

Herod Was Correct

King Herod, the most powerful man in the region, was greatly troubled to hear about the birth of a king. Why would a reigning king fear a little child? Perhaps because he believed if word spread that a future messiah had been born, the Jews would be harder to control. They were easier to dominate when they were without hope, without a leader.

Herod was correct. Wise men from the East looking for the King of the Jews fulfilled prophecies that foretold all nations would come to Israel looking for a messianic leader.

Herod was also troubled because, if indeed this newborn was a king, he had a pretender and a competitor right under his royal nose. King Herod was correct again.

Although Jesus did not pretend to overthrow the Romans, he did come with authority and would upend the existing order. Jesus would preach to the heart and demand that no one sit on that throne except God his Father.

Pseudo Domenico presents the arrival of the Magi as a procession of vassals showing homage to their king. Kneeling, bowing, and standing erect with gifts in hand, authorities from far away are showing reverence to the newborn royalty who sits on Mother Mary's lap. His royal hall is the hillside, his scepter a baby finger, his royal family is Joseph and Mary.

These Gentile kings were the first to do what all of creation and all of history have been doing since then—bending their knee to the King of the Universe. Herod was right to worry.

— Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: *Adoration of the Kings*, 1450s
Artist: Pseudo Domenico di Michelino
Location: Vatican Museums



For Reflection

Jesus' reign comes to give security to those who love him. Does his authority and care give me security?

Do I seek earthly securities aside from the treasures he offers me: his will, protection, and grace?

*When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled,
and all Jerusalem with him.*

Matthew 2:3



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Sunday Offerings

General Fund	\$3549.00	Tuition	\$510.00
General Child Fund	\$2.17	Main.& Rep.	\$40.00
Loose	\$72.00	Votive Stand	\$84.50
Flowers	\$100.00		

Total Received \$4,357.67

60 general offering envelopes collected,
 including children.

Christmas Offerings

General Fund	\$875.00	Christmas	\$821.91
		Main.& Rep.	\$1,000.00

Total Received \$2,696.91

49 general offering envelopes collected

Seminary Collection.....\$1,760.00

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

Baptisms and Marriages

By arrangement
 with Fr. Steve Robeson

Thank you for the donations
 for the Christmas Poinsettias.
 Our Church looked beautiful
 on Christmas Day! Thank you
 to all that helped decorate the
 inside and outside!

Our 3rd Annual



Benefits St. Ignatius Catholic School
 Saturday, February 2, 2019 2 12pm
 Check out our Facebook page for
 more info.

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Places to go around town.....

1/06 St. Vincent Breakfast 8-11:30am
 1/12 St. Vincent School Society Trivia
 Night \$15 per person (8-10) per table
 1/19 St. Joseph Neier Church Cajun
 Trivia Night Fundraiser \$200 per table
 reserve 314.808.3364

2/02 Catholic men for Christ-Touhill
 Performing Arts Center, UMSL
 Campus 9am-5pm catholicmenforchrist.org

3/09 Catholic women for Christ-Touhill
 Performing Arts Center, UMSL
 Campus 9am-5pm
catholicwomenforchrist.org

Upcoming Events at St. Ignatius

01/06 RCIA meeting 11am-12:15pm
 01/09 Men's Coffee & Scriptures from
 6:30- 7:30am at Ulett's Coffee Shed
 01/13 RCIA meeting 11am-12:15pm
 01/14-1/18 Communion Services
 01/16 Men's Coffee & Scriptures from
 6:30- 7:30am at Ulett's Coffee Shed
 01/16 NO PRACTICES
 01/16 Town Hall Meeting 7pm in
 Community Center
 01/16-19 8th Grade Trip to Washington
 D.C. for the March of Life
 01/16 Rosary & Litany after Mass
 01/17 Report Cards
 01/17 Women's Coffee & Scriptures
 7-8am in Community Center
 01/17 Home Economics 8am-3pm in
 Community Center
 01/19-01/20 Missionary Visitor
 01/20 RCIA meeting 11am-12:15pm
 1/21-1/22 Communion Services
 01/21 No School Martin Luther King Day
 01/22 Basketball games 5:30-8:30pm in
 Community Center
 01/23 Men's Coffee & Scriptures from
 6:30- 7:30am at Ulett's Coffee Shed
 01/24 NO PRACTICES
 01/25 Pro Life Mass
 01/25 St. Ig Club Dinner @ 6pm

Tax Statements will be mailed at the
 end of January. If you have changed
 your address please call the Parish
 Office. 636.932.4445

Sunday Offerings

(December 23, 2018)

General Fund	\$7,263.00	Tuition	\$3,484.00
General Child Fund	\$2.46	Lunch Money	\$247.50
Loose	\$95.00	School Don.	\$25.00
Main.& Rep.	\$1,300.00		

Total Received \$12,416.96

100 general offering envelopes collected,
 including children.

Special Collections

Seminary Collection	\$255.00
Brick Donation	\$1,500.00

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 5

5:00 p.m. † Florence Brinker

Eucharistic Ministers: Christy Engemann

Mary Glosemeyer | Janet Glosemeyer |

Bob & Patty Koch

Lector: Leo Meyer

Ushers: Don Barringhaus & Dawn Borgmann

Servers: Maddie Hellebusch & Austin Cooper

Sunday, January 6

8:00 a.m. † Melvin Gratz

Eucharistic Ministers: Paul Hecktor

Sheila Shortt | Bill Shuler | Chris Engemann | Joan Meyer

Lector: Sheila Shortt

Ushers: Becky & Gary Huddleston

Servers: Alex Huddleston & Kaylee Schwoeppe

10:00 a.m. † For the People of St. Ignatius

Eucharistic Ministers: Sandy Westhoff

Peggy Nenninger | Judy Bieker | Lesa Leopold |

Danielle Gratz

Lector: Vincent Leopold

Usher: Kopmann

Servers: Carley & Adam Kopmann

Monday, January 7

8:00 a.m. † Mike Blockage

Tuesday, January 8

7:30 p.m. † Kevin Shortt

Wednesday, January 9

8:00 a.m. † Theodore & Roasly Meyer

Thursday, January 10

6:00 a.m. † Lorraine Volkerding

Friday, January 11

8:00 a.m. † Orville Gildehaus

Saturday, January 12

5:00 p.m. † Theodore & Rosaly Meyer

Eucharistic Ministers: Paul Hecktor

Jackie Heggemann | Diane Lierman

Patty Mebruer | Lori Huenefeld

Lector: Stacy Kloeppel

Ushers: Kenny & Diane Lierman

Servers: Cole Atkins & Izabella Glosemeyer

Sunday, January 13

8:00 a.m. † Special Intention

Eucharistic Ministers: Debbie & Rick Hawkins

Norbert & Joan Engemann | Elaine Glosemeyer

Lector: Norbert Engemann E Dawn Hellebusch O

Ushers: Jacob Abel & Donny Engemann

Servers: Ryan & Luke Kloeppel

10:00 a.m. † For the People of St. Ignatius

Eucharistic Ministers: Angie Carr

Becky Schoppenhorst | Katie Engemann

Shari Kopmann | Audrey Hellebusch

Lector: Allison Hoglan

Ushers: John & Angie Carr

Servers: Colin Parks & Jacob Glidehaus

Pastor's letter to the People of St. Ignatius

With the gentle power of Christmas time, we have begun well another year. We are not just running through these Christmas characters of Mary and Joseph and baby Jesus and the angels and the shepherds and cute little animals in some worldly empty holiday scene of figures that we put up around our tree and then put away at the end of the season, as if life goes on unchanged by Him. No. There is so much more meaning to His coming. Mary and the shepherds began proclaiming that meaning on that "Silent Night." That meaning is, that the most simple and down-to-earth people can meet the full power and glory of God in Jesus without any status or position except being simply human. This Sunday, Epiphany, the meaning of Christmas is completed, when those humans who do have position and status, as "kings" or "wise men" from far Eastern lands, symbolizing the ends of the Earth, must also come to find Him and surrender all their power to Him. All humanity therefore, the most sublime and the most simple, must seek Him to learn how to be human. As the year begins anew, where do you put yourself on that spectrum, from simple to sublime? He has come to us all. The only question is, will we meet him with all that we are?

Father Steve

Mass intentions for last week

Monday, December 31 † Theodore & Rosaly Meyer

Tuesday, January 1 † Ardell Ruether

Wednesday, January 2 † Elaine Voss

Thursday, January 3 † Jerome & Eileen Ruether

Friday, January 4 † Virgil Gildehaus

Please Pray for the Sick/Ailing/Recovering

Doug Grafrath	Betty Hellebusch	Judi Liermann
Irene 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	Brad Segar	Kay Wagner
Judy Brouk	Ralph Glosemeyer	Betty Schulte
Stephanie Lindemann	Fred Borges	Marc Wagener
Tom Meyer	Richard Preiss	Laura Tellmann
Cindy Faust	Pete Reitz	Tom Glosemeyer
Kenneth Engemann	Frank Dowling	Olivia Jasper

Anniversaries of Our Dearly Departed

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

Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 7

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 3:22–4:6

Mt 4:12–17, 23–25

Tuesday

JANUARY 8

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:7–10

Mk 6:34–44

Wednesday

JANUARY 9

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:11–18

Mk 6:45–52

Thursday

JANUARY 10

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:19–5:4

Lk 4:14–22a

Friday

JANUARY 11

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:5–13

Lk 5:12–16

Saturday

JANUARY 12

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:14–21

Jn 3:22–30

Sunday

JANUARY 13

Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1–4, 6–7 or

Is 40:1–5, 9–11

Acts 10:34–38 or

Ti 2:11–14; 3:4–7

Lk 3:15–16, 21–22

Dear Padre,

I'm having an argument with a fundamentalist friend who insists the Epiphany happened exactly as it says in the Bible. I keep saying there's no way it could have. Who is right?

Catholics believe that each book of the Bible needs to be appreciated according to the principles of its own literary genre. We don't look to the Gospels for modern critical history or unbiased biographical/reportorial fact-telling.

The four Gospels were written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Each Gospel writer uses human skill to craft a true story, presenting the saving mystery of our Lord's life, death, and resurrection so that readers may come to know Christ, share his life, and be saved.

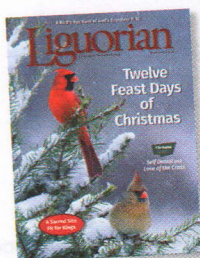
Every story in the Gospels is shaped to communicate saving truth, but not every story is told as a direct "just the facts, ma'am" report of sequential events. So there's saving sense in which, yes, the Epiphany happened exactly as it says in Matthew 2:1–12. And there's a more literal sense in which, no, the Epiphany probably didn't happen exactly as it's recounted.

What is most certain is the Gospel's saving message of the birth of our true King, the Light of the World, before whom we offer homage and who, when we encounter him, will change our lives and send us home in a new path.

—Fr. Matthew Allman, CSsR
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A Word From Pope Francis

How many stars there are in the sky! And yet the Magi followed a new and different star, which for them shone all the more brightly.... They listened to a voice deep within, which led them to follow that light. It was the voice of the Holy Spirit, who works in all people.

—Homily, Epiphany of the Lord, January 6, 2016



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