

# The Epiphany of the Lord

January 4, 2026



Come,  
let us  
adore  
Him.



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.

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.



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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.



**FOOD  
PANTRY**

**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, 3, 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](mailto: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

<b>Monday</b>	9:00 am	St. Mary, Wayne
	12:00 pm	St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland (followed by Eucharistic Adoration)
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 am	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
	9:00 am	St. Richard, Westland
<b>Wednesday</b>	12:00 pm	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 am	St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland
<b>Friday</b>	9:00 am	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
	9:00 am	St. Mary, Wayne
<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 pm	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
	4:00 pm	St. Mary, Wayne
	5:30 pm	St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Westland
<b>Sunday</b>	8:30 am	St. Mary, Wayne
	9:00 am	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
	10:00 am	St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Westland
	11:00 am	St. Richard, Westland
	11:30 am	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
	12:00 pm	St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Westland
	2:00 pm	St. Mary, Wayne
		St. Mary, Wayne (SPANISH)
<b>Confessions (also by appointment)</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>		St. Richard, Westland (after 9 am Mass)
<b>Saturday</b>	3:00 pm	St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
	3:00 pm	St. Mary, Wayne
	6:30 pm	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



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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](http://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 Family  
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  
LeVoir, Lorraine  
LeVoir, 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 & Blaty 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 Jospoh 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 & Marciniec Families

Living & Deceased Members of Kwiros & Stecker Families  
Deceased Members of LaMar and Dryja Families  
The Malish and Porembiak Families  
In Loving Memory of Margaret Mirabitur  
In Loving Memory of Reynold Mirabitur 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  
Ardinger, Stephanie  
Baumgardner, AJ  
Becker, Justin  
Bregand, David  
Brozek, Timothy  
Burris, Peter  
Campbell, Mary  
Canfield, Chaz  
Chokr, Jamei  
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  
Masiarak, 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 MAGI



**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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