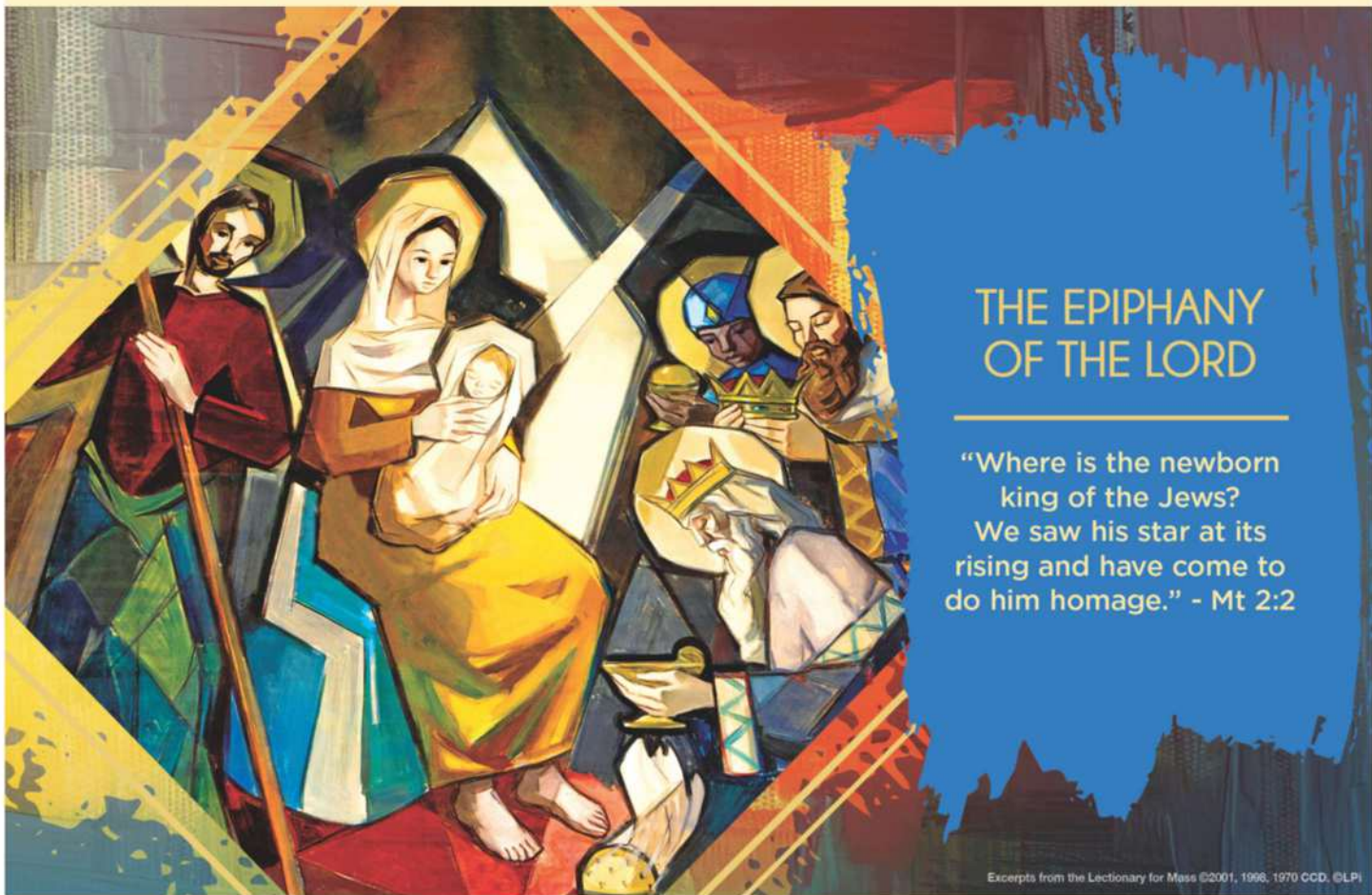




Church of St. George

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD • JANUARY 4, 2026



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"Where is the newborn
king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its
rising and have come to
do him homage." - Mt 2:2

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Parish Mission Statement

We express and embrace the Divine Will in caring for each other, liturgy, Eucharistic Adoration, ministries, stewardship, outreach, social gatherings and prayer.

Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays 9am-8pm

Masses

Tues 5:30pm; Wed & Thurs 8:30am; 1st and 4th Fri at 8:30am
Sat 4pm; Sun 9:15am; Sun 5pm (Spanish)

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PRAYERS FOR TODD ZIESMER AS HE PREPARES FOR THE DIACONATE

Todd Ziesmer of our parish was recently installed as an acolyte as he continues his preparation to be ordained as a permanent deacon next year on December 12, 2026.

While parishioners have already seen Todd regularly serving as a lector and Eucharistic Minister at Mass for a number of years, they now also see him serving as an acolyte by preparing the altar, altar serving for Father Shane during the Mass, and purifying vessels after Mass. Please pray for Todd and his wife Marie as they continue Todd's formation process to become a joyful permanent deacon for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.



VISITING PRIESTS THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, January 3rd at 4:00 pm Mass

This weekend we are thrilled to welcome Friar Vince Petersen, OFM Conv, who will be celebrating the 4pm Mass on Saturday. Father Vince is the brother of parishioner Cece Schulte and the uncle of Mike McGovern. Please make Father Vince feel welcome in our parish which he attended as a youth.



Sunday, January 4th at 9:15am Mass

We joyfully welcome Father Tim Dolan, a retired priest of the Archdiocese and also the pastor of the Church of St. George from June 1996-June 2003, and look forward to seeing him celebrate Mass on Sunday morning.



A Wounded Church:

Finding Peace and Healing, with Bishop Cozzens

Monday, Jan. 12, 5:30 p.m., St. John the Baptist, New Brighton

Many in our local Church were rocked by the event of Aug. 27 at Annunciation. Others might be struggling with the everyday suffering of life—from loss of a loved one, to illness or injury. How do we find hope and healing amidst all the insecurity and pain we encounter in these times? Bishop Andrew Cozzens offers a hope-filled reflection on where Christ, the Divine Physician, invites us into a space of healing. Find more information at archspm.org/events/a-wounded-church.

PRO-LIFE EVENTS

Prayer Service for Life Thursday, Jan. 22 at 10:30 am Cathedral of Saint Paul St. Paul

Come and join Bishop Kevin Kenney at a prayer service to commemorate the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by the aftermath of an abortion, as we pray for life. Find more information at archspm.org/events/annual-prayer-service-for-life.

MCCL March for Life Thurs, Jan. 22, 12pm-1 pm Minnesota State Capitol St. Paul

Minnesota's biggest pro-life event of the year—join other pro-lifers to remember unborn lives lost and to call for respect and protection for both unborn children and their mothers. Learn more at mccl.org/march.

Support, Hope and Healing After the Abortion Rachel's Vineyard Minnesota Retreat Jan. 23-25, 2026

For more information:
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A CHRISTMAS THANK YOU!

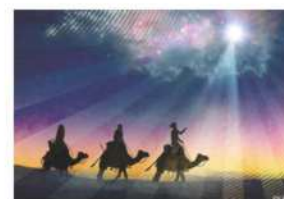
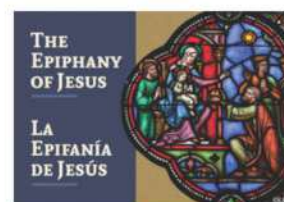
Thank you to everyone who helped make the Christmas Masses so special this year. We are grateful to Father Shane for his wonderful homily and leadership; Deborah Beriole, Katie Dore, and the adult, youth choir for inspiring music; Lori Scherer, Karen Speeter, Carol Wegner, Shannon Banks, Michelle Flannery, the Barrett Family, Mike Dombeck, Glenn Slaughter, and everyone who decorated for making the church beautiful; all our lectors, greeters, Eucharistic Ministers, altar servers, and sacristans for making the Masses run smoothly; and finally, everyone who attended the Masses and invited their family, friends, neighbors to worship with us!

We also want to thank ALL our volunteers who serve our parish throughout the year, particularly the Liturgical Ministry, Music Ministry, Eucharistic Adoration, Women's Council, Knights of Columbus, Faith Formation Catechists, Money Counters, Corn Days Committee and volunteers, Hospitality volunteers, Linen Ministry, and all the people who help in ways large and small to get things done, make our surroundings beautiful, and enrich our parish life spiritually and socially. You help make St. George the special place that it is!



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The song "We Three Kings" details the gifts of the Magi, but do you know what you're singing? "Born a king on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown Him again." This one is the most straightforward - gold symbolizes the Kingship of Christ. "Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom." Myrrh is an embalming spice. Already at Christ's birth, we have the symbolic reminder of his death. "Frankincense to offer have I. Incense owns a deity nigh." In many religious traditions, incense symbolizes prayers rising to heaven. In some pagan traditions, it is thought to help "call down" the deity. The gift of frankincense symbolizes Jesus' role as the Great High Priest, sanctifying the world through his sacrifice. ©LPi





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Meetings are the first Thursday of the month at 7pm in the community center. Knights of Columbus Mission Statement: "We believe in human dignity and support causes that respect life from conception to reunion Christ."

Next Meeting:

Thursday, January 8 at 7pm

Upcoming Events - Mark your Calendar!

Sunday January 25, 10-11PM: K of C Breakfast

Friday, February 20: Fish Dinner 5-7PM

Saturday, March 14: Saint Patrick's Day Celebration Dinner 5- 7PM

Friday, March 27: Fish Dinner 5-7PM



ST. GEORGE WOMEN'S COUNCIL

For more information, call

Marie Suchy at 612-599-9661.



Next Meeting: Thursday, January 8 at 9:30am

The Women's Council's Annual Christmas Party was held on December 8th. The ladies savored delicious potluck dishes and desserts, played a lively gift exchange game, and most of all, enjoyed each other's company! Check out the pictures below to see some of the fun moments!

MONTHLY COMMUNITY MEAL

Thursday, January 22, 5:30-6:30pm

St. George Community Center

St. George, Calvin Presbyterian, and Trinity Lutheran churches unite to provide monthly meals for their members and the community of the Long Lake area. These COMMUNITY Meals aim to bring people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities together for dinner and fellowship.

- ALL ARE WELCOME, BRING THE KIDS
- Dinner and beverages provided; there is NO COST for the meal but donations will be accepted if you wish to give
- Locations vary each month rotating among the three churches.

Vatican Unveiled

Jan. 10-Feb. 1

Mall of America, Bloomington

In celebration of the 175th anniversary of the Catholic Church in Minnesota, the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is hosting Vatican Unveiled, an exhibit of the largest collection of papal artifacts outside of Rome.

Father Richard Kunst, a priest of the Diocese of Duluth, serves as curator of the exhibit. Father Kunst has a deep knowledge of the items and a passion for telling their stories. Find more information and purchase tickets at archspm.org/vaticanunveiled

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ARE YOU SOCIAL MEDIA SAVVY?

We are looking for a volunteer to take over the parish's Instagram and Facebook posting.

Contact the parish office, 952-473-1247, if you are interested or have questions!



CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

Thank you so much for donating to the Christmas Flower Memorial Fund.

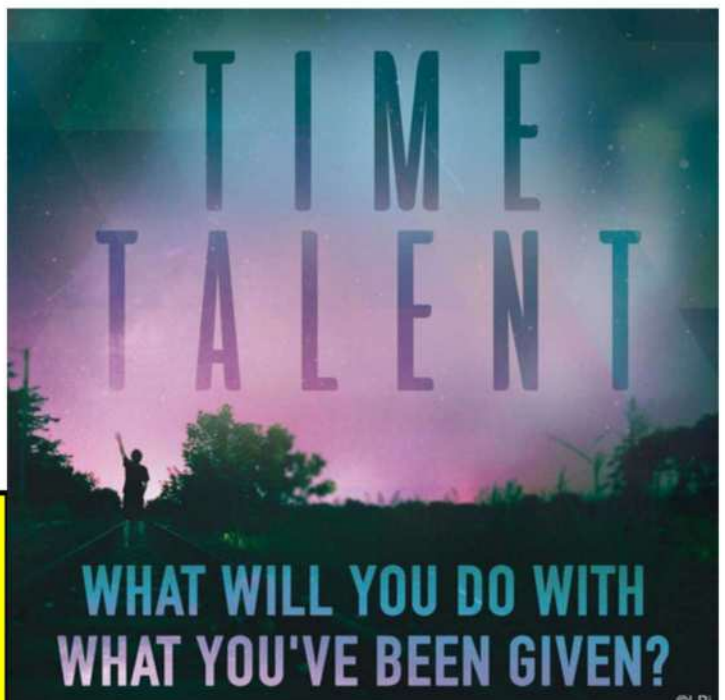
Thanks to our parishioners, we have a beautiful display of flowers for the holiday season! All donations will be acknowledged in a bulletin later this month.



YEARLY CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements for 2025 will be mailed out by the 31st of January.

If you have any questions regarding your statement or do not receive a statement by the first week of February, please email Paula Luna at pluna@stgeorgelonglake.org or call her at 952-228-5879.



As we start 2026 and you take stock of how you spend your time, how you serve others, and how you can forge a stronger relationship with Jesus, please reflect on one or two ways that you might be able to contribute your time and talent to serve our parish. We are always in need of greeters, Eucharistic ministers, Corn Days volunteers, and other roles. What is a talent you have and how can it be used for the glory of God?



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who recently died: Mary Murley, Phyllis Meister (cousin of Dick Stubbs), Jeanie Mann, Phylliss Pudwill (aunt of Michelle Flannery), Betty Wollin (sister of Winnie Kroll), Sister Adeline Kroll (sister of Clem Kroll), Terrance Hughes, Joyce Moxon, Marion Hayes, Clem Kroll

Those who are sick, hospitalized, injured, or recuperating: Samantha Voigt (granddaughter of Theresa Beck), Pat Janos, Jane Hall, Allen Schwinghammer (brother of Karen Speeter), Jim Sundean, Roger Sundean, Bobbi Vaughan, Shawn Sutherland, Drew Janos (grandson of Rich and Pat Janos)

Those who are homebound or in assisted living homes

Those who are serving our country: Sid Brown, Whitney Eisinger, Justin Eisinger, Dylan Jones, Chris Pearson, Ben Persian

All those currently in treatment for their respective addictions and those who need to face their addictions.

MASSES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, January 3, 4:00pm: †Barry Miller

Sunday, January 4, 9:15am: People of the Parish

Sunday, January 4, 5:00pm in Spanish: TBD

Tuesday, January 6, 5:30pm: †Phyllis Meister

Wednesday January 7, 8:30am: †Jeanie Mann

Thurs, January 8, 8:30am: †Robert Strand

Friday, January 9, 8:30am: NO MASS

Sat, January 10, 4:00pm: †Clem Kroll

Sunday, January 11, 9:15am: †Rita Hughes

Sunday, January 11, 5:00pm in Spanish: People of the Parish

PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 4

10:30am Youth Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 7

9:00am-10:30am Divine Will group

6:15am-7:15am PreK-1 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

6:15pm-7:45pm Grades 2-9+ Faith Formation & Confirmation

6:45pm-8:15pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 8

7:00pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, January 14

9:00am-10:30am Divine Will group

6:15am-7:15am PreK-1 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

6:15pm-7:45pm Grades 2-9+ Faith Formation & Confirmation

6:45pm-8:15pm Choir Rehearsal

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 10 at 4pm: Weekend Mass

Rosary: Jeff Strand Lector: Jeff Strand

Greeters: Mary Shearer, Mary Lindbloom

EM: Mary Lindbloom, Meghan Flannery, Jeff Strand,

Mary Shearer Altar Server/Sacristan: Mike D

Sunday, January 11 at 9:15am: Weekend Mass

Rosary: Anne Marie Johnson Greeters: Youth

Lector: Youth EM: Margo Williams, Beth Juusola

Sacristan: Beth Juusola Altar Server: Penny Juusola & Ian Miskowic

Please contact Sara Dore at sdore@stgeorgelonglake.org to volunteer or if you have questions.

Readings for Sunday, January 4, 2026

First Reading: Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

Psalm: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

Second Reading: It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body. (Eph 3:5-6)

Gospel: "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

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Readings for the Week of Sunday, 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

Observances for the week of January 4, 2026

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

Monday: St. John Neumann, Bishop

Tuesday: St. André Bessette, Religious

Wednesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord



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