



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: 6:30 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, 6-6:20 pm OR by appointment

Baptisms: Meeting first Thursday of the month. Preregistration required.

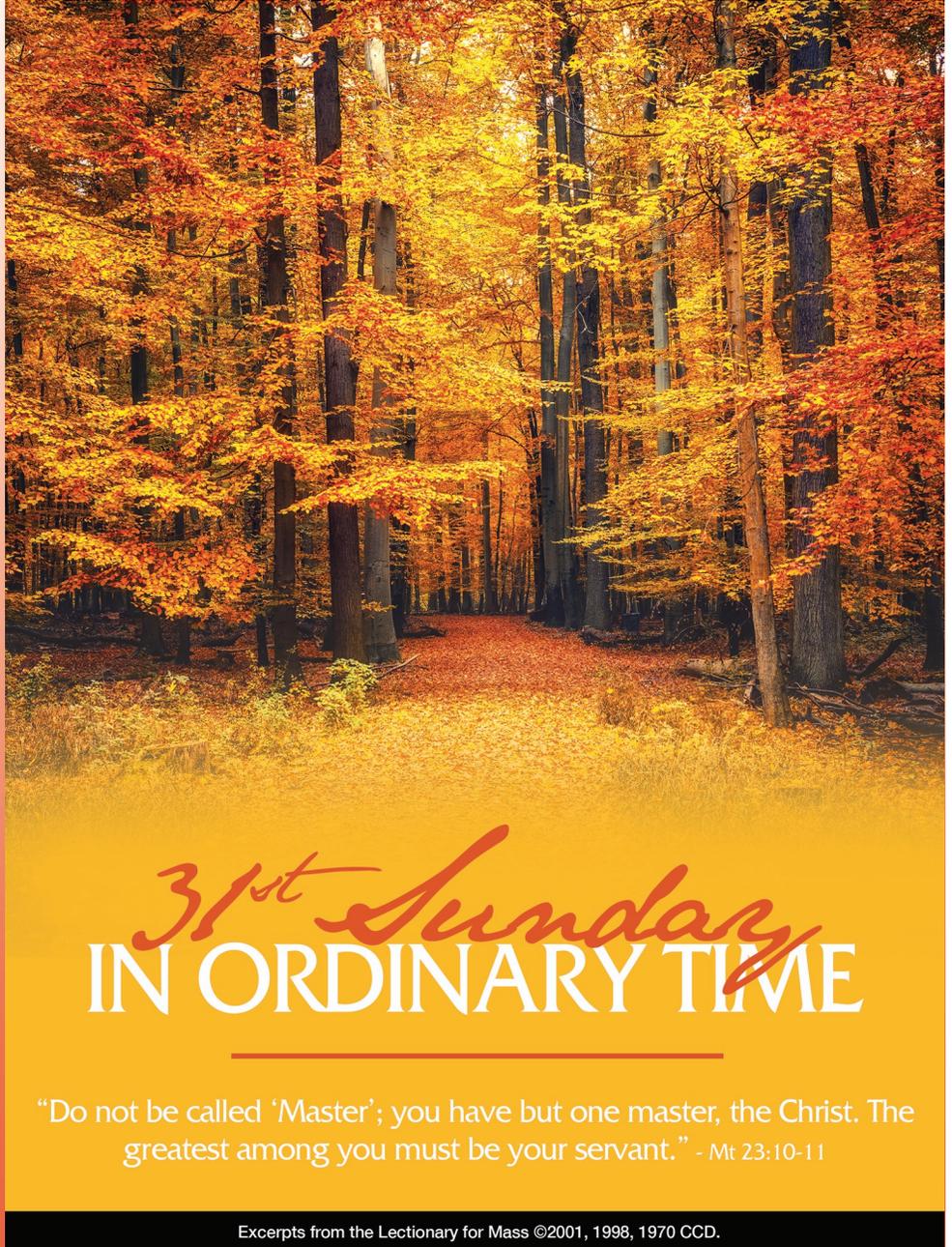
Marriages: Contact the priest at least 9 months prior to the wedding date.

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.



31st Sunday **IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Do not be called ‘Master’; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant.” - Mt 23:10-11

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Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time November 5, 2017

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LIVING OUR FAITH

FROM THE DESK OF FR. MICHAEL RENNIER

Thank you to all our daily Mass-goers who put up with the cold temps in the Church this past week. Your prayers were surely extra efficacious!

All Souls Altar We will set up an altar to remember the dead during the month of November. If you would like to bring photos of loved ones to be remembered in prayer please do so anytime beginning Nov 1. We'll also put out the book with the names of those who have been buried from Epiphany over the course of this past year.

Breviary Coffee is now for sale! A number of young adults at Epiphany have been hard at work learning the craft of hand-roasting coffee beans. The result is our very own, amazingly delicious coffee brand, *Breviary Coffee*, a medium roast coffee that comes to us from small, independent farmers in Burundi. If your tasting palette is better than mine, you'll taste - caramel, nougat, all-spice, black tea, berry, lemon water. All I know is that it tastes delicious and each bag you purchase will benefit our St. Vincent de Paul food pantry.

You can purchase a bag at coffee hour or in the rectory for \$7.

Donut Sunday will be coming up soon in November. We would like to invite families to consider "hosting" one, either as a family or joining with another family. I highly encourage volunteering because it will be a great way to meet people and it's an activity that your whole family can do together. If you're interested, email Father Michael for details and possible dates.

Mass Explanations - Why pray for the dead?

All this month of November, we set up our altar of remembrance and remember our loved ones who have died. This practice may seem superstitious. It may also seem unnecessary -- time goes on and so does the business of life. We may think that those who stop to dwell in the past for too long are left behind. But, really, do our loved ones ever really leave our hearts? They are still members of our family and it makes sense to continue extending our love to them. In the same way that I might pray for a sick relative in the hospital down the street, those who have died benefit tremendously from our prayers as they purify their souls and heal old spiritual wounds before they enter Heaven and meet God.

Perhaps most important is to be aware that, someday, we will die too. Even if you're young and strong and the pop singer on the radio assures you that you will live forever, in the blink of an eye this precious existence can be over. There is something lovely and wonderful about continuing to love and embrace each other in prayer. Today, we pray for our dead. Tomorrow, our children will pray for us.

Because the practice leads to acknowledging our memories, cultivating gratitude, and remembering our own mortality, praying for our loved ones is actually tremendously life affirming. The more vital our love is, the more alive we really are.

Fr. Michael

Save the Date: Blood Drive at St. Michael's Temple (Arsenal St) Monday, December 4th. More info to come.

Love Among Us: A Christmas Concert with the Daughters of St. Paul. The Daughters of St. Paul are back in St. Louis for their annual Christmas Concert! Join us for "Love Among Us: A Christmas Concert with the Daughters of St. Paul" on **Wed. Dec. 6 and Thurs. Dec. 7, 7 pm at Chaminade College Preparatory School, 425 South Lindberg Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63131-2129.** Be taken up into the spirit of Christmas with the Sisters' unique renditions of Christmas favorites as well as contemporary inspirational songs in their annual family concert celebrating Christ's Birth. Come, and be filled with hope, joy, and peace with the sounds of the Daughters of St Paul Choir! Tickets \$15 per person; **Information online: Pauline.org/STLconcert or call 314-965-6935**

ATTENTION EPIPHANY WOMEN OF FAITH:

Please Save The Date for the 2nd Tues of each month (Sept. thru May)- Our Women's Faith Sharing follows 6:30 PM Mass (7:15PM) until 8:45PM. We meet in the Rectory. ASK-SEEK-KNOCK/SHARE-LEARN-TRUST - This month, Tues., Nov. 14, we will be discussing 4-5 questions on "Miracles" and learning how to use the Bible and the CCC (Catechism of the Catholic Church) Resource Book to find the answers. Please bring your CCC books and Bible if you can, they are not required to participate in the sharing. ALSO, Please come when you can, even if you can't attend every Faith Gathering. There are new topics each month. Looking forward to expanding our Faith together. Please call or text Mary Jo Martin, 314-324-7224 for additional information.

[Volunteers Needed] Volunteers needed for Epiphany's Atrium!

Are you willing to give a small item a nice sanding and simple paint job? There are several small things needing to be finished for the children who participate in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. To volunteer, please contact our Catechist Jen Pagano at EpiphanyCGS@gmail.com or 314-803-3035.



I, II & III Jennifer Bohn, Epiphany & Jim Creed, wedding at Epiphany on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 2:00 pm.

LIVING OUR FAITH

Pro Life Matters

Forty Days For Life Vigil: You can help make a life-saving impact by joining our vigil at: **Planned Parenthood [Forest Park], 4251 Forest Park Ave, St Louis, MO 63108.** The vigil is peaceful; participants sign a "Statement of Peace" with a pledge that they will conduct themselves in a Christ-like manner. All are welcome! Vigil runs through November 5th. Coalition For Life supplies placards to carry. Please consider giving an hour or two of your time to pray with us. For more information call Marilyn and Gerry Unger at 314-645-3483.

Conversations That Change Hearts and Minds: Afraid to speak when the topic of abortion comes up and yet passionate about defending the unborn and helping women and men struggling with unplanned pregnancies? Learn fundamental skills to make any abortion conversation productive, while staying on subject, keeping things civilized and making a biological case for the humanity of the unborn. Contact Justice For All, Inc. at www.jfaweb.org or call 316-683-6426 for more information.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Convent: The convent, named after Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the unborn, opened in late August, is directly across the street from Planned Parenthood in the Central West End. The ministry initially will be directed toward those who provide prayerful witness on the sidewalk outside the clinic. The focus of the ministry will be prayer and hospitality within the neighborhood. It will be a prayerful support to those who are working to make abortion unthinkable in St. Louis.

Hope and Healing: Do you live with the pain of an abortion? Do you still feel anger, guilt or sadness even though the abortion was years ago? You may think your actions could never be understood and certainly not able to be forgiven. These emotions are common results of abortion. Healing and forgiveness are possible through Project Rachel. Specially trained counselors can help you experience Christ's peace. For private, professional counseling at no charge call Project Rachel at 314-792-7565.

Project Rachel: For more information contact Marisol 314-792-7451 mpfaff@archstl.org or STLprojectrachel.org.

Project Joseph: For more information contact Chuck 314-974-6787 craymir@sbcglobal.net or STLprojectjoseph.org.

Lunch & Learn: Home for the Holidays

The holidays are a time of joy with family, but they can also be a time when we notice changes. We may see loved ones for the first time in months or even years, and we may be concerned about aging loved ones. Lindenwood Area Senior Ministry is hosting a workshop with a guest speaker from the Alzheimer's Association to address these potential concerns. Come learn to look at dementia from a faith-based viewpoint and how congregations can help families impacted by dementia. Find out information about the warning signs of Alzheimer's, what to do if you're concerned about a loved one's memory and tips on how to understand and communicate with someone living with dementia. The event will be hosted on **Wednesday, November 1st** in Memorial Hall of Southwest Baptist Church (6401 Scanlan Ave.) from 11:30am to 1pm. Lunch will be provided. No charge to attend, but please RSVP so that we are sure to have enough food on hand. Reservations, LASM Office: 314-647-4591.



Adoption Records Law

Attention: MISSOURI BIRTH PARENTS AND ADOPTees: Missouri adoption law is changing! On **January 1st, 2018**, adult adoptees (ages 18 and older) will be granted access to their original birth certificate. Birth parents have the right to protect their confidentiality under the new law, but they *must act before January 1st*. For more information, contact the Missouri Bureau of Vital Records by phone at (573) 751-6387 OR by email at vitalrecordsinfo@health.mo.gov. Visit the Bureau's website at www.health.mo.gov/data/vitalrecords/adopteerightsact.php for more detailed information about the new law.

Kasey Paige Christmas Party Mary Stahl is taking over collecting toiletries and calendars for Kasey Paige Christmas party after Catie Shinn died. There will be a box in back of church marked for those items. Mary will collect them until the party sometime in mid-Dec. There will be NO calendars collected until end of January like Catie used to do. Mary does not have the contacts Catie did to distribute all the calendars. So after the Christmas Party is over, the box will be removed from back of church as no more items will be collected. Thank you for your contributions in the past and for any items you will contribute for this year's event.



Thanksgiving Dinner

Epiphany Parish will again offer free Thanksgiving dinners, with all the trimmings to individuals and families who would otherwise be unable to enjoy a traditional feast. Please ask

your neighbors and friends in the neighborhood who might not have the opportunity to enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner if they would like one delivered. We could use donations of goods to assist in this effort straight cut green beans, canned half cut yams, cranberry sauce, Pepperidge Farm Herb crumb stuffing and of course pies. Please let us know by Nov. 19 of the goods you are providing in that way we will have an idea what is still needed. You may drop off non-perishable food at the rectory or there will be collection containers in the church vestibule. Volunteers are also needed to deliver meals at 11:30 AM Thanksgiving day. We ask the Eucharistic Ministers to ask your Communion calls if they would like a dinner. Call Bill or Lynn Kloecker at 636-529-1164 to request a dinner(s), volunteer or if you need a pickup of your donation. Thank you all. God bless.

LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 5
 8:00 am Gloria Luecking
 10:30 am Parishioners

Monday, November 6
 8:00 am Catherine Riggins

Tuesday, November 7
 8:00 am Diane Campbell
 6:30 pm Rev. John F. Blomberg

Wednesday, November 8
 8:00 am Don & Sean Welby

Thursday, November 9
 8:00 am Deceased Members of the O'Reilly Family

Friday, November 10
 8:00 am Donald Gundy

Saturday, November 11
 8:00 am Dwayne Ohls
 5:00 pm Henry & Clarice Huelsmann

Sunday, November 12
 8:00 am Parishioners
 10:30 am Vincent Winterer



OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday - Saturday, November 6-11

- 7:30 am - Rosary, Church

Sunday, November 5

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

Monday, November 6

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 11:00 am - Pillars of the Faith, CMR
- 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts, Upper Hall

Tuesday, November 7

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 10:00 am - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, RBF
- 6:30 pm - Blue Knights/Little Flowers, UH & AR

Wednesday, November 8

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 6:30 pm - Bells Practice, Church
- 7:00 pm - Usher's Guild Mtg., AR
- 7:30 pm - Choir Practice, Church

Thursday, November 9

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 7:00 pm - Men's Club, AR

Friday, November 10

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 8:30 am - Exposition & Adoration, Church
- 3:30-6:30 pm - Dance, UH

Saturday, November 11

- 6:00 pm - Doors Open - Trivia Night, Gym & AR

Sunday, November 12

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND & SICK OF OUR PARISH

Korey Tacchi Joan Huelsmann Toni Berberich

We are in the process of updating our prayer list and removing names. If you wish for your name or your loved ones name to remain on the prayer list, please call Trish at the parish office, 314-781-1199.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 5, 2017

Sunday: Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1-3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde-3/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1-4/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF OCT. 28-29, 2017

Sunday Collection

General Fund	\$3,347.00
General Fund Loose	\$298.47
General Fund Online	\$352.00
Total.....	\$4,349.47
All Saints	\$25.00
All Souls	\$25.00
Christmas Flower	\$15.00
Maintenance & Repair... ..	\$110.00
Mission Sunday	\$77.00
Permanent Diaconate	\$19.00
Puerto Rico	\$10.00
Retired Religious.....	\$55.00
SVDP	\$130.00
Virgin Islands	\$10.00
Votive	\$12.00
Tuition Assistance	\$89.00(YTD)
Endowment Fund.....	\$29.00(YTD)



OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 5, 2017

Sunday: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Vocation Awareness Week; Daylight Saving Time ends

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Friday: St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church; Veterans Day (observed)

Saturday: St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day

Next Sunday: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS, NOTES & EVENTS



Christmas Wreaths

Boy Scout Troop 281 will be taking orders for Christmas Wreaths this weekend after all the Masses. Please see one of the scouts to place your order or contact Mark Palardy at 645-6962. The wreaths will be available for pick up the weekend after Thanksgiving. Thank you for your support!



ST. VINCENT DEPAUL ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS

Please consider adopting a family for Christmas. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance for the Christmas

Holidays, please contact St. Vincent DePaul through the parish business office, 314-781-1199.

Ladies Guild News Our monthly card social will be held on Monday, November 20th at 10:00 am in the Assumption Room. The regular meeting will be a luncheon at Pietro's on Watson Rd at 11:30 am on Wednesday, November 15th. Reservations required. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone! Marilyn, Nancy, Sue, and Gloria

Adopt-A-Person

Epiphany once again is sponsoring Adopt-A-Person for residents of Kasey Paige Assisted Living Home on Jamieson. The suggested gift value is \$25 per resident. At present there are 104 residents in the home, so we really need your help. Volunteers will be in the back of church after all the weekend masses in November, or you can call Kris Ranciglio at 314-210-0916 or Andra and Brian Newsham at 314-807-5877 and they will give you the necessary information. Thank you on behalf of the residents!



ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST

The Ladies Auxiliary Council #903 is hosting an all you can eat breakfast on Sunday, November 5th. Its all you can eat sausage, pancake, and scrambled eggs breakfast. They will have Blueberry, Chocolate Chip and plain pancakes. The cost is: Adults \$7; Seniors \$6; Child(ren) under 8 \$5. The breakfast will be held at Immaculate conception parish hall, 7240 Anna 63143. We hope to see you all there!

A HUGE thank you to everyone that helped in any way with the Chili Cook off this year. Everyone's help made the event great fun for the contest participants and guests. Thank you to those that donated food and other items for the event. We were able to serve hamburgers along with hot dogs and chili again this year. Thank you to all the contestants and winners!!! It was great to see different kinds of chili come through the door. The judges worked hard tasting and judging the entries. The winners of the contest were 1st Don Conner, 2nd Kathy Migneco, 3rd Laura Wohlschlaeger. Thank you again and see you next fall. Get your chili recipes ready!



EPIPHANY ST. VINCENT DEPAUL FOOD DRIVE

Epiphany St Vincent DePaul is having a food drive at the Shop & Save in Shrewsbury on Saturday November 11 from 9am until 2pm. While you are out and about on that Saturday stop by the

Shop & Save and donate a couple of non-perishable food items. We are in need of canned fruit, peanut butter, cereal, toilet paper, canned veggies (mixed vegetables, spinach, peas, potatoes, beets, carrots,) personal care items (bath soap, toothpaste, shampoo) boxed potatoes Thank for your support.

29th Annual Epiphany Friends Forever Trivia Night - Sat. November 11, 2017

Doors Open at 6 pm; Game Starts promptly at 7 pm. *In order to hold down costs and keep the entry fee low, we will no longer be serving dinner.* Teams of Six - Minimum Table Price, \$150.00. Extra Players \$25.00 per person (for non-competitive tables). Includes: soda, beer, and setups, popcorn and Gus' pretzels Trivia Game & attendance prizes. **All seating is non-smoking. Fill out the online registration at epiphanystl.org, look under (parish life) for the EFF list of events Or Send Reservations to: EFF Trivia Night, 6265 Columbia St. Louis, MO 63139**

For more info email John Ellison jordellison@yahoo.com
Players Names

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____
- 6) _____

Seating **circle one** (Assumption Room) (Gymnasium)
Enter your email for a reservation confirmation