Every Good Gift and Every Perfect Gift is From Above  
James 1:17

BE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.  
MAKE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.  

JAN 5  
2020

| The Epiphany of the Lord |
A MESSAGE FROM....

All nations sing the Lord’s praises

Are you inspired to sing the Lord’s praises? The children at my first parish, St. Agatha Parish in North Lawndale, always began their prayers with gratitude. Those praises, directed to the Lord, were always the first words out of their mouths.

In the winter months it is easy to feel overwhelmed with darkness and cold. Maybe we should begin our prayers with the simple blessings of the day. Build our prayer life on a foundation of gratitude and remember those who may not be able to share in the blessings you have received. In prayer, try and remember the ancestors who have gone before you and made sacrifices for your benefit.

I am personally grateful for Fr. Ryan and the St. James staff who allow me to serve on a mission team in Quechultenango, Guerrero this week. I will pray for you, please pray for our team and those we will serve.  

-Fr. Matt

FORMING DISCIPLES

Happy Feast of the Epiphany!

I remember when I was about 18 years old and I was driving with my friend in Wisconsin. It was a beautiful summer day. 80 degrees outside. We had the windows down and could feel the perfect breeze coming off of Lake Michigan as we jammed out to the radio. As we drove by a Catholic Church he paused his loud singing and made the sign of the cross. I turned the music down, rolled the window up, and asked him why he did that. He was so much more into his faith than I was at the time and he offered up an explanation that I will never forget, “Jesus is fully present in every Catholic Church. So I always make a point to remember Him by making the sign of the cross every time I drive by a Church.”

In today’s Gospel, we hear about three magi journeying from Jerusalem to Bethlehem to find Jesus. They do not know who He is. However, once they find Jesus, they prostrate themselves, worship Him, and give Him gifts. They encounter the living God and immediately begin to worship Him.

How often do I walk into Church and forget that the God of the Universe is present. How often do I drive by a Church without even remembering that the same Jesus that was born in Bethlehem resides inside? How often do I go to a parish event or have an experience of Christ and then go right back to living my normal life as if nothing happened?

The Magi teach us how to pray and how to lay down our very lives for Jesus who laid His down for us. They followed the star, worshipped God, gave Him gifts, and changed their lives after receiving a message in prayer.

My goal for 2020 is to worship like the Magi.  

-Jonathan Blevins
RELIGIOUS ED - GRADES 1-5

Vacation Bible School
Save the Date
June 15th-June 19th

VBS 2020 is coming to you!
All students PreK 4-5th grade
are invited to attend and volunteers
are welcome. Details are coming
soon. Until then . . .
Save the Date!

HIGH SCHOOL LIFETEEN

WHEN AULD RESOLUTIONS BE FORGOT
RACHEL LENINGER, LIFETEEN BLOG

When it comes to New Year’s Resolutions, we
generally try to make some big changes. And if we
work at them, we might achieve one. So why not ask
God to help you tackle one of those areas? If anyone
can make it happen, it’s Him. Just ask:

Ezekiel 36:26 – I will give you a new heart, and a new
spirit I will put within you. I will remove the heart of
stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

Habakkuk 1:5 – Look over the nations and see! Be
utterly amazed! For a work is being done in your
days that you would not believe, were it told.

Isaiah 43:18-19 – Remember not the events of the
past, the things of long ago consider not: See, I am
doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you
not perceive it?

2 Corinthians 5:17 – So whoever is in Christ is a new
creation: the old things have passed away; behold,
new things have come. New Year, new you – In Him.

Now that’s a resolution worth keeping!

MIDDLE SCHOOL EDGE

I am blessed to announce that
next summer we are going to
be taking middle schoolers to a
Catholic summer camp in
Georgia. When I was young I
attended these camps and I can
honestly say that I would not
be your youth minister and
would likely not even be
Catholic today if it wasn’t for
the way Jesus moved in my
heart over the few weeks at
camp I spent in my youth. For
more information and
registration on how to have the
most life-changing and fun
week of your life reach out to
me at mlawson@stjamesah.org
or follow the link at
https://stjamesah.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/322

-Matthew Lawson

ADULT FORMATION

“?

Alpha has helped me examine Jesus’ role in my life. It
helped me better understand the teachings and
mysteries of Christian faith. I’m sure I learned about
this somewhere along my journey through Catholic
school, yet Alpha gave me a greater context for
comprehending and connecting to Jesus’ teachings.
Through Alpha, I’ve developed a more consistent and
personal relationship with Christ Jesus, and I’ve gained
a deeper understanding of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. I
would definitely recommend everyone participate in
Alpha!

SEAN M.

Alpha returns Feb. 3, reserve your spot today //
www.stjamesah.org/alpha
Fr. Matt cordially invites you to our first St. James Legacy Planning Luncheon

When:  Friday, January 17 ~ 11:30 am
Where:  Laramie Room (Church Basement)
What:  Financial and estate-planning methods that can minimize the tax burden on your family and provide a secure future to St. James Parish
Who:  Parishioner professionals will be on hand to guide the process and answer questions

A legacy is wealth in spirit ~ friends are welcome to attend!

Please RSVP by January 10th to Julie Cohen: jcohen@stjamesah.org or 224-345-7212

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DO YOU ♥ A CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION?

Tax season is quickly approaching. This year please consider the Tax Credit Scholarship Program that may provide you a tax credit and allow children without means to attend St. James School.

Please visit this link for further information on how you help St. James School’s Tuition Assistance program.

https://archchicago.org/tcs or call 312-534-2617
Ministers of Care
A Morning to Refresh and Renew!

St. Edna Church at 2525 N. Arlington Hts. Rd., will host our next cluster meeting on January 18th. Mary LaMont will present "Called to Be Companions for the Suffering: The Vocation of Ministers of Care". Mary is director of The Knocking Door, an organization that provides retreats, workshops, and spiritual leadership resources. Among her topics for the day will be "concrete strategies for how to be a spiritual support to those who suffer."

Mass will be celebrated at 8AM followed by the program at 9AM.

Please consider inviting a friend who might be interested in joining our ministry!
Wheels to Worship seeking new drivers to join the ministry

Our drivers provide parishioners with rides to mass who may not otherwise be able to attend. Whether you can drive once a month or every weekend, you will be providing a great service. A new driver training session will be held on January 11, 2020 at 10 a.m. in the parish center. If you would like to be a Wheels to Worship driver, please email Deb Amann at damann57@yahoo.com to sign up for the training.

"Every time I drive others to Mass, we bond in the special way of those who share our faith. Driving also affords us the opportunity to live our faith by perhaps recognizing other ways we might have the honor of being helpful to others.

I love this ministry!"
- Kathy, W2W driver

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**St. Vincent de Paul** - is an emergency source for food and short-term financial help for those living within parish boundaries, please call 224-345-7200, ext. 8517.

**Wheels to Worship** – To partipate in this ministry, either as a driver or a driver contact, please contact Deb Amann at damann57@yahoo.com.

**Stepping Stones** - If you or someone you know may be in an abusive relationship, a path to safety exists. Get help. Call the NV Hotline at 800-799-SAFE, or locally, call WINGS 24-hour Hotline at 847-221-5680.

**SPRED (Special Religious Education)** - Faith development for young adults with special needs to help nurture the presence of God in themselves. SPRED is held every other Wednesday Oct. to May 7-8:30PM in the St. James School SPRED Room. Contact d.desmond@comcast.net for information.

**Office for Protection of Children and Youth**
www.archchicago.org or call 312-534-5254

**Elizabeth Ministry** – An International Catholic organization with a local chapter here at St James. Our focus is to assist people in cherishing children, and witnessing to the dignity of all life, by treasuring the gifts of fertility and pregnancy, embracing natural family planning (NFP), supporting those with infertility problems, encouraging people in the adoptive process, and assisting families facing prenatal, infant or child death, illness or special needs. International link https://www.elizabethministry.org/ Local contact: ElizabethMinistry@stjamesah.org For Post-Abortion Counseling Help – call Project Rachel at Catholic Charities: 312-337-1962 www.hopeafterabortion.com

**Aide for Women** – Offers free life-affirming services to women in the Chicago metropolitan area who find themselves facing unexpected pregnancies. Each woman is provided with the emotional, practical and spiritual support that she needs to choose life for her unborn baby and to provide a better future for her and her child. Call 24/7 pregnancy helpline (312)621-1100 or main phone (312) 621-1107 for volunteer opportunities.

**NAMI**—National Alliance on Mental Illness—847-899-0195

**Alcoholics Anon.** 312-346-1475
**Alanon/Alateen** 847-358-0338
**Narcotics Anon.** 708-848-4884
**Families Anon.** 847-795-8320.

**St. Mary’s Services**
- Offers free, confidential counseling to assist women with an unplanned pregnancy, post partum depression, grief and loss over a miscarriage, or post abortion. Call 847-870-8181 for an appointment or to volunteer.

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"My favorite part of the ministry is being able to provide rides to people who may not otherwise be able to attend mass. It’s a way to share my faith and connect with my community."
- Kathy, W2W driver
Please pray for our sick...
Bob Teeghman, Jim Mackey, Martha Wrobel, Noreen Nordin

In Loving Memory
Irene Catherine Weirich - survived by children, Karen (Charlie) Zeller, Paul (Michele) Weirich, Thomas (Maribeth) Weirich, Elaine (Tony) K OPERA, Kenneth Weirich, Philip (Marie-Jane) Weirich, John (Justyna) Weirich and Mary Lou (Glen) Sharapata; 21 grandchildren

Baptisms
Gemma Susan Boor, child of Steven Boor and Katherine (Faems) Boor
Cole Everett Morrow, child of Phillip Morrow and Emily (Chicoine) Morrow

Remembrances
Saturday Evening/Sunday, January 5, 2020
Donald Seiler, Sharon L. Seiler Scanlan, Patricia Cooper, Stanly & Lorette Vessely III, Bob Jarosz, Mary Lyman, James Coy

Monday, January 6
Donald Weiss, Diane Supella, Jean Schmit, Dennis J. Lyle

Tuesday, January 7
Tina Marie Allind (1yr anniversary), Charles Kett, Catherine McDonald

Wednesday, January 8
Ann Caselton

Thursday, January 9
Regina Tay

Friday, January 10
Walter A. Ratajik, Adelaide Lehnis

Saturday, January 11
Mary Kreie, Mary Ellen Bannon

Saturday Evening/Sunday, January 12
Mary Kreie, Victoria & Joseph Prazuch, Angeline Candotti, Jim Fogarty, John D. Marshall, Lee Martin, John and Sadie Touhill

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).
Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).
Second Reading — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).
Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews?” (Matthew 2:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 - 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

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Saturday  5:00pm  Contemporary Group
Sunday   7:00am  Traditional Cantor
Sunday   8:30am  Traditional Choir
Sunday  10:00am  Contemporary Choir
Sunday 11:30am  Contemporary Choir
Sunday  5:00pm  Contemporary Group

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