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Fr. Dijo Thomas, Pastor

Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2025

Mass Schedule

(Also live streamed on YouTube at Holy Spirit Palmyra)

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday Mass: 8:30am inside & 11:00am

Daily Mass:

Monday, Thursday: 9:00am

Wednesday: 6:00pm (Rosary 5:30pm)

Friday: 7:00am

Confessions: Sat 5—5:30pm; Wed 6:40—7:10pm

Adoration Chapel:

Monday: 10am—5pm

Tuesday: 6am—10pm

Wed & Fri: 12noon—5pm

Thursday: 10am—9pm

Saturday: 2am—9am & 7pm—9pm

Sunday: 12 noon—1pm & 6pm—10pm

For more information call 717-838-3369 x 111 or email adorers@hspalmyra.com.

Baptism: To schedule a baptism, contact our Parish office at 717-838-3369 or email church@hspalmyra.com.

Sponsor Forms: Certificates to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation can only be given to those who are registered and practicing members of the Parish.

Bulletin Deadline: Three weeks prior to publication. Please use the forms on our website for bulletin inserts, blurbs, or facility requests.

Benevolence: For financial assistance, please call 717-838-3369, x 112, and leave a message to set up an interview.

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Office Hours:

Monday: 9:30am—4pm

Tuesday: remote only for phone calls & emails

Wednesday: 12noon—6pm

Thursday: 8:30am—3:30pm

Friday: closed

OUR MISSION

To seek to know the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ; to celebrate together as a Catholic family of faith; and to share our gifts and talents in loving service to others.

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

“Arise, shine; for your light has come!” (Isaiah 60:1).

On this Feast of the Epiphany, we celebrate the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ to the nations. The journey of the Magi, guided by the light of a star, reminds us that Christ is the Savior for all people. He is the light that dispels the darkness, offering hope, peace, and salvation to the world.

The Magi came from distant lands, bringing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh—symbols of Jesus’ kingship, divinity, and sacrifice. Their journey was not easy; it required perseverance, faith, and humility. Like them, we are called to seek Christ with open hearts, offering Him the gifts of our lives and surrendering to His will.

The Epiphany challenges us to reflect on how we can bring the light of Christ to others. Are we willing to share His love with those in need, to reach out to the marginalized, or to be instruments of His peace in our homes and communities?

As we meditate on this beautiful feast, let us remember that we, too, are called to be stars that guide others to Christ. May His light shine brightly through us, illuminating the world with His presence. Let us journey together, inspired by the Magi, and may the Epiphany fill us with renewed faith, hope, and love.



*Please pray for the soul of
Jeanne Thompson,
who recently passed*

TITHING: GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING

Sunday Offering 12/22/2024	\$ 12,489
Christmas	\$ 1,195
Enhancements	\$ 160
Immaculate Conception	\$ 275
Retired Religious	\$ 95

Last week’s offerings will be reported in the next week’s bulletin due to an early submission deadline to our publisher.



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Use your credit card or checking account to make your Sunday donations. Visit HolySpiritPalmyra.com and click on Online Giving.

CALENDAR & INTENTIONS



MONDAY, JANUARY 6

1 Jn 3:22; 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

9:00am Mass

† For the Deceased Members of the Shaw Family

7:00pm Threads of Hope

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44

3:15pm Cenacle

7:00pm Folk Group

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52

4:30pm Legion of Mary

5:30pm Rosary

6:00pm Mass

† Stephen Roman

6:40pm Confessions

6:45pm Women at the Well

7:20pm Migrant Justice Meeting

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

1 Jn 4:19; 5:4; Lk 4:14-22

9:00am Mass

† Jean Brzezinski

6:00pm Finance Council

6:45pm Parish Council

7:00pm Sunday Choir; Knights of Columbus Officers

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16

7:00am Mass For the Living Intention of Kathie Bertrand

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

12noon Rosary at the Square

4:00pm Mass

For the People of the Parish

5:00pm Confessions

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

8:30am Mass

† John Russell

9:30am CGS-6th Grade PREP

11:00am Mass

† Gil Robel

2:30pm Oskutis’ Baptism

6:00pm 7th & 8th Grade PREP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREP CLASSES RESUME TODAY, JANUARY 5

Job Opening—Manager Position at HS

We are seeking to employ a Parish Manager. You will be assisting the Pastor in the overall administration of the Parish with respect to all matters pertaining to personnel, finance, buildings and grounds, parish committees and organizations, and scheduling. The individual should also have knowledge in the Church teachings and an understanding of the mission/vision/philosophy of the Roman Catholic Church. A Bachelor's degree in accounting or business administration is required. If interested, or would like to know more details, please email and send your resume to pastor@hspalmyra.com and manager@hspalmyra.com.

Security Update at Holy Spirit Church

After review of our property and a couple of incidents, it was decided that we would install additional security cameras at Holy Spirit. This was done to not only keep our parishioners, staff, and visitors safe but also to protect our property and belongings. These cameras are motion sensor only and not audio recording.

Tax Statement 2024

All parishioners who donated to Holy Spirit in 2024 and have a valid email address on file with us will receive their statement via email by January 31, 2025. Those who do not have an email will receive their statement via US mail.

Office Hours Changes for 2025

Our parish office hours will change and will take effect starting January 6, 2025. Mondays: 9:30am—4pm, Tuesdays: **remote only for emails and phone calls** from 8:30am—3:30pm, Wednesdays: 12noon—6pm, Thursdays: 8:30am—3:30pm, & Fridays: Closed.

Awaken Word Among Us Study

The Awaken Study group will be using the *Word Among Us* to discuss daily Mass readings including prayer and reflections. This study will be on Wednesday mornings: January 15, 22, 29 and February 5 & 12 from 9:30am—10:30am in the third grade classroom. All are invited to join us weekly, drop-ins are welcome as well. For more information or questions, please contact Kathryn Gentry at 717-838-6521, or email her at kgentry920@verizon.net.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PARISH MISSION!

KLICK LEWIS
717-482-5333

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Epiphany Home Cards

The 2025 Catholic Calendars have arrived and are located on the back table in the narthex. The Epiphany Home Blessing cards are also located on the back table in the narthex.

March for Life Rally

The March for Life Rally and inspiring speeches from Pro-Life leaders will be livestreamed from D.C. and available for viewing in Agape Hall at Holy Spirit Catholic Church on Friday, January 24, at 12noon. Doors open at 11:30am. After the livestreamed event, participants will begin a One-Mile March to the square in Palmyra at 1:30pm where we will pray a prayer for the unborn before returning to Holy Spirit for some refreshments. Let's support this important nationwide cause together! If you have additional questions, please contact Art Bond at 717-383-8583, or email him at abond702@comcast.net.

Aid to the Catholic Church Abroad

Next week we take up a collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America, and Africa. Funds for this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your contribution supports the Church and builds the future in these regions.

Pope's Monthly Intention

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

FROM OUR SECOND SYNODAL SURVEY

Question # 4: What is your favorite or best known Bible story?

Responses: 184

- ✘ The Book of Ruth
- ✘ The Good Samaritan
- ✘ The Prodigal Son
- ✘ Joseph & the Coat of Many Colors
- ✘ Feeding of Five-Thousand

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