

The Church of the Epiphany

Proper 9, Year A

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 9, 2023

10:30 a.m.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Welcome to Epiphany. All the words of our worship service appear in this service leaflet. The Episcopal tradition values common prayer; we invite you to pray with us today. We hope the act of praying together in community will shape your faith and help you grow closer to God. If we can pray for you, please let the priest know or put a note in the offering plate when it is passed. Parts of the service which the people pray aloud appear in bold. Page numbers referenced in this leaflet correspond to page numbers in our Book of Common Prayer, the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

Hymns with an S in front of them are our service music. These hymns are in the blue Hymnal 1982 in the frontmost section. Other hymns, noted simply by their number, are from the rear portion of the hymnal. Please join in the singing; you don't need to be a stellar vocalist – simply sing joyfully!

(The worship service is live-streamed. Streaming and recording conclude at The Great Thanksgiving. Holy Communion is not recorded.)

Please silence your cell phones and electronic devices

Prelude: How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds – P. Bouman

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

The people stand

Hymn 657 Love divine, all loves excelling

The people standing, the Priest-Celebrant joins the people in facing the Altar and says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. BCP 355

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.**

Amen.

The Priest-Celebrant says the Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Gloria in Excelsis is sung by all, standing

Hymnal S-280

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Priest-Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Priest-Celebrant faces the Altar and says the Collect of the Day

BCP 230

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by
loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy

Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

BCP 357

The people sit

Reader A Reading from Zechariah [9:9-12]

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with
you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence follows

Reader The Psalm for today is portions of
Psalm 145 [8-15] [*Exaltabo te, Deus*]
We will read responsively by whole verse.

BCP 802

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The Lord is loving to everyone *

and his compassion is over all his works.

10 All your works praise you, O Lord, *

and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *

and speak of your power;

12 That the peoples may know of your power *

and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *

your dominion endures throughout all ages.

14 The Lord is faithful in all his words *

and merciful in all his deeds.

15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; *

he lifts up those who are bowed down.

Reader A Reading from Romans [7:15-25a]

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence follows

The people stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Laudate Dominum

Songs from Taizé

The people and choir sing.

Sung through three, six, or nine times

**Laudate Dominum,
Laudate Dominum
Omnes gentes, alleluia!**

Then, all standing, the Priest-Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to Matthew [11:16-19, 25-30].

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

After the Gospel, the Priest-Celebrant says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev'd Dr. Lynn Collins

Silence follows

The people stand. The Priest-Celebrant and people say

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessions for Year A

The Intercessor and people pray responsively

Intercessor Let us come before God in a posture of openness,
expecting the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and to
lead us into the offering of our prayers, as we respond,
“Hear us, good Lord.”

Silence follows

Free us from the bondage of our sinful ways, our
blindness to truth, our stubbornness and lack of
discipline, that we may yearn after the fruits of the divine
Word and follow its wisdom; let us pray.

People **Hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor Strengthen the love and devotion amongst family
members, that forgiveness may heal old wounds, and
mutual affection pave the way to wholeness; let us pray.

People **Hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor Guide the leaders of our Church, that there may be
mutual respect across, and a renewed sense of
partnership in bringing serving God in the most troubled
corners of our neighborhoods and nations; let us pray.

People **Hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor Encourage our civic leaders to modify their convictions

with compromise, that there may be a renewal of hope for those who live in poverty, unemployment, and lack of educational opportunities; let us pray.

People **Hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor Reveal the unfolding beauty of creation, the uniqueness of seasons, and the joy and wonder of your handicraft, that we may delight in guarding these gifts; let us pray.

People **Hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor Receive those who have died into your arms of mercy, that they may sleep in everlasting peace; let us pray.

People **Hear us, good Lord.**

Intercessor Faithfully following Jesus on the path to new life, let us continue our prayers.

Silence follows

The people may add their own intercessions and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

The Priest-Celebrant concludes with a Collect.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSON OF SIN

The Priest-Celebrant reads one of the sentences from the Penitential Order

BCP 352

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14,16*

All who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in God's holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

The Priest Celebrant then says

BCP 359

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

The Priest and People say

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

The Priest stands and pronounces absolution.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

All stand

The Priest-Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Priest-Celebrant and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord

The Priest-Celebrant says to the people

BCP 376

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

The people sit

The people are invited to place their offerings and commitment/pledge cards into offering plates, which are brought to the altar as an offering to God, blessed by the Priest-Celebrant, and used for the ministries of the Church

Anthem: God's Peace – White/Dawn/Adams

Hymn 424 For the fruit of all creation

Traditional Welsh melody – tune name: AR HYD Y NOS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

The people stand.

The Priest-Celebrant faces them and says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Altar, the Priest-Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

Hymnal S-125

Priest-Celebrant and People

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel

Then the Priest-Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Priest-Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Priest-Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **AMEN.**

The Priest-Celebrant continues

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

People and Priest-Celebrant

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory**

for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Priest-Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread

A period of silence is kept

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

THE AGNUS DEI

Hymnal S-161

Priest-Celebrant and People

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

Facing the people, the Priest-Celebrant says the following Invitation

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Priest-Celebrant and ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people

An Invitation to Baptism

All baptized Christians, regardless of their denomination, are invited to receive communion at Epiphany. If you would like to be Baptized, thereby becoming a member of the mystical Body of Christ, the Church, please contact the Priest-in-Charge.

For Those Who Wish a Blessing

All are welcome to come to the altar and receive a blessing from the priest. If you would like a blessing, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

How to Receive Communion

To receive the bread, lay your right hand in your left hand, palm open. To receive the wine, as the priest brings the chalice to your mouth, gently touch the base of the chalice and help guide it to your lips. The response after receiving is to say, "Amen."

A Note About Intinction

We do not allow the practice of intinction, or dipping the bread into the consecrated wine. If you do not wish to receive the consecrated wine, please cross your arms over your chest as the chalice bearer approaches. Although we encourage reception in both kinds, the grace of God present in the holy sacrament is fully available in the bread or the wine alone.

If you would like communion brought to you in your pew, please tell an usher and the priest will come to you.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

BCP 365

Celebrant The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.
Communicant **Amen.**

Celebrant The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.
Communicant **Amen.**

The people join the choir in singing the hymns during Communion.

Hymn 693 Just as I am, without one plea

Taizé Chant. Come and fill

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia!**

After Communion, the Priest-Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Priest-Celebrant and People

BCP 366

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.***

The Priest-Celebrant blesses the people.

The blessing of God Almighty, The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. ***Amen.***

Hymn 544. Jesus shall reign, where'er the sun

THE DISMISSAL

The Priest-Celebrant dismisses the people.

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude.: Jesus Shall Reign – N. Rawsthorne

An Outline of the Faith
commonly called the Catechism

God the Son

- Q. What do we mean when we say that Jesus is the only Son of God?
A We mean that Jesus is the only perfect image of the Father, and shows us the nature of God.

Q. What is the nature of God revealed in Jesus?

A. God is love.

Q. What do we mean when we say that Jesus was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and became incarnate from the Virgin Mary?

A. We mean that by God's own act, his divine Son received our human nature from the Virgin Mary, his mother.

Q. Why did he take our human nature?

A. The divine Son became human, so that in him human beings might be adopted as children of God, and be made heirs of God's kingdom.

Q. What is the great importance of Jesus' suffering and death?

A. By his obedience, even to suffering and death, Jesus made the offering which we could not make; in him we are freed from the power of sin and reconciled to God.

Q. What is the significance of Jesus' resurrection?

A. By his resurrection, Jesus overcame death and opened for us the way of eternal life.

Q. What do we mean when we say that he descended to the dead?

A. We mean that he went to the departed and offered them also the benefits of redemption.

Q. What do we mean when we say that he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

A. We mean that Jesus took our human nature into heaven where he now reigns with the Father and intercedes for us.

Q. How can we share in his victory over sin, suffering, and death?

A. We share in his victory when we are baptized into the New Covenant and become living members of Christ.

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COMMUNICATION CARD
July 9, 2023

Welcome! You have blessed us with your presence. Please tell us how we can best serve you by completing the Communication Card.

Please place in the offering basket, hand it to an usher, or place on the table in the vestibule.

I'm looking for a church home
 I'd like to speak with a clergy member
 I'm ready to become a member
 I'm just visiting today

Name & Address Please update

Phone _____

Email _____

Children's names and ages


Please give me more information about:

Children's / Youth Programs
 Social events
 Outreach opportunities
 Classes and Small Group Studies
 Baptism or Confirmation
 How I can get involved

How did you hear about Epiphany?

(over)

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

New to the Prayer List: the family of Renee Stone—friends of Jennifer & Billy Tucker, Sebastian Strong—Jennifer Whitlock's grandson, Tom Devol—friend of Cheryl Lineberry, Steve—friend of Gray & Frosine Corbett, Clay—friend of Gray & Frosine 

Parishioners: Mike Young, Bob Jimerson, Milton Jenkins, Herb Williams, Martha Jenkins, Buddy Dunn, Timon Kenyi, Shirley Hughson

Homebound: Ray Hampton, Dot Hudson, Fran LaVigne, Marion Magruder, Joyce Melton, Ina Stickel, and Irene Morris

Family & Friends: John Henry Rice—son of Fr. John & Mackie Rice, Johnny Jorstad—Martha Jenkins son & Marty Shephard & Sandy Tignor's brother, Jennie Gundersen—friend of Irene Temple, Judy Watson—Martha Jenkins niece & Mary Shephard & Sandy Tignor's cousin, William Higgins—Harrison Higgins' grandson, Helen Adams — friend of Gina Richardson, Virginia Barrett—Conny Barrett's daughter-in-law, Jean Stone— John Stone's mother, Donna Nuttal & family—niece of Gina Richardson

Prayers for the departed: Renee Stone—friend of Jennifer & Billy Tucker, Theodore Osborne—friend of Mr. Kristin

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

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The Church of the Epiphany

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 9, 2023

Welcome—we are glad you are here! Know that whoever you are, and where ever you are in your spiritual journey, you have a place here. If you are new, or haven't yet given us your contact information, please complete the attached communication card and place it in the plate so that you can learn more about Epiphany's community.

Introducing the Lesson

1st Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

Our opening reading is a prophecy of great hope and salvation for Jerusalem: her triumphant but humble king comes to rule. This vision of the victorious yet lowly messiah riding on a young ass derives from ancient rituals in the holy city. Several hundred years before Jesus' time the prophet Zechariah looked forward to a time of restoration for his people and a magnificent new king. His peaceful dominion will reach from the great river (the Euphrates, but mythically the river of paradise) to the ends of the earth.

2nd Reading: Romans 7:15-25a

In this lesson Paul continues to wrestle with the question of the role of the law. Although the law is good in principle, without God's saving act in Jesus, it only produces more sinfulness. Paul feels two strong and opposing tendencies within his being. Without the new relationship of faith through Jesus, the regulations of the law only cause the tendency to break the law to grow stronger. Paul speaks of this as a tendency of his flesh, by which he means all within him that does not seek faithful obedience to God.

The Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

In our gospel lesson Jesus compares his generation to capricious children, equally displeased by the austere message of John the Baptist and the inviting message of Jesus. Yet God's wisdom will prevail. Jesus bids all to come and find that the yoke of his teaching is easy to bear. The disclosure of the divine will come as God's gracious gift, not through human knowledge. Especially intimate is the relationship between the Lord of all life and Jesus—that of Father and Son. Although he is the Son, Jesus is humble of heart and gentle.

On the Calendar and Coming up

Sun. July 9th

8:15 am — Holy Eucharist
10:30 am — Holy Eucharist

The Rev. Canon Dr. Lynn Collins will be with us as Mtr. Kristin is away for Continuing Education this week.

7:30 pm — AA Meeting in parish hall

Wed. July 12th

No Noon Eucharist
No Bible Study

Fri. July 14th

7:30 pm — AA meeting in the parish hall

Sat. July 15th

10—noon—Diaper Ministry

Sun. July 16th

8:15 am—Holy Eucharist
10:30 am—Holy Eucharist

The Rev. Dr. Lynn Collins will be with us as Mtr. Kristin is away for Continuing Ed.

7:30pm —AA meeting in the parish hall

The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Randy & Karen Holden in thanksgiving for Wendy Wade.

This morning we welcome the Rev. Canon Dr. Lynn Collins who is our Celebrant & preacher while Mtr. Kristin is away.

Mtr. Kristin will be away for Continuing Education from July 9—15. Please keep her in your prayers.

Do you have a devotion to the Eucharist and a love of sharing that joy with others? On **July 23, at 9:15 am**, there will be a meeting in the parlor for anyone interested in becoming part of our Eucharistic Visitor ministry. This ministry is a way to keep our parish family connected to those unable to attend our services in person. If you can't come to the meeting but are interested in becoming a LEV, please get in touch with Crystal Sarvay or Mother Kristin.

Stewardship: I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide me, and I in them bear much fruit because apart from me you can do nothing, (John 15:5). "With him, we can do anything, because we know that God surrounds us with an abundance of blessings. Therefore, those who need money, and those who can give money meet on the common ground of God's love". Henry J. M. Nouwen, a spirituality of fundraising, page 26.

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Outreach Opportunities



The diaper ministry continues to hold diaper distribution on the third Saturday of every month from 10 am to 12 noon. This inspirational ministry has been touching families lives in our community since 2018 and continues to welcome new families each month. This ministry offers the parish an outreach opportunity to share God's love and develop relationships within our community. The most recent diaper distribution was held Saturday, June 17th and **the next diaper distribution day is on July 15th**. A sign-up sheet is on the outreach board in the parish hallway for anyone interested in volunteering. Donations of diapers (sizes 5 and 6) and wipes are also appreciated. Thank you again to everyone for your continued support of this ministry!



A copy of the **2023 homeless lunch schedule** is available on the bulletin board in the parish hallway if anyone would like a copy. If anyone is interested in taking part in this ministry, ALL are welcome! Contact Mary Sam Abernathy (msabernathy88@gmail.com) or the team lead, for the team you are interested in helping. **The next lunches are scheduled to be prepared and delivered by the Red Team on August 5th**. Thank you to the Yellow Team for preparing & delivering lunches on Saturday, July 1st. This ministry is currently in its 24th year! **Donations of paper lunch bags, sandwich bags and napkins** are always welcome as well and can be dropped at the church office. Additionally, if you have further questions or concerns, I am always available to answer any questions. Crystal Sarvay, Outreach Coordinator (crystalsarvay@gmail.com).



Lambs Basket continues to need donations of food items, particularly cereals, peanut butter, jams, jellies, and canned foods. Please, bring in your donations and leave them in the parish hallway in the red wagon. Thank you for your continued support of this project.

If anyone has any outreach projects or needs, they are aware of in the community, please share them! See Crystal Sarvay, Outreach Coordinator, or email at epiphanyrvaparishnurse@gmail.com.

The love and kindness that our parish amazing! Love lives here!



COMMUNICATION CARD

July 9, 2023

Our Communication Card is for **all people at The Church of the Epiphany** so that you can share your thoughts and prayers, and request information.

If you are new, please complete the opposite side so we also have your contact information.

I'd like more information about an upcoming event or program

I am RSVPing or signing up for:

I am interested in learning more about how to be part of the following ministries or programs:

- Music
- Altar Guild
- Office help
- Christian Ed
- Outreach
- Ushers
- Chalice Bearer
- Greeters
- Pastoral Care
- Readers
- Prayer Team
- _____

Prayer Requests / Comments