

# Saint Mary's Parish Community

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## SAINT MARY'S PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

One of the hallmarks of Franciscan spirituality is to extend welcome to all. On Behalf of Fr. Kevin, Franciscan TOR and Parish Administrator of Saint Mary's and the members of the parish, we extend this heartfelt invitation to all who join us: No matter what your present or past status in the Catholic Church; no matter what your current family or marital situation; no matter what your past or present religious affiliation; no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, or color, you are invited, welcomed, accepted and loved here at Saint Mary's Church. In the words of Saint Francis Assisi, "May the Lord give you peace."  
—Fr. Kevin, T.O. R., Deacon Jim, and Parish Staff

**January 4, 2026**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Daily** Monday through Friday 8:30 AM

**Sunday** Saturday  
Sunday 4:30 PM  
8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

**Sacrament of Penance** Friday  
Saturday 8:00 AM  
3:30 PM - 4:15 PM

**BULLETIN DEADLINE: MONDAY AT NOON**



## **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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**BAPTISM** Call the Rectory to make arrangements for Pre-Baptism Classes early in your pregnancy (if this is your first child) and to arrange for the Baptism after your child is born. You must also be a registered and active member of the parish.

**MARRIAGE** In accordance with Diocesan directives arrangements must be made at least 9 months before the marriage date. All couples are required to attend Diocesan sponsored Pre-Cana sessions and to participate in the FOCCUS inventory. Call the rectory for information and schedules.

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP** We are always happy to welcome new parishioners. You may register any day, Monday through Friday, at the parish office. Registration, the practice of stewardship, and regular participation in the Eucharist indicates active membership and eligibility to act as a Godparent or Sponsor. Your stewardship of time, treasure, and talent is essential for the common good.



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### JANUARY 4, 2026

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage" —Mt 2:2

#### From the Pastor's Desk

##### GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 4, 2026  
The Epiphany of the Lord  
Matthew 2:1-12

When I was 22, I went on a pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee Year of 2000. I was traveling light with just a backpack, one blue shirt and black pants, little money, and no Italian. I had a few close friends and one goal: to reach the Eternal City. Despite the challenges and deprivations, I felt alive in a way I had never known before.

When do you feel most alive? I'd wager it's not when you're most comfortable or surrounded by stuff. Rather, it's when your life is aimed at something great; when you're on a meaningful and challenging journey with good friends.

That's the image the Magi give us in today's Gospel. They set out from the East not with certainty, but with hope. They study the signs, discipline their attention, and journey together, offering the best they have when they find the newborn King.

The Church gives us their story at the start of the year to reawaken something in us. We are not meant to drift. We're meant to journey as pilgrims. The Jubilee Year of 2025 may have ended, but our pilgrimage has not. Like the magi, the closer we get to Christ, the more alive we become.

— Father John Muir

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#### THE WORLD PEACE PRAYER

Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth, from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace. Let peace fill our hearts, let peace fill our world, let peace fill our universe. Amen.

From *The Fire of Peace: A Prayer Book*

#### DEVOTIONS EXPLAINED EPIPHANY BLESSING

The Epiphany household blessing is a centuries-old tradition that invokes God's blessing on all who enter one's home.

All you need for an Epiphany blessing is chalk, which is usually made available by parishes either on the feast of the Epiphany or in the weeks leading up to it. There are a few different formulas for blessings out there, but the essence of the ritual is always the same: a priest or the head of the household calls down God's blessing on the house and everyone who comes into it, and an inscription is made above the door in chalk.

The inscription reads: the first two digits of the year + C + M + B + the last two digits of the year. The initials C, M and B represent the names of the magi — Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar — and also signify the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house."

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**MASS LIVESTREAMING** will be **unavailable** due to the paint project and computer updates, effective immediately. The return date will be shared once all work is complete.

**YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!!** When writing checks to Saint Mary's Parish, checks are to be written with a blue or black pen. Please do not use any other color. Thank you.

#### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday January 5	St. John Neumann, Bishop +Stella and Bill (Bob Martinazzi)
Tuesday January 6	St. André Bessette, Religious + Dorothy Waldron (Anniversary Remembrance)
Wednesday January 7	St. Raymond of Peñafort, Priest +Ladislav Churilla (Annette Kamzik)
Thursday January 8	Christmas Weekday +Mary Sanderson (Rose Grembi-Evans)
Friday January 9	Christmas Weekday +Stephen Seekircher, Jr. (Father Kevin)
Saturday January 10	Anticipated The Baptism of the Lord +Leslie Kasecky (Friends)
Sunday January 11	The Baptism of the Lord +John George (Pat and Bernard) 10:30 AM +Parish Family

#### DECEMBER 21 SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adult Sunday Envelopes:	\$ 4,293.00
Sunday Loose Donations:	139.00
Immaculate Conception Envelopes:	40.00
Votive Candles:	19.00
Christmas Offering Envelopes:	365.00
Christmas Mass Intention Envelopes:	190.00
Christmas Flower Offering Envelopes:	230.00
Retired Fund for Religious Envelopes:	40.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 5,316.00</b>
Adult Sunday Envelopes:	207 out of 404 - 51%

#### January 4 Stewardship Reflection The Epiphany of the Lord

As our celebration of Christmas continues, this week we observe the great feast of The Epiphany of the Lord. The word 'epiphany' comes from Greek and means manifestation of appearance. The stewardship way of life is one in which we live in grateful response to God's countless manifestations in our lives.

As Christian stewards, we are all called to manifest God's love to each other in the sharing of our gifts. St. Paul describes this beautifully in our second reading in his letter to the Ephesians, saying, "You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit..." We have all been given unique and wonderful gifts from our good and generous God. He wants us to share these gifts to benefit others and so to give Him glory.

Let us rejoice in God's manifestations in our lives and be watchful for the new ways He is calling us to share ourselves and our gifts in gratitude to our King in the year ahead.

 Please remember the intentions of those in the hospitals and those recuperating at home: Alice Verba, Jimena Setz, and Lucia Aguilar. Pray for all those who are sick, including all those in nursing facilities.

 This week the Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of Walter Strugala requested by Mary Ann Topor.

**ANNIVERSARY** On behalf of our parish family, I would like to extend our congratulations and blessings to all couples who are celebrating their wedding anniversaries this month.

*Heavenly Father, bless these couples so that the love they have for each other may continue to reflect the love of Christ for his Church. Look with kindness upon them and continue to bless them with peace, joy, health, and happiness. Have a wonderful anniversary!*

#### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Sun.	4:	9:30 AM Elementary CCD (St. John Vianney Church)
Mon.	5:	6:30 PM Perpetual Help Devotions
		7:00 PM Saint Mary's Cemetery Meeting
Fri.	9:	8:00 AM Confessions
Sat.	10:	3:30 - 4:15 PM Confessions

#### **Liturgical Appointments January 10 and 11**

##### **MASSES**

##### **SERVERS**

Sat.	- 4:30	D. Ponchione
Sun.	- 8:00	E. Ponchione
Sun.	- 10:30	P. Sheesley & B. Shedlock

##### **READERS**

Sat.	- 4:30 (1)	B. McDermott	(2)	R. Kline
Sun.	- 8:00 (1)	K. Janosik	(2)	S. Popich
Sun.	- 10:30 (1)	M. Shedlock	(2)	D. Shedlock

##### **EUCARISTIC MINISTERS**

Sat.	- 4:30	D. Kline & T. McMullen
Sun.	- 8:00	L. Kupchella & M. Bober
Sun.	- 10:30	M. Lloyd & C. Ridilla

##### **LEADERS OF SONG**

Sat.	- 4:30	Folk Choir
Sun.	- 8:00	M. F. Shedlock
Sun.	- 10:30	R. Becker

#### **Daily Liturgical Schedule For Week of January 12 - 16**

**Server:** E. Ponchione

**Reader:** C. Agagliati

**Extraordinary Ministers:** M. A. DiSisto & C. Verba

#### **HOLY NAME SCHOOL NEWS**

**DIBELS Next Testing:** Students in grades K - 2 will begin DIBELS testing on Monday, January 5. Parents are encouraged to have their child get plenty of rest and start the school day off with breakfast.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** The Primary students will attend Adoration on Tuesday, January 6, 8:30 - 10:00 AM.

**MASS:** Please join us as we celebrate Mass together on Friday, January 9, at 9:15 AM. Junior High students will participate in the ministries.

If you would like to learn more about Holy Name School, visit [holynamesschool.net](http://holynamesschool.net).

**Facebook:** If you would like to learn more about Holy Name School in pictures and videos, please find us on Facebook at The Official Holy Name School.

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Thank you to those who offered donations towards the flowers for the decoration of our church sanctuary for Christmas. **In Honor Of:** Mary Ann Smith (M/M Andrew Mulato); Marjorie Weyandt (Mr. Joseph Villa); **In**

**Memory Of:** Deceased Members of the Cassol Family (Mrs. Brenda-Cassol-Turous); Clark and McDermott Families (Mrs. Kathleen Clark); Lanzendorfer and Hancherick Families (Mrs. Margaret Hancherick); Ann, Joe, and John Palencsar, Kay and Bill Hill, Patricia Lodge (M/M William Hill); John Smolensky, Catherine Smolensky (M/M Walter Hoffman); Mike and Joyce Konsavich, Jr., Mike and Mary Konsavich, Sr., Paul, Paul E., Jane, Lois Gabor, Betty and Rich Rager, Jeremy and Benjamin Lytle, McMullen babies, Richard and Nancy Rishelle, Tom McMullen, Chantelle Konsavich, Lynda Shirk, Michael Shultz (Miss Janice Konsavich); William Kuhar, Sr. (Mrs. Lois Kuhar); Maxine Lloyd (Ms. Megan Lloyd); Dan Miller (Mrs. Camilla Miller); Joe and Jennie Mulato, Bob Donaldson, Bill Smith (M/M Andrew Mulato); Joseph and Anna Parana, Desmond and Nora McDermott (M/M Francis Parana); Stephen Pisarcik, Joe and Kay Pisarcik, Frank and Catherine Sewalish (M/M Michael S. Pisarcik); John and Martha White, William and Christine Ray, John and Fred White, Jennie, Johnny, Kevin, Bill, Mel, Jack, Phyllis, Betty, and Ruth (M/M Robert Ray); Raymond and Lois Myers, Marsha Myers, Joseph and Thlema Stock (Ms. Lynne Stock); Jim Waldron, Helen Korotko (Mrs. Kathleen Waldron); Mr. and Mrs. John Eget, Sr., Mr. Stephen Szymusiak, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. Steve Szymusiak, Deceased Members of Family (Mrs. Barbara Szymusiak); Steve Szymusiak, Sr. (M/M Matthew Szymusiak); Deceased Family Members (M/M David Verba); Janet Villa, Joseph A. Villa, Sr., Charles Weyandt (Mr. Joseph Villa, Jr.); Barbar Warmus, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Warmus, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gisler, Rick Gisler, (Mr. Michael Warmus); Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Watson, Mr. and Mrs. John Boback, Thomas J. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Watson (Mr. Dennis Watson); Stephen and Helen Yonas ( Ms. Mary Beth Yonas); William and Velma Rodgers, Jeno and Wilda Zamboni, Linda Wade (M/M Christopher Zamboni); Mrs. Carol R. Zamboni, Mr. and Mrs. John Zamboni Family, John Zamboni Family, Mr. and Mrs. Enoch and Rose Petrosky (Mr. William J. Zamboni); Mrs. Julia Brzozowski, Martin and Sylvia Kupchella, M/M Robert McEvoy, M/M Jerome McGlynn, Stanley and Althea Zeglen, Ben Kupchella, M/M James Mullen, Joe Zeglen, Helen Kowal (M/M Gregory Zeglen). Deacon/Mrs. James Janosik, Mr. Francis Kaschalk, Mrs. Deborah McHugh, M/M Wayne McMullen, and Miss Celeste Olsavsky.

#### **ACTIVITIES & EVENTS**

##### **TODAY: ALL SAINTS PARISH, 325 QUEMAHONING**

**STREET, BOSWELL** will host their annual singing of Polish Christmas carols (known as Koledy or Pastoralki) at 2:00 PM. The carols will be sung by the parish Polish choir. Following the singing of the hymns there will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and refreshments. Polish Christmas customs are very rich; whether you are Polish or not, please come and experience these time-honored hymns celebrating the birth of Christ. For more information, please call the parish office at 814-629-5551. **SAINT BENEDICT, GEISTOWN** will hold a Breakfast **today**, in the school hall. Proceeds benefit the Knights of Columbus food pantry. Adults - \$10; Children 6-12 - \$5.00.

##### **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, JEWELRY RAFFLE**

will be held at 1635 New Germany Road, Summerhill, on Saturday, January 17, 2026.. Over \$7,500.00 in jewelry and accessories to be chanced off from door tickets. The Grand Prize is \$1,000.00 Jewelry Shopping Spree at Gold Rush Diamonds & Boutique. Doors open at 5:00 PM. First drawing at 6:00 PM. Pulled winning Door Tickets will be re-entered for grand Prize. Need not be present to win. Jewelry, Accessories, Instant Bingo and 50/50's will be chanced during the bash. Only 500 Tickets sold. \$30.00 Donation—*No Guests*. For tickets contact Becky at 814-495-9594. For pictures and more details visit [www.facebook.com/ICJewelryRaffle](http://www.facebook.com/ICJewelryRaffle). Prizes are from Gold Rush Diamonds & Boutique, Ebensburg.



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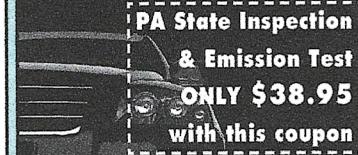
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