

# EPIPHANY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*inspiring mind and soul*

Epiphany Catholic School, an integral part of Epiphany Parish, is a Christ-centered faith community. Dedicated to the formation of the whole person, we are committed to providing all students with the highest quality Catholic education. We are preparing students to "Manifest Christ to All."

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Dear Families,

During the Season of Advent we try to slow down and focus on preparing our hearts for the Birth of Christ, but as every parent knows, it's very difficult when surrounded by children. At Epiphany School it's no different - we learn about the Infancy Narratives in class, practice patience (our virtue of the month), and participate in the Season of Advent, but we never slow down. Between special celebrations for St. Lucy, St. Nicholas, and Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, cards and gifts for loved ones, our Band and Orchestra Concert, and our all-school Christmas Concert - we are very busy!

However, in the flurry of activity, God still occupies the center of our hearts. Between Adoration and Benediction, the use of our new Our Lady of Fatima Chapel, all-school Reconciliation, Advent prayer services and classroom Christmas pageants, we are fully immersed in our Catholic Faith and working on staying "focused". This is just one more of the beautiful reason why choosing to enroll our children in Catholic education is so important. We teach the whole child - body, mind AND SOUL.

Please know that you are in the prayers of our staff and students as your family prepares for the beautiful celebration of Christmas.

In Christ,  
*Ann Coone*, Principal

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## Week of December 11th

Mon., 12/11 -

- No Scheduled Events

Tues., 12/12 -

- **Mass**, 8 am, Led by GR 6
- **PTO Meeting**, 7 pm, Media Center

Wed., 12/13 -

- **Feast of St. Lucy**, classroom visits, GR 2 girls



Thurs., 12/14 -

- Band & Orchestra Concert, 1 pm & 6 pm, Gym

Fri., 12/15 -

- Spirit Day
- Breakfast with Santa, 6:30 - 7:25 am, Cafeteria
- Gingerbread Houses, 8 am, GR 1

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## PARENT SURVEY Deadline is this Friday, December 8, 8:00 pm

There is just one day remaining to make your opinion heard through our Parent Survey. To date we have heard from 113 people but we'd like to hear from at least one person from all of our K-8 families.

Please click the button and complete the five minute Survey.  
You'll be glad you did!!

[Take Survey](#)

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## Virtue Formation for the Month of December

The virtue of patience is a great virtue for Advent. During Advent, the Church invites all of us to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord so we can enter more fully into the joy of Christ's birth at Christmas. Especially in our fast-paced, technological society, that kind of spiritual preparation takes real patience. We should strive to be patient both with ourselves and others. For us, our patience would probably have run out long before we reached Bethlehem, but not for Mary. She knew that waiting for the birth of her child would be a joy that would far surpass all of her hardships.

In order for us to experience Christmas joy, we are invited to wait patiently like Mary. Advent should be a time of reverence, silence, and preparing our hearts for the coming of Jesus Christ into the world.

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### Saint Andrew Novena

*Hail, and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, o my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed*



This is an important tradition that will keep Jesus front and center during Advent. A reminder for our students of

*Mother.  
Amen.*

As a school, we are saying this prayer  
three times a day: Morning, Noon,  
and End of Day.

the true meaning of Christmas and  
the importance about waiting and  
planning for the Birthday of our  
Savior.

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## The Importance of Being to School on Time

In previous E-Happenings newsletters we addressed school tardiness and the effect that it has on students and the overall classroom. Everyone is occasionally late, but chronic lateness can't be ignored. Being late even 10 minutes is significant when our classes are only 40 minutes in length. Because of this, we are using the Mandatory Makeup program as outlined in previous editions of E-Happenings (9/11/17 & 9/18/17).



**Basically, when a student is late to school (not in their desk and ready to begin their day by the 7:40 am bell) six times in one trimester, they will be issued a Mandatory Makeup, which is one hour (10 minutes for each of the 6 tardies) of after school class time. Mandatory Makeups will be held on Thursdays from 2:30-3:30 pm.**

When overall weather conditions cause a group of students to be tardy, or students have doctor appointments or other unforeseen/emergencies that parents report to the office, the students will be marked as tardy but it will not be included as a step toward Mandatory Makeup. Students get a fresh start at the beginning of each new trimester.

**Parent letters will be sent home each month that alert parents to a concern about tardiness and the assignment of Mandatory Makeup.**

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## Access to School Parking Lot

After careful review by our facilities team, preschool, and day school administrators, we have made the following adjustments to the entrances to our school parking lot during all school days:

- Access from the Hanson Blvd. to our south school lot will ONLY be open during school drop-off and pick-up times. Cars should use the 111th street access.
- The portable yellow barriers that run down the center of the school parking lot will ONLY be open during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up when school is in session.

To avoid the frustration of getting stuck on the north side of the school and having to drive around, please plan ahead and enter the school lot from 111th Ave at all times outside of drop-off and pick-up times.

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## Breakfast with Santa

Join Santa and Mrs. Claus for a delicious breakfast on **Friday, 12/15 from 6:30 -7:25 am** in the school cafeteria. Cost for breakfast is \$1.75 for students and \$2.50 for adults.



No reservation required!!

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## School News

**Epiphany Wrestling** - Register today for Epiphany Wrestling! All Epiphany boys are invited to register to be a part of this year's wrestling program. No experience is necessary to join this outstanding program focused on community, fitness, commitment, and a legacy of success. Practices are Tuesdays and Thursdays at Epiphany from 3 - 5 pm and begin the week of 12/11. Click [HERE](#) for a flyer with additional details. New to wrestling? **A free, two-week trial is available** through the month of December. All required activity forms should be completed and returned to Coach Klaers at the first practice or to Mr. Schultz, Athletic Director. We look forward to another great season of Epiphany wrestling!

**Drama Arts** - All sessions are from 2:30 - 3:30 pm. The registration form and more information can be found on the website on the [Drama Arts Page](#). Questions? Contact Lauri Wilkie at [lwilkie@epiphanymn.org](mailto:lwilkie@epiphanymn.org).

- **Session 2** - 3rd - 5th grade student dates: 12/13 and 12/20
- **Session 3** - 6th - 8th grade student dates: 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, and 1/31

**Christmas Concerts** - The [Christmas Band & Orchestra Concert](#) is on Thursday, 12/14. Performances are at 1 pm and 6 pm in the Gym. The [K-8 Christmas Concert](#) is on Thursday, 12/21 with performances at 12:30 pm and 6 pm in the Church. Please read the [K-8 Christmas Concert](#) flyer from Mrs. Grefsheim and Mrs. Mulheron for performance details. The flyer was sent home today in Thursday envelopes.

**Preschool Christmas Presentation** - This year's Christmas Program is our version of an acrostic poem and is titled, *Christmas Is*. For several weeks our three, four and five year olds have been busy practicing their lines and learning the lyrics to ten songs. On December 14 & 15 they will share their Christmas Program with their parents, grandparents, other family members, friends and residents from the Epiphany Pines and Assisted Living facilities. We truly wish you a **Blessed and Merry Christmas and New Year!!**

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## What's All of This Talk About Latin?

There is much chatter about the addition of Latin to our school curriculum. The good news is that people are talking about it and researching. The bad news is that much of the information being passed around from word of mouth, is

inaccurate. Here are a few truths and some great articles with information about WHY we will be adding Latin to our curriculum.

- **Truth 1:** We ARE going to begin some Latin instruction at Epiphany Catholic School next year.
- **Truth 2:** The amount of Spanish that our students receive next year will be assessed and there may be adjustments made, but Spanish will NOT be completely eliminated.
- **Truth 3:** If we are not continually evaluating our curriculum, and making adjustments based upon need, we are living in a state of false superiority. When we evaluate our curriculum and determine that we are providing exactly what our students need, we are living in a state of truth.
- **Truth 4:** Latin is NOT a spoke language - it is an art, a skill, and a rigorous building block in the development of grammar, phonics, reading, vocabulary, writing, science, history, and assessment. Simply put, students who study Latin do better. To learn more, read the following articles:

- [Top 10 Reasons for Studying Latin](#)
  - [The Latin Advantage](#)
  - [The Benefits of Learning Latin](#)
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## Movie Fundraiser - Extended!

Haven't seen the movie Wonder yet?

Epiphany Catholic School will receive \$1 for every ticket purchased through the link below during the month of December. Pass the link on to everyone you know!

Enjoy a night at the movies with your family.

[Purchase Tickets](#)

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## Epiphany Senior Housing Angels

# Want Bakers!

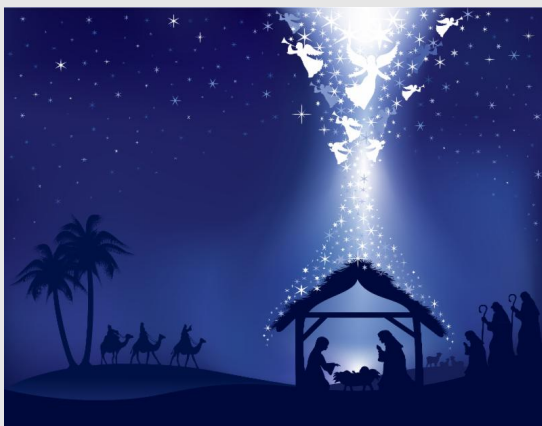
Annual Cookie Sale  
is December 10  
8:30 am-12:30 pm  
See Bobbi for  
more information

Bring treats to:  
Fri., Dec. 8 - parish office  
Sun., Dec. 10 - meeting rooms



## Parish Advent Reconciliation

**Tuesday,  
December 12  
6:30-8:30 p.m.  
9 priests available**



### Christmas Eve Living Gospel

Children ages preschool - 3rd grade,  
come be a part of Epiphany's  
Christmas Eve Living Gospel!

Play the part of one of the characters  
in the manger scene. Contact  
Maggie Tvedten to sign up at  
[mtvedten@epiphanymn.org](mailto:mtvedten@epiphanymn.org) or  
763.862.4332.

# MOTHER AND DAUGHTER FATHER AND SON SEMINAR



**LoveEd**  
A Catholic Program  
for Parents & Kids



Sons with their dads\*  
Youth Room

Daughters with their moms\*  
Meeting Room

## FOR 6TH - 8TH GRADERS

Sunday, January 7  
3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

\*If the parent is not available, a close, caring adult of the same gender may attend with the child.



### Registration Required

More information contact Suzanne Lewis 763.862.4336 or [slewis@epiphanymn.org](mailto:slewis@epiphanymn.org).

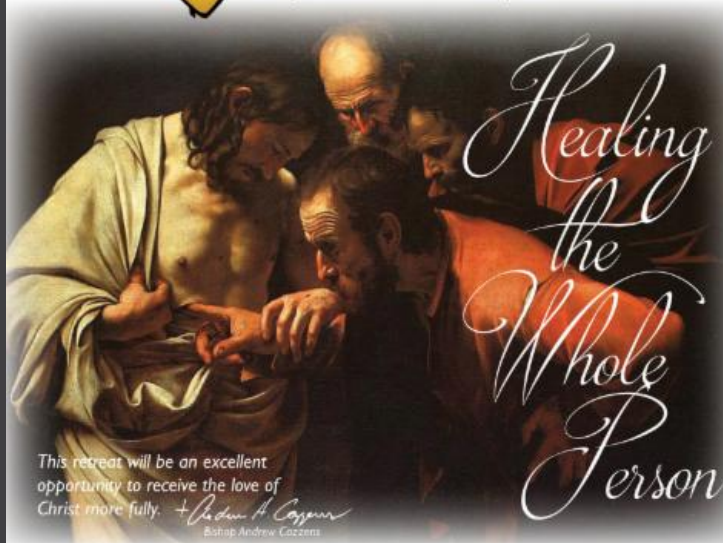
Click [HERE](#) to register online for the LoveEd seminar for 6th-8th graders on January 7th.



Presented by the team at

**JOHN PAUL II HEALING CENTER**

*Transformation in the Heart of the Church*



This retreat will be an excellent opportunity to receive the love of Christ more fully. *+ Andrew A. Cozzani*  
Bishop Andrew Cozzani

## EPIPHANY

**Thursday, January 18**

5:30-6:30 p.m. Register/Check-In

6:30-9:30 p.m. **Healing The Whole Person**

**Friday, January 19**

6:00-9:30 p.m. **Facing Our Brokenness**

**Saturday, January 20**

8:00 a.m. Mass (optional)

9:15-10:45 a.m. **Encountering the Father's Love**

12:00-1:15 p.m. Lunch

1:15-4:00 p.m. **Living in Freedom**

(4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass)

Registration is \$147/person before January 8, 2018 and \$167 at the door.

Register and to learn more go to:  
[www.jpilhealingcenter.org](http://www.jpilhealingcenter.org)

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