



# St. Michael Catholic Church

Sunday Mass - 8 am

Communion Service - Wednesday at 5 pm

followed by Adoration until 6 pm

Confessions -

Fourth Sunday of the month after Mass

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## The Epiphany of the Lord

January 4, 2026

Let us celebrate 2026 with great joy. How do we bring the joy of the Lord with us into the New Year?

I have a few friends who are sales persons. They are gifted with gab. They know how to persuade. They know how to get people to listen to them. They also know the main goal of being a salesperson is to close the deal. Closing the deal is most important. In this New Year let us bring 2025 into closure. Put your hands of the plow and don't look back. Of course we need the power of God to walk away from anything we should leave, get over things, and move on.

Is there someone you need to forgive in this New Year? Lack of forgiveness makes us a prisoner of the past. If there is a vocation God is calling us to or a decision that needs to be made we need to quit putting it off. Sirach 22:16 tells us, "Masonry bonded with wooden beams is not loosened by an earthquake; neither is a resolve constructed with careful deliberation shaken in a moment of fear."

What Sirach is telling us is careful deliberation is necessary when we are making an important decision and when we make this decision it is not shaken by fear. We might question what we are doing, but we continue on because we have thought it through and we know this decision is correct.

Chronic indecision happens when we say, "I'm going to get to that" but we don't. "What's the rush?" In 2026 we need to close the deal. We need to purify our memories, actions, thinking. We definitely have to say a prayer: Lord, I have tried to bring closure but I can't. Help me with your grace. Help me to forgive every sin committed against me. Help me repent of any sin I have committed. Help me to answer every calling you have given.

People are dragging years of stuff with them, unresolved, unfinished. Jesus says, "It is finished." At the end of life we want to say, "Everything you wanted me to do is done. My work is done now. I am caught up. There is nothing more for me to do. I'm ready." It would be nice if we could say that now or maybe we could say, "Lord I have finished the work you have given me I am ready for the next task/adventure you have for me." May we leave the past behind and get started on the next phase of our life.

God bless,  
Fr. Cory Rohlfing

Welcome to all those visiting us today. We invite everyone to continue to celebrate Mass with us at St. Michael's. Please let the parish office know if we can be of assistance to you.

### CONTRIBUTIONS

#### December 24, 2025

Adult Envelopes: \$ 1770.00  
Loose Plate: \$ 344.00

#### December 25, 2025

Adult Envelopes: \$ 1288.00  
Loose Plate: \$ 205.00

#### December 28, 2025

Adult Envelopes: \$ 1754.00  
Loose Plate: \$ 89.00  
Maintenance: \$ 50.00

### Saints of the week

January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
January 5 - St. John Neumann  
January 6 - St. André Bessette  
January 7 - St. Raymond of Penyafort

### Divine Mercy Mass schedule:

Sunday - 8 am, 10 am,  
12 pm (Spanish), 5 PM  
Monday - 5:30 pm  
Tuesday - 8:30 am  
Wednesday - 8:30 am  
Thursday - 8:30 am  
Friday - 10:30 am at BA  
Saturday - 8:30 am, 4 pm

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

#### January 11

Reader: Donna Lexvold  
Ushers: Bruce & Laura Chmelik  
Servers: Sam Keller & Serenity Overholt  
EM: Mary Murry & Renee Mund

#### January 18

Reader: Laura Chmelik  
Ushers: Dave Mund & Tim LaCanne  
Servers: Christian LaCanne & Mark Mund  
EM: Brydie LaCanne & Lynn Auseth

January money counters:

Marv Donkers & John Smith

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

January 9 - Holy Hour of Reparation 5:30 am

January 11 - Breakfast Sunday: D-F-T-W

January 14 - Confessions 5:30 pm

January 16 - Holy Hour of Reparation 5:30 am

January 19 - Parish Council 7:00 pm

January 23 - Holy Hour of Reparation 5:30 am

January 25 - Confessions 9:00 am

We pray for all our parishioners, families and friends who are in need of physical or spiritual healing, especially, Thomas Eilen, Jaci Eilen, MacKensie Eilen, Michaela Neuzil, Harold Amundson, Sandy Rumstick, Diana Kelley, Greg Krinke, Bev Watson, Faith Cruz, and Simone Boesen.

We pray for those in the Armed forces, especially Naomi Bauernfeind.

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



## **Mardi Gras Bingo - February 15 at 2 pm**

Please join us for our annual Mardi Gras Bingo party!



Sign-up sheets are available on the bulletin board in the atrium for volunteers to help the day of the bingo party and for donations. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Please remember to make a basket for the silent auction. The baskets are an important part of the bingo party and help to make it more successful. Baskets can be brought to the office at any time. Thank you!

2026 contribution envelopes are available to be picked up in the atrium.



### **Altar Servers needed!**

Altar servers have the privilege of assisting the priest in the sanctuary during the Mass and other liturgical functions. Would you be willing to serve our parish in this capacity? We are looking for people of all ages to help in this important role. Please contact the parish office for more information.

**REMINDER** - If you are scheduled to usher, lector, altar serve, or be a Eucharistic Minister and are unable to fulfill your designated time slot it is your responsibility to find a replacement. Please call someone in your category before the Sunday Mass and make arrangements. Thank you to everyone for serving the parish!

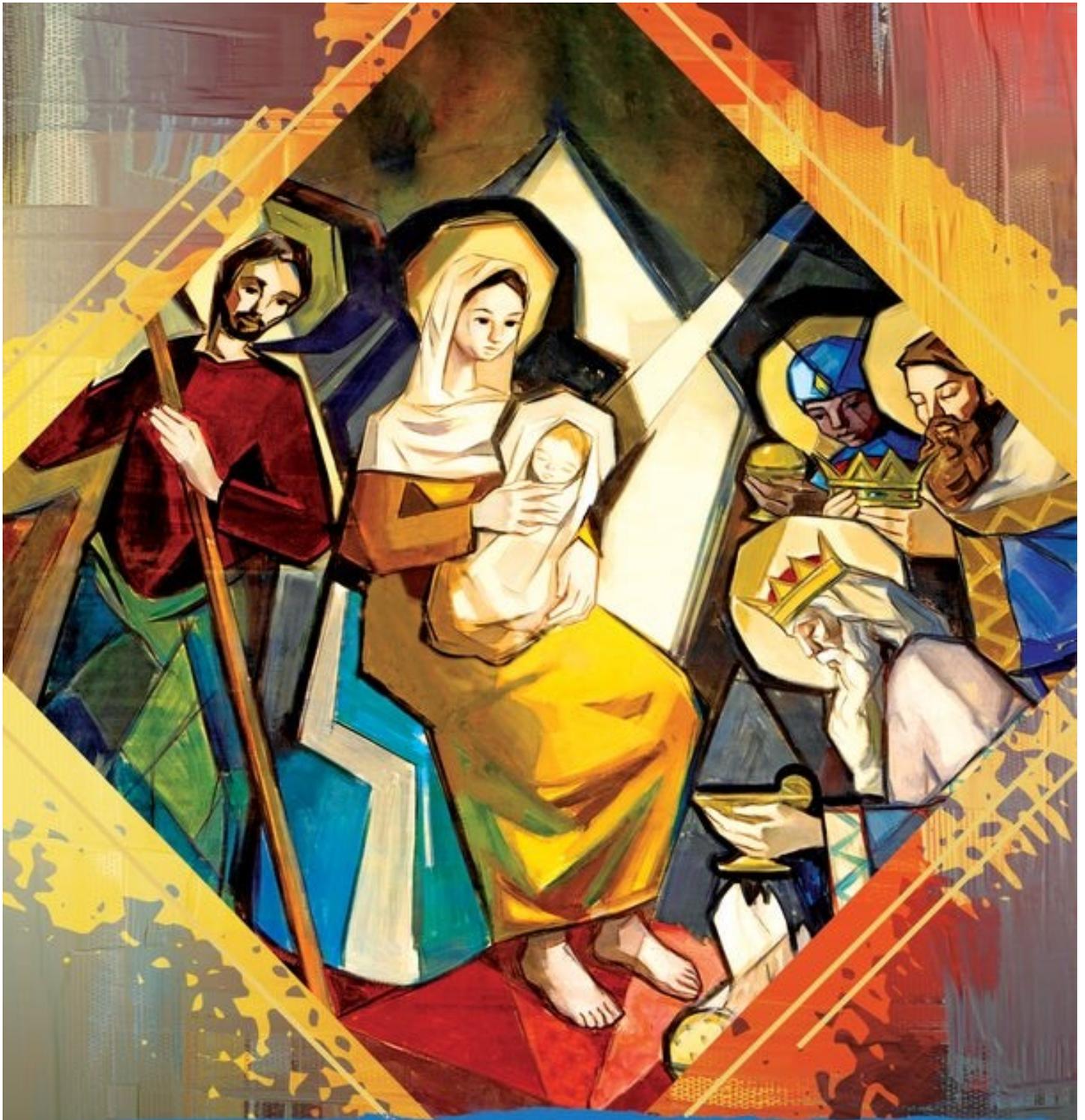
### What is the Solemnity of the Epiphany?

The word "Epiphany" means "manifestation." Therefore, as we honor this moment in time when the Christ Child was made manifest to the world, we need to look into our own hearts. There, we discover Christ's ongoing manifestation to us so we can worship Him, Who has also chosen to be born within our hearts. We must diligently seek out that manifestation of God within us and respond to it in the same ways the Magi responded.

First of all, the Magi were determined. When they saw a sign from the heavens that pointed to a new King, they stopped everything and departed in haste to find Him. When God speaks to you and manifests Himself to you in some way, nothing could be more important than to be attentive to His voice and follow His manifestation with the same haste.

The Magi brought the Christ Child gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. God was honored and glorified through His creation by the giving of these gifts. God created gold to manifest His beauty and dignity. It was a gift that symbolized kingship. When we ponder the natural gift of gold given to the Christ Child, we are inspired to give Him our own gift of symbolic gold by prayerfully acknowledging Him as our own King to whom we pledge our complete submission.

*Most glorious Christ Child, the Father in Heaven honored Your birth by placing a star over the place where you lay. Through that new star, Your divine presence was made manifest to the world in the Magi who responded with faith and worship. Please manifest Yourself to me within my own soul where You wish to be born, and give me the love and zeal I need to follow the example of the Magi, offering You my own gifts in adoration and trust. Jesus, I trust in You.*



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“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