



Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church

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MASS & SACRAMENTS

Sunday Masses: 8:00 & 10:30 am

Weekday Masses

Monday through Friday: 8:00 am

Tuesday Evening Mass: 6:30 pm

Saturday Masses 8:00 am and 5:00 pm

Sacrament of Penance:

Saturday, 7:30-7:50 am

Sundays, 10-10:20 am

Tuesdays, 6-6:20 pm OR by appointment

Baptisms: Meeting first Thursday of the month. Preregistration required.

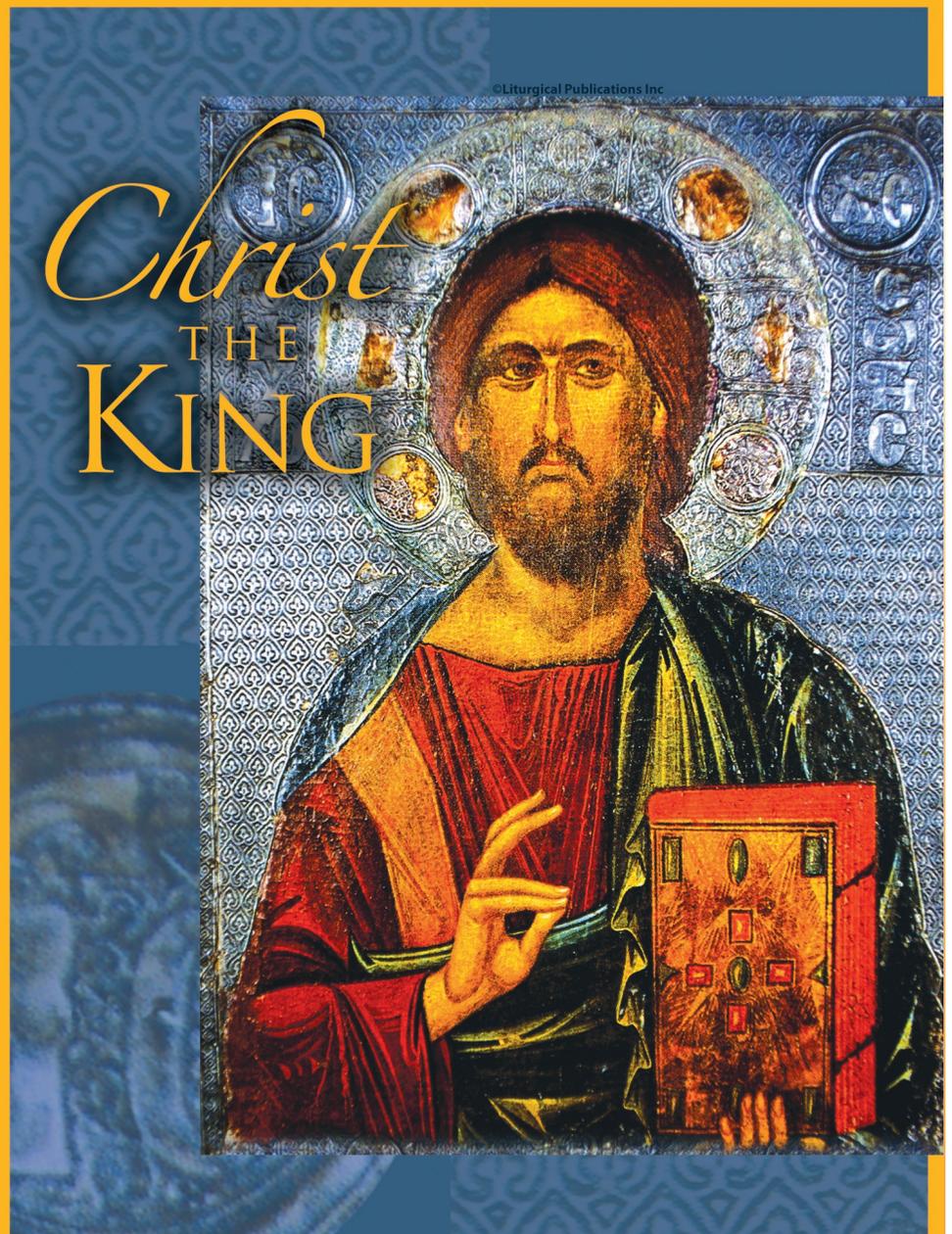
Marriages: Contact the priest at least 9 months prior to the wedding date.

Funerals: To be arranged by contacting the Parish Office.

Change of Address or Telephone

Number: Please call the Parish Office.

Bulletin Deadline: 4:00 pm Monday.



Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
November 26, 2017

Phone: 314-781-1199
www.epiphanystl.org

LIVING OUR FAITH

FROM THE DESK OF FR. MICHAEL

Thank you to all our volunteers who helped out with the volleyball fundraiser last week. I poked my head through the door and the matches looked incredibly competitive.

The Sanctus a note that the Sanctus we are currently singing at the 10:30 Sunday Mass can be found in the front of the hymnal as you follow along with the prayers for the Mass. I know that the Latin is a bit of an adjustment and I had to refresh my memory on what the actual words were!

Breviary Coffee Our hand-roasted, single-origen coffee has been a big hit and we fresh-roasted a whole lot more for this weekend. If you would like to purchase a bag, they'll be for sale at Donut Sunday. Each purchase benefits our St. Vincent de Paul food pantry.

Mass Explanations - Singing the Mass Propers

When Advent begins, those of you who attend the 10:30 Sunday Mass will notice that, after singing a verse of *O Come O Come Emmanuel*, the choir will lead us in singing the first Proper for the Mass, which is called the Introit. The choir will sing one verse, we will respond with the *Glory Be*, and the choir will repeat the first verse. The choir will also lead us in another Proper, called the *Communion Antiphon*, which follows a similar pattern (if you've attended a daily Mass you will be familiar with both of these Propers). We're going to sing these chants during the season of Advent as a way of bringing additional solemnity to our worship during a time when we are preparing for the arrival of Our Lord at Christmas. If you wonder where these Propers come from, the answer is that they're found directly in the Roman Missal, each Mass has a different Proper that goes with the theme of that particular Mass.

One of the goals here at Epiphany is to experience the full diversity of the Church's treasure of music during our worship (and just so you know, singing the Propers won't displace our usual hymns). Using the Propers helps us achieve that goal. I encourage you to listen closely to hear how deeply scriptural they are and how integral a part of the Mass they are. If nothing else, they offer a unique form of beauty to God as worship.

Fr. Michael

LIFE TEEN

ATTENTION ALL HIGHSCHOOLERS. Please join us this Wednesday, Nov. 22nd from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg High School as we continue our series on the ways that Our Lord comes to us and the gift of the Eucharist! See saintlouislifeteen.org for more information.

Congratulations to St. Mary's High School senior, Stephen Menzel, a parishioner of Epiphany, who was recently named the October Senior of the Month for his good deeds at St. Mary's!

Stewardship "...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me" - MATTHEW 25:40 Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient; when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's schedule.

Invitation to Divorced and Separated Catholics

The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide is a DVD program featuring Catholic experts, and lay men and women on the journey to healing. Topics include denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, the kids, the ex-spouse, spirituality, annulment and much more. Immaculate Conception Parish, Dardenne will be hosting the program on Thursdays from 7-9 PM, beginning January 11, 2018 and ending April 5. Contact Debi at debijo@att.net or 314.276.3859 for more information.

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

YOU ARE INVITED TO A VERY SPECIAL PRESENTATION OF ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS READ FROM THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE AND THE PERMANENT PLACEMENT OF THE COMPLETE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE IN THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINT LOUIS This hand-written, hand-illuminated Bible is a work of art that unites an ancient Benedictine tradition with the technology and vision of today, illuminating the Word of God for a new millennium, and is the first illuminated bible of its kind in 500 years. On Sunday, December 17, 2017 at 2:30 PM in the beautiful Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis, a special visual presentation of the Saint John's Bible will be projected simultaneously as the Archdiocesan Choirs sing Advent carols and special passages are read from the Bible. After the carols and lessons, the complete Saint John's Bible will be placed in its new permanent location in the All Saint's Chapel in the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis. SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017, 2:30 PM CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINT LOUIS 4431 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63108 For more information, visit archstl.org/bible PLEASE JOIN US AFTER LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR A SPECIAL VIEWING OF THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE.

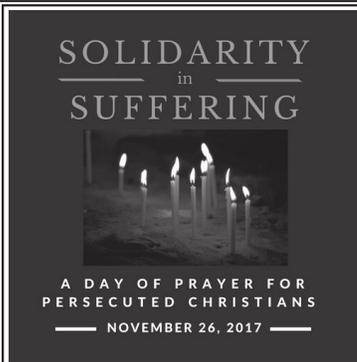


We welcome into our parish family our newly baptized:

Edmund Campion Gelzer-Govatos

Congratulations to the proud parents and families of our newest members! May the blessing of the Lord be always upon them!

LIVING OUR FAITH



Solidarity at the Service of All People in the Middle East February 10, 2017 A statement from Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty; Bishop Oscar Cantú of Las Cruces, New Mexico, chairman of the Committee on International Justice and Peace; Bishop Joe S. Vásquez of Austin, Texas, chairman of the Committee on Migration; and Bishop Gregory J. Mansour of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, chairman of the board of Catholic Relief Services Our Christian brothers and sisters in the Middle East need our solidarity, and the Middle East needs our Christian brothers and sisters. A concern for our Christian brethren is inclusive and does not exclude a concern for all the peoples of the region who suffer violence and persecution, both minorities and majorities, both Muslims and Christians. A recent USCCB delegation visit to Iraq confirmed once again that what has happened—and continues to happen—to Christians, Yezidis, Shia Muslims, and other minorities in Syria and Iraq, at the hands of the so-called "Islamic State," is genocide. It is important for Syrians and Iraqis of all faiths to recognize this as genocide, for that recognition is a way to help everyone

come to grips with what is happening, and to form future generations that will reject any ideology that leads to genocidal acts and other atrocities. Likewise, a particular focus on minorities is essential to forming communities that respect the rights of all, including members of the majority. What can our nation do? The United States can: □ Accept our nation's fair share of the most vulnerable families of all religions and ethnicities for resettlement as refugees, including special consideration of the victims of genocide and other atrocities; □ Encourage both the central government in Baghdad and the regional government in Erbil to strengthen the rule of law based on equal citizenship and ensure the protection of all, including vulnerable minorities; U.S. assistance should help local and national efforts to improve policing and the judiciary, while encouraging appropriate self-governance at the local level; similar actions will also be needed in Syria; and □ Provide generous U.S. humanitarian and development assistance to refugees, displaced persons and communities in Iraq and Syria as they rebuild, including funding for trusted faith-based non-governmental agencies like Catholic Relief Services and local Caritas agencies so that aid reaches all groups, including majority and minority communities. To focus attention on the plight of Christians and other minorities is not to ignore the suffering of others. Rather, by focusing on the most vulnerable members of society, we strengthen the entire fabric of society to protect the rights of all.

Ronald McDonald House

Help RMHC St. Louis Support Families with Sick Children. Are you looking for a meaningful volunteer opportunity? Did you know that Ronald McDonald House Charities of St. Louis provides both local and out-of-town families with the comforts of home through its Ronald McDonald Family Rooms? Located inside St. Louis-area hospitals, these Family Rooms provide loved ones with daily essentials in a comforting environment just steps away from their child's hospital room. The Family Room Program is expanding at the end of this year adding a fourth area Family Room at St. Louis Children's Hospital. The Family Rooms are staffed completely by volunteers, who assist families as they relax and refresh during long days at the hospital. With the expansion, we are in need of additional volunteers to help staff our two Family Rooms at St. Louis Children's Hospital 9a.m.-9p.m. seven days a week. To learn more about this volunteer opportunity or to get started, please contact Courtney Fischer, Manager-Family Room Program at

Support Families Choosing Adoption:

Support families choosing to make the loving, and often expensive, choice to grow their family through adoption AND get a chance to enjoy a 2018 Cardinals game from the Mercy Suite! Raffle winner receives 10 tickets in Suite 33 (along the 1st base line) at Busch Stadium for a 2018 Cardinals' Home Game, \$150 of food/drinks and one parking pass for a mutually agreed upon date. Made available through the generous donation of Mercy. All proceeds benefit the Archbishop Robert J. Carlson Adoption Fund.

Great Holiday Gift! Raffle Tickets can be delivered in a festive gift envelope perfect for the person who has everything! Raffle tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100. To purchase raffle tickets online: <http://archstl.org/raffleforadoption> or call the Office of Natural Family Planning at 314.997.7576. Raffle closes March 9, 2018 with drawing on March 16, 2018. Winner will be notified by phone or e-mail.

Attention: Missouri Birth Parents and Adoptees:

Missouri adoption law is changing! On January 1st, 2018, adult adoptees (ages 18 and older) will be granted access to their original birth certificate. Birth parents have the right to protect their confidentiality under the new law, but they *must act before January 1st*. For more information, contact the Missouri Bureau of Vital Records by phone at (573) 751-6387 OR by email at vitalrecordsinfo@health.mo.gov. Visit the Bureau's website at www.health.mo.gov/data/vitalrecords/adopterightsact.php for more detailed information about the new law.

MISSOURI LIFE CARAVAN

is now accepting registrations for our bus trip to the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. Thursday- Saturday, Jan. 18- 20, 2018. Join us and thousands of others from across the U.S. for this huge pro-life gathering in our nation's capital. This trip is open to anyone ages 7 and up (chaperones not provided). We depart from several locations in the St. Louis area and we do not stay in hotels as we sleep on the buses. The cost if received by Dec. 22 is \$190. The cost after Dec. 22 is \$205. For registration and bus information contact us at: 314-434-4900 or mrl.eastern@yahoo.com. You can also download our registration form at www.missourilife.org. Registration deadline is Jan. 2, 2018.

LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 26 Feast of Christ the King

8:00 am Parishioners
10:30 am Paul Gera

Monday, November 27

8:00 am Joan Huelsmann (*Birthday Wishes*)

Tuesday, November 28

8:00 am Diane Campbell
6:30 pm Katie Bach

Wednesday, November 29

8:00 am Marge Campbell

Thursday, November 30

8:00 am Enrollees & Benefactors of
Epiphany of Our Lord

Friday, December 1

8:00 am Joan Huelsmann (*Good Health*)

Saturday, December 2

8:00 am Shirley Nichols
5:00 pm Pat Brown Brackett

First Sunday of Advent, December 3

8:00 am Arlene Fink
10:30 am Parishioners

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND & SICK OF OUR PARISH

Korey Tacchi	Joan Huelsmann	Toni Berberich
Daniel Barr	Ethan Sonderman	Bob Metcalf
Jack McPherson	Sheryl McPherson	Nannette McPherson

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26, 2017

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-3, 5-6/1
Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46
Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52-56/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57-61/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62-67/
Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 4:18-22
Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75-81/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82-87/Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16,
18-19/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 26, 2017

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Monday:
Tuesday:
Wednesday:
Thursday: St. Andrew, Apostle
Friday:
Saturday:
Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent

OUR DEARLY DEPARTED



In your kindness, please pray for the repose of the souls of Margaret "Marge" Campbell, our parishioner; and Angela Melroy, our former parishioner.

er. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday - Saturday November 20-25

- 7:30 am - Rosary, Church

Sunday, November 26

- 9:00 am - Bible Study, CMR
- 10:30 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB

Monday, November 27

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts, Upper Hall

Tuesday, November 28

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 10:00 am - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, RBF
- 6:30 pm - Children's Choir/PSR, Church

Wednesday, November 29

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 6:30 pm - Bells Practice, Church

Thursday, November 30

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym

Friday, December 1

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 3:30-6:30 pm - Dance, UH

Saturday, December 2

Sunday, December 3

- 9:00 am - Bible Study, CMR
- 10:30 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB
- 9:00 am - Noon - Breakfast with Santa, Gym
- 11:30 am - Liturgy Committee Meeting, CMR

OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 18-19, 2017

Sunday Collection

General Fund	\$3,712.36
General Fund Loose	\$226.57
General Fund Online	85.00
Total	\$4,023.93

Christmas	\$5.00
Christmas Flower	\$90.00
Immaculate Conception....	\$5.00
Kenrick Seminary	\$30.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$45.00
Retired Religious	\$75.00
SVDP	\$293.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$5.00
Votive	\$9.00

Tuition Assistance	\$30.00	\$180.00(YTD)
Endowment Fund	\$	\$29.000(YTD)



PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS, NOTES & EVENTS



Cub Pack 281 will hold its annual 'Breakfast with Santa' on Sunday Dec 3rd in the Epiphany Gym from 9:00am to 1:00pm. This is an "all you can eat"

pancake & sausage breakfast, with coffee, juice, and milk. Adult meals are \$10.00, children 3-11 are \$5.00, under 3 are free. Come enjoy break-fast, visit with Santa Claus, have your picture taken with Santa. *Proceeds to benefit Cub Pack 281 and its programs.*



Lindenwood Community Blood Drive

There will be an American Red Cross blood drive in our neighborhood on **Monday, December 4th**. Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood and the holiday season is an especially critical time. All members of the Lindenwood Park Community and

beyond are invited to support this special drive.

Monday, December 4th
2:30-7pm

St. Michael's Temple - Fellowship Hall
6520 Arsenal Street

Register on-line at redcrossblood.org or contact Libby Crofts at 636-346-7762 for assistance in making an appointment. Walk-ins welcome.

WHAT'S YOUR ANSWER

Our Lady's Inn Maternity Homes is having their Annual Trivia Night - Saturday, January 20th at Chaminade College Prep School (425 S. Lindbergh). Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and trivia begins at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person and \$200 for a table of ten. For more information or to register, visit www.ourladyinn.org or call Katrina at 314-736-1544.

Our Lady's Inn provides a loving home and an array of service supporting pregnant women and their children suffering with homelessness.



Mark your calendar Please plan to join us for our annual Christmas church cleaning on Thursday, December 14th immediately following the 8 am Mass. We will serve light refreshments in the assumption room immediately following. All are welcome to join. More information to come.



ST. VINCENT DEPAUL ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS

Please consider adopting a family for Christmas. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance for the Christmas

Holidays, please contact St. Vincent DePaul through the parish business office, 314-781-1199.

Kasey Paige Christmas Party Mary Stahl is taking over collecting toiletries and calendars for Kasey Paige Christmas party after Catie Shinn died. There will be a box in back of church marked for those items. Mary will collect them until the party sometime in mid-Dec. There will be NO calendars collected until end of January like Catie used to do. Mary does not have the contacts Catie did to distribute all the calendars. So after the Christmas Party is over, the box will be removed from back of church as no more items will be collected. Thank you for your contributions in the past and for any items you will contribute for this year's event.

Advent and Christmas Performance by the Catholic Student Center Choir

Sunday, December 10, 2017, 3:00 P.M. at Mercy Center, Frontenac. This contemporary choir from Washington University will celebrate in song both Advent waiting and Christmas joy. The choir, a blend of non-students and students, regularly leads music for the Eucharistic celebrations of the Newman community. A free will offering will be given to the choir to support their music ministry. Online registration appreciated by Dec. 8



Gift Certificate Program The shopping season is upon us and this weekend is going to be one of the busiest weekends to shop. Save yourself time and trouble by purchasing gift certificates. Please see one of our volunteers to make your purchase today.

Grocery Stores	% Earned	Denominations
Dierbergs	5%	\$25 \$100
LeGrand's	3%	\$10 \$20
Shop-n-Save	5%	\$10 \$25
		\$100
Department Stores		
Target	2.5%	\$25 \$100
Walmart/Sam's Club	3%	\$25 \$100 \$250
Kohl's	5%	\$10 \$25
		\$100
Restaurants	10% Earned for All	
Biggie's		\$25
Chris's		\$10
El Paisano's		\$10 \$20
Panera's		\$10 \$25
Joey B's		\$25
Michael's		\$25
Pietro's		\$10 \$25

Pharmacies	% Earned	Denominations
CVS	6%	\$25
		\$100
Walgreens	6%	\$25
		\$100
Check out our limited supply of the following gift cards:		
Amazon (\$25)	Applebee's (\$25)	
Bass Pro Shop (\$25)	Bath & Body (\$10)	
Bed, Bath & Beyond (\$25)		
Burger King (\$10)	Chili's (\$25)	
JC Penney (\$25)	Krispy Kreme (\$10)	
O'Charley's (\$25)		
Starbucks (\$10-\$25)	Steak n' Shake (\$10)	
Taco Bell (\$10)	TJ Maxx (\$25)	

Kill two birds with one stone by purchasing a gift card for your Kelsey Paige adoptee! Questions, call Trish at the parish office, 314-781-1199.