

January 5, 2025



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



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## January 5, 2025 – The Epiphany of the Lord

All pations 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.

## In Celebration of the 12 Days of Christmas And Our Christmas Season



The Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated this weekend, January 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, normal Mass times. All are invited to an Epiphany Party, 11:30 am 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: Egg Bake, fresh fruit, cinnamon rolls, juice and coffee. There will be a program and drawings for door prizes!

The Baptism of the Lord on January 12<sup>th</sup> 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!

The **2025 calendars** for St. Michael's and St. Joseph's are on their way!

Fr. Andrew leaves for Uganda to visit his family this week and will return on Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for keeping him in your prayers for safe travels. During his absence, Fr. Greg Gallagher, OMI, **phone number 618-580-9829** and Fr. Matthews Zulu, OMI, **phone number 202-913-1624** from the White Earth Catholic Community Churches will substitute for him for the weekend Masses and daily Masses on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. They will also cover any sacramental emergencies. No Masses on Thursdays.

### 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 935-5115.

***We want to be part of your life.***

<p>Epiphany of the Lord</p> <p>Saturday 1/4/25</p> <p>Team 1</p>	<p><b>9:00 am First Saturday Devotions</b>  <b>4:30 pm Reconciliation at St. Michael's</b>  <b>5:00 pm Mass at St. Michael's:</b> † Andrew and † Beryl Wambach by Bruce and Beth Slette  <b>Sacristan:</b> Juanita Zimmerman      <b>Servers:</b> Claire, Heath and Malynn Sather  <b>Lector:</b> Dave Zimmerman      <b>Commentator:</b> Juanita Zimmerman  <b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> Kathy Janisch, Dave Zimmerman, <b>HELP NEEDED</b>  <b>Ushers:</b> Don Eveslage, Don Kaiser, Gary Klinkhammer, <b>HELP NEEDED</b>  <b>Cantors:</b> Dave Kochmann, Evan Bruggeman, Keith Francis      <b>Pianist:</b> <b>HELP NEEDED</b></p>
<p>Epiphany of the Lord</p> <p>Sunday 1/5/25</p> <p>Team 1</p> <p>11:30 Epiphany Party After Mass At St. Michael's</p>	<p><b>8:00 am Reconciliation at St. Joseph's</b>  <b>8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's:</b> For the Parishioners  <b>Server:</b> Wyatt Geray  <b>Lector:</b> Vickie Anderson      <b>Commentator:</b> Joe Buresh  <b>Gifts:</b> Joe Buresh and Marilyn Buresh  <b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> Cletus Geray, Rita Wolbeck, PauliAnn Neisen, Joe Buresh, Jeff Crandall</p> <p><b>10:30 am Mass at St. Michael's:</b> † John Stall by Richard and Ann Stall  <b>Sacristan:</b> Fred Houdek      <b>Servers:</b> <b>HELP NEEDED</b>  <b>Lector:</b> Judy McCollum      <b>Commentator:</b> Melissa Netland  <b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> Judy McCollum, Fred Houdek, Karen Ahmann, Jason and Tina Starkey  <b>Ushers:</b> <b>HELP NEEDED</b>  <b>Cantor:</b> Jill Bisek, Bridget      <b>Pianist:</b> Gina Worms</p>
<p>Monday - 1/6/25</p>	<p><b>No Mass</b></p>
<p>Tuesday 1/7/25</p>	<p><b>8:30 am Mass at St. Michael's:</b> † All Souls by Marina Bruggeman  <b>9:30 am Collection Counters:</b> Victor and Doris Eiyneck  <b>10:00 am Catholic Daughters Rosary at Mahnomen Senior Living:</b> Bev Schoenborn</p>
<p>Wednesday 1/8/25</p>	<p><b>10:00 am Mass at Mahnomen Senior Living:</b> † Cletus Liebl by Carol Liebl  <b>No Faith Formation Classes</b></p>
<p>Thursday 1/9/25</p>	<p><b>2:00 pm Bulletin Folders:</b> Marlys Johnson and Eunice Bellanger  <b>No Mass</b></p>
<p>Friday 1/10/25</p>	<p><b>8:30 am Mass at St. Michael's w/Students:</b> † Andrew and † Beryl Wambach by Bruce and Beth Slette</p>
<p>Baptism of the Lord</p> <p>Saturday 1/11/25</p> <p>Team 2</p>	<p><b>4:30 pm Reconciliation at St. Michael's</b>  <b>5:00 pm Mass at St. Michael's:</b> For the Parishioners  <b>Sacristan:</b> Joe Kaiser      <b>Servers:</b> Thor, Aksel, Brea and Ivan Askelson  <b>Lector:</b> Rita LaVoi      <b>Commentator:</b> <b>HELP NEEDED</b>  <b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> Urban Jirik, Michael &amp; Megan Askelson, Bob Spaeth, Nancy LaDoux  <b>Ushers:</b> Urban Jirik, Michael Askelson, <b>HELP NEEDED</b>  <b>Cantors:</b> Dave Kochmann, Evan Bruggeman, Keith Francis      <b>Pianist:</b> <b>HELP NEEDED</b></p>
<p>Baptism of the Lord</p> <p>Sunday 1/12/25</p> <p>Team 2</p>	<p><b>8:00 am Reconciliation at St. Joseph's</b>  <b>8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's:</b> For the Parishioners  <b>Server:</b> Norah Geray  <b>Lector:</b> Cletus Geray      <b>Commentator:</b> Vickie Anderson  <b>Gifts:</b> Cletus and Shane Geray, Jeanette Bray  <b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> Dan and Deb McNamee, Doug and Yvonne Kersting, JoAnn Kersting</p> <p><b>10:30 am Mass at St. Michael's:</b> † Ray and † Darryl Bruggeman by Marina Bruggeman  <b>Sacristan:</b> John Darco      <b>Servers:</b> Brandon Miller and Dakotah Littlewolf  <b>Lector:</b> Dave Vipond  <b>Commentator:</b> Peggy Darco  <b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> John and Peggy Darco, Karen Hanson, Roger and Peggy Francis  <b>Ushers:</b> Ryan Ennen, Steve Worms, <b>HELP NEEDED</b>  <b>Cantors:</b> Askelson Family      <b>Pianist:</b> Megan Askelson</p>



Stewardship of Treasure  
For The Week of December 29, 2024

*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	\$ 2515.00	\$ 1558.00
Youth		
Plate	\$ 263.00	\$ 112.00
TOTAL	\$ 2778.00	\$ 1670.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 30.00	
Christmas	\$ 6671.69	\$ 2387.00

Christmas Flowers



- † Alma Meyer-Worms
- † Wilfred and † Camilla Liebl  
By Ron and Bonnie Liebl
- † Ray and † Tiny Hlubek † Louis and  
† Clara Hendrickson
- † Art and † Evie VanMetre  
By Marcia and Myron Hendrickson

**The "Sunday Mass Devotional"**  
on KRJM "Gold 101.5 FM" Radio  
*Can be heard from (1:00-1:30pm each Sunday)*  
Cost: \$42.00  
*(Please Consider sponsoring or donating)*

Today's "Sunday Mass Devotional"  
**In Honor of Joyce Stock's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

By Pat Collison

January 12 2025  
Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7  
Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10  
Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38  
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

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

Darlene Krajsa, Lily Thronson, Corina Sanden, Cele Mazour, Lucy Johnson, Dorothy Becker, JoAnn Revier, Amanda Bray, Norene Kersting, Nan Christopherson, Ernie Stock, Jade (Liebl) Fritz, Maggie Lerud, Brittany Hinks, Joe Thompson, Mary Jirik, Joyce Sponskowski, Beck Gieseke, Joyce Klinkhammer, Alan Beach, Nick Buck, Sue Backes, Christie Havercamp, Cole Houska, Sonya Hanson

*And all recipients of the Catholic Daughter Prayer Blankets.*

To add to or remove someone from our Parish Prayer Chain, please call the Parish Office (218-935-2503)

**St. Michael's School News**

***"Faith. Family. Future."***

To contact the school office

Please call: 218-935-5222

Website: [www.stmichaelschool.org](http://www.stmichaelschool.org)



**\*Congratulations To Calendar Winner of \$50.00\***

***Maddox Helbling of Apple Valley MN***

**St. Michael's School Basement Floor Refinished**

The St. Michael's School basement floors were refinished over Christmas break and look amazing! Thank you to K & M Coatings of Perham for doing the project. This project was approved by the Parish Finance Council. The work is now complete and was done at a cost of \$12,842.50 taken from our Building Fund invested with the Catholic Community Fund.

Thank you to Dave Vipond of the St. Michael's Finance Council, for taking the lead on the project; Wayne Ahmann Construction (Wayne Ahmann and Michael Askelson) for removing tile in the library; Loren Zimmel, Kaden & Marcus Noll, Kyle & Kristi Dormanen, and Monica Keller for helping to pack everything up and moving large furniture.

You are invited, if you have time when the school is open, to stop by and see the new floors. Thank you all for the sacrifice you make in supporting St. Michael's School.

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).

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 + 25

The “20” and 25” 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 + 25*

*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.*

**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wild Rice  
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Pre-Register by mail: January 25, 2025

Join the **March for Life**

**Saturday, January 18, 2025 12:00 Noon  
Beltrami County Courthouse**

**MARCH FOR JUSTICE!**

67 Million unborn babies killed nationally since 1973

750,000 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

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER  
Marriage Ministry**

**Feeling disconnected? Every married couple deserves the gift of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend!**

The next weekends in this area will be held April 5-6, 2025 in BRAINERD, MN and November 22-23, 2025 in ALEXANDRIA, MN. Early registration is highly recommended.

For more information, visit our website at: [northmnwwme.org](http://northmnwwme.org) or contact Miki at [applications@northmnwwme.org](mailto:applications@northmnwwme.org) or 507-227-8229.





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