



The Seekers

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

I live at a parish in downtown Milwaukee. From my window I watch the world pass by, everyone below in search of one thing or another. Students from the local university seek an education, business folk look for a sale, street people often look for a place to spend the night, teenagers hope to find love. Yet beneath all of those longings, in each one there is a deeper hunger that wonders what life is all about and the hope that they might find it. Hidden amidst it all, the real hunger is for God, a longing sewn into our being, sometimes recognized but too often not.

The story of the *Magi* is a story of seekers making their way from afar in hopes of finding the promised one, a newborn king. Perhaps they knew of this child's divine nature, more likely not, yet it was ultimately that same hunger that exists in all of us that drove them, a deep desire to know God.

Every serious religion seeks to experience God in life and tells the stories of those who have done so. There are Christian mystics like St. John of the Cross and St. Teresa of Ávila, Jewish mystics of the Kabbalah tradition, the Sufis of Islam, Native Americans who go on vision quests, the Hindus who practice yoga, as well as the Buddhists and Taoists and Confucians. Like the Magi, we all seek to find God. ●

Arise! Shine, for your light has come,
the glory of the LORD has dawned upon you.

ISAIAH 60:1

Reflect

Does it make sense to you to say that your deepest hunger is for God?



Loyola Parish

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Directory	Mass Schedule	Upcoming Events at St. Ignatius												
<p>Pastor Father Dennis M. Doyle (636) 433-2678 sv-icpastor@centurytel.net</p> <p>Deacon Deacon Paul Hecktor (636) 932-4805 sphecktor@gmail.com</p> <p>Parish Office Manager Cindy Deters (636) 932-4445 cindy.deters@saintig.com</p> <p>Parish Council Members Fr. Dennis Doyle Nick Kluesner Tim Diermann Jeremy Hecktor Syd Fees Jenna Huddleston Donna Blahut</p> <p>School Principal Arlesa Leopold (636) 932-4444 leopold@saintig.com</p> <p>School Secretary Sandy Walls (636) 932-4444 sandy.walls@saintig.com</p>	<p><u>St Ignatius ~ St Vincent</u> <u>Immaculate Conception</u></p> <p><u>Saturday</u> 5:00pm SI <u>Sunday</u> 8:00am IC 10:30am SV</p> <p><u>Monday</u> 8:00am IC <u>Tuesday</u> 8:00am SI <u>Wednesday</u> 8:00am SV <u>Thursday</u> 8:00am SI <u>Friday</u> 8:00am SV <u>First Saturday</u> 8:00am IC</p> <p>Holy Days—Please check the bulletin and/or website for Holy Day schedule.</p> <p>Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 4:00-4:45pm SI Sunday 10:00am SV, before Sunday Mass First Saturday of the Month 8:30am IC (following 8am Mass) Any other time by appointment</p> <p>Eucharistic Adoration Thursdays 8:30am-7pm</p> <p>Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions Tuesdays after Morning Mass at SI</p> <p>Marriages arranged at least 6 months in advance with Fr. Doyle</p> <p>Baptisms arranged with Fr. Doyle in the Parish Office</p>	<p>01/06 5pm Mass Fr. Doyle's Installation 01/07 Baptism 11am—Gleeson—Deacon Paul 01/09 Rosary & Litany after Mass 01/09 Parish Wide Mtg. 6:30 pm (Gym) 01/10 St. Ann's Ladies X-Mas Party 6:30 pm (Cafeteria) 01/11 Rectory Cleaning 01/15 NO School--Martin Luther King Day Parish Office Closed 01/15 Church Cleaning Team 1—Michelle Hellebusch 01/17-02/01 Fr. Doyle Out of Town 01/17 School Board Meeting 6:30 pm 01/18 Home Economics 8am-3pm 01/20 Parent Faith Support 6-7pm 01/23,01/25,01/30 and 2/1—Communion Services</p> <p><u>St Ann's Ladies Society Christmas Party</u> <u>POSTPONED</u> <u>12/6/23</u></p> <p><u>New date 1/10/24</u>—6:30 pm Please bring a snack or dessert, and a non-perishable item for the food pantry. We will have a gift exchange game (rob your neighbor) if you want to participate, bring a \$10 gift wrapped.</p> <p>All ladies are welcome!</p> <p><u>Special Announcement</u> During the cold and flu season, please refrain from receiving the Precious Blood at Mass if you have a cough, cold or any flu symptoms.</p> <p><u>Jonah Team after 5 pm Mass 1/6/24</u></p> <p>East Central Area Missouri Right to Life is sponsoring a fundraiser, a 50/50 drawing to be held February 8th at our monthly meeting.</p> <p>Proceeds benefit pro-life efforts. Ticket donations are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Tickets available from Diane Glosemeyer. Need not be present to win. Thank you!</p>												
<p><u>Parish Giving</u></p> <table><tr><td>General Fund</td><td>\$5025.00</td></tr><tr><td>Loose</td><td>\$38.00</td></tr><tr><td>Christmas</td><td>\$190.00</td></tr><tr><td>Votive Stand</td><td>\$58.00</td></tr><tr><td>Flowers</td><td>\$50.00</td></tr><tr><td><u>TOTAL \$5,361.00</u></td><td></td></tr></table> <p>51 General Offering envelopes collected, including children.</p> <p>Seminary Collection \$150.00</p>	General Fund	\$5025.00	Loose	\$38.00	Christmas	\$190.00	Votive Stand	\$58.00	Flowers	\$50.00	<u>TOTAL \$5,361.00</u>		<p><u>Parish Wide Meeting 1/9/24</u> <u>6:30 pm GYM</u> <u>Regarding the Future of St Ignatius School. All Parishioners are welcome!</u></p>	
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<p>Social Group will be going out to lunch on Wednesday, January 24th at noon to Dutzow Deli. Everyone is welcome to join us, especially our friends from St Ignatius and Immaculate Conception. No reservations are required. Come and enjoy the fun.</p>														



Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, January 6, 5:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: Paul Hecktor
Danielle Gratz, Jeanie Dothage, Christopher
Engemann, Amanda Schwoeppe

Lector: Larry Sander

Ushers: Dave and Amanda Schwoeppe

Servers: Josie Liermann, Jared Meyer, Christine
Marquart

Saturday, January 13, 5:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: Paul Hecktor
Patty Mebruer, Lesa Leopold, Stacy Kloeppel,
Beth Hellebusch

Lector: Vincent Leopold

Ushers: Danielle and Jeremy Hecktor

Servers: Danel Drew Hecktor, Grant Korman

Anniversaries of Our Dearly Departed

01/02/00 Jonathon Faust
01/21/00 Armella Glosemeyer
01/21/07 Werner Hellebusch
01/22/05 Loriece Williams
01/21/00 Gertrude Ahmann
01/24/02 Barb Schwoeppe
01/25/09 Olivia Hellebusch
01/31/85 Michael Bennett
01/31/15 Corey Hellebusch
01/08/12 Linus Westhoff
01/09/76 Anna Engeman

01/18/99 Kenneth Jaeger
01/22/08 Pat Prunty
01/28/05 Clarence Lamke
01/04/77 Harold Volk
01/05/01 Victor Engemann
01/07/08 Donald Goetemann

Please Pray for the Sick Ailing Recovering

Connie Buenemann
Jerome Heggemann
Andrew Hellebusch
Betty Hellebusch
Carl Jacquin
Carol Jacquin
Judith Liermann
Jeffrey Lierman
Connie Struckhoff

Joan Meyer
Theodore Meyer
Tom Meyer
Richard Preis
Jim Smith
Matt Struckhoff
Natalie Ulett
Audrey Wagener
Marc Wagener

Leanne Davis
Jacqueline Heggemann
Jean Jaeger
Marilyn Heady
Terry Sullentrup
Fr. Finbarr Dowling
Rick Thiel
Amy Brakemeyer

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 6 Melvin Gratz
5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 9 Schwoeppe Family
8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, January 11 Larry Meyer
8:00 a.m.

Saturday, January 13 Betty Gildehaus
5:00 p.m.

**Mass at 8am St Ignatius Thursday 1/18/24-Celebrant Bishop
Rivituso.**

St Ig Club Memberships for
2024 are 71 to date. The goal
is 85. You still have time to
get yours submitted. Please
put in an envelope marked
Home & School and drop off
at School, the Parish Office
or put in the Collection
Basket. Thank you!

Home & School Committee

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 6—Polar Plunge at Veteran's Memorial Lake in Union, MO hosted by St John the Baptist
Gildehaus and WCU # 268 in celebration of the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus. Pre-register at
www.christplunge.com. \$25 donation (includes a T-shirt). \$10 donation for the plunge only.
Registration day of starts at 10am. Plunge starts at 10:30 am. Ages 10+ are invited to
participate.

Jan 19—Music Trivia Night at St Joseph Parish. 1410 Josephville Rd., Wentzville. Doors open at
6pm. Trivia starts at 6:30 pm. \$15/person. Team max of 10. BYOB and snacks. Hosted by
Trivia Riot. To register or for more info call Sarah at 314-960-0177 by 1/17/24.

Feb 2-4—Worldwide Marriage Encounter presents weekend in St Peters, MO for married couples
to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew
commitment. Sign-up now as space is limited. Go to www.me.org or call Terry & Eric Engholm
at 314-649-7317.

RESERVE YOUR SCHOLARSHIP!



*"The only limits for
tomorrow are the doubts
we have today."*



SCHOLARSHIPS UP TO \$2,500 PER STUDENT
APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR THE 2024 – 2025 SCHOOL YEAR
JANUARY 22, 2024

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Home or Cell? _____

Email Address: _____

Is this a gift? _____ If so, from who? _____

Which school family gets dress-down credit? _____

You're invited to the St. Ig Club Dinner!

January 26, 2024 in the St. Ignatius of Loyola Community Center

Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.; Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

RSVP by January 12, 2024: Accept _____ Decline _____

How to Submit Your Membership Form

1. Enclose membership form in an envelope along with \$100 in the form of cash or check. Checks payable to the St. Ignatius of Loyola Home and School Committee.
2. Mark envelope 'Attn. Home and School Committee'. Then, mail to St. Ignatius of Loyola School, drop in the collection basket at weekend Mass, or deliver to the school office. **Forms are due January 12, 2024.**
3. Email homeandschool@saintig.com or call President Sarah Neeley at (314) 223-5522 should you have any questions.

Dear Padre,

On what date was Jesus born? Was it December 25 or some time between December and April, when shepherds watched over their sheep?

Due to the complexity of history's various calendars and ways of calculating time, we cannot be sure of the date. Matthew and Luke, the two Gospels that detail the birth of Jesus, do not give a date.

Early Christians observed an annual feast to remember Jesus' death and resurrection, focusing on the paschal mystery rather than on his birth. As Christianity grew and spread, however, Christians wanted to celebrate more events from Jesus' life. The celebration on December 25 has more to do with an expression of faith in Jesus as Emmanuel, "God with us," than with establishing the exact date of his birth.

December 25 is listed as the date of Jesus' birth in a fourth-century calendar of martyrs, but how this date was chosen is unclear. Some scholars believe Christians in Rome chose December 25 to counteract the celebration of the pagan sun god Emesa. Another theory follows the influences of the seasons: early Christians believed John the Baptist was conceived on the autumnal equinox and born at the summer solstice. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus' conception took place six months after John's. That time line would place Jesus' birth at the winter solstice, December 25 on the Julian calendar. A third theory says Jesus' birth would have occurred on the same date as his death, which we believe to be in the spring at Passover. Regardless of the exact date, we celebrate Jesus as the true Son of God who came to enlighten us and, by his death and resurrection, to give us life. ●

Fr. John Schmidt, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

MONDAY

January 8

Baptism of the Lord

Is 55:1-11

1 Jn 5:1-9

Mk 1:7-11

TUESDAY

January 9

Weekday

1 Sm 1:9-20

Mk 1:21-28

WEDNESDAY

January 10

Weekday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20

Mk 1:29-39

THURSDAY

January 11

Weekday

1 Sm 4:1-11

Mk 1:40-45

FRIDAY

January 12

Weekday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a

Mk 2:1-12

SATURDAY

January 13

Weekday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a

Mk 2:13-17

SUNDAY

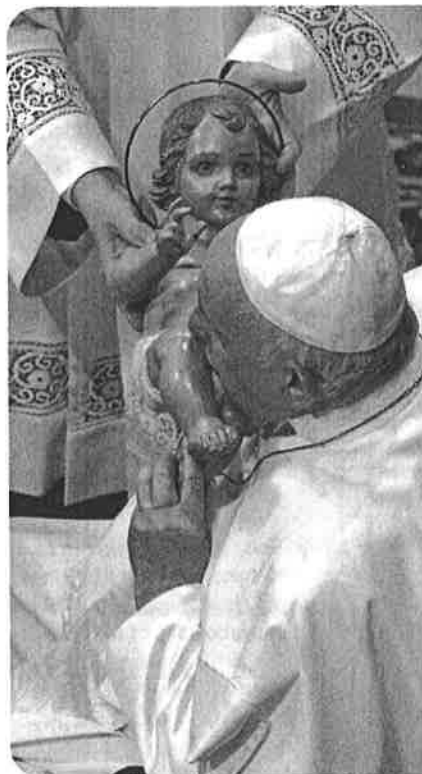
January 14

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Jn 1:35-42



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Like a rising star (see Numbers 24:17), Jesus comes to enlighten all peoples and to brighten the nights of humanity. Today, with the Magi, let us lift our eyes to heaven and ask: "Where is the child who has been born?" (Matthew 2:2). Where can we find and encounter our Lord?

**HOMILY, ROME,
JANUARY 6, 2023**