

Epiphany OF THE LORD

JANUARY 3, 2021 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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Welcome:

If you are new to the area or just visiting, welcome! If you are interested in becoming a member of the parish, you can stop by the office and register or email secretary@strpdparish.org and we will send a registration form.

RCIA:

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please contact Deacon Bill Johnson at 618-791-8521

Sacrament of Baptism:

Preparation is required. Please contact the parish office at 314-837-3410.



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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY (VIGIL)

5:00 PM
Reconciliation available
4:00 - 4:45PM

SUNDAY

8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8:00 AM

MISSION STATEMENT

Inspired by St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, our Parish serves God and community with its many ministries by witness of faith, through ongoing faith formation and evangelization of youth, while embracing cultural diversity and social justice.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY

8:30am - 4:00pm
(closed daily between 12-1pm)

FRIDAY

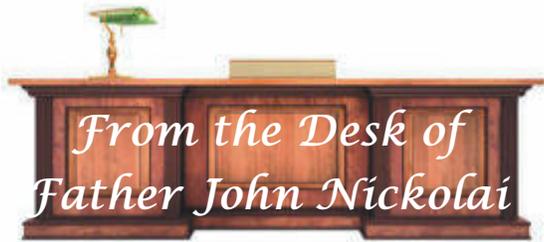
8:30am - 12:00pm

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I often find myself musing, at Epiphany, on the way the word is used. People speak of having “epiphanies,” of having some kind of realization. And stories of epiphanies are powerful; they stick in our minds. Whatever kernel of historical truth it contains; the legend of Newton’s apple endures. Whoever says, “eureka!” to mean “aha!” invokes the story of the ancient Greek mathematician Archimedes, who got into his bath one day and suddenly realized something about the thorny engineering problem of water displacement. Delighted with the discovery, he jumped up and ran down the street, shouting the Greek word meaning “I have found it!”

In an epiphany, one’s own efforts to find or understand meet with something accidental — or providential. Newton and Archimedes had thought a long time about their questions, before the pieces fell into place. Similarly, the Magi’s arrival followed long preparation; their journey may have taken as long as a year, and they would have had to spend some time gathering provisions and planning a route. Finally, however, after a long search, they came before the face of Wisdom himself.

Scientists and inventors are sometimes called “obsessed” by their pursuits. Christians, too, might consider ourselves similarly focused on finding the Lord, having this search always in our minds, so that when the providential moment arrives, we are ready to recognize him.

A word of thanks to all who helped with our Christmas celebrations. The musicians raised our voices in song. Volunteers kindly attended the doors before Mass, to make sure we stayed within our capacity. Finally, several people helped decorate. I was sorry that we could not get our usual corps of decorators out in full force this year, given the circumstances. But I think the simplicity of our decorations had a beauty of its own.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 4, Sr. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:00 AM Robert Hardin

Tuesday, January 5, St. John Neumann

8:00 AM Tom Patten Sr.

Wednesday, January 6

8:00 AM Fred Cunningham

Thursday, January 7

8:00 AM Judy Silkebachen

Friday, January 8

8:00 AM Mary Lamczyk

Saturday, January 9

5:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, January 10, Baptism of Jesus

8:00 AM Bud Gettemeier

10:00 AM Russ Femmer



Our Mass intention book for 2021 is available. Either call or stop by the parish office to schedule a Mass. Typical tithing for a Mass is \$10.00



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul(s) of:

Jean Angel, former parishioner

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 20, 2020

Academic Technology	\$30.00
Christmas	390.00
Christmas Flowers	25.00
General Fund	8,633.00
Latin American Apostolate	100.00
Seminary Offering	105.00
Solemnity of Mary	45.00
St Vincent DePaul	321.00

Contribution totals include 3,700 from Online Giving

*Our parish is grateful for your continued support.
Thank you!*



Our December Quilt raffle winner is:

Kris Sontheimer

If you haven't purchased your quilt tickets for this year, stop by the parish office to purchase.



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Readings for the Week

MONDAY

1 John 322—4:6
Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

TUESDAY

1 John 4:7-10
Mark 6:34-44

WEDNESDAY

1 John 4:11-18
Mark 6:45-52

THURSDAY

1 John 4:19—5:4
Luke 4:14-22a

FRIDAY

1 John 5:5-13
Luke 5:12-16

SATURDAY

1 John 5:14-21
John 3:22-30

SUNDAY

Isaiah 55:1-11
1 John 5:1-9
Mark 1:7-11

FREE Join us at the **TABLE OF PLENTY**

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne Parish Parking
Lot 1210 Paddock Dr

Tuesday, January 5th
CARRY OUT ONLY

We will begin handing out a tasty meal at **5:30pm**.
Service will continue until food runs out! Our mission is to reach out to those in our community who could benefit from a hot meal served by loving hands at no charge.



St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry Grocery List

If there are any parishioners who need food help, please call the SVDP line:
314-442-6477



Our pantry will accept anything, but we are requesting the following items:

**Laundry soap, Dish soap, Kleenex,
Paper towels, Toilet paper and**

We are excited to announce that our Food Pantry has been moved to the Parish Site.

If there are any parishioners that are willing to help drive some of our older parishioners to Mass, Doctor Appointments, Grocery Stores, etc., please let the parish office know. We have many people in our parish without a vehicle that are elderly and would appreciate a ride.



*Thank You
for Joining
Us at Mass*
**LET'S
KEEP IN
TOUCH!**

Name

Phone Number

Email Address

Address

City, State, ZIP

Yes! I want to be added to your email list.

Yes! I'm interested in becoming a member.



Come Spend One Hour With Me

We are very blessed to have our chapel open for adoration during these difficult times. Thank you to all who have committed themselves to one or more hours of Adoration per week.

We could use additional people that can substitute.

You are always welcome to come and pray at anytime.

Can you help?

Call Millie 837-7938 or Blanche 837-2652.



**Snort, Sniffle and Sneeze...
 No Antibiotic Please**

Are you aware that viruses cause colds, flu, most sore throats and bronchitis? Did you know that antibiotics do not fight a virus? Taking antibiotics when you have a virus may do more harm than good. Taking antibiotics when they aren't needed increases your risk of getting an infection later that is resistant to antibiotics. Antibiotic resistance is being called one of the world's most pressing health issues today. The number of bacteria resistant to antibiotics has been increasing over the last 10 years. Antibiotics were prescribed in 68% of acute respiratory tract visits and of those 80% were unnecessary.

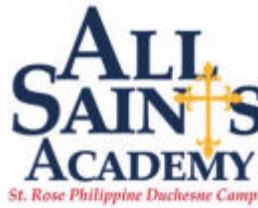
However, if you have a bacterial infection and are prescribed antibiotics, be sure to take exactly as prescribed.

Complete the entire course as ordered even if you are feeling better. If treatment is stopped too soon, some bacteria may survive and re-infect you.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Would you like to join our prayer chain? Do you have prayer requests? Please email Gina at secretary@strpdparish.org or call 314-837-3410



What's happening at All Saints Academy/St. Rose Philippine Duchesne Campus?

Happy New Year! May 2021 be a year filled with hope and new life for each of us.

Tomorrow we begin school again. A short break for the routine is always good to refocus us. We look forward to welcoming back the students to the classrooms and ready ourselves for the next semester of learning and growing in faith.

I look forward to the day when COVID is behind us and I will be able to meet you in person without masks. Until that time, be assured of our prayers for each of you.

Barb Zipoli, Principal of ASA at St. Rose

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE STARTING JANUARY 11, 2021

It's almost time to apply online at TTEF-STL.ORG for scholarships!

Starting January 11, 2021 scholarships are available for the 2021-2022 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. For questions please contact the TTEF scholarship office at 314-792-7777 or email ttef@archstl.org. <<mailto:ttef@archstl.org>>



Lector schedule January



	5:00PM	8:00 AM	10:00AM
January 2/3	Joe Schwarzbauer	Livy O'Neill	Ray Cavlovich
January 9/10	Barbara Burton	Loretta Donovan	Tom Lauman
January 16/17	Mike Kister	Joe Murphy	Sharon Chisley
January 23/24	Dick Boudreau	Norma Rehme	Shelly Cavlovich
January 30/31	Joe Schwarzbauer	Peggy Baker	Terry O'Neil



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Just a reminder if you did not re-register for Prevent and Protect, you are **NOT allowed** to volunteer after the first of January until you do complete the program. These rules are set forth by the Archdiocese. Thank you for your understanding!

ST. PATRICK CENTER

We will be collecting St. Patrick's Casseroles on the upper Church parking lot on **Monday, January 11th from 7:30am - 9:30am**
See recipe below:



Casserole Recipe

- 2 pounds of ground beef – browned with one chopped onion and seasoned with salt, pepper and garlic powder.
- 2 cans of crushed tomatoes
- 2 cans of chili beans
- 2 cups of cooked macaroni noodles
- 2 cups of cheese – either shredded or sliced for the top of casserole (your choice)

Mix all together – put in pan – top with cheese – cover and freeze

Bring to the Parish Center the 2nd Monday of each month. Bring a prepared casserole, get an empty pan **FREE...**
(to prepare another one for next month)

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"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 stood 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!

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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Children's Liturgy Page...

PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

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| WISDOM | MESSAGE | GIFTS |
| STAR | WORSHIP | WARMED |
| HERD | EXCITED | ORNAM |

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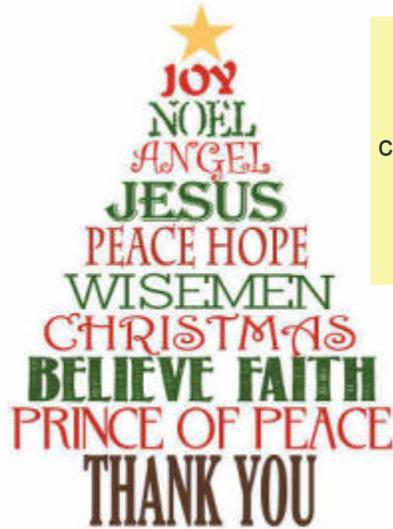
Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Epiphany of the Lord • Matthew 2:1-12

So much to be thankful for...

The staff would like to thank all who sent cards, brought cookies, sweets and gifts. Thank you for thinking of us!
Happy New Year to all!



St. Patrick's Casseroles

In 2020 there were 360 casseroles collected and 3 months of packaged food items during covid restrictions. God bless the generosity of our wonderful St. Rose charitable people!

Thank you to Father Nickolai, Deacon Bill and Deacon Denny for all they did to make our Christmas liturgies so special. We are so blessed here at St. Rose to have wonderful men of faith to guide us!

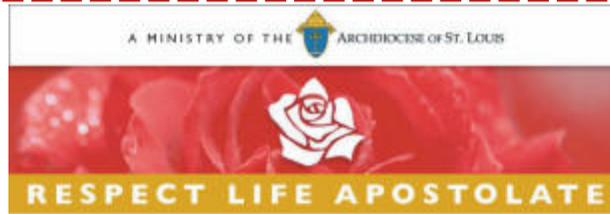
Thank you to those who came and decorated the Church. It looked beautiful and felt so welcoming!

Thank you to our wonderful musicians who made the Christmas liturgies so special with the beautiful Christmas songs.



Thank you to all the parishioners that came and worshiped with us. It was so nice to see our pews filled again, yet, keeping within the guidelines of the Archdiocese for safety of all. We also thank you for bringing your families and friends to worship with us!

Thank you to those that accepted the Advent Reverse Calendar challenge and brought food for our food pantry. You responded overwhelmingly and helped stock our pantry shelves for those in need. We will be having a few more food drives this year to help keep our pantry stocked and to help those in our area who are in need of food!
God Bless you all for your generosity!



**2021 Roe v. Wade Memorial Mass, Saturday, January 16, 2021
with Archbishop Rozanski**

The **Archdiocese of St. Louis** will hold its annual **Roe v. Wade Memorial Mass** celebrated by **Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski** on Saturday, January 16 at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica. Mass will include the *Pro-Life Generation Memorial* and the *LifeLine Coalition collection*, which benefits over 10,000 local women and families annually. Rosary and Benediction will follow Mass, which marks the 48th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion on Jan. 22, 1973.

The Sacred Heart Pro-Life Committee is inviting everyone of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne to witness at



the Planned Parenthood on Lindbergh next to Raising Canes. Every Wednesday from 4-5pm and Saturday's from 12-1pm.

Come stand up and quietly pray for those who do not yet have a voice.



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