



Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church

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MASS & SACRAMENTS

Sunday Masses: 8:00 am, 10:30 am &
(6:30 pm Mass celebrated **every** Sun-
day with a *traditional Latin Mass*
celebrated on the 1st Sunday of
each month.)

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 & 6-6:20 pm

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.



“In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all
his possessions cannot be my disciple.” - Lk 14:33

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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 8, 2019

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

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Country Store raffle. Best of luck with the prizes!

If you are interested in helping with hospitality after the 10:30 am Mass, we're looking for a new team or two to help make and serve the coffee. It's a very easy commitment. You'd be on the schedule once a month or so, only need to be about 10 minutes early for Mass to get the coffee started, and then hang around after for the coffee hour. If you're interested let me know.

If you are in need of financial assistance with Catholic school tuition or with PSR, let us know. We're happy to help.

Sunday Night Mass update We've been offering our 6:30 pm Sunday Mass for a few months now and so far it is going very well. We've had pretty good attendance and I haven't noticed a substantial decrease in attendance from our morning masses. We've attracted a number of visitors and new parishioners on Sunday evening and, overall, it has been a positive development for the continued evangelism and vitality of the parish.

Mass Explanations - Ad Orientem

We've been offering a regular Mass in the Extraordinary Form (often called the Traditional Latin Mass) on the 1st Sunday evening of the month. The Mass has been well-attended and I notice that more than a few of you have dropped in to check it out. Other than the fact it's all in Latin, the first thing that stands out about it is that the priest faces *ad orientem*, meaning *to the east*. Not many people know this, but in the Ordinary Form Mass (the Mass we typically have here at Epiphany), *ad orientem* is also a valid option. The priest can stand facing you, or he can stand facing the same direction as you. I'm good with either option and don't want to alarm anyone with this explanation; I'm not planning on changing anything about our weekday morning or Sunday morning masses! I just want to clarify that either option is perfectly okay.

For most of the history of the Church, the priest only faced *ad orientem*. Why?

First, You'll notice that if I join you on the same side of the altar, we all face Jesus together. It becomes very clear that my personality is less important and I am standing with you in solidarity. We are all praying to God together. It's not me praying while you watch. It is all of us as the one people of God.

Second, you'll notice that if I face *ad orientem*, then I can see both the crucifix and the tabernacle while I'm praying, which makes clear that the priest is directing his prayers to God on behalf of the Church. As an individual, it is also helpful for him to focus his prayers.

Third, every Mass places us on a journey. Each one is a step closer to heaven. The priest leads us forward as we go up the mountain of the Lord together. The scriptural image is that of Moses, holding his hands aloft while the Israelites line up behind him to march into the Holy Land. There is a purposeful movement forward.

Always remember that when you are at Mass, your role is priestly and your active participation is indispensable. Your prayers, your quiet gifts of sacrificial love, are added to mine, and when I hold up the Host and the Precious Blood, those prayers are all gathered up and offered to God. It is really a beautiful moment.

Fr. Michael

150th Jubilee Open House

The Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George will host an open house at their Provincial House in Alton, Illinois to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of the congregation on Sunday, October 6, 2019 from 2-5 pm. Join the sisters for a tour of the convent and chapels and to learn more about their history and apostolates. For more information or to register, visit: www.altonfranciscans.org or call 618-463-2757.

Married couples: Start a new love affair with your spouse that is beyond your best wishes. We did! It happened on our Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are Sep. 27-29, 2019 or Dec 6-8, 2019 at the Courtyard Marriot in St. Peters, MO. If you would like to apply or get more information, go to <https://stl-wwme.org/schedule.php> or call 314.649.7317.



ATTENTION ALL WOMEN OF EPIPHANY

Please mark your calendars for each 2nd Tuesday of the Month Sept. through May, 2019. We will begin our Faith Gatherings (Women In New Evangelization) on Tues., Sept. 10th at 7:15 PM (after 6:30 PM Mass). We will meet in the Rectory till 8:45 PM. Each month will be a different topic, but please bring your Bible and a Catechism of the Catholic Church if possible. Our **First Gathering** will be on **Saints and Their Faith**. IF you have a favorite Saint, you are welcome to share why. For more information, please call or text Mary Jo Martin's cell #314-324-7224. **All are welcome!**

LIFE ISSUES FORUM: WHEN A FRIEND IS CONSIDERING ABORTION

If someone shared with you that she was pregnant and hadn't ruled out having an abortion, would you know how to respond? Although the first instinct may be to convince her that abortion ends a baby's life, hearing facts is not the first thing she needs. Research shows that many women in a pregnancy crisis think, "This is the end of my life as I know it." To face the challenges before her, your friend needs to know you care about her for her own sake and she is not alone.

First listening to your friend will help build trust and facilitate openness. Eventually, when she knows you truly care about her and she trusts you, you can share the truth in love. You can share facts about abortion, her own intrinsic worth, and the practical help and support available so she can choose life for herself and her baby.

Consider the four steps of the L.O.V.E. Approach™: Listen and Learn, Open Options, Vision and Value, and Extend and Empower.

L Listen and Learn

First, prioritize listening over speaking. You don't have to worry about whether you may say something "wrong," and you don't need to have all the answers. Start by listening to her story.

Ask her about her feelings, thoughts, values, beliefs, and wants. Do not interrupt, except to ask her to expound, when appropriate. Ask open-ended questions, and confirm what you think you are hearing.

O Open Options

When her story is fully shared, it is your turn to provide factual information, always in a loving and caring way. You might share about the reality of abortion and the wounds that typically result. As they relate to her life, you might share experiences about having a baby, adoption, and marriage. It's most helpful to keep the focus on her.

V Vision and Value

Awaken a vision in her for a healthier life (a vision she may never have had, or that may have dimmed). Help her value herself differently. She is a special creation, worthy of love. Reassure her there is always hope and she is not alone. She can make positive, life-giving choices. She can do it.

E Extend and Empower

Provide practical help and support. Her local pregnancy help center (heartbeatinternational.org/worldwide-directory) can offer consultation, lists of community resources, and ultrasound services. Consider keeping such lists of resources in your car, purse, or wallet. Help her plan next steps.

The L.O.V.E. Approach™ is a way to bring Christ's love at a crucial life-saving and life-defining moment. We are created to walk with and support one another. May we not hesitate to reach out in love.

This issue of Life Issues Forum has been adapted and shortened from the 2017-2018 USCCB Respect Life Program brochure by the same name: www.usccb.org/l-o-v-e.

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Got Diapers? Help Families in Need in Our Community. Many low-income families in St. Louis have to make the tough choice of whether to buy diapers or food for their little ones. When diapers are in short supply, babies can spend the whole day in the same soiled diaper - putting children at risk for serious diaper infections and making them very unhappy. Diapers of any size and brand are welcomed!



Do you have diapers your child has grown out of? Do you have pull-ups left over after potty training? Bring in those open packages of diapers and make a difference in the life of a family struggling to provide the dia-

Changing Diapers
Changing Lives



www.stldiaperbank.org
314.624.0888

Size 4, 5, 6 and pull-ups are always most welcome

Your financial contributions are needed also!

Love's Reply Women's Discernment Group: The Office of Vocations will be hosting a monthly discernment group for women ages 18-30 beginning on Wednesday, September 11. The group will meet at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary from 6:30-8 p.m. for prayer, formation, and discussion aimed at equipping young women to take the next right step in following God's call for their lives. For more information, contact the Office of Vocations at:

SLUH Visit Opportunities! Eighth graders can now shadow for a morning of classes with a freshman host beginning October 1st. ALL middle school boys are invited to SLUH Night on Thursday, October 17th from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Spots are filling up - create an account and register to find out more about SLUH at sluh.org/admissions.

LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 8

- 8:00 am Melvin Klearman
(*conversion & Sanctification*)
- 10:30 am Parishioners
- 6:30 pm Deceased Members of Epiphany Class of '70

Monday, September 9

- 8:00 am Don & Sean Welby

Tuesday, September 10

- 8:00 am Ken Wisniewski
- 6:30 pm Thomas Boland

Wednesday, September 11

- 8:00 am Joseph Linneman

Thursday, September 12

- 8:00 am Edra Cannon

Friday, September 13

- 8:00 am Arnold Feingold (*conversion & Sanctification*)

Saturday, September 14

- 8:00 am Thelma Boggiano
- 4:00 pm Joan Huelsmann (*Good Health*)

Sunday, September 15

- 8:00 am Parishioners
- 10:30 am Deceased Members of the Thein Family
- 6:30 pm Patricia Barr



OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday - Saturday September 9-14

- 7:30 am - Rosary, Church

Sunday, September 8

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

Monday, September 9

- 7:30 am -- 5:00 pm - GSA, AR, Gym, Msgr. Sullivan Field & UH
- 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts, Upper Hall

Tuesday, September 10

- 7:30 am -- 5:00 pm - GSA, AR, Gym, Msgr. Sullivan Field & UH
- 6:30 pm - PSR, Church, UH, AR & Gym
- 7:15 pm - Womens' Bible Study, CMR

Wednesday, September 11

- 7:30 am -- 5:00 pm - GSA, AR, Gym, Msgr. Sullivan Field & UH
- 6:00 pm - Fall Festival Set Up, Parish Grounds

Thursday, September 12

- 7:30 am -- 5:00 pm - GSA, AR, Gym, Msgr. Sullivan Field & UH
- 6:00 pm - Fall Festival Set Up, Parish Grounds
- 7:00 pm - Epiphany Mens' Club, AR

Friday, September 13

Fall Festival

- 3:30-6:30 pm - Dance, UH
- 6-11:00 pm - Fall Festival, Parish Grounds
(*Dinners served from 5:30-8:00 pm*)

Saturday, September 14

Fall Festival

- 11:00 am - Parade; Noon - 10:00 pm, Fall Festival, Parish Grounds
(*Dinners served from 4-8:00 pm*)

Sunday, September 15

- 9:00 am - Bible Study, CMR
- 10:30 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB
- 9:00 am - Fall Festival Clean Up: *All hands welcome!*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND & SICK OF OUR PARISH

Toni Berberich	Sheryl McPherson	Tracy Limpert
Jack McPherson	Dorothy Kaup	Nannette McPherson
Pam Devine	Karen Glanz	Joan Huelsmann
Yvonne Lopez	Ethan Sonderman	Daniel Barr
Jim Boyer	Ellie Wisniewski	Tanner Sebrian
Jimmy "Nips" Boyer	Michelle Mondello-Alvino	Dorothy Ackermann
Deacon James Tetreault	Delaney Digman	Korey Tacchi
Ben McPherson	Larry Lopez	Todd McPherson
	Christene Hulsey	

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

Sunday:	Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 [1]/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33
Monday:	Col 1:24--2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab [9]/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38
Friday:	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Next Sunday:	Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19 [Lk 15:18]/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF AUG. 31 - SEPT. 1

Sunday Collection

General Fund	\$4,616.00
General Fund Loose	\$172.35
General Fund Online	\$492.00
Total	\$4,280.35



Maintenance & Repair	\$385.00	
M&R Online	\$30.00	
SVDP	\$50.00	
Votive	\$38.00	
Tuition Assistance	\$75.00	\$470.00 (YTD)
Endowment Fund	\$	\$215.00 (YTD)

Please Note: In preparation for the Fall Festival, the parish business office will be closed on Friday, September 13th. We will also be closed on Monday, September 16th for follow up of the Fall Festival. Please don't hesitate to call the parish office with any Sacramental emergency you might have. We will be checking the messages on both days.

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EPIPHANY FALL FESTIVAL**

Volunteers

It's never too late to volunteer. If you haven't already, please consider signing up to work a shift or two during our two day Fall Festival. Sign up sheets are located near the baptismal font. Questions, call Trish at the parish office, 314-781-1199.

Parade

Our parade is a great way to kick off our Saturday festivities. You can help to make it the best that it can be by participating or providing information of a group you think might add to the entertainment. Call Trish at the parish office, 314-781-1199 to sign up or to share information.

Country Store

The Country Store is in need of any craft items, costume jewelry or decorative items for the home. The country Store accepts donations of baked items, jellies, salsa, etc. You can bring your donations to the Country Store Fri or Sat of the Fall Festival

The Country Store has a raffle Sat pm with 4 items to win

- * 69" X 80" Baby quilt—Hand quilted
- * A quilted hanging panel of "Family Rules"
- * A light weight beige throw
- * A fleece throw with pattern of puppy dogs—size 5'x5'

Raffle tickets are \$2 Each or 3 for \$5 (*cut at dotted line*)

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

of chances: _____

Amount enclosed (check or cash) _____

Don't miss your chance to win \$10,000! Only 300 tickets will be sold. Purchase your \$10,00 Raffle Ticket today. Advanced ride tickets are also available for purchase through Thursday, Sept. 12th.

\$10,000 Raffle

Purchase your raffle ticket today for a chance to win \$10,000, First Place or \$2,500 Second Place. Only 300 tickets sold!

The cost of a raffle ticket is \$100. We realize that for some this cost might be too much to incur all on your own. If this is the case no need to worry. You can still enter the raffle to win a portion of the prize money by entering on our "Ticket Sharing Plan,". This allows you to purchase a ticket with 9 others by sending your name and \$10 (*per portion*) to the parish office. If your ticket is chosen, you get to split the winnings!

Help us sell the tickets. Ask your family members, friends and co-workers if they would like to take a chance or a portion of a ticket Or simply refer them to our online site. <https://epiphanystl.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/FallFestivalformerlyHomecoming>

Fall Festival Hours

Friday, September 13th
6-10 pm (Dinners 5:30-8 pm)

Saturday, September 14th
Noon - 10 pm (Dinners 4-8 pm)

Parade Saturday at 11:00 am

Dinners are served in our air-conditioned gym. Outside snack foods are also available for purchase.

Rides--Music--Games--Dinners--Snacks--Drink
\$10,000 Raffle

**Don't be left out! - Purchase your raffle ticket today!
We hope you will plan to join us for the festival.**

Ride Tickets

Ride tickets are now for sale. Ticket costs are:

\$35 for a sheet of 50 tickets

\$18 for a sheet of 24 tickets

Ticket cost *per ride* is 2-4 tickets. Tickets may be purchased during normal business hours Monday through Friday from 8 am until 3:30 pm. To make special arrangements, please call Trish at the parish office.

LADIES GUILD "Save the Date" Attention Ladies of the Parish...you are invited to a "afternoon Tea Party, " on Wednesday, September 25th at 11:30 am in the Assumption Room (Epiphany's Gym). Bring a friend or two and lets enjoy each others company over a cup of tea, surprizes, and a light lunch. For more information and to make a reservation please call: Jan Holmes at 644-4299 or Marilyn Dickerson at 647-8279 by September 16th.

Indoor Yard Sale: DeSoto Knights of Columbus Council Ladies Auxiliary 902 Presents: Indoor Yard Sale **Decluttering?** Turn your unneeded gently used items into fast CASH. Tables for rent. One-6' table for \$15 or two tables for \$25. Saturday, October 5, 2019 from 8 am until 1 pm. Tables will be located at Maplewood Richmond Heights Elementary, 1800 Princeton Place. Contact Kathy Lubbers at 314-304-3754 or mrskathybus5@gmail.com. Tables are advertised under the Tri-city sale. All proceeds benefit local charities. Come find new treasures at bargain prices. Everything from fashion to furniture. Bake sale to benefit local Food Pantry.

Lindenwood Area Senior Ministry

Save the Date: Saturday, November 2nd is Lindenwood Area Senior Ministry's 8th Annual Trivia Night in a new location, Epiphany's gym (6596 Smiley)! Begin recruiting your trivia team now! \$20/person, tables of 6 at \$120. Doors will open at 6:30pm. Trivia begins at 7pm. Support this great organization by becoming a \$75 round sponsor or by donating a raffle item! For details contact the LASM office at 314-647-4591.



**DANCE*DANCE*DANCE
Classes Begin Sept. 6**

Dance Classes are held on Fridays in Epiphany Upper Gym for ages 3 thru 14 - from 5:45 pm to 6:30 pm. Dance Tuition Cost is \$30 per Month. We offer: 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