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# Dear friends,

January 5, 2025 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**Sunday Masses** 10am & 8:00pm

Confessions Sunday, 7:30pm

# Pastor:

Father Derek Wiechmann fatherderek17@gmail.com Sacramental Minister: Father JohnPaul Igbokwe igbokwejohnpaul7@gmail.com \*In case of immediate need, call your parish office to reach a priest directly.

This Week's Happenings Sunday (1/5) 11:00am Coffee & Rolls after mass

Tuesday (1/7) 9:30am Bread Baking 7:00pm Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday (1/8) 5:45pm Root Session 1/SEND

Thursday (1/9) 6:00pm Theology on Draft

Saturday (1/11) 11:30am Community Meal

We continue in the joy of Christmas and the newness of this calendar year. As we celebrate Epiphany Sunday, it is a custom for many to bless their homes by marking the top of the entryway with chalk. The prayer is as follows:

God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten One to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

As participants take turns making the inscription, the leader says: The three Wise Men, [C] Caspar, [M] Melchior, [B] and Balthasar followed the star to Bethlehem and the child Jesus [20] two thousand, [24] and twenty-four years ago. [+ +] May Christ bless our home [+ +], and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

20 + C + M + B + 25All say the Lord's Prayer.

Welcome to Cayna Zabinksi, who has taken on the position of the Director of Music at St. Anthony's. Cayna and her husband Nikolas, and son Ambrose, reside in Rice. We are grateful to have her on our team! Enjoy these photos of our beautiful churches.

Peace, Fr. Derek







# Following the election and the Synod on Synodality through the lens of Catholic Social Thought

"The Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life", based at Georgetown University, seeks to promote dialogue on Catholic social thought and issues in society; and the Church, in ways of building bridges across political, religious, and ideological lines; in pursuit of the common good.

Their recent webinar <u>"What Do We Do Now? Catholic</u> <u>Responsibilities, Opportunities After the Election and</u> <u>Synod"</u>, is now posted on their website, under the "Events" heading. Their website is: <u>https://catholicsocialthought.georgetown.edu/</u>

#### Castaway 2025 - March 28-30

High schoolers are invited to the 2025 Diocesan Castaway Retreat in Detroit Lakes, March 28th-30th!

This three day retreat includes incredible talks, music, Adoration, Reconciliation, Mass with Bishop Neary, and a ton of fun! It continues to be one of the most affordable overnight retreats available at \$200. This retreat is made possible for our area through Illuminate Youth Ministries, a 3 ACC collaboration making vibrant youth ministry possible in St. Cloud.

Contact Kelli Kleinschnitz at <u>kelli@holysaintsacc.org</u>, for more information on how to sign up for this impactful weekend!

## Youth Group Calendar for December: January 5th: Adoration

January 12th: Topic Night

#### **ACC Faith Formation Reminders**

Confirmation: December 18, 7:00pm

K-9 ROOT/SEND: January 8, 5:45pm meal 6:15pm class

1st Sacraments: Reconciliation January 11 @ St. Mary's

# **Parish Prayers**

†Parisa
†Julie Gabrielson
†India Faith Krueger Wasilowski
†Bob Trisko
†Frank Roehl
†Mary Helen Montgomery
•Aaron Dockendorf
†Mary Morton
•Abbie's Grandfather
•Barb Pladson
• For Sam Warner discernment
† Millie Moran Sister of Jay Schroeder



# Save the Date

Concert in the Terrace 2/22/2025 7:00 PM

**What?** You haven't done your Renew yet? Remember, as soon as you can, please take a few minutes and complete the form. It may not seem important, but it helps our pastoral staff and lay leadership to provide spiritual and community programming for our Newman family.

Please go to scsucatholic.org and click on the Renewal 2025 icon. You can also scan the QR Code or call the Newman office. It doesn't take long to complete the Renew form.

### **TEC - Together Encounter Christ**

You are invited to join Warren and Becky Christie at a TEC (Together Encounter Christ) retreat January 18-20, 2025. TEC is based on the Pascal Mystery of Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension. Other retreat dates include:

Dec 28-30, 2024 Feb 15-17, 2025 March 7-9. 2025 Register at CMTEC.org If you have questions, contact Warren at 320-493-5404

## Social Concerns Office for the diocese -- Winter Resources

Their winter newsletter -- with lots of resources and information about how to connect the social justice dimension of the Gospel and Catholic Social Teachings to our lives, as individuals and as a parish community -- is now available <u>https://conta.cc/3Zg7Mtn</u>

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