



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

Jan 6th – Jan 7th

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## ***Jan 7th - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - "STAR SEARCH"***

"They were overjoyed at seeing the star." —Matthew 2:10

The magi were likely not religious people; they were secular astrologers (Mt 2:1). In the course of their work, they saw a wondrous sign: a new star rising in the west. To them, the star revealed the birth of the future king of the Jews (Mt 2:2). They were not necessarily searching for the Lord God; they were following the star which had drawn them to greet the new King.

No one can come to Jesus unless drawn by the Father (Jn 6:44). God uses many means to draw people to Jesus. Some men are initially drawn to Jesus by a God-fearing young woman. Some people are only drawn to Jesus by their own children or grandchildren. Some are drawn by a Christian athlete or entertainer; others are drawn to Jesus by a Christian they respect. "What of it? All that matters is that in any and every way" people are drawn to Jesus (Phil 1:18).

You are the light of the world (Mt 5:14), and thus you are a star which draws people to Jesus. God has planned to draw some people to Jesus by your light (see Is 60:3). He will draw some people who don't know about Jesus to you, much like the magi were drawn to the star. They may not be searching for Jesus, but they will be searching you out. May you "shine like the stars in the sky" (Phil 2:15) and reflect the glory of God so that these searchers who seek you will soon seek and find Jesus (Mt 7:7).

**Prayer: Father, on this Epiphany day, may "the sun of justice" rise "with its healing rays" (Mal 3:20), to lead many to Jesus.**

## Masses & Information

Monday, Thursday, Friday.....7:30 a.m.  
Saturday:.....5:30 p.m.  
Sunday:.....8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday:.....6:00 p.m.  
Confession: Saturday.....4:30-5:15 p.m.  
Sunday:.....7:55-8:15 a.m. or by appointment  
First Wednesday Adoration.....7:00 – 10:00 p.m.  
MARRIAGE PREPARTION: Contact Father Raj at least six months in advance.

BAPTISMS: Call the rectory for an appointment.

COMMUNION to shut-ins or the ill, call Fr. Raj at 248.7584 or 316.4146

Anyone who cannot come to the communion rail during Mass should let Father Raj know before Mass. Those who are ill or shut in should contact Bill Homer, if you would want communion brought to your home during the week or on weekends.

## Masses Intentions

Sunday, Jan 07-- 8.30 a.m. Sambo Kotara By Robert Bichsel

Monday, Jan 08--8:30 a.m. Sambo Kotara By Robert Bichsel

Wednesday, Jan 10--6:00p.m. Sambo Kotara By Robert Bichsel

Thursday, Jan 11--7:30a.m Sambo Kotara By Robert Bichsel

Friday, Jan 12-- 7:30a.m. Sambo Kotara By Robert Bichsel

Saturday, January 13-- 5:30p.m Buddy Weller By Charleen W

## Church Cleaning for January

Neysa Friemel, Julie Friemel, Jessica

Britten, Carolyn Brooks, Joannie Kling, Jan

Britten, Tonda Torres, Laura Kuehler,

Barbara Homer, Doris Homer, Kathleen

Barkley, Adela Kotatra, Melanie Hinson and

Karen Brown

## Pray for Our Sick

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten, Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Daniel Hinson, Schellon Major, Ralph Hutsell, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Jim Eakin, Charlene Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Gary Collins, Juanita Stacy, Willie Mae Barnett, Hank Winter, Dylan Stafford and James Weinheimer

## Family Chalice Program

January 6/7 Mike and Rita Lister

January 13/14 Nick and Cara Ashford

January 20/21 Johnny and Doris Homer

January 27/28 Rodney and Michele Bohr

February 3/4Clifton and Susan Britten

February 10/11 Rita Poor

February 17/18 Brad and Tabitha Eggemeyer

## Birthdays

Jan 6<sup>th</sup> Ron Kuehler

Jan 7<sup>th</sup> Bunny York

## Anniversaries

Jan 12<sup>th</sup> Larry and Karen Brown  
Gary and Sharon Britten

## Stewardship Reports

### 12/31/17 & 01/01/18

Individual	\$2,120.00
Loose	\$ 656.00
Children	\$ 30.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,806.00</b>

### Building Fund 12/31/17

Individual	\$3,165.00
Loose	\$ 20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,185.00</b>

## *Liturgical Ministers*

### **Saturday, Jan 6, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Lauren and Stephen  
Lectors: Ron Kuehler  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown

### **Sunday, Jan 7, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: K'Leigh and Carrigan  
Lectors: Kay Britten  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Barbara Homer, Sharon Britten, and Kathleen Barkley

### **Saturday, Jan 13, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Braxton and Owen  
Lectors: Kay Britten  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Sandy Hickey

### **Sunday, Jan 14, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Alex and Damon  
Lectors: Ron Kuehler  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Michele Bohr, Marla Britten, and Joannie Kling

### **Saturday, Jan 20, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Derek and Ryan  
Lectors: Cari Weinheimer  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Jan Britten

### **Sunday, Jan 21, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Kacie and Saffron  
Lectors: Jason Eugea  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Nichole Kuehler, Vanessa Eugea, and Tabitha Eggemeyer

### **Saturday, Jan 27, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Hope and Hallie  
Lectors: Cliff Britten  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Kathleen Barkley

### **Sunday, Jan 28, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Madison and Ali  
Lectors: Marcia Conrad  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Cari Weinheimer, Melanie K Britten, Susan Britten

## *Announcements:*

### **Faith Formation Calendar:**

Christmas Program Jan 7<sup>th</sup> following 11am Mass

If someone would be willing to take pictures and write a story for the newspaper, please let Debbie Ollinger know. Thanks

**Christian Mothers:** January meeting will be held at Kay Britten's home at 7p.m. Hostess are Loretta Britten and Dayna Britten.

Christmas décor will be taken down after Jan 14<sup>th</sup> Mass. Please stay and help.

**Contact:** Cara Ashford at [ashfordcar@gmail.com](mailto:ashfordcar@gmail.com) (preferred), if you have information for the bulletin



\*\*\*How does our veneration of Mary and the saints relate to our worship of God?

The honor we give to God alone is properly called adoration, the highest honor we can give. The honor we give to Mary and the saints is called veneration. Proper veneration of the saints does not interfere with the worship due to God, but rather fosters it. "Our communion with those in heaven, provided that it is understood in the fuller light of faith according to its genuine nature, in no way weakens, but conversely, more thoroughly enriches the laudatory worship we give to God the Father, through Christ, in the Spirit." With this understanding, we see that proper veneration of Mary does not detract from worship of God. Even as the Mother of the Savior, Mary has a place that is in every way subordinate to and dependent upon that of her Son, who is the one mediator between God and humanity. The maternal role that Mary fulfills toward us as Mother of the Church "in no wise obscures or diminishes this unique mediation of Christ, but rather shows His power."

The Second Vatican Council explained very clearly that Mary can be said to fulfill a mediating role only in a secondary and derivative manner:

For no creature could ever be counted as equal with the Incarnate Word and Redeemer. Just as the priesthood of Christ is shared in various ways both by the ministers and by the faithful, and as the one goodness of God is really communicated in different ways to His creatures, so also the unique mediation of the Redeemer does not exclude but rather gives rise to a manifold cooperation which is but a sharing in this one source.

What Mary does for the salvation of the human family does not come from her own power, but from a gift of divine grace that is bestowed on her through her Son. All the salvific influence that she bestows on us is produced "not from some inner necessity, but from the divine pleasure. It flows forth from the superabundance of the merits of Christ, rests on His mediation, depends entirely on it and draws all its power from it."<sup>38</sup> Mary in no way replaces Christ. Rather, her role is to bring us to Christ, as is illustrated in Mary's admonition at the wedding feast of Cana, "Do whatever he tells you" (Jn 2:5).