



# 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.

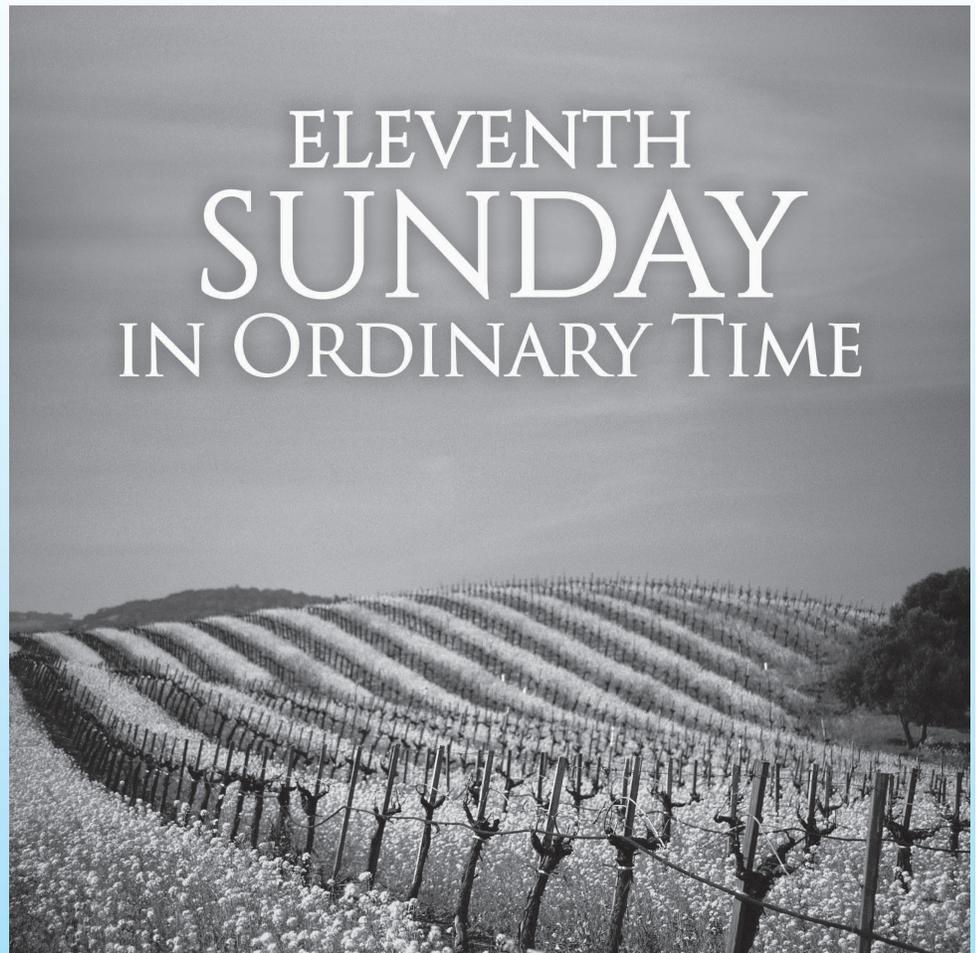
Marriages: Contact the priest at least 9  
months prior to the wedding date.

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.



“To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants.” - Mk 4:30-32b

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### From the Desk of Fr. Pastorius

I will be in Georgia when this bulletin is being put together. I thought therefore that I would do something different this week with my column. The following is a blog from a Protestant minister on a Christian website called [www.Patheos.com](http://www.Patheos.com).

#### 12 Things that your Pastor, Priest, or Minister Wishes You Knew

1. *YOU are a source of encouragement to us.* All too often the people in our pews imagine that clergy are islands of devotion - except, of course, when we fail spectacularly and publicly. We aren't. Like everyone else we draw encouragement from others who are faithful and courageous. You shouldn't be that way for our sake, of course, but don't forget, there are days when we draw renewed strength from your example.
2. *Don't forget to show up.* A bishop or a search committee may have been instrumental in our coming to your parish, but we count on your presence. In one ancient Rabbinic story God tells the children of Israel, "If you obey the Law, I am God. If you don't, I am not." The story didn't mean that literally, but it makes an important point. God works through people and through God's church. That work requires your presence.
3. *Don't compliment my sermons. React to them.* I would rather hear you struggle with what I've said from the pulpit or tell me that you disagree and why, rather than say, "That was nice."
4. *Remember, I'm not here to be the religious or spiritual performer.* Clergy take responsibility for fostering and nurturing the spiritual life of a congregation, but we are not there to believe, sing, pray, or profess the faith for all of you. When we do it brings out the worst in us and in you.
5. *Remember that I can't "fix" you.* Like every caregiver, I wish that I could fix things for you. I can't. Only God can heal you and even God cannot nurture healing when we resist God's help. I will walk with you, listen to God alongside of you, and offer advice when and where it seems appropriate and welcome. But there are spiritual decisions that are all your own.
6. *Please don't pick on my family.* They are in this because they are devoted to God and to me, but like all of us they are human. They make mistakes. They have their own growing pains and they can be defensive on my behalf. Clergy often describe the lives of their children as "life in a goldfish bowl." Remember, the memories they have of the church are shaped in dramatic ways by your love for them. Just as surely, abusive behavior can alienate them.
7. *No one is perfect.* When you are unrealistic about me, it can make it difficult to relate to you in an honest, transparent fashion. Don't make us little "g" gods or paragons of virtue. We can't possibly fulfill those expectations.
8. *Even clergy need grace.* We all have bad days and we all live in a world marked by sharp differences of opinion, unmanageable stress, and the pressure to be everything to everyone. Like you, we will have moments when we are impatient, when we lose our temper, or when we react out of fear or a sense of betrayal. We try to remember to say we are sorry, but we will still need grace, forgiveness, and understanding.
9. *We can't hold together a church that you are determined to re-make to suit yourself.* We work hard to discern the will of God, but no one knows the will of God in the absolute sense of the word. Along the way, we will feel honor bound to make a decision you don't approve. Wait long enough and we will make one that others don't like. If we offer transparent, sound reasons for making a choice, we hope you will remember that we are doing the best we can to hear God and to hear you. If you think that can be done without disagreement, you must be living alone.
10. *We don't like talking about money anymore than you do.* We might even like it less. But we live in a world in which many good things can only be accomplished by raising money and spending it. We will try to avoid asking for the wrong thing. We will focus on vision, not vanity. We hope that you will remember that the money you give is for something far larger than any of us.
11. *Bring your gifts to the table.* Jesus didn't call the Lone Ranger. He called twelve people who were asked to find twelve more, who - over the centuries - have called billions of others. You are God's gift to the world in the making and there are contributions that only you can make. Nudge us and offer those gifts. Our lives will be enriched and yours will become more of what God created you to be.
12. *Pray for us.* These are challenging days for the church. They are also days filled with potential. You nurtured us in this vocation. Please pray for us. We will pray for you.

God bless,  
Fr. Tom

## Spiritual Ponderings

## Spirituality of Fundraising

In our last Spiritual Ponderings, I reflected on Dr. Gottman's insight on how money is more than money to us and how money has become a symbol of a dreams and hopes. Some of the dreams are dreams of pleasure and some of these dreams are attempts to avoid nightmares and thus have more to do with security. Either way, we also know our dreams and our hopes are intimate part of who we are. And this is where things get tricky because God wants us to share with Him our whole lives and this is where stewardship comes in. As a Catholic, I know that everything I have is a gift from God and that God desires a personal relationship with Him. In a very real way when I share with God some of my money, I am sharing with God my dreams and hopes. When I share with God my money I am saying "Lord I trust that Your dreams are better than mine," "Lord I trust, that if I am faithful to You with the small amount of things that I have, You will reward/entrust me with more," and "Lord I trust, in You to take care of me, more than I trust in myself or my own efforts." This amazing sign of trust and sharing with God our dreams cannot but help strengthen our relationship with God because God is always faithful and God is never outdone in generosity.

A few years ago a priest friend gave me a little book that changed my life forever. It was a book written by Henri Nouwen and was only about 50 pages called: *The Spirituality of Fundraising*. For the rest of our Spiritual Ponderings this month, I am going to share with you different quotes from Fr. Nouwen's little book. His quotes will be in bold and my commentary will follow in regular font.

**From the perspective of the gospel, fund-raising is not a response to a crisis. Fund-raising is, first and foremost, a form of ministry. It is a way of announcing our vision and inviting other people into our mission.**

Soon after I arrived at Epiphany of Our Lord Parish as pastor, it was discovered that our beautiful rose window in the back of the Church was in severe needs of repairs. It was determined that in order to do the job correctly, the repairs would cost around \$18,000. After consulting different people from the parish, I decided to hand out canisters of mini M&M's with a label on it asking the people of Epiphany of Our Lord parish to enjoy the M&Ms and return the canister the next weekend with a donation toward the stained glass window repairs. I honestly thought that after a month, we would have about \$6,000 toward our goal but amazingly after three weeks we had collected the entire \$18,000 because of the generosity of the people of Epiphany.

From that moment on, I realized that the people of Epiphany have a deep love for their Church both the physical building but also the building made up of living stones and that many people have the same trust in God and shared dream of a beautiful Church to worship in. I went from seeing financial challenges like the stained glass windows as a crisis to seeing them as an opportunity to allow people to come together. The people of Epiphany announced loud and clear, that month of October, that their faith was important to them and I felt/feel blest to be a part of this community.

**Fund-raising is proclaiming what we believe in such a way that we offer other people an opportunity to participate with us in our vision and mission.**

In the Advent of 2013, I held up to Epiphany Parish three parish goals with the one of them being to raise money for Sts. Peter and Paul Community Center as they fight to end homelessness in St. Louis. Why out of all the charities in the St. Louis area did I choose Peter and Paul Community Center? It was because an old high school teacher, who now works for them, invited me to see all the good that they were doing for the homeless in the Saint Louis area. As I talked with my old high school teacher, I felt that I was getting more than just a sales pitch for some product. I could tell that he was invested and believed in the mission of Peter and Paul Community Center and now he was inviting me to be a part of his vision, which included working with the chronically homeless.

**Fund-raising is precisely the opposite of begging. When we seek to raise funds we are not saying, "Please, could you help us out because lately it's been hard." Rather, we are declaring, "We have a vision that is amazing and exciting."**

When I am at a parish fundraiser, the bottom line for me is not how much money we bring in. The bottom line for me is how much community have we built. Are people leaving this parish event with a stronger idea that Catholics are loving and joy filled people? We could make a \$1,000,000 on a fundraiser and if we give people a negative idea about what it means to be a Catholic then we have not had a successful fundraiser. I love our parish fish fries, homecomings, BBQ competitions because it gives me a chance to see the people of God gather and celebrate life together.

## DUC IN ALTUM PRE-MASS TALKS

Please join us 15 minutes before either the 9 or 11 am mass for a short talk on a subject of interest.

*This Sunday's Topic:* "Praying the Breviary: Sanctifying the Day." Past talks are also posted in written form on our website and our Facebook page. Next Sunday: "St Thomas More: The Myth of the Reformation."

 **ProLife** "[S]ome behaviors are always wrong, always incompatible with our love of God and the dignity of the human person. ...Assisted suicide and euthanasia are not acts of mercy but acts that are never morally acceptable." – Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities [www.bit.ly/ProLifePastoralPlan](http://www.bit.ly/ProLifePastoralPlan)

# LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, June 14

7:00 am Frank Stochla  
 9:00 am Martha Rybinski  
 11:00 am Parishioners

### Monday, June 15

8:00 am Eugenia Faust

### Tuesday, June 16

8:00 am Morning Prayer  
 5:30 pm Deceased Members of the Thien Family

### Wednesday, June 17

8:00 am Paul Passanante

### Thursday, June 18

8:00 am Enrollees & Benefactors of  
 Epiphany Memorial Fund

### Friday, June 19

8:00 am Josephine Compton

### Saturday, June 20

8:00 am The Family of Ricardo Mareno  
 5:00 pm Francis Muller

### Sunday, June 21

7:00 am Parishioners  
 9:00 am Julius Saali  
 11:00 am John Ellison, Sr.



Mass  
 Intentions

## OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

### Monday - Saturday June 15-20

- 7:30 am - Rosary, Church

### Sunday, June 14

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

### Monday, June 15

- All Day - Flea Market, Gym
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 3:30 pm - GSA Summer School, UH
- 5:30 pm - Fit Factor, UH
- 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts, Upper Hall

### Tuesday, June 16

- All Day - Flea Market, Gym
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 3:30 pm - GSA Summer School, UH
- 7:00 pm - Finance Committee Meeting, CMR

### Wednesday, June 17

- All Day - Flea Market, Gym
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 3:30 pm - GSA Summer School, UH
- 5:30 pm - Fit Factor, UH
- 6:30 pm - Bells Practice, Church
- 7:30 pm - Choir Practice, Church

### Thursday, June 18

- All Day - Flea Market, Gym
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 3:30 pm - GSA Summer School, UH
- 7:00 pm - Youth Group, UH
- 7:30 pm - Prayer Group, Church

### Friday, June 19

- All Day - Flea Market, Gym
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 3:30 pm - GSA Summer School, UH
- 3:30-6:30 pm - Dance, UH

### Saturday, June 20

- All Day - Flea Market, Gym

### Sunday, June 21

- All Day - Flea Market, Gym
- 10:00 am - Bible Study, CMR
- 11:00 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 14, 2015

Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34  
 Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Mt 5:38-42  
 Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Mt 5:43-48  
 Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
 Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Mt 6:7-15  
 Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Mt 6:19-23  
 Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10/Mt 6:24-34  
 Next Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

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

John Lutz	Dominic Caputa	Kathy Kennebeck
Mary Hipskind	Kathy Hatfield	Matthew Joganik
Gloria Murabito	Edward Joganik	Ethan Sonderman
Dave Hanneken	Christine Weber	Michael Wesby
Daniel Barr	Glenda Elder	

## OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 6-7, 2015

### Online Donations

Debt ..... \$70.00  
 Father's Day..... \$25.00  
 General Fund..... \$1,833.50  
 Maintenance & Repair .... \$70.00  
 SVDP..... \$45.00  
 Tuition Assistance ..... \$50.00



### Sunday Collection

Envelope ..... \$4,857.00  
 Loose ..... \$1,414.00  
**Total ..... \$6,271.00**

Votive ..... \$75.85  
 Glennon ..... \$416.00  
 Father's Day..... \$80.00  
 Peter's Pence ..... \$15.00  
 SVDP..... \$63.00  
 Maintenance & Repair .. \$308.00  
 Debt ..... \$100.00 ..... \$2,961.50(YTD)  
 Tuition Assistance ..... \$55.00 ..... \$1,483.00(YTD)  
 Endowment Fund ..... \$ ..... \$10,934.00(YTD)

## PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS, NOTES & EVENTS

### Keep Ticking: *The Inside Track on Heart Health*

Join Lindenwood Area Senior Ministry for the fourth and final installment of our *Spring into Action Workshop Series* on Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. Discover easy food tips for heart-healthy eating. Learn ways to reduce your risk of heart attack and stroke. Our guest speaker will be Kathy Howard from the American Heart Association. 10-11:30 am at Southwest Baptist Church - Memorial Hall (6401 Scanlan Ave.). Light refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to Claire at 645-6411.

**St. Mary's High School** freshman, Steven Menzel, an Epiphany Parishioner, was recently named Newcomer of the Year in Volleyball in the Archdiocesan Athletic Association Conference. Congratulations Steven!

**Special Offering Next Weekend** All contributions made in the Father's Day envelopes next weekend will be donated to Lindenwood Area Senior Ministry (LASM). This ministry is a partnership of our church with four other neighborhood churches to support older adults. LASM provides our senior members with volunteer opportunities and the ability to participate in social and educational events, obtain assistance with home repairs, receive 1:1 caring visits during a difficult time and get rides to medical appointments. Thank you for your support of this vital ministry! Learn more about LASM by calling 647-4591 or visiting [www.lasministry.org](http://www.lasministry.org).

**Transformation:** "Change That Lets Your Soul Grow Up" is a silent summer retreat led by John Mark Ettensohn, OMI, July 24-31, 2015 at Mercy Center, Frontenac. Total cost due July 3: Overnight: \$455; Com-muter: \$305. Contact: Bonnie Green 314.909.4677

**Congratulations** to Ann Lux, our parishioner, who is on the Honor Roll for Second Semester at Cor Jesu Academy. Great work Ann!

**MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDY SKILLS COURSE** Middle School Study Skills courses for students entering sixth, seventh, and eighth grades will be held at St. Louis University High School during the weeks of July 13<sup>th</sup> and July 20<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please email [channick@sluh.org](mailto:channick@sluh.org).

### Lectionary: 92 Gospel [Mk 4:26-34](#)

**Spiritual Reflection:** Listen! Listen to stories! For spirituality itself is conveyed by stories, which uses words in ways that go beyond words to speak the language of the heart. Especially in a spirituality of imperfection, a spirituality of not having all the answers, stories convey the mystery and the miracle—the adventure—of being alive. - By Ernest Kurtz & Katherine Ketcham

#### Spiritual Questions

1. How do stories help us speak about spiritual things?
2. Why do you think Jesus used parable so much?
3. All parables are supposed to have a surprise twist (for example a shepherd would never leave 99 sheep to go look for 1). What are the surprise twists in the parables in today's Gospel?
4. How do Jesus' stories speak to your heart?
5. Do you allow time in private for Jesus to explain things to you?

### Dynamic Catholic, Alive! What is the Liturgy?

"The liturgy as the sacred action par excellence is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed and it is likewise the font from which all her power flows" (Compendium, 219). This description shows the importance of attending Mass every Sunday. In the earthly liturgy we are united with the heavenly liturgy. In addition to Sunday, have you considered attending Mass on a weekday? [archstl.org/dynamic](http://archstl.org/dynamic)

#### OUR DEARLY DEPARTED

In your kindness, please pray for the repose of the soul of Raymond Heede, our parishioner. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

**LIFETEEN** Attention all highschoolers! Join us this Wednesday, June 17th from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg High School as we begin our summer programming addressing hot button issues. This week we will be exploring *The Game of Life: Life Issues in the Catholic Church*. Join your peers in faith, fellowship, food (!), and summer FUN! Questions? Contact Lauren at 314.288.8873 or [lauren@saintlouislifeteen.org](mailto:lauren@saintlouislifeteen.org)

**The Dominican Sisters of Sparkill** wish to express our gratitude to Fr. Tom and to the people of Epiphany of Our Lord Parish for the wonderful Open House on May 17, 2015. It was a blessing to have ministered to and with the people of Epiphany throughout the years and it was a great pleasure to have a chance to visit with all of you and share memories. Thank you! Sr. Jeannine DeClue OP Regional Representative

**Volleyball Camp** St. John Vianney High School is hosting a volleyball camp for boys entering grades 5-8 on July 13-17. Boys grades 5 and 6 will be from 11:00-12:45 and boys grades 7 and 8 will be from 1:00-2:45. Vianney has an excellent volleyball tradition with coaches that have trained players that went on to play in college, professionally over seas, and in the Olympics. Cost is \$85. If you have any questions you can visit [vianney.com](http://vianney.com) or contact Tim Haffner at [thaffn@yahoo.com](mailto:thaffn@yahoo.com) or at 314-698-8585. Come train with and be a part of the most successful volleyball program in the state.