



## WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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This year the St John's Knight of Columbus is launching our first-ever Placemat Fundraiser

- One placemat placed at ALL 12 of St John's Knight meals (every Fish Fry, pancake breakfast, etc.)
- Over 2,000 sets of eyes on each ad throughout the year

How it works – super simple

Contact Kevin Burns if you are interested, [kevin@rapidfirerelief.com](mailto:kevin@rapidfirerelief.com)

Send logo (or business card), exact phone and website you want printed.

Businesses will send a \$75 check (payable to K of C Council 9574)

Thank you for your support.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### January 10, 2026 4:30

Lector: Ed Anderson, Marsha Fisher

Eucharist: Jeanne & George Dobrzynski, Pat Jacobs

Server: Tucker & Jasper Freestone, Kyler Boyle, Evenlyn Stanzyk

Usher: Jenny Armstrong, Susan Waltz, Carlos Valencia, Jim Hanes

### January 11, 2026 8:30

Lector: Karen Moon, Michael Wityk

Eucharist: Michelle Streit, Patty Origer, Jean West

Server: Gunner Bieker, Logan & Ronan Clausen, Tommy Tasler

Usher: Mark Bieker, Merry Johnson, Marilyn Leinen, Mike Yanacheak

### January 11, 2026 11:00

Lector: Grace Pettit, Elizabeth Sweers

Eucharist: Gina Nunez, Gaby & James Finnegan

Server: Andrea & Annabelle Nunez, Emmie Garrity, Yvonne Sweers

Usher: Pat Finnegan, Ann & Eric Heitz, **Not Filled**

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### Open Enrollment in Catholic Schools

Priority enrollment for active, registered parishioners in the Des Moines metro is now open, and enrollment will be opened to everyone on Jan. 10. Saint Albert, St. Malachy, St. Patrick, and Shelby County Catholic Schools will open enrollment to everyone during Catholic Schools Week (Jan. 25-31), so schedule a tour at your school of choice and start your application today! Address questions to the Catholic Schools Office at [dmdiocese.org/schools](http://dmdiocese.org/schools)

### Student Suppers at Drake University

If cooking and serving others brings you joy, we are always looking for volunteers to help with our Sunday evening suppers at the St. Catherine of Siena Student Center. Our student suppers follow our 5 p.m. Mass and are great evenings of community and faith. If you belong to an organization that would like to volunteer, or want to get a group of friends and family together to help, please contact Megan Schultz at [campusminister@stcatherinedrake.org](mailto:campusminister@stcatherinedrake.org).

### Nourish for Caregivers

The Nourish for Caregivers general support group will not meet in December. The next meeting is Monday, Jan. 12 at Holy Trinity Parish in Des Moines from 6- 7:30 p.m.

## PRAY THE ROSARY

The next Rosary Hour at **Adel Acres** is at 10 am on Saturday January 10<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to come and share prayer with the residents.

Father Michael has scheduled a 10:00 am Mass on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month at **Edencrest-Adel**. We will pray the rosary at 9:30 am. Join us for both!

**Spurgeon Manor** prays the Rosary every Thursday at 9:30 am and reads the daily readings and reflects on them. Everyone is invited!

Join us 30 minutes before **every Mass** to pray the Rosary.

*"After Holy Mass, the best means of honoring and pleasing Mary is to recite the Rosary. Our Lady herself has revealed that this prayer, so simple and accessible, brings down floods of graces upon souls and families. Each Hail Mary is a precious rose offered to our Queen, and with each rose, she grants favors in return — some seen, some hidden until eternity. If you wish to overcome temptation, grow in virtue, and obtain final perseverance, do not let a day pass without the Rosary in your hand"*

-St. Alphonsus Liguori

## FRIDAY ADORATION

Come to Adoration every Friday from 9 am-3 pm. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 pm.

## EPIPHANY BLESSING, EXPLAINED

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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### 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.

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## THE THREE WISE MEN

**Question: Magi, Three Kings, Three Wise Men...who were they?**

**Answer:**

We sing songs, give gifts, and move three mysterious men into our manger scenes. There's a rich heritage in the Catholic Church of celebrating the magi, but their origins are steeped in mystery. The original Greek calls these men magoi. The word is translated elsewhere in Scripture to mean "magician," but a similar word was used in ancient history to describe an entirely different set of people altogether. In what is now modern-day Iran, the ruling empire had a wealthy priestly caste known as the Magi. At the time of Christ, the Magi formed one of the ruling councils of the Parthian Empire. These priests interpreted dreams and read the stars to anticipate major events that could affect the fortunes of the empire.

We're not exactly sure where the magi of the Gospels traveled from. Matthew simply says "the east." History tells us that the ancient regions of Persia, Assyria, and Babylon all had a magi priesthood at the time of Christ. Whichever region they hailed from, they likely traveled over one thousand miles over the course of several months to arrive at the Holy Family. Unfortunately for the classic song, there is no concrete evidence these men were themselves kings, though they did bear gifts "from afar" at the prompting of their astronomical calculations.

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