

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."

E Happenings for the Week of December 4, 2017

Week of December 4th

Mon., 12/4 -

- No School for Students, Staff Development Day

Tues., 12/5 -

- No Scheduled Events

Wed., 12/6 -

- School Reconciliation
- St. Nicholas Visit

Thurs., 12/7 -

- D.A.R.E. Graduation, GR 5
1 pm, Gym
- Adoration & Benediction,
Middle School, 1 pm

Fri., 12/8 -

- Mass, Immaculate Conception,
8 am, Led by GR 8



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
Mother. Amen.*

This is the Saint Andrew Novena, and it begins today, 11/30, the Feast Day of Saint Andrew.

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



This is an important tradition that will keep Jesus front and center during Advent. A reminder for our students of the true meaning of Christmas and the importance about waiting and planning for the Birthday of our Savior.

Report Cards and a New Trimester

We have come to the end of the first Trimester! Everything begins new when we return to school next Tuesday, December 4. Students receive a clean slate in both their grade book and their conduct reports. The new Trimester is a great time to talk with your child about what they did well last Trimester and what they can do better in the next. Setting reasonable goals and managing them is a skill that has to be taught and for many of us, it's a difficult one to learn.

Report Cards will be released on December 13, which is already two weeks into the new Trimester. Consider having heart-to-heart conversations with your children ahead of Report Cards, when the slate is brand new, to help them get off to a great start in our second Trimester.



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.

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](#)

School News

Breakfast with Santa - Mark your calendar for this highly anticipated event. 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!!

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.

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

Epiphany Wrestling - Is your son interested in giving the sport of wrestling a try? There is a special opportunity for boys in K- 3rd grade. For more information..... [Epiphany Mini Mat Men - 2017](#)

Christmas Concerts - The **Christmas Band & Orchestra Concert** is on Thursday, December 14th. 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.

Extended Day Program - All kindergarten through sixth grade students are

welcome to attend! The program is very flexible, choose which of the days to attend and only pay for those days. Open 6:30 am to 6 pm each day! Call today to reserve your spot, 763.755.7341 .

- December 27 - Movie and Slipper Day & Winter Carnival
- December 28 - Feast for Feathered Friends & Trip to Brunswick Zone
- December 29 - Roll with It & Broom-ball

A bag lunch is needed each day. Breakfast, am & pm snacks and beverage at lunch are provided. We look forward to celebrating the holiday season with your child!

**Thank
You**

to all who turned in **Box Tops** as part of the summer collection drive. It was a wonderful success gathering **3,692 Box Tops!**



Congratulations!

to the raffle winners:



Nicolas Funk* *Jake Vogel* *Logan Chaput

James Bratton* *Annie Hurrelbrink

Ava Schlichting* *Simon Johnson* *Colin Chaput

Timothy Nebelung* *Maria Schwoch



Every family is required to volunteer on the school playground two times per school year from 10:30 - 11:30 am.

Playground Volunteers

The link for [Playground Signup](#) is open. ALL volunteers must complete the Essential 3 in order to volunteer in the school. Questions on the requirements to volunteer? Please contact the Parish Office at **763.755.1020**.

We are in **NEED** of volunteers in January and February.

A reminder that you must be on the playground for the entire shift

(10:30 - 11:30 am). We rely on our volunteers to help keep our students safe while outside.



7th Annual
Gala
and Live
Auction

More information on www.epiphanymn.org

Jean Mackey 763.862.4364 or jmackey@epiphanymn.org

December 2

\$10,000 Prize Raffle

1 in 80 chance to win!

\$100 / ticket Purchase tickets at

Information Desk
Parish Office

Need not be present to win.

**Premier &
Single Tickets**

NOW ON SALE!

Live & Silent Auctions
Fine Dining



**Epiphany Senior
Housing Angels**

Want Bakers!

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

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

Parish Advent Reconciliation

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

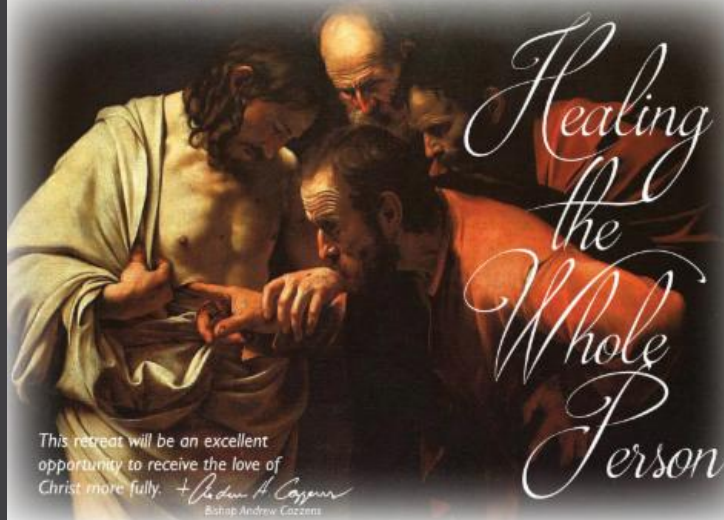
Christmas Eve Living Gospel

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 or 763.862.4332.



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

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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

Epiphany contact is Jill Fink 763.862.4344 or jfink@epiphanymn.org. Also visit our website for details.

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