

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 4, 2026



This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany when the Three Wise Men came to visit the Christ Child.

Today's feast of the Epiphany recounts the story of the wise men following a star that led them to the newborn Christ child. Arriving at the destiny, they fall down in worship and offered gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gifts of such extravagance are befitting an infant predestined for an eminent destiny. For the wise men, this was a child of great promise.

Come,
let us
adore
Him.

Let us take a moment and go back to the moment of our own birth. A child's birth is a moment of great joy. Perhaps we were the answer to our mother's prayer, the fulfillment of our father's hope. Whatever the expectation, our birth was a moment of wonder, a blessed event. We have great hopes and dreams for newborn children. Each of us is born as a child of great promise.

We are aware, however, perhaps painfully so, that life has a tendency to modify dreams and renege on promises. Disappointments take their toll and we tend to become resigned with the way things are. Much of our time is spent reacting to what life throws our way, rather than actively setting new goals for ourselves.

Epiphany is a gentle reminder of our specialness. It asks us to recall the great promise we were born with. Epiphany encourages us not to lose heart in the face of our problems. We are asked to rediscover our parents' dreams for us and to evaluate how many of them have come true. No matter what the unfolding of our life, none of us ever ceases to be a person of destiny, a child of great promise. We may never attain fame and fortune, but will never discount the fact that we were born to the special, to do something special, to make a special contribution to life.

Epiphany Blessing of the Home for the New Year

*Peace in this house and all who
enter here.*

*Lord God of all creation,
You have blessed us with
abundance.*

*May we always remember Your
goodness and love.*

*Lord, be in our thoughts, our
words and our deeds.*

*Let your presence be felt in this
house,*

*As it was felt by John when You
were baptized in the River
Jordan.*

*Use chalk to write above a
doorway,*

20 C + M + B 23

C stands for Casper

M stands for Melchior

B stands for Balthasar

2023 stands for the year of the
Lord.

*May we welcome all at this
door in the name of Christ.
Bless us and protect us. Fill us
with Grace and always be with
us. Amen.*

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

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This N That by Deacon Skip

Thank you to all who sent me cards and especially to those who gave me goodies to eat, I appreciate those who baked cookies, When my wife Kathy was alive and well I was the designated cookie baker at Christmas, as I recall, my first batch was either chocolate chip or oatmeal raisin. I called it my decoy batch. It kept everyone away from the Spritz.

Well, we are off and running in a new year. I don't know what resolution to suggest other than lets all try to do better than what we did last year. Don't forget to write 2026 on your checks when paying the bills.

On the Sunday before Christmas, my sister Cathy had the local family over for a get together. She lives in Shelby Township . I was able to hitch a ride with my son Steve's family and was very glad I did. That was a long trip. I did get to see my nephew Jeff who was in town from Germany, visiting his parents. His mother, my sister Tina, told the places she visited in Paris-the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, the Sorbonne, Notre Dame Cathedral. Sounds like a trip and a half. While she was gone I went to Target and Kohl's.

Don't forget the food pantry; don't forget SVDP.

Ministries Center/SVdp (734) 425-9771



The pantry needs help with our ongoing service to the community. We are most in need of cans of fruit, grape or strawberry jelly, cans mixed vegetables, carrots, soup, beef stew, chili, pancake mix, syrup, dish soap, toilet paper, and paper towels.

If you would like to receive items from the pantry, please call (734) 425-9771.



Please bring your own jingles bells to mass during the Christmas season to use during the Christmas Gloria.

Scripture Readings for the Week of January 4, 2026

Sunday, January 4, 2026

The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 2:1-12

Monday, January 5, 2026

Memorial of 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, 2026

1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday, January 8, 2026

1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17;
Lk 4:14-22

Friday, January 9, 2026

1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday, January 10, 2026

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

Sunday, January 11, 2026

The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6;
Mt 3:13-17



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To schedule a building tour for your family, and a shadow day for your student, please call our main office at 313-563-3430 or email Principal Brian Owens at bowens@saintanselmschool.org

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Nankin Family of Parishes



Mass Schedule

St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy (734) 425-4421

8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

St. Mary, Wayne (734) 721-8745

34530 Michigan Avenue, Wayne

St. Richard (734) 729-2240

35851 Cherry Hill Road, Westland

St. Thomas the Apostle (734) 427-1533

31530 Beechwood Street, Garden City

Monday	9:00 am 12:00 pm	St. Mary, Wayne St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland (followed by Eucharistic Adoration)
Tuesday	9:00 am 9:00 am	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City St. Richard, Westland
Wednesday	12:00 pm	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
Thursday	9:00 am	St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland
Friday	9:00 am 9:00 am	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City St. Mary, Wayne
Saturday	4:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:30 pm	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City St. Mary, Wayne St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Westland
Sunday	8:30 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 11:30 am 2:00 pm	St. Mary, Wayne St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Westland St. Richard, Westland St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Westland St. Mary, Wayne St. Mary, Wayne (SPANISH)

Confessions (also by appointment)

Tuesday		St. Richard, Westland (after 9 am Mass)
Saturday	3:00 pm 3:00 pm 6:30 pm	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City St. Mary, Wayne St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland

Perpetual Help Devotion

Every Tuesday after 9:00 AM Mass

Eucharistic Adoration (one hour)

First Friday of Each Month after 9:00 AM Mass

Widowed Friends

Thurs. Jan 8 & 22, 9:00 AM – Men's Only Breakfast at Steve's Family Restaurant 15800 Middlebelt Rd. Livonia. Call Event Host Marcel at 313-510-0638 to RSVP.

Thurs. Jan. 8, 1:00 – 4:00 PM – Euchre in the Afternoon held at a new venue Westland Bowl 5940 Wayne Rd. A new day the 2nd Thursday of the month. \$2 covers entry, bring snacks and drinks. Hope you can join us. Lots of fun – lots of room.

Mon. Jan. 12, 10:00 AM – Breakfast The Avenue Brunch House 22075 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. Call Event Host Gerry 734-259-5024 by Jan. 5.

Thurs. Jan. 15, 1:30 PM – Our Annual After Christmas Gift Exchange at Stefans Banquet Center in St. Michael's Cultural Center 26355 W. Chicago Rd. Redford. A fun afternoon for all. Lunch \$18.00. Bring a wrapped Gift to exchange/steal - value \$15-20. Try to be creative and stick to price guide lines. Call Event Host Gerry 734-717-0303 with any questions and to RSVP by Jan. 6.

Mon. Jan 19, 1:30 PM - Indoor Glo Golf at Novi Putting Edge 44225 W. 12 Mile Rd. Novi. \$15. Lunch after TBD. Call Host Gerry 734-259-5024 by Jan 8 to RSVP.



NPM Detroit presents

Vocal Tech for the Aging Voice

Pre-register



\$15 WORKSHOP

Limited Registrations
9:30am Check-in

www.NPMDetroit.com/events



Saturday, January 24, 2026
10:00AM-12:00PM



St Thomas the Apostle
31530 Beechwood Street
Garden City, MI 48135

Nourishing Your Voice Through the Ages

Workshop will discover ideas and exercises to:

- Strengthen your voice for life
- Restore breathe, power, clarity
- Develop habits for good vocal health
- Apply practical troubleshooting skills
- Sing confidently as you age



Dr MeeAe Cecilia Nam
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Worship Schedule		January 10 & 11, 2026	
MINISTERS	SAT 4:00 PM	SUN 9:00 AM	SUN 11:00 AM
CELEBRANT	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI
ALTAR SERVERS	JERRY KOWALCZYK	JOHN GALDES	CHUKWUMA NDUKWE STEPHLIN IMEBUOGU DAVIS IMEBUOGU
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	KATHY ANDRUS CANDY HENRY GERI MORRISSEY FRANK TOFIL	GLORY MCGAHAN CECILIA NESBITT CHRISTOPHER PELTZ EILEEN POHL	SUZETTE ARSENAULT DENISE BIELSKI EVIE BURGESS DENISE MAIER
LECTORS	JEFF GORMAN	NANCY DRYJA	MIKE WELDON
SACRISTAN	BOB PROKOP	ROSE CONYER	LAURIE EICHSTEDT
MASS INTENTIONS	+ HELEN OLKOWSKI + JACOB & RACHEL HUND	+ CAROL LELEK	+ STEPHANIE CATHON-O'MALLEY

Offertory collection is reported quarterly.

Thank you for your support and may God bless you!

Please remember St. Thomas the Apostle when writing your will.

ARE YOU REGISTERED AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE?

If you have been looking for a new parish we would appreciate you considering St. Thomas the Apostle as your parish. Stop by the Parish Center and fill out a registration form or download one from our website www.thomastheapostle.org.

You can stop by the office, or put it in the collection basket at Mass. Young adults over 18 should be registered on their own registration form.

Bulletin Editor

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Bulletin article deadline is Monday before the issue date by 8:00 a.m. During holidays, articles must be submitted two Mondays before issue. All articles and submissions are subject to approval and editing.



Weekday Masses

January 5-9, 2026

Tuesday, January 6

9:00 am

INTENTIONS OF THE CLOISTERED DOMINICAN NUNS AT THE MONASTERY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday, January 7

12:00 PM

PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Friday, January 9

9:00 am

PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE



Please Pray For...

Alaska, Shirley
Batherson, Barbara
Baumgardner, Patty
Berger, Ron
Beuer, Donna
Block, Karen
Boyak, Carolyn
Bringold, Bonnie
Burgess, Evie
Burke, Larry
Burris, Nikita and Family
Calley, Julie
Canini, Ricky
Carpenter, Mike
Cepko, Michael
Chichila, Pam

Chop, Nancy Grabel
Cielma, Genevieve
Cislo, Dan
Cole, Jean
Cole, Regina
D'Angelo, Rebecca
Dacus, Shirley
Daugherty, Kenny
Decaminada, Mona
DeGrande, Colleen
Dempsey, Sgt Joseph
Dempsey, Michele
Dewey, Thomas
Dial, Philip
Durkin Jr., Gerald Lee
Duval, Chuck
Dzendzel, Mary Ann
Eichstedt, Laurie

Eves, Debbie
Feiler, Alex Horne
Fichtner, Leanne
Filak, Julianna
Fornasiero, Joseph
Gentilia, Judy
Gozowsky, David
Hagen, Jenifer
Harte, John
Hubbard, Carl
Kapanke, Dolores
Kathan, Joann
Kathan, Thomas
LeVair, Lorraine
LeVair, Sherry
Lobb, Cindy
Lobb, Jeri
Lowe, Jonathan

Malish, Rosemary
Murawski, Veronica
O'Connell, Evan
Oliverio, Jr., Robert
Pastula, Shirley
Prosser, Cindy
Romanek, Virginia (Pat)
Ruby, Nancy
Sanak, Francene
Sanregret, John
Smith, Mary
Smitt, Deb
Smith, Patricia
Soine, Dianna
Stites, Keith
Sutherland, Eleanor
Swiercz, Bobbie
Tennent, Joan

Tsaprazis, Pete
Turcotte, Joshua
Walker, Ian
Whitfield, James
Wielechowski, Kenneth
Wildauer, Mark
Zarzycki, Stanley

Prayer list requests can be made only with the knowledge and permission of the person being added. To add, keep a person on the prayer list, or to remove a name, please call the parish office.

Pray for the First Saturday Memorial Association from July 2025-June 30, 2026

Deceased Members of Ajlouny & Bly Families
Living & Deceased Members of Barnes & Digregio Families
Deceased & live members of the Batherson Family
In Memory of Bruce Birmingham
Loving Memory of Aunt Loretta Brandt
Deceased and Live Members of Butka & Wojtkowiak families
In Loving Memory of Walter & Mary Burdis
Loving Memory of Sgt. Bryan K. Burgess
Loving Memory of Coach Dave Cain
Deceased Members of Cielma and Niwa Families
In Loving Memory of Tommy Cockrum
Deceased Members of the Darnell Family
Living & Deceased Members of Dooley & Firestone Families
Living & Deceased Members of Duncan & Williams Families
Living & Deceased Members of Gizowski & Sovel Families
Loving Memory of Gorny and Kushnir Families
In Memory of Donald Grant
Loving Memory of Jessie & Chester Gugala
In Loving Memory of Bob and Ann Hoelscher
In Loving Memory of Robert S. Hoffman
In Loving Memory of Eugene Joseph Hynek
My Wife Joanne Who I Love and Miss Very Much
Kapanke-Omilian Family
Deceased Members of the Kattula Family
Living & Deceased Members of Keiller & Marciniak Families

Living & Deceased Members of Kwilos & Stecker Families
Deceased Members of LaMar and Dryja Families
The Malish and Porembiak Families
In Loving Memory of Margaret Mirabitor
In Loving Memory of Reynold Mirabitor Sr.
In Loving Memory of Audrey Mocadlo
Loving Memory of Jerry Moynahan
Living & Deceased Members of Mroz & Rutkowski Families
Angel Dr. Dominic J. Noonan
In Loving Memory of Ben and Phyllis Ornatowski
Deceased members of Pattock & Stuecken families
Angel Danny P. Pepera
My loving wife of 66 years, Mary J. Pepera
For the Prouty Family
Living & Deceased Members of Rand & Vasquez Families
In loving memory of Frances J. Read
In Memory of Richard and Eleanore Reed
Memory of Kathy Rodgers
In Loving Memory of Edward and Helen Romanowski
In Loving Memory of Mark Roy
In Loving Memory of Thomas and Barbara Stempniak
Deceased Members of the Sturm & Preba Families
Deceased Members of the Szuba & Balawajder Families
Martin A. Tofil
In Loving Memory of Edwin L. Wendrick

Pray for those Serving in the Military

Ainsworth, Sgt. Raymond
Angelovic, Adrian
Angelovic, George
Arndinger, Stephanie
Baumgardner, AJ
Becker, Justin
Bregand, David
Brozek, Timothy
Burris, Peter
Campbell, Mary
Canfield, Chaz
Chokr, Jamel
Cinka, Jonathan
Coatsworth, Michael
Comment, Scott

DiCicco, Bill
Dwyer, Tyler
Ellsworth, Justin
Fisher, Bob
Gentilia, Anthony
Hunter, Cassidy
Julien, Nick
Kapelanski, Isaac
Kashou, Christopher
Laichalk, Robert
Logan, Jonathon
Logan, Sean Patrick
Logan, Jeff
Lowe, Jonathan
Masarak, Luke

McCarville, William E.
McGahan, Wade
McGaw, Douglas
Meadows, Erin
Moody, Samantha
Murray, Daniel
Nguyen, Staff Sgt. Truong
Ohannesian, Brandon
Pastula, Michael Thomas
Porcaro, Jeff
Preba, Danny
Rosa, Brian J.
Rosa, Douglas J.
Rousseau, Philip
Sheko, Destiny

Smith, David
Smith, Sgt. Leven
Smitt, David
Spiczka, Cathy
Spiczka, Greg
Sparrow, Justin
Spohr, Raymond
Squires, Zachary
Szerszen, Michael
Waldo, Michael
Waldon, Nathan
Webb, Brian
Wiertella, Jonathan
Witt, Christopher



Missy Taylor

Director of Faith Formation / Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

FAITH FORMATION

WE RETURN TOMORROW!!! We are back in the classrooms tomorrow after our two week CHRISTMAS BREAK!! I hope everyone is rested, rejuvenated and ready to work hard in this NEW YEAR! I can't believe we're already halfway through the Faith Formation year! It seems like the school year just got underway, I'm not sure where the time goes!! As the saying goes, we must be having **LOTS OF FUN!!** I look forward to sharing with you all the wonderful things that our catechists and students work on in the coming weeks! Please continue to pray for our program, our catechists, and our young people. May they excitedly respond to the invitation from Jesus to continue to grow in a very special relationship on this journey of faith! There is great power in prayer and we appreciate MANY prayers from our parish family!

CALENDAR UPDATES

Please check out our upcoming month for several important dates in Religious Formation:

Monday, Jan . 5 Formation classes resume @6:00PM

Monday, Jan. 12 Formation classes AND First Eucharist Parent Meeting in Rm.2

Monday, Jan. 19 NO CLASSES, MLK Day

Monday, Jan. 26 **MAGIC CARPET THEATER**
held at St. Mary Wayne
6pm



ROSARY ALTAR SODALITY Super Bowl 2026 Square Fundraiser

Find us selling the squares in the
Father Prus Hall after all masses from
January 4-25
(Sheets can be picked up
Jan.31/Feb.1)

EPIPHANY—THE GIFTS OF THE MAJI



GOLD— represents that Jesus is a king,
FRANKINCENSE— shows that Jesus is like God,
MYRRH— symbolizes that Jesus chose to die for us

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