



# St. Anne Catholic Church

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**The Epiphany  
of the Lord**  
**January 8, 2023**

## Mass Readings

### Mon. Jan. 9

Baptism of the Lord  
 Is 42:1–4, 6–7  
 or Acts 10:34–38  
 Mt 3:13–17

### Tues. Jan. 10

Heb 2:5–12  
 Mk 1:21–28

### Wed. Jan. 11

Heb 2:14–18  
 Mk 1:29–39

### Thurs. Jan. 12

Heb 3:7–14  
 Mk 1:40–45

### Fri. Jan. 13

Heb 4:1–5, 11  
 Mk 2:1–12

### Sat. Jan. 14

Heb 4:12–16  
 Mk 2:13–17

### Sun. Jan. 15

Second Sunday in  
 Ordinary Time  
 Is 49:3, 5–6  
 1 Cor 1:1–3  
 Jn 1:29–34

An “epiphany” is an appearance. In today’s readings, with their rising stars, splendid lights, and mysteries revealed, the face of the Child born on Christmas day appears.

Herod, in today’s Gospel, asks the chief priests and scribes where the Messiah is to be born. The answer Matthew puts on their lips says much more, combining two strands of Old Testament promise—one revealing the Messiah to be from the line of David (see 2 Samuel 2:5), the other predicting “a ruler of Israel” who will “shepherd his flock” and whose “greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth” (see Micah 5:1–3).

Those promises of Israel’s king ruling the nations resound also in today’s Psalm. The psalm celebrates David’s son, Solomon. His kingdom, we sing, will stretch “to the ends of the earth,” and the world’s kings will pay him homage. That’s the scene too in today’s First Reading, as nations stream from the East, bearing “gold and frankincense” for Israel’s king.



The Magi’s pilgrimage in today’s Gospel marks the fulfillment of God’s promises. The Magi, probably Persian astrologers, are following the star that Balaam predicted would rise along with the ruler’s staff over the house of Jacob (see Numbers 24:17).

Laden with gold and spices, their journey evokes those made to Solomon by the Queen of Sheba and the “kings of the earth” (see 1 Kings 10:2, 25; 2 Chronicles 9:24). Interestingly, the only other places where frankincense and myrrh are mentioned together are in songs about Solomon (see Song of Songs 3:6; 4:6, 14).

One greater than Solomon is here (see Luke 11:31). He has come to reveal that all peoples are “co-heirs” of the royal family of Israel, as today’s Epistle teaches.

His manifestation forces us to choose: will we follow the signs that lead to Him as the wise Magi did? Or will we be like those priests and scribes who let God’s words of promise become dead letters on an ancient page?

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**Mass Times:** Saturday 4:00 pm // Sunday 7:30 am & 9:00 am // Tues. 5:30 pm // Thurs. 9:00 am

**Confessions:** Saturday 3:00 pm & Sunday 7:00 am

**Baptisms:** Please make arrangements with pastor at least one month in advance.

**Confirmation & First Communion:** Please notify the parish office of your need ASAP.

**Marriages:** Arrangements must be made at least six months prior to the wedding.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Upon request when suffering from serious illness or before surgery.

**St. Al's Masses, Houghton:**

Saturday: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 11 am & 7 pm

Wednesday: 9 pm | Friday: 5:30 pm

Tuesday & Thursday 12:15 pm

# The Epiphany of the Lord

January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

|        |        |         |  |                                    |        |
|--------|--------|---------|--|------------------------------------|--------|
| Sat.   | Jan 07 | 4:00 pm | † Mary Courchaine                                | By Nancy Courchaine                | Masses |
| Sun.   | Jan 08 | 7:30 am | Deceased Members of the Peterson-Bishop Families | By the Peterson Family             |        |
| Sun.   | Jan 08 | 9:00 am | For the Intentions of the Parishioners           | By the Chassell Franciscan Sisters |        |
| Tues.  | Jan 10 | 5:30 pm | † Clem Dragovich                                 | By Janet Dragovich                 |        |
| Thurs. | Jan 12 | 9:00 am | Special Intention                                | By the Mattson Family              |        |
| Sat.   | Jan 14 | 4:00 pm | † Gene Suino                                     | By Bern Chaput                     |        |
| Sun.   | Jan 15 | 7:30 am | † Ruth & Silvester Fak                           | By Dcn. Tom & Pat Corrigan         |        |
| Sun.   | Jan 15 | 9:00 am | For the Intentions of Joe Daavettila & Family    | Anonymous                          |        |

## FAITH FORMATION & PRAYER

**Faith Formation at St. Anne's** Class resumes this Sunday, January 8 after the 9 am St. Anne's mass (10:15-11:30am). Contact Sr. Jacqueline with any questions.

**Steubenville North 2023** We are building our group of teens and chaperones for the Steubenville North Youth Conference in St.Paul, MN, July 28-30 this coming summer. Current 8th graders and up are eligible to go this summer! Please pray for God to call the teens He wants to go! Contact Sr. Jacqueline for a spot.

**Visit the Blessed Sacrament** Jesus dwells in our tabernacles! St. Al's is open 24/7. St. Anne's is open every day! On Tuesdays at 4 pm, there is Adoration until the 5:30 pm Mass.

## PARISH EVENTS

**2023 Parish Calendars** Please pick them up after Mass.

**2023 Parish Envelopes** Please pick them up after Mass. It's a big help to the counters if you use your envelopes!

## St. Anne Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul invite you to share in their ministry of experiencing God in the poor. Contact Dave Bezotte (dbezotte@yahoo.com) for details.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Catholic Man Breakfast

Join us Monday January 9 at 7am at the Suomi Restaurant in Houghton. We get Catholic guys together a couple times each month to foster fraternity, to build an essential Catholic community, and to grow in the spiritual life as Catholic men. We hope to see you there!



## Pope Benedict XVI 1927 – 2022

Pope Benedict XVI passed away December 31, 2022 and went to his eternal home. He was an exceptional leader and scholar but most importantly it is evident by his life that he loved God and listened to His call. Benedict was a defender of faith and reason and committed his life to the church. Learn more about his life at: [www.wordonfire.org/articles/barron/farewell-to-pope-benedict/](http://www.wordonfire.org/articles/barron/farewell-to-pope-benedict/)



## Words of Wisdom from Bp. Frederic Baraga



This Morning Fr. Menet told me that last night [someone] had come to bring me or him to his seriously ill brother. However, Fr. Menet told him: "Do you think that the bishop will go to your brother at midnight?" And so the young man left without calling me. — As soon as I heard of this, I immediately carried the Most Holy Sacrament to the sick man and also administered Extreme Unction to him.—*Bishop Baraga December 1, 1856*



Luke 10:42

## One Thing is Necessary

Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

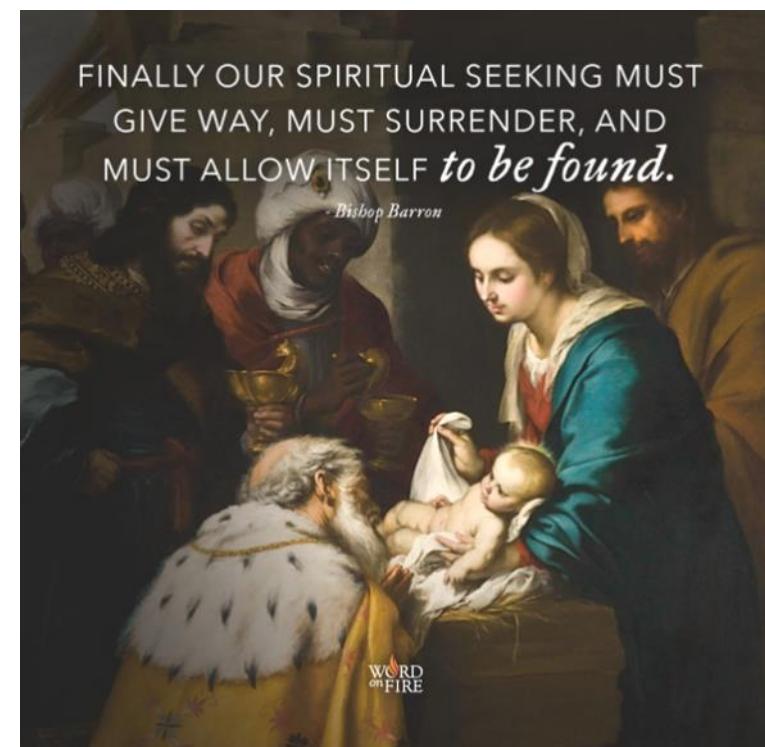
June 9-10, 2023

SUPERIOR DOME

DIOCESE OF MARQUETTE | [revival.yoopercatholic.org](http://revival.yoopercatholic.org)

The Diocesan Eucharistic Congress is in Marquette at the Yooper Dome! This event will be a big part of the National Eucharistic Revival that's taking place across the US. Check out the website for the details:

**[www.yoopercatholic.org/revival](http://www.yoopercatholic.org/revival)**



## From the desk of Fr. Ben...



8 January 2023

"Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, '**Go and search diligently for the child.** When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage.' After

their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was."

Herod, with malicious intentions, tells the magi to search diligently... but we rejoice that this is just what they had done, and did do. Since long before encountering the murderous king, they had been searching diligently!

Friends, it is actually my experience that is pretty common to encounter people who are searching diligently, seeking God, seeking truth, seeking better and higher things! I think this can open us to a couple powerful questions:

- 1) Are we seeking diligently?
- 2) Are we ready to welcome with enthusiasm, warmth, and love those who are seeking?

**May the Magi be for us an encouragement, and a challenge!** May this beautiful Christmas season sharpen our appetites to be both seekers and welcomers to those who seek!



I'm typing this column bright and early on Friday morning in St. Louis. **We have had an AMAZING week of SEEK23,** with Mass, Confessions, speakers, displays, and lots and

lots of conversations! We'll be headed north about midday. Please pray for the 140 people who were part of our group, that these graces may bear rich fruit, and for the over 17,000 from around the US and the world who came to the event!



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*God Bless, Fr. Ben*

**Do you have room in your heart and home for a child in need? Interested in helping children by becoming a licensed foster parent or adopting?** If you want to learn more,

please contact

Mary Sparapani at

(906) 282-4605 or

mkrause@cssup.org



**Do you or does someone you love struggle with addiction?**



Along with prayer, Confession, Eucharist, and spiritual counsel, our faith encourages us to seek tested healing resources, among them many good 12-step programs. Several such groups meet regularly at St. Al's; to be referred to one that might be a good fit for you or your loved one, call 906-482-7778, or talk to Fr. Ben.

## Creighton Model System training is available!

A natural family planning system, Creighton is highly effective and supports the church's call to responsible parenthood without the use of contraceptives or artificial reproductive technologies.

### Applicable for:

- Avoiding pregnancy      • Achieving pregnancy
- Gynecological health monitoring      • Infertility

Contact Kylie Hoehn [kylie@mtucatholic.org](mailto:kylie@mtucatholic.org)

## FORMED<sup>®</sup> Looking for a new show to watch? Go to Formed.org!

### January 9: The Baptism of the Lord

Read: The Blessings of Christmas

Watch: FORMED Now! The Baptism of the Lord

Watch: Wild Goose, Segment 10: The Spirit and the Desert

Watch: Reborn

Watch: Lectio: Evangelization, Session 6: Sacraments and the Spirit

Read: Sacraments in Scripture

Listen: Changed Forever

## Did you forget your giving envelope?

Give online to St. Anne's!

Make one-time, monthly or weekly gifts!

[stannechassell.org/give-online](http://stannechassell.org/give-online)

## St. Anne's CONTRIBUTIONS

Give to St. Anne's online: [stannechassell.org/give-online](http://stannechassell.org/give-online)

| Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> 2022 & Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> 2023 | Year to Date |
|--|--------------|
| Envelopes  | \$404.00     |
| Loose  | \$0.00       |
| Children   | \$0.00       |
| Holy Days  | \$1,290.00   |
| Heating/Cooling                                      | \$0.00       |
| Total  | \$1,694.00   |
| Budgeted   | \$2,480.75   |
| Overage/(Shortfall)                                  | -\$786.75    |
|  | -\$959.45    |



10% of our parish income is tithed to ministries that directly assist those in need.

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** is a process in which people can investigate Catholicism. We welcome anyone who wants to explore the teachings of the Church. Meetings take place each Sunday from 12:30 - 2:00 pm at St. Al's, after the 11 am Mass. To get involved, contact Sister Jacqueline: cell 906-231-6862, [sisterj@mtucatholic.org](mailto:sisterj@mtucatholic.org)

## What's Happening at St. Anne's?

(Weekly Schedule, *monthly events italic*)

|          |  |  |
|----------|--|--|
| Sunday   | 7:00 am<br>7:30 am<br>9:00 am<br>10:15-11:30 | Confessions<br>Mass<br>Mass<br>followed by K-12 Faith Formation                              |
| Monday   | 3:30 pm                                      | <i>Altar Society Meeting (1<sup>st</sup> Monday)</i>   |
| Tuesday  | 4:00 pm<br>5:30 pm<br>7:00 pm                | Eucharistic Holy Hour<br>Mass<br><i>Knights of Columbus Meeting (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday)</i> |
| Thursday | 9:00 am<br>10:00 am                          | Mass<br>St. Augustine Homeschool Co-op   |
| Friday   | 4:00 pm                                      | <i>1<sup>st</sup> Friday Adoration (1<sup>st</sup> Fridays only)</i>                         |
| Sunday   | 3:00 pm<br>4:00 pm                           | Confessions<br>Mass  |

**St. Anne's Church is open for your prayer each day!**

Are you or a loved one experiencing homosexual attractions and looking for answers?



**Courage**, an apostolate of the Catholic Church, ministers to persons with same-sex attractions and their loved ones. It also has an outreach called **EnCourage** which ministers to relatives, spouses, and friends of persons with same-sex attractions. Visit [couragerc.net](http://couragerc.net) for more information.



**Life Outreach Center**  
Think you're pregnant?  
Not sure what to do?  
We listen. We care.  
We can help. There is hope.

906-482-8681      [lifeoutreachhoughton@gmail.com](mailto:lifeoutreachhoughton@gmail.com)  
[lifeoutreachcenter.org](http://lifeoutreachcenter.org)  
 300B Quincy St. Hancock, MI 49930  
**Hours of Operation:**  
 Monday 11 am - 5 pm /Tuesday Closed  
 Wednesday-Friday noon - 5 pm (or by appointment)

## Porn Kills Love! Eliminate Porn in your Life!

Basic Resources for individuals, couples, parents:

Integrity Restored: <http://integrityrestored.com/>  
 Fight the New Drug: <http://fightthenewdrug.org/>  
 Also, pick up a copy of the books *Delivered* and/or *Restored*, which we keep by the church entrances.

## Post-Abortion Healing Resources

**Project Rachel:** [hopeafterabortion.com](http://hopeafterabortion.com)  
**Rachel's Vineyard:** [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)  
**Silent No More Campaign:** [www.silentnomoreawareness.org](http://www.silentnomoreawareness.org)

## St. Anne Parish Finance Council '22-'23

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