

## The Epiphany of the Lord

“Where is that thing?” mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. “I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!” Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, “Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear.” The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

“And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.” The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God’s tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God’s salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God’s healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for!

# Sacred Heart

P A R I S H

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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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### MISSION STATEMENT

We the parish family of Sacred Heart, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit seek to bring all to a fuller understanding of God’s love by teaching, praying, witnessing for Christ and service to one another. Through the sharing of our time, talents, and treasures, we shall build up the body of Christ in our local parish, deanery, archdiocese and the world.

## 2 Staff & Parish Info

### Pastoral Staff

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crystalcity-festus.weconnect.com](http://sacredheartcrystalcity-festus.weconnect.com)

### Parish Secretary

Office hours..... M-F 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Email.....shccsecretary@sbcglobal.net

### Eucharistic Celebrations

**Weekend:** Saturday 5:00 pm; Sunday  
7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am

**Weekday:** Monday-Thursday 8:00 am;  
(Friday 8:00 am-Communion Service)

**Holy Day:** Day 8:00 am, 12:00 noon &  
7:00 pm

### Sacraments

#### Reconciliation

Saturday at 4:00 pm or by appointment.

#### Baptism

Held on 2nd and 4th Sunday of each  
month following the 11:00 am Mass.

Baptism is an introduction to the Catholic  
way of life, attendance at Sunday Mass is  
an obligation which is not taken lightly.

Baptism preparation will be held on the 1st  
Monday of each month. Call to register for  
Baptism preparation and Baptisms (636-  
937-4662).

#### Marriage

Preparation class must begin at least six  
months in advance of date of marriage.

Make an appointment with the priest .

#### Communion Calls

If you are unable to come to Mass for sev-  
eral weeks due to illness, contact the Parish  
Office for a visit.

#### Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Open twenty four hours a day in the Con-  
vent Chapel. If interested contact the Parish  
Office (636) 937-4662.

#### PSR Classes

Held at school every Wednesday evening  
during school year from 6:40-8:00 pm.

#### Bulletin Deadline

Announcements must be turned in to  
Parish Office by Sunday evening.

Email.....shccsecretary@sbcglobal.net



### Greetings from the Pastor

Welcome 2021!

Jesus came to announce a new year favorable to God. And here we are at the threshold of a new year. The New Year gift of God for us was Christmas, and Jesus **IS** the gift that we should retain through the days of 2021.

2020 is going to be history hereafter, with memories both sweet and sour, success and failures, tears and laughter, fall and rise, and dreams and despairs were all part of 2020, and will continue to be with us also in 2021. When you look over your shoulders to say good-bye to the outgoing year, may be you have mixed feelings. For most of us, no, for all of us 2020 wasn't a favorable year as per our experience. 2020 was hard on. Unemployment, untimely deaths, constant fear, pov-erty... were some of what the outgoing year forced upon us; a year of failures, loss, unfulfilled promises and shattered dreams... But let us keep smiling at the odds of life. First and foremost, we are still alive. That itself is a huge accomplishment. And remember, everything that has a beginning has also an end. This too shall pass.

Learn to say *cheers* to failures, and *all the best* to people who hurt you. Oh, by the way, if I hurt any of you, I beg your pardon. Dwell a little on the shadows of year slipping by; slowly dive into the uncertainties the New Year brings. Have courage to shake off the dust of the past. As St. Paul exhorts, "that you should put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth" (Ephesians 4:22-24).

New Year is a new take of life. Take a U Turn if you took a wrong exit the last year; hopefully, you have another whole year ahead of you to stay right. When God offers you another chance of retake, don't turn your back to Him. Personally, I don't mean to make any new year resolution this year, as uncertainties are still looming over us. Let us, therefore, take one day at a time.

Personally, 2020 wasn't that bad for me. I have a sense of accomplishment, though I know I could have done better. I am most grateful to the Lord for all the blessings showered on me and on Sacred Heart. I plan to start all over again, plan on living the moment with greater zest as it comes to me. I have a few projects in cooking, which I think I can wind up soon.

May I encourage each of you to stay positive, and help others stay positive as we all plod on through tough times. Know that no one is alone in this journey. We fight together. Do something to help uplift the drooping spirits and spread the joy that comes from your core of life. Let me wind up by quoting St. Paul: "If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but everyone for those of others (Philippians 2:1-4).

With love,

Fr. Mathew

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of our parishioners who volunteered their time to make our church beautiful once again for the Christmas Season. You are a blessing to the parish!



## The Gifts of Stewardship



**January 3, 2021**  
**Epiphany of the Lord**

*“..they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh...” - Matthew 2:11*

Notice the order of events in the Magi’s visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

Our Lady Church Festus will have an ACTS retreat for men January 28-31, 2021. All men from Sacred Heart are invited to attend. Cost is \$100.00. We are limited to 20 men at this time. For more information please contact one of the following:

- Dan Hiatt 314-791-4318
- Brent Abrams 314-581-8475
- Jack Rothweiler 314-607-2566
- Matt Surdyke 314-401-0687



### Wise Men See God in the Simple Things

If you’re on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: “God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace.”

There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God’s and Herod’s. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn’t entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which.

After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn’t say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I’ll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod’s charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.

The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it’s enough to remember this: God’s plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let’s have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration.

## Your Gift of Treasure

Week of December 20, 2020

Envelopes Mailed.....	593
Envelope Gifts.....	\$8,253.00
Number of Envelopes.....	127
Online Gifts.....	\$1,917.00
Number of Online Donations....	47
Loose.....	\$93.13

### Scrip Program December 20, 2020

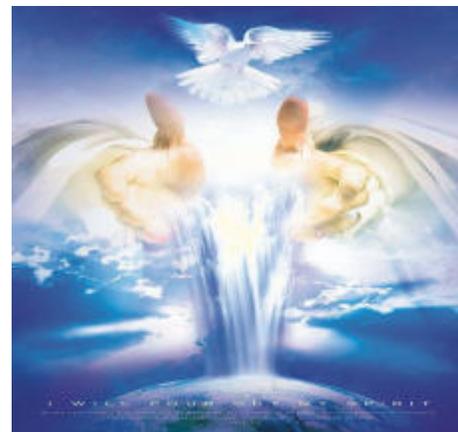
Number of orders.....	17
Amount of Orders.....	\$2,200.00
Amount earned this week.....	\$77.34
E-Scrip Revenue.....	\$0.00
Amount earned YTD.....	\$1,184.93

Week of December 27 will be in next weeks bulletin due to early deadline.



*Only with prayer—prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and souls—will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life.”*

—U.S. Catholic Bishops,  
Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities



## HOLY FAMILY NOVENA

The priests of the Missionaries of the Holy Family, [www.msf-america.org](http://www.msf-america.org), invite you to join them in praying the Holy Family Novena for your family and all families of the world. The novena begins on the Feast of the Holy Family, Sunday, December 27, 2020, and runs through Monday, January 4, 2021. Please join us at Mass or pray the novena at home with your family. Masses are at Saint Wenceslaus Church in Saint Louis. For daily Mass times and free novena pamphlets, please call (314) 577-6300 or send an e-mail to [er@msf-ca.org](mailto:er@msf-ca.org) and God bless your family!



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## Dynamic Catholic, Alive! – Evangelization

The Gospel today is certainly appropriate for our reflections on evangelization. The wise men journey from the East to pay homage to the King of the World. They then return to their homeland. Evangelization follows a similar process. We must give our Lord homage and worship and journey to see Him and know Him better. Only then, after we have spent time in prayer and worship, can we share the fruits of our prayer with others. Evangelization is sharing our experience of Jesus Christ with others and guiding them into relationship of joy with Him as well. Consider how often you share the Good News of Christ with others in simple ways and in more bold ways. Would there be enough evidence in your home that you are Catholic and follow Jesus Christ?  
[archstl.org/dynamic](http://archstl.org/dynamic)

## ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

On the 48<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*

Saturday, January 16, 2021 • 10 AM



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The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Free Throw Contest at the Sacred Heart Gym on January 9th for boys and girls ages 9-14. Participants should arrive between 9 & 10 am. Shooting will start at 10:00 am. Please bring proof of age (copy of birth certificate). Any Knights who wish to help should arrive at 9:00 am. If you need more information please reach out to Paul Eisenbeis at 636-208-0428



**Adoration of the Lord**  
*Sacred Heart Adoration Chapel is OPEN and volunteers are needed.*

“One need not say much to pray well, we know that Jesus is there in the tabernacle; let us open our hearts to Him, let us rejoice in His Sacred Presence. That is the best prayer.”

We have **SEVERAL OPENINGS** please call at **Terri Wolk at 314-620-7527** for more information.

Openings for the following hours are needed to be filled ASAP. This is a great way to give your time and talent to your Parish and The Lord!

- Sunday: 6:00pm**
- Tuesday: 9:00pm**
- Thursday: 11:00pm**
- Friday: 7:00am & 7:00pm**
- Saturday: 8:00pm & 9:00pm**



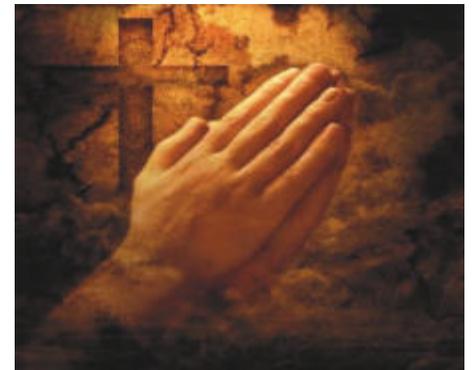
*St. Vincent dePaul's St. Valentine's Day Raffle*

Thank you to Julie Carey who has donated a beautiful quilt, in memory of our late parishioner Barb Casper, to St. Vincent dePaul to raise much needed funds to support our work. We will begin selling chances on Sunday January 3 with the drawing on Sunday February 14 after the 11 am mass. Since it is a St. Valentine's Day Raffle, we invite everyone buying a ticket to write the name of a loved one on the back of their ticket. We will put that name on a Valentine tag, which will be displayed in the church.



**Rosary Services**

Please come 35 minutes early to weekend Mass to pray the rosary for Pro-Life and our country. If you would like to lead the rosary call the Parish Office.



**PRAYER**

Oh Lord,

Grant that I may meet all that this coming day brings with spiritual tranquility. Grant that I may fully surrender myself to your holy will. At every hour of this day, direct and support me in all things. Whatever news may reach me in the course of the day, teach me to accept it with a calm soul and the firm conviction that all is subject to your holy will. Direct my thoughts and feelings and all my words and actions. In all unexpected occurrences, do not let me forget that all is sent down from you. Grant that I may deal straightforwardly and wisely with everyone I encounter, neither embarrassing nor saddening anyone.

Oh Lord, grant me the strength to endure the fatigue of the coming day and all the events that take place during it. Direct my will and teach me to pray, to believe, to hope, to be patient, to forgive, and to love.

Amen

St. Wenceslaus Parish has a job opening for a Custodian/Maintenance Manager.

General Duties:  
 - Perform maintenance and janitorial tasks as assigned  
 --- Perform minor electrical, plumbing, and mechanical repairs as needed

Email resume to: [stwencebulletin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stwencebulletin@sbcglobal.net), or mail to:  
 St. Wenceslaus Parish, 3014 Oregon Ave., St. Louis, MO 63118

**Communion Calls**

If you are unable to come to Mass due to the Coronavirus or for several weeks due to illness, contact the Parish Office for a visit.

# Ministry Schedules



## Liturgical Ministers Weekend of January 9th & 10th

### Altar Servers

5:00pm	Alexis Biehle
7:30am	Carroll McCoy
9:00am	Kate Eisenbeis
11:00am	Robert Peskar

### Eucharistic Ministers

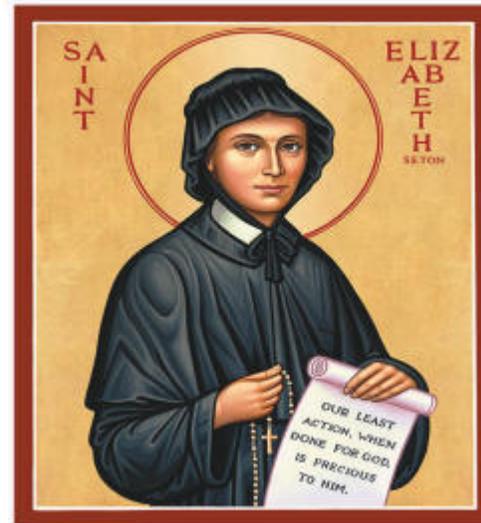
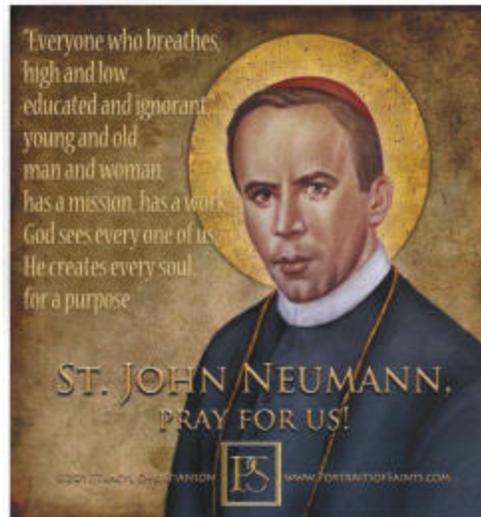
5:00pm	Karen Eisenbeis
7:30am	Debbie Cautrell
9:00am	Deacon Jerry
11:00am	Barb Case

### Lectors

5:00pm	Kevin Perry Shirley Perry
7:30am	Patricia DeClue Clara Nielsen
9:00am	Joe Berkbigler Matt Olinger
11:00am	Mary Lou Darnell Mary Lou Darnell

### Scrip

5:00pm	Cheryl Havlin
7:30am	Penny Halley
9:00am	Marilyn Ash
11:00am	Denise Jones



## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

### Mass Schedule

<b>Monday, January 4th</b>	8:00am Charles Korkowski
<b>Tuesday, January 5th</b>	8:00am Sue Jennewein
<b>Wednesday, January 6th</b>	8:00am Bernetta "Jackie" Basler
<b>Thursday, January 7th</b>	8:00am Lynette Sarrentino
<b>Friday, January 8th</b>	8:00am Communion Service
<b>Saturday, January 9th</b>	5:00pm Sharon Butler
<b>Sunday, January 10th</b>	7:30am Deacon Ken McCarver 9:00am People of the Parish 11:00am Larry Olinger

## Readings for the week of January 3, 2021

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 [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/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/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

## Observances for the week of January 3, 2021

Sunday:	The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week
Monday:	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
Tuesday:	St. John Neumann, Bishop
Wednesday:	St. André Bessette, Religious
Thursday:	St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
Friday:	The Epiphany of the Lord
Saturday:	The Epiphany of the Lord
Next Sunday:	The Baptism of the Lord



## Parish Calendar

<b>Tuesday, January 5th</b>	8:45am Legion of Mary	RMR
<b>Wednesday, January 6th</b>	6:45pm PSR Classes	SCH
<b>Thursday, January 7th</b>	8:45am Quilters 6:00pm Quilters	ANN
<b>Saturday, January 9th</b>	9:00am-12:00pm SVDP	RMR

## Attention: Liturgical Ministries

If you would like to be put on the Ministry Schedule to be a Eucharistic Minister, Reader, Server or Scrip, please call the Parish Office. Due to COVID-19, many are not available to serve. If you would like to receive training and join a Ministry, we welcome you, please just let the Parish Office know. Thank you!



For sacraments please call the Parish Office to make arrangements. 636-937-4662.

**Pray For Our Sick:** Your prayers are requested for the sick of the Parish. Please remember the many people who are suffering with cancer and various other illnesses in the hospitals, the Nursing Homes, as well as at home and **also remember** all those of the parish who are pregnant that they will have a safe delivery and a healthy baby. **Prayer Requests:**

**Gina Allen**  
Martin Ames  
Agnes Baker  
Terry Bates  
Norma Bequette  
Kevin Blechle  
Carole Boxdorfer  
Brenda Boyer  
Mary Breitbarth  
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Prosser Family  
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Juanita Swyers  
Rita Thuesen  
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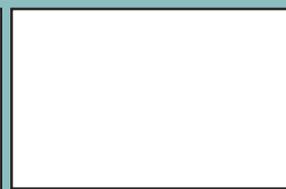
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