



# St. Mary-Big River Catholic Church

Epiphany

January 6th, 2019

Oh Sacrament most holy! Oh Sacrament Divine! All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine. Praised and adored be Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar, now and forever. Amen

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
W10137 570th Ave.  
River Falls, WI  
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## THE EPIPHANY *of the Lord*

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,  
who is to shepherd my people Israel."* - Mt 2:6b

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## Welcome to St. Mary's

[www.stmarysbigriver.com](http://www.stmarysbigriver.com)



### Mass Schedule

#### Weekend....

Saturday 6:00 pm

Sunday 9:30 am

#### Weekday....

Mon. to Fri. 8:30 am

First Friday & First Sat. 8:30 am

Holy Days....See bulletin

### Confessions

- One hour before each  
Weekend Mass

- Thurs. before First Fri.  
9:00 am

- First Friday 9:00 am

- First Sat. 9:00 am

- Any time by appointment

- Additional times during  
Advent, Lent, and Ember Days

### Devotional Times

#### Eucharistic Adoration

- Every Tuesday 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

- 9:00 to 10:00 am every First  
Friday

#### Militia Immaculata (MI)

##### Prayer Group

- Meets Wednesday

- 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the church

<http://missionimmaculata.com/>



Welcome to  
St. Mary's!

Welcome  
Visitors!

If you would like to become a member of our parish call the Administrative Assistant and we will help you register.



## Parish Calendar

### Monday - Jan. 7

St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest  
No Mass

### Tuesday - Jan. 8

Adoration 7:00am - 7:00pm  
No Mass

### Wednesday - Jan. 9

8:30 am Mass  
CCD  
6:30 pm MI Prayer Group

### Thursday - Jan. 10

8:30 am Mass

### Friday - Jan. 11

8:30 am Mass  
7- 9:30 pm DTS

### Saturday - Jan. 12

4:00 pm Janke & McNamara  
Wedding  
5:00 pm Confessions  
6:00 pm Holy Mass

### Sunday - Jan. 13

Baptism of the Lord  
8:30 am Confessions  
9:30 am Holy Mass

## Saint of the Week:

May the God of love and peace set your hearts at rest and speed you on your journey; may he meanwhile shelter you from disturbance by others in the hidden recesses of his love, until he brings you at last into that place of complete plenitude where you will repose forever in the vision of peace, in the security of trust, and in the restful enjoyment of his riches.

-- Saint  
Raymond of  
Penyafort  
Patron Saint  
of Cannon  
Lawyers



## Today After Mass

### St. Mary's Children's

### Christmas Play

Everyone is invited!!

Refreshments will be served.

## Blest Art - January 19th & 20th

Blest Art will be visiting our parish on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine. Their mission is to support those families in the Holy Land. For centuries, the Christians in and around Bethlehem have earned a living by carving religious olive wood art to sell to visiting pilgrims. Fewer pilgrims are journeying to the Holy Land today, making it difficult for those Christians to support their families. As a result, there has been a dramatic rise in Christian emigration from the Holy Land. Now, less than 1% of the population in the Holy Land is Christians.



Blest Art Inc helps the struggling Christian families of Bethlehem by marketing their artwork in the United States. Due to this work many Christian families maintain their livelihood and their ancestral homes in the land of our Lord.

Blest Art will have hand-carved nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries, and many other pieces of beautiful olive wood art. We kindly invite you to visit their display and to consider purchasing a piece of art from the Holy Land. In doing so, you will help support the many families who depend on this form or art for their living. Your purchase will make a difference in the lives of many Christian families.

**They gladly accept cash, checks, and all major credit cards.** Please note that they do not ask for, nor accept, any donations.

## 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Ukrainian Christmas Dinner

236 Pumphouse Rd, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 5:30pm - 8:30pm

Enjoy a delicious multi-course Ukrainian Christmas dinner hosted by Valentyna Pavsukova of Chalice of Mercy. Special guest Dr. Santiago Valderrabano will speak about his experience leading a medical team from Madrid on two missions to Ukraine to assist the people of the war zone. Hear also about the opening of St. Maria Goretti House and much more.

Adults \$30, Children under 10 free, table of 8 \$200. Begins 5:30 pm at 236 Pumphouse Rd, Chippewa Falls. All proceeds go to assist the work of Chalice of Mercy.

**To reserve, contact Trudy Bement (715) 226-0376**

# News & Events

**Thank you to the following who donated toward the Christmas Poinsettias in memory of their loved ones**



**Donors and In Memory Of:**

- Toby & Janice Keller** - Living & Deceased Members of the Lehman & Keller Families and Katie Ferancek
- Gary & Kathy Tapp** - Bridget Rose Brantner (Tapp)
- George & Jean Grajkowski** - Jennie Grajkowski & Margaret Sonnentag
- Joe & Kerry Reis** - Mitch Reis
- Rodger & Kathy Oestreich** - Jerome & Leola Marek
- Pat Bjork** - David Bjork
- Don and Dorothy Cobian** - Frank & Anna Huppert, George & Anna Cobian
- Mark Huppert** - Maurice & Dorothy Huppert
- Anonymous** - Catherine & Joseph Miller



**Parish Office Hours:**

We will have weekly hours for the office in the school on the following days each week:  
**Tuesdays 9:00 to 11:00 am**  
**Thursdays 9:00 to 11:00 am**

**Altar Rosary Society News**

- Thank you to **Mary Jacobs** who has stepped forward to be the Vice President of ARS for this year.
- **St. Paul's** group cleans the church on Jan. 13th after the decorations are taken down in the church.
- The next ARS Meeting will be Feb. 18th.
- The Fruit Sale Fundraiser will begin in February.

**2019 Church Calendars**

We are grateful to the **Bakken Young Funeral Home** for generously supplying our church calendars for 2019. They are available in the back of the church.

## Youth Events



Youth Ministry Coordinator - Corrie Loe - 715-262-3663 corrieloeg@gmail.com

**Dead Theologians Society (DTS)**

**Meeting Friday, January 11th from 7 to 9:30 pm**

## Faith Formation

**CCD - Religious Studies ~ Wednesdays ~**

**Afternoon Session:**  
Class 3:45 to 5:00 pm

**Evening Session:**  
Class 7:00 to 8:15 pm

Director of Religious Educ. Traci Campion 715-307-8844 reginahope1917@gmail.com

**CCD Classes resume January 9th**

COMING FROM A LAND THAT WORSHIPPED STARS... THEY FELL DOWN AND WORSHIPPED HIM WHO MADE THE STARS.

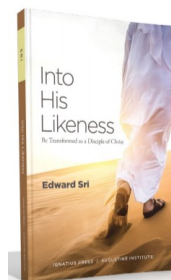
-VENERABLE FULTON SHEEN-

**Income for Christmas Masses**

<b>Plate</b> .....	\$1077.50	<b>Haiti Teachers</b> .....	30.00
<b>Adult Envelopes</b> .....	3763.00	<b>Total</b> .....	\$4870.50

**Income for Dec. 29 & 30th, 2019**

<b>Plate</b> .....	\$1548.75	<b>Youth Envelopes</b> .....	2.00
<b>Improvement Fund</b> ...	1300.00	<b>Christmas</b> .....	230.00
<b>Adult Envelopes</b> .....	2035.00	<b>Solemnity of Mary</b> .....	10.00
<b>Total</b> .....	\$5125.75		



**In His Likeness by Edward Sri**

There is one basket of books left. If your family has not received a book please pick one up this week. *The remaining books will be saved for the confirmation students.*



## A Message From Our Pastor

In the current liturgical calendar for our Roman Rite – revised under the directives of the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) and promulgated in 1969 by the authority of Pope Saint Paul VI – our **Christmas Season is marked by three great celebrations:**

**Christmas** itself, **Epiphany**, and the **Baptism of the Lord**.

In a most ancient liturgical tradition of the Church – previous to the fourth century – only *one* solemnity was observed, called **Epiphany or Theophany**, names which signify the **self-manifestation or self-revelation of God**. This one ancient feast actually called to mind **four** different events of the revelation of God in Jesus Christ: His **Birth**, wherein the divinity of Christ was revealed first to God’s chosen people; second, the **homage of the Magi**, wherein the divinity of Christ was manifested not just to the chosen people of Israel, but *ad gentes*, that is, to all peoples represented by the wise men from the East; third, **His Baptism by John**, wherein the divinity of Christ was shown at the beginning of His public ministry by the presence of the Holy Spirit and the voice of the Father; and, finally, the **miracle at the wedding at Cana**, changing water into wine, the first sign by which Jesus revealed Himself to be the Messiah. Eventually, three of these four elements – the remembrance of the Lord’s Birth, the homage of the Magi, and the Baptism of the Lord – were separated and given their own particular liturgical celebration.

This is the genesis of our Christmas Season. **In its origins, then, our Christmas Season was much broader and deeper than an extended commemoration merely of the Birth of Jesus. From its very beginning the focus of the Season was the revelation of God in Jesus Christ.**

This original character of the Christmas Season is clearly reflected in the texts currently prescribed for the Masses of Christmas, Epiphany, and the Baptism of the Lord – texts drawn from the ancient sources of the Season itself. At **Christmas**, Preface I of the Eucharistic Prayer addresses the Father in these words: “In the mystery of the Word made flesh a new light of your glory has shown upon the eyes of our mind, so that, as we recognize in Him God made visible, we may be caught up through Him in love of things invisible.” The Preface of the Eucharistic Prayer of **Epiphany** continues this theme of God’s self-manifestation as it says to the Father: “Today you have revealed the mystery of our salvation in Christ as a light for the nations.” Finally, in the Preface of the Eucharistic Prayer for the Mass of the **Baptism of the Lord**, the Father is addressed in these words: “In the waters of the Jordan you revealed with signs and wonders a new Baptism, so that through the voice that came down from Heaven we might come to believe in your Word dwelling among us, and by the Spirit’s descending in the likeness of a dove we might know that Christ your Servant has been anointed with the oil of gladness and sent to bring the good news to the poor.”



Today’s observance of the **Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord** calls to mind the events recounted in Saint Matthew’s Gospel (2:1-12): God the Father guiding the Magi to encounter His Eternal Son who is revealed to them as the Savior, the light of all peoples. Upon “entering the house they saw the Child with Mary His Mother. They prostrated themselves and did Him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh” (10-11).

Through the centuries numerous customs have developed in connection with Epiphany. In many countries it is on this day, and not at Christmas, that people **exchange gifts** with one another in imitation of the wise men who brought gifts for the Divine Infant.

Another popular tradition is the  **blessing of the home**. Using blessed chalk, the parish priest or the father or mother of the household marks the entrance door (and interior doorways, if so desired) with the year and the letters “CMB” which stand for the names traditionally given to the wise men: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. These letters also are an abbreviation of the Latin prayer *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* (“May Christ

bless this home”). The inscription **20+C+M+B+19** remains above the doorway until Pentecost. During the blessing grains of incense may be burned symbolizing the family’s prayer rising to God (Revelation 8:3-4).

Saints Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, pray for us!

Father Kevin C. Louis, STL

### Major Church Repairs Coming Soon

St. Mary’s will be undergoing some major repairs throughout the next few months. The biggest being the shoring up of the entire floor of the church which has serious structural problems. Work plans are in place and will begin soon. Interior work is also planned. The Stewardship Committee will be helping with a Capital Campaign to help raise the needed funds for the project.

**Two Informational Meetings will be held on January 19th at 7:00 pm after the Saturday evening mass and again on January 20th at 10:30 after the Sunday morning mass.** To get a full explanation of the project and the costs involved as well as time to ask questions about the process, please plan to attend one of the meetings.

### Presentations on the Scourge of Pornography

Fr. Louis will give three presentations in the coming weeks. More information will be coming soon.

**Jan. 21st (Monday) 7:00 - 8:30 pm *The Truth about Pornography***

**Jan. 28st (Monday) 7:00 - 8:30 pm *Theological Perspectives on the Pornography Plague***

**Feb. 4th (Monday) 7:00 - 8:30 pm *Parenting in the Internet Generation***

## Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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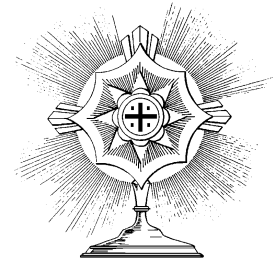
**Stewardship Committee -**

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## Mass Intentions

**Monday, Jan. 7**

No Mass

**Tuesday, Jan. 8**

No Mass

**Wednesday, Jan. 9**

8:30 am Mass - † Fr. Bill Matzek

By MI Prayer Group

**Thursday, Jan. 10**

8:30 am Mass - David McNamara

By Lori & Dan McNamara

**Friday, Jan. 11**

8:30 am Mass - Sophia Loe

By Loe Family

**Saturday, Jan. 12**

6:00 pm - Patrick Quintero

By Pat Bjork

**Sunday, Jan. 13**

9:30 am Living & Deceased Members  
of St. Mary's Big River Parish

By Parish

*Book of Eternal Life: Please daily pray for our deceased parishioners who are listed in the white binder in the back of the church. They are listed by the date of death.*

## Liturgical Assistants

**January 12th**

**Saturday - 6:00 pm Mass**

**Reader**.....Bob Maier

**Ushers.** Randy Huppert, Don Huppert Jr., George Matzek, Tony Matzek

**Servers**..... David & Andrew McNamara

**Music** ..... Joanne Maier

**Rosary** .....Dallan & Gayle Frandrup

**January 13th**

**Sunday - 9:30 am Mass**

**Reader** ..... Andy Mishek

**Ushers/\$ Counters** .....Pat & Derek Pechacek, John Yunker, Charles Beeler

**Cross/Incense** ..... Xavier & Maximus Husby

**Candles** .....Eli Books, Brent Coppler

**Rosary** .....Traci Campion

**Gift Bearer**.....Steve & Ashley Books



Has your contact information changed? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want us to contact you? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to register? \_\_\_\_\_

Cut out this little form, fill it out, and place it in the collection basket.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

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