



# 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.

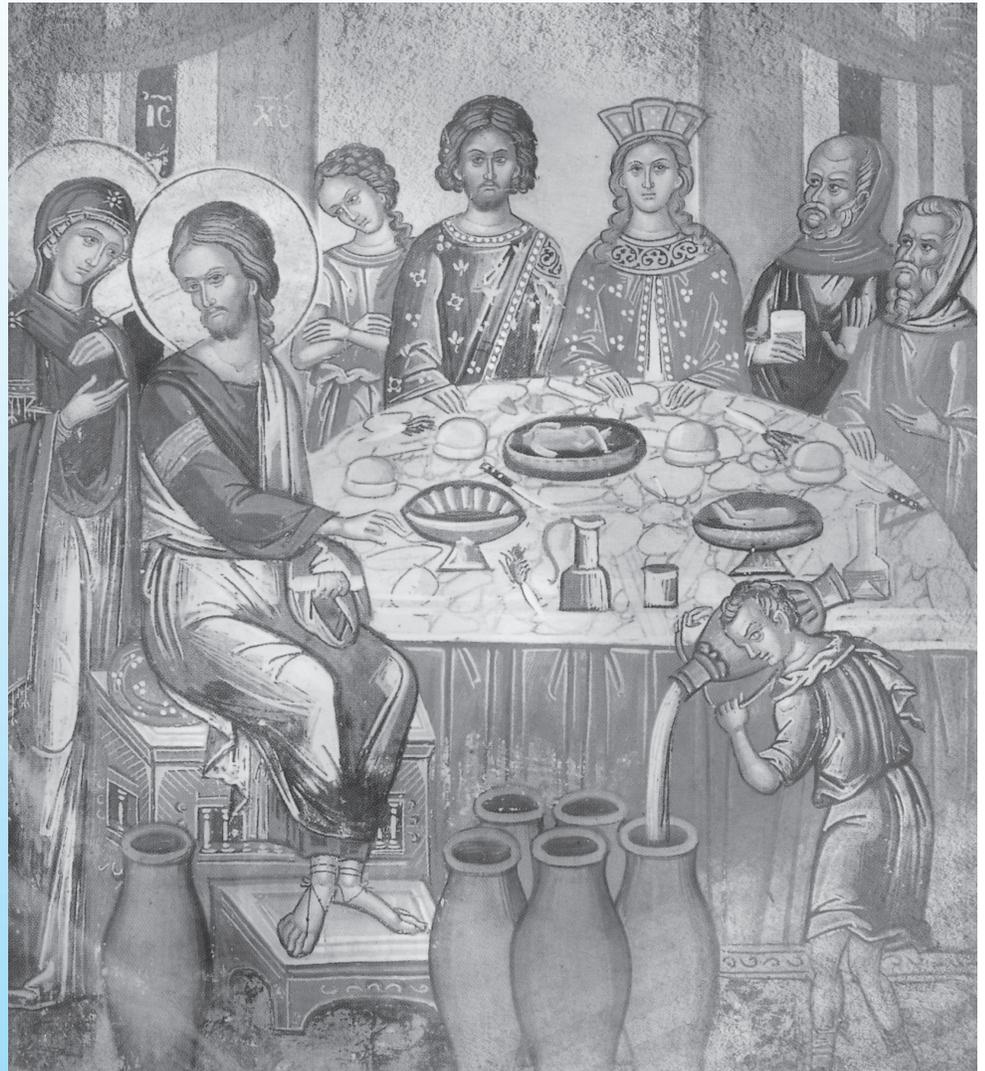
Marriages: Contact the priest at least 9  
months prior to the wedding date.

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.



Jesus said, "My children, I will be with you only a little  
while longer. I give you a new commandment:  
love one another." - Jn 13:33a, 34a

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## Fifth Sunday of Easter April 24, 2016

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# LIVING OUR FAITH

*From the Desk of Fr. Thomas Pastorius,*

**1. Faith and Family Programs: Fourth Tuesday: April 26<sup>th</sup>**  
6:30 PM Covenant Night

**2. Weekly Shout Out!!!**

This week's shout out goes to Epiphany Friends Forever and all who help facilitate our instructional t-ball league. I could go on and on about many different spiritual insights one learns from playing baseball but that would take too long. Instead I just want to thank the EFF for providing a safe place for children to come and learn about teamwork, exercise, etc. At the same time I am sure that they could use extra help with running the t-ball league so if you like BBQing, talking to people, and selling hotdogs give the rectory a call and we will put you in contact with the right person. If you are looking for free entertainment come on up to Epiphany and watch the little children run, throw to the wrong base, hit the ball and chase it instead of running to first, or just stand around in the outfield picking the weeds while the ball goes by. EFF also helps our parish by working hard to maintain our fields and gym. Without them our buildings would be in much worse shape.

**3. Teaching Mass**

Teaching Mass to May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. 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.

**4. May Crowning and Party**

Please mark your calendar for Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup> and plan to attend the 10:30 AM Mass. More information will be coming soon! Among the information to come will be information about ice-cream.

**5. Annual Catholic Appeal**

Fr. Mike Lydon (President of DuBourg High School) will be the celebrant and homilist at all the Masses this week. He will speak to us about the importance of the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). This is the best way for Catholics to make a difference in our city. The ACA helps so many different organizations. Our parish has benefited in a special way from the ACA in the years that I have been here through what is called Parish Viability Grants. These grants have helped us start a multi-parish youth group, redo the drainage and parking lot between the gym and Church and make the rectory handicap accessible. We are currently sitting on two sizable grants from the ACA that will help up redo our parish parking lot. We have not used them yet because we need to figure out what we will be doing with the convent now that the sisters will be leaving us. When we do get started on the work the grants will pay for a sizable amount of the project. Even if you cannot give at this time please take the time at least to fill out a card because the higher percentage we have of participating parishioners the better our chances are for future grants.

**6. Tuition Assistance**

If you are in need of financial assistance for the 2016-2017 school year, please contact Trish in the parish office. Trish will then pass your name onto the school covenant committee and we will set an appointment with you to discuss your financial situation and parish involvement.

**7. Celebration Time**

Michael Lampe, (seminarian who grew up in our parish) will be ordained a transitional deacon this Saturday April 30, 2016 at 10 AM at the New Cathedral. Michael has accepted an invitation to deacon and preach at the 10:30 Mass on Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup>. I would like to invite everyone then to come and celebrate this milestone in Michael's life. We will have a reception afterwards in the Gym.

**8. Update**

As of my writing this bulletin column, Philip is still waiting on a new assignment. Michael Rennie is still waiting on his letter from the Pope giving Archbishop Carlson permission to ordain him. Please pray for both of these men.

**9. Distribution of Flyers**

Please know that it is the policy of Epiphany of Our Lord Parish not to distribute flyers by placing them on vehicle windshields. If you see someone placing flyers on the car please let myself or one of the staff know immediately. If staff cannot be found please ask them to stop. If they refuse you have my permission to call the police on them. (F.Y.I.: we can only control what is put on windshields if the car is parked on our parking lot. We have no control over anything if you are parked on the street. ) Any important flyers will always come to you through the parish bulletin.

**10. Special invitation**

Perpetual Help Novenas and Devotions have spread worldwide since their beginnings in the St. Louis Archdiocese in 1916. I'm sure you and your parish have been visited by a Redemptorist mission, and likely display a copy of the icon herself. Through the zealous missionary work of the Redemptorists, the message of *Plentiful Redemption* in Christ, with Mary's help, has spread like wildfire. Come join in the Jubilee, celebrating 150 Years since Pope Pius IX gave the icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help to the Redemptorists, with the mandate to "make her known"!

In Christ the Redeemer,  
Bro. Larry Lujan, C.Ss.R. and the 150<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Committee

(303) 370-0035 For more full information, including weekend events itinerary, directions and more, please visit [Jubilee.MaryPrayForUs.org](http://Jubilee.MaryPrayForUs.org)

God bless,  
Fr. Tom

## Spiritual Ponderings

## Prodigal Son

For the month of April as we transition from Lent into Easter, I would like to reflect with you on the insights of the parable of the Prodigal Son as shared with us through Fr. Nouwen's Book: *The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming* and Rembrandt's painting *The Prodigal Son*. Quotes from Nouwen's book will be in bold and my commentary will be in regular font.



**When she visited me in my "hermitage" and spoke with me about the Prodigal Son, she said, "Whether you are the younger son or the elder son, you have to realize that you are called to become the father."**

While we might find comfort in identifying ourselves with the oldest son or the youngest son, we are all called and challenged to be the loving Father. This is what Catholics mean when we talk about the Universal call to holiness. We are all called to love like God loves.

**While the father is truly filled with joy at his younger son's return, he has not forgotten the elder. He doesn't take his elder son for granted. His joy was so intense that he couldn't wait to start celebrating, but as soon as he became aware of his elder's son arrival, he left the party, went out to him, and pleaded with him to join them.** From time to time it is important for us to check in with ourselves to make sure that we are not neglecting anyone important in our life because of the noise someone else is making. Even when we are right are we willing to leave the celebration to comfort those who are angry with us?

**It might sound strange, but God wants to find me as much as, if not more than, I want to find God. Yes, God needs me as much as I need God. God is not the patriarch who stays whom, doesn't move, and expects his children to come to him, apologize for their aberrant behavior, he leaves the house ignoring his dignity by running toward them, pays no heed to apologies and promises of change, and brings them to the table richly prepared for them. Yes God desires you, wants you, chooses you—and all of you.**

**The same God who suffers because of his immense love for his children is the God who is rich in goodness and mercy and who desires to reveal to his children the richness of his glory. The father does not even give his son a chance to apologize. He pre-empts his son's begging by spontaneous forgiveness and puts aside his pleas as completely irrelevant in the light of the joy at his return. But there is more. Not only does the father forgive without asking questions and joyfully welcomes his lost son home, but he cannot wait to give him the new life, life in abundance. So strongly does God desire to give life to his rupturing son that he seems almost impatient. Nothing is good enough. The very best must be given to him. While the son is prepared to be treated as a hired servant, the father calls for the robe reserved for a distinguished guest; and, although the son no longer feels worthy to be called son, the father gives him a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet to honor him as his beloved son and restore him as his heir. -**

Let God love you. Remember you got into trouble the first time because you ran away from God.

**But God rejoices when one repentant sinner returns. Statistically that is not very interesting. But for God, numbers never seem to matter.**

God does not love us because it makes sense. He loves us because He loves us. He doesn't care if the press is watching or if he will look like a fool. He loves us.

**For me it is amazing to experience daily the radical difference between cynicism and joy. Cynics seek darkness wherever they go. They point always to approaching dangers, impure motives, and hidden schemes. They call trust naïve, care romantic, and forgiveness sentimental. They sneer at enthusiasm, ridicule spiritual fervor, and despise charismatic behavior. They consider themselves realist who see reality for what it truly is and who are not deceived by "escapist emotions." But in belittling God's joy, their darkness calls forth more darkness.**

**People who have come to know the joy of God do not deny darkness, but they choose not to live in it. They claim that the light that shines in the darkness can be trusted more than the darkness itself and that a little bit of light can dispel a lot of darkness. They point each other to flashes of light here and there, and remind each other that they reveal the hidden but real presence of God. They discover that here are people who heal each other's wounds, forgive each other's offenses, share their possessions, foster the spirit of community, celebrate the gifts they have received, and live in constant anticipation of the full manifestation of God's glory.**

## Lectionary: 54

## Gospel JN 13:31-33A, 34-35

**Spiritual Reflection:** Jesus' moment of glorification can be seen as coming when He is the weakest or perhaps when He is most loving. Up until the point Judas leaves Jesus could call Judas out and stop everything. Now with Judas gone everything is set up for Jesus to lay down His life for us.

## Spiritual Questions:

1. When are you most glorified?
2. How does you receiving glory affect God?
3. How kindly do you treat those who wish you harm?
4. How can you glorify God by loving one another?
5. Would people know that you are a disciple?

# LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday, April 24**  
 8:00 am Parishioners  
 10:30 am Marybeth McGrath
- Monday, April 25**  
 8:00 am Enrollees & Benefactors of Epiphany Memorial Fund
- Tuesday, April 26**  
 8:00 am Morning Prayer  
 5:30 pm Lee Nicollerat
- Wednesday, April 27**  
 8:00 am Jimmie O'Reilly
- Thursday, April 28**  
 8:00 am Maureen Merlo
- Friday, April 29**  
 8:00 am Katie Bach
- Saturday, April 30**  
 8:00 am James Hennessy  
 5:00 pm Lily Jankowski (*Good Health*)
- Sunday, May 1**  
 8:00 am Parishioners  
 10:30 am Margaret Hanneken



## OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

- Monday - Saturday, April 25-30**
- 7:30 am - Rosary, Church
- Sunday, April 24**
- After all Masses, ACA pledge collection, Church
  - 8:30 am - 12 Noon - Msgr. Sullivan Breakfast, Gym
  - 9:00 am - Bible Study, AR
  - 9:15 am RCIA, CMR
  - 10:30 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB
- Monday, April 25**
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
  - 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
  - 5-10:00 pm - EFF T-Ball, Msgr. Sullivan Field
  - 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts, Upper Hall
- Tuesday, April 26**
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
  - 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
  - 5-10:00 pm - EFF T-Ball, Msgr. Sullivan Field
  - 6:30 pm - Covenant Night, Church

## 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

## Wednesday, April 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
- 5-10:00 pm - EFF T-Ball, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 6:30 pm - Bells Practice, Church
- 7:30 pm - Choir Practice, Church

## Thursday, April 28

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 5-10:00 pm - EFF T-Ball, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 pm - Prayer Warriors for Evangelization
- 7:30 pm - Prayer Group, Church

## Friday, April 29

- 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

## Saturday, April 30

- After Mass - ACA pledge collection, Church

## Sunday, May 1

- 9:00 am - Bible Study, AR
- 9:15 am RCIA, CMR
- 10:30 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB
- 11:30 am - Liturgy Committee Meeting, CMR

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 24, 2016

Sunday:	Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-13/Rv 21:1-5a/ Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
Monday:	1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-13, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-5/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-10, 12/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1-3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday:	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/ Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

## OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 16-17, 2016

### Sunday Collection

General Fund .....	\$4,664.00
General Fund Loose .....	\$251.18
General Fund Online .....	\$874.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$5,789.18</b>
Easter.....	\$25.00
Maintenance & Repair.....	\$40.00
M&R Online .....	\$25.00
Rice Bowl .....	\$18.85
Votive .....	\$53.00
Debt .....	\$ .....
Tuition Assistance .....	\$ .....
Endowment Fund.....	\$ .....



Debt .....	\$ .....	\$2,439.00(YTD)
Tuition Assistance .....	\$ .....	\$1,010.00(YTD)
Endowment Fund.....	\$ .....	\$190.00(YTD)

**FATIMA EUCHARISTIC VIGIL** When Our Lady appeared at Fatima she requested that we pray the rosary every day, make sacrifices for sinners and offer prayers of Eucharistic Adoration. In this troubled world our response to her request is more urgent now than ever. On the last Friday of each month the World Apostolate of Fatima sponsors a Eucharistic Vigil at St. George's Church. The vigil now starts at 7 pm and Mass is at 8 pm, confessions are heard after Mass, there is a Eucharistic procession and various prayers are said. Vigil ends at 11:45 pm. Make time each month to join in this vigil. This way you will respond to Our Lady's request to pray for the conversion of sinners. For more information call 314-562-5927.

# PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS, NOTES & EVENTS



**Epiphany Flea Market** There are some changes for the 2016 Flea Market. It will be held on Friday, June 24th from 6-8:00 pm with a \$3.00 entrance fee; Saturday, June 25th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm and Bargain Day is Sunday, June 26th from Noon to 4:00 pm.

The gym will be open for you to drop off donations starting Tuesday, June 7th at 9:00 am. Donations will be accepted Tuesdays, through Fridays from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm with the last donation drop off day being Wednesday, June 22nd. Please remember that we cannot accept clothing, exercise equipment, mattresses are televisions.

We need our former volunteers and new volunteers to help make the Flea Market successful. If students need service hours, helping at Flea Market is a great opportunity. Everyone's help is vital and so appreciated.

Evening and weekend drop off dates will be announced at a later time.

Thank you from the Flea Market Committee!

**LIFETEEN** Attention all Highschoolers! What are counterfeits of God's love? How do they impact us? Join us this Wednesday, April 27th from 7-9 pm at Bishop DuBourg to find out! Community snacks provided, as always. More information can be found at [www.saintlouislifeteen.org](http://www.saintlouislifeteen.org).

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

**Congratulations** to the Men's Club April Alpha Square Winners:

\$100	George Fischer	(Z18)
\$25	Amber Lang	(Z17)
\$25	Michael Flowers	(Z19)
\$25	Jean Gleason	(Y18)
\$25	Keith Murry	(A18)

## VBS Save the Date and Volunteers Needed

We are excited to be offering a Vacation Bible School again this summer! Parents, save the date for the week of **July 18-22** each morning from 7:45-11:15 am. VBS is open to all children from all parishes OR faith backgrounds, **ages 4 years to 5th grade**, so invite friends. This year, children will meet Old Testament heroes like Joseph, David, Jonah, and more when they embark on a journey exploring the Jesse Tree.



Would you also consider volunteering a morning or two of your time as a volunteer? We are in need of help to make VBS a faithful, fun, and safe experience. Not sure you would be a great teacher? No problem! Help with snacks, games, or craft time.

We are in need of volunteers for a variety of jobs including jobs during the day 8 -11:30 am and preparation the night before. Specific positions listed below:

- Adult leader to supervise Games
- Adult and young adult music/song leaders
- Snack preparation (at night)
- Snack station supervisor (show up & distribute the snacks)
- Supervision of children groups - no preparation required.

High-school age volunteers highly encouraged. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Kathy: [epiphanyofourlordvbs@gmail.com](mailto:epiphanyofourlordvbs@gmail.com), or by phone at 799-7516.

## Breakfast Breakfast Breakfast

All you can eat breakfast - Sunday, April 24th from 8:30 am to 12 Noon. Breakfast served in the gym in memory of Msgr. Lloyd Sullivan.

\$5 includes bacon (The best in St. Louis) Eggs, biscuits, and gravy (The best in St. Louis) pancakes, fruit, coffee, and orange juice; maybe some other stuff too!



All proceeds will be donated to Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital in Memory of Msgr. Sullivan.

This is our 31st year of having a Memorial Day for Msgr. Sullivan. Thanks to your support, we have donated over \$106,000 to the hospital in 30 years. Thanks to the members of the Msgr. Sullivan Committee for their 31 years of dedication and commitment.

**ProLife Mother's Day** is Sunday, May 8th! Mother's day Cards to benefit Birthright of Hillsboro will be at our church entrances on the weekends of April 24, May 1 and May 8th. When you choose to send a card to your loved one and make a donation to Birthright, you make it possible for mothers who face many challenges during their pregnancies to choose Life for their unborn child. Thank you for your support!

**Sixth Annual Archbishop's Gospel of Life Prayer Breakfast:** Friday, May 6th at 6:00 am. Keynote speaker will be former RLA Director Archbishop Joseph f. Naumann. Call 314-792-7047 or go to: [archstl.org/legatus](http://archstl.org/legatus) for more information.

**Conscience Protection Act of 2016** We have another opportunity to help those in the health care field honor their professional and religious beliefs that health care is about saving lives and not about destroying innocent unborn lives. Please take a moment to contact your representative in Congress and ask for their support of the Conscience Protection Act of 2016. We can be proud that this bill was introduced by Rep. Vicky Hartzler from the 4th Congressional District in Missouri. Let's make sure that every representative who works for the people in the Archdiocese of St. Louis hears from every one of us. Please share this message with your parish family, as well as your family, friend and coworkers.

**Project Joseph:** Spiritual support for post-abortive men. Held on the first Monday of each month at 7 pm. Contact Chuck at 314-974-6787 or email: [craymjr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:craymjr@sbcglobal.net)

**Project Rachael:** Spiritual support for post-abortive women. For more information about the next meeting contact Marisol at 314-792-7451 or email: [mpaff@archstl.org](mailto:mpaff@archstl.org)

**Helpers of God's Precious Infants:** Meetings on the Third Sunday of every month at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. 8 am Mass and Rosary, procession to Planned Parenthood, located on Forest Park Blvd.

If you need any additional information, contact Marilyn & Gerry Unger at 645-3483.

PLEASE, pick up the April copy of ProLife Profile, the Respect Life Apostolate newsletter as you leave church to learn about more ProLife matters. If you need any additional information, contact Marilyn & Gerry Unger at 645-3483.

## Immaculate Heart of Mary New Melle

Spring sausage dinner at Immaculate Heart of Mary- New Melle, Sunday, April 24 from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. Served family style with whole hog pork sausage, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, corn, green beans, applesauce, bread and homemade pie. Beer and wine tent, express dining, live music, 3 raffles including another beautiful quilt from our Marian Council, pull-tabs, livers and gizzards. Craft fair & Country Store For info, call the parish office at 636-398-5270.

