



# SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 2, 2022 | EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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#### WEEKEND MASS

Saturday | 7:00am, 4:30pm  
Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am

#### WEEK DAY MASS

Mon. - Fri. | 7:00am  
Mon. - Fri. | 8:00am

#### CONFESSION

Tues., Thu., Sat. | 15 minutes before  
7:00am Mass  
Saturday | 3:45pm-4:20pm  
Other | By Appointment

#### CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Mon.-Fri. | 8:00am-2:30pm  
Saturday | 8:00am-4:30pm  
Sunday | 9:00am-10:00am



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JANUARY 2, 2022 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

# READINGS FOR JANUARY 2, 2022

## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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### 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. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

**V.** 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.

**V.** 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.

**V.** 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.

**V.** 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.

### 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. 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.



### Sunday, January 2, 2022

8:00am Bill and Mary Lou Schicker  
10:00am Sr. Marguerite Luddon, CDP

### Monday, January 3

7:00am Wayne Whitworth  
8:00am Diana Natalicio

### Tuesday, January 4

7:00am Barbara Moore  
8:00am Jerome J. Altadonna

### Wednesday, January 5

7:00am Susan Richardson  
8:00am Allie and Joseph Graff

### Thursday, January 6

7:00am Christopher Kloss  
8:00am Marilyn Bodnam

### Friday, January 7

7:00am Amalia Harris  
8:00am Bernice Krauz

### Saturday, January 8

7:00am Pade Liddy, SI  
4:30pm Carol Braun

### Sunday, January 9

8:00am People of the Parish  
10:00am Marcia Matreci

*"...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."  
(Matthew 2:11)*

What gifts do we give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give to God every day. Gold reflects Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense represents our daily prayer to and adoration of God. Myrrh symbolizes our daily sacrifices for the sake of others.

Due to early publishing deadlines, the Weekly Offertory information for Sunday, December 26, 2021, was not available when the bulletin went to print.

## **Your Contributions to God and Parish**

<b>Dec. 19, 2021</b> (Envelopes Used)	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>
<b>Regular Env. (46)</b>	\$ 6,584.00	\$ 114,286.00
<b>Loose Money</b>	\$ 570.00	\$ 22,472.00
<b>School Support</b>	\$ 180.00	\$ 3,301.00
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 35.00	\$ 7,977.00
<b>Holy Days</b>	\$ 625.00	\$ 3,625.00
<b>Online Giving (51)</b>	\$ 2,828.00	\$ 68,012.00
<b>Cardinal Glennon</b>	(\$ 2.00)	
<b>Holy Land</b>	(\$ 2.00)	
<b>New Parishioner</b>	\$ 3.00	
<b>Disaster Relief</b>	(\$ 60.00)	
<b>Grand Total</b>	\$ 10,889.00	
<b>Total for Parish</b>	\$ 10,825.00	\$ 221,172.00
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 225,000.00
<b>Difference</b>	<u>\$ 1,825.00</u>	<u>(\$ 3,838.00)</u>
<b>FYE 2021</b>		(\$ 15,462.00)

### **From St. Vincent de Paul Society**

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, when the Magi find the newborn King and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. In the spirit of the Magi, please put gifts to the Society in a separate envelope so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child. SVdP does not receive funds from the Sunday collection. All SVdP donations stay in our parish to serve people within our parish boundaries. Thank you and have a blessed new year!

## FR. JOHN'S DIGITAL QUILL FOR SPIRITUAL MUSINGS AND PARISH NEWS

### *In Gratitude*

Thank you for your support of our 50 and Beyond Capital Campaign. With these funds, we were able to replace the roof on the church and the rectory. This was in fulfillment of a commitment made by the parish in the capital campaign.

Through a combination of private donors, Archdiocesan assistance, and the funds from the last couple of Black and Gold Dinner Auctions, we also were able to replace the shingle roof on the school at the beginning of December. This roof was in worse shape than the church roof and its replacement was urgently needed. We look forward in the spring to the replacement of the flat roof/low-slope roof.

Also, thank you for your support of our Amazon Smile account. We received \$176.75 for the period of support between July 1 and September 30, 2021. Remember to shop through smile.Amazon.com. You have the same experience as buying on Amazon with the only difference being that we receive a portion of your purchase price with no additional cost to you.

### *About 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+22.

The 20 and 22 at either end of the formula stand for this year, 2022. 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 our families and friends pass through our doors, we may always find Christ there.

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 inside trim of the main door of your home 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 each year for our homes is important. In this time of the pandemic, the blessing is even more important. We have all been spending more time at home. Work stress has invaded our homes, arguments have arisen from our being cooped up together, and sacramentals have not been nearby to sanctify our homes.

Let's start the year off right by asking God's blessing over our homes 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 need more.

### *Eucharistic Adoration Returns This Week*

After taking a week off due to the holiday, we will resume Eucharistic Adoration with two opportunities this week.

The first will be on Wednesday evening from 3:00 to 9:00pm in the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. A Signup Genius will be sent out with these slots.

The second is on Friday from after the 8:00am Mass to 2:15pm when we will have Benediction in the church.

All are welcome to come and spend time with the Lord at the beginning of this new year.

*I will see you online or in church! - Fr. John*  
*#SRAstrong*

*P.S. Information on the Vocational Chalice will come out this week! Please keep an eye open for the Flocknote announcement.*





Once again, our parish community generously responded to our Angel Tree project to assist the residents of Garfield Apartments through Peter & Paul Community Services. Thank you for supporting them and our efforts to serve those in need in St. Louis City and our neighborhood. Please keep our neighbors in your prayers, especially as we enter the challenging winter months ahead.

St. Raphael St. Vincent de Paul Conference



**SCRIP** - A percentage of the sale of gift cards goes back to the school. The next order is due Friday, January 7, and should be turned in to the parish office. Cards will be sent home via the student or you can pick up the cards at the school office on Friday, January 14, 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](http://shopwithscrip.com).



# DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
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 72:1-2, 3-4, 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 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

## **Laudato Si' - Care of our Common Home**

"We are always capable of going out of ourselves toward the other. Concern for others and the rejection of every form of self-centeredness is essential if we truly wish to care for our brothers and sisters and for the natural environment. If we can overcome individualism, we will truly be able to develop a different lifestyle and bring about significant changes in society." LS208 How willing are we to make changes in our way of living to be attentive to the common good?

## LECTORS FOR THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 8 - 9, 2022

4:30pm	8:00am	10:00am
George Kerry	Mary Reck	Dennis Matreci



## Mass Intentions

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The 2022 calendar for Mass Intentions is now available. Please contact the parish office to schedule Masses. Intentions are \$10 per offering.

# ALTAR SERVERS

## SERVERS FOR JANUARY 3 - 9, 2022

### Monday, January 3

8:00am	Steven Irons	Susie Irons
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### Tuesday, January 4

8:00am	Clara Thompson	Jack Delf
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### Wednesday, January 5

8:00am	Claire Fuhr	Lucas Fuhr
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### Thursday, January 6

8:00am	Brendan Cierpiot	Frank Koziacki
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### Friday, January 7

8:00am	Ethan Bradshaw	Jake Anstey
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### Saturday, January 8

4:30pm	Liam Feldman	Lucas Feldman
	Ryan Schneider	

### Sunday, January 9

8:00am	Nahima Ramirez	Dalila Ramirez
	Brandon Young	
10:00am	Mac Teeter	Mateo Switzer
	Aidan Switzer	

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Jane Condon who recently passed away. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in the peace of Christ. Amen.



Many Cultures. One Family.

December 13, 2021

St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church  
6047 Bishops Pl  
Saint Louis, MO 63109-3398

Dear Fr. John Mayo,

Thank you for your recent donation of \$495.00 to St. Frances Cabrini Academy. Your donation allows us to keep our 166 students in school and to offer academically challenging programs. We are committed to our mission to nurture the mind, body and spirit of each student and your support makes that possible.

Please know of our continued prayers for you as we ask for your prayers for us.

Sincerely,

*Caroline Koetting*

Mrs. Caroline Koetting, Principal

*Always grateful for  
your support!*

Thank you for your generous support of our Tithing for the Poor collection. We recently sent \$495 to St. Frances Cabrini Academy, who is the beneficiary of this collection. May God reward your generosity to these needy students!

## WINTER OUTREACH - A MINISTRY OF MERCY

Encouraged by our Catholic Social Teachings: *"Option for the Poor and Vulnerable,"* many parish communities are committed to St. Louis Winter Outreach as a Ministry of Mercy.

***"As long as you did it to one of these the least of my brethren, you did it to me."*** (MT 25:31-46)

As winter approaches, our homeless "brethren" will spend cold days and nights on the streets of St. Louis. In an effort to give them some comfort, **we ask your help in providing meals** to an overnight shelter during the coldest months. Drivers are also needed to deliver the meals to Americorps Shelter, 1315 Ann Street, on the following days.

DATES: SATURDAYS (1:00pm drop off)  
JANUARY 8, 2022

FEBRUARY 12, 2022

Please consider joining our Ministry of Mercy by providing one or more of the following:

9 x 13 Casserole (Meat, Vegetable, or Breakfast)

Dessert - 12 to 24 servings

Food items may be store-bought. All dishes must be brought baked, frozen, wrapped, and marked. Food is to be dropped off at Our Lady of Sorrows Parking Lot at 1:00pm. If needed, arrangements can be made to drop off or have picked up from your home ahead of time.

For more information, to share a dish, and/or be a driver, please contact Mary Ellen Mueller at 314.374.1712 or email [maryem@brick.net](mailto:maryem@brick.net).





## Christmas Parties at SRA!





## 2022 Roe v. Wade Memorial Mass & Prayer Vigil

Saturday, January 15, Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis (in-person and live-streamed)



# ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

*On the 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Roe v. Wade*



**Saturday, January 15, 2022 • 10 AM**

*Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis* Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski, Celebrant

Please join us in person or virtually at **[cathedralstl.org/live](https://cathedralstl.org/live)**

Join the Respect Life Apostolate for the Archdiocese of St. Louis Roe v. Wade Memorial Mass celebrated by Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski on Saturday, January 15, at 10:00am at the Cathedral Basilica. Mass will include the Pro-Life Generation Memorial and the LifeLine Coalition collection, which benefits thousands of local pregnant/parenting moms, children, and families annually. The Rosary Procession to and from our state's last abortion facility follows Mass, which marks the 49th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion on Jan. 22, 1973. The prayer vigil concludes with a reception and fellowship in Boland Hall.

- Livestream the Mass the day of: [cathedralstl.org/live](https://cathedralstl.org/live)
- Learn more from the Respect Life Apostolate by contacting 314.792.7555, [prolife@archstl.org](mailto:prolife@archstl.org) or [STLRespectLife.org](https://STLRespectLife.org)



## SAVE THE DATE!

February 13, 2022, at 2:30pm

Join Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski at the Cathedral Basilica to celebrate the sacrament of matrimony on World Marriage Day! Additional details will be provided in January.

## DECEMBER YOUTH CLUB RAFFLE WINNERS

1st Place \$100	Dave Brandt
2nd Place \$50	Mary Magee
3rd Place \$50	Emma Auer

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### Welcome to the St. Raphael Parish Family!

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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the appropriate item(s):

☐ New Parishioner

☐ Please Contact Me

☐ New Phone/E-mail/Address/Phone Number

☐ Please Do Not Publish Phone#