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Sunday Masses: 8:00 am, 10:30 am &
6:30 pm (*This Mass is often in the
Extraordinary Form (Latin Mass)*)

Weekday Masses

Monday through Friday: 8:00 am

Tuesday Evening Mass: 6:30 pm

Saturday Masses 8:00 am and 4:00 pm

Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays 7:30-8:15 pm (with
reception for young adults after,
hosted by Spirit and Truth St. Louis)

Sacrament of Penance:

Saturday, 7:30-7:50 am
Sundays, 10-10:20 am & 6-6:20 pm
Tuesdays, 6-6:20 pm OR by appointment

Baptisms: Contact the parish office to
Register.

Marriages: Contact the priest at least 9
months prior to the wedding date.

Funerals: To be arranged by contacting
the Parish Office.

Change of Address or Telephone

Number: Please call the Parish Office.

Bulletin Deadline: 4:00 pm Monday.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

THE HOLY FAMILY

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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The Holy Family
December 26, 2021

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Thank you, to our volunteers who helped make the sanctuary so nice for Christmas. And thank you to everyone who donated to the flower fund.

Thank you to Brian, our brewmaster, who is the genius behind the creation of Epiphany Trippel. The chance to try an exclusive beer and hear a wonderful speaker a few weeks ago brought almost 100 young adults to Communion. If you're interested in knowing more about young adult opportunities here at Epiphany, or any of our small groups, social groups, volunteer opportunities, send me an email and I'd be thrilled to assist you in getting involved in this wonderful parish.

By the way, we should have more Epiphany Trippel coming soon...

Our celebratory Epiphany Breakfast is coming up fast! On Sunday, Jan 2 beginning at 11:30 am. Join us in the gym to celebrate our parish feast day. Free breakfast. Cake. Prizes. Entertainment!

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God is at 9 am, Saturday January 1

The Solemnity of Epiphany is 4 pm Saturday January 1, and 8 am, 10:30 am Sunday January 2.

The 6:30pm Sunday Mass on January 2, however, is the celebration of the Most Holy Name of Jesus.

7 pm Thursday January 6 is a Traditional Latin Mass for the Solemnity of the Epiphany. We're working on some really great music for this. You won't want to miss it.

Here's the current Marian Hymn after Mass

Alma Redemptoris Mater, quae pervia caeli porta manes et stella maris, succurre cadenti, surgere qui curat, populo: tu quae genuisti, natura mirante, tuum sanctum genitorem, Virgo prius, ac posterius, Gabrielis ab ore sumens illud ave, peccatorum miserere.

Holy mother of our Redeemer, thou gate leading to heaven and star of the sea; help the falling people who seek to rise, thou who, all nature wondering, didst give birth to thy holy Creator. Virgin always, hearing the greeting from Gabriel's lips, take pity on sinners.

Fr. Michael

2022 Archdiocesan Young Adult Pro-Life Holy Hour, Thursday, January 20

Join young adults (19-39) throughout the archdiocese to pray for an end to abortion and promote a greater respect for all human life. This annual archdiocesan event, co-sponsored by Anima Christi, the Office of Young Adult Ministry, and Respect Life Apostolate, will be held Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022 at 7 pm at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. Kathy Fowler will share her inspirational adoption journey as well as her professional work at Good Shepherd Children & Family Services as the executive director. After her talk, Eucharistic Adoration, the Rosary, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered. • For more information, contact stlya@archstl.org, 314.792.7008 or <https://stlyoungadults.com/calendar/> • Help us spread the word on social media here: www.facebook.com/events/1153984281674922/

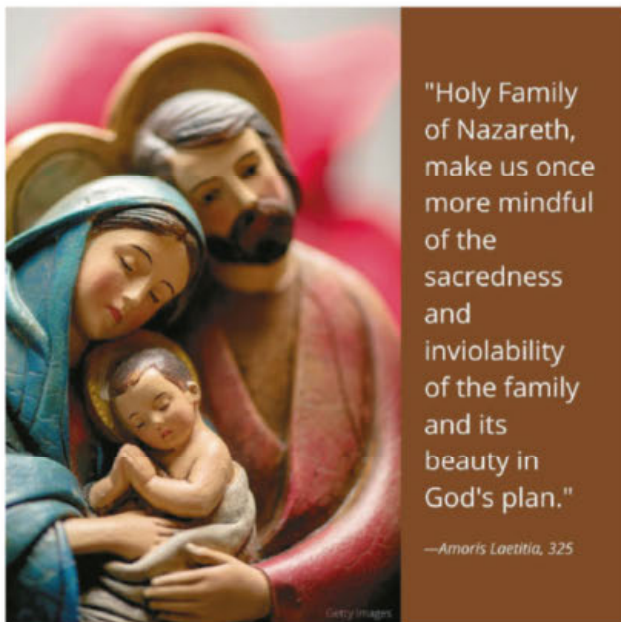
Naming & Commendation: Find Comfort, Healing & Hope... Saturday, January 8, Christ Prince of Peace Parish, 8:45 am "I am the Resurrection and the life." - John 11:25 All are welcome to attend Naming & Commendation, a prayer service developed by the Archdiocese of St. Louis to meet the needs of families whose child died before birth for any reason (including miscarriage, accident, abortion or still birth). Parents and families of any religious background are invited to attend, whether the loss was recent or long ago. Naming & Commendation will start at 8:45 am (right after the 8 am Mass) at Christ Prince of Peace Parish in Manchester on Saturday, January 8. The rite will offer parents and families an opportunity to name their child, bring peaceful closure to great loss, and unite with our merciful God. • To RSVP or for more information, please contact Susan Nowak at susananowak@sbcglobal.net • To help spread the word about the January 8 event on social media, click here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/3117146611945303/> • To learn more or to bring this rite to your parish, email prolife@archstl.org or visit (click, then scroll): <https://www.archstl.org/respect-life-apostolate/programs/pastoral-care>



Join Our Lady's Inn Maternity Homes for our annual Trivia Night. This year's event will be held Saturday January 22, 2022, on our 40th Anniversary. Doors open at 6:00, trivia starts at 7:00. Join us at Christian Brothers College (CBC) High School 1850 De La Salle Dr. St. Louis, MO 63141. \$25/person or \$200/table of 8 includes light snacks and 2 drinks per person. Feel free to bring your own snacks and beverages. Sponsorships available. To register or for more information, visit <https://ourladysinn.org/trivia-night-2022/> or contact Katrina at 314-736-1544 or kbecker@ourladysinn.org. This event sells out quickly!

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

DECEMBER 26, 2021



We celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family on the first Sunday after Christmas!

This feast day is a reminder to us of the example Mary and Joseph set for all of us in welcoming Jesus into their lives. The Holy Family serves as a model for us all in which to live in faith and simplicity.

Prayer for Family Commitment

Dear God our Father, you have called all Christian families to be a sign of your love to the world.

Help us to be generous with the gifts of life and love that you have showered on our family. May we share them so that our homes become true signs of unitive and fruitful love.

Let us never forget to thank you each day for all that sustains us and to look to Christ, who comes to us in the events of family life, in the sacraments of the Church, and in service to the poor.

In all of this, our family becomes a living expression of your Church, a hallowed home of life and love. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may all of us—spouses, parents, and children— share, as members of his Body, in Jesus' mission to build a civilization of love. Father, we ask this in Jesus' name in union with the Holy Spirit. Amen.

LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 26

The Holy Family

8:00 am James Mana
10:30 am Parishioners
6:30 pm Rev. Msgr. Jerome J. Bucheit

Monday, December 27

8:00 am Katherine Mulroy

Tuesday, December 28

8:00 am Vince & Ann Villhard
6:30 pm Katie Bach

Wednesday, December 29

8:00 am Dennis Cassani

Thursday, December 30

8:00 am Joe Barzantny

Friday, December 31

8:00 am Kenneth O'Reilly

Saturday, January 1

Mary, Mother of God

9:00 am Judy Hof (*Special Intentions*)
4:00 pm Lawrence Wilson

Sunday, January 2

The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 am Dorothy Craig
10:30 am Parishioners
6:30 pm Rev. Msgr. John M. Unger



WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question:

I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

Answer:

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back.

This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND & SICK OF OUR PARISH

Joan Huelsmann	All Coronavirus Patients	Kay Gundy
Joan Zacheis	Gert Lopez	Judy Hof

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 19, 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

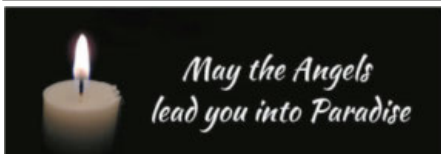
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

OUR DEARLY DEPARTED



In your kindness, please pray for the repose of the soul of Viola "Vicky" Tacchi, our parishioner. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD ENDOWMENT FUND

Frequently a wedding anniversary, a birthday, or the death of friends or loved ones creates a need for us to remember them in a special way. Sometimes choosing the appropriate remembrance can be difficult and time consuming.

Epiphany offers a way of remembering someone that is not only appropriate but is convenient and time saving. The next time you wish to honor someone, send a tribute or memorial gift in any amount to the Epiphany Memorial Fund and designate your gift either to the Parish Endowment Fund or Tuition Aid. Families of those memorialized will be notified of your gift by an attractive card. Your gift will help the children of Epiphany Parish receive a Catholic education. For more information, please call the parish office (781-1199).



MEALS FOR THE HOMELESS POOR

Sts. Peter and Paul Parish needs a volunteer group (10 to 12 people) to prepare dinner for the homeless once a month on either the 8th of each month or the Thursday after the 11th of each month. There are usually 75 to 80 homeless who gather for a meal at 5 pm (weekdays) and Noon (weekends). If you would like to gather a group of parishioners and friends to help prepare and serve the homeless one a month, please contact Rachel Schoenberger, Volunteer Coordinator at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, at 314-231-9923, for additional information.

Thank you to all who helped make Christmas brighter for the residents at Kasey Paige with their gifts and cards. They truly appreciate it and send their love, prayers and gratitude to their Epiphany friends. Thank you for your generosity! Merry Christmas!

New Year's Eve Dinner Dance Friday, December 31, 2021. Doors open at 6:30 pm; dinner is served at 7:30 pm; 8:30 - 12:30 am music of "The Scott Laytham" and Karl "Trickee" Holmes Duo. Cost is \$40 per person: includes dinner, favors, snacks, set-ups, champagne Toast. BYOB. St. Matthias Parish Center, 800 Buckley Road—63125. For tickets or further information call: Sandy at 314-544-2162 after 3 pm or the Parish Office at 314-892-7500 or email smaevents2017@yahoo.com. Tickets now on sale. Limited seating available. **Masks are highly recommended.**



Save the Date! February 13, 2022 at 2:30 pm! Join Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski at the Cathedral Basilica to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony on World Marriage Day!

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Natural Family Planning Classes For couples planning their weddings, wanting a natural way to plan their families, or having difficulty conceiving, please visit: <http://stlouisnfp.org> or to schedule an appointment: <http://bit.ly/NFPintrot> . Introductory classes are held weekly on line and at a variety of locations throughout the Archdiocese.

St. Martha's Hall Opening January 3, 2022

4733 Mattis Road, St. Louis MO 63128
 (314) 487-2062 Drop-in center (314) 533-1313 Shelter
 Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm *No appointment necessary.
 All services free of charge.
Guided by the social justice teachings of Jesus Christ, St. Martha's Hall serves women and children impacted by domestic violence by providing shelter and resources.

St. Martha's, a shelter for women and children, has a history of providing unconditional advocacy services in a safe, compassionate, supportive, and residential environment. St. Martha's is excited to expand its services and community outreach through a drop-in center.

Advocates will be available during the drop-in hours to provide services and support to anyone impacted by domestic violence, seeking resources and information, or wanting to learn more about healthy relationships.

Women's Program Includes: ·Crisis intervention & support services ·Remote access to apply for orders of protection ·Safety planning ·Referrals to community agencies (housing assistance, shelter, legal, etc.) ·Information and support for family & friends
Children's Program Includes: ·Learning center ·Daily living skills ·Safety planning ·Emotional regulation skills ·Parenting support ·Community resources



**SAINT OF THE WEEK
 EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH**

St. Stephen | Feast Day December 26

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.

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