

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 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.

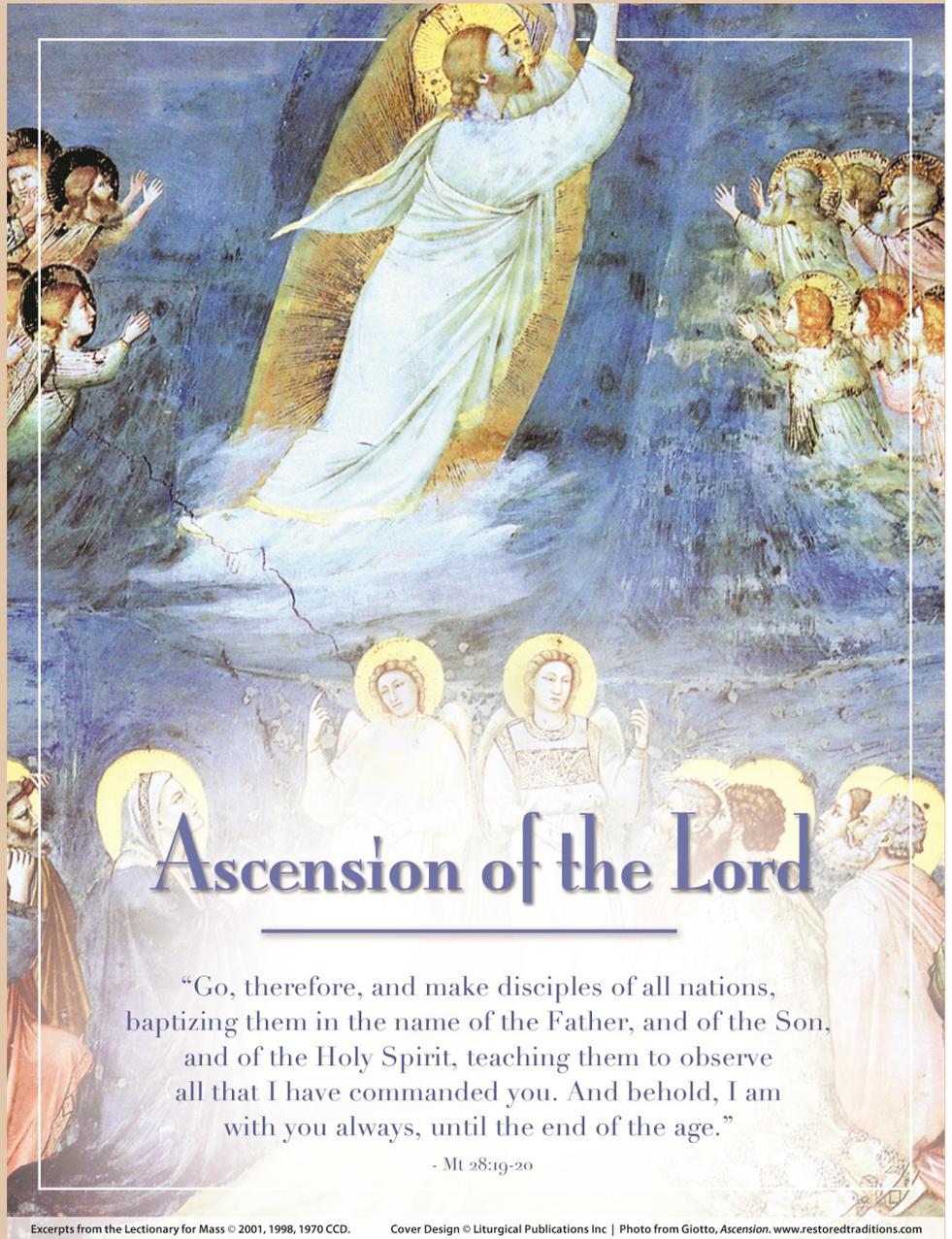
Marriages: Contact the priest at least 9 months prior to the wedding date.

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.



Ascension of the Lord

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

- Mt 28:19-20

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The Ascension of the Lord

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FROM THE DESK OF FR. MICHAEL

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make last weekend such a nice Mass - those who set up for the May Crowning, helped with the root beer floats, and those who put together the lovely celebration for Sister Loretta and Sister Mary.

Do you need tuition assistance for Catholic school? Epiphany offers tuition assistance for all our families. If you've filled out a form requesting assistance in previous years, you don't need to do it again, just email me and let me know you would like to make use of the tuition fund again this coming school year. If you've never applied before, forms are in the back of Church and you can return it to me whenever you'd like. We are happy to assist our families as much as we can, and priority goes to the families who are active in the parish and regularly attend Mass here.

Gloria In Excelsis chant camp registration is now open! We are excited to be able to offer the camp again this year. The dates are July 15-19, 7:45am-12noon. For online registration and more info, go to: <https://epiphanystl.org/choir-camp>

VBS registration is now open! Vacation Bible School - *ROAR! Life is wild, God is good - is July 8-12. Don't dely in signing up your kids! Middle school and high school volunteers are very much needed (It really is a fun week and counts for service hours).*

For online registration and more info, go to: <https://epiphanystl.org/vacation-bible-school>

No Daily Mass or Confessions - Please note that I will be gone and there will be no daily masses or confessions the week of June 24-29. I'll be back for the 4 pm Mass on Saturday, June 29.

We will be adding a regular Sunday Mass - Beginning July 21, we will begin offering a regular Sunday Mass at 6:30 pm. More details to follow but I wanted to start getting the word out.

Mass Explanations - How long is Jesus present in the Eucharist after we've received communion?

The Church teaches that "In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist 'the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained.'" This Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist does not end immediately when we receive him at Communion time. The Catechism explains that, "The Eucharistic presence of Christ begins at the moment of the consecration and endures as long as the Eucharistic species subsist."

What does that mean when we receive him? How long does Jesus' Real Presence remain in our bodies?

It is generally assumed that the Eucharistic species of bread remains for about 15 minutes after reception. This is based on simple biology and reflects the Catechism's statement that the presence of Christ "endures as long as the Eucharistic species subsist." This is why many saints have recommended staying for at least a few minutes after Mass to pray. That way you arrive at 15 minutes before leaving church. Even if you can't, remember that the Eucharist stays with us for several minutes and presents us with a special time when we can commune with our Lord and feel his love within us.

Fr. Michael



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Blest Art will be visiting your parish on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine. Our mission is to support those families in the Holy Land.

For centuries, the Christians in and around Bethlehem have earned a living by carving religious olive wood art to sell to visiting pilgrims. Fewer pilgrims are journeying to the Holy Land today, making it difficult for those Christians to support their families. As a result, there has been a dramatic rise in Christian emigration from the Holy Land. Now, less than 1% of the population in the Holy Land is Christians.

Blest Art Inc helps the struggling Christian families of Bethlehem by marketing their artwork in the United States. Due to this work many Christian families maintain their livelihood and their ancestral homes in the land of our Lord.

When Blest Art visits your parish, we will have hand-carved nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries, and many other pieces of beautiful olive wood art. We kindly invite you to visit our display and to consider purchasing a piece of art from the Holy Land. In doing so, you will help support the many families who depend on this form or art for their living. Your purchase will make a difference in the lives of many Christian families.

We gladly accept cash, checks, and all major credit cards. Please note that we do not ask for, nor do we accept, any donations. Thank you in advance for your purchase when we come to visit.

Jeryes Qumseya and the members of Blest Art Inc.

LIFE TEEN Attention All 8th Graders and Highschoolers! Please join us this Wednesday, June 5th from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg High School (please use Clifton Ave. entrance) for our "What I Wish I Knew" summer series. Please see saintlouislifeteen.org for more information!



Please visit our display
At the entrance of church
Saturday & Sunday
June 8th and 9th, 2019
After each Mass

ANOTHER LOOK AT CONTRACEPTION *To some, the Catholic Church’s consistent teaching against birth control may seem outdated. Yet with each passing year, evidence of contraception’s negative consequences keeps piling up, revealing profound repercussions on women, children, families, and society.*

Some Contraceptives Can Cause Early Abortions

Advocates of contraception claim it doesn’t cause abortions. However, that claim rests on an inaccurate redefinition of “pregnancy” as beginning only *after* an embryo successfully implants in the mother’s uterus. This, then, excludes from the meaning of abortion all pills and devices that cause the death of an embryo *before* implantation. Yet it’s scientifically indisputable that a new human life begins when an embryo first forms at fertilization—6 to 8 days *before* implantation. Physicians’ textbooks and handbooks reveal that some types of contraception sometimes work by preventing a living, developing, embryonic baby from reaching the uterus and successfully implanting, which results in his or her death.

Physical Risks for Women

Contraception also presents significant health risks for women. Combined oral contraceptives (COCs), as well as contraceptive patches and the “ring,” have long been known to cause cancer (of the breast, cervix, and liver). They also substantially increase the risk of potentially life-threatening blood clots, which have resulted in heart attacks, strokes, and hundreds of deaths in healthy young women. Intrauterine devices (IUDs) present other risks. For example, the following are just some of the warnings by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) about one common IUD: septic shock and death may occur in the event of pregnancy; about half of pregnancies are ectopic; the device may embed, perforate, or penetrate the uterine wall, resulting in its migration outside the [uterus], adhesions, peritonitis, intestinal perforation/obstruction, abscesses, and erosion of adjacent internal organs.

From Pill to Poverty

Without the contraceptive pill, the sexual revolution couldn’t have happened. Few women were willing to risk pregnancy outside of marriage. Economist George Akerlof has shown how that dynamic abruptly changed with the contraceptive pill, leading to “the feminization of poverty.”

Told that the pill would prevent pregnancy, women had sex without the promise of marriage. Because women controlled the decision to contracept, give birth, or undergo abortion, however, many men reasoned that they were not responsible for children conceived outside marriage. Indicating men’s denial of responsibility: “shotgun marriages” soon plummeted, while out-of-wedlock births nearly tripled. In less than two decades (1965-1984), abortions among unmarried women grew from an annual 88,000 to 1,271,000.

Throughout the past decade, at least 40 percent of children each year are born to unmarried mothers who are often left struggling in poverty to raise children alone. According to Child Trends, “in 2015, 43 percent of children living in single-mother families were poor, compared with 10 percent of children living in married-couple families.” Poverty and the absence of a child’s biological father in the home are two of the strongest predictors of poor academic, emotional, and behavioral outcomes in children.

Contraception Is Unreliable

How could abortions and nonmarital births skyrocket if women are contracepting? With typical use, most contraceptives are far from reliable, especially for teens, who are twice as likely as adults to become pregnant while using contraceptive pills, patches, or rings. Every year, *one million* of the 11 million U.S. women on the pill become pregnant, and 40% of them undergo abortions.

What Does Our Catholic Faith Offer?

God’s love is generous, sacrificial, life-giving, and forever. As humans made in God’s image, we are called to imitate the eternal giving and receiving of love that is the Holy Trinity. We can do this in a unique way through marriage—a vowed communion of a man and a woman who enter a “one flesh” union open to bringing forth a new human life. “The whole meaning of marriage is present and signified” in each act of marital sex, so the love-giving and life-giving purposes of sex should not be separated. At the same time, for serious reasons, in exercising responsible parenthood, a couple may “decide not to have additional children for either a certain or an indefinite period of time.” In these cases, “the Church teaches that married people may then take advantage of the natural cycles immanent in the reproductive system and engage in marital intercourse only during those times that are infertile.” Thanks to the research of countless doctors and scientists, modern, fertility awareness-based methods of natural family planning rival and even surpass the effectiveness of contraceptives while posing no risks to mothers or unborn children. In fact, couples using such methods report better sex, improved communication, and the ability to identify underlying causes of infertility. (To learn more, visit www.foryourmarriage.org/family-planning.) In short, through the Church’s teaching, God invites us to a fuller, richer, deeper way of life and love.

Stewardship *“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” (Revelations 22:13)*

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work or at school. Living gratefully and generously is a lifestyle; it should influence how I make all my daily decisions.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND & SICK OF OUR PARISH

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| 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 |
| Jim Boyer | Yvonne Lopez | |

LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, June 2

The Ascension of the Lord

8:00 am Pat Podnar
10:30 am Parishioners



Monday, June 3

8:00 am Rev. Gregory Brusino

Tuesday, June 4

8:00 am Ray Heede
6:30 pm Zoe Ann Kranek

Wednesday, June 5

8:00 am Marge Essmann

Thursday, June 6

8:00 am Esther Klearman
(Conversion & Sanctification)

Friday, June 7

8:00 am Gabriella (Thanksgiving and Blessings)

Saturday, June 8

8:00 am Melvin Klearman
(Conversion & Sanctification)
4:00 pm Don & Sean Welby

Sunday, June 9

8:00 am Parishioners
10:30 am Sr. Loretta Keller (Good Intentions)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 2

Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53 7th Sunday of Easter: Acts 7:55-60/Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [cf. 7b]/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39.

Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [12]/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 55, 56 [52b] or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39. Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26



Thank you for supporting the annual Msgr. Sullivan Memorial Breakfast benefiting Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital; with the breakfast and generous donations, \$1,458.00 was donated to the hospital. We are looking forward to next year.

OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday - Saturday June 3-8

- 7:30 am - Rosary, Church

Sunday, June 2

- Suspended until further notice - Bible Study, CMR
- 10:30 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB

Monday, June 3

- 7:30 am - 5:00 pm - GSA Summer School, Upper Hall & Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts, Upper Hall
- 5-9:00 pm - EFF T-ball, Msgr. Sullivan Field

Tuesday, June 4

- 7:30 am - 5:00 pm - GSA Summer School, Upper Hall & Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 5-9:00 pm - EFF T-ball, Msgr. Sullivan Field

Wednesday, June 5

- 7:30 am - 5:00 pm - GSA Summer School, Upper Hall & Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 5-9:00 pm - EFF T-ball, Msgr. Sullivan Field

Thursday, June 6

- 7:30 am - 5:00 pm - GSA Summer School, Upper Hall & Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 5-9:00 pm - EFF T-ball, Msgr. Sullivan Field

Friday, June 7

- 7:30 am - 5:00 pm - GSA Summer School, Upper Hall & Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 3:30-6:30 pm - Dance, UH

Saturday, June 8

Sunday, June 9

- Suspended until further notice - Bible Study, CMR
- 10:30 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

is making plans for the 2019-2020 school year! We welcome all interested families to look on the website and register their 3-6 year old and 6-9 year old children for this beautiful program. Also, we are always in need of volunteers to assist and help with materials and care for the space. Your gift of time helps so much! Contact Epiphanycgs@gmail.com with any questions or check out the parish website. Thank you for keeping this great work' in your prayers!"

OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 25-26, 2019

Sunday Collection

General Fund \$4,076.00
General Fund Loose \$152.77
General Fund Online .. \$1,187.00
Total \$5,415.77

Ascension \$38.00
Cardinal Glennon \$20.00
Maintenance & Repair \$80.00
Mother's Day \$5.00
SVDP \$985.00
Votive \$25.00
Tuition Assistance \$ \$1,470.00(YTD)
Endowment Fund \$.. \$119,319.64(YTD)



Driving Safety Class

An AARP Smart Driver Course is being offered from 9am-1pm on Monday, June 3rd at Southwest Baptist Church (6401 Scanlan Ave.). Update your knowledge of the rules of the road. Learn about normal age-related physical changes and ways to adjust for those changes. A grant is funding this workshop, so it is being offered free of charge! To register, call Charlene Wall at [636-498-9255](tel:636-498-9255).

Our Lady's Inn Maternity Homes will hold our



16th Annual Tee Off for Life Golf Tournament on Monday June 24th at Greenbriar Hills Country Club. The tournament will feature lunch, 18 holes of golf, reception, silent auction, and more. Registration begins 11:00 am. For more information or to register, visit

www.ourladysinn.org or call Katrina at 314-736-1544. Guided by our Mission, Our Lady's Inn provides pregnant women and their children shelter and hope for a new life through humble acts of love.

St. Vincent DePaul is in need of cereal. Please help us feed the needy. Donations may be dropped off in the marked boxes located at the entrances of church.

EPIPHANY SCOUTS AND EPIPHANY FRIENDS FOREVER Barbeque

The Epiphany Scouts and EFF, are hosting a BBQ on Saturday and Sunday, June 22nd & 23rd from 11:00 am till 5:00 pm. Carry Outs will be available, in addition to dining in. Pre orders will be taken. More information to follow.

Flea Market

There will be a Flea Market in June. Thank you to everyone who graciously responded to the insert

in last week's bulletin. Now we are seeking help with getting some larger donations to Epiphany. If you have some way to pick up items, please call Helen at 647-8146. If you do not have a truck or whatever but can help with securing the donations, we definitely need your help also. Thank you in advance for any assistance you are providing your parish.



Congratulations to the Men's Club May Alpha

- Square Winners:
- \$100 VVA Chapter 611 (D15)
 - \$25 Linda Hirssig (D14)
 - \$25 Cindy Street (D16)
 - \$25 Bill Hof (C15)
 - \$25 John Ellison (E15)



GIVE
THE GIFT
OF
life

Mount Tabor United Church of Christ
Blood Drive: Thursday, June 13 from 2:30-6:30 pm.
To be held at St. Michael's Fellowship Hall, 6520 Arsenal - 63139. Please call 1-800 RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Mount Tabor to schedule an appointment. Download the Blood Donor App.

Dance Dance Dance Begins June 7th-Classes held in Epiphany Upper Gym on Fridays 5pm to 6pm. Offering: Tap, Ballet, Jazz, Pom, Musical Theater, & Hip Hop to ages 3 through 14. Dance Director Tina Stemmler is Dance Master Certified with a BA in Dance from Webster University. Six week tuition cost is \$60. Please Contact Ms Tina for more Information at (314) 680-2613.



Glennon Sunday - June 2



SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital is the only free-standing Catholic pediatric hospital in the country. When SSM Health Cardinal Glennon opened its doors in 1956, a promise was made to the community that any child in need of care would be welcomed, whether their parents could afford to pay for care or not. That promise still holds true today.

From bee stings and sprained ankles, to major open-heart surgery, more than 200,000 children each year benefit from the commitment of hundreds of doctors, nurses and caregivers who are dedicated to making sick children well.

By making a donation in the collection basket **today**, you will make a difference for patients like John Smith. Many of you will recall the story of the young man who fell through the ice of frozen lake and was without a pulse for nearly an hour. When John laid in the emergency room, his mother prayed to God to save her son. What happened next was nothing short of a miracle: John's heart started beating again. His odds-defying recovery is the subject of the new movie, **Breakthrough**.

John says, "I know that god has given me back life for a reason. While it may not be clear now, I know that He has a plan and I will follow what He has in store for me."

On behalf of our patients and families, may God bless you for providing hope, healing, faith and compassion to every child who walks through the doors of SSM Health Cardinal Glennon, regardless of their ability to pay.

Thank you for your support of Glennon Sunday, where "Faith and Healing Unite."