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ST. FRANCIS BORGIA CATHOLIC PARISH

JANUARY 2, 2022

Parish

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School

225 Cedar Street
636-239-2590 • (Fax) 636-239-3501
www.borgiagradeschool.org
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Instagram: Borgia_GradeSchool

Mass Schedule

Monday: 7:00 am
Tuesday: 7:00 am, 6:30 pm
Wednesday: 7:00 am
Thursday: 7:00 am
Friday: 7:00 am
Saturday: 8:00 am, 4:30 pm
Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 am

Masses Livestreamed

All Masses are livestreamed and can be viewed from our parish website, Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday: After 7:00 am Mass
Tuesday: After 6:30 pm Mass
Saturday: After 8:00 am Mass & 3:30-4:15 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays after 7:00 am Mass until 6:30 pm

Anointing of the Sick

Other arrangements can be made by calling 636-239-6701
Fr. Mike at ext. 1422
Fr. Tony at ext. 1513

SFB Mission Statement

The Catholic Faith Community of St. Francis Borgia Parish strives to live according to the gospel through worship, education, and service, and to create a parish environment where all may feel welcome, affirmed and part of this Christian family.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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

SAINT FRANCIS BORGIA PARISH WELCOMES YOU!

Whether you are a long-time parishioner, a new friend, visitor or neighbor, we are so grateful that you chose to share this time together with us.

We are always happy to welcome new Borgia parishioners! If you are new to the parish and would like to register, you may call the office during regular business hours (M-F; 9am - 4pm) and ask for Donna. For school information, you can call and ask for Kelli.

We have assisted hearing devices available at the east door and center vestibule and a space for wheelchairs and walkers halfway up the aisle.

Children are welcome to sit with their families near the front of church where it is easier to see and hear. If they squirm around or are a bit noisy, that's okay! If it is more convenient for families with children, we also offer a Family Chapel (Cry Room) to the right of the Sanctuary and a vestibule in the back of church that is equipped with speakers and windows.

Restrooms are conveniently located in the Jesuit Hall Gathering Area. Feel free to ask an usher for directions.

You are invited to our parish website which offers much information about our history, parish life and the many ministries and service groups that keep St. Francis Borgia an active, vibrant Catholic parish! Please contact us with any questions you may have about our parish. Again, welcome!



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SCHOOL OFFICE: 636.239.2590 | BORGIAGRADESCHOOL.ORG

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Baptism Preparation

Baptism class for new parents are done on an individual basis. Please call the parish office for more information (636-239-6701). Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday after the 11:00 am Mass.

Marriage Preparation

Call the Rectory or Parish Office at least six months before the wedding.

Christian Initiation of Adults

For more information on becoming a Catholic, call Deacon Dave Tobben at 636-357-0436 or the Parish Office.

Pre K-2nd Grade - Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children are dismissed at the beginning of Mass with volunteer catechists to reflect on the Gospel at different levels: Pre K-through Grade 2. They return to their families after the homily. On Sundays at the 9:00 am & 11:00 am Masses.

Infants

Family Chapel on west (right) side of sanctuary.

SFB Parish Library

Located on the 1st Floor of Jesuit Hall next to the Blessed Mother Room. For more information email at sfblibrary@borgiaparish.org

Prayer Tree

The members of the Prayer Tree express their love for their neighbor by praying each day in the comfort of their home for intentions that are given to them over the telephone. If you have an intention that needs prayers, please call Dot Filla (239-6463) or Debbie Goheen (636-667-8172) Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Prayer Tree Ministry, please contact one of these ladies.

Home Visits

If you would like a priest or deacon to visit you at your home or bring you communion, please call Deacon Dennis Meinert (573) 619-8741.

Prayers for Expectant Mothers

If you or someone you know is expecting a child, and you'd like to have a rose placed on the altar as a reminder for prayers throughout the pregnancy, please contact the Pro-Life Committee at 636-432-6781. Ask for Jane Maune.

Prayers for the Sick and Dying

Divine Mercy Cenacle Group is available to pray with the sick, the dying and their families at their bedside or in their home. Please call Donna Brown at 636-239-4176.

Parish Office Hours

The parish office hours are 9:00 am—4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, unless stated in the bulletin. There is normally someone available during the lunch hours, however, on occasion we may have to close at lunch due to special circumstances. Any donations can be dropped off at the parish office, 115 Cedar Street, and put through the mail slot.

Parish Bulletin Deadline: Please submit bulletin information via e-mail to dholdmeyer@borgiaparish.org by 9:00 am on Monday.

Cemetery Clean-up

March 1-15 and September 1-15.

Food Pantry Hours

Thursdays 4:00-5:30 pm (314 West 2nd Street).

Divine Mercy

To order Divine Mercy signs please contact Bill Gegg at 636-667-7867 or Ken Obermark at 636-358-3053 or 636-239-7456.

SFB Roundtable

Parishioners that would need help with minor projects around the house, transportation, home visits, or other needs. Contact Bill Gegg at 636-667-7867.

Pastoral Council

Matthew Becker	Sue Holdmeier	Emily Mueller
Christy Bleckman	Mary Kleeekamp	Scott Obermark
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School Board

Jodi Baumker	Kathy Haddox	Kristy Stoyer (Chair)
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Connie Groff	Linda Pahl	Justin Voss



Dear Parishioners,

Happy New Year!

As we celebrate today the Feast of the Epiphany, we remember with joy the making known of Jesus to the world as the Son of God. At that time, awareness of who He was began to spread. Hopefully our own awareness of who Christ is for us will grow and continue to impact our lives with the knowledge and confidence that we are brothers and sisters of Jesus and beloved children of God.

The students and staff of our Grade School and High School will return to classes on Tuesday of this week. Let's keep them and all students who are returning to school in our prayers that they might enjoy a great second semester full of learning and faith formation.

I'd like to take another opportunity to thank you for a wonderful Christmas celebration. The Church looks beautiful and I'm so appreciative to all who helped decorate it. And thanks to all who contributed in some way to our celebrations through music, singing, lecturing, helping with Communion, serving, ushering and greeting, and coming together to pray and celebrate the Lord's birth! We are blessed by each of you!

Help needed: we will be taking down the Christmas decorations and preparing them for storage on Monday, January 10th beginning at 3:00 p.m. We could sure use some help. If you can make it, please just come to Church that day. Thank you for considering this.

Breakfast, anyone?! Our Parish Breakfasts are coming back starting January 16th! If you'd like to help out the Breakfast committee or help serve at a breakfast, please see this bulletin on page 3 for more information.

Have a great first week of the year! Thanks for all you do to support our Parish.

Fr. Mike Boehm

Dynamic Catholic, Alive! – Welcoming and Hospitality

Two key components of Evangelization are being welcoming and providing radical hospitality. The Gospel today provides a great example of both welcoming and hospitality. The wise men traveled a very long distance to show welcome and hospitality to the “newborn King of the Jews.” They provided generous gifts and gave Him homage. Mary and Joseph welcomed the strangers and presented a beautiful example of radical hospitality. Mary and Joseph were probably still extremely tired from their own journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem and from the anxiety of giving birth to a baby in a manger. However, they realized they were called to share Jesus with others and they did. How do you show welcoming and radical hospitality? When was the last time you shared Jesus with others?

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

SUNDAY (1/02) THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 am | Masses

MONDAY - FRIDAY

6:30 am | Rosary

7:00 am | Mass

MONDAY (1/03)

7:00 pm | Grateful Hearts (JH Library, 1st Floor)

TUESDAY (1/04)

After 7:00 am Mass | Confessions

7:30 am - 6:30 pm | Eucharistic Adoration

8:00 am - 2:00 pm | Quilters (Middle School Bldg)

6:30 pm | Mass (Church)

After 6:30 pm Mass | Confessions (Church)

7:00 pm | RCIA (JH Franciscan Room)

WEDNESDAY (1/05)

7:45 am | Cenacle Meeting (JH Choir Room)

3:15 pm | Children's Choir Practice (JH Choir Room)

6:00 pm | PSR (Grade School)

6:30 pm | Cenacle Meeting (JH Library)

7:00 pm | Choir Practice (JH Choir Room)

THURSDAY (1/06)

7:45 am | Bible Study (JH Choir Room)

4:00 - 5:30 pm | Food Pantry (314 W 2nd Street)

FRIDAY (1/07)

Noon | Grade School Dismissal (GS)

SATURDAY (1/08)

7:30 am | Rosary before Mass (Church)

8:00 am | Morning Mass

After 8:00 am Mass | Confessions (Church)

3:30-4:15 pm | Confessions (Church)

After 4:30 pm Mass | BBQ Sale (JH Gathering Area)

After 4:30 pm Mass | Roses for Life

SUNDAY (1/09) THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 am | Masses

After Masses | BBQ Sale (JH Gathering Area)

After Masses | Roses for Life

6:00 pm | Regional Youth Mass (Church)

7:00 pm | High School Youth Group Meeting (NDH)



Like the Magi, we generously share our gifts with the Lord, trusting He will provide all that we need.

Shop and Earn Looking for Volunteers

Shop and Earn is looking for some volunteers to sell scrips 1/2 hour after Saturday 4:30 pm Mass and 2 hour shifts on Sundays from 8:00 am - 12:15 pm.

Please email at shopandearn@borgiaparish.org for more information and open slots. Thank you in advance.

Parish Support

December 19, 2021

We are grateful for your continued support and sacrifice to our parish.

Sunday Offertory Envelopes	\$ 14,661.50
*IRA Contributions	\$ 4,225.00
Loose Offering	\$ 2,246.00
Electronic Offering	\$ 10,375.00
Sunday Offertory Total	\$ 31,507.50
Weekly average for the month of December	\$ 26,506.30

ADDITIONAL THANKS

Tuition Assistance	\$ 165.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 265.00
Food Pantry	\$ 210.00
Parish Endowment	\$ 115.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 10.00
Grade School Support	\$ 40.00
Seminary Collection	\$ 80.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 85.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 170.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 910.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 75.00

DIVINE MERCY (SIGNS) \$ 1,438.00

FOOD PANTRY \$ 300.00

**INDIVIDUAL DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS FROM IRA ACCOUNT, OR DONOR ADVISED FUNDS. THANK YOU!*

Due to early submission of the bulletin, the offertory figures for December 26 will be in next week's bulletin.



Roses for Life Campaign

The Knights of Columbus Fr. Seisl Council 1121 will be having it's annual Roses for Life Campaign. On the weekend of January 8-9. Postcards which will later be mailed to our local and national leaders, will be available after each weekend Mass in Jesuit Hall to be signed. In addition the Knights will be accepting donations which will go to our local Pregnancy Assistance Center. We thank you in advance for your support of Pro Life and protection of the unborn.

BBQ Pork Steak & Pork Burger Sales

They will be selling BBQ Pork Steak & Pork Burger after all the Masses on Jan. 8 & 9 weekend. Benefits go to East Central Area Missouri Right to Life to support Pro-Life programs and activities for the upcoming year. Our main focus is to help overturn Roe v. Wade as well as closing down Forest Park Planned Parenthood. Please come and help support our Pro-Life efforts.

FOOD PANTRY

Thursdays, 4:00 - 5:30 PM

(Use the back parking lot. 314 West 2nd Street)

Thanks for your continuous generosity. Ron Kuebler, Coordinator



Parish Breakfast Looking for Help

Looking for committee members and volunteers to help with the Parish Breakfast. Please contact Dominic Gildehaus at 314-402-2490 or Ann Kopp at 636-390-3861 for more information.

ST. FRANCIS BORGIA

Parish Breakfast

JANUARY 16

7:30 - 11:00 AM

ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET

ADULTS: \$10 | 6-11 YR OLD: \$5
UNDER 6: FREE

- Cinnamon Rolls, Pancakes
- Scrambled Eggs, Bacon
- Bone-In Ham, Hash Browns
- Fresh Fruit, Biscuits & Gravy
- Coffee, Milk & Juice



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ENCORE (224 West Main Street)

Monday - Friday 10 AM - 5 PM

Saturday 10 AM - 3 PM



Giving Like the Magi

If you find it difficult to remember to begin each day with a simple stewardship prayer – asking God how He wants you to share the gifts He has given you – you might want to let one of the Magi be your reminder.

The Magi – or three wise men – traveled far distances and made great sacrifices to bring gifts to Jesus. This year, before you pack away your nativity set, select one of the wise men bearing his gift for Jesus and set this statue in a place that you will see every day – maybe on your desk, your dresser or your kitchen counter. When you see this gift bearer let it be a reminder to ask Jesus what gifts He would like you to give for Him each day throughout the year.

And if someone asks why you still have a Christmas decoration out, you can simply say that this little statue is reminding you to be more generous.



I Emily Grahl & Andrew Beckermann, Jr.



Please remember in your prayers the souls of

Mary Voss (Sister of George Reuber)

Fr. Robert Banken

May God welcome them and bless those who will miss them.



New Parishioners

David & Kathy Viox

We hope you will feel at home at Borgia!



Please Pray For All Those Serving In Our Military and Especially For...

Owen Buchheit
Travis Branson
Patrick Feldmann
Eli Garcilaso
John Heisler
Lindsay Heisler
Zak Hill
Kelly Kosewicz

Jessica K. Lamecker
Derek Marquart
Jacob Maune
Ben Meyer
Keaton Nabors
Amber Ortmeier
Peyton Struttman
John Rudlof

Coty Ruether
Bailey Scherer
Jamie Skornia
Ken Stallmann
Jacob Willett
Shayne Yenzen



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Charlotte Heimann
Ray Hilke
Barb Hill
Sheila Jenkins
Mary Ann Kamler
Marian Kampschroeder
Marylee Kimminau
Ken Kimminau
Randy Kleinheider
Steve Kluesner
Diane Koirtyohann
Larry Konys
Wanda Konys
Paul Kopp
Annette Kossman
Juanita Lauchstaedt
Donna Lindsey
Dr. Jake Lippert
Doug Magac
Sr. Reine Marie Martin
Bill Mattson
Anna McLean
Kristian McDonald
Bev McKee
Myles McLaughlin
Richard K. Meyer
Don Murphy
Dennis Noelker

Nicole Parrott
Carolyn Peck
Neal Peters
Nathaniel Pfitsinger
Barbara Philipp
Cloyce Phillips
Joan Piontek
Karen Scheer
Marian Schelich
Christine Skornia
Connie Steinhaus
Robyn Stockhorst
Leonard Struckhoff
Florence Tenholder
Herb Tobben
Marlene Tobben
Richard Toben
Shae Veach
Collin Warrender
Judy Wyatt
Ann Wessel
Mark Wessel
Ken Westhoelter
Patty Westhoelter
Katie Wright
Jackie Zeitmann

For all shut-ins and all those in nursing homes.

Randy Alfermann
John Avooske
Mary Bay
Marilyn Beanblossom
Steve Brunsman
Lisa Buhr
Julie Konys Colson
Msgr. Jack Costello
Jeff Todd Dieckhaus
Regina Dutkiewicz
Charles Eckelkamp
Sr. Michaelanne Estoup
Francis Filla
Cindy Finder
Sharon Fischer
Cole Fletcher
Ella Furjes
Keith Gansmann
Gus Garbs
Leslie George
Allen Gephardt
Rosalie Gerschefske
Ralph Gildehaus
Connie Hagedorn
Barb Haley



Sunday, January 2 *The Epiphany Of The Lord*

7:00 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Moe Bleckman
11:00 am Melvin Hecktor

Monday, January 3 *The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

7:00 am Gloria Aranda

Tuesday, January 4 *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*

7:00 am Anna McLean
6:30 pm Ed & Wanda Roderique

Wednesday, January 5 *St. John Neumann*

7:00 am Katherine Burbott

Thursday, January 6 *St. Andre Bessette*

7:00 am Paul & Shirley Kuenzel

Friday, January 7 *St. Raymond of Penafort/First Friday*

7:00 am Mary Miller

Saturday, January 8

8:00 am Brenda Politte
4:30 pm Francis Meyer

Sunday, January 9 *The Baptism Of The Lord*

7:00 am Anna McLean
9:00 am People of the Parish
11:00 am Stacy Schlueter

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2

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/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/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/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Stewardship Reflection

"...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.

CATHOLIC MEN FOR CHRIST

My name is Bill Gegg, a member of this parish for 35 years and I want to tell you briefly about the upcoming Catholic Men for Christ Conference which will be held at St. Louis University High School on Saturday, Feb. 12. This is a wonderful event sponsored by our Archdiocese and is usually attended by more than 1000 men. The speakers are always inspiring and challenge us men to live our faith. They tell you what you need to hear and don't sugarcoat anything! They help you to become better husbands, fathers, and overall better Catholic men. It is a day where our faith journeys are greatly enhanced. I have attended several of them, as well as many of my friends from our parish. You can't come away from this day without having your faith recharged! There are still some tickets available for \$30 before Jan. 10; ticket prices go to \$40 after that date. Tickets are available at the parish office or call Bill Gegg at the phone number below. We will car-pool or take a bus from the parking lot next to Farmers' Market at 7 a.m. that morning and return at approximately 5 p.m. Hope you can join us. My e-mail is: bill.egg@att.net or phone #: 636-667-7867 if you have questions.

**Naming & Commendation:
Find Comfort, Healing & Hope...**

**Sunday, January 23
St. Francis Borgia Church
1:00 p.m.**

"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 p.m. at St. Francis Borgia Parish in Washington 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 Maune at janemaune@hotmail.com or 636-432-6781.
- To help spread the word about the January 23 event on social media, <https://www.facebook.com/events/256748876234329>
- To learn more or bring this rite to your parish, email pro-life@archstl.org or visit (click, then scroll): <https://www.archstl.org/respect-life-apostolate/programs/pastoral-care>

*"So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away, behold, new things have come."
2 Corinthians 5:17*

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<i>Dorothy Boehmer</i>	<i>Norbert & Lorraine Elbert</i>
<i>Peter Derner</i>	<i>Denis Elbert</i>
<i>Vernon & Lucille Derner</i>	<i>Roman Kuchem</i>
<i>Maurice & Bertha Eckelkamp</i>	<i>Terry Elbert</i>
<i>Albert & Dottie Bolzenius</i>	<i>Dec. Mentz & Brunker Family</i>
<i>Arthur & Frieda Wahlig</i>	<i>August & Rose Neier</i>
<i>Cornelius & Regina Eagan</i>	<i>In Memory of Boland & Parmentier Families</i>
<i>Brooke Eagan</i>	
<i>Elmer & Edith Toben</i>	

Kids Corner

READ THE
GOSPEL &
COLOR



The Three Wise Men told Herod about a King being born. Herod was jealous. He did not want another king to be more powerful than he. Herod told them to come back and tell him where the baby was. They thought Herod was truly interested in Jesus. After they gave him their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, an angel warned them, "Go back a different way. Herod wants to kill the baby Jesus."

PRAYER

Lord, give me the power to help others, not harm them.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will do three favors to help someone in my family today.

Gospel Meditation

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: “Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.” Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, “Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God’s love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being.”

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

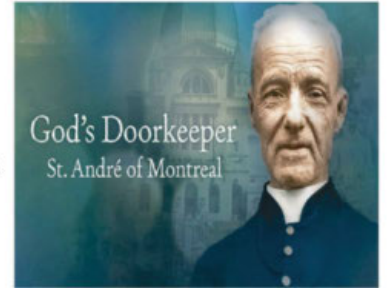
FORMED® PICK OF THE WEEK

January 2, 2022

WATCH

GOD'S DOORKEEPER: ST. ANDRÉ OF MONTREAL

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



FORMED NOW! HOW TO PRAY

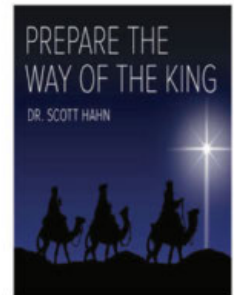
Whether you are a veteran in the spiritual life or are just beginning, start this year off right by recommitting yourself to prayer! Join Drs. Tim Gray and Elizabeth Klein as they discuss ways to kickstart your prayer life this year!

LEARN

LISTEN

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE KING BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

As we celebrate the Epiphany, Dr. Scott Hahn explains how we should understand the three Magi and their gifts to the Lord!

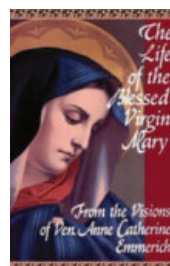


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Bulletin Spotlight

The Life of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Incredibly revealing and edifying background of Our Lady, her parents and ancestors, St. Joseph, plus other people who figured into the coming of Christ. Many facts described about the Nativity and early life of Our Lord, as well as the final days of the Blessed Mother—all from the visions of this great mystic.

The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

KIDS CORNER

Unscramble these words from today's Gospel:

wise-men
child
born




king
star
worship

Mary
gifts
dream

wsie mne	<u>W</u> <u>i</u> <u>s</u> <u>e</u> <u>m</u> <u>e</u> <u>n</u>
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knig	— — — —
derma	— — — — —
cildh	— — — — —
wrsohpi	— — — — — — —
Mrya	— — — —
gfsti	— — — — —
srta	— — — —

PUZZLE

What letter **begins** each picture name? Circle the beginning letter. Then color the pictures.

	C		C	A	M
	K		I	K	G
	H		S	T	H



Polar Plunge 1.8.2022

Come out to celebrate the Feast of Jesus' Baptism. Registration: 10:00 am. Plunge: 10:30-11:00 am. Ages 10-up. Preregister: www.christplunge.com. \$10 per person donation. T-shirts: \$10. Location: Veterans Memorial Park, 600 Progress Pkwy, Union, MO. Hosted by St. John the Baptist Church and all proceeds will go to the Helping Hands Community Outreach.



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A tradition to mark the Feast of the Epiphany is a home blessing to pray that we might find the Lord when our earthly pilgrimage ends. It also reminds us that we should be looking for God, and finding Him along the way. You can bless your home by using chalk to write above the home's entrance, 20 + C + M + B + 22. The letters "C, M, B" have two meanings. They are the first letters of the names traditionally associated with the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, translated as "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross and the numbers represent the current year. All you need is a piece of chalk and you can offer a simple prayer together to ask God's blessings upon your home and those who live there.

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