

Saint Joseph Parish
Lucinda, PA

Saint Michael Parish
Fryburg, PA

Saint Mary Parish
Crown, PA

Saint Ann Church
Marienville, PA

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A stylized illustration of a nativity scene. The background is a deep blue night sky filled with numerous white stars of varying sizes. A single, exceptionally bright star with a multi-pointed, starburst-like glow is positioned in the upper center. In the foreground, the silhouettes of three figures on camels are shown walking from left to right across a dark, rolling hill. To the right of the camels, the silhouettes of several buildings, including a prominent circular structure, are visible on a hillside. The overall composition is simple and evocative, typical of religious art for children's books or church materials.

Guided by the Light

Liturgy Schedule January 10th - January 11th

4:00 p.m. St. Michael Church

Lector: Mary Caye Stecki

Euch Min: Theresa Seitz

Altar Server: None

Ushers: Bernie Hoover, Sam Smerkar, Todd Beichner, Mike Beichner

Rosary: Theresa Seitz

6:00 p.m. St. Mary Church

Lector: Henry Karg

Euch Min: None

Altar Server: Charlie & Silas Carroll

8:00 a.m. St. Mary Church

Lector: Emma Cussins

Euch Min: Lissie Letot

Altar Server: Carter McLaughlin

9:30 a.m. St. Joseph Church

Lector: Confirmation Class

Euch Min: Pete Judy, Lori Callihan

Altar Server: Tim Schmader

Ushers: Confirmation Class

11:00 a.m. St. Michael Church

Lector: Alisha Smerkar

Euch Min: Stan Montana

Altar Server: Max Sporer

Ushers: Tom Cyphert, John Griebel

Rosary: Cathy Longacre

COLLECTION COUNTERS:

St. Joseph: Ed Carroll, Steve Hoover

St. Michael: Ray Beichner, Jim Reed

St. Mary: Andrea & Emma Cussins, Kelly Kopchick, Mary Schrecengost

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNING IN MEMORY OF:

St. Michael: Bob Zacherl by Cathie Zacherl

St Joseph:

St Mary: Lynnette McHugh by Jim

The Baptism of The Lord January 10th – January 11th

1st Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

2nd Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17



++Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament before each
weekday Mass at 7:30 a.m.++

Monday, January 5

8:30 a.m. (St Mary) All Deceased Mothers

Tuesday, January 6

8:30 a.m. (St Michael) Leonard Siegel by Shirley Cohlhepp

Wednesday, January 7

8:30 a.m. (St Joseph) Roxanne Murphy by Tim & Sue Murphy

Thursday, January 8

8:30 a.m. (St Michael) Bob Zacherl by Cathie Zacherl

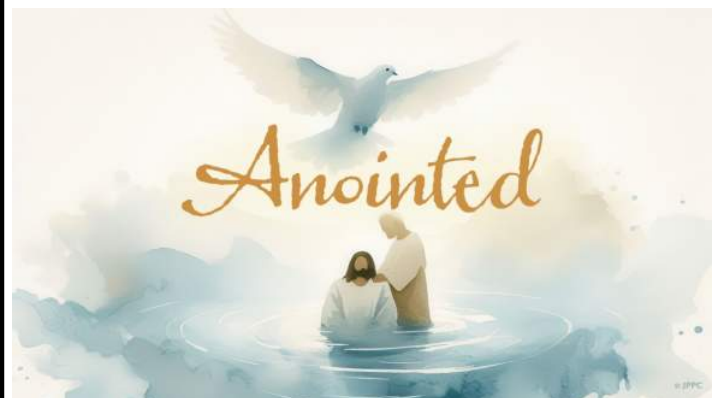
6:00 p.m. (St Ann) Richard Carter by John & Beth Bauer

Friday, January 9

8:30 a.m. (St Joseph) Guy & Louise Lutz by Marion Lutz

8:30 a.m. (St Mary) All Deceased Fathers

The Baptism of The Lord



Saturday, January 10

4:00 p.m. (St Michael) Edward Stecki by Mary Caye Stecki

6:00 p.m. (St Mary) The Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, January 11

8:00 a.m. (St Mary) Justin A. Baxter by Chuck Baster

9:30 a.m. (St Joseph) Parish Family

10:30 a.m. (St Michael) Rosary

11:00 a.m. (St Michael) Logan Wolbert by Pat & Don Wolbert

A Word from Father Brandon

Holiday Season bulletins always have odd publishing deadlines, so I am writing this one, too, before Christmas and before the Christmas Season has begun. But, by the time you are reading this, we are into our second Sunday after Christmas. So, to my future self: hello; Merry Christmas, and Happy Epiphany!

This weekend's celebration draws our minds and hearts to ponder the great mystery of the Magi. The Magi - Wise Men or Three Kings from the Orient - are yet another layer of awe to this already awe-filled season, and the season we have come out of: Advent! Advent saw us engaging with the mysterious men of John the Baptist and Joseph. These men who so uniquely yet so radically confirmed their lives to the Will of their Heavenly Father and found revolutionary freedom in the Spirit of God in the process! You don't have the fullness of Advent without those two pillars of that Season. Christmas, ostensibly, Jesus is the 'main character' of this Season, but we don't really have Christmas' fullest mystery and awe without the - I believe - intentional veiling of the identity and origins of these seemingly out of nowhere figures of the Magi.

I hesitate to even say too much about them, because every utterance is an invitation to slip down a thousand foot high water slide of tradition and implication and identity. Simply, it's highly unlikely - and the Bible nearly says it explicitly - that the Magi did not come Christmas night. Saint Francis' Nativity Scene might make it look that way, but Francis wasn't giving us a polaroid of Christmas night! He was using the art to express a deeper truth: from the heavens to the farthest of lands: angels, animals, men and women from every corner of creation come to adore this newborn King of the Universe! This birth is for all the nations, all the cosmos, and all God's creation! That is Francis' lesson - not that the Magi were there Christmas night. And let's not even go down the rabbit hole of the image of the stable vs the traditional location of Christ's birth being in a cave -the cave of which the Church on the Nativity in Bethlehem is built upon (Christmas has so many alleys, boulevards, highways, and byways of traditions and scriptures and men and women to ponder deeply on!) !

The identity; the origins; the profession; the faith; the number, even, of the Magi is simply unknown! We only sing about the Three Wise Men (and have statues of three) simply because there were three gifts presented. That's all we have to go off of! There are some great stories I've read over the years about who they might have been and about their journey, but there is no way, this side of death, to know for sure. We don't even know when they arrived. It's assumed when the Lord was a toddler, as that would help to explain Herod's slaughter of the Holy Innocents - children two or younger which he had killed as a means to exterminate this 'rival king', but who knows. At the end of the day, all we know is that these Magi - people not of the covenant or who had any relation to God of Israel, sought this God, sought out this Messiah, and they trusted in the sign this God sent - the star - and they traversed deserts, countries, and maybe continents to find Him! Why did they do this? What even piqued their interest? What were they looking for? What was their faith? How were they changed? How were they converted? There are hundreds of questions to ask and just very little to go off of to get those answers... but that's the point, I feel!

The saga of the Magi shows us something: these men of a different God, different code and creed, sought the Truth and found It! The Truth came, and also pursued them! All those questions we may have about them...they're unanswerable because they are not answers for us - they are answers for the Magi to know; they are answers the Magi held sacred in the depths of their hearts! You and I, too, are Magi, seeking Truth and being pursued by The Truth! How we are changed, converted, the nature of our encounter with The Truth is for you and I to know and experience in the depths of our souls - not to broadcast. So, experience intense intimacy with the Divine this Christmas Season and allow some of your encounters to remain hidden and veiled, for they are only for you and The Truth - this newborn King!

Love,

Fr Brandon



EPIPHANY

An epiphany is a moment of sudden insight or understanding. Epiphany, (from Greek epiphaneia, "manifestation"), is a Catholic holiday commemorating the first manifestation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi, and the manifestation of his divinity. In the Latin rite of the Catholic Church, Epiphany celebrates the revelation that Jesus was the Son of God. It focuses primarily on this revelation to the Three Wise Men, but it also focuses on his baptism in the Jordan and at the wedding at Cana.

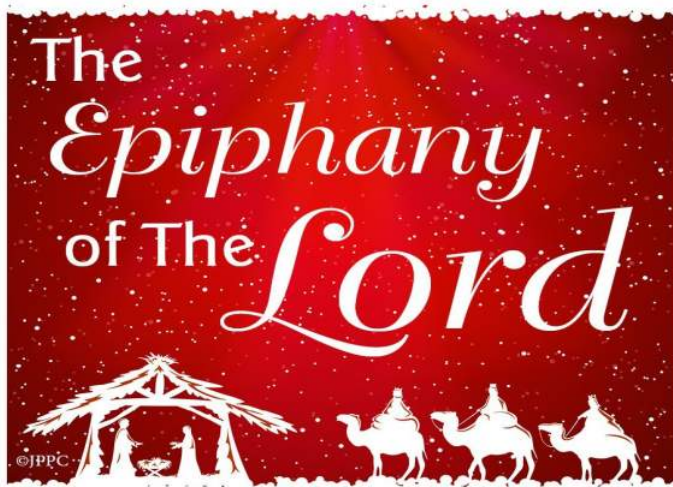
2026 Mass Intentions



Masses are now being scheduled for the first 6 months of 2026 — January 1 to June 30, 2026.

Parishioners are limited to **Two Weekend** mass intentions throughout the year. Weekday masses are available to accommodate additional mass intentions. These are on a first come, first serve basis.

Please call the Parish Office to schedule.



Do you have a favorite quilt that is keeping you warm this winter? Do you have a quilt with a special story? Do you have a quilt project you'd like to share? Please bring your quilt(s) to the St. Joseph Hall at 10:30 am on Sunday, January 25, for a "Quilt Show and Tell." The St. Joseph Rosary Society is sponsoring this event, and refreshments will be provided. You will have an opportunity to show your quilt and tell everyone why it is special and who made it. Let's warm up this winter with some quilts! Everyone is welcome, and please bring a friend.

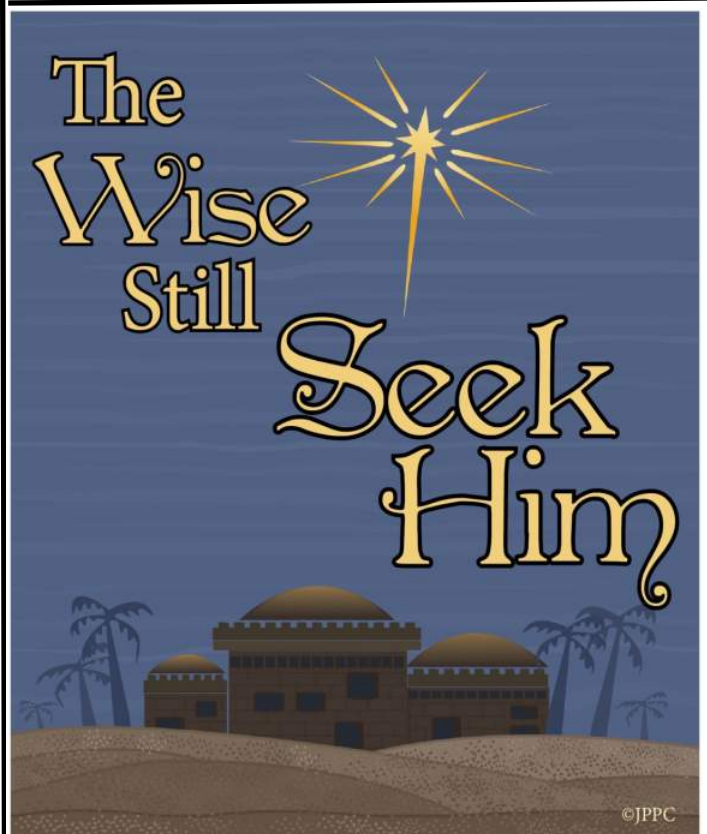
St Hubert Knights of Columbus #10341 News: Family of the Month is the Matthew Ochs Family and the 50/50 winner is Chuck Baxter. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, January 13th at 6:00 pm in Stutz Hall. There will be a member breakfast on Saturday, January 17th at 8 am in Stutz Hall.

Ministry Schedules for January through March 2026 are now available on the Parish Website.

An invitation to all Corporations, LLCs, Partnerships, and Proprietorships: You qualify for EITC tax credits. EITC tax credits can benefit you financially and are used to finance scholarships for students attending St. Joseph School. For more information, contact Cindy Nave, Director of CSF of PA, cindy@csfofpa.org/814-226-9723

Any items for the bulletin need to be emailed to the Parish Office 2 weeks prior to the week you wish to have it appear in the bulletin. Bulletin announcements are on a First Come, First Serve Basis and must have proper grammar and spelling.
Email to: secretary@stjosephlucinda.com

St. Joseph School is now selling RADA CUTLERY as a fundraiser. Please show your support to our school by purchasing your RADA CUTLERY with the following link: <https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=8748633.a842e1> PLEASE SHARE WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS!!! THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!



January 4, 2026

North Clarion/Marienville Food Pantry: They are located at Marienville Community Methodist Church, 201 N. Forest Street, Marienville, PA 16239. They are always accepting canned and boxed items, as well as monetary donations. For more information, contact 814-927-8517. Items needed for January 2026 and February 2026 are: cake mix; boxed potatoes; canned meat; canned beef stew; muffin or quick bread mix; jello or pudding; canned tomatoes dish soap; baby wipes. Distribution dates are: Tuesday, January 27, 2026 and Tuesday, February 24, 2026
"Volunteers Needed"

Monday Night Bible Study - THE CHOSEN Season 5

Monday Night Bible Study will be starting Monday, January 12, 2026 at 7 PM in St. Joe's Hall. We will continue watching THE CHOSEN Season 5 and then look at the scriptures related to that episode and faith sharing. The Chosen is a multi season series about the life of Jesus and his followers. No preparation necessary. All are welcome! Bring your Bibles! Contact Patti Bauer at 814-744-8076 to register.



Online & Text Giving are now available for all three partnered parishes!

Go to our website: watch4deercatholic.church

Click on **"Ways to Give"** and then click on **"Online Giving."** Click on the parish name you want to donate to. Please notify the parish office if you elect to give online and no longer need envelopes.



**Are you looking to grow stronger in your faith
and connect with other Catholic women?**

The Rural Catholic Women's group is informal and meets monthly to discuss spiritual topics and share faith experiences. Find us on Facebook, as well!

Join us on January 20th, 6:30 pm at St. Michael's Hall

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

Join Us for Catholic Schools Week!

Celebrate Mass with us
at 9:30 am, followed by
an **Open House**.

All current and interested
families, parishioners, and
community members are
invited to visit our
classrooms, meet our staff,
and see the wonderful
things happening at St.
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**St. Joseph School
Open House
Sunday,
January 25, 2026
10:30 - Noon
Following
the 9:30 am Mass
at St. Joseph Church**

- ✓ Tour the School
- ✓ Meet Staff
- ✓ Ask Questions
- ✓ Enjoy Refreshments



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What Makes Jesus Smile?

Our students reflected on the kind and loving actions and things that make Jesus smile. Here are their responses...

Taking Care of
You
Parker

Taking Care of
Friends
Leland

**Preschool
Students**

Police
Cars
Luka

Cleaning
Up
Rose

When He's with
God
T.J.



**St. Joseph
School**



When You Hug
Someone
Hendrix

Walking
the
Lambs
Giuseppe

Playing with
Other Kids
I Love Jesus!
Kylah

Unicorns
Klarity

Animals
Hank

Making Sure
the Kids
Are Safe
Veda

Sharing
the
Ball
Cole

He Loves
Everybody
in the
World.
Daisy

Hugs
Brinley

Paintings
Estella

The Firetrucks
and the
Sirens
Griffin

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