

January 7, 2024
The Epiphany of the Lord

Bearing witness to Jesus Christ who is the Way, the Truth and the Life: **GO. MAKE. TEACH.**
Our Core Values: a reliance on prayer, a willingness to grow, a generous spirit

JOURNEY TO THE INN

with the Wise Men

Saturday, January 6, 2024



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PARISH CENTER HOURS

Monday	8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Tuesday	8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Thursday	8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Friday	8:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Saturday	9:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Church Nursery: We offer year-round nursery during both the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Sunday Masses for children ages 1-3. Children play with caring staff while you are able to fully participate in Mass.

Stay Connected:

LIKE OR FOLLOW US on FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/SJBNewBrighton/>

Follow us on Instagram: @stjohnnyb_church

Subscribe to our YouTube Channel <https://bit.ly/3n9WnGQ>

EMAIL: sjb@stjohnnyb.org

Visit our website: www.stjohnnb.com

Archdiocese's Victim/Survivor Assistance Program

651-291-4497 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Schedule of Events

Monday, January 8, 2024

8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
 8:30 AM Mass (Sharon Rasmussen+) ~ Fr. Joseph
 9:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet ~ Church
 11:30 AM Widows and Widowers Lunch ~ Off Site
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook
 5:00 PM Altar Guild ~ Church
 7:00 PM Baptism Preparation Class ~ 206/208

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
 8:30 AM Mass (Sharon Rasmussen+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 9:00 AM Kidz Closet ~ 203
 1:00 PM Quilters Ministry ~ 203
 2:30 PM Middle School Open Youth Room ~ LL 106
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook
 6:30 PM Catholic Watchmen ~ St. Joseph Hall

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:30 AM Mass (Stanley Bowran and Regina) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 9:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks ~ St. Therese
 9:30 AM Faithfully Fit ~ 210
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook
 5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 5:30 PM Mass (Fr. Jon Vander Ploeg) Chapel of the Angels ~ Fr. Joseph
 6:00 PM Family Formation ~ St. Joseph Hall
 6:00 PM Middle School Faith Formation ~ LL 106
 8:00 PM High School D-Group ~ LL 106

Thursday, January 11, 2024

6:30 AM Men's Fellowship ~ St. Joseph Hall
 8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:30 AM Mass (Art Thompson+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook
 7:00 PM OCIA Class ~ 206/208

Friday, January 12, 2024

8:00 AM Rosary ~ Chapel of the Angels
 8:00 AM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 8:30 AM Mass (Theresa Ecker) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 9:15 AM OCIA Friday Class ~ 206/208
 9:30 AM Legion of Mary ~ 211
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook
 5:00 PM Adoration with Fr. Joseph ~ Chapel of the Angels

Saturday, January 13, 2024

3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook
 3:15 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 4:30 PM Vigil Mass (Walter & Karen Miskowic) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 5:30 PM Hospitality ~ St. Joseph Hall
 5:30 PM New Parishioner Orientation ~ St. Joseph Hall West

Sunday, January 14, 2024

8:30 AM Mass (Maria Trinh+ and Joseph Nguyen+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 8:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery
 8:30 AM Sunday School ~ School Classrooms
 9:30 AM New Parishioner Orientation ~ St. Joseph Hall West
 10:30 AM Mass (Jeanene and William Otto+) Church ~ Fr. Joseph
 10:30 AM Sunday Nursery ~ Nursery
 10:30 AM Sunday School ~ School Classrooms
 11:30 AM New Parishioner Orientation ~ St. Joseph Hall West
 3:00 PM Gather to Witness Devotion ~ Facebook
 4:00 PM Young Adult Men's Bible Study ~ 211
 5:00 PM Confessions ~ Confessionals
 5:30 PM Mass (Pro Populo) ~ Fr. Joseph
 6:30 PM New Parishioner Orientation ~ St. Joseph Hall West

As we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany this weekend, we recall the coming of the Magi to Bethlehem where they encountered the Christ child. Christ gave of Himself to them in love, and they gave gifts out of love back to Him.

I'm tremendously grateful as I have witnessed Christ's generous gift of self to our community in so many ways, and we are responding to that love by making gifts of love back to Him. I have witnessed this particularly in the pledges we have received to date with our *Restore to Gather* Capital Campaign. We have also had a few parishioners come forward to help us reach our goal and provide up to **\$200,000** in matching funds on any new or increased pledges for the remainder of the month of January.

As the Father loves me, so I also love you!

Father Paul Shovelain

MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE!

A group of donors have approached us to enable us to fulfill two goals:

- 1) to encourage **all** families to participate in the campaign and
- 2) to complete our *Restore to Gather* projects.

What is the matching challenge? For every \$1 given to the campaign, the donors will give \$1, up to \$200,000. This means that if you give a gift of \$3,000 (or pledge \$1,000 per year for 3 years), the donors will give a matching gift of \$3,000 making your total gift \$6,000!

How will this match be applied? It is the intent of the donors that this match be applied to the primary purpose of the campaign, to complete our *Restore to Gather* campaign projects. When all \$200,000 has been matched, the total gift will be \$400,000! This will bring us closer to achieving our \$5 million goal and the ability to accomplish all of our church and school projects.

Why did the donors initiate this challenge? Thanks to the many gifts and pledges we've received so far, we are now able to envision completing our major restoration projects. The matching gift donors want to keep up the positive momentum of the campaign and increase participation so that the parish can address these important needs and provide for the future of St. John the Baptist.

How can I participate? Simply fill out the pledge card you received in the mail or complete a pledge card from our campaign display and return it to the Parish Office. If you have already made a gift and can give more, you can take advantage of this great opportunity by contacting Director of Development Mary May (maym@stjohnnyb.org; 651.633.8333, ext. 1253) and increasing your gift. If you made a three-year commitment and are willing to add a fourth year to your pledge, this too will qualify for our "matching gift challenge."



We are truly grateful for gifts in any amount. We know that not everyone can give the same amount, but we are hopeful that everyone can make the same sacrifice to support this important effort.

Scan the QR code to learn more about our *Restore to Gather* campaign, our goals, our progress and how to make your pledge. You may also contact Mary May, Director of Development, at 651.633.8333, ext. 1253, or email maym@stjohnnyb.org with questions.



Happening at St. John's

JOURNEY TO THE INN

with the Wise Men

Saturday, January 6, 2024

4:30 pm Mass (*nursery available*)

5:30 pm Dinner by Knights of Columbus
Mostaccioli, salad and bread
GF and vegetarian options available
Pay at the door
\$7/person
\$30/family (*kids plus 2 adults only*)

6:15 pm Bible reading and songs in the Church
Candlelight procession
Christmas carols following Wise Men
Live animals at the stable
Hot cocoa and cookies - St. Joseph Hall



Faithfully Fit

Come join us for Faithfully Fit, being held on Wednesdays at 9:30 am in Room 210. You are welcome to join us any Wednesday.

Catholic Watchmen Night

Three Keys to Surviving Adversity

Keynote speaker Casey O'Brien is a former MN Gopher football player, and six-time cancer survivor

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM



6:00 pm Rosary
6:30 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Presentation
8:15 pm Adoration and Confession
8:30 pm Depart



Sunday, January 7

Chili COOK OFF

Competition is limited to the first 20 people to register! \$25 entry fee

Come taste the chili and vote for the best!
\$10 presale tickets December 17 - January 5
\$12 at the door on January 7
All you can eat chili! Tasting starts at 11:30 am!

Make the best chili to win cash prizes

Contact Melissa Berg for more info and to register!
bergm@stjohnnyb.org or 651-633-8333 ext. 1227

January Family Formation

Parent Program

Wednesday, January 10

6:00-7:30pm St. Joseph Hall

Unwrapping the Gift of Charisms

Part 2 in our series on how the Holy Spirit makes actual what Jesus Christ makes possible. Christina will explain the gift of Charisms and how we can discern them in our lives. All adults are welcome.



Christina Krutza is the Adult Coordinator at St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church and Siena Institute Called & Gifted presenter on discerning charisms.



Happening at St. John's

Widows & Widowers

Calling all widows and widowers! Are you looking for a new social group or friend network? Come have lunch with us! Our next get together is Monday, January 8 at 11:30 am at the Perkins on County Rd. D.

Contact Mary Kohlhaas for more information at 651-633-8333 x1229, by cell phone 763-242-4229 or by email at kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org.

Quilters Ministry

Meeting next: January 9

SJB Quilters will meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 1 - 3 pm in Room 203 to make quilts that will be donated to the poor and needy. We have recently had many fabric and quilt tops donated! **New members are always welcome.**

Men's Fellowship

Thursday Mornings 6:30 am—8:00 am
in St. Joseph Hall

*Lectio: Eucharist – Discovering the Mass in the Bible
DVD Series by Dr. Brant Pitre*

Acclaimed author and teacher Dr. Brant Pitre digs down to the biblical roots of the Eucharist, through its foreshadowing in the miraculous events of the Old Testament, the Gospels, and Apostolic teaching. "The Lamb of God," "The Bread of Life," "The Body and the Blood of Christ"... these are phrases we know from the Mass. But do we understand what they mean in the greater and deeper context of Scripture and Church teaching? We'll discover firsthand how Christ's Body and Blood are an integral and wondrous part of God's plan for our salvation.

Come for the donuts, stay for the truth!
Questions, call Dave at 612-616-4013

Circle of Women

Thursday, January 18, upstairs in Room 206/208
at 9:15 am-11:30 am

We welcome women of all ages to our gathering on Thursday, January 18, 2024. We welcome Janae Bower who will present "Witnesses of Love: The Second Holy Family." Join us as we share our faith and time in prayer with one another. Childcare is available. Grab one of our brochures from the kiosks or watch your Flocknote for details.

Any questions? Call Michelle (763-442-4936) Hope to see you there!

Sister Clarinda's Winter 2024 Scripture *Priest, Prophet, King* by Bishop Barron

Classes are on Wednesdays from 9:30-11:00 am

First Class is on January 17, 2024

Register early fee is \$30

Online registrations are open at
stjohnnyb.org or scan the QR code:



Alive in the Word

Sister Clarinda's "Sarah & Hagar"

Classes are on Tuesdays 9:30-11:00 am

First Class is on January 16, 2024

Register early fee is \$10.

Online registrations are open at
stjohnnyb.org or scan the QR code:



Wines to Wishes

Save the date for Saturday, February 3, 2024! Wines to Wishes is St. John the Baptist School's premiere event that funds critical needs and upgrades of the school as well as celebrates over 70 years of faith-filled excellence in education.

Contact Michelle Barsness at barsnessm@stjohnnyb.org with any questions.

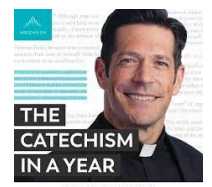
New Year's Resolutions?

Consider some online Catholic communities:



Bible in a Year (<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration>)

Catechism in a Year (<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear>)



Looking to connect with others in our parish who may be involved in these year long endeavors? Come to hospitality on Sunday, January 14 after the morning Masses at the marked tables.

The bulletin deadline is 12:00 pm on Thursday, 10 days before the Sunday publication date. Space is limited, so edits may happen. Thanks for understanding.

Send requests to: hueblj@stjohnnyb.org.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Youth Ministry

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Register for Youth Ministry

Our insurance company wants liability waivers for all of our events, so we made one that will cover the whole year! Please register your son or daughter for youth ministry programming so that we can cover all of our bases! Use the QR codes to register.



High school QR code



Middle school QR code

9th-12th Grade Events and Programs

High School Discipleship Groups

10th-12th graders are invited to join a discipleship group. D-groups are composed of 4-8 teens with 1-2 adult leaders. They commit to being a disciple of Jesus and to walking together in that journey. D-groups meet on Wednesday from 8:00 pm—9:30 pm.



High School Youth Group Christmas Party



6th-8th Grade Events and Programs

Wednesday Night Bible Study/Middle School Formation

Wednesdays from 6:00 pm-7:30 pm in the Youth Room
Over three years, students will develop a firm foundation of faith to carry with them into high school and beyond. 6th graders are studying the Old Testament. 7th and 8th graders are studying the life of Jesus through the gospels. The program features a weekly scripture study, prayer, and a competition for the kingdom cup.

Open Youth Room/Discipleship Groups

Tuesdays from 2:30 pm-4:00 pm in the Youth Room
All students in 6th-8th grade are invited to gather for time as a community, prayer lessons, faith discussions, snacks, and games. Every other week we will have discipleship groups which focus on growing together as disciples of Christ.

MILK Day Fun

January 15

8:00 am – 3:00 pm

- Games
- Mass
- Snacks
- Games
- Lunch
- Tubing

Cost: \$40

Middle School Youth



Middle School Youth Group
Wednesday Bible Study

Generous Spirit

Medical Leftovers?

Do you have any medical leftovers after someone no longer has need of them? It is useful and you don't want to toss it, but you don't need it or want to store it? Bring it in to the Pastoral Ministry Office. We will collect and send it down to the Rochester Medical Mission who sorts, packs and sends it on to Haiti.

Give Mary a call if you have any questions at 763-242-4229. Know that you are helping others around the world so much, and thank you for passing on the goods they need.

Memorial Benches in St. John the Baptist Cemetery

Did you know that you can purchase a bench to be placed in our cemetery that can be inscribed with an individual or family name? Please contact Trina Brinda in the parish office for information on our bench options. Trina can be reached at 651-633-8333, ext. 1255 or brindat@stjohnnyb.org.

Are you in Need of a Prayer Quilt?

The SJB Quilting Ministry is an outreach ministry that combines the gift of prayer with the gift of a hand-tied quilt. The group has several quilts that have been blessed and are ready to distribute.

If you are a parishioner and would like to request a prayer quilt for someone you know, please contact Mary Kohlhaas at 651-633-8333 ext. 1229 or at kohlhaasm@stjohnnyb.org.

Job Openings at St. John's

- Youth Ministry Intern (Temporary)
- Rectory Housekeeper
- Middle School ELA and Religion Teacher
- Assistant Preschool Teachers
- Kitchen Assistant in School

For more information on these jobs, or to apply, please see the Job Opportunities page on our parish website: <https://stjohnnb.com/contact/job-opportunities/>

Respect Life



Many in our community struggle to provide diapers, clothing, and other essentials for their growing families. Parishioners of St. John's have always exceeded in generosity to supply those needs. For the past fourteen years we have welcomed women in need to our Kidz Closet (formerly known as the Maternity/Baby Closet). Your donations of new or gently used, CLEAN clothing has provided much-needed help. Clients are allowed to visit once a month and select items from our current inventory.

Presently, we are in need of many items:

- † Winter clothing (sizes 3toddler - 8 years)
- † Boots
- † Diapers, wipes and pull-ups
- † Socks and underwear
- † We also accept books, small toys, and small baby equipment.

We have donation bins at both main entrances for your convenience.

Open Tuesday mornings, 9:30 am -11:30 am, by appointment. Call 800-221-8211 to schedule an appointment or see St. John's website to schedule online.

The SJB Kidz Closet is an outreach of St. John's Respect Life Group.

Please pray for a proper respect for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death

"It seems to me that we do not pay enough attention to prayer, for unless it arises from the heart which ought to be its center, it is no more than a fruitless dream. Prayer ought to carry over into our thoughts, our words and our actions."



~ Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys
(Feast Day January 12)



The Legend of the Candy Cane

Look at the Candy Cane, What do you see?
 Stripes that are Red like the blood shed for me.
 White is for my Savior, who is sinless and pure.
 "J" is for Jesus, my Lord, that's for sure!
 Turn it around, and a Staff you will see.
 Jesus, my shepherd, was born for me.

In the picture is Ron and Marianne Flor, who brought the candy canes, and my sister, who gave me the sheet of paper.

Children's Choir

Thank you to all the children who lent their voices to our 4:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass! It was so beautiful to hear you sing and assist in our special Christmas liturgy! Thanks also to Father Joseph for organizing and leading the Children's Choir as well as a thank you to all the volunteers who helped out. We are truly blessed.



New Statues in the Chapel!

The Statues of St. Michael and St. Raphael have arrived and will be blessed on Saturday January 6th at the special 8:30am Mass that day. They were hand carved out of Linden wood by Albl Oberammergau Studio in Germany. They received a painted finish with 23.75 ct gold gilded details. They were carved to match the canvas print that is behind the tabernacle which is a replica of the Annunciation of Mary by Fra Angelico. The original was created between 1440 and 1450 in the Convent San Marco in Florence Italy. The statue of St. Michael was paid for by Harold Henfling, my 1st cousin twice removed, who is also my oldest male relative at 97 years old. The statue of St. Raphael was generously donated by Don Karpinski, a longtime parishioner here at SJB. We are grateful for their support to beautify our Chapel of the Angels.

~ Fr. Paul



Adoration Chapel

The Adoration Chapel is open from 7:00 pm on Sunday, through 4:00 pm on Saturday. There are still open hours needing adorers. Please scan the QR to sign up or sign up in person at the Adoration Chapel check-in desk.

Open hours are:

Monday: 3 am, 9 am

Tuesday: 11 am, noon, 7 pm

Wednesday: 5 am, 1 pm

Thursday: 9 am, 10 pm

Friday: noon, 1 pm, 10 pm,

(10 am Adorer would like a prayer partner)

Email sjbadoration@gmail.com

with any questions



God is calling you; can you spend an hour with Him?



Questions of the Week

First Reading: Isaiah foresaw a future when the Lord would use Israel as His instrument to shine His glory into the world. What could you do this week to show God's glory to others?

Second Reading: Paul met a lot of resistance when he spoke of God's "revelation" that Gentiles are "coheirs" and "copartners" with Jews in the divine promise fulfilled in Christ Jesus. How welcoming are you to outsiders?

Gospel Reading: In the story of the magi's visit, we see the prophecies of Isaiah (our first reading) fulfilled with the treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh given to the Holy Family. What gift do you give to the Lord?

Readings For The Week

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/ Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

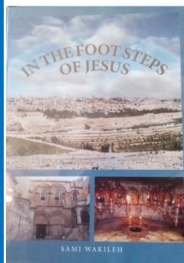
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/ Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/ Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Parish Library News



A New Year - new beginnings. The Wise Men saw a new star, followed it, and discovered something new and wonderful.

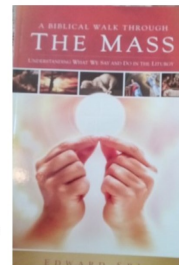
Discover new things about your Catholic Faith in our Library. Visit the Holy Land and follow Jesus' footsteps. Learn more about the Mass. Explore our 68

subject categories and 5,000 books, DVDs, and CDs.

The Library is open after all weekend Masses.

Books, DVDs, and CDs to enrich your faith.

St. John the Baptist Parish Library



Please Pray For...

Those who have entered eternal life:

John Fudali

Those who are ill:

Sadlovsky Family, Sheehan Family, Cameron Santos, Patricia Roy, Madi Rippy, Sydney Jo Rippy, Jesse McDonough, Daryl Stevens, Geraldine and Gloria Hangartner, Emily Dahl, Theresa People, Josephine Schmidt, Chris Natheos, Randy Vogland, Don Lumby, Alex Pearson, Thomas Jones, Jean Isacson, Fulton Francis Dobbs, Susan Welsh, Robert Cuddigan, Jenny Bruening, Annette Foreman, Mary Clare Farrell, Sawyer Anderson, Betsy Brown, Jim Smith, Jerry Renk, Dale Phillips, Dennis Fox, Kathleen Schopf, Steve Lauinger, Charlotte Thrun, Poppy Craft, Annette Kirwan, Emma Lutsilili, Beverly Aplikowski, Mary Gormally, Georgianna Warden, Mary Spitzka, Michael Ferdelman, Cassie Cramer, Jon Clark, Donna Yenish, John Leibrich, Nella Pitzen, Philip Jarosz, Kay and Gary Mayer, Elaine Loscheider, Danielle Pratt, Claire Kriz, Carol Esterley-Ruff, Joe Brownrigg, Brigit Voss, Brandon Boss, The Viker Family, Robert Lauinger, Phyllis Norbeck, Jennifer Norbeck, Joseph Wutsch, John Wiggins, Mary Jo Beaudry, Greg Najbert, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Cele Winter, Paul Jacobs, Jeremy Mainello, Deacon Rod and Susan Amos Palmer, Dottie Searles, Sylvia Meagher, Mary Andersohn, Kris Mellstrom, Kay Hildreth, Stacey Miller, Mary Erickson, Steve Johnson, Audrey Geneva, Tim Steffl, Braxton Battaglia, Helen Heinks, JoAnn Cedarholm, Tom Goebel, Engracia Houle, Jon Latham, Marlene Nickel, Christa Jones, Sue Klinkner, Larry Tenold, Sam Schullo, Carri Buckanogwa, Joe Brennan, Irene Tschida, Nancy Winiecki, Jean Schullo, Doug Lausen, Margaret Wright, Rebecca Valverde, Suzanne Loscheider, Oswald Tschida, Dave Tucci, Trudy Nimis, Joe Miskowic, George Huard, Dustin, Katie and Harper Boor, Don Grant, Marge McCann, Fr. Michael Skluzacek, Keira Friedman, Joan Geiger, Greg Windsterger, Jeannette Wyatt, Cindy Skenderovic, Geoffrey Rurik, Mary Battmer, Marilyn Ward, John Klingler, Sarajo Groehler, Patty Mans, Joan Cossack, Scott Nugent, Margot Favre, Larry Johnson, Shawn Oglesbee, Jaeden Nguyen, MaryAnne Marshik, Ethan Smith, Steve Lauinger, Stephanie Pommier

If your name has been removed from this list and you would like to be prayed for, please call the parish office.

Prayer Line 651-633-1618/651-247-4202 Call with your prayer requests. Requests are confidential.

Christmas Decoration Memorials

From:

Thad & LuAnn Hiestand

In Memory

Matthew Hiestand

From:

Carol Wasik
The Larson Family
Doris Tauscher

In Memory/Honor of:

Lawrence Wasik
Van & Marcy Kollar
Tauscher-Jackson Family

*Thank you to all who gave
to make our church so
beautiful for Christmas!*

**Please note: this list is current at the time of printing.*

Mass Activity Bags!

Please borrow an activity bag for
your child to use during Mass!



PLEASE RETURN
TO THE DISPLAY
RACK AFTER
MASS!

Tradition of the Epiphany Home Blessing

There is an ancient custom among Christians to do a house blessing on Epiphany, recalling the visit of the Magi. It is done on the 12th day of Christmas. This year we will celebrate The Epiphany of the Lord on January 7. The custom of blessing homes in honor of this feast day seems to be linked to the Gospel, *"and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage."* ~ Matthew 2:11

This is a wonderful opportunity for you and your children to have a procession through the house. Everyone can be carrying something – a cross, a Bible, holy water, blessed salt, blessed chalk as the procession moves from room to room. You can pick up holy water and blessed chalk at Journey to the Inn on Saturday, January 6 and any leftovers will be available on a table by the stained glass windows.

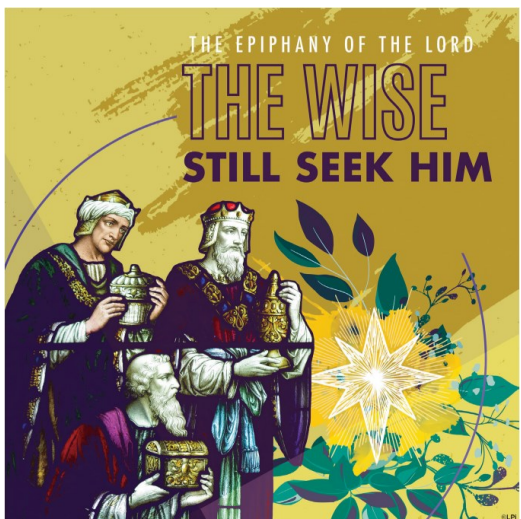
As part of the blessing, the initials of the traditional names of the Magi – Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar – are inscribed and connected with crosses in white chalk on the inside door frame. The numerals of the current year serve as bookends. **This year you would write:**

20 + C + M + B + 24

Gather your family at your front door.

Opening Prayer:

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was the beginning with God. All things came to be through Him, and without Him nothing came to be." John 1:1-3a



"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw His glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth." John 1:14

Pray: May God bless all those who enter and leave this house.

Make the Sign of the Cross with holy water on the doorway. Write the following in chalk on the header of the door frame:

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Process to the other rooms of the house. Make the Sign of the Cross. Sprinkle holy water or blessed salt. **Pray in each room. For example:**

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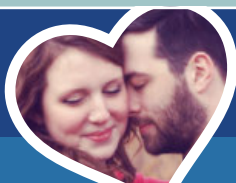
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