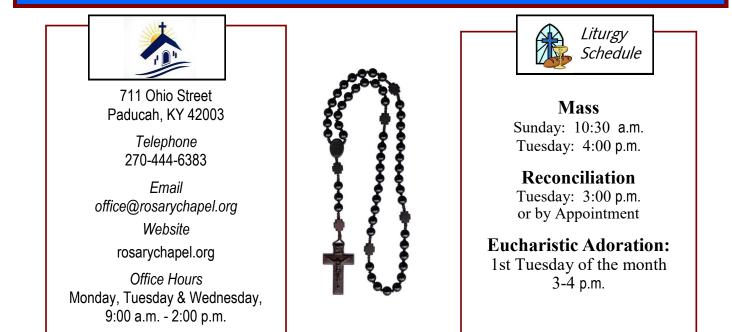


Our parish seeks to build and maintain our family through the sharing of the Good News to all people, in order to leave our world more beautiful and faith filled than when we inherited it.





Jan 5, 2025

The Epiphany of the Lord in Ordinary Time

\*\*\*\*\* Mary Queen of the Rosary, Pray for us.

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**Christmas Vigil, Dec 24** 

Mass Attendance: 87 Collection: \$591.00

**Report from Sunday** 

Dec 29, 2024

**Sunday Mass Attendance:** 41 Sunday Collection: \$1210.00 **Monthly ACH:** 

**Special Collections** Diocesan Goood Works: \$293.00

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Sanctuary Light for JT Piercefield Each Sanctuary Light burns for 14 days. For a \$10 donation, a Sanctuary Light may be sponsored in memory of or in honor of a loved one.

#### Homebound, Nursing Care Center, Hospitalized

**Chen Matchen-HB** Clora Hixon-HB Gary Hudson-Parkview Rm 410 **Ruby Gibson-HB** Barbara Naas—HB

### Reminder

Hospital visits

Fr. Jude would like to remind everyone that if you or a loved one is hospitalized, please call the office at 270-444-6383 to inform us, as we cannot obtain information from the hospital directly.

Happy Birthday

#### January Birthdays

Father Jude **Ralph Gains** Chen Matchen Marilyn Mayes Flo Askew Sheila Matchem

Sandra Pastor Jan 2 Jan 2 Salma Yobal Jan 4 Lonnie Crowdus Jan 6 Ian Reed Anica Moss-Menser Jan 25 Jan 7 Jan 10



#### **DIOCESAN SEXUAL ABUSE POLICY**

Sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable person is a crime in both State and Church law. Both the State and Church want to help anyone who has been or is being abused. Contact the State authorities and phone the bishop and/or the Review Board at 270-683-1545 to make a report. No one has to live with abuse, and the State and church are available to help individuals and families find help and healing. The Diocesan Policy on Sexual abuse is available on the rack outside the parish office, on the table in the church's narthex, or from the Catholic Pastoral Center.



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#### Please Remember in your Prayers

Mike Mayes Rose Lowery Mary Piercefield Jaxon Jones Aaron Burns Clora Hixon Chen Matchem Rose Wurth Linda Stiles **Russell Davis** Matt Evans Michael Nicholas Ruby Gibson Thomas Rawlins Darlene Shelton Joseph Maxwell Gary Hudson Nancy Bass Andrea Emilia Bernabey Michael Burns Michael Menser Thomas (Homeless) Mark & Janice Higdon James Rister Erin Brumley Ashley Hayden Kenny Reising Lynne Clark Blake Champion Robert & Barbara Naas

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Weekly Schedule: Tuesday, Jan 7, No Confession or Mass.

The past year, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the joy and hope to our "brothers and sisters" who are in need by providing food for 3,453 people, clothing for 2,302 people and \$160,909 in utility or rental assistance. Won't you help us help them? Thank you!

<u>Mt Carmel needs your assistance</u> in our efforts to maintain facilities, equipment and grounds. At this time of year, we respectfully ask you to consider Mt. Carmel Cemetery at your end of year giving. Please help us keep Mt Carmel as a sacred place for burial with reverent care where family can remember loved ones in a peaceful and everlasting setting. Donations of any size are greatly appreciated and are tax deductible. To donate call 270-331-1006 or email mt.carmelcemetery@outlook.com

The special collection on January 12 will be for: Support Life Ministries (formerly Opportunities for Life)

#### JESUS IS OUR STAR

On Epiphany day, we celebrate Jesus' manifestation of himself to the three wise men from outside the Jewish land, teaching us that he is God both of the Jews and the Gentiles. In Christ, God is reconciling the whole humanity to himself.

The gifts brought by the three wise men to the baby Jesus are very symbolic. Biblical story has it that they gave him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. In ancient time and today alike, gold is an important part of the regalia of kings. The aromatic smell of frankincense makes part of our liturgical worship on special occasions. The oil made from myrrh was one of the ingredients of holy anointing. So, in a flash, the visitors brought together the life, ministry and death of Jesus. Their gifts symbolized his kingship (which, as he would later explain during his passion, is not of this world), his eternal priesthood by which he is the mediator between us and God the Father, and his death to save us.

The bible also points out the importance of the star during the journey of the magi. As the wise men were looking for a way to get to where Jesus was, Herod invited them, and told them, if you find him, let me know so I can go and worship him. Herod was not being sincere. Therefore, the star led them to where Jesus was, and the angel warned them in a dream not to go back to Herod.



The star itself is the light of Christ. One could say that Christ appeared in the form of a star and led the magi to himself. It is that light, Christ himself whom we celebrate always. The light that shines, not only around us, but in us and through us. The call is for us to be the light of Christ to the people around us, leading them to Christ as much as possible. Blessings, and again, a happy and

## The Parish Epiphany Brunch

Sunday, January 5th, after Mass, our parish will celebrate the Epiphany! Food will be furnished by the parish.

# All are welcome!

May the faith of God be with you this year. May the peace of God surround you, Y and may you be blessed each day!