

# The PREP Word

January 2025



## EPIPHANY

Epiphany is one of the oldest and most important Catholic celebrations, along with Christmas and Easter. It marks the official end of Christmas. Epiphany is celebrated on January 6th, which is the 12th day of Christmas. It is also known as Three Kings' Day. The word "epiphany" means "manifestation" or "to show". In the Bible, it refers to Jesus being revealed as God's Son. The story of the Magi's star shows that Jesus' destiny was not determined by the star, but by his birthplace. The Magi followed the star to Bethlehem, where Jesus was born.

### UPCOMING DATES:

JAN 5-

- PREP class 10:15 AM - 11:45 AM

JAN 12-

- PREP class 10:15 AM - 11:45 AM

JAN 19-

- PREP Penance Service @ 5:30 PM

FEB 2-

- PREP class 10:15 AM - 11:45 AM

FEB 9-

- PREP class 10:15 AM - 11:45 AM
- LEVEL 2 Parent Presentation Eucharistic Art Gallery

FEB 23-

- PREP class 10:15 AM - 11:45 AM
- LEVEL K Parent Presentation Catholic Concert @ 11 AM

**Thank you to all our Nativity volunteers especially...**

**Mary-** Kylie Wagner

**Gabriel-** Sophia Ninfo

**Isaiah-** Issac Akoto

**Anna-** Kristal Cornejo

**Melchoir-** Christopher Palaguachi

**Innkeepers-** Christopher Biolchini

**Readers-** Penelope Brizek,

Tue-Tam Do, Gavin Gallagher,

Nolan Huckleberry, Greer

Kaminskas, Gabby Wagner

## PREP's Annual Penance Service

**January 19th - 5:30 PM - Church**

Join us for a special, PREP level's 3-8 "only" Penance service. Our priests will be available to hear your confessions starting at 5:30 PM.



## The Baptism of the Lord Sunday, January 12th

The feast of the Baptism of the Lord celebrates the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. We know that — since Jesus was born without sin — he did not really need to be baptized. And yet, Jesus welcomes his own baptism as an example for the rest of us and as a sign of his true identity. He is God's son, the living presence of God on earth. Take some time this month to talk to your kids about their own baptism (even if you've told the story before!). Talk about who was there, how their godparents were chosen and the celebration after the sacrament.



## Sacramental Catch Up Class

Is your child interested in receiving Reconciliation and Communion, but older than the norm? PREP offers an annual Sacramental Catch Up class for those students in levels 3-7 who may have missed their First Reconciliation and Communion during 2nd grade and would like to receive these sacraments. Approximately 6 classes will be offered once a week after school during the months of February-April. During these classes, students will learn about each specific sacrament prior to receiving in late spring.

If you have not already signed up, please contact Jenny @ [jmatlack@stignatiusvikings.org](mailto:jmatlack@stignatiusvikings.org) for more information.

