

**PASTORAL BULLETIN FOR THE PARISHES OF
SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS & SAINT MARK
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
WEEKEND OF JANUARY 4, 2026**

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SACRAMENTAL SCHEDULE

HOLY MASS

Monday-Friday

6:30 AM at St. Martin

8:00 AM at St. Mark (livestream)

Saturday Morning 8:00 AM

at St. Mark (livestream)

Saturday Evening Vigils

4:00 PM at St. Martin

5:00 PM at St. Mark

Sunday Morning

7:00, 9:00 (livestream) & 11:00 AM

at St. Mark

10:00 AM at St. Martin

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, & FUNERALS

May be scheduled at St. Mark, St. Martin,
St. Andrew, St. Bernadette, or St. Matthias
Churches by calling the Pastoral Office.

CONFESSIONS

One half hour prior to each Vigil or
Sunday Mass beginning at the quarter hour.



Saturday, Jan. 3

4:00pm **St. Martin** Marge Fedke †
5:00pm Ray & Marie Austermann †

Sunday, Jan. 4 *The Epiphany of the Lord*

7:00am **St. Mark** Mary Gerau †
9:00am **St. Mark** People of the Parishes
10:00am **St. Martin** Edward James Klages †
11:00am **St. Mark** Wil Kroener †

Monday, Jan. 5 **St. John Neumann**

6:30am **St. Martin** Raymond Austermann, Jr. †
8:00am **St. Mark** Sean Selvaggio †

Tuesday, Jan. 6

6:30am **St. Martin** Eddie R. Jones, Sr. †
8:00am **St. Mark** Bernice Huber †

Wednesday, Jan. 7

6:30am **St. Martin** Mary Matejka †
8:00am **St. Mark** Nowak Family

Thursday, Jan. 8

9:00am **Sr. Mark** Herb Meyer †
10:00am **St. Martin** Mary Gruber †

Friday, Jan. 9

6:30am **St. Martin** Dorothy Matejka †
8:00am **St. Mark** Jim Daniel †

Saturday, Jan. 10

8:00am **St. Mark** Jo Ann Yates †
4:00pm **St. Martin** Nelda Teaney †
5:00pm **St. Mark** George & Celeste Ottoline †

Sunday, Jan. 11 *The Baptism of the Lord*

7:00am **St. Mark** People of the Parishes
9:00am **St. Mark** Ray & Marie Austermann †
10:00am **St. Martin** Carol Martin †
11:00am **St. Mark** Jim Daniel †

Psalm 19
His Words are Spirit & Life.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 60: 1-6

*Your Light has come,
the glory of the LORD shines upon you.*

Ephesians 3:2-6

*It has now been revealed that
the Gentiles are coheirs with the Jews . . .
copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus.*

Matthew 2: 1-12

*Magi from the east
arrived in Jerusalem asking
“Where is the newborn King of the Jews?”*

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**DAILY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK
JANUARY 5 - 11**

Monday: **1 John 3:22-4:6**
Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: **1 John 4:7-10**
Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday: **1 John 4:11-18**
Mark 6:45-52

Thursday **1 John 4:19-5:4**
Luke 4:14-22

Friday: **1 John 5:5-13**
Luke 5:12-16

Saturday: **1 John 5:14-21**
John 3:22-30

Sunday: **Isaiah 42:1-7**
Acts 10:34-38
Matthew 3:13-17

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Often in this festival of the Epiphany many may ponder the gifts of the Magi: gold which befits a king; frankincense appropriate to a priest; and myrrh which anticipates anointing a dead body as a preservative.

While that is true, we might remember that the Magi came into the land of Judah as suspect aliens who had somehow been given insight into the Newborn's identity and destiny, which had been denied to King Herod's sages and priests.

The Acts of the Apostles recounts for us two other Magi, who were less benign magicians (*Simon Magus & Elymas*), anxious for the fame and fortune that could be gained for themselves from the gullible.

What if Matthew's Epiphany gifts were also tools of a less than honorable trade — smoke from incense to hide subterfuge — a sticky resin, myrrh to obscure some slight of hand — and gold gained as ill-gotten profit?

What if these offerings were signs of the aliens' real conversion of life — a turn from fraudulent claims and false values, to now be surrendered because of some insight into the Divine Light manifest in this Holy Child?

In Matthew's Gospel this story of the gifts is followed in two chapters by the proclamation of the Kingdom of God with the call from Jesus to "Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is near."

With this feast of Christ's Manifestation to foreigners we each might ask ourselves the hard question, "What is there in my own life that I need to repent of in order to make myself wise in the ways of God's Kingdom?"

May we each learn from the Magi's example and find true joy when we find the Newborn.

Father Bob Burkemper



Monday, Jan. 5

Exercise Class 9:00am St. Mark 112

Tuesday, Jan. 6

Devotions to the Mother of Perpetual Help After 6:30 & 8:00am Masses

Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:00am Pastoral Office

Quilting 9:00am St. Mark Rm 113

Quilting 10:00am St. Martin Runge

Scripture Study 1pm & 7pm Pastoral Office

Wednesday, Jan. 7

Bible Study 9:00am St. Mark Rm 101

Quilting 9:00am St. Mark Rm 113

Cards 12:15pm St. Mark Rm 114

Christ's Journeymen 7:00 PM St. Mark Rm 112

KOC 7:00 PM St. Mark Rm 114

Thursday, Jan. 8

Eucharistic Adoration After 8:00am Mass until 6:45pm Benediction

Exercise Class 9:00am St. Mark Rm 112

Quilting 10.00am St. Martin Runge

Choir Practice 6:30p. St. Mark Rm 101

Bunco 6:30pm St. Martin Runge

Legion of Mary 7:15pm St. MarkRm 115

Friday, Jan. 9

Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30pm St. Andrew Hoffmeister Ent.

Saturday, Jan. 10

Alliance of the Two Hearts 5:30am - 7:30am St. Mark Church

Sunday, Jan. 11

Bingo Bandwagon Hall 2:30PM doors open/5:30PM games begin (Volunteer Team 2)

REMINDER! No Catholic Seniors Club Meeting in January. See you in February.

**PLEASE REMEMBER
IN YOUR DAILY PRAYER**



All the Faithful Departed

Especially

Carolyn (Cookie) Mueth

*May they find eternal rest
in the light of Christ's Resurrection.*



All the Sick

Especially

Dorothy Brahm

*and all our parishioners and family members
who are in need of our prayers.*

*May they experience
the healing touch of Jesus in their lives.*



For the Peace of Christ

*In our hearts, in our homes, in our cities,
in all brothers and sisters around the world,
may peace arise.*



***For Pope Leo's Special Intention
for January***

For prayer with God's Word.

*Let us pray that praying with the Word of
God be nourishment for our lives and a
source of hope in our communities, helping
us to build a more fraternal and missionary
Church.*



For All Our Parishioners

*During this new year may our homes be
filled with kindness for one another,
hospitality to guests and abundant care for
every stranger. Amen.*



PRAYER HOTLINE

The members of this ministry pray for the special intentions of our parishioners and their loved ones.

To be included or to join in prayer for others, please contact Jean Malone at 314.544.3572.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

To have prayer intentions listed in the Pastoral Bulletin for parishioners who have recently died or who are currently ill please contact our Pastoral Office.

The names of the sick will be published for four consecutive weeks.



**G O D ' S W O R D
P R O C L A I M E D
S C R I P T U R E S T U D Y**

Each Tuesday this study, led by our pastor, Fr. Burkemper, attempts to foster a better understanding of the context and practical application of the Sunday Scriptures.

We gather in the Pastoral Office (4200 Ripa Avenue) at **1:00PM & again in the evening at 7:00PM.**

All are welcome!

This Tuesday's texts will be:

Isaiah 42:1-7

Acts 10: 34-38

Matthew 3: 13-17



Bless Your Door on Epiphany

The Epiphany chalking of the doors is a centuries-old practice worldwide, though it appears to be somewhat less well-known in the United States.

It is an easy tradition whereby we dedicate the New Year to God from its very outset, asking His blessing on our homes and all who live, work, or visit them.

The symbols are usually written on the upper horizontal piece of the door frame of the front entrance to a home, or on the frame of the door most often used by the family.

The gospel tells us that the magi found Christ “on entering the house.” The door to your home is a holy threshold.

You can bless those who come in and go out by inscribing the first two numbers of the year above the door in chalk + C + M + B + the last two numbers of the year.

Tradition tells us that the letters represent the Magi’s names: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar.

It may also mean “Christus mansionem benedicat” or “May Christ bless this dwelling.”

Blessing your door in January is appropriate – janua means “door,” and the first month is the door to the new year.

20 + C + M + B + 26

*After inscribing the doorway, pray together: **God in Bethlehem and Cana,
God of Jordan’s leaping waters,
in holy baptism, you bring us into your family.***



You wed us and embrace us as your Beloved.

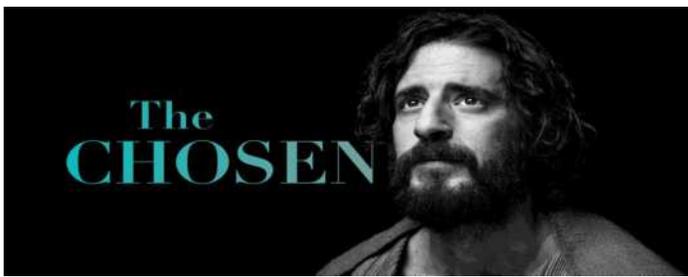
***May we fill this place
with kindness shown to one another,
with hospitality to guests,
and with abundant care for every stranger.***

***By the gentle light of a star,
guide home all who seek you
on paths of faith, hope, and love.***

***Then we will join the angels
in proclaiming your praise:
Glory in heaven and peace on earth,
now and forever. Amen.***

Then, sing Christmas Carols such as “We Three Kings.”





The presentation and sharing on “The Chosen” is suspended until February 2nd at 6:00 pm at St. Martin of Tours in Runge Hall.

If there are any questions please call Deacon Greg at 314-267-0448.

ROSES FOR LIFE WEEKEND

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus



Roses will be available at all Masses next weekend, Jan. 10 & 11 at both St. Mark & St. Martin.

Write your information on the tag found on the rose, remove and place tag in basket in the back of church. This is passed on to our legislature to show your support for the **Pro-Life Movement.**

Donations welcome and will be used to support the Pro-Life Movement.

IT'S TODAY!

You're invited to a Concert today, January 4, 2026, for the Feast of Our Lord's Epiphany!

The joined Choirs of St. Mark, Salem Lutheran & Seven Holy Founders are offering a concert at Salem Lutheran (8343 Gravois Road, 63123)

Please Bring a canned food item for the needy your entrance fee.



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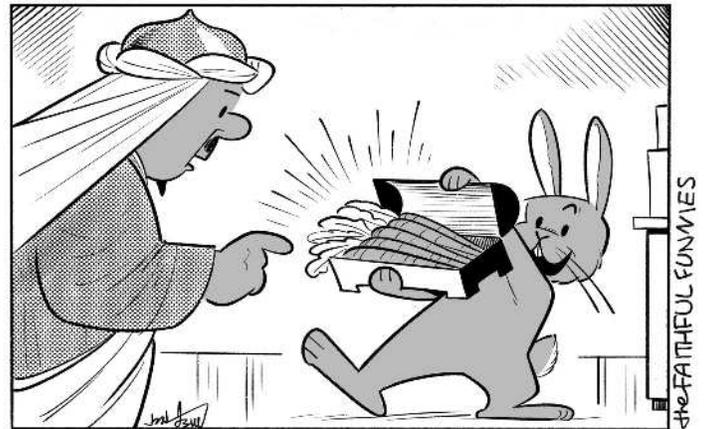
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“I thought you said this was a chest of gold?”



“Yes! It's 14 carrots!”

FUN FACT!
 The Magi offered Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Gold was a gift recognizing Jesus' Kingship, even as a humble baby.

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SAINTS PETER & PAUL

MEALS PROGRAM



TEAM 1 WILL COOK, BAKE AND/OR SERVE ON JANUARY 18TH

Cooks: Next weekend please pick up your Mostaccioli containers found in the St. Mark Cafeteria.

If you have any questions, please call Pat at 314-631-1118



Men's Club Poker Tournament

At St Martin of Tours
On January 17, 2026

Doors open at 6:00
Tournament Starts at 6:30

\$50 Buy-in (includes food and drink)
\$20 RE-Buy-in

Games: 5 card draw, 5 card stud, 7 card stud a& Cincinnati played in 12 rounds (15 minutes each)

Payout:

1st \$250, 2nd \$200, 3rd \$150, 4th \$100, 5th \$50

Food: Chili, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chips Drink: Beer, Soda, Water

For Reservations contact:

Kevin 314-541-8840 Apollo 314-486-4399
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ST. MARTIN OF TOURS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PREVENTION FUND (CCPF)

*"Don't be frightened
by the size of the task.
Be strong and courageous
and get to work for
the Lord My God is with You."
I Chronicles 28:20*



PHASE II OF CCPF IS PROGRESSING

Funds raised in Phase II will be used to replace the roof of St. Martin's School, at an estimated cost of **\$ 206,242.**



This Phase will be funded as was Phase I

—by an ACA Grant from the Archdiocese

—Remaining Proceeds of the 2025-2026 Parish Bingo

—And Your Ongoing Support of the CCPF.

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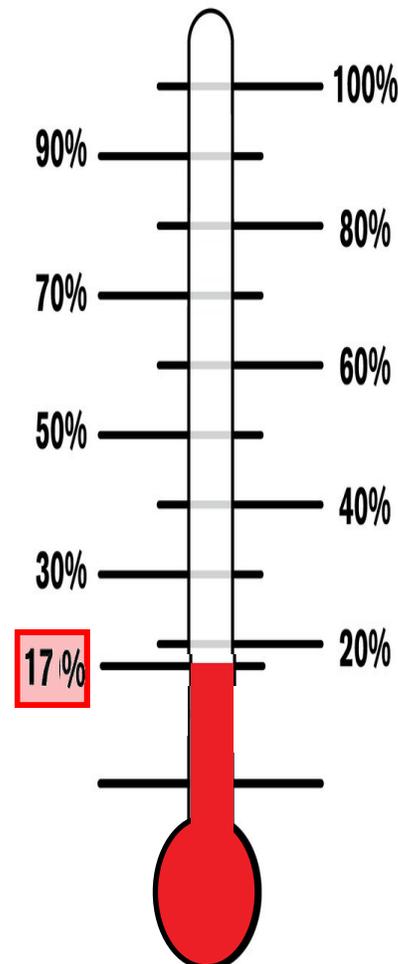
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