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SUNDAY MASSES

7:00 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
11:00 a.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
12:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.

DAILY MASSES

Monday–Friday
6:45 a.m., 12:10 p.m.

Saturday
6:45 a.m.

DAILY CONFESSIONS

In the Chapel
(except Holy Days & Holidays)

Monday–Saturday:
6:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

Saturday:
4:00 p.m.–4:45 p.m.



ANOIDTING OF THE SICK

First Monday of the Month
At all Masses (except Holy Days
and Holidays)

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

Monday 12:00 p.m.

BAPTISMS

Second Sunday of the month. Contact
the Parish Office at least one month
prior to requested date of Baptism to
arrange for a personal interview with
the Pastor. For parishioners only.

MARRIAGES

Arrangements should be made at
least six months in advance for those
who have been registered, supportive
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Contact the Parish Office for a meeting
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MEDITATION

January 7, 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord

*They prostrated themselves and did him homage.
(Matthew 2:11)*

In your high school English class, you might have learned that an “epiphany” is the moment when a character is struck with a life-changing realization that changes the rest of the story. Every good novel has one. That’s one way to think about the feast we’re celebrating today. God revealed himself to the Gentiles, and that moment changed everything.

There had been hints of God welcoming the Gentiles throughout the Old Testament. But Matthew’s Gospel shows us this pivotal moment: pagan astrologers from the East came to worship Jesus, the newborn king of the Jews (2:11). They are the first of the “nations” whom Isaiah prophesied would walk by the Lord’s light (Isaiah 60:3). They are the first of those Paul says will be “coheirs . . . in Christ Jesus through the gospel” (Ephesians 3:6).

Why is this event so important? Because it reveals to us that God’s love is far more expansive than anyone had ever thought. We begin to see that in Christ, a loving relationship with God is open to *everyone* who comes to him, Jew or Gentile.

That includes you! And your annoying cousin. And the notorious criminal on death row. And the atheist on that YouTube channel. The invitation to come to Jesus extends to everyone. Because God’s loving desire to draw all people to himself cannot be contained; no one is excluded from it. And that’s a life-changing realization!

Today, as you celebrate this great feast, give thanks to God who loves so extravagantly that he opens his arms wide to welcome everyone who believes. Pray, too, that all people will come to the Lord.

*“Lord God, your revelation to the Gentiles has changed
the course of history! Thank you for your love
that reaches out to everyone!”*

Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

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Pope Francis’ favored book about St. Joseph. Excerpt from “The Shadow of the Father” Jan Dobraczynski. 1910-1994. Polish author; WWII - helped place Jewish children in convents. He was imprisoned in Bergen-Belsen following Warsaw Uprising, English translation 2016.

Balthazar put his arms on his companions’ arms. ‘Stop now,’ he said. They stopped. Caspar asked; ‘Why do you stop us?’ ‘Some doubts have awakened in me. What does it mean that the man whose house we are about to enter lives behind the village?’ ‘Maybe he is very poor?’ Melichu briefly spoke out an assumption. ‘And do not you think he might have been thrown out of the village?’ ‘That is possible...’ ‘Nevertheless the star stands here,’ Caspar said. ‘It has been pointing at this door.’ ‘In that case, behind that mat is the *One* to whom we have been ordered to come,’ Melichu decided. ‘We must trust the star then. Trust – that means to acknowledge something that the eyes have not seen yet...’ Balthazar said, ‘and since it must be that way we have to accept the reality of what we are about to see just in a moment. We need to rid ourselves of any uneasiness and despondency before lifting the mat up. We must accept beforehand what has been waiting for us...Only this time we need to receive the *Highest’s* callings.’ ‘You have said the truth,’ they admitted. ‘This is the last moment of hesitation.’ ‘Let us throw it away!’ Balthazar continued. ‘We will see the *Sent One* in a moment. What shall we offer to *Him*? I wish to give *Him* the gold chain beautifully handcrafted. Since *He* is supposed to be the king of all kings...’ ‘I will offer *Him* the censer and incense as it befits the great Saoshyant of the divine Ahura Mazda,’ Melichu said. ‘And I will endow *Him* with the myrrh,’ Caspar said at the end. ‘*He* was born as a human being, so *He* will die too. Let us go in order to bow in front of *Whose* star was calling

TODAY’S MUSIC

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:
What Child is This? 208

Kyrie No 1

Gloria No. 5

OFFERTORY HYMN:
The First Noel 218

Sanctus No. 16
Memorial Acclamation

Agnus Dei No. 30

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my
drinking it, your will be done.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:
Joy To The World 212

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 8

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7; Psalm 29:1-4,3,9-10; Mark 1:7-11

Tuesday, January 9

1 Samuel 1:9-20; Psalm (1 Samuel) 2:1,4-8; Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 10

1 Samuel 3:1-10,19-20; Psalm 40:2,5,7-10; Mark 1:29-39

Thursday, January 11

1 Samuel 4:1-11; Psalm 44:10-11,14-15,24-25; Mark 1:40-45

Friday, January 12

1 Samuel 8:4-7,10-22; Psalm 89:16-19; Mark 2:1-12

Saturday, January 13

1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19;10:1; Psalm 21:2-7; Mark 2:13-17

Sunday, January 14

1 Samuel 3:3-10,19; Psalm 40:2,4,7-10;

1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20; John 1:35-42

Prayer Requests If you or someone you know is in need of prayers, please call or email the parish office and we will add their names to our ongoing parishioners and friends list of intentions: markmstlouis@comcast.net or call 651-224-3379.

Please pray for our parishioners and friends of St. Louis Church who are sick: Raymond Acesor, Paul Anderson, Peggy Anfang, Hugh Atkinson, Mary Atkinson, Laris Berggren, Bill, Christy, Odelia Conlon, Monty Denniston, Shirley Dufresne, Elzbieta, Greg Ennis, Harry Frazier, Mary and Marty Graner, Anne Hallgren, Mia Hasouris, Margaret Ann and Mary Ellen Hennen, Mark Hennen, Austin Hogan, Patty Huiras, Gloria Iverson, Judy, Ernie Jurgens, John D. Lamey, Bonida Lanford, Caroline Lanford, Steve Launiger, Lowell, Jennifer McMaster, Tom Miller, Tim Mullaney, Ruth Murray, Gretchen Naegeli, Tom Nutter, Joe Oden, Karen Olson, Zachary Redland, Jacob and Jaxson Rivera, John Schleck, Tamera Schwartz, Mamie Singleton, Maureen Sullivan, Robert Tereau, Bob Tesch, Allyson Tracy, Robert VanGuilder, Jr, Char Virnig, Michael Virnig, Brian Walstad, Jennifer Washington, Patty Wirth, and Justin Woessner.

us from a distance...’ They lifted the curtains and came inside. The *Baby* was sitting on the shakedown with *its* little legs tucked under and with *its* hands in *its* mouth. The big black eyes looked at them from above the little hand. The woman who was standing nearby ran quickly and grasped the *Baby* in her arms. She embraced *It* as though she wanted to protect *It* from the unknown arrivals. A man was working in his workshop deeper inside. He left his task too and came to the front, obstructing his wife and his *Son*, but they passed him by – he did not dare to stop them – and they walked further one after another. They were full of dignity, in their long clothes with gifts in their hands. They stopped in front of the woman who held the *Baby*. They knelt and bowed low. The silence ensued, but the *Baby’s* laughter broke it.

RING OUT, O BELLS...

DATE	REQUEST FOR	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
January 10	Colette Lindberg	Happy Birthday	Nancy and Bruce Lindberg
January 11	Sarah Ley	Happy Birthday	Nancy and Bruce Lindberg
January 12	Mary Clare Lindberg	Happy Birthday	Nancy and Bruce Lindberg
January 14	Peggy Gehlen	Nancy and Bruce Lindberg	Nancy and Bruce Lindberg

OPEN BELL DATES: The following dates are open in January and February for anyone wishing to have the bells rung in memory or in honor of a loved one. January 16th-19th, 24th, 27th-31st. February 3rd-4th, 7th-8th, 10th-11th, 15th, 17th-19th, 23rd-24th, 27th-29th. Please call the rectory during office hours to make arrangements. Some dates listed as open may not be due to the normal lag in printing time.

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 8 *The Baptism of the Lord*

6:45 Jim Mollner

12:10 Vocations To The Priesthood

Tuesday, January 9

6:45 Jim Mollner

12:10 Vocations To The Religious Life

Wednesday, January 10

6:45 Steve Donohue

12:10 †Edward F. Stewart

Thursday, January 11

6:45 Chris Bergeron

12:10 Homeless and Unemployed

Friday, January 12

6:45 †Elizabeth Harper

12:10 Respect for Life

Saturday, January 13

6:45 Retired Persons

5:00 John D. Lamey, III

Sunday, January 14 *Second Sunday In Ordinary Time*

7:00 Living and Deceased Parishioners and Friends of St. Louis Church

9:15 Souls in Purgatory

11:00 Men and Women of the Armed Forces

12:30 †Adeline Zelazny

Parish Calendar

Coffee & Donuts The Second Sunday of Each Month

Miraculous Medal Novena Every Monday beginning at noon

Rosary Recited Jan. 8th, 9th, 11th and 12th at 11:35am

Eucharistic Exposition Wednesday Jan. 10th, 11am-12pm

Anointing of the Sick The First Monday of the month after the 6:45am and 12:10pm Masses.

Lunchtime Organ Recital Tuesday, January 9th following the 12:10 Mass.

Organ Recital Tuesday, January 9, 2024

St. Louis Church's renowned Organ Concerts this year continue on Tuesdays following our 12:10 Mass. The January 9th concert recitalist is Raymond Johnston. Raymond is a Canon Musician at Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Masses and Bells

Those wishing to secure dates in 2024 for Masses or Bells should submit a Mass Intention Envelope. Envelopes are available in the vestibule of the church. The Mass Intention Envelope can be dropped in any collection basket or mailed to the parish office. Please *call or email* the parish office to schedule Bell Ringing. The suggested stipend for a Mass is \$10 and \$25 for Bells.

Anointing of the Sick

Our normal Anointing of the Sick has been rescheduled for Monday, January 8th due to the Christmas/New Year's Schedule.

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Tax Letters Regarding Contributions

If you would like to receive a letter with the total amount you have contributed to St. Louis Church during the 2023 calendar year, please send a request to Mark at the parish office. Do this either through the mail, by putting the request in an envelope in any of the collection baskets, or you may email your request to markmstlouis@comcast.net. Thank you.

Men of Christ— Rising Daily in Discipleship

Saturday, March 23, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Church of St. Joseph, Rosemount. Join men from throughout the Archdiocese for the 2024 men's conference. Keynote speakers Deacon Harold Burke-Sievers and Jeff Cavins will lead the day that will include presentations by Bishop Joseph Williams, Deacon Joe Michalak, and Bishop Izen. Archbishop Bernard Hebda will celebrate Mass. For more information call 651.291.4488 or email flomos@archspm.org.

Discounted tickets to National Eucharistic Congress are now available July 17-24, Indianapolis, Indiana

Join your Catholic brothers and sisters at the first National Eucharistic Congress in 83 years! Encounter the living Jesus Christ, experience profound renewal, and be sent out on mission for the life of the world. With tens of thousands of pilgrims expected, the best time to secure your spot at this historic event is now. One more reason to register early: The Archdiocese has a limited number of discounted tickets available! Find out more and begin your registration at archspm.org/eucharisticrevival.

Totus Tuus Catechetical Program – Summer 2024

Parish Registration – Now Open!

Totus Tuus has been successful in reaching out to children and youth in order to help them know and love the Lord Jesus Christ. This program provides a fun and strong catechetical program, which is easy to implement and models the relationship with Christ in a very personal and practical way. The cost to bring the Totus Tuus program to your parish is \$2,500. This year's theme is The Apostle's Creed along with the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. The week-long program will be offered at parishes: June 8–15, June 15–22, June 22–June 28, July 6–13, July 13–20, July 20–27. If your parish is interested in the Totus Tuus program, please complete the Online Registration Form. For additional information, please see the Totus Tuus page or contact the Office of Marriage, Family and Youth at 651-291-4489 or totustuus@archspm.org.

Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

For the gift of diversity in the church – *reflection*
Month of January We pray that the Spirit help us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

Save the 12,000

Thursday, January 11, 6:30 - 8 p.m., Guardian Angels, Chaska. Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL) will offer a brief pro-life presentation about new anti-life laws that threaten unborn and newborn babies and what we can do to build a pro-life culture. Learn more at mccl.org/12k.

What is the “Epiphany blessing” and how is it given?

This special blessing asks for God’s protection over our homes. You may have seen it before over the doorway of a Catholic friend: **20+C+M+B+24** chalked on the lintel.

This means that your friend’s house has been blessed with a very special, very old custom. The custom echoes the Passover, wherein the Jewish people would sprinkle lamb’s blood over their doorways as an invocation of God’s blessing for their household.

The Epiphany Blessing is performed near the feast of the Epiphany, which commemorates the visit of the Three Wise Men.

Blessed chalk is now used to mark the doorways for this Catholic blessing. It’s a tradition that began in Eastern Europe. After Epiphany, the village priest went to every home in his parish with specially-blessed Epiphany water and chalk. Upon entering the home, he prayed special prayers and blessed every room in the house.

From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts...



Bless, O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of Thy law...

After this the numbers of the year, enclosing the initials of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar) are written with the blessed chalk over the door. The Magi’s initials also stand for a Latin house blessing: *Christus mansionem benedicat* (May Christ bless this house).

Now that parishes have increased in size and priests are no longer able to visit every home, the head of the household is permitted to perform a basic Epiphany house blessing himself.

WHAT IS A CHURCH BULLETIN?

EVERY SUNDAY THE VAST MAJORITY OF CATHOLIC CHURCHES PLACE A WEEKLY BULLETIN OR NEWSLETTER IN THE HANDS OF EVERY PERSON ATTENDING A SUNDAY MASS. EACH BULLETIN IS UNIQUE TO THE SPECIFIC CHURCH AND GENERALLY CONTAINS A PASTORAL LETTER, A SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND CURRENT EVENTS. IT IS A MINI-MUST READ FOR PARISHIONERS, FRIENDS AND VISITORS WHO WISH TO STAY CURRENT WITH THE LIFE AND PEOPLE OF THE PARISH.

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*There are different kinds of spiritual gifts
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there are different forms of service
but the same Lord;*

*there are different workings but the same God
who produces all of them in everyone.
To each individual the manifestation of
the Spirit is given for some benefit.
1 Corinthians 12:4-7*

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