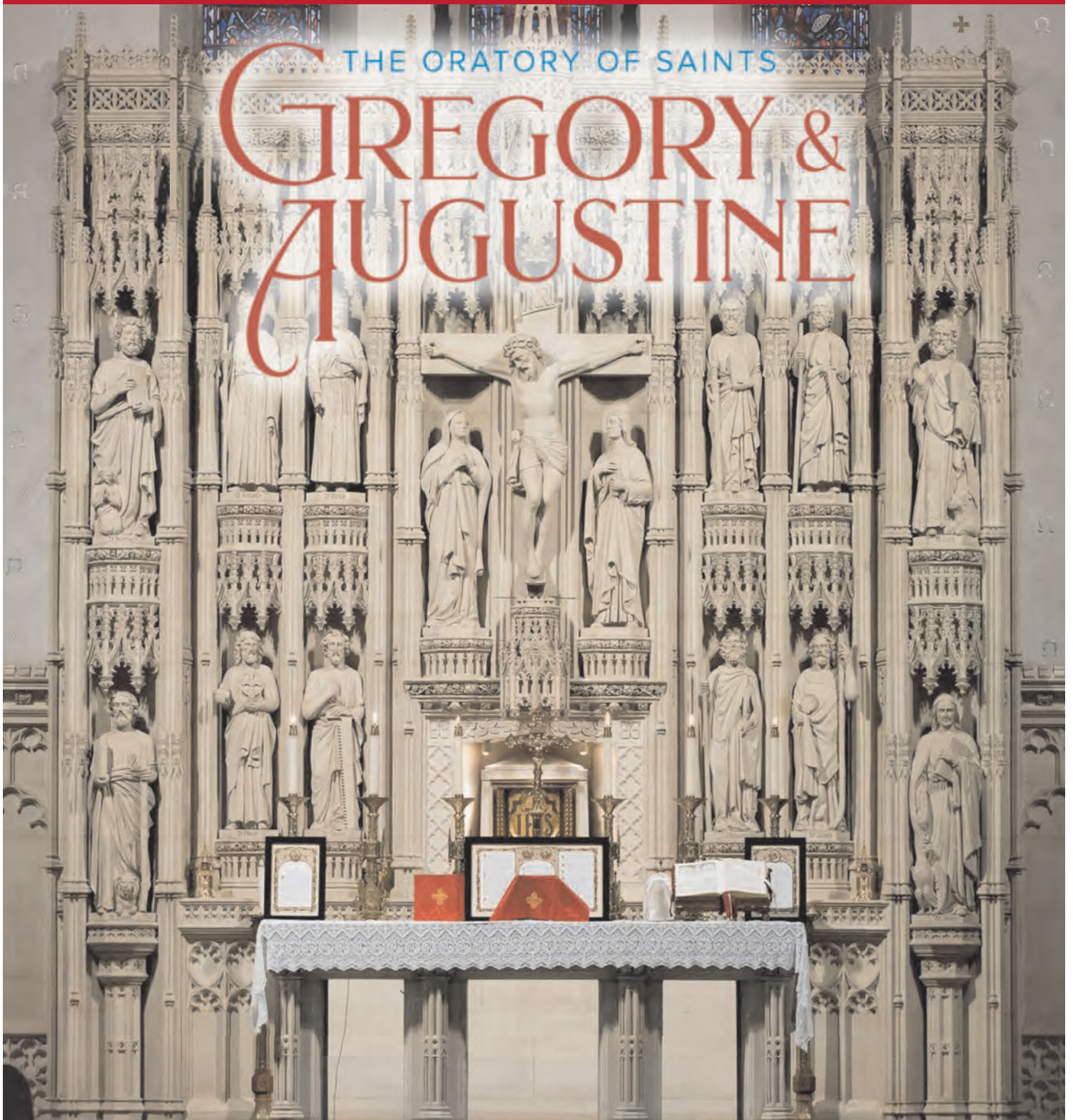


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**MASS**

Sunday: 6:45, 8:00, 11:30am  
Monday & Friday: 12:15pm  
Tuesday & Thursday: 7:00am  
Wednesday: 6:30pm  
First Friday: 7:15pm  
First Saturday: 8:15am

**ADORATION**

Wednesday: 9:00am - 6:00pm  
First Friday: 9:00am - 6:00pm

**CONFESSION**

Monday & Friday: 11am - 12pm  
Wednesday: 5:00 - 6:00pm  
First Friday: 6:00 - 7:00pm  
First Saturday: 7:00 - 8:00am

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## FROM THE RECTOR – Most Holy Family

It is fitting to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family precisely because this celebration reinforces our faith in the Incarnation and further expands on the implications of God becoming man. The Lord's presence in the flesh serves not only to reconcile us to the Father but also to restore mankind's dignity. As a consequence, every aspect of human life presents an opportunity to make manifest the glory of God. The human condition and all its aspects no longer need be drudgery and toil. Family life, when it is modeled after that of the Holy Family, opens up opportunities to grow in virtue. Our Collect and Lessons today remind us that through the virtues of charity, obedience, mutual help and regard the Holy Family made family life holy. As always, we are presented the chance to practice these same virtues in our own families. Through the intercession of Jesus, Mary and Joseph let us courageously work to redeem family life from the pernicious lies of society and culture. By lives of virtue, let us find joy and peace in our own families and in the family of Holy Mother the Church

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## EPIPHANY WATER/CHALK AND SALT

For those who were not able to be present for the celebration of the Epiphany of Our Lord, there is still blessed water and chalk available. There are also water bottles available for anyone to use. These items may be found on the Oratory table in the vestibule of the Church

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## IN GRATITUDE

I want to express my gratitude to all those who assisted during the liturgical celebrations for the Christmas, the Octave of Christmas, Epiphany and the Octave of Epiphany: to the servers, MCs, sacristans, musicians, schola, choir and those who assisted with the decorations. The Oratory continues to be blessed with abundant graces made manifest in the generosity of so many of the faithful of our community who make it possible for us to give our best to God in our prayer, praise and adoration of Him.

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## PRO-LIFE INFORMATION

January 22, 2022 marks the 49<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Supreme Court decisions that legalized abortion in the United States (Roe v. Wade & Doe v. Bolton). Since establishing the first U.S. diocesan pro-life office in 1973, the Archdiocese of St. Louis has consistently marked this tragic occasion with activities that focus on what hopeful, faith-filled people of God do to build a "culture of life and civilization of love" and accompany those facing unplanned pregnancies.

Please consult the Archdiocesan website for more information about the various pro-life activities during the month of January. (<https://www.archstl.org/respect-life-apostolate>).

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## PRO-LIFE EVENT: ANNUAL ROE. v. WADE MEMORIAL MASS

The Annual Roe v. Wade Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, 15 January @ 10:00 am at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis with Archbishop Rozanski at the main celebrant. All are encouraged to attend to pray for an end to abortion and the advancement of the culture of life.

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## MEN'S CONFERENCE (FEBRUARY 2022)

Catholic Men for Christ: Archdiocese of St. Louis is holding its annual conference **IN-PERSON** on **Saturday, 12 February 2022**. The conference begins at 8:45 am and concludes at 4:30 pm and is being held at the Si Commons on the campus of St. Louis University High School. For more information please visit: [catholicmenforchrist.org](http://catholicmenforchrist.org).

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## WOMEN'S CONFERENCE (MARCH 2022)

Catholic Women for Christ: Archdiocese of St. Louis is holding its annual conference on **IN-PERSON** on **Saturday, 12 March 2022**. The conference begins at 8:45 am and concludes at 4:30 pm and is being held at the Si Commons on the campus of St. Louis University High School. For more information please visit: [catholicwomenforchrist.org](http://catholicwomenforchrist.org).

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## CATECHESIS ON CONFESSION

It is a humbling experience being charged with the responsibility to hear confession and to dispense God's justice and mercy. The beauty of the sacrament is clear in that often the lines are long for confession here at the Oratory. This is a blessed problem to have. It is hoped during the Lenten season to offer times for confessions that are advantageous for the whole community. As we strive for greater holiness through the remission of our sins, I want to offer again a few words on the nature of confessions

*The Catechism of the Council of Trent* provides a thorough and complete explication of the Sacrament of Penance. I want to draw particular attention to the exhortation that confession should be complete and entire. The Church teaches us that we are responsible for confessing all of our mortal sins in both number (how often) and kind (nature of the sin itself). As such when we come for confession, we should not only present those sins that are on our hearts or that have easily come to mind but also confess all sins we can recall after a thorough examination of conscience.

Moreover, please keep in mind that if we are aware of mortal sin, we should not present ourselves for Holy Communion; rather, we should approach the sacrament of confession at the first available opportunity, confess our sins and only then come forward for Holy Communion. One should never feel embarrassed or ashamed to remain in the pew during the reception of Holy Communion because there are a host of reasons why people refrain from receiving Holy Communion and not all of those reasons are connected to mortal sin.

While the Oratory has increased the times for confession, I am aware that these times may not always be convenient for the various schedules we keep. If the times for confession do not work well with your schedule, I am always willing to meet you in Church for the sacrament itself. Finally, I encourage everyone to access a thorough and complete guide for examining your conscience. This will assist you in recalling your serious sins as well as venial sins which also work against growing in holiness

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## YEAR-END UPDATES

If you are currently enrolled in online giving there is no need to do anything to continue your contributions for 2022. You can make modifications to your account at any time; if you do nothing, your current elections will continue. If you are still receiving envelopes and you are enrolled in online giving, please contact Donna to have the envelopes discontinued ~ it helps the Oratory save costs. If you are not enrolled in online giving...you can join at any time! Please call Donna if you need assistance. All contributions had to be made by Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup> in order to be included in your 2021 contribution statement. *Thank you!*

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## ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS

Annual Giving statements will be available starting Sunday, 16 January 2021. You will find your statement in the boxes on the back table in the Church vestibule. Please notify the office (via email please) immediately if any changes to your contact information need to be made regarding your name or address. This is also an opportunity to notify the office with any changes to phone number, cell number or email address. Again, please make every effort to notify the office of these changes through email. Our email address [osgoffice@gmail.com](mailto:osgoffice@gmail.com). In advance thank you for your generosity and attentiveness to these details.

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## MISSAL ASSISTANCE/ SUNDAYS IN JANUARY 2022

- 2 January – Holy Name of Jesus (p.45)
- 6 January – Epiphany (p. 51)
- 9 January – The Holy Family (p. 56)
- 16 January – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany (p. 61)
- 23 January – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany (p.65)
- 30 January – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany (p.69)

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**NEW FAMILIES for DECEMBER (alphabetical order):**

A warm welcome to our new parishioners!

- The Ashlock Family ~ Sam & Sara, Raina, Autumn, and Eliza
- The Hohn Family ~ Bill & Mary
- The Robinson Family ~ Patrick & Barbara, Rachel and Esther
- Tony Seemiller
- The Smith Family ~ Craig & Janice, Peter, Christopher, Mary Michaela, and Andrew

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**BAPTISMS (October – December 2021):**

(In alphabetical order)

- Vivian Therese Buckley (Joseph & Mary)*
- Siena Nicole Koschoff (Daniel & Katelyn)*
- Benedict Bruce Sinak (Matthew & Julie)*
- Emma Jane Standeford (Greg & Lauren)*
- Hope Anne Standeford (Greg & Lauren)*
- Jack Addison Standeford (Greg & Lauren)*
- Lucy Elizabeth Standeford (Greg & Lauren)*
- Joseph Gerard Weissler (Greg & Adilyn)*

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**COFFEE HOUR TODAY – 9 JANUARY 2022**

Coffee Hour which will be held in Saint Joseph Hall (basement of the rectory) twice a month: **2nd Sunday of the Month - after 8am Holy Mass; 4th Sunday of the Month - after 11:30 Holy Mass.** If you would like to assist with set up or clean up, please sign up using the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DA5AD29A1F4C25-coffee>

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Young Catholic Professionals St Louis has leadership opportunities in your city! YCP's mission is Working in Witness for Christ and offers young adults (age 20-39) the opportunity to develop professional and leadership skills while serving in a dynamic apostolate. Email [info@stlouis.org](mailto:info@stlouis.org) to request an application today or visit our website [www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org](http://www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org) to learn more!

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**INFORMATION TABLE (AGAIN!)**

No one is to place any information, literature, holy cards, etc. On the table without the explicit permission of the rector. **Going forward – items left on the table without permission will be immediately removed and thrown away.** Please contact the rector if you want to leave something on the table.

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**SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2022**

The Knights of Columbus is hosting a Trivia Night on 26 February 2022 to raise money for the council in order to perform more charitable works for the community and to support the Oratory. Be on the lookout for an email in the coming weeks to secure your table! If you would like to sponsor a round or

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~ 12/26/2021 ~	
	<u>ACTUAL</u>
Weekly Collection Total	\$ 12,993.36
Online Giving	\$ 4,341.00
Total	\$ 17,334.36
Needed	\$ 8,692.00 (\$ 8,642.36)
Year to Date Total	\$ 288,760.82

~ 01/02/2022 ~	
	<u>ACTUAL</u>
Weekly Collection Total	\$ 1,468.25
Online Giving	\$ 12,265.00
Total	\$ 13,733.25
Needed	\$ 8,692.00 (\$ 5,041.25)
Year to Date Total	\$ 302,494.07

otherwise help with the trivia night, please email [oratoryevents@gmail.com](mailto:oratoryevents@gmail.com).

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Sunday, 9 January: Coffee Hour after the 8 am Holy Mass
- Sunday, 9 January: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Saturday, 15 January: Church Cleaning @ 9:30 am (Altar & Rosary Society/Knights of Columbus)
- Sunday, 16 January: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Thursday, 20 January: Knights of Columbus Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- Sunday, 23 January: Coffee Hour after the 11:30 am Holy Mass Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Sunday, 23 January: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Sunday, 30 January: Vespers @ 4:30 pm

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**PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE/ 2021-2022**

12/26-01/02 Carapella	01/02-01/09 Cook
01/09-01/16 Hayward	01/16-01/21 Fowler
01/21-01/30 Blum	01/30-02/06 Alexander
02/06-02/13 Haulard	02/13/02/20 Catalano
02/20-02/27 Kenney	02/27-03/06 Raymond
03/06/03/13 Flannigan	03/13-03/20 Gelhot
03/20-03/27 Horan	03/27-04/03 Schuette
04/03-04/10 Filla	04/10-04/17 Petrick
04/17-04/24 Buyle	04/24-05/01 Agnew
05/01-05/08 Leljedal	05/08-05/15 Podesta
05/15-05/22 Grizzle	05/22-05/29 Turntine

*Drop off and pick-up statue at back of church. Place on the floor to left of the Oratory table. Be in contact with each other to ensure that the statue will transfer on schedule.*

PLEASE CONTACT SHARON ALEXANDER [saalex@sbccglobal.net](mailto:saalex@sbccglobal.net) TO BE ADDED OR TAKEN OFF THE PILGRIM STATUE SCHEDULE. NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, 10 January – *Octave of Epiphany*

12:15 pm: Jan & Julia Jankowski (d)

Tuesday, 11 January – *Octave of Epiphany*

7:00 am: Ronald C. Rheinheimer

Weds., 12 January – *Octave of Epiphany*

6:30 pm: Michael Rheinheimer

Thursday, 13 January – *Octave of Epiphany*

7:00 am: Christopher Rheinheimer

Friday, 14 January – *St. Hilary*

12:15pm: Grant Leljedal

Sunday, 16 January – *2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*

6:45 am: Pro Populo

8:00 am: Susan Fussner (d)

11:30 am: Len Witte (d)

*Our Lady of Walsingham, intercede for us who have recourse to thee!  
Ss. Gregory and Augustine, pray for us!*

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