



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.

3rd Sunday of Lent

And to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, *Zeal for your house will consume me.*

- Jn 2:16-17

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LIVING OUR FAITH

From the Desk of Fr. Pastorius,

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

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

2. Dynamic Catholic Meeting Follow Up/ Parish Survey

I would like to thank everyone who attended the special meeting on February 24th in which we talked about how Epiphany can become an even better sign of God's presence in our neighborhood. In this week's bulletin you should find a survey. Please take time to answer the survey and return it to Church by Sunday March 28th.

3. Online Giving

Our Mass attendance was down last weekend because of the snow and because of that our weekly collection was also down. Our bills though were probably higher because of the need for more heat and paying for snow removal. One way to help us avoid this problem is to sign up for online giving. Online giving helps us to make our personal giving to our parish consistent no matter the weather or vacation plans. I will be away next Sunday but I know that my donation will still make it to Church.

4. Planning for a Special Day...

Pope Francis has declared this year to be a special time of thanksgiving for those members of our Church who have dedicated themselves to the Lord as Consecrated Religious. Epiphany has had a long tradition of both being served by religious sisters and in producing religious vocations. We are hoping to host a special gathering on May 17th to celebrate these great blessings. I, therefore, ask you to do three things. The first is mark May 17th from 1-4PM on your calendars. Second send any addresses that you have of religious that you have kept in contact with to Epiphany so that we can send them a personal invitation and finally let others (like grade school classmates, former parishioners, etc) about the event. More information will be coming soon.

5. 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

6. Fish Fry

Q - What do you call a big fish who makes you an offer you can't refuse? A. The Codfather. Q - What is the best way to communicate with a fish? A. Drop it a line. (I was told that I used the same joke for two weeks so here are two fresh ones. The food is way better than my fish jokes. March 13th, 20th, & 27th. All Fish Fries are from 4:30-7:00PM in the gym. Go to the website and click on the picture to see our menu.

7 Saint Louis Life Teen

If you are a teen or have a teen that did not participate in our Luke 18 retreat weekend at DuBourg high school, you have no idea what you missed. Everyone who participated had fun, created new friends, and deepened their relationship with the Lord. Don't miss out any more. Attend St. Louis Life Teen on Wednesday at DuBourg at 7PM. I am so confident in our program that I am going to put my money where my mouth is - Any Epiphany teen that attends four events between now and June 1st will be entered into a raffle. I will pull one name out of the hat and that person will receive a \$100 gift card to Amazon, iTunes, or for gas.

8. Retreat Work

I will be assisting a high school retreat in Georgia (where I do the summer camps) the week of Friday March 13 to the 20th. During that time we will have a variety of visiting priests so no Masses will be cancelled.

9. Parish Penance Service

Our Lenten Parish Penance Service will be 2 PM on Sunday March 22nd.

10. First Reconciliation

First Reconciliation will take place at 1 PM on Sunday March 22nd.

God bless,
Fr. Tom

Spiritual Ponderings

Spiritual Warriors

As we continue to look at what it means to be a soldier of Christ. For help with this reflection, I would like to turn the following article “10 Life Lessons from A Navy Seal. I will Always Remember #4” which was published in the *Business Insider*. The article will be in bold and my reflection will be in regular font.

I have been a Navy SEAL for 36 years. But it all began when I left UT for Basic SEAL training in Coronado, California. Basic SEAL training is six months of long torturous runs in the soft sand, midnight swims in the cold water off San Diego, obstacles courses, unending calisthenics, days without sleep and always being cold, wet and miserable. It is six months of being constantly harassed by professionally trained warriors who seek to find the weak of mind and body and eliminate them from ever becoming a Navy SEAL. But, the training also seeks to find those students who can lead in an environment of constant stress, chaos, failure and hardships. To me basic SEAL training was a life time of challenges crammed into six months. So, here are the ten lessons I learned from basic SEAL training that hopefully will be of value to you as you move forward in life.

The soldiers who enter into the SEAL training do so with the desire to become the best soldier they can. They know that life will not be easy and that their drill instructors are going to be particularly harsh to them. Somehow in this system that appears dysfunctional from the outside these men will be shaped and molded into the best version of themselves that they can be. When we enter the Church Jesus does not promise us that life will be easy in fact He tells us that the world will reject and persecute us simply because we take His name.

Every morning in basic SEAL training, my instructors, who at the time were all Vietnam veterans, would show up in my barracks room and the first thing they would inspect was your bed. If you did it right, the corners would be square, the covers pulled tight, the pillow centered just under the headboard and the extra blanket folded neatly at the foot of the rack—rack—that’s Navy talk for bed. It was a simple task—mundane at best. But every morning we were required to make our bed to perfection. It seemed a little ridiculous at the time, particularly in light of the fact that we were aspiring to be real warriors, tough battle hardened SEALs—but the wisdom of this simple act has been proven to me many times over. If you make your bed every morning you will have accomplished the first task of the day. It will give you a small sense of pride and it will encourage you to do another task and another and another. By the end of the day, that one task completed will have turned into many tasks completed. Making your bed will also reinforce the fact that little things in life matter. If you can’t do the little things right, you will never do the big things right. And, if by chance you have a miserable day, you will come home to a bed that is made—that you made—and a made bed gives you encouragement that tomorrow will be better. **#1. If you want to change the world, start off by making your bed.**

“Now Naaman, captain of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man with his master, and highly respected, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man was also a valiant warrior, *but he was a leper*. Now the Aramean had gone out in bands and had taken captive a little girl from the land of Israel; and she waited on Naaman’s wife. She said to her mistress, “I wish that my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria! Then he would cure him of his leprosy.” Naaman went in and told his master, saying, “Thus and thus spoke the girl who is from the land of Israel.” Then the king of Aram said, “Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel.” He departed and took with him ten talents of silver and six thousand *shekels* of gold and ten changes of clothes. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, “And now as this letter comes to you, behold, I have sent Naaman my servant to you, that you may cure him of his leprosy.” When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, “Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man is sending *word* to me to cure a man of his leprosy? But consider now, and see how he is seeking a quarrel against me.” It happened when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, that he sent *word* to the king, saying, “Why have you torn your clothes? Now let him come to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.” So Naaman came with his horses and his chariots and stood at the doorway of the house of Elisha. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh will be restored to you and *you will be clean*.” But Naaman was furious and went away and said, “Behold, I thought, ‘He will surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper.’ Are not Abanah and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?” So he turned and went away in a rage. Then his servants came near and spoke to him and said, “My father, had the prophet told you *to do some* great thing, would you not have done *it*? How much more *then*, when he says to you, ‘Wash, and be clean?’” So he went down and dipped *himself* seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child and he was clean.” - 2 Kings 5:1-15.

I have come to believe that one of the problems of the Catholic Church is that God asks too little of us. Like Naaman we complain that God asks us to go to Church once a week for Mass instead of climbing to the top of a live volcano. On the other hand thinking of what God asks us to do is very simple. There are no quests, no bloodshed, no fights to the death, etc. On the other hand what God asks us to do is truly monumental because they it goes against our sinful nature.

Spiritual Exercise: Let us, therefore, do small things well like going to Mass, 15 minutes of mental prayer, and the reading of Sacred Scripture.

LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Third Sunday of Lent, March 8

7:00 am Parishioners
9:00 am William & Dolores Meyer
11:00 am Don & Sean Welby

Monday, March 9

8:00 am Max Jellinek

Tuesday, March 10

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

Wednesday, March 11

8:00 am Norman Bubash

Thursday, March 12

8:00 am William Bosse

Friday, March 13

8:00 am Eugenia Faust

Saturday, March 14

8:00 am Catherine Pozzo
5:00 pm Lynn Kuster

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 15

7:00 am Fred Rond
9:00 am Martha Rybinski
11:00 am Parishioners



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
Michael Wesby	Dave Hanneken	

OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF

Online Donations

General Fund..... \$507.00
SVDP..... \$20.00

Envelope..... \$3,147.00
Loose..... \$704.74
Total..... \$3,851.74

Votive..... \$66.30
St. Louis Review..... \$30.00
Easter Flower..... \$98.00
Maintenance & Repair .. \$272.00
Debt..... \$62.00 \$2,001.00(YTD)
Tuition Assistance..... \$50.00 \$1,089.00(YTD)
Endowment Fund..... \$ \$10,804.00(YTD)



Our Dearly Departed In your kindness, please pray for the repose of the soul of Sarah Pfyl, sister of Carol (Bob) Horridge. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday - Saturday March 8 - 15

- 7:30 am - Rosary, Church

Sunday, March 8

- 10:00 am - Bible Study, CMR
- 11:00 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB
- 6-8:00 pm - Marriage Prep, CMR

Monday, March 9

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

Tuesday, March 10

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 6:30-8:00 pm - Confirmation Class-Chosen, UHYR
- 6:30 - St. Joseph's Men's Group, CMR
- 6:30 - Women's Endow, CMR

Wednesday, March 11

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 5:30 pm - Fit Factor, UH
- 6:30 pm - Bells Practice, Church
- 7:30 - Choir Practice, Church

Thursday, March 12

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 7:00 pm - Youth Group, UH
- 7:30 pm - Prayer Group, Church
- 7:30 pm - Men's Club, AR

Friday, March 13

- 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
- 4:30-7:00 pm - Fish Fry, Gym
- 7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross, Church

Saturday, March 14

Sunday, March 15

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 8, 2015

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS, NOTES & EVENTS

The Great Easter Egg Hunt

The egg is traditionally a symbol of new life, making it particularly appropriate to celebrate the Easter season with an egg hunt. Also, they are full of candy! Join us at 10 AM on Apr 4th to celebrate the impending Easter feast with a giant egg hunt at our soccer field across the street (the gym in case of bad weather). All children from toddler to the 5th grade are welcome to participate. Please bring your own basket.



To make this a success, we are asking for donations of candy (we have plenty of eggs). We would also like to offer some toy prizes if anyone would like to donate small toys, coloring books, bubbles, or the like. If you would like to help, just drop off the goods at the Epiphany Parish Rectory. Thanks for all the help!

Rightsizing Your Home

Lindenwood Area Senior Ministry is offering a *Spring into Action Workshop Series* on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, March through June! Join us for the first installment as Patsy Bieg of Heartful Home Solutions guides us on ways to "right-size" our homes. We'll learn how to declutter and organize while keeping the things we use, need or hold sentimental value. Join us for an insightful discussion with many tips to get you started. **Tuesday, March 17th, 10am** at Southwest Baptist Church - Memorial Hall, 6401 Scanlan Ave. (63139). Light refreshments. RSVP to Claire at 645-6411.

Books for Charity

Lindenwood Area Senior Ministry is preparing for its 9th Annual Spring Fling on Saturday, April 25th. We are thrilled that Schnucks on the Hill has committed to supporting this event via their Books for Charity program. In this program Schnucks sells used books, available at the end of their self check-out lanes, and donates the proceeds to local organizations. LASM is the Charity of the Month this month! So what can you do to help? 1. Drop off book donations at the Customer Service counter of the Schnucks on the Hill location (5055 Arsenal). Adult and children books are accepted. 2. Find some good reads - purchase books throughout March. 3. Save the date to attend the Spring Fling on April 25th!

Third Sunday of Lent Gospel Jn 2:13-25

Spiritual Reflection: God desires to give His mercy away free but instead people were trying to sell it.

Spiritual Questions

1. Have you tried to sell God's love and mercy?
2. How would you feel if you caught someone selling something that was yours?
3. Jesus becomes angry but yet he does not sin. What does this tell us about anger?
4. Are you allowing God's divine nature to take over your human nature?
5. What does God desire for you?

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

We are excited to be offering a Vacation Bible School this summer! If you are a parent, save the date on your calendar for the week of **July 13-17**! Would you also consider volunteering a morning or two of your time as a volunteer? We are in need of 8-10 volunteers to help make VBS a faith-building, fun experience. Not sure you would be a great teacher? No problem! Help with snacks or games or craft time! We are particularly hoping for help from parents and teens, but anyone is welcome to participate. If you are interested or have further questions, please contact Kathy: kfcorich@yahoo.com, or call Michael in the Church office: 781.1199. Because we have not had a VBS in a while, we need to begin early this year with a volunteer meeting ASAP to plan everything, so don't hesitate!

Attention all Highschoolers!

Join your peers this Wednesday from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg High School at Saint Louis Life Teen - we will be coming together in community, food, and faith. This week we will be discussing more about what it means to be in the desert with Jesus. Questions - contact Lauren at 314.288.8873 or lauren@saintlouislifeteen.org

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 Is Catholic Spirituality?" Past talks are also posted in written form on our website and our Facebook page. *Next Sunday:* "Making a Moral Choice: What makes a Sinful Act?"

PRO-CHIP Act Tell Senators Blunt and McCaskill to Support the PRO-CHIP Act. Without it thousand of Missouri Children will lose their health care - Take Action Now! Funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) is running out this year. This program provides much needed health care coverage for low-income children. It is URGENT that we act now. Congress has a solution, but they must support the PRO-CHIP Act. This bill would continue funding for CHIP through 2019 helping 10 million families and children nationwide, including thousands of children in Missouri. If Congress does not extend funding for CHIP: 37,000 children would lose their health care coverage Missouri Show Me Healthy Babies will not be funded. This law, which our State Legislators passed with overwhelming support last year, would provide prenatal care for 3,000 pregnant women and their unborn children.

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

Xavier William Keye

Anna Aurelia Marchant

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

