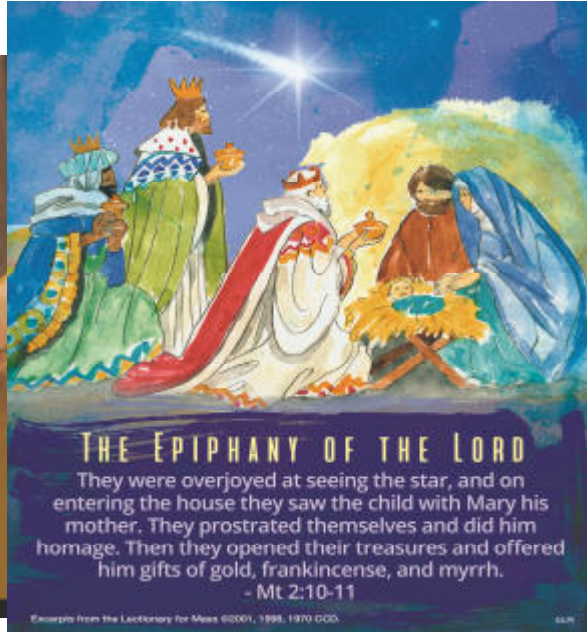


# 2021 St. Louis Church

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## Celebrating Our 192nd Anniversary

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### MASSES

Saturday ..... 4:00 p.m. (Sunday Liturgy)  
Sunday..... 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
Eve of the Holy Day ..... 4:30 p.m.  
Holy Day ..... 12:05 p.m.  
Mon-Fri ..... 12:05 p.m.  
Confessions ..... Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.

### WEDDINGS

Registered Parishioners please call the Rectory for appointment. Arrangements should be made at least one year in advance.

### HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

Call Rectory for date and time. Anointing of the Sick, anytime day or night.

### BAPTISMS

First & Third Sundays of the month at 12:00 p.m. Parents must attend a Pre-Baptism class prior to scheduling the Baptism. Classes are offered bi-monthly. Please call the Rectory for information.

### DEADLINE

All items for the weekly bulletin must be in the parish office by Monday at noon.

### FAITH FORMATION

We offer a variety of religious education, Sacrament preparation, and adult faith formation programs. Please contact 853-1972 for more information.

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### PARISH MUSEUM & ARCHIVES: OPEN BY APPOINTMENT.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FORMER PASTORS

Reverend John Nicholas Mertz..... 1829-1836  
Reverend Alexander Pax ..... 1836-1843  
Reverend Francis Guth ..... 1844-1850  
Reverend Joseph Raffener ..... 1850-1851  
Reverend William Deiters ..... 1855-1861  
Reverend J. E. Moshall..... 1861-1862  
Reverend Francis Anthony Gerber ..... 1862-1863  
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Reverend Howard J. Schwartz..... 1948-1964  
Reverend Clarence Ott..... 1964-1965  
Reverend Alfred M. Mosack ..... 1965-1979  
Rev. Msgr. William A. Schwinger ..... 1979-1995  
Rev. Msgr. Robert A. Mack..... 1995-2002

Most Rev. Robert J. Cunningham, D.D., J.C.L., 2002-2004

## *Announced Masses of the Week*

**SATURDAY, January 2:**

**4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
Robert Sprague, Sr., by Family

**SUNDAY, January 3: EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**9:00 am:** Blanche Foks, by Debbie and Gary Howell  
**11:00 am:** Sue Kolbe, by Rosemary Bloch

**MONDAY, January 4: SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON**

**12:05 pm:** In Thanksgiving for God's Blessings and Continued Health and Blessings in the New Year, by Caputi, Gentile and Occek Families

**TUESDAY, January 5: SAINT JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP**

**12:05 pm:** John Feist, by Estate

**WEDNESDAY, January 6: SAINT ANDRE BESSETTE**

**12:05 pm:** Rita Marie Rozbicki, by Estate

**THURSDAY, January 7: SAINT RAYMOND OF PENAFORT, PRIEST**

**12:05 pm:** Mary K. Crane, by Estate

**FRIDAY, January 8: CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY**

**12:05 pm:** For the People of Saint Louis Parish

**SATURDAY, January 9:**

**4:00 pm: VIGIL FOR BAPTISM OF THE LORD**  
Bob Windsor, by Gina Roblin

**SUNDAY, January 10: BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**9:00 am:** Vincent DiNatale, by Pattie Smith  
**11:00 am:** Deceased of the Albert Riester Family, by Michael Riester

### **SCHEDULE OF LECTORS**

**Weekend of January 9th and January 10th**

**4:00 pm:** Krysta Doerfler  
**9:00 am:** John Loss  
**11:00 am:** Michael Riester



### **SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Weekend of January 9th and January 10th**

**4:00 pm:** Marilyn Neil  
**9:00 am:** Tim O'Shea  
**11:00 am:** Jim Ferrini



### **MEMORIAL PRAYER CANDLE**



The Sanctuary Light burns this week to the Glory of God. If you desire to have a Memorial Prayer Candle lit in memory of a loved one or for your intention, please use the envelope available for that purpose.

### **REFLECTION FOR THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY**

The song "We Three Kings" is familiar to many of us and this song is closely identified with the Feast of the Epiphany that we celebrate today. This song was written by John Henry Hopkins, Jr. in the year 1857. At the time that he composed the Carol, Hopkins served as the Rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Mr. Hopkins also wrote the Carol for the Christmas Pageant in New York City.

It is only in the Gospel of Matthew that the Magi or Wise Men from the East are mentioned. The three Wise Men are seen as a reminder that Jesus came for all people and all ages.

This year with all that is happening in the world a person might ask themselves what the Feast of the Epiphany does for us today in the year 2021. With the pandemic many people in the world have stated that we need to be practical and follow the science, which makes a great deal of sense. If our community, our nation, and our world is going to overcome the pandemic we will need to work together and trust the science. Recently, at one of the hospitals in the United States that was given the vaccine for Covid-19 it was discovered that the vials that were supposed to contain just 5 doses of the vaccine contained 6. Staff at the hospital are calling what happened a miracle.

Over 2 thousand years ago there was a group of people who were following the science of their day and witnessed in the night sky a manifestation of a newborn king. These three Wise Men, these three Kings, left their families, their homes, and went in search of the newborn King.

Who would have thought a year ago the world would be able to not just develop one but several vaccines for Covid-19, in less than a year? Most people would have considered it impossible to develop a vaccine for a new virus in less than one year. But once again the impossible is possible, people of faith might call these events a manifestation of God's love, others might just call it a miracle and still others might call it hard work. As a person of faith sees God's hand in everything, and that He invites us to be a part of the good things that happen in this world.

Today on the Feast of Epiphany we have an amazing example of three Wise Men from the East that followed a star at its rising to find the newborn King. The Wise Men became a part of God's salvific plan, because they were willing to do their part. As we do our part in this world, and with God's grace, we will be able to confront and overcome all the challenges we face in this world.

*Msgr. Manganello*

**SPIRITUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT**

We warmly welcome all who come to St. Louis for Mass—tourists, visitors, parishioners and friends.

Your generosity is deeply appreciated. It enables the preservation, ministry and maintenance of our historic church. It assists us in reaching out to the people of our neighborhood.

Last weekend 117 people attended Mass at St. Louis Parish. Our regular collection was \$2,554.00 and Christmas collection was \$10,758.00.

You can still support your parish during this time of pandemic by mailing your donation, using our pay pal account on our web page or through the foundation of the Diocese at [www.frddb.org](http://www.frddb.org).

Thank you for your support.

**Please remember St. Louis Parish in your will. A bequest may be worded in this fashion - "I give to St. Louis Roman Catholic Church of Buffalo, NY the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ to be used for its general purposes."**

**THIS WEEK AT SAINT LOUIS****SATURDAY, January 2nd**

**4:00 pm:** The Regular Offertory Collection including Monthly Collection

**SUNDAY, January 3rd**

**9:00 am & 11:00 am:** The Regular Offertory Collection Including Monthly Collection

**12 noon:** Baptism of Karl Anderson Williams

**SATURDAY, January 9th**

**4:00 pm:** The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection

**SUNDAY, January 10th**

**9:00 am & 11:00 am:** The Regular Offertory Collection Including Maintenance and Repairs Collection

**VOCATION THOUGHT****THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

The Three Magi worshipped Jesus and then "departed by a different way." Is Jesus asking you to live your life in a new and different way for the Kingdom of God? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Father Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org).

**In your prayers...**

Please pray for all those who are sick, suffering, recovering and hospitalized, especially Dr. Richard Saab, Charles S., Patricia Guerra,

George Collins, Rev. Guy Siracuse, Anthony Jordan, Jay Deveau, Gerald Frawley, James Vasi, Sondra Schreiber, Christine Maciejewski, Ashley Winder, David Marchetti, Eric Gliniski, Richard Devita, Ray Sharrer, Frank Zawistowski, Delores Needham, Will Travis, Amy Vitz, Tracy Abram, Mamie Kate Johnson, John Zawistowski, James Palka, Bernadette R. Crawford, Carlos Calhoun and Margaret Foegen.

Please contact the Parish Office to have a loved one placed on the Prayer List. Names will appear for one month. If their condition continues to warrant our prayers, please call the office and we will gladly include them in one month increments as long as necessary. **We remember all those recently deceased and our deceased parishioners and loved ones.**

**ANNUAL PRESERVATION FUND DRIVE**

Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated to our Preservation Fund Drive. Thanks to your generosity in the past we have been able to maintain our beautiful church. With your generous support we will continue to be able to keep everything in good repair. \$57,431 has been donated.

**THANK YOU**

My heart is broken my dear friends, but I know that it will mend one day with God's help. Thank you for all your thoughts, prayers and cards. Love,

Mary Agoston

**RECEIPT OF TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS**

We will only issue year end contribution statements for 2020 if requested. Anyone who requires a tax statement may contact the rectory at 852-6040 or write "**Tax Statement**" on the front of your church envelope.

**SHOW THE SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS WITH A MASK**

St. Louis Parish Council is selling reversible masks. The mask is royal blue trimmed in black with trim of our Fleur-de-lis logo. The opposite side is all black. The masks are available at the handicap side entrance and the Main Street entrance after each Mass or you call Marilyn Neil at 882-6395.

**WORD OF LIFE**

"Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him... Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"*The Gospel of Life*: Brief Summary"

**FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST CLASS REGISTRATION**

Children receiving the sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist this spring at St. Louis must be registered to do so by January 19, 2021. Registration forms can be downloaded from the St. Louis website (<https://stlouisrcchurch.org>) or emailed from the Director of Faith Formation, Ashlee Campbell [stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com](mailto:stlouisfaithformation@gmail.com).

To prepare for these sacraments, children will attend in-person sacrament preparation classes. Classes are scheduled for 3 consecutive Saturdays, February 6th, February 20th, and February 27th. All classes will be from 9:30—11:30 a.m. in the church hall. Attendance at all three classes is mandatory.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

**Start the New Year with a New Friendship**—Telephone assurance programs serving Erie, Genesee and Orleans Counties are free services. Volunteers make regular check-ins via the telephone with homebound elderly and disabled persons. They check on participants' well-being and offer an opportunity to socialize. Relationships grow and last for years through a regular 5 to 15 minute call. The calls can alleviate some concerns facing those who live alone, and can help them maintain their independence. If you know of someone who would like to receive calls or to volunteer to make calls, call (585)343-0614 for Friendly Phones in Genesee and Orleans Counties and (716) 218-1400 for Erie County. Join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Visit [ccwny.org/services](http://ccwny.org/services) for more details or to find other services we provide, or call our Helpline at (716) 218-1419.



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