

# FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

## January 4, 2026



### *Saint Stanislaus & Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Churches*

516 East 13th Street

Erie, Pennsylvania 16503

St. Stanislaus: 814.452.6606; Our Mother of Sorrows: 814.452.4832

[www.ststanserie.org](http://www.ststanserie.org) or [www.motherofsorrowerie.org](http://www.motherofsorrowerie.org)

email: [ststaner@outlook.com](mailto:ststaner@outlook.com) or [hgangemi@breezeline.net](mailto:hgangemi@breezeline.net)

Fr. Jason A. Glover, S.T.L., Pastor

Fr. Jerry Priscaro, Resident Priest (St. Ann's)

Mrs. Helen Gangemi, Secretary

Kay Villa, Secretary

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Sunday & Monday: Closed

Tuesday - Saturday: By Appointment

#### **TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS APOSTOLATE AT ST. HEDWIG'S**

LATIN MASS: Sunday at 9:30AM

Tuesday at 5:30PM

#### **MASS TIMES**

Saturday 4:00PM: St. Stanislaus

Sunday 9:00AM: St. Stanislaus

Sunday 11:00AM: St. Casimir

Monday-Friday 12:05PM: St. Ann's

First Saturday 9:00AM: St. Ann's

Weekday at St. Stanislaus: Call Parish Office

### **MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Our Mother of Sorrows)**

#### **Sunday, January 4th: The Epiphany of the Lord**

Private: Souls in Purgatory by Dr. Hal Angeloff

11:00am (SC) Theresa Juchno by Judy and Peter Pentz

#### **Monday, January 5th: Saint John Neumann**

12:05pm (SA) Samuel Carbo by Family

#### **Tuesday, January 6th: Christmas Weekday**

12:05pm (SA) Ken and Shirley Flak by The Dombkowski Family

#### **Wednesday, January 7th: Christmas Weekday**

12:05pm (SA) Germana Villace Fernandez by Don and Michelle Benson

#### **Thursday, January 8th: Christmas Weekday**

12:05pm (SA) Paul Wisniewski by Lori Krasnesky

#### **Friday, January 9th: Christmas Weekday**

12:05pm (SA) Ralph Chludzinski by Chris and Scott Chludzinski

#### **Saturday, January 10th: Christmas Weekday**

Private: Bernice Zilonka by Gloria Palmer and Family

#### **Sunday, January 11th: The Baptism of the Lord**

Private: Souls in Purgatory by Dr. Hal Angeloff

11:00am (SC) The Deceased Members of the Ropelewski Family by Estate

**CONFESSIONS: Monday-Friday, 11:30-11:55AM (St. Ann's)**

### **MASS INTENTIONS (Saint Stanislaus)**

Mon., Jan. 5th - Private Intention

Tues., Jan. 6th - Helen Pyrdok (Marilyn & Louis Buczkowski)

Wed., Jan. 7th - Stella Pawlak (Kathy & Richard Groskiewicz)

Thur., Jan. 8th - Raymond Przybyszewski (Family)

Fri., Jan. 9th - Stella Dombrowski (Christine Sierota)

Sat., Jan. 10th, 4:00PM - For the People of Saint Stanislaus (*Pro Populo*)

Sun., Jan. 11th, 9:00AM - Ewa Merritt (Family)

**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

St. Stan's

**SCAN HERE**  
TO DONATE



### **Readings for the week of January 4, 2026**

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-13/Eph 3:2-3, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7-8, 10-12/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14-15, 17/Lk 4:14-22

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-4, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

Mother of Sorrows

**SCAN HERE**  
TO DONATE



### **SANCTUARY CANDLES**

**SAINT STANISLAUS:** For All Parishioners

**HOLY FAMILY:** 1) Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla; 2) Habas, Kulig, & Laszewski Families by Kulig Estate

**OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS:** Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

**ST. ANN'S:** 1) Special Intentions of our Priests 2) All Parishioners, living and deceased

**ST. CASIMIR'S:** 1) Bernie Zilonka by Gloria Palmer & Family; 2) Increase in Vocations to Religious Life

# Happy NEW YEAR

©LPi

Dear Parishioners,

"Behold, I make all things new" (Rev 21:5). As we begin this New Year, may these words strengthen our hearts. God invites us to begin again - with gratitude for His mercy and courage for the journey ahead. May our parish continue to be a place of welcome, prayer, and service to all. May God bless you and your families with peace in the year to come.

God's Choicest Blessings!  
Fr. Jason

## JANUARY LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE

The St. Stanislaus Holy Name Society has lottery raffle tickets available. Only five dollars gives you 31 chances to win throughout the month of January, 2026. You win if your ticket number matches the PA Daily Lottery Drawing. Tickets will be available in the vestibule of the church, from any member of the Holy Name Society, Fr. Jason, or by calling the parish office. Tickets make great stocking stuffers!

## DID YOU KNOW...

Retirees with IRAs are permitted by the IRS to make Qualified Charitable Distribution (known as QCD) as a direct donation from the IRA to our parish, thus reducing your taxes without impacting your Adjusted Gross Income. Usually, when a person has to take a Required Mandatory Distribution from an IRA, they have to pay taxes on the money withdrawn, and it has to be included in their Total Adjusted Income. With the QCD, the money is not transferred to the charity without increasing one's income tax on the amount, and it can also be taken as a tax deduction to reduce one's federal income tax.

EPIPHANY



BLESSINGS!

©LPi

Dear God,  
It was You who inspired the Magi to follow the star to find You. Inspire us to seek You, as well. Bless our homes and families this season, make them places where we can encounter You through prayer and community. Amen.

## EPIPHANY BLESSING

The Epiphany household blessing is a centuries-old tradition that invokes God's blessing on all who enter one's home.

All you need for an Epiphany blessing is chalk, which is usually made available by parishes either on the feast of the Epiphany or in the weeks leading up to it. There are a few different formulas for blessings out there, but the essence of the ritual is always the same: the head of the household calls down God's blessing on the house and everyone who comes into it, and an inscription is made above the door in chalk.

The inscription reads: "20 + C + M + B + 26." The initials C, M and B represent the names of the magi — Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar — and also signify the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house."

Begin by saying:

*The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and twenty-three years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.*

Inscribe your door mantle with "20 + C + B + M + 26"

Then say the following prayer:

*Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and for ever. Amen.*

## TAX INFORMATION

If you are in need of documentation of your contributions to the church for tax purposes, please call your respective parish office and we will mail it out to you.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Stanislaus will host the next Eucharistic Adoration on January 18th, following the 9:00AM Mass until 11:00AM.





**BRUGGER**  
FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATORY, LLC

Affordable  
Funeral Services  
Pre-Planning  
On-Site Cremation  
Tribute Center

PARTNERS: GARETT J., AUSTIN J., CARL R., & LEO J. BRUGGER III  
845 East 38th St. Erie • 864-4864  
[www.bruggerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bruggerfuneralhomes.com)

**RUSSELL C. SCHMIDT & SON**  
**FUNERAL HOME, INC.**  
Dennis D. Schmidt-President, Supervisor  
Pre-Arrangements Available  
5000 Wattsburg Road • Erie, PA 16504  
**(814) 824-5000**  
[www.SchmidtFuneralHomeErie.com](http://www.SchmidtFuneralHomeErie.com)

**LIBERTY ROOFING PROS**  
*Your Local Roofing Pros!*

- Roofing • Siding
- Gutters • Gutter Guards
- Exterior Cleaning

Residential & Commercial  
Financing Available  
**724-605-4024**  
[libertyroofingpros.com](http://libertyroofingpros.com)

**Urbanik Bros. Quality Meats**  
New Central Market - Ph. 454-4456

Fresh Meats, Delicatessen, Poultry, Seafood & Fresh Produce  
New! Herb + Honey Bakery 310 E 24th St / German

**Erie Cemetery ASSOCIATION**  
Erie • Laurel Hill • Wintergreen Gorge  
Celebrate Life Through Remembrance

Many Options for  
Traditional Burial and  
Cremation Services

All Faiths Welcome 814.459.2463



**Over 55?**  
**Volunteer in the Classroom**  
Receive an hourly stipend  
without affecting your benefits  
**CALL NOW! 459-4581 ext 462**

**GECAC** community Action  
AmeriCorps Seniors



## DOES YOUR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION NEED A NEWSLETTER?

Engaging, ad-supported  
print and digital newsletters  
to reach your community.

Visit [lpicomunities.com](http://lpicomunities.com)

**OUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER**  
BETWEEN EDITION

Scan to  
contact us!

**LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS**  
Place Your Ad Here  
and Support Our Parish!

**CONTACT ME Jay Schwartz**

[jschwartz@4LPi.com](mailto:jschwartz@4LPi.com) • (800) 477-4574 x6801

**catholicmatch®**  
Pennsylvania



[CatholicMatch.com/PA](http://CatholicMatch.com/PA)

WE APPRECIATE OUR  
ADVERTISERS!

**Place Your Ad Here and  
Support our Parish!**

Instantly create and  
purchase an ad with

**AD  
CREATOR  
STUDIO**



[4lpi.com/adcreator](http://4lpi.com/adcreator)



**NEVER MISS  
OUR BULLETIN!**

**SUBSCRIBE**

Have our bulletin emailed  
to you every week.

Visit [www.parishesonline.com](http://www.parishesonline.com)



**ADT-Monitored Home Security**  
Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust  
**833-287-3502**

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide



**SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!**



3-D-4-3

For ad info. call 1-800-477-4574 • [www.4lpi.com](http://www.4lpi.com)

14-1710