

# 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.

**JOY**  
*fills our hearts*  
**THIS CHRISTMAS**

SUPPORT OUR FUTURE PRIESTS THROUGH THE  
*Seminary Christmas Collection.*

DECEMBER 24 - 25, 2014

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary

## Fourth Sunday of Advent December 21, 2014

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## LIVING OUR FAITH

### From the Desk of Fr. Tom Pastorius,

#### 1. Faith & Family: December 23<sup>rd</sup> and December 30th

No faith and family programming the next two weeks because of the holidays. Please consider taking this extra time and spending it with your family.

#### 2. Christmas Mass Schedule

Our Christmas Mass Schedule will be 5PM & 10PM Christmas Eve and 8AM & 10AM Christmas Day.

#### 3. Thank You / Thank You / Thank You

A word of gratitude to everyone who has or is helping prepare our parish to celebrate Christmas. It is great to know the choir is practicing and people are preparing to decorate the Church and so much more. Thank you for helping us celebrate the Christmas season with joy.

#### 4. New Years Day Mass

Mass on New Year's day will be at 9AM.

God bless,  
Fr. Tom

### Fourth Sunday of Advent Lectionary: 11 Gospel [Lk 1:26-38](#)

**Spiritual Reflection:** Every grace comes from God is given for the sake of others because God never encourages pride or selfishness. For example Mary received the grace to be the mother of God but she is not able to hold onto this honor for herself but rather she must share her Son with the world.

#### Spiritual Questions:

1. What if Mary had said no?
2. What graces has God given you to share with the world?
3. How do you nurture the graces and strengths that God has given you?
4. Are you content with being a servant/handmaid of the Lord?
5. Can you not be afraid in doing God's will although it may seem overwhelming?

**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:* "Why is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Rose Colored?" Past talks are also posted in written form on our website and our Facebook page. *Next Sunday:* "The Holy Family - How God Saves Us Through Our Families".

In observance of the Holidays,  
the parish office will be closed at  
noon on Christmas Eve through January 2, 2015.

We will be back in the office on January 5th.  
Have a blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

Bulletin articles for the December 28th bulletin are due in writing by  
9:00 am on Monday, December 22nd.

**Catholic Radio** Make a resolution to listen to **AM 1080 WRYT** Catholic Radio in the New Year. Tune in to daily Holy Mass, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and the Rosary. Plus programs such as, Catholic Answers Live, Open Line, St. Louis Faith Journeys, and more. For a program schedule and a free CD call (314) 752-7000 or toll free at (877) 305-1234.

### ProLife Events

Make plans to join in on the January Events to commemorate Roe v. Wade - In January, we will mark 43 years since the legalization of abortion in our nation.

Annual Roe v Ward Memorial Mass on Saturday, January 17th at 9:30 am at the Cathedral Basilica, afterwards a Rosary Procession to Planned Parenthood, then return to the Cathedral for Benediction. For more information, contact RLA at 314-792-7555 or [prolife@archstl.org](mailto:prolife@archstl.org).

Young Adult Pro-Life Holy Hour and Rosary on Thursday, January 22nd at 7 pm at the Cathedral Basilica. For more information, contact RLA at 314-792-7555 or [prolife@archstl.org](mailto:prolife@archstl.org)

Midwest March for Life on Saturday, January 31st at the Missouri State Capitol in Jefferson City beginning at 10:00 am .

The services of Project Rachel and Joseph are available to anyone who has been wounded by an abortion experience and is seeking healing.

**Project Rachel support**, Thursday December 18th @ 7 pm. Contact Mari-sol at 314-792-7451 or [mpfaff@archstl.org](mailto:mpfaff@archstl.org). **Project Joseph support** Monday, January 5th @ 7 pm. Contact Chuck at 314-974-6787 or [craymjr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:craymjr@sbcglobal.net)

*Please check the bulletin boards at the entrances to church for more important information.*

**Stewardship** "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" - Luke 1:28 Faith is a gift from God. During this Christmas season take time in silence and pray to God. Thank Him for all the gifts He has given you. Try to set aside any anger or resentment you have and really open your heart to receive the gift of God's grace.



### Flower Power

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

### Spiritual Ponderings

### 7 Virtues of a Good Evangelizer

Let us turn once again to Mark Brumely and his book: *How Not To Share Your Faith: The Seven Deadly Sins of Catholic Apologetics and Evangelization* so that we may discover the seven habits of a good evangelizer so that we can eventually make them our own. Quotes from his book will be in bold and my thoughts will appear in the normal font.

#### 4. Clarity

Paul VI identified clarity as one of the characteristics of genuine dialogue. You cannot get very far in a conversation if you are not clear about what you mean. Clarity is required in at least two areas of theological discussion. First, regarding where we agree with others. As Paul VI noted, "A man must first be understood; and, where he merits it, agreed with." Some differences are merely terminological. Catholics may not commonly use the expression "accepting Jesus as one's personal Lord and savior," for example, but there is nothing unCatholic about the basic idea it expresses.

I can still remember being a little kid and talking to one of my grandmother's friends. Her name was Bernice. Bernice had just looked out the window and saw that it was raining. She said out loud: "Oh my, it is raining. I guess I am going to get wet and melt." I turned to her and in front of a large group of people asked "Are you a witch?" My mom reprimanded me for asking the question and I was very confused. Later I realized what had happened. I had just finished watching the Wizard of Oz earlier in the day where the witch melts when she is hit by water. My grandmother's friend was thinking of a saying along the lines "Science has proved that sugar melts in water, so please don't walk in the rain, otherwise I may lose a sweet friend like u!!! This was probably my first lesson in the differences between ages and the importance of clarity.

#### 5. Faith

Apologists can miss the point of believing by embracing "the faith" as a set of propositions or even as a mere philosophy of life. We have already seen that genuine faith entails believing on the authority of God who reveals rather than on the strength of our arguments for belief. Although arguments may lead to motives of credibility, they are not themselves what we believe or even, ultimately, why we believe. When an argument leads us to conclude that a particular dogma of the faith, rests on God's authority, not the force of the argument. We are not, then, believing a set of conclusions no matter how cogently argued. We are saying yes to God and to what he has revealed.

There are many things that I do not always understand about why Catholics do what they do. I accept it though as a matter of faith because I believe that the Church is the body of Christ and the pope is the head of the Church and Jesus will not let the pope error in areas of faith and morals.

I know that as an individual, there are certain things that I like and other things I do not like for example cooked spinach. I would personally be offended if someone tried to force me to eat cooked spinach. If I have preferences and dislike, I think it is safe to assume that God has preferences and dislikes. I believe that He reveals so of those likes and dislikes in Scripture. For example we see that God dislikes sin greatly.

One thing, I will never be able to explain is why the Church allows lay people to distribute the Eucharist but then instructs us that only the priest or deacon can purify (clean) the sacred vessels. Even though I do not understand this rule I follow it anyway because I figure there must be a reason that I just do not understand. God is smarter than I. I would never have chosen the twelve apostles because I would have chosen people who were smarter, more popular, etc. but in the end I have to admit that Jesus chose the right people because His Church reaches all the corners of the world.

I want to follow God's will even when I do not understand it. This is faith to me.

**Day of Reflection** Description: Join us for a **Day of Reflection on New Beginnings** at Sanguis Christi Spirituality Center, 3522 Utah, St. Louis, MO on Saturday, January 3, 2015 from 10:00 - 3:00. "A new time stands on my doorstep ready to enter my life's journey." (Sr Violet Grennan) What will this new year bring? What invitation will come from the God of surprises? The day will begin and end with prayer together. In between is your time to be still and reflect on Jesus' invitation to you in 2015 as you enjoy solitude, reading, listening to healing music or a walk in nature. Lunch is provided. We request a free will offering. For more information or to register contact Sr. Ginny Jaskiewicz at 314-223-7508 or Sr. Carol Orf at 314-560-1028. Deadline for registration is Monday, December 29, 2014.



# LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 21

- 7:00 am Parishioners
- 9:00 am John, Berdell and Paul Leuthen  
And Rose Leuthen-Herzog
- 11:00 am Margaret "Peggy" Forness-Redfearn

### Monday, December 22

- 8:00 am Carol Simon

### Tuesday, December 23

- 8:00 am Morning Prayer
- 5:30 pm Carmen Real Castro

### Wednesday, December 24

#### Christmas Eve

- 5:00 pm Blanche O'Reilly
- 10:00 pm Pauline Fischer

### Thursday, December 25 Christmas Day

- 8:00 am Ferrario Family
- 10:00 am Parishioners

### Friday, December 26

- 8:00 am Wendell Riggins

### Saturday, December 27

- 8:00 am jimmy Ivey
- 5:00 pm Joe Kostelnik

### Sunday, December 28

#### Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

- 7:00 am Parishioners
- 9:00 am Deceased Members of the Ballentine  
and Licare Families
- 11:00 am Katie Bach



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND & SICK OF OUR PARISH

Jim Przada	Dominic Caputa	Kathy Kennebeck
Mary Hipskind	Kathy Hatfield	Dan Nerviani
Gloria Murabito	Ann Bereswill	Ethan Sonderman
Sheryl McPherson	Lynn Kuster	Pat Campbell
Matthew Joganik	Edward Joganik	Christine Weber

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 21, 2014

- Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/  
Lk 1:26-38
- Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
- Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
- Wednesday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79
- Thursday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25  
or 1:18-25
- Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
- Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
- Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
- Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
- Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Next Sunday: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Heb  
11:8, 11-12, 17-19 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:22-40 or

## OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

### Monday - Saturday

- 7:30 am - Rosary, Church

### Sunday, December 21

- 10:00 am - Bible Study, CMR
- 11:00 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB
- 6-8:00 pm - Loving Care Christmas Collection, AR

### Monday, December 22

- GSA School Closed
- 8:00 am - Choir Practice, Church
- 5:30 pm - Fit Factor, UH
- 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts, Upper Hall

### Tuesday, December 23

- GSA School Closed

### Wednesday, December 24

#### Christmas Eve

- *Parish Office Closed @ NOON*
- GSA School Closed

### Thursday, December 25

- *Parish Office Closed*
- GSA School Closed

### Friday, December 26

- *Parish Office Closed*
- GSA School Closed

### Saturday, December 27

### Sunday, December 28

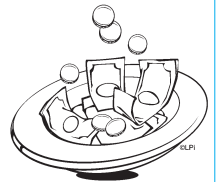
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- 11:00 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB



## OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13-14, 2014

Envelope.....	\$5,774.10
Loose.....	\$1,087.25
Online.....	\$97.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$6,958.35</b>

All Saints .....	\$10.00
Christmas.....	\$115.00
Christmas Flower .....	\$64.00
Flower Power .....	\$30.00
Immaculate Conception ..	\$291.00
Kenrick Seminary .....	\$28.00
Maintenance & Repair ...	\$145.00
Mission .....	\$25.00
Permanent Diaconate .....	\$
Solemnity.....	\$23.00
SVDP .....	\$200.00
Votive.....	\$45.92
Debt.....	\$180.00 .....
Tuition Assistance .....	\$23.00 .....
Endowment Fund .....	\$ .....
	\$1,485.00(YTD)
	\$980.00(YTD)
	\$10,804.00(YTD)



# PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS, NOTES & EVENTS

## Alpha Square Winner for December

\$100	Judy Hof	(C2)
\$25	Bill Hof	(C1)
\$25	Bill Hof	(C3)
\$25	Keith Schaefer	(B2)
\$25	Patty Dunne	(D2)

*Congratulations to all of our winners!!!*

## Parish Potluck Please plan

to join us for our annual parish potluck. The event will be held on Sunday, January 4, 2015, from 4-6:30 pm. Once again, the parish will provide the main entrée and refreshments; **We ask that you bring a side dish to share with your fellow parishioners.** This is not a fundraiser. It is simply a time to gather with your fellow parishioners to enjoy the blessings of food and laughter. **Please call the parish office, 781-1199 if you plan on attending or if you would like to help with set up.**



**2015 Calendars** We will be collecting 2015 calendars for residents of nursing homes and other institutions until February 1st. These calendars help brighten the days of many. Please place your donations in the marked box in the vestibule. Thank you for your generosity.

## A little Holiday Fun!

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Community	God	Offerings	Talent
Conversion	Gratitude	Prayer	Time
Discipleship	Growth	Sacrifice	Treasure
Engage	Ministry	Share	Welcome

## Epiphany Friends Forever Volunteer Holiday Appreciation Open House

We invite you to join us for appetizers and drinks at Babe's Tavern, 3215 Ivanhoe on Sunday December 28th from 2-7 pm. (Heated Beer Garden will be no smoking.) We thank you for your support of Epiphany Parish! RSVP by December 22, 2014 to Matt Ellison, 314-647-9181 or email to: [esasportsinfo@yahoo.com](mailto:esasportsinfo@yahoo.com)

## Attention all Highschoolers! There will be NO

Saint Louis LifeTeen Dec. 24. Enjoy the time with your families, and we will look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, January 7th for a Youth Mass & Social!! Eighth grade families - SAVE THE DATE for Luke 18 (February 13 - 15). Check out [saintlouislifeteen.org](http://saintlouislifeteen.org) for more details. Questions? Contact [lauren@saintlouislifeteen.org](mailto:lauren@saintlouislifeteen.org) or 314.288.8873.



## The Spiritual Workout Keeping Our Faith Lives Fit - A retreat Day for

### Law Enforcement and Fire Personnel

IL Ritiro Franciscan Retreat Center in Dittmer, MO. is offering a Retreat Day especially for those people who provide service and protection for all of us -- LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRE PERSONNEL. When: Saturday May 2, 2015 Time: 9:00 am - 3:30 pm For information and/or to register call: 636-274-0554; email: [il.ritiro@gmail.com](mailto:il.ritiro@gmail.com) website: [www.il.ritiro.org](http://www.il.ritiro.org) or FACEBOOK.

## New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance

Wednesday, December 31st 8:00 pm - 1:00 am

Dinner at 8:00 pm, Music 9 to 1

\$30 per person

Music by St Louis Big Band and St Louis Pro DJ

Handicapped accessible

Reservations available beginning October 4th

Call 314-544-2162

St Matthias the Apostle Church Parish Center

800 Buckley Rd 63125



Catholic Men  
for Christ  
St. Louis Missouri

## Save the Dates in 2015!

The annual 'Catholic Men for Christ' and 'Catholic Women for Christ' conferences are coming soon.

The 8th annual Catholic Men for Christ Conference will be Saturday February 7th, 2015 at the Peabody Opera House. The 6th annual Catholic Women for Christ Conference will be Saturday March 21st, 2015 at the St. Charles Convention Center. See [www.catholicmenforchrist.org](http://www.catholicmenforchrist.org) and [www.catholicwomenforchrist.org](http://www.catholicwomenforchrist.org) for early registration discounts.

