

# January 4, 2026 The EPIPHANY of the LORD

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## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact the pastor

## NEW PARISHIONERS

Please register. Forms in office.

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sjsbulletin@gmail.com Bulletin submission deadline is Tuesday by noon.

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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*Due to early printing deadlines throughout the month of December due to the Christmas season all December collection totals will be inserted into a bulletin in January.*

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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"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." Mt 2:6

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For ALL sacramental related inquiries, please contact Fr. Vincent directly at 573-238-2450. You do not have to go through the parish office since Father keeps his own calendar and makes his own appointments.

Welcome! We're so glad you've come to worship with us this weekend. If you are not currently registered with either St. John Church or St. Anthony Church and would like to do so, registration forms in the vestibule of either parish or on the parish website. We would love to have you as a part of our parish family!

# Liturgical Roles

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

### Saturday, January 10, 5 PM (SA)

Praise and Worship Mass  
(contact Kyla Langston or Pam Horrell if you would like to participate)

Extraordinary Min. \*Caydence Jansen

Sacristan: Pam Horrell

Rosary: Amy Jansen

### Sunday, January 11, 8 AM (SJ)

Servers: Nash & Thad Adams

Lector: Abby Bohnsack

Extraordinary Min.: \*Stacy Halter, Darlene Stoverink, Cindy (Lindy) Jansen

Choir Min.: Kristi Jansen

Ushers: Matt & Tommy Beussink

Offertory: Family of Kenny Stause

Sacristan: Pam & Ron Wesbecher

Rosary: Nick Elfrink

### Sunday, January 11, 10 AM (SJ)

Servers: Skyler & Quinton Hoesli, Jude Felter

Lector: Annabel Engelen

Extraordinary Min.: \*Ben Seiler, Leeann Jansen, Chuck Forrester

Choir Min.: Dustin Hoesli

Ushers: Ted Eftink, Nate Forrester

Offertory: Family of Leslie Meritt

Sacristan: Sheryl Eftink

Rosary: Lori Graham

### StoneBridge & Homebound

### Extraordinary Minister for

January 11: Linda Stoverink

## Sacrament Schedule and Weekly Schedule

SJ= St. John | SA= St. Anthony

### **Monday, January 5**

8:05-8:25 AM CONFESIONS (SJ)

**8:30 AM MASS** - Tony Beussink **†** (SJ)

9:00 AM - 7:00 AM - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (SJ)

6:30 PM - St. John Parish Council (St. Anne's room)

### **Tuesday, January 6**

8:05-8:25AM - CONFESIONS (SJ)

**8:30 AM MASS** - Kathy Nanney **†** (SJ)

### **Wednesday, January 7**

12:30 - 5:30 PM - St. John PCCW Red Cross Blood Drive (KC Hall)

3:15 PM - Rosary Club (school cafeteria)

5:30-5:55 PM - CONFESIONS (SA)

**6:00 PM MASS** - Stanley Jansen **†** (SA)

### **Thursday, January 8**

8:05-8:25AM - CONFESIONS (SJ)

**8:30 AM MASS** - Jessica Keith **†** (SJ)

12:00 - 10:00 PM - KC ADORATION (SJ)

### **Friday, January 9**

6:55-7:15AM - CONFESIONS (SJ)

**7:20 AM MASS** - Eleanor Macke **†** (SJ)

### **Saturday, January 10**

6:30 AM - Men's Group (KC Hall)

8:00 AM - Women's Cursillo (St. Anne's)

4:15-4:45 PM - CONFESIONS (SA)

**5:00 PM MASS** - Families of St. John & St. Anthony Parishes (SA)

### **Sunday, January 11**

7:20-7:50 AM -and - 9:30-9:50 AM CONFESIONS (SJ)

**8:00 AM MASS** - Kenny Stause **†** (SJ)

**10:00 AM MASS** - Leslie Meritt **†** (SJ)

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM - High School Youth Group

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM - Confirmation Class (school cafeteria)

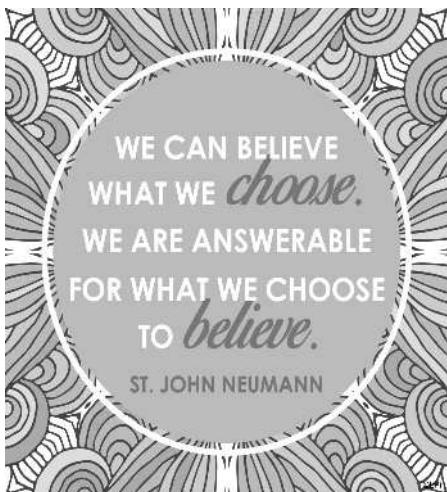
5:00 PM - OCIA (Parish Office)

## Are you a registered member of your parish?

If you are not registered or if you are not sure if you are registered, please contact the Pastor. Registration forms can be found on the church website, in the church office or in the vestibule of the church.

**Why should you register?** When you register you declare your desire to be part of a Catholic faith community. It also affects census number and possible benefits and obligations from the Diocese. Registered members can also expect pastoral care from their parish including baptisms, anointing of the sick and funerals.

**Did you know...** You must be a registered member of a parish to receive a Catholic wedding. Also, once children turn 18 they should register with their parish as an adult independent of their parents.



## Notes from Fr. Vincent:

### *Epiphany of the Lord*

**“The star of Bethlehem is the luminous sign of the love of God, which today continues to draw all people to Christ.” (Pope Benedict XVI)**

An eccentric professor, thinking to have some fun with a small boy said: “Tell me, my good boy, where God is, and I will give you an apple.” The boy quickly looked up at the man and replied: “I will give you a barrel of apples if you tell me where He is not.”

This Sunday we celebrate the Epiphany, the revelation of Christ to the world. The wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, looking for the King of the Jews, expecting to find Him perhaps in the palace of Herod. But to their surprise, the Star led them to a stable. We will be disappointed if we always expect God to be found only in good times or our beautiful churches. We should be prepared to meet HIM in the most unexpected places and situations.

The Epiphany reveals Jesus not only as King of Israel but as Savior of all nations: the Magi, guided by a humble star, show us that sincere seekers will always be led to Christ. Their gifts remind us that Jesus deserves the gold of our obedience, the frankincense of our prayer, and the myrrh of our sacrifices. Like the Magi, we are called to leave our comfort zones, encounter Christ, and then return “by another way,” transformed and ready to reflect His light to the world. **“Once Christ is known, one cannot walk the old paths of sin; the “other way” symbolizes a new way of life shaped by grace”** (St. Augustine).

**Prayer: Lord Jesus, light of all nations, as You were revealed to the Magi, reveal Yourself anew to our hearts and guide us to worship You with faith, love, and joyful obedience. Amen.**

**St. John the Evangelist and St. Anthony, pray for us and protect us.**

*Fr. Vincent Joseph VC*

## Adult Education Notes

How's your New Year's resolution coming along? Still good? Barely hanging in there? Thrown it out the window already? Oh my. Well here's an idea to start anew. **CHANGE!** Make it a spiritual one instead. Make a change this year. Let more of Jesus in your heart and your life. Do better this year to draw closer to God.

Venerable Archbishop Fulton J Sheen says, “But when finally the scrolls of history are completed down to the last word of time, the saddest line of all will be: “There was no room in the inn.” Matthew 3:12 says, “Repent.” If you want to prepare room in your life for Jesus, some of the things in your life have to be cleared out. And that means change—repentance—conversion.

Life itself is constantly changing, evolving, moving you to- well move. I know those are not the most exciting words. Most people hate to change-do different-it's scary for sure. I don't like change even if it's good for me or my family. I would rather not have to deal with something different. But Jesus was excited to call people to repent. It could be that it wasn't so much because of His hatred for sin but for His excitement about forgiveness.

We all know John 3:16 but the next line is “For God did not send his Son to condemn the world, but to save the world.” John 3:17. We complicate repentance because we tend to complicate forgiveness. Have you gotten into an argument where both you and the other are at fault and you take the initiative and just shout out, “I forgive you.” That is what Jesus did for us. The Cross Is God shouting to the world, “I forgive you!” “I forgive you!”—Just saying we are sorry doesn't make forgiveness happen. Saying we are sorry lets us receive the forgiveness that we are already being offered—all the time. It really is that simple. Stop pretending your sin isn't sin. You know it is and it's hurting you. Stop giving in to that shame that makes you feel the need to cover up every flaw that makes facing your flaws an impossible burden. And that just creates more sin.

Stop holding onto the need to be right all the time Let go of the fear of what you'll be like when you give up your favorite sin as if God wants to deprive you of life. Try sitting in adoration and just letting him love you.

When you know how loved you are, it is safe to admit you were wrong. Forgiveness is waiting! Make a habit of it! At the end of every day, examine your conscious and say “I'm sorry”, to God and while you're at it resolve to say “I'm sorry” to anyone that you hurt. Change to a life of repentance and forgiveness and don't hold on to any sins that can make you regret.

It's a new year so begin with a new start. Change how you forgive and how you receive forgiveness. Make more room for Jesus in your heart and let Him guide you through the process of healing with forgiveness. Your heart will thank you and you will be a better person as a whole for this change. Make a change for yourself and be the change for others.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

PLEASE KNOW THAT THE DIOCESE, FATHER VINCENT AND CHURCH STAFF WILL NEVER ASK FOR FINANCIAL HELP, GIFT CARDS, ETC.

ALWAYS CHECK WITH THE PARISH OFFICE BEFORE YOU RESPOND TO ANY TEXTS, PHONE CALLS, OR EMAILS.

## Ministry Notes & Updates

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5898:

Congratulations to Council Chaplain Father Vincent on his 40th anniversary of his ordination as a Priest serving God and many, many parishes over those years. We are blessed to have Father serving the Leopold and Glennon parishes.

Once again, the council will distribute Roses for Life during a Sunday in January. It is a very important year for Pro-Life with Amendment #3 on the ballot in November. Pray for passage of this amendment to benefit life.

### VOCATION MINISTRY:

*"They prostrated themselves and did him homage."* (Matthew 2:11) The Magi offered their gifts to Christ, just as we are called to offer our own. What gifts has God given you, and how is He calling you to use them in service to Him? Talk to Fr. Vincent at 238-3300, ext. 2.

#### Vocation Crucifix for January: Gerald Macke

*For the Church, that the journey of the Magi may inspire priests to lead others to Christ with wisdom and devotion, let us pray to the Lord.*

### ST. JOHN PCCW:

This Wednesday, January 7 at the KC Hall is our yearly blood drive. Many appointments available. If you are a donor, please call the Red Cross and fill an open slot. From 12:30-5:30. The need is great. Thanks.

We continue to collect Christmas card fronts and cancelled stamps (no patriotic) for The St Jude's Home for Children (they create and sell new cards) and Sisters of Holy Cross (they sell for cash).

With the New Year, time to start thinking of saving usable items for our garage sale slated for May 5 - 9th.

## Diocese & Area Events

**Advance KC Fish Fry:** Friday, January 9, 2026 5-7 PM. \$13 for adults, all kids 15 and under are Free with paid adult.

## Looking Ahead to the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

The Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau will celebrate its 70th anniversary by bringing the faithful in southern Missouri together on August 15 for the **Diocesan Eucharistic Congress**.

Following the National Eucharistic Revival—which culminated in the National Eucharistic Congress in 2024—Bishop Rice was moved to lead our diocese in a similar renewal of devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist.

This event marks a historic opportunity to embody the vision for our diocese to truly be “One Church, East to West” and will feature national Catholic speakers, breakout sessions on relevant topics, Mass with fellow Catholics from all over the diocese, and more!

The Diocesan Eucharistic Congress will take place at the West Plains Civic Center in West Plains, MO on August 15, 2026.

Scan the QR code to learn more at the official Diocesan Eucharistic Congress webpage!

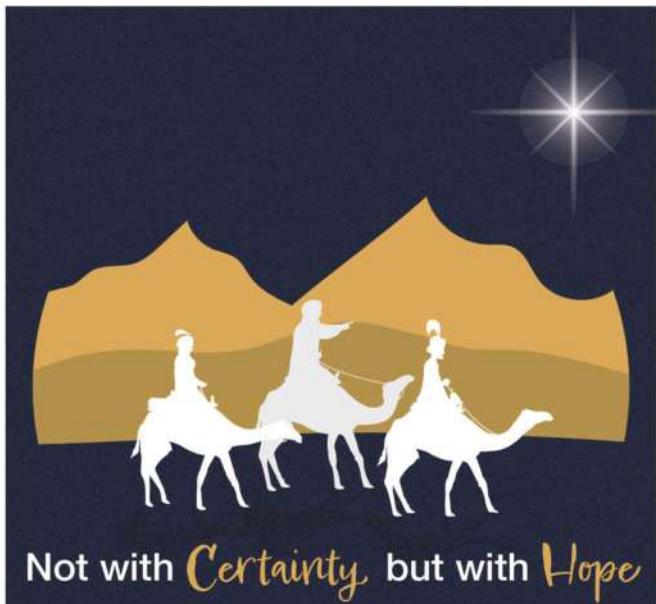


In preparation for the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress to be held on August 15, 2026, Bishop Rice launched a prayer campaign.

He formed parish partners for this.

Accordingly, St. John Parish, Leopold; St. Anthony Mission Parish, Glennon and

St. Joseph Parish, Billings are parish partners. Bishop requests the communities in these parishes to support one another in prayer. Feel free to reach out to the parish office of St. Joseph, Billings and assure them of our prayers.



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