

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

11:00am
January 11, 2026



Epiphany Flashback

AS WE GATHER

Throughout the ages, the Gospel story of Christ has been shared in spoken, written, and sung words. Each season of the Church Year is blessed by those sacred words. The Epiphany season recalls a journey by Magi to visit and worship the infant Jesus and to bring Him gifts. This day we have made a journey to this place to do the same.

This season begins with light— **to reveal God's light** shining into a world still learning to look up. We rejoice that Jesus is revealed not only as Israel's Messiah, but as the Savior of all nations. Epiphany proclaims a God who does not hide, but makes Himself known in Word made flesh. The star still points the way, and it leads us to Jesus, the Light of the world, who shines forgiveness, life, and salvation for all.

WELCOME — Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

RINGING OF THE BELL

House Of The Lord

We worship the God who was.
 We worship the God who is.
 We worship the God who evermore will
 be.
 He opened the prison doors.
 He parted the raging sea.
 My God, He holds the victory.

Chorus

There's joy in the house of the Lord.
 There's joy in the house of the Lord today.
 And we won't be quiet.
 We shout out Your praise.
 There's joy in the house of the Lord.
 Our God is surely in this place.
 And we won't be quiet.
 We shout out Your praise.

We shout out Your praise.
 We shout out Your praise.

Verse 2

We sing to the God who heals.
 We sing to the God who saves.
 We sing to the God who always makes a
 way.
 'Cause He hung up on that cross
 Then He rose up from that grave.
 My God's still rolling stones away.

Chorus

There's joy in the house of the Lord.
 There's joy in the house of the Lord today.
 And we won't be quiet.
 We shout out Your praise.
 There's joy in the house of the Lord.
 Our God is surely in this place.
 And we won't be quiet.
 We shout out Your praise.

Bridge

We were the beggars.
 Now we're royalty.
 We were the prisoners.
 Now we're running free.
 We are forgiven, accepted,
 redeemed by His grace.
 Let the house of the Lord sing praise. (2X)

Chorus

There's joy in the house of the Lord.
 There's joy in the house of the Lord today.
 And we won't be quiet.
 We shout out Your praise.

There's joy in the house of the Lord.
 Our God is surely in this place.
 And we won't be quiet.
 We shout out Your praise. (2X)

We shout out Your praise.
 We shout out Your praise.

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Almighty God, who revealed Your glory when the Son became man,

People: being turned away from You by my sinful nature, I try to do Your job—I play God. I think I know what is best for me and for other people. I try to control things over which I have no power, and I too quickly give up on things I need to change. I've hurt You, myself, and the people around me. I need help.

You are the God who knows human life both from the outside-in as creator Father, and from the inside-out as incarnate Son and indwelling Spirit. Only You can hear me, forgive me, and return me to peace with Yourself, with myself, and with the people around me.

Pastor: God's grace is revealed in the birth, life, suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He has brought light to this world darkened by sin. In the stead and by the command of Jesus, I announce to you the full forgiveness of all of your sins in the name of the Father and the ✠ Son and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God!

Service of the Word

Kyrie

Pastor: Lord of glory, Father of lights,

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: Christ Jesus, human, yet God,

People: have mercy on us.

Pastor: Lord of glory, light of the nations,

People: have mercy on us, and grant us Your peace. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us Pray. Almighty God, in Your Son, Jesus Christ, the hoped-for promise of salvation was fully realized. Grant that we truly welcome Jesus as the King of our hearts and the ruler of our lives. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God, world without end.

People: Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 60:1–6* (The Lord's coming will be good news for everyone.)

Pastor: Arise, shine, for your light has come,

People: and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

Pastor: For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;

**People: but the LORD will arise upon you,
and His glory will be seen upon you.**

Pastor: And nations shall come to your light,

People: and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Pastor: Lift up your eyes all around, and see;
they all gather together, they come to you;

**People: your sons shall come from afar,
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.**

Pastor: Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and exult,

**People: because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.**

Pastor: A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come.

**People: They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.**

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle *Ephesians 3:1–12* (The mystery of Christ revealed: good news for all people.)

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—² assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you,³ how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly.⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ,⁵ which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.⁶ This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷ Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power.⁸ To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things,¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.¹¹ This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 2:1–12* (The Wise Men visit the child Jesus and His mother Mary.)

Reader: Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem,² saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose^[b] and have come to worship him."³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him;⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶ "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
 are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
 for from you shall come a ruler
 who will shepherd my people Israel."

⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." ⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONTROL

Here I am, all my intentions,
 All my obsessions. I wanna lay them all
 down.
 In Your hands, only Your love is vital.
 Though I'm not entitled,
 Still You call me Your child.

Chorus
 God, You don't need me, but somehow
 You want me.
 Oh how You love me; somehow that frees
 me
 To take my hands off of my life
 And the way it should go.

Oh, God, You don't need me, but somehow
 You want me.
 Oh how You love me; somehow that frees
 me
 To open my hands up and give You
 control.
 I give You control.

Verse
 I've had plans shattered and broken.
 Things I have hoped in fall through my
 hands.
 You have plans to redeem and restore me.
 You're behind and before me.
 Oh, help me believe.

Chorus
 God, You don't need me, but somehow
 You want me.

Oh how You love me; somehow that frees
 me
 To take my hands off of my life
 And the way it should go.

Oh, God, You don't need me, but somehow
 You want me.
 Oh how You love me; somehow that frees
 me
 To open my hands up and give You
 control.

Bridge

You want me.
 Somehow You want me.
 The King of Heaven wants me.
 So this world has lost its grip on me. (2X)

Chorus
 God, You don't need me, but somehow
 You want me.
 Oh how You love me; somehow that frees
 me
 To take my hands off of my life
 And the way it should go.

Oh, God, You don't need me, but somehow
 You want me.
 Oh how You love me; somehow that frees
 me
 To open my hands up and give You
 control.
 I give You control

Sermon – Pastor Christopher Fairbairn

Flawless

There's got to be more
Than going back and forth,
From doing right to doing wrong,
'Cause we were taught that's who we are.

Come on, get in line right behind me,
You, along with everybody,
Thinking there's worth in what you do.

Then, like a hero who takes the stage
when
We're on the edge of our seats, saying,
"It's too late."
Let me introduce you to amazing grace.

Chorus

No matter the bumps, no matter the
bruises,
No matter the scars, still the truth is
The cross has made,
The cross has made you flawless.
No matter the hurt or how deep the wound
is,
No matter the pain, still the truth is
The cross has made,
The cross has made you flawless.

Could it possibly be
That we simply can't believe
That this unconditional
Kind of love would be enough
To take a filthy wretch like this
And wrap him up in righteousness,
But that's exactly what He did.

Then, like a hero who takes the stage
when
We're on the edge of our seats, saying,
"It's too late."
Let me introduce you to amazing grace.

Chorus

No matter the bumps, no matter the
bruises,
No matter the scars, still the truth is
The cross has made,
The cross has made you flawless.
No matter the hurt or how deep the wound
is,
No matter the pain, still the truth is
The cross has made,
The cross has made you flawless.

Bridge

Take a breath, smile and say
Right here, right now, "I'm ok because
The cross was enough."

Then, like a hero who takes the stage
when
We're on the edge of our seats saying,
"It's too late."

Let me introduce you to grace, grace,
God's grace.

Chorus

No matter the bumps, no matter the
bruises,
No matter the scars, still the truth is
The cross has made,
The cross has made you flawless.
No matter the hurt or how deep the wound
is,

No matter the pain, still the truth is
The cross has made,
The cross has made you flawless.

No matter what they say,
Or what you think you are,
The day you called His name
He made you flawless. He made you
flawless.

*Stand***Prayer of the Church**

Pastor: Let us pray. God, who lives our human life in Jesus, You have revealed Your glory in the face of the man Christ Jesus, and spoken by Your Son promises of life and good news for all people. Grant that all who speak in Your name may do so with grace and truthfulness that through Your Word in their mouths, all people may return to peace with You, with themselves, and with one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: As the Magi brought their gifts to the place where the child Jesus was, direct us, O Lord, to love the place where Your presence dwells and to cherish the fellowship of faith and love that we enjoy as God's holy people. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Remembering the journey of the Magi as they were led by the star, grant that we be led throughout our lives in ways that lead us to Your presence. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: On this day of reflection and of celebration, we also make our petitions for the sick, the shut-in, and all who at this time are in need of our intercession, [*especially . . .*], that their prayers soon be answered and that they be supported by God's people with care in the name of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: As we bring forth our gifts, grant that we also offer the gift of ourselves and our lives, that we be directed by the Holy Spirit to do the work of God, bringing aid to the poor and hope to the oppressed. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

If you brought your offering today, you are welcome to leave it in the offering box you will find at the back of the church. **Thank you.**

We invite our guests and members to fill out our **Friendship Card** during worship, which is found on the back of the pew. Please leave your card at the end of the pew near the center aisle as you leave.

Stand

Offertory

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

God is Good

May your struggles keep you near the cross
And may your troubles show that you need God
And may your battles end the way they should
And may your bad days prove that God is good
And may your whole life prove that God is good
(2x)



Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

THE INVITATIONS

Lifesong

Verse 1

Empty hands held high
Such small sacrifice
If not joined with my life
I sing in vain tonight

May the words I say
And the things I do
Make my lifesong sing
Bring a smile to You

Chorus

Let my lifesong sing to You
Let my lifesong sing to You
I wanna sign Your name
To the end of this day
Knowin' that my heart was true
Let my lifesong sing to You

Verse

Lord I give my life
A living sacrifice
To reach a world in need
To be Your hands and feet

May the words I say
And the things I do
Make my lifesong sing
Bring a smile to You

Chorus

Let my lifesong sing to You
Let my lifesong sing to You
I wanna sign Your name
To the end of this day
Knowin' that my heart was true
Let my lifesong sing to You

Bridge

Hallelujah hallelujah
Let my lifesong sing to You (3x)

Chorus

Let my lifesong sing to You
Let my lifesong sing to You
I wanna sign Your name
To the end of this day
Knowin' that my heart was true
Let my lifesong sing to You (2x)



Need some PRAYER? Anyone who desires special private prayer with a pastor or a Stephen Minister may do so by coming forward after service to one of the front pews.

Our Vision — a place to come for comfort, support, answers, opportunities to serve, and to strengthen a salvation relationship with Jesus



WHERE WE SERVE

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| Preacher | Pastor Christopher Fairbairn |
| Officiant | Pastor Jim Frusti |
| Music Director | Paul Ventimiglia |
| Family Life | Jeanette Koch |
| Elder | Mark Baumgarten |
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| Greeter | Greulich Family |
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| Reader | Joanne Bandoni |
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| Welcome Center | Beth Hempel |
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| Ushers | Chuck Hempel Ernie Edick |
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| Counters | Jan Paver David Tischler |
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| Tech Team | Curtis Kalina |
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| Altar Society | Jan Paver Lisa Fairbairn |
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| Acolyte | Kenadee Koch |
| Praise Team | Sarah Hughes Hannah Hughes Linda Johnson Kurt Menhart Chris Englert |

Bible Study and Small Group Opportunities

WEDNESDAYS: Women’s Bible Study- Wednesdays @ 9:30am in the church Parish Hall.
 SUNDAYS: Join us for bible study and fellowship @ 9:45am in the church Parish Hall.
 SATURDAYS: Men’s Bible Study – Every 1st and 3rd Saturday @ 9:00am – Parish Hall

Attendance Last week: 1.4.2026– Attendance – 8:30am –109 + 11:00am – 97 = 206
 Communion - 157

Received week of 1.4.2026 for Church (Envelopes + loose plate)- **\$12,950.99** total includes online giving **School - \$428**

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Dorothy Schneider
 41215 Fox Run Drive -216 Rose Court
 Novi, MI 48377

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| 11 | JAN, SUN | ● 8:30 – 9:30am | Worship w/Communion |
| | | ● 9:45 – 10:45am | Sunday School & Youth Bible Study |
| | | ● 11am – 12pm | Worship |
| | | ● 7 – 9pm | Adult pick up basketball - check notes for availability school gym |
| 12 | JAN, MON | ● 6:30 – 7:30pm | Board of Day School Parish Hall |
| 13 | JAN, TUE | ● 10am – 2pm | School Hot Lunch - Kitchen |
| | | ● 6 – 7pm | Bible Quizzing Practice - Parish Hall |
| 14 | JAN, WED | ● 9:30 – 10:30am | Ladies Bible Study -Church Parish Hall |
| | | ● 5:30 – 7pm | Board of Evangelism - Parish Hall |
| 15 | JAN, THU | ● 10am – 2pm | School Hot Lunch - Kitchen |
| | | ● 4:30 – 5:30pm | Choir Practice |
| | | ● 5:45 – 7pm | Bell Choir Rehearsal - church |
| 16 | JAN, FRI | ● All day | 1/2 DAY OF SCHOOL |
| | | ● All day | 1/2 Day of School End of 2nd Quarter |
| | | ● 7 – 9pm | AA Mtg. church parish hall |
| 17 | JAN, SAT | ● All day | Men's Bible Study Parish Hall |
| | | ● 9 – 11am | Soccer Shots - Gym |
| | | ● 5 – 9pm | Euchre Party Fundraiser - Parish Hall |



Altar Flowers

Dedicated by the Treder family to express gratitude to God for family, friends and health and to look to God for hope, joy and peace in the new year.

Please arrange to pick up your flowers after the 11am service

WANTED - Calling All Chili Cooks If you have a famous (or not so famous) chili recipe you would like to make and share at the 2026 Chili Cook Off this is your chance to win prizes and bragging rights for your

recipe. The Spicy Show Down will take place on Saturday, January 31, 2026 from 5:00- 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. If you would like to donate a crock pot of your ready to eat chili to the 2026 El Salvador Mission Trip, please contact **Beth Hempel at 734 347-1381**, call or text. There will also be a sign-up board in the Narthex. We only have room for 10 Chili's so make sure you get your chili registered. All proceeds go toward the 2026 El Salvador Mission Trip.

2 vases of altar flowers are needed for February 1. Cost is \$15.00 per vase. If you would like to purchase one or both vases, please contact Anne Burgess at 734-765-4792 or anne.burgess.313@gmail.com



Padawan Bible Quizzing Tournament

Looking for Bible Quizzers, *young and old!*

This FREE Bible Quizzing tournament will be hosted **at St. Paul Church**. There is **no age limit**, which means everyone can test their Bible Quizzing skills. No prior knowledge of the material is required. All ages welcome on teams of 3 people each. Lunch will be provided.

Saturday, February 21, 2025 @ 12PM-3PM
1 Corinthians 10, 12, & 13
@ St. Paul Northville Church!
Lunch provided

For info or to register, visit stpaulnorthville.org/quizzing or talk to Jake Fairbairn <jakecfairbairn@gmail.com, (248) 231-9684>. Register by Sun, Feb 15.

💰 Endowment Fund News 💰

It's amazing to think that our St. Paul Endowment Fund began in 2011 with a single donation of \$1,000. God has truly blessed this ministry! At the close of 2025, the Fund balance has grown to **\$109,234.86**, which will provide **\$5,450 in grant dollars for 2026**.

We are now entering our **fifth year of awarding grants**, and to date the Endowment Fund has shared more than **\$16,285** to support ministry, mission, and community outreach. Here are just a few of the projects that have been blessed through these funds:

- National Youth Gathering (Texas)
- Belize Mission Trip
- Protect Young Eyes Technology Event
- Handbell Choir Storage Cases
- New Church Website
- Science & Chemistry Learning Materials
- Christmas Decorations

- Church Roof Repairs
- Church Office Construction
- VBS T-Shirts
- Bible Quizzers
- Church Sign Refurbishment
- Marketing & Ministry Materials

Your generosity — past, present, and future — makes this possible. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Endowment Fund and continues to support it so faithfully.

Please watch for details as the **2026 grant application window opens in April**. Together, we continue to plant seeds that will bless generations to come.

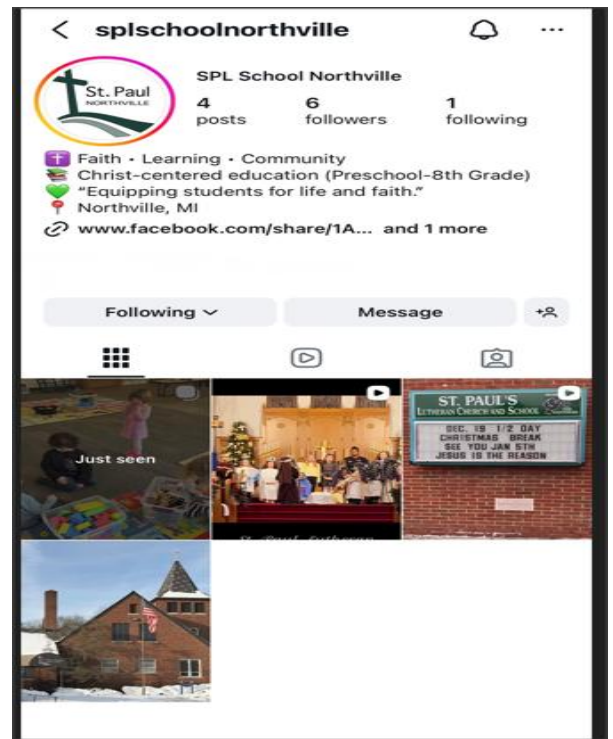
A **mission trip euchre card game fundraiser** will take place on Saturday, Jan. 17, 2026, 6:30-9:00 pm. Twelve members of our congregation have committed to participating in an eyeglass clinic in El Salvador in April. The cost of the trip is about \$3,000 per person. This fundraiser will help defray the cost for our participants. If you are new to the game, we are happy to instruct. There will be appetizers, beverages, snacks and prizes. The cost is \$15 per person, \$5 for youth. Please mark your calendar and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship.

Stay connected with St. Paul Lutheran School Northville on Instagram! 📷

Follow our new account to see school highlights, church events, faith-filled moments, and community updates. Be sure to like, comment, and share our posts to help spread the word and invite others to join our St. Paul family. Thank you for supporting and sharing our ministry!

Account name - splschoolnorthville

SPL School Northville



COME AND SING

Join the Church Choir

No auditions. No experience needed. Just a willing voice.

Why join the choir?

Good for your health

Singing strengthens the lungs, improves breathing, supports heart health, and gently exercises the whole body.

Good for your mind

Choir singing reduces stress, boosts mood, improves memory, and helps keep the brain active and resilient.

Good for your soul

Singing together builds friendship, belonging, and a powerful sense of community — no matter your age or background.

An act of worship

When we sing, we offer prayer with breath and voice, joining a tradition of praise that spans centuries.

A place for everyone

You don't have to be "musical." You just need to enjoy singing with others.

Contribution Statements

Update – Contribution Statements were emailed out Wednesday 1.7.2026 – if you did not have an email in our church software system you will receive yours by mail! If you have not received your statement, please check your "spam" folder as it will be coming from our church software notification system and not the church email. Also, if you have not updated your email and changed it recently, please contact the church office at stpaulnorthville@ameritech.net. Have a blessed day!
Margo Schmidt – Admin. Asst.

If you would like to buy Girl Scout cookies from member Jenna Raikes, here is an easy way to do that! Just scan the QR code and buy away



Jenna's Digital Cookie® Store



My Cookie Story

Now that me and my troop are in high school we are hoping to use the funds earned from selling cookies to go on more adventures like camp, and fun activities. Selling cookies helps us practice our cash change skills and learning to interact with people in a sales environment.

82 Packages Left To Go!

Help me reach my goal. Thanks for your support.



Jenna's Cookie Site



JANUARY MOVIE NIGHT



IT'S FREE

SATURDAY JAN 24th @ 5:00 PM



TBD

PIZZA, POPCORN & A LOT OF FUN

**Drop your children off for a fun night with their friends and go
enjoy a night out.**

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Jeanette Koch, Family Life Director

248-349-3146 EXT 13- OFFICE

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familylife@stpaulnorthville.org



SOMETHING NEW for OUR MEMBERS

If you have a business or service you would like to advertise for free to other members, we will share your information on a bulletin board in the church hallway and email to the congregation a couple times a year a directory of what our church family has to offer each other. This is a new endeavor we hope benefits each other.

To make a submission for approval, please email pastorchrish@ameritech.net the basic details of your contact information and a brief description of what your business provides.



Risen Christ Lutheran Church

SATURDAY

Morning Breakfast

PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX

JANUARY 17
9:30 AM

Featuring Christopher Thoma
Doors open at 9 am
Breakfast served at 9:30 am

GET THE WORD OUT AND FAMILY & FRIENDS!

The background of the flyer is a close-up photograph of two hands clasped together in prayer. A wristwatch with a white face and brown leather strap is visible on the right hand. The text is overlaid on this image.