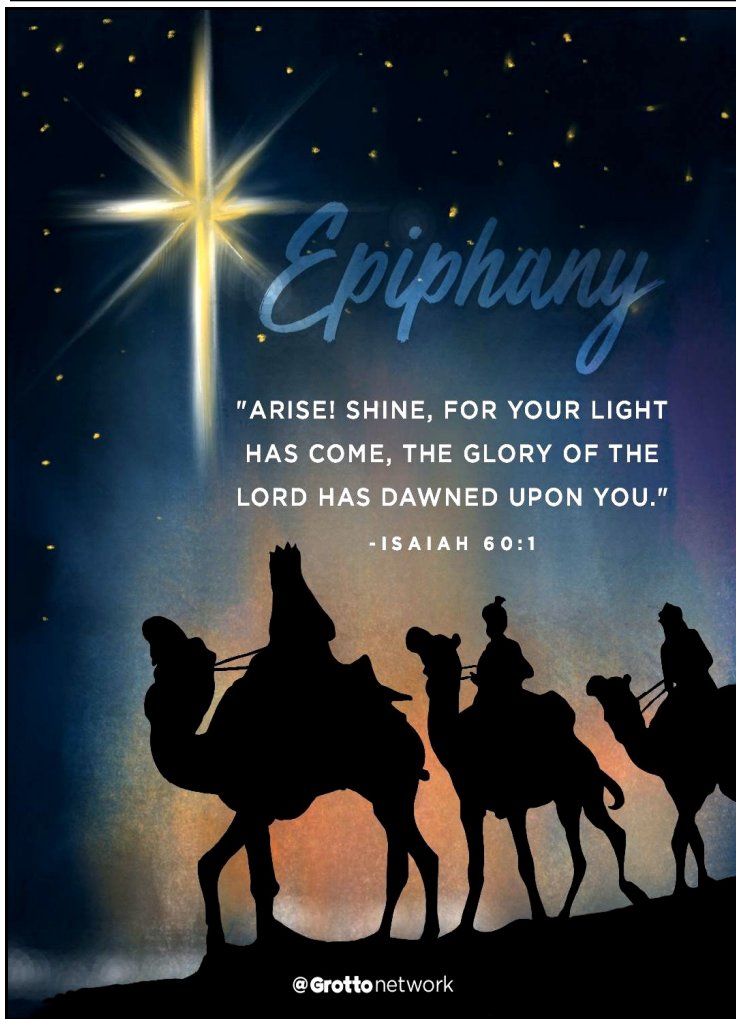


Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



January 4th, 2026

Saturday, January 10th 5:15 pm

Reader: Colleen Pulvermacher

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Olivia Mueller Nyla & Vessel Rush
Morgan Worthington

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Kevin Jelinek Family **Scrip:** Judy Murphy

Sunday, January 11th 8:00 am

Reader: Andrew Wright

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Alayna, Brynlee & Wyatt Mueller, Gage Tennant

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Timothy Honer Family **Scrip:** Jonna Ray

Sunday, January 11th 10:30 am

Reader: Gloria Joseph

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Brayden Arms, Giada Johnson,
Andrew Ortiz, Alex Ueeck

Gifts: Jeffrey Joseph Family **Scrip:** Emily Zorea

Mass Schedule

Monday, January 5th **St. John Neumann**
No Mass

Tuesday, January 6th **St. André Bessette**
Mass 8:15am
† Herb Rebhan

Wednesday, January 7th **St. Raymond**
Mass 8:15 pm
† Joan Clements Ross

Thursday, January 8th
Mass 8:15 am **Adoration following Mass**
† Dr Louis & Ruth Williams
4:00 to 7:00 pm **Adoration**
4:30 to 7:00pm Confession (Spanish & English)

Friday, January 9th
Mass 8:15 am
† Otis & Mary Ann Scott

Saturday, January 10th
Confessions 4:30 pm
Mass 5:15 pm
† Sara Triggs

Sunday, January 11th **The Baptism of the Lord**
Confessions 7:15 am
Mass 8:00 am
† Jane Erlandson

Confessions 9:45 am
Mass 10:30 am
Our Parish Family

Confessions 12:30 (Spanish)
Mass 1:00 pm (Spanish)

Parish Calendar of Events

01/17 Saturday, KC Bingo, Community Center 6:30 pm

01/14 Wednesday, OCIA 7:00 pm

01/18 Sunday, Youth Group, 6 to 8 pm

Happy Birthday Fr Nate!
January 6th
God Bless you!

From Your Pastor

Merry Christmas! Yes, we still say Merry Christmas, even though we are now almost a week and a half past Christmas day itself. Yet, we still celebrate Christmas during the season of Christmas, which lasts until next weekend when we have the solemnity of the Baptism of Jesus. So, during these days, I encourage you to continue to say Merry Christmas and continue to celebrate this wonderful time!

Today, our focus is on what we might think of as the completion of the common understanding of the Christmas story. Today is the Epiphany, the celebration of the three Magi who came to worship the newborn King and present to Him their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Each of these three gifts signified Jesus' royalty, not just because they were given by the Magi or as we often say, "Kings," but rather they were items that were often reserved or only possessed by kings. Yet, what is more is that the significance or meaning of these gifts, which we find in the popular carol, "We Three Kings," identifies gold for the kingly nature of Jesus, frankincense for the offering of sacrifice and incensing as was reserved for the high priest, and myrrh, the anointing oil used for those who have died to prepared them for burial. In a profound way, these three gifts pointed out that Jesus wasn't just receiving them because He was a King, he was receiving them because He was going to fulfill each of those roles in a way that only He could do as the Son of God to bring about our salvation.

Other than singing the carol and moving the nativity figurines of the three Magi close to Jesus, we can take the time today to consider what we have to offer to Jesus. If we were in the shoes of the Magi, what would we bring? Ideally, we would, like them, bring a gift that honors who Jesus is, but also is something significant that we can uniquely bring. Maybe it isn't material but spiritual in a way that we give part of ourselves to Him, perhaps our hearts or our desire. Maybe it would offer our time or our effort to glorify Him and show Him honor as our King. Whatever it is, we should make sure we offer Him something!

I also want to take a little time to acknowledge how this celebration is practiced by different cultures. In some places, gifts aren't given at Christmas but rather on the Epiphany. For other cultures, there is special food made, like a King Cake which was popular in France or the Rosca de Reyes, the "King's Bread" that symbolizes the unending love of God as it is made in a circle and within it contains a figure of the baby Jesus. Tradition is that whoever gets the piece with the baby Jesus in it is responsible for something. Depending on the tradition, this could be that they host the next celebration for the Presentation which happens in Feb. or they may be responsible for hosting the party for the next year.

Also, as a continuing tradition here at the parish, we will again have chalk for each household to take with them. The practicing of the Epiphany House blessing is a special way to symbolize the welcoming of Christ into your home and all that enter throughout the coming year. The chalk and prayer cards will be available at the church, and the prayer and marking can be led by the head of the household.

Lastly, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude and thanks for all the kind letters, cards, and gifts that you have given over this Christmas time. Your generosity towards me is humbling and I wish you to know that I feel truly blessed to receive your love and to be your pastor. May God reward all of you for your goodness and generosity! Thank you!

In Christ through Mary,

Father Nate Kuhn

Ministry in Spanish

We are excited to have increasing opportunities for ministry in Spanish here at St. Mary's! A big thank you to Fr. Juan Diego Borja for his ministry and availability. Please see the updated times and opportunities listed in the bulletin for confessions and Mass in Spanish.



Christmas Flowers & Memorials



Jim & Linda Barnett “ William Barnett
 “ Mary Barnett
 “ Charles Barnett
 Ronald & Janet Bladl “ Lyle & Ruby Baltz
 “ Irvin & Florence Bladl
 Cheryl Blankenship “ Marty Blankenship
 Edward & Elsie Gaura
 Jon & Jane Bosworth “ Flowers
 Mike & Sheila Bradford “ Edgar & Marian Sutton
 “ Francis Bradford
 “ Virginia Bradford
 “ Nathan Murray
 Linton Brewer “ Mary Lou Brewer
 Virgil Cosgrove “ Connie Cosgrove
 Jerome & Sandy Durst “ Our Parish Family
 Susann Ghasin “ G3 & Mary Laubmeier
 “ George & Viola Laubmeier
 Timothy & Karen Honer “ Harold & Veronica Miller
 “ John Honer
 Gretchen Jelinek “ Marvin & Mary Jelinek
 Jamie & Angela Larse “ Margaret Pringle Heitke
 “ Vince Heitke
 David & Delores Lenz “ Doerrler & Lenz Families
 Mary Lu Marshall “ Jack & Shirley Curnow
 “ John & Irene Swenink
 Candace McGrath “ Nicholas Lawson
 “ Robert Peter Rockweiler
 Tena Moore “ Flowers
 Bernadine Mueller “ Mueller & Seep Families
 “ Francis Mueller
 “ Randy & Marcia Mueller
 “ Miranda Mueller
 “ Pat & Linda Mueller
 Phil & June Nee “ Jim Nee
 “ Rosemary Nee
 “ Frank Stafford
 Audrey Oliver “ Flowers
 Paul & Julie Peckham “ Jane & Edmund Guelig
 “ Agatha & Cameron Peckham
 “ Meghan Hansen
 “ Bill Shaw
 Rodney Reetz “ Sandy Reetz
 “ Nordy & Fae Reetz
 “ Cleo “Tootie” Hasburgh
 Terry & Barb Ryan “ Foley, Ryan & Families
 “ Bock Families

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 Paul & Mary Jo Salibury “ Francis Mueller
 “ Randy & Marcia Mueller
 “ Miranda Mueller
 “ Pat & Linda Mueller
 “ Mueller & Seep Families
 Colleen Schroeder “ Bill Schroeder
 Jason & Sara Schultz “ Flowers
 Ronald & JoAnn Tennant “ Slaney Family
 “ Tennant Family
 Joe & Sue Triggs “ Sara Triggs
 “ Charles Beranek
 “ Joanne Beranek
 “ Leo & Marie Triggs
 Brad & Diane Walker “ Flowers
 Richard Wastlick “ Betty Wastlick
 June Welte “ Alan Welte

ST. MARY SCHOOL 2026 CALENDAR

12th Annual
 12 Month All School Calendar

Designed in Computer Class by our 8th grade students, each month features a full-color themed photo of a class, plus birthday listings for students and staff as well as holidays, and St. Mary's specific dates and events! The calendars make great gifts! All proceeds go directly to the 8th grade class Mission Trip fund. We thank Hynek Printing for generously funding the printing of the calendars!

\$10 Each
 Checks payable to St. Mary School
 Order forms are located in the main entry of church.

St Mary's School Weekly Intention

We pray for health and peace for all students, staff, families, and parishioners of St. Mary School and Parish as we begin a new year. We pray the year is filled with many blessings, but when we are faced with challenges this year, we pray we will have the strength, perseverance, and faith to get through those times. *St.*

...St. Mary's 5th Grade Class...

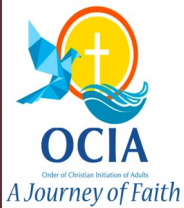
May the God of peace fill your hearts and minds this Christmas Season with the knowledge and love of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, as we give thanks for the many gifts and blessings He has bestowed upon us through those that we love.

The Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ

*God of all,
 Be our daily star that guides our lives as we search for your love.
 May we always follow your light of truth in all that we do,
 Forever trusting, hoping and believing in your word.
 Life our eyes to the heavens so we too may follow your guiding star
 As we travel home to you.*

Amen.





OCIA

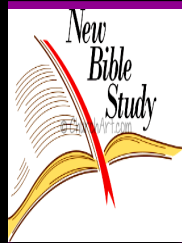
Order of Christian Initiation
of Adults
The Next Class will be Wednesday,
January 14th at 7:00 pm

Youth Group

Thank you for a wonderful first semester of youth group.
We have consistently had an about 20 students.
For a bowling night we were Slightly lower, but I know that
there were many people traveling for Christmas.
Everyone had a blast and lots of laughs.
Our first youth group of the new year will be
Sunday, January 18th ...6-8 pm

Scrip News

Thank you for all your Scrip card purchases during
2025. Please stop by and thank our
volunteer sellers for all their work this past year.
Let's make a New Year's resolution to
use Scrip cards for all of our eating and shopping needs
and earn lots of money for St.
Mary's and for your school tuition.
[contact scrip@stmarysrc.com](mailto:contactscrip@stmarysrc.com).



Women's Bible Study

If any women are interested in joining a
Women's Bible Study, please contact
Maly Krajco
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Readings for the week of January 4, 2026

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



December 20/21, 2025

Adult Tithe.....	\$6,128.00
Offertory.....	975.00
Student Offertory	32.14
Christmas	\$2,670.00
Pastoral Care	15.00
Religious Retire	70.00
Catholic School Support	20.00
Christmas Flowers	165.00
Total.....	\$10,075.14
ACH Tithe	\$5,195.00

Thank You & God Bless You!
Your 2025 Contribution Statements will be
ready by the end of January

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Wedding Planning Information

For those seeking the Sacrament of Marriage in our Church
please notify the pastor as soon as you are engaged,
but not less than six months
prior to the proposed wedding date.