



January 4, 2026

The Epiphany of the Lord

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Sunday	1/4	8:00 AM <i>10:00 AM</i>	Donald Vande Hei <i>Mass at St John's</i>	By Jill & Dan Carey & Family <i>Betty & Lee Schmit and the Living & Deceased Family Members</i>	RE after Mass
Tuesday	1/6	8:15 AM	<i>Mass at St John's</i>	<i>Ann Theroux</i>	
Wednesday	1/7	8:15 AM 9:00 AM	<i>Mass at St John's</i> Holy Communion Outside of Mass / Adoration to follow	<i>For Those Struggling With Addiction</i>	
Thursday	1/8	8:15 AM	<i>Mass at St John's</i>	<i>Mary Ann Peterson</i>	
Friday	1/9	8:15 AM	Vocations		
Saturday	1/10	4:00 PM	<i>Mass at St John's</i>	<i>Danielle Bluma</i>	
Sunday	1/11	8:00 AM <i>10:00 AM</i>	The Resolution of Family Problems <i>Mass at St John's</i>	<i>Ann Theroux</i>	

GOSPEL MEDITATION — *Father John Muir*
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.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman
The Stars We Follow

Everyone follows a star.

It is human nature to seek. If we are rich, we want to be richer. If we are smart, we want to be smarter. If we are powerful, we want to be more powerful.

We cannot stay in one place, so to speak — to say, "I am what I am, I have what I have, and it is enough." Even the very act of maintaining a status quo, be it health or wealth or spiritual goodness, requires action. It requires effort. It requires movement. This is human nature. There is nothing wrong with it. When we stop seeking, we die.

But what are we looking for? Where are we going?

I often wonder if the Magi knew what they were seeking — really, truly knew. They were seeking "the newborn king of the Jews," yes, but did they understand who he was? *What* he was? I don't see how they could have. They were wise men, but they were not prophets. They simply knew this was an endeavor they had to undertake. They knew it in their souls.

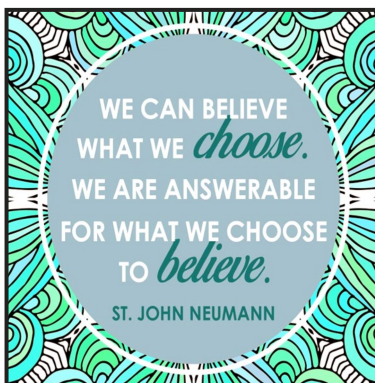
There really is very little that we know for certain about the Magi. We don't know how many of them there were. We don't know their religion. We don't know where they came from. All we know for certain is that they listened to a voice they heard deep within themselves. And, heeding that voice, they went forth.

And what did they find? They found what we all seek, even if, foolishly, we seek it in riches or power.

They found the face of the Child.

So tell me this. Of all the stars you could follow, which one does the voice — that one deep within you — tell you to chase?

Point to it. And go forth.



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.
Matthew 2:10-11a

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DAY/TIME	LECTORS	DISTRIBTORS	SERVERS	USHERS
Sunday 8:00 AM January 11	Amanda Nagel	Jessica Melchert	Jackson Banker Paden Melchert Parker Nagel	Kurt Schuh Steve Hackl

INCOME FOR WEEK:

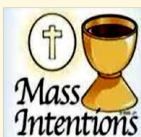
Church Support	\$ 69375.00
Loose Collection (Christmas Eve & Day)	\$ 379.02
Loose Collection (Sunday, 12/28)	\$ 173.00
Votives	\$ 10.25
Mass Intentions	\$ 260.00
Christmas Flower Fund	\$ 125.00

DISBURSEMENTS FOR WEEK:

Sacramental Supplies	\$ 95.25
Security Luebke Roofing	\$ 4141.00
St Therese of the Little Flower	\$ 639.50
WeShare CC Fees	\$ 13.87

There are many open days for Mass Intentions in 2026.

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule.



The loose collection from the Christmas Masses will be given to Community 2000.

BULLETIN



Sponsorship

Interested in sponsoring the Parish Bulletin for 2026??

Sponsorship is currently \$30 a month, with many months available. Please contact the Parish Office.



Thank you to all that generously gave to this organization that serve others so kindly!

Reporting Sexual Abuse

If you know of an incident of sexual abuse of a person who is **now under the age of 18** by a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer, **PLEASE IMMEDIATELY CALL THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES AND THEN THE DIOCESE.**

If the person was abused as a minor but is now an adult, please contact:

Office of Safe Environment
Diocese of Green Bay
920-272-8174
or 1-877-270-8174 (toll free)

We always encourage you to report the incident to civil authorities.

**YOU MATTER TO US –
THERE IS HOPE!**



Perpetual Monthly Giving Calendar
Seymour Food Pantry
St Vincent de Paul to collect & deliver.
Featured items for January:

**Canned Veggies,
Bagged Brown Rice, Dried Beans**

St. John Evangelist Homeless Shelter Green Bay

We are sponsoring the meal for January 15th.

We could still use hams, buns, fruit, cookies & baked beans.

We are trying to feed 150 people.

A sign-up sheet in the entrance of church.

Anything you can do to help is appreciated!



Stay tuned for details about our upcoming St Sebastian Feast Day Breakfast after Mass on Sunday, January 18th!

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.

Live The Liturgy - Inspiration of the Week

The journey of the Magi reflects how treacherous our Christian life on earth can be. Always, evil works against us—Satan lays traps. He sows confusion. May we, like the Magi, recognize the will of God as our guiding star.

Virtues, Explained! Love

The virtue of love seeks the good of the other, a reflection of the love of God who created us for this very purpose. In practicing this virtue, we express the fullness of our identities as sons and daughters of God. In true Christian love, we find freedom.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: Who are the four Gospel authors?

Answer: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

Young Adults - Ss. Edward and Isidore Parish

Join us for an 8-week food, video, and discussion series unpacking life's big questions:

Why is there something rather than nothing? Why is everything so obviously messed up? What if anything has God done about it? How should I respond?

Ss. Edward and Isidore Parish, 3667 Flintville Rd, Suamico, WI 54313 ~ Thursday Evenings, 6:00-8:00pm - Jan.8th through Feb. 26th ~ (Retreat day - Sat. Feb. 21st) Contact Gina Schmalz to sign-up gschmalz@stedwardisidore.org

Ministry of the Sick: Please notify the parish office if a member of your family is confined to their home or is hospitalized. Also, please inform the hospital of your affiliation with your parish.

Baptisms: Please call the parish office two months in advance.

Marriage: Please call St. John's parish office eight months in advance.

Funeral Arrangements: Please call St. John's parish office.

Anointing of the Sick and Dying: Please call St. John's parish office.

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