



# *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.

*Eternal Father,*

*I offer you the Body and Blood,*

*Soul and Divinity*

*of your dearly beloved Son,*

*Our Lord, Jesus Christ,*

*in atonement for our sins*

*and those of the whole world.*

*For the sake of his*

*sorrowful Passion,*

*have mercy on us and*

*on the whole world.*

# DIVINE MERCY

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## **Sunday of Divine Mercy April 3, 2016**

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*From the Desk of Fr. Thomas Pastorius,*

1. **Faith and Family Programs: First Tuesday: April 5, 2016**  
6:30PM: Blue Knights, Little Flowers, Confirmation Class & Pillars of the Faith
2. **First Communion**  
Congratulations to all our Little Lambs who will receive their First Communion at the 10:30 AM Mass Today (April 3). Thank you to our teachers and to all the parents. Please keep coming to Church each week.
3. **Shout Out!!!**  
This week's shout out goes to all the volunteers who helped decorate the Church for the many different Holy Week Celebrations and for all those who performed one of the many ministries. I know personally that these celebrations drew me closer to God and I have heard from many others that our liturgies were especially moving for them.
4. **Teaching Mass**  
On April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM, I will be hosting a Teaching Mass. At this Mass instead of consecrating the Eucharist, I will break down the Mass into its different parts and explain some of the symbolisms and rituals that make up the Mass.

God bless,  
Fr. Tom

**Congratulations** to the following Little Lambs who will be receiving their First Holy Communion today. We rejoice with these children and their families as they receive this blessed sacrament!

*Ethan Nicholas Cross*  
*Dominic Francesco Eckrich*  
*Lillian Diane Fanz*  
*Brianna Nicole Garavaglia*  
*Colin David Gerrein*  
*Joshua Henry Gerrein*  
*Ethan Matthew Kibbler*  
*Ava Lynn Lato*  
*Donovan Michael Politte*  
*Lauren Marie Posey*  
*Emily Ann Pousosa*  
*Mary Anastasia Rennier*  
*Ramori Vaughn Rogers, Jr.*  
*Bridget Riley Roth*  
*Kaily Sebrian*  
*Kai Xavier Stiebel*  
*Avalyn Rae Vanecek*  
*Logan Richard VanWinkle*

## Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy) Lectionary: 45 Gospel JN 20:19-31

**Spiritual Reflection:** If we were reading this story for the first time, we may think at the beginning we were reading a horror story: the doors were locked and a dead man appears. Instead of seeking revenge though, the dead man offers peace to those who had betrayed and deserted Him. Instead of seeking revenge, He shows love.

### Spiritual Questions

1. What do you offer those who have hurt you?
2. What do you think the disciples were thinking at the beginning?
3. What do you think they were thinking when they gathered a second time?
4. What do you think they were thinking after these two encounters?
5. If Jesus was not raised from the dead and this was all some elaborate story, would that have motivated the apostles to preach and be martyred?

**Pro-life** “You may be thinking, ‘I don’t deserve to be forgiven. My sins are too great!’ Thankfully, God’s love is greater than all the sins of all time. Jesus offers his grace and forgiveness to every repentant heart.”  
www.hopeafterabortion.com.  
“Project Rachel: Peace Starts Here”  
www.goo.gl/Fa65Az



## National Day of Protest Against Planned Parenthood

On Saturday, April 23 from 9:00 am until 11:00 am, Defenders of the Unborn will host a National Day of Protest Against Planned Parenthood in front of their facility at 4251 Forest Park Blvd. The main speaker, among others, will be Georgette Forney of Silent No More. This protest will take place simultaneously at hundreds of Planned Parenthood locations across the country. For more information, contact Mary at 314-346-9052 or email [defenseless68@gmail.com](mailto:defenseless68@gmail.com)

## Catholic Home Missions

**Appeal** Many dioceses right here in the United States do not have enough priests and trained lay ministers to serve their parishes. These dioceses are known as *home missions*. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal, which will take place this weekend, supports these diocese by funding essential ministries, including seminary education and lay ministry training. Please be generous in this appeal and share your resources to **strengthen the Church at home.**



Saint Louis LIFETEEN

MASS AND SOCIAL - please join us this Wednesday, April 6 from 7-9pm at Bishop Dubourg. All high-schoolers welcome!! More information at [www.saintlouislifeteen.org](http://www.saintlouislifeteen.org)

**Stewardship** “Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’” JOHN 20:21 Peace - the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world to share His peace and Good News, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be grateful and generous. We should look for opportunities to share His peace with our brothers and sisters not only within our local parish boundaries, but outside of them as well. In giving, you will receive the peace of Christ.

## Spiritual Ponderings

For the month of April, I would like to reflect with you on one of the greatest stories in the Bible which also happens to be one of the greatest religious paintings of all times, and happens to be the title of one of the great spiritual books of one of my favorite spiritual writers Henri Nouwen: the story of the Prodigal Son.

The Prodigal Son is of course the story from Luke's Gospel (15:11-32). This parable inspired the Dutch painter Rembrandt to paint a beautiful masterpiece in 1669. One art historian describes the painting as follows: In the painting, the son has returned home in a wretched state from travels in which he has wasted his inheritance and fallen into poverty and despair. He kneels before his father in repentance, wishing for forgiveness and a renewed place in the family, having realized that even his father's servants had a better station in life than he. His father receives him with a tender gesture. His hands seem to suggest mothering and fathering at once; the left appears larger and more masculine, set on the son's shoulder, while the right is softer and more receptive in gesture. Standing at the right is the prodigal son's older brother, who crosses his hands in judgment; in the parable he objects to the father's compassion for the sinful son.



## Prodigal Son

Fr. Henri Nouwen spent many days reflecting on the story of the Prodigal Son while staring at the painting. He then went forth and wrote a great book that many consider to be one of the best spiritual books written. Quotes from his book will be in bold and my commentary will be in regular font.

Henri Nouwen begins his reflection on the painting by reflecting on the role of men in the back ground that you can barely make out. He refers to them as the observers for all they seem to do is sit back and witness everything that is going on.

**As I reflect on my own journey, I become more and more aware of how long I have played the role of observer. For years I had instructed students on the different aspects of the spiritual life, trying to help them see the importance of living it. But had I, myself, really ever dared to step into the center, kneel down, and let myself be held by a forgiving God?**

Many of us want a deep relationship with God but are we willing to take the steps necessary to develop that relationship. It is easier to sit on the sidelines and Monday morning quarterback than take the chance and get on the field to play.

**But giving up the somewhat safe position of the critical observer seemed like a great leap into totally unknown territory. I so much wanted to keep some control over my spiritual journey, to remain able to predict at least part of the outcome that relinquishing the security of the observer for the vulnerability of the returning son seemed close to impossible.**

The prodigal son had no idea how the Father was going to respond when he went back to Him. Are we willing to give up control over our spiritual journey in order to return to the father? One way to do this is to get rid of the idea of a just world theory or karma. Bad things do happen to good people and this is important to admit because we cannot practice our faith just in the hopes that bad things will not happen to us. We practice our faith because we hope and pray that God will bring good out of the evil or bad that happens to us.

**The World Apostolate of Fatima** is sponsoring a day of recollection with Fr. Andrew Apostoli, (EWTN host) at **St. George Church**, 4960 Heege Road, St. Louis, MO 63123 on **Saturday April 9** from 9:15 am to 3:15 pm. \$15 donation suggested - including lunch. Mass/rosary/confession/ holy hour/Divine Mercy Chaplet. Call Dan or Celeste 314-918-8323 or e-mail [acburke@charter.net](mailto:acburke@charter.net) to register. See attachment for more info.

## Forming Men for Christ - A Monthly Men's Mass and Coffee with Father James Mason

Reverend James Mason, President-Rector of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, invites all men for Mass and refreshments at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Clayton, every second Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 14, 2016. Father Mason's talk will be about Discernment. Mass will be in the Church at 6:30 am, coffee, refreshments and talk from 7 am until 7:45 am. Plenty of free parking is available on the Church lot. For more information, see <http://kenrick.edu/resources/formingmenforchrist/>

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** Does springtime give you a sense of wonder and fulfillment? On your wedding day, you and your spouse lovingly planted the seed of a lifelong relationship. A Marriage Encounter weekend will give you the tools you need to help your marriage grow and blossom more. To attend a Marriage Encounter weekend on April 22-24 or August 5-7, apply at [www.stl-wwwme.org](http://www.stl-wwwme.org) or call 314.649.7317.

**American Heritage Girls** will hold an informational night on Tuesday April 12th, at 7 pm in the Fleur De Lis Room of the Cardinal Rigali Center (20 Archbishop May Dr., St. Louis, MO 63119). Contact the Office of Youth Ministry (314.792.7600) for more information.

**Catholics Divorce Survival** The Daughters of St. Paul in conjunction with the Archdiocese of St. Louis are hosting the "Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide: Helping You Find Peace, Power and Passion after Your Divorce" at Pauline Books and Media, beginning on Thursday, April 7 at 7 pm. This 12 part dvd series guided by Rose Sweet along with Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ, Fr. Don Calloway, MIC and Dr. Ray Guarendi, will be facilitated by Joseph Miller, a parishioner of the Cathedral Basilica, who is divorced with a Decree of Nullity. Cost is \$25. For more information call Joe at 314-660-8587.

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# LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, April 3**  
**Sunday of Divine Mercy**  
 8:00 am Parishioners  
 10:30 am Eugene Buerke

**Monday, April 4**  
**Annunciation of the Lord**  
 8:00 am Marybeth McGrath

**Tuesday, April 5**  
 8:00 am Morning Prayer  
 5:30 pm Paul Zacheis

**Wednesday, April 6**  
 8:00 am Helen Saali-Kammer

**Thursday, April 7**  
 8:00 am Jeanette Santen

**Friday, April 8**  
 8:00 am Don & Sean Welby

**Saturday, April 9**  
 8:00 am Margaret Hanneken  
 5:00 pm Lily Jankowski (*Good Health*)

**Sunday, April 10**  
 8:00 am Parishioners  
 10:30 am Margaret Mertzluft



## OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

**Monday - Saturday April 4-9**

- 7:30 am - Rosary, Church

**Sunday, April 3**

- 9:00 am - Bible Study, AR
- 9:15 am - Little Lambs, RBF
- 9:15 am RCIA, CMR
- 10:30 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB
- 10:30 am - First Communion, Church
- 11:30 am - Liturgy Committee Meeting, CMR

**Monday, April 4**

- 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 5**

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 6:30 pm - Blue Knights, Little Flowers, Confirmation Class & Pillars of the Faith, UH

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

Ethan Strauss	Ethan Sonderman	Mary Hipskind
Pat Wallis	Chris Perron	Dominic Caputa
Daniel Barr	Kathy Nielson	Christine Weber
Ginny Basch	Dorothy Tetreault	Joe Lopez

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 3, 2016

**Sunday:** Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/  
 Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

**Monday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-11/Heb 10:4-10/  
 Lk 1:26-38

**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-9/Jn 3:16-21

**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20/Jn 3:31-36

**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

**Next Sunday:** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/  
 Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

## Wednesday, April 6

- 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 7

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 7:30 pm - Baptism Meeting, CMR
- 7:30 pm - Prayer Group, Church

## Friday, April 8

- 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 & AR

## Saturday, April 9

- After 5 pm Mass, ACA, AR

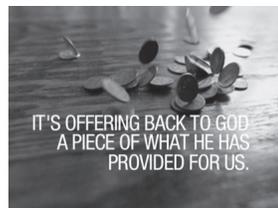
## Sunday, April 10

- 9:00 am - Bible Study, AR
- 9:15 am - Little Lambs, RBF
- 9:15 am RCIA, CMR
- 10:30 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB
- After all Masses - Donut Sunday/ACA, Gym

## OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 26-27, 2016

### Sunday Collection

General Fund .....	\$5,240.00	
General Fund Loose .....	\$779.15	
General Fund Online .....	\$1,334.00	
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$7,353.15</b>	
Easter.....	\$625.00	
Easter Flower.....	\$10.00	
First Offering.....	\$10.00	
Holy Land .....	\$290.00	
Maintenance & Repair.....	\$60.00	
Priest Retirement.....	\$490.00	
Rice Bowl .....	\$161.00	
St. Louis Review <i>Online</i> .....	\$50.00	
Votive .....	\$41.00	
Debt <i>Online</i> .....	\$30.00	\$2132.00 (YTD)
Tuition Assistance .....	\$	\$887.00 (YTD)
Endowment Fund.....	\$70.00	\$95.00 (YTD)



## OUR DEARLY DEPARTED



In your kindness, please pray for the repose of the soul of John J. Huber, father of John (Sandy) Huber. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

# PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS, NOTES & EVENTS

## Carrie Newcomer Workshops at Mercy Center

Carrie Newcomer will offer workshops May 6-7, 2016 at Mercy Center, Frontenac. Workshop I: May 6, registration 6:30 PM and program 7-9:00 PM. Workshop II: May 7, registration 8:30 AM and program 9:00 AM-Noon (no lunch). Presenter Carrie Newcomer is an American singer, songwriter and author. She has produced 16 CDs, authored a book of poems and essays, and presents workshops on music, spirituality, and vocation. Workshop I: Writing Mindfully-Exploring the Sacred Ordinary Songwriters, poetry, and prose writers of all experience levels are welcome to explore writing in this workshop. Workshop II: Finding Vocation, Authentic Work, and Creating a Better World This workshop is based on the idea that our lives are more than our work. Those looking to pursue work with purpose and heart are encouraged to participate in this workshop. Non-refundable workshop registration: \$25 due April 23 Total workshop cost, including registration: Workshop I: \$50; Workshop II: \$75 Contact Dawn Stringfield at dstringfield@mercycenterstl.org or 314.909.4656.

## Immaculate Heart of Mary New Melle

**Sausage Dinner - Sunday, April 24th.** Dinners served from 11:00 am until 6:00 pm. Whole Hog Pork Sausage dinners served family-style. Dinners include: Sausage, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, green beans, applesauce, bread, dessert, and beverage. Carry outs available. Cafeteria style express dining in the pavilion. For more information, call 636-398-5270. Adults: \$12 at the door; Children (6-12) \$6; ages 5 and under are free. Many exciting events: craft fair, country store, Marian Council Quilt Raffle, pull tabs, and raffles.



**May Procession** Please join the Association of the Miraculous Medal on Sunday, May 1, at 3:30 pm, for our annual May Procession at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, MO. The procession will form in front of St. Mary's of the Barrens Church and proceed to the grotto. The traditional May crowning and prayer service will be a part of the devotion. All are welcome to take part in this public demonstration of devotion to our Blessed Mother. Transportation will be available for those unable to walk in the procession. The sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 12:30-2:30 pm at the Church. Any questions please call 1-800-264-6279, or visit our website [www.amm.org](http://www.amm.org).

**Run for Roses Trivia Night / Silent Auction,** Saturday, April 16, 2016: sponsored by The Rose Foundation, whose mission is to spread awareness and raise funds for a CURE FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS. All proceeds go to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Vianney High School Activity Center. 1311 S. Kirkwood Rd, Kirkwood, MO 63122. Doors open at 6:00 pm and trivia begins at 7 pm. Cost: \$30.00 per person / tables of 8 or Prepaid reservations: \$25 per person, by April 1st. Beer, soda, snacks provided. For Reservations: Please call Linda Caul at 314-952-7944 or mail check, payable to: The Rose Foundation, 2702 Bloomfield Dr. St. Louis, MO 63129. Trivia presented by [www.triviafunhouse.com](http://www.triviafunhouse.com). Visit us at [www.runforroses.com](http://www.runforroses.com). THANK YOU!

**Volunteers Needed** We need your help! Catholic Charities of St. Louis is seeking volunteers to work our help desk, answering telephone calls and various other light desk duties. Four hour shifts are available on Tuesday 8:30 am-12:30 pm, Wednesday-8:30 am-12:30 pm & 2:30-4:30 pm and Thursdays from 8:30 am-12:30 pm. For more information, please call 314.367.5500, x1134.

**Spring Fling 2016** Lindenwood Area Senior Ministry invites you to our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Fling on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:30-8 pm at Epiphany of Our Lord Parish Hall (6596 Smiley). This year's theme is *Take Me Out to the Ballgame*. Cardinal attire is encouraged! Singles and couples welcome! 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! Invite your friends & neighbors to attend with you! Purchase your tickets: \$15 per ticket 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 which include medical transportation, home maintenance and repairs, case management and Stephen Ministry. We continue to seek sponsors for this event as well as recruit silent auction and attendance prize donations. If you would like to make a donation or pledge your sponsorship please contact the LASM Office at 647-4591.

**Mature Mile Walk** Let's get on the move! Join Lindenwood Area Senior Ministry's team of walkers for the GO! St. Louis Mature Mile Walk in Forest Park on **Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**. We'll depart from the upper parking lot of Southwest Baptist Church at 10am. The walk begins at 11:30 am at Lindell & Cricket Fields in Forest Park. Participants will receive a t-shirt, race bib number, giveaways and finisher's medal. Post-race refreshments will be served. The entry fee is \$15. Reservations: LASM Office at 647-4591 by March 30th.

**Employment Opportunity** *Guest service worker position* with Benefits available at the Marianist Retreat and Conference Center in Eureka, Missouri. Duties include kitchen work (prepare and serve meals, clean up), clean and prepare guest rooms, and other duties as assigned. Afternoon, early evening shift. Around 30 hours per week includes some weekends. Benefit eligible position. For a complete job description email [dianne@mretreat.org](mailto:dianne@mretreat.org). Email resume to Dianne or mail to MRCC, P.O. Box, 718, Eureka, MO 62025. No phone calls please.

**Trivia Night** The Mother of Good Counsel Home Auxiliary is sponsoring a trivia night on Saturday, April 2, starting at 6 pm at the JFK Center, 315 Howdershell Road, 63031. The cost is \$20/person or \$160/table of 8 and includes beer, soda, and snacks but you may bring your own, too. Gift baskets and 50/50 raffle offered. Please contact Dave Barnhart at [barnharts2000@msn.com](mailto:barnharts2000@msn.com) or 314-4520-946 for more information.

**Men's Club Alpha Square Raffle 2016-2017** Tickets are now for sale for the New Season, The drawings start July 2016 and go through June 2017. Each month there is a \$100 winner and a chance of four \$25 winners. It is possible to win all twelve months. To purchase, fill out the attached form with cash or check and mail to: Richard Huelsmann or Epiphany Parish Office. Marked: Alpha Square Raffle. Make checks payable to: Epiphany Men's Club. Submit requests to: Richard Huelsmann, 6536 Smiley Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63139. Questions, call 314-645-5941.

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