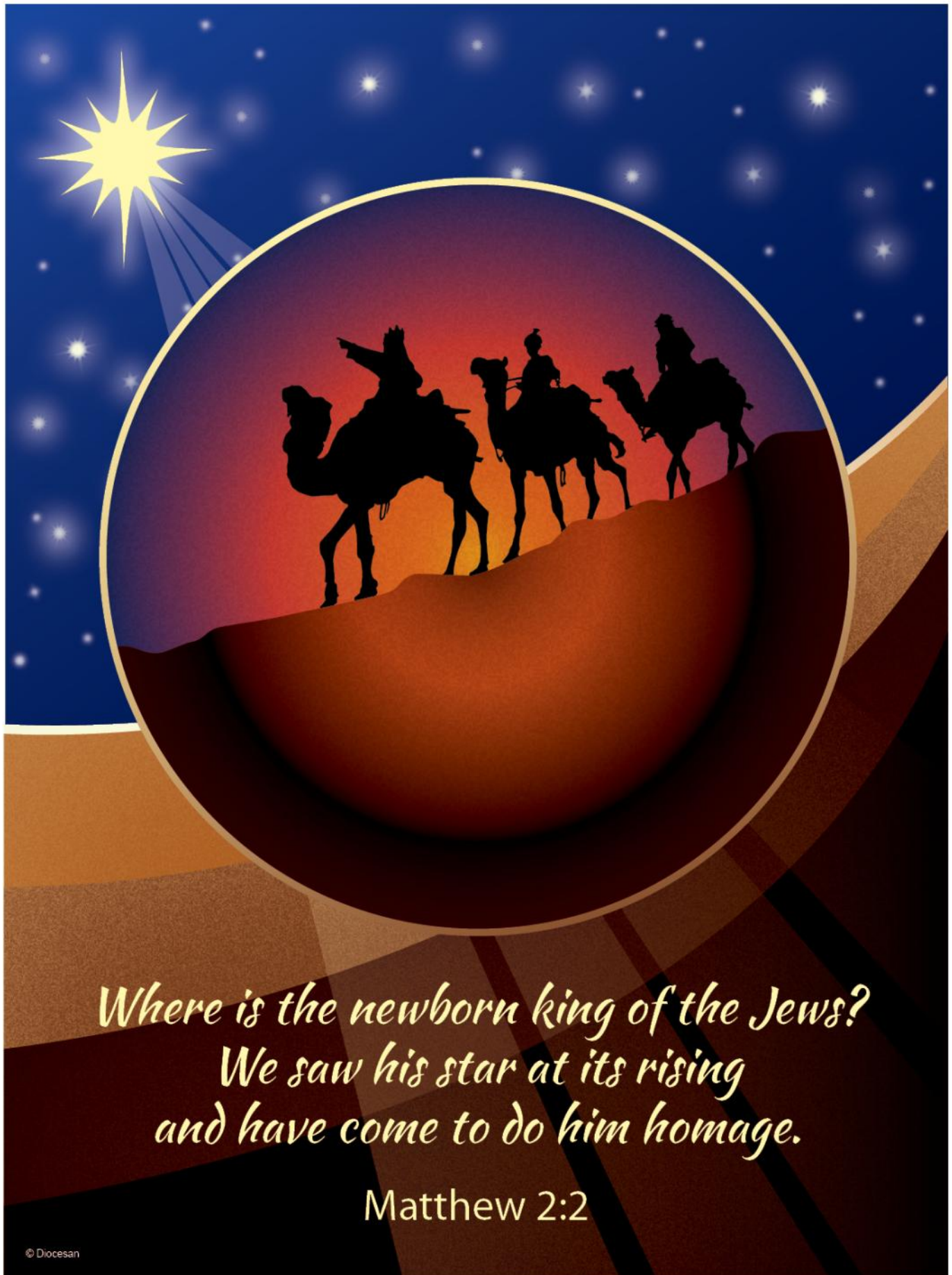




*Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.*

Matthew 2:2

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**December 21, 2025 DONATIONS**

Regular/Loose \$2,507.00
Flower Fund \$200.00
School Support..... \$195.00
Retirement Fund..... \$295.00
Votive Candles \$51.00

Total..... \$3,248.00

Cemetery..... \$10.00
Mass Stipend..... \$10.00
Building Fund \$325.00

Mass Schedule**Saturday, January 3rd**

4:00 pm/Darrell Millsap

Sunday, January 4th

10:30 am/Betty Ducey

Monday, January 5th

NO MASS

Tuesday, January 6th

5:30 pm @ St. Joseph

Wednesday, January 7th

8:00 am/Anita & Ferrell Strack

Thursday, January 8th

8:00 am @ St. Joseph

Friday, January 9th

8:00 am/Madonna Hettinger

Saturday, January 10th

4:00 pm/Ruth Lakan

Sunday, January 11th

10:30 am/For the People of the Parishes

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**Saturday, January 3rd @4:00 pm Mass**

Lector: Randy Wojan

Ushers: Rick Bates, Chris Humer

EMHC: Beth Hewing, Becky Hand

Gifts: Volunteers

Sunday, January 4th @10:30 am Mass

Lector: Diane Ducey

Ushers: Alan Schwenk, Gary Ducey

EMHC: Gary & Michele Ducey

Gifts: Volunteers

Money Counters: Alan Schwenk, Brian Barnes

Hospital Rules

Please note that if you or a loved one are in the hospital and would like the priest to visit, you will have to notify Father directly. Due to the HIPPA laws, the hospital will not notify the priest directly. This also applies to nursing homes and assisted living places. Please call Father Pat at 217-485-1224 if you need to have him come for a visit.

Father Pat's Office Hours

If you would like to speak or meet with Fr. Pat,
please call the Rectory at 217-485-1224 or email
frpkoneal@yahoo.com

Confession Schedule

Saturday: 3:15-3:45pm Anytime by appointment.
Please call the Rectory 217-485-1224

Prayer Requests

Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Reese Baird, Nancy Brown-Smith, Mary Humer, Patty Kirby, Frank Norton, Cathryn Pfeffer, Zoey Smith, Jay Warfel, Jeff Holt, Helen Birtcher, Katelyn Humer, Theresa O'Brien, Becky Benson, Debra Bialeschki, Joann Hesselmann-Smith, Robert Smith, Maggie Grimm, Sharon Oakes, Randy Wojan, Madison Riley Houser, Ernie Goode, Joseph William Baird, John Henry Baird, Don Eckstein, Gary Divan, Patti Birtcher, Castor, Derick Park, Rick Davis, Marco & Celia, Jim Like, Sandra Novak, Amanda Clark, Jeff Hester, Gavin Holt, Jodi Huebner and requested prayer intentions.

ST. THOMAS BREAKFAST—PHILO

Join us for the 59th Annual St. Thomas Pancake & Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, January 18th, serving from 7 am until 1 pm at St. Thomas School.

All you can eat pancakes, our own whole-hog homemade sausage, coffee/juice/milk. Exciting raffles and lots of family fun.

Suggested donation \$12/adult;\$10/senior;\$8 child.

STEWARDSHIP 2025 UPDATE

Thanks to the generosity of 45 parish families, we are well on our way towards our assessment of \$25,566. Each gift is important to the mission of the diocese. The pledged/paid amount so far is \$21,950.

There are cards in the pews, if you have not yet given. Your gift helps support the central ministries of our diocese including religious education of our young people, faith formation of adults, training of our future priests, Newman Centers on our college campuses and much more.

Every dollar raised over our goal will be returned to the parish. To those who have contributed, we are most grateful.

“One night there went out over the stillness of the evening breeze, out over those chalky hills of Bethlehem, the cry of a new born babe. The Word became flesh and dwelt amongst us. Earth did not hear the cry, for the earth slept; men did not hear the cry, for they did not know that a Child could be greater than a man; kings did not hear the cry, for they did not know that a King could be born in a stable; empires did not hear the cry, for empires did not know that an Infant could hold the reins that steer suns and worlds in their courses. But shepherds and philosophers heard the cry, for only the very simple and the very learned know that the heart of a God can cry out in the cry of a Child. And they came with gifts – and adored, and so great was the majesty seated on the brow of the Child, so great was the dignity of the babe, so powerful was the light of these eyes that shone like celestial suns, that they could not help but cry out: Emmanuel, God is with us.”

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

COMMUNITY FAITH & WELLNESS**January Reminder: Stay Protected with These Key Adult Vaccines**

As winter settles in, so do respiratory viruses. December is the perfect time to check your immunization status and protect yourself—and your community—from serious illness.

Four vaccines are especially important for adults this season:

Influenza (Flu)

- Who needs it: Everyone aged 6 months and older, especially adults 65+, those with chronic conditions, and caregivers.
- Timing: Best given in early fall, but December is still an acceptable time if you have not received it yet.
- Why it matters: Reduces risk of hospitalization and complications like pneumonia.

COVID-19

- Who needs it: All adults, especially those 65+ or immune-compromised.
- What's new: Updated 2024–2025 mRNA vaccines target current variants.
- Booster guidance: Adults 65+ may need a second dose six months after the first.

RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus)

- Who needs it: Adults 60+ should talk to their doctor about whether RSV vaccination is right for them.
- Why it matters: RSV can cause severe illness in older adults and those with heart or lung conditions.

Pneumococcal (Pneumonia)

- Who needs it: Adults 65+, and younger adults with certain health conditions.
- Types: PCV20 and PPSV23 are commonly recommended—your provider can guide you based on age and risk factors.

PRO-LIFE EVENTS

Micaella Clay, an Abortion Survivor, Speaker and Adoption Advocate, will be here in C-U area for a talk at the St. John's Catholic Newman Center, Jan. 21st, 6ish, & Ecumenical Memorial Pro-Life Prayer Vigil, Jan. 22nd at 7 pm, Savoy United Methodist Church, Champaign!

CDOP BOOK

The Diocese is publishing a large photographic history celebrating the 150th anniversary of its founding. Every parish is featured including ours.

The cost of this large pictorial book is \$39. It will be available around Easter.

Please let the parish office know if you'd like to reserve a copy.