

January 4, 2026



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ST. MICHAEL'S & ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCHES MAHNOMEN, MINNESOTA

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December 28, 2025 – The Epiphany of the Lord

All nations are invited to sing the Lord's praises for they have been called to hear the good news and worship the long-awaited Messiah and King with the gift of their lives.

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The Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated this weekend, January 3rd and 4th, normal Mass times. All are invited to an Epiphany Party, 11:30 am at St. Michael's Parish Hall, for all members of our Parishes/School. Like the Magi brought gifts to Jesus, the newborn Savior of the world, we celebrate all the many gifts of "time, talent and treasure" you give throughout the years! ALL are

welcome. Invite your Families and Friends. Our Pastoral/Parish Councils and Parish Staffs are serving a Brunch: Scrambled eggs w/ham, fruit, rolls, juice and coffee. There will be a program and drawings for door prizes!

The Baptism of the Lord on January 11th concludes the Christmas Season. Let us celebrate the whole Christmas Season with a growing Faith, Hope and Love. Let us give God "glory" and thank God for the coming of Jesus Christ the Lord, Emmanuel – God with us!



Update on End of Year Fundraising Appeal: Thank you to everyone who has so far contributed towards our end of year fundraising appeal for the replacement of the parish hall carpet. As of December 30, 2025, we have received \$3,525 of our goal of \$34,000. Thank you very much for your generous support of this project because the parish hall is an essential space for our church and school activities. If you are still considering donating, please use the envelope you received in the mail, drop it in the collection basket any weekend, or mail it back to the parish office. You can also donate online at www.stmichaelmahnomen.org and click the GIVE Button, in the drop-down menu, then select Parish Hall Project. May God bless you abundantly and Happy New Year.

Thank you from Fr. Andrew: I hope and pray you all had a wonderful Christmas celebration. Thank you to everyone who thought about and prayed for me during this Christmas holiday. I am very grateful to you all for your lovely Christmas cards and generous gifts. I am enjoying them and will enjoy them for a long time. I celebrated the Christmas night Mass for the parishioners of St. Michael's and St. Joseph's and for all your intentions. I pray that the Incarnate Son of God may bless you abundantly and may you have a blessed and grace-filled New Year 2026.

<p>Saturday 1/3/26</p> <p>Team 1</p>	<p>9:00 am First Saturday Devotions at St. Joseph's 10:30 am Briar Stenberg Baptism at St. Michael's 5:00 pm Mass at St. Michael's: † Ruby Klinkhammer by Wes & Lois Klema and Family Sacristan: Juanita Zimmerman Servers: Claire, Heath and Malynn Sather Lector: Dave Zimmerman Commentator: Juanita Zimmerman Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Janisch, Dave Zimmerman, Joe Kaiser Ushers: Don Eveslage, Don Kaiser, Gary Klinkhammer, Joe Kaiser Cantors: Tina Penner</p>
<p>Sunday 1/4/26</p> <p>The Epiphany Of the Lord</p> <p>CLOW at Both Parishes Team 1</p> <p>Epiphany Party at St. Michael's After 11:30 Mass</p>	<p>8:00 am Reconciliation at St. Joseph's 8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's: For the Parishioners Server: Wyatt Geray Lector: Vickie Anderson Commentator: Joe Buresh Gifts: Joe Buresh and Marilyn Buresh Eucharistic Ministers: Cletus Geray, Rita Wolbeck, PauliAnn Neisen, Joe Buresh, Jeff Crandall</p> <p>10:30 am Mass at St. Michael's: † Betty Thompson by Dave & Nicole Thompson Family Sacristan: Fred Houdek Servers: HELP NEEDED Lector: Judy McCollum Commentator: HELP NEEDED Eucharistic Ministers: Judy McCollum, Fred Houdek, Karen Ahmann, HELP NEEDED Ushers: HELP NEEDED Cantor: Jill Bisek Pianist: Gina Worms</p>
<p>Monday - 1/5/26</p>	<p>No Mass</p>
<p>Tuesday 1/6/26</p>	<p>8:30 am Mass at St. Michael's: For the Parishioners 9:30 am Collection Counters: Doris Eiyneck and Karen Hanson</p>
<p>Wednesday 1/7/26</p>	<p>10:00 am Mass at Mahnomen Senior Living: Carol Liebl by Her Family 6:15-7:00 pm Grades 3-8 Faith Formation Class 7:00-8:15 pm Grades 9 and 10 Faith Formation Class</p>
<p>Thursday 1/8/26</p>	<p>2:00 pm Bulletin Folder: Marlys Johnson 5:30 pm Mass at St. Michael's: For the Parishioners 6:00 pm Reconciliation</p>
<p>Friday 1/9/26</p>	<p>8:30 am Mass at St. Michael's w/Students: † Urban Neisen by Rita Neisen</p>
<p>Saturday 1/10/26</p> <p>Team 2</p>	<p>4:30 pm Reconciliation at St. Michael's 5:00 pm Mass at St. Michael's: † Betty Thompson by Dave & Nicole Thompson Family Sacristan: Joe Kaiser Servers: Thor, Aksel, Brea and Ivan Askelson Lector: Rita LaVoi Commentator: HELP NEEDED Eucharistic Ministers: Michael & Megan Askelson, Bob Spaeth, Nancy LaDoux, HELP NEEDED Ushers: Urban Jirik, Michael Askelson, HELP NEEDED Cantor: Dave Kochmann, Evan Bruggeman Pianist: HELP NEEDED</p>
<p>Baptism of The Lord</p> <p>Sunday 1/11/26</p> <p>Team 2</p>	<p>8:00 am Reconciliation at St. Joseph's 8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's: For the Parishioners Server: Norah Geray Lector: Cletus Geray Commentator: Vickie Anderson Gifts: Cletus and Shane Geray, Jeanette Bray Eucharistic Ministers: Dan and Deb McNamee, Doug and Yvonne Kersting, JoAnn Kersting</p> <p>10:30 am Mass at St. Michael's: † Carol Liebl by Her Family Sacristan: Mark Jirik Servers: Brandon Miller Lector: Mark Jirik Commentator: Char Spaeth Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Jirik, Karen Hanson, Roger and Peggy Francis, HELP NEEDED Ushers: Ryan Ennen, Steve Worms, Mark Jirik, HELP NEEDED Cantor: Char Spaeth Pianist: Gina Worms</p>



Stewardship of Treasure
For The Week of December 28, 2025

Thank you to all who are using envelopes or mailing your
stewardship offering to the parish office.
Your Gifts Are Greatly Appreciated!

	<u>St. Michael's</u>	<u>St. Joseph's</u>
Adult	\$ 1565.00	\$ 260.00
Youth	\$	\$
Plate	\$ 270.00	\$ 10.00
TOTAL	\$ 1835.00	\$ 270.00
Year-to-date Totals (As of July 1, 2025)	\$ 72,847.00	\$ 32,388.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 50.00	\$
Christmas	\$ 5110.00	\$ 2673.00

***YOUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED - Please pray for
those in need for their healing & peace.***
We Especially Remember:

Harold Schultz, Reed Bjerck, Jeri Lynn Jaeger, Keith Francis,
Sue Voit, Shirley Sweep, Caleb Stock, Jessica Halvorson,
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And all recipients of the Catholic Daughter Prayer Blankets.

To add or remove someone from our Parish Prayer Chain, please
call the Parish Office at 218-935-2503.

Christmas Flowers

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†Bill and †Bernice Bruggeman;
†Ralph, †Elaine and †Kim Lofgen;
†Todd Newton; †Gene Janisch
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**January 4, 2026
Epiphany of the Lord**

*"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold,
frankincense, and myrrh." MATTHEW 2:11*

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant
Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him
is an image that we should all try to follow each day.
In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are
called to generously share all our gifts, not just the
ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be
generous with everything, but especially
that one thing that means the most to you.

**Chalking the Door
The Epiphany House Blessing**

"Chalking the door" is a centuries-old custom in
which Christians gather on the feast of the Epiphany
to ask God's blessing on their home.

A traditional way of doing this is to take a piece of
blessed chalk and inscribe above the entrance door to
the home.

20 + C + M + B + 26

The "20" and "26" refer to the actual year. The "+"
between the letters symbolizes the cross of Christ.

The "C M B" initials have two meanings:

1. The initials represent the three Magi:
Casper, Melchior and Balthazar.
2. "Mansionem benedict" (May Christ bless this
house).

Blessing the Home on Epiphany

*God of Light, bless our home. Make it a
haven of rest for all in need of your
warmth and care. And when we go out
from this place, may we never lose sight of
Christ's light. We mark our door with the
symbol of blessing:*

20 + C + M + B + 26

*May all who enter, through the year, find
love and light; for Christ has come to dwell
in this home and in these hearts. Amen.*



St. Michael's School News

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To contact the school office

Please call: 218-935-5222

Website: www.stmichaelschool.org

School Resumes Monday, January 5th

Coming – February 1, 2026

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Benefit Dinner

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Call the school to reserve your ticket today.

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Faith Formation Classes for 3-10 graders resume on Wednesday, January 7, 2026.

3rd - 8th grade: 6:15 - 7:00 pm

9th - 10th grade: 7:00 - 8:15 pm

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Sundays – January 4 and 18, 2026

Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Oklee

invites you to a Mercy Hour with Bishop Cozzens on **Sunday, January 11th at 3:00 PM.** Mercy Hours are services of healing for individuals and families. Mercy Hours include exposition/adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a talk by Bishop Cozzens, prayers and intercessions, music, and prayer stations, all culminating in an intimate moment of a Eucharistic



encounter offered for you as an individual, a couple, or as a family.

Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 301 Governor St, Oklee, MN 56742. All are welcome. For more information, visit

www.crookston.org/mercy-hours

If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or its schools, your first call should be to law enforcement. In addition, the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 (24-hour confidential number).

Retreat Opportunities

For Middle-School and High School Youth

Wednesday, January 28, 2026: 7:00 pm
Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Detroit Lakes

Wednesday, March 11, 2026: 7:00 pm
St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Moorhead

Wednesday, April 29, 2026: 7:00 pm
St. Bernard's Catholic Church, Thief River Falls

For more information, please see the posters on our bulletin boards.

THE BATTLE CONTINUES...

Join the March for Life

**Saturday, January 24, 2026
12:00 Noon**

Beltrami County Courthouse

MARCH FOR JUSTICE!

Over 80 Million unborn babies killed nationally since 1973

One Million unborn babies killed in Minnesota alone

MARCH FOR WOMEN!

Millions of women have been injured physically, emotionally and spiritually by abortion

Bring the Whole Family and Bring Your Signs! (some provided)

Invocation and Speakers before and after the March

Soup and sandwich lunch to follow at St. Philip's Social Hall

Sacraments

Baptisms: Please call the parish office for baptismal preparation, and to set a date for baptism.

Reconciliation: 4:30 pm Saturdays at St. Michael's
8:00 am Sundays at St. Joseph's
or anytime by appt. with the Pastor

Marriages: Congratulations! Please contact the parish office as soon as possible (ideally, at least six months in advance) so that we can work with you to prepare for your marriage.

Pastoral Visitation: If you desire a home visit, communion for the homebound, or the Sacrament of the sick, please call the office at 935-2503.

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