



Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church

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MASS & SACRAMENTS

Sunday Masses: 8:00 & 10:30 am

Weekday Masses

Monday through Friday: 8:00 am

Tuesday Evening Mass: 5:30 pm

Saturday Masses 8:00 am and 5:00 pm

Sacrament of Penance:

Saturday, 7:30-7:50 am

Sundays, 10-10:20 am

Tuesdays, 5-5:25 pm OR by appointment

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.



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." - Mt 17:5

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

The Transfiguration of the Lord August 6, 2017

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LIVING OUR FAITH

FROM THE DESK OF FR. MICHAEL RENNIER

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our diaper drive to benefit mothers in need. I never thought it would be such a heart-warming sight to see a table piled up with diapers.

Reminder of new confession time

We now have confession available every Sunday from 10-10:20am. I encourage everyone to make frequent use of this sacrament of mercy and forgiveness.

Breakfast with the Pastor

As a new pastor (even though I know a lot of you from my previous time here!), it would be really great to hang out with you all over coffee and a simple breakfast. If anyone would like to join me in the rectory after the 8 am Mass on Sat, Aug 26th I would love to get to know you better.

PSR, Blue Knights, and Little Flowers registration is open

We love our PSR and our Catholic scouting groups. Not sure which option is the right one for your children? Come to the parent meeting on Tue, Aug 29th at 6:30 pm in the Church. Ask any questions then or email me before then and I'm happy to help: Michaelrennier@gmail.com Registration is online at: Epiphanystl.org/psr-1

Children's Choir is now at Epiphany

All children in PSR will be automatically enrolled, but the choir isn't limited to PSR. If you are a child anywhere from pre-school to high-school and want to join, practice will begin in Sept. and meet every 2nd and 4th Tue from 6:30-7:45. Our hope is to sing at the Tue. night Mass and eventually once a month at the Sunday 10:30 along with the adult choir.

Interested in becoming Catholic?

Let me know, we can talk.

Regular Coffee hour after Mass After every 10:30 mass (weather permitting), come hang out on the front porch to have a delicious cup of hand-roasted, small-batch coffee (roasted by Epiphany parishioners!). Coffee isn't your thing? We'll have a few other items on hand, too, like lemonade or iced-tea. Even spending a few moments after Mass to meet new parishioners or catch up with friends is a great way to build community here at Epiphany and add to our Sunday experience before we all head our separate ways.

Altar Serving Training

This past week, I had several requests from grade school boys to be trained as altar servers. I'm happy to do so! There is no age minimum, so we're looking for any servers high-school age or younger. This offer doesn't exclude anyone else who might be interested, but I would definitely be open to Father-Son altar serving teams, too. The training will be at 8:30 am, Sat Aug 19 in the Church.

Mass Explanations - Why do we use incense at one of the Sunday Masses?

You may have noticed that we are using incense at the 10:30 Sunday Mass. I do think it smells great and has been clinically proven to help relieve stress (and I should note that it is a hypo-allergenic brand), but I try to keep my own personal preferences out of the liturgy, so the reason we use incense isn't because I happen to like it. We actually use incense at Mass because that is how God taught us to worship him.

In the Old Testament, God told Moses to burn incense in front of the Ark of the Covenant, and incense continued to be used in the Temple even during the time of Christ. Incense is also used in heaven itself during worship. We know this because St. John describes what he saw in the Book of Revelation, writing, "Another angel came in holding a censer of gold. He took his place at the altar of incense and was given large amounts of incense to deposit on the altar of gold in front of the throne, together with the prayers of all God's holy ones. From the angel's hand, the smoke of the incense went up before God, and with it the prayers of God's people."

The smoke symbolizes the prayers of the faithful drifting up to heaven, which is why Psalms 141 says, "Let my prayer come like incense before you." The Mass is a transcendent experience that links heaven and earth, and the smell of the incense brings about strong memories of praying in Church and the smoke creates a visual link and a sense of mystery that is fitting and proper to help us adore God.

As the Psalmist prays, O Lord, may our prayers rise up before you like incense.

Fr. Michael



We welcome into our parish family our newly baptized:

Eleanor Walsh Anstey

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

Attention All Highschoolers!

Join us this Wednesday, August 9th from 7-9 pm at Bishop DuBourg High School as we finish out our summer series of "What I Wish I Knew" and do our SENIOR SEND OFF! See saintlouislifeteen.org for more information.

LIVING OUR FAITH

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Registration is open! CGS is a Montessori-based approach to religious education. Beginning in Sept., we're offering 1 session on Tuesdays 10-11:30 am for 3-6 year old children. There are only 12 spots total, so don't wait. Registration and more info is online here: <http://epiphanystl.org/catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd>

Epiphany Men's Club and Ladies Guild Memorial Mass and Dinner



Please join us for Mass and dinner in honor of our deceased members on Wednesday, August 9th.

Mass at 5:00pm followed by dinner in the Epiphany gym at 6:00pm.
Open to all members.

Stewardship "And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light." - MATTHEW 17:2

Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, we should reflect Christ's light to the world. When we receive the Eucharist, the body and blood of Jesus, we are called to be supernatural to reflect His love, mercy and forgiveness to others. When we are grateful for all that God has given us, generosity flows through us because we are made in God's image.



Epiphany at 4:30 pm.

There will be a memorial Mass for Pat Brackett, who passed away on July 13th, on August 11th here at

Third Annual Montesinos Lecture

"Can we talk?" Sunday, September 24th at 3:00 pm. Presented by Julie Hanlon Rubio, Professor of Christian Ethics at Saint Louis University. Aquinas Institute of Theology, 23 S Spring Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63108. The lecture is **free** and open to the public. For more information or to pre-register, call 314-256-8800 OR email: events@al.edu

Latin America Apostolate This weekend is the collection for the Latin America Apostolate! Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection, which strengthens our faith and community with our brothers and sisters in Bolivia through the work for our archdiocesan missionaries. Your support is bringing the Gospel and invaluable resources to people who might not otherwise have access to pastoral care or church programs. Our missionaries can only do what we make possible through our prayers and sacrifices. Please be generous in the collection for the Latin America Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis on Sunday, August 6, 2017.

Pro-life Matters On July 25th the MO Senate passed Senate Bill 5 which contains important Pro-life legislation. Reacting to the passage of Senate Bill 5, Archbishop Carlson issued the following statement:

The passage of Senate Bill 5 by the Missouri Legislature is a welcome resolution to a protracted special session. This important pro-life legislation will save the lives of unborn children, safeguard the health and safety of women, and protect the freedom of pregnancy resource centers to hire whom they choose. Senate Bill 5, though laudable, does not completely overturn the "abortion sanctuary" ordinance in the City of St. Louis; thus, the lawsuit filed by the Archdiocese of St. Louis and others against the City of St. Louis and ordinance 70459 will continue. Ultimately, the worth of this special session will not be determined by the money spent, but by the number of lives saved, of which we may never have an exact accounting. In closing, I urge any woman struggling with her pregnancy, or anyone wounded by abortion, to seek hope and healing through the Respect Life Apostolate of the Archdiocese of St. Louis by calling 314.792.7555. The Church stands ready to offer assistance to anyone who truly seeks God's mercy.

The bill now goes Governor Greitens' desk where it is expected that he will sign it into law.

Thank you to everyone for calling your senators and representatives particularly during this special session. Your fidelity and generosity of time and energy help get important pro-life laws like this passed.

Parish Spiritual Adoption Sixth Month: Your baby has fine hair growing on his head and eyebrows. He has a delicate fringe of eyelashes. Your baby is now 12 inches long and weighs about 1 ½ pounds. His skeleton has completed the change from cartilage to bone. If your baby were to be born now, he would have a very good chance of surviving.

Hope and Healing: Did you know that there are more than 3,000 abortions in our country every day? And for every baby there is a broken-hearted mom or dad who will often suffer from anger, guilt and grief for years. If you know someone who has suffered through an abortion experience, you can be a voice of compassion by telling them about Project Rachel-Project Joseph - free, professional counseling for anyone wounded by an abortion experience.

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.

LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, August 6 The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 am Parishioners
10:30 am James Turner

Monday, August 7

8:00 am Kevin Guckes (*Special Intentions*)

Tuesday, August 8

8:00 am Don & Sean Welby
5:30 pm Sam Murabito

Wednesday, August 9

8:00 am Delia Spain

Thursday, August 10

8:00 am Mary Jo Lotspeich

Friday, August 11

8:00 am Joan & Robert Griffin
(*50th Wedding Anniversary*)

Saturday, August 12

8:00 am William Bellrose
5:00 pm Mary Link

Sunday, August 13

8:00 am Parishioners
10:30 am Vincent Winterer

MASS
INTENTIONS

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
Dave Ortvals	Nanette McPherson	Mary Murphy
	Vivian Pippin	

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 6, 2017

Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2
Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-17/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36
or 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25--14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:
6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-9/Jn 12:24-26

Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-16, 21/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9-14/
Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Observances for the Week of August 6, 2017

Sunday: Transfiguration of the Lord

Monday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions,
Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest

Tuesday: St. Dominic, Priest

Wednesday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross,
Virgin and Martyr

Thursday: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

Friday: St. Clare, Virgin

Saturday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Next Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

OUR DEARLY DEPARTED



In your kindness, please pray for the repose of the soul of Marion Elizabeth Blanchfield, step-mother of Dianne Mayfield. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday - Saturday, August 7-12

- 8:00 am - Rosary, Church

Sunday, August 6

- 10:30 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB
- 11:30 am - Liturgy Committee Meeting, CMR

Monday, August 7

- 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts, Upper Hall

Tuesday, August 8

Wednesday, August 9

GSA First Day of School

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 6:00 pm - Men's Club/Ladies Guild Memorial Mass, Church
Immediately following Mass - Dinner, Gym

Thursday, August 10

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym

Friday, August 11

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym

Saturday, August 12

Sunday, August 13

- 10:30 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB

OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 29-30, 2017

Sunday Collection

General Fund \$2,338.00
General Fund Loose \$231.10
General Fund Online \$332.00
Total \$2,901.10



Latin American Apostolate \$25.00
Maintenance & Repair \$85.00
Votive \$9.00
Tuition Assistance \$ \$147.00(YTD)
Endowment Fund \$ \$29.00(YTD)

Fiat Women's Group

Our next meeting will be on August 17th and our speaker will be Father Chris Martin, Vice-Rector of Cardinal Glennon College and Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of St. Louis. As always, we will meet in the Seminary's chapel at 8 am for the rosary and Father Martin will speak from 8:15 until 9 am. Coffee is offered afterwards in the Fireside Lounge until 9:30. Hope you can come and feel free to bring a friend. See <https://kenrick.edu/fiat/> for more information.

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS, NOTES & EVENTS



Blessing for Students & Teachers

This time of year always had a special meaning for me growing up. It was usually a time to reinvent myself as I started school again. See, my Dad was an officer in the Air Force, and we usually moved to a new Air Force base in the summer. As each school year rolled around, I knew I was going to a new school; I eventually realized that every kid had the same feeling. School gives us all the ability to create ourselves anew with new comprehension about the wonders of creation and the love of knowledge. Let us pray for all students and their teachers as they begin a new school year.

God of all knowledge and understanding, we seek your guidance and direction as both students and teachers begin a new school year. Look with favor upon those who have given so much to be teachers. We know the nervousness of new students, and know you are with them. Give us all the wisdom and patience we need to be good students and teachers. We ask all of this in the name of THE good teacher, Jesus, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God.

Amen.

THE ST. VINCENT DEPAUL PARISH (10th and Park in Soulard) mission is caring for the poor. We provide, among other things, a sit down dinner for the underserved and homeless from the 22nd of each month through the 1st of the next month. We are trying to get musicians to play every night for them from 5 to 6 PM. Guitar, keyboard or banjo players, along with vocalists - soloists, duets, trios - for contemporary, blues, country or blue grass music. If you know any bands who might donate their time and talent, please have them call Tom McCrackin at [636/405-1033](tel:6364051033) or email him at tommccrackiniit@gmail.com.



Gift Cards One of our easiest and ongoing fundraisers is our Gift Certificate program. This program allows our parish to earn money simply by planning ahead! All you need to do is stop to buy your certificates before going shopping OR out to eat. You get dollar for dollar what you spend on certificates. To make a purchase, for questions or to place an order for non-stock certificates, please see one of the volunteers at the entrance of church or contact Trish at the parish office, 314-781-1199.

DANCE DANCE DANCE

Dance Classes are held on Fridays in Epiphany Upper Gym for ages 3 thru 14 - 5pm to 6pm
 Dance Tuition: \$30 per Month
 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 Ms Tina for more Information at (314) 680-2613



GS EPIPHANY FALL FESTIVAL

It's the time of year to start thinking of our Annual Fall Festival (**formerly Homecoming**). New this year, Epiphany will be hosting the Fall Festival with Gateway Science Academy. We hope you will plan to join us for the festival. *Having a successful homecoming requires many volunteers! Even an hour or two of your time would be a great help.* To volunteer to work one of our booths or for questions about fall festival, please contact Trish at the parish office, 314-781-1199 or visit us at: epiphanystl.org.

Some booths that may need help include our outside and inside food booths, refreshment booths, country store, gambling booths, and of course our set up/tear down/clean up crews.



Friday, September 15th 6-11:00 pm
 Saturday, September 16th Noon - 11:00 pm
 Parade at 11:00 am

Rides~~Music~~Games~~Dinnes~~Snacks~~Drink
 \$10,000 Raffle
 (Don't be left out! Purchase your ticket online today!)

Annual Silver and Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass Couples celebrating their 25th, 50th or 50-plus wedding anniversary during 2017 are invited to this annual Mass to be held **Sunday, October 8, 2017, 2:30 PM, at the Cathedral Basilica (4431 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108)**. 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 15** 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. If you would like more information, please contact the Office of Laity & Family Life at 314.792.7170.