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January 5, 2025 — **The Epiphany of the Lord**

Clergy
Rev. Thomas Kennell, Pastor
Dcn. Earl Mirus
Dcn. Timothy Warner

Consecrated Life
Sr. Grace Ford, Er Dio

Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm
Sunday: 8:15am & 10:45am
*Livestream: 10:45am Mass on our YouTube channel

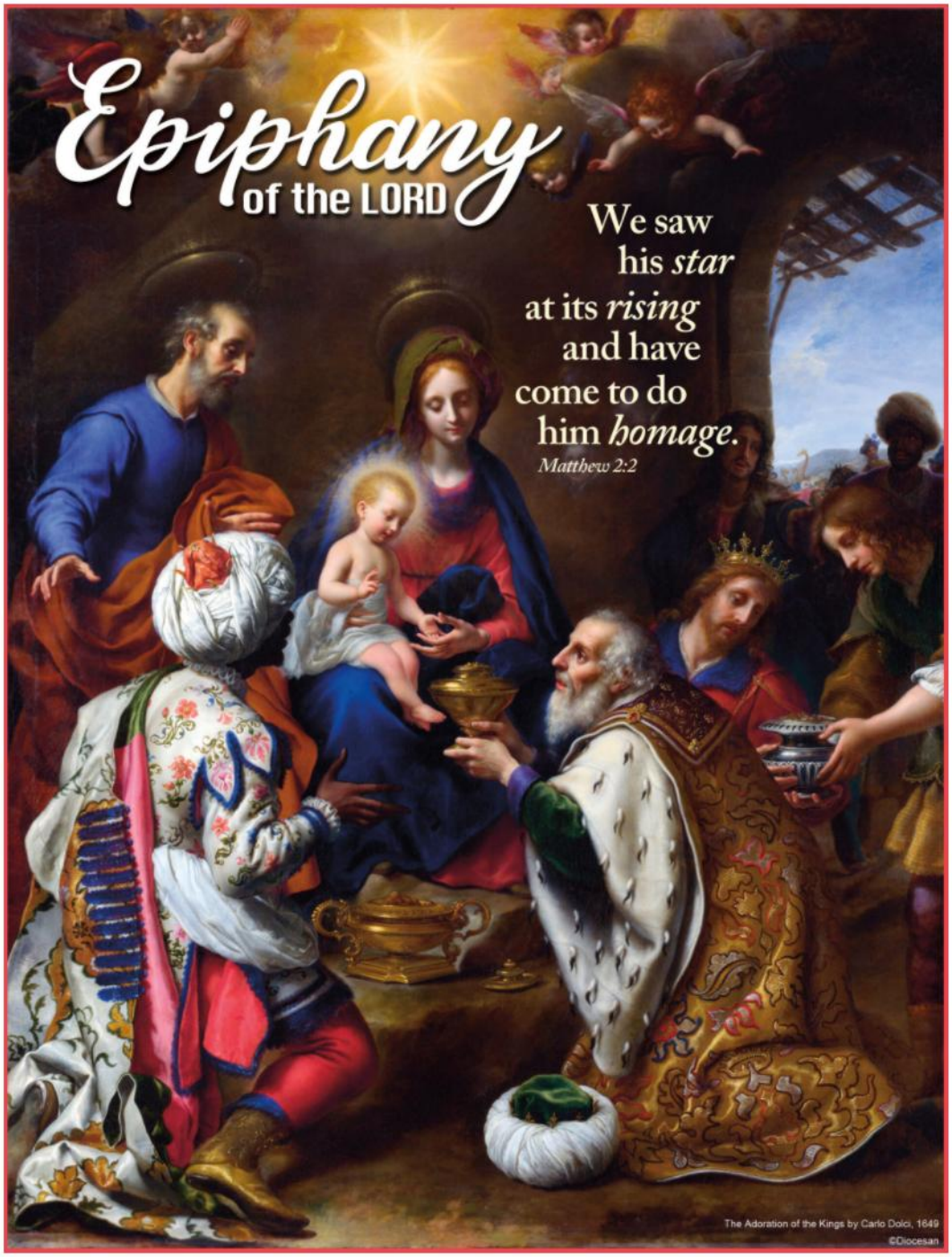
Daily Mass
Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:15am
Tuesday, Thursday: 5:30pm

First Saturdays: 9:00am
Latin *Novus Ordo*

Holy Days of Obligation
Vigil: 7:00pm
Day: 8:15am, Noon, 5:30pm

Adoration
First Fridays: 9am - 5pm

Confession
Tuesdays and Thursdays
4:30 - 5:20pm
Saturdays:
3:00 - 4:15pm
and Second Sundays after Masses



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Welcome to St. John the Evangelist

Parish Information

PARISH OFFICE HOURS | 9:00AM - 3:00PM | Mon - Thurs

MEMBERSHIP: We are delighted you have chosen to become a member of our parish family! Contact the parish office to register.

For up-to-date information: Sign up for **Flocknote**!
Receive text messages or emails about schedule changes & upcoming events.
Text STJ to 84576 to sign up.

Care to the Sick

Communion: We have a Care Ministry team that is available to bring communion to those that are homebound or hospitalized.

Anointing of the Sick: Are you or a loved one sick or hospitalized? This beautiful sacrament of healing is offered to bring strength to those suffering from a serious illness or condition.

Contact the parish office to arrange a visit.

Bulletin Submissions

Please submit bulletin requests to bulletin@saintjohnpc.org by noon each Monday for the upcoming weekend's bulletin.

Request a Flower Arrangement

Make any occasion extra special by placing a flower arrangement on the altar. Your flower request will be placed in the bulletin on your special day. A full arrangement is $85 with checks made out to the CCW. Contact the parish office for inquiries.

Sacramental Preparation

Children | Through 5th grade

Baptism & First Communion & Reconciliation preparations are all offered through our religious education program

Living Liturgically (Grades Kinder-5) This ministry offers liturgical formation to children to help them to grow in their faith and understanding of God's love

Contact our Religious Education Director, Charlotte Dickey, to get involved: charlotte.dickey@saintjohnpc.org

Youth | Grades 6-12

Catholic Student Ministries (CSM) offers year-round activities for middle & high school students

Confirmation prep is done through our youth program starting in 8th grade

Spring youth group is Wednesdays at 6pm at St. Dominic starting Jan. 15th

Contact our Youth Ministers, Nic & Dot Wagner, for the latest calendar or for info on confirmation: youth@saintjohnpc.org

Adults | 18+

Interested in the Catholic faith? Join our OCIA classes for an introduction to Catholicism & for sacramental prep

Holy Matrimony Contact the parish office at least 6 months before your wedding to start marriage prep

Email catholicism@saintjohnpc.org for all questions related to adult sacraments & the Catholic Faith

A Letter From Fr. Thomas Kennell

Dear Parish Family,

We have turned the calendar over once again. 2025. I feel like we're starting to get into those years where in decades passed they made movies about this time – so distant! – and things like flying cars were normal. Perhaps it's not a bad thing that technology moves a little more slowly than we anticipate at times. Can you imagine flying cars? The roads are crazy enough.

Speaking of things, moving slowly, today we celebrate the great Solemnity of Epiphany. We remember and honor the coming of the Magi from the East bringing gifts to the newborn King, Jesus. How did they get there? By following a star... Talk about slow and distant! As you all know well, the light from the stars that we see are thousands to millions of years old. Whatever that star was that the Three Wisemen followed, it was part of a plan long before authored by God. After so much waiting, what a beautiful gift! And it wasn't gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The Wisemen received the true gift of encountering and adoring the Christ Child.

Very often depth of faith is acquired only after long years of yearning and pining to know intimately our Triune God. It takes patience. It takes perseverance. But the act of faithfully waiting, like we did throughout the Advent season recently concluded, and like we do at times for good things we desire, results in the attainment of Truth, Goodness, and Beauty beyond what we had hoped for. There's greater strength in these gifts acquired, because of the very fact that they were not easily attained. Sometimes it's better that things move more slowly than we would like, because then we appreciate them more through greater maturity.

As we are early in our liturgical year and have just started the new calendar year, let's be ok with things moving slowly. Let's work diligently to pay attention to where God is leading each of us and our parish throughout this next year. Let's be committed to prayer. Let's be committed to virtue. Let's be committed to love. And overtime, let's watch the gifts of the Lord unfold and the growth that he will cause.

God bless you. And happy New Year. -Fr. Kennell

Daily Readings for Week of Jan 5-12

Sunday	**The Epiphany of the Lord** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Monday	1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday	1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 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 and 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22
Friday	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday	1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday	**Baptism of the Lord** Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29-1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Events this Week

Coffee & Donuts
Sundays after the 8:15am Mass
in the parish hall

Council of Catholic Women

All women are invited to attend our next monthly CCW meeting on Monday, January 6th at 6pm in the St. John Parish Hall! Come for a time of fellowship and to get involved with a group of women dedicated to serving the community.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention 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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 4, 2025
9:00am.....†Faye Knight
4:30pm.....People of the Parish
Sunday, January 5, 2025
Epiphany of the Lord
8:15am.....Fr. Kennell & Diocesan Clergy
10:45am.....†James Smith by Gert B. Smith
Monday, January 6, 2025
8:15am.....†Kathryn Waterfield by the CCW
Tuesday, January 7, 2025
5:30pm.....Pope Francis
Wednesday, January 8, 2025
8:15am.....†Michael Vientos by Alex Pollack
Thursday, January 9, 2025
5:30pm.....†Charlotte Keller by Chuck & Charlotte Dickey
Friday, January 10, 2025
8:15am.....†Faye Knight
Saturday, January 11, 2025
4:30pm.....†Bill Cordell
Sunday, January 12,2025
Baptism of the Lord
8:15am.....People of the Parish
10:45am.....†Robert & Mary Jane Ganzak by Rob & Grace Griffith

Offertory	**Actual**	**Budget**
November	$71,711	$65,417
YTD (5 months)	$309,914	$327,083

Second Collection		
YTD	$2,399	*

*No specific budget as all funds collected are remitted

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Announcements/Upcoming Events

St. John Catholic Academy

PRESCHOOL SEATS AVAILABLE

We currently have the following openings in our preschool:

- **3 year old room: 7 spots**

Visit www.stjohncatholicacademy.org under the admissions tab, select inquiry and fill out the form.
We will call you to schedule a tour of our preschool!

Questions? Contact us!

Email: Office@sjseagles.org
Phone Number: 850-763-1775

Scan here to submit an application for enrollment:

"St. John Catholic Academy prepares and educates students for academic success and forms disciples of Christ for life."

St. Dominic's Needs Eucharistic Adorers!

AN ADDITIONAL ADORER NEEDED AT THESE TIMES

Sun	Midnight, 3am	Thurs	1am, 2am, 3am, 4am
Mon	Midnight, 1am, 2am	Fri	Midnight, 1am, 2am, 3am, 5am
Tues	1am, 2am, 3am, 4am		
Wed	Midnight, 1am, 2am	Sat	1am, 2am, 3am, 4am, 5am

Scan the qr code to signup or contact the St. Dominic parish office at 850-785-4574

Fellowship Breakfast

Provided by the Men's Club

When: Sunday, January 5th following the 8:15 Mass

Where: St. John Parish Hall

There is plenty of time to enjoy the fellowship of our Parish family for those who attend the 10:45 Mass and still be in compliance with the one hour rule. A minimum donation of $5 a person is requested but not required. All donations over the breakfast expenses go to Church missions. We will have the full menu of scrambled eggs, sausage, home fries, grits, biscuits, sausage gravy, and sweet rolls. We will have coffee, orange and apple juice. Come and enjoy not only a great breakfast, but also the fellowship of our Parish Family and a great start to our New Year together.

The Third Option SESSION 6 JANUARY 21

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LISTENING BEYOND THE WORDS

6 to 8pm in the Msgr. Crowe Community Center

The Third Option is a great program for couples & individuals that helps relationships flourish. This 14 session program runs biweekly with one topic covered per session. You can enter the program at any time & you can attend as a couple or alone!

The Third Option has a suggested donation of $10.00 per person per class

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St. John the Evangelist
Council of Catholic Women (CCW)

FALL BUNCO

Friday, January 24, 2025

Parish Hall * Tickets: $10.00

6:00 p.m. - Light Appetizers & Refreshements

7:00 p.m. - Bunco starts

Limited number of tickets so get yours early!

Tickets on sale after all Masses on January 11 & 12

For more information call or Susie Prather at 281-844-0844

Teen Pilgrimage

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A PILGRIMAGE FOR TEENS

ATTEND THE CANONIZATION OF THE "FIRST MILLENNIAL SAINT," VISIT ASSISI TO SEE THE SAINT, AND TOUR ROME!

APRIL 2025

INFORMATIONAL MEETING: DEC 29TH 2:00PM & JAN 13TH 7:00PM
REGISTRATION CLOSES FEB 1ST OR WHEN FULL.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT DOT WAGNER

YPF DATES TO REMEMBER

1/07 Dinner & Discussion
Tuesday, January 7
6:15pm, Location TBA

1/21 Bible Study: Romans
Tuesday, January 21
6:15pm, St. John Parish Office

HOSTED BY YPF

Kids Corner

The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of the Epiphany: January 5 or 6, 2025

The Wise Men Puzzle

Do you know the story of the wise men who came to worship Baby Jesus? What order do these pictures go in? Write the numbers from 1 to 6 in the boxes.

Answers: Top: 3, 6, 5 Bottom: 1, 2, 4

Ongoing Events & Ministries

Fishers of Men

All men are invited to join the Fishers of Men's fellowship for a twice monthly breakfast on the **first and third Saturdays** of each month from **8:30-10:30am**. The next breakfast will be **Jan. 18th** at St. Dominic's MC3 building.

Rachels Vineyard Ministries
(904) 221-3232
rachelsvineyard.org
Email:rachelsvineyardjax@yahoo.com

Rachel's vineyard offers retreats for women looking to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. The next English retreat is Jan. 31 - Feb. 2.

Perpetual Adoration

St. Dominic's has a perpetual adoration chapel that is open to everyone 24/7! To maintain this chapel, they need people to devote an hour each week to adoring our Lord. Call St. Dominic's parish office at (850) 785-4574 for more info.

Men's Bible Study

1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 6:30pm
St. John's Parish Office

Contact Warren Phillips at 850-896-0801 or Al Kidd at 850-257-4149 for more info.

Women's Morning Bible Study

Weekly Wednesdays at 9:30-10:30am
St. John's Parish Office

Join us as we watch & discuss *The Chosen* Season 4. For more info, contact K. Kidd at 850-814-7747 or M. Cordell at 850-814-4619.

Young Professional Fellowship

Scan the QR code to be added to the YPF GroupMe to stay up-to-date on young adult bible studies & gatherings.

MISSION 850 DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM

Mission 850 provides disaster relief services and hosts service projects every 2nd Saturday of the month. To serve or request help for yourself or a neighbor contact: 850mission@gmail.com

Catholic in Recovery is open to all those who identify as being in recovery from any form of unhealthy attachment. **CIR** meets in the **St. John Parish Office, each Tuesday evening, at 6:15pm.** For more information, please call or message Diane at 850-541-3326 or Wayne at 850-532-0421.

Women's Socials

St. John Women's Socials are held typically on the 1st Saturday of the month in the parish hall. Women of all ages are welcome! The next social will be on February 1st from 10am-Noon.

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HELPING MARRIAGES FLOURISH

The Third Option is a program for couples & individuals to help their relationships flourish! Attend all 14-sessions or enter the program at any time. This fall & spring, meetings will be on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6-8pm at St. Dominic.

Morning Rosary

Every Monday, Wednesday, & Friday
from 7:30-8am (before Mass)

Sunday, January 5, 2025

EAGLE NEWS

"St. John Catholic Academy prepares and educates students for academic success and forms disciples of Christ for life."

JANUARY UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, January 6th -	Preschool students return from Christmas break | Teacher Workday
Tuesday, January 7th -	Academy students return from Christmas break
Friday, January 17th -	2nd Quarter Report Cards
Monday, January 20th -	Martin Luther King Day - Academy and Preschool Closed
Sunday, January 26th -	Catholic Schools Week Begins

DISCIPLE of CHRIST
EDUCATION IN VIRTUE

THIS WEEK'S VIRTUE IS: Affability

DEFINITION OF AFFABILITY
Being easy to approach and easy to talk to - friendly

PRAYER FOR AFFABILITY:
Jesus, King of my heart, You were kind to the little children who came to You. Be my strength as I try to be good to all those I meet today.

AFFABILITY LOOKS LIKE:
Being friendly to someone who is left out

AFFABILITY SOUNDS LIKE:
Would you like to play with us?

Parent Volunteer Sign Up 2025

Special activities like celebrations, sports, retreats and other events all offer unique opportunities for community building and memory making for our students and families. More than likely you have memories of activities that made your time at school more enjoyable and meaningful and as an adult you may now realize it was caring adult volunteers who made those additional activities possible! We are sharing the second semester activities below that you can sign up. If the majority of families sign up for at least one event, the load will be light and precious memories made together with joy.

Please scan the QR code below or check your email to access the form and share your contact information and select the events you would to assist with.

SCAN

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

"Whatever our state of life, we cannot live without these three dispositions of the soul, namely, to believe, to hope, and to love". ~ Saint Augustine

As we prepare to welcome our students back from Christmas break, we embrace this Jubilee Year of Hope by rededicating ourselves to our vocation in education and to the students we are privileged to serve. This liturgical year, Pope Francis calls us to consciously embark on a journey as Pilgrims of Hope, fostering growth and renewal in our faith.

Educators are beacons of light and hope for their students. At St. John Catholic Academy, we hold sacred the duty to serve our families with the profound hope that flows from a faith-filled life. Pope Francis reminds us, *"We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart, and far-sighted vision."*

Throughout this year, our faculty and staff will reflect on how our vocation as educators is rooted in hope and how this hope can inspire our students to achieve academic excellence and grow as disciples of Christ. We invite you to join us in prayer for our faculty and staff as they return on Monday, January 6th, and for our students as they resume classes on Tuesday, January 7th.

We are honored to serve your children and look forward to a year filled with faith, hope, and growth. Thank you for being a valued part of our St. John Catholic Academy community.

Sister Grace ~ SJCA Principal

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