



Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church

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MASS & SACRAMENTS

Sunday Masses: 8:00 am, 10:30 am &
(6:30 pm Mass celebrated every Sun-
day with *A traditional Latin Mass*
celebrated on the 1st Sunday of
each month at 6:30 pm.)

Weekday Masses

Monday through Friday: 8:00 am

Tuesday Evening Mass: 6:30 pm

Saturday Masses 8:00 am and 4:00 pm

Sacrament of Penance:

Saturday, 7:30-7:50 am

Sundays, 10-10:20 am & 6-6:20 pm

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

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved
others, let him save himself if he is the chosen
one, the Christ of God." - Lk 23:35

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 24, 2019

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

Thank you to everyone who helps support our St. Vincent de Paul on a regular basis. As a charitable group, the society is not allowed to store up funds but is expected to give donations away in a timely manner. Because of this, regular assistance is received most gratefully.

Thanksgiving Day Mass is at 9 am. St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting donations for their ministry at that Mass. Feel free to bring along your donation and everything will be placed at the altar as a symbol of our sacrifice.

An evening for Young Adults. Sponsored by the young adult group *Spirit and Truth*, on Thurs, Dec 5 we will gather in the Church at 7:15 pm for Adoration, a short spiritual talk, confessions, and then Benediction by 8:15 pm. After, everyone is invited to the rectory for fellowship. Come for all of the hour or even just for a few minutes. This event is for ALL young adults. *Spirit and Truth* is a regional group, so please tell anyone who might be interested. If the evening goes well, the group may begin meeting here on a weekly basis, and it would be wonderful to have Adoration here every Thursday.

Remember, to save on postage we do not mail out the Stewardship Newsletter. If you're reading this and missed picking one up last weekend, come by the office and we'll be happy to give you one.

Advent Evening of Recollection. At 5 pm on Sunday, December Dec 15, we will have a reflection given by our parishioner, Asher Gelzer-Govatos, on, "The Cultivation of Christmas Spirit: Cherishing Advent with T.S. Eliot's Christmas Poems." After the talk will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions. I'll have one other priest to help hear confessions that evening. The evening will wrap up at about 6:30pm.

Mass Explanations - Getting ready for Advent

Don't look now, but Advent is just around the corner. Advent is the beginning of the new year for the Church, a season that looks back to the first Christmas and prepares us for the nativity, and it also looks forward to the Second Coming of Christ. Because of this, it's a penitential season, a time of waiting and preparation so that we are ready to receive Jesus when he arrives. The Mass reflects this penitential aspect as we switch to purple vestments and omit of the singing of the Gloria. It's a great idea during Advent to take up an additional spiritual discipline, much like we do in Lent. If you don't already abstain from meat on Friday, this would be a great time to start. It's a great time to come to confession if you haven't been for a while. It's also a great time to simply take some quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament or in prayer to contemplate your spiritual life and listen to the Holy Spirit. Advent is probably my favorite season of the Church year and I look forward to celebrating it with you all.

Fr. Michael



St. Vincent DePaul Thanksgiving Day Collection

FOOD PANTRY

On Thanksgiving Day we will have our annual collection for our food pantry. Please consider helping those in need by bringing in some canned or dry goods. Some items needed are: canned meat (chicken, tuna, spam, etc.), dry cereal, oatmeal, peanut butter, jelly, soups, beef stew, boxed side dishes, stuffing, potatoes, canned vegetables, rice, beans, spaghetti sauce and dry spaghetti noodles. Besides food, we also need donations of personal care items, such as: soap, shampoo, conditioner, toilet paper, deodorant, etc. As always monetary donations are greatly appreciated as well. Thank you all for your consideration! Have a happy and blessed Thanksgiving!

Stewardship "...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light." (Colossians 1:12)

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or spend most of our time trying to acquire "things." Instead, try putting God first in all things. Ask Him how He wants you to use your gifts.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Great Marriages Don't Just Happen, Couples Make Them!

November 23 - 24, 2019 "Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord." Rejoice in your marriage sacrament!! Attend the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in the St. Louis area. The next weekends are **Dec 6-8, 2019** or **Feb. 7-9, 2020** at the Courtyard Marriot in St. Peters, MO. <https://stl-wwwme.org/schedule.php> or call or text 314.649.7317.



Adopt-A-Family It's hard to believe, but Christmas will soon be here. This can be a stressful

time of year for some families, trying to figure out how to provide presents and food for their families during the holidays. Please consider helping by adopting a family for Christmas. Contact St. Vincent DePaul through the parish business office, 314-781-1199 to adopt a family or to place your name or the name of someone in need of assistance on the adoption list.

The Millionaire At a church meeting, a very wealthy man rose to tell the rest of those present about his Christian faith. "I'm a millionaire," he said, "and I attribute it all to the rich blessings of God in my life. I remember that turning point in my faith. I had just earned my first dollar, and I went to a church meeting that night. The speaker was a missionary who told about his work. I knew that I only had a dollar bill and had to either give it all to God's work or nothing at all. So at that moment, I decided to give my whole dollar to God. I believe that God blessed that decision, and that is why I am a rich man today." He finished and there was an awed silence at his testimony as he moved toward his seat. As he sat down, a little old lady sitting in the same pew leaned over and said to him, "I dare you to do it again." ©LPi

LIFE ISSUES FORUM: WHEN A FRIEND IS CONSIDERING ABORTION

If someone shared with you that she was pregnant and hadn't ruled out having an abortion, would you know how to respond? Although the first instinct may be to convince her that abortion ends a baby's life, hearing facts is not the first thing she needs. Research shows that many women in a pregnancy crisis think, "This is the end of my life as I know it." To face the challenges before her, your friend needs to know you care about her for her own sake and she is not alone.

First listening to your friend will help build trust and facilitate openness. Eventually, when she knows you truly care about her and she trusts you, you can share the truth in love. You can share facts about abortion, her own intrinsic worth, and the practical help and support available so she can choose life for herself and her baby.

Consider the four steps of the L.O.V.E. Approach™: Listen and Learn, Open Options, Vision and Value, and Extend and Empower.

L Listen and Learn: First, prioritize listening over speaking. You don't have to worry about whether you may say something "wrong," and you don't need to have all the answers. Start by listening to her story.

Ask her about her feelings, thoughts, values, beliefs, and wants. Do not interrupt, except to ask her to expound, when appropriate. Ask open-ended questions, and confirm what you think you are hearing.

O Open Options: When her story is fully shared, it is your turn to provide factual information, always in a loving and caring way. You might share about the reality of abortion and the wounds that typically result. As they relate to her life, you might share experiences about having a baby, adoption, and marriage. It's most helpful to keep the focus on her.

V Vision and Value: Awaken a vision in her for a healthier life (a vision she may never have had, or that may have dimmed). Help her value herself differently. She is a special creation, worthy of love. Reassure her there is always hope and she is not alone. She can make positive, life-giving choices. She can do it.

E Extend and Empower: Provide practical help and support. Her local pregnancy help center (heartbeatinternational.org/worldwide-directory. . .) can offer consultation, lists of community resources, and ultrasound services. Consider keeping such lists of resources in your car, purse, or wallet. Help her plan next steps.

The L.O.V.E. Approach™ is a way to bring Christ's love at a crucial life-saving and life-defining moment. We are created to walk with and support one another. May we not hesitate to reach out in love.

This issue of Life Issues Forum has been adapted and shortened from the 2017-2018 USCCB Respect Life Program brochure by the same name: www.usccb.org/l-o-v-e.

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Invitation to Surviving Divorce The holidays can be difficult for divorced and separated families. Make your healing a priority in the new year by attending **Surviving Divorce**. The 12-week program follows lay men and women on the journey to true healing, along with Catholic experts who address denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, the kids, the ex-spouse, spirituality, annulment and much more. Immaculate Conception Parish - Dardenne is hosting the program beginning January 8, 2019. There is a \$25 fee which will cover all materials needed. (*Scholarships are available for anyone*). Contact Debi at debijo@att.net

THANKSGIVING DAY PRAYER

*Lord, we thank you
for the goodness of our people
and for the spirit of justice
that fills this nation.*

*We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the
land and the challenge of the cities.
We thank you for our work and our rest,
for one another, and for our homes.
We thank you, Lord:
accept our thanksgiving on this day.
We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ
our Lord.*

CATHOLIC TEACHING ON POVERTY

Sr. Connie Probst, OSF will be the highlighted speaker at the Catholic Social Justice Teaching Session, on "Poverty -A First-Hand Look and Structural Causes", Wednesday Evening, December 4, 2019 at 7:00pm. St. Alban Roe Church, 2001 Shepard Rd., Wildwood, MO in Mikesch Hall, below the Church. All ages 13+ are invited to learn first hand what the Catholic Church teaches on the social injustices that exist and what we can do to be part of the solution to reducing the effects of poverty here in St. Louis.

A Silent Advent Retreat with Joy Clough, RSM Friday, December 6 & Saturday December 7 Mercy Conference and Retreat Center 2039 North Geyer Road 63131. This "Praying with Imagination" Advent retreat invites you to step away and allow yourself the privilege of quiet reflection as you engage with scripture stories using your imagination. Sr. Joy uses storytelling to imaginatively re-tell gospel stories in ways that refresh what has perhaps become too familiar, giving attention to the reality that Jesus was human like us. Joy will use stories that can help us experience the Advent season in a new way. For more information, please go to mercycenterstl.org.

LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 24

- 8:00 am Parishioners
- 10:30 am Kay Peters
- 6:30 pm Diana Marie Ortbals

Monday, November 25

- 8:00 am Danielle Davis (Good Health)

Tuesday, November 26

- 8:00 am Barbara Peiffer
- 6:30 pm Robert Chesnut

Wednesday, November 27

- 8:00 am Joan Huelsmann (Birthday Blessings)

Thursday, November 28 Thanksgiving Day

- 9:00 am Peggy Bartoni

Friday, November 29

- 8:00 am Katie Bach

Saturday, November 30

- 8:00 am Marge Essmann
- 4:00 pm Nick Cullman

Sunday, December 1

- 8:00 am Connie Curran (Good Intentions)
- 10:30 am Parishioners
- 6:30 pm Seamus O'Hagan



In observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday, the parish business office will be closed on Thursday & Friday, November 28th & 29th. Have a safe and blessed Thanksgiving!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND & SICK OF OUR PARISH

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| Toni Berberich | Theresa Turner | Tracy Limpert |
| Lou Tacchi | Joan Huelsmann | Larry Lopez |
| | LaSheryl Hackenwerth | |

We are in the process of updating our prayer list and removing names. If you wish for your name or your loved ones name to remain on the prayer list, please call Trish at the parish office, 314-781-1199.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 24

- Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 [cf. 1]/ Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43
- Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 [59b]/ Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 [59b]/Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 [59b]/Lk 21:20-28
- Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/ Lk 21:29-33
- Saturday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10 or Jn 6:63]/Mt 4:18-22
- Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/ Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday - Saturday November 25-30

- 7:30 am - Rosary, Church

Sunday, November 24

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

Monday, November 25

- 7:30 am -- 5:00 pm - GSA, AR, Gym, Msgr. Sullivan Field & UH
- 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts, Upper Hall

Tuesday, November 26

- 7:30 am -- 5:00 pm - GSA, AR, Gym, Msgr. Sullivan Field & UH
- 6:30 pm - PSR, AR, Church & UH

Wednesday, November 27

Thursday, November 28

- Parish Office Closed

Friday, November 29

- Parish Office Closed
- 3:30-6:30 pm - Dance, UH

Saturday, November 30

Sunday, December 1

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



Bulletin Deadline: Due to the upcoming holidays, the bulletin deadlines for the next several weeks have changed. Please note the new deadlines:
 December 1st issue due Wednesday, November 20th
 December 8th issue due Friday, November 29th
 December 15th issue due Friday, December 6th
 December 22nd issue due Friday, December 13th
 December 29th issue due December 17th
 January 5th issue due December 18th

OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 16-17, 2019

Sunday Collection

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| General Fund | \$2,561.77 | |
| General Fund Loose | \$200.61 | |
| General Fund Online | \$387.00 | |
| Total | \$3,149.38 | |
| All Saints | \$10.00 | |
| All Souls | \$10.00 | |
| Christmas Flowers | \$10.00 | |
| Maintenance & Repair | \$20.00 | |
| Military | \$5.00 | |
| Retired Religious | \$45.00 | |
| SVDP | \$75.00 | |
| SVDP Online | \$50.00 | |
| Votive | \$21.00 | |
| Tuition Assistance | \$5.00 | \$861.00.00(YTD) |
| Endowment Fund | \$ | 215.00\$(YTD) |





Breakfast with Santa

On December 1st from 9 AM to 1 PM, hosted by Pack 281.

ALL YOU CAN EAT pancakes & sausage by Chris' Cakes. Coffee, tang, and milk also included.

Photographs with Santa can be purchased for \$5 each. Adult breakfasts are \$10. Children (3-11) breakfasts are \$5. Children 3 and under are FREE. Craft area is free with purchase of breakfast. Cash, check, and card accepted.

KASEY PAIGE CHRISTMAS PARTY- Mary Stahl is collecting toiletries and calendars for Kasey Paige Christmas party. 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 after that time and 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.



St Matthias the Apostle Parish Center - 800 Buckley Rd - 63125
 Saturday, November 30th from 9 am - 4 pm. **All Hand Crafted Items, Baked Goods, Raffles, Concession Stand, and Free Gift Wrapping. Vendors Reserve Your Space**
 Registration can be made through the Parish Office (314) 892-7500 or Call Rachel (314) 616-7914 or email rachel_graczak@hotmail.com



THANKSGIVING DINNER

Epiphany Parish **FREE** Thanksgiving

dinner with all the trimmings to individuals and families who would otherwise be unable to enjoy a traditional feast. Please ask your neighbors and friends in the neighborhood who might not have the opportunity to enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner if they would like one delivered. We could use donations of goods to assist in this effort: straight cut green beans, canned half cut yams, cranberry sauce, Pepperidge Farm Herb **crumb** stuffing and of course pies. Please let us know by Nov. 22 of the goods you are providing and that way we will have an idea of what is still needed. You may drop off non-perishable food at the rectory or at the collection containers in the church vestibule. Volunteers are also needed to deliver meals at 11:30 am Thanksgiving day. We ask the Eucharistic Ministers to ask your Communion calls if they would like a dinner. Call Bill or Lynn Kloecker at 636-529-1164 to request a dinner(s), volunteer or if you need a pickup of your donation. **Thank you all and God bless!**



Epiphany once again is sponsoring Adopt-A-Person for residents of Kasey Paige Assisted Living Home on Jamieson to ensure each resident has a Christmas gift. The suggested gift value is \$25 per resident. There are over 100 residents in the home, so we really need your help. Volunteers will be in the back of church after all the weekend masses starting November 16th and 17th, or you can call Kris Ranciglio at 314-210-0916 for the necessary information. If you can't shop, you can purchase Target or Wal-Mart gift cards as gifts. Please call with any questions. Thank you for your generous support!

Electronic/Metal Recycling

Boy Scout Troop 824 Electronics Fundraiser 8:00 AM - Noon

Acceptable Materials (No Charge)-
 "Anything that is metal or has a cord"

- Hard drives Lithium ion batteries Circuit boards
- DVD players Washers Keyboards
- Lead acid batteries Paper shredders Radios
- Dryers Laptops NiCd batteries Refrigerators
- Microwaves Garbage disposals Cell phones
- Ballast Printers Old wiring Lawn mowers

TVs & Monitors: Small \$12; 13"-19" \$20; 19"-23" \$30; 23+" \$40; Consoles \$50; Projection \$65

Call Gil at (314) 910-3994 for more info.

Holiday Breakfast and Bazaar

St. Francis Borgia Ladies Sodality will host a Holiday Breakfast and Bazaar on Sunday, December 1, 2019 from 7:30 to 11:00 am in the Grade School Cafeteria, 225 Cedar Street, Washington, MO. Menu includes Cinnamon and Dinner Rolls, Pork Sausage, Bone-in Ham, Scrambled Eggs and Drinks. Adults are \$8. Children, 6-12 are \$4 Under 6 are free. Baked Goods, Fancy Work and Quilt Stand For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 636-239-6701.



SHOP WITH SCRIP This holiday season, give a gift that spreads joy long after it's been unwrapped. Raise money with gift cards, also known as scrip. Buy gift cards at face value, Epiphany earns a rebate. **Presents with purpose:** a percentage of each gift card purchased goes directly to Epiphany. The gift card is worth its full value, just like your thoughtfulness. **Ways to spread more cheer:** Whether you give the gift cards as presents or use them to buy gifts, your order immediately raises funds for Epiphany. **Share the giftspiration:** Find gifts for everyone on your list. And your sister's list. And your neighbor's list. The more, the truly merrier. See one of our volunteers to make a purchase today.

GIFTING THAT Gives back