



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.

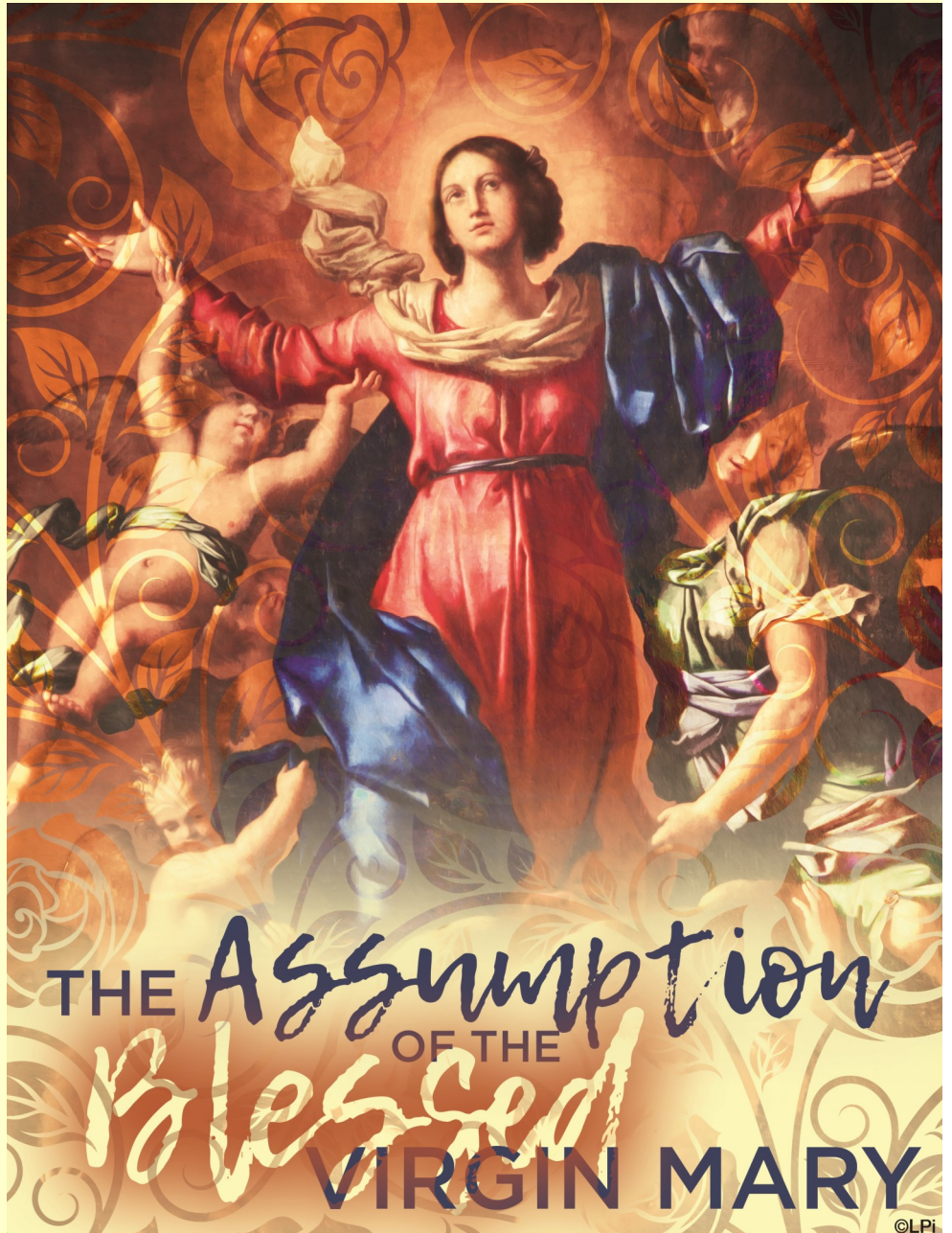
Marriages: Contact the priest at least 9 months prior to the wedding date.

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.



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, August 12, 2018

Phone: 314-781-1199
www.epiphanystl.org

LIVING OUR FAITH

FROM THE DESK OF FR. MICHAEL

Thank you to our generous parishioners who over the years have donated and planted flowers on the campus. We recently had a parishioner volunteer to bring some items and organize our courtyard. You might notice that it is a very calm, prayerful place! The stepping stones in the garden were made by our Little Flowers and you can pray a decade of the rosary as you walk over them.

Fall Festival raffle tickets have been mailed out. Please consider purchasing some - this is the fundraiser that brings in the most money for us each year and helps us balance our annual budget.

Altar Servers Wanted We would like to train some additional altar servers to help out, especially with the Sat evening Mass. There is no age minimum. Younger servers are encouraged to join and participate as much as they can, the older servers can handle the more difficult duties. You can serve as much or as little as you like. The way I see it, the more altar servers at Mass, the better! Let me know if you're interested and I'll do the training anytime.

The Solemnity of the Assumption is on Wed, Aug 15 and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Because it falls on Wednesday we actually have one extra Mass time this year. The 6:30 pm Tuesday Mass is a Vigil of the Solemnity, and we also have 8 am and 7 pm on Wednesday.

Interested in hosting a Donut Sunday? Let me know. I'm starting to make the fall schedule. It's a great and easy way to get to know new friends.

Blessing of Backpacks Kids, bring your backpacks next Sunday, Aug 19 to the 10:30 am Mass. We'll say a prayer for a good school-year and get those backpacks blessed!

Mass Explanations - The Sign of the Cross

The words we speak at Mass are, "In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit." At the same time we make the sign of the cross. This is a physical confession of faith that we are saved by the Cross and it is through the sacrifice of Jesus that we are drawn into the life of the Trinity.

The sign comes to us through the prophet Ezekiel, who was told by God to, "Go through the city, and put a mark [Tav] upon the foreheads of the men who sigh and groan over all the abominations that are committed in it." Pope Benedict XVI says about this, "those who do not connive in the sin of the world yet suffer from it for the sake of God...are sealed with the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet, the Tav, which was written in the form of a Cross...[it] becomes the seal of God's ownership."

Is it not a prophetic miracle that this sign, given hundreds of years before the birth of our Lord was later unveiled and shown to derive its power from Jesus Christ?

St. Paul comments on this when he encourages us to know the "breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge." (Eph 3:18ff)

Fr. Michael

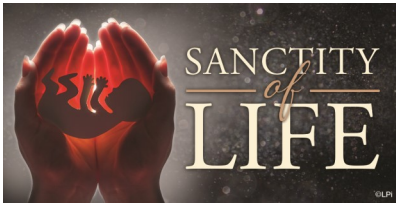
Stewardship "Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!" 1 KINGS 19:7 Jesus knows that our stewardship journey will be difficult; we are not designed to do it on our own. Fortunately, Jesus gave us the greatest gift of all - the gift of the Eucharist; His own body and blood. When we join our sacrifices with the sacrifice of the Mass, we find the strength and courage to be His joyful disciples.

LifeTeen Attention All HighSchoolers! Please join us this Wednesday, August 15th from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg High School (please use Clifton Avenue entrance) as we close out our summer series. You are always welcome for prayer & community! Please see saintlouis-lifeteen.org for more information.

Dynamic Catholic, Alive! The Living Bread from Heaven The readings are filled with beautiful truths this Sunday. We are reminded that we need the spiritual sustenance that only God can provide for us, just as He did for the first Christians. In our task of evangelization, the Eucharist is central for spurring us on to bring the Good News to others. John 6 is certainly a chapter of the Bible with which we must be very familiar. Jesus is the true bread from heaven, the One who is able to give us the food that will lead us to eternal life. Consider the importance of the Eucharist in your own spiritual journey and take a moment to think of ways that you can spend more time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Perhaps your parish has a Eucharistic adoration chapel or at least adoration time one day a week. Could you make it to a week-day Mass a few times a week to receive the nourishment you need to be more charitable to your spouse, children, siblings, and co-workers. Jesus gives us the life we need. Let's be grateful for the great gift that is the Eucharist! archstl.org/dynamic

Laugh Out Loud *The Meaning of Dreams...* Mary woke up on Valentine's Day. After she woke, she told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a gorgeous expensive diamond necklace for Valentine's Day! What do you think it means?" "You'll know tonight," he said, with a wink. That evening, her husband came home with a small package for her. Thrilled, Mary opened it and found a book titled, *The Meaning of Dreams*.

LIVING OUR FAITH



Prolife “[W]e know what true, authentic love looks like. It looks like the man on the Cross. This deep, pure love that motivated Jesus to offer his life for ours, is the love that will answer the longing in our hearts, if we let it.”
“10 Surprising Tips for Love the Culture Won’t Tell You”
2015-16 Respect Life Program, USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Q What kind of religious practices should we begin, once we marry, to help us practice our faith each day?

A Your spiritual life as a couple is important. Living the sacrament of marriage each day requires attention, perseverance, and a plan. That might be the single most overlooked thing that people fail to do when they want to grow in faith. You have to know what you want to do, in order to do it. It's that simple.

You might begin by looking at the religious practices of your family and your youth. Talk about the ones that made the deepest impression and were most meaningful. For example, praying the family rosary together, saying grace before meals, making sure you attend Mass together are all ordinary things that are part of our religious practice. You can begin customs and traditions that you never practiced before, i. e., the Advent wreath, going to weekday Mass on occasion, attending adult education, volunteering for the RCIA. These may bring you closer together and closer to the church. In your home, having a crucifix in different rooms, religious pictures or using holy water as you enter and leave your home help us become more mindful of God and his presence in our life. The most important thing is the habit of praying together, of bringing your needs, your desires, your wants before God in prayer. All of these religious practices help us grow in our commitment to God and to one another.

Movie Screening: “I Lived on Parker Avenue”

The Daughters of St. Paul in collaboration with Missouri Right to Life are hosting a screening of the short documentary film, “I Lived on Parker Avenue” on Thursday, Aug. 23, 7 pm at Pauline Books & Media, 9804 Watson Rd. in Crestwood.

This inspiring 2017 pro-life, pro-adoption film follows the dramatic cross-country reunion between then Louisiana college student David Scotton and his Indiana-based birth-parents. The film also explores the life stories of David’s birth parents and adopted parents, and his mother’s experience at an abortion facility when pregnant with David.

The documentary’s director Philip Braun III has high hopes for the film. “With infant adoption decreasing in America over the last 25 years, our hope is that *I Lived on Parker Avenue* can inspire our nation with the beauty of the adoption option,” Braun said.

Call 314-965-3512 for more information and to register. Admission is free.

About Pauline Books and Media: Pauline Books and Media is a Catholic book store owned and operated by the Daughters of Saint Paul. The Pauline Sisters are an international congregation of women religious called to be St. Paul living today. They are dedicated to announcing the Gospel through the media of communications. *Pauline Books and Media is your trusted source for Catholic media, resources and faith enriching events.*

DIALOGUES

AN AQUINAS LECTURE SERIES

Finding Joy in a Fearful World, Sr. Juliet Mouseau, R.S.C.J.
Thursday, September 11, from 11:30 - 1:00 pm - Il Monastero Banquet Center, SLU Campus, 3050 Olive Street, St. Louis, MO 63103. Cost is \$25 per session (includes lunch). To register or for more information contact Diane Henderson at 314-256-8856 or Henderson@ai.edu

Formerly known as the Aquinas Roundtable, Dialogues was created to share our rich theological and spiritual heritage with alumni, donors, friends, and neighbors in the St. Louis area. The lectures are an opportunity for members of the public to benefit from the witness of those doing notable work in the field of theological and ministerial formation.

Aquinas
INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY

LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, August 13
8:00 am Cecilia Stochla

Tuesday, August 14
8:00 am Eleanor Nazzoli
6:30 pm Mary Zacheis

Wednesday, August 15
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 am Rev. Frank Distler, S.J.
7:00 pm Parishioners

Thursday, August 16
8:00 am Deceased Members of the Thien Family

Friday, August 17
8:00 am Greg & Sherry Heuing (22nd Wedding Ann.)

Saturday, August 18
8:00 am Richard Scholten
5:00 pm Margaret Toney

Sunday, August 19
8:00 am Maureen Merlo
10:30 am Parishioners



OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday - Saturday August 13-18

- 7:30 am - Rosary, Church

Sunday, August 12

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

Monday, August 13

- 7:30 am - 5:00 pm - GSA,
- 7:30 am -- 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts, Upper Hall

Tuesday, August 14

- 7:30 am - 5:00 pm - GSA,
- 7:30 am -- 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym

Wednesday, August 15

- 7:30 am - 5:00 pm - GSA,
- 7:30 am -- 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 6:30 pm - Finance Committee Mtg., CMR

Thursday, August 16

- 7:30 am - 5:00 pm - GSA,
- 7:30 am -- 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym

Friday, August 17

- 7:30 am - 5:00 pm - GSA,
- 7:30 am -- 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 3:30-6:30 pm - Dance, UH

Saturday, August 18

Saturday, August 19

- 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
Daniel Barr	Ethan Sonderman	Bob Metcalf
Jack McPherson	Sheryl McPherson	Nannette McPherson
Rev. Terry Borgerding	Dorothy Tetreault	Brock Hart
Mark Price	Larry Lopez	Tracy Limpert
Dorothy Kaup	Ken Wisniewski	Patty Dunne

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 12, 2018

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/
Eph 4:30--5:2/Jn 6:41-51
Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/
Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Ez 2:8--3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131
[103a]/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:
6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/1 Cor 15:54b-57/
Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16
[10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62
[cf. 7b]/Mt 18:21--19:1
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3,
4bcd, 5-6 [1c]/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15,
18-19 [12a]/Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
[9a]/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

OUR DEARLY DEPARTED



In your kindness, please pray for the repose of the soul of Richard Scholten. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

SATURDAY EVENING MASS TIME CHANGE

PLEASE NOTE: EFFECTIVE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2018, SATURDAY EVENING MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 4 PM.

OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 4-5, 2018

Sunday Collection

General Fund \$4702.00
General Fund Loose \$212.00
General Fund Online \$742.00
Total \$5,656.00

Assumption \$80.00
Latin America \$268.00
Maintenance & Repair \$400.00
SVDP \$200.00
SVDP Online \$100.00
Votive \$75.00
Tuition Assistance Online \$110.00 \$85.00(YTD)
Endowment Fund \$ \$(YTD)



The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives.
Deut 14:23¹⁴

The Garden of Innocents What - Where - Why

The Garden of Innocents is two things. It is a group of caring people acting on the belief that every person is a child of God from the first moment of their existence and that they deserve to have the respect and dignity due them.

It is also a place, a place in Calvary Cemetery where, thanks to the generosity of Msgr. Robert McCarthy and Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, abandoned children are laid to rest.

That's the reason for the Garden of Innocents. Living out her Catholic faith, St. Peter-St. Charles parishioner Rebeca McKelvey filled a previously unmet need. She learned that when babies who have died are abandoned by their families, they were buried without the dignity and respect every person deserves. Without any rudiments, even clothing, they were buried in unmarked graves. She brought together like minded folks to provide what was needed to honor these innocent souls and express the love of God they enjoy together with all his creation.

Today, although the Garden of Innocents has provided over 40 burials for these special children of God it remains a little known ministry in our midst. Realizing that there are many folks in our parishes who would be eager and willing to support this ministry the Garden is reaching out with this information.

There are many ways you can be a part of this ministry. First by supporting it with prayer. You can also get on the Garden's email list to be notified when a funeral takes place and attend the funeral joining in honoring these children. If your skills include knitting or sewing, you can contribute by donating the items used to lay these children to rest. You can help by providing financial resources and there are even more ways to support the Garden as well. For more details and contact information check out the Garden's website:

www.gardenofinnocents.org or on Facebook.



Sign-up Today!

Mother of Good Counsel Home 15th Annual Golf Tournament

Mother of Good Counsel Home, a skilled nursing home, will host its 15th Annual

Golf Tournament on Monday, September 24, at Glen Echo Country Club. Registration will begin at 10:00 am with a lunch at 11:00 am and tee-time at noon. The dinner auction will begin at 5 pm.

The golf event features a four-person scramble, numerous contests and a dinner/awards banquet. The cost for individual players is \$250 per person, which includes play, carts, putting green practice, lunch, goody bag, dinner and an open bar. The Dinner and Auction can be attended for \$50 per person. For more information, contact Marsha Heine at 314-383-4765 or mheine@mogch.org

Annual Silver and Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass

Couples celebrating their 25th, 50th or 50-plus wedding anniversary during 2018 are invited to this annual Mass to be held Sunday, September 16, 2018, 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 August 24 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. Questions: Office of Laity & Family Life, 314.792.7170.



The success of any fundraiser relies greatly on its volunteers. Such is the case with our Fall Festival (formerly Homecoming). For many years, we have been fortunate enough to have a large group of very dedicated workers for our Fall Festival. Unfortunately, for a variety of reasons the number of volunteers in this group has started to decline. **That's where you come**

in. While we would love to approach each and every one of you individually to ask for your help, time simply doesn't allow this so we are sending out our plea through the bulletin. **We desperately need and want your help!** Besides helping out, this is a great way to get more involved with our parish. By volunteering to work Fall Festival, you will meet your fellow parishioners and get to know them better by working side-by-side. One of the positions we need to fill ASAP is that of the Set Up/Tear Down Chairperson. Duties for this position include: supervising the set up and tear down of the Fall Festival Booths which takes place from Wednesday - Sunday (September 12-16) of Fall Festival. Hours on Wednesday & Thursday are from 6-10:00 pm; Friday from 9:00 am - 6:00 pm and after closing of the Fall Festival (11:00 pm for about an hour); Saturday after closing 11:00 pm for about an hour; Sunday from approximately 9:00 am until noon. **YOU WILL NOT BE COMPLETING THIS TASK ALONE!** *There will be many hands on board to help!* What we need from you is to **supervise and help** to be sure the task of set up and tear down is completed. Should you decide you can help out with this position, we will give you a detailed list of tasks and we will also have a previous committee member available to answer any and all of your questions. Please contact Trish at the parish office to volunteer for this or any other position for Fall Festival. Sometime within the next few weeks we will have an online sign up sheet available. Please keep watch in our bulletin for the web address. Don't use the internet? No problem, simply call Trish at the parish office to volunteer, 314-781-1199. We are sure to have a job to fit you!

\$10,000 Fall Festival Raffle Tickets

The largest part of Epiphany's profit from Fall Festival (formerly Homecoming) comes from our \$10,000 Raffle. Raffle chances are sold for \$100 per ticket (**with the option to include 10 names at \$10 per spot for a tenth of the prize**). We also

have a second prize worth \$2,000. We only sell a total of 300 chances so your odds are really good! By now, you should have received your Fall Festival ticket in the mail. Please consider taking a chance on winning \$10,000 or \$2,000 by purchasing a Fall Festival raffle ticket. Can't afford an entire ticket, purchase a portion and we will add your name with others to complete an entire ticket.

Help us sell all 300 tickets by taking an extra ticket to work or to a family event and sell the \$10 portions or maybe even an entire ticket!

Proceeds from our Fall Festival help to keep our budget balanced for the year!

Tickets can also be purchased online at:
<https://epiphanystl.weshareonline.org/FallFestivalformerlyHomecoming>

