

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2025

# St. John the Evangelist

*Roman Catholic Parish*

502 S. Park Blvd. Streamwood, IL 60107 630-837-6500

## *Liturgies*

Weekdays: 8:45 AM

Wednesday: 8:45 AM & 7:00 PM

Saturday: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM  
9:00 AM  
11:00 AM  
1:00 PM (Polish Mass)  
6:00 PM



## *Parish Mission*

### *Statement*

The Community of  
St. John the Evangelist  
accepts as our mission:  
To know our Faith,  
To serve God and others,  
and to Spread the Gospel  
Message by Word,  
Witness and Deed.

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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502 S. Park Blvd. , Streamwood, IL 60107

Parish Office: (630) 837-6500

## Parish Office Hours:

Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 5:00 pm, Sun. CLOSED

Website: [www.mystjohns.org](http://www.mystjohns.org)

Parish School: 630-837-6500 Ext. 200

513 Parkside Circle, Streamwood, IL 60107

Religious Education: 630-837-6500 Ext. 152



## Liturgies

**Saturday:** 4:30 pm

**Sunday:** 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 6:00 pm  
1:00 pm (Polish language)

**Monday - Saturday:** 8:45 am

**Wednesday:** 7:00pm (rosary at 6:30 pm)

**Holidays:** 9:00 am Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, & Thanksgiving Day.

## Our Priests

Fr. Gregg Gorczyca  
*Pastor*

Fr. Brendan Guilfoil  
*Associate Pastor*

Fr. William Moriarity  
*Pastor Emeritus*

## Our Deacons

Dcn. Mike Benoit

Dcn. Tim Davidson

Dcn. Jim Furey

Dcn. Joe McCain

Dcn. Jozef Mika

Dcn. Bob Pasdiora

Dcn. Larry Rybicki

## Our Staff

### Operations Director

Deacon Tim Davidson

### School Principal

Joe Quinlan

### Director of Lifelong Faith Formation

Mary Thon

### Director of Music

Michael Myers

### Youth Minister

Jeannine Bukowski

### Bulletin Editor

Cathy Tampir

## Membership

**New Parishioners** If you are seeking a church home, we welcome you into our parish family. Please call the Parish Office for more details.

**Moving?** Please contact the Parish Office with your new address.



**Confessions** Daily on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday, from 8:00 AM to 8:40 AM. On Wednesday, confessions are from 7:30AM to 8:40AM and from 5:30PM to 6:50PM.

**Baptisms** Parents must attend one reflective session on the meaning of Baptism at least three weeks in advance of the Baptismal date. Attendance before the birth of the child is suggested. Please contact the Parish Office.

**Marriages** To allow enough time for adequate marriage preparation, arrangements for weddings should be made at least 9 months in advance.

**Ministry of Care to the Sick** Ministry of Care brings the Eucharist to the sick & homebound. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for a minister to bring the Eucharist to you.

**Anointing of the Sick** Please make arrangements through the Parish Office.

**Funerals** Please make arrangements through the Funeral Director.

## Parish Services

**Loaves & Fishes Ministry** collects donations in the Gathering Space for the food pantry the second weekend of the month after all the Masses.

**Sharing Ministry** was created to assist registered parishioners in times of financial crisis. Please call the parish office at 630-837-6500 if you need assistance.

## Religious Education

### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Do you feel a call to learn more about the Catholic faith? Are you an adult who has not been Baptized? Are you a Catholic, but have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation?

For more information, contact Deacon Tim Davidson at [tdavidson@mystjohns.org](mailto:tdavidson@mystjohns.org) or 630-837-6500 x130.

**Youth Education** For those children who attend public schools, religious education is offered for grades Kindergarten through Eighth. For further information, call the Office of Faith Formation.

## GiveCentral

GiveCentral is the easy way to make church donations online.



If you need assistance getting started, contact Cathy Tampir at 630-837-6500 x122.

## Church Bulletin

Submissions to the Bulletin must be made at least 5 days prior to the date requested. All submissions are subject to approval. Send submissions to [ctampir@mystjohns.org](mailto:ctampir@mystjohns.org).

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## Archdiocese News

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## Mass Intentions

### Monday, January 6

8:45 AM † Catalina Rondolo  
† Richard Dahlke

### Tuesday, January 7

8:45 AM † Rodolfo Cubacub

### Wednesday, January 8

8:45 AM † Carl Robst

7:00 PM † Poor Souls in  
Purgatory

### Thursday, January 9

8:45 AM † Poor Souls in  
Purgatory

### Friday, January 10

8:45 AM Birthday Blessings for  
Daniela W.

### Saturday, January 11

8:45 AM Birthday Blessings for  
Marlena S.

4:30 PM † Martha Schrowski  
† Mitchell Picuch

### Sunday, January 12

7:30 AM † Roland and Florence  
Vachon

9:00 AM † Marilena Presta  
† Bill Skowronnek

11:00 AM † Poor Souls in  
Purgatory

1:00 PM Mass in Polish

6:00 PM † Poor Souls in  
Purgatory



## Eucharistic Adoration

Please join us for  
adoration on Mondays and  
Thursdays 3:00 - 7:00

All are welcome to attend.



## Baptisms

We welcome with joy and support these  
newly baptized children along with  
their parents, Godparents, and  
family members. May they grow to  
believe that they are loved.

Nicholas Dochnal  
Elias Gregory Kolko



In your charity and prayers, please  
remember the soul of she who died  
this past week. Keep her family in  
your thoughts & prayers.

Monalisa Bernabe

## Readings for the Week January 5, 2025



St. André Bessette

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

St. Raymond of Penyafort

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:  
1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:  
34-44

St. Lucian of Beauvais

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

St. Honorius

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps72:  
1-2, 14 and 15bc,  
17/Lk 4:14-22a

St. John Camillus the Good

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:  
12-13, 14-15, 19-20/  
Lk 5:12-16

St. Paulinus of Aquileia

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps  
149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and  
6a and 9b/Jn 3:  
22-30

St. Margaret Bourgeoys

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps  
104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25,  
27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti  
2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk  
3:15-16, 21-22



## Daily "Our Father" in honor of St. John the Evangelist

During a vision in which St John the Evangelist appeared to St. Gertrude the Great, Our Lord told her that the Apostle was appointed by Him to be her advocate in Heaven. Grateful for this favor, St Gertrude said to Our Lord: "Teach me, my dear Lord, how I can show my gratitude to him." Our Lord answered: "If any person says a Pater Noster (Our Father) daily in honor of this Apostle, reminding him of the sweet fidelity with which his heart was filled when I taught this prayer, he will not fail to obtain the grace of persevering faithfully in virtue, even to the end of his life."



*"If the Magi had come in search of an earthly King, they would have been disconcerted at finding that they had taken the trouble to come such a long way for nothing. Consequently they would have neither adored nor offered gifts. But since they sought a heavenly King, though they found in Him no signs of royal pre-eminence, yet, content with the testimony of the star alone, they adored: for they saw a man, and they acknowledged a God."*

*-St. John Chrysostom*

Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ, which is traditionally celebrated on the 12<sup>th</sup> day after Christmas. In the dioceses of the United States this feast has been moved to the Sunday between January 2<sup>nd</sup> and January 8<sup>th</sup>. This feast is one of the oldest Christian celebrations. Epiphany comes from a Greek verb meaning - *to reveal*. It commemorates the visit of the Three Kings to worship the baby Jesus. The men were astrologers who were looking for the star that would lead them to the promised Messiah. This was prophesied in the Book of Micah. According to the Gospel narratives, the Three Kings, also known as the Magi or the Wise Men, brought with them very meaningful gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh – gold signifying that Jesus is King; frankincense, the symbol of prayer, signifying that Jesus is the Son of God; and myrrh, which was used to anoint the dead, signifying that Jesus would die for the salvation of all.

There is a wonderful custom of blessing of our homes on Epiphany that commemorates the time the three Kings visited the home of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Traditionally after the blessing, the initials of their names were written in chalk on the back of the door. They were enclosed by the year and connected by a cross in this way: 20+C+M+B+25. The "20" stands for the millennium and century, the "C" standing for the first Wise Man, Caspar, the "M" standing for Melchior, the "B" standing for Balthasar, and the "25" standing for the decade and year. It is also popularly believed that the Kings' initials also stand for Latin words - "*Christus mansionem benedicat*" ("Christ bless this house").

I invite you to adopt this custom once again in your family this year to ask God's blessing on your home and on all those who live in or visit it. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, to bless our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows. Take a piece of blessed chalk today with you after Mass, gather your family and as you are marking the lintel of your front door, say this prayer:

*"Lord our God, bless this household. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and the keeping of your law.  
May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us, and may we seek and serve,  
in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is Lord, forever and ever. Amen."*

God bless,  
Fr. Gregg



## Informacje parafialne



W dzisiejszą niedzielę przeżywamy Uroczystość Objawienia Pańskiego, określaną potocznie jako Święto Trzech Króli. Uroczystość ta obchodzona jest od III wieku, początkowo łącznie z Bożym Narodzeniem i Chrztem Chrystusa Pana. Dzień ten wskazuje na objawienie - Epifanię - Chrystusa Pana jako Syna Bożego, Zbawiciela wszystkich ludów, które reprezentują trzej mędrcy bądź władcy, którzy przybyli ze wschodu, by oddać hołd dziecięciu.

Ewangelia św. Mateusza mówi o Magach lub - według innych tłumaczeń - Mędrkach ze Wschodu, którzy idąc za gwiazdą przybyli do Jerozolimy i Betlejem szukając nowo narodzonego króla żydowskiego: „*Weszli do domu i zobaczyli Dziecię z Matką Jego, Maryją; upadli na twarz i oddali Mu pokłon. I stworzywszy swe skarby ofiarowali Mu dary: złoto, kadzidło i mirrę*”.

Każdy z Królów przyniósł ze sobą stosowne dary dla Dzieciątka Jezus: złoto –symbol godności królewskiej, mirra – symbol wypełnienia proroctw i zapowiedź śmierci Zbawiciela oraz kadzidło – symbol godności kapłańskiej. Do Betlejem prowadziła ich gwiazda, którą duchowni odczytują gwiazdę, jako głęboki w treści symbol życiowej drogi każdego człowieka podążającego za światłem wiary. W obrazie Mędrców cała ludzkość przebywa do Betlejem, aby w Jezusie uznać obiecanego Mesjasza i złożyć Mu należny hołd.

Święcimy więc dzisiaj przybycie na ziemię wielkiego Króla, którego panowanie ogarnia nie tylko wszystkie kraje, ale cały wszechświat. Chrystus Król nawiedza dzisiaj swój Kościół - wiekiustą Jerozolimę, obdarzając ją skarbami łaski. Do Kościoła powołane są wszystkie narody. Powołanie do wiary zawiera w sobie powołanie do świętości. Bóg obdarzył nas światłem wiary, abyśmy się stali uczestnikami dziedzictwa Świętych w światłości. Modlimy się dzisiaj o wierność naszemu powołaniu, która ma nas doprowadzić do oglądania Boga.

Na pamiątkę tego wydarzenia podczas Mszy św. odbywa się poświęcenie kredy i kadzidła. Po powrocie do domu kredą oznaczamy drzwi mieszkań K+M+B 2025, dając publicznie świadectwo, że jesteśmy uczniami Chrystusa, Zbawiciela świata. Po łacinie skrót odczytywany jest jako błogosławieństwo: „*Christus Mansionem Benedicat,*” czyli „*Chryste błogosław temu domowi.*” Zapach kadzidła w domu symbolizuje, że jest to miejsce uwielbienia Boga i modlitwy.

Drodzy parafianie, niechaj Trzej Królowie będą dla nas wszystkich przewodnikami wiary w rozpoczętym właśnie Nowym 2025 Roku i niech przyniosą nam pokój, nadzieję i miłość od Chrystusa naszego Zbawiciela, który objawia się dzisiaj także i nam poprzez swój Kościół, sakramenty oraz swoje Słowo.





*Mary's Millennium Council 12801: Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary's 2024 Christmas Party held at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.*

*Thank You for ALL your support, Fr. Gregg, Fr. Brendan, Deacon Tim, Deacon Larry and Mary, and SJE Parish Staff. Thank You So Much, Brother Knights and Ladies Auxiliary Sisters for ALL that you do for our council, and for our parish community.*

*God bless you all. Vivat Jesus!*





# Christmas PARTY





*Thank you to our Religious Education students, all those who attended our event, Fr. Gregg, Fr. Brendan, Mary Thon, Kathryn Neuffer, Mary Rybicki, and of course, Squiggy, the donkey!*





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# TRIVIA night

### What is Trivia Night?

SJE School's largest FUN-draiser where all proceeds benefit the student body. Last year, the event raised \$40,000, and this year the goal is to exceed that amount!

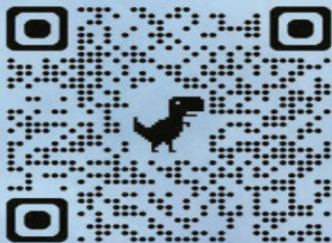
- This is an ADULTS ONLY event on Saturday, February 22nd in the Parish Center; doors open at 6pm and trivia starts at 7pm – 11pm-ish.
- There are 24 tables of 8 - 10 people, and registration is first come/first serve - \$35 per person
  - **Don't have a full team?** Sign up anyway and we will put together tables of up to 8-10 people. **\*\*IMPORTANT:** Team members DO NOT have to attend SJE or be parishioners, everyone is welcome to participate.
- Choose a team name/theme, then coordinate with your teammates to dress up and decorate your table to represent the theme e.g. SJE super fans, Harry Potter, etc. A team name is required when you register in order to keep the teams organized, and dressing up/decorating is only encouraged for fun.
- Prizes
  - \$40 prize for the best table costume/theme.
  - \$400 cash prize for the winning Trivia Team
- BYO food and ADULT beverages (no separate food tables)
- Items for auction and raffles
  - Auction items will be on display at the event and online bidding is open to anyone.
  - There will be other raffles/drawings for in-person attendees only.

## CRUSH Youth Ministry

Summer Mission Trip Sign Up is now open!  
CRUSH will be traveling by bus to  
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This is a service opportunity and a youth conference in one. Live music, games, witness talks, Adoration, daily mass, and the chance to meet other teens from other parishes in other states. It is truly a life changing chance to encounter Jesus and grow in faith!

Open QR to register:



Check your email in the coming weeks for more information on upcoming events. If you and your high school teen would like to receive these updates, please email Jeannine at [CRUSH@mystjohns.org](mailto:CRUSH@mystjohns.org)

## ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST



# BINGO NIGHT

Saturday, January 11, 2025 | 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Doors Open at 5:30 PM

Join us for our Monthly Bingo Night! Enjoy a fun filled evening of games, fellowship, and the chance to win great prizes. Refreshments will be available for purchase, so bring your friends and family! All proceeds support the parish and the Knights of Columbus. Don't miss out—come for the bingo, stay for the community!

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\*Players must be 18 years or older\*



*Thank you so much to St. John the Evangelist Parishioners, our Council Members and our Family and Friends for their selfless act of charity and generosity. This night, we packed and set a new site record of 408 boxes in 2 hours. Special thanks to Sir Knight Tom Witt for coordinating this event.*

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