



# 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.

## A TIME TO GROW

Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold,  
now is the day of salvation. 2 Corinthians 6:2

## Ash Wednesday

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## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 15, 2015

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## LIVING OUR FAITH

### From the Desk of Fr. Pastorius,

#### 1. Faith & Family Programming: Feb. 17, 2015 - Third Tuesday

6:30 Blue Knights @ UH 6:30 Little Flowers @ UH 6:30 Young Disciples @ UH 6:30 Chosen (Confirmation Class) @ UH  
7:00 Pillars of the Faith @ Rectory Mtg Rm

#### 2. Special Parish Meeting - Tuesday February 24, 2015 @ 7:00 PM

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. I have also invited John Schwob, the Archdiocesan Director of Planning, to speak to us about the particular challenges that Epiphany faces because of our demographics. I want to make it clear from the beginning that this meeting has nothing to do with closing our parish but rather it has everything to do with how can we make this the best parish it possibly can be. In Mathew Kelly's book he reminds us that if we could engage just 1% more of our parishioners we can change the world. 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. Ash Wednesday

Don't forget that Ash Wednesday is just around the corner on February 18<sup>th</sup>. 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?

#### 4. Intentions for Mass

One of the ways that we can help our loved 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.

#### 5. Fish Fry

What is the difference between a piano and a fish? You can tune a piano but you cannot tuna fish. The food is way better than my fish jokes. Ash Wednesday- February 18<sup>th</sup> & the following Fridays during Lent: February 6<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, and March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, & 27<sup>th</sup>. All Fish Fries are from 4:30-7:00PM in the gym. Click on the picture to see our menu.

#### 6. 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](mailto:fathertompastorius@gmail.com)

#### 7. 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

God bless, Fr. Tom

**Stewardship** "Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." - 1 Corinthians 10:31 Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps develop the attitude of "I am grateful for the gifts God gave me" instead of "I want more". For most people gratitude leads to generosity.

**BAPTIZED IN CHRIST** We welcome into our parish family our newly baptized:

Jordan Robert Lammert

Sophia Marie Hanson

Jack William Stacey

William Seamus Mackenzie

Louis Anthony Lloyd

Cole Michael Anderson

Grace Marie Weiss



*Congratulations to the proud parents and families of our newest members! May the blessing of the Lord be always upon them!*

#### 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:* "Keeping a Holy Lent" Past talks are also posted in written form on our website and our Facebook page. *Next Sunday:* "St. Polycarp: How the Church Got Bishops."

### Spiritual Ponderings

### St. Peter's Fall and Reconciliation

In just a few days we will be entering into Lent and so let us continue to look at what led St. Peter to deny Christ and how he eventually reconciled with the Lord. Quotes from Fulton Sheen book: *Characters of the Passion: Lessons on Faith and Trust* will be in bold and my work will be in the normal font.

#### Satisfaction of material wants, feelings, and emotions

It is only natural, therefore, to find that in the next stage of his decline, Peter should be satisfying his body. He does not go into the courtroom. He remains outside with the servants; and in the expressive language of sacred Scripture, "...when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, and were sitting about it, Peter was in the midst of them (Luke 22:55)

St. Peter has now moved to a state in his life where he never thought he would be just 24 hours earlier. Instead of standing beside Christ and declaring his undying loyalty to the Son of God, the man Peter saw transfigured he is now trying to comfort himself in a fire outside hoping no one will remember that he was a follower of Christ.

There is a process going on in Peter, but is hardly progress, for it is a downward movement—walking, standing, sitting. That is exactly what Peter did. Walking: He followed Him from afar." Standing: He went into the court and stood among the people. Sitting: He sat by the fire that the enemies of Christ had built. Luxury had replaced fidelity. Never before was anyone so cold before a fire!

I know that in my life when I am confident of God's love the last thing I worry about is my own physical comfort, but when I am not confident in God's love for me then I try to surround myself with material goods to protect and comfort me.

#### Human respect

The last stage in the fall is human respect, when we deny our faith or are ashamed of it, under ridicule or scorn. A worldly religion will get on well with the world, but not a divine one. As our Lord warned, "when they persecuted you in one town, flee to another. Amen, I say to you, you will not finish the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes" (Matthew 10:23).

After reading the above quote, I cannot help but wonder if I would ever deny Jesus if there was no one else. My desire to be liked/loved though can cause me to not declare my loyalty to Christ because I know that Christ even 2,000 years later is still a controversial figure. It is also important to point out that to deny the Catholic Church and all its teachings is to deny Christ for we are His Mystical Body.

As the blaze of that fire lighted up the face of Peter, it was possible for bystanders and those who came into the court to see his face. At that very moment, when our Blessed Lord in court was taking an oath proclaiming His divinity, Peter was taking an oath, too—not to reaffirm that Christ was the Son of the Living God, but rather to deny it.

The law demanded Jesus to take an oath. Peter on the other hands tries to add force behind his words of denial by swearing. Jesus humbly submits to the Law but Peter pride fully denies the truth. I have definitely been in Peter's shoes before. When I am exalting myself, I know that it is only a matter of time before I am humbled.

Human respect had gotten the better of Peter. How often others know what we ought to do, even when we have forgotten. How touchy are those consciences that have abandoned their God! How sensitive they are to even the memory that they once had the faith! Many a time I have heard such souls say, "Do not talk about it! I want to forget it." But we can never forget—even our speech betrays that we had been with the Galilean.

Why does the opinion of others matter so much? I will not be judged by them in eternal life.

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered. Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway. If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway. What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. Create anyway. If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. Be happy anyway. The good you do today, will often be forgotten. Do good anyway. Give the best you have, and it will never be enough. Give your best anyway. In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway. - Mother Teresa



**ProLife** "The challenge is to make the Church's "yes" to Life concrete and effective. The struggle will be long, and it needs each one of you. Place your intelligence, your talents, your enthusiasm, your compassion and your fortitude at the service of life!" — Pope Saint John Paul II, Homily, World Youth Day, August 15, 1993  
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# LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, February 15

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

### Monday, February 16

8:00 am Deceased Members of the Thien Family

### Tuesday, February 17

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

### Ash Wednesday, February 18

8:00 am Peggy Ogan  
7:00 pm Raymond B. Goedeker

### Thursday, February 19

8:00 am Michael Bourke

### Friday, February 20

8:00 am Gary J. Rea

### Saturday, February 21

8:00 am Joyce Torrisi  
5:00 pm Katherine E. Hammond

### First Sunday of Lent, February 22

7:00 am Parishioners  
9:00 am John Jankowski  
11:00 am David Hemenway



## 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	Dave Hanneken

## OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF

### Online Donations

General Fund..... \$155.00  
St. Louis Review..... \$30.00

### Sunday Collection

Envelope..... \$6,075.00  
Loose..... \$715.20  
Total ..... \$6,790.20



Candlmas ..... \$27.00  
First Offering..... \$15.00  
Maintenance & Repair .. \$115.00  
St. Louis Review ..... \$30.00  
Votive ..... \$42.30  
Debt ..... \$95.00 ..... \$1,846.00(YTD)  
Tuition Assistance ..... \$5.00 ..... \$1,036.00(YTD)  
Endowment Fund ..... \$ ..... \$10,804.00(YTD)

**Thank you** for all the 2015 calendars and datebooks, which went to Mary Ryder Home and Criminal Justice Ministry. A belated thank you for the toiletries plus for Kelsey Paige (Loving Care) for Christmas. Catie Shinn/Mary Stahl

## OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

### Monday - Saturday, February 16-21

- 7:30 am - Rosary, Church

### Sunday, February 15

- After all Masses - Donut Sunday, Gym
- 10:00 am - Bible Study, CMR
- 11:00 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB

### Monday, February 16 President's Day Parish Office Closed

- 5:30 pm - Fit Factor, UH
- 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts, Upper Hall

### Tuesday, February 17

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 6:30 pm - Blue Knights, UH Boy Scout Rm
- 6:30 pm - Little Flowers, UH
- 6:30 pm - Young Disciples, UH Girl Scout Rm
- 6:30 pm - Chosen-Confirmation Class, UH Youth Rm
- 7:00 pm - Pillars of Faith, CMR
- 7:00 pm - Finance Comm. Mtg., CMR

### Ash Wednesday, February 18

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 4:30 - 7:00 pm - Fish Fry, Gym
- 5:30 pm - Fit Factor, UH

### Thursday, February 19

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 6:30 pm - Scout Pack Mtg., UH
- 7:00 pm - Youth Group, UH
- 7:30 pm - Prayer Group, Church

### Friday, February 20

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 3:30-6:30 pm - Dance, UH
- 5-6:00 pm - Dance, AR

### Saturday, February 21

- All Day - Girl Scout Overnighter, Gym
- 5:00 pm - Girl Scout Overnighter, UH & AR

### Sunday, February 22

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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15, 2015

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31--11:1/Mk 1:40-45  
Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13  
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21  
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25  
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15  
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32  
Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

## PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS, NOTES & EVENTS

**Ladies Guild News** Our monthly card social will be held on Monday, February 16th at 10:00 am in the Assumption Room.

Our regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 25th at 11:30 am in the Assumption Room. Lunch, drinks and desserts will be provided. \$2.00 admission at the door. This is our birthday month. We will honor birthdays for January, February and March. Please bring a \$1.00 gift (wrapped) and we will play the game "Rob your neighbor".

**Epiphany Youth Group Fundraiser** Please help support our Epiphany Youth Group by visiting Noodles in Hampton Village on Monday, February 16th between 5pm-9pm. 25% of all sales goes directly to our Youth Group. Please bring a flyer or have the flyer on your phone when placing your order. Thank you!

**Fish Fry** As we prepare our souls this Lenten season to reflect on Christ's sacrifice we can also help support the parish by attending our Fish Frys.

Mark your calendars with the following dates:

**Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18th**

**Fridays: Feb. 27th & March 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th**

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

### To My Wonderful Parish Family,

How do I say thank you for a decade plus of prayers, love and support? It is impossible to truly express all the gratitude I feel in my heart. Though Dan battled with his illness for over a decade, he never did so alone. You were all there with us every step of the way. The support and prayers he and my family have received over the years has been truly extraordinary. Words just aren't enough and yet, thank you is all I have to offer.

I want to offer a special thank you to all those who played a part in Dan's funeral Mass. It was an absolutely beautiful service and would not have been possible without the participation of the ushers, altar servers, sacristan, Rich, Tom, Elizabeth, Michael, Deacon James and Fr. Tom. It was such a tribute to Dan to see how many lives he touched, as the turnout for his funeral services was so significant. We truly cherished everyone that was present.

I would also like to offer a special thank you to ALL the Martha members who helped with the funeral luncheon. The food was delicious and a true expression of love. It was such a comfort to know those details were taken care of for us.

I especially thank God for guiding us to this wonderful parish that we call home.

Please know that my family and I appreciate all that you have done for us during this time of sorrow, whether you sent a card, food, flowers, or simply kept us in your prayers, we are extremely grateful. Although we will miss Dan dearly, we take comfort in knowing he is at home in heaven. Thank you all for being there for me and my family. Most gratefully, Trish Nerviani, Melissa, Anthony and Julia

**Martha's Members Needed** The Martha's Group provides and serves luncheons after funerals and is now in need of help!

We need both team captains and team members. Team captain responsibilities include: coordinating the collection of side dishes from team members, setting up for the luncheon, serving and clean up after the luncheon. Team members are asked to provide a home cooked side dish. Team members on average are usually called upon 3-4 per year. If you checked this on their intention card and were not called, we apologize for the oversight. Please consider serving your parish in this most rewarding ministry. To volunteer 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.*



### IHM "Spring" SAUSAGE DINNER

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in New Melle, MO will hold their "Spring" Sausage Dinner on Sunday, March 1, 2015, serving from 11:00 to 6:00 pm. Whole hog pork sausage dinners include homemade bread and desserts. Carry-outs available. Adult dinners - \$12 (\$11 if ordered and paid by Feb. 26); children ages 6 to 12- \$6; ages 5 and under eat free. Activities include craft bazaar, country store, children's games, pull tabs, quilt raffle, wine and beer garden, livers and gizzards, live music and two raffles: "The Bonanza Extravaganza" (early bird \$100 cash drawing on Tuesday, Feb. 17) and "The BIG 50/50 Cash Drawing". Handicap parking and free shuttle service on the premises will be available.

To pre-order your discount dinner tickets and/or place a sausage order, use the forms attached to this email. All pre-order tickets will be available on the day of the dinner at the Ticket Table. To guarantee your discount, make sure to include a check with your pre-order. Tickets are not refundable but may be transferred to the next dinner. Be sure and order early. **All tickets, forms and money must be submitted to the parish office no later than Thursday, Feb 26.** For more information call 636-398-5270.

**Congratulations** to the following parishioners for making the first semester honor roll. We are very proud of you:  
**Ursuline Academy**

**Second Honors**  
Georgie Menzel

Cor Jesu

**Honors**  
Ann Lux

In observance of President's Day, the parish business office will be closed on Monday, February 16th.