



WELCOME!

Our Three-Parish Cluster
Sts. Mary and Joseph Catholic Churches
Hills, Lone Tree and Nichols

Epiphany of the Lord

January 2, 2022

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Cluster Mass Intentions January 1, 2022 to January 20, 2022

Table with 4 columns: Day, Date, Time, Location, Intention. Lists mass intentions for each day from Jan 1 to Jan 20, 2022.

Music Ministry: St. Joseph, Hills, Lily Westemeyer. Church of St. Mary, Nichols, Jean Mengel. St. Mary, Lone Tree, Steve Moore, Bob and Connie Shaw.

Sts. Mary and Joseph Cluster Confession Schedule

Father Hai is available to hear confessions before Mass at the below times:

- St. Mary, Lone Tree: 3:30 p.m. to 3:50 pm on Saturdays
Church of St. Mary: 7:30 a.m. to 7:50 am on Sundays
St. Joseph, Hills: 9:30 a.m. to 9:50 am on Sundays

Let us come to reconcile to God and others!

There will be no reconciliation or adoration at the January First Saturday Masses.

Food pantry items are being accepted anytime in our cluster churches.

Baskets are available at Lone Tree and Nichols and items can be dropped off at Hills in the food pantry in the parish hall. Thank you for your generosity to our food pantries.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

January 2, 2022

CHRISTMAS SEASON



The journey of the Magi reminds us to pause and look. Just as they saw the star rising and followed it to Jesus, we, too, can seek God in our surroundings, our relationships, and the beauty of creation—the next step is to follow where God leads us.

The Epiphany is early this year, falling right on the heels of New Year's Day. If you haven't made our New Year's resolutions yet, now is a good time to do so. In addition to typical resolutions such as reducing clutter or getting fit, we can set some spiritual goals as well.

New Year's resolutions are great! Why not add a couple of spiritual resolutions to the list—perhaps to pray the rosary more often, spend time in Eucharistic adoration, or go on that retreat you have been meaning to attend.

EPIPHANY BLESSING OF CHALK

At Masses this weekend, we will have a "blessing of the chalk." The home blessing can be done as follows:

Use the blessed chalk to write: 20+C+M+B+22 above the doorways: 20XX for the year; C, M, B for the 3 Magi – Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar – and for Christus Mansionem Benedicat, Latin for "May Christ Bless this House."

NEW YEAR'S DAY CELEBRATION IN ST. JOSEPH'S HALL

On New Year's Day, January 1st, we will celebrate New Year's 2022 with a Mass at 10:00 am at St. Joseph church and then you are all invited to go to the Parish Hall to enjoy coffee, donuts, cookies, orange juice, especially homemade egg rolls, while watching the 2022 VRBO CITRUS BOWL.

Thank you very much for your personal Christmas cards, gifts, and wishes, especially for everything that you and your family have done for our cluster parishes.

A special thank you to those who have made this Holy Season of Advent and Christmas special – to the greeters, servers, lectors, commentators, Eucharistic ministers, our musicians, and those who helped with decorating our parishes.

Wishing you and your loved ones a peaceful Christmas Season and a grace-filled Yew Year 2022 with good health, peace, happiness and success!

Sincerely yours in Infant Jesus,

Fr. Hai Dinh