

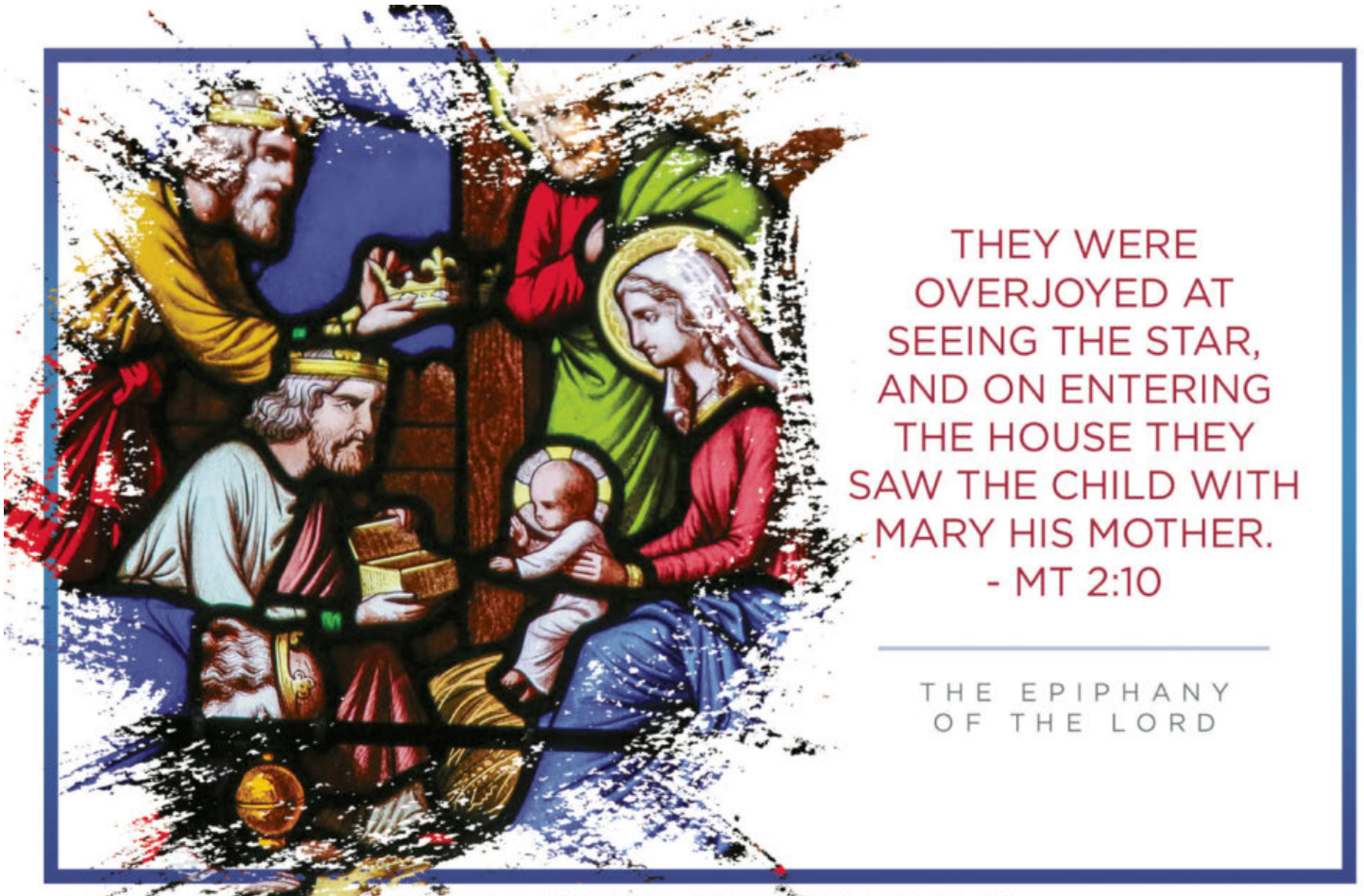


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CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

JANUARY 2, 2022

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



THEY WERE
OVERJOYED AT
SEEING THE STAR,
AND ON ENTERING
THE HOUSE THEY
SAW THE CHILD WITH
MARY HIS MOTHER.
- MT 2:10

THE EPIPHANY
OF THE LORD

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
Saturday 4:30 p.m. & Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Monday thru Friday at 6:30 a.m.
Holy Days and holidays as published in Sunday Bulletin

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 3:45 to 4:15 p.m.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Margaret of Scotland Church is a diverse, urban, Catholic parish. Inspired by the Holy Spirit and the example of our patroness, we are called to be a vibrant voice and beacon of the Catholic faith in our neighborhoods.



We proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and action by:

- ✠ Praying and celebrating as a Eucharistic community,
- ✠ Educating children and adults to live a full Christian life in today's world,
- ✠ Serving others with unconditional generosity, and
- ✠ Living just lives and working for a more just society.



TOGETHER IN BAPTISM

We welcome to the church the newly baptized **Richard Russell Lindquist II**, son of Mary and Richard Lindquist. Please join us in congratulating these parents upon the baptism of their child. We pledge to them our continued prayerful support throughout the journey of Christian parenting.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Our Parish prays before the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays from **7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Drop-ins are welcome and encouraged. We meet in the main body of Church. Please sit towards the front of the church.

If you would like to volunteer your time, have questions or need more information about this peaceful ministry, please contact Therese Noecker at trnoecker@gmail.com or call 314-482-1180.



SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

St. Margaret of Scotland Parish School is a diverse, urban, vibrant, and inclusive Catholic community. We promise a challenging learning environment for children, pre-kindergarten through eighth grade, in which they realize their academic potential and giftedness in body, mind and spirit. Our students embody the example of our patron saint as responsible leaders and caretakers of our community through works of service and social justice.



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BY FR. JOHN VIEN

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year! Blessed Epiphany!

It is a long-standing tradition of the Church to announce the Date of Easter and the other moveable feasts of the Liturgical Year on the Feast of the Epiphany. This harkens back to days long ago when people did not have or use calendars as we do today and relied on this oral proclamation to know and plan the year. As we begin a new calendar year, this tradition brings to the forefront the importance of the rhythm of liturgical time that should have a place in the life of every Catholic. As the Epiphany is all about the manifestation of the coming of God in the flesh, so too we acknowledge how the Paschal Mystery is manifested in the various feasts and times throughout our year. In centuries past, the Announcement was chanted immediately after the Gospel at the Mass on Epiphany. On this day, I offer the traditional announcement here:

*Know, dear brothers and sisters, that,
as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ,
so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also
the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior!
On the second day of March will fall Ash Wednesday
and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.
On the seventeenth day of April we will celebrate with joy Easter Day,
the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.
On the twenty-ninth day of May will be
the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.
On the fifth day of June, the feast of Pentecost.
On the nineteenth day of June,
the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.
On the twenty-seventh day of November,
the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to whom is honor and glory forever and ever! Amen!*

So we know the dates of Easter and the other feasts during 2022, but what else will happen during this year to come? What does God have in store for us and for the whole world? At this time last year, I had no idea I would be the Pastor of St. Margaret of Scotland in the new year! And after the crazy and unpredictable events of the last two years, we should know better than to make any predictions! Still, we all hope that this year will bring healing to our world and an end to the pandemic, but all that will happen in God's good time. The news will unfold and time will march forward. We will have good days and bad days, joys and sorrows. We will experience birth and death, comings and goings. But the Lord is in charge of all our days, so now, at the beginning of this year, let us place our trust and renew our hope in God's plan and God's providence.

The Christmas season continues for another week, until the feast of the Baptism of the Lord next Sunday. Let's continue to keep our Christmas lights burning bright during these cold winter days as we continue to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord!

Big News for the Parish!

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to announce the creation of a new endowment to benefit St. Margaret of Scotland Parish through the Roman Catholic Foundation of Eastern Missouri. This fund has been established with my support and the advice and support of our Parish Finance Advisory Committee.



Archbishop Carlson created the Foundation and it has been further endorsed by Archbishop Rozanski. It is a separate 501(c)(3) organization from the Archdiocese of St. Louis and has been designated as the long term financial and planned giving resource to the parishes, schools and ministries of the Archdiocese. After a mere 7 years in existence, the Foundation has more than 225 individual funds and more than \$68 million dollars under management.

The endowment will provide an annual distribution to the parish, which will be used for general support of the parish. The fund is perpetual and will provide on-going income to our parish for generations to come.

Additions to the fund can be made by anyone, at any time, and in any amount. Therefore, I encourage you to consider making gifts to the endowment through the Roman Catholic Foundation for birthdays, memorials, anniversaries, or any other special event. You can also make a planned gift, which will be added to the endowment after your lifetime!

To learn more about ways to assist with the long-term financial stability of St. Margaret of Scotland Parish or to learn more about the Foundation and the services they offer, please contact our planned giving partner at the Foundation, Michael Weisbrod, at 314.918.2893 or send him an email at michael.weisbrod@rcfrstl.org.

Sincerely,

Fr. John Rogers Vien
Pastor

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, offers a special prayer intention each month. Pope Francis' intention for the month of **January** is:

Human Fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

Let us all join him in prayer this month!

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

The “holiday season” is full – maybe overfull – with the elements of celebration. The intensity of social and family gatherings, shopping, eating and drinking, gift giving, and so much more, make this a time that is loved by many, and dreaded by others. Then, there are those who experience it as paradoxically both magnificent and awful.



BY PETER FISHER HESEED

Putting aside for a moment the added things that decorate the Christmas season, and looking only at the original stories of our faith, we again find a rich fullness to take in, to contemplate, to celebrate. We encounter such deep symbols and primal archetypes as light and darkness, mother and baby, angels and animals, seekers and refugees, power and helplessness, humanity and divinity.

Appropriately, Pope Francis, in his January 1 homily, called us to silence. Silence can be the antidote to too much shouting, too much messaging. Silence is a condition that allows awe, gratitude, praise, serenity, self-knowledge. “Silence,” according to St. John of the Cross, “is God’s first language.” And so, the Holy Father advises us:

To set aside a moment of silence each day to be with God is to “keep” our soul; it is to “keep” our freedom from being corroded by the banality of consumerism, the blare of commercials, the stream of empty words and the overpowering waves of empty chatter and loud shouting.

The Incarnation cycle is full of the stories of journeys. Rather than simply romanticizing these travels into charming narrative elements, we can ponder ways that the human condition is lived “on the road.” The first of these journeys took Mary and Joseph to “the city of David,” Joseph’s ancestral home, because of the Roman Census. The journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem can remind us of the hardship shared by so many of the world’s people who are uprooted from their homes by political powers, and those who are homeless and in need of shelter. It can also be a spiritual reminder to us that our true and permanent home is not here. On our life’s journey we do well to travel light, not being burdened by unnecessary baggage.

The Epiphany journey is a quest into the mystery of God, pursued by those who are both wise and attentive. Like the astrologers from the east, we must be attentive to what may be “hiding in plain sight,” and also willing to trust the intuitive wisdom of a revelatory dream. Then we will see the guiding luminance of the Spirit in our lives. We may need to chart a new path if we seek a deeper spiritual meaning in our lives. Perhaps we await an “epiphany,” an eye-opening experience of a new reality that offers renewal and meaning. Perhaps we must escape the shackles that bind us, surmount the hurdles that trip us up, reject the feelings of inadequacy or fear that inhibit our full humanity. A New Year can mean for us a renewed trust in the guidance of the light of Christ, present within us through the Holy Spirit.

The final journey takes the Christ Child with his family to a haven of safety in Egypt. This is the flight of the refugee, a migration that is repeated by the millions every year. It is hard to comprehend the dimensions of the refugee crisis in the world today. Again, the words of Pope Francis are simple and clear:

Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age.

He exhorts us that we must stand in solidarity with every person forced to leave their homeland in search of a better future, and we must express this solidarity concretely. The four verbs that recur in the Holy Father’s teaching are: to welcome, to protect, to promote and to integrate. His efforts extend to many areas of national policies, actions taken by every possible sponsor organization, the upholding of human dignity in the treatment, accommodations, and opportunities that we must extend to those who seek asylum. This is work that requires commitment and cooperation by the Church together with political communities and civil societies.

*Lord Jesus, shine your light into every dark place.
Give us fearless hope to walk the journey toward you.
May serving you bring us closer to your heart of love
and to others.
Guided by your star of faith, help us trust your promises,
and receive your gift of love and hope. Amen.*

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 3

6:30 a.m. The Casey Family +

Tuesday, January 4

6:30 a.m. John "Jack" Stirnemann +

8:15 a.m. Ginger Purcell

Wednesday, January 5

6:30 a.m. Rosalie Buckley +

Thursday, January 6

6:30 a.m. Carlos Fritz "Happy Birthday"

Friday, January 7

6:30 a.m. John Noecker Family

8:15 a.m. Alice Benga

Saturday, January 8

4:30 p.m. George Thornburgh +

Sunday, January 9

8:00 a.m. Martha Brake +

10:00 a.m. People of the Parish

To mark a special occasion or to remember a beloved family member or friend, living or deceased, with a Mass intention please call the Parish Office at 314-776-0363. The bishops of Missouri ask the faithful to make a \$10 offering for each Mass if they are able.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, January 3

Daisy Troop Mtg., 3:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Church Hall

Wednesday, January 5

Centering Prayer, 8:30 a.m. - Chapel

Wolf Scouts, 6:30 p.m - 7:30 P.m. - Church Hall

Finance Comm. Mtg., 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Canmore Room

Thursday, January 6

Eucharistic Adoration, 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Church

Tiger Scouts, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. - Church Hall

Sunday, January 9

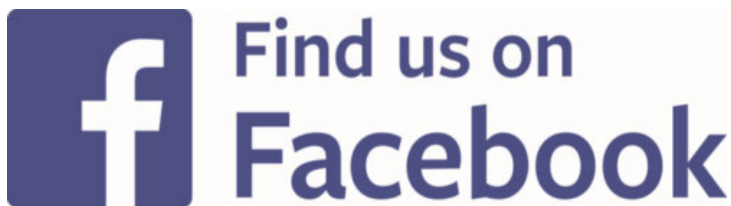
Pray the Rosary, 7:30 a.m. - Church

SVDP Mtg., 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. - Canmore Room



MINISTRY SCHEDULE - WEEKEND OF JAN. 8 & JAN. 9

	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Sunday 10:00 a.m.
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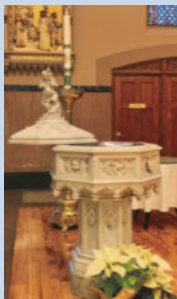
LIVING JUSTICE NEWS

The St. Margaret of Scotland Parish Living Justice Ministry is monthly newsletter provides updates on meetings and events, links to great social justice resources, suggestions for taking action, prayers and reflections, and more!



BABY TO BAPTIZE?

To schedule your child's baptism, contact the parish office at least two months in advance (the sooner the better). New parents take a one-time preparation session, offered monthly. Baptisms are held AT or AFTER the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, usually limited to twice a month. For more information contact Ruth Pera our Faith Formation Coordinator at ffc@stmargaretstl.org or 314-776-0363 ext. 1002.



PTA NEWS



Dragon's Blend Coffee-SMOS's favorite morning roast is back in stock! Support the PTA's Teacher Grants fund with your purchase of locally roasted coffee! \$12 per bag in your choice of Whole Bean or Ground. Fans of Keurig and pod brewers will love our reusable, BPA-free stainless mesh filters, \$5 each. Place your order on WeShare <https://stmargaretstl.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/PTACoffee> or contact Julie Mudd at 314-960-1864 or juliemudd2001@yahoo.com

CUB SCOUT NEWS

WE NEED YOUR HELP!



Cub Scout Pack 110 is looking for a volunteer to be our **Treasurer**. The position is largely light duty and very spare-time. Please take a moment to really consider the invitation. It can be a parent or relative, but we do need someone to fill this necessary role. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Boy Scouts Cubmaster Matty Kleinberg at mattykleinberg@gmail.com

Boy Scouts News

E-RECYCLING

Are you receiving new electronic devices for Christmas? Do you have any old ones? What will you do with them? Don't throw them out! Boy Scout Troop 110 will once again be holding an e-recycling event on Saturday, March 5, 2022.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

The Epiphany of the Lord

"...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." (MATTHEW 2:11)

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.



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