

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**Mass Intentions & Dedications:**

**Saturday, January 1:** *The Nativity of the Lord (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)*

**Reading:** Nm 6: 22-27 / Gal 4: 4-7 / Lk 2: 16-21

10:30a: For Fr. Linh Nguyen & all priests

4:00p (St F): Memory of Frank Ketterring

6:30p: For Blake Tackett

**Sunday, January 2:** *Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

**Reading:** Is 60: 1-6 / Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2: 1-12

8:00a: Memory of Robert Levendoski

10:30a: For Michael Straight

12:30p: For Fr. Linh Nguyen

**Monday, January 3:** *The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

**Reading:** 1 Jn 3: 22—4:6 / Mt 4: 12-17, 23-25

6:30p (St F): For the Parish

**Tuesday, January 4:** *Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton*

**Reading:** 1 Jn 4: 7-10; Mk 6: 34-44

8:30a: For Michael Straight

**Wednesday, January 5:** *Saint John Neumann, bishop*

**Reading:** 1 Jn 4: 11-18; Mk 6: 45-52

12:00p: Memory of William "Buddy" Taylor

**Thursday, January 6:** *Blessed Andre Bessette*

**Reading:** 1 Jn 4: 19—5:4 / Lk 4: 14-22a

7:00a: Memory of Ed & Marian Lynch

**Friday, January 7:** *Saint Raymond of Penafort, priest*

**Reading:** 1 Jn 5: 5-13 / Lk 5: 12-16

6:30p (SF): For Fr. Linh Nguyen

**Saturday, January 8**

**Reading:** 1 Jn 5: 14-21 / Jn 3:22-30

4:00p (St F): Memory of John A. Keller

6:30p: Memory of George W. Moore

**Sunday, January 9:** *Baptism of the Lord*

**Reading:** Is 42: 1-4, 6-7 / Acts 10: 34-38 / Mt 3: 13-17

8:00a: For Health of Sarah & Hu Wyatt

10:30a: Memory of Marian Paula James

Lynch

12:30p: For Pope Benedict XVI

*All Masses are held at St. John Church unless noted with a "St F." for St. Francis Church.*

*If you would like to schedule a Mass Intention, please stop by the Parish Office or call 502-863-3404 with your date request. A \$5 stipend, mandated by the Diocese of Lexington, is due at the time of request. Novena candles are available on the altar under Our Lady of Guadalupe. Suggested donations (\$1 ea.) may be placed in the candle stand.*

**Prayer Requests:**

Please pray for Joe & Pauline Bartley; Connor Gibbons; Mike Hudgins; Virginia Moore; Joe Farwick; Blake Tackett; Shirley Collins; Gladys Fischer; Louise Holzworth; Rosella Southworth; Mary Alice Walls; Bill Gott; Tabitha Murphy-Warner; Mary Mitchell; Ruth LeBlanc; Jerry Lavalley; Joe Mulholland; Regina Greenberg, parishioners.

Also keep in your prayers: Dr. L. C. James & Dr. John Donaldson, friends of Dr. Clark Cleveland; Michael Rhodus, son of Jean Sparks; Jackie Graves, sister of Jan Ziegler; Richard Weber, father of Diana Hall; Charles Walsh, father of Shirley (and Jason) Gant; Andrew Kenneth Wilson; husband of Dorothea Wilson; Gene Childress, neighbor of Deacon John & Claudia Calandrella; Gertrude Peskie, sister of Maggie McGuire; Morris F., friend of John & Justin Coburn; Emma Grace Harris, granddaughter of Nancy Herring; Kirk Larkin, cousin of James Drummond; Michael Maddux, friend of Gail deCastro; Tom Osbourne, brother of Virginia Moore.

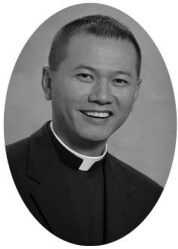
*Please remember all the sick or dying members and friends of Ss. Francis & John. Let us know when there are parishioners or family for whom you want us all to pray. Drop a note into the collection basket, or drop a note via email (parishoffice@ssfrancisjohn.org) or call the office (863-3404). All names will remain on the list for one month.*

<b>Stewardship of Treasure:</b>			
	12/26/2010		Fiscal YTD
Regular Offertory	\$19,062.00		\$236,927.80
Avg. needed to pay operating expenses	\$10,630.00		\$303,290.00
Christmas Collection = \$8,735			
<b>Thank you so much for your generous contributions in 2010!</b>			

**Thanks from Deacon:** Thanks for the prayers, cards and gifts that we received for the holidays. We will return in the New Year! Merry Christmas, From Deacon John and Claudia



**Happy New Year!**



From a letter by Saint Athanasius, bishop: (Epist. Ad Epictetum, 5-9: PG 26, 1058. 1062-1066)

*The Word took our nature from Mary*

The Apostle tells us: *The Word took to himself the sons of Abraham, and so had to be like his brothers in all things.* He had then to take a body like ours. This explains the fact of Mary's presence: she is to provide him with a body of his own, to be offered for our sake. Scripture records her giving birth, and says: *She wrapped him in swaddling clothes.* Her breasts, which fed him, were called blessed. Sacrifice was offered because the child was her firstborn. Gabriel used careful and prudent language when he announced his birth. He did not speak of "what will be born *in you*" to avoid the impression that a body would be introduced into her womb from outside; he spoke of "what will be born *from you*," so that we might know by faith that her child originated within her and from her.

By taking our nature and offering it in sacrifice, the Word was to destroy it completely and then invest it with his own nature, and so prompt the Apostle to say: *This corruptible body must put on incorruption; this mortal body must put on immortality.* This was not done in outward show only, as some have imagined. This is not so. Our Savior truly became man, and from this has followed the salvation of man as a whole. Our salvation is in no way fictitious, nor does it apply only to the body. The salvation of the whole man, that is, of soul and body, has really been achieved in the Word himself.

What was born of Mary was therefore human by nature, in accordance with the inspired Scriptures, and the body of the Lord was a truly body: It was a true body because it was the same as ours. Mary, you see, is our sister, for we are all born from Adam. The words of Saint John: *The Word was made flesh*, bear the same meaning, as we may see from a similar turn of phrase in Saint Paul: *Christ was made a curse for our sake.* Man's body has acquired something great through its communion and union with the Word. From being mortal it has been made immortal; though it was a living body it has become a spiritual one; though it was made from the earth it has passed through the gates of heaven. Even when the Word takes a body from Mary, the Trinity remains a Trinity, with neither increase nor decrease. It is for ever perfect. In the Trinity we acknowledge one Godhead, and thus one God, the Father of the Word, is proclaimed in the Church.

Dearly Beloved, Happy New Year! Let us welcome the New Year with heartfelt song of thanksgiving for the Eternal Gift of Love that our Mother Mary has brought to us. Let us live and witness of this gift through our generosity with one another.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincerest appreciation for your many Christmas gifts of best wishes, cards, prayers, and encouraging words. I thank God for allowing me to be your pastor by journeying with you through many times of sadness, joyfulness, and laughter. The journey of our future is in God's hands. We will face much heartache from within our family and abroad. Let us learn to care for one another. Let us support each other with kind words, loving actions, thoughtful prayers. This is the way of Christ! This is the mission of Christ! This is the heart of Christ! This is the true beauty that God has given to us through the Virgin Mary.

May God bless you on this Solemn Day of Celebration of Mary, Mother of God and throughout this New Year. Know that Christ is the ultimate source of our faith, hope, and love. Thank you and many Blessings of Grace.

Love in Christ, Fr. Linh

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### **Dates to Know:**

**Jan. 2:** NO CCD  
**Jan. 3:** Worship Cmte., 7:30p, PO  
**Jan. 5:** Youth Ministry (High School), 6:30-8:30p, TH  
**Jan. 6:** PTO/Boosters Mtg., 6:30p, 4th Gr. Class.  
**Jan. 6-7:** Extended Adoration, 7a Thursday to 9a Friday, SJC  
**Jan. 7:** Youth Ministry (Middle School), 7-9p, TH  
**Jan. 8:** Men's Support Group, 7-8:30a, Galvin's  
**Jan. 9: Meet & Greet with the IT Welcome & Engagement, 9a, UC**  
**Jan. 9:** Baptism Prep Class (Spanish) , 10:30a, UC  
**Jan. 9:** Baptism Prep Class (English),  
**Jan. 10:** Double Nickel (55+), 6p, UC  
**Jan. 11:** Ave Maria Ladies, 6:30p, UC  
**Jan. 12:** Youth Ministry (High School), 6:30-8:30p, TH  
**Jan. 12:** Stewardship/Formation Cmte., 7p, MH  
**Jan. 13-14:** Extended Adoration, 7a Thursday to 9a Friday, SJC  
**Jan. 14:** Youth Ministry (Middle School), 7-9p, TH  
**Jan. 15:** Parish Council Retreat, 8a-1p, TH  
**Jan. 16:** K of C Basketball Freethrow Tournament, 1-3p, Georgetown College  
**Jan. 16:** A Personal Encounter, 6p, SJC  
**Jan. 18:** IT Mtg., 7p, SJC & Campus  
**Jan. 19:** Market Day pick-up, 5-7p, UC  
**Jan. 19:** Knights of Columbus, 7:15p, UC  
**Jan. 20-21:** Extended Adoration, 7a Thursday to 9a Friday, SJC  
**Jan. 21:** PTO/Boosters Pasta Dinner, time TBA, Faith Baptist gym  
**Jan. 24:** Doctrine & Drinks, time & location TBA

### **Eucharist**

*A Personal Encounter*

Right Here At **St. John Church**  
At **6:00pm** on **January 16, 2011**

**2011 Parish Directory in the Works!** Family pictures will be taken **February 15-20 & February 23-26** in St. John School Office (old Parish Office in the conference room)! Book your own time slot on-line! More details coming soon!

**Food & Fellowship!** Join us in the undercroft January 9th after the 8a Mass for a "Meet & Greet" with the People Engagement & Welcoming IT group. The second Sunday of each month, a new group will sponsor this event, so mark your calendars to come! Refreshments will be provided.

<http://ssfrancisjohn.org>

### **School Ministry:**

#### **Volunteer Music Instructor**

**Needed:** St. John School is looking for an individual to volunteer one or two days a week to teach music to grades K-8. Requirements include a passion for music and working with children. Teaching experience and/or music degree is preferred but not necessary, but must pass a background check and attend virtus training. Please call Rebecca Elswerky, SJS Principal, for more details at 502-863-2607.



#### **Looking for Fun Stuff to Do Over the Holidays?**

Join us at Georgetown Bingo Hall every Friday & Saturday night from 6 to 10p for a great game of bingo, pull tabs, and more! Call Cindy at 570-0879 to volunteer!

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[www.stjohnschoolonline.org](http://www.stjohnschoolonline.org)

### **Youth Ministry:**

Middle School Youth Ministry - January 7, 2011 - All middle school youth are invited to gather this Friday from 7 to 9 pm at Trimbur Hall for the start of the 2011 calendar of events. The gathering topic this week will be "Little Christmas." Be sure to bring a friend!

High School Youth Ministry - January 5, 2011 - All high school youth are invited to gather this Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Trimbur Hall. Christmas and New Year's have past and now we are looking to continue to follow the star in the east. Pizza will be served from 6:30 to 7. Please bring \$2 if you would like to eat. Hope to see you there!

Doctrine and Drinks - We are excited to announce a new program for anyone **21 years of age and older**. Starting on Monday, January 24th, the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry will be offering a four week series for all that are interested in deepening their faith and gaining greater knowledge of the Catholic Church. These evenings will offer a speaker, time spent in fellowship, catholic trivia, and much more. The speaker for the first week will be our very own Fr. Linh. Time and location will be coming soon. Be sure to mark your calendars now, this is a evening not to be missed!



# BOYS & GIRLS AGES 10 to 14



The annual  
**Knights of Columbus**  
**Free-Throw Championship**  
will be held again this year at

**Georgetown College Gym**  
**on Sunday January 16, 2011**  
**beginning at 1:00 p.m.**

All boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 14 are eligible to compete. Age eligibility is determined by age of the contestant as of January 1, 2011. Championship entrants will compete only against youngsters of the same age and gender in five divisions: 10,11,12,13 and 14.

**There is no expense to participate,  
THAT MEANS FREE.**

Each entrant will receive a certificate, refreshments, pizza, and a gift. The winner of each age/gender group will become eligible to participate in the District competition to be held at a later date.

**Awards will be handed out at Georgetown**

Please come with a copy of your birth certificate to make sure you are registered. Family & Friends are invited.

For more information please contact Mike Nuzzo @  
502-570-5272 or [minuzzo@adelphia.net](mailto:minuzzo@adelphia.net)  
Additional forms are available at our website  
[www.kofc11470.catholicweb.com](http://www.kofc11470.catholicweb.com)

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### **Stewardship Corner: STEWARDSHIP PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR**

Loving Father, You are the Lord of our history; Our yesterdays, todays and tomorrows. We join all of creation in giving You praise and glory for the year behind us and for all the days you give us in the year ahead.

Forgive us for any misuse of days passed, and help us in this new year to use Your gift of days in a more loving and generous way.

Give us the strength to be less fearful and anxious, but to find our hope in the Good News brought about by the gift of Your Son.

Show us how to face adversity with Your grace and only the peace You can provide, and to see challenges as opportunities to draw closer to You.

Fill us with Your compassion, that we may do our part to bring about a more just and non-violent world, and to care for the most vulnerable among us.

We thank You for the gift of this new year, and ask that You bless it, and help us be good stewards of the time You have so graciously entrusted to us. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. Amen

The Christmas story of the visit of the magi to the Baby Jesus reveals how all nations will pay the newborn King homage and pledge to serve Him. We too are invited to hear the Good News of Our Savior and use the gifts given to us in service to the Lord. At the beginning of this New Year it is appropriate to ask: Will we accept the Lord's invitation to embrace His Gospel more fervently? What is it that we will do to serve the Lord more faithfully this year? How will we exercise stewardship over our own gifts to proclaim the Good News?

#### **Parish Committee Chairs**

Art & Environment Cmte.	Susan Craft	502-863-2046	scraft089@yahoo.com
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Double Saints Festival	Vacant		
Finance Committee	Marty Essig	859-533-7907	essigm@roadrunner.com
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Helping Hands Committee	Vacant		
Hispanic Committee	Bruce & Midge Gordon	502-370-5240	bruce29@aol.com
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#### **Parish Implementation Teams**

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Stewardship & Development IT	Brent Mayer	bcmayer@quixnet.net

**Diocesan Information:**

**Why Would God Say That?** Join us as Dr. Margie Ralph gives four classroom presentations based on her best-selling book, *And God Said What?*

When: January 22 and 29, February 5 and 12 from 8:30a –12p (includes a continental breakfast).

Where: Lexington Theological Seminary

Registration Fee: \$60, due Jan. 21

Refund Policy: \$5 refund charge for cancellation prior to Jan. 22 (none after Jan. 22).

Contact: Bill Turner at 859-280-1253 or bturner@lextheo.edu

Register online: [www.lextheo.edu/events](http://www.lextheo.edu/events)

**Catholics Returning Home:** Six week series for anyone considering a return to an active practice of the faith. Gets started on Wednesday, January 19th - 7:30pm at Christ the King parish. Information available online at <http://home.catholicweb.com/CRHatCTK/>. Please pray about and consider inviting family and friends who are away from the Church to consider this series. For additional information, contact Deacon Tim Weinmann (859-272-0277 or [tweinmann@cdlex.org](mailto:tweinmann@cdlex.org)).

**High School Come & See Weekend:** February 18 - 20, 2011 The Sisters of St. Benedict in Ferdinand, Indiana are holding a Come & See event for high school girls, freshmen to seniors. This is a chance to learn what it is like to be a nun in today's world. Pray, eat, and recreate with the sisters. For more information call Sister Michelle Sinkhorn at 800-738-9999, or visit our web page [www.thedome.org](http://www.thedome.org), where you can also register online. Parent permission is required.

**Ministers of the Liturgy:**

**Counters for January 3:** Tom & Kathy Fister, Joe Lush

**Saturday, January 8, 4p Mass (SF)**

EM: Deacon, Donna Lewis, Debra Lewis  
Greeters: Pauline Bartley, Carol Dziubakowski  
Lectors: Richard Hamilton, Clark Cleveland  
Servers: Corby Cooke, Matthew Cooke

**Saturday, January 8, 6:30p Mass (SJ)**

EM: Deacon, Christy Hughes, Paula Keith, Steve Spittler, Barbara Strippelhoff  
Greeters: Wyatt Hoffman, Howard Fister  
Lectors: Lane Marshall, Todd Stewart  
Servers: Shelby Hughes, Quinten Hughes, Emily Keith  
Sacristan: Christy Hughes

**Sunday, January 9, 8a Mass (SJ)**

EM: Deacon, Gail & Pete deCastro, Joan Potts, Sue True  
Greeters: Verla & Patrick Willett  
Lectors: Bill Pater, Dorothea Wilson  
Servers: Chris Neaves, Megan Kelly, Tori Cambron  
Sacristan: Jan Schweitzer

**Sunday, January 9, 10:30a Mass (SJ)**

EM: Deacon, Redith Couture, Jane LeBlanc, Janet & Tom Johnson  
Greeters: Chuck Comer, Carl Tackett  
Lectors: Lydia LaBlanc, Steven King  
Servers: Diana & Jay Hall, Julia Hall  
Sacristan: Tim Stout

**Homebound: #1: Cooney # 2: Calandrella**

**GOD IS GOOD. ALL THE TIME...ENCOUNTER HIM:** Jim Gruden was a Catholic his whole life. Living in the Dayton, Ohio area, Jim faithfully attended Sunday Mass and received the sacraments. He was the "good enough" Catholic as his faith rarely interfered with the affairs of this world like work and family. But Jim's life was changed forever when he made the mistake of spending some time before the Blessed Sacrament on his lunch hour one day. The impact of that visit to our Eucharistic Lord has left Jim a changed man and has led him on a journey of surprises and life changing miracles. Jim will share his personal testimony with our parish on Sunday, January 16, at 6:00 PM in church. An accomplished speaker, Jim has shared his story to thousands in the southwest Ohio area and was one of the principal speakers at the most recent Men's Conference in Cincinnati. His unique way of blending his personal story, analogies and music will challenge us to discern the will of our heavenly Father through the transforming power of his Son Jesus in the Eucharist. You are invited to encounter this power with us.

**THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF THE EUCHARIST  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 6:00PM, ST. JOHN CHURCH**