

The Church of the Epiphany

The Third Sunday of Advent, Year A

December 11, 2022

10:30 a.m.

Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Mass is offered today in memory of The Rt. Rev. Emmanuel Murye Modi,
Bishop of The Episcopal Church Diocese of Kajo-Keji, South Sudan

This service leaflet is excerpted from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), the red book located in the pew rack in front of you. If you prefer to use the BCP itself to aid your worship, all BCP page numbers are noted. Hymns and service music are from The Hymnal 1982, the blue book located in the pew rack in front of you. Service music is noted by an S in front of the number and can be found in the front of The Hymnal 1982, before the hymns.

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

Prelude: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming – M. Burkhardt

Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD
Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

The people stand.

Processional Hymn: 66 Come, thou long expected Jesus

The people standing, the Priest-Celebrant says

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

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

The people kneel.

THE DECALOGUE

Enriching Our Worship 1

Celebrant Hear the commandments of God to his people:
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of
bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
And incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
And incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant You shall not invoke with malice the Name of
the Lord
your God.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
And incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
And incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant Honor your father and your mother.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
And incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant You shall not commit murder.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
And incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant You shall not commit adultery.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,**

And incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant You shall not steal.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
And incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant You shall not be a false witness.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
And incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant You shall not covet anything that belongs to
your neighbor.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us,
And write all these thy laws in our hearts,
we beseech you.**

The people stand.

Kyrie: Lord, Have Mercy

Hymnal S-91

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 357

The Priest-Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Priest-Celebrant says the Collect for the Third Sunday of Advent.

BCP 212

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among
us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your
bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through

Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lessons

BCP 357

The people sit.

Reader A Reading from Isaiah [35:1-10]

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even
fools, shall go astray.

No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Silence

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm [146:4-9]

BCP 803

Reader The Psalm for today is portions of Psalm 146. We will read the psalm responsively by whole verse.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their
help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

**Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is
in them; ***

who keeps his promise for ever;

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *

the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

The LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The LORD shall reign for ever, *

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.

Hallelujah!

Reader A Reading from James [5:7-10]

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Silence

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

Sequence Hymn. Advent Alleluias

Luke Mayernik

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to Matthew [11:2-11].

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

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.’

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has
arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the
kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

Silence

After the Gospel, the Priest-Celebrant says

The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY

Mtr. Kristin Wickersham

Silence

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
Form VI

BCP 392

The Intercessor and people pray responsively.

Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Intercessor For all people in their daily life and work:
People **For our families, friends, and neighbors,
and for those who are alone.**

Intercessor For this community, the nation, and the world;
People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;
People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice,
and oppression.**

Intercessor For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind
of trouble;
People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless,
and the needy.**

Intercessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who
seek the Truth.**

Intercessor For Michael our Presiding Bishop,
Mark our Bishop, Kristin our Priest; and
all bishops, priests, deacons, and other ministers;
People **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of
this congregation.

Silence

The people may add their own petitions, either silently or aloud.

Intercessor Hear us, Lord;
People **For your mercy is great.**

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this
life.

Silence

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

Intercessor We will exalt you, O God our King;
People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Intercessor We pray for all who have died, especially the
Rt. Rev'd Emmanuel Murye Modi, Bishop of
The Episcopal Diocese of Kajo-Keji, South Sudan,
that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The people may add their own petitions.

Intercessor Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People **Who put their trust in you.**

The Priest-Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect.

Hasten, O Father, the coming of thy kingdom; and grant that
we thy servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold
thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ,
our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 359

The Priest-Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneel.

Silence is kept.

The Priest-Celebrant 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 Priest-Celebrant stands and says

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 OFFERTORY

Offertory Sentences
BCP 376

The Priest-Celebrant says to the people

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

The people sit.

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

Anthem: Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending – R. Vaughan

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B
BCP 367

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.**

The Priest-Celebrant says

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

Priest-Celebrant and people sing

Sanctus
S-130

Hymnal

**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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

The Priest-Celebrant and people say

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Priest-Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 Priest-Celebrant and people say
BCP 364

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

The Priest-Celebrant says the following Invitation

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

Music During Communion

Taizé Chant

**Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!**

After Communion, the Priest-Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The Priest-Celebrant and people say
BCP 365

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Priest-Celebrant blesses the people.

May the almighty and merciful God,
by whose grace you have placed your faith
in the First Coming of his Only Begotten Son
and yearn for his coming again,
sanctify you by the radiance of Christ's Advent
and enrich you with his blessing.

People **Amen.**

As you run the race of this present life,
may he make you firm in faith,

joyful in hope and active in charity.

People **Amen.**

So that, rejoicing now with devotion
at the Redeemer's coming in the flesh,
you may be endowed with the rich reward of eternal life
when he comes again in majesty.

People **Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you forever.

People **Amen.**

The Priest-Celebrant dismisses the people.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Post-Communion Hymn: 615 "Thy kingdom come!"

The people depart after the conclusion of the hymn and carry the Good News into the world.

The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Kim & Sandy Ruder in memory of her parents, Alex & Nadine Mickel, his parents, Neal & Mary Ruder and her brother, David Mickel.

**An Outline of the Faith
commonly called the Catechism**

God the Father

Q. What do we learn about God as creator from the revelation to Israel?

A. We learn that there is one God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

Q. What does this mean?

A. This means that the universe is good, that it is the work of a single loving God who creates, sustains, and directs it.

Q. What does this mean about our place in the universe?

A. It means that the world belongs to its creator; and that we are called to enjoy it and to care for it in accordance with God's purposes.

Q. What does this mean about human life?

A. It means that all people are worthy of respect and honor, because all are created in the image of God, and all can respond to the love of God.

Q. How was this revelation handed down to us?

A. This revelation was handed down to us through a community created by a covenant with God.

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COMMUNICATION CARD
December 11, 2022

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

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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?

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FOR YOUR PRAYERS

New to the Prayer List: Sandra — friend from community 

Parishioners: Dottie Strabley, Mike Young, Bob Jimerson, Fran LaVigne, Buddy Dunn, Milton Jenkins, David Skinner, Chip Dunn, Herb Williams, Marion Magruder, Martha Jenkins, George Baynes, Nancy Sonne, Jeannie Riddick

Homebound: Ray Hampton, Dot Hudson, Charlotte Lovelace, Joyce Melton, Ina Stickel, Betty Van Valkenburg, and Irene Morris

Family & Friends: Joyce Matchunis—Irene Morris' daughter-in-law, Dave Schulte—friend of Wayne & Lucy Whitlock, Nancy Baynes Rojas—daughter of George & Joy Baynes, Johnny Jorstad—Martha Jenkins son & Marty Shephard & Sandy Tignor's brother, Buster & Janet Magruder—Marion Magruder's son & daughter-in-law, Carolyn Hall—friend of Kathy Jimerson, Lynn Selfe—friend of Gray & Frosine Corbett, Deb—cousin of Jeri Anne Townley, David Thabet, Elizabeth Mickel,—relatives of Denise Russell and Sandy Ruder, Christian Devol—friend of Cheryl Lineberry, Easton Guyer—Cheryl Lineberry's grandson, Mike Marcial—friend of Cory Isemann, Kelly & Steve Schaaf, Emily, Stephen Bruke—son of Scott Blackwell's friend, Karen Rood—Jeri Anne Townley's sister, Melissa Matthews —friend of Kim Ludwig, Jack Nance, friend of Cheryl Lineberry, Judy Watson—Martha Jenkins niece & Marty Shephard & Sandy Tignor's cousin, Janie Dunnlevy—friend of Lucy & Wayne, Billy Callahan—friend of Karen Holden, Joan Senoga—friend of Jeri Townley, Joan Church—friend of Gail Wood, Jean McDonough—Kim Ludwig & Karen Tucker's aunt

Prayers for the departed: Bishop Emmanuel Murye Modi

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Coffee Hour: Soup & Bread lunch
Counters: Scott Blackwell, Gray Corbett

The Church of the Epiphany
ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2022



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 Lessons

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

In the reading from the Hebrew Bible the prophet envisions a time of abundance and healing for Israel. As when the people were led out of Egypt into the promised land, so this new return will be in the power of God. Retribution will fall upon the Lord's enemies, but there will be water in the wilderness for the redeemed. In words that are later used by Jesus to describe what is taking place in his ministry, the prophet foretells an age when the blind and deaf, the lame and dumb will be healed.

2nd Reading: James 5:7-10

This lesson is an exhortation to patient expectation in preparation for the coming of the Lord. One may learn from the farmer, who must wait for the crop to ripen, or from the prophets who bore suffering with patience. Such endurance excludes a grumbling blaming of one another. The Lord will come soon.

The Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

In our gospel passage Jesus responds to a question from John the Baptist about his mission and then describes John's ministry. Jesus' answer to John's question suggests that people must make up their own minds about his role while observing the healings that are taking place in accordance with ancient prophecies. Those who hear Jesus are also to recognize that John is a prophet and more: he is the one who prepares for the Lord's coming.

On the Calendar and Coming up

Sun. Dec. 11th

8:15 am—Holy Eucharist
10:30am—Holy Eucharist
Soup & bread luncheon

7:30 pm—AA Meeting in parish hall

Tue. Dec. 13th

11:30 am—Chapter 4 lunch @ O'Charley's
7:00 pm—JRRingers

Wed. Dec. 14th

6:00 — 7:30 pm—Bible Study

Thur. Dec. 15th

6:15 pm—Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm—Handbell Rehearsal

Fri. Dec. 16th

6:00 pm—Vestry Mtg. & Social @ Corbett's.
7:30pm—AA meeting in the parish hall

Sat. Dec. 17th

10—noon—Diaper Ministry
6:00 pm—Children's Pageant

Sun. Dec. 18th

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

7:30pm —AA meeting in the parish hall

The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to our Sudanese folks on the unexpected death of Bishop Emmanuel Murye Modi —Diocese of Kajokeji, South Sudan. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Poinsettias: Time to place your order—\$15.00. Please give me the names of who they are in memory of or thanksgiving for by Monday, December 19th.

There is still time to turn in your pledge card and if you have lost or misplaced yours there are some on the table in the narthex.

Due to the busy bustle of the holidays we are cancelling the Noon Service for the month of December. We will be resuming again after the first of the year!

Chapter 4 will meet for 'Christmas luncheon' on Tuesday, December 13th at 11:30 am at O'Charley's at Broad & Horsepen.

Here's the upcoming kitchen news.

TODAY: Soup and Bread luncheon—join us in the parish hall for good food and fellowship!
Dec. 25 and Jan 1: No coffee hour

Jan. 8: Feast of the Epiphany, this is a pot luck event. Bring your favorite dish to share. The church will provide chicken tenders.

Feb. 12: Pasta Bar

Feb. 21: Pancake Supper

You are ALL invited to the children's pageant on Saturday, December 17 at 6:00 pm. Come and hear the 'Christmas story' performed by the children of Epiphany! After the pageant — kids stay for pizza and a movie, and the Santa Shop (formerly the Frog Shop) will be open for gift "purchases!"

Attendance: December 4, 2022
8:15 am 6
10:30 am 61

Outreach Opportunities



The diaper ministry continues to hold diaper distribution on the third Saturday of each month from 10 am to 12:00 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 on November 19th. The next diaper distribution day is on **December 17th**. A sign-up sheet is on the outreach board in the parish hallway for anyone interested in volunteering. Donations of diapers (sizes 5 & 6) and wipes are also appreciated. Thank you again to everyone for your continued support of this ministry!

Homeless Lunch 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 participating 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. Most recent lunches were prepared and delivered on **December 3rd by chapter 11**. 2023 will be the 24th year that our parish has participated in the homeless lunch ministry! A big THANK YOU to everyone who continues to support this ministry. Donations of paper lunch bags, sandwich bags or napkins are always welcome as well and can be dropped off 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)



The Warm and Fuzzy Tree is up again this year in the parish hallway. Please, bring new mittens, scarves, socks, and hats to be donated to children in our community who are in need. Warm and fuzzy contributions will be collected on **December 11th** for distribution on December 12th. Thank you so much for your donations.



Three families in our community have reached out with needs for their children who are not eligible for other programs. Their needs are listed on the outreach board and include clothes for a male (third grade) clothes size 8/shoes size 13. Another male (fourth grade) clothes size 16/shoes size 6 and another male (kindergarten) clothes size 7/shoes size 4 and a 9-month-old male who needs clothes size 18 months. If anyone can help with these needs, there will be a box in the hallway for collection by **December 11th**. Thank you so much for all that you do to support our community!

The love and kindness that our parish shares are beyond amazing!
Love lives here! ☺

COMMUNICATION CARD

December 11, 2022
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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Guild | <input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office help | <input type="checkbox"/> Readers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christian Ed | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach | <input type="checkbox"/> Ushers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chalice Bearer | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Prayer Requests / Comments