



# 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.

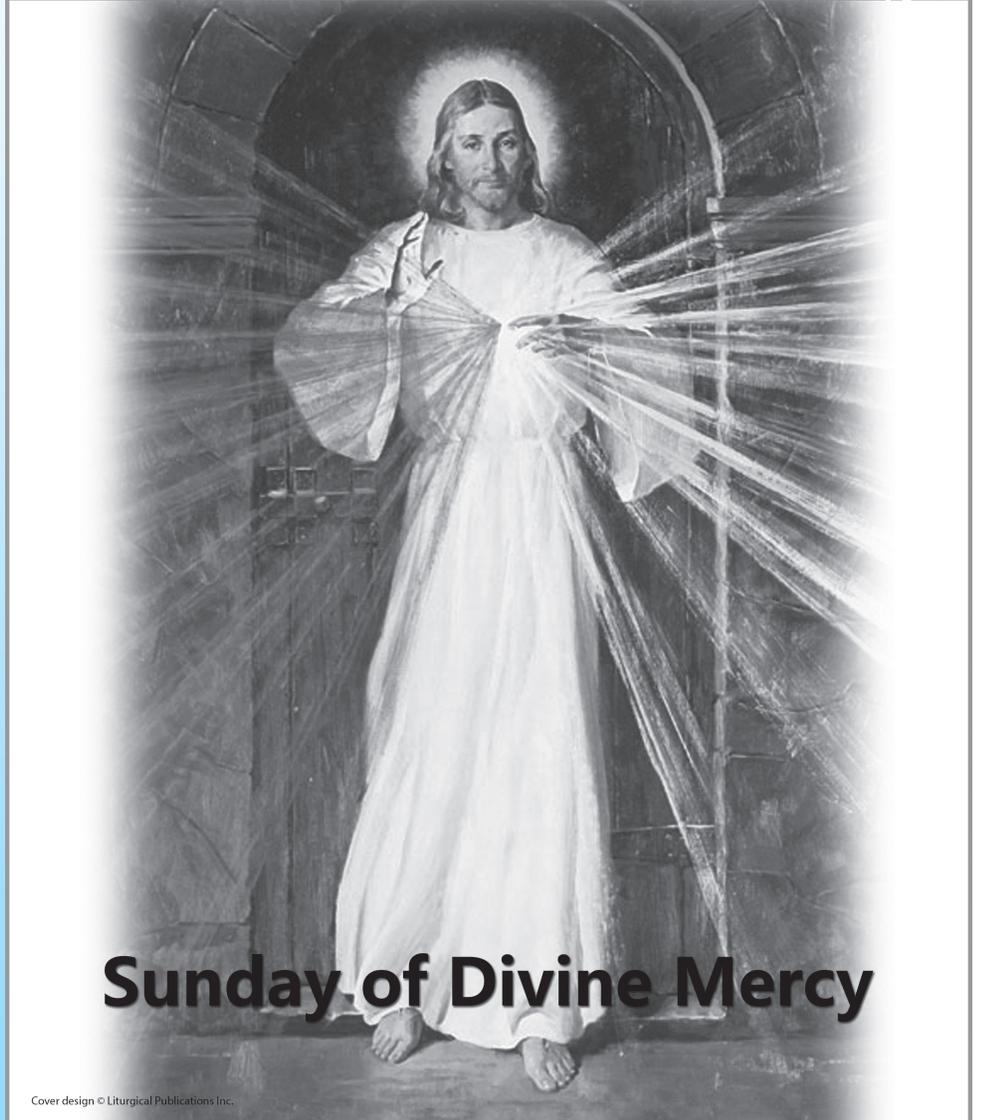
Funerals: To be arranged by contacting  
the Parish Office.

Change of Address or Telephone

Number: Please call the Parish Office.

Bulletin Deadline: 4:00 pm Monday.

*trust in You!* Jesus, I trust in  
*the divine mercy*



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# LIVING OUR FAITH

## From the Desk of Fr. Pastorius

### 1. Easter Gratitude

We ask the risen Jesus, who turns death into life, to change hatred into love, vengeance into forgiveness, war into peace. - Pope Francis. Saturday night at the beginning of the Easter Vigil was really awesome to see everyone light their candle from the Christ candle and pass the light of Christ to the person next to them by allowing others to light their candles off of theirs. A candle is a unique form of light in the sense that it can only give life as much as it is willing to sacrifice of itself. Last Saturday night just reminded me of how great a parish we are. Many of you are constantly brightening up the world around us through your prayers and your acts of service. Thank you to all who helped decorate, assisted with the music, and contributed to the Easter egg hunt Saturday, etc.

### 2. Faith & Family Programming April 14, 2015 - 2nd Tuesday

6:30 Chosen (Confirmation Class) @ UH + 6:30 Men's Session @ Upper Room of Rectory + 6:30 Women's Session (Endow) @ Rectory Mtg Rm \* 6:30 Childcare if needed please contact Michael.

### 3. May Crowning

Sunday, May 3, 2015 at 7 PM, our parish will have our annual May Crowning. This is a special event for the parish because in addition to honoring the Mother of God we also celebrate the achievements of the youth of our parish by giving acknowledging the accomplishments of and giving gifts to those who have received First Reconciliation & First Eucharist, Confirmation and graduations of 8<sup>th</sup> grade and high school. If you child has made one of these accomplishments please RSVP to the rectory, 781-1199.

### 3. 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 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

### 4. 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 7 PM.

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.

### 5. Congratulations to Our Little Lambs who received their First Communion this Sunday

Our Little Lambs will receive their First Communion today at the 11 AM Mass.

God bless,  
Fr. Tom

## Spiritual Ponderings

## Exploring Vocations

As we continue our look at what Catholics mean about vocations this month, let us look at the three stages of a vocation. The first stage of a vocation is what we might call the discerning or searching stage. This stage is important because it is at this stage that we ask ourselves "What does God want me to do with my life?" or "What did God create me to do?" It is here that we realize that our lives are not our own. Just as Jesus laid down his life in service of the Father's will, we are called by God to lay down our lives in the service of God's kingdom. As Catholics we know that if we do things our way, we will only end up in trouble and so discovering God's will for my life, is not always easy, but is worth it for it will lead us to true happiness.

The second stage of a vocation is called the probation stage. For a young couple who are feeling called to marriage they began to explore the possibility of marriage. The question that they must ask themselves is "Am I willing to change into the person that the other person wants me to be and I am willing to tolerate the imperfections in the other person." Am I willing to tolerate the fact that he talks with his mouthful or that she does not empty the dishwasher. In the seminary and religious life a person enters into formation (a program that includes, academic, spiritual, emotional, and physical training to help shape the person into the person the Church needs him or her to be).

The final stage of a vocation is called the oblation part and this is where the person commits him or herself to living out one's vocation to the best of his or her ability. Like jumping out of a plane they are all in.

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The following Discernment Tips are from Vocation.Com.

## **Discernment 101**

Have you felt a certain stirring in your heart that you know you must investigate further? Has someone told you, "Have you ever thought about being a priest" or "Have you ever thought about being a nun"? You want to put God first in your life and find out what his plan is for you but you don't know where to begin. The below outline will help you to take the first step in discerning God's will and give you some additional insight into your true vocation.

**First**, look at Christ's love and see what that stirs in your heart. When you stop and think about his sacrifice, are there times you want to follow him, to be totally his and give yourself to him without reserve, and to put everything you have into bringing him to others?

**Second**, take a good look at all he has given you: the gift of life, the gift of faith, your health, the opportunities you have had, possibly your conversion. See if there are some things that might point in the direction of a vocation, like the difference between the way you look on life to the way your friends do...

**Third**, get some advice from a good priest in Confession. Go over your life with him and be frank about the good and bad you see there, and ask him if he believes anything in your past might be a definitive obstacle to your having a vocation. If he doesn't, it is one more reason to look more closely at the vocation.

**Fourth**, visit a seminary or community that attracts you and see what God stirs in your heart while you are there. That would also be a good time to have an in-depth talk with the vocation director, similar to the one you had in Confession. See if based upon what you tell him he recommends that you take a further step. If both he and your confessor encourage you to follow up on it, these as well as the interior attraction you feel would be the main signs pointing toward a vocation.

**Fifth**, some advice regarding your feelings: they are fickle, they change on the shortest notice with or without warning. One day they can be so positive that you find it impossible to doubt a thing, and the next they can be so negative that you can see nothing for sure. Your response to a vocation can't ride on that roller-coaster; it has to be on the level of your will and not your feelings. This means basing it on reasons and motives that are more solid and lasting, more based on reality (supernatural reality-grace, God's love, god's fidelity, the needs of souls...) Christ's love was not based on feelings, even though positive feelings can help to begin the journey. But the journey has to bring us to the level of love, of total surrender out of love. That is what a priestly or consecrated vocation is about.

Parallel to taking these steps, you will need to develop and follow a program of spiritual growth. It will be a great help to have a spiritual director for this. Our spiritual progress depends upon God's grace, and any program we set for ourselves is simply a plan based on our self-knowledge to remove any obstacles to God's grace and put in place those actions that can help it bear fruit. Some points to include are:

1. Daily personal prayer (A daily "quiet time" or meditation time, rosary or a part of the rosary, evening examination of conscience, etc. Be realistic, don't overload but do include these elements.)
2. Increased attendance at Mass and reception of the Eucharist (Communion) and of the sacrament of Confession
3. Attention to your duties (study, family, work, etc.),
4. Involvement in evangelization Some examples: helping start a discussion group, a prayer group or a Bible study, helping in a youth group, doing door-to-door evangelization ([www.ytm.org](http://www.ytm.org) might give you some ideas) helping in pro-life work, etc.
5. A key virtue or two that you need to work on, depending on what you realize is your weak point. (For example: patience, responsibility, charity, self-control etc.) Choose just one! We all need to work on all the virtues, but choosing one actually helps us to work on all of them, almost without realizing it.
6. A healthy social life; avoiding of course friendships or atmospheres that go against Christian values.

The true key to discerning through all this is of course listening to Christ and telling him that you trust him totally and simply want to do whatever he asks of you. Insist on this in your prayer. Tell him often that you love him. Strive to bring him to others more and more each day. Little by little things will begin to get clearer, and you will be preparing yourself in this way for whatever he has in mind for you.

**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:* "No pre-Mass talk today. Sorry!" Past talks are also posted in written form on our website and our Facebook page. *Next Sunday:* "St. Anselm of Canterbury: Faithful Catholicism in Spite of a Hostile Government"--

## LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

Lectionary: 44

Gospel Jn 20:19-31

**Spiritual Reflection:** Thomas through his doubting asks an important question, "why if Jesus is truly risen" are you guys acting the same way.

### Spiritual Questions

1. Did Thomas have good reason to doubt the word of his fellow Apostles?
2. Do people question God's existence/Resurrection because of our example?
3. Why did John write his Gospel?
3. What would you offer people who had just deserted you in your moment of need?
4. How does Jesus' gift of peace correspond to what Jesus said on the Cross?
5. What do you do to strengthen your belief?

**Epiphany Flea Market** We need your stuff! Epiphany's Flea Market will be here in June. To be successful, we need your stuff to make them somebody else's treasures. Help us to make this year's Flea Market the very best it can be. For information please contact Rich Huelsmann, 645-5941. More info to come.

### OUR DEARLY DEPARTED



In your kindness, please pray for the repose of the soul of Rosalie Heuing, our parishioner and wife of George Heuing.

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

### Attention All Highschoolers & 8<sup>TH</sup> Graders!

Join us at Saint Louis Life Teen this **Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>** from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg High School as we talk about the resurrection and why it matters. Join your peers in faith, fellowship, and food! Any questions? Contact Lauren at 314.288.8873 or [lauren@saintlouislifeteen.org](mailto:lauren@saintlouislifeteen.org)

## PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS, NOTES & EVENTS

**Ladies Guild** Our monthly card social will be held on Monday, April 20th in the Assumption Room at 10:00 am. Come join us for an afternoon of fun.

The regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 22nd at 11:30 am in the Assumption Room. Please bring a salad of your choice, along with \$2.00 a the door. We will provide drinks and desserts. **Important Meeting:** We will be discussing and voting on aa special project.

**Epiphany Youth Group Fundraiser** Eat at St. Louis Pizza and Wings and Support Epiphany Youth Group. Please visit St. Louis Pizza and Wings at 4925 Hampton Ave every Monday in April. You must mention Epiphany before placing your order for Dine-in, Carry-out or Delivery and 15% of all sales goes directly to Epiphany Youth Group. Please remember this offer is all day for every Monday in April. Just by eating out you can help send a Youth Group teen to summer camp! Thank you!

### SMILE! 2015 Epiphany Pictorial Directory

**Time slots are filling up quickly. Be sure to schedule your photography appointment today!** Participate in our upcoming photography program and help our Saint Vincent DePaul Society by donating a non-perishable food item. To thank you for your donation, you will receive **\$5 off** your portrait purchase! Simply take one of the white bags at the entrance of church marked "FEED THE NEED" and bring your non-perishable donation with you to your photo session.



LifeTouch's camera crew will be here to take your family portrait on the following days:

**Tuesday, April 28th from 2-8:50 pm**  
**Wednesday, April 29th from 2-8:50 pm**  
**Thursday, April 30th from 2-8:50 pm**  
**Friday, May 1st from 2-8:50 pm**  
**Saturday, May 2nd from 10 am - 4:50 pm**

To reserve your spot online visit us at [www.epiphanystl.org](http://www.epiphanystl.org). Not comfortable using the computer, call the parish office and we will be happy to assist you in scheduling your photography session.

If you'd like to help coordinate people's smiling faces please contact Trish at the parish office at 314.781.1199.

### EPIPHANY SPRING FLING 2015

Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-8pm at Epiphany of Our Lord Parish Gym. This year's theme is *Senior Prom*. Formal attire not required, but a prize will be awarded to the best dressed! Join us for dinner, dancing and fellowship. Live music will be provided by Larry Hallar & the Two Star Final. A stellar silent auction and attendance prizes are included! Purchase your tickets: \$15 per Ticket or Two Tickets for \$25 by contacting Mary Stahl at 781-9558 or Jan Holmes at 644-4299.



All proceeds of the Spring Fling support the programs and services of LASM.

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL** *Where there is despair... Hope.* Hope is a powerful force in the world. Hope helps end division. It relieves suffering and brings light in place of darkness. In the familiar *Peace Prayer of St. Francis*, we pray to become instruments of Christ's peace, offering hope where there is despair. During the Easter season, we reflect on the real source of our hope - Christ's resurrection from the dead. Jesus calls us to proclaim His message of love and mercy by the way we live our lives - to bring hope and healing to those in need. The *Annual Catholic Appeal* helps us do just that. The many ministries, agencies and apostolates supported by the *Appeal* reach out to people in our community. Together, we are bringing hope to neighborhoods, schools and parishes throughout the Archdiocese of St. Louis. **We are hosting our annual ACA pledge weekends on April 18-19 & 25-26. Please give generously to this years Annual Catholic Appeal.**

# LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, April 12

- 7:00 am Parishioners
- 9:00 am Edra Cannon
- 11:00 am Special Intentions S.O.

### Monday, April 13

- 8:00 am Billy Salsman  *Mass Intentions*

### Tuesday, April 14

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

### Wednesday, April 15

- 8:00 am Marilyn Unger (*Birthday Wishes*)

### Thursday, April 16

- 8:00 am Brother Bernard Zacheis

### Friday, April 17

- 8:00 am Helen Saali-Kammer

### Saturday, April 18

- 8:00 am James O'Reilly
- 5:00 pm John Ellison, Sr.

### Sunday, April 19

- 7:00 am Frank Stochla
- 9:00 am Parishioners
- 11:00 am Ken & Jan Nicollerat

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

Jim Przada	Dominic Caputa	Kathy Kennebeck
Mary Hipskind	Kathy Hatfield	Matthew Joganik
Gloria Murabito	Edward Joganik	Ethan Sonderman
Sheryl McPherson	Christine Weber	Michael Wesby
	Dave Hanneken	

## OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF

### Online Donations

SVDP .....	\$20.00
General Fund .....	\$627.50

### Sunday Collection

Envelope .....	\$4,969.00
Loose .....	\$1,812.35
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$6,781.35</b>



Central & Eastern Europe	\$210.00	
Easter .....	\$1,181.00	
Easter Flower .....	87.00	
Flower Power .....	\$25.00	
Holy Land .....	\$405.00	
Maintenance & Repair ..	\$330.00	
Priest Retirement .....	\$880.00	
Rice Bowl .....	\$200.67	
SVDP .....	\$20.00	
Votive .....	\$62.30	
Debt .....	\$120.00	\$2,426.50(YTD)
Tuition Assistance .....	\$61.00	\$1,244.00(YTD)
Endowment Fund .....	\$	\$10,804.00(YTD)

## OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

### Monday - Saturday April 13-17

- 7:30 am - Rosary, Church

### Sunday, April 12

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

### Monday, April 13

- 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, April 14

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 6:30 - Chosen, UH
- 6:30 - St. Joseph's Group, UH Rectory
- 6:30 - Women's Endow, CMR

### Wednesday, April 15

- 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 pm - Choir Practice, Church

### Thursday, April 16

- 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

### Friday, April 17

- 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, April 18

- After 5 pm Mass, ACA Pledge Collection, Church

### Sunday, April 19

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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 12, 2015

Sunday:	Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31
Monday:	Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday:	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-4