



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. - Mt 2:10-11a

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The 4pm Sunday Mass @  
St Cecilia will be held in the  
Sacred Heart's Chapel  
(basement).

#### THE SACRED HEART'S CHURCH & COMMUNITY'S MISSION:

In the example, imitation & guidance- of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - our Divine Patron, we will strive to fulfill the Catholic Church's mission, that is, to evangelize; which means to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all, ultimately seeking to lead everyone to a deeper relationship with God. In this mission, we will embody Christ's love through service, teaching the Catholic faith, and foster the salvation and sanctification of our brothers & sisters, which we will devotedly & zealously manifest in the ongoing efforts to serve the poor, the marginalized, and all those in need in our community.

#### THE ST. CECILIA'S CHURCH & COMMUNITY'S MISSION:

In the example & intercession of our Patron Saint: St. Cecilia - a Virgin & a Martyr- we will strive to fulfill the Catholic Church's mission, that is, to evangelize; which means to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all, ultimately seeking to lead everyone to a deeper relationship with God. In this mission, we will embody Christ's love through service, teaching the Catholic faith, and foster the salvation and sanctification of our brothers & sisters, which we will devotedly & zealously manifest in the ongoing efforts to serve the poor, the marginalized, and all those in need in our community.



† Wine & hosts for the altar at *Sacred Heart* for the month of **January** have been graciously sponsored in loving memory of **Louis & Irene Zanella**, by **Bill & Wendy Hall**.

## AMASS SCHEDULE

**Sat. Jan 3, 4:00 pm (SH)** - † For the repose of the soul of Leonard Roginski, requested by George Stanwick.

**Sun. Jan 4, 9:00 am (SC) - 1.)** † In loving memory of Norbert & Verna Bicheler, requested by John & Sheila Cranker.

2.) † Happiness, love and peace for Kaitlyn A. Simonds-Hadcock, requested by her mom.

**Sun. Jan 4, 4:00 pm (SC)** - For the people of the parish.

### Tues. Jan 6 thru Sun. Jan. 4, 2026

**Tue. Jan 6, 8:00 am (SH)** - For the people of the parish.

**Wed. Jan 7, 8:00 am (SC)** - For the people of the parish.

**Thurs. Jan 8, 8:00 am (SH)** - For the people of the parish.

**Fri. Jan 9, 8:00 am (SC)** - For the health & healing of the people of our parish.

**Sat. Jan 10, 4:00 pm (SH)** - For the dire humanitarian issues throughout so many regions.

**Sun. Jan 11, 9:00 am (SC)** - † For the repose of the soul of Pat Grandy, requested by Jim Wray & family.

**Sun. Jan 11, 4:00 pm (SC)** - For the people of the parish.

**Second Collections**  
**Jan 3/4 Fuel/Heat**

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

*Jan 4, 2026 - The Epiphany of the Lord - Matthew 2:1-12*

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.

-Father John Muir  
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### Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

Jan 3 (SH)	Katherine Downing Tony Stellato	Jan 10 (SH)	Cathy Parry Katherine Downing
Jan 4 (SC)	Ken Stuff Dianne Kierpiec	Jan 11 (SC)	Kathy Marcais Bill Quinn

### Counters Schedule

Jan 5 (SH)	Katherine Downing Wendy Hall	Jan 12 (SH)	Barb Bilins Kathy Avery
Jan 5 (SC)	Flo Stanton Margaret Smith	Jan 12 (SC)	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais

### Food Pantry



Jan 7 (SH)	Jamie Lemiszki John Nigro
Jan 28 (SC)	Dianne Kierpiec Kathleen Harris Ann Mahon



**Sunday Mass at St. Cecilia:** The 5 pm Sunday Mass at St. Cecilia has been moved to 4pm for the winter months. This Mass will be held in the chapel.

**Mass Cancellations, Winter Protocol:** During the winter months, if FFCS has a delay or cancelation, Mass will be canceled on that day.

**Food Pantry Donations:** There are baskets in the vestibule of each parish, placed there for food donations for the pantry. The need for food is so great in this time. Your donations truly matter.

**Sacred Heart Pie Raffle:** Our weekly pie raffle has returned, just in time for the holidays. Purchase your tickets in the vestibule before Saturday's Vigil Mass

**Sunday Raffle at St. Cecilia:** We will gladly accept donations as we continue our Sunday raffle. As always, we appreciate your support.

**Healing Mass:** The First Thursday/ Friday of each month we invite you to Healing Mass

**Sacred Heart:** Thurs. @ 8am  
**St. Cecilia:** Fri @ 8am in the chapel.

## A Day of Healing and Hope



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"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted". Matthew 5:4



**2025-26 Diocesan Appeal:** We will begin tracking our contributions in January. Both parishes have a \$5,000. assessment. Your gift helps our parishes and our diocese, serve others and spread the Gospel in meaningful, lasting ways.

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you!

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