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**SUNDAY MASSES**

7:00 a.m.  
10:00 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.



**ANOINTING 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 parishioners for at least one year. Contact the Parish Office for a meeting with the Pastor.

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## MEDITATION

Sunday, January 4, 2026

Feast of the Epiphany

***We saw his star at its rising. (Matthew 2:2)***

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, a pivotal moment in God's plan of salvation. Leading the Magi by the light of a star, God revealed his Son, Jesus, to the first Gentiles. And as he did, he made known his astounding intention that the Jewish Messiah, promised long ago to Abraham's descendants, had come to save *all people*.

But who were the Magi? These wise men were most likely astrologers, pagans from Persia or Babylon. Eastern cultures at that time believed that the rising of a new star indicated the birth of a new king, so these magi left their homeland and followed the star's light to find him. Once they discovered Jesus, "they prostrated themselves and did him homage," offered him "gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh" (Matthew 2:11).

Jesus is the Light who shone first to Jews but also attracted Gentiles. Both poor Jewish shepherds and wealthy Gentile Magi welcomed him and revealed the wideness of God's hidden plan: Jesus came for *everyone*. God's desire is that everyone would seek him, and that in their seeking, they would all find him. As St. Paul proclaims in our second reading, "The Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body" (Ephesians 3:6).

Even now, Jesus is the "true light, which enlightens everyone" (John 1:9). That includes you. No matter who you are or what you have done, his light is shining upon you. It's shining upon the people you love. It's shining upon everyone. Jesus draws to himself all who are seeking truth and goodness, everyone who recognizes their longing for meaning, everyone who is searching for answers to their deepest questions.

Rejoice and be glad! Jesus your light has come!

***"Thank you, Jesus! Your light is always leading me closer to you."***

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## FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Today, January 4, the Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated. It marks one of the most important events in the Christian calendar. It commemorates the revelation of Jesus Christ as the Son of God, made known to the Gentiles through the visit of the Magi. This day also highlights the manifestation of Christ to the world, emphasizing His divine nature and the fulfillment of the prophecies of the Old Testament. The Epiphany is a time to reflect on the profound mystery of God's love, revealed through the humble birth of Jesus and the arrival of the wise men bearing gifts.

## POPE LEO'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

### For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

## TODAY'S MUSIC

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:  
*As With Gladness* #223

Kyrie #1

Gloria #5

OFFERTORY HYMN:  
*The First Nowell* #218

Sanctus #16

Agnus Dei #30

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

***We have seen His star in the East,  
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord!***

RECESSIONAL HYMN:  
*We Three Kings* #221

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, January 5

1 John 3:22—4:6  
Psalm 2:7b-8, 10-12a  
Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

### Tuesday, January 6

1 John 4:7-10  
Psalm 72: 1-4, 7-8  
Mark 6:34-44

### Wednesday, January 7

1 John 4:11-18  
Psalm 72:1-2, 10, 12-13  
Mark 6:45-52

### Thursday, January 8

1 John 4:19—5:4  
Psalm 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17  
Luke 4:14-22a

### Friday, January 9

1 John 5:5-13  
Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20  
Luke 5:12-16

### Saturday, January 10

1 John 5:14-21  
Psalm 149:1-6a, 9b  
John 3:22-30

### Sunday, January 11

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7  
Psalm 29:1-4, 3, 9-10  
Acts 10:34-38  
Matthew 3:13-17

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: [omannstlouis@gmail.com](mailto:omannstlouis@gmail.com) or call 651-224-3379.

***We ask that you kindly let us know when the names of people should be removed. Many, many thanks.***

Please pray for our parishioners and friends of St. Louis Church who are sick: Paul Anderson, Peggy Anfang, Margie Atkinson, Mary Atkinson, Laris Berggren, Odelia Conlon, Monty Denniston, Gretchen Dertz, Jenny Dufner, Elzbieta, Greg Ennis, Harry Frazier, Anne Hallgren, Mia Hasouris, Margaret Ann Hennen, Mary Ellen Hennen, Mark Hennen, Austin Hogan, Patty Huiras, Doria Johnson, John Johnson, Brian Junker, Ernie Jurgens, Marilyn Krass, John D. Lamey, Bonida Lanford, Caroline Lanford, Steve Lauinger, Lee Lorkie, Aaron Lucachik, Henry Lyons, Jennifer McMaster, Tom Miller, Dick Mogren, Cathy Mullaney, Tim Mullaney, Ruth Murray, Gretchen Naegeli, Tom Nutter, Joe Oden, Karen Olson, Zachary Redland, Jacob Revera, Jaxson Rivera, Inger Saffie, Mamie Singleton, Jim Steinhagen, Maureen Sullivan, Robert Tereau, Robert Tesch, Allyson Tracy, Robert VanGuilder, Jr, Michael Virnig, Brian Walstad, Jennifer Washington and Justin Woessner.

**RING OUT, O BELLS . . . .**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>REQUEST FOR</b>	<b>INTENTION</b>	<b>REQUESTED BY</b>
January 6	Msgr. Sharbel Maroun	Happy Anniversary of Priesthood	Helene Houle

**OPEN BELL DATES:** The following dates are open in January for anyone wishing to have the bells rung in memory or in honor of a loved one: 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31. Please call the rectory during office hours to make arrangements. Some dates listed as open may not be available due to the normal lag in printing time.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, January 5 *Saint John Neumann*  
 6:45 The Kaup Family  
 12:10 †Nicky Polydore  
 Tuesday, January 6 *Saint Andre Bessette*  
 6:45 Debbie Jo Bergeren  
 12:10 †Steve Bonnie  
 Wednesday, January 7 *Saint Raymond of Penafort*  
 6:45 Ali Shilling  
 12:10 †Laris Berggren  
 Thursday, January 8 *Christmas Weekday*  
 6:45 †Arthur Halley  
 12:10 Carrie Hartung  
 Friday, January 9 *Christmas Weekday*  
 6:45 †Joyce Hirsch  
 12:10 Lindsay and Nancy Schneby  
 Saturday, January 10 *Christmas Weekday*  
 6:45 Chris Bergeren  
 5:00 †Agnes Chlebeck  
 Sunday, January 11 *The Baptism of the Lord*  
 7:00 Living and Deceased Parishioners  
 of Saint Louis Church  
 10:00 †Jan Schueppert  
 12:30 †Joseph Rheinberger

**PARISH CALENDAR**

January 5 . Anointing of the Sick after the 6:45 AM and 12:10 PM  
 January 5 .....Rosary Recited 11:40 AM  
 January 5 .....Novena Miraculous Medal 12:00 PM  
 January 6 .....Rosary Recited 11:40 AM  
 January 6 ..... Lunchtime Organ Recital 12:35 PM  
 January 7 ..... Eucharistic Adoration 11-12 PM  
 January 8 .....Rosary Recited 11:40 AM  
 January 9 .....Rosary Recited 11:40 AM  
 January 10-11 ..... Second Collection All Masses

**Mass Intentions**

We ask that for any Mass Intention that you kindly fill out the envelope in its entirety and so that the envelope is readable. Sadly, we occasionally receive intentions that are unreadable and have no phone number to call for clarification on the spelling of the name(s). Your 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.

**ELECTRONIC DONATION** You can now make an electronic donation to St. Louis Church by scanning the QR code to the right. The code is linked to our online giving page on the website.



**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be on Monday, January 5 after the 6:45 AM and 12:10 PM Masses.

**TUESDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERT**

This Tuesday, January 6, 2026, the Lunchtime Concert Series features Jeffrey Patry. Jeffrey is Director of Music Ministry/Organist at First Lutheran Church, Columbia Heights, MN.

**FAREWELL AND WELCOME**

Our Cantor and Violinist, Emily Judge-Becker, has resigned her position at St. Louis to pursue other opportunities. We welcome Luke Slivinski, our new Cantor, starting on Epiphany Sunday, January 4, 2026.

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**

Next weekend, there will be a second collection for the Fuel and Heat Fund. During the winter months, our utility bills increase substantially. As always, your continued generosity and support is very much appreciated and needed.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES**

It is not too late to make a Christmas Flower Donation. A donation can be given in honor or in memory of a loved. Please clearly write your name and the names of persons being remembered on the envelope. Envelopes are located at the back of the church. Also, envelopes were included in your envelope packet this year,

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**

There is still time to make a donation to the Religious Retirement Fund. Support those who have given a lifetime of dedicating their lives to service, usually for little or no pay. The Religious Retirement Fund helps the retirement needs, health care and much more for retired religious. Envelopes are located at the back of the church. Please drop them in the regular collection basket. Many thanks.

**2026 CALENDARS AVAILABLE**

The 2026 calendars are available at the back of the church. We thank Jim and Charles Belland of Rebarfab, Inc. for their generous donation of sponsoring the calendars for 2026.

**SAINT ANTHONY BREAD FOR THE POOR DONATIONS**

On the envelope for Saint Anthony’s Bread for the Poor, it states “This offering is to feed the hungry; to alleviate the needs of the poor.” St. Louis Church, on a quarterly basis, sends these donations to one of the following charities: Joseph’s Coat, Listening House, Franciscan Brothers of Peace and Catholic Charities. For the quarter ending September 30, 2025, \$455.00 was sent to Joseph’s Coat. St. Louis Church received a thank you letter from Rebecca Bedner, Executive Director of Joseph’s Coat, to the parishioners and friends of St. Louis Church stating “Thank you for your generous gift of \$455.00 in support of Joseph’s Coat. We appreciate your participation in our Matching Campaign; it’s a wonderful way to double the impact of your contribution-thank you!”

# 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+26** 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  
but the same Spirit;  
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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