

St. Augustine Catholic Church

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Welcome to Worship

on the Lord's Day

9:00 AM

Live Streamed 9:00 AM

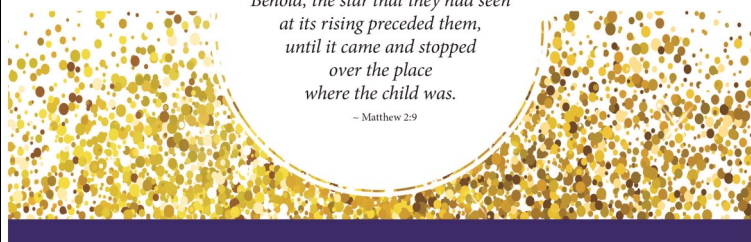
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JANUARY 8, 2023 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



*Behold, the star that they had seen
at its rising preceded them,
until it came and stopped
over the place
where the child was.*

~ Matthew 2:9



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385-1934 **Msgr. Robert J. "Fr. Bob" Gettinger, Pastor**

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Dear Church

I want us to think today about the great moment for the Magi, when their eyes were opened in seeing “the newborn son of God”.

The Holy Spirit led them by way of the star and by His presence within them. They were led to a small town and a small home to find the new King of the Jews. There they found a poor family with a baby. Jesus was not surrounded by finery and wealth and servants, but by a simple swaddling cloth and loving parents. The Holy Spirit filled the Magi with an intense goodness and knowledge of the importance of the moment and the child. They gave many gifts of value to this little family. They were overwhelmed by Grace and through that Grace were led to understand the divinity before them. Some would call it an “aha” moment.

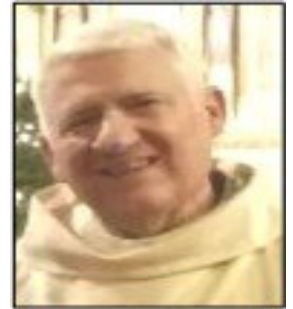
I would like to relate this to our present world where so many do not know God or if they are aware of God through society do not follow Him. When the Magi followed the star that led them to baby Jesus the Holy Spirit must have given them that “aha” moment.

We, here today, have that knowledge through the tremendous gift of faith. Faith is God’s gift through the Holy Spirit. We are called to use that gift for the benefit of others. In a parable in the Gospel of St. Luke, Ch. 12, v.48 it is said, “He to whom much has been given, much will be expected”. I know that each of us have within our families and friends those who have avoided knowing God and Jesus. We love them and want God’s Kingdom for them. We lead through example and occasional prodding, but we are called to do more. That more to which we are called is prayer. I know that many of us pray for specific people in our lives. But we are called to pray for all who do not believe. Our prayers when given direction, generate grace. Grace can be like a sledge hammer in breaking down walls of resistance. Remember St. Monica prayed for St. Augustine for 30 years. It seems like an insurmountable wall. Prayer and Grace with the power of the Holy Spirit can do many wonderful things. A friend told me this week about how in the European Union it is now against the law to use the word pedophile and claims it is natural for adults to be attracted to children. This is just one example of how the devil is making great inroads in society to lead us into great sin.

We have 2 great weapons in this war. Those weapons are the Rosary and The Chaplet of Divine Mercy. We must understand that we are God’s soldiers in the war against evil. A Nigerian Bishop when praying about how to stop the assaults and killing of his people, was given a vision of Jesus. Jesus in answer to his prayer handed him a sword. As the bishop received the sword it became a rosary.

Jesus when he appeared to St. Faustina gave her the prayer of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and said it was especially for the end times. Try to put Jesus first in our lives. Put down the TV remote and our cell phones and our long winded phone calls and give ourselves to focusing on God and our relation to Him. Let us all try to Pray the Rosary at least once a day and a Chaplet at 3 p.m. If we can say an extra rosary, even better. Let us also try to get other family members into praying with us. God’s love for us and His answer to our prayers will grow exponentially. Let us be like the Magi and lead many to know of “The Newborn King”.

Deacon Ed



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 *Star of Wonder* in the article on the right.

Let us Pray

...that we might be given epiphanies to help us find grace where we didn’t believe it existed, to aid us in understanding that God’s love is most often shown by who is included, not who is excluded. May we open our eyes and hearts to know that the Christ-light shines everywhere.

OUR FASCINATING FAITH Star of Wonder

In our day-to-day lives, we can experience epiphanies: new perceptions, unexpected insights, sudden changes in direction. In the liturgical year, Epiphany celebrates the appearance of a star in the heavens, a remarkable star followed by the Magi to Jesus, Mary and Joseph. They are not so different, our daily epiphanies and the Epiphany celebrated today. The arrival of the Magi certainly changed Mary and Joseph’s perceptions of the world, the same way a helpless, tiny baby likely altered the Magi’s insights as to what a star in the heavens would reveal. The story of the Magi—and the story of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—is filled with unexpected changes in direction, as God’s plan continues to vary when it encounters people who cooperate with it, and others who attempt to thwart it. A deep and long reflection on this day we call Epiphany will uncover numerous epiphanies.

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The Epiphany of the Lord

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

We Need Your Help!

Father Bob is looking for a few good Eucharistic Ministers to assist him in bringing Holy Communion and prayers to the sick and shut-in. We need individuals to drive Fr. Bob to various parishioners' homes. *The hours are the first Wednesday and first Friday of each month from 1:00—4:00 p.m.* If you can help, please contact the church office or Father Bob. Thank you for serving the Lord. Now is the time to evangelize!

Liturgy Note: MASS Time is GOD's Time. It is not Twitter, Face Book, TikTok, or any other social media platform time. Please turn off all cell phones until mass is concluded.

Your Gifts To God and Parish

*Sunday, January 1, 2023

Sunday Envelope Budget \$5,424.00

Envelopes \$10,953.00

Online 332.74

Loose Change 13.00

Total \$11,298.74



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following Parishioners celebrating Birthdays this week

Valencia Smith January 9
Harold Cole January 13
Exie Holmes January 13



Conference dates are announced

We are excited to announce *Catholic Men For Christ* and *Catholic Women for Christ* conferences for 2023! Catholic Men For Christ will be held on Saturday February 18th and Catholic Women For Christ will be held Saturday March 11th. Registration is now live! For questions please email: evangelization@archstl.org.

Lwanga Center Bible Study

The St. Charles Lwanga Center resumed its Bible Study on *Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.* at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church complex, 701 N. 18th St., STL 63103. Sessions are free. Call St. Nicholas Parish (314) 231-2860 ex. 24 for inquiries.

Lector Schedule—9:00 a.m.

Jan. 8

Lectors: Elaine Williams Valencia Smith

Prayers of the Faithful: Kim Reid

Altar Servers: Corliss Cox Rodgerdreka Davis
David Williams

Crucifer: David Williams

Jan. 15

Lectors: Roberta McWoods Gillian Killingsworth

Prayers of the Faithful: Michele Brown

Altar Servers: Corliss Cox Rodgerdreka Davis

Crucifer: Derek Moore

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

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 Grotper, 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.

“You have created us for Yourself,
O Lord, and our hearts are
restless until they rest in You.”

—St. Augustine

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The Epiphany of the Lord



In Loving Memory

MARTH BARONOVIS, loving mother of Mary, Bob, Marcia Renken, Mary Beth Bulte, and Karen Cowperthwaite

PATRICIA HERCULES, loving mother of Daryl and Julie, Duane and Joy, Deb and Steve, and Diana

JOHN HIRONIMUS, loving husband of Joan, father of Gail Bauer

MATTHEW HONICH, loving brother of Jean, Ted, Joe and Mary

THOMAS EDISON JONES, loving father of *our own* Bianca Jones, Wade, Cheryl, Nicole, and Lauren

EVELYN KELLER, loving mother of Father Tom Keller at Assumption Parish in Mattese

LAMONT LANG, Jr., loving husband of Pamisha Coffee, father of three sons, son of Annette Wragg

MARTY SCHWAG, loving husband of Janet (Musinz)

Father DON WESTER's 98-year-old father

Remember all of our departed loved ones.

In my Father's house are many rooms.

If it were not so, would I have told you that I will go to prepare a place for you? John 14:2



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.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

January 9 –15, 2023

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38;
Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9;
Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3;
Jn 1:29-34

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord
Monday: The Baptism of the Lord
Tuesday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins
Friday: St. Hilary
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary;
Julian Calendar New Year

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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