

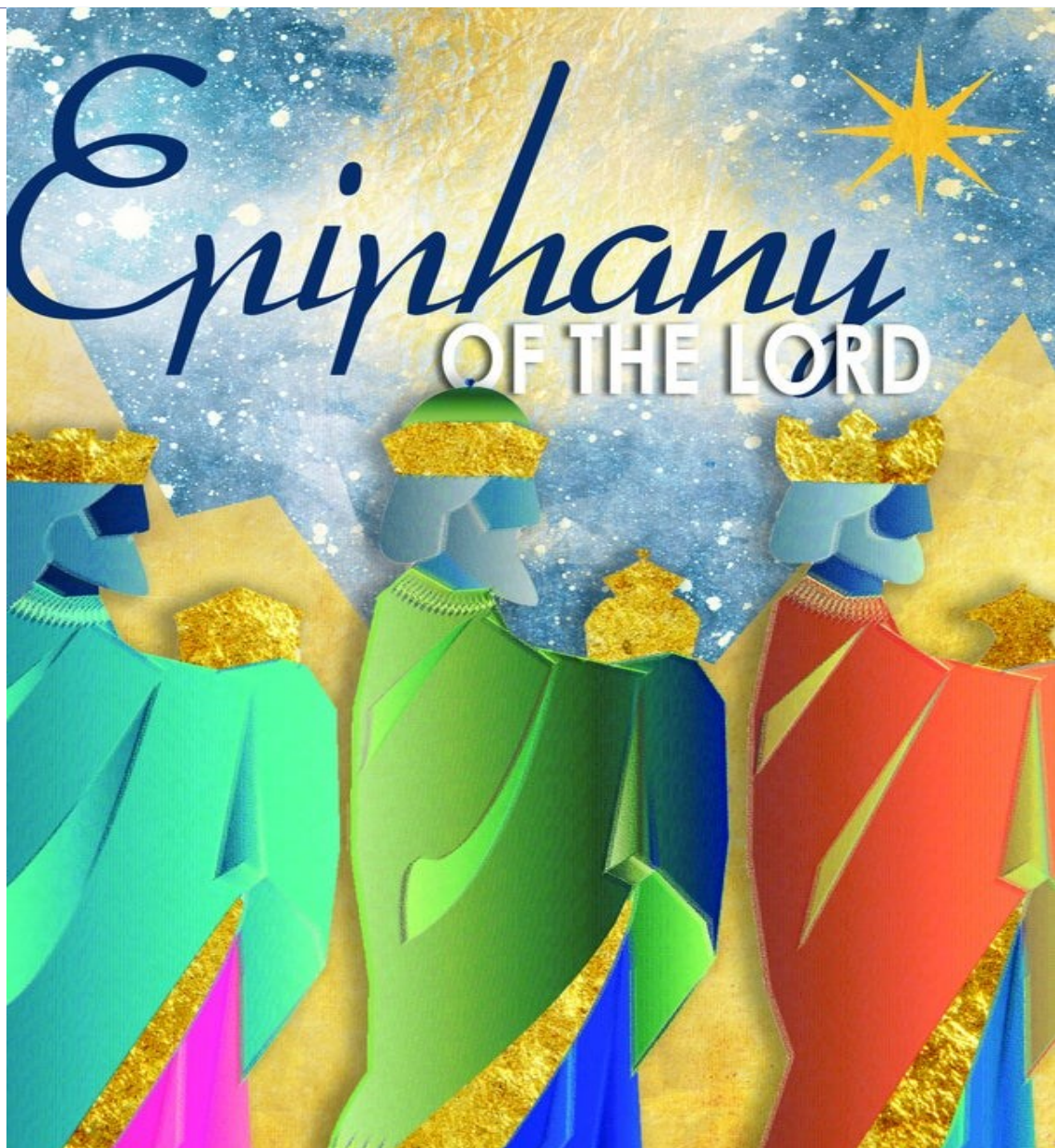
# GOOD NEWS *Benedictine*

**ONE FAMILY OF PARISHES**

**PRESENTATION OUR LADY OF VICTORY AND ST. SCHOLASTICA  
CHURCH: 8201 W. OUTER DRIVE | OFFICE: 17305 ASHTON AVENUE  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48219**

**JANUARY 4TH, 2026**

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**



# ONE FAMILY WEEKLY CALENDAR

January 4th—January 11th, 2026

**CHR-CHURCH / CHP-CHAPEL / CNV-CONVENT**

**Sunday, January 4th / The Epiphany of the Lord**

*Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12*

**OCIA @ 9:30 am CNV**

**Confessions @ 10:15am/Celebration of Mass @ 11am CHR**

**Family Christmas Party @ 12:30 PM CNV**

**Monday, January 5th**

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

**Tuesday, January 6th**

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

**Wednesday, January 7th**

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

**No Mass, No Confession, No Mother of Perpetual Help**

**Thursday, January 8th**

*1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a*

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Meeting @ 9:00 AM CHP**

**Friday, January 9th**

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

**No Mass, No Confessions**

**Saturday, January 10th**

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

**No Mass, No Confessions**

**Sunday, January 11th/The Baptism of The Lord**

*Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17*

**OCIA @ 9:30 am CNV**

**Confessions @ 10:15am/Celebration of Mass @ 11am CHR**

**Coffee Hour following Mass CNV**

## **HOLY DAYS**

**PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE FOR DAYS/TIMES**

## **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

**Call Parish Office For Appointment (opt #3)**

## **MARRIAGE**

**Must contact Parish Priest 6 months prior to marriage date**

## **BAPTISMS**

**Please contact the Parish Office**



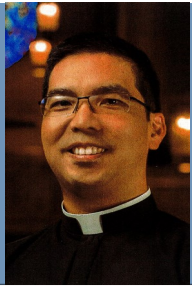
**Sunday, January 4th**

**For the Repose of the Soul of  
Antonio Bolofer  
Offered by the Bolofer Family**



## **ONE FAMILY PRAYER LIST**

Jon-Paul Bates, Lisa Bednarz,  
Alma Bennett, Elizabeth Bey,  
Tanysha Black, Stella Blair, Gail Bond,  
Christopher Braden, Eileen Clark,  
Victoria Crowe, Walter Curtis,  
Belinda Danzy, Robert Danzy,  
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Irma Gisstennar, Denise Goodine,  
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James Griffin, Bruce Henderson,  
Marian Hubbard, James Huse,  
Melanie Kelly, Carlos Kiyan,  
Fr. Jim Lowe-CC, Drew Lund,  
Roland Martin, Antoinette McDermott,  
Mary Pat McDougall, Michele Mooney,  
Verita Morris, Sandra Moulton,  
William Moulton, Timothy Neaton,  
Robert D. Nill, Jr., Thomas Norfolk,  
Matthew Onwudingo, Betty Palmer,  
John Peavy, Harlis Pollock,  
Steven Price, Priscilla Propson,  
Kelly Ramsey, Giovanni Rankin,  
David Sauve, Annie Laurie Shannan,  
Langston Slaughter, Annie Stacherski,  
Christopher Staff, Fr. Alex Steinmiller,  
Yolanda Stephens, Diverna Stephenson,  
Sharon Stevens, Michelle Taschler,  
Elma Thorpe, Arline Timbers,  
Beneaver Townsend, Ivra Townsend,  
Monika Uriel, Wayne Washington,  
William Weaver, Robert Weed



## Third Sunday of Advent

# PASTOR'S PAGE



### The Virtue of Hope vs. Delusional Optimism

True Christian hope is not a vague feeling that things will somehow improve, but a firm trust anchored in the God who has revealed His love in Christ. Hope is born from the certainty that God is faithful, that His promises are real, and that the Resurrection has already opened a future no human power can close. Let your heart rest on this solid ground. Do not seek comfort in passing emotions or predictions, but in the enduring truth of God's word.

At the same time, refuse the temptation to settle for a shallow optimism that glosses over the struggles of life. Delusional optimism denies the weight of the Cross, but hope carries it with courage because it knows that Christ walks with us. Benedict XVI taught in his encyclical *Spe Salvi* that hope sees reality clearly—its darkness, its wounds, its injustices—and yet remains unshaken, because it knows that God can draw good even from the deepest suffering. Do not be afraid to see things as they are; instead, entrust them to the One who transforms them.

And finally, let your hope become a force that shapes your daily life. True hope does not paralyze; it mobilizes. It moves you to acts of love, perseverance in trials, and fidelity when the path feels long. Benedict XVI insisted that hope makes us capable of living differently now, because our eyes are set on the eternal joy for which we were made. So, rise each day with the courage born of trust in God's victory, and let that hope radiate through your choices, your words, and your love for others. May the Lord increase our hope as we come closer to the celebration of His Nativity!

Ad maximam Trinitatis gloriam

Fr. Marco Kiyan PES

01/04/2026



### What's a Sacrament?

A sacrament is a special action instituted and given to us by Jesus that uses visible signs—like water, bread, oil, or spoken words—to give us His invisible grace. It's God touching our lives in a real and concrete way. Through the sacraments, God forgives, strengthens, heals, and guides us, helping us grow closer to Him and giving us what we need to live and be sanctified in the Christian life. The sacraments are the continuation of Christ's salvific presence and action in the world.

**To reflect on:** Am I appreciating and being thankful for the sacraments I have at hand at my parish? Am I receiving the sacraments I need to live a faithful Christian life?

# ONE FAMILY OF PARISHES



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**Mr. Tom Ivanovic**

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Mary Pat McDougall (S), Jeanine Murphy (P),  
Rose Marie Price (P), Jonathan Sanders (P),  
Jason Smith (S), Didier Tiede (S),  
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**To have a Mass offered, there are envelopes located at the entrances of the Church.**

**Please complete the information with your phone number, include your \$10 check or cash and drop in one of the parish collection baskets.**

**We will contact you to confirm receiving. For more information, call 313.531.0140 or 586.596.2089**

**ST. SCHOLASTICA PARISHIONERS**  
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**Great news! Because of all the committed St. Scholastica Parishioners and our Anonymous donor, we've reached and exceeded our goal!!!**  
**The final figures are still coming in and will continue to show in the upcoming bulletins.**  
**Thank you for your pledges!!**

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| St. Scholastica's Target goal is: | <b>\$7,616.00</b> |
| Pledged to date:                  | <b>\$9,255.00</b> |
| Paid to date:                     | <b>\$8,598.00</b> |
| <b>OVER PLEDGED:</b>              | <b>\$1,639.00</b> |
| <b>Total households pledged:</b>  | <b>27</b>         |

**(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC  
 RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**  
 By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: Of all the stars you could follow, which one does the voice — that one deep within you — tell you to chase? Point to it. And go forth.

**PRESENTATION OUR LADY OF VICTORY**

*We've had some great competition going between our parishes. Presentation Our Lady of Victory Parish has also exceeded our goal due to the dedication of many. Updated figures will continue as the weeks go on!*  
**Thanks for always showing up and giving!!**

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| <b>POLOV'S Target goal is</b>    | <b>\$ 8,021.00</b> |
| <b>Total Pledged:</b>            | <b>\$ 8,196.00</b> |
| <b>Total Paid:</b>               | <b>\$ 5,876.00</b> |
| <b>OVER PLEDGED:</b>             | <b>\$ 175.00</b>   |
| <b>Total Households Pledged:</b> | <b>20</b>          |

**The Stars We Follow  
 Everyone follows a star.**

It is human nature to seek. If we are rich, we want to be richer. If we are smart, we want to be smarter. If we are powerful, we want to be more powerful.

We cannot stay in one place, so to speak — to say, "I am what I am, I have what I have, and it is enough." Even the very act of maintaining a status quo, be it health or wealth or spiritual goodness, requires action. It requires effort. It requires movement. This is human nature. There is nothing wrong with it. When we stop seeking, we die.

But what are we looking for? Where are we going? I often wonder if the Magi knew what they were seeking — really, truly knew. They were seeking "the newborn king of the Jews," yes, but did they understand who he was? What he was? I don't see how they could have. They were wise men, but they were not prophets. They simply knew this was an endeavor they had to undertake. They knew it in their souls.

There really is very little that we know for certain about the Magi. We don't know how many of them there were. We don't know their religion. We don't know where they came from. All we know for certain is that they listened to a voice they heard deep within themselves. And, heeding that voice, they went forth.





## GOSPEL

When Jesus was born, angels sang. I'll bet you never thought stars could sing for Jesus, too. But the stars in the sky sang in their own way, just by moving and twinkling in the sky. The Savior was born. Jesus was the King that God's people had been waiting for. Magi who had been watching the sky saw a star much brighter than the rest. They followed that star until they found Jesus, and they worshipped their new king.

## PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for making the stars move and twinkle in a special way, so that the Magi could find Jesus.

# GROWING

WITH THE *Gospel*

CYCLE A



## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

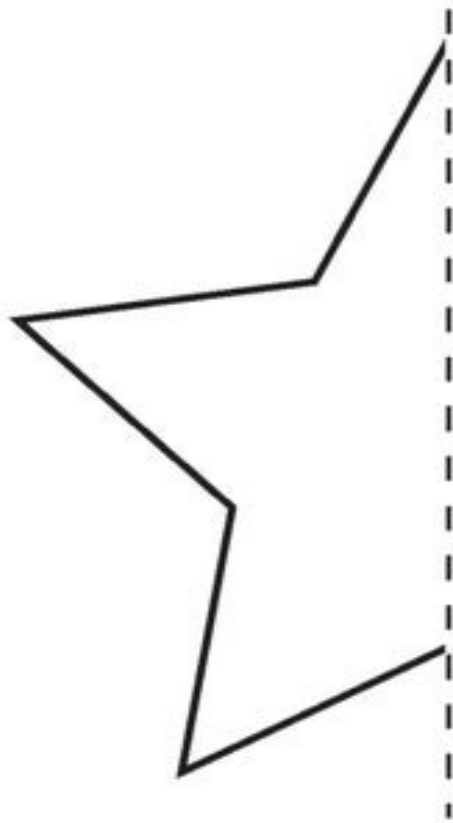


Epiphany of the Lord • Matthew 2:1-12



## PUZZLE

Can you draw the second half of this star?



## MISSION

Ask your family if you can visit a planetarium, or look through a special telescope, so you can see the stars God made.



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