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

Sacrament of Penance:

Saturday, 7:00-7:50 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.



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3

excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 16, 2022

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LIVING OUR FAITH

FROM THE DESK OF FR. MICHAEL

Thank you to all our new volunteers who have been cantoring or singing at Mass in our scholas. If you're ever interested in adding your voice, chat with Elizabeth (10:30 am) or Jeff (6:30 pm) after Mass. There is no age minimum and the more the merrier. It's a beautiful thing to lift up our voices to the Lord.

A reminder that we have a regular Thursday evening holy hour from 7-8 pm. Anyone is welcome to attend. I often hear confessions during that hour as well. And at 8 pm, all young adults who interested are invited to go out to dinner at a local restaurant.

The Feast of St. Blaise this year is on a Thursday, but I'll be happy to bless throats the weekend beforehand, which would be after Masses on Jan 29 and 30.

Candlemas this year is on a Wednesday and I'll be happy to bless any candles that anyone wants to bring to the 8 am Mass that morning. Candlemas is always Feb 2.

Understanding the Mass - Purifying the Sacred Vessels

St. Thomas Aquinas teaches that, after the consecration, what looks like a bread crumb to the naked eye is still the Body of Christ and what looks like a drop of wine is still the Blood of Christ. This is why priests are so careful to hold their fingers together after the consecration and only release them after they've been washed. It is also why the sacred vessels are purified at the altar so deliberately and carefully and the corporal is spread out to collect any errant crumbs. Our Lord on no account should be suffered to be disposed of down a drain. It is our responsibility to protect him in his humility.

This is reminiscent of how our Blessed Mother and the other women carefully washed Our Lord's body after the humiliation of his death. The time spent washing the vessels isn't wasted, no time during Mass is, and you can use it to quietly meditate on a private devotion, or you may see in the way the priest treats the sacred vessels an encouragement towards that tenderness and faithfulness that Our Lord truly inspires in those who love him.

O Lord, may we be worthy guardians of your humble graces.

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

Gospel Meditation - Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

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ro-Life Matters

National Prayer Vigil for Life
Important Update for 2022: will be televised by EWTN and livestreamed on the Basilica's webpage so millions can participate remotely. Please see the adjusted 2022 Vigil schedule and visit the Frequently Asked Questions page for additional information. To see the schedule and access the livestream links for the overnight holy hours during January 20-21, please click https://www.usccb.org/prolife/overnight-holy-hours-january

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9 Days For Life

Pray to protect human life! Please join the 9 Days for Life novena for the protection of human life from January 19-27, 2022. Each days intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested

Find Comfort, Healing & Hope Saturday, January 23, at Francis Borgia Parish "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 1 pm at St. Francis Borgia Parish on Sunday, January 23. The rite, celebrated by Fr. Michael Boehm, will offer parents and families an opportunity to name the child, bring peaceful closure to great loss, and unite with our merciful God.

- To RSVP or for more information, please contact Jane Maure at janemaune@hotmail.com or 636-432-6781
- Help spread the word about the January 23 event on social media: https://www.facebook.com/ events/8528995986844599

"Living our Call as SSND" online presentation
Living our call as SSND: Transformative education on the margins The School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) invite single women ages 18-45 to an online presentation Wednesday, January 19 at 7 pm CST to learn more about SSND and their ministry with and among those who are poor and marginalized. More information and registration for the Zoom link is available at ssnd.org/events/1-19-22.

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LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 16 8:00 am Patri

Patrick Limpert. Jr.

Parishioners 10:30 am

6:30 pm Rev. Robert L Banken

Monday, January 17 8:00 am John

John Jankowski

Tuesday, January 18 8:00 am Enroll Enrollees & Benefactors of

Epiphany Memorial Fund

6:30 pm Gerry Kitchell

Wednesday, January 19

8:00 am Alex Daus (Special Intentions)

Thursday, January 20 8:00 am The To

The Tom Kutis Family (Special Intentions)

Friday, January 21 8:00 am The

The George & Tom Cline Families

(Special Intentions)

Saturday, January 22

8:00 am Ruth Toler

4:00 pm John Jankowski

Sunday, January 23 8:00 am Parishioners

10:30 am Carol Bettlach

Rev. Msgr. Jerome J. Bucheit 6:30 pm

In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the parish business office will be closed on Monday, January 17, 2022.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND & SICK OF OUR PARISH

Joan Huelsmann

All Coronavirus Patients

Kay Gundy

Gert Lopez

Judy Hof

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

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

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28 Tuesday:

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21 Saturday:

Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-

14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Young Catholic Professionals St. Louis has leadership opportunities in your city! YCP's mission is Working in Witness for Christ and offers young adults (age 20-39) the opportunity to develop professional and leadership skills while serving in a dynamic apostolate. Email info@stlouis.org to request an application today or visit our website www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org to learn more!

Epiphany of Our Lord Memorial SocietyThe death of loved ones creates a need for us to remem-

ber 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 one's 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

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED Faithful Departed

Ouestion:

How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?



We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2nd each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It's the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we're getting in the house, but we're not quite ready to go all the way in. There's rain to shake off our coats and dirt that's clogging our shoes.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are!

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OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 8-9, 2022

<u>Sunday Collection</u>
General Fund \$3,389.00
General Fund Loose \$504.00
General Fund Online \$2,705.00
Total\$6,598.00
First Offering\$50.00
Maintenance & Repair \$70.00
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 Solemnity
 \$20.00

 Votive
 \$56.00

 Tuition Assistance
 \$50.00
 \$845.00(YTD)

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PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS, NOTES & EVENTS

Ladies Guild News...Our Card social will be held on Monday, January 17th at 10:00 am in the Assumption

The regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 26th at 11 am in the Assumption Room.

We will provide dessert and coffee for both.

Mary Louise, Jan and Marilyn have a request!

If you have a purse, you no longer use, fill it with personal items (anything that would make a women feel special). They will deliver it to St. Patrick's Center, for the homeless and abused. Bring it to the card social, regular meeting, or drop it off to one of them by January 25th.

Mary Louise Jan Holmes 6460 Smiley Ave. 6225 Arsenal St. 314-781-6460 314-644-4299 Marilyn Dickerson 6263 Reber Pl 314-647-8279

Thank you! Everyone have a healthy, blessed and peaceful New Year!

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL needs your help in restocking their shelves. We are in particular need of personal care items. We need: toilet paper, shampoo, toothpaste and deodorant. Thank you for your donations!



Soccer CampThere will be an indoor winter soccer camp for boys and girls of the parish ages 5-12. The camp will be conducted at Futbol Club Stl. This facility is located in St. Louis City at the intersection of Kingshighway and Man-

chester. The camp will start in Mid-February. For more information , please call Marty at 314-393-1164.

Job Opening:

Collaborative Governance (CG) of the Franciscan Sisters of Mary and the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood have an opening for a full-time Assistant Health Care Director (RN) serving as a resource for the Health Care Director, working directly with the Sisters. Responsibilities include health counseling, nursing services and advocacy to ensure that all Sisters attain or maintain their highest practical level of physical, mental, and psychosocial well-

Qualifications: MSN preferred, active RN license in the State of MO, and basic life support (BLS) certification. Professional nursing practice experience of at least 5 years with experience in geriatrics, mental or community health. More info: lwand@collaborativegovernance.org.



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!



4th Annual Paul Meyer Memorial Trivia Night Saturday, February 5, 2022 To benefit Kids Cancer Support. Helping

kids with cancer and their families! \$25

per person, 10 people max, BYO snacks, draft beer & set-ups included, other drinks/bottles are allowed (BYO), prize for best decorated table, partial tables welcome - we'll put you somewhere! Muligans, 50/50 & Raffle too! Doors open at 6 pm; Trivia begins at 7 pm. To reserve a table, sponsor or donate an item, call: 618-654-4020 (HK Office), 314-540-4675 (Angi Lowes), Don/Diana Meyer, 314-845-6125 or register online at: www.hiskidsinc.org/up-coming-events. Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Center, 5020 Rhodes Ave.

he Knights of Columbus desoto Council 903

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.

Food Drive St Louis Public Library has partnered with the St Louis Area Foodbank for an MLK Food drive. We are collecting canned or boxed food products (no glass, please!), as well as personal care items, feminine care products, baby care products, or household essentials through January 31, in the spirit and memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. These items can be dropped off at any of our locations. The holidays may be over but the need is not gone- thank you for helping your community!



Gospel

At a wedding party, Mary said to Jesus, they have no more wine. Help them. Even though it was not time for him to perform miracles, Jesus honored his Mother by changing the water into wine. When you obey God by honoring your other's wishes, you turn ordinary things, like opening a door, emptying trash, or making the bed into a gift of love. This love makes your mother and God smile.

Lord, help me turn chores for my family into

gifts for you.



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