

THE SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PARISHES
OF OBERLIN & SELDEN,
& **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH**
OF LEVILLE.

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Mission Statement

We are a stewardship community of believers called by Baptism, fed and nourished by Word and the Eucharist, to live out our faith in the Risen Christ through the Roman Catholic Tradition. With Mary as our model, we live as disciples of Jesus Christ committed to embodying Gospel values in our lives, our relationships, and our work.

Mass Schedule

<p>Sacred Heart Church, Selden Saturday (Vigil Mass), 6:00 PM Wednesday, 8:00 AM</p>	<p>Immaculate Conception, Leoville Sunday, 8:00 AM Thursday, 8:00 AM</p>	<p>Sacred Heart Parish, Oberlin Sunday, 10:30 AM Tuesday and Friday, 8:00 AM</p>
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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Selden, 5:30—5:50 PM
Leoville, 7:30—7:50 AM
Oberlin, 10:00—10:20 AM

Other times by appointment.

TODAY'S LITURGY: Though Jerusalem had been laid waste by the invading Babylonian army and the Israelites were just beginning to return there, Isaiah foresaw the day when it would draw people and riches from near and far. The psalmist proclaims that all nations will adore God, for justice and peace will flower throughout the land. People of every nation, says Paul, are members of the same body of Christ as those who heard the gospel from Jesus directly. In the Gospel, the magi from the east are led by the wondrous star to the humble stable where Jesus lay. As we hear these passages, let us contemplate our faith through the eyes of an outsider.

Bowling and Pizza. All CCD children of Leoville and Selden parishes are invited for bowling and pizza at the Sunflower Recreation Center in Oberlin, Sunday, January 16th, 1:00 PM Hosted by the Leoville-Selden Knights of Columbus.

Oberlin Sacred Heart Youth Choir will have a final practice for their Christmas song at 10:15 on December 9th and sing during Mass that day. Please join us if you are in grades K-12.

Fr. Carlos is taking a trip to be with his family in Mexico, January 3-13, 2022. Fr. Andrew Rockers is coming for the weekend of January 8-9.

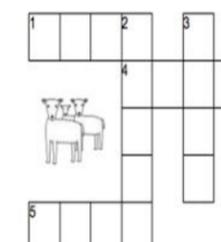
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker Event. The Salina Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites ALL WOMEN. Speaker: Mother Miriam of the Lamb of God, Daughters of Mary –Conversion story– Value Them Both Amendment, Protecting Life at all stages. Join Catholic women from across the diocese as they share in their faith. Sunday, January 9, 2022, 1:00—4:00 pm. Sacred Heart Cathedral, 118 N 9th, Salina, KS 67401. Questions? Contact Rachel Elsen, rachelelsen518@gmail.com 785 738-2889

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Shepherds in the Bible



- Across**
- Psalm 23 says "The _____ is my shepherd."
 - King _____ was a shepherd before he was king.
 - Shepherds were the first visitors when Jesus was _____.
- Down**
- _____ the prophet was a shepherd.
 - Jesus said, "I am the _____ shepherd."

- Word List**
- AMOS
 - BORN
 - DAVID
 - GOOD
 - LORD

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Epiphany

We have all had the experience of walking into a dark room and searching for the light switch. If we are unfamiliar with the space, anxiety, uncertainty, disorientation, and even fear can easily arise. Once we find the light, all is illuminated and we are at peace. Our light has come into the world! The glory of God has been revealed! Today's feast of the Epiphany teaches us to look to our Savior, Jesus Christ, for the way to truly be the human beings we were created to be. He shows us how to prioritize our lives, order our relationships, care for creation, and live as daughters and sons of God. God's love and creative power is universal, transcending all races and nations. Jesus brings the light of peace to a broken world that still struggles to understand itself and to you and I who also struggle to understand who we are. May we find ourselves overjoyed that we have found our truth and allow Jesus to bring light to the darkness of our lives!

The Greek origin of "epiphany" means "to reveal" or "manifestation". Regardless of how you celebrate, Epiphany Sunday and the weeks that follow are about light, revelation, and glory; God manifested in the flesh, come to dwell among us.

Epiphany celebrates God's manifestation of Jesus in three ways.

First, Epiphany celebrates the fact that Jesus came to all people. The story most often associated with Epiphany is that of Wise Men from the East following the star as it led them to Jesus (Matt. 2:1-12).

The Epiphany of the Lord is Jesus's manifestation not only to these three Magi from the East, but it's also a symbolic but real manifestation of the Christ to the whole world. These Magi, traveling from a foreign and non-Jewish nation, reveal that Jesus came for all people and all are called to adore Him.

These Magi were wise men who studied the stars and were aware of the Jewish belief that a Messiah was coming. God used what they were familiar with to call them to adore the Christ. He used a star. They understood the stars and when they saw this new and unique star over Bethlehem they realized that something special was happening. So the first lesson we take from this for our own lives is that God will use what is familiar to us to call us to Himself. **Look for the "star" that God is using to call you.** It's closer than you may think.

On entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Matthew 2:11

A second thing to note is that the Magi fell prostrate before the Christ Child. They laid their lives down before Him in complete surrender and adoration. They set a perfect example for us. If these astrologers from a foreign land could come and adore Christ in such a profound way, we must do the same. **Adore Him with a complete surrender of your life.**



Lastly, the Magi bring gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These three gifts, presented to our Lord, show that they acknowledged this Child as the Divine King who would die to save us from sin. Gold is for a King, frankincense is a burnt offering to God, and myrrh is used for one who would die.

The symbolic gifts:
 "Gold: The royal metal; signifies Jesus' kingship (hence, the gift for a king)
 Frankincense: Symbol of prayer; signifies Jesus as high priest/ mediator between God and man (hence, the gift for a priest)
 Myrrh: A burial ointment; meaning the Jesus had to die for the salvation of all (hence the gift for one who would die).
 Thus, their adoration is grounded in the truths of who this Child is. If we are to adore Christ properly, **we must also honor Him in this threefold way.**

Pope Francis guided us in a statement during an Epiphany mass, "Like the Magi, may we also journey and be attentive, untiring and courageous on the path to find the invisible God who was born among us."

Guide Us to Thy Perfect Light"

The Epiphany should remind us of how special Jesus is and that we should spend our lives seeking Him. Jesus is the light for everyone and if we follow Him we will never go astray.

Star of wonder, star of might, star with royal beauty bright – westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to the perfect light.

House Blessing

On the Feast of the Epiphany, it is very special to ask the blessing of God on your house throughout the following year. This blessing can help us remember that God is a part of our comings and goings and every aspect of our daily lives. As a part of this blessing, it is traditional in some areas to write in chalk above the main entrance to the home. This is what the writing would look like for 2022: +20 C M B 22+.

The letters C, M, B can signify the names of the three Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They can also stand for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, which is Latin for *May Christ bless this house*. The + signs represent the cross of Christ and the first two numbers are the first part of the year, while the last two numbers are the last part of the year.

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Ministry Schedule

Selden Sacred Heart

Saturday, January 8, 6:00 p.m.

Rosary: Rhonda
 Server: Koen
 Lector: Melissa
 Music: Rose
 Collection: Council Members

Leoville Immaculate Conception

Sunday, January 9, 8:00 a.m.

Rosary: Craig
 Servers: Jordyn & Rayna
 Lector: Mindy
 Music: Shelley & Peggy
 Collection: Gina/Joanie

Oberlin Sacred Heart

Sunday, January 9, 10:30 a.m.

Rosary: JoAnn
 Server: Fortin
 Lector: Jackie
 Collection: Council members

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Selden Sacred Heart

Saturday, January 1, 6:00 pm

Matthew Finnesy +

Saturday, January 8, 6:00 pm

Carl Mumm +

Leoville Immaculate Conception

Sunday, January 2, 8:00 am

**For the Families of
 Dwayne and Joan Metz**

Sunday, January 9, 8:00 am

For All The People In Our Parishes

Oberlin Sacred Heart

Sunday, January 2, 10:30 am

For All The People In Our Parishes

Sunday, January 9, 10:30 am

Dan and Angie Biggs ++

Collection Report

Selden Sacred Heart

December 25:

Weekly Offering	\$393.00
Christmas Eve	\$650.00
Poinsettias	\$50.00
Votive Candles	\$13.00

Leoville Immaculate Conception

December 26:

Weekly Offering	\$973.00
Christmas Eve	\$2858.00
Votive Candles	\$50.00

Oberlin Sacred Heart

December 26:

Weekly Offering	\$1851.11
Christmas Day	\$360.00

Please, pray for the intentions or needs of: Catherine Neal; Helen Karls; Bob Ross; Don & Gerry Neff; Juanita Williby; Hannah Abbot; Darrel Jones; Keith Schulte and Janet Payne (*Jackie's siblings*); Lexie Muehlenkamp (*Charlotte's great granddaughter*); Rodney Carlson (*Charlotte's son-in-law*); Jessica Campbell; Joe & Laura Dorenkamp; Arvilla and Jerry Juene-mann; Carlene Bruggeman; Kathy Otter; Julie Patterson; those with terminal and chronic illnesses, COVID-19 patients, cancer patients, their caregivers, and their families. **(To add or remove a name, please, contact Fr. Carlos)**

Prayer for Epiphany

Father God,
 the star that led the Magi to the stable, announced
 to the world that its Savior was born.

Today we live in a world
 that is still covered by darkness,
 and still needing to make that journey to the stable
 door.

May our lives reflect your light day by day,
 as we seek to serve where you have placed us;
 that we might be the means through which others
 can encounter Jesus Christ.

Amen.

