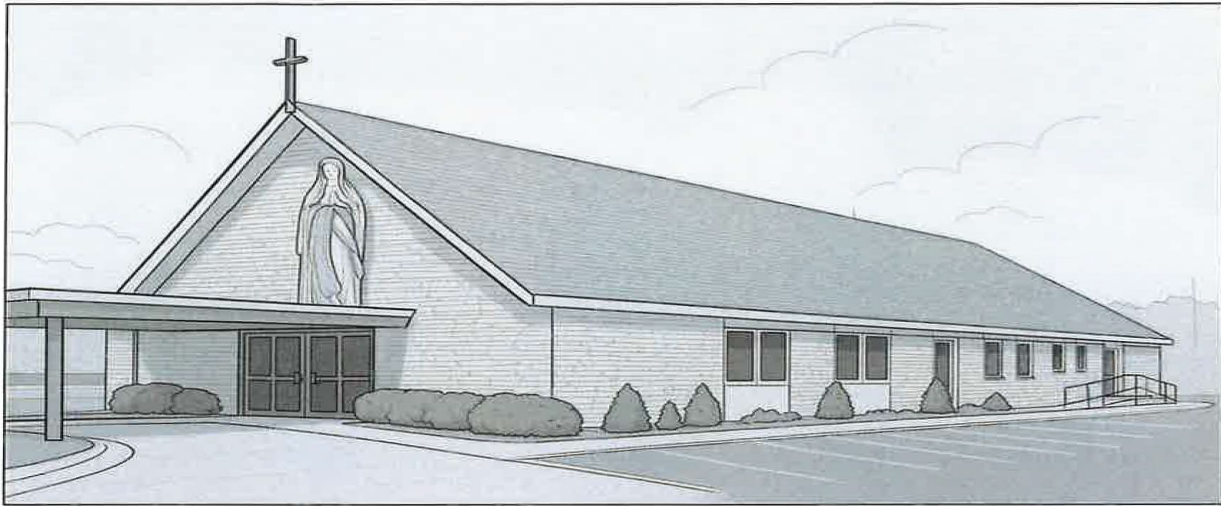




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The Epiphany of the Lord
La Epifanía del Señor
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According to today's Gospel, the mystery the wise men of the East wished to solve was the birthplace of the King of the Jews. For Saint Paul, the mystery revealed by the Holy Spirit consists in that "the Gentiles are coheirs" of the same inheritance God promised. Today, on this great solemnity of Epiphany, the Church celebrates the revelation of our Savior to all nations, represented by the encounter with the three wise men who travel from the East to see the newborn babe in the manger in Bethlehem. Customary symbols accompany the celebration: the star that guides the wise men, the light the Child Jesus is for all who search for peace, and the meeting of believers and non-believers. God calls us together to gather us in his love, and he calls us to become one family where peace and reconciliation reign.

Según el Evangelio de hoy, el misterio que los Reyes Magos de Oriente deseaban resolver era el lugar de nacimiento del Rey de los judíos. Para San Pablo, el misterio revelado por el Espíritu Santo consiste en que «los gentiles son coherederos» de la misma herencia que Dios prometió. Hoy, en esta gran solemnidad de la Epifanía, la Iglesia celebra la revelación de nuestro Salvador a todas las naciones, representada por el encuentro con los tres Reyes Magos que viajan desde Oriente para ver al recién nacido en el pesebre de Belén. Símbolos tradicionales acompañan la celebración: la estrella que guía a los Reyes Magos, la luz que el Niño Jesús es para todos los que buscan la paz, y el encuentro entre creyentes y no creyentes. Dios nos convoca a unirnos en su amor y a ser una sola familia donde reine la paz y la reconciliación.

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Office
9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Monday – Friday

Prayer List Please come to our office to include your sick or deceased family members in our prayer list. They will remain on the list that the priest reads for two weeks and will afterwards be included in a confidential list, for which we will continue praying in silence.	Our Catechism Program for Grades 1-8. Adult RCIA Classes in Spanish. Catechism will take place from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. Please contact the Office at (205) 836-2274 if you or your child needs to register for classes 	Prayer for the Sick Father God, we lift up all those who are facing illnesses today. We ask that You bring healing, comfort, and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. In the name of Jesus. Jack Klask Vic and Sandra Laubenthal Teresa Vaccaro Jospeh Amair	Mass Intentions Dates Mass Intention - Dates 12/23/2025 Tue ? 12/24/2025 Wed ? 12/25/2025 Thu ? 12/26/2025 Fri ? 12/27/2025 Sat ? 12/28/2025 Sun 28 ? 12/28/2025 Sun 28 ?Bill & Carolyn Weber We have dates available for those who wish to request a Mass for their loved ones, whether living (Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries, Thanksgiving) or deceased. Contact the parish office. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is on the first Saturday of each month from 7pm-9pm.
Donations for the flower fund Please bring it to the office or deposit your donation in an envelope with your name during the mass. 	Eve’s Tear’s Lillies of the Valley sprung up, it is said, whenever Eve’s repentant tears fell as she was banished from Eden. In England and France, these same flowers are named after the new Eve: Our Lady’s Tears. For centuries, this symbol of humility and purity has been dedicated to Mary.	“O Blessed Tongue “ Thirty years after his death in 1231, Saint Anthony’s tomb was opened. Although his body had returned to dust, his tongue was found miraculously preserved. Saint Bonaventure, then minister general of the Franciscans —of which Anthony was a celebrated member— in veneration of this symbol of sacred eloquence, said, “O blessed tongue that always praised the Lord, and caused others to bless him, now it is manifest how great your merits were before God.”	Albrecht Durer and the Praying Hands The hands that have inspired many were originally inspired by a young named Hans. He and his friend, a youth named Albrecht Durer, were struggling young artists. Around 1490 they were still students but hindered in their progress by the work that their poverty demanded. The older of the two, Hans, agreed to sacrifice his schooling for a while and work full time so that Albrecht could give full attention to his study. This freed young Albrecht to pursue the career that produced the treasures for which he is so well known. Hans paid part of the price for this genius with the years of hard manual labor which gnarled his hands and stiffened his fingers. When his friend’s success would have enabled him to follow his own dreams of being an artist, he no longer had hands for the sure, delicate brushstrokes of painting. Albrecht Durer, today regarded as the leader of the German Renaissance school of painting, memorialized his friend’s sacrifice. He painted them as he had seen them so often: raised in prayer for his success. It is said that “The Praying Hands” we painted by Albrecht Durer and presented to Hans, whose last name we do not even know.

Saturday/Sabado
4 pm

Pastor: Father Eric Kotem Gami
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Sunday/Domingo
11 am English; 1 pm Spanish

Bookkeeper & Secretary: Marlene Zwiebel

Hispanic Coordinators: Albertina Fernandez
Martin Andres

Catechism: Isabela Hernandez

Sacristan/Liaison – Marion Shore
English Music Director: Nancy Ryan

8:00 am Rosary/Rosario on Wed. Thru.
8:30 am Rosary/Rosario Mon., Tue., Fri.
8:30 am English Mass Wednesday & Thursday

Dances: Marty and Kathy Brill
Church Decorations Linda Funderburke
Boy Scout Liaison-Jon Ryan
St. Ann's Band – Melody Hoobler

Confession Every Saturday 3:15pm-3:45pm
Wed. and Thur. Morning After Mass
No Confession on Sunday
Confesion en Espanol sera el primero
Sabado de cada mes de 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

Our website: [Http://ollcbham.com](http://ollcbham.com)

Flowers in the Garden of Eden

Flowers must have grown in paradise. Certainly, there was only one plant salvaged from the Garden of Eden, the lign aloe. Adam took with him one of these Paradise Shoots, from which all lign aloes have descended.

The Rose of Paradise

Before it became a flower of Earth, the rose grew thornless in paradise. Only after Adam sinned did it take on thorns to remind humankind of the sin committed and the fall from grace. The fragrance and beauty remain, however, as a reminder of the splendor of paradise. The rose continues to be a classic symbol of Mary, the new Eve, the rose without thorns.

Flores en el Jardín del Edén

Las flores debieron crecer en el paraíso. Ciertamente, solo se rescató una planta del Jardín del Edén: el áloe vero. Adán se llevó consigo uno de estos brotes del Paraíso, de donde descienden todos los áloes vera. La Rosa del Paraíso

a de oraciones Por favor, Harne a nuestra oficina para incluir a sus familiares enfermos o difuntos en nuestra lista de oraciones. Permanecenin en la lista que el padre lee durante dos semanas y posteriormente se incluiran en una lista confidencial, por la cual seguiremos orando silencio.	Our Catechism Program for Grades 1-8. Adult RCIA Classes in Spanish. <u>Catechism will begin at 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM.</u> <u>Please contact the Office (205) 836-2274 if you or your child needs to register for classes.</u> 	Oracion por los Enfermos Padre Dios, levantamos a todos los que hoy enfrentan enfermedades. Te pedimos que traigas sanación, consuelo, y paz a sus cuerpos. Calma sus miedos y dejales experimentar el poder sandor de tu amor. En el nombre de Jesus. Jack Klask Vic and Sandra Laubenthal Teresa Vaccaro Joseph Amari	Mass Intentions Dates 12/23/2025 Tue ♦ 12/24/2025.....Wed. ♦ 12/25/2025 Thu ♦ 12/26/2025 Fri ♦ 12/27/2025 Sat ♦ 1228/2025 Sun 28 ♦ 1228/2025 Sun 28 ♦ Bill & Carolyn Weber Tenernos fechas disponibles para quienes deseen solicitar una Misa por sus seres queridos, ya sean vivos (Cumpleafios, Aniversario de Bodas, Acción de Gracias) o fallecidos. Contacten con la oficina parroquial. Adoracion a Santisimo es el primer Sabado de cada mes
Donations for the flower fund Please bring it to the office or deposit your donation in an envelope with your name during the mass. Thank you everyone who donated to the flower fund and helped decorate the church. Our Church looked beautiful for the celebration of the birth of our savior Jesus. Please continue your support of the flower fund. 	Lágrimas de Eva Se dice que los lirios del valle brotaban cada vez que las lágrimas de arrepentimiento de Eva caían al ser expulsada del Edén. En Inglaterra y Francia, estas mismas flores reciben el nombre de la nueva Eva: Lágrimas de Nuestra Señora. Durante siglos, este símbolo de humildad y pureza ha estado dedicado a María.	Oh, Bendita Lengua” Treinta años después de su muerte en 1231, se abrió la tumba de San Antonio. Aunque su cuerpo había vuelto al polvo, su lengua se encontró milagrosamente preservada. San Buenaventura, entonces ministro general de los franciscanos —de los cuales Antonio era un célebre miembro—, en veneración a este símbolo de sagrada elocuencia, dijo: “Oh, bendita lengua que siempre alabaste al Señor e hiciste que otros lo bendijesen, ahora se manifiestan cuán grandes fueron tus méritos ante Dios”. (Véase la entrada sobre la “incorruptibilidad” en la página 412).	Alberto Durero y las Manos en Oración Las manos que han inspirado a tantos fueron inspiradas originalmente por un joven llamado Hans. Él y su amigo, también llamado Alberto Durero, eran artistas jóvenes y con dificultades. Alrededor de 1490, aún eran estudiantes, pero el trabajo que exigía su pobreza les impedía progresar. El mayor de los dos, Hans, aceptó sacrificar sus estudios por un tiempo y trabajar a tiempo completo para que Alberto pudiera dedicarse por completo a sus estudios. Esto le permitió al joven Alberto dedicarse a la carrera que le dio los tesoros por los que es tan conocido. Hans pagó parte del precio de este genio con años de duro trabajo manual que le deformaron las manos y endurecieron los dedos. Cuando el éxito de su amigo le habría permitido perseguir su sueño de ser artista, ya no tenía manos para las pinceladas seguras y delicadas de la pintura. Alberto Durero, hoy considerado el líder de la escuela de pintura del Renacimiento alemán, conmemoró el sacrificio de su amigo. Las pintó como las había visto tantas veces: elevadas en oración por su éxito. Se dice que “Las manos en oración” fue pintada por Alberto Durero y regalada a Hans, de quien ni siquiera conocemos su apellido.