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Sacraments/Services

Reconciliation ~ 15 Minutes Before Masses
Baptism ~ Parent instruction required (Recommended before birth)
Marriage ~ Contact us at least 6 months, prior to the date.
Religious Ed Classes ~ Sept. - May on Sunday at 9:00 AM
Ministry of Care ~ Bring communion, visit homes, hospitals, or nursing facilities.

**PLEASE inform the office if your personal data changes
(Address, phone, status, etc.)**

To register at Christ the King church,
please fill out the blue or yellow registration sheet found in the Narthex.

Office hours: Tuesday 8-4 and Wednesday 8-4

The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian. Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities: local law enforcement Sheriff: (270) 237-3210 or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877- KYSAFE1; 1-877-597-2331). To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church, call Scott Ingram, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (English) at 270-852-8380 or Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Assistance Coordinators (Spanish) at 270-880-8360. You may also visit the Office of Safe Environment (owensborodiocese.org/safe) for more information. To make a report of sexual abuse of a minor and related misconduct by bishops, go to ReportBishopAbuse.org or call 1-800-276-1562

Christ the King Catholic Church

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**Our Parish
COMMUNITY**

January 7, 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord (B)

Isaiah 60:1-6 / Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Matthew 2:1-12



The Seekers

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

I live at a parish in downtown Milwaukee. From my window I watch the world pass by, everyone below in search of one thing or another. Students from the local university seek an education, business folk look for a sale, street people often look for a place to spend the night, teenagers hope to find love. Yet beneath all of those longings, in each one there is a deeper hunger that wonders what life is all about and the hope that they might find it. Hidden amidst it all, the real hunger is for God, a longing sewn into our being, sometimes recognized but too often not.

The story of the *Magi* is a story of seekers making their way from afar in hopes of finding the promised one, a newborn king. Perhaps they knew of this child's divine nature, more likely not, yet it was ultimately that same hunger that exists in all of us that drove them, a deep desire to know God.

Every serious religion seeks to experience God in life and tells the stories of those who have done so. There are Christian mystics like St. John of the Cross and St. Teresa of Ávila, Jewish mystics of the Kabbalah tradition, the Sufis of Islam, Native Americans who go on vision quests, the Hindus who practice yoga, as well as the Buddhists and Taoists and Confucians. Like the Magi, we all seek to find God. ●

**Arise! Shine, for your light has come,
the glory of the LORD has dawned upon you.**

ISAIAH 60:1

Reflect

Does it make sense to you to say that your deepest hunger is for God?



Lector
Jan. 14th- Terri A.
Jan. 21st- Shelby H.
Jan. 27th-Kate Kiene

Time	Mass Intentions
Sunday 1/7 11:00 AM	People of the Parish
Tuesday 1/9 5:00 PM	
Wednesday 1/10 8:00 AM	People in Japan effected by the earthquake.

July 2023- June 2024	Collection Last Week	Total Amount Collected to Last Sunday	Budget Needed to 11/08//2023
Regular Collection (including on-line)	997.00	34,896.25	32,399.98
Donations/Gifts	145.00	4,883.01	2,286.29
Building Fund (Including on-line)	715.00	7,560.00	8,383.06
Miscellaneous		3,551.78	3,762.10
Total Income Collected	1,857.00	50,891.04	46,831.43
Diocesan Collection	10.00	500.00	0

Cursillo Bulletin Announcement
Upcoming Cursillo Weekends held at Gasper River: Men-March 2-5, 2024;
Women-March 9-12, 2024. Cost for the weekend is \$180. Cursillo Weekend is a lay-led, clergy advised short course in Christian living. For an application or more information visit <http://www.cursillo-owensboro.org/> or contact Denis or Martha Wheatley, (270) 922-6860 or (270) 927-6540, marthawheatley@att.net.

Youth 2000 Eucharistic Retreat: March 15-17, 2024 at Brescia University. For youth ages 13-30. Registration fee \$60. Deadline to register March 4, 2024. Registration forms in Narthex. Contact Fr. Tom for more info.

Attendance
Dec. 31st 76

Prayer List	
Nancy W.	Betsy Cramer
Sandy Keen	Keith Winters
Sue Bono	Sarah
Sharon G.	Beth & Dave Gripp
Olivia	Helen & Jerry
Bill Gripp	Mary Hastings
Tom & Nancy	Bill & Doris Harrison
Jan Lopez	Peggy Hildebrandt
Leroy Jannsen	Bill Grapes
Lacey Poppy	Mary & Ken Winters
Dan Pauli	John Pfeiffer
Marcy Thomas	Brian Jansen
Bill & Linda Hopkins	Kent Winters
Helen & Jerry Deal	Scott Ickis
Cameron Johns	Tim Hildabrandt
Jean Reynolds	All Souls in Purgatory
A special grandson & granddaughters	

For a Sick Child

St. Gerard, who, like the Savior, loved children so tenderly and by your prayers freed many from disease and even death, listen to us who are pleading for our sick child. We thank God for the great gift of our son (daughter) and ask him to restore our child to health if such be his holy will. This favor, we beg of you through your love for all children and mothers. Amen.

Dear Padre,

On what date was Jesus born? Was it December 25 or some time between December and April, when shepherds watched over their sheep?



Due to the complexity of history’s various calendars and ways of calculating time, we cannot be sure of the date. Matthew and Luke, the two Gospels that detail the birth of Jesus, do not give a date.

Early Christians observed an annual feast to remember Jesus’ death and resurrection, focusing on the paschal mystery rather than on his birth. As Christianity grew and spread, however, Christians wanted to celebrate more events from Jesus’ life. The celebration on December 25 has more to do with an expression of faith in Jesus as Emmanuel, “God with us,” than with establishing the exact date of his birth.

December 25 is listed as the date of Jesus’ birth in a fourth-century calendar of martyrs, but how this date was chosen is unclear. Some scholars believe Christians in Rome chose December 25 to counteract the celebration of the pagan sun god Emesa. Another theory follows the influences of the seasons: early Christians believed John the Baptist was conceived on the autumnal equinox and born at the summer solstice. In Luke’s Gospel, Jesus’ conception took place six month after John’s. That time line would place Jesus’ birth at the winter solstice, December 25 on the Julian calendar. A third theory says Jesus’ birth would have occurred on the same date as his death, which we believe to be in the spring at Passover. Regardless of the exact date, we celebrate Jesus as the true Son of God who came to enlighten us and, by his death and resurrection, to give us life. ●

Fr. John Schmidt, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?
Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

MONDAY January 8 <i>Baptism of the Lord</i> Is 55:1-11 1 Jn 5:1-9 Mk 1:7-11	FRIDAY January 12 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Mk 2:1-12
TUESDAY January 9 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Sm 1:9-20 Mk 1:21-28	SATURDAY January 13 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a Mk 2:13-17
WEDNESDAY January 10 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Mk 1:29-39	SUNDAY January 14 <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Jn 1:35-42
THURSDAY January 11 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Sm 4:1-11 Mk 1:40-45	



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS
Like a rising star (see Numbers 24:17), Jesus comes to enlighten all peoples and to brighten the nights of humanity. Today, with the Magi, let us lift our eyes to heaven and ask: “Where is the child who has been born?” (Matthew 2:2). Where can we find and encounter our Lord?

HOMILY, ROME,
JANUARY 6, 2023



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