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 7:15-8 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

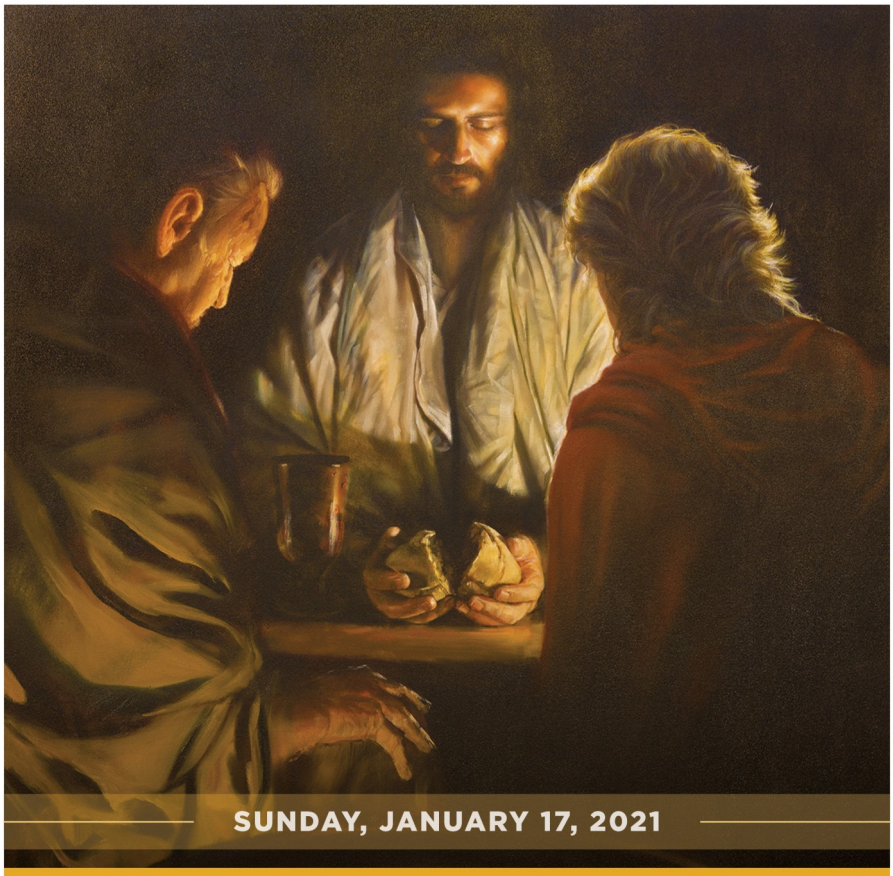
Baptisms: Contact the parish office to Register.

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.



January 17, 2021
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

FROM THE DESK OF FR. MICHAEL

Thank you to our volunteer schola who sang so beautifully for the Solemnity of the Epiphany. It was truly gorgeous.

Candlemas is coming up on February 2. Every year I bless all the candles we use in the church. It occurs to me that I also ought to encourage you all to bring your own candles to have them blessed. If you would like that, you can bring your candles to the 6:30pm Mass on Tue Feb 2 and I'll bless whatever you all bring.

Catholic School Tuition Assistance is available. Starting January 11, Catholics families can fill out one, unified application for tuition assistance from - 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 tte@archstl.org.

As a parish, Epiphany is also able to help out our families who need it to support the Catholic education of your children. This includes all Catholic grade schools and homeschooling. For more information, email me anytime.

We are now beginning our 36th week of being back at Mass together - Since May 18 2020, we've hosted approximately **389 Masses total.** *That's a lot of Masses*. We have had **zero incidents** of community transmission of coronavirus. There is no such thing as a zero risk environment – there never has been – but our common sense approach to staying healthy is working just fine. Thank you all for continuing to respect each other, particularly by staying home when you are feeling ill.

A reminder that, concerning facemasks, I am using a medical exemption that is fully allowable under the health department guidelines. If anyone needs to see the official exemption letter from my doctor, come see me in my office.

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

Holy Cross ACADEMY

We are Catholic.
We are One.
We are Holy Cross Academy

2021 Catholic Schools Week
Open House at HCA
Join us at each campus on January 31st from 11 am - 1 pm

- Early Childhood Campus - 2 - 5 year olds, Saint John Paul II, 7748 Mackenzie Road
- Primary Campus, Kindergarten-2nd grade, Saint Michael the Archangel, 7630 Sutherland
- Intermediate Campus, 3rd - 5th grade, Our Lady of Providence, 8874 Pardee Road
- Middle School Campus, 6th-8th grade, Annunciation Catholic Church, 16 W. Glendale

Enrollment Begins Feb. 1, 2021 for the summer and 2021-2022 school year

Visit our Website for our more information: https://www.holycross-stl.org/open-house-2020.html

Pro-Life Matters

LifeLine Coalition Collection
This local pro-life agency network helps over 10,000 individuals annually in archdiocese. Please consider a life giving donation this month. Envelopes are at the exits. Please take one and mail your contribution to the Respect Life Apostolate or you may donate online at STLRespectLife.org.

Young Adult Pro-Life Holy Hour
The Young Adult Pro-Life Holy Hour for young adults (19 to 39) will take place at the Cathedral Basilica on Thursday, January 28. Co-sponsored by the RLA and Young Adult Office, the event begins at 7 p.m. With a talk by Brian Westbrook (Coalition for Life St. Louis) followed by Adoration, the Rosary, and Sacrament of Reconciliation. For more information contact stlya@archstl.org, 314-792-7555 or visit https://STLyoungadults.com/calendar/young-adult-pro-life-holy-hour/

Helpers of God's Precious Infants
Join the Respect Life Apostolate for our monthly Pro-Life Mass to celebrate life and pray for the building up the Culture of Life in the greater St. Louis Area. The Mass and Rosary begin at 8 a.m. on the Third Saturday each month at the Cathedral Basilica. The next Mass is February 20.

Project Rachel Meeting
Thursday January 28th at 7:00 PM is the monthly meeting of "In His Name" a support group for any woman negatively impacted by an abortion experience. Contact Marisol 314-792-7451 mpfaff@archstl.org or Contact stlprojectrachel@archstl.org or 314-792-7565 for more information about this and other archdiocesan abortion healing resources.

Project Joseph Meeting
Next Meeting February 1st 7:00 PM. For more information about the group or location contact Chuck 314-974-6787 craymir@sbcglobal.net or STLprojectjoseph.org

JANUARY 21-29, 2021

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

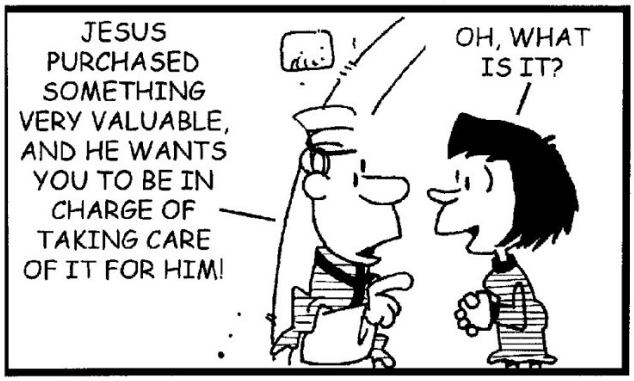
Join today at www.9daysforlife.com!

Image: A mosaic of Our Lady of Guadalupe decorates a side altar in the Church of Santa Maria della Famiglia at the Vatican. Dec. 15. (CNS photo/Paul Haring.)

Congratulations to our parishioners and Bishop DuBourg students who were recently named to the 2020-21 first semester Honor Roll at Bishop DuBourg High School.

First Honors: 3.5+ GPA: Liberty Kocsis Kayla Mueller

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 17
8:00 am John Jankowski
10:30 am Parishioners
6:30 pm Rev. Charles Deister

Monday, January 18
8:00 am Al Unger

Tuesday, January 19
8:00 am Thelma Boggiano
6:30 pm Rev. Charles Deister

Wednesday, January 20
8:00 am Jackie Tully

Thursday, January 21
8:00 am The Hummert Family

Friday, January 22
8:00 am Berdell Leuthen

Saturday, January 23
8:00 am Clara Sara De Rodriguez
4:00 pm John Jankowski

Sunday, January 24
8:00 am Kathleen Coker (***Blessings***)
10:30 am Reserved for Parishioners on the First Sunday of the Month
6:30 pm Dianne Mayfield

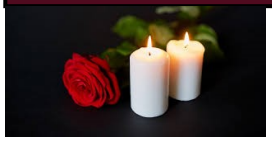
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND & SICK OF OUR PARISH

Anita Gilliam	All Coronavirus Patients	Larry Lopez
Axel Nuspl	Phoenix Nuspl	Sr. Carol Kopff
Ethan Sonderman	Mary Helen Brindell	

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 17,2021

SUN 1/17	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42
MON 1/18	Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22
TUE 1/19	Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28
WED 1/20	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6
THR 1/21	Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12
FRI 1/22	Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/Mk 3:13-19
SAT 1/23	Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Mk 3:20-21
SUN 1/24	Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

OUR DEARLY DEPARTED



In your kindness, please pray for the repose of the soul of Dianne Mayfield, our parishioner. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING to the Call

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Christ Is Anything but Ordinary

We're about to dive headlong into week two of Ordinary Time, and we need to admit, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, things are indeed looking more ... ordinary, at least in our spiritual lives.

The transcendent highs of the Christmas season are flatlining a bit and the vivid imagery of the Nativity scene has faded. The solemn anticipation of the Advent season is by now a distant memory.

Are you bored yet?

Here's a secret: I think that Ordinary Time can actually be quite extraordinary, if we're really living out our baptismal call.

In today's Gospel, Jesus point-blank asks Andrew, who is following him after hearing John the Baptist's testimony: "What are you looking for?" He's asking us the same question.

What are you looking for? Why are you following me? Is it for the Christmas cookies and the Advent carols? Is it for the King's Cake on the Epiphany? Is it for the feeling we get on Christmas when we just know God has done a wondrous thing?

None of those things are bad, but they are not what Andrew was looking for, and they were not what Christ promised him when he said, "Come, and you will see." Andrew was looking for the Messiah — the One who makes even Ordinary Time extraordinary. The One who can sanctify the longest and dullest of to-do lists, on the longest and dullest of days. The One whose peace can reign in our homes on January 25, not just December 25.

Remember what you are looking for. Come, and you will see.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

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

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

Why do parishes have the Blessed Sacrament in a separate room?

Answer:

While many Catholics of a certain age have memories of the Blessed Sacrament being housed in the tabernacle on the high altar of the church, many parishes in the decades since the Second Vatican Council have chosen to build a separate space — a reservation chapel — where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. Although this practice is not universal, it is in keeping with the guidance offered by the US Bishops in their document Built of Living Stones (see nos 77-78). The goal is to create a space that is separated from the nave and sanctuary, but which is "integrally connected with the church" which can foster "reverence and can provide the quiet and focus needed for personal prayer." This can be especially important for communities that have continuous eucharistic adoration, allowing people to come and pray in a space separate from the normal activities of parish life.

The practice of reserving the Eucharist in a separate space — or in a dignified location away from the altar where Mass is celebrated — is that it emphasizes the importance of the liturgy itself, which is the "source and summit" of the life of the Church.

As with many things in the Church, the practice of placing the tabernacle in the sanctuary or in a separate chapel is not universal (as can be seen in visits to historic churches in Rome and other places). The important thing is that as communities question where to place the tabernacle, they listen to the voice of the Church, explore the ancient and varied liturgical tradition of the Church, consider the needs and life of the community, and also take into account the architecture and limits of the spaces they might already have.