

Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church

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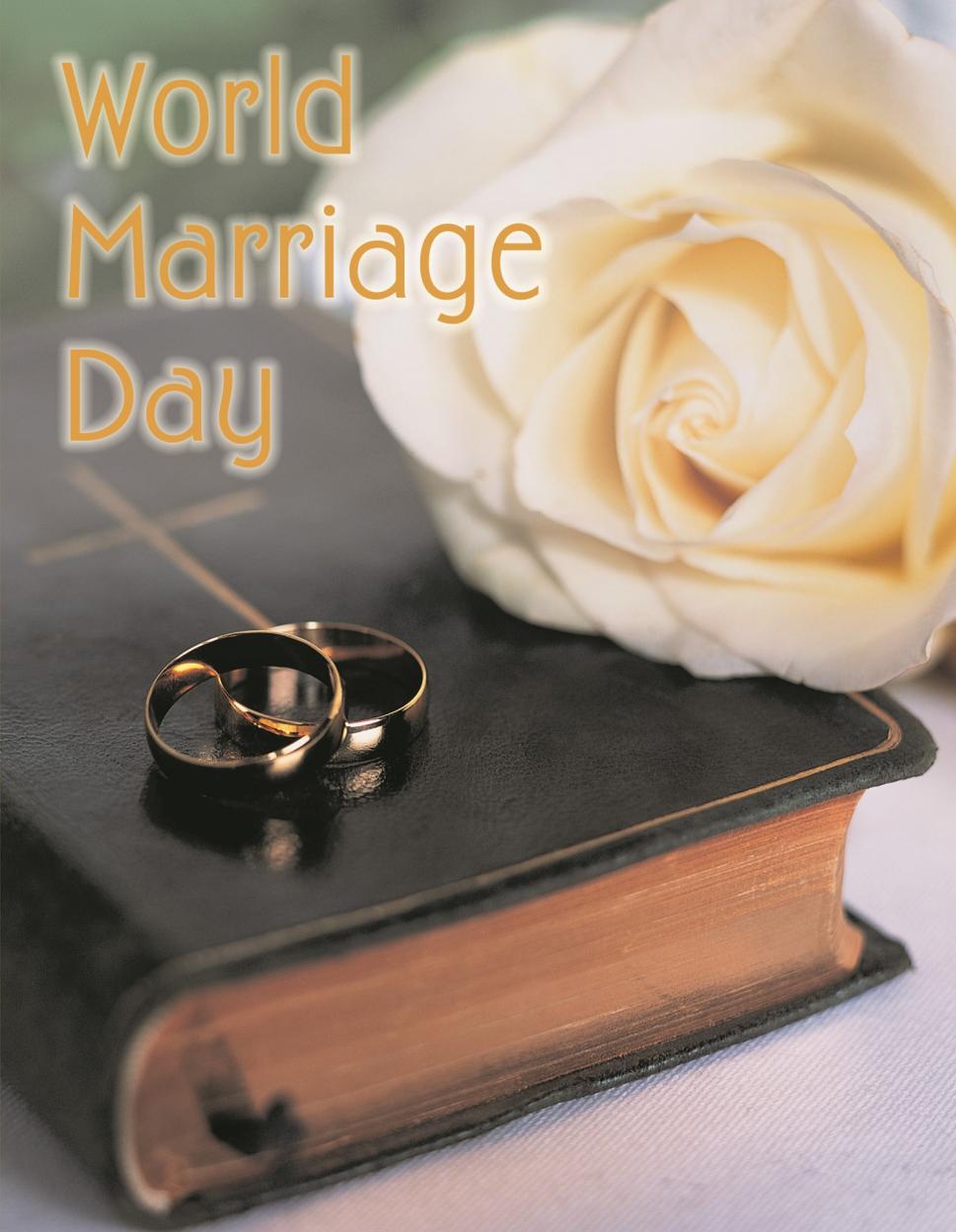
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World Marriage Day



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 4:00 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.

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February 10, 2019
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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LIVING OUR FAITH

FROM THE DESK OF FR. MICHAEL

Thank you to everyone who helps write the prayers of the faithful for Mass. If you're ever interested in taking a month to write the prayers, let me know.

I will be out of town Feb 18-22 and there will be no daily Mass that week. *I'm sorry to cancel the masses. I had a few covered by other priests but not all, so it seemed better to simply cancel the week rather than have a random schedule. There will be no masses at 8am that week, and no confessions or mass on Tuesday night. I'll be back for confessions and mass on Saturday morning, Feb 23.*

Flu season is in full swing, so to minimize the passing of germs, we won't use chalices for about 6-8 weeks or so. We want everyone to stay happy and healthy. This will be for weekends only (daily mass goes, we'll take our chances). A quick note: The Catechism teaches that Our Lord is fully present Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in both the Host and the Precious Blood, so even receiving the Host only means that we are receiving the *Body and Blood of Christ*.

During flu season, I will also be omitting the optional, latter portion of the sign of peace, which is the second half where you turn to each other in the pews. If you're sitting with your family and still want to pass the sign of peace with a hug or kiss, I say go for it even if I don't make the invitation to do so.

Mass Explanations - Receiving the Eucharist reverently

The Office for the Liturgical Celebrations of the Supreme Pontiff stated in 2008: "From the time of the Fathers of the Church, a tendency was born and consolidated whereby distribution of Holy Communion in the hand became more and more restricted in favor of distributing Holy Communion on the tongue. The motivation for this practice is two-fold: a) first, to avoid, as much as possible, the dropping of Eucharistic particles; b) second, to increase among the faithful devotion to the Real Presence of Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist."

Understanding this to be true, Pope Benedict spent the final five years of his papacy distributing Communion to the faithful only on the tongue while they kneeled. Now, as Catholics we have 3 options for receiving communion: 1) Kneeling on the tongue, 2) Standing on the tongue, and 3) standing on the hand. *All of these are legitimate options.* What is important is that we are avoiding dropping Eucharistic particles onto the ground while also receiving with devotion. For many, this is easier while receiving on the tongue (and certainly it's more certain that we're not dropping particles if you receive on the tongue), but for many who haven't received on the tongue in, say 50 years (if ever), it may feel awkward and strange to change now. It may feel more reverent to receive on the hand. However we choose to receive Our Lord, we do so with great reverence, because the Eucharist truly is the Jesus himself.

Fr. Michael

CONVERSING WITH GOD IN LENT

Please join us on Thursday evenings during Lent to reflect on and discuss the Mass readings for the upcoming Sundays. We will use the book "Conversing with God in Lent" praying the Sunday Mass Readings with Lectio Divina. Meetings will begin at 7:00 in the rectory meeting room and last about 90 minutes. Meeting will consist of reading the Sunday epistles and gospel and reflecting on their meanings and how they affect our lives. Join us on any Thursday you can. Each meeting is independent and does not rely on making it to all of the meetings. If you have any questions or want more information please contact Marilyn and Gerry Unger at 314-645-3483.

Mother of Good Counsel Home continues to operate, as they have for the past 85 years, at 6825 Natural Bridge Road, 2 blocks east of UMSL. The Sisters invite you to come and tour their skilled nursing home if you have a loved one who has need of skilled nursing care or may have need of it in the future. Please contact the administrator, Sister M. Christine, at 314-383-4765

ATTENTION EOL WOMEN OF FAITH

Is 2019 starting off with a Hunger for a more serious Spiritual Journey? "...but store up for yourself treasures in Heaven...for where your treasure is, there your heart will be, also" (Matt 6:20-21). Our next Second Tuesday of the Month Faith Sharing is February 12, 2019. We will meet in the Rectory at 7:15 PM (after 6:30 PM Mass) till 8:45/9 PM. We discuss a different topic each month and rely on the Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) as resources for our Wisdom, Insight and Understanding. **Topic for FEB: AVARICE vs GENEROSITY.** Please join us in our discussion. For additional information, please call Mary Jo Martin at 314-324-7224.

Stewardship "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'" (Isaiah 6:8)

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. The next time you hear God calling, have the courage to walk through the door and say "Here I am, Lord."

Pro-Life Matters

Helpers Mass and Rosary: Join us February 16th for our monthly Mass and rosary walk to celebrate life and pray for the building up of the Culture of Life in the greater St. Louis Area! The Mass starts at 8 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis followed by the rosary procession, adoration, and benediction. Fr. David Skillman, pastor of St. Gerard Majella, will be our celebrant and lead the rosary walk. For more information, contact the RLA at prolifestl@arch.org or at 314-792-7555.

Creative Writing Contest Deadline: The Respect Life Apostolate sponsors an annual writing competition for 8th grade students planning to attend a Catholic high school or accredited Catholic home school program. Students compete for six partial scholarships and four-six honorable mention prizes.

Each year, over 70 schools and PSR programs participate, with more than 1,100 students submitting an entry. Finalists and scholarship winners are honored at a spring awards ceremony (May 1, 2018) with Archbishop Robert Carlson.

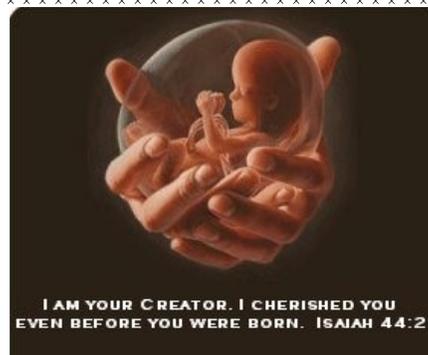
Submissions are now being accepted through Friday, Feb. 22, 2019! Applications are available from your parish, parish school, or Catholic home school association/co-op and must be submitted through these channels. You can also obtain a copy and more information from the RLA at prolife@archstl.org or 314-792-7555.

Project Rachel & Project Joseph: The services of Project Rachel and Project Joseph are available to anyone who has been wounded by an abortion experience and is seeking healing. Services include: free, confidential, professional counseling, monthly spiritual support group meetings, healing retreats, spiritual direction, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Project Rachel Next Meeting Thursday February 28th 7:00 PM. For more information contact Marisol 314-792-7451 mpfaff@archstl.org or STLprojectrachel.org.

Project Joseph Next Meeting Monday March 4 th 7:00 PM. For more information contact Chuck 314-974-6787 craymir@sbcglobal.net or STLprojectjoseph.org

Hope for the Broken-hearted: Whether you are the mom, dad, grandparent or sibling, abortion can leave a hole in the heart of any family member. Find healing for your heartache at Project Rachel and Project Joseph with free, confidential, professional counseling at 314-792-7565.



Bus #1 Pick up Locations	Departure	Return
Grasso Plaza – Affton	7:30 a.m.	6:15 p.m.
St. Paul Church – Fenton	7:50 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Union, MO Commuter Lot/1 st Baptist Church	8:50 a.m.	5:15 p.m.

Bus #2 Pick up Locations	Departure	Return
Kohl's - Creve Coeur, MO	7:30 a.m.	5:45 p.m.
Hobby Lobby – Cave Springs	8:00 a.m.	5:15 p.m.
Wentzville – Walmart	8:30 a.m.	4:45 p.m.
Warrenton – Walmart	8:50 a.m.	4:15 p.m.

“Show Me Life’ Pro-Life Action Day at State Capitol March 12, 2019

Support legislation to save the lives of unborn children. Join pro-lifers from across Missouri in Jefferson City on Tuesday, March 12th at the State Capitol. Registration begins at 10:00 am in the 1st floor rotunda and the rally starts at noon. You can register for one of our buses at <http://www.easternregionmrl.org/events> or call or email your name, address, city, zip, phone, email address and pick-up location to 314-434-4900 or mrl.eastern@yahoo.com. Registration deadline for bus transportation is March 4. Donations towards the cost of buses can be made online or will be collected that day. Wear RED for Life!

A Special Presentation: Beyond The Ice Cream Cone

Lindenwood Area Senior Ministry is thrilled to host author, Pamela Vaccaro, for a special presentation on Tuesday, February 19th. Considered the authority on food at our city’s famous Fair, Pamela, is author of *Beyond the Ice Cream Cone: the Whole Scoop on Food at the 1904 World’s Fair*. Through a slide program and food related artifacts, Pamela will share the story of the Fair through the lens of food. Agriculture was “King” in 1904 and her book explains the very important role food played in the formation of the great international exposition in St. Louis. Join us for a mouth-watering presentation and ice cream, of course! No fee to attend, Pamela’s book will be available for purchase (\$20 cash or check) at the program. 1-3pm Southwest Baptist Church - Memorial Hall (6401 Scanlan Ave.) RSVP to the LASM Office at 314-647-4591 or email: lasmdirector@gmail.com

LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday, February 10**
 8:00 am Parishioners
 10:30 am Richard Krull
- Monday, February 11**
 8:00 am Don & Pat Huelsmann
- Tuesday, February 12**
 8:00 am Rev. Edmond J. Fitzgibbon
 6:30 pm Thelma Boggiano
- Wednesday, February 13**
 8:00 am Scott Laschober & Peggy Bowman
- Thursday, February 14**
 8:00 am Thelma Boggiano
- Friday, February 15**
 8:00 am Michael Bourke
- Saturday, February 16**
 8:00 am Jimmie O'Reilly
 4:00 pm Ron Oldani
- Sunday, February 17**
 8:00 am Parishioners
 10:30 am Joan C. Smith



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND & SICK OF OUR PARISH

Toni Berberich	Sheryl McPherson	Tracy Limpert
Jack McPherson	Dorothy Kaup	Nannette McPherson
Maryann Morrow	Karen Glanz	Joan Huelsmann
Dorothy Ackermann	Ethan Sonderman	Daniel Barr
Ken Wisniewski	Ellie Wisniewski	Pam Devine

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 10, 2019

- Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11
- Monday:** Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday:** Gn 1:20-2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday:** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday:** Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30
- Friday:** Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday:** Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10
- Next Sunday:** Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

Koinonia Retreat Weekend for Divorced or Separated Catholics ("DASK") and other Christians, Friday, April 26 - Sunday, April 28, 2019 at Todd Hall Retreat Center, 320 Todd Hall Center Drive, Columbia, IL 62236; Cost \$110 includes room, double occupancy, and six meals. Call Jean at [314-704-1870](tel:314-704-1870) or Carol at [314-775-1253](tel:314-775-1253) for brochure and registration. \$50 deposit will reserve a space.

OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday - Saturday February 11-16, 2019

- 7:30 am - Rosary, Church
- Sunday, February 10**
- 9:00 am - Bible Study, CMR
 - 10:30 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB

Monday, February 11

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

Tuesday, February 12

- 7:30 am - 5:00 pm - GSA,
- 7:30 am -- 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 6:30 pm - PSR, AR & Church
- 7:15 pm - Women's Bible Study, CMR

Wednesday, February 13

- 7:30 am - 5:00 pm - GSA,
- 7:30 am -- 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 7:00 pm - Usher's Guild Meeting, AR

Thursday, February 14 Happy Valentine's Day!

- 7:30 am - 5:00 pm - GSA,
- 7:30 am -- 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 7:00 pm - Epiphany Mens' Club, AR



Friday, February 15

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

Saturday, February 16

Sunday, February 17

- Following All Masses - Donut Sunday, Gym
- 9:00 am - Bible Study, CMR
- 10:30 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB

OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2-3, 2019

Sunday Collection

General Fund\$5,745.27
 General Fund Loose..... \$254.00
 General Fund Online..... \$684.00
Total.....\$6,683.27

Candlemas\$1,090.00
 Christmas \$2.00
 Frist Offering \$55.00
 Kenrick Seminary \$7.00
 Maintenance & Repair \$437.00
 M&R Online \$30.00
 St. Louis Review..... \$130.00
 SVDP \$30.00
 Solemnity \$5.00
 Votive..... \$46.30
 Tuition Assistance \$80.00..... \$943.00(YTD)
 Endowment Fund..... \$... \$115,319.64(YTD)



Fish Fry is coming in 4 weeks! Enclosed within this bulletin is a list of “regular” fish fry workers from 2018. Please note the volume of people it takes to make this happen! Please consider joining the crew - we are always looking for more help to keep things running smoothly. If you have been a regular worker in the past and find your schedule no longer permits you to fulfill this commitment, please let Monica and/or Steve know as soon as possible. Thank you!



Join us for the 11th Annual Peregrine Society Trivia Night to Benefit Area Cancer Patients.

Saturday, March 2, 2019

“Wearin’ of the Green & Peregrine’s 70th Birthday!

Get your team together and send in your reservation. We guarantee you will have a great time while raising \$\$\$ for a great cause.

- ◆ Doors Open at 6:15 pm
- ◆ Play begins at 7:00 pm
- ◆ \$25 per person/\$200 per table of 8 - includes: Beer, Wine, Soda, Snacks & Birthday Cake!
- ◆ Epiphany of Our Lord Gym

3-30-2019 18th Annual Run for Life and Learning

SAVE THE DATE! The Run for Life and Learning, benefiting Birthright STL, is March 30! Register for the 6K Run/Walk, 1 Mile Fun Run, or ¼ Mile Kids Run with FREDBIRD at run4lifeandlearning.eventbrite.com. Contact us for great sponsorship opportunities at run4lifeandlearning@gmail.com. See you at Creve Coeur Lake!

Book Fair

Friday, Feb. 15th Preview Night 4-9 pm
\$5 ADMISSION

Sat. Feb. 16th 8 am-6 pm and Sun. Feb. 17th 9 am- 4 pm FREE ADMISSION
(Sun.) Noon to 4 pm \$5.00 bag of books
Large Parking Lot • Handicap Accessible

Thousands of books, music CD's, vinyl albums, DVD's, VHS tapes, puzzles & games. Most paperbacks 50 cents and hardbacks \$1.00 Rare and new books may be priced slightly higher.

Call Sandy (314)560-2792 after 3 pm for more information Or email smaevents2017@yahoo.com

St. Matthias The Apostle Parish Center, 800 Buckley Rd St. Louis MO 63125

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.

HONORING LOVED ONES THROUGH ENDOWMENT GIFTS

Is it possible to honor a loved one by establishing an Endowment or Scholarship Fund or by giving to one that already exists? The answer is **yes**. Establishing an endowment or supporting an existing endowment is a wonderful way to provide a lasting and meaningful gift in remembrance of a special person and at the same time help others in need. Many people appreciate the opportunity to make a gift in honor of a special person, knowing that their donation honors the life of the deceased individual and also supports a purpose which the deceased held dear.

What should I do?

- Talk with John, our business manager, as to which endowment at our parish would be the best for your circumstances.
- Contact the Office of Stewardship and the Annual Catholic Appeal at 314.792.7680 for information on existing endowments that may serve your needs the most.
- ◆ If you would like to establish your own endowment or scholarship fund, please call the Office of Stewardship and the Annual Catholic Appeal at 314.792.7680 for more details.