



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

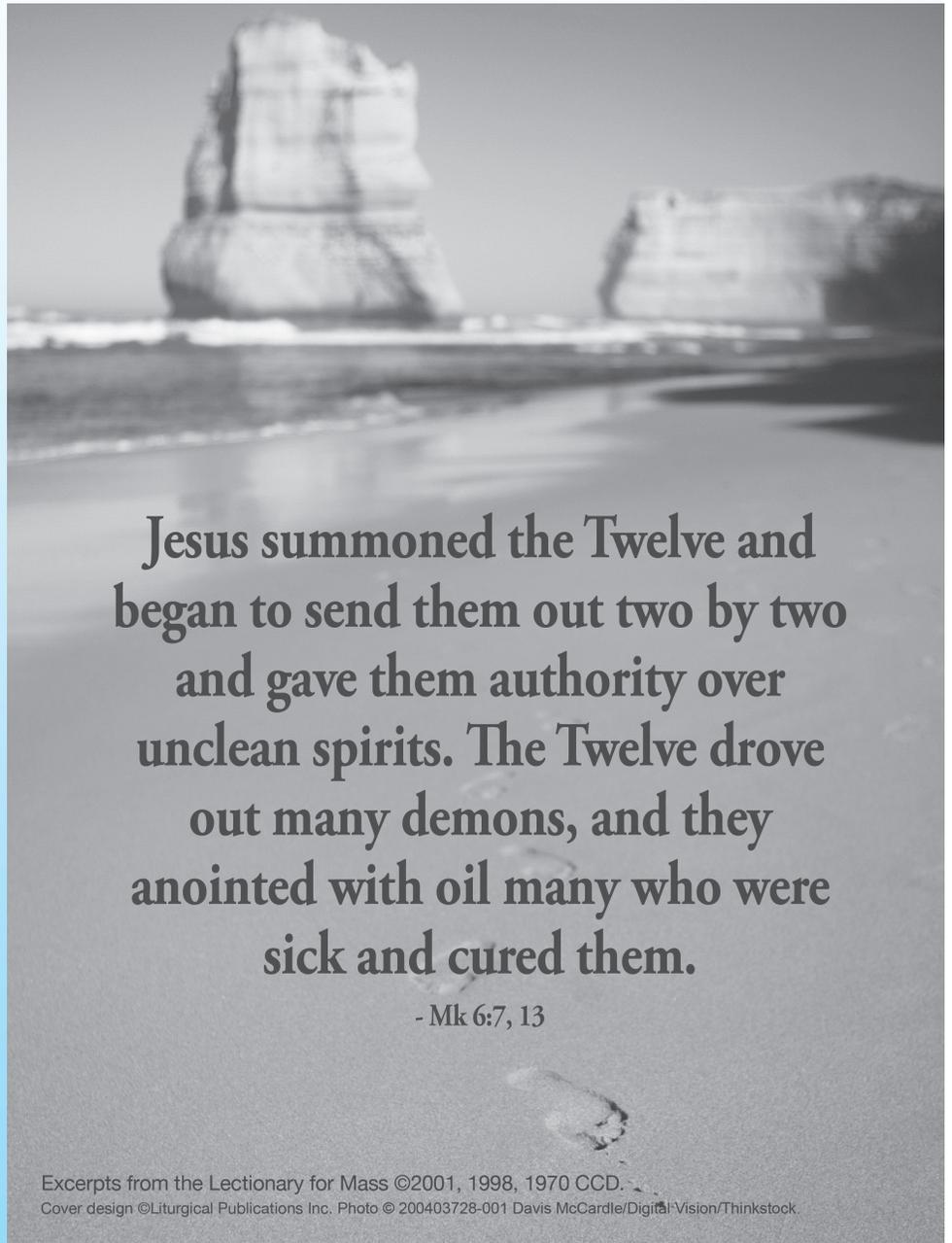
Baptisms: Meeting first Thursday of the
month. Preregistration required.

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.



Jesus summoned the Twelve and
began to send them out two by two
and gave them authority over
unclean spirits. The Twelve drove
out many demons, and they
anointed with oil many who were
sick and cured them.

- Mk 6:7, 13

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 12, 2015

Phone: 314-781-1199 Fax: 314-645-8760
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www.epiphanystl.org

LIVING OUR FAITH

From the Desk of Fr. Pastorius

1. New Mass Times Starting in August

Starting the weekend of August 1st and 2nd the Mass times at Epiphany will change to 5 PM on Saturday Evening and 8 AM and 10:30 AM on Sunday Morning. Knowing that the new Mass times will shake up many of your Sunday morning routines, I invite you to see this more as an opportunity to recommit yourself to your Catholic faith and a chance to get to know some parishioners that you may not know. The 8 AM Mass will feature limited music and the choir will lead the music at the 10:30 AM. Most Masses celebrated at Epiphany even with full music are under an hour. Liturgical ministers please contact Trish at the parish office 314.781.1199 and let her know which Mass you would like to serve as minister.

2. Questions about Marriage Continued...

Q: Isn't same sex marriage essentially a matter of letting consenting adults decide what to do with their own bodies?

A: Consenting adults also engage in adultery, prostitution, polygamy and incest. Are those OK? Should we endorse them, because consenting adults decide to do them? If whatever consenting adults decide to do with their bodies should be ruled in, then adultery, prostitution, polygamy and incest must be ruled in.

If adultery, prostitution, polygamy and incest are ruled out, then we can't automatically rule in whatever consenting adults decide to do with their bodies.

3. Beyond Sunday Capital Campaign

As I announced two weeks ago at the end of our Sunday Masses, the Archdiocese of St. Louis has decided to have an Archdiocesan wide campaign to help raise money for Catholic Schools. This campaign will take place in stages and so over the next few weeks and months, you will receive information about the many good causes that this campaign will support and how you can give to this campaign if you discern that this is something God is calling you to. Remember that God is never outdone in generosity and we all have much to be grateful for.

4. Financial Assistance For Active Members of the Parish for Children attending Catholic Grade Schools

Please let this serve as a reminder that our parish offers tuition assistance to members of our parish. There is some paperwork and a short/informal interview with our School Covenant Committee to qualify. Please contact Trish in the parish office as soon as possible.

5. Protecting God's Children

F.Y.I our parish has passed its annual Protecting God's Children's evaluation with flying colors. Thank you to everyone who makes protecting our children a priority.

6. New Way to Get a hold of a Priest After Hours

A group of parishes in the South St. Louis area has gotten together and are now using an answering service. This number which you will be able to find on the front of the bulletin and will be listed as an option in our parish voice mail will allow you to talk to an answer service that will then put you in touch with a priest. In the past we have an extension that would forward to my cell phone but this was not ideal for the times that I was away at camp. Now if the answering service cannot get a hold of me, they will go to the next priest on the list (someone from one of the neighboring parishes). They will only forward calls that they consider emergencies and will not forward requests for financial assistance or Mass time inquiries etc. The number is 314.260.6261 (Please let the answering service know that you are an Epiphany Parishioner).

God bless,
Fr. Tom

NEW HYMNALS We are excited to be purchasing beautiful new hymnals! The Saint Augustine Hymnal has all of your favorite hymns and contemporary songs. It is a high quality, hardcover hymnal and includes the Sunday lectionary. It will not only create less waste but it will save us thousands of dollars each year over our current hymnals.

The purchase price for this year, however, is more expensive. Will you consider donating to help purchase a hymnal? For \$20, we will dedicate a memorial inscription into a hymnal in honor of anyone you choose. Years from now, if the time comes to replace these hymnals, you may take yours home to keep. *To donate, simply complete the information and return to the parish office along with a \$20 check.*

Hymnal Donation in honor/memory (please circle one) of:

Name: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone # _____

LIVING OUR FAITH

Spiritual Ponderings

Faith & Film: The Lego Movie



One of the images that I use when talking about the existence of God starts off with a bucket of Lego pieces. I then ask the congregation/audience what they think will happen if I would dump them on the floor. The answer I always get is “a pile of Lego pieces on the ground. I normally follow that up with the question: “Why won’t I get the picture that is on the outside of the bucket (normally a spaceship or a house, etc.)?” The normal response to that question basically comes down to the fact that Lego bricks need someone with an intelligence to put them together in order form them to form something. In much the same way I believe the universe with all its atoms, protons, etc, needed an intelligent creature to create it and put it together. The world is intricate for there not to be a grand designer.

I can almost use the Lego Movie as a similar example. The movie in my opinion is an amazing piece of writing and storytelling that one cannot fall in love with it and see the many spiritual insights coming forth from it.

The overarching insight into the movie is that we are all special in our own way and we do ourselves harm when all we do is try to fit in. St. Irenaeus of Lyon proudly proclaimed that “The glory of God was a human person fully alive.” Emmet (the main character) discovers this important truth because the more he believes that he is special the more special he becomes. A Church celebrates this type of diversity. All one has to do is look at the wide variety of people who make up the Communion of Saints. St. Francis of Assisi and St. Thomas Aquinas probably had very little in common except of their Catholic faith (and even that they expressed in amazingly different ways) but yet the Church holds both of them up for role models.

In many ways the villain, Lord Business, is like the Pharisees and Scribes in the Scriptures because they try to keep order by trying to make everything the same. All their many rules and regulations are not meant to glorify God but to keep order in their lives.

As the movie progresses, we see that all that is going on in Lego land is actually taken place in a young boy’s imagination. The young boy has been playing with his father (the man upstairs) Lego displays. His father first looks at the boy’s imagination as bringing chaos to his pristine Lego lands. Eventually, though, he begins to realize that his son’s imagination is a real gift that needs to be nurtured and supported and not torn down.

I have read in many books the importance of taking the time to recognize a child’s emotions. For example, little Johnny becomes mad at his little sister for taking his toy. He, therefore, walks over to her grabs the toy and hits her. His sister goes running to mom or dad and Johnny ends up being grounded. Psychologists and family counselors suggest sitting down with Johnny for a few moments and helping him understand that becoming angry with his sister was not the problem, but rather the problem was that he handled the situation wrong by hitting his sister. Experts say that if you do not take the time to validate a child’s emotion they can grow up not trusting their emotions and this can lead to many other emotional and psychological problems. The dad bonds with his son in a way that he could never had imagined by taking the time to understand his son’s emotions.

The writers of the movie also hit upon an important fact when the “Master Builders” and Emmet realize the one thing they are not good at is acting like a team. While we are all special, we are still called by our God to be a part of his team (Church). As Catholics we are never saved alone. We are saved only as a part of a community.

Here are a few more insights that I gained from this movie. I also liked how the “Master Builders” were so different from one another - kind of like the saints. As Emmet and WyldStyle wanted to be “the special” we should want to be saints. Finally, the next time we are upset with chaos in our world, let us realize that it beats the alternative of being frozen in place because God does not create sin or chaos, but we do and God could remove sin and chaos from the world but He chooses to respect are free will knowing that it could result in bad things.

July 12, 2015 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 104 Gospel Mk 6:7-13

Spiritual Reflection: “Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them.” It is important to note that Jesus’ teaching here does not say seek revenge, go for their jugular, or keep recalling it. A simple acknowledgement of the rejection and then a call to move on is all that a disciple is given permission to do.

Spiritual Questions

1. How is holding a grudge against Church teaching?
2. Why do we feel a need to seek revenge when people hurt us?
3. How can forgiveness drive away demons?
4. What role does ministry to the sick and/or anointing of the sick play in your life?
5. What are some ways that you can leave past hurts in the past?

LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, July 12

- 7:00 am Pat Podnar & Frances Gale (*Good Health*)
- 9:00 am Parishioners
- 11:00 am Pat Campbell

Monday, July 13

- 8:00 am Nicollerat Family (*Health & Blessings*)

Tuesday, July 14

- 8:00 am Morning Prayer
- 5:30 pm John Ellison, Sr.



Wednesday, July 15

- 8:00 am Pastor's Intentions

Thursday, July 16

- 8:00 am Members of the Kenny Family

Friday, July 17

- 8:00 am Edward Rothery

Saturday, July 18

- 8:00 am Rosalie Heuing
- 5:00 pm Francis Muller

Sunday, July 19

- 7:00 am Frank Stochla
- 9:00 am Parishioners
- 11:00 am Dan Nerviani

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	

White House Women's Retreat Upcoming dates:

October 19-22 w/ Fr. Len Kraus, S.J. (FULL-Call if you'd like to be placed on the waiting list). November 16-19 w/ Fr. Len Kraus, S.J. For more information or to register call: 1-800-643-1003 or email, reservations@whretreat.org.

OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 4-5, 2015

Online Donations

General Fund..... \$657.50
SVDP..... \$20.00

Sunday Collection

Envelope..... \$6,333.00
Loose..... \$219.00
Total..... \$6,552.00

Votive..... \$54.30
Glennon..... \$20.00
Holy Father..... \$20.00
Maintenance & Repair .. \$398.00
Debt..... \$115.00\$115.00(YTD)
Tuition Assistance..... \$60.00 \$60.00(YTD)
Endowment Fund \$ \$(YTD)



OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday - Saturday July 13-17

- 7:30 am - Rosary, Church

Sunday, July 12

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

Monday, July 13

- 8-11:30 am, Vacation Bible School, Gym Building
- 5:30 pm - Fit Factor, UH
- 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts, Upper Hall

Tuesday, July 14

- 8-11:30 am, Vacation Bible School, Gym Building

Wednesday, July 15

- 8-11:30 am, Vacation Bible School, Gym Building
- 5:30 pm - Fit Factor, UH
- 6:30 pm - Bells Practice, Church
- 7:30 pm - Choir Practice, Church

Thursday, July 16

- 8-11:30 am, Vacation Bible School, Gym Building
- 7:00 pm - Youth Group, UH
- 7:30 pm - Prayer Group, Church

Friday, July 17

- 8-11:30 am, Vacation Bible School, Gym Building
- 3:30-6:30 pm - Dance, UH

Saturday, July 18

Sunday, July 19

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 12, 2015

Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13
Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Mt 10:34--11:1
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Ex 11:10--12:14/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Mt 12:14-21
Next Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

st louis Are you a young adult? Do you desire to be a young adult leader in your parish? Do you have needs as a young adult that are being overlooked? If so, please check out the inaugural **Young Adult Forum with**

Archbishop Robert Carlson. Join young adults from across the Archdiocese to learn about young adult ministry and how you can make a difference in your parish and community. While this is an invitation only event; please talk to your pastor about representing your parish today!

Date: August 1, 2015 **Time:** 10 am - 2 pm
Place: Cardinal Rigali Center, 20 Archbishop May Dr. 63119
To register online: archstl.org/youngadults

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS, NOTES & EVENTS



Ice Cream & Watermelon Social



Join us on the Msgr. Sullivan Field on Friday, August 7, 2015 from 6-10:00pm for **An Ice Cream & Watermelon Social**. Music provided by: *Facts o' life*. We will have: Kids games, bounce house, Ga-ga dodgeball, cake walk, Bbq and more!!!!!! Grab your family, friends, and neighbors For a night of music and fun. **Bring your own lawn chairs for the music!**

LIFE TEEN Why do Catholics do that? Have you ever wondered why Catholics genuflect? Or why we change postures at least 15 times during Mass? Come join us on Wednesday, July 15th from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg High School to answer all this and more! Questions? Contact Lauren at 314.288.8873 or lauren@saintlouislifeteen.org.

Trivia Night "St. Louis Police Wives' Association Annual Trivia Night. Saturday, September 12, 2015 @ St. Mary's Highschool at 7pm. Table of 8, \$160. Reserve tables by September 9th, Call Meghan at 314-607-0739. Thanks for your support".

Homeless Ministry You may have noticed our Dominican Sisters wearing colorful t-shirts marked with "Be Peace" on the front, and "Peace" in a variety of languages on the back. Sister Chris is selling them for \$10 (\$7 to cover the cost, \$3 will go toward her ministry with the homeless). Limited quantity, color and size available. Call Sister Chris at 779-5921.

Sister Chris is working with a homeless couple soon to welcome the arrival of twin baby girls at the end of August. If you have gently used newborn clothing or items you feel are a "must have" for new parents, please call Sister Chris at 779-5921. She is hoping to help them find an apartment in the next few weeks.

Seeking Facilitator Couples for Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Workshops

Qualifications: Married at least five years; ages 30-55; engaging, energetic; love the Church and the fullness of truth; pursuing an active relationship with Jesus; open to sharing; and called to lead couples to a deeper faith. Some knowledge of Theology of the Body helpful.

Training will be provided. Stipend: \$350 per weekend **Hours:** 14-15 hours, split over two days (12 hours of presenting). The workshops are two-day workshops held Saturdays and Sundays. Snacks and a meal are provided. We ask the facilitators to arrive 1-1½ hr. early to set up the class materials. **Contact:** Kitty Mandis, Marriage Preparation Coordinator, Office of Laity & Family Life, 314.792.7182 or kittymandis@archstl.org.

Prolife "Then Esau looked up and saw the women and children and asked, 'Who are these with you?' Jacob answered, 'They are the children with whom God has graciously favored your servant.'" — Genesis 33:5 (NABRE © 2010 CCD. Used with permission.)

A Huge Thank You to all of our tireless and faithful volunteers, who helped make our annual flea market a success, thank you! To all of you who supported us with your donations, including the delicious pastries from Sr. Carol, thank you! You all made our jobs a pleasure!
Barb, Helen, & Rich

Volleyball Join us for a fun filled day of volleyball. St. Vincent DePaul's young adult group of St. Pius V parish will be hosting a sand volleyball tournament on the courts at Hanley Park. If you are interested in a fun day with friends and meeting new people then this is for you! Food and drinks will be provided. Cost is \$10 a person or \$15 a pair, with prizes for the winners! Don't forget your sunscreen! August 15th from 11 am - 5 pm. 610 West Hanley Industrial Court, Brentwood. RSVP to frassatipres@gmail.com

4th Annual Terry Rau Sr. Pancreatic Cancer Research Co-Ed Washer Tournament

Brought to you by: Maplewood Knights of Columbus #903 Proceeds to benefit The Lustgarten Foundation
Where: Epiphany of Our Lord Msgr. Sullivan Field
When: This Sunday July 12th 2015 Admission Starts 12:00 noon & play starts at 1:00 till 4:30-5:00 pm.

Blind Draw / CO-ED Play--Multi Prize Raffle
Admission \$5.00 with turn around buy in Playground for kids

Soda, beer, hotdogs, hamburgers, and chips

For more info or to help: Call Steve Emerson: 314-276-4136
E-mail: stevenaemerson@yahoo.com
www.facebook.com/KofC903

The Lou Fusz Soccer Club is a non-profit organization that specializes in youth development. We will be conducting a soccer mini-camp at Lindenwood Park on Jamieson on July 20-23 from 9:00-11:00am. This is a fun filled program for boys and girls ages 5-14.

ABC Brigade Presents Strokes FORe Stroke. To benefit Stroke survivors and caregivers. Shotgun style Golf Tournament, Sunset Hills Golf Course on Saturday, August 8, 2015. Registration starts at 6:45 am, Shotgun starts at 7:30 am. Contests, silent auction, prizes and delicious lunch included. \$100 per player - \$80 stroke survivors - \$360 per team. Register at "abcbrigade.org" or register below and mail to: ABC Brigade - P.O. Box 430084 - St. Louis, MO 63143. For more info call, 314-374-0038

Team Name: _____

Email address: _____

Contact: _____ Phone # _____

Players: 1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

Please indicate any stroke survivors on your team. Thanks!