



St. Stephen's Parish

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January 4, 2026 Epiphany of the Lord

Today we commemorate the day when Jesus Christ was made manifest to the wider world. The magi, who were not Jewish and not from that region, were guided by the star, which eventually led them to Bethlehem. There they paid him homage and offered their finest treasures as gifts. In many cultures and traditions, today is the day Christians travel to be with loved ones and exchange gifts, often celebrating Epiphany as the high point of the Christmas season, for it marks the manifestation of the Lord to the whole world.



Saturday, January 3 (5:00 pm)

Lucas Anthony Knight by Mom, Dad, Matthew, Emily & Dillion

Sunday, January 4 (8:30 am)

Barb Monnat by The Proulx Family

Monday, January 5 (No Mass)

Tuesday, January 6 (8:15 am)

Byron Kempney by Dwight Kempney Family

Wednesday, January 7 (8:15 am)

Marie Campeau by Millie Monnat & Family

Thursday, January 8 (8:15 am)

Mary Frances "Frankie" Baker by K of C Council

Friday, January 9 (8:15 am)

Tom "Jigger" Gerow by The Lowville Dining Site

Saturday, January 10 (5:00 pm)

Carole Widrick by The Family

Sunday, January 11 (8:30 am)

For the People

Pray for the Sick

Howard Nortz, Susan Schwendy, Carolyn Schwendy, Steffany Peters, Bernice Ardison, Mary Knight, Bruce Tabolt, Bruce Chapman, Peter VerSchneider, Bill Gracey, Caitlin Taylor, Priscilla Boliver, Kristi Lehman Marques, Deb Hartshorn, Alice Moore, Julie Fuller, Venetha Houppert, Tom Pate, Casey Kloster, John Lashbrooks, and all ill at home, in the hospital, or nursing homes.

Your Support for The Parish

Envelopes:	\$2,417.00
Plate:	\$ 810.00
Christmas:	\$5,837.00

SANCTUARY CANDLE



The Sanctuary Candle is lit in memory of Edna Ritz (5th Anniversary) by Her Family

COFFEE HOUR

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a coffee hour this Sunday, January 4th after the 8:30 am Mass. We look forward to everyone joining us!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

No religious education classes on Sunday, January 4th. Classes will resume on January 11th!

NEW YORK STATE DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Are you a young man (age 18+) who feels called to the priesthood? The New York State Discernment Retreat, sponsored by the NYS Vocation Directors, is an annual opportunity to gather with others who are discerning God's call. Vocation Directors and seminarians will share their stories of faith and offer guidance for discernment. The retreat includes time for personal prayer and social fellowship.

Dates: January 8–10, 2026

Location: The Good News Center, Utica

Registration Deadline: January 1

To Register: Email vocations@syrdio.org Take this step to listen to God's call in your life!

Contact for More Information: Deacon Garry Stevens **Phone Number:** 315-854-6158

RESPECT LIFE SECOND COLLECTION January 24/25, 2026



The Diocese of Ogdensburg Respect Life Second Collection will be held in our parishes the weekend of January 24/25. The collection supports efforts that affirm & promote the respect of human life from fertilization to natural death. Last year, grants helped 5 Gabriel Projects, Birthright, Plattsburgh Pregnancy Center, Heart Well Homestead Maternity Home, Malone Catholic Charities, Liferight of Watertown, Light of Truth Educational Programing and Fourth Coast Companions Eldercare. Thank you for your generosity.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

In the midst of our troubled and hurting world we are reminded in the quote from Leonard Cohen "There is a crack in everything; that is how the light gets in." As we begin this NEW YEAR, let us pray that we find a way to allow God's light to shine out in us by embracing one new concrete practice of good stewardship of the earth's resources. A good starting point might be: only use what I need.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Please pray for our students who will receive First Reconciliation on Saturday, January 17th:

Spencer Boliver, Ethan Buell, Hadley Buell, Noah Chartrand, Levi Lee, Kamden Loomis, Logan Pominville, Keegan Ritz, Macrae Walseman

TO REPORT ABUSE

If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact Victim Assistance Coordinator, Terrianne Yanulavich, LMHC, Ph.D., 5050 Route 374 Merrill, NY 12955; by email at: terrianneyanulavich@yahoo.com; or by phone at 518-569-0612 or Father Christopher Carrara, the Episcopal Vicar of Personnel at 315-393-2920 ext. 1340. If you have a complaint of suspected sexual abuse or related misconduct by the bishops, contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at 800-276-1562 or www.ReportBishopAbuse.org.

END OF YEAR DONATION LETTER

Please contact the parish office if would like a letter stating your parish contributions for the year for tax purposes.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will meet on Monday, January 5th at 6:30 pm.

AUGUSTINIAN ACADEMY WINTER GALA

You are invited to walk the red carpet at Augustinian Academy's 2026 Winter Gala! Join us on January 31, 2026, at 5:00 pm at the Elks Club in Carthage for an elegant, star-studded evening. Tickets are \$40 each and are available now through January 25th at the school office (315) 493-1301 and after Masses at St. James in January. Your all access ticket includes appetizers, the main course, one complimentary bar drink, and a dessert bar. There will be live jazz music, a silent auction, and raffles. There will be prizes for the best "movie-inspired" attire.