORMED.ORG and enter parish code: **MAMWFF**

Book Club: Rediscover Jesus

Kathy Gorham will facilitate a **study** of this book beginning **Tuesday, January 9 at 9 am** in the **Conference Room** as the next selection in the book club series. Pope Francis wrote, *I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day (The Joy of the Gospel#3)*. This study provides an opportunity to deepen your encounter with Christ.

Bible Study: Book of John

Beginning on **January 11, Thursday mornings at 9 am**, Lucy Frederick will facilitate a **study of the Gospel of John**. This study will require the purchase of a study guide. Lucy will have some available at the first meeting and additional copies will be ordered if necessary. The Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation from Vatican II states, *The Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures just as she venerates the body of the Lord... and the force and power in the word of God is so great that it stands as the support and energy of the Church, the strength of faith for her sons, the food of the soul, the pure and everlasting source of spiritual life. Consequently these words are perfectly applicable to Sacred Scripture: "For the word of God is living and active" (Heb. 4:12) —Dei Verbum #21.*

Topic Study: Who Am I To Judge?

Beginning Wednesday, **January 10, at 6:30 pm**, Chris and Janet McLaughlin will facilitate the study **“Who Am I to Judge” by Dr. Edward Sri** using Formed.org resources. This is a **look at the question of whether or not there is an absolute right and wrong and how we can talk about morality** in a world that is pervaded by **relativism**. This issue affects everyone who interacts with others in society today, including students interacting with their peers and parents answering their kids’ questions. **Open to everyone from college age up**. The Catholic News Agency quoted Pope Francis: When **relativism** enters its like **“soothing the conscience (or) anaesthetizing the conscience,”** and then **“he (the devil) can claim a true victory, for he has become the master of that conscience.”**

January Youth Choir

Watch for updates regarding Youth Choir practices. The choir will sing at 10 am mass the third Sunday of the month.

The Liturgical Year: Epiphany Blessing

Many Catholics around the world practice the tradition of using chalk to bless their homes on the feast of the Epiphany. It is a way of asking God to bless our homes as well as to bless our going out and return, the work we do in them, and our guests. It is a way of reminding us of God's presence in our daily lives and asking for his grace to live that life in all we do and say in our daily life as well as reminding us that each family is what the Church calls a "domestic church." The tradition is to use chalk to write above the front door 20 + C+M+B+18. The letters C, M, B are the initials of the traditional names given to the three kings: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words for "May Christ bless this house": *Christus mansionem benedicat* and the numbers give the year.

The blessing is simple. The head of the family leads the prayers.

Leader: Peace be to this house.

All: And to all who live, work, and visit here.

Leader: The three wise men came to Bethlehem in search of the Lord. They brought to him precious gifts: gold to honor the newborn king, incense to the true God in human form, and myrrh to anoint his body, which one day would die like our own. Let us pray. O God, you once used a star to show to all the world that Jesus is your Son. May the light of that star that once guided wise men to honor his birth, now guide us to recognize him also, to know you by faith, and to see you in the epiphanies of the daily experiences of our lives.

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord — Jesus born of Mary — shall be revealed.

All: And all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.

All: As the Wise Men once sought your brilliant light, O Lord, so may we seek to live and work in your splendor.

Using the blessed chalk mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) 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 fifteen years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year.

All: Amen.

Leader: O God of Light, bless our house and our family. May this be a place of peace and health. May each member of this family cultivate the gifts and graces you have bestowed, dedicating our talents and works for the good of all. Make this house a shelter in the storm and a haven of rest for all in need of your warmth and care. And when we go out from this place, may we never lose sight of that Epiphany star.

All: As we go about our work, our study, our play, keep us in its light and in your love.

(The house may also be blessed by sprinkling holy water at this time.)

carmelites.net/news/chalking-door-epiphany-house-blessing-2015/ and umcdiscipleship.org/resources/an-epiphany-blessing-of-homes-and-chalking-the-door

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 13, 5:30 pm, Vigil Mass:

Lector: Dave Fessler

Altar Servers: Elphrine Yifthege, Michael Yifthege

Acolyte: TJ Yifthege

Eucharistic Ministers: Amanda Villagomez, Walt Beery

Sunday, January 14, 10:00 am, Mass:

Lector: Meldy Lim

Altar Servers: Alex Kehr, Ridge Kehr, Kris Lim

Acolyte: Jason Kehr

Eucharistic Ministers: Lucy Frederick Efrain Villagomez
Lupe Villagomez, Delia Jaramillo

All Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, and Altar Servers please meet in the sacristy 15 minutes before Mass begins.

OLV Catholic Women Meet this Week!

Meetings are **open to all women of the parish**, and this month we will be **drawing our patron saint/virtue cards** for the year. These cards include three gifts: a saint with whom to get acquainted during the year as your patron, a virtue to work on, and an inspirational quote. While we all have our favorite saints, this activity allows the Holy Spirit a chance to work in our lives through this gift. **The meeting will be at Mary Calder's home at 1301 "O" Ave at 6:30 pm Thursday, January 11.**

ICYC

This year, the Idaho Catholic Youth Convention will be held March 9-11, 2018, with the theme Endless Joy. Donations to support OLV Youth's attendance at ICYC by sponsoring registrations for youth or funding transportation expenses are an investment in nurturing and strengthening the faith of our youth. Please contact Amanda if your youth would like to attend or if you are interested in contributing.

Pro-Life Rally Sponsored by Knights

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a silent Pro-Life Rally on Monday, January 22, from 5 to 6 pm. The rally will be held at Max Square in downtown La Grande. All are invited to come and show support for the respect for life. The rally is held each year on January 22, established by the US Bishops as the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. This year is the 45th anniversary of the Roe v Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion. Signs will be provided, or you can bring your own. Call Dan at 5410-910-6585 if you have questions.

Thank you for the Altar Flower Donations

An additional anonymous donation was made in memory of Aileen Souza and Glenetta Laux.

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Community Help: Donations Unlimited

To donate household items, linens (including bedding of all sizes), furniture, or appliances, and clothing (coats are needed!). Contact Linda Williams at 541-963-2282.



COLLECTION

NEEDED TO MEET BUDGET: \$3,400

Last Sunday's collection: \$2,646