

Dear Padre,

I understand that all Catholics, not just priests and religious, are called to holiness. How can laypeople become holy?

The five elements of holiness are the same for all the baptized, always in the context of their vocational calling.

Prayer: In the liturgy, we join our sisters and brothers to offer communal worship where we are nourished and formed by word and sacrament. In private prayer, we maintain, clarify, and nourish our relationship with God.

Love of neighbor: We are called to treat others with the acceptance and respect that God has for each person. Every person is our neighbor, especially people in need (Matthew 25:40).

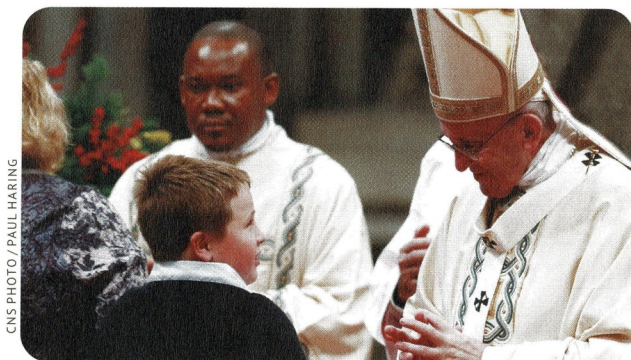
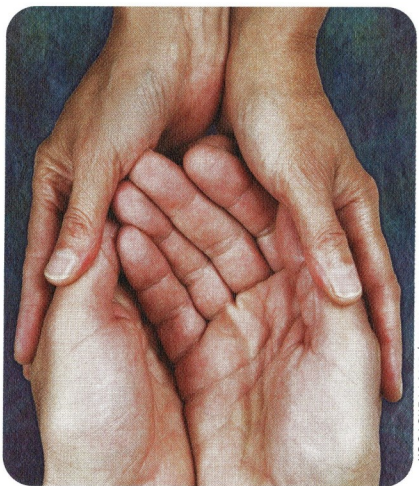
Living one's vocational commitment: Being faithful to a spouse in marriage, working for family harmony, staying true to dedicated singleness in the world or in the religious community setting—all are avenues of holiness.

Penance and self-discipline: The Christian life demands self-denial, control, and sacrifice. Christians must deny themselves, take up their cross daily, and follow Jesus (Luke 9:23).

Reaching out in discipleship: Holiness also comes from and finds its noblest expression in a life of service and ministry. Baptism initiates us into the fullness of Christian reality, which ultimately means discipleship—sharing our faith and serving others, especially the most needy.

For laypeople, the main arena of holiness is where they live, work, play, and struggle every day. It is there that they must proclaim “the kingdom of God is in our midst,” and answer their call to holiness. ●

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

As we begin this new year, let us ask ourselves....

Do I know how to look at people with the heart?

Do I take to heart the people with whom I live?....

Let us ask for the grace to live this year with the desire to take others to heart and to care for them.

HOMILY, VATICAN, JANUARY 1, 2020

MONDAY

January 2
Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
1 Jn 2:22–28
Jn 1:19–28

TUESDAY

January 3
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 2:29–3:6
Jn 1:29–34

WEDNESDAY

January 4
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
1 Jn 3:7–10
Jn 1:35–42

THURSDAY

January 5
St. John Neumann, Bishop
1 Jn 3:11–21
Jn 1:43–51

FRIDAY

January 6
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:5–13
Mk 1:7–11

SATURDAY

January 7
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:14–21
Jn 2:1–12

SUNDAY

January 8
Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1–6
Eph 3:2–3, 5–6
Mt 2:1–12

Timely topics viewed with a Catholic perspective

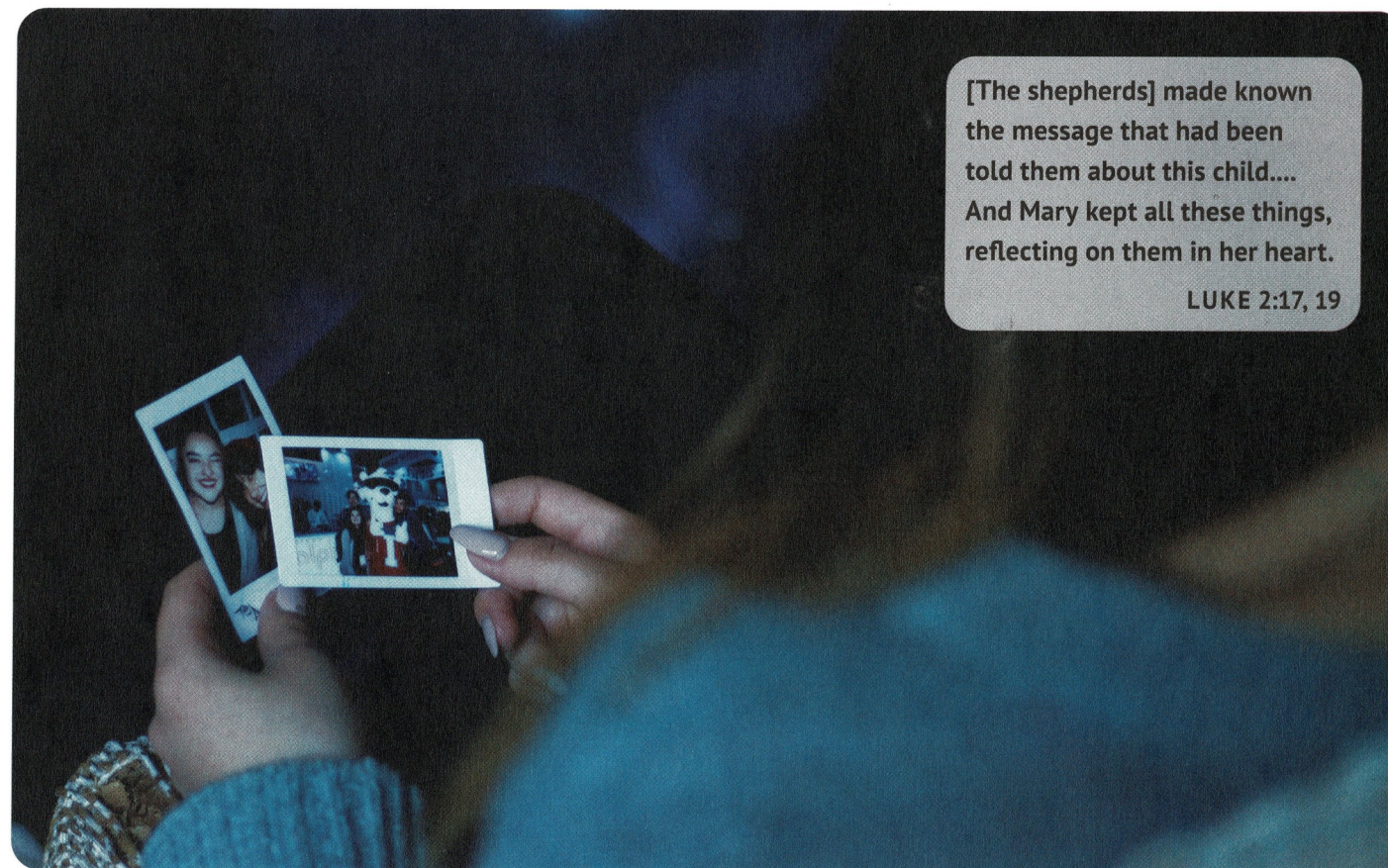
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Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 1, 2023

Mary, Mother of God (A)

Numbers 6:22–27 / Galatians 4:4–7 / Luke 2:16–21



[The shepherds] made known the message that had been told them about this child.... And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.

LUKE 2:17, 19

What Do You Hold in Your Heart?

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

On New Year's Eve, some of my friends try to recall a significant event from each year, beginning with the most recent, and work their way back. They tell me that memories from the first couple of years, the most recent, are fairly easy to call to mind, but after that, memories get reduced to births and deaths, marriages and moves to new homes, vacations, and ultimately to not remembering anything significant for some years. It's an interesting conclusion—not remembering anything significant—given the human emotions and energies we pour into trivial disagreements, unresolved conflicts, and family issues.

The Gospel recounts how Mary reflected upon the events of her Son's birth and how she kept them all in her heart. I suspect that many of the events we might recount from that New Year's Eve exercise would end up being some of the moments we hold in our hearts. Most would likely revolve around family, all those people we keep in our hearts. Others might be about job promotions or successes, or memorable recognitions. We justifiably keep these as treasures to remember.

As Mary did, we might learn something about ourselves by pondering significant personal faith events. I doubt most of us will recall one for each year, which may say something about how seriously we take our faith lives. Yet those we do recall could be treasures of the past that will bless us in the present. ●

Reflect

What do the events you carry in your heart say about who you are?

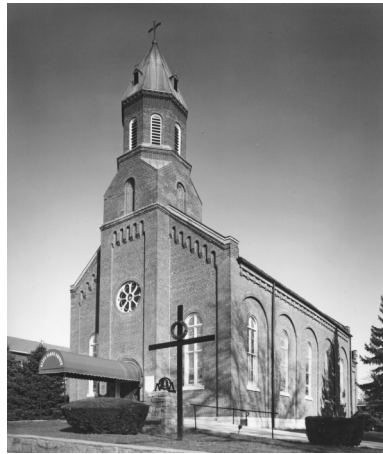


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Weekly Mass Schedule

Mon	No Mass
Tues	8:00 AM
Wed	8:00 AM
Thurs	8:00 AM
	6:00 PM
Fri	8:00 AM
Sat	9:00 AM
	4:30 PM
Sun	8:00 AM
	10:00 AM

***HOLY DAY SCHEDULE:**
Please check the Bulletin for Mass times.

Confessions:

Saturday: 8:00 - 8:30 AM
Saturday: 3:30 - 4:10 PM
Thursday: 5:00 - 5:30 PM

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Special Ministers Week of: January 7 & 8 2023!



Lectors:

Sat: 4:30 pm Paul Villmer
Sun: 8:00 am Jamie Thompson
10:00 am Jamie Warden

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday 4:30 pm	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 10:00 am
C: Laura Allen	Don Thompson	Marvin Wright
R: Judy East	Sharon Forrester	Dave Woodland
L: Vikkie Neier	Glenda Farrow	Nikki Warden

Servers:

Sat. 4:30 p.m. Lane & Madison Battreal
Sun. 8:00 a.m. Volunteers Please
Sun.10:00 a.m. Daisy & Penelope Kearns & Meadow Henson

Music:

Sat. 4:30 p.m. Chala Short
Sun. 8:00 a.m. Rebecca Richards
Sun.10:00 a.m. Anita Govero or The Little Way Band

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS.
YOU make the difference!

Heavenly Duster: 1/6: Glenda Farrow
Altar Linens: 1/2: Connie Scott

RCIA –The Right of Christian Initiation for Adults

Do you know someone who is interested in becoming a member of the Catholic faith? **RCIA** is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. RCIA gives instruction to those wishing to be baptized & those who, for whatever reason, have never practiced their baptismal faith as Catholics. For more information, please phone the rectory office at (573) 438-4686.

Mass Offerings -

Masses can be said for the living also; birthdays, anniversaries, etc. Come by the office or write the name & any preferred date on paper, put in envelope with \$10 for each Mass & drop in drop box or put in the collection basket at Mass. If the chosen date is available, I will schedule for that date, if not I will schedule next available.

Word of Life

“O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties. Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God’s love and compassion.”
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers”

May friends and families of women with difficult pregnancies provide loving, life-affirming support for both mother and child; We pray to the Lord

Dynamic Catholic Alive!
Generosity

Mary is our model of stewardship. After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God’s call. She heard God’s message and immediately said, “yes.” Mary teaches us to live with joy and gratitude for the many blessings God has given us. By sharing all of our gifts, we put God first in everything. By giving freely it helps us from becoming a slave to our desires and possessions. We are called to share everything, especially that one thing that means the most to us. Just as moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ’s light to the world. We do this through lives of gratitude and generosity.

Upcoming Events

Jan 01: Solemnity of Mary; the Holy Mother of God
No Ladies Sodality in January, will meet Feb 07, 2023
Jan 03: Knights of Columbus mtg, 6:30 pm, Parish Hall
Jan 05: First Thursday Adoration/Mass of Reparation/healing service
Jan 07: First Saturday Marian Devotion Mass 9:00 am
Jan 08: The Epiphany of our Lord
Jan 08: PSR Class will meet Jan 8th (corrected from Jan 15th)
Jan 10: Parish Council mtg, Parish Hall, 5:30 pm
Jan 16: SVDP mtg, Food Pantry, 6:00 pm

Reflection: When I reflect on the various ways I have experienced God “letting His face shine upon” me, I keep coming back to His mother. How often has He desired her to be the Theotokos, the “God-bearer,” in my life.

First Thursday Adoration: January 5, 2023

Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen Quotes On The Importance Of Eucharistic Adoration in our lives:
A Holy Hour is not a devotion; it is a sharing in the work of redemption."
"The only time our Lord asked the Apostles for anything was the night He went into agony. Not for activity did He plead but for an Hour of companionship."
"During a Holy Hour we grow more and more into His likeness."
"The purpose of the Holy Hour is to encourage deep personal encounter with Christ."



January 7th, 2023

First Five Saturdays Devotion to our Lady



How to Practice the Five First Saturday’s Devotion

1) Confession: Make a good confession during the 8 days prior to the first Saturday with the intention of offering reparation for the offences against Our Lady’s Immaculate Heart.
2) Communion. You should attend Holy Mass and receive Holy Communion with the intention of offering reparation for the offences against Our Lady’s Immaculate Heart.
3) The Communion should be received on the first Saturday of the month.
4) The confession must be repeated for 5 consecutive months, without interruption, otherwise you must recommence from the beginning.
5) Recite 5 decades of the Holy Rosary with the intention of making reparation to Our Lady’s Immaculate Heart.
6) 15 minutes meditation on the mysteries of the Holy Rosary. Accompany Our Lady by meditating on the mysteries of the Holy Rosary. This can be done by reading the biblical texts of the mysteries of the Holy Rosary slowly thinking of their content. You could meditate on one mystery for 15 minutes at the end of the prayer as Sr Lucia did. This meditation is in addition to the recitation of the Rosary.
7) Say the prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary to conclude the devotion.

*****FORMED*****

Watch: Mary of Nazareth. Mary of Nazareth is an epic motion picture on the life of Mary, Mother of Christ, from her childhood through the Resurrection of Jesus. The film vividly captures the essence of Mary’s profound faith and trust in God amidst the great mysteries that she lived with as the Mother of the Messiah, as well as her compassionate humanity and concern for others, and the deep love that she and Jesus shared for one another.

For Kids: The Christmas Pageant that Almost Wasn’t.

Sign up for “Formed” and enrich your personal journey. Sign up info on flyer in back of church.

A New Year’s Blessing

As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends. Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains. Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the **God-conscious** way.

**Understand Your Catholic Faith with
The Catechism in a Year Podcast
With Fr. Mike Schmitz!
Starting January 1, 2023**

In response to countless requests, Ascension is launching **The Catechism in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz) on January 1, 2023!**

With this FREE podcast, Catholics will:

- Read the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church in 365 days
- Understand the essentials of the Catholic Faith and why they matter
- See how Church teaching is rooted in Sacred Scripture
- Absorb over 2,000 years of Sacred Tradition
- Encounter God’s plan of sheer goodness
- Transform their relationship with the Church that Christ founded.

If you have ever wanted to understand what it means to be Catholic and allow those truths to shape your life—this podcast is for you!

An idea for your New Year’s resolution: As we make plans to better ourselves, the area often lost or forgotten is our faith life. The best way to start the year off right is to make the commitment to understand what it means to be Catholic and allow those truths to shape our lives, day by day. This year, beginning on January 1st, we have the opportunity to join hundreds of thousands of Catholics in listening to The Catechism in a Year podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz. Some of you might be familiar with The Bible in a Year podcast released two years ago. The Catechism in a Year will be just like that but rather than reading the entire Bible, we will read through the second most important book for Catholics: The Catechism of the Catholic Church.

To join in this journey through the Catechism, visit AscensionPress.com/CIY. The podcast is completely free and available on all major podcast apps and YouTube.

Inaugural Archdiocesan Celebration of Life Mass

Join the Respect Life Apostolate for the inaugural **Celebration of Life Mass** to thank God for ending abortion in Missouri, honor those lost to abortion, pray for those wounded by abortion, and commit to build a “culture of life and love” (Evangelium Vitae). Starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 14 at the Cathedral Basilica, the special Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski and priests of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

The Mass collection will benefit the LifeLine Coalition, a network of local agencies that directly assist and serve pregnant and parenting mothers, their preborn children, and families in our community. The Holy Rosary and Exposition/Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will follow Mass. To learn more, contact 314.792.7555, prolife@archstl.org or STLRespectLife.org

St. James PSR NEWS

Family Catechesis Helping Build Faithful Families!
Next Class will be January 8th! Unit 4 is due.



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