



# SACRED HEART OF JESUS

*January 8, 2012*

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Rise up in splendor!  
Your light has come,  
the glory of the Lord  
shines upon you.

ISAIAH 60:1



## FROM THE PASTOR ...

*My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

As we celebrate the great feast of the Epiphany, we are reminded that all are called to adore the Infant King. The Magi who came from the East represent this fact. Epiphany is the manifestation of God in Christ to the entire world.

We know that the Magi brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The gold represents the fact that He is King, the frankincense that he is God, and the myrrh that He was to give His life for us.

St. John Chrysostom suggested that the gifts were fit to be given not just to a king but to God, and contrasted them with the Jews' traditional offerings of sheep and calves, and accordingly Chrysostom asserts that the Magi worshiped Jesus as God.

It is also notable that the magi prostrated themselves in adoration before the Infant King.

What can we learn from the Magi? We, too, come humbly before our God and King. Before entering our pew or when passing the Blessed Sacrament we genuflect in adoration. During the Eucharistic Prayer, when God becomes present on the Altar, we kneel as did the Magi when they recognized God's presence in their midst.

Mindful of God's Presence in our midst we, too, bring our gifts to Him. What gifts are you going to bring to Christ this year? Perhaps you might spend more time in prayer individually and as a family, perhaps you might get more actively involved in the work of our parish, perhaps by being even more generous in the offertory so that the important work of our Parish may continue.

As so many are making "New Year's resolutions," let ours be an affirmation and recommitment to our Faith. May this Year of Grace find us more deeply united to the Heart of Christ.

*May God's blessings be yours this Epiphany,  
Father Ireland*

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**Fr. Thomas J. Winkel, M.Div.  
Parochial Vicar**

**Deacon  
David N. Chordas, M.A.**

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday**  
6:45 a.m., (Vigil) 4:00 p.m.  
**Sunday**  
8:00 10:00 11:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.  
**Monday-Friday**  
6:45 a.m., 12:10 p.m.  
(8:45 a.m. Fridays during school year)

**New to the Area? Moving?  
Recently Married?  
Changed Address or  
Phone Number?  
PLEASE notify the Parish Office  
(216.382.7601)**

#### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Saturday & Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline:** Sunday, 2:00 p.m., for publishing the following Sunday.

#### **New Parishioners**

Registration after each Sunday Mass in the Parish Office, or by appointment.

#### **Baptisms:**

First and third Sundays of each month at 1:00 p.m.. Pre-registration required. Parents expecting their first child should arrange to attend the required Pre-Baptism class. These are offered at the parish on the 4th Sunday of January, April, July and October at 1:00 p.m. in Mary's Room. Pre-registration is required. Call the Parish Office.

#### **Marriages:**

Engaged couples should make their arrangements with the priest at least 6 to 12 months in advance of their wedding.

#### **Holy Communion for the Homebound:**

Please call the Parish Office whenever a family member is seriously ill or hospitalized. Arrangements can be made to bring Holy Communion to the homebound weekly or monthly.

**Music Director: Mrs. Gail Shirley 216.321.3694**

#### **Funerals:**

Call the Parish Office to arrange date and time.

#### **Sponsor Requirements:**

All requests for sponsor certificates must be directed to a priest. Individuals must be registered and practicing members of this parish, at least 16 years of age, and have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation, and if married, the marriage must have been accepted by the Catholic Church.

#### **Sacred Heart of Jesus Academy**

4478 Rushton Road, South Euclid, OH 44121  
216.381.0363, FAX 216.381.7561  
E-mail: office@sacredheartofjesusacademy.org  
Website: sacredheartofjesusacademy.org  
Principal: **Mr. William DiBacco**

#### **PSR Religious Education Classes**

Sundays 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.  
For Information about the program call the Parish Office (216.382.7601)

#### **Sts. Margaret and Gregory Credit Union**

1499 Dean Drive, South Euclid, OH 44121  
216.691.0242, FAX 216.691.0435  
Hours: Tuesday-Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**MASS INTENTIONS...**

**Monday, January 9, 2012**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

6:45 a.m. Marianne Mastics  
 12 :10 p.m. Anthony & Sam Rendina

**Tuesday, January 10, 2012 Weekday**

6:45 a.m. Mary Anne McDonnell  
 12:10 p.m. Louis Basilone (Anniversary)

**Wednesday, January 11, 2012 Weekday**

6:45 a.m. Rosemarie Russo  
 12:10 p.m. John DeMichele

**Thursday, January 12, 2012 Weekday**

6:45 a.m. Alvaro Fernandez  
 12:10 p.m. Nancy Gallagher

**Friday, January 13, 2012 Weekday**

Optional: St. Hilary, bishop/doctor of the Church

6:45 a.m. Ann McAteer  
 12:10 p.m. Marie Marrali

**Saturday, January 14, 2012 Weekday**

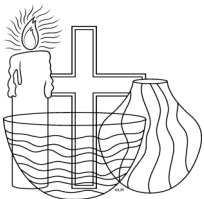
6:45 a.m. Julius Bodnar  
 4:00 p.m. Paul J. Rinella, Sr.

**Sunday, January 15, 2012**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Eleanor Malburg  
 10:00 a.m. Dolores Fiorelli  
 11:30 a.m. Parishioners of Sacred Heart of Jesus  
 5:00 p.m. John S. Onchak (Anniversary)

**PRE-BAPTISM CLASS ...**



If you are expecting the birth of your first child, or have already welcomed a first child into your family, we invite you to attend our next Pre-Baptism Class which will be held on Sunday, January 29, 2012 at 1 p.m. in Mary's Room.

This class is required by the Diocese of Cleveland of all parents who are requesting baptism of a first child or of those parents who did not attend a class before a previous child's baptism.

Please pre-register by calling the Parish Office (216.382.7601) **no later than January 26**. Thank you.

**LITURGICAL ROLES FOR THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 14 & 15, 2012**

**SANCTUARY GROUP #1 ~ AIDA KINCZEL**

**Lectors:**

4:00 p.m. Vigil	J. Bartlett
8:00 a.m.	T. Donovan
10:00 a.m.	J. Kolar
11:30 a.m.	B. Poelking
5:00 p.m.	B. J. Kennedy

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

4:00 p.m. Vigil	N. Bosiljevic	M. & J. Romeo	
8:00 a.m.	L. Krajnak	J. & M. Trausch	
10:00 a.m.	M. Chordas	M. Neumann	J. Verni
11:30 a.m.	L. Poelking	S. & B. Krajnak	
5:00 p.m.	A. Mullins	C. Cullen	T. Miller

**Altar Servers:**

4:00 p.m. Vigil	M. Wolf	P. Mohorcic	B. Blatt
8:00 a.m.	M. Benda	R. Benda	
10:00 a.m.	~ Adult Servers ~		
11:30 a.m.	B. Best	K. Best	M. Best
5:00 p.m.	J. Novinc	C. Hurley	P. Hurley

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVES ...**

*It was only after they entered the house that the Magi found Jesus.*

*Today's gospel challenges us to bring our gifts into our home and family. There we will find Jesus.*

*Our spiritual search for God starts at home.*

**REPORTING OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND YEAR-END TAX STATEMENTS...**

**Tax statements will be available beginning February 1, 2012.**

As in the past, we will NOT mail out year-end tax statements to parishioners unless we are requested to do so. Please call the Parish Office (216.382.7601) if you need a statement, and we will be happy to prepare one for you. In an effort to save on the cost of mailing, we ask that you pick up your statement at the Parish Office. You will receive a call when your statement is ready.



## Your Christmas Offering

2011 \$57,314.49

2010 \$49,901.99

Additional; Sunday, December 25, 2011 \$6,593.00

01/01/2012 \$ 9,828.41      01/01/2011 \$11,908.40

12-wk average \$11,612.00      2-wk average \$12,260.00

Collection for Solemnity of Mary Mother of God \$3,871.00

Today's Gospel, in speaking of the Magi, says,

**"They prostrated themselves and did him homage.**

**Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."**

As we give homage to the King, may we always be generous in sharing our gifts with Him. Thank you for your generosity.

*Father Ireland*

*...from the voices of the children*

The children have shared these "Good Deeds for God", and they are exactly as the children presented them. Regrettably, space does not permit us to share all of the "deeds" submitted.

- ◆ Giving God my own \$\$\$
- ◆ Giving money to the poor.
- ◆ I gave my big brother cookies when he was sick.

*Thank you, children, for sharing these.*

*Father Ireland*

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS ...

The Collection for Catholic University will take place the weekend of January 14-15, 2012. Every year, millions of Catholics across the country contribute to the National Collection for The Catholic University of America through their parishes. The collection raises millions of dollars that go directly to support student financial aid at Catholic University of America (CUA). Your response to this appeal is greatly appreciated.

Also in the winter months, the diocese's annual Latin America-El Salvador Collection is taken up. This collection supports the diocese's mission commitments in El Salvador. The collection will be taken up the weekend of February 4-5, 2012. Again, your generosity in contributing to this collection will be appreciated.



Please continue to pray for all men and women serving in the military in foreign lands. May God keep them safe and may they return to their families soon.



Almighty God, hear our prayers for the repose of the souls of

**Ruth McCarthy**

**Mary McGeever**

who died recently, and grant Your comfort and peace to their families and friends who now mourn their deaths.

### CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR ADULTS

For Roman Catholics, the Sacrament of Confirmation is one of three Sacraments necessary for full initiation into the Church. Along with the graces and gifts of the Holy Spirit received in this Sacrament come certain rights and privileges. Among the most commonly used is the privilege to serve as a Godparent for Baptism or a Sponsor for Confirmation. The Sacrament of Confirmation should also precede entering into marriage.

Adults (18 years and older) who have been baptized and have received some formal religious education along with First Communion, but for whatever reason have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation and wish to do so, are invited to attend a series of classes to prepare for the Sacrament.

Preparation for Confirmation is a joint effort with our cluster parish, Holy Rosary, and the classes will be held at that parish in the Adult Ed Room on four consecutive Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. The dates are January 18 and 25 and February 1 and 8. Participants will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation here at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish along with our eighth grade students at the Academy and in our PSR program during the 5 p.m. Mass on Sunday, April 22, when Bishop Quinn will come to confer the Sacrament.

If you wish to attend these classes at Holy Rosary Parish, please call Anne DeMarco at 216.421.2995. She will be happy to answer your questions and take your registration. You will need to bring a recent copy of your Baptismal Certificate to the first session on January 18.

### RECYCLING ...



Please remember to use our recycle bins near the Credit Union to place your newspapers and other paper (but not cardboard) items. That paper is returned to us in "other paper" (namely, the green, spendable kind). Every sheet counts!!!

During 2011, our parish received \$614.84 from our participation in recycling. Thank you!! And make a New Year's promise to bundle your newspapers and bring them with you to Church in 2012. It's \$\$\$ in our pockets to help pay the bills.

## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD...

**Los Reyes Magos**

While most children in the United States are accustomed to receiving gifts on Christmas Day, in many Hispanic cultures, it is Epiphany, or the Day of the Three Kings, when gifts that celebrate the birth of Christ usually appear.

On the night of January 5, hay and a bucket of water are left outside the house for the camels who carry the Magi. A box or old shoes are put under the bed in which the Wise Men will leave gifts for the children.

On the evening of January 6 families gather for dinner, and cut into the rosca de reyes, a ring-shaped sweet bread decorated with candied fruit. Baked inside is a small figure of baby Jesus. Whoever finds the figure in his or her piece will host the final feast of the Christmas season, el día de la Candelaria on February 2. On that day new clothes are presented to enrobe the figure of baby Jesus in the Nativity scene of the family or the church.

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**The prophet Isaiah returns one more time  
in this Christmas season, now on the feast of the Epiphany.**

In the final chapters of Isaiah (chapters 56-66), the prophet is proclaiming God's word to the Israelites who have returned to Jerusalem after the Exile in Babylon. What at first was a joyful return, has turned inward. Those who have taken up positions of power after returning to Jerusalem have marginalized even the Israelites who remained in the land during the Babylonian Captivity, not to mention the people of other nations whose defeat of Babylon actually facilitated Israel's restoration. In response, Isaiah proclaims that God's salvation is for all. Every nation will stream to Jerusalem to worship the Lord.

Isaiah's message is reflected in Matthew's Gospel as he tells the story of the birth of Jesus. Christ comes for everyone! The followers of Christ in Matthew's community are not only the Jews who became Christians, but also the Gentiles who came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. In Matthew's Gospel this latter group is represented by the Magi, who come from afar, while the Jewish Christians, who believe in God's word, are represented by Joseph, the faithful spouse of Mary.

While the Epiphany is a great and joyous feast, it contains a cautionary message as well. God's salvation is for everyone. That means that no one can be excluded from the invitation to follow Christ. And once they choose to do so, they become our brothers and sisters in the Lord. If that is the case, when we demean, cast aside, or ignore others, we open ourselves to the same condemnation with which Isaiah castigated the powerful in Jerusalem in the sixth century BC. If we add statues of the Magi to our Nativity scene, it also means that we must add the stranger, the foreigner, the person not like us, to our life in Christ.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK...

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12  
 Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Mk 1:7-11  
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28  
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39  
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45  
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12  
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/Mk 2:13-17  
 Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

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## DISCOVERY DAYS AT THE CENTER FOR PASTORAL LEADERSHIP ...

Each year the Diocesan Vocations Office offers a program for 7th and 8th grad students at the Center for Pastoral Leadership (CPL) in Wickliffe. The girls and boys have the opportunity to meet and talk with priests, seminarians, sisters and brothers.

The day will include an introduction to and tour of the CPL, prayer, a time for questions and answers, celebration of Mass with the seminary community or a group prayer service and a homemade pizza lunch.

The Days are held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on these dates: 2012 Wednesdays ... January 25, February 8, March 14, April 11. Cost is \$6/student, payable to the Center for Pastoral Leadership. For more information or group opportunities call the Vocations Office at 440.943.7600.

## RETREAT OPPORUNITY ...

**A 24-hour retreat experience for Adults in their 20s and 30s:**

- ◆ **Are you in your twenties or thirties?**
- ◆ **Looking to deepen your faith & create lasting connections?**

Join us for a Charis Seekers' Retreat from Friday, February 17, at 7 p.m. through Saturday, February 18, at 7 p.m. at the Bethany Retreat House in Chardon, OH.

Listen to young adults from the Suburban Southeast parishes of our diocese share how they find God in their lives. Enjoy conversations in small groups and take some quiet time to pray and reflect.

The cost of the retreat is \$25 and includes meals and supplies. Scholarships are available. For more information or to register, visit [www.CharisMinistries.org](http://www.CharisMinistries.org) or contact Sr. Kate Hine, SND at [sndcuvilly@ndec.org](mailto:sndcuvilly@ndec.org) or Sr. Susan Javorek, SND at [susan@holyangelschurch.com](mailto:susan@holyangelschurch.com).

## ACADEMY NEWS ...

MR. WILLIAM DiBACCO, PRINCIPAL

*Happy New Year Sacred Heart of Jesus Parishioners.*

Hope everyone had a safe and blessed Christmas. New Year snow caused us to extend our Christmas break by one day. I'm not looking forward to many more snow days ... but I'm sure the students are.

We had a very enjoyable music assembly on the 6th, courtesy of Mrs. Freas. Also on the 6th, Fr. Ireland blessed the Academy in commemoration of the Feast of the Epiphany. Next Friday, the 13th, there will be NO School as the teachers will be attending a Diocesan in-service all day. There will be NO School on the following Monday, January 16th, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

**Everyone's invited !!!** Yes, Sacred Heart of Jesus Academy will have its second **OPEN HOUSE** soon. Come and see what the students have done this first half of the school year. The Academy will be open for viewing on Sunday, January 29, from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Invite your families, neighbors and friends to come along. See the high quality of educational work on display in the classrooms and in the hallways.

Have you made your New Year's Resolution??  
Try this one. It may sound familiar:

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
Where there is sadness, joy...*

St. Francis of Assisi

Peace to You,  
Mr. DiBacco

## HOSPICE OF THE WESTERN RESERVE ...

**Hospice of the Western Reserve** addresses the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of seriously ill people and their families. Committed and passionate volunteers allow us to care for thousands of patients and their families. A few hours of your time will make a world of difference.

Our next volunteer education will take place at Hospice of the Western Reserve, 300 E. 185th Street, Cleveland 44119, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 9 p.m. The seven-class series runs from February 2 to February 23.

In March we will have another series of classes at Hospice of the Western Reserve, 17876 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland 44110. These classes will again be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. The series runs from March 1 to March 23. For more info or to register call Joan Ibbett (216.970.6201).

## THE CARING CONNECTION ...

This apostolate was developed to serve as a prayer support for parishioners who are experiencing personal crises of any kind.

If you would like to be part of this apostolate or if you have needs you would like to have included in the prayer intentions for our volunteers, call Tricia Brunton (216,798.5777).

## PRE-CANA DAY ...

*The Pre-Cana Team at  
Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish*

Will offer a one-day program for engaged couples on Saturday, February 11, here at the parish beginning at 9 a.m. The day will conclude with participation at the 4 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass, followed by a short gathering in Mary's Room. Pre-registration is required. The cost is \$65/couple.

If you are planning to marry this year and need to fulfill this Diocesan requirement of all who seek to marry in the Catholic Church, please be sure to call the Parish Office (216.382.7601) to register.

If you know of couples who are trying to locate a parish offering this one-day program, please let them know of our date. You may obtain more detailed information or pre-register by calling Carole Wenzel at 217.381.5639 (evenings).



## RESPECT LIFE ESSAY WINNERS ...

Sacred Heart of Jesus Respect Life Essay Contest winners were presented awards at the Academy on Wednesday, December 1. We offer our congratulations to these students in our Academy and in our PSR Program:

First Place:	<u>Grade 8</u> Sean Kelley Jessica Reddick	<u>Grade 7</u> Tommy Loya	<u>Grade 6</u> Carly Lombardo
Second Place:	Nick Berlin Joseph McCarron	Kayleigh Keenan	Sabrina Bauman
Third Place:	Jimmy Novinc Jonathan Ayala	Jackson Clark	Victor Ferrante
Honorable Mention	Jacob Hanicak Jack Rochester Mark Urbon Michael Wenzel	Michael Fallon Avery Miracle Jack Bujoll	Elena Dahlhausen Kate Shaughnessy Matthew Finucan Allison Hallai Clare Novinc Hannah Wells