

SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Epiphany of the Lord
January 3, 2021

Reading I

Is. 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

R.(cf. 11) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; He shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Reading II

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel.

Gospel

MT 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. (Continued on the next page.)

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKENDS

Saturday at 7:00am and 4:30pm
Sunday at 8:00am and 10:00am

WEEKDAYS

Monday through Friday at 7:00am
Monday through Thursday at 8:00am (school only)

CONFESSIONS

15 minutes before 7:00am Mass on Tuesday,
Thursday, and Saturday
Saturday 3:45pm to 4:20pm
Confessions also available by appointment.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The church is open for private prayer:
Monday-Friday 8:00am - 2:30pm,
Saturday 8:00am - 4:30pm,
Sunday 9:00am - 10:00am.

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesday mornings at 6:50am

ROSARY

Public praying of the Rosary is suspended.

BAPTISM

Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the pastor at least six months prior to the intended date.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC

Please contact the parish office.

A PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

Heavenly Father: I, your unworthy servant, come to worship You in this Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. By Your grace, kindly help me to listen attentively, pray devoutly, and receive worthily the Sacred Body and Blood of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. May Your Holy Spirit open the eyes of my heart to perceive more fully the great Mystery that takes place on the sacred altar. At this Holy Mass, I wish to pray in particular for the following intentions: *(here name them)*. Amen.

Gospel (Continued)

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

School News

From Mrs. Lahm Science/Stream 4-8

Fourth grade has been learning about the interactions of living and non-living things in different ecosystems. Students learned about food webs and explored the unique food webs of various ecosystems through interactive food webs.

Fifth grade investigated various ocean animals on the Active Wild website and documented their findings. Students created Venn diagrams comparing and contrasting the distinguishing characteristics of amphibians and reptiles.

Sixth, 7th, and 8th grades completed a WebQuest tour of the periodic table and documented the unique properties and characteristics of the first fourteen elements of the table. Students are learning how molecules and compounds are formed through covalent and ionic bonding.

From Ms. Polson 3rd Grade

Third grade has been working on our SmartBoard making Word Webs. We have been reading GetEpic.com online to build our class caterpillar. We have 4 badges thus far and 400 points. Ms. Polson read us *The Little Red Lighthouse* and we discussed our school theme, "Your Great Love Will Lead Us Through." Our virtual friend, Mark, joined us dressed as Saint Louis and we took some outdoor photos on the steps of school. In science, Quinn's purple Hot Wheel car won for the yellow pod. The car traveled an average of 289 centimeters during our speed ramp trial. Congratulations! For math, we are plotting coordinates (ordered pairs) points on a grid.

From Ms. Woods English (4 & 5) Religion (4 & 7) Social Studies (4)

The fourth and fifth grade English classes have just finished the unit on nouns and will soon be

taking the unit test. In the next unit we will be learning about verbs. We will also begin learning how to write a comparison/contrast essay.

Fourth grade religion, we finished learning about how God strengthens us to be holy. We will be moving on to learn more about how we can show our love for God and others by keeping the Commandments.

Fourth grade social studies has led us through the conflicts and hardships of the many wars in which the United States has been involved. We have discussed the economic setbacks and recoveries, as well as new challenges we have faced as a country. We will be learning more in-depth about the civil unrest that we have encountered as a nation and how people have worked tirelessly to help ease this unrest.

The seventh grade religion class is focusing on the Sacraments of Initiation, including the signs and symbols of those three sacraments. We will then turn our attention to the Parables that Jesus told.

From Mrs. Connor Religion (6 & 8) Social Studies (5-8)

Students in grade six religion are beginning to learn how the Israelites left Egypt under the leadership of Moses. Eighth grade religion students are continuing their study of the four Marks of the Catholic Church.

In grade six social studies, we are learning about the history and geography of ancient India. Students in grade seven will be completing their study of the English colonies. Fifth grade social studies students are learning about the American Revolution and continue to work on their note-taking skills. Eighth grade students have completed their study of the Industrial Revolution and will begin learning about the Spanish-American War.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION OF ST. ALPHONSUS

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart, as though You have already come. I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

INCOME TAX INFORMATION

Please note, this year we will not be sending out parish-wide contribution forms. Please call or email the parish office if you would like to have yours mailed to you.



FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, whereby the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul envelope so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

DAILY READINGS

- Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
- Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

On the Epiphany Chalk

This Sunday at Mass, we will bless the chalk for the Feast Day of the Epiphany. This blessed chalk extends a blessing to our homes. When we write the formula of the Epiphany above the main door of our homes, we ask for God's blessings.

The formula for this year is 20+C+M+B+21.

The 20 and 21 at either end of the formula stand for this year, 2021. The letters C, M, and B stand for two things. They first represent the traditional names of the wise men: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. Just as these wise men journeyed many miles to visit Christ, we ask God that, as we and our family and friends pass through our doors, we all may find Christ there as well. The second meaning of CMB originates in Latin. CMB stands for three Latin words, *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, which means, "May Christ bless this home."

After the chalk is blessed during Mass, we invite you to take a plastic bag from its place by the doors of the church. Inside, you will find an instruction sheet and a piece of chalk. Use the chalk to write the blessing above the main door of your homes on the inside door trim and say the prayer on the sheet. If your children would like the blessing written above their doors, please do that as well.

This blessing is important each year for our homes. In this time of the pandemic, this blessing is even more important. We have all been spending more time at home. This means work stress has invaded our homes more than normal, arguments have arisen from being cooped up together, and sacramentals have not been nearby to sanctify our homes. Start the year off right by asking God's blessing over your home in this way and inviting His peace to dwell there all year.

We will keep the Epiphany chalk available in the parish office and in the church all week should anyone want to come by and pick some up.





Sunday, January 3

8:00am Peggy Sciaroni
10:00 Hilda Wegman

Monday, January 4

7:00am Ruth Raidt
8:00am Sr. Kathryn Geringer

Tuesday, January 5

7:00am Maria A. Nguyen
8:00am Ralph Raskas

Wednesday, January 6

7:00am Harry and Anita Toczykowski
8:00am Ella Goepner

Thursday, January 7

7:00am Hodes Family, SI
8:00am Motz Gapsch

Friday, January 8

7:00am Pade Liddy

Saturday, January 9

7:00am Ernie Sciaroni
4:30pm People of the Parish

Sunday, January 10

8:00am Patricia Corson
10:00am Marcia Matreci

Due to early publishing deadlines, the Weekly Offertory information for Sunday, December 27, was not available when the bulletin went to print.

PRAYER NETWORK

Our prayer network continues its quiet work of praying for our parishioners who are ill, recovering from illness, and for special intentions as well. We also invite you to remember these petitions daily in your prayers. If you are interested in having an intention added to the prayer chain or to receive the list of intentions, please contact the parish office.

"..they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh..." - Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

Your Contributions to God and Parish

December 20, 2020

(Envelopes Used)

	This Week	FY to Date
Regular Env. (63)	\$ 3,650.00	\$ 107,489.00
Loose Money	\$ 994.00	\$ 23,655.00
School Support	\$ 210.00	\$ 3,914.00
Building Fund	\$ 145.00	\$ 5,485.00
Holy Days	\$ 1,390.00	\$ 5,296.00
Online Giving (56)	\$ 2,841.00	\$ 64,059.00 ;
Seminary	(\$ 350.00)	
Tithing	(\$ 25.00)	
Grand Total	\$ 9,605.00	
Total for Parish	\$ 9,230.00	\$ 210,602.00
Amount Needed	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 225,000.00
Difference	\$ 230.00	(\$ 14,398.00)
FYE 2020		(\$ 37,795.00)

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"We, the parish of Saint Raphael the Archangel, celebrate Jesus as the center of our life. Through our active participation in the Eucharist, we strive to recognize Jesus in our daily lives and the lives of others. Our commitment is to grow as a parish family, and live this through our religious, educational, social and civic involvements, witnessing to all, our faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."

ST RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
BLACK & GOLD AUCTION
FEBRUARY 13, 2021

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<https://blackandgold21.givesmart.com>

2021 ROE v. WADE MEMORIAL MASS

When: Saturday, January 16, 2021

Where: Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis (In person and live streamed)

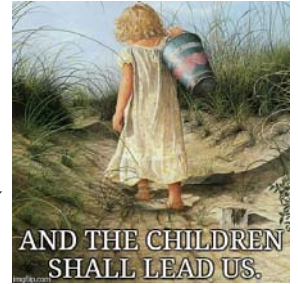
Join the Respect Life Apostolate for the Archdiocese of St. Louis Roe v. Wade Memorial Mass to be celebrated by Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski on Saturday, January 16, at 10:00am at the Cathedral Basilica. Mass will include the ProLife Generation Memorial and the LifeLine Coalition collection, which benefits over 10,000 local women and families annually. The Rosary and Benediction will follow Mass, which commemorates the 48th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion on January 22, 1973.

- + Live stream the Mass at cathedralstl.org/live
- + Promote the Mass on social media at:
[Facebook.com/events/681320415913059/](https://www.facebook.com/events/681320415913059/)
- + More details available from the Respect Life Apostolate at 314.792.7555, prolife@archstl.org, or STLRespectLife.org

WINTER OUTREACH A MINISTRY OF MERCY

The following is an excerpt from an email that was received from a "Blessed Baker" that is truly heart warming.

"I want to have my granddaughter help me. We read a book, *"One Boy's Magic."* The week after we read it, she wanted to make cards for the homeless. She is in virtual Kindergarten and comes to my house everyday because I am helping her. She is just learning to write. So she wrote, "You are special. I care." on 9 index cards. Then she put a bottle of water and a snack and one of her cards in separate grocery bags and wanted to go "find some homeless people" to give them to. My husband and I actually drove downtown to where they have set up some tents and gave them these bags. It was very sweet. I know she will want to help me make some food for them."



It is a message like this that continues to energize this ministry, along with all of you who so generously give of your blessings. We continue to fill the homeless shelter with amazing food, coffee, socks, gloves, scarves and other warm clothes so that they may help us to help others. As the temperatures begin to drop, they are so grateful to all of you for helping them prepare to open their doors to our homeless brothers and sisters. Thank you for your witness of God's love in the world.

We will once again be at the far end of the OLS parking lot (toward Macklind) to make it easier for drop off.

Casseroles--Baked and Frozen

- Wrap securely in aluminum foil to prevent leakage and freezer burn
- Mark on top what kind of casserole it is & date it January 16, 2021

Desserts--Baked and Frozen

- Make sure they have a secure lid (no plastic lids) so they do not get smashed
- Wrap securely in aluminum foil to prevent leakage and freezer burn
- Mark on top what kind of dessert it is and date it 1/16/21
- Remember to wear a mask when dropping off your dish...Thank You!

Please give your name to the person who takes your donation, so we know when all dishes have arrived. If anyone needs to drop off or have their donations picked up ahead of time, please call 314.374.1712.

SRA has several very generous families that are participating. Thank you!



By purchasing gift cards through this program, a percentage of the sale goes back to the school. The next order is due Friday, January 8, and should be turned in to the school office. Cards will be sent home via the student or you can pick up the cards at the parish office on Friday, January 15, between the hours of 7:30am and 11:30am. Orders will be placed monthly during the year. Turn in order forms and checks (made out to SRA HSA) to the school office. For a list of retailers, the web site is shopwithscrip.com.



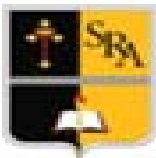
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Dinner Auction**

**All donations must
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January 25, 2021.**

For more information call
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If you are new to our community, we extend to you a heartfelt welcome. Please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office. You can also call us at 314.352.8100.

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