



# 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 7-8 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.



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022**

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

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free.  
- Lk 4:18*

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 23, 2022

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

**Would you like to Host a Donut Sunday?** Back by popular demand. We're going to begin hosting Donut Sundays regularly again on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. We're always looking for families and organizations to host. Hosting isn't difficult. Arrive at 8 am to set up tables and chairs and start the coffee, make sure the donuts are put out and look nice (we purchase the donuts and get them here), and then help with clean-up. It's a great and easy way to contribute to parish life and get to know other parishioners. Let me know if you're interested.

**Interested in becoming Catholic?** Every year, adults who want to join the Church are received and confirmed (and maybe even baptized) at the Easter Vigil. If you're interested in talking more about the possibility of becoming Catholic this spring, let me know and I'll be happy to help.

**The Feast of St. Blaise** this year is on a Thursday, but I'll be happy to bless throats the weekend beforehand, which would be after Masses on Jan 29 and 31.

**Candlemas** this year is on a Wednesday and I'll be happy to bless any candles that anyone wants to bring to the 8 am Mass that morning. Candlemas is always Feb 2.

### Understanding the Mass - Our Lord Whole and Entire

In a pattern that all his priests follow, Our Lord takes bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it. The completion of these sacramental actions in what is, I believe, only the second recorded Mass on the road to Emmaus (the first being the Last Supper), accomplishes the revelation of Our Lord. He was known to his followers in the breaking of bread, meaning he is known as both the broken, or crucified, Lord as well as the Risen Lord.

This is what the catechism teaches us about the Real Presence in the Eucharist, under either appearance of bread or wine, it is Our Lord in his entirety. This means that, in receiving only the Host, you are receiving all of Christ - Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

It isn't that he remains broken by our sins so much as that he has folded the evil of that moment into his greater goodness. A God with nail pierced hands is a God who loves us even more fiercely than a God who disdains such humility. And once he is revealed, he continues to love us, and makes of himself a gift to us, that we might consume him and so be united with him.

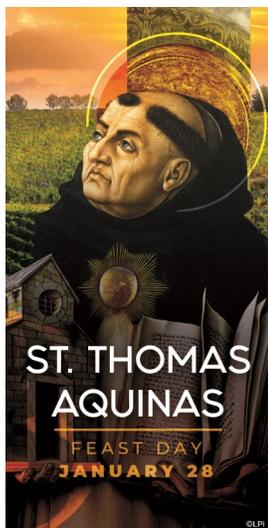
**If you are looking for God, look no further than the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.**

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

*Alma Redemptoris Mater, quae pervia caeli porta manes et stella maris, succurre cadenti, surgere qui curat, populo: tu quae genuisti, natura mirante, tuum sanctum genitorem, Virgo prius, ac posterius, Gabrielis ab ore sumens illud ave, peccatorum miserere.*

Holy mother of our Redeemer, thou gate leading to heaven and star of the sea; help the falling people who seek to rise, thou who, all nature wondering, didst give birth to thy holy Creator. Virgin always, hearing the greeting from Gabriel's lips, take pity on sinners.

Fr. Michael



### Saint of the Week - Examples of Our Faith

**St. Thomas Aquinas | January 28**

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 - 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "*The Summa Theologiae*." Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The *Summa Theologiae*, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.

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### Third Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Abortion Healing

Men, women, and couples wounded by abortion are invited to attend the third archdiocesan Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat, Feb. 18-20, 2022. Rachel's Vineyard, offered through the Archdiocese of St. Louis Abortion Healing Ministry, has helped 320,000-plus women and men globally since its founding in 1993 by psychologist Dr. Theresa Burke (see <https://rachelvineyard.org/>). The retreat will be held in a comfortable and prayerful setting in the St. Louis area, with proper COVID-19 precautions in place (exact location shared at registration). The cost is \$100 to attend which includes two night's lodging, all meals and materials. To register by February 7 or for more information, contact 314.406.0815 or [hopehealing@archstl.org](mailto:hopehealing@archstl.org). All information and inquiries are kept confidential. To learn about more healing opportunities, visit [archstl.org/hope-healing](http://archstl.org/hope-healing)

**The Beauty of Eve** is a powerful presentation about how wonderful and marvelous the design and function of the female body truly is. It helps women appreciate and advocate for their own gynecologic health. It empowers women to know how tracking their cycle can greatly benefit their health by identifying potential problems and how tracking can be a natural alternative to the birth control pill. January 27, 2022. 6:30-8:00 PM Pauline Books & Media 9804 Watson Road, St. Louis, MO 63126 REGIS-TER:<http://bit.ly/PBM-BoE01-2022> Presentation followed by Q&A. Event is free, but masks are required. Limited to 15 attendees. (Wait list once we reach capacity). Questions: 314.997.7576

**Job Opening:** Collaborative Governance (CG) of the Franciscan Sisters of Mary and the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood have an opening for a full-time **Assistant Health Care Director (RN)** serving as a resource for the Health Care Director, working directly with the Sisters. Responsibilities include health counseling, nursing services and advocacy to ensure that all Sisters attain or maintain their highest practical level of physical, mental, and psychosocial well-being. Qualifications: MSN preferred, active RN license in the State of MO, and basic life support (BLS) certification. Professional nursing practice experience of at least 5 years with experience in geriatrics, mental or community health. More info: [lwand@collaborativegovernance.org](mailto:lwand@collaborativegovernance.org).

### Ten Pointers for Prayer

The baby's crying, the dog is whining, and you need to leave for work in five minutes. Finding time for prayer can seem impossible. Amid the busyness of family life, how can one respond to God's ongoing invitation to speak with and listen to Him? Here are ten pointers to help you do just that.

1. **Pray as you can, not as you can't.** God calls most Christians to an active life in the world, with family, work and community responsibilities. Such a call, while holy, does not usually allow for long periods of prayer and reflection. Lay people can become discouraged when they try to pray like a cloistered contemplative. Be realistic about what's possible.
2. **Take ten – or twenty.** If a half hour for prayer isn't possible, how about ten minutes, or twenty? Choose a good time of day and stick with it. Designate a special site for prayer so that spot become holy. Spouses can help by minding children during respective quiet times.
3. **Pray as a family.** Build upon rituals such as grace before meals. In addition to the usual "Bless us, O Lord..." encourage family members to offer thanks for the blessings of the day, as well as prayers for those in need. Couples can deepen their spiritual relationship by taking a few minutes, perhaps before bedtime, to commend to God the joys and sorrows of the day.
4. **Decorate your domestic church.** When we enter our parish church, the statues and pictures focus our minds on Jesus, Mary and the saints. We can create an atmosphere for prayer in our home- the domestic church- by displaying a crucifix, icons, the Bible and other holy objects. Take the children to a religious goods store and let them choose a picture or statue for their rooms.
5. **Short prayers count, too.** When you're stopped at a long light or put on hold, consider it as God's invitation to turn your heart and mind to him, if only for a few seconds.
6. **Find God at work.** Connecting with God in the workplace takes effort. Try to cultivate a few simple habits. For example, offer the day to God as you turn on your computer, or pray for the person you're about to call or wait upon.
7. **Jump start your prayer life.** Sooner or later almost everyone experiences dryness in prayer. God seems far away and prayer becomes a burden. Praying with Scripture, perhaps the daily Mass readings, can help us focus. So, too, can an inspirational book, especially one of the spiritual classics. A good choice is St. Francis de Sales' Introduction to the Devout Life, written specifically for lay people who are striving for holiness.
8. **Ask your Mother for help.** The Blessed Virgin Mary, our spiritual mother, understands our needs and offers profound comfort. One family, gathered around the bedside of their dying husband and father, found peace and healing through the recitation of the rosary. The rosary is ideal for the family since children can be taught the simple prayers at an early age. Check out instructions on how to pray the rosary.
9. **Read a good story.** Children and adults alike enjoy an inspiring story, and few stories are more compelling than those of the saints. Whether it's the little way of Therese of Lisieux or the heroism of Maximilian Kolbe, their stories offer something for everyone. Consider the particular virtue that a saint demonstrates and pray for help to emulate it. Perhaps it's the humility of St. Francis of Assisi, the patience of St. Monica, or the courageous witness of St. Thomas More.
10. **Walk with a spiritual friend.** Prayer can lead to new thoughts and questions. Who better to share them with than a spiritual friend? A friend can help us to work through the concerns that inevitably arise in prayer. Good friends will hold each other accountable for their prayer life, making sure that prayer has not been neglected in the busyness of life. For married couples a spouse is often this spiritual friend, but God will also put wise and holy people in our path when we need them. They can be the answer to prayer.

This article first appeared on USCCB's For Your Marriage website, [www.ForYourMarriage.org](http://www.ForYourMarriage.org).

# LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday, January 23**  
 8:00 am Parishioners  
 10:30 am Carol Bettlach  
 6:30 pm Rev. Msgr. Jerome J. Bucheit
- Monday, January 24**  
 8:00 am Enrollees & Benefactors of Epiphany Memorial Fund
- Tuesday, January 25**  
 8:00 am Vince & Ann Villhard  
 6:30 pm Rev. Robert E. Lampert
- Wednesday, January 26**  
 8:00 am Edward Nikolaisen
- Thursday, January 27**  
 8:00 am Judy Milloszewski
- Friday, January 28**  
 8:00 am Katie Bach
- Saturday, January 29**  
 8:00 am Joan Zacheis  
 4:00 pm Viola "Vicky" Tacchi
- Sunday, January 30**  
 8:00 am Virginia Bettlach  
 10:30 am Parishioners  
 6:30 pm Gaspare Casamento



## WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Is it Right to Sue?

**Question:** Is it right to sue someone? Isn't it a way of getting revenge?

**Answer:** Revenge is inflicting harm for harm's sake, the idea of an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, and then some. There is often a fine line between justice and mercy, between compensation and forgiveness. Unfortunately, things can happen to us that cause harm, suffering, and damage, regardless of people's intentions. When someone is hurt, especially in such a way that special care or treatment is required, the cost of that care needs to be paid.

In a perfect world, those with special needs, handicaps, or disabilities would find the help and care they need, including those who are injured or hurt. But justice is not always forthcoming, and people are not always fair. So, using the legal system to right a wrong is sometimes the only option.

In some cases, it is the only way that people can get the help they need and deserve. However, frivolous lawsuits, or 'fishing for money' is not only unfair, but immoral as well. The law is there to protect people and making use of it when necessary is a good thing.

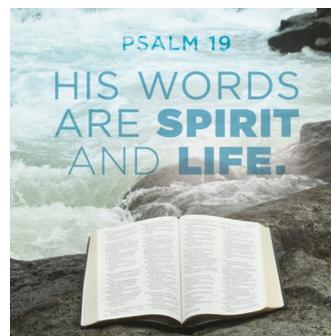
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## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND & SICK OF OUR PARISH

Joan Huelsmann	All Coronavirus Patients	Kay Gundy
Gert Lopez		Judy Hof

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022

- Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
- Monday:** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
- Wednesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
- Friday:** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
- Next Sunday:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30



## OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 15-16, 2022

### Sunday Collection

General Fund .....	\$2,323.00
General Fund Loose .....	\$332.00
General Fund Online .....	\$747.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$3,402.00</b>
First Offering .....	\$60.00
Maintenance & Repair .....	\$80.00
M&R Online .....	\$10.00
St. Louis Review .....	\$370.00
Votive .....	\$23.00
Tuition Assistance .....	\$845.00 (YTD)
Endowment Fund .....	\$200.00 (YTD)



## World Marriage Day

Archbishop Rozanski will celebrate a Mass for World Marriage Day at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis on **February 13, 2022 at 2:30 pm**. All

married couples are invited to attend and celebrate the gift of marriage. World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family - the basic unit of society. It emphasizes the faithfulness, sacrifice and joy of daily married life.

World Marriage Day started in Baton Rouge, LA in 1981 and was later adopted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter who now is sponsoring this event on February 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Ladies Guild News...** Our regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 26th at 11 am in the Assumption Room.

We will provide dessert and coffee.

Mary Louise, Jan and Marilyn have a request!

If you have a purse, you no longer use, fill it with personal items (anything that would make a women feel special). They will deliver it to St. Patrick's Center, for the homeless and abused. Bring it to the card social, regular meeting, or drop it off to one of them by January 25th.

Mary Louise 6460 Smiley Ave. 314-781-6460  
 Jan Holmes 6225 Arsenal St. 314-644-4299  
 Marilyn Dickerson 6263 Reber Pl 314-647-8279

Thank you! Everyone have a healthy, blessed and peaceful New Year!



**4th Annual Paul Meyer Memorial Trivia Night Saturday, February 5, 2022**

To benefit Kids Cancer Support. Helping kids with cancer and their families! \$25 per person, 10 people max, BYO snacks, draft beer & set-ups included, other drinks/bottles are allowed (BYO), prize for best decorated table, partial tables welcome - we'll put you somewhere! Mulligans, 50/50 & Raffle too! Doors open at 6 pm; Trivia begins at 7 pm. To reserve a table, sponsor or donate an item, call: 618-654-4020 (HK Office), 314-540-4675 (Angi Lowes), Don/Diana Meyer, 314-845-6125 or register online at: [www.hiskidsinc.org/up-coming-events](http://www.hiskidsinc.org/up-coming-events). Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Center, 5020 Rhodes Ave.

**DEAR FRIENDS OF OUR LADY'S INN**, we now need your excellent donations of women's spring and summer clothing, shoes, purses, jewelry, and décor for Twice Blessed Resale Shop. The store benefits the maternity shelters in St. Louis and St. Charles and trains the clients in basic job skills. Visit us on Facebook or call us at 314-481-3332 for more information. We are located in south St. Louis, at 3312 Meramec, 63118. Visit us soon to donate, volunteer AND shop!

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP  
 RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

**Plant Your Works in the Word**

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful – truly?

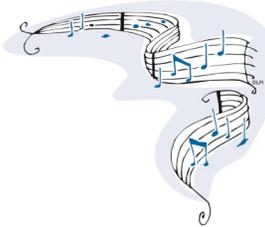
The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God – giving it true spirit and life.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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**Music & Merriment**

The long, cold days of winter after the hustle and bustle of the holidays can leave us feeling blue. Let's ward off wintertime weariness with a little toe-tapping and fellowship! Join Lindenwood Area Senior Ministry for an afternoon of music and singing with Roy

St. John & Joe Sandheinrich! Roy on guitar and Joe on ukulele will entertain us with hits from the 30s right up to today! Light refreshments will be provided. **Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup> from 1-2:30pm** in Memorial Hall of Southwest Baptist Church. Masks required. Attendees are also welcome to attend virtually via Zoom. Please RSVP to Jan Holmes at 314-644-4299.

**PUZZLE**

Circle these words from today's Gospel:

SPIRIT	FREEDOM	LORD
CHOSEN	SIGHT	JESUS
POOR	SUFFERS	TRUE

I A M J L U I T L A  
 S B C H O S E N V E  
 U P A T R H A R T I  
 F R E E D O M A W H  
 F N H C A L E I W S  
 E F O J E S U S H P  
 R B D S M I W L G I  
 S I G H T L P O O R  
 T Q E W A S F L W I  
 I A T R U E M J E T

**MISSION**

Look up Isaiah chapter 61 and read it with your family. Then read Luke 4:14-21. Jesus kept all of those promises!