

# St John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Diocese of St Augustine, Interlachen, Florida

"We are a welcoming and embracing community centered on Jesus in the Eucharist."

January 7, 2018

## The Epiphany of the Lord

### Epiphany

*Living in the Light of God!*

*What a wonderful and beautiful Christmas we celebrated in worship, sound and beauty! I pray that you continue to unwrap the gift of Jesus that we received this Christmas: wisdom, knowledge, understanding, counsel, courage, reverence, and "wonder and awe" in the presence of God.*



**Day of reflection Saturday the 13th from 9 AM to noon in the St Monica Church Hall. GRATITUDE is our theme! Everyone from St John's is welcome to join us.**

### Into the Deep Bible Study:

this Tuesday @ 6 pm St Monica's & this Wednesday @ 4:30 pm St John's We will begin with the gospel of St. Mark. Please bring your new American Bible as we take a remarkable journey through the Gospel we will be reading all through this liturgical year. *If you thirst for a deeper relationship with God and Jesus, this is for you.*

It has been a wonderful six months here at Saint Monica's and St John's, for you have been extraordinarily wonderful and welcoming.

Please if you haven't checked out the FORMED.org, marvelous movies, educational and Sacramental content and so much more await you and your family. Our parish code is R87GP3. If you find something wonderful, please share.

This truly has been the best Christmas ever!

Love, joy, peace... Father Ron

### Holy Days of Our Catholic Church

Holy days of obligation are days in addition to our Sunday obligation when our church says that we must attend Mass. The information on these days is as follows:

--Mary Mother of God (Always celebrated January 1, but if this occurs on a Saturday or a Monday, there is no obligation to go to Mass).

--Epiphany (this has been permanently translated to the first Sunday after January 1)

--Ascension (in most dioceses in the United States it has been transferred to the seventh Sunday of Easter)

--The Body and Blood of Christ (this has been permanently transferred to the second Sunday after Pentecost)

--Assumption of Mary (always celebrated August 15, but if this occurs on a Saturday or a Monday, when there is no obligation to go to Mass)

--All Saints (Always celebrated on November 1, but if this occurs on a Saturday or a Monday, when there is no obligation to go to Mass)

--Immaculate Conception of Mary (always celebrated December 8)

--Christmas (always celebrated December 25)

### Upcoming Events

Jan 8 – 7 PM Knights of Columbus  
Jan 10 - 9 AM Faith Sharing  
Jan 10 – 4:30 PM Father Ron's Study of the book of Mark  
Jan 13 – 9 AM St Vincent de Paul Food Drop  
Jan 14 - 1:15 PM Pastoral Council Meeting

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### MASSES AND INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, Jan 7 - The Epiphany of the Lord

11:30 AM- Health & Well Being of Susan Collins

*Requested by Parishioners of St John*

2:00 PM - Health & Well Being of Emilio O'Neill

*Requested by Parishioners of St John*

#### Monday Jan 8 -

8:00 AM - Word Service

#### Tuesday Jan 9 -

8:00 AM - Word Service

#### Wednesday, Jan 10 -

6:00 PM - K of C - For the Good of the Order

*Requested by Parishioners of St. John*

#### Thursday, Jan 11 -

8:00 AM - Word Service

#### Friday, Jan 12 -

6:00 PM - Health & Well Being of Roger Coutu

*Requested by Parishioners of St John*

### The Epiphany of the Lord - 01/14/2018

*Altar Servers - Katlyn - Sienna*

*Reader - Bud*

*EMHC - Joe - Mary M.- Grace - Milton*

## The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for Danielle Sadowski-Billings

*Requested by Parishioners of St John*



Let us pray this week for all families, who are mourning the death of a loved one. May all our departed find rest and peace in the Mercy of God.

### Your Parish Support

Collections for 12/17, 12/24, 12/25, 12/31

Offertory 4113.52

Maintenance Fund 350.00

Parish debt 835.00

Total \$5298.52



### Please Remember in Your Prayers

All members of our parish who are not in perfect health: **Allen Lucia, Roger Coutu, Susan Collins, Luisa Velazquez, and Barbara Hogue.** Note: Names on our prayer list are for individuals who are hospitalized, undergoing surgery, in hospice care, or dying.

### St. Monica Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM

Weekday Mass: 8:30 AM

First Friday Adoration: 9:00 AM

Other Fridays Holy Hour: 9:00 AM

Holy Day Masses: 8:00 AM & 7:00 PM

### Remembering Your Loved Ones

We have a beautiful way to remember our loved ones by having a Mass said for them or honoring them with the burning of a Sanctuary Candle. A Mass stipend is only \$10 and a Sanctuary Candle is only \$15.



### St. Vincent de Paul Food Drop

Friday, January 12, 2018, 9 AM - 11 AM (or until food is gone) — at 111 N Francis St, Interlachen. Please bring containers for food. Also, it is first come, first serve, and you should bring water, food, and a chair if you need them while waiting. To qualify for food, total household income must not be in excess of established income level for appropriate household size. Call 386-684-2797 for further information.

### "Into the Deep" with Father Ron

Father Ron's classes will resume this Wednesday, January 10th with the book of Mark.

### Pastoral Council Meeting

The next meeting of our Parish Pastoral Meeting will be on next Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 1:15 PM. All members are requested to attend.

### A Special Thank You

*Thank you to everyone for your donations for Christmas flowers that beautifully surrounded Jesus. If you donated and wish to take a plant, you can do so on or after January 8th, whenever the hall is open. Again, many thanks for your help.*

### Saint Augustine Trip

The Small Faith Sharing group will be doing a day trip on January 11, 2018 to the Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche in Saint Augustine. Weather permitting, we will walk the grounds and visit the Religious Articles Shop. We plan to stop for lunch on the way home. Anyone is welcome to join us. We will be car pooling from the church parking lot and leaving at 10 AM. Come join us for a fun day.

### Getting to Know You

Our segment to help build our church community is currently on hold. We need your help to continue. We have received no inputs for the past couple of weeks. Please help by submitting an input.

### Reflecting on the Gospel

"Today's gospel gives us the classic and familiar story of the "visit of the magi." We have heard it so often that we may sometimes miss critical, and perhaps not so critical, elements in the story. For example, we are never told how many wise men, or magi, there are. We also note that verse 1 states simply that Jesus was born. Not until several verses later do we learn about Herod ascertaining from the magi when the star appeared. He then sent them to search for the child (not infant). That one word, child, rather than infant, is a clue that the star had appeared sometime earlier. And then we learn that Herod ordered male children up to the age of two to be killed. So, it seems Matthew had in mind that the visit of the magi happened while Jesus was a child about the age of two.

In our own minds we have likely harmonized Matthew's nativity account with Luke's so that we place Luke's angels together with Matthew's magi in the creche! But in Matthew's telling, there is no census that brings the family from Nazareth to Bethlehem, no manger, no animals, and no shepherds. According to Matthew, Jesus was born at home in Bethlehem, where Joseph and Mary lived. We may be forgiven for combining Matthew and Luke's versions of the stories. Even the nativity scenes in our home have harmonized these narratives too!

Ultimately, the importance of what Matthew and Luke are telling us rests not in details about how the family moved from Bethlehem to Nazareth, or whether Jesus was born in a home or a stable. Instead, Matthew provides a theological insight into the person of Jesus and the activity of God. The magi are not Jews. They are Gentiles. They worship Jesus. As such they prefigure the Gentile mission that the risen Jesus will inaugurate in the closing verses of this gospel. (Matt 28:16-20). That is to say, Matthew "bookends" his gospel with a story of Gentiles (the magi) coming to worship Jesus at the beginning, and the risen Jesus' own command to his disciples to "make disciples of all nations [Gentiles] baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit" (NABRE). Ultimately the Gentiles are coheirs with the Jews of the promises of God. We cannot limit God's mercy. It knows no bounds, and includes all!"

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### Living the Paschal Mystery

"It's likely been some time since we've put away our Christmas decorations. Or, if we are purists, our decorations have remained up until today. The very timing of the Epiphany, or the visit of the magi, tells us that we've moved on from the Christmas event. We are no longer in the manger. Our lives have begun to go in other directions. The infant is growing up to be a child and is walking. Ordinary Time quickly approaches. And now we have a visit from strangers who have come to see the cause of our celebration. We call to mind that time, and perhaps we relive some of its joy. But as with the magi, danger unfortunately lurks. They go home another way, aware of skulking peril. This too, along with Herod's massacre of the innocents, foreshadows the violent end that Jesus will ultimately face.

And so living the paschal mystery is a combination of joy in new life with an awareness of death. But death will be overcome by life. How many of us might prefer to dwell with the baby Jesus in a manger, or sit with the Holy Family when all is calm and peaceful. But that is not the life we lead. Through these periods of calm, serenity, and joy punctuate our lives, we are aware of the pressing journey. We navigate our paths aware of danger and peril. We rely on God and our own sense to steer us toward safety, all the while aware of a specter of malevolence. For we, like the Gentile magi, worship a child who will face a violent end, only to be raised to new life. It is the paschal mystery.

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### The Diocese of St Augustine Cursillos in Christianity

A team of religious and lay personnel present a series of talks to the candidates and the entire group calling upon the Holy Spirit for enlightenment and guidance. Throughout the weekend the participants will pray together, attend daily mass and have an opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation. The Cursillo can help in developing knowledge and conviction to live and share what is fundamental for being Christian. Upcoming retreats: Men's (English) – Feb. 8-11, 2018 at Camp St. John; Women's (English) – Feb. 15-18, 2018 at Camp St. John. For more information, visit [www.staugustinecursillo.org](http://www.staugustinecursillo.org) or call (904) 724-8485. De Colores!

### ATTENTION

The Diocese of Saint Augustine treats all allegations of sexual misconduct seriously and deals with all allegations in a prompt, confidential and thorough manner. To Report Abuse Call: Diocesan Victim Assistant Coordinator (904) 262-3200, ext. 129, or Department of Children and Families, 1-800-96Abuse

### ATENCIÓN

La Diocesis de San Augustine le da seria consideracion a toda acusacion de mala conducta sexual y dispone de todos dichos casos de manera pronta, completa y confidencial. Para reportar tal abuso, llame a: Coordinador Diocesano de Auxilio a Victimas (904) 262-3200, ext. 129 o Departamento de Niños y Familias del Estado de la Florida 1-800-96Abuse (1-800-962-2873)

### Bulletin/Web Site Inputs

Your inputs to the bulletin and our web site are important to keep our parishioners informed. Please e-mail inputs to Jim Dandeneau at [dandeneau32148@gmail.com](mailto:dandeneau32148@gmail.com) or put them in the box in the office.

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