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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

THE HOLY FAMILY

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He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

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If you would like to have an article published in the bulletin, please submit it in writing to the rectory **by Monday afternoon at rectory@ollwashmo.org.**

OUR LADY OF LOURDES WELCOMES YOU!

If you are visiting, we hope you have a blessed experience and always feel welcome here. Visit us again soon!

If you would like to become a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, give us a call at 636-239-3520. Or, a new parishioner form is available on our website at www.ollwashmo.org.

Assisted Listening Devices are available. Please ask one of the ushers for help.

The restrooms are located to the left as you exit into the gathering area.

If we can assist you further, don't hesitate to contact us at: 1014 Madison Avenue, Washington, MO 63090 Rectory 636-239-3520

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 pm Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am Monday-Saturday: 8:00 am

Holy Days of Obligation: Please check the bulletin for the exact schedule.

Confessions

Wednesday 5:00 - 5:45 pm Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm or by appointment

Perpetual Help Devotions Tuesdays after 8:00 am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday after 8:00 Mass until Tuesday before 8:00 Mass & Wednesday after 8:00 Mass until 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel located around the back of church. Contact Amy Blomberg, 636-667-0832, with questions.

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church <u>Mission Statement</u>

The Mission of Our Lady of Lourdes is to create a faith community for all members to grow in their relationship with God and each other so that they can proclaim the Good News of Christ's Message.



FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN.....

Dear Parishioners,

Merry Christmas! Hopefully all of you had (and are continuing to have) a wonderful Christmas celebration with your families. As we begin to celebrate God's humble gift of Himself coming to us in the Incarnation, we also celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family; because in His goodness, God was born into a family. This feast, which is always a part of the Christmas season, is so important for us because it reminds us of the incredible truth that God wants to be born into our families. As we celebrate Christmas this year, my prayer for all of you is that Jesus would be born into your family anew, that He might be at the very center of your family life. Many blessings and graces to you, your families and to our visitors during this holy season of His Birth!

On a practical note, I would like to clarify what we will be celebrating next weekend. The Octave (or eighth) Day of Christmas is January 1st, the Feast of Mary Mother of God. Usually it is a Holy Day of Obligation; however, this year became it falls on a Saturday, it is not a day of obligation. Therefore, our only mass for the Feast of Mary Mother of God is at 9am on Saturday January 1st. There will be no vigil mass on Friday, December 31st for this feast. We will have Saturday evening confessions and Mass as usual on January 1st for the Sunday obligation.

Have a Blessed Christmas! Fr. Jim Theby

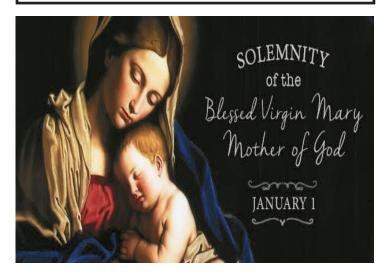
Our Parish offices will be closed for the holidays thru January 2nd. We will reopen on Monday, January 3rd at 8 am.

On behalf or Fr. Jim, Seminarian Joe, Deacon Boland, Deacon Elbert, and all the parish staff....we wish you and your families a blessed and joyous Christmas!





The Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, will be held at 9:00 AM on Saturday morning, January 1st. Since this date falls on a Saturday this year, it is NOT considered a Holy Day of Obligation.



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FORGIVEN-SESSION 1: WHERE ARE YOU?

As we make resolutions for 2021, don't forget about your spiritual well-being! Through our Forgiven series, you can help guide friends and family to new spiritual beginnings!

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FORMED NOW! WHO IS SAINT STEPHEN?

This past week, we celebrated the life of St. Stephen, heroic leader of the early Church. Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Barber as they discuss the first Christian martyr. LEARN

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MARRIAGE AND FAMILY: LOVE UNVEILED BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

The feast of the Holy Family reminds us to help our own families grow in holiness. With this in mind, join Scott Hahn as he shares his advice on how to bring sanctity into the home.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY



Our parish has a FORMED subscription. To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

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WEEKLY OFFERING

Due to the early publication of the bulletin, the offerings from December 19th will be posted next week.



Pray For Our Troops Please keep all our Men and Women serving in the military in your prayers. Suzanne Albert, T.J. Bond, Cameron Bunkley, Chris Chicoine, Toni Cooley, Lee Fortner, Nicholas Gassel, Evan Hix, Hannah Hoeft, Drew Holtmeyer, Daniel Holzem, Brett Jones, Stuart Klemm, Thomas Krausch, Jacob Martin, Josh Martin, Aaron Maune, Robert Minnich, Brian Nelson, Jacob Nelson, Brian Patterson, Dominic Price, Mykaela Smyser, Nathan Smyser, Peyton Struttmann, Jacob Trentmann, Beau Vowels

PRAYERREQUEST

Clayton Brantley, Kristian Chappius-McDonald, Bill Connor, Aaron Coon, Chris Elbert, Ryan Elbert, Nadine Frericks, Heather Green, Butch Holtmeyer, Doug Holtmeyer, Mary Lee Kliethermes, Peggy (Carey) Lippert, Dr. Jake Lippert, Jameson Marquart, Janie Marquart, Ruth Marquart, Vernon Massmann, Theresa Mohesky, James Morranville, Louis Sampel, Dan Schoffin, Miranda Stapleton, Joseph Teipel, Collin Warrender, Bob Weber, Mary Lee West, Carol Willming, Judy Wyatt

If you would like to have your loved one added to or removed from our prayer lists, please call the rectory at 636-239-3520.

Please bless the members of Our Lady of Lourdes Corporal Care Team by giving them a call to help you out with small things that you used to be able to do but no longer are able to. We would be happy to help you!! Carole Lohmeyer 573-465-8003 Dixie Schneider 636-239-8449

"Doing small things with great love"



LECTORS

Saturday, January 1 @ 9 am - Rose Ann Willenbrink Saturday, January 1 @ 5 pm - Olivia Bleckman Sunday, January 2 @ 8 am - Mary Wooley Sunday, January 2 @ 10 am - Jolene Rigg

GREETERS

Saturday, Jan 1 @ 9 am - Dave & Janet Braun Saturday, Jan 1 @ 5 pm— Dawn Hellmann, Donald Hellmann Sunday, Jan 2 @ 8 am - Bob & Joyce Rombach Sunday, Jan 2 @ 10 am - Betsy Helfrich, Becky Lawrence



Our Lady of Lourdes Greeters Ministry is looking for additional parishioners interested in welcoming our Mass

attendees before the weekend Masses. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Janet Braun at 636-667-1544 or braun.da.jm@att.net

Parishioner Information Update

Have you gotten married in the last few years? Empty nester and the children are no longer living with you? Do you wish to become a member of our parish family and have never officially registered in the parish? Please fill out a new parishioner form so that we can update your marital status and family records. Here is a link: https://payit.nelnet.net/form/T9CiJcno to fill out a new parishioner form online or call the parish office at 636.239.3520.



Lourdes Shop and Earn ShopWithScrip[°]

Monday Entry, January 3rd: Diana Smith, Laura Rickman, Lynn Riegel

Tuesday Pick-up, January 4th: Group 1: Erika Rada Group 2: Tim Huber Group 3: Tim Huber Group 4: Annie Kessler

Friday Sort, January 7th: Leslie Unnerstall, Michelle Etter, Laura Rickman

Saturday Mass, January 1st: Sara Gerling

Saturday Mass, January 8th: Amy Steffens

Sunday Mass,December 26th: 8:00 a.m.: Rebecca Searcy 10:00 a.m.: Corey Baker

Sunday Mass, January 2nd: 8:00 a.m: Mandy Eckelkamp 10:00 a.m.: Maggie Hotz

Sunday Mass, January 9th: 8:00 a.m: Sherry Wideman 10:00 a.m.: Casey Tobben

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 278 amErvin Gildehaus

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 288 amMaurice Glosemeyer

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29 8 am Wayne Hotz

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 308 amLeon & Macie Noelker Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

8 am Special Intention in Thanksgiving

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1 5 pm Don & Rosemary Elder

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

8 am	Fr. Robert Heimos
10 am	Our Parishioners



There is a promise of marriage between:

Emilie Schmidt & Adrian Mauricio -- I

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Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph"See what love the Father has given us, that we
should be called children of God; and so we
are." (1 JOHN 3:1)

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God's children, it's in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

Scrips order forms are available on the tables in the back of church, in the rectory office, or on the school website under fundraising/Lourdes shop and earn.



December 25-31, 2021

Monday-Friday Saturday, Dec 25	8 am Mass in Church MERRY CHRISTMAS!! 8 am & 10 am Christmas Masses
	in Church
	NO 5 PM MASS/NO CONFESSIONS
Sunday, Dec 26	8:00 & 10:00 am Mass in Church
	St. Vincent de Paul Collections
Friday, Dec 31	8 am Weekday Mass in Church
	NO 5 PM MASS
	(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)



ALL IN THE FAMILY

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful—perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family; or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us. But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life; and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother? The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

We are the body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well. NEW YEARS EVE PARTY 7:00 PM - MIDNIGHT

You are cordially invited to usher in the New Year in a different way this year. On December 31, New Year's Eve, there will be **exposition of the Blessed** Sacrament at St. Francis Borgia Church



(310 West Main Street, Washington, MO) at **7:00 PM until midnight**. All are invited to spend time in prayer in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. At the beginning of each hour there will be vocal prayer such as the rosary, litany or other group prayer.

Silent meditation is offered the remainder of the time. There will always be someone in church adoring the Blessed Sacrament. Socializing is encouraged for the times you are not at prayer. Tables will be set up in the Jesuit Hall Choir Room with snacks and refreshments. People can come and go as they wish. A short prayer will be offered at midnight followed by repose of the Blessed Sacrament. **This is a deanery event. All are welcome! Invite your friends and neighbors.** If you can commit to a specific hour of prayer, please contact Deacon Leon at 636-221-1531 or email at: <u>Inoelker@charter.net</u>.

<u>Consider your end-of-year contributions now.....</u> <u>Qualified Charitable Distributions</u>

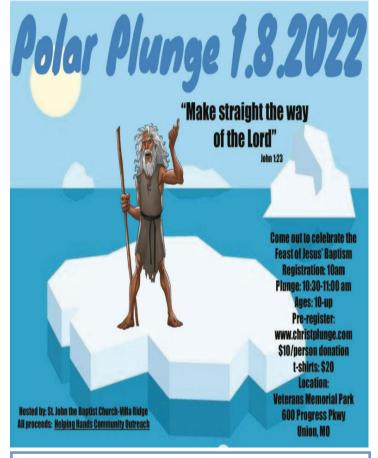
Did you know that federal law allows tax-free charitable distributions from your IRA? Charitable taxpayers who are age 70 1/2 or older can direct "qualified charitable distributions" from their fund administrator directly to the charities of their choice, including one's parish, school or favorite ministry. Please consider using your IRA as a charitable giving vehicle.

Also, if you have an IRA and you're 70 1/2 years old, you can make a 'tax reducing' gift today through on IRA Charitable Rollover. It helps you and it helps us. How it helps you: it can lower your taxable income, count towards your required minimum distribution, and help you feel good about giving to your parish. How it helps us: we can put your gift to use right away in providing financial support to our ministries throughout the parish.

For more information about how you and the Church can benefit from an IRA charitable rollover, contact your IRA administrator or tax preparer.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

-Upcoming Community Events----



Catholic Men for Christ 2022 is in person! It's been a long road, but after many months of planning, CMFC is excited to announce that we are planning for an in-person event for 2022! We're excited to have a great lineup of nationally recognized speakers to help us live our 2022 Conference theme:

"Made New: Becoming the Man God has called you to be"

The event will be held at the Si Commons at St. Louis University High School on Saturday, February 12th, giving us a capacity to welcome over 1000 men to the conference.

We are thrilled to welcome Jeff Cavins, creator of the Great Adventure Bible Timeline and cocreator/producer of the "Bible in A Year Podcast" with Fr. Mike Schmitz, as well as Steve Allgever, Vice-President of LifeTeen International and Fr. Paul Hoesing, Dean of Men at Kenrick-Glennon seminary for what is sure to be an inspiring and challenging day. You can register online at

www.catholicmenforchrist.com

Early bird tickets are available for only \$30, but hurry as early bird pricing is available through January 10th when prices increase.

NEW YEAR'S DAY COUNTRY CHURCH TOUR



Join us for a day for visitors to travel around to the local parishes and enjoy their beautiful Christmas décor and traditions.



11:00am-3:00pm January 1, 2022

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CHURCHES THAT WILL BE PARTICIPATING :

ASSUMPTION CHURCH-NEW HAVEN ST. ANN CHURCH-CLOVER BOTTOM ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH-KRAKOW ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH-VILLA RIDGE ST. FRANCIS BORGIA CHURCH-WASHINGTON IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH-AUGUSTA IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH-UNION OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH-WASHINGTON ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH-DUTZOW ST. ANTHONY CHURCH-SULLIVAN ST. JOSEPH CHURCH-NEIER BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH-NEW HAVEN

Contact Connie from St. Ann's for more info 636-667-1537



Join the Respect Life Apostolate for the archdiocesan Roe v. Wade **Memorial Mass** commemorated by Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski on **RESPECT LIFE** Saturday, January 15 at 10 a.m. at APOSTOLATE the Cathedral Basilica. Mass will

include the Pro-Life Generation Memorial and the LifeLine Coalition collection, which benefits thousands of local women and families annually.

The Rosary walk to and from Missouri's last abortion facility will follow Mass, marking the 49th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion on Jan. 22, 1973.

If you're unable to join us in person, please pray with us via the live-stream starting at 9:45 a.m. on 1/15: cathedralstl.org/liturgy-sacraments/livestream

For more information, contact the Respect Life Apostolate at 314.792.7555, prolife@archstl.org or STLRespectLife.org.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

"I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD;

as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD." (I Sm 1:27-28)

PSALM:

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. (Ps 84)

SECOND READING:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. (1 Jn 3:1)

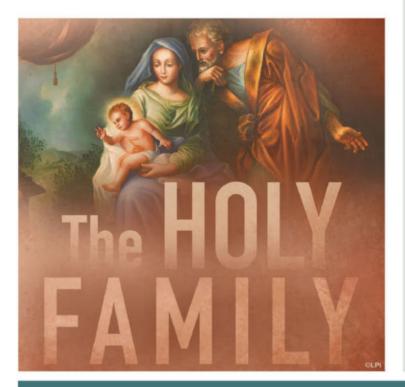
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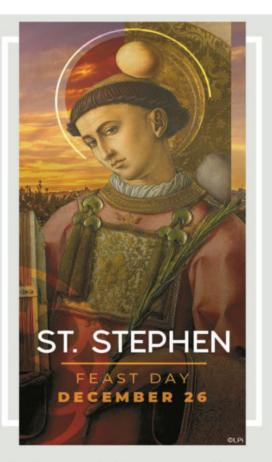
After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. (Lk 2:46)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

Sunday:	The Holy Family
Monday:	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Tuesday:	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Wednesday:	St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
Friday:	St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
Saturday:	New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God;
	World Day of Peace
Next Sunday:	The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and
	Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church





Saint of the Week

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.



READ THE GOSPEL & COLOR



Imagine Jesus goes to your church today. After church, Mary and Joseph find him on the altar telling stories from the Old Testament to the priests and the Sunday School teachers. Mary and Joseph would be amazed. They would want Jesus to come home. Jesus would love his parents so much that he would go home with them. He will stay with them until he grows older, wiser, and stronger.

PRAYER

Lord, teach me your Bible stories so that I can teach them to others.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will always let my parents know where I am, so they won't worry.

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JMJ SACRED FAMILY CATHOLIC RESOURCE STORE IS REOPEN WITH REGULAR HOURS:

JMJ Sacred Family Catholic Resource Store, located at 121 W. Main St. in Washington, offers a variety of books and gifts for those special occasions such as Baptism, Communion, Marriage, and others. The store hours are: Wednesday-Friday from 10 am- 4pm Saturday from 10 am-3 pm. Phone: 636-239-2471 Volunteers & Customers are asked to wear a mask.

Thank you and God Bless our deanery.

SAVE THE DATE! FEBRUARY 13, 2022 AT 2:30 PM!



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New Parishioner Information

We welcome new parishioners and ask them to register by contacting the rectory office, 636-239-3520, or go to ollwashmo.org under quick links and print the new parishioner form and drop it off at the rectory.

Baptisms

Please contact the rectory to schedule a baptism. The Sacrament of Baptism is held on Sundays at 11:15 am.

Weddings

Contact Fr. Theby at least six months in advance.

Children's Chapel

We would like for you to know that we have a cry room to bring your little ones to during Mass. It is located in the back of church. After you enter the main entrance, go through the double doors on the left. The room is to the right of the elevator and marked "Children's Chapel."

Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found items are located on the top shelf of the coat closet across from the elevator.

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