



# 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 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.



## 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors,  
Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all  
that you vow.” - Mt 5:33

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 16, 2020

Phone: 314-781-1199  
[www.epiphanystl.org](http://www.epiphanystl.org)

**School Roof** The roof on our school building is well past its lifespan and is starting to spring regular leaks, so we're starting to get bids on the replacement cost. The cost could easily be upwards of \$200,000. For many years now, we've been anticipating the expense and have been saving money, but are still quite a ways from being able to fund the entire cost. We'll probably do the work sometime this summer while school is out of session, so if over the next few months you're so inclined, any and all contributions to the "Maintenance and Repair" fund will be welcomed with great joy.

**You all thought I was kidding** in my homily last week when I talked about cinnamon rolls being amazing. Next week, we'll have baked goods for sale in the vestibule after weekend masses. The items are from Bridge Bread, a local charity that provides employment for those struggling with homelessness. I toured the bakery a few weeks ago and was very impressed with the way that Bridge Bread helps their employees gain job skills and be proud that they have earned their wages. It helps that the cinnamon rolls are delicious.

**Bring your palms** I'll be burning last years palms on Tuesday Feb 25 right after our 6:30 pm Mass. We're collecting the palms in the baskets by the door if you want to drop them off anytime between now and then.

**Lent is coming up** and we'll have a full schedule of spiritual devotions available soon. For now, though, mark your calendar for Ash Wednesday. We'll have Mass at 8 am and 7 pm, Wed Feb 26.

**Mass Explanations - Burying the Alleluia**

Tuesday night Feb 25 after our 6:30 pm Mass, the PSR children and I will be burying the alleluia. Our Little Flowers graciously colored and decorated it, but soon it will be buried for the duration of Lent. The ritual of burying the alleluia is an old one and is a great visual symbolization of the way in which, during Lent, we temporarily halt singing or saying the word. Along with the alleluia, the Gloria also disappears during Lent. A good way to think of it might be as a verbal fast, a way of going without these words that we are used to during worship so that at the end of the 40 days, we hear them anew and with greater appreciation.

Fr. Michael

**CONVERSING WITH GOD IN LENT**

Beginning Thursday February 27, the day after Ash Wednesday there will be a group discussing the readings for the following Sunday's mass. We will use the book "Conversing with God in Lent" praying the Sunday Mass readings with Lectio Diivina.

In Christianity, Lectio Divina (Latin for "Divine Reading") is a traditional Benedictine practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God's Word. It does not treat Scripture as texts to be studied, but as the Living Word.

Our group uses these guidelines as we read, discuss and pray about the three readings for the Sunday mass through the six weeks of Lent. There is also a commentary in the book we use to guide us about the scriptures. We encourage each person to express their opinions and feelings about the readings with the intent that the mass will be more meaningful through these discussions.

The meetings are each Thursday at 7:00 pm and last about 1 to 1 and one-half hours depending on the discussions. They take place in the rectory meeting room so there are no steps to climb. Each meeting stands on its own so if you cannot be there every week you are welcome to come any night that is good for you.

If interested please contact Marilyn and Gerry Unger at 314-645-3483. The number is in the Parish Directory. Or call the rectory at 781-1199 so they can notify the Ungers. There is a nominal cost for the book but we will accept what ever you can afford.

Thank you.

**Stewardship** *"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:20)*

The scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law, and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear - it's the love that you have in your heart that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules out of obligation, not love, does not put you on the path to heaven. Attending Mass on Sunday and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of a modern day Pharisee.

**CRS RICE BOWL** Join our faith community—and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the challenge of global hunger and how it affects our human family. Visit the website: [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org)

**Women of Nazareth** is a new parish ministry open to all new mothers, expecting mothers, mothers of young children and newly married women with or without children. The group is formed with the intention of helping women blossom into the woman, wife, mother, and saint she is called to be. Lap/nursing babies are welcome; childcare will be available for older children (ages 2+) to allow for open and frank conversations. Volunteers are needed to assist with childcare. The first meeting is scheduled for **February 22nd from 8:00 to 10:00 am** in the rectory. Coffee and a light continental breakfast will be served. Please contact Amanda Antony at [amandaantony17@gmail.com](mailto:amandaantony17@gmail.com) or (903) 348-6205 for more information, to RSVP or to volunteer for childcare.

**Life Issues Forum: Post-Abortion Healing is Possible** by Deirdre A. McQuade, Feb. 23, 2007

In the past year, there has been a noticeable effort to mainstream the abortion experience and downplay its negative effects on women. A recent cover story in the New York Times Magazine, for example, denies any increased psychological risk from abortion compared to giving birth ("Is There a Post-Abortion Syndrome?" by Emily Bazelon, 1/21/07). The author balks at the need for healing after abortion, associating it solely with those who have particular religious misgivings about "the procedure."

Ms. Bazelon's piece is deeply flawed, citing only articles that favor her position. She does not take into consideration the many peer-reviewed studies that show, time and time again, that abortion can have serious effects on women - both short- and long-term.

The testimony of countless women and men grieving their abortion losses tells us otherwise. The wounds of abortion go to the core of a woman. Many men regret their lost fatherhood as well. Life is never the same. As one woman put it on a post-abortion website, "It has burned a hole in my soul and changed me forever."

True peace after abortion cannot come from denying the need for healing. The spiritual and emotional wounds from abortion must be acknowledged and given over to God through wise counseling and, for Catholics, sacramental reconciliation. God is like the father in the story of the prodigal son. He eagerly awaits our return so he might welcome us back, regardless of what we have done to offend him. No sin falls outside the scope of God's mercy, not even multiple abortions.

God's plan is to offer us the fullness of life through Jesus Christ. Just as a bride prepares to meet her bridegroom before they consummate their marriage, God wants to make us beautiful and pure so we might come into the presence of his love without any trace of grief, regret or shame. There is no room in heaven for tears.

This is the "Good News." Lent is a good season to embrace it more deeply than ever. As we heard on Ash Wednesday: "Repent and believe in the gospel!" Do we believe that it's true for our neighbors as well as ourselves? Do we trust that God's mercy also extends to those we may see as our enemies - including those most committed to abortion and the culture of death? Through our prayers, even the hardest hearts can soften enough to let God love and heal them. If a major abortion advocate were to repent, let go of her pain, and be healed, imagine what an amazing ripple effect it could set off! On strictly human terms, it seems impossible, but nothing is impossible with God.

If you or a loved one is grieving the loss of a child to abortion, you're not alone. And you need not suffer alone. Project Rachel is the Catholic Church's outreach to those suffering after abortion. Call the nationwide referral line at 800-456-HOPE (800-456-4673), or go to [www.hopeafterabortion.org](http://www.hopeafterabortion.org) and click on the heading "Where to Find Help."

Deirdre A. McQuade is director of planning and information, Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.



- Congrats** to our parishioners and students of Bishop DuBourg on their fine achievements! The following students were recently named to the 2019-20 first semester Honor Roll at Bishop DuBourg High School.
- First Honors: 3.5+ GPA**
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| KOC SIS, LIBERTY | Junior    |
| LAMPE, RYAN      | Senior    |
| MUELLER, KAYLA   | Freshman  |
| TRIM, KATELYN    | Sophomore |

**Seminary Open House** Sunday, February 23, 2020 from 1-3PM. Take a seminarian-guided tour throughout the halls, classrooms, living spaces, library, and chapels at the seminary and learn more about the way your future priests live their daily lives. Meet seminarians, experience seminary life, and pray in the Chapel of St. Joseph. All are welcome! Visit: [www.kenrick.edu/open-house](http://www.kenrick.edu/open-house)

# LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, February 16

8:00 am Parishioners  
10:30 am Colleen Kelly  
6:30 pm Rev. Thomas Graham

### Monday, February 17

8:00 am Sharon Huck (*Good Health*)

### Tuesday, February 18

8:00 am Michael Burke  
6:30 pm Rev. Donald L Buhr

### Wednesday, February 19

8:00 am Laveta Schoendienst  
(*Health & blessings*)

### Thursday, February 20

8:00 am Maria Bernhoester

### Friday, February 21

8:00 am Sr. Marianne Travers  
(*Health & blessings*)

### Saturday, February 22

8:00 am Tom Fournie  
4:00 pm Deceased Members of the Class of '70

### Sunday, February 23

8:00 am Parishioners  
10:30 am Helen Nicollerat  
6:30 pm Sharon Keller



## OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

### Monday - Saturday February 17-22

- 7:30 am - Rosary, Church

### Sunday, February 16

- Immediately following all Masses, Donut Sunday, Gym
- 9:00 am - Bible Study, CMR
- 10:30 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB

### Monday, February 17

#### Parish Office Closed

- 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts, Upper Hall

### Tuesday, February 18

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

### Wednesday, February 19

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

### Thursday, February 20

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

### Friday, February 21

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

### Saturday, February 22

### Sunday, February 23

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

## OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF FEB. 8-9, 2020

### Sunday Collection

General Fund ..... \$4,850.07  
General Fund Loose ..... \$314.56  
General Fund Online .. \$1,942.00  
Total..... \$7,106.63

Candlemas ..... \$70.00  
First Offering..... \$50.00  
Maintenance & Repair \$100.00  
M&R Online ..... \$85.00  
St. Louis Review ..... \$75.00  
SVDP ..... \$225.00  
SVDP *Online* ..... \$210.00  
Votive ..... \$34.00  
Tuition Assistance Online \$50.00 . \$1,256.00.00(YTD)  
Endowment Fund ..... \$ ..... \$(YTD)



**Please Note: In observance of President's Day, the parish business office will be closed on Monday, February 17th.**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND & SICK OF OUR PARISH

Toni Berberich	Anita Gilliam	Tracy Limpert
Lou Tacchi	Joan Huelsmann	Larry Lopez
LaSheryl Hackenwerth	Nanette McPherson	Daniel Barr
Ben McPherson	Todd McPherson	Sherry McPherson
Jack McPherson	Ethan Sonderman	Dorothy Kaup

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 [1b]/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37  
Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 [77a]/Mk 8:11-13  
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Mk 8:14-21  
Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mk 8:22-26  
Thursday: Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [7a]/Mk 8:27-33  
Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 1b]/Mk 8:34-9:1  
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19  
Next Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

## Attention: Separated, Divorced, Widowed & Remarried

You are invited to join us for fun and to make new friends at the meeting of the South County Separated, Divorced, Widowed, and Remarried Catholics (SCDC) on Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 7:00 pm, at the Saint Catherine Laboure parish cafeteria (next to the playground) 9740 Sappington Road, Sunset Hills, Missouri. SCDC is a support group for the separated, divorced, widowed, and remarried of our community. SCDC offers social activities and a support group that provides the opportunity to share your personal story with caring people. At this meeting our guest speaker will be Tod Dehart from Directions Tours. Later we will have our annual election of officers and committee positions with snacks to follow. For more information please call Michelle Wack at (314) 540-7400 or Bill DeCoursey at (314) 894-0733.

