

Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church

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MASS & SACRAMENTS

Sunday Masses: 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 am

**Weekday Masses Monday, Wednesday
Thursday, Friday & Saturdays:** 8:00 am

Tuesday Morning Prayer: 8:00 am

Tuesday Mass: 5:30 pm

Saturday Masses 8:00 am and 5:00 pm

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday,
7:00-7:50 am or by appointment.

Tuesdays, 5-5:20 pm

Baptisms: Meeting first Thursday of the
month. Preregistration required.

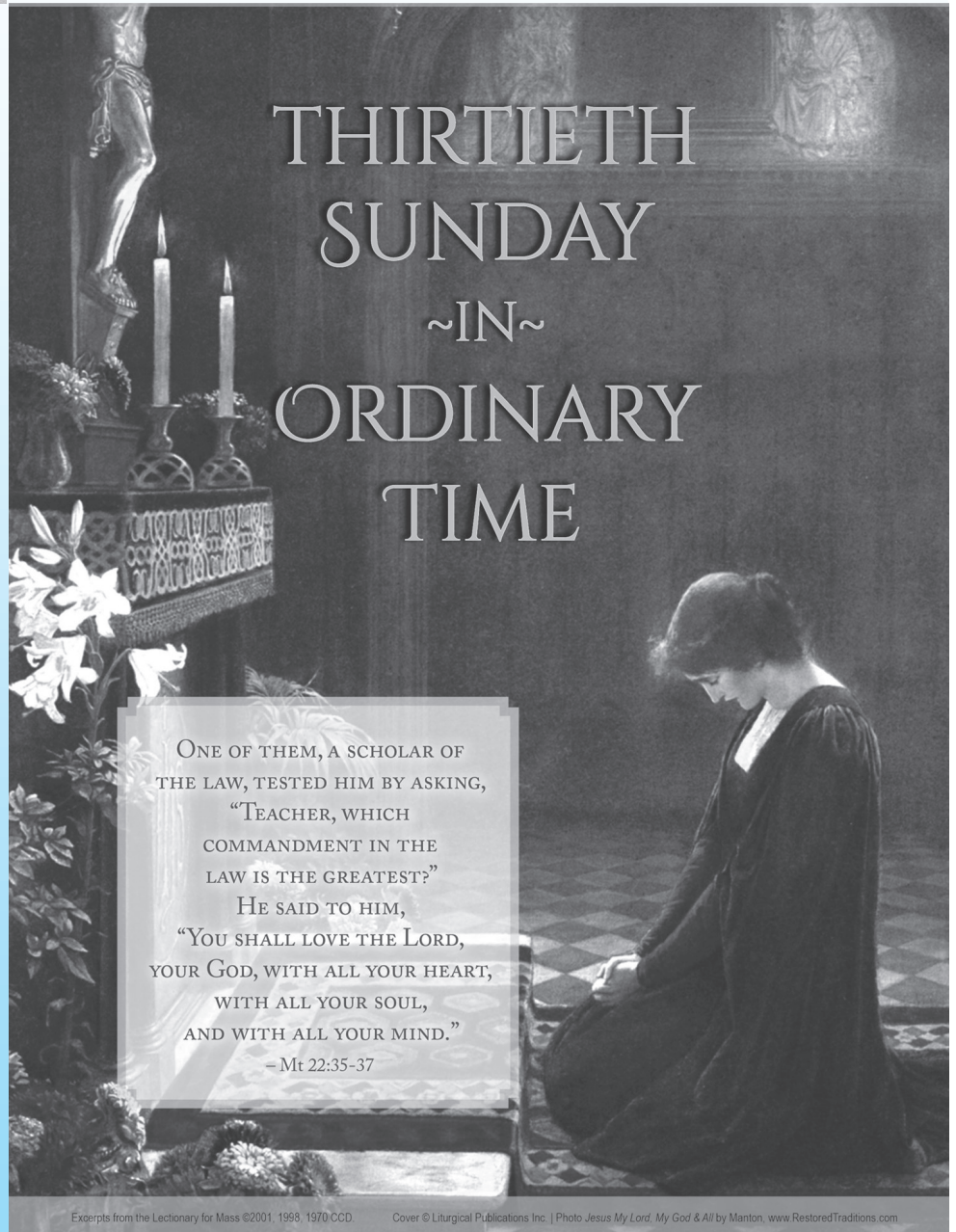
Marriages: Contact the priest at least 9
months prior to the wedding date.

Funerals: To be arranged by contacting
the Parish Office.

Change of Address or Telephone

Number: Please call the Parish Office.

Bulletin Deadline: 4:00 pm Monday.



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 26th, 2014

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www.epiphanystl.org

LIVING OUR FAITH

From the Desk of Fr. Pastorius,

1. Continuing in our Special Time of Prayer and Discernment

Please take time to prayerfully consider participating in this year's stewardship campaign. We, as a parish are not expecting each person to increase their offering but we are asking that each parishioner will participate by returning their card.

2. Faith and Family Programming - October 28, 2014 - Fourth Tuesday 6:30 Covenant Night @ Church

3. October is Pro-Life Month

Do you know that the Church offers opportunities for forgiveness for those who have had or helped in abortion? The program is called Project Rachel (for women) and Project Joseph (for men). These programs are completely confidential and have helped thousands reconcile with God and overcome many of the pains from abortion. **To learn more about healing after abortion**, please call (314) 792-7565 or email ProjectRachel@archstl.org or ProjectJoseph@archstl.org. Trustworthy caring persons will answer your call. We make every effort to ensure that you will be comfortable with those serving you. I invite each of you to pray with me a special devotion called the Project Rachel rosary. It is simple, a person prays the five sorrowful mysteries and then adds the first glorious mystery (so a person prays six decades instead of five for the end of abortion and the healing of all those involved).

God bless,
Fr. Tom Pastorius

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Lectionary: 148 - Gospel [mt 22:34-40](#)

Spiritual Reflection: *Combines today's Gospel with 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:8a:* Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts. But I shall show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in human and angelic tongues but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, (love) is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

Spiritual Question:

1. How well do we live out St. Paul's definition of love when it comes to our relationship with God?
2. How well do we live out St. Paul's definition of love when it comes to our relationship with others?
3. How well do we live out St. Paul's definition of love when it comes to our relationship with our self?
4. Why are these the greatest commandments?

33 Days to Morning Glory Consecration to Blessed Virgin Mary

An old practice in the Church that is making a comeback is the act of consecrating oneself to the Blessed Virgin Mary. What does this exactly mean and look like? To consecrate oneself is to set oneself apart for a specific duty, which in this case is to do the will of the Blessed Virgin Mary which of course we know is listen to her last words in Scripture "Do whatever he (Jesus) tells you." In preparation for doing so, people are asked to spend thirty three days learning more about the Church's teaching on the Blessed Virgin Mary and thus learn more about Jesus Christ. It is then customary for one to stand up in front of the community and recite a special consecration prayer and this is normally done on a Marian feast day. I would like to invite you to join me in preparing to consecrate ourselves to the Blessed Virgin Mary on Monday December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, which is a holy day of obligation. I will be leading the consecration prayer at both the 8 AM Mass and the 7 PM Mass that day. As part of the preparation, I would invite you to read **33 Days to Morning Glory: A Do-It-Yourself Retreat in Preparation for Marian Consecration** and meet with me on

Thursday Mornings at 9 AM or Thursday Evenings at 7 PM on Thursday October 30th, November 6th, November 13th, November 20th and December 4th for an hour to reflect on what we have read and prayed about throughout the week. The cost of the book is \$15.00. RSVP by Monday October 27th to reserve yourself a copy.

We need your help! Sr. Chris

Deanna is in need of clothing & toiletries for the homeless. Winter is on the way and she needs warm clothing of all sizes, including shoes, socks and underwear. Blankets are also needed as well as sample size toiletries. Please drop off your donations at the rear entrance of our convent. Any inquiries can be made to Sr. Chris Deanna at 314.779.5921.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCT. 26, 2014

Sunday:	Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40
Monday:	Eph 4:32--5:8/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday:	Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16
Wednesday:	Eph 6:1-9/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday:	Eph 6:10-20/Lk 13:31-35
Friday:	Phil 1:1-11/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday:	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Next Sunday:	Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11;Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-4

Spiritual Ponderings

As we continue to learn more about God by exploring Jesus' relationship with His mother let us, once again, reflect on a different image of Mary. This last image of the Blessed Virgin Mary is called "The Sweet Mother of Den Bosch". For help in our exploration we will be using *The Other Faces of Mary: Stories, Devotions, and Pictures of the Holy Virgin Around the World* by Ann Ball. Quotes from her are in bold.

This statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary is only three and half feet tall and was carved out of oak. The artist or woodworker is unknown. According to pious legend, the statue was discarded and found by a man who was looking for firewood to start a fire. The man threw the wood statue into the fire just as a monk entered the room. The monk named Brother Wouter quickly rescued the statue from the fire and was given permission from his superiors to keep the statue in his room as a private devotion.

As the monk carried the statue through the Church of St. Jan (a shortcut to his room) the statue became so heavy that he could no longer move it. The statue, that could not be moved, quickly became the talk of the town and the image began to be venerated by the faithful. It is said that the Blessed Virgin Mary answered many of the prayers of the people who asked her to intercede to her Son for them.

The statue, though, was always under constant threat of being destroyed. According to Ann Ball: In 1629, the city was conquered by Prince Frederik of Hendrik and St Jan (the church where the image was kept) fell into Protestant hands and went into use for Dutch Reformed church services. The Catholic faith was forbidden in the Netherlands, and during these difficult times, sturdy Catholics risked their lives to keep the faith. Mass was celebrated secretly in barns, cellars, and sheds. These were known as *schuilerkerken* (secret Churches). Her pious devotees secretly smuggled their Sweet Mother to safety in Belgium. She was taken first to Antwerp and then to Brussels, where she remained for more than two hundred year in the Coudenberg church. It would not be until the year of 1853 that the statue would be returned to the Netherland.



Images of Blessed Virgin Mary

To wrap up this month's reflections here are three quotes from Fulton Sheen.

Where do this coldness, forgetfulness, and at least, indifference to the Blessed Mother start? From a failure to realize that her Son, Jesus, is the Eternal Son of God. - Fulton Sheen

A Catholic boy from a parochial school was telling a university professor who lived next door about the Blessed Mother. The professor scoffed at the boy, saying: "But there is no difference between her and my mother." The boy answered: "That's what you say, but there's a heck of a lot of difference between the sons." - Fulton Sheen

There is never any danger that men will think too much of Mary; the danger is that they will think to little of Christ. Coldness toward Mary is a consequence of indifference to Christ. Any objection to calling her the "Mother of God" is fundamentally an objection to the Deity of Christ - Fulton Sheen.

PILGRIM'S PRAYER THROUGH MARY O Virgin Mary, Help of Christians, we dedicate ourselves to your service. We concentrate our minds, hearts, and bodies and promise to work always for the glory of God and the salvation of man. Protect the young and help the aged, save sinners and console the dying. You are our hope, Mary, Mother of Mercy and Gate of Heaven. Pray to your Son for us so that we may be filled with selfless charity and deep faith. Ask Jesus for those things which we cannot obtain through our own actions and help us in this our present necessity. May we always see the Will of the Father of our lives. We ask you this, Sweet Spouse of the Spirit, so that we may come to your Son in grace. **Amen.**



Nov. 17-20, 2014 White

House Retreats are silent retreats. This practice helps each retreatant be totally available to the Lord and free from distractions. Enjoy the beautiful fall colors on the retreat grounds. Call **314-416-6400** or go to **whretreat.org** for more info.

Duc In Altum Pre-Mass Talks

Please join us 15 minutes before either the 9 or 11am mass for a short talk on a subject of interest. *This Sunday's Topic:* "What Are Indulgences? Can I Get One?" Past talks are also posted in written form on our website and our Facebook page. *Next Sunday:* "The History of All Saints Day".

LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, October 26

7:00 am Parishioners
9:00 am Fred Hof
11:00 am Pauline Fischer

Monday, October 27

8:00 am Hank Bollinger

Tuesday, October 28

Feast of Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles

8:00 am Morning Prayer
5:30 pm Katie Bach

Wednesday, October 29

8:00 am Enrollees & Benefactors of
Epiphany Memorial Fund

Thursday, October 30

8:00 am Bruce Ballentine

Friday, October 31

8:00 am Alice Busch

Saturday, November 1 All Saints' Day

8:00 am Poor Souls in Purgatory
5:00 pm Mary Ann Brancato

Sunday, November 2 All Souls' Day

7:00 am Parishioners
9:00 am Gerry & Marilyn Unger, 40th Wedding Annv
11:00 am Deceased members of the Ballentine &
Licare Families



OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday, Oct. 26

- 10:00 am - Bible Study, CMR
- 11:00 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB

Monday - Saturday, Oct. 27- Nov. 1

- 7:30 am - Rosary, Church

Monday, Oct. 27

- 7:00am - 5:00pm GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00am - 5:00pm GSA, PE Gym & UH
- 5:30pm - 7:00pm Fit Factor, UH
- 7:00pm - Boy Scouts, UH
- 6:00pm - 8:00pm GSA Practice, Msgr. Sullivan Field

Tuesday, Oct. 28

- 7:00am - 5:00pm GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00am - 5:00pm GSA, PE Gym & UH
- 5:00pm - 9:00pm GSA Practice, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 6:30pm - 8:00pm Confirmation Class, UH Youth Rm.
- 6:30pm - 8:00pm Covenant Night, Church

Wednesday, Oct. 29

- 7:00am - 5:00pm GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00am - 5:00pm GSA, PE Gym & UH
- 5:30pm - 7:00pm Fit Factor, UH
- 6:00pm - 8:00pm GSA Practice, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 6:30pm - 7:30pm Bell Practice, Church
- 7:30pm - 9:00pm Choir Practice, Church

Thursday, Oct. 30

- 7:00am - 5:00pm GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00am - 5:00pm GSA, PE Gym & UH
- 6:00pm - 8:00pm GSA Practice, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00pm - 9:00pm High School Youth Group, UH

Friday, Oct. 31

- 7:00am - 5:00pm GSA, Field
- 7:00am - 5:00pm GSA, PE Gym & UH

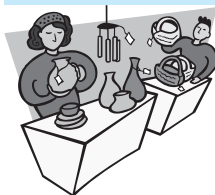


Saturday, Nov. 1

Sunday, Nov. 2

- 12:00 - Liturgy Committee Meeting, RDR

Haunted House Tour legendary haunted areas of Alton, IL with Lindenwood Senior Ministry's Tuesday, Oct. 28th from 3:30-9:45pm. We'll depart from Immaculate Heart of Mary (4092 Blow). \$45/person Reservations: Katie at 647-4591.



St. Joan of Arc Fall Boutique

featuring over 30 vendors and crafters on Saturday, November 8th from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm in the school gymnasium, 5821 Pernod Avenue. Ample street parking with easy access. Food concessions also available for purchase.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND & SICK OF OUR PARISH

Lisa Brinkmann	Dominic Caputa	Kathy Kennebeck
Mary Hipskind	Kathy Hatfield	Dan Nerviani
Gloria Murabito	Ann Bereswill	Ethan Sonderman
	Lynn Kuster	



II Sara Alarcon, Epiphany and Richard Harrison, Epiphany. Wedding here Saturday, November 1, 2014 @ 1:00pm.

OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 6-12, 2014

Envelope	\$3,849.00
Loose	\$446.00
Total	\$4,295.00
Votive	\$72.20
All Souls.....	\$12.00
All Saints.....	\$7.00
Mission Sunday	\$362.00
Permanent Diaconate	\$5.00
Maintenance & Repair ..	\$115.00
Debt	\$45.00
Tuition Assistance	\$5.00
Endowment Fund	\$0
	\$612.00(YTD)
	\$717.00(YTD)
	\$10,050.00(YTD)



PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS, NOTES & EVENTS

2014 Epiphany CO-ED Volleyball Tournament

This tournament is a fundraiser for Epiphany Friends Forever, formerly Epiphany Sports Association. The proceeds will go towards maintenance of the gym and fields as well as St. Raphael's 8th Grade Mystery trip.

The tournament is scheduled Friday, Nov. 14th & Saturday, Nov. 15th. The entry fee for each team is \$75.00, made payable to Epiphany Friends Forever. This is a recreational tournament and all participants must be age 18 or older. It is always a great time!!!

Please send your check and entry form to:
Toni Otis, 6244 Odell Street St. Louis, MO 63139
314.322.0568 or toni.otis@yahoo.com

Team Name: _____

Coach: _____

Coach's Phone #: _____

Coach's Address & Zip: _____

Coach's Email: _____

26th Annual Epiphany Friends Forever

(Same great guys! Same great cause!)

Trivia Night, Saturday, Nov. 8, 2014. Doors open at 5:30pm for dinner, self serve after 6:30pm; Game starts **promptly at 7:00pm**. Team of Six-minimum table price \$150.00. Extra players \$25.00 (for non-competitive tables). Includes, soda, beer, and setups, brats, burgers, dogs, trivia game and attendance prizes. **All seating is non-smoking.**

Fill out online registration at epiphanystl.org, look under (parish life) for the EFF list of events OR send reservations to EFF Trivia Night, 6974 Marquette Ave. St. Louis, MO 63139. For more info call Keith Neimann @ 314-645-8128 OR email questions to keith.nieman@slu.edu

PLAYERS NAMES

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____
- 6) _____

Seating circle one: Assumption Rm Gym

Enter your email for a reservation confirmation:

Attention all you ghouls and goblins: Don't forget to stop by the rec-tory on Halloween night. Fr. Pastorius will be passing out treats from 6-8:00 pm.



Saint Louis
LIFETEEN

www.saintlouislifeteen.org

BOO! Attention all high school-ers! St. Louis LIFETEEN will be meeting this Wednesday Oct. 29th from 7-9pm at Bishop Du-Bourg High School! Join your peers from area parishes for a **Halloween Party** including food, prayer & fun fall games! Questions? Contact Lauren (lauren@saintlouislifeteen.org or 314.288.8873). Check out saintlouislifeteen.org for more info!

Wreath Sales Troop 281 will be selling wreaths again this year! Sign ups will be after 9 & 11 am Masses on 11/2 & 11/16 or contact your local scout or Mark Palardy @ 314-645-6962.



The UMSL Catholic Newman Center invites you to celebrate 50 years being on campus. Please come and reconnect with other alums and friends on **November 15, 2014** for our Mass celebration with Archbishop Carlson at 6:00pm at the UMSL Provincial House Chapel with a reception immediately following. Rest assured, we will have plenty of parking. Please RSVP to Kay@cncumsl.org or call 314.385.3455.



rolife Events - October is Respect LIFE month

Project Rachel: Spiritual support group for post-abortive women, 4th Thursday of every month—next meeting, Oct. 23rd at 7pm.

Contact Marisol at 314-792-7451 or mpfaff@archstl.org
Project Joseph: Spiritual support for post-abortive men—meetings are held the 1st Monday of every month. Contact, Chuck at 314-974-6787 or email: craymjr@sbcglobal.net

40 Days for Life Join in a peaceful, prayerful vigil at the Planned Parenthood Clinic located at 4251 Forest Park Blvd. at your convenience. Please see the bulletin boards for additional information and pick up a copy of the latest ProLife Profile bulletin at the entrances to church.

Annual Adoption Mass: Celebrate the gift of love twice given on Sunday, Nov. 23rd, 10:00AM at the Cathedral Basilica with Archbishop Carlson.

St. Vincent DePaul food pantry is in need of the following items. If you can help please leave your donations in the St. Vincent DePaul box in church. As always thank you for all your help. We couldn't do the work we do without your help. We need the following items:

Peanut Butter - Mac & Cheese - Tuna - Jam or Jelly - Children's Cereal - Paper Products - Pasta Sauce - Canned Pasta - Canned Fruit