



# 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.

*Virtues are formed by  
prayer. Prayer preserves  
temperance. Prayer  
suppresses anger. Prayer  
prevents emotions of  
pride and envy. Prayer  
draws into the soul the  
Holy Spirit, and raises  
man to Heaven.*

*~St. Ephrem*

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## Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 31, 2016

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## LIVING OUR FAITH

From the Desk of Fr. Thomas Pastorius,

### 1. Faith and Family Programs:

Our Faith and Family Programming will be returning Tuesday September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. I am really excited about our new junior high program this year: Young Disciples. This program is designed to help enrich all middle schoolers understanding of their faith. This first semester each session will begin with a game and end with an interactive lesson about the Bible. We have three great catechists assigned to this program. This week's Faith and Family suggested activity is to pray a rosary with your family. If you think a full rosary may be too much, then trying to pray just a decade each day.

### 2. Do you know anyone who is thinking about being Catholic?

"If you don't behave as you believe, you will end by believing as you behave," – [Fulton J. Sheen](#). Do you know anyone who is looking for God? Who seems to be missing something in their life? Is interested in becoming Catholic? If so please have them contact the rectory as soon as possible so we can invite them to join our RCIA program for this fall.

### 3. Weekly Shout Out!!!

"If the only prayer you said was thank you, that would be enough," – [Meister Eckhart](#). Thank you to those who prepared our farewell celebration for our Sisters. It was a beautiful send off.

### 4. Homecoming Raffle Tickets

Do you enjoy the air conditioned Church? If so I ask you to please realized that we will soon need to replace one of the two AC unites on the Church. Two years ago we were able to replace one of the two AC units on the Church because we sold out of Homecoming Raffle Tickets. It looks like we now need to replace the older AC unit sooner rather than later. Please keep this in mind as you think about buying a homecoming (or partial) raffle ticket. If you would like to buy a raffle ticket please contact the parish office.

God bless,  
Fr. Tom

**ProLife**  
**Prevent Your Tax Dollars Funding Abortion**  
Planned Parenthood, the largest abortion provider in America, is funded in large part by your hard earned tax dollars.

In 2012, Planned Parenthood performed 327,166 abortions while collecting well over half a billion dollars from U.S. taxpayers. That is according to its own Annual Report and works out to an average of one abortion every 94 seconds! In addition to Planned Parenthood's abortion business, it uses this money to promote, advertise and market the "benefits" of abortion, including partial birth abortion.

Planned Parenthood's market share of the abortion industry continues to increase in spite of the total number of abortions declining. Planned Parenthood has reportedly spent hundreds of millions from the pockets of hard-working Americans fighting lawsuits, legislation and other efforts, which have tried to reduce the numbers of abortions. Planned Parenthood has litigated in the US Supreme Court, trying to deny a law passed by Congress that banned the hideous and barbaric partial-birth abortion procedure.

Now is the time to take a stand against Planned Parenthood and this horrible misuse of public funds. Let your voice be heard! Please let your Senator know that you do not want your money spent on the abortion industry.

**1ST COMMUNION TEACHERS NEEDED** We are in desperate need of 1<sup>st</sup> communion teachers. If we are going to have a class for our children this coming year, we need 3 or 4 volunteers. No experience necessary. All the lessons are already prepared. What we need is a once-a-month commitment from Sep-Apr to teach the children on Sunday mornings from 9-10:15 am. If you are interested and want more details, please call or email Deacon Michael. The kids need your help and this is a wonderful and fulfilling way to help the Church!

**NEW ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED** We need more altar servers to assist with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. If you are between 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade and would like to join the altar servers, please let Deacon Michael know and we will schedule a time to learn how. We are especially looking for servers who are entering the 5th grade to join.

**Stewardship** "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." Luke 12:15  
The Gospel message today is so contrary to our modern culture where advertising continually tries to convince us that our value lies in the things we possess. Jesus showed us that our true value lies in the way we live our lives. He challenges us to not store up or hoard material possessions, but rather to live a grateful and generous lifestyle.

The Ladies Guild and Men's Club Memorial Mass & Dinner to honor deceased members will be August 10, 2016. We had to change the month and the day of the week due to other commitments. The Mass will be at 5:00pm at Epiphany with the dinner to follow in our gym. Please put Wednesday, August 10, 2016 on your schedule.

## LIVING OUR FAITH

### Spiritual Ponderings

#### Faith & Film: Daredevil (Netflix TV Show)

Since I move to Epiphany, I have discovered that I do not watch nearly as many movies at movie theaters anymore. I think this is because they are somewhat a distance from me and I don't plan far enough ahead to just go to the movie. I also believe that the time for movies to be released on Netflix and other streaming options has increased. Therefore for my last Faith and Film reflection for July I have decided to reflect on the Netflix television show Daredevil which I found fascinating to watch because the main character Matt Murdock is supposedly Catholic with a priest for a confidant. Some of the scenes are very bloody.

Daredevil tells the story of a young boy who was blinded in an accident with toxic chemicals. The chemicals may have taken away young Mathew's ability to see but they also at the same time enhanced his other senses. Mathew is orphaned and is also orphaned as a young boy when his father who is a boxer refuses to lose for money and is killed by a group of mobsters. While in the orphanage Mathew meets a blind man named "Stick" and Stick teaches him how to use his enhanced senses to fight.



Mathew eventually leaves Stick's mentorship behind and graduates from law school with a new best friend Foggy Nelson. Together they refuse great opportunities with great law firms in order to open up a law office in Hell's Kitchen, New York to help the poor. Mathew discovers though that he can only do so much good as a lawyer and therefore puts on a mask at night and begins a career as a vigilante.

One aspect of Mathew/Daredevil's Catholicism that is extremely apparent is his respect for life. Mathew is absolutely convinced that only God can and should choose when someone dies in the eyes of some this makes him look weak but for Mathew this is what separates him from the bad guys. Recently, I have been doing a lot of reflecting on the phrase from the Gospel of Mathew "turn the other cheek." So often in the past, I considered this to be a very passive, wimpy, statement. The more I reflect on this idea of "turning the other cheek," I see a deeper meaning. For me "turn the other cheek" has come to mean "do you wrong to me but you will not change me." I am a loving and caring person and your anger, hate, torture, etc. will not turn me into anything differently. Jesus' death and resurrection could be summarized in this manner. We did our worst to the king who entered into Jerusalem on a donkey (Israelite kings always rode donkeys in time of peace and war horses during times of war) and Jesus still remained the prince of peace as on the night of His resurrection, He appeared to the ten in the upper room and offered them "Peace." Our hate did not turn Jesus into a hater. Mathew/Daredevil is someone who respected life even if no one around him did.

Another aspect of Mathew's Catholicism is his and Foggy's desire to fight injustice. There is disgust at the violence in their city does not create an apathy in them or cause them to move away to a safer place. Instead each in his own way chooses to fight for justice and champion the poor. The following quote from Pope Benedict XVI comes to mind: "The world promises you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness. Mathew and Foggy's desire to help people refuses them to allow them to sit on the sidelines comfortably while others suffer. They hunger and thirst for righteousness.

Daredevil's main nemesis in the first season (and probably beyond) is the "King Pin" Wilson Fisk. The television show goes a long way in trying to help the viewer understand why Fisk has become an evil mastermind. The show explains that Fisk, who with his mother was physically and verbally abused by his father, ended up killing his father. From that moment on, Fisk became a tormented soul as he struggles to come to grips with what he had done and tries to fix Hell's Kitchen. Fisk's plan to fix Hell's Kitchen though is for the most part self-centered and he shows that he thinks the best

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#### Spiritual Reflection:

Jesus' refusal to get involved in family quarrels reminds each of us what is really important is not material possessions. Remember no one has a Hearst with a trailer hitch.

#### Spiritual Question

1. How much time do you waste arguing?
2. How much time do you waste collecting things?
3. Why does the person in the parable not think about sharing what he has?
4. When are you going to die?
5. Do you live life like you have a long time or a short time?

### Lectionary: 114 Gospel LK 12:13-21

# LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, July 31**

8:00 am Parishioners  
10:30 am James Turner

**Monday, August 1**

8:00 am Joseph Gorla

**Tuesday, August 2**

8:00 am Morning Prayer  
5:30 pm Jim Loges

**Wednesday, August 3**

8:00 am Lee Nicollerat

**Thursday, August 4**

8:00 am Michael Rennier (*Success & Blessings*)

**Friday, August 5**

8:00 am Helen Brooks

**Saturday, August 6**

8:00 am Catherine Mannion  
5:00 pm James & Eileen Cox

**Sunday, August 7**

8:00 am Parishioners  
10:30 am Henry & Clarice Huelsmann



## OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

**Monday - Saturday, August 1-7**

- 7:30 am - Rosary, Church

**Sunday, July 31**

- 9:00 am - Bible Study, AR
- 10:30 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB

**Monday, August 1**

- 5:30 pm - Fit Factor, UH
- 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts, Upper Hall

**Tuesday, August 2**

**Wednesday, August 3**

**Thursday, August 4**

- 7:30 pm - Prayer Group, Church

**Friday, August 5**

- 8:30 am - Exposition & Adoration, Church
- 3:30-6:30 pm - Dance, UH

**Saturday, August 6**

**Sunday, August 7**

- 9:00 am - Bible Study, AR
- 10:30 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB

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

Ethan Strauss	Ethan Sonderman	Mary Hipskind
Pat Wallis	Chris Perron	Dominic Caputa
Daniel Barr		Christine Weber
Ginny Basch	Jean Montrey	Joe Lopez
Bernice Connor	Jade Nesselhauf	Bob Kozemczak
Mary Mosblech	George Limpert	

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 31, 2016

Sunday:	Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/ Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21
Monday:	Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79-80, 95, 102/ Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday:	Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday:	Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10-13/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:	Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-15, 18-19/Mt 16:13-23
Friday:	Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35-36, 39, 41/ Mt 16:24-28
Saturday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36
Next Sunday:	Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Dear Friends in Christ,

This year we joyfully celebrate sixty years of missionary service in our Latin America Apostolate. In 1956, my predecessor, Archbishop Joseph Ritter, sent the first three St. Louis priests to serve as missionaries in La Paz, Bolivia. This was a monumental occasion, as it was the first foreign missionary work of diocesan priests in the history of the Catholic Church in the United States. The missionary work of these three priests originally began because of the severe shortage of native priests in Bolivia. While we have had a presence in five different parishes over the last sixty years - four in Bolivia and one in Chile - the goal has always been to turn over these parishes to the local clergy.

In the history of our Latin America Apostolate, over 45 priests from St. Louis have devoted some or most of their priestly ministry to our missions in Bolivia. Two of our native sons became Bishops in Bolivia. Bishop Andrew Schierhoff (a cofounder of our Latin America Apostolate in 1956) and Bishop Morgan Casey (part of our Apostolate since 1965) have both served as Auxiliary Bishops of La Paz, and later as Apostolic Vicars in the Vicariate of the Pando.

Today, three St. Louis priests continue the tradition of serving in Bolivia. The primary work of Fr. Pat Haydn, Fr. Jim Michler and Fr. Tim Noelker involves serving as missionaries at Maria Reina Parish - a parish of 70,000 located on the steep hillsides of La Paz, the highest capital city in the world. They proclaim the Gospel message, celebrate the sacraments, form Bloivain seminarians, and help form lay leaders to become missionary disciples. Maria Reina Parish also has a health clinic to assist the poor with medical care, dental care, food and medicine.

In addition to their work at Maria Reina Parish, our priests also serve at the rural Santiago Parish, located in the altiplano, or high plains. There, they celebrate the sacraments among the native Aymara people. There are more than 30 villages within the parish boundaries. Because there is no resident priest, these villages only have Mass celebrated three times per year when our priests are able to visit them.

None of this missionary work would be possible without the prayers and sacrifices of the people of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. The faithful have contributed beyond measure over the last sixty years. Please help to continue this tradition. The annual collection for our Latin America Apostolate will take place in all parishes during the weekend of August 6-7.

Asking God's blessings on you and your families, and grateful for your support of our Latin America Apostolate, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson  
Archbishop of St. Louis

# PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS, NOTES & EVENTS

## Mark your Calendar to Attend this years Homecoming

Friday, September 16th: 6-11 pm  
Dinners from 5:30-8 pm  
Saturday, September 17th: Noon-11 pm;  
Parade @ 11 am  
Dinners from 4:00-8:00 pm  
Rides-Games-Music-Bingo-Food & More

**\$10,000 Raffle** Don't forget to purchase your \$10,000 raffle ticket. Only 300 tickets sold. Purchase a whole ticket with ten spots for \$100 or 1 spot on a ticket, at \$10 a spot, for a fraction of the prize money. If you would like to buy a raffle ticket, please contact the parish office or **NEW THIS YEAR** - visit our website at [www.epiphanystl.org/homecoming-fall-festival](http://www.epiphanystl.org/homecoming-fall-festival) and follow the link to **purchase your ticket online.** (Online Raffle Tickets include a \$2.00 administration fee.)

**Our Parade** will take place on Saturday morning at 11 am. **We are looking for anyone with a convertible or antique car who would like to drive their vehicle in the parade.** Please call the parish office if you would like to participate in this years parade, 314-781-1199.

**Volunteers** Our homecoming is just 9 weeks away!! This is our biggest fundraiser and is only possible with the help of many hands!! Volunteers are needed for many booths, including:

**Alumni Booth---Beer Booth---Clean Up---Country Booth---Gambling Booths---Game Booths  
Inside Food---Outside Food---Pull Tabs---Set Up-Tear Down---Soda Booths---Ted Drewes**

*In the weeks to come there will be sign up sheets at the entrance of church. Please take the time to sign up for an hour or more of your time to help make our Homecoming a huge success!!!* **More information to come!**

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual LASM Watermelon Social** Join Lindenwood Area Senior Ministry as we celebrate summer and one of its sweetest treats...watermelon! This year's social is Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2 pm in Southwest Baptist Church's Fellowship Hall at 6401 Scanlan (park on lower lot behind the church building). We'll be entertained by *The Queens of Swing* as we enjoy watermelon and other sweet refreshments. *The Queens of Swing* is an all-girl band reminiscent of the female bands of the 1940s. Their hour-long show combines music, history and fun! You'll hear the great tunes of the big band era including St. Louis Blues, Stardust and Boogie Woogie Bugle "Girl". Please RSVP to Claire at 314-645-6411. No charge to attend. Donations accepted at the door. Feel free to bring your grandchildren or great-grandchildren along for the fun!

## Annual Silver & Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass

Sunday, September 25, 2016 at 2:30 pm  
**Mass Celebrant:** Archbishop Robert Carlson  
**Location:** Cathedral Basilica - 4431 Lindell Blvd.  
Couples celebrating their **25th, 50th or 50-plus wedding anniversary during 2016** are invited to this annual Mass. Archbishop Robert Carlson will be the celebrant. Family members and friends are invited to join the couples at this special celebration. Couples registered by **September 10** will have their names and wedding date printed in the program and receive a certificate of congratulations. You may register online by visiting [archstl.org/jubileemass](http://archstl.org/jubileemass). If you would like more information, please contact the Office of Laity & Family Life at 314.792.7170.

**THANK YOU** for your generosity to the Daughters of Mary of Tabora, Tanzania Thank you for your warm welcome and support for the Community of the Daughters of Mary and the work they are doing to help the poor and orphaned children in Tanzania. Your generous support of the Community will continue to make a difference in the lives of those in need throughout the entire year. Thank you to all for your generosity. Be assured also of our prayers and may God bless you always. Rev. Augustine Mahonge

**Mother of Good Counsel Home**, a skilled nursing home, will host its 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, September 26, at Glen Echo County Club. Registration will begin at 10:00 a.m. with a lunch at 11:00 a.m. and tee-time at noon. The dinner auction will begin at 5 pm.

The golf event features a four-person scramble, numerous contests and a dinner/awards banquet. The cost for individual players is \$250 per person, which includes play, carts, putting green practice, lunch, goody bag, dinner and an open bar. The Dinner and Auction can be attended for \$50 per person. For more information, contact Marsha Heine at 314-383-4765 or [mheine@mogch.org](mailto:mheine@mogch.org).



## Homebound/Nursing Home Residents & Hospital

Please call the parish office if you are a loved one is homebound or in a nursing home. We would love to stay in touch and help attend to you spiritual needs.

Due to HIPAA Laws churches are no longer called when a parishioner enters the hospital. If you are someone you know is currently in or plan on entering the hospital and would like us to visit or to add your name to the prayer list, please call the parish office, 781-1199.

**Catholic Radio** Try an easy way of learning more about your Catholic Faith. Listen to **AM 1080 WRYT Catholic radio.** For a program schedule (314) 752-7000.

**St. Patrick's Backpacks** Thank you to all donated a backpack to the needy of St. Patrick's Center. We received more than 20 backpacks!

St. Patrick Center Provides opportunities for self-sufficiency and dignity to people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Individuals and families build permanent, positive change in their lives through safe and affordable housing, sound mental and physical health, and employment and financial stability.

