Reflection

January 7, 2018 — The Epiphany of the Lord

IS 60: 1-6; PS 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13; EPH 3: 2-3A, 5-6; MT 2: 1-12

Today is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. For centuries we as Catholics celebrated this Feast on Jan. 6, but the decision was made a number of years ago (at least in the United States) to celebrate the Epiphany on the Sunday which falls between Jan. 2 and Jan. 8.

“Epiphany” means “manifestation.” It is on this day that Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is revealed as the light of all nations. Officially Christmas is not over. In fact, the recommendation of the Church is that on this day those who display a crèche, a nativity or manger scene, should replace the shepherd and sheep with the Magi and their likely animals on which they traveled as well as their gifts. However, that is all secondary to the real meaning of this day.

At Christmas the Messiah Jesus was revealed to the shepherds, who were Jewish. But on this day the Lord is revealed to all nations and to the Gentiles (represented by the Magi). We are all familiar with the star the Magi followed, but we need to understand all that is happening and what it means. This all represents the Light of Christ, a Light which today we honor and commemorate. We are called to be the Light of Christ right now to those around us and those with whom we come in contact. That way we can be the disciples Christ wants us to be.

The poet William Cullen Bryant captures the significance of the star the Magi followed very well when he wrote, “O Father, may that Holy Star, Grow every year more bright, And send its glorious beams afar, To fill the world with light.”

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„Adoration of the Magi”
Esteban Murillo, 1660
Secularism accepts Christianity but only on its own terms, and so it has tried to tame Christmas. That is how I imagine the transformation of St. Nicholas into Santa Claus, or the holy night into a holiday. One simplistic element of Christmas is touched upon by this light and breezy treatment, but other, more profound, elements are lost. Chesterton recaptured one of those elements in his description of Christmas in The Everlasting Man:

“...the most striking of many notes; of humility, of gaiety, of gratitude, of mystical fear, but also of vigilance and of drama. What kind of drama? Chesterton uses the image of the Christmas cave to make his point. By the very nature of the story the rejoicings in the cavern were rejoicings in a fortress or an outlaw’s den; properly understood it is not unduly flippant to say they were rejoicings in a dug-out. It is not only true that such a subterranean chamber was a hiding-place from enemies; and that the enemies were already scouring the story plain that lay above it like a sky. It is not only that the very horse-hoofs of Herod might in that sense have passed like thunder over the sunken head of Christ. It is also that there is in that image a true idea of an outpost, of a piercing through the rock and an entrance into an enemy territory. There is in this buried divinity an idea of undermining the world; of shaking the towers and palaces from below; even as Herod the great king felt that earthquake under him and swayed with his swaying palace.”

At Christmas, God establishes an outpost in the world which banished him. Royalty can only return to its own by a sort of rebellion,” concludes Chesterton. “That is perhaps the mightiest of the mysteries of the cave. It is already apparent that though men are said to have looked for hell under the earth, in this case it is rather heaven that is under the earth. And there follows in this strange story the idea of an upheaval of heaven. That is the paradox of the whole position; that henceforth the highest thing can only work from below.”

In order to lift mankind to heaven, God must get his shoulder under mankind. Christ stooped into position in the Christmas cave, which was only the first footing of a journey which will go even deeper, into Sheol, Herod’s reaction to the news of Christmas was violent. He ordered violence in Bethlehem to protect his power. This first Christmas was a real cloak-and-dagger affair, made all the more literal by the daggers the soldiers hid beneath their cloaks as they entered Bethlehem. Christ’s coming was a threat because it corrected and re-ordered power and authority. It brought a new hierarchy, and no one knew that better than the king whose power was threatened. Christmas was a revolution.

“There is something defiant in it also; something that makes the abrupt bells at midnight sound like the great guns of a battle that has just been won. All this indescribable thing that we call the Christmas atmosphere only hangs in the air as something like a lingering fragrance or fading vapour from the exultant explosion of that one hour in the Judean hills nearly two thousand years ago. But the savour is still unmistakable, and it is something too subtle or too solitary to be covered by our use of the word peace.”

It has put the Christian Church on a collision course with all usurpers. Herod was a menace to the Church Militant, born in the dug-out. The Roman Empire felt the early Church a menace, as well. It was resented, because, in its own still and almost secret way, it had declared war. It had risen out of the ground to wreak the heaven and earth of heathenism. It did not try to destroy all that creation of gold and marble; but it contemplated a world without it. It dared to look right through it as though the gold and marble had been glass. Those who charged the Christians with burning down Rome with firebrands were slanderers; but they were at least far nearer to the nature of Christianity than those among the moderns who tell us that the Christians were a sort of ethical society, being martyred in a languid fashion for telling men they had a duty to their neighbors, and only mildly disliked because they were meek and mild.”

Do we, the Church Militant today, pose any threat to idolatry anymore? The earthquake begun in that underground cave should sway not only Herod’s palace in Jerusalem, but other halls of power, from board rooms on Wall Street to back hallways in Washington. Chesterton presents Christmas as if the Creator had to be smuggled into his own creation, like a true King in a fairytale might have to be smuggled under a cart load of fish into the very city that banished him. It is an undignified position for the high king, but he seems only too willing if that is how he must enter enemy territory. Alas, all too often the enemy territory is our own heart.

Article from David Fagerberg titled “Wishing you a Not-so-Merry Christmas”

### Mass Schedule & Intentions

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**
Readings: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-5a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Psalm Response: Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
9:00AM Chris & Kim Skiba & Family
11:00AM Elena Ariano ¬
7:00PM Student Parishioners
9:00PM Volunteers

**MONDAY, JANUARY 8 BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
Readings: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Mk 1:7-11
11:30AM Colleen Warren
5:30PM Student Parishioners

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 9**
Readings: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28
11:30AM Poor souls in purgatory
5:30PM Student Parishioners

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10**
Readings: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
11:30AM Charlie Crouch
9:00PM Veronica Sama, Tom Rankin, Jeff Williams

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 11**
Readings: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
11:30AM St. Tom’s Youth
5:30PM Staff of St. Tom’s

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 12**
Readings: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
11:30AM Lay Ministers

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 13**
Readings: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1/Mk 2:13-17
11:30AM Repose of Souls ¬
5:30PM Poor souls in purgatory

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Readings: 1 Sm 3:3B-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13C, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42
Psalm Response: Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 9-10
9:00AM Allie Kunz ¬
11:00AM Victoria Hart Harding ¬
7:00PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parish
9:00PM Purdue Alumni Religious

### Liturgy of the Hours

#### Held in the Baptistry. All are welcome!

**MONDAY-SATURDAY** 8:30AM Morning Prayer

**SUNDAY-FRIDAY** 5:05PM Evening Prayer

### Reconciliation

The confessional is in the northwest corner of the church, near the Marian niche. *Also available by appointment.*

**MONDAY THRU SATURDAY**
11:00AM—11:25AM Individual Reconciliation

**SUNDAY**
8:15AM—8:45AM Individual Reconciliation
10:15AM—10:45AM Individual Reconciliation

**EVERY DAY**
4:00PM—5:00PM Individual Reconciliation
Upcoming Activities

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7
10:00AM  MoST Meeting, Room 4
3:30PM  Hispanic Catholics Ignite, Room 4
5:30PM  Sunday Night Dinner, Newman Hall, Kitchen

MONDAY, JANUARY 8
11:50AM  Private Exercise Class, Siena Rooms
5:30PM  Centering Prayer, Room 4
5:30PM  R.A.D. Class, Thomas More Rooms
6:00PM  Bishop Barron’s Pivotal Players, Newman Hall, Kitchen
6:00PM  Overeaters Anonymous, Room 24
6:00PM  CALL 20/30 Ignite, Large Conference Room
6:30PM  Windsor Ignite, Wood Living Room
7:00PM  Faith Sharing, Room 23
7:00PM  Financial Peace University, St. Isidore Room (Room 22)
7:00PM  Honors/Third Street Ignite, Lobby of Honors North by the couch
7:00PM  CROSS Bible Study, Room 24

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9
7:00AM  Alcoholics Anonymous, Large Conference Room
12:00PM  Resident Parishioner Ignite, Large Conference Room
7:00PM  Dia De Reyes (Hispanic Catholics), Room 4
7:00PM  RCIA, Room 3
7:00PM  LifeGuide’s Meeting, Kitchen, Room 3, Siena Rooms
7:00PM  E. 26th & Michigan Ignite, Siena Rooms
7:30PM  Greek Ignite, Krach 148
7:30PM  Harrison/McCUTCHEON Ignite, Harrison Lobby

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10
11:50AM  Private Exercise Class, Siena Rooms
6:00PM  PCS Officer’s Meeting, Large Conference Room
6:30PM  Cary Ignite, Lobby West of Cary Knight Spot
7:00PM  RCIA – Ministry to the Baptized, Room 3
7:15PM  Spiritual Exercises, Room 4
7:30PM  Earhart/Shreve Ignite, Large Conference Room of Earhart
7:30PM  Harry’s Ignite, Harry’s
8:00PM PCS Call-Out, Gatherspace
8:00PM  St. Tom’s Ignite, Large Conference Room
8:00PM  Knights of Columbus Meeting, Siena Rooms
8:00PM  Cuba Mission Trip Meeting, St. Isidore Room (Room 22)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11
12:00PM  Spiritual Exercises, Large Conference Room
6:00PM  Antioch Planning Meeting, Thomas More & Siena Rooms
6:00PM  St. Tom’s/Hawks Ignite, Room 4
6:30PM  Legion of Mary, Large Conference Room
7:00PM  Hillenbrand Ignite, Meet in Front Lobby/Piano Room
7:00PM  Music Rehearsal, Church, Rooms 1-3
7:30PM  Off-Campus Ignite, 246 Marsteller St. Apt. 1
8:00PM  Women’s Group, Room 4

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12
7:00PM  Catholic Truth League, Room 3
9:00PM  Exalt, Church

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13
4:00PM  Korean Mass, Kitchen, Newman Hall

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14
8:00AM  Religious Education Classes
3:30PM  Hispanic Catholics Ignite, Room 4
5:30PM  Sunday Nish Dinner, Newman Hall, Kitchen

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Baptisms

Are normally scheduled during or after the 5:30PM Mass on Saturday, or during or after the 11:00AM Mass on Sunday.

The next baptism preparation sessions will be:

All Classes are 6:00-7:30PM

Tuesday, January 23rd  Tuesday, April 17th
Tuesday, February 13th  Tuesday, May 22nd
Tuesday, March 27th  Tuesday, June 19th

Please contact Eileen Strater in the Parish Office at 765-743-4652 or eileen@boilercatholics.org to register for the baptism class and/or place your child’s baptism on the parish calendar.

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, God’s children are welcomed into the Catholic faith family, which most commonly takes place at a very young age. In this case, it is extremely important for parents to know what they are asking when they ask to have their children baptized. St. Tom’s baptismal preparation program is for first time parents and godparents. Sessions are offered every other month. Please see the parish calendar or call the parish office for upcoming dates and times.

Marriage

Just got engaged? Want to have your wedding here at St. Thomas Aquinas? Please contact Matthew Andrzejewski in the parish office at 765-743-4652 or matthew@boilercatholics.org to start the marriage process and to reserve your date on the parish calendar. Our wedding ceremony guidelines can be found on our website under the Faith Life tab.

Welcome New Parishioners!

We welcome all who wish to join our parish family. You may register by visiting the parish office or by clicking on the link on our homepage at www.boilercatholics.org. We’re glad you are here!

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process is designed for those who wish to become full members of the Roman Catholic Church. These sessions are also a great way to learn more about the Church. The individuals in the process are involved in a journey of faith and conversion which includes learning about the beliefs, life, liturgy and apostolic work of the Catholic community. The RCIA process at St. Tom’s has two distinctly different tracks, and is geared around the Purdue calendar, with weekly sessions beginning in September. Participants can expect to receive Sacraments of Initiation during the Easter Vigil Mass. To determine which track of the RCIA process will best suit your needs, or for more information, contact Eileen Strater in the parish office at 765-743-4652 or eileen@boilercatholics.org.

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**Bulletin Deadline** for the weekly bulletin is 10:00 AM the Friday (nine days) before the Sunday’s bulletin in which the article will appear. Please send article requests to: bulletin@boilercatholics.org.

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**Prayers of the Faithful**

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need amid mental and physical suffering; may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen.

- Lori Powers
- Joel Rivera
- Colleen Warren
- Patrick Hession
- Melissa Young-Spillers
- Mike Moss
- Dolores Pope
- Eduardo Vogel
- Gail Miller
- Gina Boyd
- George Owens
- Kathleen O’Connor
- Rosa Espinosa
- Titis Cordova
- Enrique Vaca
- Mariana Gonzalez
- Ashley Biesemeier
- Mary Nichols
- Sharon Downey
- Ann Templeman
- Dolores Houchin
- Loan Lypham-Ferry
- Elyabeth Navarre
- Philip Funk
- Gene Cattarina
- Ashley Harrington
- Tony Ghaleb
- Dionicia Mendoza
- Paulina Gajewska
- William Pope
- Damianus Aditya
- Bob Setele
- Andrew McAlister
- Bella Raffin
- Dolores Dilling
- Rosa Maria Santos
- Joel Rivera
- Tom Kendall
- Thomas Paul Batz
- R.A. DeSutter
- Denny Gramman
- Maryann Johnson
- Mark Struck
- Charlotte Droulos
- Mike Patty
- June Moss
- Shelley Strong
- Pete Clark
- Lauren Weldy
- Ed Knoth
- Michele Strutz
- Theresa, Dee’s Sister
- Marybeth Yacovelli
- Stanley Seretty
- Carol Hobraugh
- Judith Ryba
- Mike Moss
- Sandra Lehner
- Bob Dwyer
- Evelyn Ricci
- Joseph (Jr.) Ricci
- James Heinzen
- Sandra Burke
- Denise Walsh
- Robert Rolih
- Mike Powers
- Seth Sullivan
- Frank Joseph Bryja
- Robert Whicker
- Trish O’Connor
- Martha Cabrera
- Sean Gilheany
- Francis Maguire
- Roberto Colela
- Jeanne Erbacher
- Ferril Gibbs
- Judy McKinley
- Joel Rivera
- Betsy Seabert
- Susan Slayton
- Caroline Walter

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**St. Tom’s Guest Apartment**

We are offering our guest apartment above the offices all year round as sort of an Airbnb (for rent). It’s a fully furnished apartment that sleeps two and even comes with a reserved parking spot. So students, let your parents know that they could stay at the best location on campus for their next visit. Please contact Matthew at matthew@boilercatholics.org.

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**Shop AmazonSmile!**

You can earn money for St. Tom’s on every dollar you spend on Amazon. Simply go to smile.amazon.com and either sign in or create a new user account and search for “St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Center”. It’s as easy as that, and now every time you shop at Smile.Amazon.com, St. Tom’s will benefit.

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Ladies Mass

Tuesday, January 23rd at 6:30PM

Ladies – do you want to get more involved at St. Tom’s this new year? This is your chance! Join us for the first ladies Mass of 2018 on January 23rd! Father Patrick will lead Mass in the church, and we will gather for a potluck dinner downstairs after Mass. Please bring a dish to pass and plan to make some new friends. If you have any questions, or would like to be involved in the planning, please contact Monica Waters at 765-413-5947.

Upcoming Ladies Mass – Tuesday, February 27

Dr. Carolyn Woo To Lead St. Tom’s Parish Retreat

Save the dates February 23-24 (Friday and Saturday)

Our Parish Retreat is February 23rd and 24th. It will be led by Dr. Carolyn Woo, Purdue Ph.D., former Dean of the Mendoza College of Business, University of Notre Dame and former CEO of Catholic Relief Services, and Vatican panelist on the release of Pope Francis’ Laudato Si. The retreat will be in three parts, covering three chapters from the book “What Do You Seek” by Fr. Michael Buckley, SJ. Parishioners will be able to attend all or any part of the retreat. Cost of attendance will be $5 for students and $10 for resident parishioners. The retreat will be held at St. Tom’s. We encourage all to purchase and read “What Do You Seek” in preparation for the retreat (it is short and a terrific Lenten read). MoST will purchase copies of the book and loan them out to anyone who is interested. Please contact Keith Woeste (woeste@purdue.edu).

Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner

The Lafayette Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner to support our Annual College Scholarship Fund on Sunday January 28th, from 4:00-7:00PM at St. Ann’s Parish. Proceeds to benefit our annual college scholarship(s) for a high school senior of the Catholic Faith. Pre-sale tickets will be sold, for $8 a person, $6 for children and $20 for families. Tickets sold at the door at the time of the event will be $10 per adult, $7 per child and $25 per family. The meal will include Spaghetti, salad, bread and drinks. Raffle tickets are also available for a 55” LG UHD 4K Smart TV for $5 a ticket. Any questions, please contact Glenn Blahnik at 765-479-4383.

HowTo Festival 2018 In Need of Presenters

January 27, 2018 | 10:00AM-3:00PM

Have an interesting talent or skill? St. Thomas Aquinas is putting on their annual HowTo festival on January 27th from 10:00AM-3:00PM in the lower level of the church. The HowTo-festival gives individuals the chance to showcase and teach their skills to the Greater Lafayette. It’s a day full of learning, fellowship, and fun!

We are currently searching for presenters for the 2018 HowTo-festival. So, if you have a talent or skill you would like to present, such as how to use a potters wheel or how to juggle, please contact Nate and Lizzy at howto@boilercatholics.org.

Religious Education

Registration for Religious Education is ongoing! You can still sign-up for the Spring semester. We would love to have you!

John, the Director of Religious Education, Allie, our Special Education Intern, Bess, our Elementary School Intern, Julia, our Middle School Intern, and Hannah, our Confirmation Intern, will all be available if you would like to set up an individual meeting. All children between the ages of three years old and 12th grade are welcome! Please contact John Strong, Director of Religious Education & Youth Ministry, at john@boilercatholics.org for more information.

Open your heart and transform a life! Over 50 new international students will be arriving at Purdue this January, and CLIMAR is looking to recruit 40 new hosts for their International Friendship Program. This involves building relationships by inviting the student(s) you are paired with to dinner, community events, and family outings once a month this spring semester. It is a great opportunity to learn more about other cultures and welcome these new students with authentic Christian hospitality. Please email Andrea at andrea@boilercatholics.org for more information, or friendship@purdue.edu to signup.

Financial Peace University

What if you could be debt-free with an emergency fund of 3–6 months of expenses saved, all while investing for retirement and planning for your family’s future? Sound impossible? It’s not! With Dave Ramsey’s class Financial Peace University, you CAN take control of your money.

If you’re interested in learning more about the class or to sign-up, go to the boilercatholics.org. Class starts Monday, January 8th at 7:00PM in the St. Isidore Room (Rm 22).
The Permanent Diaconate is a three-fold ministry of Word, Liturgy, and Charity.

Are you Called to Serve?

To learn more, contact:
Deacon Bill Reid
Vocations Coordinator
(317) 846-1992
Deacons2b@gmail.com

2018 Interfaith Leaders Meetings
The January 11, 2018 meeting from 11:30AM-1:00PM will be a brown bag lunch meeting on mental health and addiction at Trinity United Methodist Church (corner of 6th and North Streets, Lafayette). Bill Lindblom, investigator with Tippecanoe County Public Defenders Office, and Amy Brinkley, Bureau Chief at Office of Family and Consumer Affairs, Division of Mental Health and Addiction, will be joining us as we learn about a new program for women and families who deal with mental health and addiction issues and discuss how we as faith communities engage with these issues and support those who deal with them. This is a really important meeting, as it’s a tangible opportunity to shape how our community is addressing these issues and there will be ways to get involved. Anyone is encouraged to attend.

Prayer Service for Christian Unity
Please join area Christian churches as we celebrate the 2018 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The annual Prayer Service will be held at Evangelical Covenant Church (3600 S 9th St, Lafayette, IN 47909) on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 7:00PM. There will be a reception immediately following the service. All are welcome. For more information please contact Deacon Jim Rush at deacon.rush@dol-in.org or 765-586-3922.

Indiana March for Life
Greater Lafayette Catholic Parishes are coming together to offer travel to the Indiana March for Life on Monday, January 22, 2018. If interested, please contact mailbox@boilercatholics.org.

DETAILS
- January 22, 2017
- Imperial Travel Company
- $20 per person (includes water and snacks)
- Participants are responsible for themselves; parents responsible for children
- Each bus will have a bus leader with emergency contact and information

ITINERARY (ROUGH)
9:30AM  Depart Lafayette (location TBD)
11:00AM  Arrive at St. John the Evangelist, Indianapolis; eat packed lunch
12:10PM  Opening Mass
1:30PM  March to Indiana State House
2:15PM  Speeches
4:00PM  Closing prayer service; time for dinner
5:30PM  Depart Indianapolis (location TBD)
7:00PM  Arrive at Lafayette (location TBD)

Indiana March for Life
All are invited to join in the First Annual Indiana March for Life on Monday, January 22, 2018 in Indianapolis. The events include:

12:10  Mass, St. John the Evangelist Church
1:30  March from the Indiana Convention Center to the State House
2:30  Rally at the State House steps
4:00  Memorial for the Unborn Rose Service, Indiana State House, with keynote by Abby Johnson, author and founder of And Then There Were None
6:30  Youth Rally and Holy Hour, St. John the Evangelist Church, featuring Abby Johnson

Feel free to join in all or part of the day’s activities. But most importantly, join us as we testify to the dignity of life and the beauty of each human person. For more information check out www.rtlindy.org/upcoming-events/Indiana-march-for-life or contact Susan Hoefer, Diocesan Respect Life Coordinator, shoef@in.org / 765-421-1998. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana, and Right to Life of Indianapolis.
**Caregiver Companion**

*Share God’s love in the New Year!*

Help elderly community members as well as their caregivers by volunteering through Caregiver Companion! We are an interfaith network of volunteers dedicated to coming alongside caregivers and elderly and disabled individuals throughout Tippecanoe County. Our elderly neighbors long for a friend like you to come alongside them. There are many ways that you can help based on your God-given gifts, interests, and time available:

- Respite breaks for a weary caregiver
- Companionship to those who are homebound
- Local transportation to doctors’ appointments
- Grocery shopping/errands
- Simple repairs

You will be amazed at the blessings that come from being there for someone in their time of need. **Our next volunteer training session is on Saturday, January 13th, 2018.** Contact Lauren Weldy at (765) 423-1879 or caregiver95@gmail.com to schedule a volunteer interview soon.

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**Dominican Compline**

[Preachingfriars.org](http://preachingfriars.org) is a preaching apostolate of the Dominican student brothers from the Provinces of St. Albert the Great and St. Martin de Porres. They recently produced a new mobile app called **Dominican Compline** for iOS and Android. The app allows users to listen as the friars chant Compline (Night Prayer), and allows them to pray along. You are invited to visit [https://compline.preachingfriars.org](https://compline.preachingfriars.org) to learn more about the app and to download it.

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**Lafayette Adoration**

This Advent, please consider spending an hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament to prepare yourself for the Christmas season. The Lafayette adoration chapel always needs more adorers to stay and keep watch. If you are interested in taking an hour, please go to [lafayetteadoration.org](http://lafayetteadoration.org) to sign up.

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**JOB OPENING**

**Executive Assistant to the Vicar General | Lafayette, IN**

The Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana is currently seeking candidates for the position of Executive Assistant to the Vicar General. This person will support the Office of the Vicar General, Moderator of the Curia, and Chancellor in the completion of his responsibilities as they pertain to the general administration of the diocese.

Qualified candidates must have a minimum of five years office experience with computer skills essential, especially Microsoft Office applications. Strong organizational, verbal and written communication skills required. A working knowledge of Spanish would be helpful. Knowledge and understanding of the Catholic Church and its missions is required.

Interested and qualified candidates should submit a cover letter and resume to jlausten@dol-in.org.