

## Meditation on this Week's Gospel

A Reflection by Fr. John Muir, ©LPi

When I was 22, I went on a pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee Year of 2000. I was traveling light with just a backpack, one blue shirt and black pants, little money, and no Italian. I had a few close friends and one goal: to reach the Eternal City.

Despite the challenges and deprivations, I felt alive in a way I had never known before.

When do you feel most alive? I'd wager it's not when you're most comfortable or surrounded by stuff. Rather, it's when your life is aimed at something great; when you're on a meaningful and challenging journey with good friends.

That's the image the Magi give us in today's Gospel. They set out from the East not with certainty, but with hope. They study the signs, discipline their attention, and journey together, offering the best they have when they find the newborn King.

The Church gives us their story at the start of the year to reawaken something in us. We are not meant to drift. We're meant to journey as pilgrims. The Jubilee Year of 2025 may have ended, but our pilgrimage has not. Like the magi, the closer we get to Christ, the more alive we become.

## Monday Morning Mass Social

*please  
join us*

**Monday, Jan. 5 after the 8 AM Mass  
in the Community Room**

Join us for coffee & treats after morning Mass.

## Pre-Baptism Class

**Monday, Jan. 5 from 7-8:30 PM in the Comm. Rm**

Registration is required (call the office) and babysitting is not available. We recommend attending before the birth of your child. Both parents are required to attend. Parents are encouraged to attend for each child and are



required to attend if it has been 5 years or longer.

*Note: Godparents must be practicing Catholics who are confirmed, one male and one female, and at least 16 years of age.*

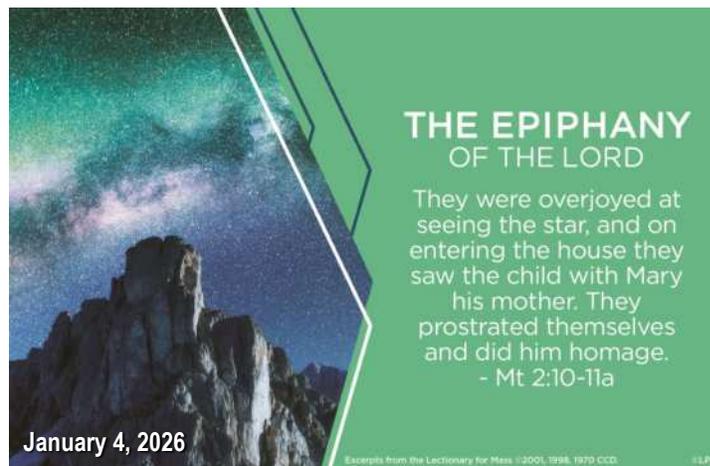
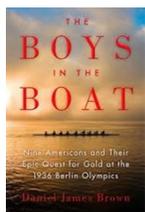
## Book Club This Thursday

**Thursday, Jan. 8 from 9:30—10:30 AM  
in the Community Room**

We will be discussing The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown.

*"During the great depression, nine working-class Americans from the University of Washington rowing team achieved Olympic glory, defeating elite crews and winning gold at Hitler's 1936 Berlin Olympics."*

We meet the second Thursday of each month. On Feb. 12 we will discuss How to Read a Book by Monica Wood. All are invited!



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## SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday at 7:30 AM;  
Wed. at 4:45 PM; Saturday from 3:30-4:15 PM

**Baptisms:** Please call the office at 763-425-2210.

**Matrimony:** Please call the office at 763-425-2210.

## WORSHIP

**Location**

9100 93rd Avenue North, Brooklyn Park, MN, 55445

**Masses**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday at 8 AM

Wednesday at 5:15 PM

Saturday at 5 PM & Sunday at 7:30 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM

## CCW Meeting & Potluck

**Tuesday, Jan. 13 from 6:30 - 8 PM in the Community Room**

St. Vincent de Paul Council of  
CATHOLIC WOMEN

A brief Business Meeting (including an update on the Christmas Bazaar) will be followed by our Christmas Potluck. Bring a dish to share. Coffee, water (hot and cold) will be provided, along with plates, napkins and utensils. If you wish to participate in our gift exchange, bring a small wrapped gift (\$10 or under). All parish women are invited and welcome to attend.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Next Weekend

Our second collection for January will be for Feed My Starving Children. Please use the 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Envelope included in your envelope packets or mark your donation as 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection.



Save the Date for our  
Annual Dinner & Variety Show  
on Saturday, Feb. 7 at 6 PM  
Our theme is *"The Name Game"*

Performers who would like to audition the evening of January 7 with a song or act relating to this theme should reach out to Tony Freeman in the parish office.

## Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

To sign up or to be a sub, login to [saintvdp.org/perpetual-adoration](http://saintvdp.org/perpetual-adoration), or call JoAnne Newman at 763-420-4089.



Help is urgently needed for:  
**Sunday at 3 AM;**  
**Thursday at 11 PM;**  
**Saturday at 2 AM, 1 PM, & 2 PM**

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## Readings for this Week

- Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
- Monday: 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 4:14-22a
- 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 and 6a and 9b/  
Jn 3:22-30
- Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/  
Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

## Mass Intentions for Jan. 5-11

Monday	8:00 AM	Sister Brigid Meierotto, SNC
Tuesday	8:00 AM	† Dorothy & James McMullen
Wednesday	8:00 AM	† Ron Warren
Thursday	8:00 AM	† Mary Leonard
Friday	8:00 AM	† Terry Deblieck
Saturday	5:00 PM	† Mary & Earl Kosloski
Sunday	7:30 AM	Parishioners
	9:00 AM	† Rebecca Flores
	11:00 AM	† George Wishy

## Parish Office Hours

Monday—Thursday: 8 AM – 3 PM & Friday: 8 AM – Noon

The deadline for the bulletin is Monday at Noon.

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