

The Church of the Epiphany
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany, Year A
January 29, 2023
10:30 a.m.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

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.

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

Prelude: Toccata - G. Muffat

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

THE ENTRANCE RITE

BCP 355

The people stand.

Processional Hymn: 574 Before thy throne, O God

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

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

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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Priest-Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

BCP 215

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in
heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your
people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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.

The Lessons, as appointed, are read. A Psalm, hymn, or anthem may follow each Reading.

Reader A Reading from Micah [6:1-8]

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab
devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Silence

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Reader The Psalm for today is Psalm 15.

We will read responsively by whole verse.

BCP 599

LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?

**Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.**

There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

**In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the LORD.**

He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.

**He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**

Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

Reader A Reading from 1 Corinthians [1:18-31]

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who
are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power
of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will
thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”.

Silence

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Song of Gladness

Tune: Hymn 559.

Words: Hymn 122 v. 1 as follows:

**Alleluia, song of gladness,
voice of joy that cannot die;
alleluia is the anthem
ever raised by choirs on high;
in the house of God abiding
thus they sing eternally. *Repeat.***

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to Matthew [5:1-12].

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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
Intercessions for Year A

Church Publishing

The Intercessor and people pray responsively

Intercessor Knit together with Mary, the Mother of God; Simeon; Anna; and all the righteous, let us offer our prayers, responding to each petition, “Kyrie eleison.”

Silence

That our young people may be brought up in the mystery of faith, rooted in God’s Word, participants in the Holy Meal, honored by the community of the baptized, and participants in the life of the Church; for this we pray.

People **Kyrie eleison.**

Intercessor In thanksgiving for those who give sacrificially to God’s mission at Epiphany, financially supporting creative programs and good works, ministering to those in need, and revealing the divine kingdom in our time; for this we pray.

People **Kyrie eleison.**

Intercessor That we may acknowledge our individual suffering, seeing the presence of Christ in the midst of our despair, and helping others who are experiencing their time of testing; for this we pray.

People **Kyrie eleison.**

Intercessor That those who live in slavery may be freed from their bondage, especially the victims of human trafficking, children throughout the world, and all who are innocent victims of the evil ways of others; for this we pray.

People **Kyrie eleison.**

Intervessor In thanksgiving for foster parents, who bring hope to young people who long for stable and loving family life; may they be worthy of the trust invested in them; for this we pray.

People **Kyrie eleison.**

Intervessor That all who are dying may depart this life in peace, trusting in Christ's promise of eternal life; for this we pray.

People **Kyrie eleison.**

Intervessor Gathered together with all who serve with joy in the house of the Lord, let us continue our prayers.

Silence

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

The Priest-Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect.

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O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *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 Priest-Celebrant says to the people

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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.

Offertory: Blessed Jesus, We are here – J.S. Bach

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

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.**

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

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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son 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-124

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

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

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.

How to Receive Communion and An Invitation to Baptism

All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion. If you do not wish to receive, you may come forward for a blessing, indicating this by crossing your arms over your chest. If you desire to be Baptized and thereby enter into membership in the mystical Body of Christ, the Church, please contact the Priest-in-Charge.

At the altar rail, 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 lips, gently touch the base of the chalice and help guide it.

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 indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. 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

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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.

Hymns During Communion

Hymn: 656 Blest are the pure in heart

Hymn: 554 'Tis the gift to be simple

After Communion, the Priest-Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Priest-Celebrant and People

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.

Book of Occasional Services

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives
may be a light to the world; and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you
and remain with you for ever.

People **Amen.**

Post-Communion Hymn: 556 Rejoice, ye pure in heart!

THE DISMISSAL

The Priest-Celebrant dismisses the people.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Praeludium - D. Buxtehude

*The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by
Wayne & Lucy Whitlock in memory of her mom, Norma Hanko.*

An Outline of the Faith commonly called the Catechism

The Holy Spirit

Q. What is the Holy Spirit?

A. The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Trinity, God at work in the world and in the Church even now.

Q. How is the Holy Spirit revealed in the Old Covenant?

A. The Holy Spirit is revealed in the Old Covenant as the giver of life, the One who spoke through the prophets.

Q. How is the Holy Spirit revealed in the New Covenant?

A. The Holy Spirit is revealed as the Lord who leads us into all truth and enables us to grow in the likeness of Christ.

Q. How do we recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives?

A. We recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit when we confess Jesus Christ as Lord and are brought into love and harmony with God, with ourselves, with our neighbors, and with all creation.

Q. How do we recognize the truths taught by the Holy Spirit?

A. We recognize truths to be taught by the Holy Spirit when they are in accord with the Scriptures.

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January 29, 2023

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)

New to the Prayer List: Donna Ludwig—Dwight Ludwig's mom

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

Homebound: Ray Hampton, Dot Hudson, Joyce Melton, Ina Stickel, and Irene Morris

Family & Friends: Johnny Jorstad — Martha Jenkins son & Mary Shephard & Sandy Tignor's brother, Buster & Janet Magruder — Marion Magruder's son & daughter-in-law, Carolyn Hall — friend of Kathy Jimerson, Lynn Self — friend of Gray & Rosine 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, Kelly & Steve Schaaf, Emily, Karen Rood — Jeri Anne Townley's sister, Melissa Matthews — friend of Kim Ludwig, Jack Nance, friend of Cheryl Lineberry, Judy Watson — Martha Jenkins niece & Mary Shephard & Sandy Tignor's cousin, Janie Dunnively — friend of Lucy & Wayne, Billy Callahan — friend of Karen Holden, Joanita Senoga — friend of Jeri Townley, Joan Church — Gail Wood's stepmother, Jean McDonough — Kim Ludwig & Karen Tucker's aunt, Marchelle Clarke — April Craver's mother

Prayers for the departed: Charlotte Lovelace, George Baynes



CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

Weekly Worship

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30 PM—Worship Service

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Acolytes: Kim Ludwig, Ezra Axselle

Lessons: Stephanie Norris

Prayers of the People: Stephanie Norris

Chalice: Cory Isemann

Sun. School Helper: Kathy Jjimerson

Altar Guild: Karen & Randy Holden

Coffee Hour: Kathy Jimerson, Carol McElhinney, Ava Whittlesey

Counters: Gray Corbett, Kim Ludwig

The Church of the Epiphany
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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: Micah 6:1-8

In our lesson from the Hebrew Bible God contends with the people of God, reminding them of the saving acts done for them and instructing them in the good that God expects. The very mountains and hills are called as witnesses. God let the people out of Egypt and through the wilderness in safety. Yet they sin. It is not animal or human sacrifices the Lord wishes, but that the people act in justice, with loving-kindness and humility.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

In this reading Paul directs the Corinthians' attention to God's way of using what is weak and lowly—even what the world regards as foolish—to accomplish the divine purposes. Paul emphasizes this understanding because a number of these new Christians had come to think of themselves as especially gifted, powerful and wise. As the cross has shown, however, God's ideas about what is wise and noble are often quite different from ours. Our only boast can be in the Lord.

The Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

The gospel lesson is the opening sayings of the Sermon on the Mount, words of both comfort and challenge. The values of the kingdom are quite different from worldly standards. Those who are to find blessing will know want and thirst, if not because of their own circumstances, then for the sake of others. Those who hunger for righteousness will find fulfillment, but first they must experience persecution.

On the Calendar and Coming up

Sun. Jan. 29th
8:15 am Holy Eucharist
10:30am—Holy Eucharist

7:30 pm—AA Meeting in parish hall

Tue. Jan. 31st
7:00 pm—JRRingers

Wed. Feb. 1st
12:00 noon—Holy Eucharist
6:00 pm—Bible Study

Thur. Feb. 2nd
6:15 pm—Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm—Handbell Rehearsal

Fri. Feb. 3rd
3:00 pm—Memorial Service for Charlotte Lovelace at Westminster Canterbury

7:30 pm—AA meeting in the parish hall

Sat. Feb. 4th
8:30 am—Outreach Bag Lunches—Chapter 4 & 5

Sun. Feb. 5th
8:15 am Holy Eucharist
10:30 am—Holy Eucharist
2nd Sunday Lunch—Pasta Bar

7:30pm—AA meeting in the parish hall

We welcome Sharon Freude to our organ bench this morning while Anita is packing and moving to their new place.

A Memorial Service for Charlotte Lovelace will be held at Westminster Canterbury on February 3rd at 2:00 pm. The burial service will be prior at 11:00 am here at Epiphany in the Memorial Garden. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

The prayers & sympathy of the congregation are extended to Joy Baynes and family on the death of her husband, George Baynes who died on Friday, January 20th. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

News from the kitchen:
Please check the board and sign up for an upcoming coffee hour. We have the following dates open: Feb. 12, 19, and 26. Our next Second Sunday lunch will be the first Sunday of Feb. due to the Big Night Out on February 11th.

We are also bringing back the pancake supper. This will be held on Feb. 21st from 5—7:30. Looking for volunteers. Let Diana know if you are able to help.

There will not be a Second Sunday lunch during the season of Lent. The next one will be the third Sunday of April, the week after Easter.

Feb. 5: Pasta Bar
Feb. 11: Big Night Out
Feb. 21: Pancake supper
April 16: Second Sunday lunch

I have the 2023 Envelopes and if you want to pick yours up, please let me know in the office and I can get them for you.

Attendance: January 22, 2023
8:15 am 4
10:30 am 60

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 January 21st and we welcomed 42 families and continue to see new families. The next diaper distribution day is on February 18th. 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!



A copy of the **2023 homeless lunch schedule** is available on the bulletin board in the parish hallway if anyone would like a copy and a BIG thank you to the Green team for volunteering to take on the last month of 2023 for the homeless lunches that was open. . 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 Chapters 4 & 5 on February 4th.** The year 2023 is the 24th year that our parish has taken part in the homeless lunch ministry! A huge THANK YOU to everyone who continues to support this ministry. 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).



There are currently some needs within our elementary schools. They are requesting these items for their clinics for those students who may come in and find a special need during the day, which oftentimes does occur. These items include **boys and girl's pants with elastic waists, sizes 5 through 14 (sweat pant type) and children underwear sizes 5 through 14.** If anyone would like to donate any of these items, I will have a box in the parish hallway for them. These can be donated up through February 28th. Thank you so much!



Additionally, if anyone has found more coats since our coat drive that they would like to give away, please bring them in to church to donate. There are many children in need of warm coats within our county schools who would greatly appreciate them. Thank you so much!

*The love and kindness that our parish share is beyond amazing!
Love live here!*



COMMUNICATION CARD

January 29 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:

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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