



# 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.

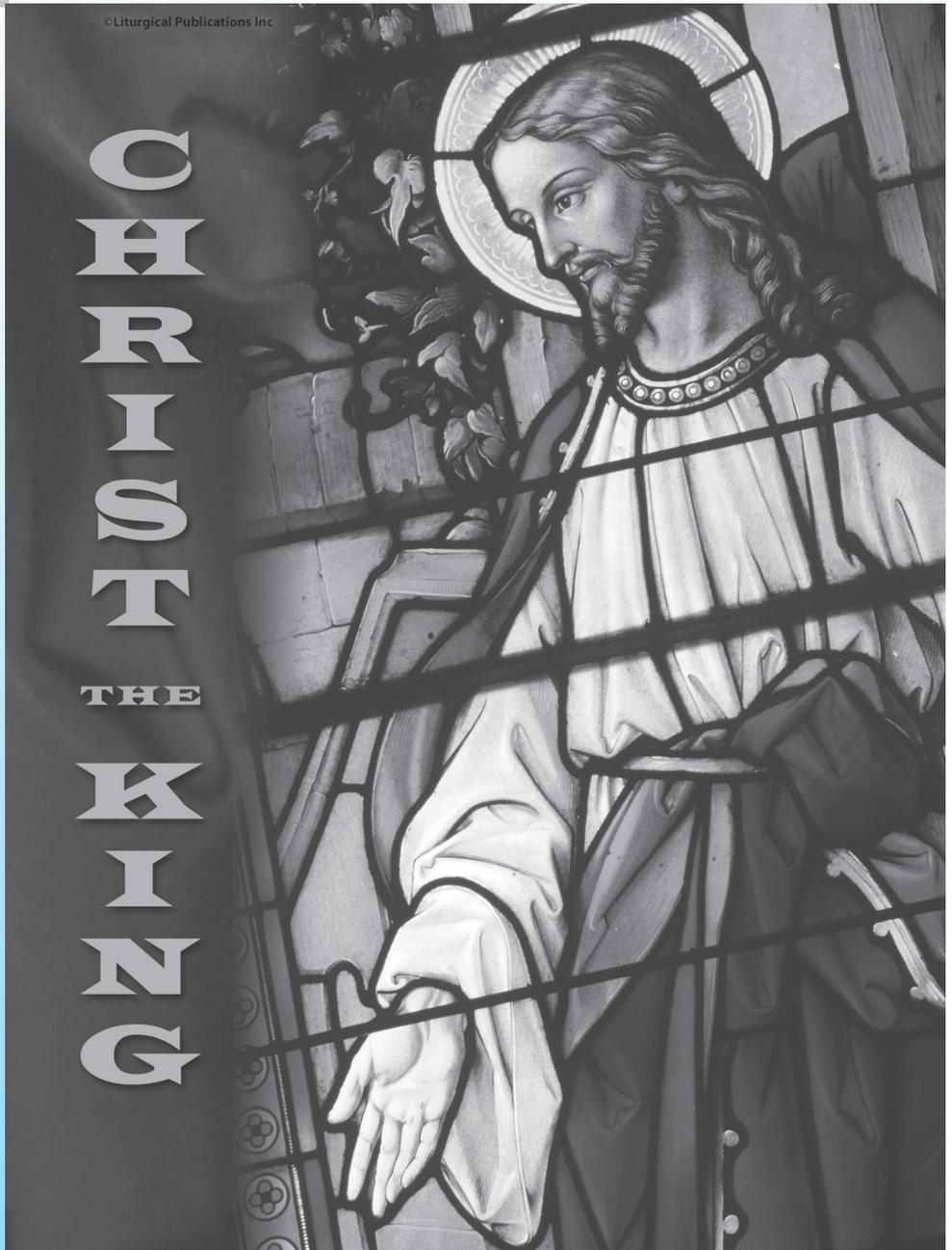
Marriages: Contact the priest at least 9  
months prior to the wedding date.

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.



The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe  
November 23rd, 2014

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# LIVING OUR FAITH

## From the Desk of Fr. Pastorius

### 1. Advent is just around the corner.

May I suggest for Advent this year, that each family should make themselves (or purchase) and advent wreath. You can then bless the wreath with the blessing on my website ([www.mayjesuschristbepraised.com](http://www.mayjesuschristbepraised.com)) and gather together once a week to share with each other how God is working in your lives. The family that prays together stays together.

### 2. Faith & Family November 25, 2014 - Fourth Tuesday

6:30 Covenant Night @ Church

### 3. Thanksgiving Day Mass

Mass for Thanksgiving will be at 9AM and everyone is invited to bring a can good to place before the altar and the collection that day will go to our Saint Vincent DePaul society to help the needy.

### 4. Volunteers Needed

I am trying to find someone who can help me with a sewing project. I would like to modify a couple of dress shirts into clergy shirts.

### 5. Seize the Opportunity

There are many different opportunities in our parish at this time to help people through the holidays. I challenge you to seize one of these opportunities. Information in the bulletin.

God Bless,  
Fr. Tom Pastorius

November 23, 2014 - The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Lectionary: 160 - Gospel [mt 25:31-46](#)

#### Spiritual Reflection:

I have seen death stare at me with my own eyes in a way many cannot know  
I've seen death take others but still leave here below  
I've heard many screams of mother cries but death has refused to hear  
In my life I have seen many faces with many, many tears  
After death has come and gone, a tombstone sites for many to see  
But it serves no more than a symbol of a person's memory  
Under the person's name it reads the date of birth-and the date the person passed  
But the more I think about the tombstone the only important thing is the dash  
Yes, I see the name of the person but that I might forget  
I also read the date of birth and death, but even that might not stick  
But thinking about the person, I can't help but to remember the dash  
Because it represents a person's life and that will always last  
So when you begin to chart your life, make sure you are on a positive path  
Because people may forget your birth and death, but they will never forget your dash  
- Alton Maiden (Notre Dame football player) from Lou Holtz's Winning Every Day: The Game Plan for Success

#### Spiritual Question:

1. What are you doing with your dash?
2. What did Jesus do with His dash?
3. How does Christ exercise His Kingship?
4. How does today's Gospel connect with the Law of Love?
5. Why does Jesus choose to wear what St. Vincent DePaul called "most distressing of disguises?"

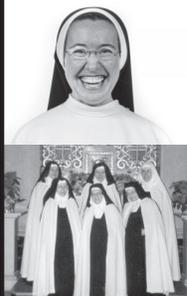
BEFORE I FORMED YOU  
IN THE WOMB

*I knew you,*

BEFORE YOU WERE BORN

*I set you apart*

JEREMIAH 1:5



## Need prayers?

Go to the archdiocesan website:

<http://archstl.org/prayer/request-a-prayer>

When you request a prayer through the website, your intention is remembered in the daily prayers of about 100 contemplative nuns!



# LIVING OUR FAITH

## Spiritual Ponderings

We have now come to our last virtue from Barbara C. Unell and Jerry L. Wyckoff's book: *20 Teachable Virtues: Practical Ways to Pass on Lessons of Virtue and Character to Your Children*. This virtue is Cooperation.

### Cooperation

Cooperate: 1. to act or work with another or others; act together 2. To associate with another or others for mutual benefit.

"So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus," - Philippians 2:1-30

There is a story about a little boy who was playing in his sandbox. He had with him his box of cars and trucks, his plastic pail, and a shiny, red plastic shovel. In the process of creating roads and tunnels in the soft sand, he discovered a large rock in the middle of the sandbox. The boy dug around the rock and managed to dislodge it from the dirt. With no little bit of struggle, he pushed and nudged the rock across the sandbox by using his feet. (He was a very small boy and the rock was rather large.) When the boy got the rock to the edge of the sandbox, however, he found that he couldn't roll it up and over the little wall.

Determined, the little boy shoved, pushed, and pried, but every time he thought he had made some progress, the rock tipped and then fell back into the sandbox. The little boy grunted, struggled, pushed, shoved-but his only reward was to have the rock roll back, smashing his little fingers. Finally he burst into tears of frustration. All this time the boy's father watched from his living room window as the drama unfolded.

At the moment the tears fell, a large shadow fell across the boy and the sandbox. It was the boy's father.

Gently but firmly he said, "Son, why didn't you use all the strength that you had available?"

Defeated, the boy sobbed back, "But I did, Daddy, I did! I used all the strength that I had!"

"No, son," corrected the father kindly. "You didn't use all the strength you had. You didn't ask me."

With that the father reached down, picked up the rock, and removed it from the sandbox.

As I think about cooperation, I cannot help but wonder if this might be the most important virtue in the sense that we must learn to cooperate with the divine grace God gives us in order to grow in our faith life. It is a matter of knowing that alone we can do nothing but with God we can do everything.

### 10 Steps to Develop Cooperation

1. Demonstrate cooperation by working with someone
2. Demonstrate cooperation by showing gratitude
3. Demonstrate cooperation by asking for help
4. Demonstrate cooperation by praying to God
5. Encourage sharing
6. Set Family Goals
7. Encourage healthy competition
8. Create a sense of collaboration
9. Praise cooperation in others
10. Point out how Jesus chose to work with human beings in order to spread his Gospel.

### DUC IN ALTUM PRE-MASS TALK-

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:** "Advent Devotions"

Past talks are also posted in written form on our website and our Facebook page. *Next Sunday:* "The Real St. Nick"



**POINSETTIAS AND CANDLES FUNDRAISER** Christmas is coming up and now is the time to think about getting a beautiful poinsettias for your hearth and a few wonderfully scented candles as gifts! The youth group is raising money for our summer camp scholarship fund and will be happy to take your order after all Masses this weekend. Please stop by our table in the back of church. We have all of the candles in stock for immediate purchase. Thank you all so much for your support.

# LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, Nov. 23rd

- 7:00 am Thanksgiving for Healing C.W.
- 9:00 am Fred Hof
- 11:00 am Parishioners

### Monday, Nov. 24th

- 8:00 am Enrollees & Benefactors of Epiphany Memorial Fund

### Tuesday, Nov. 25th

- 8:00 am Morning Prayer
- 5:30 pm Pauline Fischer

### Wednesday, Nov. 26th

- 8:00 am Joe Kostelnik

### Thursday, Nov. 27th

- 8:00 am Deceased members of the Ferrario Family

### Friday, Nov. 28th

- 8:00 am Katie Bach

### Saturday, Nov. 29th

- 8:00 am Carmen Real Castro
- 5:00 pm Deceased Members of the Kenny Family

### Sunday, Nov. 30th

- 7:00 am Parishioners
- 9:00 am Carol Simon
- 11:00 am Deceased Members of the LiCare & Ballentine Families

## 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
Jim Przada	Lynn Kuster	Pat Campbell

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF, NOV. 23RD, 2014

- Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46
- Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Lk 21:20-28
- Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2/Lk 21:29-33
- Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36
- Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

A great big THANK YOU to the parishioners of Epiphany for your parish donation to the Missionary Cooperation Appeal in the amount of \$1,950.00! Your parish donation will be sent to the Order of Saint Peter Apostle — LaSalette Missions. In these difficult economic times your parish donation means a great deal for the growth of the Church in mission areas. Gratefully in Our Lord, Msgr. Francis Blood

## OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

### Monday - Saturday

- 7:30 am - Rosary, Church

### Sunday, Nov. 23rd

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

### Monday, Nov. 24th

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym & UH
- 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm - Fit Factor, UH
- 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Boy Scouts, UH

### Tuesday, Nov. 25th

- 7:00 am - 9:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 10:00 pm - GSA, Gym, UH
- 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Covenant Night, Church
- 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm - Confirmation Class, UH Youth Rm.

### Wednesday, Nov. 26th

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 10:00 pm - GSA, Gym, UH
- 8:00 am - 2:00 pm - Ladies Guild Regular Meeting
- 5:00 pm - 10:30 pm - Thanksgiving Dinners Prep, Gym
- 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm - Fit Factor, UH
- 6:00 pm - 11:30 pm - EFF Poker Tournament
- 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Bell Practice, Church
- 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm - Choir Practice, Church

### Thursday, Nov. 27th

- 6:00 am - 4:00 pm - Thanksgiving Dinners, Gym Kitchen
- 8:00 am - 11:30 pm - Rental, UH

### Friday, Nov. 28th

- 8:00 am - 3:00 pm - GSA School Closed
- 9:00 am - 2:00 pm - Memorial Luncheon, AR
- 9:30 am - 11:30 am - Memorial Service Set up
- 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm - EFF Basketball Tournament, Gym

### Saturday, Nov. 29th

- 8:00 am - 11:30 pm - Rental, AR
- 8:00 am - 11:00 pm - EFF Basketball Tournament, Gym

### Sunday, Nov. 30th

- 10:00 am - Bible Study, CMR
- 11:00 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB
- 1:00 pm - 11:00 pm EFF Basketball Tournament, Gym

**St. Mathias the Apostle Church** is having a Craft Fair and Free Electronic Recycling on Sat., Nov. 29th **Craft Fair from 9am - 4pm** Handicapped accessible, seeking vendors producing home-crafted items to join us - call 314-616-7914  
**Free Electronic Recycling: 8am-11am** on the parking lot  
 Location: 800 Buckley Rd. 63125

# PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS, NOTES & EVENTS

**Christmas Gift Certificates** Do your Thanksgiving Black Friday shopping with us! Save yourself the headache of fighting the traffic and looking for a parking spot at the department store by purchasing gift certificates from *Epiphany*. Who doesn't like a gift card?! We have a wide variety of in-stock certificates including: Kohl's, Target's, Walmart's, Dierbergs, Shop-N-Save, LeGrand's, Walgreen's, El Paisano's, Michael's, Panera's, TGI

Friday's (**25% earned on all TGI**), Biggies, Chris', & more. What we don't have in stock, we can order for you. Check out the full list of available certificates online at <http://www.shopwithscrip.com/>. So grab your checkbook and complete your shopping in one stop! Volunteers are at the entrance of church selling certificates every weekend after Mass. Certificates are also for sale through the parish office, Monday through Friday from 7:30 am until 3:30 pm. **Save time**, place your order online at [www.epiphanystl.org/documents/2014/0/ScripOrderForm.pdf](http://www.epiphanystl.org/documents/2014/0/ScripOrderForm.pdf) and we will have your gift cards ready for pick up on Sunday after Mass. Questions, call Trish @ 781-1199.



## Saint Vincent De Paul Thanksgiving Collection

Please help us restock our shelves! Donations of the following items are needed:

- Peanut Butter - Jam or Jelly - Canned Tuna & Salmon
- Canned Fruit - Pasta Sauce - Cereal (mainly children's)
- Tomato & Chicken noodle soup
- Canned Meat, Ham, Spam, Chicken
- Shampoo - Bath Soap - Toothpaste - Toilet Paper

Please bring your donation to church on **Thanksgiving Day**. No perishables please! As always, your donations are greatly appreciated! Remember, the proceeds from the Thanksgiving Day **envelope collection** benefit our St. Vincent DePaul Society. **Thank you in advance for your generosity!**

## EFF Annual Thanksgiving Day Soccer Game

All are invited to join us on Thanksgiving Day, 10am at Lindenwood Park for our Annual Thanksgiving Day Soccer Game. Coffee and donuts will be served.

## Stewardship

*"...as you did it to one of the least of my brethren, you did it to me" - Matthew 25:40*

*Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness, mercy when it's not convenient; when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's schedule.*


Saint Louis LIFETEEN  
[www.saintlouislifeteen.org](http://www.saintlouislifeteen.org)

Attention all high schoolers! There will be NO Saint Louis Life Teen-meeting this Wednesday, November 26th because of the Thanksgiving holiday. Enjoy the time with your families, & we will look forward to seeing you on December 3rd from 7 –9pm at Bishop DuBourg High School for a youth Mass and social! Check out [saintlouislifeteen.org](http://saintlouislifeteen.org) for more details or Contact Lauren at 314.288.8873 or [lauren@saintlouislifeteen.org](mailto:lauren@saintlouislifeteen.org)

**SAVE THE DATE for the Luke 18 Retreat!!**  
**Feb. 13-15 at Bishop DuBourg**  
 Open to all 8th graders.

**Flower Power** Got a little extra change jingling in your pocket? Why not put it in an envelope marked "Flower Power" & help defray the cost of decorating our Church!




St. Vincent DePaul  
Adopt-A-Family for Christmas

Please consider adopting a family for Christmas. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance for the Christmas Holidays, please contact St. Vincent DePaul through the Parish Business Office @ 314.781.1199.

**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.

**Marriage Encounter Retreat** Dec. 5-7 or Feb. 6-8, 2015. More info available at [www.stl-wwme.org](http://www.stl-wwme.org) or by phone 314-469-7317.

OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF NOV 15-16, 2014-	
Envelope .....	\$3742.00
Loose .....	\$503.94
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4245.94</b>
Votive.....	\$65.50
Christmas Flowers.....	\$55.00
Diaconate .....	\$0.00
Mission Sunday.....	\$20.00
Retired Religious.....	\$106.00
Maintenance & Repair ...	\$460.00
SVDP .....	\$0.00
Debt.....	\$0.00
Tuition Assistance.....	\$10.00
Endowment Fund.....	\$0.00
	\$1132.00(YTD)
	\$828.00(YTD)
	\$10,075.00(YTD)



**Our Giving**