

# Augie's Archives

January 2025



## The Feast of the Epiphany

On January 6, twelve days after Christmas, our church celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany. This feast day commemorates God's revelation of Himself to the world through the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. On Sunday, January 5, after the 10 a.m. service, we will celebrate the Epiphany with a pitch-in lunch and our traditional Epiphany cake.

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of how the Wise Men brought three symbolic gifts to present to the infant Jesus: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Gold symbolized Jesus' kingship, frankincense represented his divinity, and myrrh foreshadowed his suffering and death. This event is considered a manifestation of Jesus to the Gentiles, signifying the universality of Christ's message.

Epiphany, also known as Three Kings Day, marks the end of the Christmas season in many cultures, as it falls twelve days after Christmas. It also serves as a reminder of the universal nature of Jesus' message and the importance of recognizing him as both divine and earthly. And, it highlights the act of giving and generosity, as the Wise Men brought gifts to honor the newborn Jesus.

— From Christianity.com

## St. Augie's Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting will be held in the sanctuary on Sunday, January 19, following the 9:30 a.m. service. We will discuss the church budget, elect new vestry members, and vote on convention delegates. If you are interested in representing our church at the annual diocesan convention this fall, please talk to Fr. Bill or send an email to the church office.



## Christmas Clean Up

We will take down the Christmas greens and put away the decorations after the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, January 5. We will do the work before the Epiphany pitch-in, so please plan to help with this task. Many hands make light work! Thank you!!

## January 19: Annual Meeting

One service at 9:30 a.m.

We will have Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Children are invited to borrow an activity from the bookshelf in the back of sanctuary during the meeting.

## Bishop Jennifer Will Visit Next Month

Bishop Jennifer will preside over the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, February 9. We will have a reception downstairs after the service.

## Children's Christmas Eve Service



On Christmas Eve, children took part in a nativity scene interview with Tim during our Children's Christmas Eve service. Thanks to all of the kids who took part in our event, and thanks to Fr. Bill, Susan, and Tim for helping to make our Christmas Eve so special and memorable. Thanks also to Susan for sharing the photo.

### Family Promise Thrive 25

Family Promise has a Thrive 365 program that asks for donors, churches, and organizations to give \$365 to sponsor a day at their Almost Home facility, providing shelter, meals, and hope. And now, with Family Promise's Thrive 25 program, donors can give \$25, which will be combined with the other \$25 donations to help sponsor a day of care for a family in need. Every dollar you give strengthens the community that surrounds these families, giving them the chance to move forward with dignity and hope. To donate to the Thrive 25 program, go to <https://familypromisehendrickscounty.org/thrive-2025/>.

### Sunday School News

- Sunday School starts back up on January 5.
- On January 19, we will have Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

### Altar Flowers

We have a new sign-up list to sponsor flowers in 2025. The list is on the front door of the church. You can also send an email to our church office at [staugiesdanvillein@gmail.com](mailto:staugiesdanvillein@gmail.com) with the date you'd like to sponsor the altar flowers along with your dedication. You are welcome to sign up to sponsor as many Sundays as you'd like. Flowers are \$20 for each week you sponsor, and we ask that you pay for your flowers the week before (or the day of) your chosen date. You can put cash or a check (mark that it is for Altar Flowers) in an envelope and put it into the offering box on the table in the back of the church. You can take home the flowers you sponsor after that morning's 10 a.m. service.

### Sunday Bulletin Prayer and Armed Forces Lists Reset

The Prayer list and Members of the Armed Forces list in the Sunday bulletin will be reset on January 5. If you would like keep or add your loved one to the lists, please send an email to [staugiesdanvillein@gmail.com](mailto:staugiesdanvillein@gmail.com). Requests for your loved ones to be added to either list may be made at any time. Just send us an email or contact Fr. Bill.

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