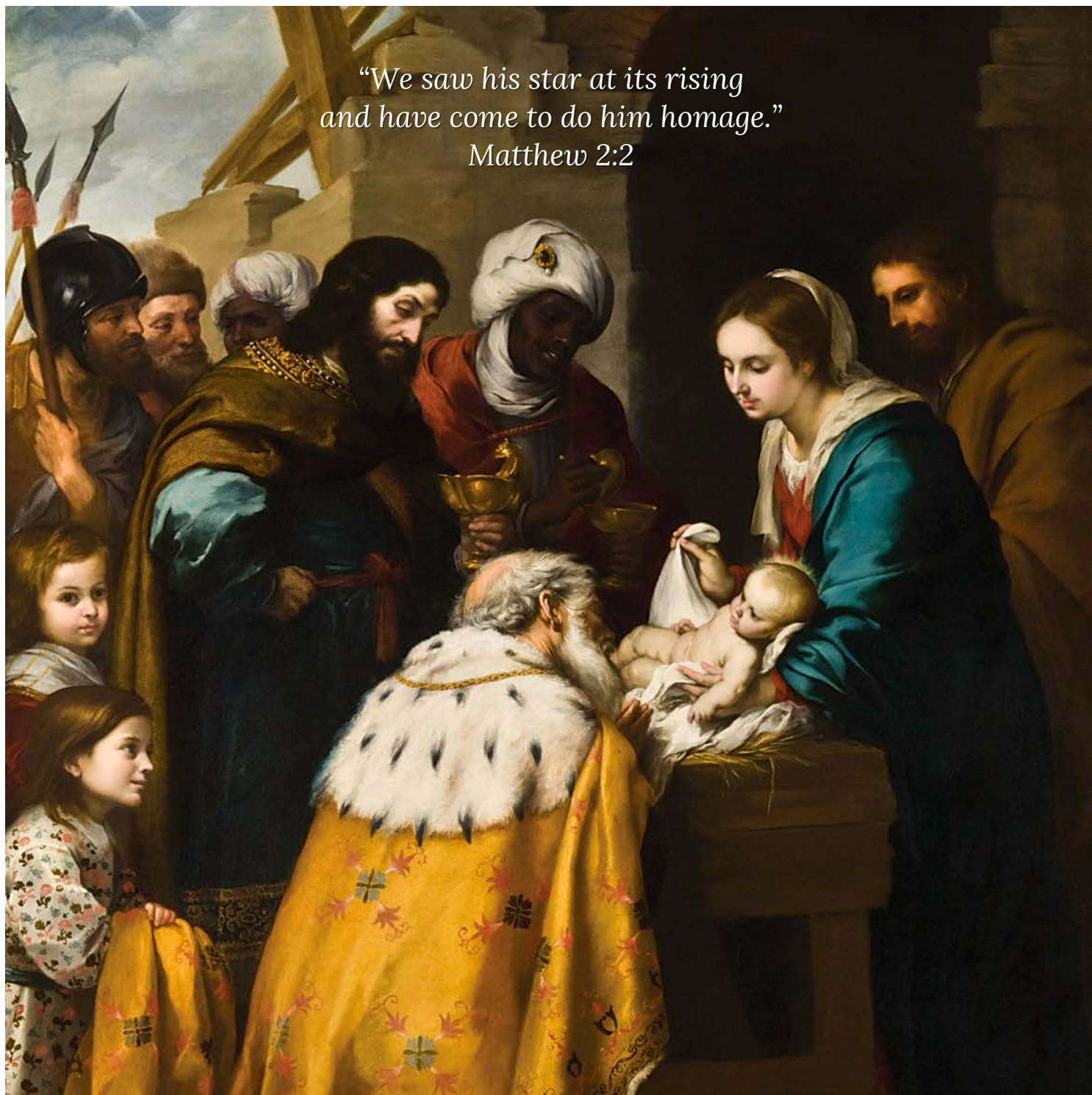


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*"We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage."
Matthew 2:2*



Red Cross Blood Drive
Thursday, January 8th
12:00pm-7:00pm



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WELCOME! We're so happy you're here today. God delights in you, and He desires to draw close to you in this Holy Mass. If you're visiting St. Catharine for the first time, thank you for praying with us—we're honored by your presence. Please silence your phones and help us keep a spirit of reverence in the church. **Restrooms can be found in the Undercroft and the Parish Center.** If you need help, just look for someone wearing a green lanyard. We hope you'll join us again soon!

TO THE PARENTS of LITTLE ONES... Thank you for your courage and love in bringing your children to Mass. Even when it feels chaotic, your efforts matter more than you know. God sees every sacrifice, and your children's presence is a powerful witness of faith.

If your children have some extra wiggles or need to let out a few extra joyful noises, we have a large **Quieting Room in the Church, as well as a video feed in the Parish Hall Gallery** should you need to step out. But please do come back—we want you here!

TO OUR PARISH FAMILY... Children remind us that the Church is alive and growing. Their joyful noises are music to God's ears. Let's welcome them with kindness and support their parents with a smile of encouragement.

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December 14th, 2025

Weekly Offertory (Envelopes, Loose, Online)	\$15,261
Weekly Budgeted Offertory	\$20,000
Difference	-\$4,739

Year-to-Date (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026)

Weekly Offertory (Envelopes, Loose, Online)	\$435,171
Weekly Budgeted Offertory	\$480,000
Difference	-\$44,829

SCAN TO GIVE



Confession

Wednesday • 6:30pm
Saturday • 9:00am

By appointment

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ADORE Night

Every Wednesday at 6:30pm

A candle-lit evening of Adoration with Confession, songs of praise & worship, prayers, and devotions.

This Week

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

8:30am	Holy Mass (People of the Parish)
9:30am	Baptism Class
11:00am	Holy Mass (George Shaker) 🕯️
12:00pm	Baptisms
5:00pm	Holy Mass (Laura Doland)

Monday, January 5th: *Memorial of St. John Neumann, Bishop*

8:00am	Holy Mass (Jean Fenstermaker, RIP)
6:30pm	Scouts
7:00pm	Choir Practice

Tuesday, January 6th: *Tuesday after Epiphany*

8:00am	Holy Mass (Josh Sweeney)
7:00pm	Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

Wednesday, January 7th: *Wednesday after Epiphany*

12p-2p	Parish Offices Closed
6:00pm	Holy Mass (Dr. Jack Ryan)
6:30pm	ADORE Night (Confession/Adoration)

Thursday, January 8th: *Thursday after Epiphany*

8:00am	Holy Mass (Joseph Sweeney)
12p-7p	Red Cross Blood Drive
6:00pm	Courageous Daughters of the Eucharist
7:30pm	Knights of Columbus

Friday, January 9th: *Friday after Epiphany*

8:00am	Holy Mass (Lindi Sweeney)
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Saturday, January 10th: *Saturday after Epiphany*

7:00am	That Man Is You!
8:30am	Holy Mass (Anne Rideout)
9:00am	Confessions

Sunday, January 11th: *The Baptism of the Lord*

8:30am	Holy Mass (Marylin Ferrey)
11:00am	Holy Mass (People of the Parish)
12:00pm	Baptisms
5:00pm	Holy Mass (Sue Taylor)

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel



Sunday-Friday
6:00am-12:00am
Saturday
6:00am-4:00pm

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Fridays at 3:00pm

Children's Holy Hour

Saturdays at 3:00pm



January 4, 2026

The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6 | Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 | Mt 2:1-12

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Have you ever had a moment where you've been so joyful that your heart "throbbed and overflowed"? (Is. 60:5) Perhaps this prompt might call to mind moments we have been chosen or noticed, especially when we otherwise felt sidelined or forgotten. (Imagine expecting to be picked last for the team, only to be someone's first choice!) Today's first reading speaks of a moment like that. While the nations of the earth are shrouded in darkness, God shines his light and glory on Jerusalem, and all the nations come streaming to her bearing precious tributes. Similarly, our Gospel speaks about how God chose Bethlehem — a seemingly insignificant town — to be the birthplace of his Son: "And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people." Like Jerusalem and Bethlehem, we, too, have been chosen by God. As we continue our celebration of Christmas, our hearts are filled to overflowing when we recall that by taking on our flesh, God has chosen to make his home with us for all eternity.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Paul reminds us that God has chosen us, not only for ourselves, but for the sake of others: "You have heard of the stewardship of *God's grace that was given to me for your benefit.*" God gives Paul a special revelation to know the mystery of God so he could preach the Gospel to the Gentiles and to all peoples. We who know the joy of having been chosen to be God's beloved sons and daughters have the beautiful task of helping others to know that they, too, are chosen by God. Because of this, evangelization is not simply an item on our spiritual to-do list; it is a work of joy — the joy of helping others to discover their own "belovedness" as children of God. And of course, this message is for *everyone!*

INVITATION

One of the best presents we can offer to someone is our presence. Make an effort this week to intentionally spend time with someone who may feel lonely or forgotten, setting aside other tasks to focus entirely on them. The goal is to help them feel special and *chosen* as a way of giving a glimpse of God's love that chooses each of us out of the many. May the gift of your presence help them to remember how very loved they are.



Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

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St. Joseph, defender of life,
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Lord, Hear Our Prayer

"The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects."

If you or a loved one would like to be added to the Prayer Chain please email info@stcatharine.com or call 614-231-4509. Names will remain on the Prayer Chain for 4 months or until they are asked to be removed.

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An Epiphany (and a Resolution)

By Bentley

Hi everyone! Bentley here. I know it's been a while since I last checked in. Christmas flew by in a swirl of activity: extra people around the parish, doors opening and closing, and more interesting smells than I could possibly keep track of. Then the decorations came down, calendars flipped to January, and suddenly we were talking about New Year's resolutions. Eat better. Exercise more. Be more patient. I don't usually make resolutions myself, but I've noticed something about humans: the best ones aren't about doing more, but about making space.



That's where the Feast of the Epiphany comes in. Epiphany is all about revelation: Jesus being made known to the whole world. The Magi notice a star, follow it faithfully, and arrive at the place where Christ is present. They don't rush past Him. They stop. They kneel. They adore.

That part really gets my attention. I know something about stopping when you find what you're looking for.

After their encounter with Jesus, the Magi don't simply go back to life as it was. Scripture tells us they "returned home by another way." Saint Augustine explains why: "Having found Christ, they returned by another road, because they had been changed." Meeting Jesus always changes the direction of our lives...even in small, quiet ways.

As the new year begins, Epiphany invites us to consider a different kind of resolution: not just what we want to improve, but where we want to spend our time. One beautiful way to do that is by committing to an hour in our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. Just one hour a week set aside to sit with Jesus, to adore Him as the Magi did, and to let Him gently redirect our hearts.

You don't have to have the perfect words. You don't have to "do" anything at all. Just show up. Stay. Adore. You might be surprised how that hour changes the rest of your week, and maybe even the path you're walking this year.

From your parish dog: may this Epiphany help us keep the best resolution of all—making room to encounter Christ and allowing Him to lead us home by another way.


See you in the pews (or the chapel),
Bentley 🐾

January Food Pantry Need CANNED SOUP


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	LC	Lector	Extraordinary Minister	MC	Altar Servers	Hospitality	
January 11th 8:30am	Toni Carmon	Laura Bowen (1) Tracey D'Alessandro (2)	Jennifer Hadden - North Pam Rice - North Christopher Berndt - South Matthew Klingler - South	Bruce Hadden	Josiah Anderson David Kebe Cole Klingler	Rebecca Jackson - West Nathan Murphy - West Ed Stange - North Rick Walsh - South Linda Wolfe - NE Jim Wolfe - East South	Group 1 Maria Roberts
January 11th 11:00am	Yvonne Moyer	Lily Bell (1) John Thiel (2)	David Isaacs, Jane Isaacs, Anthony Bennett, John Mackessy Nick Perry, Beth Henney, Mike Agriesti, Anthony DiNapoli	Aidan Henney	Samuel Bennett Patrick Henney Andrew Horn	Barbara Murphy - North Susan Manos - South Chuck Burkhardt - NE Giana Coleman - East South *1 Needed*	Group 2 Elyse Salisbury
January 11th 5:00pm	Rita Hoyt	*2 Needed*	Molly Mackessy - North Peggy Mackessy - North Sheri Barlay - South Mark Savino - South	Thomas Sweeney	Sophia Berndt Theresa Murphy Miguel Zamaripa	Angela Savino - North Mark Savino - South Jim Mackessy - NE Matt Plank - East South *1 Needed*	Bickford Chloe Johnston



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*"See what love the Father has bestowed on us
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St. Catharine offers a new family-centered Baptism prep program to deepen understanding and connection to Jesus. It includes two sessions held on the 1st Sunday of each month after the 8:30am Mass. **Expectant parents are encouraged to attend even before your little one is born!** Learn more or register at www.stcatharine.com/baptism

Questions? Fr. Brown • frbrown@stcatharine.com



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Questions?

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