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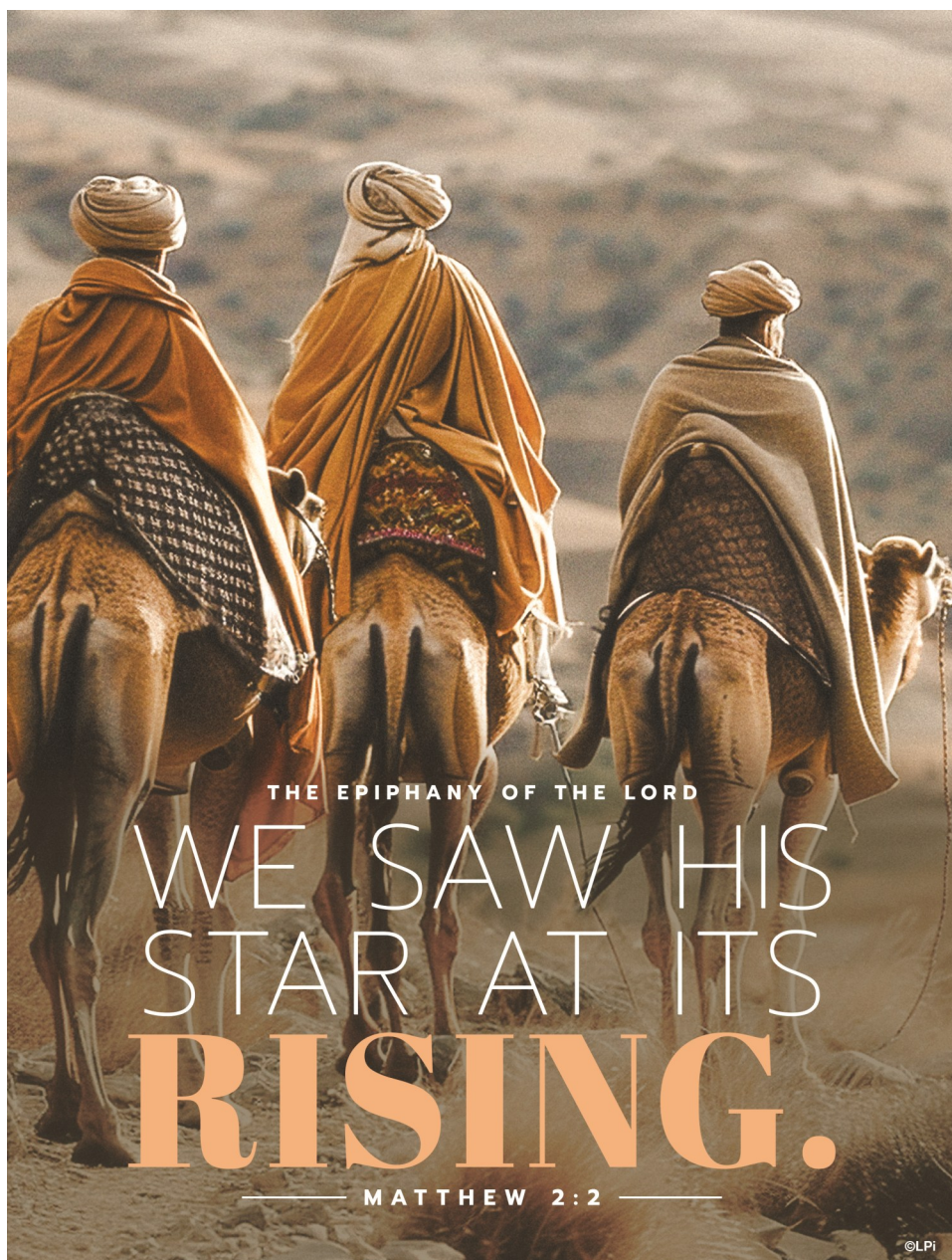
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JANUARY 4, 2026 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Installation of Fr. Mark

You are invited to the installation of Fr. Mark Payne as pastor of StB, StCA, and OLGH, during the 10:30 Mass at StB on Sunday, January 11. Archbishop Jeffrey S. Grob will preside.

A reception will follow in the cafeteria. Please RSVP to the StB Parish office at 414-358-4600 or tmoniot@nwmcp.org by January 5.

Donations needed for the food pantry

Our pantry is grateful for the support of NWMCP! We are stronger when we work together. *For January, we are asking for donations of peanut butter and jelly.* Please bring nonperishable food items and leave them in the drop-off containers at any of our parishes. Thank you for making it possible to feed more needy families in our neighborhood.

OLGH Outreach Ministry

Next weekend is the second weekend of the month when the loose collection at OLGH will go to support the parish's outreach activities. If you can, please remember to put an extra dollar or two in the collection basket so this vital ministry will continue. If you want to donate toward the Outreach Ministry outside of the offertory collection at Mass, there is a line for it on the bottom section of the monthly letter. May God continue to bless your generosity.

Catholic trivia

Question: Who are the four Gospel authors?

Answer: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John

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St. Bernadette: All those on the long-term prayer list in the Book of Assembly Prayer and posted in the gathering area

St. Catherine of Alexandria: Anonymous intention, Becky Parr, and all those on the long-term prayer list posted at the back of church

Our Lady of Good Hope: Jane Kirst, Marie Lore, and all those on the long-term prayer list posted at the back of church

Gospel reflection: The Epiphany of the Lord

The journey of the Magi reminds us that seeking Christ requires both faith and persistence. These wise men traveled hundreds of miles, guided only by a star and the conviction that something extraordinary awaited them. Their willingness to follow God's signs, even when the path was uncertain, challenges us to trust in divine guidance through our own journeys.

What strikes me most is that these foreigners recognized the King of Kings while those closest to Him remained indifferent. The religious leaders in Jerusalem knew the prophecies but never bothered to make the short trip to Bethlehem. Sometimes we, too, can be so familiar with the story of Jesus that we forget to encounter Him afresh each day.

The gifts the Magi brought—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—weren't just expensive presents but prophetic symbols of Christ's kingship, divinity, and sacrificial death. When we come before the Lord, what do we offer? Our worship, like theirs, should be thoughtful, costly, and reflective of who we believe Jesus to be. May we have the wisdom to seek Him earnestly, the humility to bow before Him completely, and the generosity to offer Him our very best.

~ Blessings, Fr. Mark Payne

Gluten-free hosts available

Gluten-free hosts are available at all Northwest Milwaukee Catholic Parishes. To request one, please see an usher or talk to the priest when you arrive before Mass.

Adult formation on FORMED

Deepen your relationship with God to know Him better.

January 4 ~ Do Catholics Worship Mary? The Real Reason for Marian Devotion ~ <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3879333>

FORMED for families with children

Teach your children about our Catholic faith.

January 4 ~ Littlest Saints: The Martyrs ~ <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3346368?cid=801623>

Eucharistic Adoration

January 8, 10:50-11:50AM at StCA

January 17, 2:50-3:50PM at OLGH

January 20, 2:50-3:50PM at StB

Sharing tree ministry thank you

The Sharing Tree Ministry is pleased to share that our recipient organizations received over 400 gifts this year, more than what was requested. This remarkable response came despite record cold weather, the temporary loss of heat at OLGH, and a shortened return period.

Your generosity and compassion as a community are truly commendable. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way. Your kindness made this possible, and we are deeply grateful. You should feel proud of what you helped accomplish.



OLGH home prayer network

OLGH Parish has a confidential home prayer network made up of parishioners who have offered to pray for your needs. All calls are confidential. If you are in need of prayers or would like to become involved in our home prayer network, please contact Mary Jansen at 414-731-2780 or jansenmc@sbcglobal.net.

Pastoral support for hospitalizations

If you or a loved one is in the hospital and you would like a pastoral visit, please contact any parish office to make arrangements. Our parishioners are the lifeblood of our community, and supporting you during this difficult time is important. Even if you do not need a visit, we would like to know so that we can include you in our prayers.

NWMCP donation envelopes

If you are visiting from one of our collaborating parishes, envelopes are available for your cash offering so that you can designate which parish the funds should be transferred to. Checks, made out to the parish that you intend your donation to go to, can also be put in the envelopes if you desire. Contributions are transferred to the intended parish after the weekly count. Any loose cash in the collection basket stays at the parish where it was received. Thank you for your generosity to our parishes!

Epiphany Blessing

Dear God,
It was You who inspired the Magi to follow the star to find You. Inspire us to seek You, as well. Bless our homes and families this season. Make them places where we can encounter You through prayer and community. Amen.

Calendar raffle winners

Due to an early bulletin publication deadline, winners are not shown. Winners for the remainder of 2025 will be listed in the January 11 bulletin.



4:30-7:00PM in the StB cafeteria

January 16	March 6	April 3	May 15
February 20	March 20	April 17	

On our journey to become one parish, pastoral care is available

Rev. Mark, Pastor: 414-358-4600, ext. 143
Rev. Francis, Associate Pastor: 414-461-6073
Br. Joe Pense, SDS, Pastoral Associate: 414-461-6073
Mary Dahl, Pastoral Minister: 414-365-2020, ext. 301

Together, this team stands ready to nurture our faith and to bring peace into our lives and the lives of those around us. If you or someone you know needs pastoral support, contact your parish office to connect with someone on our pastoral team.


*God, grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
Courage to change the things I can;
And wisdom to know the difference.*

Free tax preparation

The AARP tax-aide team will be available to prepare your taxes for free in the Granville room at StCA. Services will be offered on Mondays and Fridays from February 2 through April 13. The team previously served at the McGovern Senior Center, which is now closed due to flooding. They will also provide tax assistance at Avina (formerly Alexian Village) on March 13 and March 27. Please note that no tax preparation will take place on Good Friday.

You may schedule an appointment online at www.freetaxhelp.as.me beginning at 9:00AM on January 5. If you have questions, you can leave a message at 414-666-1165, and your call will be returned from that same number. Please include your name, phone number, and your question. Appointments fill quickly, so early scheduling is recommended.

"Consult not your fears, but your hopes and dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do." ~ Pope Saint John XXIII



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RESPECT LIFE *Mass*

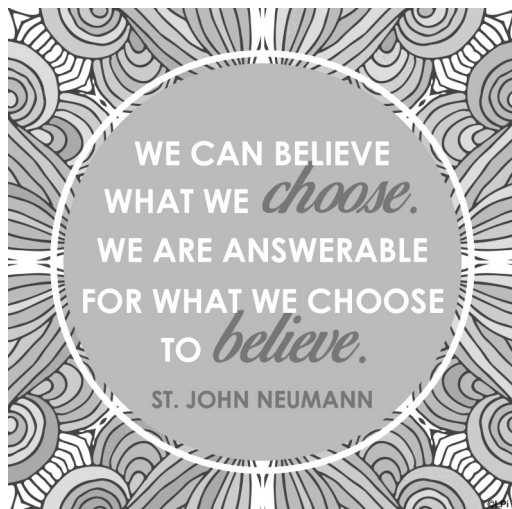
Celebrated by Archbishop Jeffrey S. Grob
January 22, 2026, 6 p.m.

CHRIST KING CATHOLIC PARISH
2604 N. Swan Blvd., Wauwatosa, WI

All are invited to the annual Archdiocesan Respect Life Mass to observe the National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. Celebrated by Archbishop Jeffrey S. Grob, come together and pray on the anniversary of the tragic decision of Roe vs. Wade. Continued prayers and advocacy are still needed to uphold the dignity of every human life – from conception to natural death.

Rich Fedor, *Director of the Office for Respect Life Ministry*
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SCAM ALERT

Watch out! Scammers target everyone.



Recognize scammers. They may:

- **PRETEND** to be from an agency or organization you know.
- Say there's a **PROBLEM** or promise a prize.
- **PRESSURE** you to act immediately.
- Tell you to **PAY** in a specific way.



Do not give scammers money or personal information – Ignore them!

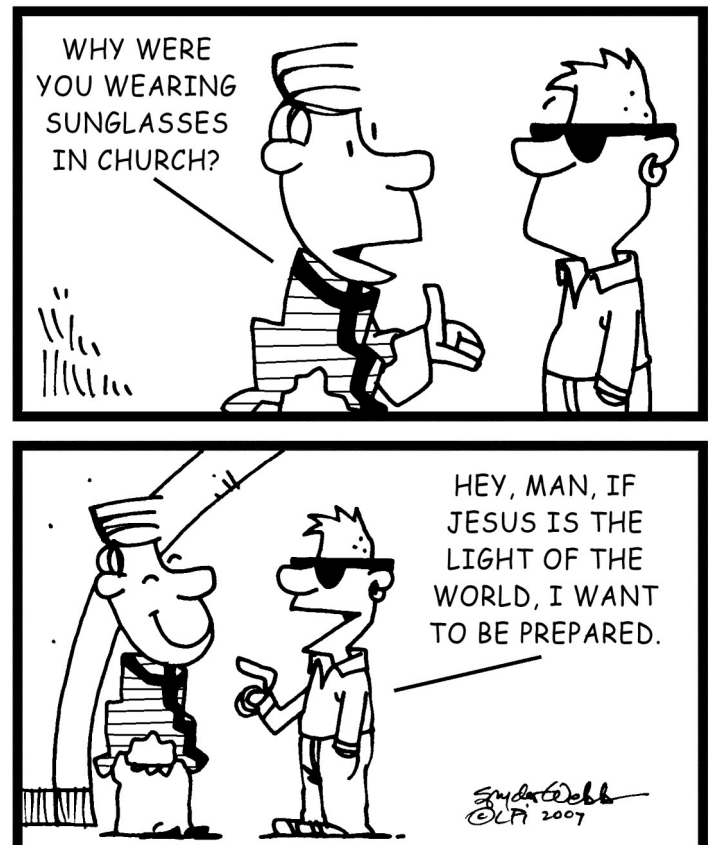
How to stay safe:

- **Remain calm.** Talk to someone you trust.
- **Hang up or ignore** the message. **DO NOT** click on links or attachments.
- **Protect your money.** Criminals will insist that you pay in a hard-to-trace manner, such as with a gift card, prepaid debit card, cryptocurrency, wire transfer, money transfer, gold bars, or by mailing cash.
- **Protect your personal information.** Be skeptical of any contact you didn't initiate.
- **Spread the word.** Share your knowledge of Social Security-related scams with your friends, family, and community. Post on social media using the hashtag #SlamtheScam to warn others. Visit ssa.gov/scam for more information.

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EPIPHANY



Schedule of Masses & Intentions

Sunday, January 4, 2026: The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30AM FA at StCA: †Robert Borchardt

10:30AM FA at StB: †Paul & Bernice Buttitta

Monday, January 5, 2026: St. John Neumann

No Mass

Tuesday, January 6, 2026: St. André Bessette

4:00PM RM at StB: †Elsie Resop

Wednesday, January 7, 2026: St. Raymond of Penyafort

8:15AM FA at OLGH: †Rosemary Hackett

Thursday, January 8, 2026

12:00PM RM at StCA: †John M. Weiss

Friday, January 9, 2026

No Mass

Saturday, January 10, 2026

3:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation at OLGH

4:00PM MP at OLGH (Praise): †Brian Johnston

Sunday, January 11, 2026: The Baptism of the Lord

8:30AM FA at StCA (Praise): FATP

10:30AM MP & FA & Archbishop Grob at StB:

†Fred & Shirley Berger

MP = Fr. Mark Payne	FA = Fr. Francis Assisi
AJ = Fr. Alan Jurkus	RM = Fr. Roman Mueller
FATP = For all the parishioners of StB, BIS, StCA, StMM, OLGH	

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This Week at Our Parishes

Sunday, January 4, 2026

- Christian Formation classes, 12:00PM at StCA-school

Monday, January 5, 2026

- January 11th bulletin announcement deadline, 10:00AM

- StB/OLGH StVdP meeting, 1:00PM at StB-LMR

- OCIA, 6:00PM at StCA-parish office

- Prayer & Worship Cmte mtg, 6:30PM at StCA-GR

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

- Rosary, 3:25PM at StB

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

- Five-parish Pastoral Councils mtg, 6:30PM at StMM

Thursday, January 8, 2026

- Adoration, 11:50AM at StCA

- Pulpit announcement deadline, 12:00PM

Friday, January 9, 2026

- StVdP food pantry open, 9:00AM-12:00PM at StCA

Saturday, January 10, 2026

- Fr. Francis reflection session on dying and death, 9:30AM at StB-cafeteria

Sunday, January 11, 2026

- Installation of Fr. Mark at 10:30 Mass, followed by reception in the cafeteria

- Bingo, 5:00/6:00/7:00PM at StB-cafeteria

Readings for the Week of January 4, 2026

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

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-6a, 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-4, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

