

The Visit of the Wise Men

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw His star at its rising and have come to do Him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet:

*'And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"*

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found Him, bring me word, that I too may go and do Him homage." After their audience with the king, they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did Him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

MATTHEW, CHAPTER 2: 1-11 (NABRE)

We don't know how the wise men came to know of the birth of Jesus, but they had the humility to be open to God's call and the wisdom to seek the Messiah. Although the chief priests and scribes were able to tell Herod exactly where the Messiah was to be born, not one accompanied the wise men.

This Christmas, may our relationship to God grow stronger. He has made himself approachable in the manger and in the sacraments. Let us not be like the priests and scribes of the time of Christ's coming who had knowledge of God's revelation, but who did not have a true love and relationship with God.

Our scholarship awardees (and their parents) greatly appreciate your support in allowing them to go to school each day where Christ is the center of their day. Please pray for our schools to continue to be able to provide a truly Christ-centered place for them to grow closer to God.

Like the wise men, we pray that your Christmas season is centered on rejoicing exceedingly and paying homage to the newborn King!

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Teach the Truth

Teach the Truth Foundation provides tuition aid and financial support to Catholic Schools so that all who seek to attend a Catholic school can do so regardless of financial need.

Established in 2014, we invite all those who feel called to aid in the mission to support Catholic Education in Western Pennsylvania to partner with us. Our goal is to ensure that the Catholic Schools continue to be an option to all parents of school age children.

Catholic Schools have a wonderful legacy of providing an educational experience of outstanding quality with the foundational focus being Christ, the source of all true knowledge. The mission of Catholic Schools has been critical to the development of the United States and is even more critical today.

St. Francis of Assisi

Upon his return from a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 1223, St. Francis was inspired to set up an austere commemoration of the Lord's nativity in a cave outside the town of Greccio, Italy. It featured an empty manger and a live donkey and ox. His desire was to impress upon the townspeople the humility and poverty in which Jesus was born. Like the Holy Family we pray for true wisdom which lies in valuing treasures in heaven rather than earthly comforts.

In Gratitude for your gifts

We would like to extend a heartfelt, "Thank you!" from the parents of the Catholic school children who you have allowed to attend Catholic school. Your donations support over twenty-five children. This year. From their notes of thanks:

- * Sending three children to Catholic school is expensive, but well worth the financial sacrifices. Our daughter asked if Santa would bring her a crucifix for her room and some bubble gum. We loved that!
- * A Catholic education is so precious to our children, not only academically, but spiritually. You are truly being the hands and feet of Jesus.
- * We were relieved and overjoyed to learn that we received such a generous scholarship. Because of your generosity, we are able to keep our boys in a God-loving and God-teaching Catholic school. Thank you for shaping the future of our children.

I support the mission of Teach the Truth and would like to donate to your efforts to make a Catholic education a reality for the children of even more parents in the future.

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