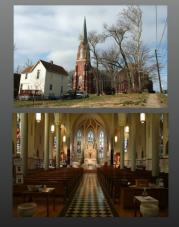
Our Lady of the Holy Cross, St. Augustine, St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist and St. Matthew, the Apostle

The Epiphany of the Lord January 7, 2024

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Our Lady of the Holy Cross

St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist
St. Augustine
St. Matthew, the Apostle

Parish Staff

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New Parish Transition Team

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Corliss Cox Desiray Taylor
Dionne Flowers Brenda Vanderford
Denise Martin Harper Sandra Wilson

Feel free to contact one of the team members with questions and ideas as we transition to a new parish.

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LIVE STREAM - in browser or You Tube : @olhc-sa-semjb-smasearch



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 AM, St Matthew, the Apostle

Church

Monday: 9:00 AM, St. Louis Catholic Academy Tues., Wed., Thur.: 12:00 PM, Our Lady of the Holy

Cross

Saturday: 4:00 PM, St. Matthew, the Apostle Church

RECONCILIATION

One (1) hour before Mass and by Appointment

The Epiphany of the Lord

Pastor's Pen

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace to you and peace! And happy New Year! On New's Year Day, we celebrated a 12:00 p.m. Mass at the Our Lady of the Holy Cross site for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. The first reading that day highlighted **the priestly blessing of Numbers 6:24-26**, a prayer of blessing that invokes the name of the Lord upon the people. I'd like to extend this blessing upon all of us as we begin this new year:

The Lord bless you and keep you!
The Lord let His face shine upon you,
and be gracious to you!
The Lord look upon you kindly
and give you peace!

On this 2nd Sunday of the Christmas Season, we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. The word "epiphany" comes from the original Greek word "epiphainein," which basically means appearance" or "manifestation." Now, what is being made manifest at this special feast is Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God, and Savior of the world.

With the celebration of this feast, we are reminded too of our responsibility to make Christ manifest in our daily lives. We are Christ's representatives here on earth, and we are called to reflect His light, each in his or her own unique way. In 1 Corinthians 12:7, St. Paul writes, "To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." The more we give ourselves to the Life imparted to us at our baptism, the more that Life will make Itself known to all those we encounter. Let us heed this call, then, and make manifest the revelation of the children of God (Romans 8:19).

God bless you with His abundant grace as we close out this glorious Christmas season!

Sincerely yours in Christ, Fr. Scott Scheiderer Parochial Administrator of OLHC, SA, SEMJB, and SMA

Saturday Vigil, January 6

4:00 PM

Ushers: Bernard Anthony
Lector: Denise Thomas
Acolyte: Kim Reid

Sunday, January 7

8:00 AM

Ushers: Luci Rucker
Lector: Shirley Robinson

Acolyte: Kim Reid

EMHC: 10:00 AM

Ushers: Claire Hay, Robbie Sanders, Kim James

Lector: Jane Brown

Acolyte: Michael Williams, Pam Mason

EMHC: Judy Lydon (Choir), Corliss Cox (Main,

check in with Fr. Scott before Mass)

Announcer: Simeon Layne

Saturday Vigil, January 13

4:00 PM

Ushers: Barbara Morrow, Bernard Anthony

Lector: Teresa Scurlock
Acolyte: Kim Reid

Sunday, January 14

8:00 AM

Ushers: Luci Rucker, Linda Hancock-Ross

Lector: Abraham Lopez

Acolyte: Shirley Robinson

EMHC: 10:00 AM

Ushers: Claire Hay, Brenda Busby, Kim James

Lector: Anjanette Clark **Acolyte:** Venus Spain

EMHC: Isom Williams (Choir), Terri Grotpeter

(Main, check in with Fr. Scott before Mass)

Announcer: Sandra Wilson











January 7, 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord

Prayer

God of gifts, you revealed yourself as a newborn baby and, with a star, you led the peoples of earth to worship Jesus, your only Son. Lead us to see you face-to-face and help us to discover our gifts and talents so that we may offer them up to you and your services. Let us be Jesus' light in the world today.

Amen

Scripture Readings January 7, 2024 The Epiphany of the Lord

Reading I

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Responsorial Psalm

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

Reading II

Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6

Gospel

Matthew 2: 1-12

January 8-13, 2024

Monday: Isaiah 55: 1-11, Isaiah 12: 2-3, 4bcd, 5-6,

1 John 5:1-9

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 1: 9-20, 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Wednesday: 1 Samuel 3: 1-10, 19-20, Psalm 40: 2 and 5,

7-8a, 8b-9, 10

Thursday: 1 Samuel 4:1-11, Psalm 44: 10-11, 14-15, 24-25,

Mark 1 40-45

Friday: 1 Samuel 8: 4-7, 10-22a, Psalm 89: 16-17, 18-19,

Mark 2: 1-12

Saturday: 1 Samuel 9: 1-4, 17-19, 10: 1, Psalm 21: 2-3,4-5,

6-7, Mark 2:13-17



MASS INTENTIONS FOR **JANUARY 8 thru JANUARY 14**

Monday, January 8 9:00 a.m. Patricia McDerby

Tuesday, January 9 12:00 p.m. *Jerry Hall*

Wednesday, January 10 12:00 p.m. Henry Coffman

Thursday, January 11 12:00 p.m. Dorothy Kelly

Saturday, January 13 4:00 p.m. *Betty Mueller*

Sunday, January 14

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish 10:00 a.m. Jay Mulderig

January Birthdays & Anniversary

Happy Birthday Anniversary to all who celebrate this month

HOMEBOUND AND SICK Remember in your prayers all the Homebound and Sick of our parish:

Judith Banks, Violet Blackmon, William Bonnett, Carrie Brown, Grace Brown, Ruby Carter, Mariah Casey, Roger Casey, Harold Cole, Senola Collier, Bernice Culmore, Lily Davis, Rhonda Dorsey, Ethel Franklin, Naomi Gardner, Leodia Gooch, Kenneth Herndon, Gus Hinton, Barbara Ingram, Ricki Kibby, Stanley King, Janie Kirkland, Finley Martin, Elizabeth McFarland, Wendell Scales, Shirley Shelton, Sandra Simmons, Frances Simms, Crystal Small, Doris Smith, Laverna Spinks, Veronica Whalum, Harriett White, Lillian Whitley, Mattie Williams, Eugenia Young



In Loving Memory



Remember all of our departed loved ones.

George Cross, Lorraine Buck, Cynthia Johnson

In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that John 14:2 *I will go to prepare a place for you?*

Offertory

December 23 & 24 and December 30 & 31

Our Lady of the Holy Cross

\$605.00 - Dec 24; \$257.00 Dec. 31 Genl. \$ 40.00 - Dec 24-Dec. 31 Online

St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist

\$5,102.00 - Dec 24; \$11,327.92 Dec. 31 Genl.

0.00 - Dec. 24-31 Online

St. Augustine

\$1,270.00 - Dec 24; \$733.02 Dec. 31 Genl.

\$1,315.00 - Dec 24-31 Online

St. Matthew, the Apostle

\$1,891.00 - Dec 24; \$621.00 - Dec. 25

\$1.761.00 - Dec. 31 Genl.

\$ 398.00 - Dec 24-31 Online Jesus make our hearts like yours



PARISH NEWS

Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into Hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

SPECIAL THANKS from the incarcerated parents of Amir, Aroyal, Christian, Giovanni, Jaiza, Ja'Marlee, Jariah, Joy, Justice, Keenan, Keyoshi, Kydan, Kylie, Maurice, Patrick, Roger, Shilo, Sincern, Solomon, Treasure, and Willo for your prayers, support of, and participation in the Angel Tree Project. "What you do for the least of my brothers and sisters that you do unto Me" (Matt 25:40).

MUSIC MINISTRY

Our music ministry is seeking new members. All ages are welcome for our adult, youth or children's choirs. See any choir member or director for more information.



Come join us to make a joyful noise. Those who sing pray twice.

Epiphany of the Lord

Our Christmas Season continues on January 6 & 7 with the Epiphany of the Lord celebrated at St. Matthew, the Apostle, with Mass at 4:00 p.m. on the 6th and 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on the 7th.

The Christmas Season concludes with The Baptism of the Lord on Monday, January 8, at St. Louis Catholic Academy, with 9:00 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to join us!

PRE-LENTEN CELEBRATION

Lent is approaching quickly - less than six weeks away. Since Ash Wednesday is February 14, we are planning a pre-Lenten celebration for Sunday, February 11. At this time we are seeking volunteers to help set up, serve, clear tables, clean up, sell tickets, etc. If you are interested in volunteering, there is a sign up sheet in the back of church or you can contact the parish offices. THANK YOU in advance for volunteering your services.

FORMATION OF PARISH LADIES' COUNCIL

If you are interested in becoming a part of the Ladies' Council for our parish, please contact Gladys Mansfield, 314-361-0464, or Jane Brown, 314-869-7442. This is a great opportunity to come together, meet other parishioners and serve.

FORMATION OF PARISH MEN'S COUNCIL ATTENTION—All Men of the Parishes!

If you are interested in forming a Men's Club of the combined parishes, please contact Gerron Houston, (314) 397-3509, or email HoustonGerron@gmail.com. This would be a great opportunity to get to know our parish family, each other and serve our church and community.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Do you know someone that is interested in joining the Catholic Church? Or, someone baptized who is not confirmed or who has never received communion?

Classes have begun. We meet after mass at St. Matthew, the Apostle rectory. It's not too late to join us.

Are you called to liturgical

ministry? If you are interested in serving as a Greeter/Usher, Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy



Communion or Acolyte, paper forms are available in the back of Church OR go to:

https://www.osvhub.com/stmatthew-the-apostle-church/forms/liturgical-minister-volunteer-contact-form to fill out the online form. For questions contact Kim Reid at sacredheart4kim@gmail.com. Training is being offered.

Please Update Your Parishioner Information

We are asking all parishioners to please update your contact information by completing the **form in the pew**, calling the parish office, visit the website or emailing:

- St. Matthews: Yvonne at stmatthews@sbcglobal.net
- St. Augustine: Michele at st.augustine.cc.stl@gmail.com
- St. Elizabeth: Lynda at lb9853@swbell.net

Our Lady of the Holy Cross: Lynda at lb9853@swbell.net

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

For the month of January please send all bulletin announcements to:



Announcements must be emailed no later than close of business on Tuesdays.

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE COMMUNITY

SAVE THE DATE! Dr. Martin Luther King Commemoration

48th Annual Archdiocesan Celebration on the Holiday Weekend Commemorating the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther



King, Jr., Sunday January 14, 2024, at 2:30 PM, at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. This is inclusive of Mass and the 17th Annual Dr. MLK, Jr. Model of Justice Awards. Mark your calendar!

EPIPHANY BLESSING OF THE HOME

Begin by having all family members gather outside the front door. All make the sign of the cross. Then one member, using the blessed chalk marks the doorway with:

20 + C + M + B + 24

After marking the door, a family member reads the following:

Today we mark our door with the year 2024 and the letters $C \, ... M \, ... B \, ..$

This marking serves as a reminder during the year that we are asking God's blessing on our home and all who enter here.

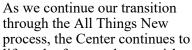
The three letters stand for the tradition names of the Magi: C for Caspar, M is for Melchior and B is for Balthazar. Their initials CMB also abbreviate the Latin words: "Christus mansionem benedicat" - "May Christ bless this house."

Let us pray. Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill them (us) with the light of Christ, that their (our) concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the sign of the cross and saying:

May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever. Amen. All make the sign of the cross.

BIBLE STUDY RESUMES





lift each of you and our parishes in prayer. As part of our adaptation, the Center's Bible Study resumed with our exploration of and prayer with "The Book of Isaiah" on **November 29 at 1:00 p.m.,** St. Nicholas Church site, located at 701 N. 18th St., St. Louis, MO 63103. Noon Mass precedes the session. You are welcome to join us for the liturgy. Please bring a Bible, New American Edition preferred. There is no charge for the sessions. Free will offerings are welcome. If additional information is needed, please call the St. Nicholas phone line at 314-231-2860, ext. 24.

KING'S HOUSE RETREAT CENTER NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

"The Power, Presence and Provision of Black Spirituality in a Time of Reflection and Discernment" presented by Danielle Harrison on Monday, February 26 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (lunch included).

Join Danielle Harrison as she explores the richness and giftedness of Black Spirituality, and how its embrace of Scripture, Ritual, Community and Justice serves as a refreshing catalyst for experiencing the time of Lent. We will spend time reading God's Word, singing God's praises and responding to God's call on our life.

Cost is \$50 (lunch included)

For more information, call 618-397-0584 or visit www.snows.org.

ARE YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW IN NEED OF RECEIVING ANY SACRAMENT(S)?



If anyone has sacramental needs (Baptism, First Holy Communion, First Reconciliation, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)), please contact the parish office.

† First Reconciliation (Confession)/First Eucharist (Communion):

Any child or youth in the second grade or older who has been baptized: There will be a **mandatory orientation meeting** for parents (only) of children preparing to receive First Holy Communion (Eucharist) this year.

† Confirmation:

Any youth who has been baptized and must be in grades 7th-12th and at least 12 years of age at the time of the administration of the Sacrament. All candidates and their families must attend an information session prior to enrollment.

† All other sacramental needs: Contact the parish office.

Sacramental Preparation: If you or anyone you know is in need of any sacrament, please contact the parish office immediately. It will soon be too late to enroll in many of these sessions this school year.

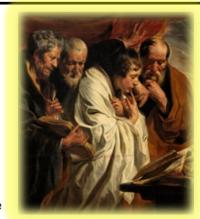
If you have any questions contact the parish office at 314-531-6443.

NEW PARISH "NAME PROPOSAL"

The Evangelists Catholic Church Sts. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John (Submitted by Michele Brown – St. Augustine)

The four Evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are the attributed authors of the four canonical Gospel accounts in the New Testament of the Bible. They are called the evangelist, a word meaning "people who proclaimed good news," because their books aim to tell the "good news" ("gospel") of Jesus (Wikipedia)

Naming our new parish after these evangelizers serves as a powerful reminder of their role in spreading the gospel and nurturing the faith to countless believers. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are revered as the authors of the four canonical Gospels, which provide valuable insight into the life, teachings and ministry of Jesus Christ. By incorporating their names into



the parish identity pays homage to their contribution and encourages parishioners to show zeal in their evangelization.

By naming our new parish after the evangelizers it symbolizes the coming together of our diverse communities under a common purpose, fostering a spirit of cooperation and enabling more effective outreach to both believers and nonbelievers.

A major focus of All Things New was to create parishes that would have an impact on the evangelization in the Catholic Church. By centering its mission on sharing the good news of Jesus Christ the parish can actively engage with a wider community, reach out to those seeking faith and provide a welcoming space for all to encounter God's love. The names of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, serves as a constant reminder of the importance of evangelization, hopefully, inspiring parishioners to actively participate in this aspect of our faith.

By honoring these key figures in the spread of the Gospel, the parishioners will acknowledge their profound impact and encourage parishioners to follow in their footsteps. Placing an emphasis on evangelization will ensure that the parish remains dedicated to sharing the message of Christ.

Saint Matthew inspires us to be diligent and to **strive for humility**. He left his comfort and pleasures to follow Jesus, providing a perfect example of what it looks like to **follow God** despite financial difficulties.

Saint Mark is the author of one of the four Gospel accounts and played a vital role in **spreading the Gospel as a missionary** in the early church. Saint Mark, **the evangelist**.

St. Luke emphasizes Christ's compassion for sinners and for those who suffer. St. Luke is a servant of the Lord.

St. John stands for the disciple whom Jesus the Lord and Master loved most, **a message of God's love**; a person of deep insight in the mystery of God and His love. St. John is the patron saint of **love, loyalty, friendships** and authors.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

St. Vincent DePaul Society	8115 Church Rd.	314-381-0323
	1371 Hamilton Ave.	314-289-6101 ext 1134
	2715 North Sarah Street	314-289-6101 ext 1169
	4746 Carter Ave.	314-932-7222
Baden Community Vegetable Garden	8115 Church Rd.	314-825-1603
Father Bob's Outreach	1371 Hamilton Ave.	314-385-1934
St. Augustine Wellston Center	1705 Kenlien Ave.	314-382-7158
Northside Youth & Senior Service Center	4120 Maffitt Ave.	314-531-4161 or
		314-531-1937
Nagalada Camananita Harrina	4067 I in selv. Asse	214 524 5400
Northside Community Housing	4067 Lincoln Ave.	314-534-5400
Child & Family Empowerment Center, Inc.	4145 Kennerly Ave.	314-449-1333
Unfailing Love Christian Church-Food Pantry	4068 Maffitt Ave	314-371-1057
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St. Louis Catholic Academy	4720 Carter Ave.	314-389-0401
St. Charles Lwanga Center	4746 Carter Ave.	314-231-2860 ext 24





Habitat for Neighborhood Business

We support existing and aspiring entrepreneurs and others who share our mission to increase commercial investment in under-served neighborhoods.

Contact Gladys Smith, Program Administrator, at 314-977-3625.

"Strengthening Neighborhood Businesses"

IN REMEMBRANCE
Patrick W. Rush
Patricia Rush
Barrington Gates
Patricia Crawford
Katherine Brewster
Lena Brewster Kennon
Inez Brewster McClinton

IN LOVING MEMORY

Mabel Hall Gregory Hall
Leo Hall Jarvis Hall
Gail Hall Mattie Hall
Susie Brewster Velma Brewster

In Memory of
Clifton and Erna Martin
Alladin & Rezia Martin
William & Augusta Theriot
& All Family Members
Who Have Passed

In Loving Memory Leroy & Maudesta Gougisha Jerone "Ronnie" Gougisha **Janet Gougisha** Joshua Johnson



In Loving Memory of James & Margaret Bland Theresa Frisch-Gordon

> **Beloved Father & Mother** and Grandmother

In Memory of Mrs. Angela Akunmo (née Ezepue)

May her soul Rest in Peace. Amen

In Loving Memory Stanley & Clayton Rice Ernest &Lucinda Rice John & Mary Briggs



Be a member of The Holy Name Society

Try to attend Daily Mass

In Beloved Memory of Carl Jacob Westfall Carl Lewis Westfall Sophia Alexander Westfall Ann A. Parker William "Beanie" Westfall

In Memory of **Beaulah & Walter McPherson** Mildred & Barney Simms **And Other Family Members**

Clayton & Althlee Williams

Harrison York Smith, II

Memorialize a loved one In this space

In Loving Memory of Choi S. Handley

(wife, mother, daughter, sister)

In Loving Memory

of

Lindell Collins Sr. **Ida Collins** Lindell Collins Jr. Ernest Collins Albert Mason Jr. William Collins Sr. **Doris Mason**

In Loving Memory of

Jannia Fields Vivian Kirksev Henry Frank Clay, Jr. **Henrietta Clav**

Is Stephens Ministry for you? Contact

> Teresa Scurlock 314.397.2748 Margaret Ann McCabe 314.609-9285



In Memory of Helena C. Anthony Shawn C. Anthony Lloyd Tilghman Francis Tilghman Theresa Tilghman John O. Tilghman Lloyd (chick) Tilghman

In Loving Memory of **Burton & Ruby Woods,** Paul & Victoria Powell, George Powell, Willie Paul Powell, Charles "Bobby" Powell, Elenora Ross, Mattie Toney, Elijah "Joe" Turnage, Equellia Woods, Iola Abney

Memorialize a loved one In this space

In Memoriam

Oliver McCullum Gretchen McCullum Levester McCullum **Ruby Williams** Willa Mae McFarley Virginia Ann Saunders Raymond Prisby, Sr. Mary Prisby Holliday Gladys Prisby-Ross Raymond Prisby, Jr. Russell E. Prisby Vivian Prisby

In loving memory of Thad Hollie, Jr., Esq.

"Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always abiding in the word of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

1 Corinthians 15:58

IN MEMORIAM

Deceased Members of St. Vincent de Paul Society @ St. Matthew

Liz Bell **Beatrice Blackshear** Flora Hailey **Henry Brown**

Leo Glaze **Cloteal Harris** **Mary Hoskins** Lillie Johnson

Ruth Mitchell Jean Short

Dorothy Cain

Gwendolyn Harris

Ernestine Jackson Al & Felecia Leake

Knights of Peter Claver Father Zimmerman Council 150

Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary St. Matthew Court 150

SPREADING EVANGELIZATION SINCE 1909

For information contact: Isom Williams, Jr. (Knights) Patricia Hughes (Ladies)

In Memory of Earl Franklin Johnson, Sr. Earl Franklin Johnson, Jr. **Marian Fleming** John E. Ford. Jr. Ella & Willie Butler Samuel Sheppard Marquez Öliver



Be a member of St. Ann Sodality

Attend Mass regularly Meetings every 3rd Sunday