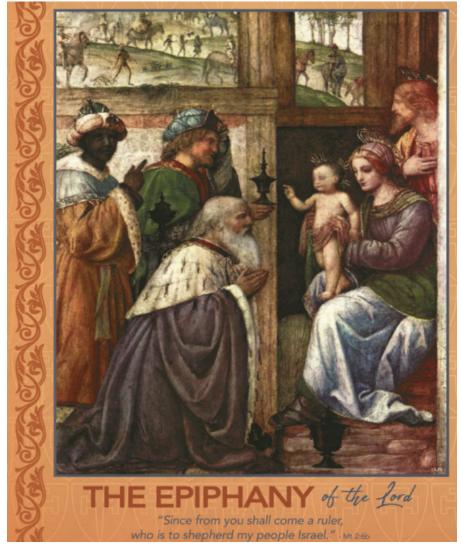


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# Catholic Church

January 2, 2022 The Epiphany of the Lord



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#### MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Monday, January 3rd, The Most Holy Name of Jesus 6:00pm Mass †Noreen Aukst by Marie Lee

Tuesday, January 4th, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:30am Mass †Donald Bernard Jr. by Loving Wife

Wednesday, January 5th, St. John Neumann, Bishop 8:30am Mass †Donald Rainey by Loving Wife

#### Thursday, January 6th, St. Andre Bessette,

Religious

8:30am Mass †Deceased members of the Busche Family

#### Friday, January 7th, St. Raymond of Penyafort,

Pries

4:30pm Mass †Deceased members of the Ruane and Bradley Families by Marie Lee

#### Saturday, January 8th,

8:30am Mass †Joy Marzynski by Loving Family 4:30pm Mass People of St. Gall Parish

#### Sunday, January 9th, The Baptism of the Lord

8:30am Mass †Vincent Palazzolo by Loving Wife \*10:30am Mass †Emily Camaioni by Corine Nogajewski 5:00pm Mass Special Intention for Ryan Walton by Mary Venus

\*The Mass will be on Facebook Live and YouTube



The Church is open for private prayer on:
Monday, Thursday and Friday
from 9:00AM-7:00PM
Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday
from 9:00AM-4:00PM.

Everyone is welcome to come and prepare for the coming of the Lord. Please be assured of our daily prayers for you and your loved one.

St. Gall, Pray for us!

#### **PRAYER CORNER**

The following names are those who are in the hospital or who are critically ill. We ask that you include our brothers and sisters in your prayers for healing strength. Should you wish to add a loved one to our prayer corner, please contact the Parish Office. Names are kept on the list for 3 months unless the office is notified. Thank you.

Lorraine Michi
Mary Britz
Martha Abel
Nancy Szostek
Marlene Patterson
Maxine Flinn
Vicky Kalnins
Jim Kilmer
Bob Kugach
Jennifer Engeldahl
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Brisa Umbac
Donna Shoop
Jessica Diamond
Kim Sira
Scott Matthews
Richard Flynn
Gary Foster
Eddie Gracyas
Thomas Johnson
Tina Hanson
Ava Algrim

Father God, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that You would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

Weekly Budget (includes Holy Days and Holic	
Weekly Offertory Envelopes (Dec. 18/19)	\$7,324.00
Building Fund	\$400.00
Votives	\$88.00
Christmas	\$1,345.00
Flowers	\$85.00
Holy Days	\$150.00

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#### **WISHING YOU A BLESSED NEW YEAR**

As we come to the close of 2021, the St. Vincent de Paul Society wants to wish you a blessed New Year in 2022.

Thank you for helping us serve our neighbors in need during these difficult times.

STAY SAFE. **November Contributions: \$2,017** 

#### **CONFESSION SCHEDULE:**

Wednesday 9:00-9:30 AM Friday 11-11:30 AM Saturday 9:00-9:30 AM 3:30-4:00 PM



You may also make an appointment by emailing Father Max at frmax@stgall.com.

# EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Every Thursday From 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

There is a need for Adorers to fill the one hour time slots for Adoration and a need for subs!

Please pray about being a part of this ministry and contact Maureen Kilmer at beesdance2@gmail.com if you would like to be a part of the Adoration Team.

#### MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday Obligation: Saturday 4:30 PM Sunday 8:30 AM,10:30 AM And 5:00 PM

Daily Mass: Monday 6:00 PM Tues., Wed., Thurs., Sat. 8:30 AM Friday 12:15 PM



#### Parish News & Notes



#### **Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

Come and join the Bible Study this Tuesday from 9:30-11:00 AM! We will be studying the Book of Wisdom. There is no need to sign up to attend. Everyone is welcome! If you have any questions,

please contact Jane Smith at janefsmith@yahoo.com or Rick Adams at 3drick@ameritech.net.



#### St. Gall Respect Life Ministry

The Respect Life Ministry at St. Gall Church will have their monthly meeting this Tuesday, January 4th at 6:00 PM. The meeting will be in Rms 5-6. Meetings Respect Life are usually held the first Tuesday of the month. St. Gall Parishioners are cordially invited to attend and join this

ministry. Please contact Darlene Biggs at darlenembiggs@yahoo.com if you should have any questions.



#### **AWAKEN**

The Awaken Series is back this week! You are all welcome to join us on Monday evenings at 7:00 PM or Wednesday mornings at 10:30 AM. This may be a good way to start the New Year! Be Awakened to the

Catholic Faith. Hope to see you there!



#### **Saturday Morning Bible Study**

There is a Saturday Morning Bible Study of six middle-aged ladies that are looking for a couple new members of any age/gender to participate in

lively, grace-filled meetings once a month at St. Gall Church. The next meeting will be January 8th at 9:30 AM. Call or text Val Walker at 312-972-8945 if you are interested in joining the bible study.



#### **LOST AND FOUND**

St. Gall Church's Lost and Found is located in the vestibule of the church. There is a bin filled with many items and a small table that has a few items as well.

You are welcome to look through the bin to find what you may have been missing. You are also welcome to contact the Parish Office at 630-365-6030 to help locate an item for you.



#### ROSARY FOR PEACE AND WISDOM in the WORLD

Join us as we pray for the WORLD and all of our leaders. We know that peace and wisdom begin at home. We can become peacemakers everywhere. We will pray the rosary for the world and the St. Francis Prayer. We know that Mary, our mama, is always ready to comfort us and closer to Christ who bring us His peace and hope.

> All are welcome! **TUESDAYS AT 6:30PM**

#### **SCRIPTURE FOCUS**

#### Scripture focus for the January 2 Mass

#### The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord

One of the gifts of the Catholic Church is the lectionary containing the readings of Scripture in the Mass as they provide a cohesive theme for today.

Did you know that the travelers from afar with camels was foretold by Isaiah? He tells us that they would bring gold and frankincense in the first Sunday Reading from Chapter 60. Reading the Psalm offers this story of the gifts from the far West of Tarshish and Seba with its meaning in song:

"\*Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone does wonderful deeds. Blessed be his glorious name forever; may he fill all the earth with his glory. Amen and amen."

In the Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians, St. Paul assures them with the 'stewardship of God's grace given to him for their benefit' that the Gentiles are coheirs and a part of the body of Christ, too.

The Gospel from Matthew 2 tells the story of these wise men who mistakenly go to King Herod for help to find the 'new king' they seek. Dreams are important messages in this season of the Church. The wise men are warned in a dream to ignore Herod's wish for the location of the king. After paying homage to the Baby Jesus, they went home another way.

How will today's Scripture change your life today? Did you have an 'epiphany' or spiritual inspiration this year? What gifts will YOU bring to Jesus? How will you use the gifts The Light of the World has given

\*Footnote NABRE: [Psalm 72] A royal Psalm in which the Israelite king, as the representative of God, is the instrument of divine justice (Ps 72:1-4, 12-14) and blessing (Ps 72:5-7, 15-17) for the whole world. The king is human, giving only what he has received from God. Hence intercession must be made for him. The extravagant language is typical of oriental royal courts.

Today's Mass: Readings from USCCB

#### **Events Around the Community**



Husbands and Wives... you are cordially invited to attend a

#### Romantic Candlelight Dinner

Saturday, January 29, 2022 From 6pm- 9pm Cost: Free

Holy Cross Catholic Church 2300 Main St.

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Enjoy a quiet, romantic dinner for two, served by your local WWME community.

Please RSVP to Javier & Mandy Andujar at (630) 664-7516/ 630-303-2179 or andujar1113@gmail.com by January 26, 2022.

This event is being sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter.



Please welcome the following family to

St. Gall Parish!

Casey and Kathy Baran

#### RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



#### ROCKFORD WALK FOR LIFE 2022

The St. Gall Respect Life Ministry will be participating in the Rockford Walk for Life 2022.

Parishioners, their families and friends are encouraged to join the walk on Saturday, January 15th at 11:00 AM.

The Scheidler Family will be attending, several speakers including Steve Jacobs of Illinois and the Respect to Life will talk about the Dobbs case.

If you would like to participate in the Rockford Walk for Life 2022, please sign up in the narthex of the church. Depending on the number of participants, St. Gall Parish may provide a bus for transportation to and from the event. Watch the bulletin with updated information on transportation.

Dress for the weather, design and bring a Respect Life sign and come join fellow parishioners in the Walk for Life. Please contact Darlene Biggs at darlenembiggs@yahoo.com if you need further information.

Chicago March for Life will held on Saturday, January 8th. For those wishing to participate, we encourage commuting from the Elburn Train Station. For more information on the Chicago March, please go to marchforlifechicago.com.

Knights of Columbus Council 17360 Corner



#### A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Hello fellow parishioners! I hope everyone had a very Merry and Blessed Christmas season!

As I stated last month I am going to give everyone a brief rundown of Council 17360 activities over the last year!

In March we were able to begin in person meetings which was a big help in meeting our goals of assisting our parish and community.

We made contributions to the following organizations the past year; Elburn Lions Club, Corbella Clinic, St. Vincent DePaul Society, Waterleaf Women's Clinic, Beautiful U Ministries, Special Olympics, and Hesed House. These donations were made possible by your support of all of Council 17360 fund raising efforts!

In addition, Council members assisted a parish widow clear her home out and load her belongings into the moving van for her relocation to a retirement facility. They also helped another family of 5 move to a new home in a nearby town.

Council 17360 members provided many hours of assistance to many parishioners and fellow citizens too numerous to mention in this space. As with most fraternal organizations we are always looking for new members. I would encourage any man that is a practicing Catholic to see the sign up guide in the bulletin or for less techy types please contact Tom Lentz or myself about joining our Council!

Dan Koebele Grand Knight



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#### SACRAMENTAL LIFE

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Parents are expected to attend a preparation session with the Pastor or (on-line during Co-Vid) prior to the baptism of the baby. Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: PLEASE SEE CONFESSION SCHEDULE

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:** Couples should contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to their requested date. We will check the parish calendar for availability, and the pastor will contact you to confirm the date and schedule your preparation. One partner must have some personal connection with the parish.

**SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING:** The Sacrament is available at any time with Father Max. Contact the Parish Office or Father directly in order to arrange a time. Anointings can take place at the parish, in the hospital or care facility, or in your home.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** Teens are confirmed at St. Gall in the Eighth grade, and must complete two years of preparation beginning in Seventh grade. Contact the Faith Formation Office to register your child. (Adults seeking Confirmation, see "RCIA" below).

VISITATION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound are available to bring Communion to the home for parishioners who are unable to attend Mass due to illness or age. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA): If you are interested in becoming Catholic, or if you are a Catholic who has not completed your sacraments, contact Fr. Max to learn how you can prepare to receive the sacraments either through our RCIA program or through private instruction.

**REGISTRATION:** New Parishioners are always welcome at St. Gall! Please take some time to formally register in the parish. Your registration will allow us to make preparations for the sacraments, write letters of sponsorship on your behalf, keep you updated about parish news, and facilitate so many other important aspects of parish life! You can register by calling the Parish Office or picking up a registration form from our parish library in the church narthex.

#### **VENTURING CREW 413**

Venturing Crew 413 participated in the Wreaths across America Ceremony this past Saturday. 240

\*\*\*\*\* remembrance and service wreaths were laid on

veterans' graves in St. Gall Cemetery and Blackberry Township Cemetery.



## St. Gall Youth and Family

#### 2021-2022 Classes for PK-7

**Our Catechetical Theme:** 

"Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed."

<u>SPOTLIGHT ON THE MASS:</u> The healing known in the Eucharist is one that Christ grants through His power and our faith. Christ is a healer, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.' And he stretched out his hand and

touched him, saying, 'I will; be clean.'" (Matt 8:2–3). Are we eager recipients of the gifts He wants to give us? Read more at The St. Paul Center blog.



#### CLASSES RESUME ON JANUARY 4!

It's Christmas!!!

What is your spiritual resolution for 2022?

#### **JANUARY**

4—Grade 1—5-6pm

Rosary at 6:30pm

5-Grades 2-4-4:30-5:45pm

5—Grades 5-6—6-7:30pm

6—Little Lambs—10-11:30am

Family First Communion—4:30-5:30pm

9—Gr. 7 Confirmation—3-4:30pm

Don't forget to practice telling the story of the Nativity and Epiphany! Everyone should know it!



Check your child's folder for handouts and help them complete the lessons and quiz if they need to! Use this time to read Bible stories, watch spiritual movies and catch up on your lessons!

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January 2

The Epiphany of the Lord The Visit of the Magi

#### Ages 3 and Up and Ages 7 to Adults

This is a great way to learn, understand and memorize more of our Scripture stories!



Pray the 3rd Joyful Mystery-The Nativity this week!

#### www.stgall.com/Faith-Formation

Contact Donna Doherty for more information at donna@stgall.com or call 630-365-9166



#### CHRISTMAS FUN FACTS

The Christmas Season begins on December 25 and ends the week of the Epiphany on January 9 with the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. Ordinary Time begins on January 10! In

some traditions, decorations are kept until the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord on February 2 which is also Candlemas Day with the blessings of candles as we remember that Jesus is The Light of the World!

**CHRISTMAS DAY**—It was officially recognized by the Catholic Church in the year AD 345 when December 25 was proclaimed as the date of the Birth of Jesus, following the influence of St. John Chrysostom and St. Gregory of Nazianzus.

**THE REMAINS OF THE WISE MEN**—It is said that the remains of the Magi were kept for 300 years in the city of Istanbul, Turkey. Then they were moved to Milan, Italy, and later to Cologne, Germany. The remains of the three Wise Men rest in a gold and silver chest weighing about 350 kg (772 lbs.), and are in a chapel built for this purpose by Emperor Charlemagne in Cologne.

**SILENT NIGHT**—This is perhaps the most popular Christmas carol in the world, as it has been translated and sung in 330 languages. It is an Austrian Christmas song, created almost by chance, after a church organ had broken down.

In 1818, two days before Christmas, the old organ at St. Nicholas Church, the parish of Father Joseph Mohr, stopped working. In order not to disappoint his parishioners, the priest asked his friend Franz Xaver Gruber, teacher and organist from the neighboring village of Arnsdorf, to compose a melody for a Christmas text. At the Christmas Mass, Father Mohr, who had a tenor voice, played his guitar accompanied by his friend Gruber, who had a beautiful bass voice. Then, the two of them performed together for the first time in German the song that we know today as "Silent Night."

—Excerpts from the <u>Archdiocese of Miami Blog</u>
This blog is available in Spanish, too!

January 8

#### STORYTIME ON SATURDAY!

## FAITH STORIES FOR KIDS! 10:00-11:30AM



SAVE THE DATE! We'll have some activities based on the book, too! Children 5 and under should be accompanied by an Adult. Watch for our sign up! This event includes donuts and milk!





FIRST COMMUNION PARENT WORKSHOP

JANUARY 16 11:30AM-3:00PM Lunch Included! (CHILDCARE AVAILABLE)



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