

**Families and the Gospel ~** Mt 2:1-12  
Like the star in today’s gospel parents are expected to lead children to Jesus by being clearly “seen” and by “going before them” with good example. For the sake of the children, be a “star.”

On Monday, **January 15, 2024**, the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a bowling and pizza party at the Bavarian hall for K-12 students from the St. Joseph and St. Matthew Parishes as well as a guest from 1-3 pm. Please sign-up in the gathering space.

**Upcoming 2024 Diaconate class:** Saint Paul, Apostle to the Gentiles taught by Deacon Michael Russo via Zoom. Dates: January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and February 6, 2024 from 6 – 8:30 pm. Registration form can be found on the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown website [www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry](http://www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry). Deadline to register is this week.

**CHURCH CHRISTMAS UNDECORATING** will take place on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am, right after the 10:30 Mass.

**THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE MARCH** - Sunday January 14, 2024, 12:00 NOON - Prayer Service at St. Matthew Church in Tyrone, followed by the 1.25 mile walk to Oak Grove Cemetery to the grave of Baby Agnes Doe, for another short prayer service. A hot luncheon will be served in the parish hall after the march.

**Pottery Painting at Harkins Hall** – CDA is planning a pottery painting activity at Harkin’s Hall on Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> from 6 to 8 pm. If you are interested in participating, contact Amy Brisbin (814-931-4702) by **Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**. This would be a great family activity. You can choose from a variety of mugs, bowls, or a vase. The cost of the items range from \$13 to \$28.

CDA Court Saint Rita #523 from Tyrone is sponsoring a chartered bus trip to **Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**. Departure time will be 7 am from the Bull Pen in Tyrone. Other possible pick-ups will be at Lowe’s in Altoona at 6:30 am and Home Depot in State College at 7:45 am. We will arrive back in Tyrone

around 8:30 pm. The cost for the trip, including transportation and the show is \$175. Meals will be on your own. We will stop for dinner around 4 pm at Hoss’s in Lewistown. Call, text, or email Amy Brisbin at 814-931-4702, [amybrisbin@gmail.com](mailto:amybrisbin@gmail.com). Please respond by **February 28<sup>th</sup>**. Payment by check to “CDA” will be due on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

St. Matthew School volunteer librarian and retired Tyrone elementary school librarian, Mary Jane Rudakewich, is in need of transportation TO (Moring) and FROM (afternoon) cancer treatments in Altoona on the following dates: Jan. 24, Feb. 7, Feb. 21, March 6, and March 20. You do not need to stay during the treatment. If you can provide transportation **To OR From** on any of these dates, please write your name and number on the sheet in the gathering space or call 814-684-0405.

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*Spiritual Mentors*



"We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." Matthew 2:

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“They fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” - Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi’s visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!  
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**SAINT MATTHEW  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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**Tyrone, PA 16686**

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**Parish Office Staff:**  
Financial & Administrative Assistant: **Deborah Zakrzwski**

**Office Hours:**  
**Monday 8:30 am to 12:00 pm**  
**Wednesday & Friday 8:30 am to 3:30 pm**

**Director of Religious Education:** Lauren Wright  
Call: (814) 312-0969 or email: [lwright@dioceseaj.org](mailto:lwright@dioceseaj.org)

**Director of Music:** Leslie Estep  
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**Elementary to High School Classes: (Grades K-11):**  
**Sunday mornings 9:00 am to 10:15 am (weekly during the school year)**

**OCIA:** Susan Burkholder (814) 684-0352  
**Ministry to the Homebound:** Paula Lambert (814) 932-0651

Pastoral Council - Jason Terosky (814) 883-0077  
Finance Council - Dennis Rozick (814) 684-5511  
Cemetery Committee - Shirley Hall (814) 931-0657

**Saint Matthew Catholic School**  
**“serving our community since 1869”**  
**Principal:** Pauline Wiley  
**School Phone:** (814) 684-3510  
**School web-site:** [www.stmatthew-school.org](http://www.stmatthew-school.org)

**We welcome all visitors. If you live in the area, please call the Parish Office to register and become an active member of our parish family.**  
*If you would like to have a MASS celebrated for the deceased members of your family, or friends, or for special intentions, please stop by or call the parish office.*



***January 7, 2024***  
***The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord***

**Weekend Mass Schedule:** Saturday at 5:30 pm  
Sunday at 7:30 am  
Sunday at 10:30 am  
**Weekday Mass Schedule:** Wed., Thurs. & Friday at 8:00 am  
**Holy Day of Obligation Mass Schedule:** 9:00 am & TBD  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday at 12:30 pm  
or anytime upon request.  
*Please remember if these times do not allow you to attend Mass you can do so at **Saint Joseph Church** in Bellwood either on **Saturday at 4:00 pm** or **Sunday at 9:00 am** and the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is celebrated on Saturday at 3:30 pm.*

**Mass Schedule & Intentions**  
**January 6, 2024 – January 14, 2024**  
**Sat. 5:30 pm** Maddy MacNeil - Family  
**Sun. 7:30 am** John Sultage – Mike & Becky Rozick  
**Sun. 10:30 am** Sara Castagnola & Rose Caruso - CDA  
Mon. 8:00 am – St. Joseph - Bellwood  
Tues. 6:00 pm St. Joseph – Bellwood  
**Wed. 9:00 am** Diana Bakosh – Steve & Chris Stoner  
Thurs. 8:00 am John H. Sultage – JR & Susie Gurekovich  
Fri. 8:00 am Max & Marg Schnellbaugh – Mike & Kathy Narehood  
**Sat. 5:30 pm** Margie Adamczyk – Steve & Chris Stoner  
**Sun. 7:30 am** Deceaseds mbrs. of the Salvatore & Rosalia Cannistraci families – Charlie, Ann, & Brenda  
**Sun. 10:30 am** For the People

*Sanctuary Candle* for the week of December 31<sup>th</sup> is in memory of Palmonka & Maldonato Families requested by Cecilia Palmonka.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE**  
**Weekdays** S McNelis

**Lectors – January 13/14, 2024**  
**Sat. 5:30 pm** B Lambert, D Strayer, J Ieraci  
**Sun. 7:30 am** B Hiergeist, K Pearson  
**Sun. 10:30am** S Cowher, MJ Gunter, A Langenbacher

**Extraordinary Ministers Eucharist Jan. 13/14, 2024**  
**Sat. 5:30 pm †** P Lambert, S Burkholder, R Bunch  
**Sun. 7:30 am †** S Ronan, R Long, D Zakrzwski  
**Sun. 10:30am †** J Terosky, D Castagnola, L Wright

**Altar Servers: January 13/14, 2024**  
**Sat. 5:30 pm** E Narehood, H Narehood  
**Sun. 7:30 am** TBD  
**Sun. 10:30 am** Q Cowher, S Cowher

Financial Report – December 31, 2023			
Regular Weekly (Sunday) Collection	\$5,270	\$14(children)	
Weekly (Sunday) Collection Goal	\$5,700		
Beginning July 1, 2023 and Ending June 30, 2024			
Year to date Sunday Collection Income	\$139,064		
Year to date Sunday Collection Goal	\$154,900		
<b>Yearly Collection Goal</b> for Sundays	\$296,400		
<b>2023</b> Year to date Bingo Net Income	\$	39,891	
Second Collection	\$	0	
SMS Catholic School Envelopes	\$	620	
Religious Education Envelopes	\$	100	
Good Samaritan	\$	155	
<b>2023 Catholic Ministries Drive</b> <i><b>TARGET</b></i>	<b>\$</b>	<b>30,406</b>	
CMD Donations for 2023 (186%)	\$	56,562	

***Bishop Mark*** announces a plenary indulgence is available to Catholics who visit Franciscan parishes between now and **February 2<sup>nd</sup>** in celebration of the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Nativity scene in Greccio, Italy, by Saint Francis of Assisi.

**The Sweetest Ministry** - Please consider volunteering to assist at the monthly refreshment weekend socials. Sign-up sheet is in the gathering space.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR ILL AND HOMEBOUND**  
Elizabeth Adler, Sandy Ashcroft, Margaret Baker, Clinton Bisenger, Matt Bland, Lauren Bochart, Carol Brantner, Larry Brisbin, Jaxon Brown, Michael Brown, Anna and Charles Cannistraci, Sue Chambers, Jordan Coffman, Nancy Damico, Sharon Dannaway, Ryan DelBaggio, Harrison DeVore, Sharon Dick, Cheryl Diebold, Ed Dionis, Nate Dorman, Sergio Echeverria, Dorothy Fleming, Jack Futrick, Catherine Garland, Barb Gaval, T.C. Gheer, Perry Glace, Bob Grimarm, Mike Gurekovich, Dan Hahn, Sharon Hahn, Bill Hall, Shirley Hall, Dorothy & Jim Heaton, John Herist, Peggy Hickman, Bill Hunter, Peg Irvin, Carl Isenberg, Kitty Johnston, Steve Johnson, Dennis Kasic, Brian Kelley, Alexis Kensinger, Michael Long, Jerry Lynn Jr., Bob Macie, Mel & Carter MacMillin, Shawn Marie, Suzan Martindale, Colette McCaffrey, Tucker McCloskey, Mike & Sue McKean, Erik McMulloch, Michael McNelis, Donald Miller, Frank & Pam Moore, Donna Miller, Sarah Miller, Tracy Miller, Helen Molnar, Robert Molnar, Ailani Myers, Alberta Naylor, Peggy Nelson, Patty Norris, Lawrence Papi, Adam Perry, LeeAnn Spangler Price, Halee Ridgeway, Shannon Riley, Gary Ritchey, Joel Rivera, Leonard & Donna Romano, Lucille Romano, Suzanne Ross, Delores Schreffler, Sue Scordo, MaryJane Shank, John Scott, Harry Sickler, Dorothy Smyder, Evelyn Stever, Mike Stack, Chris Stoner, Mark Turiano, Dale VanHorne, Ethan Vila, Patty Walsh, Mary Ward, Stephanie Wage, Frank White, Bob White, Sam Whitesill, Rachel Harshman Wiggins, Kimberly Hovis-Williams, Liam Wirtner, George Wolfe, Roberta Woomer, Crystal Wright, Ann Yaniello, Esther Zane.

**Healing Mass:** Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special Healing Mass on **Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 7 pm, at St. Michael Church, Hollidaysburg.** This powerful night of hope and healing is for all who are suffering physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Fr. Brad Baldwin TOR will be the main celebrant. Praise and worship will precede the Mass at 6:30 pm and prayer ministry will follow the Mass. If you are suffering physically, or from an addiction, or hurting or struggling in any way, come and experience the healing power of Jesus and be set free! All are welcome!

**Mass Scheduling for 2024** Mass requests are being accepted. Each family is limited to 3 Mass request per year with one being on a Sunday. All Mass requests for the recently deceased will be placed in the Mass schedule as received.

**Stewardship Reflection** Today we observe the great feast of The Epiphany of the Lord. The Greek word “epiphany” means manifestation or appearance. The awareness of God’s manifestation in the lives of the magi filled them with gratitude and the desire to both worship God and Share their gifts with others. The magi were so filled with awe when they encountered the newborn Jesus, they prostrated themselves before him and “opened their treasures and offered him gifts.” Like the magi who traveled afar, our overriding priority should be to honor the long-awaited King.

A stewardship journey will involve twists and turns. But, God will protect and guide us, and with cooperation with His plan, He can accomplish great things through us. Christian stewards live in grateful response to God’s countless appearances in their lives. They generously share their material gifts as a loving act of worship to an extravagantly loving God. Let us rejoice in God’s presence in our lives and be watchful for the new ways He is calling us to share ourselves and our gifts in gratitude to our King. Let us make God our first priority. *(Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants, (2022/12/6)*

**House Blessing Kits** are available this weekend after all Masses for the Feast of the Epiphany. The Solemnity of the Epiphany celebrates the revelation that Jesus was the Son of God as revealed to the Three Wise Men. As Catholics, we believe that the Magi, guided by the star of Bethlehem, brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the Christ child. There is a special liturgical living activity that can inspire us to invite Christ into our new year on the feast of the Epiphany known as the Epiphany house blessing.

**This year, the sequence is:**  
**20 + C + M + B + 2024**  
***This combination of letters and numbers holds a special meaning.*** The letters represent two different things. First, they stand for the names of the three wise men: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. Secondly, they also represent the Latin blessing *Christus mansionem benedicat*, which translates to

“May Christ bless this house.” The crosses between each figure signify our salvation through Christ. Make this a family tradition!

***January 8, 2024 The Baptism of the Lord***  
Our Christmas season concludes with the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus was not baptized because He needed to repent – rather, He was revealing who He is and what He came to do. By submitting to the baptism of John, He affirmed His humanity, revealed His divinity as the Son of God, and signaled His mission to save man from sin.

Although Jesus’ baptism was just the beginning of His ministry, it revealed all that He came to accomplish. And it is from His mission that we can receive the Sacrament of Baptism – the moment we become adopted sons and daughters of God. From that moment, we belong to Christ – we become His stewards. Our lives should be a reflection of this relationship. The way we live and act should reveal Whose we are. Our readings today call us to reflect on what it means to be a Christian steward – to belong to Christ. As we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord today, let us reflect on what it means to be a son or daughter of God. Let us resolve with conviction to make God the King of our hearts, live by His commands, and share with Him our time and gifts. Let us pray that our lives might be a reflection of our relationship with Christ.



As the Christmas Season ends, a sincere thank you is in order to all of you for your active participation in our Christmas liturgies, especially our musicians, cantors & choir, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, readers, hospitality ministers, ushers, altar servers, our children and youth, other ministers and volunteers. Thank you also to all those who helped with decorating of our church and all who selflessly offered their time and talents in any way to make the Christmas Season enjoyable and spiritually nourishing. Let us carry the spirit of this joyous season throughout the New Year so our Saint Matthew Parish family can grow and fulfill its mission in proclaiming the Good News of our Savior Jesus Christ.