



Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church

6596 Smiley Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63139

STAFF

Pastor

The Rev. Michael Rennie
michaelrennier@gmail.com

Music Director

Elizabeth Wildman

Plant Manager

John Ellison
johnellison11@aol.com

Parish Secretary

Trish Nerviani

MASS & SACRAMENTS

Sunday Masses: 8:00 am, 10:30 am &
6:30 pm

(A traditional Latin Mass is 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

Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays 7:30-8:15 pm (with
reception for young adults after,
hosted by Spirit and Truth St. Louis)

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: Contact the parish office to
Register.

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.



SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2020

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that
everyone who believes in him might not perish but might
have eternal life. - Jn 3:16

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

©LPI

The Most Holy Trinity
June 7, 2020

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

I've probably said this too much already, but it has been very, very wonderful to see you all again these past few weeks.

We've been back at Mass a full 3 weeks now and it is going very well. We do, of course, have to continue to adjust to the temporary changes in the way we do things. So far, though, there have been no disasters or hint of illnesses spreading in our parish. The state of Missouri has been "opening up" for over a full month now and there has been no spikes in illnesses. It seems to me that, while remain cautiously prudent, we can be more confident than ever that we can continue to come to Mass and it won't become a vector for the spread of disease. As always, I urge everyone to consider your health, the health of your family, and make responsible decisions. You don't need me trying to control your behavior. We're all in this together.

40 Hour Devotion We're planning a 40-hour devotion this week leading up to Corpus Christi Sunday. The Devotion will begin with a Sung Latin Mass at 7 pm on Thurs June 11 and it will end with a Sung Latin Mass 11 am on Saturday, June 13. Both Masses will have a Eucharistic procession after. The 40 hours in between we're hoping to have constant adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. I encourage everyone to take a look at the sign-up sheet in the back of Church on the blue table and sign up for an hour.

Our PSR year has officially ended. Even though it didn't conclude the way we would have expected, we had a great year while we could. Thank you to our teachers for your commitment, patience, and kindness to our children. Thank you, parents, for taking the time to volunteer and keep the kids involved in the parish.

I am hopeful that we will be able to begin our 2020-2021 PSR year in September as normal. I will keep everyone updated. What I'm waiting for on that is the advice of the Catholic Ed. office, which will probably be given to us sometime in July, so that's the earliest we'll know.

Perhaps in July or August we can have a fun gathering with all of you to celebrate the year.

Typically, we have a VBS and a Choir camp each summer. The VBS planning has been impossible, so I'm not sure if we'll have one or not. Perhaps we can have a "mini-vbs" at some point. Choir camp also might still happen but we'll need to wait and see if it will be allowed, so I can't promise anything. I know that a lot of summer activities have been canceled and I am committed to not canceling ours as long as it is safe not to do so and enough families are interested. Everything may have to be last-minute, though.

If you have ideas or suggestions, I'd love to hear them.

Help needed with the School Roof Project - We have a large expense coming up next month. The school roof is going to be replaced and, after having taken a number of bids, **the cost will be \$162,720.**

We're going to pay for it from our savings account. We think this is financially more responsible than taking on debt with a loan and having to pay interest. We have the money available, but using it will place our checking account at a lower number than we're comfortable maintaining going into the future. If you are able, I would ask you to prayerfully consider making a donation to help with the expenses. Simply write "School Roof" on the check or envelope.

Since I've been at Epiphany, money has never been an issue. Everyone has contributed generously and with no need from the priest to guilt anyone into it. I sincerely appreciate this. It has always been my belief that if the parish is spiritually healthy, money doesn't need to be discussed very often. I still feel this way, so there will not be any official capital campaign or focus on money at masses over the next few months. Think of this more as an informational announcement and a note of gratitude.

Fr. Michael

GLENNON SUNDAY - SSM HEALTH CARDINAL GLENNON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

When SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital opened its doors as the nation's first free-standing Catholic pediatric hospital, 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.

St. Louis has a long tradition of responding generously in times of crisis, coming together in solidarity to give hope to those in need. SSM Health Cardinal Glennon is a proud part of that tradition, and we need you now more than ever.

In this extraordinary time of crisis, our costs to deliver care are extraordinary as well. Now is the time for our dear friends in the faith community to come together and partner with us as we uphold a commitment to our mission of faith-filled health care services, delivered by some of the region's best caregivers: *Through our exceptional health care services, we reveal the healing presence of God.*

Epiphany please join us by making a gift during Glennon Sunday weekend, June 6-7, online at <https://epiphanystl.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/CardinalGlennon>. Together we will continue to make miracles possible bringing God's love and joy into the lives of our young patients. 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 at SSM Health Cardinal Glennon.

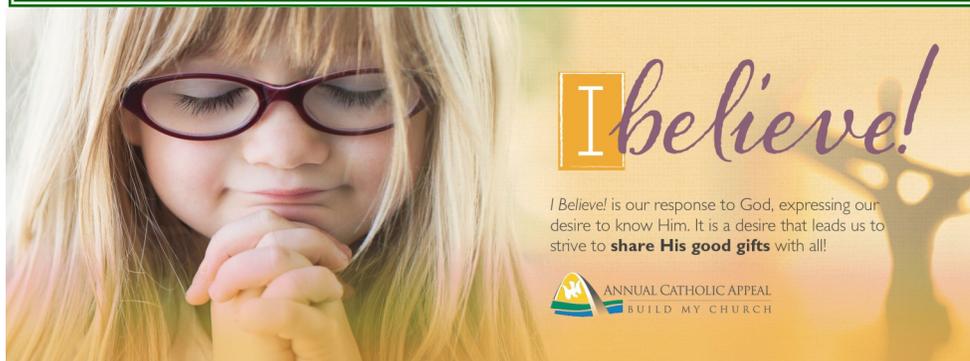
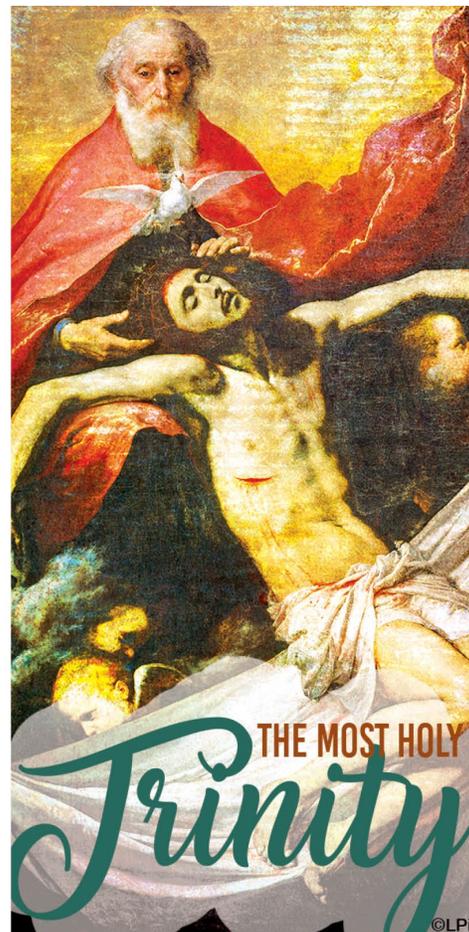
GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

A well-choreographed dance can be truly inspirational. Each movement and step are interconnected, each contributing a piece of the unfolding artistic story. The beholder is caught up in the rhythms, music, and gestures, realizing that none are dispensable and all are necessary. The same is true of the Divine Dance of the Trinity. Each Person plays a part, using unique gestures and movements that are connected to the other Divine Partners. They tell a story of love. Every movement and step is born of love and flows on into eternity. The Divine Dance never ends.

God the Creator powerfully, yet with gentle love, leads. Creating and recreating, birthing and sustaining, He dances with the compassionate incarnate Son, guided by the breath of the Holy Spirit. They are three distinct Persons but move as One. On one hand, the cascading flow of their Presence appears motionless, yet on the other, flows and moves with effortless attention. They share one heart, one goal, and one purpose and invite all of creation to join in their dance, their joy.

The energy of the Trinity flows through all created things. It is a dance of the heart, not of the mind. It has to be experienced, not dissected, and contemplated, not understood. We stand in awe of the Divine Dance and find ourselves watching in amazement all that God creates and sustains. The dance continues in the majesty of a mountain, the power and wonder of an ocean, and the vastness of the universe. It moves in the cry of a newborn infant and in the soul of one who has been forgiven. It flows in the cry for justice and in the wounds of the oppressed. It circles through the changing of seasons, the cycles of birth and death, and the wisdom that one acquires when they love God.

The Dance never ends. Its movements and rhythms go on forever. The Trinitarian Dance sustains all things, endures all things, and brings hope. You are invited to dance. Don't just watch as if you were simply a spectator. Join in the dance and move as they move.



The terrible circumstances created for everyone by the Covid-19 pandemic cannot be overstated: separation and loneliness, unemployment and homelessness, illness and death. In today's readings we hear the story of the Israelites journeying in the desert, being tested by afflictions including hunger. God satisfies his people with the miracle of manna and reminds His people we do not live by bread alone.

St. Paul echoes this in his message to the Corinthians that we participate in the Body of Christ through the bread and wine of the Eucharist - nourishment for our spiritual journey. However, over the past many weeks most of us have not had the opportunity to receive the Eucharist, a difficult journey in a most unusual desert.

Now that we are beginning to return to more regular attendance at Mass and the Eucharist, it is fitting that we do so on the Feast of Corpus Christi - the Body and Blood of Christ.

The Annual Catholic Appeal resumes this weekend with an invitation to make a gift that will help many who have been impacted by the Covid-19 outbreak in our archdiocese. As one Body, we make sacrifices for others, not because they are Catholic, but because We Are Catholic!

Donations to the ACA may be dropped in the weekend collection basket or to the parish office anytime through the mail slot. Contact Trish or John at the office for more information on your past contribution amount.

Glory &
Praise
Forever!

-DANIEL 3

LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, June 7 The Most Holy Trinity

8:00 am Doug Wood
 10:30 am Parishioners
 6:30 pm Rev. Msgr. Nicholas A. Schneider
 6:30 pm

Monday, June 8

8:00 am Michael Moehrle

Tuesday, June 9

8:00 am George Heuing
 6:30 pm Rev. Msgr. Nicholas Schneider



Wednesday, June 10

8:00 am Peggy Bartoni

Thursday, June 11 Feast of Corpus Christi

8:00 am Helen Nicollerat

Friday, June 12

8:00 am William & Mary Ann Morrow

Saturday, June 13

8:00 am Theresa Poetz
 4:00 pm Barbara Peiffer

Sunday, June 14

8:00 am Parishioners
 10:30 am George, Rosalie & Mary Heuing
 6:30 pm Rev. James T. Edwards

FLEA MARKET We are still hosting our annual Flea Market! We do not have a date set just yet, but we are considering hosting the event sometime in late July or early August. Please hold on to your donations till then. There will be more information to come. Thank you!



LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Today we celebrate the Divine dance, a perfectly choreographed interplay of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Together they dance and move as one though three unique Persons with distinctive, yet harmonious, patterns and steps. They provide a mirror into our soul. Within each one of us, the Divine dance continues, and the music of God's love continues to inspire, sustain, and recreate us with every step and melody. Can you hear the music that the Triune God is playing? Where is the dance leading you? Our minds can never truly understand or know God. But our hearts can seek and find Him. From beginning to end, God is one and, at the same time, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. God's holy Trinitarian dance is calling you to holiness, Join in and dance!

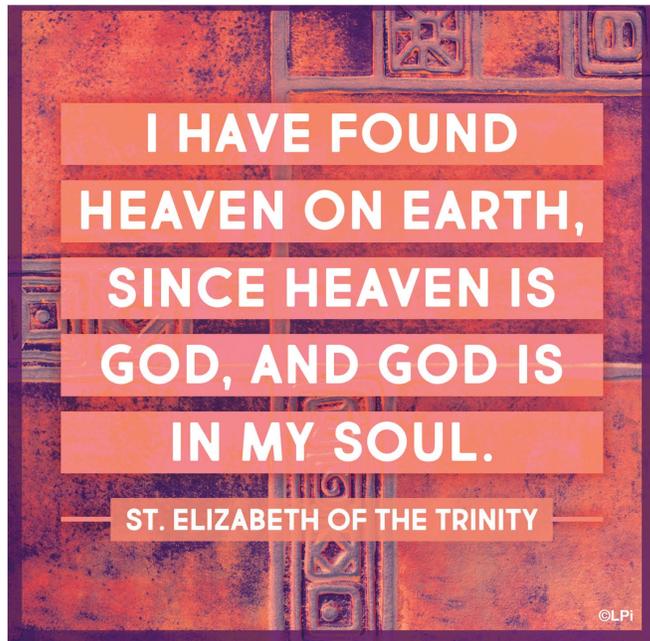
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND & SICK OF OUR PARISH

Ted Portell	Christie Breaux	Jim Boyer "Nips"
Toni Berberich	Anita Gilliam	Sharon Huck
Joan Huelsmann	Daniel Barr	Larry Lopez
LaSheryl Hackenwerth	Nanette McPherson	Deacon James Tetreault
Ben McPherson	Todd McPherson	Sherry McPherson
Jack McPherson	All Coronavirus Patients	Ethan Sonderman

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 7, 2020

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18
 Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6/Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 2]/Mt 5:1-12
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16/Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7a]/Mt 5:13-16
 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11 [1b]/Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13 [2a]/Mt 5:20-26
 Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [8b]/Mt 5:27-32
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/Mt 5:33-37
 Next Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12]/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

Grocery/Gift Certificates are available for sale through the parish business office, Monday through Friday from 8 am until 3:30 pm. Please call ahead and we will have them ready and waiting for you! Thank you for your participation.



OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 30-31, 2020

Sunday Collection	
General Fund	\$1,777.00
General Fund Online	\$527.00
Total	\$2,304.00
Cardinal Glennon	\$45.00
Father's Day	\$15.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$120.00
M&R Online	\$230.00
Mother's Day	\$20.00
Peter's Pence	\$50.00
SVDP	\$180.00
Tuition Assistance	\$. \$1,623.00.00(YTD)



LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

We Are Never Alone

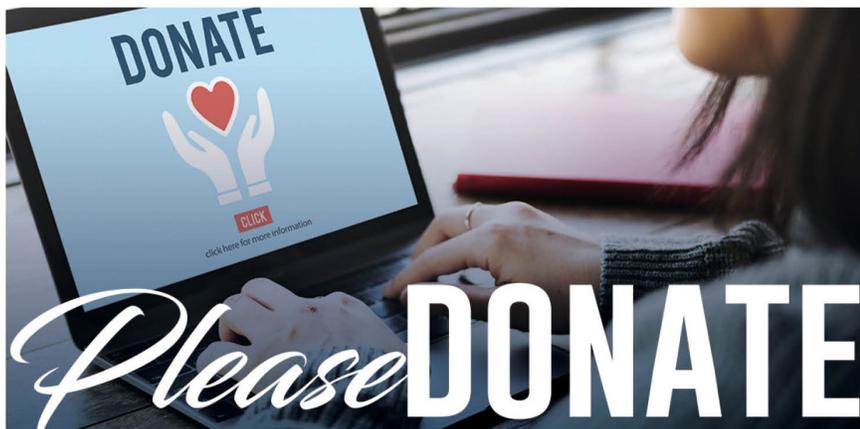
Where is that guy with the rainbow wig holding a “John 3:16” sign in the end zone at NFL football games? Younger readers may not have any idea what I am talking about! You used to see this guy on TV all the time wearing “Jesus Saves” shirts and holding his sign. Most thought he was a harmless guy, but now he is serving multiple life sentences for taking hostages at a hotel near LAX in 1992. His name is Rollen Stewart and he believed — and continues to believe while in prison — that Jesus’ second coming is imminent. His extreme actions were meant to make people take notice and listen to him. Now he sits behind bars, and most in the world see his name as nothing more than an answer to a trivia question.

It is a sad story when people hurt others or use extreme methods in the name of God. Mr. Stewart’s belief that simply getting people to listen to his message is the most important step in their salvation is misguided. His poor stewardship should stand in stark contrast to our good stewardship. Our actions, seasoned at times with our words, should be the evidence people need to see the transformative power of Jesus Christ. We do believe that he is indeed coming again. But once you have committed yourself to him and live in his life on earth, when he returns is not our main concern. We are ready whenever that time comes, and hopefully, we can help others be ready as well by our example.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!



For more information about online giving or to sign up today call Trish or John at the parish office or simply log onto the website at <https://epiphanystl.weshareonline.org/>



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

What Is the Purpose of the Pope?

Question:

Why do Catholics have a pope?

Answer:

To answer the question of why Catholics have a pope, we have to pull the lens back and think about the very nature of the Church herself. According to the Nicene Creed (which is the statement of beliefs that we recite each Sunday at Mass), we profess that the Church is “one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.” These adjectives are called the marks of the Church, and they help us see that the Church is bigger than just our individual parish communities or even the Christians living in a particular region or country.

To help ensure that the community of disciples would remain united in a communion of love, Jesus entrusted the Apostles with special authority to teach, heal, and forgive sins in his name. And from among this group, Jesus chose Simon Peter to play a special role, designating him as the “rock” on which the Church was to be built (see Matthew 16:18-19; John 21:15-17). Peter “the Rock” became the visible sign of union within and among the Apostles. In time, as Peter and the other Apostles passed away, other men were chosen to take their place. The successors of St. Peter — who we honor as the first Bishop of Rome — and the successors of the other Apostles (the bishops) continued the work entrusted by Jesus to that first generation of Church leaders.

According to long-standing tradition, the successor of Peter was Linus, who was followed by Cletus, who was followed by Clement I, etc. This line of succession continues to Pope Francis in our own time.

Over the centuries, these Bishops of Rome — who came to be known as the “pope” (from papa, which means “father” in Latin) — still continue to act as the “rock” of the Church and as the visible sign of unity for all the Catholic Christians. The pope, more than any other bishop, stands as the Church’s primary teacher and as pastor of the Church throughout the world, helping to ensure that the Church remains what Jesus intended her to be: one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. To learn more, see the “Catechism of the Catholic Church” (no. 857-862 and 880-882).