

January 4, 2026

PROCLAIMING THE PRAISES OF THE LORD

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Christ the King Catholic Church

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Mission Statement

Christ the King Roman Catholic Church is a faith community founded in the African American culture to answer God's "Call" to be a guiding light and disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. Through our gifts and talents, we strive to evangelize and minister to our entire multi-ethnic community.

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If you have an emergency after the office is closed, please call (810)235-1812 and someone will return your call.

Please call the office to make appointments for sacraments, funerals, parish registration, marriage preparation (9 months in advance), jail visits, house blessings, homebound ministry, and for information about the Church.

Scripture Readings For the Week of January 4, 2025

Sunday—The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 2:1-12

Monday—Memorial of St. John Neumann, Bishop

1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22

Friday 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday—The Baptism of the Lord Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt 3:13-17

MAY ALL KINGS
BOW BEFORE HIM,
ALL NATIONS
SERVE HIM

Psalm 72:11

Office Hours—By Appointment

Tuesday—Wednesday 10:00am-2:00 pm

Administrator Fr. Tom Firestone

Office Manager Stephanie Murphy

Sunday Mass 9:00 am

Confession after Mass Wednesday

Daily Mass Wednesday 11:00 am

The deadline for bulletin submission is 10:00am on Tuesdays.
Email parish events to the office.

Mass Intentions & Candle Remembrance

Sunday, January 4, 2026

9:00 am The Wilkins Family
Req. by Pat Maestaz

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

11:00 am For the People of the Parish

Sunday, January 11, 2026

9:00 am For the People of the Parish

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

11:00 am For the People of the Parish

Sunday, January 18, 2026

9:00 am For the People of the Parish

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

11:00 am For the People of the Parish

The Mass Intention book is open for 2026. Please stop by the office to have your intention noted.

Stewardship

December 21, 2025

Offertory..... \$3301.56

Building Fund \$130

Funeral Repast \$61

Poor Box \$20

Total \$3512.56

Please Pray For:

Rena Banks-Rowser
Christopher Boehm
Preston Boehm
Ollie Brown
Annalynn C.

Alex Chan
Lorene Ferguson
James Harrison
Dave Kronner
Aurelia LaValley
Sue Martinus
Thaddeus McCain

Johnnie Metcalfe
Curtis Mitchell
Anita Myles
Wanda Nichols
Nina Poole
John Prince
Roberta Rouse

Joe Rowley
Ruth Schmitter
Carolyn Schannon
Barbara Seneski
Mama Sol
Barbara Staton
Velma Stewart

Ernelle Taylor
Camille Turner
Savanna Vaughn
Troy Vaughn
Darlene Verdun
Loretta Washburn
Nancy White

The Star of Bethlehem

Tom Schmidt

Almost every year at Christmastime, you can find an article or documentary about the star of Bethlehem. Astronomers give various theories about whether the magi saw a new star, perhaps a supernova, or a comet, or a conjunction of two or more planets. Since the magi are generally believed to be astrologers, the conjunction seems most likely.

But more important is the meaning of the star. In Matthew's Gospel, light is used as a symbol of the good news of Jesus coming into the world. Jesus is the light of the world, so the magi follow that light to get to Jesus. That's why verse 9 of the Gospel has the image of the star preceding the wise men and stopping over the house where Jesus was. By following the star, they become followers of Christ. So what do the magi show us about following Jesus?

First, they take the initiative. They saw the star, figured out what it meant, and made their journey. As followers of Jesus, we can look for what needs to be done (in our family, parish, or community) and do it. We don't have to wait for the pastor to call us and beg for help—there are probably articles in this bulletin asking for help.

Second, they expressed their faith in Jesus by the gifts they brought: gold—a gift for a king, who is worthy to be followed; frankincense—Jesus is worthy to be worshiped as Son of God; and myrrh—Jesus becomes king by dying for us all. We can express our faith in many ways. We can volunteer to help the poor, the elderly, or the disabled. We can teach our children how to pray and tell them about all that God has done for us.

Third, they were not afraid to take risks for Jesus. When they went back home without telling Herod where they found the child, Herod was furious (Matthew 2:16). For all they knew, he could have come after them. How often do we take risks for the Lord, by openly speaking about our faith or giving God credit for the good that we do? Let the star of Bethlehem remind us that Jesus is the star of our lives.

Collection Schedule Changes for 2026

In 2026, we will continue with a monthly envelope in your mailed packet for the Building Fund. The weekly second collection for the Poor Box will be replaced with a second collection to re-build the Funeral Repast fund.

Tuition Assistance 2026-2027

The Diocese of Lansing offers tuition assistance for any of our local Catholic schools as well as scholarships. Of particular interest is the Venerable Augustus Tolton Scholarship, which provides \$500 for Black students at K-12 schools in the Diocese of Lansing. In addition, Powers offers a \$1000 Fr. Dukette Scholarship every year, as well as scholarships for Black students and/or Flint residents like the Concerned Citizen Grant, East Court Scholarship, Harley Scholarship, and the Jae Sook Scholarship. Interested families **MUST** apply for the diocesan scholarships through the FACTS portal **on or before March 2, 2026** and for the Powers scholarships through Powers.

