



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 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.



Pentecost

Receive the Holy Spirit

**PENTECOST SUNDAY
JUNE 4, 2017**

Phone: 314-781-1199 Fax: 314-645-8760
Sacramental Emergency After Hours Line: 314-260-6261
www.epiphanystl.org

LIVING OUR FAITH

FROM THE DESK OF FR. THOMAS PASTORIUS

1. Transition

I am sure by now that everyone has heard that I will be moving to St. Joseph's parish in Manchester at the end of June and the beginning of July. I want to thank each of you for making Epiphany such a great assignment. I think that we have accomplished a lot as a parish and I hope more importantly that we have all grown closer to God. Please know that I am grateful for each of you and I will hold you all in your prayers. Please pray for me.

2. Thank You

It has become very evident to me with the recent round of transfers that St. Louis is beginning to feel the vocation crunch more now than ever and so in a way I would like to thank everyone who helped celebrate Fr. Lampe's ordination. The dinner Saturday night that the parish hosted for him and his family, his first Mass, and the reception afterwards were all visible signs of how we at Epiphany do our best to promote vocations. Please keep praying for seminarians and for those who are ordained.

3. Cow Patty Bingo June 3, 2017

Thank you to everyone who helped with our cow patty bingo Saturday.

God bless,
Fr. Tom

PRO-LIFE MATTERS Archdiocese Lawsuit vs City of St. Louis - Please pray that the St. Louis Archdiocese and other Christian Organizations will win the Federal lawsuit filed in the U.S. District Court regarding City Ordinance 70459 (formerly known as BB203). The Ordinance violates Religious freedom and rights under the U.S. Constitution and several Missouri laws. See St Louis Review article or go to jbrinker@archstl.org.

Breast Cancer Healing Mass - Saturday June 10, 2017 at St Mary Magdalen Brentwood at 9:30 AM. Pray for those who have survived Cancer and remember those who have gone before us. Celebrant will be Rev. Jack Siefert.

If you have not been at the St. Therese alcove, please stop by for an update of the Parish Spiritual Adoption. Pick up a prayer card and pray for the unborn baby.

Project Rachel Annual Weekend Retreat is August 11-13, 2017. For more information contact Marisol 314-792-7451 mpfaff@archstl.org.

Project Joseph Retreat September 16, 2017 For more information contact Chuck 314-974-6787 craymir@sbcglobal.net.

Rumage Sale - St Paul Fenton Annual Respect Life Rummage Sale June 9-10 from 7am-1pm. Lots of household items, tools and furniture. No clothing. For more information contact Mary Robben robbenm@wustl.edu. Proceeds go to Pro-Life organizations.

LIFE TEEN Attention All Highschoolers! Join us this Wednesday, June 7th from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg High School as we kick off our summer series! We will hear a witness talk, play games, and grow in community. Please see www.saintlouislifeteen.org for more information and to keep up to date on all our summer happenings!

Help Needed As previously announced Lynn Kloecker will not be leading the Adopt-A-Person Christmas Program for residents of Kasey Paige Assisted Living Nursing Home. We are looking for someone to take this over. Epiphany has been providing this program for 16 years. It is not difficult to do and Lynn will assist you this year. If you are interested or would like more information call Lynn at 636-59-1164.

Donate a Purse and Help an Orphan

In His Hands is a non-profit organization dedicated to orphan care and adoption support. We are currently collecting designer handbags, watches and jewelry items for our upcoming silent auction fundraiser to help an orphan in need, *Totes for Orphans* on August 3, 6-10 at Whitmoor Country Club. Email: Linda@InHisHandsOrphans.org or visit www.InHisHandsOrphans.org for more info.

Stewardship "To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." 1 CORINTHIANS 12:7 To receive the gift of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and let Him in! Open your heart and be grateful for all the gifts God has given us. Regardless of your circumstance, God has given us all blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God. Generously sharing our gifts keeps us more "God-centered" and less "self-centered".

World Apostolate of Fatima To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Fatima Message, Monsignor Eugene Morris will conduct a Fatima Symposium on Thursday, July 13 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 4092 Blow Street. Registration begins at 8 AM and the program concludes at 3 PM. Monsignor will speak on the importance of the Fatima Message for today. Mass, Rosary, Confessions and Benediction will be part of the program. The cost is \$20 which includes lunch. To make a reservation by July 3, send a check payable to the World Apostolate of Fatima and mail to 6009 Heege Road, Saint Louis, MO. 63123. For questions call Celeste, (314) 918-8323.



We welcome into our parish family our newly baptized:

John Andrew Albers, II

Congratulations to the proud parents and families of our newest members! May the blessing of the Lord be always upon them!

LIVING OUR FAITH

Spiritual Ponderings

Sacred Scripture

Saint Jerome wrote "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." It is therefore important for Catholics from time to time to refresh and expand their knowledge of Scripture. I hope that this month's reflections will help you grow in your knowledge of Scripture.

One day little Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday school. "Well, Mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt. When he got the Red Sea, he had his army build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across the bridge to safety. Finally, he radioed headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and trap all the Egyptians on the other side so that the Israelites were all safe."

"Now, Joey, is this really what your teacher taught you?" his mother asked.

"We, no, Mom, but if I told you what the teacher told us you would never believe it!" Joe answered.

The preceding story/joke hints at one of the problems that our world has today with Sacred Scripture. Most of people no longer read the stories of the Scripture within a sense of awe and wonder because we have heard the stories so many times before. The phrase "familiarity breathes contempt" certainly applies to many people's experience of Scripture. It is not that we don't like Scripture but rather we do not treat it with the respect it deserves. We are not letting it penetrate into the core of our being so that it can shape us. Our lack of awe when it comes to the Bible has led many people into totally misunderstanding the Bible and the Church's teaching on Sacred Scripture. The following are ten guidelines that help me understand Sacred Scripture better.

1. Word of God

We Catholics believe that Bible is truly the Word of God but God did not dictate the Bible word for word to the Biblical authors. We believe God inspired the Biblical authors within the context of their day. For example, God did not whisper into the ear of the author of Genesis how exactly created the world in seven days. Instead we believe the author inspired by God to write about how God brings order out of Chaos used the idea of God creating the world in seven days to teach us that world was not an accident but was deliberately planned by God. It is in this way that we believe God inspired the Biblical writers.

This inspires me to even greater amazement that God could painstakingly inspire each author through his or her cultural experiences to write about Him in the way that He wanted. It would have been easier for Him to just divinely dictate to someone. God though does take short cuts. He is an expert craftsman.

The Bible is yet another way God communicates with us that both protects our free will and requires a little bit of faith on our part.

2. Sacred Scripture and Tradition

Someone texted me the other day a yes or no question and I responded by typing "y" for yes. I was caught off guard a few moments later when I received another text explaining why the person had asked the first question. I quickly realized that he had mistaken the "y" I used to symbolize for my yes for "y" that might symbolize the question why. This was, once again, another reminder of how important context is when communicating with others.

God in His wisdom gave us not only the Bible but also a key from which to make sure that we are interpreting the Bible in the correct way. This key, we call Tradition with a capital "T". Tradition helps us interpret the Scriptures in the way that God intended us to.

Many Protestant faiths declare that we should only follow Scripture the problem with that is twofold. The first is nowhere is Scripture does it say that Scripture alone should be used and secondly Scripture can be interpreted differently if we do not have a common frame of reference. For example Jesus tells his followers one moment that they must "Hate their father and mother..." If we do not have tradition we run the risk of interpreting this in a very literal sense.

A Marriage Encounter weekend is a special way to celebrate and enhance your marriage. If you are interested in rekindling the same awareness's you had in your dating days, apply for a weekend on August 4-6 or September 22-24. See our website at www.stl-wwme.org or call 314.649.7317.

Pentecost Sunday Mass during the Day

Lectionary: 63 Gospel JN 20:19-23

Spiritual Reflection: St. Ambrose wrote the following about a person who receives the Holy Spirit: "Remember, then, that you received a spiritual seal, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of knowledge and reverence, the spirit of holy fear. Keep safe what you received. God the Father sealed you, Christ the Lord strengthened you and sent the Spirit into your hearts as the pledge of what is to come."

Spiritual Questions:

1. Which gift of the Holy Spirit do you rely upon the most?
2. Which gift of the Holy Spirit do you lack or wish you had more of?
3. What does it mean "to be sealed"?
4. Compare the above passage with John 14:27?
5. How can you grow in knowledge or appreciation of the Holy Spirit?

LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Pentecost Sunday, June 4
 8:00 am Zoe Ann Franek
 10:30 am Parishioners

Monday, June 5
 8:00 am Catherine Mannion

Tuesday, June 6
 8:00 am Morning Prayer
 5:30 pm Sam Murabito

Wednesday, June 7
 8:00 am Dwayne Ohls

Thursday, June 8
 8:00 am Don & Sean Welby

Friday, June 9
 8:00 am Leo & Ann Bereswill

Saturday, June 10
 8:00 am Joseph & Mary Cresce
 5:00 pm Ann Bommarito

Sunday, June 11
The Most Holy Trinity
 8:00 am Parishioners
 10:30 am Vincent Winterer



OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday - Saturday June 5 - June 10

- 7:30 am - Rosary, Church

Sunday, June 4

- 9:00 am - Bible Study, AR
- 10:30 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB
- 11:30 am - Liturgy Committee Meeting, CMR
- 7:00 pm RCIA, CMR

Monday, June 5

- 8:00 am - 2:30 pm - GSA Summer School, UH
- 5-10:00 pm - EFF T-Ball, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts, Upper Hall

Tuesday, June 6

- 8:00 am - 2:30 pm - GSA Summer School, UH
- 5-10:00 pm - EFF T-Ball, Msgr. Sullivan Field

Wednesday, June 7

- 8:00 am - 2:30 pm - GSA Summer School, UH
- 5-10:00 pm - EFF T-Ball, Msgr. Sullivan Field

Thursday, June 8

- 8:00 am - 2:30 pm - GSA Summer School, UH
- 5-10:00 pm - EFF T-Ball, Msgr. Sullivan Field

Friday, June 9

- 8:00 am - 2:30 pm - GSA Summer School, UH
- 3:30-6:30 pm - Dance, UH

Saturday, June 10

Sunday, June 11

- 9:00 am - Bible Study, AR
- 10:15 am - Little Lambs, RBF
- 10:30 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB
- 7:00 pm RCIA, CMR

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND & SICK OF OUR

Korey Tacchi	Sheryl McPherson	Dorothy Lauman
Dominic Caputa	Jade Nesselhauf	Becky Lott
Katie Shinn	Ethan Sonderman	Kathleen Price
Mary Hipskind	Ethan Strauss	Toni Berberich
Daniel J. Barr	Eric Frazier	David McCain
Tim Varble	Nanette McPherson	Mary Murphy

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 4, 2017

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52-56 or Ps 19:8-11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8/Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-6/Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-9/Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-5ab, 6, 7bc-9/Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-5/Mk 12:28-34

Friday: Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-10/Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh-8/Mk 12:38-44

Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52-56/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 27-28, 2017

Sunday Collection

General Fund	\$3,170.00
General Fund Loose	\$192.75
General Fund Online	427.00
Total	\$3,789.75

Ascension	\$15.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$70.00
Mother's Day	\$2.00
SVDP	\$1,503.00
Votive	\$25.00

Debt	\$	\$95.00(YTD)
Tuition Assistance	\$	\$1,662.00(YTD)
Endowment Fund	\$	\$265.00(YTD)



Our Lady of Sorrows - OLStars Presents

"The Best of 25 Years" Tickets are on sale for this year's production of OLStars Presents "The Best of 25 Years" featuring songs and performers from shows that span from the first show in 1993 up to 2016. Tickets are \$7.00 each. Show dates are June 22, 23 and 24 at 7:30 p.m. and June 25 at 2 p.m. in Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall at 5030 Rhodes Avenue. Tickets can be purchased in advance by contacting Dolly at 314-285-7093. Tickets will also be on sale in front of the Parish Hall after all masses on June 10/11 and June 17/18. Choose the date best for you and come join the fun.

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS, NOTES & EVENTS



Epiphany Gift Certificate Program

Now that our Cow Patty Bingo is over, we need to continue making our ongoing fundraisers as profitable as possible. The Epiphany gift certificate program is our easiest fundraiser; it is the only fundraiser that allows the parish to earn money at no additional cost to you! We have an abundance of in-stock certificates on hand. Please see the list below. We can also place special orders for you on Monday and have your gift cards here by Thursday or Friday. All you need do is to buy your gift cards before shopping and the church **earns 5% OR MORE on every sale & you get dollar for dollar on your purchase!** For more information or to place a special order, contact Trish at 314-781-1199.

Please see one of the volunteers at the entrance of church to make your purchase today!

Grocery Stores	% Earned	Denominations
Dierbergs	5%	\$25 \$100
LeGrand's	3%	\$10 \$20
Shop-n-Save	5%	\$10 \$25
		\$100
Department Stores		
Target	2.5%	\$25 \$100
Walmart/Sam's Club	3%	\$25 \$100 \$250
Kohl's	5%	\$10 \$25
		\$100
Restaurants	10% Earned for All	
Biggie's		\$25
Chris's		\$10
El Paisano's		\$10 \$20
Panera's		\$10 \$25
Joey B's		\$25
Michael's		\$25
Pietro's		\$10 \$25
Pharmacies		
CVS	6%	\$25
		\$100
Walgreens	6%	\$25
		\$100

Check out our limited supply of the following gift cards:

Applebee's (\$25)	Arby's (\$10)	Bath & Body (\$10)
Chili's (\$25)	Home Depot (\$25)	
Jack in the Box (\$10)	O'Charley's (\$25)	
Pizza Hut (\$10)	Starbucks (\$10-\$25)	
Taco Bell (\$10)	Wendy's (\$10)	
JC Penney (\$25)	Bath & Body Works (\$10)	
Burger King (\$10)	Subway (\$10)	
Red Lobster/Olive Garden (\$25)		
Steak n' Shake \$10	Krispy Kreme (\$10)	
Bass Pro (\$25)	TJ Maxx (\$25)	

FLEA MARKET

WE NEED YOUR TREASURES!



Items for Flea Market can be dropped off in the gym beginning Thursday, June 8th from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm and continuing through Thursday, June 22nd. You may also drop off your donations on Saturdays, June 10 and June 17, 2017 from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm Thank you so much for helping us.

FLEA MARKET DATES & TIMES:

Friday, June 23rd (Early Bird - \$3.00 Fee), 6-8:00 pm
 Saturday, June 24th, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
 Sunday, June 25th, 11:30 am - 2:30 pm

Sow loving Seeds of Hope for your neighbors in need!

Pope Francis said, "Poverty calls us to sow seeds of hope." Join faith-filled St. Louisans in support of the life-changing work of St. Francis Community Services (SFCS) at the 2nd Annual Seeds of Hope Gala, Saturday, June 17, 6:00 - 9:30 p.m., St. Louis Hilton at the Ballpark. SFCS' ministries include Southside Center, which provides healthcare, education, counseling and more to immigrant families; Catholic Legal Assistance Ministry (CLAM), which provides legal services for the poor and marginalized including Veterans Advocacy; Long-Term Disaster Recovery, which provides support for recent flood victims, and Pathways to Progress, which empowers families in North County. Seeds of Hope guests will enjoy attendance prizes, cocktails, dinner, silent and live auctions, first-person stories of faith, love and hope in action, and the presentation of the Instrument of Peace Award to Mr. Donald Beimdiek who has redefined retirement with ageless grace and loving service - all led by Mike Roberts, former KSDK Meteorologist. For tickets contact Owen at 314-256-5997 / ogrif-fith@ccstl.org, or visit www.sfcstl.org.

Vacation Bible School,



Volunteers Needed...Would you consider volunteering a morning or two of your time as a volunteer for Epiphany's Vacation Bible School? 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 music/song leader

Snack preparation (at night)

Supervision of children groups - no prep required.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Kathy: epiphanyoffourlordvbs@gmail.com, or by phone at 799-7516.

Mark your Calendars... We are excited to be offering a Vacation Bible School again this summer! Parents, save the date for the week of July 24-28 each morning from 8 am - 11:30 am. VBS is open to all children from all parishes OR faith backgrounds, ages 4 years to 5th grade, so invite friends.



Princess Dance Camp Begins June 9th - July 28th Dance Classes are held on Fridays in Epiphany Upper Gym for ages 3 thru 14 - 5pm to 6pm - Eight Classes for \$70. Offering: Tap, Ballet, Jazz, Pom, Musical Theater, & Hip Hop. Dance Director Tina Stemmler is Dance Master Certified with BA in Dance from Webster University. Please Contact Miss Tina for more

Information at (314) 680-2613.