

*Having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod,
they departed for their country by another way.*

MATTHEW 2:12

A Christ for Every Nation

"Go back where you came from!" What if the Magi heard this when they came to the house where the Child was, and they heeded that deriding message? The "signs of the times" that they read told them a king had been born. They might not have known exactly where to look, but they knew what they were looking for, and they recognized that king when they found him. These righteous men were not Israelites, yet God revealed this great mystery to them. Furthermore, there is no indication that they eventually became Israelites. Rather, "they departed for their country" (Matthew 2:12). God really does not play favorites.

Then how are we to understand the claim of being God's Chosen People, whether ancient Israelites or the Christian community? What's the point of being chosen if you are not the favorite? While acknowledging God's special love for his Chosen People, both Isaiah and Paul answer this question.

The prophet claims that "nations will walk by your light, kings by the radiance of your dawning" (Isaiah 60:3), and Paul says "the stewardship of God's grace... was given to me for your benefit" (Ephesians 3:2). In other words, some have been chosen by God to bring the light of God's love to others.

The feast of the Epiphany celebrates two important realities—the revelation of God to all people and the responsibility to reveal that astounding mystery to others. The Magi personify both realities. They were men of another faith tradition to whom God revealed the mystery of the Incarnation, and they returned home and probably proclaimed to others the wonder of that mystery.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *How respectful are you of the religious quests of others?*
- ★ *In what ways might your life shine the light of God's love on others?*



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Sunday Offerings

General Fund	\$5505.00	Loose Collection	\$452.00
Children's Env.	\$2.00	Seminary Coll.	\$1927.00
Tuition	\$875.00	Landscaping	\$100.00
Paper Recycling	\$81.85		
Votive Stand	\$48.00	Hall Rental	\$200.00
Misc. Donation	\$1200.00	Sec. Deposit	\$150.00

TOTAL \$10,540.85

129 general offering
 envelopes collected.

HELP NEEDED!!

Could you spare 1 to 1 ½ hours on a Thursday morning every 4th Month? Rectory Cleaning is the 2nd Thursday of month & we are in need of additional help. If so please call Sue Hecktor at 636-932-4805 or email: sphecktor@gmail.com.
 Thanks!

Parish Services

Weekend Masses

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday, 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

8:00 a.m.
 Monday, Wednesday & Friday
 Tuesday 7:30 p.m.
 and PH Devotions
 Thursday 6:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
 or by appointment

Adoration

Tuesday 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
 & 5:30-9:30 p.m.
 Wednesday 7:00-9:00 p.m.
 Thursday 5:00 -7:00 a.m.
 4:00-8:00 p.m.

First Friday-8:45am-12pm

Baptisms and Marriages

By arrangement
 with Fr. Steve Robeson

Monetary Donations Needed

We need a new Steam Table. This is used for the Thanksgiving Day Dinner and other events. The cost is about \$4400.00 This will have 5 lids and rolls on wheels. Please drop off donations at the Parish Office or put in the Collection Basket and specify: Steam Table.

Thank You!

Be a Census Tracker

Flyer and Brochure on the Community Bulletin Board in the Back of Church. Apply online: 2020Census.Gov/jobs.

This is a 6-8 week job and pays \$20 a hour.

Jonah Team meets after the 10 am Mass on the 1st Sunday of every month for anyone who needs to be prayed for.

Upcoming Events at St. Ignatius

01/04	Schmitt B Day Party-- 2-8 pm (Lobby/Cafeteria)
01/08	Communion Services-NO Mass
01/10	11:30 pm Dismissal School
01/11	Faith Support Ministry/Cafeteria After 5 pm Mass
01/16	Report Cards
01/16	Home Economics 8 am-3 pm
01/18-19	"Blessed Art" Comm. Center 6pm

Visit our website for more upcoming events!
www.saintig.com

Giving Tree

Thank you on behalf of the Pregnancy Assistance Center for your generous response to our Giving Tree. Your unselfish help to others is always appreciated. Thank you for caring!!

There are more Quilt Raffle tickets in the back of Church to purchase. Please make checks payable to: **Concord Hill Home Economics Club**. The first drawing will be Feb. 20,2020. Any questions, please call Jayne Glosemeyer.

The Adoration Schedule is on this Bulletin under Parish Services if you would like to know the days/times. Any questions, please call Alison Hoglan 636-433-8434.

Special NOTE about Mass Times:

Jan. 8th 2020 NO Mass-Communion Services. Father Steve will be attending a Memorial Mass.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 4, 2020

5:00 p.m. † Mary Emke

Eucharistic Ministers: Christy Engemann

Mary Glosemeyer, Janet Glosemeyer, Bob/Patty Koch

Lector: Leo Meyer

Ushers: Don Barringhaus | Dawn Borgmann

Servers: Kali Glosemeyer | Gabby Faust

Sunday, January 5, 2020

8:00 a.m. † Mike Bocklage

Eucharistic Ministers: Paul Hecktor

Sheila Shortt, Bill Schuler, Christopher Engemann

Tricia Kemper

Lector: Sheila Shortt

Ushers: Becky/Gary Huddleston

Servers: Wyatt Meyer | Ryan Kloeppel

10 a.m. † Herbie & Berniece Buenemann

Eucharistic Minister: Sandy Westhoff

Peggy Nenninger, Judy Bieker, Lesa Leopold

Danielle Gratza

Lector: Vincent Leopold

Ushers: John/Shari Kopmann

Servers: Jenna | Sam Chambers

Monday, January 6, 2020

8:00 a.m. † Arlie Rettke

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

7:30 p.m. † Melvin Gratza

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

8:00 a.m. Communion Services-NO Mass

Thursday, January 9, 2020

6 a.m. † Sheila Kopmann

Friday, January 10, 2020

8 a.m. † Anthony Schwoeppe

Saturday, January 11, 2020

5:00 p.m. † Mary Emke

Eucharistic Ministers: Paul Hecktor

Jackie Heggemann, Diane Kierman,

Tom Meyer, Lori Huenefeld

Lector: Stacy Kloeppel

Ushers: KennylDiane Lierman

Servers: JennaSam Chambers

Sunday, January 12, 2020

8:00 a.m. † Sylvester Engemann

Eucharistic Ministers: Alice K.

Norbert/Joan Engemann,

Elaine Glosemeyer, Diane Freese

Lector: Norbert Engemann

Ushers: Jacob Abel | Donny Kopmann

Servers: Colin | Aaron Meyer

10 a.m. † Bob & Leona Gratza

Eucharistic Minister: Angie Carr

Becky Schoppenhorst, Katie Engemann,

Neal Kluba, Audrey Hellebusch

Lector: Allison Hohlan

Ushers: John | Ian Carr

Servers: Shane Liermann | Jacob Gildehaus

Pastor's Letter to the People of St. Ignatius

Every Thursday morning when we have the earliest Mass, 6 am, the Lord gives me a special Christmas gift. Thursday is the day I take off, a day of rest, and so it is like a second Sabbath after Sunday. At this time of the year, when the days are still so short, Thursdays bring a special restful gift to me. On all the other days of the week in these dark morning hours, I am preparing for Mass at a later time than 6 a.m. But on Thursdays, because I am traveling east from Concord Hill, I am gifted with driving right toward the sunlight. Of course this weekly Sabbath Christmas gift is not uniquely for me. Many of you are up and about in these dark hours and seeing the daylight come upon you. Many of you have to be on the road, not for a day of rest, but for daily work, and you witness the growing daylight, starting in one place and then capturing the entire sky. I expect my language here will remind you of the other eastward Travelers on the Feast of this weekend—often named the Three Kings. Even with my wisdom, less than theirs, I cannot help but notice the meaning of driving into the daylight. I wonder if the wise men, each morning as they rose and rode east, meditated on the daylight toward which they traveled, and thought of the Light of God that they were seeking. I wonder if they pondered how they were doubly blessed with Light as they were graced with the guiding star, urging them east—ever east—toward their source of true peace and restfulness, the Child! Their journey challenges you and me as we begin a new year and decide how we will use the gift of time. What activity is worthy of our time today? How much of it is guiding us into more of His light? One way or another, at His second coming, which is what Christmas is mainly about, His light is going to surround the entire skyline of our lives. The only question is, will it catch us off guard as a shock because we had our backs to it, or will we live our lives traveling toward it, keeping a sharp clear '20/20' eye for what HE is trying to give us?

Love and joy to you.

Father Steve

Please Pray for the Sick Ailing Recovering

Joan Meyer	Betty Hellebusch	Judi Liermann
Connie Buenemann	Evelyn Tucker	Ethel Thomas
Duck Brinker	Shelbee Mauldin	Fr. Finbarr Dowling
Karen Brinkmann	Jim Grafrath	Dawn Borgmann
Pillman Family	Andrew Hellebusch	Natalie Ulett
Kim Smith	Carol Jacquin	Audrey Wagener
Tabitha Kersey	Margaret Seats	Olivia Jasper
Judy Brouk	Ralph Glosemeyer	Carl Jacquin
Mary Ann Heggeman	Fred Borges	Marc Wagener
Tom Meyer	Richard Preiss	Laura Tellmann
Cindy Faust	Jim Smith	Kitty Heberle
Kenneth Engemann	Frank Dowling	Marilyn Engemann
Donny Kopmann	Gerald Molitor	Jim Derner

Anniversaries of Our Dearly Departed

01/02/00	Jonathon Faust	01/21/00	Armella Glosemeyer
01/21/07	Werner Hellebusch	01/22/05	Loriece Williams
01/21/00	Gertrude Ahmann	01/24/02	Barb Schwoeppe
01/25/09	Olivia Hellebusch	01/31/85	Michael Bennett
01/31/15	Corey Hellebusch	01/08/12	Linus Westhoff
01/09/76	Anna Engeman		
01/18/99	Kenneth Jaeger		
01/22/08	Pat Prunty		
01/28/05	Clarence Lamke		
01/04/77	Harold Volk		
01/05/01	Victor Engemann		
01/07/08	Donald Goetemann		

Dear Padre,

What do we know about the Three Kings?

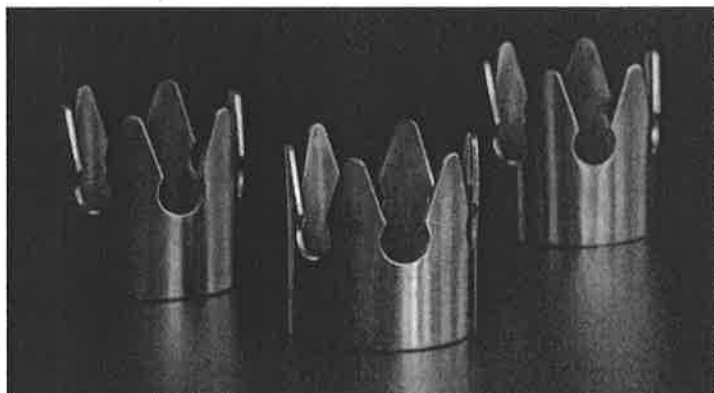
Your question reminds us how much human tradition has embellished some of the events described in sacred Scripture. Historically, the name Magi designates members of an ancient Near Eastern priestly caste. In Matthew's Gospel, they are presented as noble wise men and astrologers.

The number three has long been associated with the Magi. However, the Gospel narratives never mention their number (though they did offer three gifts—gold, frankincense, and myrrh). Saint Matthew is also silent about their names. However, in the eighth century, Western traditions began calling them Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. Other Christian traditions use different names.

Though their gifts indicate they were from South Arabia, it's doubtful that they represented particular nations or the major racial families. At the very least, the Magi represent the Gentile peoples coming from afar to find the true God in Jesus Christ. This contrasts with King Herod and Israel. Both neglected this manifestation of God's presence in their midst.

Astrology permeated ancient cultures, so it isn't strange that astrologers appear in the Bible. The Church responded by "Christianizing" aspects of astrology. For example, the Church deliberately called Christ the "Sun of Justice," thus replacing the pagan god Sol with one true God. In the fourth century, the Church placed the celebration of Christ's Nativity on December 25, the birthday of the sun. We emphasize Jesus as the Light of the World and celebrate his feast every week on *Sunday*.

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Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 6

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 3:22–4:6

Mt 4:12–17, 23–25

Tuesday

JANUARY 7

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:7–10

Mk 6:34–44

Wednesday

JANUARY 8

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:11–18

Mk 6:45–52

Thursday

JANUARY 9

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:19–5:4

Lk 4:14–22

Friday

JANUARY 10

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:5–13

Lk 5:12–16

Saturday

JANUARY 11

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:14–21

Jn 3:22–30

Sunday

JANUARY 12

Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1–4, 6–7

Acts 10:34–38

Mt 3:13–17



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Do we know how to dream, to long for God, ...or do we let ourselves be swept along by life, like dry branches before the wind? The Magi were not content with just getting by, with keeping afloat. They understood that to truly live, we need a lofty goal and we need to keep looking up.

—EPIPHANY HOMILY, JANUARY 6, 2018

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