

# 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, NOVEMBER 14, 2021

## 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all  
these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away,  
but my words will not pass away.

"But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in  
heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." - Mk 13:30-32

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November 14, 2021  
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## LIVING OUR FAITH

### FROM THE DESK OF FR. MICHAEL

**Thank you** to Mount Tabor Church for giving us the beautiful table we're using for our altar of remembrance. It's a real improvement over the folding table that we had been using!

**Mass on Thanksgiving Day is at 9 am.** There is NO 8 am Mass that morning. As usual, our St. Vincent de Paul Society will be accepting gifts.

**Communio** met this past Tue and we had a great time. Communio is a Young Adult Theology Pub hosted here at Epiphany. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tue of each month 7-8:30 pm. If you would like reminders of the meetings, follow us on facebook and/or send me your email address.

**The Epiphany of Our Lord Memorial Society.** A number of years ago, the Epiphany Memorial Society was created for deceased members of the parish. Members of the Memorial Society have a Mass offered for their blessed repose once every month.

For a while now, I've been wondering how a parishioner can gain entrance into the Society. The answer is that you can have a loved one entered into it or have yourself entered into it by a gift to our endowment fund. The gift can be of any size. The easiest way to do this is to write a bequest into your will or give gifts in honor of the deceased on their behalf. We'll try to remember to put envelopes out at funerals for this purpose, but you can drop by the office anytime and talk to Trish about it and she'll get it taken care of.

In the five years that I've been pastor here, we've built the endowment from \$400,000 to \$570,000. While I don't think that money should ever take "center stage" in our parish life, it is also true that a healthy and growing endowment provides long-term financial security for the parish, so it's good that we don't forget about it.

Most importantly, though I want to emphasize this because *I would like as many people as possible enrolled in our Memorial Society.* I would like as many people as possible being loved and cared for so we can assist them on their journey through purgatory and into the beatific vision.

**Stewardship Sunday** handouts are available to take. They're full of information about the past year's budget, offertory, and how your gifts are being put to use for ministry.

**Church Lighting Repair.** The process moves on, slowly. We now have official bids from electricians to do the work. Next step is permission from the archdiocese, and then ordering the parts.

**For the month of November, our Altar of Repose** is set up in the sanctuary. We've added 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. As always, you are welcome to bring a picture to place on the altar. Please do stop 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.

**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

#### Dear Friends,

I have been humbled and overwhelmed by the outpouring of love, prayers, kindnesses, and cards from all of you. Please keep praying as I still have a few weeks of treatments to undergo; hopefully, they will begin after Thanksgiving. Your kindness has given me a deeper understanding of the "communion of saints".

With peace and love, Judy Hof

#### Confession

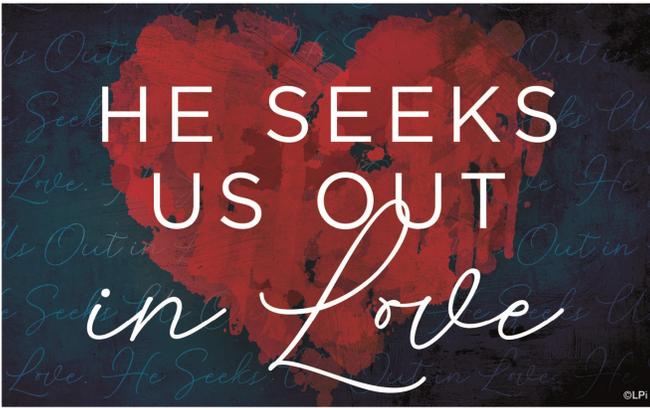
En route to church to make his first confession, my nervous seven-year-old grandson asked me what he could expect.

"Confession is where you tell all the bad things you've done to the priest," I told him. He looked relieved.

"Good. I haven't done anything bad to the priest."



WORSHIP & MEDITATION



**GOSPEL MEDIATION**  
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

“And then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory.” Take a moment to ponder these words from today’s Gospel. How does this image make you feel? For people to truly understand the significance of this message, something profound has to happen within. If we find ourselves reacting with a sense of dread or fear, we have to step back and ask why. Our answer will reveal a great deal about our relationship with God. It’s hard to fall in love with a God of whom we are afraid. God does not want us to be afraid. Nor does He want us to align our wills to His in order to avoid some kind of horrendous eternal consequence. That sounds like too much of a superficial power play on the part of God who continues to seek out His children in love.

In order for these words to carry any type of significant meaning for us, they have to resonate with and touch us on a deeper level. They have to be able to connect some dots and have meaning for us in order for this promise to change our lives. Sometimes we get preoccupied with the uncertainty of our deaths. Not knowing when or how we will eventually die can be unsettling. But, more so than needing an answer to the “when” of death, the “what” of death answer we provide has more significance. What happens to us when we die? Whether we die during the natural course of our lives or when Christ comes again, the experience is the same. If we believe that we are meant to live in union with God eternally and that death completes and does not diminish us, then it is worth our time and effort to wait in vigilant hope of the Lord’s coming in glory. Our journey back to God is something beautiful to be desired, not dreaded or feared.

Sadly, many folks believe that life is no more than a random occurrence without any purposeful direction or meaning. Death is simply death and nothing more. For them, the Second Coming of Christ and God’s eternal promise have no meaning. When we understand the truth about who we are, it changes things up. We then can see ourselves as works in progress who have the choice to either resist the inspirations of the Divine Artist or give into the wonderful creativity of His will. Life awaiting the fullness of Christ to come becomes an unfolding of Divine surprises and abundant joy. God is eternally merciful, forgiving, and welcoming. It is only when we directly reject this gift and turn our backs on Love itself that we have anything to fear.

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EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD  
MEMORIAL SOCIETY

The death of loved ones creates a need for us to remember them in a special way. Epiphany offers a way of remembering someone that is not only appropriate but is convenient. The next time you wish to honor a deceased loved one, send a memorial gift in any amount to the parish endowment fund and we will then enter that person into our Memorial Society. You will also be entered into the Memorial Society if you leave a bequest to the parish in your will.

Members of the Society are prayed for once per month with a Mass intention. Every single month. Your gift will help provide long-term financial security for the parish and, more importantly, assure that our loved ones are always being prayed for, loved, and never forgotten.

For more information, call the parish office or email Trish.

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

**Question:** Why do some sacraments leave a character or mark on the soul? Don’t all sacraments affect the soul?

**Answer:** All sacraments mediate grace and connect us to Christ and to the Church. Some sustain us in our faith journey, while others help us heal from the effects of sin. Each one offers a share in God’s life, giving us what we need to be faithful followers of Jesus. But some sacraments change us in ways that are irreversible. The three sacraments that leave a character are Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders. We are literally different people because of the effect of the grace of those sacraments. We are changed at the core of our being in such a fundamental way that we can not go back to what we once were.

In Baptism, we are freed from original sin, initiated into the Body of Christ as adopted sons and daughters. In Confirmation, we are given the fullness of God’s Spirit, sealed in his grace and gifted with what we need to live a Christian life. In Holy Orders, a priest is marked as an ‘alter Christus,’ another Christ, and is once and forever a priest who offers sacrifice, forgives sin, and acts in the person of Christ. In these three sacraments, we are conformed more closely to Christ, reflecting his love and truth.

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*Dear Epiphany Parishioners,*

Did you know that more than 1 in 5 St. Louis City families with children under 5 live at or below the federal poverty line? Over 40% of those families must choose between buying diapers and paying rent and utilities or buying food. Because of the generosity of the Epiphany parishioners, 129,341 diapers were collected during “Fill the Warehouse”.

***Epiphany’s diaper drive brought in 2,627 diapers, valued at \$420.32.***

The Epiphany donations will allow us to serve 2,340 children in the St. Louis Metropolitan area and surrounding areas. The quality of life for our babies and their families will increase because your selfless act. Thank you again for your donations!

Sincerely, St. Louis Area Diaper Bank Team

## LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Sunday, November 14

8:00 am Parishioners  
10:30 am Darrell Dilly  
6:30 pm Linda Sloan-Peterson

#### Monday, November 15

8:00 am The Tetreault Family

#### Tuesday, November 16

8:00 am Zora Unger (*Special Intentions*)  
6:30 pm Rev. Brian Sistare (*Special Intentions*)

#### Wednesday, November 17

8:00 am The Hummert Family

#### Thursday, November 18

8:00 am William Peiffer

#### Friday, November 19

8:00 am Brian Gaither (*Special Intentions*)

#### Saturday, November 20

8:00 am Rev. Matthew Spencer (*Special Intentions*)  
4:00 pm Tom Boul (*Special Intentions*)

#### Sunday, November 21

8:00 am Parishioners  
10:30 am Susan Jearls (*Good Health*)  
6:30 pm Poor Souls in Purgatory



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

Joan Huelsmann      All Coronavirus Patients      Kay Gundy

Joan Zacheis      Gert Lopez      Judy Hof

We have updated our prayer list and removed names. If you wish for your name or your loved ones name to be added to the prayer list, please call Trish at the parish office, 314-781-1199.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 14, 2021

**Sunday** Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

**Monday** 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 [cf. 88]/Lk 18:35-43

**Tuesday** 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [6b]/Lk 19:1-10

**Wednesday** 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 19:11-28

**Thursday** 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [23b]/Lk 19:41-44  
*Dedication:* Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/ Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Mt 14:22-33

**Friday** 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chron 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd [13b]/Lk 19:45-48

**Saturday** 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19 [cf. 16a]/Lk 20:27-40

**Next Sunday** Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

**The Meals-for-the-Poor-&-Homeless Program** at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Soulard is looking for a group of ten people who would be willing to prepare and serve a meal to the homeless in the parish hall once a month on either the 4th or the 19th of the month. If you have a group that would be interested, call Rachel Schoenberger at Sts. Peter and Paul for more information 314-231-9923 or email at [office@stspeterandpaulstl.org](mailto:office@stspeterandpaulstl.org)

## ST LOUIS - BOLOGNA SISTER CITIES

PRESENTS

## BENEDETTA ORSI & FRIENDS

NOVEMBER 28, 2021 AT 7 PM  
CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH  
7316 BALSON AVE, ST LOUIS, MISSOURI

*featuring*  
GAIL HINTZ, PIANO  
JIM HENRY, BASS  
MARTA SIMIDTCHIEVA, CELLO  
THOMAS & TRICIA JÖSTLEIN, HORN  
KLAUS & MAX JÖSTLEIN, VIOLIN & CELLO  
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS CHOIR

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON  
EVENTBRITE @BENEDETTA  
ORSI & FRIENDS  
OR CALL (917) 477 9451

### OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 6-7, 2021

#### Sunday Collection

General Fund ..... \$3,023.00  
General Fund Loose ... \$1,149.00  
General Fund Online .. \$2,532.00  
Total ..... \$6,704.00

All Saints ..... \$30.00  
All Souls ..... \$35.00  
Christmas Flower ..... \$125.00  
Maintenance & Repair ..... \$310.00  
M&R Online ..... \$100.00  
Retire Religious ..... \$565.00  
SVDP ..... \$270.00  
SVDP Online ..... \$100.00  
Votive ..... \$100.00  
Tuition Assistance ..... \$60.00 ..... \$581.00 (YTD)



**Thanksgiving Dinners**

**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!



**Remembrance Service**

This past year and a half has brought many hardships, most significantly the loss of loved ones to Covid or other illnesses/ conditions that were made more difficult to endure due to the pandemic. In honor of these loved ones and any that we have lost over the years, LASM is hosting a Remembrance Service on Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am in Memorial Hall of Southwest Baptist Church (6401 Scanlan). Join us as we give thanks for the lives of our loved ones and seek to find comfort in God's Word. You are invited to bring a picture of your loved one(s). Please RSVP to [katie@lasministry.org](mailto:katie@lasministry.org) or 314-647-4591. If a larger crowd is expected we will move to the church's sanctuary for more adequate social distancing.



**Stephen Minister Introductory Workshop**

LASM's Stephen Ministry program provides one-to-one Christian care for older adults experiencing a difficult time. Stephen Ministers work alongside the LASM Director and our partner church pastors to care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to seniors who are going through a difficult time (i.e. grief, loneliness, chronic illnesses). We are looking forward to expanding this program through the training of a new class of Stephen Ministers! The training will begin in February 2022 and offers the opportunity to grow in faith, develop stronger relational skills, and bring Christ's love into the lives of hurting people. Come learn more at our Stephen Minister Introductory Workshop: Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am in Memorial Hall of Southwest Baptist Church (6401 Scanlan Avenue). Please RSVP to Katie at 647-4591 or [katie@lasministry.org](mailto:katie@lasministry.org).

**Cardinal Calendars**

**The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary** Will be getting the Cardinal Calendars in early December. SO **SAVE THE DATE:** We will be selling the Cardinal Calendar at Epiphany of Saturday and Sunday, December 11th and 12th after all the Masses. The calendars cost \$16. We accept cash or checks. The calendars make great stocking stuffers and are filled with many coupons. If you would like to pre-order your calendar, please call Maria Gray at 314-320-6883. Maria would be happy to deliver your calendars to you.

**Ladies Guild News...** Our Card Social will be held on Monday, November 15th at 10 am in the Assumption Room.

Due to Thanksgiving, our regular meeting will be held a week earlier on Wednesday November 17th at 11 am in the Assumption Room. Dessert and coffee provided.

Sue will have a craft demonstration for us to try our hand at. We will have our birthday table, celebrating birthdays in Oct. Nov. and Dec.

We are planning our Christmas Party at Pietros on Wednesday, December 15th at 11:30 am. A \$10 reservation is needed. We will be collecting at November meeting or send to Jan Holmes at 6225 Arsenal St., phone 314-644-4299.

Since this is the holiday season, lets try and help our St. Vincent DePaul, by bringing a nonperishable item or two, and help build their pantry. Thank You! Happy Thanksgiving!

**Make someone's Christmas a little brighter!**



Epiphany is helping our friends at Kasey Paige again this year. There are 105 residents and we want to bring a Christmas gift to **each** resident so they will get at least one gift at Christmas. Each resident gives us a wish list. They know that there is a \$25 limit, so many ask for gift cards to Walmart or Target

- so they can buy something they need.
- Three ways you can help:**
1. You can purchase \$25 gift cards for Walmart or Target and leave them with Trish at the rectory
  2. Contact Kris Ranciglio at 314-210-0916 by text or phone to adopt someone
  3. Look for someone after some of the weekend Masses during November who will get you a wish list to fulfill

Wrapped gifts will be collected closer to Christmas and delivered for their Christmas party. **The residents at Kasey Paige are very grateful for your generosity!!**



**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.

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**Bulletin Deadline:**

Due to the upcoming Holiday, next weeks bulletin deadline has been changed. Please note the new deadline for the Nov. 28th issue is now Tuesday, November 16th.