

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.

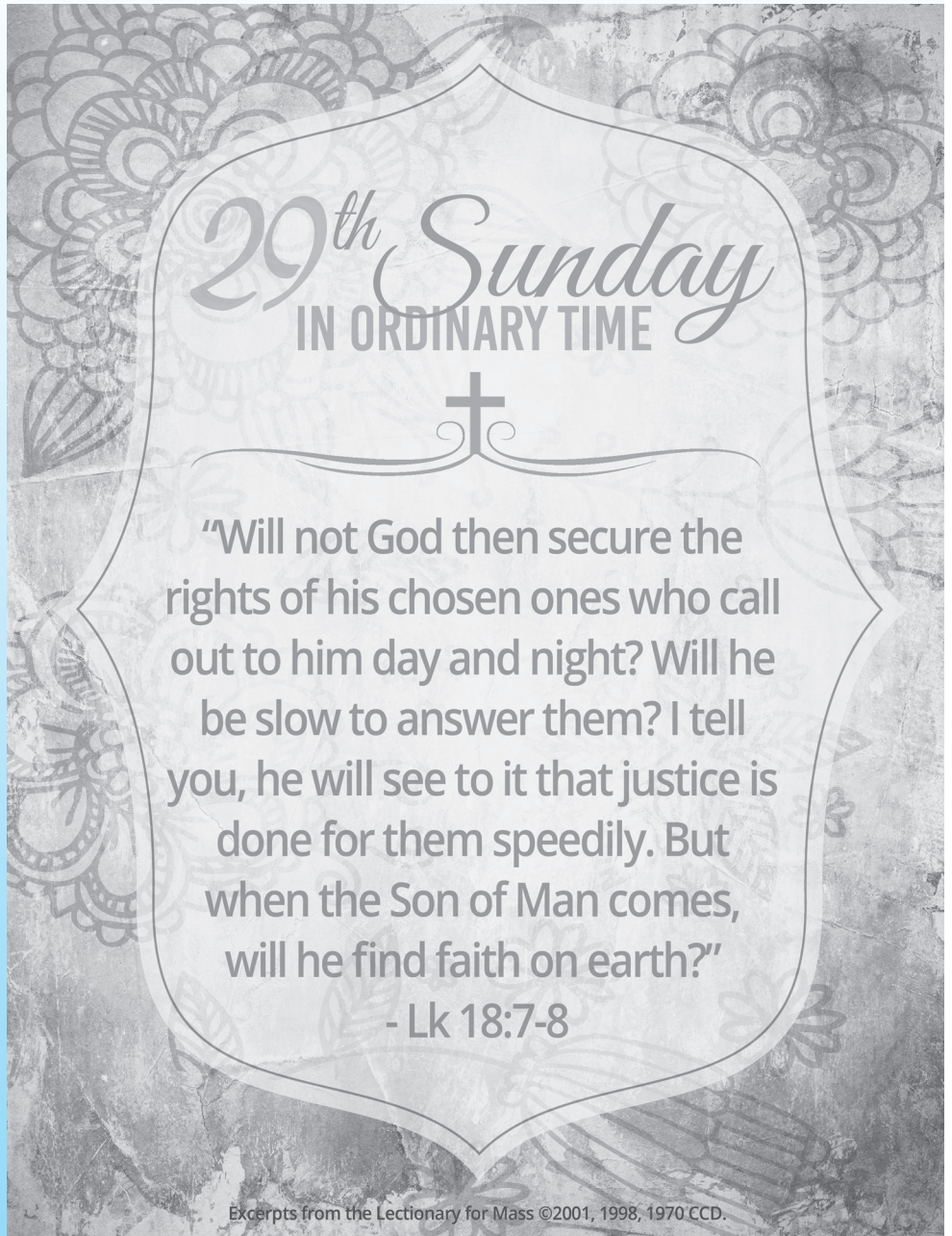
Marriages: Contact the priest at least 9
months prior to the wedding date.

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.



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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 16, 2016

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LIVING OUR FAITH

From the Desk of Fr. Thomas Pastorius,

1. Faith and Family Programs:

Faith and Family Programming this week October 18th will be at 6:30 Blue Knights, Little Flowers, & Young Disciples and at 7 PM Pillars of the Faith.

2. Weekly Shout Out

I think that it is truly awesome that our parish has a group of people dedicated to raising funds for BackStoppers and Cardinal Glennon Hospital. Therefore, this week's shout out goes to all who support the efforts of the Msgr. Sullivan society.

3. Donut Sunday October 23rd and Sale

Even before Homecoming was over with people were asking if we were going to keep selling the brand new Epiphany T-shirts. So, we will be selling them at our next Donut Sunday (October 23rd). The cost is \$12 (S-L) and \$15 (XL-XXXL). These are great quality colored shirts with a multi-color design on them.

4. Election Information

In this week's bulletin you should find a copy of Archbishop Carlson's column on election. This is part 3 of a 4 part series. Please go to www.epiphanystl.org to read the rest. Our parish Pro-Life Committee will be hosting a special praying of the rosary on November 1st at 6:30 PM in the Church. The following is a prayer for the United States Bishops for this year's election:

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/ state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community. We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty. We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender. We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom. We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

5. Grocery Certificate

Unfortunately, we did not sell out our Homecoming Raffle and so we are still in need of money to pay off our new Church AC unit. One great way for our parish to make up the difference is through our grocery certificate program because there is no added cost to you. If you spend \$100 on Shop and Save a week for 52 weeks you would have spent \$5,200 in one year. If you would participate in our grocery certificate program, the Church would have gotten 5% of that and you would have made a donation to the Church of \$260.00. If 300 parishioners did that each week the parish would get \$78,000 annually. We also earn percentages off of sales from department stores and restaurants. For a full listing visit the Great Lakes Scrip website: <https://www.shopwithscrip.com>.

6. Altar of Remembrance

During the month of November we will, once again, erect our Altar of the Remembrance. We invite you to bring pictures with your deceased loved ones and place them on this special altar during the month of November. (Please mark the back of the photos so that they can be returned at the end of the month.)

7. All Saints Day

All Saints Day is November 1st and as is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times will be 8 AM and 7 PM. The 5:30 PM Mass will be cancelled that day.

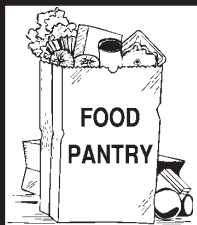
8. Blessed Virgin Mary October Madness

Seminarians Chris Smith and Sudeep rolled the dice after the 8 AM Mass on Sunday October 9. The following Titles of Mary advanced to the next round. (To see complete scores go to our website: epiphanystl.org.)

ROUND 2 WINNERS & ROUND 3 COMPETITORS

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| 1. Our Lady of Guadalupe vs. our Lady Help of Christians | 2. Queen of Saints vs. Queen of Peace |
| 3. Mother of Good Counsel vs. Mother of Church | 4. Salve Regina vs. New Ark of Covenant |

God bless,
Fr. Tom



St. Vincent DePaul needs your help. Our food pantry is getting really low on many items and we really need help replenishing our shelves. If you could pick up an item or two when you do your grocery shopping this week and drop them in the basket in church, that would really help. We are in need of the following items: canned fruit, cereal (adult & Children varieties), pasta sauce, dried pasta, canned pasta (ravioli, spaghettiO's, etc.), toilet paper, pork & beans, rice, mac & cheese, canned chili mild or medium, bath soap, and shampoo.

We are also looking for new members. If you are interested in helping needy families in our parish or have questions regarding our group please call Trish in the rectory, 781-1199 and we will contact you.

Attention All High Schoolers Please join us this Wednesday, October 19th from 7-9 pm at Bishop DuBourg High School. We will be welcoming Brian Miller and talking about Jesus & the Poor - service project included! More information can be found at www.saintlouislifeteen.org.

SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED - In order to be able to provide scholarships for our March for Life pilgrimage, we are in need of your generosity! Please make checks out to "Epiphany of Our Lord" and send them to 6596 Smiley Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63139. More information can be found at www.saintlouislifeteen.org/investinouryouth

LIVING OUR FAITH

Spiritual Ponderings

Images of Blessed Virgin Mary

St. John Vianney once wrote: "Only after the Last Judgment will Mary get any rest; from now until then, she is much too busy with her children." A true mother loves all her children and while the relationship between mother and child may change over the years the love that a good mother has never diminishes. This made most evident in our next image of the Blessed Virgin Mary from Ann Ball's book: *The Other Faces Of Mary: Stories, Devotions and Pictures of the Holy Virgin around the World*. This image has been entitled: Our Lady of Montligeon and in its original form it was a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary lifting souls out of the fires of purgatory and placing them into the heavens.



"Yes" we Catholics still believe in Purgatory. The doctrine of purgatory simply states that there is a place/time after death where a person receives a final cleansing or purifying (often depicted as fire) of our desire to sin and/or our love of sin is removed from us. Since I am a visual person, I like to think of purgatory as a sort of drug rehab center for sinners. In a drug rehab center, I have to go through withdraws of getting the drug out of my system and even though it is for my own benefit it is a painful process, but I cannot be healed until the drugs are out of my system. Spiritually, I have to get rid of my desire to sin before I can enter God's loving presence forever. As an ex-drug user learns healthier ways to deal with the situations in his or her life; a sinner learns how to forgive instead of holding grudges. A sinner has to learn how to handle temptation without sinning. In the same way that a person in a drug rehab center can receive encouragement from family and friends through letters and phone calls a person in purgatory can receive encouragement through prayers of both the living (us) and the dead (Mary and the Saints).

The Blessed Virgin Mary are extra special because Mary's prayers would be like receiving a prayer from our own mother, someone famous, and someone in great authority, for she is also the Queen of Heaven. Her words to us are the same words of encouragements that she gave to the servants at the Wedding Feast of Cana - "Do whatever he tells you!" We would do well to follow this advice.

I think it also important to point out that love is what changes us in Purgatory. The more we come to grasp how much God loves us, the less desire we have to commit sin. Our Lady of Montligeon should also remind us that the dead are connected to us through the Church and the Communion of Saints. We should trust in their prayers for us and we should help them with our prayers.

"Even while living in this world, the heart of Mary was so filled with tenderness and compassion for men, that no one ever suffered so much for his own pains as Mary suffered for the pains of others." - Saint Jerome-

Our Lady of Montligeon Prayer:

Our Lady Liberty, have mercy on all our departed loved ones, especially on those who are most in need of the Lord's mercy. Intercede for those who have gone before us that the purifying love of God may lead them to full deliverance. May our prayer, united with the prayer of the whole Church, obtain for them a joy beyond all their desires, and bring consolation and relief to our loved ones in their suffering and distress. Mother of the Church, help us, pilgrims on earth, to better live each day of our journey towards the Resurrection. Heal our wounds of heart and soul. Help us to become witnesses of the Unseen God, seeking already the things that the eye cannot see. Grant us the grace of becoming apostles of Hope, like watchmen waiting for the dawn. Refuge of sinners and Queen of all Saints gather us all one day, in Our Father's House, or the eternal Easter, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 147 Gospel LK 18:1-8

Spiritual Reflection: Some of the most uncaring judges in the world exist in the "Court of Popularity." These judges love to condemn others in order to make themselves look better. They are not afraid of anything except their own survival. Sadly though we often turn to these judges over and over again asking for their forgiveness, and for their approval instead of turning to God who is the just judge who sees our worth and loves us for our sake.

Spiritual Questions:

1. Who defines who you are?
2. When have you been a merciless judge? Why?
3. How can you turn to God for your identity?
4. Did the judge end up doing justice for justice sake or simply did the right thing for another selfish reason?
5. Why does God love you?



October is Pro Life Month... 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign has begun and will end Sunday November 6th. This is a focused, 40 day, daily twelve hour prayer vigil outside the Planned Parenthood center at 4251 Forest Park Parkway. We are asked to join other Christians of our community to participate in this peaceful, prayerful vigil as often as we can, for as much time as we can. Prayer is powerful as over 150 babies have been saved from this center so far in 2016. God hears and answers our prayers!

Project Rachel is a spiritual support group for post-abortion women, held on the 4th Thursday of every month at 7 PM. Contact Marisol at 314-792-7451 or mpfaff@archstl.org.

Project Joseph is a spiritual support for post-abortion men, held on the 1st Monday of every month at 7 PM. Contact Chuck at 314-974-6787 or craymjr@sbcglobal.net.

Please pick up the current copy of the Pro-Life at the entrances of the church. It is our responsibility to be informed on ALL Life issues.

LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, October 16

8:00 am Parishioners
10:30 am Robert Toney

Monday, October 17

8:00 am Deceased Members of the Thien Family

Tuesday, October 18

8:00 am Morning Prayer
5:30 pm Mark Carroll, Jr.

Wednesday, October 19

8:00 am Rosalie Hueing

Thursday, October 20

8:00 am Special Intentions

Friday, October 21

8:00 am Ron Hickman

Saturday, October 22

8:00 am Poor Souls in Purgatory
5:00 pm John Jankowski

Sunday, October 23

8:00 am Dorothy & Elda Naggi
10:30 am Parishioners



In Loving Memory In your kindness, please pray for the repose of the soul of Ronald Barr, brother of Richard (Marilyn) Barr and Patricia Barr. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday - Saturday October 17-22

- 7:30 am - Rosary, Church

Sunday, October 16

- 9:00 am - Bible Study, AR
- 9:15 am - Little Lambs, RBF
- 10:15 am RCIA, CMR
- 10:30 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB
- 11:30 am - 4:30 pm - Backstoppers, Gym

Monday, October 17

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 10:00 am - Epiphany Ladies Guild Card Social, AR
- 5-8:00 pm - GSA Soccer, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts, Upper Hall

Tuesday, October 18

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 5-8:00 pm - GSA Soccer, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 6:30 pm - Blue Knights, Little Flowers, & Young Disciples, UH
- 7:00 PM Pillars of the Faith, CMR

Wednesday, October 19

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 5-8:00 pm - GSA Soccer, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 6:30 pm - Bells Practice, Church
- 7:30 pm - Choir Practice, Church

Thursday, October 20

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 5-8:00 pm - GSA Soccer, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:30 pm - Prayer Group, Church

Friday, October 21

- 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, October 22

- 6:00 pm - Chili Cook Off/Trunk R Treat, Gym

Sunday, October 23

- 9:00 am - Bible Study, AR
- 9:15 am - Little Lambs, RBF
- 10:15 am RCIA, CMR

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND & SICK OF OUR PARISH

Ethan Strauss	Ethan Sonderman	Mary Hipskind
Pat Wallis	Chris Perron	Dominic Caputa
Daniel Barr	George Limpert	Thelma Boggiano
Toni Berberich	Jean Montrey	Joe Lopez
Bernice Connor	Jade Nesselhauf	Bob Kozemczak
Mary Mosblech	Mark Preiss	Nanette & Don McPherson

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 16, 2016

Sunday:	Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-8/2 Tm 3:14--4:2/ Lk 18:1-8
Monday:	Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1-5/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday:	2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9
Wednesday:	Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-6/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday:	Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/ Lk 12:49-53
Friday:	Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday:	Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-5/Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday:	Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

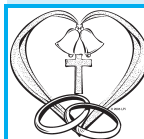
Sunday Collection

General Fund	\$4,449.00
General Fund Loose	\$163.76
General Fund Online ..	\$1,799.00
Total.....	\$6,411.76

OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF OCT. 8-9, 2016

All Saints	\$2.00
All Souls	\$2.00
Flood Victims	\$7.00
Flower Power	\$50.00
Little Sisters of the Poor ..	\$45.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$97.00
Mission Sunday	\$87.00
Permanent Diaconate	\$67.00
SVDP Online	45.00
Votive	\$54.00
Debt	\$70.00(YTD)
Tuition Assistance	\$7.00
Tuition Assistance Online ..	\$528.00(YTD)
Endowment Fund	\$10.00(YTD)

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



II Emily Barden, Epiphany & Brandon Reinert, Holy Spirit.
Wedding at Epiphany on Saturday, October 22, 2016 at 2:00 pm.

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS, NOTES & EVENTS

Ladies Guild News...Our monthly card social will be held on Monday, October 17th at 10:00 am in the Assumption Room. Come join us, bring your own lunch, we will provide coffee and dessert.

The regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 26 at 11:30 am in the Assumption Room. Let us just have an old-fashioned afternoon of bonding with our friends. Bring your own lunch, we will provide coffee and dessert. "Happy Spooky Halloween".

Epiphany Chili Cookoff/GSA Trunk OR Treat

will be held Saturday October 22th at 6:00 pm in the gym. Bring a pot of your home made chili and enter the contest or just come join us for a snack and the fellowship! We will judge the chili entries, award prizes, and enjoy hot dogs and chili. To enter the contest, volunteer or for more information call Diane Calvert 314.922.3673. We need help with judging, food setup and clean up, general clean up after event, etc. Come join us for a fun evening, and don't forget to tour the parking lot Trunk or Treat!

Diaper Bank Diaper Collection This year, we set out to collect over 100,000 diapers and to raise awareness and support for Diaper Need in the St. Louis region. **When all was said and done we collected over 100,000 diapers and received enough cash donations to purchase an additional 50,000.**

THANK YOU to everyone who donated diapers, volunteered time, and offered financial support to the diaper bank during this important time. We were overwhelmed with the response!

*****Epiphany collected a total of 3000 wipes and 3113 diapers!**

Scholarships St. Mary's High School has established five new scholarships for incoming freshmen based on the five Characteristics of Marianist Education. Multiple scholarships will be awarded for the first four.

- Embodied in Faith Scholarship: For students actively involved in a youth group.
- Empowered by Excellence Scholarship: For students scoring in the 90% or above on standardized testing.
- Family Spirit Scholarship: For students who are the sons or grandsons of an alumni of St. Mary's High School.
- Service Justice and Peace Scholarship: For students who are actively involved in community service at a charitable or community organization outside of school.
- Adaptation and Change Scholarship: For one young man who has gone through some type of traumatic or life-changing event within the last 2 years.

We have also added another 4 scholarships emphasizing STREAM. Only one scholarship will be awarded for each.

- STEM Scholarship: For one student who scores in the 90% or above in Math and Science Standardized testing.
- St. Mary's Music Scholarship: For one student who plays a musical instrument and is an active participant in either his school band or an outside music group.
- St. Mary's Fine Arts Scholarship: For one student who is artistically talented and/or involved in theatre.
- Boy Scout Scholarship: For one student who is actively involved in Boy Scouts.

These scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$3,000 and are renewable all 4 years under certain conditions. In addition, all families are welcome to apply for additional tuition assistance if needed. All scholarship applications can be found on our website at www.stmaryshs.com under the admissions tab. You may also contact the admissions director at 314-481-8400 ext. 110 or admissions@stmaryshs.com to obtain applications.

Adoption Agency Meet & Greet (Building Arizona Families) Adoption is a beautiful option. This meet and greet is open to anyone interested in adoption. Professional, experienced staff will be available with program materials, contracts, and to answer any questions regarding Domestic Adoption or International Adoption. If you have previously adopted with Building Arizona Families, we would love to see you and your family! October 22, 2016 from 1-4 pm - Springhill Suites St. Louis Brentwood, Meeting Room A - 1231 Strassner Drive, Brentwood, MO 63144 - www.buildingarizonafamilies.com

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows

Living with Cancer: Blessing? Burden? Both?? A day of Renewal for Cancer survivors and Caregivers with Raine Fahey Saturday, October 29th from 9 am-3 pm. The hope of this program is to inspire, inform and support those who are living with this disease, those who are survivors and those who support them. Cost: Free - Registration required as lunch is provided. For more information, call 618-397-6700 ext. 6270/snows.org/programs.

Volunteers Needed Calling all youth/young adults who are looking for service hours for Confirmation, CYO, Key Clubs, Honor Society, etc. or social outreach activities. The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows needs volunteers for our annual Way of Lights, beginning November 18 and ending on December 31. We need greeters to welcome guests to the Christmas tree display inside the Shrine Visitors Center each evening from 5-9 pm. Volunteers under age 16 need to be accompanied by an adult. If you are interested, please email programs@snows.org.

Leftover Christmas Cards We would like to send Christmas cards to our parish shut ins and we need your help in doing so. Please bring in your leftover Christmas cards and place them in the basket located in the main vestibule of church. Help us in letting our shut ins know they are not forgotten!

2016 Epiphany Co-ed Volleyball Tournament

This tournament is a fundraiser for Epiphany Friends Forever formerly Epiphany Sports Association. The proceeds will go towards the maintenance of the gym and fields as well as St. Raphaels 8th Grade Mystery trip.

The tournament is scheduled for Friday November, 4th and Saturday November, 5th. The entry fee for each team is \$75.00 made payable to Epiphany Friends Forever. All participants must be age 18 or older. It is always a great time!!!!

Due to shortage of referee's we are asking that each team provide a ref for the game immediately following your game.

Please send your check and entry form to: Toni Otis
6244 Odell St. St. Louis, MO 63139
314-322-0568--toni.otis@yahoo.com

Team Name: _____

Coach: _____

Coach's Phone Number: _____

Coach's email address: _____