

Our Lady of the Snows Parish

274 Hwy H
Eugene, MO 65032-4231



January 5, 2020

The Epiphany of the Lord

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Bulletin Submission Deadline

E-mail articles to olosparish@gmail.com

Deadline: Tuesday's at 9:00 am

Our Lady of the Snows School (Pre-K to 8)

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Daily Masses: Tuesday 6:00 pm
Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 am

Weekend Masses: Saturday 6:30 pm
Sunday 8:00 am

HOLY DAYS: 8:00 am & 7:00 pm

Prayer Line: 498-3446, if no answer call 498-3550

Baptism - Contact Parish Office for appointment.

Marriage - Contact The Pastor at least six (6) months in advance.

RCIA - Contact the Parish Office if interested in attending class.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, 7:30 am and by appointment

Seeking Christ for Our Nation Mass
Tuesday, January 21, 2020 @ 6pm

Bishop's Prayer Intention for January:

"For an increase in Christian unity, racial harmony, and respect for the dignity of all human life; that Christians everywhere may work together to promote peace in our homes and communities throughout the world."

Please add this intention to your private prayer this month.

Parish Pastoral Council (Meeting: 4th Tuesday @ 7pm): **President:** Becky Schwaller, **Vice-President:** Aaron Wood, **Secretary:** Karen Schulte, **Members:** Bill Abbott, Bryan Evers, Paula Evers, Jacob Akin

Finance Committee (Meeting: 3rd Tuesday @ 7pm): **President:** Andrew Haslag, **Vice-President:** Brad Adrian, **Secretary:** Wanda Borman, **Members:** Jerry Hogg, Janet Buschjost

School Advisory Board (Meeting: 3rd Wednesday @ 6pm): **President:** Glenn Backes, **Vice-President:** Monica Bittle, **Secretary:** Joan Doerhoff, **Members:** Shannon Lage, Jeremiah Schulte

Knights of Columbus #3267 (Meeting: 1st Thursday @ 7:30pm): **Grand Knight:** Mark Borman, **Deputy Grand Knight:** Andrew Haslag, **Chancellor:** Herschel Schulte, **Recorder:** Justin Musick, **Financial Secretary:** Chuck Berendzen, **Treasurer:** Brett McKenna, **Advocate:** Bruce Berendzen, **Warden:** Delbert Wilde, **Inside Guard:** Darryl Love, **Outside Guard:** Aaron Sandbothe, **Lecturer:** Russ Kempker, **Chaplain:** Fr. Alex Gabriel
4th Degree K of C (Meeting 4th Thursday)

Building & Grounds Committee (Meeting: 2nd Wednesday @ 7pm)

Anyone homebound needing communion brought to them or have someone in the hospital and would like a visit, please contact Deacon Steve or the Parish Office.

ONLINE Catholic Missourian: www.catholicmissourianonline.com or www.cathmo.com

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Jan 4	6:30 pm	+Marcella Kish
Sun. Jan 5	8:00 am	+Mable Farmer
Tues. Jan 7	6:00 pm	+Ron Wallis
Wed. Jan 8	8:00 am	+Irene Lepper
Thurs. Jan 9	8:00 am	+Marie Allen
Sat. Jan 11	6:30 pm	+Lynn Thein
Sun. Jan 12	8:00 am	+Rosemary Kempker

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Mon. Jan 6	Quilting 8am-12noon
Wed. Jan 8	Senior Dinner 11:00 am, Youth Ministry 6:30 pm, Building & Grounds Meeting 7pm (KC)
Thurs. Jan 9	Quilting 9am-3pm & 6pm-9pm, RCIA Class 6:30 pm (parish mtg. room)
Fri. Jan 10	AA & Al Anon Meeting 8:00 pm
Sun. Jan 12	PSR 9:00 am, Baptism (after Mass) - Kinsley Rose Groose child of Eric & Jessica Groose

Our Lady of the Snows Parish will host an **Appreciation Potluck Dinner** on **Tuesday, January 14, 2020** starting with a **Mass of Thanksgiving at 6:00 pm** to recognize the efforts of parishioners who volunteer for our community, school, and parish in various ways. Please bring a side dish to complete our meal. Meat, drinks, and tableware will be provided.

Please **RSVP by January 5** with the number attending by contacting: the Parish Office by phone at: 498-3820 or olosparish@gmail.com; or Paula Evers by phone or text at 690-6917 or everspaula3@gmail.com; or Karen Schulte by phone or text at 694-4164 or karenschulte57@gmail.com

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Budgeted Offertory 7/1/19 - 6/30/20	\$472,563
Budgeted Monthly Goal - December	\$39,380
Weekly Collections:	
Dec 1-6	\$15,026
Dec 7-13	\$6,363
Dec 14-20	\$7,683
Dec 21-27	\$10,943
Dec 28-31	\$
Monthly Total To Date	\$40,015
Actual Offertory YTD: 7/1/19-12/27/19	\$208,260
Budgeted Goal YTD: 7/1/19-12/27/19	\$236,288
Difference	(\$28,028)



Please Pray for our Sick Loved Ones

Nancy Boatman	Alvin Jr (June) Koetting
Dale Buechter	Kathy Miller
Connie Clarkston	Jim Morgan
Margaret Evers	Keving Morff
Kari France	Betty (Kempker) Nally
Beth Hale	Ethan Nevins
Jim Hale	Elias & Marilyn Otto
Gary Herigon	Theresa Rush
Jim Holtmeyer	Rodney Schaben
Alice Hutschreider	Faythe Scheulen
Cletus Kempker	Josephine Schwaller
Konlee Kempker	Karla Bax Sitzes
Kris Kempker	Lexi Staats
Rose Marie Kempker	Curt Stockman
Tom Kempker	Bob Stuenkel
Don Kesel	Remy Wagner
Jane Kesel	Ashley Wilbers
Nathan Klindt	

Please call the Parish Office to have a name added or removed from our prayer list or to advise us of hospitalizations. We would like to keep the list as current as possible. Thank you.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY & HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ALL THOSE CELEBRATING IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY!!

Come visit Helias for our **annual Open House on Sat., Feb. 1 from 11-1**. Take a look at our facilities, meet teachers, coaches and administrators, explore our activities and clubs, learn about how we are building Saints and Scholars. Incoming Freshmen/Parent meeting is at **NOON** during the Open House on Feb. 1. We will also have Freshmen Registration nights on Feb. 11 and 13 (pick one) from 4-6 pm, where incoming Freshmen admission process will be explained and paperwork can be filled out. All are welcome! Please contact Helias with questions...635-6139.

Liturgical Ministers Orientation Program has been scheduled for **Sat., January 18, from 10 am to 11:30 am** by Lisa Fender and team from St. Peters, JC. **The ministers will include all ushers, lectors, communion ministers and choir members.** This date and time has been given by the team suited to their convenience. Please mark it on your calendar in bold letters and attend it without fail.



Catholic
STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

“As each one has received a gift, use it to **SERVE ONE ANOTHER** as good stewards.”

We are near the end of this year's Catholic Stewardship Appeal. For those who have not yet joined your fellow Catholics in support of the CSA, we urge you to pray about it. You can also make a pledge by going on line to diojeffcity.org and clicking the “Donate Now” button.

CSA 2020 Parish Goal Update
Parish Goal: \$15,000
Collected: \$9,345

OLOS Liturgical Minister Schedule

If you are not able to fulfill your liturgical assignment, please find a replacement. Thank you for participating in the Liturgical Ministries.

Time & Talent forms can be found in the vestibule of Church or on the Church website.
 Contact list for replacements for liturgical assignments: <http://olosmaryhome.net/mass-liturgy/>

January 11 - Saturday, 6:30PM	January 12 - Sunday, 8AM
Rosary Leader – Need a volunteer (start 6:10 pm) Mass Greeters – Karen Schulte & Deb Schulte Ushers – Nathan Hagenhoff, Joe Schulte, need 2 volunteers Lectors – Mark & Wanda Borman Eucharistic Ministers – Mark & Wanda Borman Servers - Deanna Backes, Alex Hagenhoff, need 1 volunteer	Rosary Leader – Adeline Bauer (start at 7:40 am) Mass Greeters – Mike & Roxanne Schulte Ushers – Wayne Schulte, Cody Schulte, Mike Schulte, Sheldon Schulte Lectors – Ron Schulte, Dayna Limbach Eucharistic Ministers – Ron & Flo Schulte Servers - Ethan Schulte, Jeffrey & Samuel Schulte
January 18 - Saturday, 6:30pm	January 19 - Sunday, 8AM
Rosary Leader – Need a volunteer (start at 6:10 pm) Mass Greeters – Need 2 volunteers Ushers – Dave Berendzen, Bill Braun, Rex Buechter, Daniel Hagenhoff Lectors – Need 1-2 volunteers Eucharistic Ministers – Dave & Karen Berendzen Servers - Leah Koetting, need 2 volunteers	Rosary Leader – Dorothy M. Berendzen (start 7:40 am) Mass Greeters – Chad & Colleen Abbott Family Ushers – Chad Abbott, Allen Doerhoff, Len Kempker, Russ Kempker Lectors – Colleen Abbott, Joan Doerhoff Eucharistic Ministers – Delbie & Janis Evers Servers - Isaiah & Wyatt Abbott, Austin Doerhoff

From the Pastor: We have already stepped into the New Year 2020. Knowing that God has many blessings in store for us we move forward trusting in His Providence. At the same time, let us be prepared to face any unforeseen situation that would come our way and God will take us through as He is with us. As I mentioned in my Christmas letter, I would like to focus on building up our parish as center of God’s mercy as we have already been doing several ministries in this direction.

Church Decoration: It was a wonderful service done by our confirmation candidates and others on December 22nd after Mass. It brought forth a beautiful decoration both inside and outside the church. I thank them all for sparing their time to do something beautiful for the Lord.

Christmas Choir: I was really glad to learn that some of our school kids joined in the choir singing at 4 pm Mass on Christmas Eve which was a welcoming gesture. I do thank them and their parents for encouraging them to do such wonderful service for the Lord. I learnt that singing at all the masses on Christmas was lively and so I thank the choir leaders & choir members for their great music ministry.

Many thanks: On behalf of the Parish, I extend my sincere thanks to **Fr. Ozzie Saldanha sj** for being with us to assist us with Holy Masses and confession during Advent and Christmas. It was a new experience for him to do priestly ministries in US chiefly in our parish and now he goes back to India with good memories. May the good Lord continue to bless him and guide him in his new assignment in the Province in North India?

I was really delighted to receive beautiful Christmas cards, gifts of different kinds on Christmas from many of you. I am really grateful to you all for being so thoughtful and concerned about my wellbeing and happiness. I pray that the Lord may shower his immense blessings upon you all.

Liturgical Ministers orientation program: As it has already been announced that there will be an orientation program held on January 18, Saturday from 10am to 11.30 am by Lisa Fender & her team from St. Peters, JC for all the volunteers who are doing different ministries – they are ushers, lectors, communion ministers and choir members both the new people and the old. This is intended to get renewed and rejuvenated with different ministries. Therefore I would like everyone to participate in it for the good of the parish and to become still effective in respective ministries. It will be held in our Church.

On the feast of Epiphany, I am sharing the explanations given by Fr. Anthony Kadavil on the Magi and their star to give us some better understanding of the feast. **The Magi and the star:** The *Magi* were not Kings, but a caste of Persian priests who served Kings by using their skills in interpreting dreams and the movements of the stars. The sixth century Italian tradition that the Magi finding Jesus were three, Magi, Casper, Balthazar, and Melchior, is based on the fact that three gifts are mentioned in Matthew’s Gospel: gold, frankincense and myrrh. Matthew nowhere says that there were three wise men from the East. Tradition holds each of them came from a different culture: Melchior was Asian, Balthazar was Persian and Caspar was Ethiopian - thus representing the three races known to the ancient world. “They are supposed to have been kings, but this stems from a very literal translation of a psalm verse: ‘*The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts*’ (Ps 72:10). Ancient depictions of them never involved symbols of royalty, but simply the Phrygian cap and garments of noble Persians” (Dr. M Watson). The Magi may actually have been Persian priests or Babylonian astronomers or Nabataean spice-traders. Eventually, however, they were pictured as representatives of different peoples and races. The Orthodox Church holds that the Magi consisted of twelve Kings, corresponding in number to the twelve tribes of Israel. (The term *magoi* in Greek refers to a wide variety of people, including fortune-tellers, priestly augurs, magicians and astrologers). Because of their connection with the star in this story, it is safe to conclude that Matthew identified them mostly with the last group. Possibly they came from Babylonia, or Persia, where the word *magus* originated. There were almost certainly Gentiles, for if they had been Jews, they would have known better than to ask King Herod about a national ruler who would challenge his dynasty! It is not clear from the story why they wanted to pay homage to a Jewish king, or what they learned about him from their observations of “his star” (Matthew 2:2) (Dr. M Watson). Christian life, the life of God’s people, is most often represented in the Bible and in literature, as a journey – a journey that begins with our confession of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior in Baptism and ends when we at last meet Him as the Triune, face to face, in God’s heavenly kingdom.

The star: Commentary on the Torah by Jewish rabbis suggested that a star appeared in the sky at the births of Abraham, Isaac and Moses. Likewise, in the Book of Numbers, the prophet Balaam speaks of “a star that shall come out of Jacob.” Stars were believed to be signs from God, announcing important events. Thus, the brightness of the Light to which kings were drawn was made visible in the star they followed. (In the last 40 years, a number of scientists and astronomers have pointed to particular clustering of planets or stars around the time of Jesus’ birth, which would have created an unusual or dramatic heavenly “portent,” suggesting that perhaps Matthew’s account is more historical than some exegetes might choose to believe). The star which shone over the area and served as a beacon for the astrologers can be explained *scientifically*. Johannes Kepler (1571-1630), a German astrologer and mathematician calculated that the planetary conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn which occurred ca 7-6 B.C.E. could have produced such an illumination in the sky over Bethlehem. However, the star, as featured in Matthew’s narrative figures more importantly because of its *theological* significance. No doubt, Matthew, with his mission to demonstrate that Jesus was the Promised one and the fulfillment of all Jewish hopes and prophecies, intended his readers to recall the story of Balaam in the book of Numbers (chapters 22-24). Therein, Balaam, a pagan seer from the East was co-opted by Balak, king of Moab to *curse* the Israelites. Prevented by Yahweh from uttering the curse, Balaam blessed Israel and prophesied, “a star shall rise from Jacob and a scepter shall arise out of Israel” (Numbers 24:17). Matthew portrayed the astral herald that proclaimed the appearance of Jesus and beckoned the Gentiles to salvation as the fulfillment of Balaam’s prophesy. (Sanchez Files).

Upcoming Events (flyers on website/back of Church):

Saturday, January 11 - Mary's Home K of C Pitch Tournament starting at 10am. Contact Gary Herigon 573-690-1584.

Let's Talk Faith: Please join local women for a night of faith-filled companionship and conversation on **Tuesday, January 14** from 6:30-8pm at the Westphalia Knights of Columbus Hall. LeAnn Korsmeyer, Director of Women's Ministry for the Diocese will be speaking on the topic of Angels. The night includes music, fellowship and embracing our amazing Catholic faith together. Questions, call Nancy Massman at 573-418-8295, or visit <https://diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry>

Saturday, January 18 - Our Lady of the Snows Dance, Live Music by Shiloh, located in school gym from 7:30-11:30 pm. Must be 18 to attend. \$15/person, \$25/couple. Concessions will be available for purchase. BYOB (cups & ice provided)

Saturday, January 25 - Mary's Home K of C Cornhole Tournament starting at 11am at OLOS Parish Center. \$40 per team. Register in advance, spots will fill up quickly. Food available. BYOB. Contact Mark Borman 573-338-7966 or mgborman@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE! Our parish will host Totus Tuus July 19-24, 2020. Mark your calendars.

JEFFERSON CITY PRE-CANA

2020 Dates: not available yet

Classes are held at SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital, 2505 Mission Drive, Jefferson City. Cost is \$50 per couple. Online registration or questions: jprecana.org or email: jprecana@gmail.com

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER Weekends—(Moberly)

2020 Dates: March 6-8, May 1-3, Aug 7-9

Registration form, weekend information: <https://diojeffcity.org/our-church/life-and-marriage/engaged-encounter/>

Marriage Encounter *Jefferson City*

2020 Dates: not available yet

Marriage Encounter is a weekend opportunity for spouses to recognize reasons to celebrate and areas to improve their marriage. For more info. visit <https://www.jeffcityme.com/>. Check out marriage resources and opportunities that will strengthen your marriage at <https://diojeffcity.org/our-church/life-and-marriage/marriage-resources/>.

Couple-to-Couple League Natural Family Planning

Engaged or married couples are welcome to attend.

www.midmonfp.org / email: midmonfp@gmail.com

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