

January 4th, 2026
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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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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THIS WEEK:

Monday, January 5th

No Scheduled Events

Tuesday, January 6th

8:00 a.m. Mass

6:00 p.m. KC Adoration, Rosary & Meeting (Christmas Party)

Wednesday, January 7th

8:00 a.m. Mass

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Adoration

6:00 p.m. CGS

Thursday, January 8th

8:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, January 9th

8:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday, January 10th

9:00 a.m. Serra Club Mass & Meeting

4:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, January 11th

Mass: 8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

8:30 a.m. - Noon KC Breakfast

11:00 a.m. Divine Intimacy Book Study

DAILY MASS: TUES-FRI 8AM

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 4:30PM

SUNDAY MASS: 8:30AM & 10AM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: WEDNESDAYS 8:30AM-4PM

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

January 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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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
Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6TH

+Tomi Vennes by Alice Leonard

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7TH

Geer & Phillips Families by John & Mary Russell (in memory of Tiffany Geer)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8TH

+Art & Lorraine Wolter by Brunner Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9TH

+Dorothea Howey by Suzanne Watne

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10TH

+Poor Souls in Purgatory by Alice Leonard

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11TH

8:30 a.m. +Bruno Duchscherer by Karen McDonald

10:00 a.m. For the Parishioners

+Indicates Deceased



NEWLY BAPTIZED

Abigail Forbes was recently baptized at Little Flower. She is the daughter of Christina and Mark Forbes.

Audrey King was recently baptized at Little Flower by Deacon Robert Dangel. She is the daughter of Andrew and Samantha King.

Congratulations to Abigail and Audrey and their families!

DIVINE INTIMACY BOOK STUDY 2026

The Divine Intimacy book study at Little Flower with Fr. Phillips will resume January 4 following the 10AM Mass. Class dates: January 4 & 11; February 1, 8, 15, 22; March 1. All are welcome!

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Monday-Thursday 8:30AM-3PM

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The Three Wise Men

Question:

Magi, Three Kings, Three Wise Men...who were they?

Answer:

We sing songs, give gifts, and move three mysterious men into our manger scenes. There's a rich heritage in the Catholic Church of celebrating the magi, but their origins are steeped in mystery. The original Greek calls these men magoi. The word is translated elsewhere in Scripture to mean "magician," but a similar word was used in ancient history to describe an entirely different set of people altogether. In what is now modern-day Iran, the ruling empire had a wealthy priestly caste known as the Magi. At the time of Christ, the Magi formed one of the ruling councils of the Parthian Empire. These priests interpreted dreams and read the stars to anticipate major events that could affect the fortunes of the empire.

We're not exactly sure where the magi of the Gospels traveled from. Matthew simply says "the east." History tells us that the ancient regions of Persia, Assyria, and Babylon all had a magi priesthood at the time of Christ. Whichever region they hailed from, they likely traveled over one thousand miles over the course of several months to arrive at the Holy Family. Unfortunately for the classic song, there is no concrete evidence these men were themselves kings, though they did bear gifts "from afar" at the prompting of their astronomical calculations.

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We have a particular need for altar servers for the Saturday 4:30 p.m. Mass. This is a great way for children to become more connected to Mass. Children and adults are encouraged to serve in this ministry. Contact the parish office to learn more about server training.

MASS MINISTRY SCHEDULES FOR JANUARY 10 & 11

	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 10 a.m.
Rosary	Alice Leonard	Karen McDonald	Paula Wahl
Greeters	Paula Sidener Sue Peterson	Clarence & Amy Aberle	David & Brenda Feller
Altar Servers	Camden Lee	Curt Saari Hadley Duchscherer Tucker Duchscherer	Danica Stolba Luke Bacor
Lector	Diane Zander	Joshua Snyder	Ann Balk
Eucharistic Minister	Chase Lee	Carolyn Johnson	Deacon Stephen Young
In-Home Ministry		Carolyn Johnson	
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ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If anyone is preparing for surgery or is hospitalized or wishing to receive the anointing of the sick, please call the parish office (701-838-1520) or rectory (701-837-5943) to set up an appointment. You can receive this sacrament more than once. Please notify Fr. Phillips upon admission of a family member to the hospital.

CONFESSION TIMES

TUES-FRI: 7:30AM-7:50AM

SAT: 3:15PM-4:15PM

SUNDAY: 7:30AM-8:15AM; 9:30AM-9:50AM

Confession can be heard anytime outside of listed times
by appointment: 837.5943

BISHOP RYAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Little Lions Preschool Registration Opening Soon: At Little Lions Preschool, we help children grow with inspired minds, faithful hearts, and lives of virtue. Registration opens soon for our 2-Day Morning, 3-Day Morning, 5-Day Afternoon, and Full-Day Kindergarten Readiness classes. For more information, contact Megan Selk at mselk@brhs.com or 701-833-3355.



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Thursday, January 8th, 2026

-Food and Fellowship @6:00pm

-Q & A with Fr. Jady Nelson @6:45pm

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BREAKFAST AT LITTLE FLOWER

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11TH, 2026

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ON THE MENU:

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Hello Brother Knights, we are having our January meeting and KC Christmas party Tuesday on the 6th. We will start with adoration in the church at 6:00 then rosary at 6:30 then the meeting to follow in the gathering space at 7:00. We will be discussing upcoming events for the month and how we can help out at the parish and in our catholic community, so if you can make it that would be great! Then after the meeting we will enjoy some delicious food, drinks, and Christmas fun, so come join us for prayer, discussion, and fellowship.

DO YOU HAVE OUR PARISH APP?

With winter weather upon us, now is a great time to download our **FREE** parish app. Any Mass, Adoration, or activity cancellations due to weather will come right to your phone! Simply go to your app store and download the free app. Set Little Flower as your parish and make sure push notifications are ON so you can be alerted to any important messages.



FOOD PANTRIES

Bins are located in gathering space for the Our Lady of Grace and Minot State University food pantries. In this season of giving, please consider donating to those in need with non-perishable food items. The MSU food pantry is for students, so easy to prepare items work best (easy Mac, toaster pastries, etc.).

January 2026

		Dec. 31	1	2	3	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

FREEWILL

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Why creating a will should be your new year's resolution

Creating (or updating) your will is one of the most important goals to add to your list of New Year's resolutions. Without this document, there's no guarantee that your wishes will be fulfilled after death. You've spent your life working hard to support yourself and your family. Here are several reasons why making a will should be a priority on your list of resolutions for the upcoming year.

Ensure Your Wishes Are Honored

Crafting a will allows you to dictate how your assets and belongings will be distributed after your passing. Without a will, the distribution of your estate may be subject to the default laws of your state or country, potentially leading to outcomes that don't align with your wishes. A will ensures that your intentions regarding your estate are clearly documented and followed.

Protect Your Minor Children

If you have underage children, creating a will allows you to appoint a guardian of your choice to care for them in the event of your passing. Without a will specifying your wishes, the court may decide on guardianship based on its assessment, which may not align with your preferences.

In less than 20 minutes, write or update your will for free!

The Bismarck Diocese has a partnership with FreeWill, an online service that makes it simple, cost-free and accessible to create your own will. Nearly 67% of American adults do not have an estate plan, missing a crucial element of Catholic stewardship.

Here's how it works:

1. From the convenience of your home, log in at FreeWill.com/bismarckdiocese.
2. Select a username and password.
3. Begin typing your information.
4. Once completed, your free will is ready to print.
5. You sign and notarize with a local notary public.*
6. DONE!



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If your circumstances should ever change, it's easy and FREE to log back into FreeWill and change your will, then print the updated copy and have it notarized again.

**In the state of N.D., for a will to be legal, you MUST sign your will in front of a notary public. Most banks, insurance offices, investment offices and public libraries have notary publics who can witness your signature.*

For more information, contact Ron Schatz at (701) 204-7202 or rschatz@bismarckdiocese.com or Bryan Winterberg at (701) 415-0399 or bwinterberg@bismarckdiocese.com.



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