

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 Sunday with *A traditional Latin Mass* celebrated on the 1st Sunday of each month at 6:30 pm.)

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.

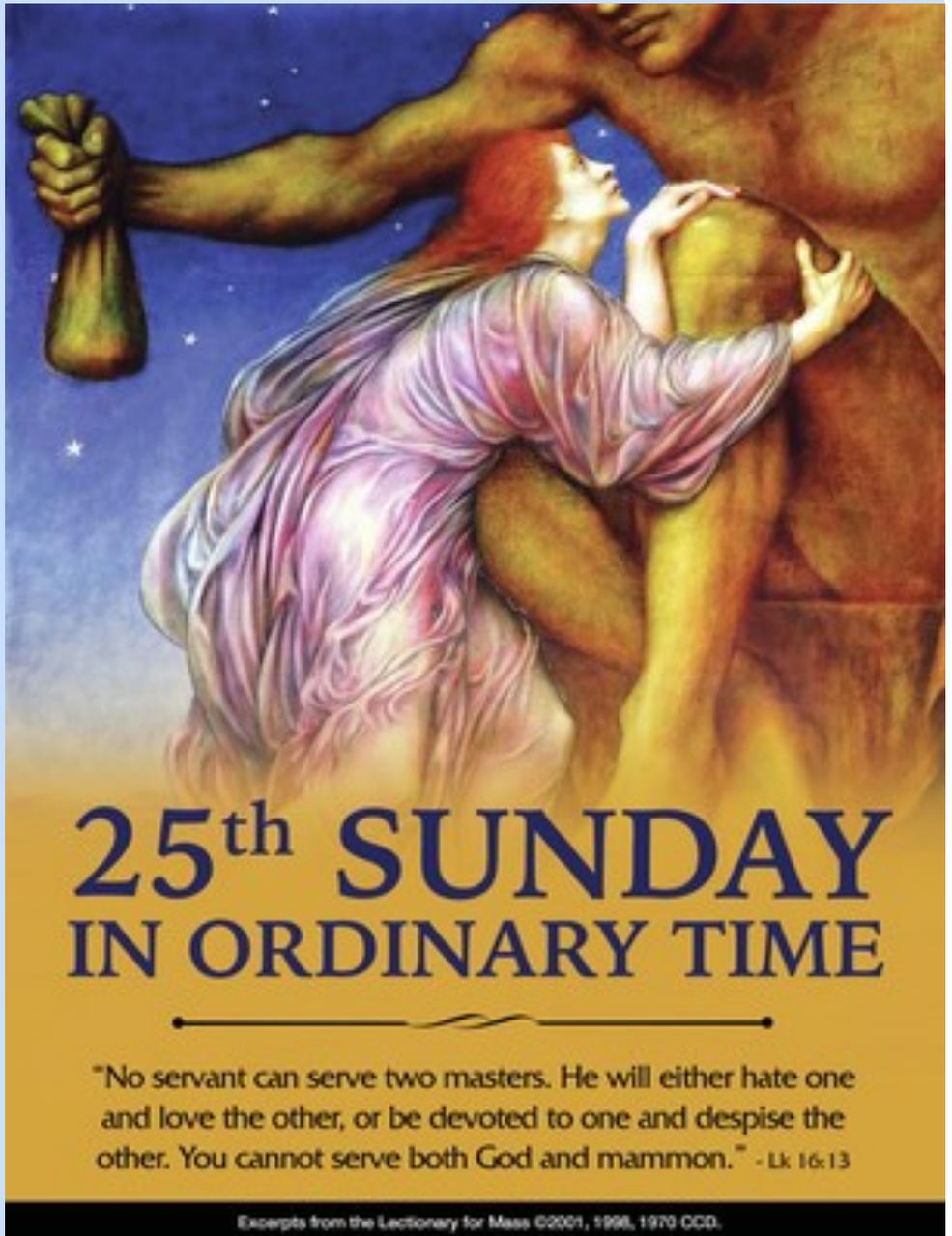
Marriages: Contact the priest at least 9 months prior to the wedding date.

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.



Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 22, 2019

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FROM THE DESK OF FR. MICHAEL

Thank you to everyone who bought a raffle ticket at Fall Festival. I was happy that the prizes went to Epiphany parishioners.

We are excited to let you know that Epiphany and the Gateway Science Academy recently finalized a 10 year extension on the lease of our school building. This means that the school will be with us at least until 2030. We are thrilled to have the school and its families as a part of our neighborhood community.

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.

Mass Explanations - Why does the priest bow during the words of consecration?

The instructions in the Missal tell the priest that, when he is about to say the words of consecration over the bread, he is to bow and place his forearms on the altar. When he says the words, "This is my Body," he is speaking not towards the people, but towards the bread itself. The priest does the same with the chalice. There are a few reasons for this. First, the priest is bowing his head in humility before the great miracle that is about to occur. It is not his words that effect the consecration. It is the words of Christ himself, the words of our great high priest. Second, by maintaining a physical connection with the altar, the priest achieves solidarity with the place of sacrifice. Third, he speaks towards the bread and wine as a way of showing that the words themselves are directed towards them and impose the transubstantial change.

The Missal instructs that the priest should say the words of consecration slowly, clearly, and audibly so that the people can hear. These words are the very heart of the Mass and deserve all the dignity that we can give them, and if that wasn't totally clear from the posture of the priest, it becomes more evident when the altar server rings the bells as the priest offers up the Host and Chalice to God the Father as the perfect sacrifice.

Fr. Michael

To the Faithful of the Archdiocese of St. Louis,

I know I speak for many when I say how deeply saddened I am by the deaths and the devastation that our brothers and sisters in the Bahamas are experiencing in the aftermath of Hurricane Dorian. I ask the Lord to carry those who have lost so much.

To help provide both immediate and long-term aid to those recovering from this natural disaster, I am asking our nearly 180 parishes to participate in a second collection at all Masses this coming weekend. Catholic Charities of St. Louis will forward 100% of funds raised to Catholic Relief Services which is providing relief in hurricane-impacted communities.

I will be offering a Mass for those who lost their lives and the loved ones who are grieving. I ask you to please join your prayers with mine for those that must rebuild their lives after this tragedy.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson Archbishop of St. Louis

Detention Border Every day you read about children and families at our border and what they are going through. In this light, we are increasingly challenged to figure out how we are to live out our faith—the Greatest Commandment, the Beatitudes, and how to “Walk Humbly, Love Mercy and Do Justice with our God right here and now.

What is it like at a detention center at the border, or at a Catholic shelter at the border helping someone who has made it to St. Louis and is awaiting asylum? Join us Sept 30 as people who have been to the border this year and those here in St. Louis share stories about those they met, their frustrations and hopes and dreams. Come learn how you might be able to help our brothers and sisters in need.

Join us Sept 30, 6:30 pm at St. Margaret of Scotland Church hall, 39th & Flad. Enter on 39th. For more information or questions, contact Pat Dougherty at patdougherty48@gmail.com.



OPEN WIDE OUR HEARTS

The enduring call to love a pastoral letter against racism
What is Systemic Racism?

Today, racism continues to exist in our communities and in our parishes. Racism is what makes us see the "other" with suspicion or to attribute negative characteristics to an entire group of people. This evil manifests itself in our individual thoughts, and also in the workings of our society itself. Today's continuing inequalities in education, housing, employment, wealth, and representation in leadership positions are rooted in our country's shameful history of slavery and systemic racism.

Systemic Racism

Discrimination based on race and ethnicity takes many forms. The United States has made progress in eliminating some of the institutional, legalized racial discrimination of years past such as slavery, Jim Crow laws, "separate but equal" schools, and prohibitions on voting or owning land. These hard-fought victories deserve to be remembered and celebrated. Still, these advances are incomplete. Data on social and economic welfare show disparities between many persons of color and their white counterparts.



- Unemployment rates for African Americans, Latinos, and Native Americans are considerably higher than the national average.

Growing income inequality increasingly affects minorities.

- In the United States, median wealth for white households is ten times greater than for black households, and eight times greater than for Hispanic households.
- Minority homeownership rates lag behind their white counterparts, and yet research shows that minorities face extra hurdles in getting approved for mortgages.
- African Americans, Latinos, and Native Americans are disproportionately affected through every stage of the criminal justice system, despite the evidence that different racial and ethnic groups commit crimes at roughly the same rates.

Racism's Impact in our Communities

America remains a deeply divided place in many ways. Many Americans of all racial and ethnic backgrounds live

in neighborhoods that are homogenous. This often limits the opportunity to learn from, interact with, and befriend people who are racially and ethnically different. Yet, having experiences living near those with different experiences and backgrounds can strengthen communities and the Body of Christ.

"Racism can only end if we contend with the policies and institutional barriers that perpetuate and preserve the inequality - economic and social - that we still see all around us. With renewed vigor, we call on members of the Body of Christ to join others in advocating and promoting policies at all levels that will combat racism and its effects in our civic and social institutions."—U.S. bishops, *Open Wide Our Hearts*

Many people of color living in low-income areas experience low or no upward economic mobility due to limited access to quality schools, safe neighborhoods, reliable transportation or higher-paying jobs. Laws and practices in more affluent communities, such as refusing rent assistance vouchers, can prevent low income persons from moving into these communities. As a result, dialogue and encounter with others with diverse backgrounds, experiences, and opinions can be limited or no-existent. In *Evangelii Gaudium* (no.59), Pope Francis noted that exclusion and inequality create the climate for discord. Recent violence in communities across the country and the hurtful rhetoric that mark conversations about refugees and migrants indicate that there is still much work to do.

As Christians, we are constantly called to examine our own hearts and consciences for how we might contribute to or break down racial divisions, intolerance, and discrimination.

The failure to act to end systemic racism hurts those who are victimized and denies all of us the opportunity to benefit from the gifts of diversity.

This handout is excerpted from the *Creating on the Margins Contest Packet*. Visit usccb.org/youthcontest or uscb.org/concursojuvenil to learn more about *Creating on the Margins*, a contest for youth in grades 7-12 that educates youth about poverty in the U.S. and our Catholic response, The 2018-2019 theme is "A Time to Heal Racism." The contest is sponsored by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.



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LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 22

8:00 am John Jankowski
10:30 am Robert Chesnut
6:30 pm Parishioners

Monday, September 23

8:00 am Greg Kutey (*Recovery*)

Tuesday, September 24

8:00 am Jeanne Feingold
6:30 pm Rev. Donald L Buhr

Wednesday, September 25

8:00 am Enrollees and Benefactors of Epiphany Memorial Fund

Thursday, September 26

8:00 am Rinaldo DiRocco

Friday, September 27

8:00 am Deceased Members of the Cunningham Family

Saturday, September 28

8:00 am Katie Bach
4:00 pm Marge Essmann



Sunday, September 29

8:00 am Eugene Cannon
10:30 am George Heuing
6:30 pm Parishioners

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 22

Sunday:	Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 [cf. 1a, 7b]/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13
Monday:	Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12a, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday:	Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday - Saturday September 23-28

- 7:30 am - Rosary, Church

Sunday, September 22

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

Monday, September 23

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

Tuesday, September 24

- 7:30 am -- 5:00 pm - GSA, AR, Gym, Msgr. Sullivan Field & UH
- 5-7:30 pm - GSA Soccer, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 6:30 pm - PSR, Church, AR, & UH

Wednesday, September 25

- 7:30 am -- 5:00 pm - GSA, AR, Gym, Msgr. Sullivan Field & UH
- 11:30 am - Ladies Guild Tea Party, AR
- 5-7:30 pm - GSA Soccer, Msgr. Sullivan Field

Thursday, September 26

- 7:30 am -- 5:00 pm - GSA, AR, Gym, Msgr. Sullivan Field & UH
- 5-7:30 pm - GSA Soccer, Msgr. Sullivan Field

Friday, September 27

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

Saturday, September 28

Sunday, September 29

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

OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14-15

Sunday Collection

General Fund \$2,029.00
General Fund Loose \$144.41
General Fund Online .. \$,1356.00
Total \$3,529.41

M & R Online \$70.00
SVDP Online \$105.00
Votive \$15.00
Tuition Assistance Online \$50.00 \$520.00(YTD)
Endowment Fund \$ \$215.00(YTD)



OUR DEARLY DEPARTED



In your kindness, please pray for the repose of the soul of Peggy Bartoni, wife of Mike Bartoni and our parishioner. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

Epiphany's 7th Annual Quarter Auction
Thursday, October 11th

Start saving your quarters to attend Epiphany's 7th Annual Quarter Auction - Thursday, October 10, 2019. We have a huge array of wonderful items and gift certificates for you to bid on. Items already received include certificates to: a variety of restaurants, the symphony, Catholic Supply, the Gateway Arch Riverboat Cruise, Fairmont Park Race Track, Gus' Pretzels, Mom's Deli, Ted Drewes, Oil changes, YMCA Membership, Yoga classes, MO Botanicals, and **MUCH MORE!**



Donations needed: We are in need of bottles of booze for our **basket of booze raffle**. Any kind of booze will do: wine, beer, rum, gin, vodka, whiskey, tequila/tequila mix, etc. We are also in need of any small new items that can be auctioned off. Donations may be dropped off to the parish office Monday through Friday 8 am until 3:30 pm.

Call the parish office or email to with questions or to reserve a seat or a table 314-781-1199 or trish-nerviani@aol.com



The Ladies of Epiphany are hosting a Baby Shower for Music Director Elizabeth Wildman on Sunday, October 13th immediately following the 10:30 AM Mass.

All ladies of the parish are invited, but RSVP is required. Please reply to [Jamie Adams](mailto:JamieAdams@gmail.com) before October 10 at TheAdamsEmail@gmail.com or call/text 314-550-2664.

Ladies Guild News... Ladies Guild Tea Party" the Ladies Guild is hosting a Tea party on Wednesday, September 25th at 11:30 am in the Assumption Room. We will have lunch, entertainment and a good time. We need reservations from all who will be attending, including Ladies Guild members. There is no charge, just need a count for food. So gather your friends and call Jan, 644-4299 or Marilyn, 647-8279 to make reservations by Friday, September 20th.

Dragon for a Day 2019!!!

St. Mary's will be hosting High School night this Thursday, September 26th. Doors open at 7:00 pm. Come out and see what we are all about at St. Mary's! Any questions about high school nights, interests in shadowing, or questions about the enrollment process, please contact our Director of Admissions, Sam Carel, 314-481-8400 ext 110 or carels@stmaryshs.com. Friday, October 4th, 2019 8:00am-12:00pm. Open to 6th, 7th & 8th grade students.



ACTIVITIES:

- Tour of School
- Video Game Trucks
- Visit Classes and Meet Freshmen Teachers
- Field Day Activities
- Pizza Party

RSVP to Sam Carel carels@stmaryshs.com, 314-481-8400 x110 by October 2nd. *RSVP with name of student, school, grade & T-shirt Size Samuel A. Carel, Director of Admissions Corey Bethany, Associate Director of Admissions 314-481-8400x110 | carels@stmaryshs.com | bethanyc@stmaryshs.com | www.stmaryshs.com | [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#)

Seeking Your Participation: LASM Community Survey



Our parish's senior ministry, Lindenwood Area Senior Ministry (LASM), is seeking your participation in a community survey to aid the ministry in determining its next steps! LASM's mission, in keeping with the ministry of Christ, seeks to enhance the quality of life of senior adults by providing meaningful volunteer experiences, services and programs that promote physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health and safety. Since the ministry's inception we have sought to grow, strengthen and sustain our core programs. At this time, we would like to evaluate how well we are meeting the needs of our client population as well as identify ways that we might expand or launch new programs to address unmet needs. Please aid us by providing your valued input! We are looking for adults of all ages from Epiphany to take part in the survey. You can participate by heading to our website: www.lasministry.org and clicking on the gold banner at the top of the webpage. Another option, fill out the paper survey, located at the entrances of church, and return it to the basket labeled "LASM Surveys" on the table at the front entrance of the church after today's Mass or return it to the church office. Include your name and phone number on your survey to be entered into a drawing to receive a \$25 gift card for your participation! Thank you!

Be included in the Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church Directory

Lifetouch will be photographing all of our families for a new church directory.



Photography Dates:

- * Tuesday, November 5th, 2-9 pm
- * Wednesday, November 6th, 2-9 pm
- * Tuesday, November 12th, 2-9 pm
- * Wednesday, November 13th, 2-9 pm

Sign up for your photography session

- go to our website at epiphanystl.org
- Call Lifetouch at 1-866-756-0281, Monday through Friday, 9 am - 5 pm
- Visit the sign-up table after Mass starting October 5th-6th. Please note: these will not always be available, so please sign-up when you see the table.

What to expect

- A professional photography session, no session fees.
- View your images after your session and make your selections.
- You will receive one FREE 8x10 standard print and church directory plus other special offers.
- Bring a canned/dry good food item to photography day to support local hunger relief and receive \$5 off of your portrait order.

