



# Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church

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## MASS & SACRAMENTS

Sunday Masses: 8:00 am, 10:30 am &  
6:30 pm (This Mass is often in the  
Extraordinary Form (Latin Mass))

### 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.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2021

## 31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.'" And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:32, 34ab

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Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 31, 2021

Phone: 314-781-1199  
[www.epiphanystl.org](http://www.epiphanystl.org)

Thank you to the GSA Men's Club for doing such a wonderful job at making Trunk R Treat a great night for the kids.

We will have an 8 am and a 7 pm Mass for All Saints Day on Nov 1. The 6:30 pm Mass on Oct 31 will be the regular Mass for the Sunday.

For the month of November, our Altar of Repose will be set up in the sanctuary. We'll add to our book the names of all those who have had a funeral at Epiphany this past year, and you are free to add any other names you would like. Please do stop at the Altar and say prayers for the deceased over the course of the month. It's an act of love that I'm sure they're grateful for.

At 7 pm, Friday, November 5 we have a Requiem Mass with the women's schola Polyhymnia chanting the music. Nori from Polyhymnia has graciously been working with some of the parish girls to learn the the chant, too. The Requiem Mass has particularly powerful musical settings, so don't miss this opportunity to come and pray.

**Learning the Mass** - Why do we use incense at one of the Sunday Masses?

You may have noticed that we are using incense at the 10:30 Sunday Mass. I do think it smells great and has been clinically proven to help relieve stress and purify the air, but I try to keep my own personal preferences out of the liturgy, so I should stress that the reason we use incense isn't because I happen to like it. We actually use incense at Mass because that is how God taught us to worship him.

In the Old Testament, God told Moses to burn incense in front of the Ark of the Covenant, and incense continued to be used in the Temple even during the time of Christ. Incense is also used in heaven itself during worship. We know this because St. John describes what he saw in the Book of Revelation, writing, "Another angel came in holding a censer of gold. He took his place at the altar of incense and was given large amounts of incense to deposit on the altar of gold in front of the throne, together with the prayers of all God's holy ones. From the angel's hand, the smoke of the incense went up before God, and with it the prayers of God's people."

The smoke symbolizes the prayers of the faithful drifting up to heaven, which is why Psalms 141 says, "Let my prayer come like incense before you." The Mass is a transcendent experience that links heaven and earth, and the smell of the incense brings about strong memories of praying in Church and the smoke creates a visual link and a sense of mystery that is fitting and proper to help us adore God.

As the Psalmist prays, O Lord, may our prayers rise up before you like incense.

**Here's the current Marian Hymn after Mass -**

*Salve Regina, mater misericordiae, vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra salve. Ad te clamamus, exules filii Evae. Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes, in hac lacrimarum valle. Eia ergo, advocate nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos, ad nos converte. Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exilium ostende. O Clemens, o pia, o dulcis virgo Maria.*

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy,  
Hail our life, our sweetness, and our hope.  
To you we cry, poor banished children of Eve;  
to you we send up our sighs,  
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.  
Turn, then, most gracious advocate,  
your eyes of mercy toward us;  
and after this, our exile,  
show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Fr. Michael



## WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

### Question:

What is a pilgrimage? Why do people go on them?

**Answer:** A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey to visit a holy site, such as the shrine of a saint, a place where the Blessed Virgin Mary has appeared, or an historic church or chapel. What makes a pilgrimage different from a vacation and a pilgrim distinct from a tourist is the spirit in which the journey is made. Pilgrimages are really a symbol of our spiritual journey in life, reminding us that this world is not our true home and that we spend our lives journeying to our homeland, which is the Kingdom of God.

Pilgrimages – which can be as involved as a trip to Rome or the Holy Land or as simple as visiting the Blessed Sacrament in a local parish church – are also an opportunity for us to step out of the rhythms and limits of our daily lives to seek out connection with God in a special way, by visiting a holy place. At times, such as on a special feast, a jubilee, or the anniversary of the dedication of the church, special graces (called “indulgences”) can also be offered to pilgrims, helping to enrich our experience of the celebration.

In the end, pilgrimages are an ancient act of devotion and something that each of us can put into practice, helping us to discover how God is present in the world around us, in places both near and far.

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## Pro-Life Matters

### Pro-Life Baby Shower Thank You

On behalf of Birthright of St. Louis and Our Lady's Inn, we want to thank all who participated in Epiphany's annual Pro-Life Baby Shower. We appreciate your generous baby gifts and financial donations which help women confronted with crisis pregnancies and choosing life for their unborn babies.

Gratefully, Marilyn and Gerry Unger

For those who were unable to attend the Baby Shower and would still like to donate baby items or make a financial donation, please bring them to the Rectory office Thursday through Friday or Church on Sunday. Please contact Marilyn or Gerry Unger at 314-645-3483 or 314-762-8644 if you have any questions. Please make checks **payable** directly to Birthright or Our Lady's Inn.

### Naming and Commendation Rite

"*I am the Resurrection and the life.*" - John 11:25 All are welcome to attend Naming & Commendation, a prayer service developed by the Archdiocese of St. Louis to meet the needs of families whose child died before birth for any reason (including miscarriage, accident, abortion or still birth). Parents and families of any religious background are invited to attend, whether the loss was recent or long ago. Naming & Commendation will start at 2 p.m. at St. Monica Parish in Creve Coeur on Sunday, November 7. The rite, celebrated by Fr. Tom Wyrsh, will offer parents and families an opportunity to name the child, bring peaceful closure to great loss, and unite with our merciful God.

- To RSVP or for more information, please contact Diann Bomkamp at [dbomkamp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dbomkamp@sbcglobal.net) or 314-432-7719 (leave a message).

- To help spread the word on social media, click here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/256748876234329>

### Helpers Mass and Rosary Walk

The monthly Helpers of God's Precious Infants Mass and Rosary Procession will take place Saturday, November 20, at the Cathedral Basilica starting at 8 am. Please join the St. Louis Catholic and pro-life community as we pray for an end to abortion, those wounded by abortion, those facing unplanned pregnancies and for a greater respect for human life from conception to natural death. Fr. Charles Samson will be the celebrant. Following Mass, we will process to and from the Cathedral to our state's last abortion facility praying the Holy Rosary.

Mass will also be live-streamed online at <https://cathedralstl.org/liturgy-sacraments/livestream>

For more information contact Medeleine Appelbaum at [madeleineappelbaum@archstl.org](mailto:madeleineappelbaum@archstl.org) or 314-792-7598.

### Abortion Healing Ministry

Is there a hole in your heart? God is ready to fill it with His forgiveness, healing, and hope. New Women's Bible Study. Call/Text Hopeline 314-406-0815. E-mail [hopehealing@archstl.org](mailto:hopehealing@archstl.org). Web: [www.archstl.org/hope-healing](http://www.archstl.org/hope-healing). Address: 20Archbishop May Drive, St. Louis, MO 63119. For women and men experiencing the effects of an abortion.

## All Saints' Day - November 1

All Hallows' Day, the Solemnity of All Saints, or All Saints' Day is a celebration of all Catholic saints held on November 1 each year.

"On this solemnity, we recall the holy men and women who, having completed their earthly journeys, now live forever with God. These saints, though not canonized, offer us models of abiding faith and love of God and neighbor" (Essential Guide to Seasons and Saints, 109).



In the Catholic Church, we are called to imitate and venerate saints because of their heroically virtuous lives, martyrdom, or their offering of life for others. But, what does veneration mean and why do we pray to the saints?

Veneration of the saints fosters our faith in God and does not detract from it. Rather, our faith in God is strengthened by our relationship with our brothers and sisters in the faith who are in heaven. The Church teaches that by imitating the virtues lived by the saints, the saints brings us closer to Christ. When we ask the saints to pray for us, we ask them to join their wills with the will of God and intercede for us here on earth. This is the Communion of Saints which we profess every Sunday in the Creed.

*The Solemnity of All Saints—November 1—is a Holy Day of Obligation*

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## Prayer for the Dead

*The Commemoration of All Faithful Departed falls on November 2 each year. Say a prayer for the dead in your family and community.*

In your hands, O Lord,  
we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters.  
In this life you embraced them with your tender  
love; deliver them now from every evil  
and bid them eternal rest.  
The old order has passed away:  
welcome them into paradise,  
where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or  
pain, but fullness of peace and joy  
with your Son and the Holy Spirit  
forever and ever.  
R/. Amen.

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## Attention: Women Of Faith

Please join us on Tuesday, November 9th at 7:15 PM in the rectory meeting room for our next session. Our topic will be based on the October issue of the "Word Among Us" booklet "Who Do You Say I Am?" Booklets will be available. We will use the Bible and Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) as resources for our insight and discussion. Please call Marilyn Unger at 645-3483 or Mary Swaykus at 479-9441 to reserve your spot.

# LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, October 31**  
 8:00 am Alice Busch  
 10:30 am Nelda Gabelsberger  
 6:30 pm Parishioners

**Monday, November 1 All Saints**  
 8:00 am Parishioners  
 7:00 pm Ron Garascia

**Tuesday, November 2 All Souls**  
 8:00 am Henry & Clarice Huelsmann  
 6:30 pm Rev. James L. Winzerling

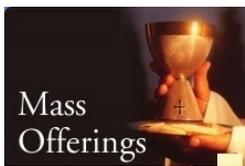
**Wednesday, November 3**  
 8:00 am Marcia Cantanzaro

**Thursday, November 4**  
 8:00 am Lawrence Rossiter (*Heavenly Birthday*)

**Friday, November 5**  
 8:00 am Marge Essmann

**Saturday, November 6**  
 8:00 am John Poe  
 4:00 pm John Holley

**Sunday, November 7**  
 8:00 am Don Yorker  
 10:30 am Parishioners  
 6:30 pm Terry Sloan



**Plan your Christmas shopping early!** Church of the Magdalen's (South Kingshighway) 29th Annual Holiday Craft Fair (*juried*) will be Saturday, November 20th from 9 am-3 pm in the former St. Mary Magdalen school building. Approximately 40 juried crafters will present hand crafted items. Quilt Raffle, Attendance Raffle, Baked goods, and BBQ (11am-3pm) will be available. For more information, please call Cookie (314) 832-4531.

**SLUH** Did you know that 8th graders can shadow at SLUH? There are still dates available for boys to join us for a morning of classes hosted by a freshman or sophomore Jr. Billiken! Create your SLUH Admissions

**Open House** November 7th from 11:30 am - 4 pm. No registration required. All Families are welcome! Shadow@SLUH Admissions Account and register.

## HELPING CHILDREN IN NEED

**STS. TERESA & BRIDGET (ST. LOUIS)**  
 We have created a movement called "Vibin Apparel Movement" with the mission to help children in need by donating one shirt for every shirt sold. We hand deliver them to children in need in poverty-stricken areas and shelters in different areas each month. Our goal is to cultivate change through good vibes, kindness, and giving back to children all over the world. Please email us to submit donations or place orders. Thank you for all of your help!  
[www.vibinapparelmovement.com](http://www.vibinapparelmovement.com)

In observance of the Holy day, the Parish Business Office will be closed on Monday, November 1st, All Saints day.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND & SICK OF OUR PARISH

Anita Gilliam	All Coronavirus Patients	Susan Jearls
Axel Nuspl	Phoenix Nuspl	Sr. Carol Kopff
Joan Huelsmann	Larry Lopez	Jimmy Santen
Dale Kopff	Joan Zacheis	Ethan Sonderman
Christie Breaux	Zora Unger	Ginger Ragona
Gert Lopez		Kay Gundy
Jimmy "Nips" Boyer	Mary Helen Brindell	

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 31, 2021

<b>Sunday:</b>	Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34
<b>Monday:</b>	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40a
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/Lk 14:25-33
<b>Thursday:</b>	Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 15:1-10
<b>Friday:</b>	Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8
<b>Saturday:</b>	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [1b]/Lk 16:9-15
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

## MONDAY'S IN NOVEMBER OPEN BOWLING AT EPIPHANY LANES



Hours: 6 - 9 pm  
 Price: \$10.00 per person

Includes: Unlimited Bowling & Shoe Rental. Feel free to call ahead to check lane availability. 4 people per lane maximum. Appetizers, Pizza, and Beverages available for additional purchase.

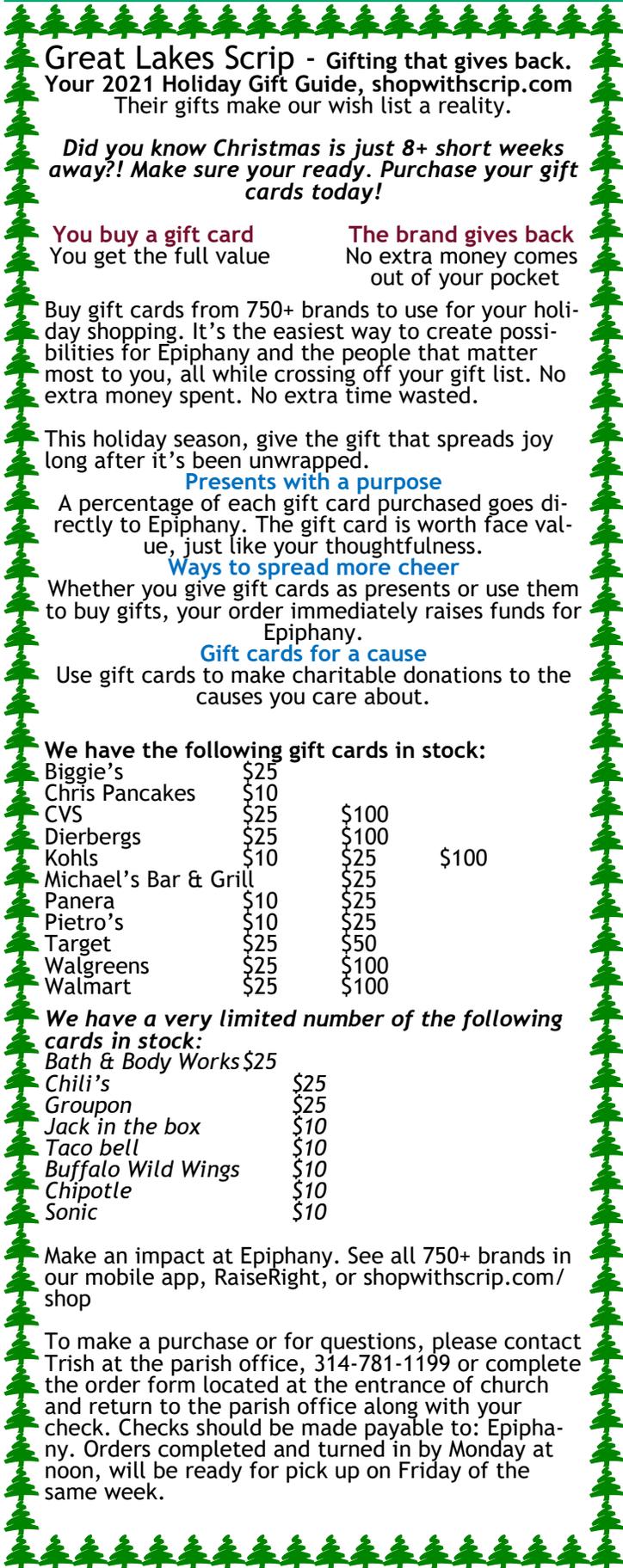
Epiphany Bowling Lanes  
 3164 Ivanhoe Avenue  
 St. Louis, MO 63139  
 (314)781-2276

## OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF OCT. 23-24, 2021

### Sunday Collection

General Fund .....	\$1,620.00
General Fund Loose .....	\$235.00
General Fund Online ..	\$1,022.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$2,877.00</b>
All Saints .....	\$2.00
All Souls .....	\$2.00
Maintenance & Repair ..	\$4.00
M&R Online .....	\$35.00
Mission Sunday .....	\$272.00
Permanent Diaconate .....	\$2.00
SVDP Online .....	\$25.00
Votive .....	\$43.00
Tuition Assistance .....	\$4.00
Tuition Assist Online .....	\$15.00
	..... \$521.00 (YTD)





**Great Lakes Scrip - Gifting that gives back.**  
Your 2021 Holiday Gift Guide, [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com)  
Their gifts make our wish list a reality.

*Did you know Christmas is just 8+ short weeks away?! Make sure your ready. Purchase your gift cards today!*

**You buy a gift card**  
You get the full value

**The brand gives back**  
No extra money comes out of your pocket

Buy gift cards from 750+ brands to use for your holiday shopping. It's the easiest way to create possibilities for Epiphany and the people that matter most to you, all while crossing off your gift list. No extra money spent. No extra time wasted.

This holiday season, give the gift that spreads joy long after it's been unwrapped.

**Presents with a purpose**

A percentage of each gift card purchased goes directly to Epiphany. The gift card is worth face value, just like your thoughtfulness.

**Ways to spread more cheer**

Whether you give gift cards as presents or use them to buy gifts, your order immediately raises funds for Epiphany.

**Gift cards for a cause**

Use gift cards to make charitable donations to the causes you care about.

**We have the following gift cards in stock:**

Biggie's	\$25		
Chris Pancakes	\$10		
CVS	\$25	\$100	
Dierbergs	\$25	\$100	
Kohls	\$10	\$25	\$100
Michael's Bar & Grill		\$25	
Panera	\$10	\$25	
Pietro's	\$10	\$25	
Target	\$25	\$50	
Walgreens	\$25	\$100	
Walmart	\$25	\$100	

**We have a very limited number of the following cards in stock:**

Bath & Body Works	\$25
Chili's	\$25
Groupon	\$25
Jack in the box	\$10
Taco bell	\$10
Buffalo Wild Wings	\$10
Chipotle	\$10
Sonic	\$10

Make an impact at Epiphany. See all 750+ brands in our mobile app, RaiseRight, or [shopwithscrip.com/shop](http://shopwithscrip.com/shop)

To make a purchase or for questions, please contact Trish at the parish office, 314-781-1199 or complete the order form located at the entrance of church and return to the parish office along with your check. Checks should be made payable to: Epiphany. Orders completed and turned in by Monday at noon, will be ready for pick up on Friday of the same week.

**Thanksgiving Dinners - A HUGE Thank you** to Bill and Lynn Kloecker and their group of volunteers for cooking the Thanksgiving meals over the past 30 years! You have been a true blessing to many! *God bless!*

**FREE** Thanksgiving dinners 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* whom might not have the opportunity to enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner if they would like one delivered. We ask Eucharistic Ministers to ask your Communion calls if they would like a dinner. Please let us know by November 21st. Due to Covid 19 we could use monetary donations to help offset food cost. Volunteers are needed to deliver meals at 11:30 am Thanksgiving day. Please email Matt Ellison at [Esasportsinfo@yahoo.com](mailto:Esasportsinfo@yahoo.com) or call Mark, 314-645-6962 to request a dinner (s), or to volunteer to deliver meals. Thank you all and God bless!



**St. Vincent DePaul** needs your help restocking our shelves. We are in specific need of canned veggies including: corn, green beans, potatoes and any other canned vegetable. With the colder months approaching we could also use canned items such as chili, ravioli, beef stew, soups, etc. Donations may be placed in the SVDP boxes located at the entrances of church. Thank you for your support!

**Pancake Breakfast**—November 7, 2021, Immaculate Conception Parish Hall, 7240 Anna Ave—Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary 903 Knights of Columbus. Come join the fun! We will serve ALL YOU CAN EAT pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee, juice. We will have a guest ARTIST making pancakes from your pictures! Our annual basket raffle will be kicked off! Cost: Adults \$9, Seniors \$6, Ages 4-10 \$5 & Under 3 FREE.



**10<sup>th</sup> Annual LASM Trivia Night**  
Join Lindenwood Area Senior Ministry for a fun night "IN" as we host a second year of virtual trivia! If the word "virtual" scares you, don't let it! We'll be happy to assist you in learning about Zoom and can even do a 1:1 trial run with you ahead of time. Mark your calendar and begin recruiting your team!

**When:** Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 7pm  
**Location:** Zoom  
**Team Size:** Up to 8 people/8 devices  
**Needed:** Internet connection. Ability to access a Zoom link. Some teammates.  
**How to Support:** Spread the word about this event. Be a Round Sponsor for \$75. Pay suggested player fee of \$10-20 per person or device.  
**Why:** You deserve a fun night in and supporting a great organization that serves seniors in the Lindenwood Park Neighborhood (and beyond) is just what the doctor ordered!  
**Registration Options:** 1. Visit [lasministry.org/events](http://lasministry.org/events), 2. Email: [katie@lasministry.org](mailto:katie@lasministry.org), 3. Call LASM Office at 314-647-459