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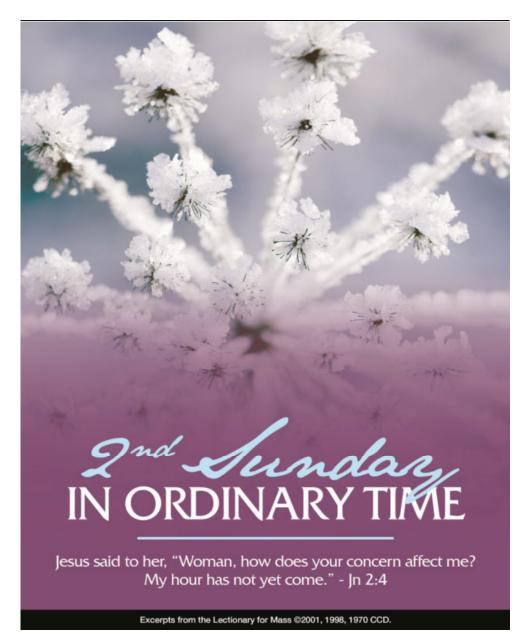
God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very 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.

Sacred Heart

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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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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: 6:00pm (Vigil Mass, celebrated day before Holy Day); 8:00am and 12:00 Noon (on the Holy Day)

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 Fr. Mathew 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 several weeks due to illness, contact the Parish Office for a visit.

Perpetual Adoration Chapel

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

PSR Classes

Held at school every Wednesday evening during school year from 6:45-8:00 pm. **Bulletin Deadline**

Announcements must be turned in to Parish Office by Sunday evening. Email.....shccsecretary@sbcglobal.net

Greeting from the Pastor



One very important event that we have planned for **2022** is our **Parish Mission**.. Though we had planned the parish mission for last year, we had to reschedule it due to the pandemic. The new date is April 3 through April 7 (Sunday –Thursday), the week before Palm Sunday. It would be a wonderful opportunity for the whole parish as a special preparation for Easter. I **RE-QUEST YOU TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR**. And it is ball rolling

time to get the ball rolling.

I am sure most of you know what a parish mission is. But there may be a few who might wonder what it is. Back in Kerala, India, each parish conducts a mission, which is called "retreat," every year, mostly in Lent, which is how parishes are focused and spiritually built up there. Parish mission is focused on a spiritual revival and renewal among the parishioners, especially focused on drawing those less enthused about practicing their faith in a parish community setting. Though this might sound simple and easy, it is not that easy. A parish mission to be successful, and to produce desired effect, it takes a lot of preparation and planning on the parish leadership and cooperation and enthusiasm on the side of the parishioners.

The mission preacher this year is Fr. Peter Schavitz, a Redemptorist missionary priest. You know him. He has been to our parish many times to cover me while I was away. Fr. Schavitz is a well-known preacher, who has given many parishes missions around the United States. We are truly lucky to get him here. We also need to do many groundworks towards the mission; this requires volunteers. Deacon Jerry and Matt Olinger will be in the forefront to coordinate the many requirements. But they need *your* support. We need volunteers to make phone calls to each household encouraging the members to attend, volunteers for transportation for those who cannot drive, volunteers for refreshments each night, volunteer/s for babysitting and for baking bread for the last night. The coordinators will be contacting you for some help. Please cooperate.

I will be writing a letter to each household personally inviting them to participate. We will be making bulletin and pulpit announcements; will be making save-the-date cards, yard signs, bookmarks etc. for your use. We will also be promoting on social media. I invite you to share this news with your family members and friends, and invite and encourage them to attend. I am sure this will be an opportunity to revisit our Catholic spiritual life based on solid doctrines of the Church, which is founded on the message of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Arise and come to the waters of life. Allow the Lord to refresh your life.

With love,

Fr. Mathew

Sacred Heart St. Vincent de Paul to Hold Raffle

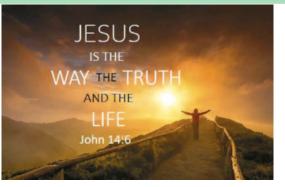
Once again this year the Sacred Heart Society of St. Vincent de Paul will hold a raffle. There will be 2 prizes: a new Quilt which was donated to our SVDP Conference and a ceramic Nativity Set which was made by the late Karen Eisenbeis. Tickets will be attached to the bulletin the weekend of January 23 and the drawing will be held on Sunday, February 13 after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please get tickets for your family and friends. Proceeds from the raffle will be used to support our work with our Neighbors in Need in our community.



Stewardship and More

Bible Study – Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life

A Powerful Study on the Life of Jesus Christ will be our next study. The marvelous treasures of the Catholic Faith—the Eucharist, Mary, the saints, and the Creed—are all centered on a



single figure: Jesus Christ. Jesus is more than a historical or theological figure. He is our Savior, our Redeemer, our Lord, and our God. While many of us already know a lot about him, how well can we say we really know him? Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life* is a new and fresh look at Jesus—who he is, what he is really like, what he taught, and what he did for our salvation. This encounter with Christ will inspire and empower you to center your entire life on him as you come to know and love him in an ever-deeper and more intimate way. The Bible Study will begin the last week of January and there will be 10 weekly sessions. There will be two groups, one on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm (begins January 25) and the other on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm (begins January 26) and held in the Rectory Meeting Room. Look for sign-up sheets in church.

Contribution Statement for St. Vincent de Paul

The Sacred Heart St. Vincent de Paul will be sending out a contribution statement of donations made to the Sacred Heart SVDP during 2020 before the end of January. Statements of contribution are required for donations over \$250.00. If you would like a statement and it is below this amount or if you don't receive a statement and you think you should, please contact Diane at 314-591-1717. Thanks to all our wonderful parishioners who help St. Vincent de Paul throughout the year. May you have a Blessed and Safe New Year!!

Food and Birthright Collection

There will be a Food and Birthright collection after all masses next weekend. Please remember our brothers and sisters in need.



Faithful Departed

Question:

How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?

Answer:

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!

Your Gift of Treasure

Week of January 9, 2022

Envelopes Mailed	
Envelope Gifts	.\$8,318.00
Number of Envelopes	
Online Gifts	\$2,320.00
Number of Online Donation	ns 58
Loose	\$170.00

Week of January 2, 2022

Envelopes Mailed	580
Envelope Gifts	
Number of Envelopes	
Online Gifts	\$9,736.00
Number of Online Donati	ons 60
Loose	\$104.00

Scrip Program January 2, 2022 NOTE: Scrip was not sold the weekend of January 2nd. Number of orders.....

Week of December 26, 2021

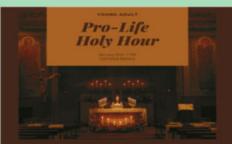
Envelopes Mailed	580
Envelope Gifts	\$7,601.00
Number of Envelopes	
Online Gifts	\$1,882.00
Number of Online Donation	ns 53
Loose	\$220.00

Scrip Program December 26, 2021 NOTE: Scrip was not sold the weekend of December 26th. Number of orders.......\$ Amount of Orders......\$ Amount earned this week......\$ E-Scrip Revenue......\$0 Amount earned YTD......\$

Gifts of Treasure have all been published and are up to date. Thank you for your kind patience.

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Parish & Community Events



Archdiocesan Young Adult Pro-Life Holy Hour, 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 p.m. 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 or 314.792.7008.

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"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." (1 CORINTHIANS 12:7)

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping to build God's kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you. Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). Experience the supernatural Peace and Joy God desires for each of us.



Women's ACTS Retreat As 2022 begins, wanted to remind all the women of the Our Lady ACTS Retreat March 17-March 20. More information will be available in weeks to come. Please share this with anyone who you think would be interested or benefit from this amazing spiritual journey.



SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE STARTING JANUARY 18, 2022

Starting January 18, 2022 scholarships are available for the 2022-2023 school year to families seeking tuition assistance at:

All elementary schools in the Archdiocese of St. Louis

All Catholic high schools

Any private elementary school in the City of St. Louis

One unified online application is available at TTEF-STL.ORG for all scholarships funded by the Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation (TTEF), the Roman Catholic Foundation of Eastern Missouri, and the Office of Catholic Education and Formation. Deadline for the application For questions please contact the TTEF scholarship office at 314-792-7777 or email <u>ttef@archstl.org.</u>



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MO-MENTS

It Takes All Kinds

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

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— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Parish & Community Events



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 OPEN-INGS.** Please call **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!

Monday:	5:00am
Tuesday:	8:00am
Thursday:	11:00pm
Friday:	12:00am 6:00pm
Sunday:	4:00am

Dynamic Catholic, *Alive!* – Generosity

For many of us, generosity is a byproduct of gratitude. When we receive a gift we are grateful. Our first reaction is that we want to share the gift with someone; we want to be generous! Why? Because that's the way God made us. Remember, He made us in His image and likeness. God has been generous to each of us in so many ways, and He expects each of us to be generous with our time, treasure, and talent as well. "Give to the LORD, you families of nations, give to the LORD glory and praise; give to the LORD the glory due His name!" In what ways can we be generous with all of our gifts this week and give glory to God?

Thank you to the children and adults who participated in our first Christmas Tableau story at the 5 pm. Mass on Christmas Eve. It was enjoyed by all.

Participants: Mary- Stefanie Jolly Joseph- Brandon Krauss Baby Jesus- Milo Carr Donkey- Austin Baer Angel– McKenna Wolk Angel- Zella Wren Angel- Alaina Baer Shepherd- Trenton Wren Shepherd- Mason Trent Shepherd- Colton Krauss Sheep- Vera Lamar

Blessings for a New Year in 2022!



BIBLEIN AYEAR

The Bible in a Year Ascension Press is continuing with the Bible in a Year. Congratulations to many who did indeed read the Bible in a year with Fr. Mike Schmitz. Others of us are continuing to follow at our own pace. If you would like to start your own journey you can access the Bible in a Year at ascensionpress.com or on a Podcast app - look for The Bible in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz. Most sessions are around 20 minutes in length. Millions around the world are participating. They have also developed a Family Guide containing helpful ideas, tips and resources for you to make The Bible in a Year a journey for your entire family.



The office will be closed Monday, January 17th, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.

The office is open on Fridays. Thank you for your patience with us.



If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward.

-MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR

Ministry Schedules

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Liturgical Ministries	S. AGNES VIRGO ET MARTYR O.P.N.	Mass Intentions
January 22nd and January 23rd	A AND	Monday, January 17 8:00am Tammy Rae Patterson
Altar Servers5:00pmCarolyne Argana7:30amShayne Hoffmeister9:00amZander Street11:00amEvie Mahue		StodamFamily Rae PattersonTuesday, January 188:00amLucille WardenWednesday, January 19
Eucharistic Ministers5:00pmDeacon Jerry7:30amCarolyn Hackmann9:00amLaurie Roubidoux11:00amLinda Runzi	St. Agnes, although you were only a	8:00am Martin & Bertha Eisenbeis Thursday, January 20 8:00am Syl & Helen Carrow
Lectors 5:00pm Denise Yount Gene DeClue	child, you believed that Jesus was always with you; help us to remember that he is also with us, and to remain true to his	Friday,January 214:00pmPrayer Service
7:30am Penny Halley Russ Hackmann 9:00am Judith Bailey	st. Agnes, you refused to give up your faith; help us to be proud of our faith, to	Saturday, January 22 5:00pm Andy & Vivian DeGeare
Elizabeth Steffen 11:00am Carrie Loukas	love it, to be strong in it, and to give wit-	Sunday, January 23
Scrip5:00pmIrma Pratte7:30amPat DeClue9:00amMarilyn Ash11:00amCarrie Loukas	ness to it daily. St. Agnes, patron saint of children, watch over the children of the world; keep them safe from harm; be with them in their hour of need; and always pray for them. Amen.	7:30am Deacon Ken McCarver 9:00am People of the Parish 11:00am Claude Keathley
Readings for the week of January 1	6, 2022	Monday, January 17
Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2 Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50 Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:2 Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 4 Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/	2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11 :8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22 20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28 0-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6 Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/	Martin Luther King Day Office Closed Tuesday, January 18 8:45am Legion of Mary RMR 3:30pm RCIA RMR
Mk 3:7-12 Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2	2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19	Wednesday,January 196:45pmPSR ClassSC
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 1	9, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21)/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or	Thursday, 8:45amJanuary 20 Quilters6:30pmQuiltersANN
Observances for the week of Janua	ry 16, 2022	Food & Birthright Collection Next
Tuesday:Week of Prayer for CWednesday:2nd Wednesday of OrThursday:St. Fabian, Pope andFriday:St. Agnes, Virgin andSaturday:Day of Prayer for the	Day; St. Anthony, Abbot Christian Unity rdinary Time Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr d Martyr E Legal Protection of Unborn Children ry Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr;	Church

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Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sharon Schmidt, Sister of Margaret Weibking and Donna Keathley of our Parish. May God send peace and love to their hearts.

PLEASE NOTE: If a name has been on for a long time, it may be taken off to make room for others who are also seriously ill. **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:**

Martin Ames Agnes Baker Matt Bequette Mary Breitbarth Lucy Brindley Roberta Cano Marian Charleville Clare Coleman Galena Coleman Francis Coleman Wendell Coleman Diana DeClue Karen Dettmer Angie Dill **Melody Dorner** Mylissa Dornself Joe Douglas Leanne Doza Glen Elsworth Marilyn Emily Kristine Fears

Tim Fears Sergeant Robert Paul Figge Jacob Finch David Friesner Mary & Don Hacker Dorothy Hendrix Traci Hendrix Steve Jennings John Johnson Joanne Johnston Carol Kaltenbronn Donna Keathley Carol Kestermont Joshua Lucas Beth Mahn Holly Martin Nadine McConnell Carol Turgeon- Miller Joshua Miller Doris Moeller

Cerita Munshaw Megan Newly Ruth Nichols John & James Norris Jax Okenfuss Ashley & Jimmy Perrot Tim Perry Susan Peterein Miranda Pfaff Carolyn Pool Kathleen Portell Prosser Family Coletta Reecht JoAnn Reeves Donna Riedv Millie Ritcher Kathy Robertson Steve Roth of Iowa Jeanette Smock Joe Sonnenshein

Pat Spillers Patricia Swader Juanita Swyers Donna & Francis Tricamo Larry Turley Wayne Turley Sharon Varagona Merrily Varone Leah Broyles Vogt Al Walker Patty & Greg Ward Scott Weber Rose Weeks Stella Weidenbenner Bobby Wilde Jordan Winkel



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