



Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church

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Sunday Masses: 8:00 am, 10:30 am &
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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, JANUARY 2, 2022

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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The Epiphany of the Lord
January 2, 2022

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Thank you, to all our musicians who helped make our Christmas Masses so beautiful. It's a lot of work and requires quite a bit of sacrifice to give so much of your time to the Church over holidays. It is much appreciated.

Epiphany Chalk. Blessed Epiphany chalk is in a basket on the blue table along with the blessing for your house. I encourage you to take a piece with you and write the blessing near the door of your home.

Our celebratory Epiphany Breakfast is this Sunday, Jan 2. Beginning at 11:30am. Join us in the gym to celebrate our parish feast day. Free breakfast. Cake. Prizes. Entertainment! No reservations necessary.

7pm 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.

Concerning the status of the Traditional Latin Mass. As of now, we still have permission from the Archbishop to continue while he makes his decisions about the ultimate future of TLM in the Archdiocese. It's worth a reminder, here, that in accord with the ecclesiastical teachings of Vatican II, the Archbishop has the responsibility for regulating liturgies in our diocese. Please pray for him as he navigates a contentious situation that is not of his own making.

Understanding the Mass - On Singing Antiphons

We offer a variety of mass styles at Epiphany because diversity is important. Part of that diversity is a variety of musical styles, and particularly we've been working at improving in singing the Mass antiphons.

A document written in 1967, *Musicam Sacram*, contains instructions from the Second Vatican Council for how to arrange music at masses. It says this:

"One cannot find anything more religious and more joyful in sacred celebrations than a whole congregation expressing its faith and devotion in song. Therefore the active participation of the whole people, which is shown in singing, is to be carefully promoted as follows:

It should first of all include acclamations, responses to the greetings of the priest and ministers and to the prayers of litanies, and also antiphons and psalms, refrains or repeated responses, hymns and canticles."

In other words, if you would like to sing, we encourage you to sing! *Musicam Sacram* specifically says that we are supposed to sing the antiphons along with the other types of music such as hymns. The antiphons can be in Latin or English. We have chosen English. We're bending the rules and don't consistently sing/say the antiphons at all our masses, but really, it's a goal to get to the point where we all know and like them. This is what the Church tells us to do, and I've always found that when we're obedient to the Church, we prosper. Anyways, I encourage you to listen carefully to the antiphons and, if you'd like, join in singing the refrain. The text of the antiphons is in the hymnals if you turn in the lectionary to the Mass for that particular day.

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

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>

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

What happens to a consecrated host if it accidentally falls to the ground?

Answer:

This is a very practical question because, as we all know, accidents happen, even during the most careful celebration of the liturgy. The short answer to this question is that nothing happens to the consecrated host. The Real Presence of Jesus remains in the consecrated host or any consecrated wine that might accidentally be spilled.

Another question we might ask is: How should the ministers respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled? If this happens, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion should immediately pick up the dropped host and consume it. If it is a case of the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would use the purificator (and additional purificators if needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be reverently washed as soon as the Mass is over and the water poured into the sacrarium (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.).

LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, January 3

8:00 am Virginia Turk

Tuesday, January 4

8:00 am Gert Lopez (*Good Health*)
6:30 pm Frances Scheer

Wednesday, January 5

8:00 am Judy Hof (*Good Health*)

Thursday, January 6

8:00 am Virginia Bettlach

Friday, January 7

8:00 am Carol Bettlach

Saturday, January 8

8:00 am Don Yorker
4:00 pm Walter & Josephine Learmont

Sunday, January 9

The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 am Parishioners
10:30 am Walter Learmont, Jr.
6:30 pm Rev. William Kosco (*Special Intentions*)



EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD MEMORIAL SOCIETY

The death of loved ones creates a need for us to remember them in a special way. Epiphany offers a way of remembering someone that is not only appropriate but is convenient. The next time you wish to honor a deceased loved one, send a memorial gift in any amount to the parish endowment fund and we will then enter that person into our Memorial Society. You will also be entered into the Memorial Society if you leave a bequest to the parish in your will.

Members of the Society are prayed for once per month with a Mass intention. Every single month. Your gift will help provide long-term financial security for the parish and, more importantly, assure that our loved ones are always being prayed for, loved, and never forgotten. For more information, call the parish office or email Trish. **Please make checks payable to:**

Roman Catholic Foundation

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/

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 JAN. 2, 2022

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

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Tl 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

OUR DEARLY DEPARTED



In your kindness, please pray for the repose of the soul of Donald Brussels, Sr. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 18-19, 2021

Sunday Collection

General Fund \$2,314.00
General Fund Loose \$478.20
General Fund Online .. \$1,029.00
Total..... \$3,821.20

Birthingright \$20.00
Catholic Relief \$20.00
Christmas \$242.00
Christmas Flower \$24.00
Immaculate Conception... \$27.00
Kenrick Seminary \$69.00
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M&R Online \$35.00
Our Lady's Inn..... \$26.00
Religious Retirement..... \$2.00
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Solemnity of Mary \$39.00
Votive \$47.00
Tuition Assistance \$4.00
Tuition Assist Online\$15.00(YTD)795.00



The Knights of Columbus de-soto Council 903

will be having their Roses for Life Campaign on the weekend of Jan 15th & 16th at all masses. Please stop by and fill out a rose after mass and turn the slip back in to one of our knights and keep the rose as a reminder to pray for the unborn. Donations can be made but are not required all money if collected will go to your parish pro life committee. Thank for your support.



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!

**Gospel Meditation
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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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 5p.m. (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.



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://ourladyinn.org/trivia-night-2022/> or contact Katrina at 314-736-1544 or kbecker@ourladyinn.org. This event sells out quickly!

KIDS CORNER

Unscramble these words from today's Gospel:

wise-men	king	Mary
child	star	gifts
born	worship	dream

wsie mne	<u>W</u> <u>i</u> <u>s</u> <u>e</u> <u>m</u> <u>e</u> <u>n</u>
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derma	— — — — —
cildh	— — — — —
wrsohpi	— — — — — — —
Mrya	— — — —
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srtat	— — — — —

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