



"Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." How strange to journey so far for perhaps so

little. Of course the magi go to the capitol city. Of course they entreat with King Herod. Of course this is where they expect newborn royalty to be. But where is the child? "In Bethlehem of Judea," the scribes say. And so the magi go on to what is yet another Christmas miracle.

We don't know where the magi met the Christ Child, but it cannot have been lavish. Perhaps it was the stable. Perhaps it was a small hovel Joseph had found to wait out the census. But it would have been the home of a laborer, worn and threadbare. Here, in this unassuming abode, the magi are still "overjoyed...they prostrated themselves and did him homage."

Have you ever gotten to the end of a great work and found the results to be underwhelming? How did you respond? Were you disappointed or elated at God's providence and your upended expectations? The magi journeyed hundreds of miles over treacherous terrain to pay homage to royalty they have seen prophesied in the stars. They encountered an ordinary family displaced from their home. This Sunday, the magi are an example for us. Can we see God in the unexpected? Do we encounter Him in the person who doesn't fit our expectations of propriety? Do we revere Christ's presence in the poor? Or do we expect to meet God only in places of honor and esteem? This week, ask God for the grace to honor Him in the unexpected places and unassuming people. He is waiting for you!



Weekly Scripture Passage for Next Weekend

January 12th & January 13th, 2018

The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 (21C)

Psalm 104:1B-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Scripture readings are held each **Wednesday after 8am Mass in the Rectory.** These readings help us to prepare for the upcoming Sunday's Gospel.



*Prayers of the Faithful*  
*Ron, Deanne MacDonald,*  
*"Rosebud" Bouquet*



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bulletin. You may drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the Rectory.

The deadline is January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

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**Today's Homily**

*The Christ child has come into the world, not just for his own people but for all people of all time.*



Please join us on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30am Mass, we will be taking down the Christmas decorations, any and all help would be greatly appreciated.



Faith Formation Classes will resume on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 - 10:15am in the Parish Hall.



Just a friendly reminder, please join us in the Parish Library Sunday, January 6th from 1 to 3 to discuss life after loss. You can share your experience, strength and hope (or just listen if you prefer).



None of us are without gifts to share for the good of God's kingdom. Could it be that your gift is a vocation to priesthood or religious life? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at (716) 847-5535. You can also check out the "Priest of the Month" stories on our website [www.buffalovocations.org](http://www.buffalovocations.org)!

**Gift to God:**

**Collection Week Of: 12/30/2018**

\$2679 Regular Collection,  
\$25 Religious Education,  
\$309 Fuel,  
\$3735 Christmas Collection

**Attendance Week Of: 12/30/2018**

Saturday Mass 5pm ~ No Count  
Sunday Mass 8am ~ 73  
Sunday Mass 10:30am ~ 79  
Total = 152

**Counters for January 13th - S & V  
September-November**

YTD Collections	\$38,645
YTD Budget	\$38,750
YTD Variance	(\$105)



**Mass Schedule & Intentions for the Week**

*M - Memorial A - Anniversary L - Living*

**Monday, January 7th**

8am In Memory of Ethan Kasprzak - M  
(Len Kasprzak & Family)

**Tuesday, January 8th**

8am Ignatius Kalinowski  
(Mike & Lori Kasprzyk)

**Wednesday, January 9th**

8am Fr. Matt and the Wendzikowski Family

**Thursday, January 10th**

8am For All Parishioners

**Friday, January 11th**

8am Members of the Golden Treasury of Masses\*

**Saturday, January 12th**

5pm All Souls

**Sunday, January 13th**

8am Sue Van Remmen - M  
(Ed & Becky Russell)  
10:30am Frank & Maria Horvath - M  
(Stephen & Valerie Horvath)

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

Saturday, January 12th	5pm Help Needed
Sunday, January 13th	8am Zywczyński Children
	10:30am Regina Izydorczak

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE**

Saturday, January 12th	5pm D Bliss & R Cavaretta
Sunday, January 13th	8am D Folaron & M Kasprzyk
	10:30am T Painter & P Schumacher

**LECTOR SCHEDULE**

Saturday, January 12th	5pm Norm Turner
Sunday, January 13th	8am Help Needed
	10:30am Sue Vanderbush

**SACRISTAN SCHEDULE**

Sat/Sun January 12th - January 13th  
• 5pm A Howes • 8am Help Needed • 10:30am M Szucs