Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church

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Mass & Sacraments

Sunday Masses: 8:00 am, 10:30 am & 6:30 pm
(A traditional Latin Mass is 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

Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursdays 7:30-8:15 pm (with reception for young adults after, hosted by Spirit and Truth St. Louis)

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: Contact the parish office to Register.

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.

Second Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2020

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

FROM THE DESK OF FR. MICHAEL

Thank you to everyone who has donated socks for the homeless through the Dominican Sisters & Associates of our Lady of the Rosary. The response has been generous.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception masses are this Tuesday at 8 am and 6:30 pm. Please note that, because we already have a regular Tue Mass at 6:30 pm, the evening Mass is *not* at 7 pm this year.

The Rorate Caeli Mass and St. Lucy Procession are at 6:30 pm, Tue December 15. Please join us for this beautiful, candlelit Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin. It's an Advent tradition!

This Advent, we won't have an Evening of Recollection. Hopefully, in Lent we'll have one. I highly encourage everyone to find time to make a confession this Advent. We have a number of regular confession opportunities on our schedule. I recommend coming on a Thursday evening when we always have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and I hear confessions from 7:30-8:15 pm.

24 hours of Adoration - On *Friday December 18*, we'll have Adoration. If we can get enough volunteers, we'll have 24 hours of Adoration from 8:30 am on Friday until the 8 am Mass on Saturday. That Friday night we'll have an Ember Day Mass at 7 pm. Please see the sign-up sheet on the blue table in the back of Church to sign up for an hour.

Christmas Masses this year are at the usual time. I have no idea if they will be overly crowded or not. If you're making plans, though, I can tell you that based on past experience the Christmas Eve 5 pm Mass is the most crowded, so it might be helpful if some parishioners consider a different Mass time this year.

We are unable to host our Epiphany Parish Breakfast this year.

We will, however, celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany on January 6 with an extraordinary form Mass at 7pm.

We are now beginning our 30th week of being back at Mass together - Since May 18, 2020, we've hosted approximately **320 Masses total.** *That's a lot of Masses*. We have had **zero incidents** of community transmission of coronavirus, flu, or norovirus. There is no such thing as a zero risk environment – there never has been – but our common sense approach to staying healthy and safe is working just fine. Thank you all for continuing to respect each other. We have also been running our PSR since the 1st week of September with no incidents.

Reminder - A number of medical professionals have been consulted in the current pandemic precautions in place at Epiphany. A number of medical professionals attend Mass here on a regular basis.

I would encourage everyone looking for information about St. Louis pandemic conditions to look directly at the data - https://www.stlouis-mo.gov/covid-19/data/

Here's the current Marian Hymn after Mass

Alma Redemptóris Mater, quæ pérvia cæli
Porta manes, et stella maris, succúrre cadénti,
Súrgere qui curat pópulo: tu quæ genuísti,
Natúra miránte, tuum sanctum Genitórem
Virgo prius ac postérius, Gabriélis ab ore
Sumens illud Ave, peccatórum miserére.

Fr. Michael

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The Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Tuesday, December 8th, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

An essential part of God's plan for the mother of his Son was that she be conceived free from Original Sin. "Through the centuries the Church became ever more aware that Mary, 'full of grace' through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception" (CCC, no. 491).

In anticipation that she was to bear the Son of God, Mary was preserved from the time of her conception from Original Sin.

We call this the Immaculate Conception. No sin would touch her, so that she would be a fitting and worthy vessel of the Son of God. The Immaculate Conception does not refer to the virginal conception and birth of Christ, but rather to Mary's being conceived without inheriting Original Sin.

In the course of time, the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception became more precisely enunciated, as its truth—long supported by the universal popular devotion of the faithful—was better understood by deepening theological inquiry.

In 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed this dogma infallibly: that is, in his role as supreme teacher of the Church, he declared that this doctrine is divinely revealed and must be accepted with faith by the entire Church.

MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, we fly unto you, O Virgin of Virgins, our Mother. To you we come. Before you we kneel, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your clemency, hear and answer them. Amen.—St. Bernard of Clairvaux

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BULLETIN

Mass Intentions For The Week

Second Sunday of Advent, December 6
8:00 am Al Unger
10:30 am Parishioners
6:30 pm Rev. Robert Heimos

Monday, December 7
8:00 am Otto Busch

Tuesday, December 8
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 am Parishioners
6:30 pm Rev. Msgr. Nicholas A Schneider

Wednesday, December 9
8:00 am Peggy Bartoni

Thursday, December 10
8:00 am Walter Learmont, Jr.

Friday, December 11
8:00 am Mary Ann Gera (***Good Health***)

Saturday, December 12
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
8:00 am Rev. Leroy A Valentine
4:00 pm Christy Lawler (***Special Intentions***)

Third Sunday of Advent, December 13
8:00 am Tom Roach
10:30 am Sharon Huck (***Blessings & Good Health***)
6:30 pm Parishioners

Please note: the Parish Business Office will be closed on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Tuesday, December 8th.

Please Pray For the Homebound & Sick Of Our Parish

Anita Gilliam	All Coronavirus Patients	Larry Lopez
Axel Nuspl	Phoenix Nuspl	Joan Huelsmann
Sherry McPherson	Ben McPherson	Jack McPherson
Todd McPherson	Nanette McPherson	Dorothy Kaup

Readings for the week of December 6, 2020

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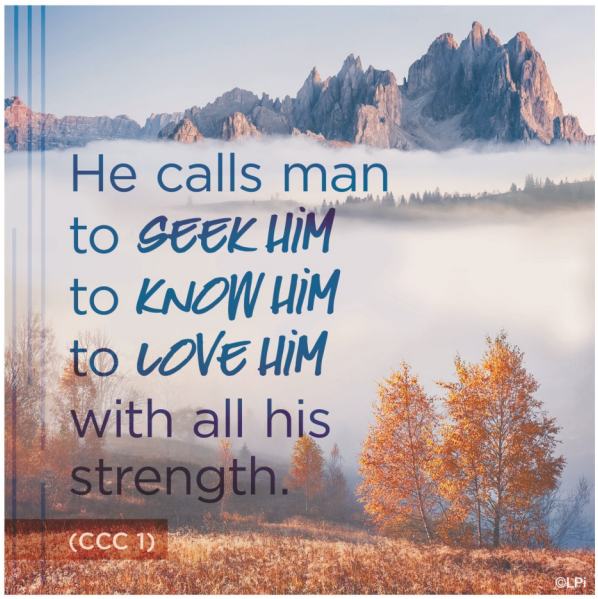
SUN 12/6	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
MON 12/7	Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
TUE 12/8	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
WED 12/9	Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30
THR 12/10	Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
FRI 12/11	Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
SAT 12/12	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/
SUN 12/13	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



Thank you for all your prayers and support during my recent illness. I am currently in remission. Keep those prayers coming. I truly believe your prayers and support have made all the difference. Most gratefully, Sharon Huck

Our Offering For the Week Of Nov. 21-22, 2020

Sunday Collection
General Fund $3,316.00
General Fund Loose $164.00
General Fund Online .. $1,019.00
Total $4,499.00

All Souls $10.00
Christmas Flowers $20.00
Maintenance & Repair $15.00
Maintenance& R Online ... $95.00
Retired Religious $25.00
SVDP $905.00
SVDP *Online* *$125.00*
Votive $20.00
Tuition Assistance Online $15.00 ..... $705.00(YTD)

Our Offering For the Week Of Nov. 28-29, 2020

Sunday Collection
General Fund $2,981.00
General Fund Loose $182.00
General Fund Online .. $1,022.00
Total $4,185.00

Christmas $10.00
Christmas Flowers $85.00
Immaculate Conception .. $10.00
Kenrick Seminary $55.00
Maintenance & Repair $235.00
Maintenance& R Online. $30.000
Retired Religious $20.00
SVDP $1750.00
SVDP Online $50.00
Solemnity $5.00
Votive $15.00
Tuition Assistance ..... $.00 ..... $705.00(YTD)

St. Vincent DePaul Adopt a family

It's hard to believe that Christmas will be here in just 4 short weeks. This year has already been a stressful year with so many losing their jobs due to COVID-19, either temporarily or permanently. Christmas will surely prove to be an even more stressful time 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.

First National conference
Red Rose Rescue

Learn about and be a part of one of the most exciting and innovative pro-life efforts - red rose rescues!

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December 12, 2020
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Conference from 9 am to 6 pm

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Joseph Scheidler
National Director

Professor Janet Smith

Monica Migliorino Miller, Ph. D.
Director of Citizens for a Pro-Life Society

Fr. Fidelis Moscinski
Franciscan Friars of the Renewal

Other Speakers Include:
Fr. Stephen Imbarrato, Will Goodman, Lauren Handy, Joan Andrews Bell

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Kasey Paige Christmas Adoption

For anyone who has not had the chance to adopt a resident from Kasey Paige, it's not too late!! We have a handful left to be adopted. For $25, you can help make someone's Christmas brighter. If you do not want to shop, some requested gift cards that you can purchase through the parish, or we can take care of the shopping for you if you want to make a donation of $25. Call Kris Ranciglio, 314-210-0916 for more information.

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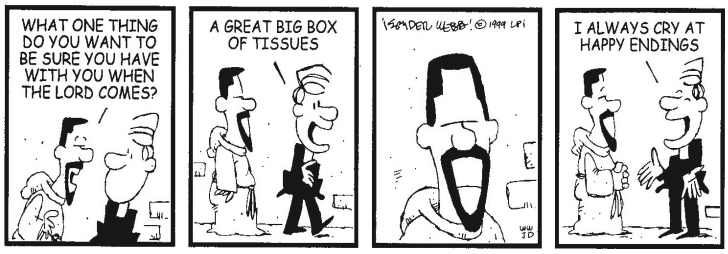
Cardinal Calendars

The Ladies Auxiliary will be selling Cardinal Calendars after Saturday and Sunday Masses on December 19th and the 20th. The Calendars cost sixteen dollars. If you would like a Calendar and can't be at church. Please call Eileen Lencz at 314-781-9506 and she will be glad to bring you a calendar to your door, wearing mask and gloves. The Cardinal Calendars would make a great stocking gift. The Ladies Auxiliary

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