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January 4, 2026 ♦ The Epiphany of the Lord

MISSION STATEMENT:

We are called together in fellowship to witness to our Catholic faith through prayer and the celebration of the sacraments. We give testimony to Jesus Christ by reaching out with compassion to others.

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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. - Mt 2:10-11a



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/
Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/
Mt 3:13-17



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6). Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72). Second Reading — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6). Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).

CELEBRATIONS OF EUCHARIST:

Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday thru Friday 8:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Friday: 7:30 - 7:50 a.m.
Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: Following 7:30 a.m. Mass until 8:45 a.m.
Other times by appointment.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Monday by 9:00 a.m.

PARISH REGISTRATION:

We warmly welcome new parishioners and request that they register by calling the parish office.

BAPTISM:

Congratulations! We are excited to help you welcome your child into the Church. Parents must attend a Baptism Preparation Class prior to their child's baptism. Please call the parish office to register.

MARRIAGE:

Couples should contact the parish office as soon as possible after their engagement is announced. The preferred preparation period is 12 months. You must be a registered parishioner before setting a wedding date.

♿ HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE



No Mass

5 Mon. 6:30 p.m. Eugene Glass †
6 Tue. 8:00 a.m. Laura LaValley † (3 year anniv.)
7 Wed. 8:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory
8 Thu. 8:00 a.m. Earl and Shirley Bernsten ††
9 Fri. 5:00 p.m. Gregory Killian †
10 Sat. 7:30 a.m. St. John the Baptist Parishioners
11 Sun. 9:00 a.m. Dean Miley †



Next Weekend - January 10 and 11

5:00 P.M.

Ushers: Patti Fodstad-Bouley
Dawn Kennedy
Reader: Rena Hales
Server: Thomas Bouley
Communion Minister: Stacy Glass

7:30 A.M.

Ushers: Russ Ray & **Volunteer**
Reader: Bill Zbaracki
Server: Logan Crosby
Communion Minister: Lisa Crosby

9:00 A.M.

Ushers: Dennis and Nancy Wheeler
Reader: Cindy Gibbs
Servers: Danny and Josh Moylan
Communion Minister: Barb Carnes
Children's Liturgy: Lead - Sarah Moylan
Aide - Alayna Leiran



SCRIP NEWS

SCRIP isn't just for Christmas - We would like to remind you to purchase SCRIP on a regular basis for your weekly gas, grocery and household needs as well as for birthdays, weddings, anniversaries and other gift-giving occasions throughout the year. SCRIP is a year-round fundraiser that costs you no additional out-of-pocket expense to participate. You purchase the gift cards at full face value; the discount that St. John's is able to purchase the certificates at becomes our profit.

Scrip Sellers for Next Weekend

Jan. 10 5:00 p.m. Morlene MacGregor & Deb Stang
11 7:30 a.m. Lisa Crosby & **Volunteer**
9:00 a.m. Jim Penick & Linda McAlpine



From the Pastor

Epiphany is a big deal - and I'm not talking about the parish in Coon Rapids, though it is always fun to get the clergy of Coon Rapids and St. Michael's fighting about who has the bigger parish. I mean the liturgical feast that we celebrate today that is traditionally celebrated on January 6th as the 12th day of Christmas. Although magi showing up from the east with strange gifts may seem an odd thing for me to stress as a big deal, the second reading from Ephesians explains why today is so important. Epiphany is the celebration of Christ being made known not just to our Jewish brothers and sisters, but to the nations, and as non-Jews to us.

As the preface for Epiphany and the proper *communi-cantes* in the Roman Canon say, today is the day we celebrate that Christ, eternal with the Father in glory, appears in a human body to the nations, sharing in our flesh. That means that our redemption is also a fleshy, earthly reality, not just a spiritual one. If we are to follow Christ and show his light to the nations, we have to do so in our actions and our bodily realities, not just our thoughts and spirits. That is a tall order, but the Epiphany reminds us that we are not doing this alone; God took on flesh so that we would have the help and example of Jesus.

One particular way that the Parish Council has asked that we make that love known has come to us from Fr. Mutui. As I know some of you will remember, Fr. Mutui served as pastor here in the 2000's and is working at the St. John Paul II Institute in Kitui, Kenya, which provides job training. He came back to Minnesota to fund-raise for this mission in September but had bad arthritis flair-ups and ended up being hospitalized for a good chunk of his visit. He's therefore reached out to us to see if we'd take up a second collection, and on the advice of the Parish Council we will be doing so next weekend. Because this is not going through the Center for Mission and the Archdiocese, any donations would be a free-will offering cash gift and not subject to a tax write-off. We will be taking up a second collection for this after communion next week and if you wish to write a check, please make it out to the parish.

- Fr. John Powers

NEW IN THE COMMUNITY? WE WELCOME YOU!

If you would like to become a member of our parish family, please call the parish office at 763.428.2828.

TRAVELERS For nationwide Mass times and locations visit www.Masstimes.org.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION TEAR DOWN

The Christmas decorations will be taken next Sunday, January 11, beginning at around 10:00 a.m. We need lots of help to complete this job - come for as little or as long as you can stay.



C.R.O.S.S. FOOD SHELF NEWS

Monthly Collection - This weekend is our regular time to contribute non-perishable food and dry good items to the local food shelf.

Please place your donation of items in one of the bins located at the exits. Monetary donations and/or Scrip gift cards may be placed in an envelope marked "Food Shelf" and dropped in the regular Sunday collection basket.



STEWARSHIP REFLECTION

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

- Matthew 2:11

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.



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Holy Day Offerings (4)	165.00
First Offering Envelope (1)	10.00
Misc. Contributions (3)	620.00
Automatic Deposits (20)	776.00
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 4,783.00

OFFERTORY • CHRISTMAS

Adult Envelopes (92)	\$ 9,446.00
Plate and Non-Parishioners	2,125.00
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 11,571.00
Projected Need	\$ 11,214.00
Received Last Week	16,354.00
Projected Need to Date	151,389.00
Amount Received to Date	154,948.00
Deficit - Last Week	\$ 1,581.00
Surplus - This Week	3,559.00



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation

The Bible Timeline will teach us how to read and understand the entire Bible and introduce us to the wonderful narrative of Scripture in a way that will transform your life. Please join us Monday evenings beginning January 12, 2026, in the Social Hall. Sessions will be from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. No prior Bible Study experience is necessary! Please let Sheila Long know if you are interested in participating so that materials can be ordered. Also, reach out to Sheila with any questions: clongsh13@gmail.com or 763.428.4539.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. John's offers regular Friday Eucharistic Adoration. Adoration takes place in our St. Therese Chapel beginning after the Friday morning 8:00 a.m. Mass until 7:00 p.m. most Fridays, If you are willing to commit to an hour with our Lord, please sign up on the bulletin board near the vestibule. We invite all parishioners to stop by on Fridays and give some time to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.



POPE'S JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

CANA DINNER 2026 Saturday, January 17

St. Albert's Parish Center from 5:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Come and enjoy a faith-filled evening celebrating the gift of marriage and the journey of love through every season of life - winter challenges, springtime beginnings, summer joy and autumn transitions. This night will include a social hour with beer and wine tasting, catered dinner with appetizers, desserts and drinks, an inspiring panel discussion, entertainment, Blessing of Marriage with a couple's dance. Register by January 8 at churchofstalbert.org/canadinner. For questions, contact Jean Wold at 763.497.2474, ext. 2 or jwold@churchofstalbert.org.

MINNESOTA WINTERS CAN PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION CHALLENGES

When the Minnesota State Patrol issues a "No Travel Advised" warning, St. John the Baptist Church will cancel all activities. Weekend Masses will be held since Father Powers lives on campus, however, you are advised to use your best judgment when roads are icy and snow covered. The obligation to attend Mass is lifted when conditions are not safe for you to come to church.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

TLC FAMILY - JANUARY 7

This Wednesday is our fourth TLC Family Session with everyone meeting from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Adults will meet in the Church for their session with Sheila on the next section of the book *Catechism of Hockey*. Confirmation students will have their regular class with Father Powers in the chapel, but from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. The younger students will all have class, but with EVERYONE gathering from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. rather than their regular time. We will finish up with cupcakes before 7:00 p.m. We still have copies of the book and workbook available. If any other parishioners would like to join; you are welcome.

EXTREME FAITH CAMP REGISTRATION - EFC Registration is now open! Fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth graders are highly encouraged to attend. If you need information about registering, please contact Sarah Moylan at sarah.sjbchurch@gmail.com.

RECLAIMING SUNDAYS

The focus of the third and fourth year of the Synod Implementation Plan centers on the family and parents as primary educators of their children. The Year 3 initiative has been subtitled "Reclaiming Sundays" and each parish of the Archdiocese is asked to assist this effort. Each month we will give you a new theme and some sample activities to help you put into practice that theme in order to help you live out the gift of Sunday to its fullest.

January - Invitation and Prayer

"The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus." - Pope Francis

Pope Francis reminds all Christian in *Evangelli Gaudium* that the joy that transforms our lives when we encounter the living Jesus is a joy that must be shared. Sample Activities for January:

- Invite someone outside of your family to share an aspect of your "reclaimed Sunday" (e.g. invite a neighbor for dinner, ask family friends to go on a walk with you, etc.)
- Liturgical Living: Intentionally celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord (e.g. light candles and have a little procession to place the Magi in your nativity scene, use blessed chalk to bless your doorways, eat a meal of middle Eastern food, sing "We Three Kings," etc.) Invite someone to share your celebration.
- Liturgical Living: Celebrate the Baptism of the Lord by remembering your own family baptisms. Light your candles, look at photos and videos from the sacramental celebration, invite godparents to share your celebration, bless each other with holy water, pray for your godparents, pray for the priests who baptized you all, etc. While you have all these mementos out, document your family's baptisms dates and mark them on your calendar to celebrate in years to come.
- Recommended resource to assist in building habits of prayer is the Hallow App.

CATHOLIC Q & A

THE THREE WISE MEN

Question: Magi, Three Kings, Three Wise Men...who were they?

Answer: We sing songs, give gifts, and move three mysterious men into our manger scenes. There's a rich heritage in the Catholic Church of celebrating the magi, but their origins are steeped in mystery. The original Greek calls these men *magoi*. The word is translated elsewhere in Scripture to mean "magician," but a similar word was used in ancient history to describe an entirely different set of people altogether. In what is now modern-day Iran, the ruling empire had a wealthy priestly caste known as the Magi. At the time of Christ, the Magi formed one of the ruling councils of the Parthian Empire. These priests interpreted dreams and read the stars to anticipate major events that could affect the fortunes of the empire.

We're not exactly sure where the magi of the Gospels traveled from. Matthew simply says "the east." History tells us that the ancient regions of Persia, Assyria, and Babylon all had a magi priesthood at the time of Christ. Whichever region they hailed from, they likely traveled over one thousand miles over the course of several months to arrive at the Holy Family. Unfortunately for the classic song, there is no concrete evidence these men were themselves kings, though they did bear gifts "from afar" at the prompting of their astronomical calculations.

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THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 4

7:30 a.m. Mass
Confessions following Mass till 8:45 a.m.
8:30 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. Mass
Food Shelf Collection Weekend

Tuesday, January 6

6:30 p.m. Mass

Wednesday, January 7

8:00 a.m. Mass
TLC Family Session

Thursday, January 8

8:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, January 9

7:30 a.m. Confessions
8:00 a.m. Mass
8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration (till 7:00 p.m.)

Saturday, January 10

4:00 p.m. Confessions (till 4:45 p.m.)
4:30 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, January 11

The Baptism of the Lord
7:30 a.m. Mass
Confessions following Mass till 8:45 a.m.
8:30 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. Mass
10:00 a.m. Christmas Decoration Tear Down

VATICAN UNVEILED

January 10 - February 1, Mall of America

In celebration of the 175th anniversary of the Catholic Church in Minnesota, the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is hosting Vatican Unveiled, an exhibit of the largest collection of papal artifacts outside of Rome. Father Richard Kunst, a priest of the Diocese of Duluth, serves as curator of the exhibit. Father Kunst has a deep knowledge of the items and a passion for telling their stories. Find more information at archspm.org/vaticanunveiled.

ANNUAL PRAYER SERVICE FOR LIFE

All are invited to join Bishop Kevin Kenney at a prayer service to commemorate the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by the aftermath of an abortion, as we pray for life on Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Paul in St. Paul. MCCL's March for Life Rally will follow at the Minnesota State Capitol. All are invited and welcome. Find more information at archspm.org/events/annual-prayer-service-for-life.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS . . .



Bena Bourgeois, Marie Corbin, Ken Croteau, Lynn Eggert, Donna Rivers Hauan, Martha Killian, Jean Klee, Peggy Kohman, Wayne Lahn, Jane Lenz, Rick Marion, Mary Middleton, Barbara Mulcahy, Anne Otremba, Viola Plante, Jodi Playle, Catherine Schumacher, Dawn Storms Family, Tim Timm, Mary Watson, Billi Jo Weekley, and Sandi Weekley. Becky Bader (sister of Ed Bader), Ricky Bengtson, Mike Gullickson and Bill Southworth (friends of Marilyn Nordine), Mary Bebeau (sister-in-law of Dave Bebeau), Raymond Bernard (brother-in-law of Joan Playle), Lori Brix (sister of Elaine Wagner), Jeff Chouinard (son of Joanne Chouinard), Dennis Daleiden, Collette Hardy, Andy Heid, Nikki Martinez, Virginia Resler, Phillip Robinson and Joe Simms (friends of Lynn Eggert), Darrell Delles (brother-in-law of Joan Playle), Sarah Dietzler (friend of Kathy Timm), Julie Corbin Dray (niece of Joan Playle), Nancy Hobbs (sister of Linda Bebeau), Jerry Kamrow and Scott Knowlan (sons-in-law of Mary Kay Christian), Nancy Karl (friend of Mary Dahlheimer), Dawn Schmidt (friend of Joanne Chouinard), Dave Stasson (brother-in-law of Lucy McAlpine), Ed Wojciak (brother of Teri Ray), and Dan and Kristy Zapf (grandchildren of Earl and Elaine Schulenburg).



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