



Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church

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MASS & SACRAMENTS

Sunday Masses: 8:00 & 10:30 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.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free.*

— Lk 4:18



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LIVING OUR FAITH

From the Desk of Fr. Thomas Pastorius,

1. Beyond Sunday

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Beyond Sunday Campaign this weekend.

2. Faith and Family Programming For Tuesday January 26

Covenant Night at 6:30 PM.

3. Liturgical Ministers Meeting February 2, 2016

Remembering what a great honor and privilege it is to be able to be a minister at the Most Holy Mass, I invite all Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Choir Members, etc. to our annual Evening of Appreciation and Formation for Liturgical Ministers. Dr. Randal Rosenberg, a professor at SLU, will be our presenter.

4. Everyone Needs to Forgive Somebody Classes

I hope everyone has enjoyed the book "Everyone Needs to Forgive Someone" by Alan Hunt that we passed out at Christmas. Please mark your calendar now to attend a series of group discussions based on the book. Evening Sessions will be Tuesday Nights from 8-9PM (Tuesday February 16 to Tuesday March 22) and Morning Session will be Wednesday Mornings 9-10AM (Wednesday February 17 to Wednesday March 23). If you wish to participate please read chapter 1&2 before the first class. All classes will take place in the rectory.

5. Fish Fry Season

Why don't fish like basketball? Cause they're afraid of the net. Remember that our parish fish fries are way better than my bad fish jokes. Our first Fish Fry will be January 29, 2016 from 4:30-7:00 PM.

6. Glory Stories

We are looking for people to share what they love about Epiphany on our parish website. Please consider answering the following four questions: 1) Who are you? 2) How long have you been a member of Epiphany? 3) What do you like about Epiphany? 4) Where have you seen God at Epiphany? Please then call the rectory and sign up for a ½ hour interview time slot between 10 AM and 3 PM on February 20th. Please prayerfully consider sharing your love for the parish with others in this special way.

God bless,
Fr. Tom

Our Lady's Inn Maternity Homes is hosting the first monthly Pay It Forward community jewelry making event. The Pay it Forward Program is a social enterprise providing women living at the Inn an opportunity to learn and create jewelry and "give back" to the organization helping them to build a brighter future. You are invited to participate in this Program and learn (or teach) how to bead, design and create jewelry. You will meet new friends and help the mission of Our Lady's Inn. Jewelry-making night will be held Thursday, January 28, 2016, 5:30- 8:00 pm at Our Lady's Inn Administrative offices, 8790 Manchester Road, Suite 202, in Brentwood. For more info or to register, contact Betsy, 636-398-5375, or bbeauparlant@ourladyinn.org

ProLife Events
Thursday, January 28th - Affirming Life Through Ethical Medical Research, presentation by Dr. Alan

Moy, founder of the John Paul II Medical Research Institute. The event is at 6:30 pm at the Jesuit Hall, 3601 Lindell Blvd. (across the street from the College Church.

Saturday, January 30th - Midwest March for Life: begins at 8:30 am inside the Missouri State Capitol Jefferson City. March begins at 10:00 am for more information call 314-792-7555 or visit: www.strespectlife.org

Saturday, January 30th - Celebrate Life Music Festival: free concert, sponsored by St. Charles Friends of Birthright, family-friendly event, will be held at First Assembly Church in St. Peters. Doors open at 6:30 pm. For more information contact Sally at sally@birthrightst.charles.org.

Please pick up a copy of the January ProLife bulletin at the entrances to church. Be informed about ProLife issues.

Thank you to all of you who participated in the ProLife candle and poinsettia fundraiser. Thank you to the volunteers who helped!

Catholic Men for Christ Conference

The 2016 Catholic Men for Christ Conference is scheduled for Saturday, February 6 and will feature Tom Peterson, Steve Bollman, Msgr.

Eugene Morris and David Williams, along with emcee, Zip Rzepa.

This years conference will be held at the Peabody Opera House, 1440 Market Street, St. Louis, MO 63103. For more information and to register, please visit the Catholic Men for Christ website catholicmenforchrist.org.

Catholic Family Tuition Assistance Any Catholic family wishing to apply for tuition assistance from the Catholic Families Tuition Assistance Endowment Fund or the parish Employee Endowment Fund for the 2016-2017 school year must submit a Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation (TTEF) application. You may apply online at: www.ttef-stl.org beginning February 1, 2016. Students must attend an Archdiocesan or Parochial Elementary School or an Archdiocesan or Parochial High School to be eligible for these particular funds. The due date for the application is February 29, 2016 and must include a copy of your 2014 Income Tax Return and 2015 W2's. The Catholic Education Center appreciates the support of the ACA and all of its donors.

Spiritual Ponderings

Loving The Church

I hope the last few weeks have been helpful in your spiritual growth and I hope that you, like me, have learned more about loving the Church that we have *and not the one we want*. As we continue to examine ways in which we can learn to love the Church that we have I would like to offer three more ideas.

8. Repair Attempts

A repair attempt is any time that two people in the midst of arguing remind themselves that they are on the same side. I find that taking time to remind myself that God loves me and I desire to love Him helps me to not only put up with the Church but to embrace her evermore. As St. Paul discovered, persecuting the Church is persecuting Christ (Acts 9) and Jesus came into the world not to condemn me, but so that I might have life eternal (John 3:16).

I often find that when I am hurt by one part of the Church that there is another part of the Church there to help me heal. When I am hurt by someone who is dealing with their own weaknesses and struggles, I find God has already dispatched others to heal these wounds. The important thing is to make sure this leads to legitimate healing and not just us surrounding ourselves with other like minded people.

This suggestion also reminds me of the need to stop every once in a while and make sure that everyone knows that we are on the same team. It is alright to argue about where to put the advent wreath only if in the end we all realize that our relationships with others are more important than where the advent wreath goes.

Just because someone else disagrees with me does not mean that they disrespect me.

9. Service

Sometimes overcoming my dislike for something in the Church is as simple as getting over myself and stretching myself by performing some type of service for example helping with the parish fish fry or helping out at a soup kitchen. The more I focus on loving and serving others the more my problems seem to shrink, disappear, and melt away.

Mother Teresa is someone who always reminds me of what is truly important: "At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by "I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless, and you took me in."

A man walking through the forest saw a fox that had lost its legs, and he wondered how it lived. Then he saw a tiger come up with the game in its mouth. The tiger ate its fill and left the rest of the meat for the fox. The next day God fed the fox by the means of the same tiger. The man began to wonder at God's greatness and said to himself, "I too shall just rest in a corner with full trust in the Lord and he will provide me with all that I need." He did this for many days but nothing happened, and he was almost at death's door when he heard a voice say, "O you who are in the path of error, open your eyes to the truth! Stop imitating the disable fox and follow the example of the tiger."

10. Positive People

Finally, the best thing I can do to love the Church that I am in is to be with others who love the Church for who she is. As married couples must remember that their spouse is a gift from God and that they had agreed to overlook their spouses faults because no one is perfect, so we must remind ourselves that the Church is an awesome gift from God and that the imperfections that we perceive in her were things that we agree to overlook because of the love that we promised to give her.

One of the major differences between Catholics and Protestants is that as Catholics we believe we are saved as a people and not as an individual.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 69 Gospel [Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21](#)

Scripture Reflection: After Jesus has been baptized, He must have spent some time reflecting on what it meant to be "God's beloved Son," and this is what He came up with. What does it mean for you to be a child of God?

Reflection Questions:

1. What would you think if you were in the Synagogue that morning and heard Jesus speak?
2. Why this passage?
3. Why does Jesus go to the Synagogue if He is God?
4. How do you let people know that you are a child of God?
5. What is your favorite Scripture passage?

LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 24

- 8:00 am The Keiser Family
- 10:30 am Parishioners

Monday, January 25

- 8:00 am Enrollees & Benefactors of Epiphany Memorial Fund

Tuesday, January 26

- 8:00 am Morning Prayer
- 5:30 pm Lorraine Becker

Wednesday, January 27

- 8:00 am Dan Nerviani

Thursday, January 28

- 8:00 am Katie Bach

Friday, January 29

- 8:00 am Mary Huemmann

Saturday, January 30

- 8:00 am Jay LeBlanc
- 5:00 pm Michael Moeller

Sunday, January 31

- 8:00 am Harry Willmann
- 10:30 am Parishioners



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND & SICK OF OUR PARISH

Ethan Strauss	Ethan Sonderman	Mary Hipskind
Vicky Tacchi	Chris Perron	Dominic Caputa
Daniel Barr	Christine Weber	Pat Wallis

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24, 2016

Sunday:	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8-10, 15/ 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
Monday:	Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Ps 117:1-2/Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-3, 7-8, 10/ Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-30/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-5, 11-14/ Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-17/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday:	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-6, 15-17/1 Cor 12:31--13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

Stewardship *"Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared..." (Nehemiah 8:10)*

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life, he wants us to be happy! However, He expects us to generously share our blessings with those who are in need, without expecting anything in return.

OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday - Saturday January 25-30

- 7:30 am - Rosary, Church

Sunday, January 24

- 9:00 am - Bible Study, AR
- 9:15 am - Little Lambs, RBF
- 9:15 am RCIA, CMR
- 10:30 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB

Monday, January 25

- 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, January 26

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 6:30 pm - Covenant Night, Church

Wednesday, January 27

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 7:30 am - St. Pat's Salad, Gym Kitchen
- 10:00 am - Ladies Guild Regular Meeting, AR
- 5:30 pm - Fit Factor, UH
- 6:30 pm - Bells Practice, Church
- 7:30 pm - Choir Practice, Church

Thursday, January 28

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 7:00 pm - Prayer Warriors for evangelization, CMR
- 7:30 pm - Prayer Group, Church

Friday, January 29

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 3:30-6:30 pm - Dance, UH & AR
- 4:30-7:00 pm - Fish Fry, Gym

Saturday, January 30

Sunday, January 31

- 9:00 am - Bible Study, AR
- 9:15 am - Little Lambs, RBF
- 9:15 am RCIA, CMR
- 10:30 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB

LIFTEEN Attention all highschoolers! Join us this Wed., Jan. 27th from 7-9 pm at Bishop DuBourg High School as we explore what the year of mercy means for us! More information can be found online at www.saintlouislifeteen.org or by contacting lauren@saintlouislifeteen.org.

ATTENTION ALL EIGHTH GRADERS: Signups for Luke 18 are up! Please go to www.saintlouislifeteen.org/luke18 to sign up for what promises to be a wonderful weekend. We hope to see you the weekend of February 12-14 at Bishop DuBourg High School.

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS, NOTES & EVENTS



11th Annual Scott Laschober Memorial Fundraiser Trivia Night

Saturday, February 20, 2016. Proceeds benefit Mid-America Transplant Services. Cost is: \$20 per person. Table - \$160 (Max. 8 people competitive table). Cost includes: beer, wine and soda. To reserve a table call: 314-647-1758 or email jlasch@sbcglobal.net. St. Louis Police Officer's Association Hall, 3710 Hampton Avenue 63109. Doors open at 6:15 pm; Trivia begins at 7:00 pm.



Ladies Guild News The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 27th at 11:30 am in the Assumption Room. Drinks and desserts will be provided. At this meeting we will have as our guest speaker Sgt. Joe Bralowski. He is a decorated WW II Veteran, who led a squadron of 12 men in Belgium. He requests lots of questions so that he can teach us the history of WW II.



Mark Your Calendar to Attend our first Fish Fry of the Year...Friday, January 29th. Dinners will be served in the gym from 4:30-7:00 pm. Carry outs are available.

Used Books Needed for Places for People

Sister Chris' clients, through Places for People, are interested in reading to help in their healing. If you have any Marvel comic books, autobiographies of influential people, or Reader's Digest, please feel free to drop them off in bags (preferred) to the back porch of the convent. Also, if you have any old furniture (tables, beds, dressers, appliances including toaster ovens, microwaves, pots/pans), please call Sister Chris (607-1177) to make arrangements for pick-up.



St. Pat's Salad We will be preparing salads for the St. Patrick's Center again on **Wednesday, January 27th** at 7:30 am in the gym kitchen. Please join us. As always cash donations are greatly appreciated!

OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16-17, 2016

Sunday Collection

General Fund	\$3,526.00	
General Fund Loose	\$245.00	
General Fund Online ..	\$1,009.00	
Total	\$4,780.00	
First Offering.....	\$75.00	
Maintenance & Repair	\$60.00	
M&R Online	\$25.00	
St. Louis Review	\$700.00	
SVDP	\$25.00	
SVDP Online	\$120.00	
Solemnity	\$25.00	
Votive	\$48.08	
Debt	\$140.00	\$1,188.00(YTD)
Tuition Assistance	\$25.00	\$562.00(YTD)
Endowment Fund	\$	\$(YTD)



"That was the best sermon on giving I've ever heard."

15th Annual E.F.F. Mouse Races

Saturday February 13, 2016

Doors open at 6:30 pm; First Race at 7:30 pm

Tables of Six - \$12.00/person. (When reservations are made by February 6th); \$17.00/person *at the door*. Cost includes: Beer, Setups, and Snacks. For advanced reservations, Please Email names to: esasportsinfo@yahoo.com. All proceeds to benefit the Monsignor Sullivan Field. If you have any questions, please contact: Matt Ellison, 647-9181.



Join LASM's Stephen Minister Training Class!

Lindenwood Area Senior Ministry is expanding its Stephen Ministry, a program that trains volunteers to provide one-to-one Christian care for older adults experiencing a difficult time. We are seeking individuals to serve as Stephen Ministers to provide this care. Stephen Ministers work alongside the LASM Director and our pastor (s) to care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to seniors who are going through a difficult time, such as grief, hospitalization, loneliness, chronic illness, or isolation. Stephen Minister training will begin on Sunday, February 7th. Training sessions will be held on Sunday afternoons from 1-3pm and a few Saturdays. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to grow in faith, develop stronger relational skills, and bring Christ's love into the lives of hurting people. Contact the LASM Office at 647-4591 for an application or email Katie at lasmdirector@gmail.com.



Independent Living openings at Little Sisters of the Poor Residence

The Little Sisters of the Poor have openings in their Independent Living Area. A resident must be at least 65 years of age and have limited financial resources to be considered. Independent Living offers a large single room, fully furnished, with a private bathroom and shower for those who can take care of their basic everyday needs. Meals, laundry and housekeeping are included in the rent which is subsidized, based on income, assets and medical expenses. The mission of the Little Sisters of the Poor is to welcome the needy elderly of any faith into their Home as they would Jesus Christ himself, and serve them with love and respect until death. If you or someone you know might be interested, please call 314-421-6022 and ask to speak to Ron Kostedt in Social Services.

**LIGHTS
CAMERA
Auction!**

The Sisters of The Most Precious Blood invite you to an evening of Glitz and Glamour at their 23rd Annual Dinner Auction **Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 5:30 pm.** Old Hickory Golf Club#1 Dye club drive, St. Peters, Missouri. Dress the part and walk the red carpet. Have your picture taken by the paparazzi. For more information visit www.cpps-ofallon.org or call 636-240-6010.