

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH ST. MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH -AFTON

January 11, 2026

The Baptism of the Lord

Fr. Don Geyman

Mass Schedule

TUESDAY Jan. 13th
4:30pm +Frank & Marge Kalman
Req/Kay Dowker

THURSDAY Jan. 15th
9:00am +Chris Bednark
Req/Ralph Chappa
*Confession 9:30am

SATURDAY Jan. 17th
4:00pm +Tess Lietaert
Req/Bill Ellenberger
*Confession 3-3:30pm

SUNDAY Jan. 18th
11:00am Parishioners of St. Paul and St. Monica

The Baptism of the Lord is not only about what happened that day. It also points to our own baptism. Like Jesus, we are called to live with love and to follow God's path each day. This feast invites us to remember that we belong to God too.

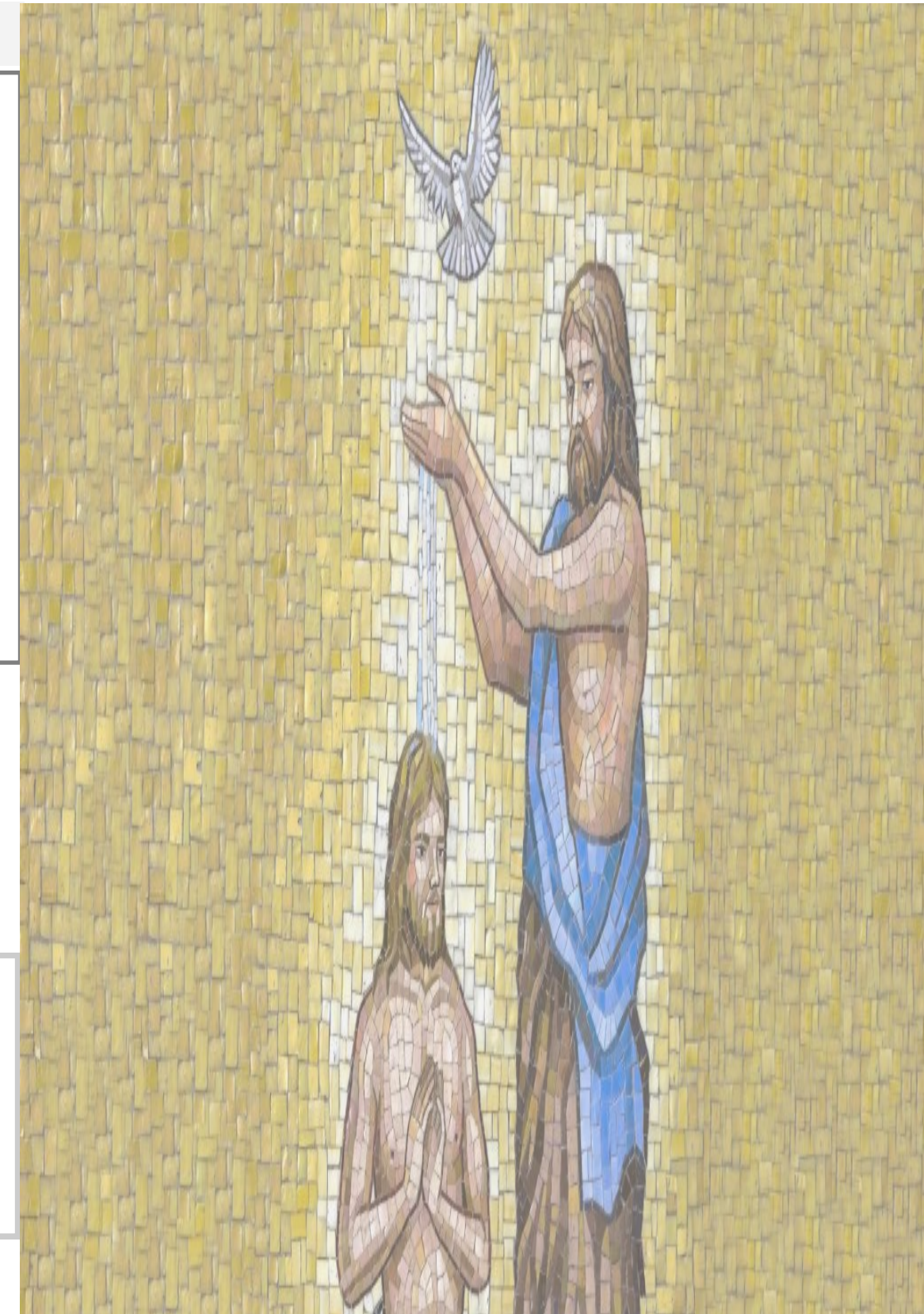
Mass Times

TUESDAY: 4:30pm

THURSDAY: 9:00am
Confession 9:30am

SATURDAY: 4:00pm
Confession 3-3:30pm

Adoration every Thursday
10a-4p



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After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like dove and coming upon him.

Matthew 3:16

Bishop Walsh is asking us to identify faithful young men (ages 15+) who exhibit qualities of leadership and service, and who may be open to learning more about the priesthood. To submit names, please visit gaylordvocations.org/calledbyname. Men you submit will receive a letter of encouragement from Bishop Walsh, invitations to discernment events, and support from our Vocation Team. Thank you for your participation in this important campaign!

**Diocese of Gaylord, MI
Care Manager**

Do you have a healthcare background? Do you love your Catholic faith and have a desire to help priests set and meet healthy goals? Our diocese is seeking applications for a unique, mission-driven, part-time position dedicated to providing essential healthcare navigation and support to our clergy. This role does not require hands-on clinical care. Please submit your resume to REC@metacareusa.com

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of St. Mary, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral — the heart of our Diocese. From ordinations to Chrism Masses to diocesan celebrations, the Cathedral has stood as a visible sign of unity for all Catholics in the Diocese of Gaylord.

To celebrate this Jubilee Year, a Cathedral sanctuary renovation is now underway — designed to reflect the beauty, reverence, and glory worthy of God's house. A new handcrafted altar, a golden-tiled Crucifix alcove and a gleaming tabernacle will uplift every person who gathers there in prayer.

We are all invited to support this sacred renewal. This is our Mother Church — and your gift, no matter the size helps preserve and beautify this holy place for the next 50 years and beyond. To learn more & make your gift, visit DioceseofGaylord.org/CathedralRenovation

FOR PRAYER WITH THE WORD OF GOD

LET US PRAY THAT PRAYING WITH THE WORD OF GOD BE NOURISHMENT FOR OUR LIVES AND A SOURCE OF HOPE IN OUR COMMUNITIES, HELPING US TO BUILD A MORE FRATERNAL AND MISSIONARY CHURCH.



Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father,
Bless our Diocese
with an abundance of priests
and seminarians who
radiate Your love;
religious sisters who choose
you as their spouse;
devoted deacons who inspire us
to greater service;
faithful husbands and wives
who reflect Christ's love
for the Church;
and single men and women who
love you above all else.
Open our hearts to the
whisper of Your voice and the
transforming power of
Your grace.
Amen

GRAND RAFFLE 2025

- 1st place...\$10,000
- 2nd place...\$3,000
- 3rd place...\$1,000
- Lucky ticket seller...\$500

Drawing 1-28-26 at 6:30pm during Annual Spaghetti Dinner. Tickets will be sold at St. Paul after Sunday Mass. \$50 each



Take down of decorations is Monday @ 4pm

The Catholic custom of lighting candles is rooted in Church teaching that Christ is the Light of the World. Candles serve as an outward sign of the light of faith burning in our hearts. They help us to draw into communion with the Living Christ. They are our silent sentinels lifting up our prayer intentions to the Lord for 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"The Eucharist . . . is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak." Pope Francis

In thanksgiving for the graces from the Jubilee Year of Hope, the Diocese of Gaylord is offering a prize to any pilgrim who attended at least eight Jubilee Liturgies and made a pious visit to all three pilgrimage sites during the Jubilee Year. Pilgrims who wish to receive this prize should send a photo of their stamped passport to Cameron Diachun, cdiachun@dioceseofgaylord.org or call (989)

The Office of Faith Formation would like to inform you of a special opportunity for young adults aged 18 to 35. World Youth Day will be held in Seoul, South Korea in 2027 and the diocese is bringing a group! A World Youth Day webpage has been created, so all important information can be found there. Informational sessions have been scheduled for the weeks of January 12 and January 19 for any interested young adults. Dates and locations can be found on the webpage. We are asking that those interested in attending RSVP. The RSVP form is found on the diocesan web site at dioceseofgaylord.org/WYD2027. Registration for World Youth Day can also be found on the website. Registration and a \$500 deposit are due on February 15, 2026. Pilgrims may still register after this date.

Sacraments

**Baptisms:
Marriages:**
Please call the Parish Office to schedule. Couples requesting marriage must call at least six months in advance.
**Confirmation
OCIA(RCIA)**
Interested in becoming a Roman Catholic or to inquire about our faith ..please call the Parish office.

**OCIA /Faith Formation
Registration forms in back of
Church.**



Faith Formation Sundays 9:45-10:45am in the Church Hall.

Office Hours
Open Tues/Weds/Thurs 9a-2p
989*500*6053

We are still in need of a Sunday morning organist. If interested, please call the office.
989-500-6053

As winter is upon us, please take note that if school is closed due to weather conditions...morning Mass will be canceled.

Thank you all for giving so generously to the Food Bank.

If you are aware of someone that can be taken off...or added to ...our prayer list... or if someone needs an in-home visit... please let the office

Heal your servants, O Lord, who are sick, and who put their trust in you. Send them help, O Lord, and comfort them from your holy place. Amen

Week at a glance

Tue@8pm AA(rm 1)Hall
Wed@5:30 Women's AA/NA(rm 1)Hall
Thurs@10am-4pm Adoration
Fri@8pm AA(rm 1) Hall

*Marian Candle
Our Lady (Blue Candle)*

Week of January 11th

Colliene Willison

If you are interested in sponsoring a candle, the cost is five dollars and burns for one week...please contact the office.



ST. MONICA/AFTON WILL BE RECITING THE ROSARY ON THE 1ST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 11:30a.....FOLLOWED BY A POTLUCK LUNCH. EVERYONE IS WELCOMED. PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS!
1/16 .. Stations of the Cross
1/23 .. Rosary
1/30 .. Stations of the Cross

This Sunday January 11th, come enjoy food and fellowship after 11am Mass.



Readings for the week of Jan.11th

- Mon: 1Sm:1-8/Mk1:14-20
- Tues: 1Sm:9-20/Mk1:21-28
- Weds: Sm3:1-10,19-20/Mk1:29-39
- Thurs: Sm4:1-11/Mk1:40-45
- Fri: Sm8:4-7,10-22/Mk2:1-12
- Sat: Sm9:1-4,17-19;10:1/Mk2:13-17
- Sun: Is49:3-6/Ps40:2,4,7-10/1Cor1:1-3/Jn1:29-34

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

St. Paul:		1/4/2026
	Regular	\$2,527.80
	Loose	\$1,114.75
	Fuel	\$343.00
	Total Deposit	\$3,985.55
St. Monica:		1/4/2026
	Regular	\$529.00
	Total Deposit	\$529.00



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When we put our problems in God's hands, He puts his peace in our hearts.

Those in need of our prayers...

Roger Bendel	Alfred Drago III	Vicki Giessinger	Denise Harris	Mark McGuiness	Maci Stowe
Ron Bischer	Elvin Eagleon	Alberta Gaber	Rodney Harris	Ellen McGuire	Bob Turner
Dorothy Brama	Marie Freil	Vicki Goscinski	Donna Harrison	Brittany Maynard	Calvin Wertz
Jim Burkhardt	Jackie Fry	Joe Gotz	Kiera Janeczck	Crystal Monthei	Maci White
Evelyn Canales	Bill Ellenberger	Lareesa Haggerty	Lori LaLonde	Patrick Mousseau	Chloe Walker
Lowell Cousino	Scott Ellenberger	Alissa Hanel	Daniel Lawler	Alina Nemarundwe	Daniel Yeppez
Klydeigh Curtis	Brianne Giddis	Bud Hanel	Margaret Lawler	Braxton Porter	
Kay Dowker	Donna Giessinger		Marv/Chery Lemmon	Bentley Shann	