

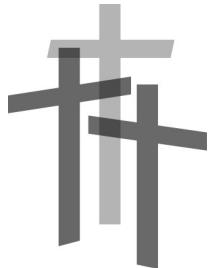
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 11, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: TLH 134, choir, 352, 398
Choir will sing: "Faith, Hope & Joy"
First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9
Epistle: Romans 6:1-11
Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17



WELCOME TO ST MATTHEW!

The Lord richly bless your time here this morning as we receive Christ in the liturgy, hymns, and preaching. There are guest cards and envelopes in the pews. All guests are encouraged to fill these out. The envelopes are provided for guests to contribute during the offering.

QUESTIONS ABOUT WORSHIP, BAPTISM OR COMMUNION? Please see the Pastor or the Elder on duty.

There will be one Worship Service at 9:15 A.M.. **Holy Communion will be celebrated the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month. There will be a evening Worship service on the 2nd Sunday of each month with Communion at 7:00pm.** Please announce your intention to commune by signing the sheet in the narthex. If you would like to receive communion in your pew please check the box after your name on the announcement sheet.

Pastor Blaine Jorg is available to bring Holy Communion to the home of any member desiring a visit. You may also call him, regardless of the time, if any congregation member is in need of pastoral care. This is particularly important when there is a serious illness, an accident, a hospitalization and when death approaches or occurs.

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Joan Baroudi	Kelly Benedict
Christiana Brenon	Bob Burton
Patricia Cake	Linda Davidson
Michael Davidson	Bill Doebler
Doug Ellman	Tom Essenburg
Ellie Grichen	Gloria Haeseler
Mark Haeseler	Marilyn Heigl
Sue & Ned Holmes	Hanna Koepsell
Abby & Nathan Lacey	Sharon Lemke
Florence Lindaman	Doris Mattheis
Phil Moldenhauer	Jason Painter
Linda Pascucci	Renee Patton
Danielle Rance	Meredith Roberts
Mary Smith	Karen Tischler
Dennis & Eileen Tischler	Jeremy Trombley
Dave Urtel	Ron Waliszewski
Tami Walters	Curt Webb
Santa Wendt	Jim Connell
Michele Menkienka	Toni Durick
Our Shut Ins	

TODAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR:

The Triune God Is Manifested and Reveals Himself to Us in Holy Baptism

The Baptism of our Lord is an "epiphany" of the one true God in the flesh and blood of Jesus. He is the chosen servant of the Lord, anointed with the Spirit for the rescue of God's people to "bring forth justice to the nations" (Is. 42:1). Thus, He makes all things new, and He is given "as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations" (Is. 42:6). In the waters of the Jordan, He takes His place with sinners and takes all the sins of the world upon Himself. He undergoes the Baptism of repentance in order to "fulfill all righteousness" for us (Matt. 3:15). He submits Himself to the curse of sin and death in order to redeem us. We are baptized with a Baptism like His, thereby dying and rising with Him, so that "we will also live with him" (Rom. 6:8). Indeed, all of us who are baptized into Christ Jesus are anointed with His Spirit and named by His Father as beloved and well-pleasing sons and daughters.



I wish to thank all the members of St. Matthew for all your prayers, cards, gifts, flowers, the dinner at The Hideaway and lovely fruit basket. Also, the Sunday School children for your lovely hand-made cards and drawings of Baby Jesus. Thank you Pastor for your visit and Michele sending out the bulletin each week. God's blessings to all of you in this coming New Year. In Christian Love, Doris Matheis.



The flowers on the altar are from Ladies Guild.

WHATS HAPPENING THIS WEEK

TODAY-10:30am-Sunday School Party

7:00pm-Evening Worship w/Communion

Tues: Jan 13th-10:00am-Bible Brunch

6:30pm-Church Council Meeting



Please have your annual reports for 2025 into the office by January 31st so we can have them ready for the Voters Meeting on February 15th. Thank you.



A memorial was given to St. Matthew Church from Frethold Funeral Home in memory of Patricia Doebler

MEAT RAFFLE

St Mark Lutheran Church in North Tonawanda will be sponsoring a Meat Auction to benefit the Parish Family on January 31st, 2026. Bobby Parish (36) is undergoing treatment for a rare and in-operable brain cancer. Please see flyer posted on the bulletin board for all the information. Contact St. Marks office at 716-693-3715.



The 2026 Flower Chart is up in the narthex. If you would like to place flowers on the altar for birthdays, anniversary's or in memory of a loved one please contact Toni Durick at 716-695-2596.

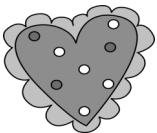


Do we have your current address and contact number? If not please contact the office so we can update our file. With the winter weather coming you will want to hear of possible church closings and other important information. Thank you.

YCC ACTIVITY FOR JANUARY

Any Questions contact Breanna Gerner Youth Director at 716-525-6953, gerner22@gmail.com. Meetings are on Sunday from 6-8.

See you in February



PLEASE HELP US FILL OUR FOOD PANTRY HERE AT ST MATTHEW

We are in need of **household products, paper goods**. Please place the items in the bushel basket in the narthex. Thank you for your donations.



FOOD PANTRY

THE NORTH TONAWANDA FOOD PANTRY is in need of items for hearty dinners, canned stew, soups, boxed mac & cheese. **Put the items in the blue bin in the Quilting Room.** Thank you for your generosity.



ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS YTD

Attendance	1/4/2026	73
Offering for	1/4/2026	\$4,731.00
Week Ending	1/10/2026	YTD
Budget	\$4,167.00	\$4,167.00
Received	<u>\$4,731.00</u>	<u>\$4,731.00</u>
	<u>\$564.00</u>	<u>\$564.00</u>
Capital Improvements	YTD	\$0

MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW JANUARY 11, 2026

Sun: 9:15am-Worship Service
10:30am-Bible Study
10:30am-SARB
10:30am-Sunday School Party
7:00pm-Evening Worship w/Communion

Tues: 10:00am-Bible Brunch
6:30pm-Church Council Meeting

Weds: 5:45pm-Choir Rehearsal

Thurs: 10:30am-Bible Study

Sat: 9:00am-Vine & Branches

NEXT WEEK'S OFFICE HOURS

Mon: 9:00am-12:00pm
Tue: Off
Wed: Off
Thurs: 9:00am-12:00pm
Fri: 9:00am-11:00pm
Sat: Off

JANUARY, the first month of the year.

A perfect time to start all over again.
Change energies and deserting old moods.
Adding new beginnings, new attitudes.



SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

Elders: Siggy Barke, John Patton
Vestrymen: Tom Hromowyk
Ushers: Justin Hromowyk, Mark Lemke
Greeters: Linda Robinson
Organist: Tom Goodrich
Offering Counters: Team 1
Video Team: John Patton
SARB: Rachel B*, Sandy M
Altar Committee: Ellen G*, Carol W, Lisa E