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Epiphany of the Lord

January 4, 2026

*"They were overjoyed at seeing the star,
and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.
They prostrated themselves and did him homage."*

-Matthew 2: 10-11



MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAYS

MONDAY 6:30pm (2nd-5th)

TUESDAY-FRIDAY 7:45am

1st SATURDAY 7:45am, with
confessions following

The Rosary is prayed after daily Mass. For a full listing of daily Mass devotional prayers, please visit our website or call the office.

WEEKENDS

SATURDAY 4:30pm

Confessions 3:30pm

SUNDAY 8:00am & 10:00am

Confessions 9:15am

PRAYER LINE

The parish has many dedicated parishioners ready to assist you with prayer in times of need. To place your intentions on the Prayer Line, please call Carol (244-4817).

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PASTOR’S PULSE ON THE PARISH



SUNDAY
JANUARY 4TH
2026

Dear Friends,

The response to this past weekend’s closing Mass for the Jubilee Year and subsequent tours of the cathedral was tremendous!

Almost 400 people gathered for the closing Mass, and most of the faithful gathered came over and toured the cathedral. I spoke with people from all across the Diocese. Everyone had very positive comments on what they saw.

I was very encouraged by the number of people gathered ... it was a wonderful opportunity to join with all the faithful in giving thanks for the many graces bestowed upon us in this Jubilee Year. Thanks to all our volunteers and those who made the day a great success.

Sad news to share

I wish I could continue the roll of good news, but I have some sad news to share with all of you this weekend.

Our Director of Sacred Music, John Sittard, has discerned that he is being called to minister in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. John’s son recently moved to the New York City area, and much of John’s family is located on the east coast, including his mother, who recently turned 90. John will be closer to his son and his family.

We will miss John and his wife Siegrid terribly. He has done amazing work with our sacred music program over these past years, and he has advanced the diocesan choir along as well. John and Siegrid will be leaving us at the end of February, and we will send them with our love and many prayers of thanksgiving for all that he has accomplished here with the help of the Holy Spirit.

I will be meeting with the bishop

after the New Year to discuss how we’re going to move forward. It will most likely involve a national search – a similar process that we undertook when we hired John. I trust that the Holy Spirit will send us the right person with the skills needed to continue the beautiful music that we have all come to love and appreciate.

Music is such an important of the Church’s life in prayer, and I very much want that to continue as we look to the future. Please join me as we pray for John and Siegrid during this time of transition.

Come to Confession

Following up on last weekend’s bulletin article on Mass attendance, I had a few people approach me and tell me that they didn’t come to confession that often because they were afraid that I (or another priest) would be angry with the sins they confessed and that I would look upon them differently. I smiled and told them that there is a special grace that is given every priest who hears confession: the grace of forgetfulness! ☺ Priests do not remember people and the sins they confessed, and even if they did, it wouldn’t matter as we are in the confessional to bring you to Jesus so that you can encounter His healing mercy.

Confession is nothing to be afraid of or ashamed of - we all make mistakes, including the one typing this column! Confession is a reenactment of the parable of the Prodigal Son – we return to the Lord by humbly placing ourselves before Him and telling Him that we have sinned. There is great rejoicing when the Lord can heal a heart and make it whole once again.

I very much enjoy people who mention that it’s been years – even decades – since the last time they went to confession. My first words are words of welcome and encouragement. We have nothing to fear in receiving the Lord’s forgiveness, friends. Remember – it is a gift that is given to us as many times as we need it, for that is the merciful heart of the Lord at work in our lives.

On our part, we strive to to do the best we can to turn away from those occasions of sin and remain focused on

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- Fr. Michael

pleasing the Lord in all things. Come to confession and celebrate God’s great love and mercy for you!

How Christ is made known

In this weekend of the Lord’s epiphany, it’s a marvel to think about how He was made known to the world: by coming as a precious child who was born in a stable.

I contrast that to the time when the cardinals gather for conclave to elect the next pope. When the the cardinals have reached consensus, white smoke billows from the Sistine Chapel and millions gather in St. Peter Square to hear the joyful announcement of the next successor of Peter. Every news agency interrupts programming to bring everyone together. That’s not quite how the Lord’s birth took place. ☺

How do we make Christ known to others? Epiphany literally means “to make known.” In other words, we teach, or evangelize. We don’t need advanced degrees or lots of proper training. It’s about sharing one’s story and telling another person what Christ has done in your life. The time will come for formal instruction, but to get people thinking always involves a personal story or witness of the Lord’s love.

Christ invites us to make Him known in profound ways and in small ways. May we have the grace to recognize these opportunities and bring those we encounter closer to the Lord through our own witness to the faith that we love.

I pray every blessing upon you and your families as we enter into this new year of grace. May it be one of immense grace as we walk with the Lord and remain close to Him in all things.

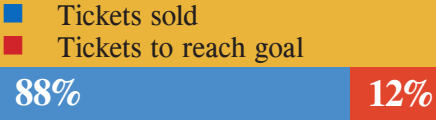
With love in the Sacred Heart,
Fr . Michael

OUR GIFT OF TREASURE

Due to the bulletin deadline this week, the Offertory will be published in next week’s bulletin.

Raffle Ticket Sales Progress

Our goal is to sell 400 tickets! We have currently sold 351 as of Dec. 30 or 88% of our goal. Tune in next week for the total tickets sold for the 2026 raffle.

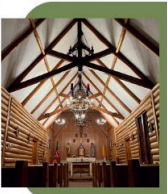


3-DAY SILENT RETREAT FOR MEN
Held at Durward’s Glen Retreat Center



Retreat led by Fr. Simon Tipps

- Three-day silent men’s retreat, “Heaven’s Weapon” or spiritual warfare and the rosary, led by Fr. Simon Tipps, Parochial Vicar, St. Maximilian Kolbe Roman Catholic Parish
- The weekend (February 13-15, 2026) will help men develop a deep personal relationship with Jesus through Mary. To do this, we will focus on how, through the Holy Rosary, Mary builds and maintains our life of prayer and destroys sin.
- For questions/registration call Durward’s Glen 608-365-8113. Or, register online (see website address below)
- 3 Day Men’s Retreat, Friday-Sunday, February 13-15, 2026
- \$200 before January 1;
- \$225 before January 15;
- \$250 after January 15
- \$75 for Saturday only



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SUPPORT
& RESOURCES

- Referral network of Catholic mental health providers
- Spiritual support groups
- Educational training opportunities
- Prayers, scripture, books, podcasts, and media
- Upcoming Mental Health Ministry events

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday, January 5th	St. John Neumann (M)
1 John 3:22–4:6 ✕ Ps 2 ✕ Matt 4:12-17, 23-25	
NO MASS OR CONFESSIONS TODAY	
Tuesday, January 6th	St. André Bessette (m)
1 John 4:7-10 ✕ Ps 72 ✕ Mark 6:34-44	
7:45am	Open Intention
Following	Rosary
Wednesday, January 7th	St. Raymond of Penyafort(m)
1 John 4:11-18 ✕ Ps 72 ✕ Mark 6:45-52	
7:45am	Dorian Brazy
Following	Rosary
Thursday, January 8th	Thursday after Epiphany
1 John 4:19–5:4 ✕ Ps 72 ✕ Luke 4:14-22	
7:45am	Open Intention
Following	Rosary
Friday, January 9th	Friday after Epiphany
1 John 5:5-13 ✕ Ps 147 ✕ Luke 5:12-16	
7:45am	L/D of the Larson, Scovill and Brazy families †
Following	Rosary
Saturday, January 10th	BVM
1 John 5:14-21 ✕ Ps 149 ✕ John 3:22-30	
8:00am	Holy Mass at the Schoenstatt Shrine
Sunday, January 11th	Baptism of the Lord (F)
Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 ✕ Ps 29 ✕ Acts 10:34-38 ✕ Matt 3:13-17	
4:30pm (Sat.)	Joan Gillitzer †
8:00am	Pro Populo
9:15am	Confessions
10:00am	Patrick Hilliard †

HIGHLIGHTED TIME = LIVESTREAMING

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This week’s bulletin is sponsored by an anonymous donor in honor of:

Fr. Michael Radowicz

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Thank you so much for your support!



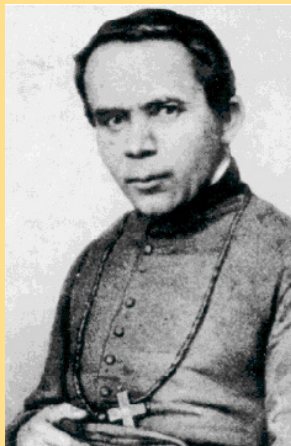
LIVES OF THE SAINTS

January 5, 2026

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St. John Neumann

John Nepomucene Neumann was born on March 28, 1811, the third of six children of a stocking knitter and his wife in the village of Prachatitz in Bohemia. From his mother he acquired the spirit of piety and through her encouragement entered the Seminary at Budweis.



During his seminary years, he yearned to be a foreign missionary in America. He left his native land and was ordained in June, 1836 by Bishop John Dubois in New York. He spent four years in Buffalo and the surrounding area building churches and establishing schools.

Promoter of education

In 1840, he joined the Redemptorists. Eight years later he became a United States citizen. By order of Pope Pius IX in 1852 he was consecrated fourth Bishop of Philadelphia. His mastery of eight languages proved extremely helpful in his quest for souls. He was a pioneer promoter of the Parochial School System in America.

Highlights of his life

One of the highlights of Saint John Neumann's life was his participation, in Rome, in the Proclamation of the Dogma of our Blessed Mother's Immaculate Conception. Through his efforts, the Forty Hours Devotion was introduced in the Philadelphia Diocese. He founded the first church in America for Italian-speaking people. He also founded the Glen Riddle group of the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis.

At 48 years of age, completely exhausted from all his apostolic endeavors, he collapsed in the street on January 5, 1860. He is buried beneath the altar of the lower Church in St. Peter's Church in Philadelphia.

CURRENT CATHOLIC EVENTS

SCRIP ORDERS DUE JAN. 5

Monthly SCRIP orders will be processed on Tuesday, Jan. 6, so all SCRIP orders are due to the Parish Office by Monday, Jan. 5. The forms can be found at the back of church or by the office. Thank you for your continued support.



QUO VADIS MEN'S DISCERNMENT GROUP



High school aged young men are invited to attend the diocese's monthly Quo Vadis group meetings for prayer, talks and discussions about the priesthood, and fellowship with other discerners! The next meeting is Friday, Jan. 23, 6:30 to 9pm, Holy Name Heights, Madison. Call 608-821-3089 for more information, or you can register for each event at madison-vocations.org/quovadis.

VITA CONSECRATA WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT NIGHTS

High school and young adult women who are discerning consecrated life are invited to a monthly meeting 6:30-9pm at St. Peter Church in Ashton the second Friday of the month through May. The group will be reading John Paul II's *Vita Consecrata*, his document on religious life. For more information contact Theresa Klinkhammer at theresa.klinkhammer@gmail.com.

GREEN SCAPULAR SHRINE CANDLES



Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Monona is home to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Green Scapular, and they are accepting your prayer requests and can light a candle for your intentions. Visit stellamarisparish.org/candles. To learn more about the Our Lady of the Green Scapular Shrine, visit stellamarisparish/shrine.



DIocese of MADISON
Divorce Support Ministry

Women's Divorce Support Groups

2nd Monday of the month

St. Maria Goretti Church, Madison

St. Joseph Church, Fort Atkinson

St. John Vianney Church, Marian Hall, Janesville

6:30pm-8pm

Men's Divorce Support Group

3rd Monday of the month

St. Maria Goretti Church, Madison

6:30pm-8pm

