

the Catholic communities of

St. Mary • St. Augustine • St. Francis of Assisi

January 4, 2026

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

Visitors & New Parishioners

We warmly welcome you to our parish family. Thank you for coming to worship with us.

Parish Offices

ST. MARY

320 E. Washington Ave, Tomahawk WI 54487
Phone 715-453-2878
Website: www.stmaryschurcttomahawk.com
Hours: Monday—Wednesday 8:00AM-3:30PM
Thursday—CLOSED
Friday 8:00AM-3:30PM

ST. AUGUSTINE

N10090 County Rd B, Tomahawk, WI 54487
Phone 715-453-2561
Fax 715-453-4813

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

5209 Willow Road, Tripoli, WI 54564
Please note: There is no office at this location,
please see St. Mary Parish Office.

Weekend Mass/Service Schedule

St. Francis-Pier Willow	Saturday 4:00PM
St. Mary-Tomahawk	Saturday 6:00PM
St. Augustine-Harrison	Sunday 8:00AM
St. Mary-Tomahawk	Sunday 9:30AM
St. Mary-Tomahawk	Sunday 11:00AM*

*Memorial Day Weekend—Labor Day Weekend Only

Weekday Mass/Service Schedule

St. Augustine-Harrison	Tuesday 8:30AM
St. Mary-Tomahawk	Wednesday 8:45AM
Nursing Homes	Thursday 9:15AM
St. Mary-Tomahawk	Friday 8:45AM

Rosary

St. Augustine-Harrison	Sunday 7:25AM
St. Augustine-Harrison	Tuesday 8:00AM
St. Mary-Tomahawk	Wednesday 8:15AM
St. Mary-Tomahawk	Friday 8:00AM

Adoration with Reconciliation

St. Mary-Tomahawk
Following 8:45AM Mass on Fridays
First Saturdays at 9:00AM

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus with Adoration & Reconciliation

St. Mary-Tomahawk
Following 8:45AM Mass on first Fridays

Reconciliation

St. Mary-Tomahawk
Saturdays at 9:00AM*
St. Francis-Pier Willow
Saturdays at 3:30PM*

Anointing of the Sick

St. Mary-Tomahawk
Following 9:30AM Mass on Sundays*
*or by appointment (715-453-2878)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Parochial Administrator

Fr. Aloysius Royan Anthony
pastor@smctomahawk.com

ST. AUGUSTINE

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Cemetery Sexton, Mark Voermans

Pastoral Council Chair, Mike Smith

Financial Council Chair, Jim Evers

Maintenance Chair,

Matt Voermans 715-612-0376

ST. MARY & ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

715-453-2878

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Director of Music & Liturgy, Janice Huseby

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Coordinator of Religious Education/

Youth Ministry, Laura Reiter

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Deacons

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Russell Cabak 608-797-2277

Cliff Eggett 715-453-5217

Bernie Lyngdal (Retired)

OCIA

Deacon David Bablick 715-224-3472

Kathy Ramassini 715-453-3822

Parish Nurse Ministry

Ann Jelinek RN, PN 715-453-4573

Cemetery Sexton

Matt Wohlt 715-453-7030

Pastoral Council Chair, Mary Bailey

Financial Council Chair, Scott Swenty

Endowment Fund Advisory Board President,

AJ Theiler 715-453-0010

ST. MARY'S THRIFT CELLAR

715-453-2878

Hours:

Tuesday 4:00PM-7:00PM

Wednesday 9:00AM-3:00PM

Friday 9:00AM-3:00PM

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Information for the parish bulletin must be in St. Mary's parish office by 8:00AM on Tuesday.



Your Gifts & Talents are Needed!
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Call 715-453-2878
God Bless You!

Mission Statement

Our Catholic Communities are committed to be an extension of the universal Catholic church by daily living of the teachings of Jesus Christ for the spiritual growth of all in our parish and community.

Reflection

The reflection for the week can be found on our website at www.stmaryschurchtomahawk.com.

Sacraments & Faith Formation

Sacrament of Baptism

We ask that parents of a child to be baptized contact the parish office to arrange attendance of a Baptismal Preparation Class. Please note that it is not necessary to wait until the child is born to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Anyone seeking to set up a wedding must contact Fr. Aloysius, our pastor, at least 6 months prior to the marriage. Wedding guidelines are available at www.stmaryschurchtomahawk.com.

Sacrament of Anointing the Sick

Please call the parish office to notify us of the people who are in need of this care. This Sacrament is also available to those who wish to receive it after the 11:00AM Mass on Sunday.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

(Confession) is celebrated individually each Saturday at 9:00AM. Individual times can be arranged at any time by calling the parish office.

Faith Formation

The Sacraments of First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation take place during 2nd Grade. Confirmation Preparation begins in 9th grade and takes place on Sundays. Students are confirmed in the fall of either 10th or 11th Grade. Classes for Grades K-8 are on Wednesdays.

Pray for the Sick

Lawrence & Colette Matthews	Jean Flammang	Cliff & Jean Eggett	Maribeth Burke	Robert "Roo" Rundle
Tucker Van Ryn	Mary Gerum	Nathalie Obey	Janet Pierdzioch	Deonn Graeber
Melinda Meyers	Marvelene Sosinsky	Billy Frigo	Gloria Biesik	Jim Brimacombe
Christine Taylor	Betty Hudson	Suzanne Theis	Hannah Bell	Dave Bablick
Margaret Congdon	Mary Stelzer	Howard Sipple	Ron Groshek	Chuck Grigg
Joan McCormick	Joan Crowell	Janet Giers	Lisa Wildey	Donna Olson
Dan Bassett	Mary Sue Novotny	Karen Orthober	Millie Lyngdal	Tracy Bartz
Charlene Marks	Shawna Geiger	Mady Hanse	Bernie Lyngdal	Robert Eisenman
Evelyn Brown	Joan Cook	Joan	Annette Kowerski	Betty Hanson
Nicholas Peterson	Al Felz	Kleinschmidt	Rich O'Dell	Fr. Jim Marchionda
Steve Malin	Larry Andrew	Robert Zipp	Joe Sherman	James Martinco
Vivian Mitchell	Alex Schroeder	Jan Hammell	Lois Bartz	Darlene Likwarz
Joann Meyers	Karson Bartz	Diane Barr	Tom Seavey	
Marlene Erickson	Julie Iwen	Patricia Bulauski	Emma Schiltz	
Jim Witucki	Mary "Lee"	Therese	Karen Monti	
	Hamlin	DuPlayee	Grace Towle	
		Therese Quirion	Tom Wenninger	

All the sick in the hospitals and all the residents in our Nursing Homes. To keep our list current, all names are removed on a monthly basis. If our parish's thoughts and prayers are still needed for you and yours, you must contact us to ensure that your loved ones are on the prayer list.

Pray For All the Priests of our Diocese:

Each week we are asked to pray for all the Priests of our Diocese. The monthly calendars are available at catholicdos.org/chancery-bulletin.



Respect Life Committee

715-302-4815

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ST. MARY'S PARISH SCHOOL

715-453-3542

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Secretary: Katie Rossiter

Email: smsoffice@stmarystudents.com

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

From our Priest

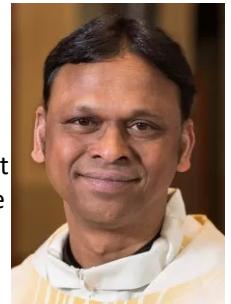
Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We are in the second week after Christmas celebrating the Epiphany. The first reading depicts Jerusalem as the divine place where God's temple on earth could be found as a beacon of light amidst darkness. God restores His dwelling among His people. The Lord is a light that clarifies right paths to His people and foreign nations, enabling them to navigate life's obstacles and hardships as though walking on a path at midday. This is a sign of blessing, vision and prosperity to God's people.

The second reading explores the idea of revelation as a distinct form of knowledge or enlightenment. Earlier God's revelation was understood as discerning the divine plan using human reason. Now while reason continues revelation refers to a special way and direct knowledge of God and His plan as a gift

from the Spirit. Hence, it is the grace of God which is an unmerited, unparalleled, unmediated free gift from God.

The Gospel narrates the story of the three educated men (magoi in Greek) from the East visiting Judea after discerning the birth of the child Jesus. They paid Him homage as the newborn king of the Jews, with the movement of a star signaling His birth and place. The child's birth is advertly announced as a threat to Herod's royal throne. As Herod plays his political game, the visitors find their way to Bethlehem, pay their homage to the child with His mother Mary and return to their homes. How does Jesus manifest Himself to us in our daily lives?



Fr. Aloysius Royan Anthony

Mass Intentions & The Week Ahead

Sunday	1/4	7:25AM Rosary @ St. Augustine 8:00AM Mass @ St. Augustine: Mary Zahringer by Jerry Schoone 8:55AM Rosary @ St. Mary 9:30AM Mass @ St. Mary: Bill Weizenicker by Doug & Mary Balko Anointing of the Sick following Mass
Monday	1/5	NO MASS 11:00AM Blood Pressures @ Nokomis Town Hall 4:00PM Low Impact Strengthening & Balancing Exercise Class in CCC
Tuesday	1/6	8:00AM Rosary @ St. Augustine 8:30AM Mass @ St. Augustine: Mary Zahringer by Patti Hilgendorf 4-7PM Thrift Cellar
Wednesday	1/7	8:15AM Rosary @ St. Mary 8:45AM Mass @ St. Mary: Joellen Koehler by Joe & Juanita Skubal 9AM-3PM Thrift Cellar 3:30PM Religious Ed Classes (K-8 th Grade) 4:30PM Youth Choir
Thursday	1/8	9:15AM Mass @ Riverview: For the People of the Parishes 11:00AM Blood Pressures @ Tomahawk Senior Center 6:00PM Prayer Ministry Group @ St. Mary in the Church
Friday	1/9	8:00AM Rosary @ St. Mary 8:45AM Mass @ St. Mary: Loretta Swan by Mary Bailey 9AM-3PM Thrift Cellar 9:15AM Adoration with Benediction @ St. Mary 10:30AM Rosary @ Milestone Living Center 3:30PM OCIA Class @ St. Mary's School
Saturday	1/10	9:00AM Reconciliation @ St. Mary 4:00PM Mass @ St. Francis: For the People of the Parishes Blood Pressures after Mass 6:00PM Mass @ St. Mary: Amanda Hilgendorf by Family
Sunday	1/11	7:25AM Rosary @ St. Augustine 8:00AM Mass @ St. Augustine: Mary Zahringer by Phyllis Henry 8:55AM Rosary @ St. Mary 9:00AM St. Augustine Parish Breakfast 9:30AM Mass @ St. Mary: Deacon Darrell Smerz by Donna & Mary Anointing of the Sick following Mass



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"St. Mary's Catholic Parish Tomahawk, WI". We will update you on events, keep you posted on things happening in our parish and send out important announcements! Please like and share!

FOOD PANTRY

This week's item is noodles & pasta. There are collection baskets in the entrance of St. Francis', St. Mary's & St. Augustine's Church. Contact: Ricky (715-453-1386)

Prayer Chain - Anyone with a personal prayer intention is invited to call Ruth at 715-453-3397, and caring persons will pray on your behalf. Your request can be anonymous, or you may choose to include your name. Please respect the privacy of others, and do not share a prayer request on behalf of a third party.

St. Joseph the Worker Committee will be working Tuesday, January 6 from 9:00AM-11:30AM. Your help is always appreciated whether you can work all or part of this time. Thank You!



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.

- Mt 2:10-11

THIS WEEK



Liturgy & Music Notes from Jan

Epiphany blessings to all, and Happy New Year! My best memories of this feast are from our former high school Teen Choir's Epiphany party each year; we had an annual tradition of each student sharing examples from the past year when Christ had become manifest in their lives, such as when they discovered a new friendship in a way that they had never thought possible. They enjoyed this and said it made them more aware, throughout the year, of what "epiphany moments" they could share at our annual party. Their examples were powerful reminders of how important it is for us to pause "in the moment" and recognize even the smallest ways that God is present in our lives. The light of Christ shines in surprising ways. We can learn so much from young people.

Youth Choir will begin its second term of the year with rehearsal this

Wednesday, January 7 from

4:45-5:30PM. Our second term will conclude on April 15, leaving plenty of time for other spring activities. The Choir sings once per month at the 9:30AM Family Mass. Registration forms have been sent home through religious education classes and St. Mary's School.

The adult **Parish Choir** will sing the 9:30AM Mass on January 11. There is a schedule change to note: the Parish Choir will NOT sing on Sunday, February 8.

The next **small group discussion with Dick Huseby** will be held next Monday, **January 12** at 10:00AM in the CCC. All are welcome to join us in beginning the new year with prayer, coffee and memorable stories.

Weekly Readings and Observances

Sunday, January 4 (*The Epiphany of the Lord*): 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, January 5 (*St. John Neumann, Bishop*): 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, January 6 (*St. André Bessette, Religious*): 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday, January 7 (*St. Raymond of Peñafort, Priest*): 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday, January 8: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday, January 9: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

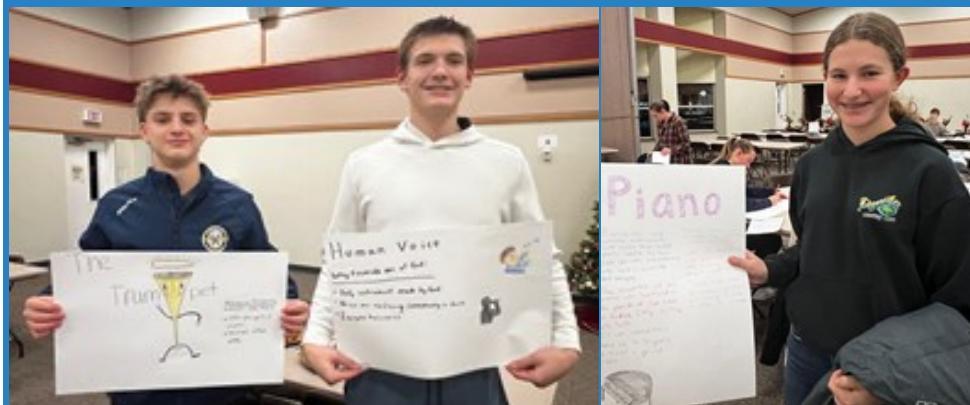
Saturday, January 10: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Sunday, January 11 (*The Baptism of the Lord*): Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17



Youth & Religious Ed News

In their high school religious education class, students were asked to create a poster featuring a musical instrument that represents God to them. They then explained how the qualities of that instrument reflect or symbolize aspects of God.



St. Mary's will host a Young Adults Winter Social on Saturday, January 17, 2026

- 11:00AM-Noon - Adoration and Reconciliation in St. Mary's Church
- Noon - Potluck lunch in CCC
- Afternoon - Outdoor activities at Pride Park including snowshoeing (some snowshoes will be available), cross country skiing and ice skating. The CCC will be available for those who choose to stay indoors to socialize after lunch.



Young adults from the Diocese of Superior including Tomahawk, Merrill, Rhinelander, and surrounding areas of Wisconsin from ages 18 through 20s and 30s are welcome to come to any or all of the activities offered, whatever works for your schedule! To RSVP and sign up for a potluck item, please contact Jayda at 715-803-0577.

For more information regarding this event or future events in the diocese, check the Facebook page: Catholic Young Adults in Northern Wisconsin.



Open Arms Community Meal

Important Notice: Open Arms Community Meal will be closed now through January 2026.

They hope to reopen in February 2026. Please watch upcoming bulletins for their exact reopen date. They are looking forward to everyone coming back together soon to celebrate!!!

PARISH HAPPENINGS



Volunteers Needed

This year as part of Catholic Schools Week, we are looking to bring back mini courses for our students. We need volunteers to help with the mini courses. If you are willing to volunteer in the afternoons of Monday

through Wednesday, January 26, 27 and 28, please email Mrs. Skubal at smprincipal@stmarystudents.com or call the school at 715-453-3542. Some of the mini courses we are looking to have are: baking, sewing, woodworking, first aide, art/ceramics, etc.. Any other ideas would be appreciated!



Wishing everyone
A wonderful and
healthy 2026!



From the Parish Nurse

Sight is one of our most treasured senses, so good eye care is very important. Especially in our children where conjunctivitis (pink eye) is a frequent occurrence. Conjunctivitis can be caused by a virus or a bacterial infection. Symptoms include a scratchy, foreign body sensation (likened to sand). The eye will appear reddened and often have a yellow discharge causing the eye to be crusted shut (especially in the morning).



Prevent the spread of the infection to the other eye by: good handwashing before and after working on the infected eye; do not touch or rub your eyes; and use clean towels and washcloths to cleanse the face and do not share these with anyone. Treatment depends on the cause of the inflammation and may include an ointment, eye drops or oral medication. Contact your healthcare provider for assessment and treatment. If pain develops or vision deteriorates call your physician or go to the emergency department or walk-in immediately.

Installing eye drops or ointment:

- * wash hands well
- * sit or stand in front of a mirror
- * with the forefinger gently pull the lower lid down until a pocket-like area forms
- * release a drop of medication or $\frac{1}{4}$ inch of ointment directly on the center area (take care not to touch the eye with the dropper)
- * blink your eye to distribute the medication
- * blot any excess solution with a clean tissue (do not rub the eye)

Take care and get out on sunny days to get Vitamin D and help fight the 'winter blues.' Just remember to wear sunglasses as you can sunburn your eyes in winter as the snow increases the reflection of the sun and so increases the possibility of burning the eyes. God bless! ~ Ann Jelinek RN, PN

PARISH HAPPENINGS

St. Mary & St. Augustine Liturgical Ministries

6:00PM @ St. Mary, Saturday, January 10, 2026

Readers	Tom Oscar & Tami Jo Thieme
Altar Servers	Volunteers Needed
Musician	Mary Ramsey
Cantor	Sandy Bishop
Communion Ministers	Sharon Eisenman, Pat Berg, Kathy Paulson & Mary Jo Wildey

8:00AM @ St. Augustine, Sunday, January 11, 2026

Reader	Jo Lemmens
Greeters	Jo Lemmens & Matt Boyle
Communion Ministers	Jo Lemmens, Mary Maly & Sarah Taves
Money Counters	Jo Lemmens & Sarah Taves

9:30AM @ St. Mary, Sunday, January 11, 2026

Readers	Ann Swenty & Mary Smerz
Altar Servers	Lukas Schultz & Ali Leggett
Musician	Jan Huseby
Cantor	Lisa Breaman
Choir	Parish Choir
Communion Ministers	Kris Leggett, Yvonne Kanak, Jessie Dahl & Karen Jarvensivu

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Our Gifts to Our Lord

For the weekend of December 14, 2025

St. Mary's Collections:

Adult Envelopes	\$3,931.00
Loose Collection	\$425.88
Online Giving	\$570.54
School Collection	\$1,145.39
Immaculate Conception	\$588.00
Christmas Flowers	\$130.00
Maintenance Fund	\$79.00
Capital Expense/Heat	\$15.00
Total	\$6,884.81

St. Augustine Announcements

St. Augustine Christmas Caroling - A huge thank you to St. Augustine's carolers who went out into the cold on December 14 to warm up lives with Christmas carols and songs. Our voices were strong and mighty thanks to Kaye Connor, Matt, Stacy and Ashton Voermans, Zoe Parrett, Fr. Aloysius, Deacon Dan Towle, and Pat Pintens. Our music was greatly enhanced by Fr. Al's percussion section. Did you know he's a mean bongo drum player? Thanks to our drivers Matt and Dan who kept us on the roads and out of the snow banks and to those whose Christmas treats kept us going. A special thanks to Chris Towle who had snacks and something warm for us to drink at the end of our caroling. We hope more of you will join us in 2026.

St. Augustine Parish Breakfast - Our next breakfast will be on Sunday, January 11 following Mass. We welcome additional volunteers to assist with setup, serving and cleanup. If you would like to help with some breakfasts, please call Ann Wanserski at 715-536-1466. As always, lots of thanks to all volunteers and participants. Looking forward to gathering again. Wishing all many blessings in 2026.

Hospital Closet - We have a hospital closet to loan out hospital supplies such as walkers, a lift chair, crutches, knee scooter, commodes, and the like. Contact the parish office at 715-453-2561 and leave a message if you have a need.

Parish Support - If you know anyone in St Augustine parish who has celebrated a birthday or anniversary, suffered loss, or needs the comfort of prayers, please contact Kathy Havey (text: 414-243-0860 or email: sistersky60@gmail.com) so she can acknowledge on behalf of St. Augustine parish with a card & supportive words.



After serving a Funeral Luncheon for the Parish Family of **Teri Daniels** we would like to thank the following for their gifts of food and/or time:

Kathy Van Ryen	Julia Pankow	Mary Hageny	Judy Olson
Doris Orlowski	Jayne Boebel	Ann Pintens	Cindy Dotter
Fran & Frenchy LaFond	Jeanie Crass	Lynn Piekarski	Jean Richert

As always the food was delicious and very much appreciated.
The Funeral Luncheon Committee

"Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him... Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, *"The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary"*.



St. Francis' Collections:

Adult Envelopes	\$185.00
Loose Collection	\$47.00
School Collection	\$45.00
Immaculate Conception	\$15.00
Total	\$292.00

St. Augustine's Collections

Adult Envelopes	\$1,490.00
Loose Collection	\$156.00
Immaculate Conception	\$436.00
School Collection	\$199.00
Christmas Flowers	\$50.00
Heat	\$50.00
Total	\$2,381.00



December 2025 Recently Deceased:

Gus Feind (11/27/25)

Teri Daniels (12/09/25)

Jane Lamer (12/11/25)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

This monthly listing contains parishioners of our parish cluster who had funeral Masses or Services. If you would like to add the name of a family member who has recently passed, but did not have a funeral or service in our parish cluster, please contact the parish office.