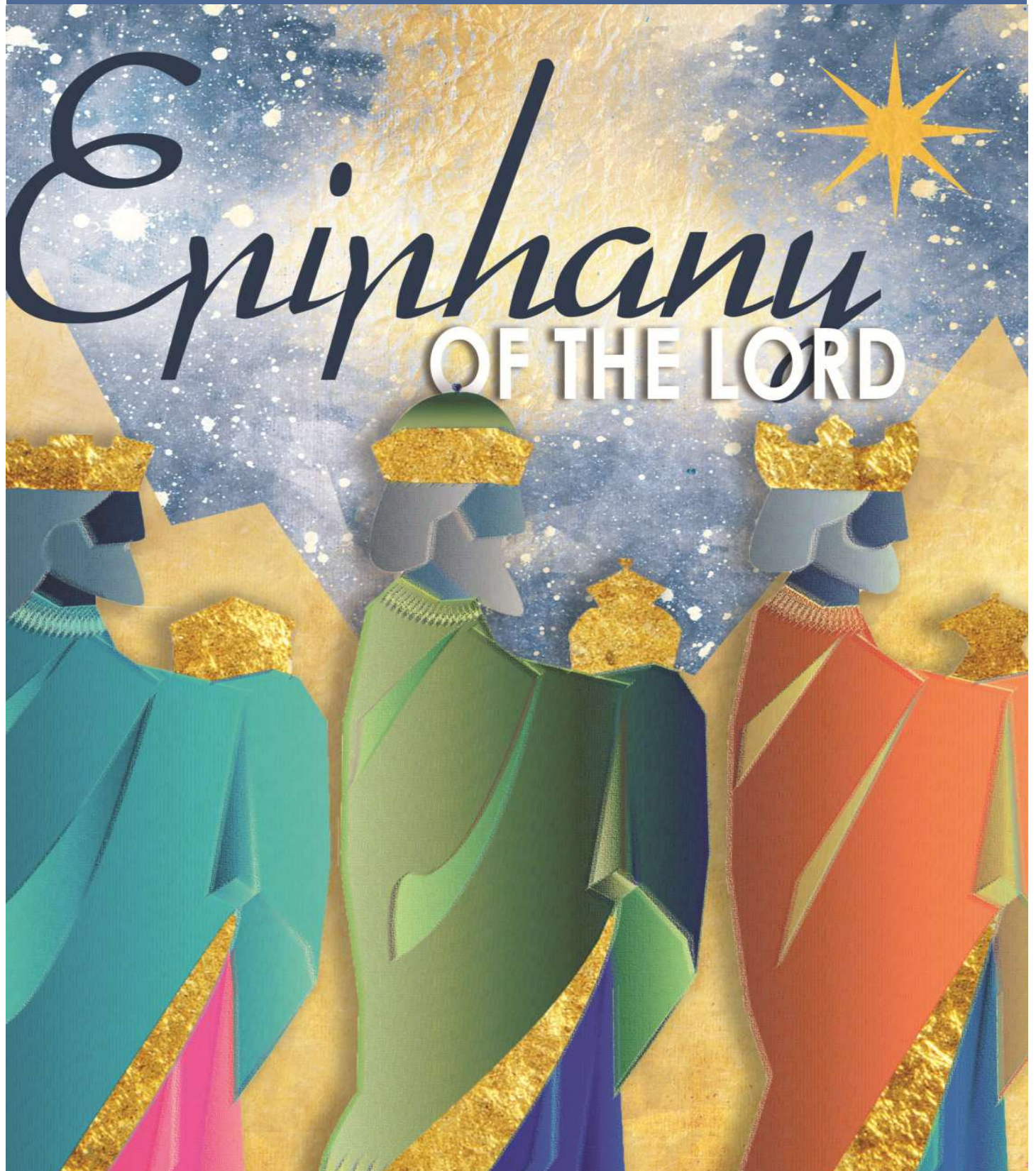


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St. Vincent de Paul Society MMOC Help Line

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WalkingWithFamiliesSTL.com 314-792-7555

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Infant baptisms are celebrated throughout the year except during the season of Lent. Parents are to be registered members of the parish and are encouraged to call the rectory for an initial appointment during the pregnancy.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Any adult seeking to become a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church is invited to call the rectory.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements for the Sacrament of Marriage are to be made by the prospective bride and groom with the priest or deacon at least nine months before the wedding.

ANointing of Sick

Communal celebrations of the Anointing of the Sick are offered seasonally. Contact the parish office to request the sacrament for yourself or a family member.

MASS TIMES

Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. Mass in Church
Thursday 6:15 a.m. in Caton Chapel
Saturday 4:30 p.m. (Anticipatory)
Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. or by appointment

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesday Following 8:30 a.m. Mass in Church

MARIAN DEVOTIONS

Rosary Daily after 8:30 a.m. Mass
Sunday 6:30 p.m. in Caton Chapel

A LETTER FROM DEACON RANDY

We celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord today. Catholics and non-Catholic Christians celebrate this feast of the 3 Kings/Wise Men seeking out the Christ Child to do Him homage. There is a saying that I try to remember & reflect on often: "Wise men still seek Him!" As we begin the new year, might one of your resolutions be to get closer to the Lord. What are some of the things that we can do to achieve this resolution?

1. Spend some time with Scripture each day. Perhaps you could read the daily Gospel Reading each day or maybe check out Fr. Mike Schmitz's "The Bible in a Year".
2. Spend 5-10 minutes or more in prayer. Maybe just remember what you are grateful for and thank God for His many gifts to you the prior day.
3. Have you ever thought about making a retreat. There is a group of men from the parish who go to the White House Retreat Center every year. There is a group of women

who go to Kings House at the Snobs each year to get away from the day-to-day and spend some time with God. Personally, I enjoy my time going to St Meinrad Abbey in Indiana.

4. In just 2 weeks Mary Mother & St Simon's will be hosting a new session of Alpha. Perhaps you might be interested or maybe there is someone you know who could benefit from the Alpha Course. If you are interested, give Becky McDonnell a call at 314-236-1421.

God has revealed Himself to us completely in the gift of Jesus. God continues to give Himself to us in the Eucharist. I hope and pray that each of us spend a few minutes every day allowing our God to touch our hearts and just love us. This encounter will change our lives.

Happy New Year!

Deacon Randy



WELCOME TO MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

Welcome to Mary, Mother of the Church. We are happy that you are joining us today. If you are visiting us, we pray that through our worship, you may see us as a radiant light in the world and a bold witness to those whose lives we touch, inspiring them to love one another as God loves us.

If you would like more information, or if you would like to **register with Mary, Mother of the Church**, please contact us by coming into the parish office Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. or Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. You can email: agaravaglia@marymother.org or call us at 314-894-1373.

We hope you find a home here among friends who pray together, work together and play together.

To make it easier for our new members to get acquainted with us, please wear your nametags.

Inclement Weather Policy

There is a change to our inclement weather policy: When Mehlville School district cancels morning classes due to weather conditions only, weekday morning Masses will only be live streamed. This will allow enough time for the parking lot to be cleaned. Our policy to close our campus for the day will still be in effect. If Mehlville cancels evening events only, then our evening events will also be cancelled. This impacts things such as Eucharistic Adoration, meetings, exercise programs, prayer groups and sports. PSR families will be communicated to directly. Weekend Masses will be held as usual, ***but use common sense when venturing out in icy weather. Your safety comes first!***

To see our policy for inclement weather please go to our website www.marymother.org and on the home page go to our parish. Scroll down to more resources for more details. Your safety comes first so, if there is any question in your mind about coming or not please stay home.

ATTENTION ALL GOLFERS

It is that time again for the Mary Mother Frozen Tundra Golf Classic which will be held here at Mary Mother on Sunday, February 1, 2026. Here is everything you need to know:

\$20.00 green fees to play.

You can use one club only.

We will provide the ball.

Registration at 1:00 pm.

Tee time is 2:00 pm.

The tournament is for people 18 years old and older.

The tournament will be held regardless of weather.

Chili and refreshments will be served in the hall after the tournament.

Please sign up on SignUpGenius. If you have questions contact Mike Balek at 314-799-3477 or Steve Krieger at 314-280-5906.



Christmas Decorations

The Christmas Decorations will be removed this Sunday, January 4th, after the 11:00 am Mass.

Many hands make light work so please consider helping.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

"And when you worship Jesus in the Eucharist, you receive from him the Holy Spirit and you find peace and joy. . . . Let us rediscover Eucharistic Adoration in our communities! Let us implore the grace to *hunger for God*, with an insatiable desire to receive what he has prepared for us."

Pope Francis, Homily (2018)

The Adoration schedule is as follows:

- **Tuesday 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM**
- **Wednesday 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM**
- **Thursday 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

For more information call **Anne Duncan** at 314-406-4100 or email: anreilly1@outlook.com

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, January 5

- 9:05 am AA Group - Rm 1,2
- 9:30 am Basic Catechism - Rm 3,4
- 11:30 am Alpha team training - Parish Hall
- 12:30 pm Pickleball - Gym
- 6:00 pm Catechist Dinner/Mtg - Parish Hall
- 6:30 pm Pickleball - Gym
- 7:00 pm Men's Prayer Group - Chapel

Tuesday, January 6

- 9:00 am Adoration - Chapel
- 9:00 am Quilting
- 9:00 am Sandwich Shoppe - Parish Hall kitchen
- 9:00 am Walk the Gym
- 3:00 pm SVdP Mtg - Rm 1,2
- 5:30 pm CYC Basketball practice - Gym
- 6:30 pm Stewardship Mtg - Rm 3,4
- 7:00 pm Prayer Group - Ste. Ann Rm
- 7:30 pm Youth Commission Mtg - Youth Rm

Wednesday, January 7

- 9:00 am Adoration - Chapel
- 9:00 am Cornerstone Bible Study - Parish Hall
- 9:30 am Tai Chi - Gym
- 12:30 pm Pickleball - Gym
- 1:30 pm AA Group - Rm 3,4 (or outside)
- 6:30 pm Basic Catechism - Rm 3,4
- 6:30 pm Liturgy Mtg/Christmas party - Parish Hall
- 8:30 pm Men's Basketball - Gym

Thursday, January 8

- 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group - Annex
- 9:00 am Prayer Group - Rm 3,4
- 9:00 am Walk the Gym
- 2:30 pm Christian Service Mtg - Rm 3,4
- 3:00 pm Adoration - Chapel
- 6:30 pm Formation Core Team Mtg - Rm 1,2
- 6:30 pm Pickleball - Gym

Friday, January 9

Saturday, January 10

- 3:30 pm Confessions - Church
- 5:30 pm Blood Pressure - St. Joachim Rm
- 5:30 pm Bridge Bread - Church Vestibule

Sunday, January 11

- 10:00 pm Blood Pressure - St. Joachim Rm
- 10:00 pm Bridge Bread - Church Vestibule
- 1:00 pm Love Thy Neighbor Book Study - Rm 3,4
- 6:30 pm Rosary - Chapel
- 7:00 pm Youth Rec Nite - Gym

Bridge Bread

Bridge Bread will be available next weekend, January 10 & 11.

Thank you so much for your overwhelming support.



The Words of Everlasting Life

Readings for January 4 - January 11

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; 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 & 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 & 6a & 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17



Mass Intentions

We have a number of Mass intentions available for Thursday mornings at the 6:15 am Masses. Please consider filling those times. You do not need to attend the Masses that you pick. Thank you.



THE FATIMA MINISTRY

This ministry is indeed a blessing for ALL who participate. Please consider signing up for one of the available weeks in **January and February** by going to SignUpGenius.

- 1/4 - open
- 1/11 - open
- 1/18 - open

If you are unable to pick up the Statue or you need more information call: Carolyn Messler (314) 712-2042 or Gina Norrenberns (314) 435-9107.

The Statue can be picked up in the St. Joachim room.



This Week's Mass Intentions

SUNDAY January 4

9:00 AM - Our Parish Family
11:00 AM - Dolores Sollenbarger †

MONDAY January 5

8:30 AM - David Barton †

TUESDAY January 6

8:30 AM - Bennett Barton †

WEDNESDAY January 7

8:30 AM - Wanda Oliver †

THURSDAY January 8

6:15 AM - Amanda Nielsen
8:30 AM - Sarah Kenny †

FRIDAY January 9

8:30 - Frances Whitfield †

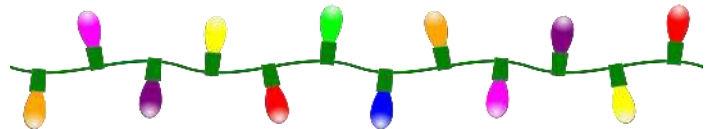
SATURDAY January 10

4:30 PM - Tom O'Toole †

SUNDAY January 11

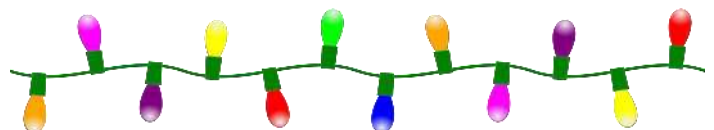
9:00 AM - Dolores Sollenbarger †
11:00 AM - Our Parish Family

† Denotes those who are deceased



If you have non-working Christmas lights, please consider donating them to the SVDP scrap metal recycling program. As directed by our mission statement: We will boldly dispose of "Non-radiant lights". Simply drop them off at the MM annex where the scrap metal is collected.

Thank you for your support!



PSR COORDINATOR

This week, we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. The word *epiphany* means “manifestation” – that is, God showing himself in a way that can be seen, heard, touched, and felt. In our part of the world, we focus on the manifestation of Jesus to the magi. This manifestation marks the first time that somebody who isn’t Jewish (a Gentile) worships Jesus as God, and it shows that Jesus came to love *all people*.

However, this holiday actually commemorates three manifestations! Our brothers and sisters in the East focus on the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, which we’ll celebrate next week. In this manifestation, God the Father declares Jesus as his Beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit comes to rest on Jesus, showing us the Holy Trinity, our most central and fundamental Catholic belief.

The Epiphany of the Lord also commemorates the Wedding Feast of Cana, when Jesus turned water into wine. This was his first miracle, showing that Jesus has the power of God, and preparing us for the Eucharist, wine made the Blood of Christ.

Interestingly enough, all three of these revelations might have gone unnoticed by most people at the time. Only Mary, Joseph, and the magi themselves knew at the time to what the star pointed. We don’t know how many bystanders at the Jordan heard the Father’s voice or saw the Spirit descend, and most of the wedding guests just thought the host was slow putting out the good wine. God often works quietly, so pay attention, or you might miss it!



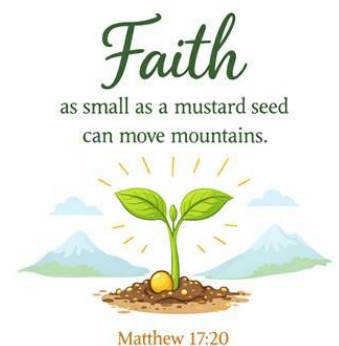
✠ Planting Mustard Seeds ✠

Beginning in 2026, the *Living Our Faith* newsletter will take on a new focus titled **Planting Mustard Seeds**. After a year of reflecting on the many beautiful facets of our Catholic faith, this new series will turn our attention to **passing on that faith—especially to children**.

While *Planting Mustard Seeds* is written with **grandparents particularly in mind**, the reflections and ideas are meant to encourage **anyone who hopes to nurture faith in the lives of others**, whatever that relationship may be.

To better fit busy schedules, the newsletter will now be published **monthly on the 15th** rather than the 1st. For those who prefer a printed copy, newsletters will also be available on the **bulletin table**.

We hope this new focus will inspire and support you as we continue to live and share our faith together.





MMOC TITHING

"Together we do great things"

Carondelet Community Betterment Federation:

Located near the Sisters of St Joseph Convent, the CCBF supports the city neighborhood through multiple social programs and in particular through their food pantry.

On behalf of CCBF, I would like to thank your parish for your generous donation. Your donation directly supports the St. Joseph Emergency Food Outreach Program. We have experienced a 35% increase in individuals we are now serving at our food pantry. The support that we receive from you is more vital now than ever.

Blessings and kind regards,

Fred Hessel

Executive Director

Love Thy Neighbor

The Love thy Neighbor committee is sponsoring a book study on Building a Bridge by Fr. James Martin beginning on January 11, 2025. It is a seven week study from 1pm to 3pm in rooms 3,4 at Mary Mother. If you are interested in joining us or have further questions please contact lovethyneighbor@marymother.org or call Mary Ann Lause at 314-882-4566.



A NEW FAITH FORMATION & EVANGELIZATION OPPORTUNITY! ALPHA IS HERE!

Would you like to deepen your relationship with Jesus?
Would you like to be able to invite others, no matter where they are on their faith journey, to do the same?
If you answered yes to either of these questions, we invite you to try Alpha!

Alpha is "a meal and a movie" with conversation around life's most important questions. It occurs in a relaxed, fun, and inviting environment with no pressure.

We are partnering with St. Simon to offer both day and evening sessions.

If you are interested in helping or need help registering, please reach out to Becky McDonnell at: 314-236-1421. Thank you!
COME HOLY SPIRIT!

Mary Mother campus will have a session: January - March,
Mondays from 11:30am-1:30pm starting Jan. 19.

To register scan QR code:



St. Simon campus will have a session January - March, **Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30pm starting Jan. 21.** To register for Wednesday scan QR code:



Abortion Healing Spiritual Support Groups for Women & Men

When: 2nd Saturday each month from 9-10:30am

Where: St. Monica Parish Center rooms 212 & 215

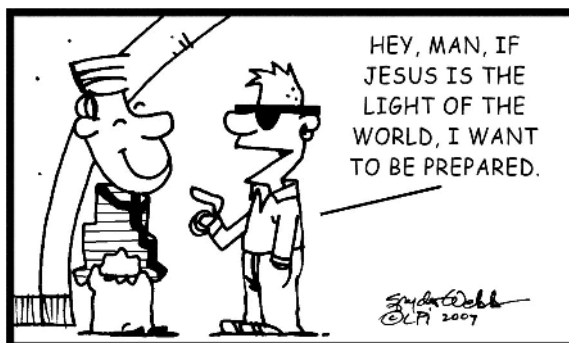
*No registration needed *Walk-ins welcome

For information Call/text 314-778-0628

or email hopehealing@archstl.org

"Cast your burdens on the Lord,
and He will sustain you."
Psalm 55:22

EPIPHANY



NURSES CORNER

New Year Blessings as we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany!

GriefShare begins Monday, Feb. 2nd at 3PM, in the upper Annex. May Our Lord lead anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one to consider coming. The group will continue through the end of April. Confidentiality is of utmost importance! We begin with prayer, then watch a DVD together, then share (if comfortable). Pamphlets are in the vestibule. Register on: www.griefshare.org (search find a group) or contact me at 314-894-1373 ex 206.

Blood Pressure screenings are offered next weekend (Jan. 10/11th) after Masses in the St. Joachim Room.

ImpactLife Blood Drive - Thursday, January 15th from 2 to 6PM in the Parish Hall. There are many openings for whole blood and double red cell donations! Schedule any of these ways: our website or online- www.bloodcenter.org or by contacting me 314-894-1373 ext. 206 or Kevin Brady 636-697-6007. It's winter, we will serve chili!

Our Health Ministry Commission meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 20th at 7PM in classroom 4. **Thyroid conditions** were discussed briefly at our November meeting. January is national Thyroid disease awareness month, so check the vestibule for some information. Michele, your Faith Community Nurse



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

As we prepare for the feast of the Epiphany, we can use this prayer, provided by Education for Justice, a project of the Ignatian Solidarity Network, so that the light of Epiphany may bless us with a vision of a just and peaceful world:

"Like the wise ones who traveled in a dark time to follow hope shining like a star, we long for revelation that brings light to our distress, that illumines a way forward.

Like the wise ones who found the way to Bethlehem, to a deeper understanding, we open our longing hearts to that fragile Child and his family, a family soon to leave on their own journey: a story of migration, told over and over.

Recognizing today's migrants as holy families, we are blessed with a vision of possible justice, of potential peace. We become wise and are granted an epiphany when we can see, in the least of these, the Light that we seek. Amen."

"Meals"

The "Meals" ministry scope is expanding to include "Caregiver meals". Initially, this ministry was created to provide seven meals to a parishioner returning home from the hospital or rehab after an illness, injury or surgery. We are now going to expand that to provide meals to "in-home caregivers", once or twice weekly, for as long as the caregiver would like to have this additional help.

We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to provide a meal once a week, once every other week, once a month--whatever you would like to do. These meals can be homemade or purchased restaurant meals. Once we build a group of volunteers who would like to participate/provide meals, we will contact you about the scheduling. If you have questions, please contact: Susan Krieger at (314-578-5602) or Michele Venable at (314-894-1373 ex 206).



Pray for Those Serving in the Armed Forces

SPC US Army Kyle Bean

Great-Nephew of Rich & Barbara Hantak

1Lt US Army Joseph Chellis

Grandson of John & Trudy Chellis

SR. Ryan Clancy - Son of Matt & Maria Clancy

Staff Sgt. Carl Degenhart

Son of Greg & Cheryl Degenhart

Capt. Ed Hubbel - Friend of the Rogers Family

Pvt. 1st Class Eric Kremer

Grandson of Ken & Sue Kremer

Capt. Cole McAnany & Lt. Micah McAnany
great-nephew of Mark McAnany

Avt. Brittany Leicht - Daughter of Paul & Marie Leicht

SGT. Aaron Marshall - Grandson of Jerry Marshall

Pvt. 1st Class Joshua Rockwell

Grandsons of Jim & Sharon Rockwell

Lt. Col. Jim Rund - Cousin of Emily Schenk

Ens. Daniel Stefans - Grandson of Gus & Janice Berry

Staff Sergeant Donovan Tracy

Grandson of Marcia Dohack

HN Justin Venable

Son of Bob & Michele Venable

Maj. Michael Villeneuve

Son-in-law of Don & Gerianne Kopac



Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Joe Albright, Janet Barks,
Kiegan Bersing, Ray Boehm, Carol Brophy,
Dorothy Bunevac, Lydia Chamberlain, Sandy Cooseman,
Gerald Cordes, MaryAnn Daust-Buehler, Kathy Davidson,
Grace Dawson, Craig Franks, Mary Jane Franks,
Jane Goeke, Diane Graham, Ken Gresnick, Marie Harthill,
Joe Heizer, Saralou Henrickson, Peggy Huber,
Mark Inman, Pat Keller, Barbara Killius, Steve Krieger,
Loretta & Jim Lampen, Leslie Lewis, Jerry Marshall,
Fran Mazanec, Mary Ann McWilliams, Floyd Melliore,
Irene Meyer, Rich Meyer, Pat Mueller, Mike Ottoline,
Val Pike, Joe Reker, Kathleen Riggio, Paul Schulte,
John and Maureen Schumacker, Robert Schuster,
Jean Taylor, Charles Turner, Jeanne Voyles,
Helen Weckermeyer, Jack Weis, Char Wersching,
Dennis & Marie Winschel, Jim Yamnitz, Dave Ziegler

Daughter/Daughter-in-law the Chamberlains,
the Coffmans, Sue Dace, Kathleen Kidwell, the McColls,
the Newbolds, the Rekers, the Siesners, the Swehls,
the Zachs

Son/Son-in-law of Leona Boucher, Betty Courisky,
Clare Ernst, Mary Sue Ondr, the Rekers, Mary Simitjis

Mother/Mother-in-law of John Barrett, Pam Biehl,
Ted Dolter, Laura Getsey, Nancy Muehl, Dennis Rees,
Mark Stevison, Diane Wilcox

Father/Father-in-law/Grandfather of Laura Getsey,
Mark Scheipeter

Sister/Sister-in-law of the Coffmans, Clare Ernst,
Gary Franklin, Elizabeth Hudson, Libby Long,
Mark Muehl, Joan Serati, Joyce Skiljan

Brother/Brother-in-law of **Bea Brinker**, the Franklins,
Barb Gavin, Sherry Heumann, Carla Merlotti,
Carol Musielak, Mary Scalzo

Granddaughter/Grandson/Great-grandchild of
Sue Dace, Mary Lee Davis, the Killius', the Lampens,
the Leezys, the Leichts, the McColls, the Rekers,
Mary Simitjis, Ruth Spray, Mary Stewart, the Thieles,
Dave Ziegler

Niece/Nephew/Great-niece/Great-nephew of
the Baleks, Leona Bochantin, Libby Long,
the Slamas, the Schmitzes, Gloria Wind, Dave Ziegler

Aunt of Mark Muehl

Cousin/cousin's spouse of Ken Klages,
Loretta Lampen, Fran Mazanes & Jeanette Sloan,
Alice Weis

Friends of Lydia Chamberlain, the Brockhauses,
the Coffmans, Joan Crawford, Marsha Dohack,
Mary Jane Franks, the Franklins, Jane Goeke,
Chris Hack, the Kopps, the McWilliamses,
the Wackermeyers, the Webers

Names in bold print are new to the list.



Prayers for our Beloved Deceased

In your kindness, please pray for the souls of the
deceased members of our parish.

Mary Jane Lynch, Aunt of Maureen Schoenekase
Judy Kirlin, sister of Dan Schoenekase

May all the faithful rest in the eternal
embrace of our Risen Savior.

Stewardship Reflection

Epiphany of the Lord

*"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts
of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." MATTHEW 2:11*


The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus
and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image
that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for
all that we have been given, we are called to generously
share all our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose.
God wants us to be generous with everything, but
especially that one thing that means the most to you.

STEWARDSHIP GRATEFUL AND GENEROUS

December 21, 2025

Sunday Stewardship	\$ 4,023.00
Gifts-Stock, RMDs, Charitable Giving	\$25,320.00
Online Stewardship	<u>\$ 8,314.31</u>
Total Sunday Stewardship	\$37,657.31
December 2025 Weekly Budget	<u>\$20,200.00</u>
Over <Under> Budget	\$17,457.31
Major Project Fund	\$ 200.00
Special Contributions	\$ 1,490.00
Online Stewardship	<u>\$ 548.90</u>
Total Major Project Fund	\$ 2,238.90
December 2025 Weekly Budget	<u>\$ 1,200.00</u>
Over <Under> Budget	\$ 1,038.90
YTD Over <Under> Budget	\$ 3,193.70

*Please remember Mary, Mother of the Church in your will
or estate plan, and please tell us when you do,
so we can THANK YOU!*



ARCHDIOCESAN MASS
FOR THE
PRESERVATION OF
PEACE AND JUSTICE

On the Holiday Weekend
Commemorating the Legacy of
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sunday, January 18, 2026 2:30 pm
Cathedral Basilica-St. Louis
4431 Lindell Blvd.

Honoring The Model Of Justice Honorees
Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski - Celebrant
Rev. Arthur J. Cavitt - Homilist

watch live at:
<https://cathedralstl.org/liturgy-sacraments/livestream>

Contact Corliss Cox at 314.792.6551 or
corlisscox@lwangacenter.org for more information.
Parking available at Lindell Blvd. & Taylor Ave.

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Quote for the Week

"The wise man comes to God without saying a word and stands in awe of Him"

Francis Chan



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CONTEMPLATIVE CORNER

YES

I came forth from a yes
When God said yes to me
Everything that I would be
And everything that I might be, or could be
And every time I would imagine myself to be other than
me –
Me as God sees.
God said yes.
Just like night and day, sea and land,
To the breezes and the gales,
Soft spring rain and hail,
To friends warm and fuzzy and creepy crawly
To Adam and Eve
Cain and Abel,
Abraham, Isaac, Jacob,
Ruth and Esther,
David and Saul,
The prophets,
The stable, the workshop, the mountaintop,
Cross and tomb and three days waiting, waiting,
To life completely new and unknown.
God said yes.
And I know God has heard yes at least twice –
From a young woman receiving a divine request.
And the cry of a gasping Son.
But surely every Thing finds its yes at least once.
Sometimes I think I hear the universe whisper it, or even
scream it.
Now God waits for *my* yes,
Patiently, gently.
And I struggle –
What kind of galaxy might God birth in me,
And am I ready for that light? Yes! No!
But in that quiet encounter with the angel,
Mary found her yes,
And Jesus shouted yes through shallow breaths
And if I am still, like them, with them.
Maybe I'll realize that God still says yes,
And I will say yes too,
Or rather, I'll remember, that I came forth from a yes.
I am a yes.

-Andy Dapron

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