

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 4, 2026

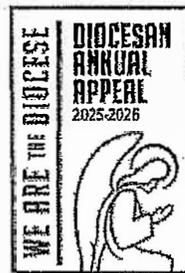


Holy Mass Intentions This Week

Mon	5	7:00 a.m. Communion Service (SL)
Tue	6	5:00 p.m. L/D Anthony Johnson Fam (SL)
Wed	7	7:00 a.m. Health/Healing Karen Juntikka (SL) 8:45 a.m. +Amy Lobner by R & E Ponshock
Thu	8	7:00 a.m. Health/Healing J Romatowski (SL)
Fri	9	7:00 a.m. +James Weaver (SL) 8:45 a.m. +R & M Glaza by Family
Sat	10	4:00 p.m. Bert Jagodzinski by Family 6:00 p.m. L/D Schwobe Family (SL)
Sun	11	8:30 a.m. +Theresa Dorshorst by D Pagels 10:30 a.m. SP/SL Parishioners (SL)

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS – January 10-11

Lectors:	4:00 p.m. Barb Ziebell 8:30 a.m. Al Hoffmann
Servers:	4:00 p.m. Cole & Olivia Adamski 8:30 a.m. Elliot & Lucy O'Shasky
Ushers:	4:00 p.m. Jerry & Diane Mancl 8:30 a.m. Jerry Willfahrt-Mark Steward
Eucharistic Ministers:	4:00 p.m. J Knuteson-B Ziebell 8:30 a.m. T Moscinski-L Hamus



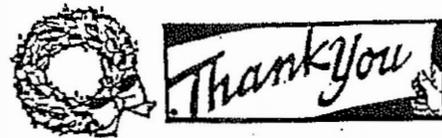
DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL:
Our parish allocation is \$26,565, and we have reached \$25,825 (97%) from 65 parishioners. If you haven't made a pledge, please prayerfully consider doing it soon...we are only \$740 short of our goal. Any money donated over our target will be

returned to the church. There are extra pledge cards in back of church. **Thank you to all who have already made their pledge!! God Bless!!**

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OUR ST. PHILIP VERSITI BLOOD DRIVE is Wednesday, January 14 from 1:30-6:00. Schedule a donation @ versiti.org/WI, by calling 877-232-4376 or by scanning the QR code on the poster in back of church. Please consider giving this life saving gift. As a thank you, all attempting donors with a valid e-mail and code SPARK in their appointment notes will receive a \$25 e-gift card.

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A NOTE OF GRATITUDE... I sincerely thank all those who so generously shared Christmas gifts with me—whether through monetary gifts, homemade cookies, or other thoughtful gestures. Your kindness, love, and prayers are deeply appreciated and truly reflect the spirit of Christmas. Your generosity has touched my heart, and I am grateful not only for the gifts themselves but for the love and care they represent. It is a blessing to serve this wonderful community, and your thoughtfulness reminds me of the many ways Christ's love is made visible through his people. May the Lord bless you abundantly and reward you for your generosity. Please know that you remain in my prayers especially during this sacred season. With heartfelt thanks and prayerful best wishes for the **New Year 2026. God bless.**

Yours in Christ, Fr. Rajan

Epiphany Blessing of the Home packets are available for families this weekend. It includes prayers, blest holy water and blest chalk.

In Sympathy

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY is extended to the family & friends

of Roseann Konkol whose Mass of Christian Burial was Tuesday. May she find light, happiness & peace in heaven.

A PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING is scheduled for Thursday, January 15, 5:30 in the Welcome Center. Any items that you would like on the agenda, please contact Joan Kelnhofer, Al Hoffmann, Emma Joosten, Richard Larsen, Carrie Mancl, Al Polum, Mary Skytland or Andy Hartjes by January 11.



ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOLS. As we enter the new year, we give thanks for the many blessings God has bestowed upon us. We are

grateful for your continued support & prayers and look forward to another of faith-filled learning and community. May God bless you and your family with peace, joy, and abundant blessings. We warmly invite you to become part of our school family! Come see what a day in the Catholic school student is like. Call 422-0901. 4K and Kindergarten registration is Thursday, January 29 at OLQH from 4:00-6:00. Please bring your child's birth certificate and immunization records.

BINGO AT ASSUMPTION is set for January 11 & 18. Doors open at 12:00, games begin at 1:00.

SAFE HAVEN BABY BOX FUNDRAISER...SS Peter & Paul Church, in partnership with the Safe Haven Baby Box Company and the City of Wisconsin Rapids, is launching a fundraising effort to bring a Safe Haven Baby Box to our community. Our goal is to raise \$30,000 to have one installed at one of our Wisconsin Rapids Fire Departments. Your contribution will help purchase and install the box, as well as support the required annual inspections and maintenance fees. If you didn't get a bulletin last weekend with the flier, there are some available in back of church. Checks should be payable to SS Peter & Paul Church and sent to 1150 2nd Street North, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494 and include SHBB on the memo line of your check. Thank you so much. Their Facebook page is Safe Haven Baby Box- Wisconsin Rapids, WI.

PLEASE PRAY FOR AN END TO ABORTION

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Steve Koback, Gerri Laska, Sylvia Weiler, Viola Joosten

CHURCH SUPPORT - DEC. 28

Adult Envelopes	\$2615.00
Offertory	\$ 301.00
Flowers	\$ 20.00
Christmas	\$1930.00
Christmas Offer.	\$ 912.25
Religious Retire.	\$ 140.00

Please remember St. Philip Church when making out a will or estate planning.

NEW PARISHIONERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ST. PHILIP. CURRENT PARISHIONERS SHOULD CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE WITH ANY ADDRESS OR PHONE CHANGES. 435-3286.

Catholic Radio - Relevant Radio 93.9 FM or the free Relevant Radio App

FAITH FORMATION: SP/SL Faith Formation will hold another Family Social event at St. Lawrence on January 4 after the 10:30 Mass with food, fellowship, activities to celebrate Epiphany and closing with a brief time of Adoration. Classes begin on January 5. Don't forget about using RaiseRight for your shopping needs. No extra cost and a percentage of what you spend goes to support the program.

SOUP SALE - St. Wenceslaus, Milladore - January 10, 2:00-4:00 Drive-thru only. \$8.00/quart with dinner rolls. Chicken, Potato & Sausage, Italian Meat Ball, Beef Barley.

FUN & GAMES NIGHT - St. Alexander, Port Edwards, Friday, January 9, 6:00-9:00. Board & card games available or bring your own.



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God gives each of us gifts and talents. We are stewards of those gifts and are called to share them with each other for the glory of God.

From the Pastor's Desk

Happy New Year everyone, and thank you so much for all your cards, words of kindness, and your gifts during this Christmas Season.

How can we be in a new year? Seems like we just celebrating the ringing in of 2025! And here we are, 2026 has already begun. So how did 2025 go? Did we grow in charity, wisdom and virtue? Did we develop better habits and in turn get rid of some old ones? Did we grow in our faith, in our humanity, or in our relationship with Christ?

We often look forward in the New Year to the things we want to change, such as eating habits, working out, quitting something, being a better person, the list can go on and on and on. And honestly, it's different for each one of us. My list looks different than yours and vice versa. But do ever look at our faith?

As we celebrate the Epiphany this weekend, we once again hear about the three Maji bringing gifts of **gold** (representing his royalty as King), **frankincense** (a fragrant incense honoring his divinity), and **myrrh** (a costly spice used for embalming, foreshadowing his death and humanity).

As they brought these gifts, what do you think God wanted for a gift? Does our God need anything? The truthful answer is no; He is God and has and is all He needs. But He does desire communion with each of us. The gifts brought by the Maji would help Mary and Joseph financially raise Jesus, but the gifts in and of themselves did nothing for Jesus. Maybe pay homage to a certain degree, give credit where credit was due, but as far as being the Christ, it did nothing. So, if the Maji knew enough to come with gifts, what gifts can we possibly give? Remember God doesn't need anything earthly, He's GOD! So, what can we give Him?

My friends, sometimes we think of God as THE ALMIGHTY out to get us, just looking for the next mess up we do. But that couldn't be furthest from the truth. Our God wants nothing more than to be a part of our life's. Every part! Our first breath upon waking up, thank you God! Our ability to eat a breakfast or make a cup of coffee, thank you God. Having the ability to afford a car and get to work, thank you God. Having a job to go to, thank you God. Eating a lunch, being able to shop at the grocery store, have money to get a haircut, fill your tank with fuel, drive thru McDonalds...THANK YOU GOD!

God doesn't need any physical gift, He desires a relationship, a dependency, an intertwined union in which we are intimately connected.

May this new year be different than last year, and may each of us grow in Christ's unfathomable love!

— *Father Barry*