St. Mary of Victories
& St. Stephen of Hungary Chapel

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January 3, 2016 – The Epiphany of the Lord

Mass Intentions this week:

Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Richard Ramseyer (deceased), requested by Patricia Kachelmeyer
	11:00 a.m.	For the people of St. Mary of Victories, living and deceased
Monday:	5:00 a.m.	For the Duggar family, requested by Eric Ostmann
Tuesday:	5:00 a.m.	For the intentions of Msgr. Joseph Herres
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Thursday:	5:00 a.m.	For Helen E. Szczerba, requested by Nancy Wilbert
Friday	5:00 a.m.	Charles Mauro (deceased) requested by Gerald Dean
Saturday	5:00 a.m.	Robert Bousman (deceased), requested by Ernest Rohay
Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	For the people of St. Mary of Victories, living and deceased
	11:00 a.m.	Henrietta Weeman (deceased), requested by James & Colleen La Croix

Sunday Collection, December 27:	9:00 a.m.	$651.00
	11:00 a.m.	$150.00
Mary, Mother of God, Collection, January 1:	11:00 a.m.	$108.00

Readings for the Feast of the Epiphany (pp. 404-405): Today's great and ancient liturgical celebration of Christ's "manifestation" recalls beautiful historical events replete with their own deep theological meaning: they reveal the answer to the question of *why* God became man – the central theme of the Christmas season. And that answer, of course, is – *for the salvation of the whole world*. The Magi who came from afar, as gentiles, to adore the Divine Infant represent the future coming of all nations to worship Christ as King and Savior. Isaiah's prophecy (1st reading) points forward to this universality, and St. Paul (2nd reading) tells the Ephesians explicitly: the great mystery has been now been revealed that the Gentiles are "coheirs" with Jews to Christ's promises. The magi had been followers of a pre-Christian pagan religion that somehow pointed toward Christ, and they now came to a fuller knowledge of the true God – lying in a manger! We too are called to a new conversion as we worship the Divine Child.

Learn About the Riches of the Divine Office: On Saturday, January 9 at 10 a.m. in the Mindszenty Hall our liturgical scholar Stan Metheny will give an informal presentation and and lead a discussion on the Divine Office (or Liturgy of the Hours), the official prayer of the Church. Coffee, tea and snacks will be available. It's free, but donations are appreciated for the use of the hall. RSVP by calling Vicki Wiese at 314-351-9102 and leaving a message or e-mailing smovstl@smov.info."

Homecoming Picnic a Big Success! The profit from our August 16 St. Stephen of Hungary Homecoming Picnic was **$4,536.85.** Thanks again to all who worked so hard to make it a success!

SMV Children's Book: The Hooper family has produced a beautiful coloring & prayer book, adorned with lovely photos of St. Mary of Victories and the Child Jesus from our church! Get several copies from Jim and Lisa for only **$8.00** apiece. Great kids' gifts! *All proceeds to our church!*

Support Catholic Radio! Please take a flyer at the door with the January schedule for Covenant Network Radio. One of their representatives will be visiting us for promotion on January 17.

***Vatican II Hymnal*:** Please check to see if you may have taken home one of these black hard-covered books with the Mass texts and readings as well as hymns. Out of 50 originally purchased we can now account for only 31! These are literally irreplaceable: they sold out and are now out of print.

Imádkozzatok betegeinkért: Please pray for our sick parishioners, especially Jimmy Essex, Frank Borkin, Dante Prosperi, and others who are suffering pain as advancing years take their toll.

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Year of Mercy: The Archdiocese is creating a series of videos to be released in different seasons during the Year of Mercy, which began on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The first one, "Christmas Mercy", is available at archstl.org/mercy. We encourage you to watch this video.