

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S  
JANUARY 4 – 10**

**Sunday**

**9:00am**      **Worship Service**  
10:30am      Adult Bible Study  
10:30am      Sunday School/Confirmation Class  
11:45am      Rejoicing Ringers Practice

**Monday**

**Exodus 37(Daily Bible Reading)**

12:30pm      Prayer Shawl  
6:00pm      Stephen Ministry Training  
7:00pm      Men's Bible Study  
7:00pm      Elders Meeting

**Tuesday**

**Exodus 38 (Daily Bible Reading)**

6:00pm      Grief Share

**Wednesday**

**Exodus 39 (Daily Bible Reading)**

9:30am      Bible Study – Myth or Faith  
11:30pm      HomeSchool – Fellowship Hall  
7:00pm      Wednesday Evening Bible Study – Myth or Faith

**Thursday**

**Exodus 40 (Daily Bible Reading)**

9:00am      Quilting Group  
7:00pm      Council Meeting

**Friday**

**Psalms 111(Daily Bible Reading)**

**Saturday**

**Psalms 112 (Daily Bible Reading)**

7:00am      Men's Bible Study  
8:30am      Praise Team Practice



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***“Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it!” Luke 11:28***

## THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026

### Scripture Readings

Old Testament Reading    Isaiah 60:1-6 p787  
Epistle Reading            Ephesians 3:1-12 p1242  
Holy Gospel Reading        Matthew 2:1-12 p1026

**Altar Flowers** are given in thanks and praise to God, in memory of Don Klug, brother of Rich Klug & Kathy Johnson and given by Peggy Smutny.

### SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Elder – Angie Lyke  
Acolyte – Aksel Huber  
Ushers – Randy & Kathy Dahlman  
Pianist – Carol Schoeling  
Praise Team – Bradley Coen, Rob Lyke, Cheryl Ruger, Don & Kathy Smith,  
Matt Schulz & Pete Whalen  
Tech Team – Aiden Junior, Mitch Troester & Bill Miller  
Altar Guild – Judy Johnson & Angie Lyke  
Counters – Joan Mohler & Dennis Schmeckpeper  
Sacred Grounds – George Kraus & Betty McEnroe

**Church Mailboxes** – If you haven't picked up your 2026 Offering Envelopes you can find them in your church mailbox. If you do not see your envelopes or you would like your own, please contact the church office. We will be re-alphabetizing the mailboxes after the first of the year. **If you could, please pick up anything that is in your mailbox; we would appreciate it. Thank you!**

**Installation of Officers & Thank You - Next Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>** at the 9:00am service we will have Installation of Officers for 2026 and "Thank You" to the Officers and Elders who completed their service in 2025.

**2026 Church Address/Phone Directory** – if you have any changes/updates for the paper copy of 2026 directory; please either email the changes to [sec3@stpaulsonline.org](mailto:sec3@stpaulsonline.org) or contact the office no later than Wednesday, January 14th.

**Voter's Meeting – Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>** after the worship service is the first Voters Meeting for 2026; copies of the Agenda are on the info table. Everyone who has confirmed their faith in Jesus Christ is a Voter; please plan on attending.

**John Crist** – On **January 23<sup>rd</sup>**, we will be taking a trip to see comedian John Crist at the Rialto Square Theatre in Joliet. There are 15 tickets available but there is a possibility of getting more if we exceed that number. **Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex if you would like tickets. As of now this event is limited to our youth members and their families and friends.** If there are tickets leftover we will expand to our members of the congregation. Transportation will be available/provided if necessary. See Paul Szymanski with any questions.

**Prayer Chain & Care Givers** – Did you know that each week a group of members pray for those on our Sunday prayer list throughout the week, while others make phone calls and send cards to them. If you want to know more, talk with Pastor Troester or Pastor Larry, or call the church office.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** – Each Monday at 12:30 p.m. the ladies meet to work on shawls, blankets, squares, baby hats and more. We prayer over everything and then these go out to someone to assure them of our prayers and of God's presence with them. No experience needed, as many have learned as they come. Talk with Peggy Smutny, Diane Wille or Dorothy Ryden for more information. If you or someone you know could use a shawl, please let them know.

**Griefshare** - In this season of great joy over the birth of the Savior is the memory of those who have died and the grieving we do, but with hope. Griefshare gives you an opportunity to journey with others who are grieving, along with help from counselors and the Bible. Join us on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. here at church, and check out the webpage for Griefshare for other help.

**Generosity** - Matthew 2:11, *“And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.”* For the wise men and for us, worshiping and offering gifts go together. How could this not be since our God is the great Giver of gifts? We receive His gifts in worship and then, being conformed to His image, we imitate His generosity.

**IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS  
THIS WEEK**

Jim McEnroe, Jamie Tadsen, Peggy Smutny, Steve Siezega, Kay Meyer, Paul Szymanski, Ethel Habel

**College Students** – Chris Fleming & Alex Hagestad

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**TOGETHER BEING CHURCH**

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$8,852	\$2,447
Building Fund	\$577	\$100
Mission	\$327	\$560

St Matthews-\$20; Troops Care Packages-\$10; Feed My Starving Children-\$20; LCC-\$300; St Paul's Women's Ministries (4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Mission)-\$50; Advent -\$100; Christmas Eve-\$4,090; Christmas Day-\$1,228; New Years Eve-\$40;

**MARY'S CORNER**

The Gospel of Matthew says the three Kings followed a star across the desert to Bethlehem bearing gifts, arriving on January 6, this was called the Epiphany. They brought Gold that represented Jesus royal standing, Frankincense that represented Jesus divine birth and Myrrh for Jesus mortality. Years ago, Epiphany, January 6, was as big a celebration as Christmas Day. Epiphany was celebrated for 12 days after Christmas. It was filled with a lot of gifts giving and blessings. Take a moment this week to remember the Epiphany.