



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.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND AWARENESS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Presented by the
United States Conference
of Catholic Bishops'
Anti-Trafficking Program

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2015

On the Feast Day of St. Josephine Bakhita, we pray for the millions of people that have been victims of modern day slavery. Like St. Josephine Bakhita, may we stand firm in our resolve to create a slavery-free world.

www.usccb.org/stopslavery

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 8th, 2015

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LIVING OUR FAITH

From the Desk of Fr. Pastorius,

1. Faith & Family Programming: Feb. 10, 2015 - 2nd Tuesday

6:30 Chosen (Confirmation Class) @ Gym - 6:30 Men's Session @ Upper Hall - 6:30 Women's Session (Endow) @ Rectory Mtg Rm - 6:30 Childcare @ Assumption Room

2. February 27, 2015 - Special Parish Meeting - Tuesday February 24, 2015

Archbishop Carlson has challenged each parish to take a moment to ask itself: "How can we become a more dynamic parish?" I hope that many of you have been reading the book that you received at Christmas: *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic* by Mathew Kelly. We will be using this book to focus on ways in which we at Epiphany can grow in Prayer, Study, Generosity, and Evangelization. At this first meeting, I have invited David Baranowski, the Archdiocese Director of Stewardship to speak to us about the importance of developing a good and stable stewardship program for our parish and John Schwob the Archdiocesan Director of Planning to speak to us about the particular challenges that Epiphany of Our Lord faces because of our demographics. I want to make it clear from the beginning this meeting has nothing to do with closing our parish but rather it has everything to do with how can we make this best parish it possibly can be. In Mathew Kelly's book reminds us that if we could engage just 1% more of our parishioners we can change the world and so I invite you to come to help us change the world. (If you are in need of childcare, we will provide it. Please contact the office.)

3. Away from the Parish - February 11th & 12th.

My mother is planning on having hip replacement surgery on February 11th and so I will be taking a couple of days off to be with her. I will be present at the Parish Council Meeting on February 11th but Msgr. Hambrough will celebrate the 8AM Mass on the 11th and 12th. Prayers for my mother would be greatly appreciated.

4. Ash Wednesday

Don't forget that Ash Wednesday is just around the corner on February 18th. I invite you to take some time now to think about how you want to grow closer to the Lord. May I suggest the Stations of the Cross each Friday at 7PM in the Church?

5. Thank you to our Martha's Group

One of the great unsung heroes of our parish is our Martha's group. These are people who help provide food for funeral luncheons. If you are interested in helping this amazing group please contact the office. Levels of commitment vary from bringing in a dish (salad, pasta, etc.) to helping serve and clean up after the lunch.

6. Intentions for Mass

One of the ways that we can help our love ones who have died is to have the parish Mass offered for them. A person may also set aside a Mass intention for a particular cause like a healthy pregnancy, a successful surgery, etc. It is the Archdiocese policy to ask for a \$5 donation for each Mass intention as a sign of a sacrifice you are willing to make for your intention. If you would like to get a Mass intention please contact Trish, John, or Kathleen at the parish office.

7. Saint Louis Life Teen's Luke 18 is coming.

Saint Louis Life Teen, the multi-parish youth program located at DuBourg High School is hosting its first Luke 18 over President's Day Weekend. We are in need of High School Teens to help run the retreat. We are also in need of young adults to act as core team members and chaperones. Finally we are in need of people willing to act as sleep houses for the weekend. A sleep house is a house where 8-12 teens will come and crash on the floor on Friday and Saturday nights from 10PM-7AM. All they will need is one large room to lay out their sleeping bags. If you are interested in volunteering in any way please contact Lauren 314.288.8873 - lauren@saintlouislifeteen.org.

8. Fish Fry

Someone told me "Men are like fish neither would get in trouble if they kept their mouths shut." Our first Fish Fry is February 6th. See elsewhere in the bulletin for more information. The food is way better than my fish jokes.

9. Graphic Artists Needed

I am looking for someone who can help the parish design special logos for our Faith and Family Programming which includes Blue Knights, Little Flowers, and Young Disciples. If you can help please call 314.781.1199 or e-mail me at fathertompastorius@gmail.com

10. Financial Assistance for School Families.

Epiphany of Our Lord Parish offers financial assistance to families who wish to attend a Catholic School. The tuition assistance that we can offer depends upon the needs of the family and the number of families that apply. Any family wishing to receive financial assistance will need to participate in our School Covenant Program. Part of this program is a meeting with Father Pastorius and two other parishioners. Times are set aside on 3/12, 4/14, 5/14, 6/30, 7/16 & 8/11. Please call Fr. Pastorius at the rectory to set up an appointment for one of those days. 314.781.1199

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Spiritual Ponderings

St. Peter's Fall and Reconciliation

As we move through the month of February and look at what led to St. Peter's denial of Christ and how he eventually reconciled with Christ, we will continue using Archbishop Fulton Sheen's book: *Characters of the Passion: Lessons on Faith and Trust*. Quotes from his book will be in bold and my thoughts will be in the normal font.

Substitution of Action for prayer

Most souls still feeling the necessity of doing something for God and the Church turn to the solace of activity. Instead of going from prayer to action, they neglect the prayer and become busy about many things. It is so easy to think we are doing God's work when we are only in motion or being fussy.

Unfortunately "being busy" has become a status symbol today. There are times when we feel people will like us better if we considered "busy people." Being busy can also become dangerous when it stops us from entering into meaningful relationships with God and others out of a fear of being rejected by others. Plus most people do not make good decisions when they are busy because they become less aware of the total picture.

Peter is no exception. In the turmoil of the arrest of Our Blessed Lord which followed, Peter, who had already been armed with two swords, allows his usual impetuosity to get the better of him. Slashing out rather recklessly at the army gang, what he strikes is not a soldier at all, but a slave of the High Priest. As a swordsman Peter was a good fisherman. The slave steps aside, and the blow aimed at the crown of his head merely cuts off his ears. Our Blessed Lord restored the ear by a miracle, and then turning to Peter said, "...Put your sword back into its sheath, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword" (Mathew 26:52). Divinity has no need of it. He could summon twelve legions of angels to His aid if He wished. The Church must never fight with the weapons of the world.

Here like Peter, I want to fight with weapons of the world. If someone wrongs me I want revenge. This is why prayer is so important because it helps me to remember that the world's ways do not lead to happiness only God's ways do.

Lukewarmness

Experience soon proves that religious activity without prayer soon degenerates into indifference. At this stage souls become indifferent. They believe one can be too religious too zealous, or "spend too much time in church." Peter exemplifies this truth.

A few hours later, Our Blessed Lord is led before His judges—and one is almost inclined to say, "May God forgive us for calling them judges." As the sad procession moves on in the unutterable loneliness where the God-man freely subjects Himself to the evil darts of others, the gospel records, "and Peter followed Him from afar." He had given up prayer, then action, and now. Only his eyes remain on the Master.

The days that I think I am the worse Catholic are not days in which I commit major sins but rather days in which I wonder if anyone would even know that I am a Catholic. If Peter had been next to Jesus then there would be no way for Peter to deny him. Peter on the other hand went from being feverent (even if I should have to die) to very passive (I tell you I do not even know the man," all in a matter of hours. I feel like I can do it sometimes in a matter of minutes.

We still linger as from force of habit—or perhaps even from remorse of conscience—in the footsteps of the Master, but out of the range of both His eyes and His voice. It is in such moments that souls say, "God has forgotten me." When the truth is that is not God who leaves us, it is we who stray on behind.

I know that if God has forgotten me then I would cease to exist but yet I still doubt His love despite the fact that I am here. Mother Teresa despite years of dryness never doubted in God because she had thrown her whole self into doing his will. I hope and pray that I can do the same.

Once the divine fades in life, the material begins to assert itself. The excessive dedication to luxury and refinement is always an indication of the inner poverty of the spirit. When the treasures that rust consumes, moths eat, and thieves break through and steal. When the inner beauty is gone, we need luxuries to clothe our nakedness.

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: "The Miracle of Our Lady of Lourdes" Past talks are also posted in written form on our website and our Facebook page. *Next Sunday:* "Keeping a Holy Lent"

LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 8

- 7:00 am Parishioners
- 9:00 am Bob Guckes
- 11:00 am Don & Sean Welby

Monday, February 9

- 8:00 am Dan Nerviani

Tuesday, February 10

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

Wednesday, February 11

- 8:00 am Martha Rybinski-Ruby

Thursday, February 12

- 8:00 am John Gibson

Friday, February 13

- 8:00 am Dan Nerviani

Saturday, February 14

- 8:00 am Terri Rose (for good health)
- 5:00 pm Mark Andrew

Sunday, February 15

- 7:00 am Parishioners
- 9:00 am Elise Mitchell
- 11:00 am Bart Cracchiolo



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND & SICK OF OUR PARISH

Jim Przada	Dominic Caputa	Kathy Kennebeck
Mary Hipskind	Kathy Hatfield	Rosalie Heuing
Gloria Murabito	Baby Ezekiel Miller	Ethan Sonderman
Sheryl McPherson	Edward Joganik	Pat Campbell
Matthew Joganik	Christine Weber	

OUR DEARLY DEPARTED



Rest in Peace

In your kindness, please pray for the repose of the souls

of our parishioners, **Dan Nerviani** and **Leslie Curtis**. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed rejoice in the Kingdom of Heaven.

HELP! The Martha's Group provides and serves luncheons after funerals and is now in need of help. You can either be a captain of a team or a team member that provides a food item for a team. I know that some individuals checked this on their intention card and were not called. I am sorry for that. If you want to help this rewarding ministry please call Lynn Kloecker at 644-6582. The family and friends to whom we provide the luncheons are REALLY appreciative of this service and we know we would be too.



OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday - Saturday

- 7:30 am - Rosary, Church

Sunday, February 8

- 10:00 am - Bible Study, Assumption Room
- 11:00 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB
- 12:00 Noon Liturgy Committee Meeting, Rectory

Monday, February 9

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, UH
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm - Fit Factor, UH
- 5:30 PM - 7:30 pm - Practice, Gym
- 7:00 pm - 9:00pm - Boy Scouts, UH
- 7:00 pm 8:00pm - District Girl Scout Meeting, AR

Tuesday, February 10

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, UH
- 7:00 am - 10:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm - Confirmation Class, UH Youth Rm.
- 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm - Holy Family Child Care, AR
- 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm - St. Joseph's Mens Group, Rectory
- 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm - Women's Endow, CMR
- 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm - F&F Attendance, UH

Wednesday, February 11

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, UH
- 7:00 am - 10:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 12:00 pm - Early Dismissal
- 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm - Fit Factor, UH
- 6:00pm - 7:30pm Girl Scout Mtg., G.S. Room
- 6:30 pm - Bells Practice, Church
- 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Usher's Guild Meeting, AR
- 7:30 pm - Choir Practice, Church

Thursday, February 12

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, UH
- 7:00 am - 7:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 3:00 pm - 8:30 pm - Epiphany Men's Club, AR
- 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm - Girl Scout Troop #458, GS Rm, UH
- 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Den Meeting Cub Scout #281, UH
- 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Youth Group, UH
- 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Thunder Practice, Gym
- 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm - St. Gabe's Practice, Gym

Friday, February 13

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, UH
- 7:00 am - 9:30 pm - GSA, Gym
- 7:30 am - 8:30 am - Stuemke, AR
- 10:00 am - 11:00 am - Ring Check up
- 3:30 pm - 7:00 pm - Dance, UH

Saturday, February 14

- 8:00am - 11:30pm - EFF Mouse Races, Gym

Sunday, February 15

- 7:00am - 10:00 pm - Donut Sunday, Gym

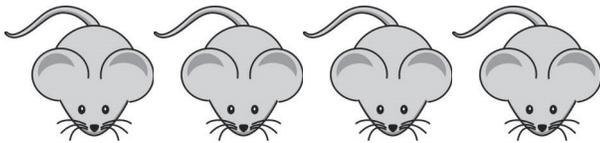
PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS, NOTES & EVENTS

EPIPHANY NIGHT AT THE RACES

Please join the Epiphany Parish as they sponsor a night of Mouse Racing on Saturday, February 14th. Doors open at 6:30. First Race is at 7:30. Admission is \$12.00 in advance (by February 12th, 2015) or \$17.00 at the door. Admission costs include Beer, Set-Ups and Snacks. Bring a group of non-parish friends or family and have a chance to win an extra \$75-\$150!!!! Please contact Don Ferguson at 314/644-0912 with any questions. A Squeaky good time to be had by all!

Please make check payable to Epiphany Friends Forever and mail, along with the names of your party to:

Julie Ellison - 6580 Scanlan Avenue - St. Louis, MO 63139



Men's Club Alpha Square Raffle 2015-16

Tickets are now for sale for the New Season. The drawings start July of 2015 and go through June 2016. Each month there is a \$100 winner and a chance of four \$25 winners. It is possible to win all twelve months. To purchase, fill out the attached form with cash or check and mail to: Richard Huelsmann or Epiphany Parish Office. You may also drop request in the Sunday collection marked: Alpha Square Raffle. Make checks payable to: Epiphany Men's Club. Submit requests to: Richard Huelsmann, 6536 Smiley Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63139 - 314-645-5941.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Squares (\$12 each): _____



CYC Parents Wanted...

To take advantage of a FREE offer! The CYC is asking YOU to take a 27 minute Positive Parent Participation online program. It is FREE to the next 900 parents who take it!

Learn more and sign up at www.cycstl.net. Look for the "CYC Promotes the Triangle" logo!

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION

WWW.EPIPHANYSTL.ORG

Attention all Highschoolers! Join us this Wednesday for Mass and grow in fellowship with each other. Questions? Contact Lauren (314.288.8873 or lauren@saintlouislifeteen.org).

Luke 18 - For those 8th graders interested in attending Luke 18, There are still a few spots available online at saintlouislifeteen.org/luke18.

The Luke 18 retreat is open to all 8th graders and will be **February 13-15 at Bishop DuBourg High School**. Questions? Please contact Lauren (314.288.8873 or lauren@saintlouislifeteen.org).

Are You a Racing Fan?

Create your own Pinewood Derby car with an official kit, and compete against other racing fans at the OLS Adult Pinewood Derby! Saturday, February 21st: Doors open @ 4:30 pm; Race begins @ 6:00 pm. To be held in the Our Lady of Sorrows Gymnasium. Proceeds benefit Cub Scout Pack 51. More Info. and Rules: facebook.com/olsadultpinewood Kits can be purchased @ Southtown Barber Shop, 5419 Chippewa Questions: Contact Dave @ 314-413-9132 or Todd @ 314-488-7260.

Lent is right around the corner and as we prepare our souls this Lenten season to reflect on Christ's sacrifice we can also help support the parish by attending our annual Fish Fry.

Mark your calendars with the following dates:

	Feb. 18th
	Feb. 27th
	Mar. 6th
	Mar. 13
	Mar. 20
	Mar. 27

The hours for each Fish Fry are:
4:30pm—7:00pm



Year for
Consecrated
life

Dear Friends, The World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Monday, February 2, 2015 and in parishes on the weekend of Febru-

ary 7-8, 2015. Currently, we are privileged to have 1, 900 consecrated religious priests, brothers and sisters from 88 distinct religious congregations serving the people here in the Archdiocese of Saint Louis. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.