

# St. Mary Church & Our Lady of the Woods Shrine



## Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord January 3, 2021

### This Week's Mass Schedule

*No weekday masses*

**Saturday—January 9...** *to be determined*

**Sunday— January 10.....9:00 am**  
*+Ron Brown (Cathy Kuba)*

### This Week's Office Hours

Tuesday-Thursday: 8 am—3:30 pm  
*Please limit visits to dropping off offerings  
or only necessary business this week.  
Thank you!*

**Together We Can Food Pantry** will be at the  
Oscoda County fairgrounds January 7th  
from 11:00 to 2:00.

All Oscoda County residents who are need  
of assistance are welcome.  
Please bring proof of residency.

*Remember in prayer the family of  
Jim Fath  
who has gone home to be with the Lord.*

**Don't look back on last year's disappointments.  
Look ahead to God's promises yet to unfold.**

**Epiphany Reflection:** We've all heard the song "The 12 Days of Christmas." It's a true classic. But not everybody is familiar with the real 12 days of Christmas. In the Church, the Christmas season actually begins the day after Christmas and ends 12 days later.

In celebrating the Epiphany of the Lord, we celebrate the revelation that Jesus was born as the Son of God. Today's gospel illustrates this revelation through the story of the three wise men who traveled to visit Jesus following his birth. They brought gifts that symbolized their revelation of his divinity: gold, which associated Jesus as a king. Frankincense, which was often used in worship, and symbolized the holiness of Jesus. And myrrh, a perfume used for embalming, which symbolized that Christ would one day die for our sins.

As we start a new calendar year, it's a time of renewal for many of us. A chance for a new beginning. A chance to discover new things and make our own revelations. As the wise men in today's gospel did, you too can continue to follow your faith throughout this year.

The wise men had a revelation that the Son of God was coming, and they were not afraid to follow their hearts. Spend time with the Lord, read His Word, and do not be afraid to follow where He leads you this year.

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