

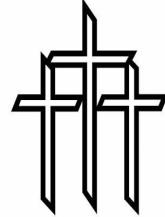
## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 25, 2026

### ORDER OF WORSHIP



Hymns: TLH 9, see insert, 422, 642  
Choir will sing: "One Step, He Leads"  
First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4  
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:12-25



### 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.

cell: 716-239-1097  
email: ministry285@yahoo.com

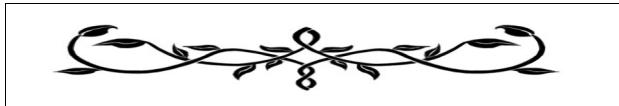
*Lord please hear my prayer*

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 Matheis
Phil Moldenhauer	Jason Painter
Linda Pascucci	Renee Patton
Danielle Rance	Toni Durick
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
Our Shut Ins	

## TODAY IN THE CHURCH YEAR:

### The Lord Manifests His Glory through His Office of the Holy Ministry

By His coming in the flesh and by His preaching and miracles, the Lord Jesus shines the light of His Gospel upon "the people who walked in darkness" and "who dwelt in a land of deep darkness" (Is. 9:2). He also has "multiplied the nation" and "increased its joy" (Is. 9:3) by calling disciples to Himself from the ends of the earth. For this purpose, He calls Peter and Andrew, with James and John, to follow Him and be "fishers of men" (Matt. 4:19). As Jesus did, they also go forth "proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people" (Matt. 4:23). They preach the foolishness of the cross of Christ as the very power and wisdom of God. This word and preaching of the cross divides "those who are perishing" from "us who are being saved" (1 Cor. 1:18), but it unites the Church, the one Body of Christ, "in the same mind and the same judgment" (1 Cor. 1:10).



Your card and prayers maybe sent to;  
Paula Benedyczak, 230 East Avenue,  
North Tonawanda, NY 14207



We are looking for volunteers to form a committee for Vacation Bible School with another local church. Please see Pastor Jorg if you would like to help with this outreach program.



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.



Please take a minute to fill out questionnaire on the podium outside the office door. Your feed back will play an important role in how the building will used going forward.

### 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 inoperable brain cancer. Please see flyer posted on the bulletin board for all the information. Contact St. Marks office at 716-693-3715.

### COMING IN FEBRUARY

Thursday Feb, 5th-10:30-Bible Class  
6:30pm-Elders Meeting

Friday Feb, 6th-12:00-Ladies Guild Tastings Party

Saturday Feb, 7th-9:00am-Vine & Branches



**YOUNG AT HEART** will enjoy their chili and soup luncheon on Sunday February 8th, after Bible Study, 11:30, Super Bowl day. Bring a soup or chili to share. Any questions, see Carol Wilczak.



Our student, Andrew Hayes, is doing an exchange program at the Seminary in St. Louis. His address for the semester is 801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, MO 63105.



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.

## **YCC ACTIVITY FOR FEBRUARY**

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

**Next Sunday February 2nd  
sledding and snow day in the  
parking lot.**



## **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.



**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	1/18/2026	70
Offering for	1/18/2026	\$4,814.00
Week Ending	1/24/2026	YTD
Budget	\$4,167.00	\$8,334.00
Received	<u>\$4,814.00</u>	<u>\$14,901.00</u>
	<u>\$647.00</u>	<u>\$2,400.00</u>
Capital Improvements	YTD	\$0

## **MEETINGS & EVENTS AT ST. MATTHEW JANUARY 25, 2026**

Sun: 9:15am-Worship Service  
10:30am-Bible Study  
10:30am-SARB  
10:30am-Sunday School

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

**What good is the warmth of summer  
without the cold of winter to give it  
sweetness.**

## **SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY**

Elders: Dan Wolf, Joe Durick  
Vestrymen: Joe Siegmann  
Ushers: Chris Reischel, Jeff Reischel, Dave Urtel  
Greeters: Joe Durick  
Organist: Tom Goodrich  
Offering Counters: Team 3  
Video Team: Hunter Knoell  
SARB: Linda R\*, Sheryl E.