

# Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church

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#### MASS & SACRAMENTS

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 7-8 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.



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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The Baptism of the Lord January 9, 2022

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#### LIVING OUR FAITH

#### FROM THE DESK OF FR. MICHAEL

Thank you, to all the volunteers who helped with the Epiphany Breakfast. EFF ran the kitchen and did a wonderful job. Jeff MC'd and did his usual terrific work as host. Annie baked some delicious King Cakes. Amber and Elizabeth organized the kids for singing. Brian, Mark, and Mike were our wisemen. Thomas, Geena, and Ann set up all the tables and chairs. Even Santa showed up. A great time was had by all!

#### Understanding the Mass - Why vestments?

Priests, you may have noticed, don't wear jeans and t-shirt to celebrate Mass. We have a specific attire that is required of us that comes down through history from the same attire that the high priest was instructed to use by God in the Temple worship in Jerusalem. This attire also fits with the descriptions that St. John gives us of heavenly worship after his vision of the throne room of God. Here, he says, the saints wear long white robes, chant the sanctus, and use lots of in-

Because we are not at complete freedom to choose our attire, it is clear that a priest is not representing a private person but rather is standing in place of Christ.

The human body itself is meant for resurrection, meaning that what we do with it and how we clothe it matters. When we clothe ourselves in beautiful garments, particularly for attendance at mass, we anticipate this future glory.

Pope Benedict XVI applies this theology of clothes specifically to vestments when he recalls how the Prodigal Father calls for the very best robe to be put on his son who has returned. The robe, he says, is symbolic of the return of our human dignity after Adam had lost it with the original sin.

O Lord, may we daily clothe ourselves with your presence.

#### 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

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN OF WISDOM (WOW)
Please Join us Tuesday, January 11, in the rectory meeting room at 7:15 pm until 8:45 pm for an evening of sharing after the 6;30 pm mass. Our topic will be based on the November issue of the "Word Among Us" booklet "Christ In You" He is our Hope and our Treasure. We will be using the Bible and Catechism of the Catholic (CCC) as resources for Wisdom Insight and Discussion. Space is limited so please call to reserve your spot today. Call Marilyn Unger at 314-645-3483 or Mary Swaykus at 314-479-9441.

#### Attention: Separated, Divorced, Widowed or Remarried of all Ages and Faiths

You are invited to join us for fun and to make new friends at the next meeting of the South County Separated, Divorced, Widowed, and Remarried Catholics (SCDC) on Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 7:00 pm, at the Saint Catherine Laboure parish cafeteria (next to the playground) 9740 Sappington Road, Sunset Hills, Missouri. Musical entertainment will be by John Scott with snacks included.

SCDC is a support group for the separated, divorced, widowed, and remarried of our community. SCDC offers social activities and a support group that provides the opportunity to share your personal story with caring people.
Ask about our same day \$5 discount for new memberships. For more information please call Michelle Wack at (314) 540-7400.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter is excited to announce the following schedule for **IN-PERSON** weekend Experiences for the winter and spring of 2022. We will have in place all the needed precautions

to provide a safe environment for participants. For more information or to apply, go to <a href="www.org">wwme.org</a>, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

February 4-6, 2022 Courtyard Marriott Hotel in St. Peters, MO

March 18-20, 2022 Villa Maria Catholic Life Center in Springfield, IL

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#### Living our Faith

rolife <u> Annual Roe v. Wade Memorial Mass</u> Join the Respect Life Apostolate for the Archdiocese of St Louis Roe v. Wade Memorial Mass celebrated by Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski on Saturday, January 15 at 10 am at the Cathedral Basilica. Mass will include the Pro-Life Generational Memorial and Lifeline Coalition collection, which benefits thousands of local pregnant/parenting moms, children and families annually. The Rosary Procession to and from our state's last abortion facility follows Mass, which marks the 49<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion on January 22, 1973. The prayer vigil concludes with a reception and fellowship in Boland Hall.

Abortion Healing Ministry

Is there a hole in your heart? God is ready to fill it with His forgiveness, healing, and hope. Women's Bible Study and Fellowship. Call/Text Hopeline 314-406-0815. E-mail <a href="https://hope-healing@archstl.org">hope-healing@archstl.org</a>. Web: <a href="https://www.archstl.org/hope-healing@archstl.org">www.archstl.org/hope-healing@archstl.org</a>. Address: 20Archbishop May Drive, St. Louis, Mo 63119. For women and men experiencing the effects of an abortion. All inquiries and information are kept confidential.



#### Why Do We Do That? - Catholic Life Explained Baptismal Bib

**Ouestion:** 

At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

Answer:

When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncholike and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers, and this is symbolized by the white garment.

#### GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE The Baptism of the Lord

"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ." Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly livé life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear. ©LPi

#### LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 9 The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 am **Parishioners** 

Walter Learmont, Jr. 10:30 am

Rev. William Kosco (Special Intentions) 6:30 pm

Monday, January 10 8:00 am John

John & Elizabeth Buckley

Tuesday, January 11

8:00 am Mark Adelman Cindy Alexander 6:30 pm

Wednesday, January 12

Tom Fournie 8:00 am

Thursday, January 13 8:00 am Henry

Henry & Clarice Huelsmann

Friday, January 14 8:00 am Loui

Louise Poll

Saturday, January 15 8:00 am Virgini

Virginia Bettlach

4:00 pm John & Mary Jane Sieburk

(Special Intentions)

Sunday, January 16 8:00 am Patrick Limpert. Jr.

Parishioners 10:30 am

6:30 pm Rev. Robert L Banken

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND & SICK OF OUR PARISH

Joan Huelsmann All Coronavirus

**Patients** 

Kay Gundy

Mass

Offerings

Joan Zacheis Gert Lopez Judy Hof

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9

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]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Confession
En route to church to make his first confession, my nervous seven-year-old grandson asked me what he could expect.

"Confession is where you tell all the bad things you've done to the priest," I told him. He looked relieved.

"Good. I haven't done anything bad to the priest."

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#### Our Offering For the Week Of Dec. 18-19, 2021

Sunday Collection

General Fund Loose ... \$1,644.00 General Fund Loose ... \$1,007.20 General Fund Online .. \$1,029.00

Total ..... \$3,680.20

Christmas .......\$242.00 Christmas Flower Power.. \$24.00

Immaculate Conception ... \$2.00 Kenrick Seminary ..... \$44.00 Maintenance & Repair . \$81.00 M&R Online ..... \$35.00

Our Lady's Inn ... \$6.00
Priest Retirement \$2.00
SVDP Online \$25.00
Solemnity \$14.00
Votive \$37.00

Tuition Assistance.......\$4.00 Tuition Assist Online.....\$15.00....\$795.00.00(YTD)

#### **CHRISTMAS OFFERING**

Sunday Collection

General Fund.......\$395.00 General Fund Loose...\$1,106.00 Total.....\$1,501.00 Christmas...... \$1,220.00

Tuition Assistance...... \$ .... \$795.00.00(YTD)

#### OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 25-26, 2021

General Fund Online .... \$732.00 Total .....\$4,251.25

Votive ...... \$165.00

Tuition Assistance .......\$ .....\$795.00(YTD) Endowment Fund .....\$25.00 .....\$175.00(YTD)

Sunday Collection
General Fund ......\$1665.00
General Fund Loose .....\$637.00
Total ......\$2,302.00 All Souls.....\$11.00

Votive .....\$16.00

OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 1-2, 2022

#### Parish Community News, Notes & Events

Stephen Minister Training Class Lindenwood Area Senior Ministry is expanding its Stephen Ministry, a program that trains volunteers to provide oneto-one Christian care for older adults experiencing a diffi-cult time. We are seeking individuals to serve as Stephen Ministers to provide this care. Stephen Ministers work alongside the LASM Director and our Pastor to care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to courage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to seniors who are going through a difficult time, such as grief, hospitalization, loneliness, chronic illness, or isolation. Is the New Year beckoning you to grow in your faith and caregiving skills? Are you seeking to provide meaningful connection for an older adult who is hurting in our community? Joining our Stephen Ministry program could be the perfect fit for you! Stephen Minister training will begin on Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. Training sessions will be held on Sunday afternoons and a few Saturdays. Please reach out to LASM Director, Katie Weintraub for more information and an application: <a href="mailto:katie@lasministry.org">katie@lasministry.org</a> or 314-647-4591. 314-647-4591.

SHARING THE GOSPEL... Your Dad Says, "Wash your hands, please. It is almost time to eat." After you wash your hands really well, your Dad smiles. He says, "That's my boy. You did a good job!" In today's Gospel, it was time for Jesus to be baptized.

After his baptism, Jesus talked to God his Father in prayer. Jesus did everything his Father asked. God was happy with his Son and said, "I'm please with you."

READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE

#### KIDS CORNER

#### Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

JOHN MESSIAH BAPTIZING			WATER POWERFUL SANDALS				HOLY SPIRIT FIRE JESUS					
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will be having their Roses for Life Campaign on the weekend of Jan 15th & 16th at all mass-

es, 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.



# 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 Sallo De St. Louis 110 (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 https://ourladysinn.org/trivia-night-2022/ or contact. This event sells out guistly the state of the or kbecker@ourladysinn.org. This event sells out quickly!

The Beauty of Eve is a powerful presentation about how wonderful and marvelous the design and about how wonderful and marvelous the design and function of the female body truly is. It helps women appreciate and advocate for their own gynecologic health. It empowers women to know how tracking their cycle can greatly benefit their health by identifying potential problems and how tracking can be a natural alternative to the birth control pill. January 27, 2022. 6:30-8:00 PM Pauline Books & Media 9804 Watson Road, St. Louis, MO 63126 REGISTER:http://bit.ly/PBM-BoE01-2022 Presentation followed by Q&A. Event is free, but masks are required. Limited to 15 attendees. (Wait list once we reach capacity). Questions: 314.997.7576

#### **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*:

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