



# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

100 S. Cherokee St. Frontenac, KS 66763

January 8, 2023

The Epiphany Of The Lord



## Mass Intentions for This Week

SAT 1/7	5:00 pm	+Tip Hutsey
SUN 1/8	8:00 am	+Kay Meyer
	10:00 am	People of the Parish
TUE 1/10	5:30 pm	No Mass
WED 1/11	7:15 am	+Todd Driskell
THU 1/12	7:15 am	+Carolyn Lewis
FRI 1/13	7:15 am	+Tip Hutsey
SAT 1/14	5:00 pm	+Tim Flynn
SUN 1/15	8:00 am	People of the Parish
	10:00 am	+Betsy Ryan

## Parish Office

Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 am - 2:00 pm  
 Office: 620-231-7747 Emergency: 316-218-8656  
 Web site: [www.SacredHeartFrontenac.com](http://www.SacredHeartFrontenac.com)

## Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Josh Evans [frjoshevans@gmail.com](mailto:frjoshevans@gmail.com)  
 Secretary: Suzy Collins [sacredheart66763@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheart66763@gmail.com)

## Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil : 5:00 pm  
 Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am  
 Tuesday: 5:30 pm  
 Wed – Friday: 7:15 am

## Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 pm  
 Tuesday: 5:00 - 5:25 pm  
 Wed – Friday: 7:00 - 7:10 am

## Looking Ahead

SUN 1/8	After Masses	KOC Breakfast: Hall
TUE 1/10	5:30 pm	No Mass
	6:15 pm	Walking With Purpose: Bosco
WED 1/11	7:30 am – 8:30 pm	Eucharistic Adoration
	6:00 pm	PSR Classes (K-8th)
THU 1/12	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Parish Office Hours
	11:30 am	Harvest House: Bosco
	6:30 pm	RCIA: Hall
FRI 1/13	6:15 am	Kapaun's Men: Bosco
MON 1/16	6:30 pm	Altar Society Meeting: Bosco

## Ministry Schedule

January 14th & 15th

### Rosary Leaders

5:00 pm Sharon Barone  
 8:00 am Kelly Coleman  
 10:00 am David Friskel

### Lectors

5:00 pm Janet Hogard  
 8:00 am Al Eshelbrenner  
 10:00 am Kathy Seitz

### Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm David Hogard  
 8:00 am Trey Coleman  
 10:00 am Tracy Holzem

### Gift-Bearers

5:00 pm Deann Schamerhorn  
 8:00 am Joe & Kathy Martin  
 10:00 am Dennis & Nancy Cashero

### Altar Servers

5:00 pm River & Rain Wheeler  
 8:00 am Kaden & Kallan O'Bray  
 10:00 am Caitlyn & Claire Boyce

### Ushers

5:00 pm Rick S. & Steve H.  
 8:00 am AJ M. & Bill D.  
 10:00 am Matt M. & Paul M.

## Harvest House

Join us Thursday, January 12th at 11:30 am in the Bosco Center. Members will be asked to share new ideas and activities for the group in the coming year. We are asking people to bring old magazines, used paperback books and jigsaw puzzles for the residents. Plan to stay after lunch to visit with friends or play cards. Bring along a new boardgame if you wish.

## Stewardship of Treasure

Envelopes	\$7,010.00
Loose Collection & Visitors	\$605.25
Online Tithing	\$2,696.00
Building Fund	\$4,790.00
Cemetery Fund	\$1,175.00
Food Pantry	\$180.00
Call to Sharing	\$240.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$16,696.25</b>



We are blessed to have such amazing parishioners that made our Christmas season beautiful!! Thank you to the choir, ministry volunteers and the decorating of the church!

## What is the Epiphany?

Caspar, Balthasar, Melchior. These “three kings of Orient are” found, complete with crowns and camels, in every nativity scene.

### MAGI – THREE KINGS?

Yet if you look closely at the gospel account of the Magi (Mat 2:1-12), you won’t find these names. Actually there is no mention of how many Magi there were or that they were kings riding camel-back. This is a testimony to something some Bible Christians would like to deny: that all who read a text of Scripture do so in the light of some tradition, through some lens. If it is the right lens, it magnifies the text and allows us to get at its true meaning. If it is the wrong lens, we get a distorted image.

### EPIPHANY & THE WEALTH OF THE NATIONS

It just so happens that the lens the Catholic tradition uses to read the story is derived from Scripture itself. To be precise, it flows from the connection between holy words written hundreds of years apart. But despite the many years and different human authors, these texts were inspired by the same Divine Author, the Holy Spirit.

In chapter 60 of Isaiah (Is 60:1-6), it is predicted that at a time of darkness, the glory of the Lord will shine over Jerusalem. The heavenly light will be a beacon to the pagan nations and even to their kings. Here we find mention of camels whose job it will be to bring the wealth of these nations, including frankincense and gold, to the city of the Lord. Psalm 72 agrees that far off kings will bring gifts to the Son of David. The tradition of the Church has always seen the story of the Magi as a fulfillment of both Isaiah’s prophecy and Psalm 72. Hence the crowns and camels.

### GOLD, FRANKINCENSE & MYRRH

But hold on. Isaiah 60 refers to only two of the gifts mentioned by Matthew: gold, fit for a king, and frankincense, for the worship of God. So what about the myrrh—where does that come from and what does it mean?

Myrrh, an aromatic resin, was used in preparing the dead for burial. Gold reveals that the babe in the manger is actually a king; frankincense tells us that is he God incarnate; myrrh tells us that he has come to die. That someone would redeem God’s people through suffering and death was foretold by Isaiah a few chapters earlier (Is. 53). This was the really hard thing for those living in

Jesus’ time to comprehend—that the same person who fulfilled all those prophecies about a glorious new king also fulfilled the prophecies about a suffering servant.

All three gifts of the Magi are necessary to convey the true revelation, the true epiphany of who this child is and what he is destined to do. That’s why for hundred’s of years we’ve sung of three kings, not two or four.

## MAGI – CASPAR, BALTHASAR & MELCHIOR

OK, so where did the names of the three come from? The ancient feast of the Epiphany actually celebrates three events, tied together by the meaning of the word epiphany as “appearance” or “manifestation.” Jesus suddenly appears as who He really is—messiah and God—to the Magi, at Cana when he works his first miracle, and when he is baptized in the Jordan.

In the early Church, Epiphany was therefore second only to Easter vigil as the time to celebrate the sacrament of baptism. Blessed water from those baptisms were used to bless the dwellings of the faithful, and it became customary to write over the doorposts of blessed homes “C+B+M” meaning “Christ blesses this house (Christus bendicat mansionem).” Since the three kings were also remembered at the same time, someone decided to give them names, and to use CBM as their initials—Caspar, Balthasar, and Melchior. The names stuck.

### THREE KINGS, EPIPHANY & THE TRUE STAR

But the fact that Matthew gives them no names is telling. They may be kings, but in this story they are merely supporting actors. They follow the true Star, the King of Kings. Only His name is important. The Feast of the Epiphany is not about the Magi—it’s all about Jesus.

## RCIA

Join us Thursday, January 12th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall to discuss the Sacrament of Baptism.

## March & Rally For Life in Topeka

You are invited to attend the March & Rally For Life in Topeka on Tuesday, January 24th. We have an opportunity to join parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes, Pittsburg as they caravan to this pro-life event. Departure time is 7:00 am. We will attend Mass with the Bishops of Kansas at the Topeka Performing Arts Center at 10:30 am. Following Mass, we will walk to the Capitol steps for a Rally For Life. We should arrive back in Pittsburg by 6:00 pm. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Mary Dollar at 620-249-2780 or [mc\\_dollar@hotmail.com](mailto:mc_dollar@hotmail.com) by January 10th.

## Angel Tree

Dear Sacred Heart,

Thank you so much for saying YES to children’s wishes this Christmas! This is a very difficult time of year for the families and children we serve, but because of your donation, we were able to help vulnerable children have a merry Christmas. Thank you again for your generosity,  
Sara Eck, DCCCA

