



St. Edward Catholic Church



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The Epiphany of the Lord

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 & 11:30 a.m.

Weekday - no Wed. 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days—As listed in the bulletin

Reconciliation—Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents must attend a Baptism

Preparation Class. The Sacrament of

Baptism is usually celebrated on the 1st

and 3rd Sunday after 9:00 a.m. Mass. No

baptisms during Lent.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confession on Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the pastor and arrange date at

least 1 year in advance. Attendance at

Marriage Prep. Program is required.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF

ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)

Adults interested in becoming Catholic or

those who have not received all of the

Sacraments of Initiation should contact

the Faith Formation Office.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Communion calls to the sick and

homebound and those confined in nursing

homes are made regularly. Please notify

the Pastoral Minister in the Faith

Formation office.

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Epiphany of the Lord

*And when they saw the star they
rejoiced exceedingly. And entering the house,
they found the child with Mary his mother...*

Matthew 2:10-11

Parish Mission Statement

We, of St. Edward, are a large parish family diverse in age, community and background. We are united by a shared Catholic faith, offering hospitality and opportunities for spiritual growth. Our baptismal commitment is continually renewed by living and proclaiming the word of God, through our celebration of the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. The proclaiming of our faith is found in our example and participation in the world. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we strive to grow in Christ during our journey of a lifetime.



TODAY'S READINGS FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

SAT: **JANUARY 7**
6:00pm † Audrey Tomko
(Janice & Barry Kopko)

SUN: **JANUARY 8**
9:00am † Anna Trach (Anni)
(Family)
11:30am For the Living & Deceased Members of
St. Edward Parish

MON: **JANUARY 9 - The Baptism of the Lord**
8:00am † Teresa M. Campfield (Anni)
(Family)

TUE: **JANUARY 10**
8:00am † Agnes Vozel (Anni)
(Family)

WED: **JANUARY 11**
— No Mass Today —

THU: **JANUARY 12**
8:00am † Phyllis Grec (Month)
(Family)

FRI: **JANUARY 13 - St. Hilary**
8:00am † Ron Tumbry (Month)
(Family)

SAT: **JANUARY 14**
6:00pm † Urban Weinheimer
(Mary Ann Kezic)

SUN: **JANUARY 15 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:00am † Regina Ozimok (Anni)
(Family)
11:30am For the Living & Deceased Members of
St. Edward Parish

FIRST READING: It was the shining star that led the three Magi from the east to Jerusalem, thus fulfilling the words of the prophet Isaiah heard in today's First Reading. In Isaiah's day, the shining light signified the dawn of a new period in the nation's history after the exile, a time of rebuilding and resettling the land. Joy abounds — so much that the human heart cannot contain it and the face glows. Jerusalem's glory is visible not only to herself, but to all the nations.

"Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."

SECOND READING: Throughout his letters, Paul attests to the transforming grace he has personally received. In today's reading, we hear of another dimension of this grace. It is not solely for himself; it is something with which he is entrusted, something to which he has been given stewardship as he proclaims the Gospel in the world of his day. The fullness of this message is that Gentiles as well as Jews are offered salvation, coheirs and members of the same family of God.

GOSPEL: It was commonplace in antiquity that a new star signaled the birth of a new ruler. It is this shining light that led the Magi (astrologers or wise men; no mention of them being kings) to seek the newborn king. King Herod, an easily threatened and insecure person, was far from overjoyed at the news and deceitfully tries to ascertain the child's whereabouts, so that he might be killed — as Herod typically did with any would-be contenders to his throne. We meet the theme of joy again when the overjoyed Magi find the child — the same expansive joy as we heard in Isaiah. As was the case with Joseph, a dream instructs the Magi, and the child's life is spared. Note also Matthew's inclusion of a citation from the Old Testament, thus demonstrating the fulfillment of the scriptures that the child was to be born in Bethlehem as well as the mention of the gifts the Magi offer.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offertory, December 25	\$9,874.50
Offertory, January 1	\$8,153.50
Christmas, December 25	\$13,204.50
Children & Family Services	\$2,238.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$1,678.00

July thru December - Offertory Total	\$196,130.35
July thru December - Offertory Budget	\$240,256.50
(Over/Under)	-(\$44,126.15)

July thru December - Utilities	\$16,614.78
June thru December - Diocesan Billing	\$336,390.97

(\$104,450.00 of this amount was not paid in the last fiscal year.)

Being generous takes strength and trust and grace. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity!

As we begin the new year, let us focus on generosity, or returning God's gifts with increase, through the generous sharing of our time, talent and treasure.

2011 CONTRIBUTION RECORDS

Records of your personal parish contributions for Income Tax purposes will be made available only upon request. Please complete the form below and return to the rectory office or place in the collection basket. No phone calls, please! All discrepancies should be brought to the attention of Finance Council Chairman, Mr. Dan Pergola at 724-872-7307.

2011 PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION RECORD

Name _____

Envelope Number _____



March for Life

On Monday, January 23rd in Washington D.C., the annual March for Life will take place on the 39th anniversary of the Supreme Court's infamous *Roe v Wade* decision. Those in attendance will petition Congress and our President to protect the right of every born and pre-born human being. We ask everyone to help celebrate life through prayer, liturgy, and self-education. Life is sacred, so each of us has the responsibility to see that all human life is given respect and dignity. We have the obligation to support life through our prayer, sacrifice and knowledge.

9-HOUR NOVENA & MASS - On Monday, January 23rd, a combined Regional Respect Life 9-Hour Novena and Mass will be held at Immaculate Conception Church in Irwin this year. The Novena will begin at 10:00am and will conclude with Confessions from 5:30 - 6:30pm followed by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 7:00pm. Each hour, hosted by regional and parish organizations, will include Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, Pro-Life petitions, various litanies, and time for private meditation. All are welcome to come and pray for an end to abortion and respect for all life. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to participate. It is not necessary to belong to a group to attend. All are welcome, bring a friend!

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP - Two buses will be leaving from St. Paul Parish in Greensburg on Monday, January 23rd at 6:30am and return at approximately 11:30pm. The round trip cost is \$20/adults and \$10/students. Please send your reservation to St. Paul Parish, 820 Carbon Road, Greensburg, PA 15601, Attention: March for Life Committee, as soon as possible. Checks should be made payable to "St. Paul Parish - March for Life." Donations are also welcome to help subsidize the trip. For more information, call Paul Whalen at 724-836-3096. St. Agnes will not sponsor a bus this year.

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO THE MARCH FOR LIFE - The Greensburg Diocese is again sponsoring a Youth Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. on January 22nd - 23rd for students in grades 9-12. The cost is \$70 and includes a pre-event at Our Lady of Grace Parish, Snacks and Breakfast, Youth Rally and Mass for Life at the Armory, Lunch, The March, Diocesan T-Shirt, and Bag. Please call Kitty Topolosky at 724-446-5381 for information and registration forms.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

On Monday, January 9th, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord and the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Ordinary Time.

John is baptizing when Jesus draws near. Perhaps Jesus comes to sanctify his mortal baptizer, certainly our Lord comes to bury sinful humanity in the purifying waters of His Baptism. He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake and in readiness for us. He who is spirit and flesh comes to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water.

Please join us for Mass tomorrow at 8:00am as we — as God's children by adoption, born of water and the Spirit — might be those in whom God is well pleased.



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

YOUTH MINISTRY MEETING TODAY - All students from the parish in grades 6-12 will gather today at the 9:00am Mass and participate in the liturgy. Following Mass, students will meet in Edwardian Hall for a continental breakfast and group discussions. Meeting ends at 11:30am. *Youth Ministry is for all students of the parish in grades 6-12 who attend Catholic School, Public School, Private School or those who are Home Schooled.* All are welcome!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING - Members will meet this Sunday, January 8th at 10:00am in the Faith Formation Office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES - Classes continue on Monday, January 9th from 6-7:30pm for students in grades K-5.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR FIRST CONFESSION - All second grade students and their parents are required to attend a Sacramental Preparation Session on Tuesday, January 10th from 6:00-8:00pm in Edwardian Hall. Please do not bring other siblings with you.

NEW BIBLE STUDY - A general meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 11th at 9:30am in the parish meeting room to discuss the next topic. Those attending will also view "On Bended Knee" the 2001 Pastoral Letter of Bishop Emeritus of Greensburg, Anthony G. Bosco.

RCIA SESSION - Continues on Wednesday, January 11th at 7:00pm in the meeting room

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS - Justino Gioannini, Elinor Dziuban and Grace Feals, of our parish, who died recently. Funeral Mass and Liturgy Services were celebrated on December 29th, 30th and January 3rd. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS - Josephine Beckman and Edward Steen, of our parish, who died this month of December. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

FUNERAL LITURGY SERVICE - The family of Angela Holup of Greensburg, who died recently, requested a funeral service from our church. Please remember her in your prayers.

BAPTISM CLASS - As we begin the New Year, we remind new expectant parents of the necessary Baptism Preparation Class. The next class is scheduled for Sunday, February 5, 2012. Please call the parish office to register at 724-446-5197. Reminder: No baptisms will be scheduled during the season of Lent (February 22 - April 7).

2012 ENVELOPES FOR TEENS/CHILDREN - Learning about Stewardship is important for children. Teach your children to be thankful for God's many gifts to them and to share their love with others. Additional envelopes are available by calling Lisa in the Faith Formation office at 724-446-5381.

2012 CATHOLIC CALENDARS - Through the courtesy of Nickels Funeral Home, the 2112 Catholic Calendars are available in the bulletin table. Please thank them for their generosity.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. JUDE COUNCIL 9019 - Will meet on Monday, January 23rd at 7:15pm at St. Agnes Parish.

8TH GRADE STUDENTS - If you are planning to attend Greensburg Central Catholic for 9th Grade, you must take a Placement Test on January 14 or 16 from 8:00am - 11:30am. The fee is \$25.00. Please call Mrs. Sherman at 724-834-0310 ext. 205 or complete application at www.gcchs.org.

MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST - Will be held on Saturday, January 28th from 9:00am-Noon at Four Points Sheraton in Greensburg. Special guest speaker, Jennifer Antkowiak, award-winning newscaster on KDKA-TV, will share her personal testimony. Cost is \$18.00. Please call Judy at 724-420-5000 or Kathy at 724-832-1701 to register or for more information.

Please return your holy water bottles from your house blessing kits to the church. A box is provided on the bulletin table. Thank you.