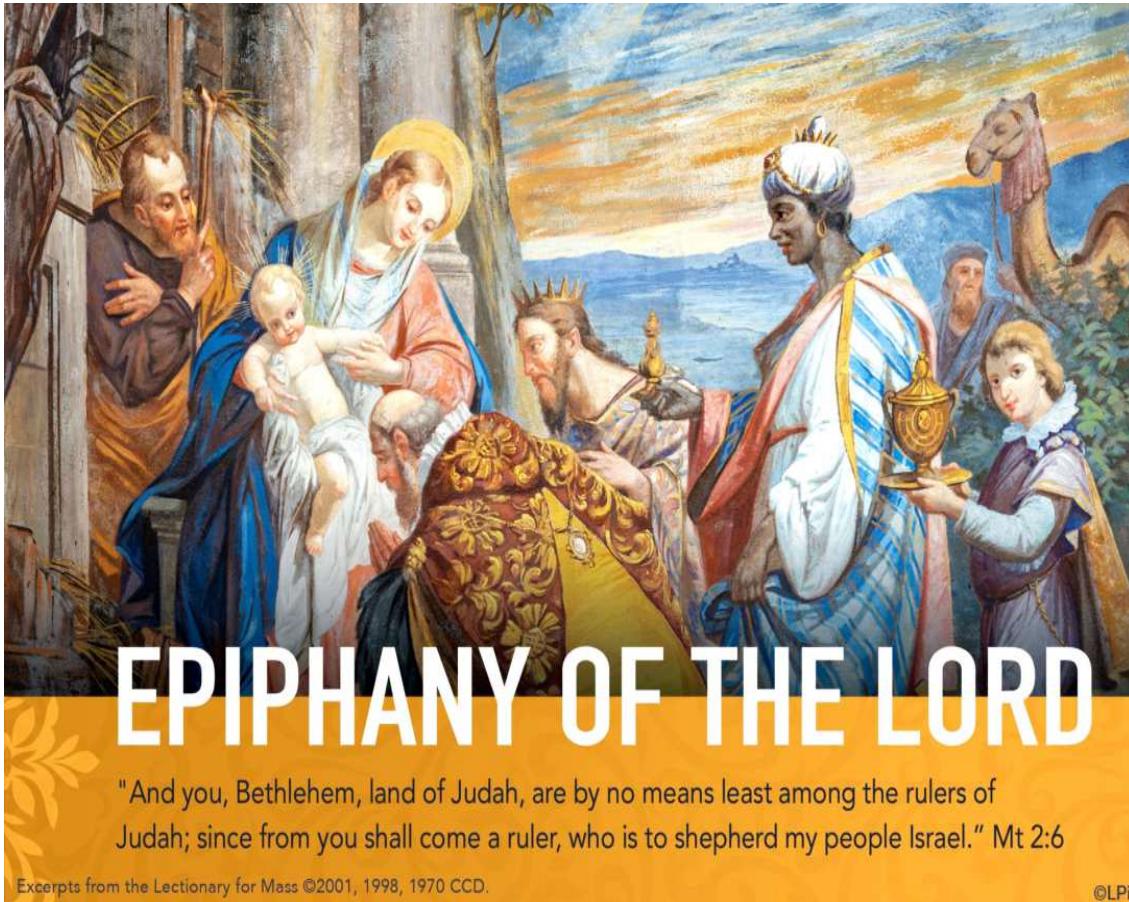


# Our Lady of the Ridge - St. Linus Parish

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 4, 2026



## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"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." Mt 2:6

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From Fr. Mark's Desk:

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. *"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."*

The essence of gift giving is the thought behind the gift. In the gift of Jesus, we experience the thought of God, as an encounter with the source of all love. Unwrapping the gift and realizing its potential takes acceptance and resolve. Joseph and Mary are the first to understand that God has sent a gift. They would watch and live that gift as Jesus would grow in age and wisdom. The three Magi in the most famous Epiphany account recognize in Jesus a gift that no earthly possession can emulate. Their hearts, like Mary and Joseph, will be changed once they have encountered this child, Jesus. Of course, not everyone is joyful about the gift. Some people have hearts that do not want to be changed. In the encounter of the three Magi, the love of the Divine has been experienced; love never dies.

The occasion of the Epiphany also allows the Church to announce the moveable feasts of the year. This annual proclamation is an opportunity to remind ourselves of the blessings we receive in the Church's perpetual celebration of the life of Jesus Christ.

The Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts for 2026

Know dear brothers and sisters, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy, we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior.

~On the eighteenth day of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

~On the fifth day of April, you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

~On the fourteenth day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

~On the twenty-fourth day of May, the feast of Pentecost.

~On the seventh day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

~On the twenty-ninth day of November, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen

Have a Blessed week and Happy New Year!

Fr. Mark Walter

## Mass Schedule for January 3, — 11, 2026

At STL: Saturday 4:00PM; Sunday 7:30AM, 10:30AM;

M - F 6:00AM Comm. Service, 7:30AM Mass

At OLOR: Sunday 9:00AM; Monday 8:30AM Mass;

Wednesday & Friday 8:30AM Communion Service

### Saturday, January 3, 2026 Vigil Mass

4:00PM Frank P. Saviano, Leonardo de La Vega, Bryan Kumzi, Efren Chavez

### Sunday, January 4, 2026 The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30AM Joe Schrepfer, Ken Czachowski, Maureen Basile, Bednarz Family

9:00AM Julius Iavanesits, Lori Witt, Peter Paul Lunter, Christopher McGarry

10:30AM Doug Combs, Tom O'Connell, John Michael Cooper, Frank T. McGuire, Sr.

### Monday, January 5, 2026 St. John Neumann, Bishop

7:30AM Bernadette Tomasek

### 8:30AM NO MASS

### Tuesday, January 6, 2026 St. Andre Bessette, Religious

7:30AM Helen Hunnicutt

### Wednesday, January 7, 2026 St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

7:30AM Marge Lamoureux, John F. Gallagher

8:30AM Communion Service

### Thursday, January 8, 2026 Christmas Weekday

7:30AM Nancy Rathslag, Robert Donohue

### Friday, January 9, 2026 Christmas Weekday

7:30AM Janet Zavadis

8:30AM Communion Service

### Saturday, January 10, 2026 Vigil Mass

4:00PM Gene Witowski, Tom Coti, William Nelis, Robert Goldsmith

### Sunday, January 11, 2026 The Baptism of the Lord

7:30AM Ann McCudden, Marge Hasse, Kazimierz Bednarz, Jane Pokusa

9:00AM Brad Grove, Lou Anne Jarolimek

10:30AM MaryAnn Novak, Mary Ann Swanson, Ken Stack, Bryan Kumzi



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### Nonperishable Food Collection January 3/4

Items we can use each month are:

Peanut butter and jelly; Canned Foods: vegetables, fruits, meats, soups, pasta sauce, canned pasta, tuna and chicken; Boxed Items: macaroni and cheese, pasta, rice, mashed potatoes; Cereals: hot and cold; Household Items: toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, napkins, bags, foil; Personal Hygiene Products: soap, deodorant; Cleaning Supplies: laundry detergent, sponges, Windex, Pledge; Aldi Gift Cards: to purchase eggs, cheese, butter, bread, milk and meat ~ Gift cards can be placed in the SVdP Poor Box or brought to the rectory. Please bring all donations this weekend of January 3/4.



We pray for members of our parish family who are homebound, or in hospitals, nursing homes, rehab centers and hospice. We also pray for their caregivers. This list will be frequently revised. We remember especially:

Matt O'Connell, Catherine Ralson, Brody Lynch, Patricia Lipke, Linda Rumppe, Dan Phelan



Our Lord extends His love to you in the peace and joy of the new year. He always waits for you at Adoration.

Jesus, Light of the World Adoration Chapel  
Monday - Friday 8AM - 4PM at St. Linus  
Friday, 5PM - 7PM at Our Lady of the Ridge Church

The chapel will be **CLOSED** on December 31st thru January 2nd.

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be **NO 8:30AM Mass** at OLOR on Monday, **January 5th**.

### JANUARY

**For prayer with the Word of God:** Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church. ©Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network 2026

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the new born 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 Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The journey of the Magi reflects how treacherous our Christian life on earth can be. Always, evil works against us — Satan lays traps. He sows confusion. May we, like the Magi, recognize the will of God as our guiding star. ©LPI

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Victor Martinez  
Carlos Sepulveda

Gregory Wilk  
Derek Damasco  
Hector Daniel Garcia  
Alexander Thiel

*Please pray for them and for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life.*

**Epiphany Blessing**

Dear God,  
It was You who inspired the Magi to follow the star to find You. Inspire us to seek You, as well. Bless our homes and families this season, make them places where we can encounter You through prayer and community. Amen. ©LPi

**QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading Question:**

Isaiah prophesies a coming of age when the glory of the Lord would shine upon Israel and their hearts would throb with joy. Can you share an experience that brought you deep joy and happiness?

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Question:**

Paul tells the Ephesians that the Holy Spirit revealed to him that *all* believers in Jesus (Jew and Gentile alike) were coheirs and members of the same body. Have you ever felt like an outsider who was welcomed by others?

**Gospel Question:**

In the story of the birth of Jesus, Matthew contrasts the fear and concern of King Herod with the joy and praise of the Magi. What feelings does the season of Christmas evoke for you? ©LPi

**Neighborhood News...**

**Now Hiring!**: Dining Room Aide, Mt. Assisi Campus; Contact Sr. Cindy at **630-291-9233**; Nursing students, Care givers, CNAs; St. Joseph's Convent; Contact Dr. Krestina at **708-912-7510**.

**Graduation & Prom Dress Resale:** Dress Drop-Off, Saturday, **January 17**, 9AM-12Noon, McAuley Theatre Foyer; Dress Shopping, Saturday, **January 24**, 9AM-2PM, McAuley Theatre Foyer; Questions? Email [McAuleyMothersClub@gmail.com](mailto:McAuleyMothersClub@gmail.com).

**LOSS Support Group:** 4th Tuesday at **7:00PM**, **Marist High School**, 4200 W. 115th St., Chicago; Main Entrance with flagpole, Conference Room in the Main Office. For more info call **312-655-7283**.

# ST. LINUS SCHOOL NEWS

**"IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A HAWK!"**



During December the teachers and students decorated the hallways for Christmas. Here is Mrs. Kelly's room in the Kindergarten/1st Grade Hallway!



Our St. Linus elves really came out big for Ronald McDonald House. This is just a portion of what we donated to Ronald McDonald House right before Christmas. Thanks to everyone who donated.



We had our annual Christmas Sing-a-Long the last day before Christmas vacation. All of the students from PreK 3 to 8th grade participated and sang a song of their own. We then finished up with a rousing rendition of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" This is always a highlight of our year!

## Dates to Remember

**January 7-1:30 dismissal**

**January 23-Casino Fundraiser. Please join us!**

For more information or to schedule a tour contact:

Margaret Hayes, Principal  
@ 708-425-1656

Linda Delisi, Secretary  
@ 708-425-1656



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[www.stlinusoaklawn.org/ReligiousEducation](http://www.stlinusoaklawn.org/ReligiousEducation)

**Office Hours:** Monday thru Thursday: 9:00AM—4:00PM  
Friday: 9:00AM—3:00PM  
Weekend: CLOSED

**PARISH STAFF:**

**PASTOR:** Rev. Mark Walter  
**CHAPLAIN:** Rev. Wissam Mansour  
Our Lady of the Holy Land Community  
**SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:** Margaret Hayes  
**SCHOOL SECRETARY:** Linda Delisi  
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**Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago**

**EUCARISTIC CELEBRATIONS**

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE:** (at St. Linus): Saturday, 4:00 PM;  
Sunday, 7:30 AM and 10:30 AM  
(at Our Lady of the Ridge): Sunday, 9:00 AM  
**MONDAY-FRIDAY:** 6:00 AM Communion Service (STL)  
**MONDAY-FRIDAY:** 7:30 AM Mass (STL)  
**MONDAY:** 8:30 AM Mass (OLOR)  
**WED. & FRI.:** 8:30 AM Communion Service (OLOR)  
**HOLY DAYS:** See the bulletin for Mass schedule.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** (Confession)  
Saturday 12:00 to 1:00 PM in Saint Linus Church or by appointment.

**EUCARISTIC ADORATION:**

Monday-Friday, 8 AM to 4 PM in Jesus, Light of the World Adoration Chapel at St. Linus (enter from parking lot)  
Friday evening from 5-7 PM in Our Lady of the Ridge Church

**MARIAN DEVOTIONS:** The Rosary

Each weekday after the 7:30 AM Mass at STL.  
Each M-W-F at 7:45 AM before services at OLOR.

**BAPTISM:** Sunday

Our Lady of the Ridge after 9:00 AM Mass;  
St. Linus at 1:30 PM;  
One-hour Baptismal preparation class required for first child only.

**MARRIAGE:**

Please contact Fr. Mark to arrange the date and time of your marriage celebration at least four months prior to the date.

**SPRED:** (SPecial REligious Development)

Ministry to developmentally disabled children and adults.  
Tuesday evening from 6:30-8:00 PM at OLOR in the FFC.

**SEEKING WISDOM PRAYER GROUP:**

Reading a book and discussing it via ZOOM.

**AA MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP:**

Saturday morning at 10:00 AM in the FFC at OLOR  
Sunday evening at 7:00 PM in the Cardiff Center at STL.

**NA GROUP:**

Monday evening at 7:00 PM in the FFC at OLOR.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:**

New parishioners are welcome to register at the rectory as soon as possible.

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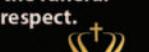
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