

SUNDAY BULLETIN JANUARY 4, 2026 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for January

For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS CONFESSIONS HEARD 30 MINUTES BEFORE EACH MASS

Tuesday, January 6 — St. André

7:30 AM - Joe Heim+

Wednesday, January 7 — St. Raymond of Peñafort

8:15 AM - Steve Martin+

Thursday, January 8 — Christmas Weekday

7:30 AM - Betty Link+

Friday, January 9 — Christmas Weekday

8:15 AM - Vivian VanDyke+

Saturday, January 10 — Saturday of Our Lady

5:00 PM - Sarah Phelan (Sunday Vigil Mass)

Sunday, January 11 — The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 AM - People of the Parish

10:00 AM - Bobby Joe Spangler

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Scripture Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

DIOCESAN OFFICE OF CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION

THE DIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY-ST. JOSEPH IS COMMITTED TO COMBATING SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE CHURCH. IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF SEXUAL ABUSE, OR IF YOU *OBSERVE OR SUSPECT* SEXUAL ABUSE:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18) and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911 and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Ombudsman, 816-213-6024 or ombudsman@diocesekcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of The Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator (VAC), at 816-714-2357 ext. 516 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

“LORD, EVERY NATION ON EARTH WILL ADORE YOU.”

THIS WEEKS' SAINTS

January 5: St. John Neumann

John Neumann was born in what is now the Czech Republic. After studying in Prague, he came to New York at 25 and was ordained a priest. He did missionary work in New York until he was 29, when he joined the Redemptorists and became its first member to profess vows in the United States. He continued missionary work in Maryland, Virginia and Ohio, where he became popular with the Germans.

At 41, as bishop of Philadelphia, he organized the parochial school system into a diocesan one, increasing the number of pupils almost twentyfold within a short time.

Gifted with outstanding organizing ability, he drew into the city many teaching communities of sisters and the Christian Brothers. During his brief assignment as vice provincial for the Redemptorists, he placed them in the forefront of the parochial movement.

Well-known for his holiness and learning, spiritual writing and preaching, on October 13, 1963, John Neumann became the first American bishop to be beatified. Canonized in 1977, he is buried in St. Peter the Apostle Church in Philadelphia.

January 6: St. Andre Bessette

At 25, André applied for entrance into the Congregation of Holy Cross. After a year's novitiate, he was not admitted because of his weak health. But with an extension and the urging of Bishop Bourget, he was finally received. He was given the humble job of doorkeeper at Notre Dame College in Montreal, with additional duties as sacristan, laundry worker and messenger. "When I joined this community, the superiors showed me the door, and I remained 40 years," he said.

In his little room near the door, he spent much of the night on his knees. On his windowsill, facing Mount Royal, was a small statue of Saint Joseph, to whom he had been devoted since childhood. When asked about it he said, "Some day, Saint Joseph is going to be honored in a very special way on Mount Royal!"

When he heard someone was ill, he visited to bring cheer and to pray with the sick person. He would rub the sick person lightly with oil taken from a lamp burning in the college chapel. Word of healing powers began to spread.

When an epidemic broke out at a nearby college, André volunteered to nurse. Not one person died. The trickle of sick people to his door became a flood. His superiors were uneasy; diocesan authorities were suspicious; doctors called him a quack. "I do not cure," he said again and again. "Saint Joseph cures." In the end he needed four secretaries to handle the 80,000 letters he received each year.

For many years the Holy Cross authorities had tried to buy land on Mount Royal. Brother André and others climbed the steep hill and planted medals of Saint Joseph. Suddenly, the

owners yielded. André collected \$200 to build a small chapel and began receiving visitors there—smiling through long hours of listening, applying Saint Joseph's oil. Some were cured, some not. The pile of crutches, canes and braces grew.

The chapel also grew. By 1931, there were gleaming walls, but money ran out. "Put a statue of Saint Joseph in the middle. If he wants a roof over his head, he'll get it." The magnificent Oratory on Mount Royal took 50 years to build. The sickly boy who could not hold a job died at 92.

January 7: St. Raymond of Peñafort

Since Saint Raymond of Peñafort lived into his hundredth year, he had a chance to do many things. As a member of the Spanish nobility, he had the resources and the education to get a good start in life.

By the time he was 20, he was teaching philosophy. In his early 30s he earned a doctorate in both canon and civil law. At 41 he became a Dominican. Pope Gregory IX called him to Rome to work for him and to be his confessor. One of the things the pope asked him to do was to gather together all the decrees of popes and councils that had been made in 80 years since a similar collection by Gratian. Raymond compiled five books called the *Decretals*. They were looked upon as one of the best organized collections of Church law until the 1917 codification of canon law.

Earlier, Saint Raymond of Peñafort had written for confessors a book of cases. It was called *Summa de Casibus Poenitentiae*. More than simply a list of sins and penances, it discussed pertinent doctrines and laws of the Church that pertained to the problem or case brought to the confessor.

At the age of 60, Raymond was appointed archbishop of Tarragona, the capital of Aragon. He didn't like the honor at all and ended up getting sick and resigning in two years.

He didn't get to enjoy his peace long, however, because when he was 63 he was elected by his fellow Dominicans to be the head of the whole Order, the successor of Saint Dominic. Raymond worked hard, visited on foot all the Dominicans, reorganized their constitutions and managed to put through a provision that a master general be allowed to resign. When the new constitutions were accepted, Raymond, then 65, resigned.

He still had 35 years to oppose heresy and work for the conversion of the Moors in Spain. He convinced Saint Thomas Aquinas to write his work *Against the Gentiles*.

In his 100th year, the Lord let Raymond retire.

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KNIGHT RESPONSIBILITIES JANUARY 10-11		
Mass Time	Position	Knights
Sat. 5pm	Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2	Sam Brobst Wyatt Dysart
Sun. 8am	Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2	Cooper Jeschke Cason Bonderer
Sun. 10am	M.C. Thurifer Acolyte 1 Acolyte 2 Cross Bearer Torch Torch	Jack Marshall Eli Gratton Anderson Marcolla Kale Walker Harry Goad Dominic Sherer Weston Leifker

LECTOR SCHEDULE JANUARY 11	
Mass Time	Lector
Sun. 8am	Mary Mathew
Sun. 10am	Brenda Fellhoelter



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BISHOP HOGAN PTO

The PTO has a variety of gift cards that you can purchase for any occasion or everyday spending. Purchase them in the back of Church.

*Weekly Offering
December
Offertory
Parish Property
Birthright*

MOBILE MEALS

St. Columban will deliver Mobile Meals in February. Anyone interested in assisting please contact Marti Miller at 660-247-2978. We are in need of parishioners who can substitute for the regular delivery people. Thank you.



Visit the church website and Facebook page to keep up to date on church events.

Sunday Bulletins are also published on the website stcolumbanchurch.com [facebook.com/St.Columban Church/](https://facebook.com/St.ColumbanChurch/)

VOCATIONS CHALICE

We are excited about a brand new initiative here at St. Columban to help promote and pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life! It's a traveling vocations chalice! Every week, the chalice will go to a family who will pray with it for more vocations. With the chalice will be a few prayers that the family is to say every day they have the chalice as well as some other ideas for you and your family to do when you have it. We will be continually adding to it and feel free to add your own ideas for those who come after you! If you would like your family to have the chalice for a week, please email the parish office and we will get you on the calendar. Thank you for helping us pray for more vocations!

RECENT BAPTISM

McClain Cynthia Alford, daughter of Ryan and Emily (Hatten) Alford, was baptized on December 27, 2025 in St. Columban Church by Father Ryan Koster.



ALTAR SOCIETY COOKBOOK SUBMISSION

The Altar Society is now accepting parishioner recipes for our upcoming cookbook, which will be available at the Salad Luncheon.

At the back of the church, you'll find two baskets:

- One contains instructions and entry forms for submitting recipes either online or manually.
- If you prefer to submit manually, please complete the form, **include your phone number for follow-up questions**, and place it in the second basket. We will enter your recipe for you.

We especially encourage submissions of the salads and pies featured at the Salad Luncheon. To help us highlight these, please write "Salad Luncheon" next to your name. All recipe categories are welcome. We look forward to including your favorites!