



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.



12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of
them falls to the ground without your Father’s knowledge...
So do not be afraid; you are worth more than
many sparrows.” - Mt 10:29, 31

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LIVING OUR FAITH

FROM THE DESK OF FR. THOMAS PASTORIUS

1. Words from a Grateful Heart

How blest I have been to have served at a parish with parishioners who are so hard to say goodbye to. I hope we stay in touch but above all let us keep each other in our prayers.

God bless,
Fr. Tom

Prolife Matters Please continue to pray for the special legislative session that Gov. Eric Greitens has called. On June 1 a Senate committee passed bills SB 1,5 and 6 focusing on protections for pregnancy resource centers and proposals for health and safety standards in abortion clinics. The bills also would preempt local governments from enacting local laws that adversely affect legal rights of individuals based on their view of abortion. The full Senate was expected to hear the bills on June 14. Contact your state senator and representative and encourage them to vote for this legislation.

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 [@sbcglobal.net](mailto:craymir@sbcglobal.net).

LIFETEEN Attention all highschoolers! We will NOT Ave having our regular life teen meeting this week on June 28 - instead, we will be joining St. Gabriel the Archangel for their Totus Tuus summer programming. Please see saintlouislifeteen.org for more information.

Stewardship "Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father." **MATTHEW 10:32** Do you share your Catholic faith with others? Do you defend your Catholic faith or do you remain silent when the situation arises? Do you pray in public before meals? Pray for the strength and courage to be a joyful witness of our Catholic faith when the opportunity presents itself.

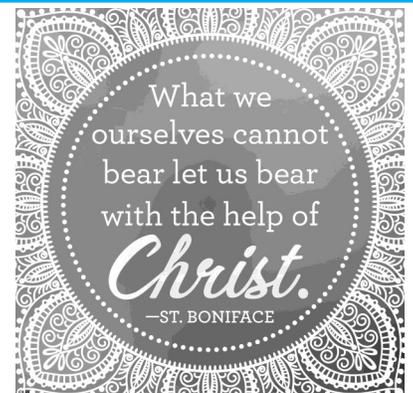
SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM COMPLIANCE

Anyone who works with or volunteers with children must be compliant with the Safe Environment Program of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis set forth by the USCCB. (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) Compliance includes attending a Protecting God's Children Workshop, completing a Worker Registration Form to obtain a background check, and reading and signing a Code of Ethical Conduct. Each location must have copies of individual background checks & code of ethics forms on file for all active volunteers and employees. Additional background checks may be necessary if you have lived out of state in previous years. To register online for a Protecting God's Children Workshop, please visit www.archstl.org and click on the Protecting God's Children link. You will be redirected to the VIRTUSOnline.org site to complete the registration process. The Code of Ethical Conduct and worker registration forms are available from your parish Child Safety Coordinator and may also be located on your parish website. If you have questions or need assistance with this process please contact the parish office or the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Program at 314-792-7272.

Missouri Background Checks are obtained when you begin your ministry and are updated every even numbered year. Please let the parish office know if you would like to be removed from the list of active volunteers. You must also contact the Missouri Family Care Safety Registry at 1-866-422-6872 with address changes.

PETERS PENCE Next week is the annual collection for Peter's Pence, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please generous. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Remind your spouse that he or she is still number one in your life. Dedicate a unique experience to each other by attending a Marriage Encounter weekend on August 4-6 or September 22-24. To learn more about this weekend of a lifetime, click on www.stl-wwme.org or simply call 314.649.7317. See you there!



Spiritual Ponderings

Sacred Scripture

Here is another quote from St. Gregory about Sacred Scripture:

The Holy Bible is like a mirror before our mind's eye. In it we see our inner face. From the Scriptures we can learn our spiritual deformities and beauties. And there, too, we discover the progress we are making and how far we are from perfection.

9. Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth

The world Bible can form an interesting acronym Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth in the English Language and this can be a helpful reminder for us that the Bible is suppose to invoke in us a response a change of attitude. If we read the Bible and do not find it calling us to change a part or life for the better then we need to reread the passage again.

This is probably nowhere more evident to us then in the Sermon on the Mount and the giving of the Beatitudes in Matthew's Gospel (Matthew 5) Jesus sets out a series of eight statements redefining what it means to be blest or to be successful and these eight statements go against what the world tells us will lead to happiness.

10. Even the Devil Can Quote Scripture

Finally, when we read the Sacred Scripture it is important to, once again, do so in the context of the faith community the Church. We see in the Gospel stories where Jesus is tempted in the desert by the devil himself that even the devil can try to use Scripture for his own evil purpose. Therefore, Sacred Scripture needs to be read and pondered under the light of Tradition.

The following are a list of sayings that someone gave me that concern Sacred Scripture.

1. A Bible in the hand is worth two in the bookcase.
2. Men do not reject the Bible because it contradicts itself, but because it contradicts them.
3. The Bible was given to us to tell us how we can get to heaven, not to tell us how the heavens work.
4. "Most people are troubled by those passages of Scripture which they cannot understand; but as for me, I have always noticed that the passages in Scripture which trouble me most are those which I do understand." - Mark Twain
5. "The Devil is not afraid of the Bible that has dust on it"
6. "The new Testament is the very best book that ever was or will be known in the world." - Charles Dickens
7. "Within the covers of the Bible are the answers for all the problems men face." – Ronald Reagan
8. "If you believe what you like in the Gospel, and reject what you don't like, it is not the Gospel you believe, but yourself." – Augustine of Hippo
9. "A Bible that's falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn't." - Charles H. Spurgeon
10. We were given the Scriptures to humble us into realizing that God is right, and the rest of us are just guessing." – Rich Mullins

Finally, I would like to conclude this reflection with the following prayer that someone gave me:

Our Father, who art in heaven, sacred is Your Word, Your kingdom come, Your Words be heard on earth as they are in heaven. Give us today Your Sacred Word. Forgive our neglect of it in the past, as we forgive those who neglect us. Lead us toward an encounter with You each time we delve into the Scriptures. For Your presence, Your power, and Your glory are ever present among us now and forever. Amen.

Our Lady 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.

June 25, 2017 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 94 Gospel MT 10:26-33

Spiritual Reflection: The value of a human person does not fluctuate with the market like the value of a house or depreciate the more it is used like a car.

Spiritual Questions:

1. What are some ways in which you place a value on others?
2. How do others judge your worth?
3. How do you judge your worth?
4. How does God judge your worth?
5. How can you show others what they are worth?

Panel Discussion, "Family Matters: Black, White, and Brown" The panel discussion is scheduled for July 17, 2017 at Ascension Parish (Multi-Purpose Room) from 7-9 pm. This will be a discussion on the American Family and an objective will be to openly discuss stereotypes held across racial lines in our community. The purpose is to dispel the myths, unravel the truth, and answer the hard questions. A significant portion of the time will be dedicated to Q&A where people in the audience can share questions they have in mind with the expert panelists during the evening. The contact person for this event is Bernie Sammons, cell 314-853-6391.

LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, June 25
 8:00 am Parishioners
 10:30 am Rick Fernandez

Monday, June 26
 8:00 am Helen Saali Kammer

Tuesday, June 27
 5:30 pm Enrollees & Benefactors of
 Epiphany Memorial Fund

Wednesday, June 28
 8:00 am Katie Bach

Thursday, June 29
 8:00 am Catherine Mannion

Friday, June 30
 8:00 am Anna P. Bommarito

Saturday, July 1
 8:00 am David Cieslinski
 5:00 pm Paul Zacheis

Sunday, July 2
 8:00 am Parishioners
 10:30 am Vincent Winterer



Parish Office Closed In observance of the July 4th holiday and staff vacation, the parish office will be closed from July 3-5, 2017. In the event of a sacramental emergency, please call the parish office and leave a detailed message.

OUR DEARLY DEPARTED



In your kindness, please pray for the repose of the soul of Tim Varble, brother of Carol Welby; and Greg Sander, nephew of Sr. Marie. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday - Saturday June 25 - July 1

- 7:30 am - Rosary, Church

Sunday, June 25

- 9:00 am - Bible Study, AR
- 10:30 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB
- 11:30 am - 2:30 pm - Flea Market Sale, Gym & AR
- 7:00 pm RCIA, CMR

Monday, June 26

- 8:00 am - 2:00 pm - GSA Summer School, UH
- 5-9:00 pm - EFF T-Ball, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts, Upper Hall

Tuesday, June 27

- 8:00 am - 2:00 pm - GSA Summer School, UH
- 5-9:00 pm - EFF T-Ball, Msgr. Sullivan Field

Wednesday, June 28

- 7:30 am - St. Pat's Salad Makers, Gym Kitchen
- 8:00 am - 2:00 pm - GSA Summer School, UH
- 5-9:00 pm - EFF T-Ball, Msgr. Sullivan Field

Thursday, June 29

- 8:00 am - 2:00 pm - GSA Summer School, UH
- 5-9:00 pm - EFF T-Ball, Msgr. Sullivan Field

Friday, June 30

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

Saturday, July 1

Sunday, July 2

- 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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND & SICK OF OUR PARISH

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
	Nanette McPherson	Mary Murphy

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 25, 2017

Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35/
 Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-4ab, 5/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-5/Gal 1:11-20/
 Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/
 Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-5/Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-50, 53-55/Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-19/
 Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 17-18, 2017

Sunday Collection

General Fund	\$2,274.00
General Fund Loose	\$225.00
General Fund Online	\$407.00
Total.....	\$2,906.00
Cardinal Glennon online ..	\$25.00
Father's Day	\$275.00
Maintenance & Repair.....	\$20.00
Votive	\$14.00
Debt	\$95.00(YTD)
Tuition Assistance	\$8.00
Endowment Fund.....	\$265.00(YTD)



JUST FOR LAUGHS Sunday after church, a Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about. The daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt." Needless to say, the Mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea and the Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about. He said "Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming."

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS, NOTES & EVENTS

AUDITIONS FOR THE YOUNG CATHOLIC MUSICIANS

The choir and orchestra of The Young Catholic Musicians are holding auditions in preparation for their 44th Year of service to the Church. These young people (aged 9-17) represent over 50 parishes and schools in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. They learn quality liturgical music and lead the music for Mass once each month at different parishes. Singers and instrumentalists (Brass, Woodwinds, Strings, and Percussion) contact Fr. Bruce Forman (314-231-7464 or revycm@charter.net) or Mrs. Mary Smith (314-962-9260 or smithycm@sbcglobal.net) for additional information and to schedule an audition. Visit our web pages at www.archstl.org/musicians or www.youngcatholicmusicians.com.

St. Mary's High School

On Friday, September 22nd, 2017, St. Mary's High School will hold its annual Dragon for a Day. The program will run from 8:00 am-12:00 pm and is open to 6th-8th grade boys. The day includes breakfast, a tour of the school, class visits, Dragon Games, and lunch. Students interested in attending are asked to RSVP by September 16th to Katie Albin, Director of Admissions at 314-481-8400 x110 or at albink@stmaryshs.com with the student's name, grade, and T-shirt size.

SOUTH CITY DEANERY PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Registration packets are available for the 2017-2018 school year. We are accepting students in grades PK - 8. We also accept high school students who are preparing for Confirmation. There is a new Board policy that all students who are preparing for sacraments must be in our program for two years before receiving the sacrament; that means that students must be enrolled in our 1st grade class to receive First Communion in second grade. Students must be in our Pre-Confirmation class before the Confirmation preparation class.

There will be two on-site registration opportunities at the St. John the Baptist Parish Center: Monday, August 14th (6pm to 8pm) and Sunday, August 20th (11am to 1pm). Classes begin August 28th. Please contact the SCDPSR at 314-773-3070 or stl.scdpsr@gmail.com with any questions.

Can you help? St. Patrick Center needs cleaning supplies to move families into housing. Help local families move from homelessness to housing with needed cleaning supplies. St. Patrick Center is seeking donations of the following items for clients moving into apartments and homes: mops, buckets, brooms, all-purpose cleaner, bathroom cleaner, dish soap, paper towels and toilet paper. For more information, contact Katie Joseph at kjoseph@stpatrickcenter.org or 314-802-1976.



St. Ambrose School's Preschool

program is growing. The program includes two 4 year old classes and two 3 year old classes. If you would like more information or to schedule a tour, please call the school office

at 314-772-1437 or visit the website at <http://school.stambroseonthehill.com/>.



Vacation Bible School Now that the kids are out of school, you will be looking for ways to keep them entertained and engaged. Epiphany of Our Lord Parish would like to invite students, ages 4 - entering 5th grade, to spend a fun and faith-filled week with us! Epiphany's Vacation Bible School Program will be offered on July 24-28 from 8-11:30 AM at Epiphany

of Our Lord Parish, 6596 Smiley Dr. St. Louis, MO 63139. Please visit the below link to see all the details. Also, if you or any of your children ages 11 and up would like to volunteer, we would love to have you! If you are interested or have questions, please contact Kathy : epiphanyfourlordvbs@gmail.com or by phone at 799-7516.

To register, please go to:

<http://www.epiphanystl.org/vacation-bible-school>

Fundraiser for Catholic Family Services!

Have you ever dreamed of throwing the first pitch at a St. Louis Cardinals game? Help support a local mental health agency and attend a baseball game! For \$60 you get your seat & enter into the raffle to throw out the 1st pitch against the Mets on July 7th 7:15pm OR just pay \$40 to get your seat! (Discounts will apply to group sales.) Contact: ecrider@ccstl.org or 314-748-5648 for more info.



Supporting our Mission: WeShare Online Giving

A big "thank you" to all of those participating in online giving with WeShare! Online giving has been a big help to our parish. EPIPHANY has received more consistent donations and been able to re-prioritize office tasks. WeShare saves the administrative staff valuable time with its ability to accept credit and debit cards and to make automatic withdrawals from checking and savings accounts. This means more time to serve you and our mission as parish. No matter how you give, your gifts are always appreciated! If you have not yet made the switch from online giving, we invite you to consider doing so. Online giving offers our parish a stable, sustainable future. We know that you share in this vision and we're excited about giving our parishioners many ways to participate in our growth as a parish family. Thank you for your support! For more information or to sign up visit:

<https://epiphanystl.weshareonline.org/>

Men's Club Alpha Square Raffle 2017-18

Tickets are now for sale for the New Season. The drawings start July of 2017 and go through June of 2018. Each month there is a \$100 winner and a chance for 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. You may also drop request in the Sunday collection marked: Alpha Square Raffle. Make checks payable to: Epiphany Men's Club. Submit requests to: Richard Huelsmann, 6536 Smiley Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63139. 314-645-5941.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Squares (\$12 EACH): _____