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January 1, 2023



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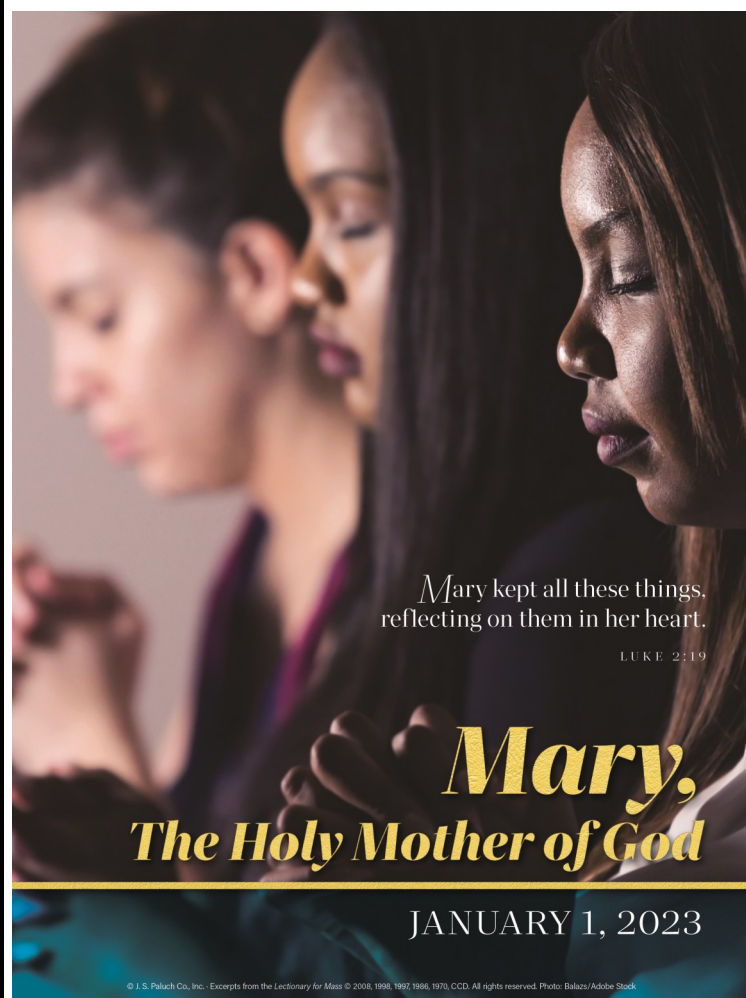
Welcome to Worship

on the Lord's Day

9:00 AM

Live Streamed 9:00 AM

YouTube: St Augustine Catholic Church St Louis



Mary kept all these things,
reflecting on them in her heart.

LUKE 2:19

Mary,
The Holy Mother of God

JANUARY 1, 2023

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Dear Church Family,

A Joyous New Year to each of you! It's time to "ponder" concerning all the main and significant events in your life during the past year. We should "ponder" the significance of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Think over, reflect, and toss around in your mind all the wonderful blessings you have received from your relationship with Jesus. We should especially thank Him for giving us His mother also to pray, intercede, and bless us in all we do.

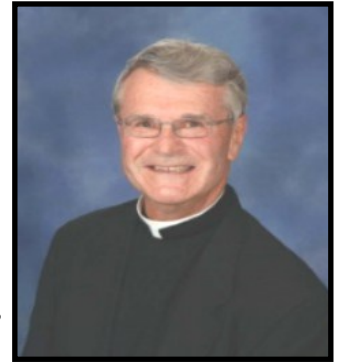
I sat and held the cross the other night for quite some time and just "pondered" on the way Jesus is my personal Lord and Savior. I was doing good for the first couple of minutes, but then, I got distracted! I drifted and even fell asleep, but then I went back to reflecting on all the specialness of my relationship with Jesus and His love for you and me.

Church Family, at every mass I have tried to give you all the freedom to reflect emotionally on what happens to your soul during the masses throughout the years. We can recall the various churches we have been associated with, especially some outstanding event or person in our lives. We rejoice in the joy and hope of Christmas, the attitude of Jesus or our God actually becoming one of us. All of this helps us to have a deep, loving relationship with our Lord Jesus.

So, that's the challenge for us to begin the New Year. Take our spiritual mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary with you in prayer as you reflect on the deep wonderful, loving relationship you have with Jesus. The more it comes alive, the more you are required to give of yourself in loving the many different ways you already do.

Happy Kwanzaa! Reflect and enjoy your Afrocentric Culture and all of God's blessings to you and those you love. Alleluia!!

Father Bob



The More You Know: An Informed Catholic is a Well-formed Catholic

To gain a deeper understanding of the topic, follow the **ACTS** (*Adoration, Contrition, Thanksgiving, Supplication*) process and consider deeper reading and thinking about each topic using the appropriate, associated references. This is one small effort for Catholic Evangelization and Education. Always remind yourself of the Holy Trinity and of Christ's Redemption of our souls. Review and reflect upon the topic the article on the right.

Today the Church celebrates **the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**, our Lady's greatest title.

"Mary, the all-holy ever-virgin Mother of God, is the masterwork of the mission of the Son and the Spirit in the fullness of time. For the first time in the plan of salvation and because his Spirit had prepared her, the Father found the dwelling place where his Son and his Spirit could dwell among men. In this sense the Church's Tradition has often read the most beautiful texts on wisdom in relation to Mary. Mary is acclaimed and represented in the liturgy as the "Seat of Wisdom." — *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 721

The Holy Mother of God

Today we celebrate the Motherhood of Mary, an aspect of the life of Our Lady that many of us can relate to. In today's gospel, shepherds visit Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. The shepherds reveal to them the message that Jesus is the Messiah. Mary reflected on this. It could have hit home that she doesn't really know what "Messiah" means for him and for their family. She could have been worried or afraid. Yet, as Mary reflects, she relies on her heart rather than her mind.

She recognizes that God's plan is a beautiful gift. She looks to the future with peace. God has a plan for each of us but God unfolds it little by little. Let us pray to have Mary's trust, peace and confidence as we contemplate the year ahead. "Living with Faith," Kate Larson

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*****Parish News*****



In Loving Memory

Our own **PASCAL ONAKWE**, loving husband of our own Cecilia (Cee-Cee) Shipp, father of Perpetual and Leonard Onakwe

RICHARD BLOUNT, loving husband of Joyce Blount

FRANK BURNETT, loving father and grandfather of many children including Bridget Sykes

PAUL CARTER, loving husband of Patricia Carter, father of six

DEVION COOPER, loving son of Shirley Burnett, grandson of Shirley Cooper

LAMARION LAMONT DAVIS, loving son of Dominique Golatt, brother of Louzell, Lauren, and John

JACKIE FOXWELL, loving mother of Tiffany and Chuncey, sister of Laevicki, Marvin, and Michelle, aunt of Billie and George

SHIRLEY GARDNER, loving mother of Brandy Crawford, Robin, Robert, and Kimberly Slack

BRIAN HEART GILMORE, loving father of Kelly, Brittany, and Nicole

LEE LINDSAY, loving husband of Rochell Lindsay, father of six

CLARENCE MCKINNEY, loving father of Michelle, Marilyn and Dwight McKinney

JERRY MCCULLEY, loving husband of Tyrisha Cox, father of four

ANDRE NASH, loving father of Kevonsha, Diamonic, and Dryona, nephew of Sandra Jessie

ERWIN RUSS, loving son of Felicia Smith

JAIMEYON SHUMPURT, loving son of Ashley Shumpert, brother of Samar and Jamiyah

SYLVESTER SMITH, loving father of Lyn Smith

MICHAEL TUNSTALL, brother of Robert Johnson, grandson of Marsha Lampley

Don't forget your vaccines and boosters!
Children 5+ eligible for vaccinations!

The flu, Covid and RSV (a respiratory virus) have been in the news lately . Please take care of yourself and get vaccinated. See St. Louis County, St. Louis City and Missouri's web sites for a listing of vaccination sites and get you vaccine and/or booster today! Or pass the information on to friends and family.

Lector Schedule—9:00 a.m.

Jan. 1, New Year's Day Mass

Lectors: Kathy Beasley William Hines

Prayers of the Faithful: Robin King

Altar Servers: Corliss Cox Rodgerdreka Davis

Crucifer: Derek Moore

Jan. 8

Lectors: Elaine Williams Valencia Smith

Prayers of the Faithful: Kim Reid

Altar Servers: Corliss Cox Rodgerdreka Davis
David Williams

Crucifer: David Williams

Usher Schedule— 9:00 a.m.

1st and 3rd Sunday

Jean Anderson

John Hodge

Bianca Jones

Sheryl Mangum

Stephanie Reed

2nd and 4th Sunday

Carolyn Brown

Yvonne Harris

Eleanor Hickerson

Leslie House

Aretha Jordan

Shirley McCleary

Luci Rucker

Youth Ushers— 5th Sunday

All Ushers—Special Masses

Your Gifts To God and Parish

***Sunday, December 25, 2022**

Sunday Envelope Budget \$5,424.00

Envelopes \$1,585.00

Loose Change 24.35

Total \$1,609.35



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following Parishioners celebrating Birthdays this week

- Elizabeth Smith January 1
- Katherine Beasley January 3
- Timothy Williams January 3
- Marjorie Robinson January 3
- Alexis McClanahan January 3
- Keith Deisner January 4



*****Please pray for our sick and shut-in*****

Eric Bergmann, Elaine Billups, Deacon Bob & Jeanne Birkenmeier, Geraldine Brown, Samvester Brown, Gloria Chunn, Harold Cole, Ann Gettinger, Deacon Ed & Terri Grotpeter, Vivian Hartfield, Kenneth Hearndon, Anita Hibler, Hazel Hinton, John Hodge, Geraldine Johnson, Arsenia Kincade, Fr. Gerry Kleba, Finley "Gabby" Martin, Arline Mc Daniel, Emanuel McDaniel, Angela McKissic, Edna Renfroe, Henry Ross, Margaret Ross, Dorothy Sing, Vincent Taylor, Lillie Tuckson, Salome Turner, Marsha Wheeler, Harriett White, Lonnie White.

Pray for them that they will be healed.

TIME

Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.

—Benjamin Franklin

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Join Us in a Night of Adoration

The **SEEK Conference**, sponsored by FOCUS, will be held in the Archdiocese of St. Louis **January 2-6 at the Dome at the America's Center**. SEEK is one of the largest Catholic events in the country and features the best Catholic speakers to help Catholics of all ages deepen their faith.

FOCUS and the Archdiocese would like to extend a free invitation for you to attend the **SEEK Night of Adoration on Wednesday, January 4th**. As part of the Eucharistic Revival in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, it is important for us to come together before the Lord in prayer!

The keynote speeches will be presented by Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT & Fr. Josh Johnson followed by Adoration and prayer time with 18,000 adults and students from around the world.

Registration is required. Please register and reserve your free spot for the Jan. 4 Adoration. Google **Seek23 Adoration Night** and click on the Eventbrite link.

Dr. Martin Luther King Commemoration

Mark your calendars for *Sunday, January 15, 2023* for the 47th Annual Archdiocesan Celebration commemorating the birth and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at 2:30 p.m. at the *Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis*. Please join us in celebrating.



Gathering for Artists and Art Lovers

There will be a gathering of Catholic artists and art enthusiasts at Our Lady of Lourdes parish hall in University City on *Saturday, January 14th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.* The event will feature a dozen presentations by local Catholic artists and a potluck lunch. Visit www.catholicartistnetwork.com for more information.

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer at the Manger: With Mary and Joseph

May we follow the faithful, loving witness of Mary and Joseph

as we seek to bring Jesus, your Word, into the world.

May we always follow his Gospel, now and forever. Amen.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

January 2 –8, 2023

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;
Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Mary, the Holy Mother of God;
The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord;
World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day
Monday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
Tuesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Wednesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Thursday: St. John Neumann
Friday: St. André Bessette; First Friday
Saturday: St. Raymond of Penyafort; First Saturday;
Julian Calendar Christmas

MASS & SACRAMENTS

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Live Streaming on YouTube—St. Augustine Catholic Church St. Louis MO

Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. (Rectory)

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. (Adoration)

Holy Days & Holidays: 9:00 a.m.

Baptism: Infants & Pre-Schoolers

Series of 3 classes for parents

(1) Baptism of Jesus

(2) Easter Sunday morning

(3) Feast of St. Augustine

Reconciliation: Anytime by Appointment

Matrimony: See priest 6 months before date.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & MONTHLY MEETINGS

Fr. Bob's Outreach-(Energy Assistance)

314-385-1934 ext. 3

Parish Council-1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Liturgy Committee-1st Monday at 6:00 p.m.

Finance Committee-3rd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

(No committee meetings held in July or August)

St. Vincent DePaul Society-2nd Saturday at

10:00 a.m. *(No meetings held July & August)*

Information for Bulletin Deadline: Monday, 9:30 am

Please submit in writing or email
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