



# Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church

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## 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, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

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

“Are you envious because I am generous?’ Thus, the last  
will be first, and the first will be last.” - Mt 20:15-16

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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 20, 2020

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Welcome to the Weingart Family! You may have noticed that there is activity in the convent again. This is because a lovely Catholic family has taken up our offer to rent the convent as their family home. If you see them around, say hello and welcome them. They are a wonderful family and a great addition to the parish.

We are now beginning our 19<sup>th</sup> week of being back at Mass together. About 203 Masses total. We have had zero incidents of community transmission of coronavirus, flu, or norovirus. There is no such thing as a zero risk environment - there never has been - but our common sense approach to staying healthy and safe is working just fine. Thank you all for continuing to respect each other.

Archbishop Cordileone recently released the statistic that, since May, there have been over 1 MILLION public masses with parishioners in the United States. Out of that massive number, there have been ZERO incidents of community transmission of the coronavirus. The statistics are overwhelming.

I am always concerned to limit community transmission of illness at Epiphany. This is why, for many years we have taken extra precautions during the Flu season. Some parishioners occasionally offer suggestions for changing our current precautions and making them more strict. I'm always willing to consider them. My first question, though, will always be - Is this change necessary or helpful to drive our rate of community transmission lower? A reminder that our current number of community transmissions is zero.

A note about why I might not eat the food you offer me - For about a decade now, I've increasingly had issues with chronic inflammation and infections in my sinuses and throat. I've finally discovered the reason - rice and corn allergies. I am happy to know the culprit. What this means is that I have to go through a series of elimination diets and experiments. This could be a very long process, but I'm very glad to have seen some progress already. Anyway, I wanted you to know that I have become almost impossible to feed, and many of you are very kind and drop of things occasionally at the rectory and I don't want to offend anybody. I'm sure your food is all delicious!

At 7 pm on Friday September 25 we will have an Xform High Mass with our favorite women's schola providing music. These are always absolutely gorgeous and spiritually edifying.

Here's the current Marian Hymn after Mass

Salve Regina, mater misericordiae, vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra salve. Ad te clamamus, exules filii Evae. Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes, in hac lacrimarum valle. Eia ergo, advocate nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos, ad nos converte. Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exilium ostende. O Clemens, o pia, o dulcis virgo Maria.

Fr. Michael

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

**Be Sure to Look the Part**

I used to coach my oldest son in soccer when he was younger. As he got older, he would go to tryouts for select and high school teams. I was no longer the coach, but I always shared with him one piece of advice before any tryout: Be sure to look the part. I told him that if he showed up looking like a soccer player, there was an increased chance of him being seen as a soccer player. If he showed up looking like a kid that plays soccer in video games as opposed to the real thing, he might not be taken seriously. As he grew older, that same advice was then applied to getting a job. It's advice I have heeded myself all my life. You can even say it is like another common phrase: "Fake it till you make it."

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we certainly do not want to fake it, but we do need to look the part. The world looks at those of us who proclaim to be Christians to see if there is anything to this way of life. If they see us looking and acting like people transformed by Jesus Christ, they will be more likely to take Christianity seriously. If they look at us and see nothing different, then they can easily conclude that there is nothing different about Jesus Christ. He just becomes simply another religious figure of history. Can the world see the power of Christ in you? How will do you look the part?

- Tracy Earl Welliver

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**Why Do We Do That? - Catholic Life Explained**

*Good and Evil*

Question:

If God is good, why is there evil in the world?

Answer:

The problem of evil is perplexing. If God is all-powerful and all-good, why doesn't He stop bad things from happening? He must either not be all-powerful, or perhaps He's not very good after all. Human beings have faced the possibility of evil since the very beginning of our existence. In granting us free will, God gives us the ability to make free choices. God does not force us into moral perfection. We are not forced to love Him or to love our neighbor. We must make the decision ourselves. This means, of course, that we have the ability to choose against love.

One small decision of selfishness, jealousy, or pride may not seem so bad. But every decision - good or bad - is like a stone dropped into a still pond. The ripples extend much farther than the original stone. When decisions against love begin to compound, they affect families, neighborhoods, and nations. This is all the more reason for Christians to be faithful to our baptismal call to love one another as Christ has loved us!

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# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING:

As high as the heavens are  
above the earth,  
so high are my ways above your ways  
and my thoughts above your thoughts.  
(Is 55:9)



## PSALM:

The Lord is near to all who call



## SECOND READING:

Brothers and sisters:  
Christ will be magnified in my body,  
whether by life or by death. (Phil 1:20c)



## GOSPEL:

“Take what is yours and go.  
What if I wish to give this last one  
the same as you?  
Or am I not free to do as I wish  
with my own money?  
Are you envious because  
I am generous?  
Thus, the last will be first, and the

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If I work for five hours, I expect to get paid for five hours. If I work for two, I expect to get paid for two. What if we worked for a company that paid everyone the same amount regardless of how long they worked? How would we feel going home with the same pay for working eight hours as my co-worker did for working only two hours? Secular wisdom would have a huge problem with this and a visit to the Labor Board would quickly pursue. But this is God's wisdom and God's ways.

We sometimes think that if we pray more, better, or more fervently and go over and above with the practice of our faith, God will somehow reward us and present us with some kind of merit badge. We are so wrong. Spiritual practices have only one true purpose: to deepen our love for God. In deepening our love for God, we also increase our ability to see God's presence around us, living life more purposefully and contemplatively. What if God chooses to treat someone who has come on the scene of faith later in life the same as someone who has devoted their whole lives to it? Does it really matter? If we have the merit badge notion of faith, we can find ourselves feeling a little arrogant and even jealous of folks who have not followed the same path that we have. We can even see ourselves as the privileged few who have a corner on the faith and fully possess it.

That thinking doesn't square with God. God is all about mercy in abundance and is ready to take anyone to himself regardless of when they come. He is only happy that they have come home and delights in their return. After all, if you really and truly love someone, does it matter what they will give you in return or what you receive as a benefit? If relationships were assessed based upon productivity, they would lack authentic love. We invest too much self interest in our prayer and neglect to see it as an opportunity to pursue our Lover and deepen the intimate bond we have with God.

When we breathe our last, all that is of consequence is union with God. If my love for God is real, I am going to want to live the Gospel, abide by the commandments, practice my faith, forgive and love my neighbor, and care for the environment, regardless of how much time it takes or benefits me. We want God to think and behave as we do, and in doing so, we set ourselves up for disappointment. God has a totally different agenda and that's okay.

# LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, September 20

8:00 am Mary Bourke  
 10:30 am Parishioners  
 6:30 pm Nicolas Heiple (*Special Intentions*)

### Monday, September 21

8:00 am Rev. Frank Morrisey, OMI

### Tuesday, September 22

8:00 am John Jankowski  
 6:30 pm Jacob Heiple (*special Intentions*)

### Wednesday, September 23

8:00 am George Heuing

### Thursday, September 24

8:00 am Judy Kuelin

### Friday, September 25

8:00 am Enrollees and Benefactors of  
 Epiphany Memorial Fund

### Saturday, September 26

8:00 am Rich & Joan Huelsmann  
 (*31st Wedding Anniversary*)  
 4:00 pm Rinaldo DiRocco

### Sunday, September 27

8:00 am Parishioners  
 10:30 am Ryan Crump (*First Communion blessings*)  
 6:30 pm Mary Ann Sloan



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

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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT. 20, 2020

<b>SUN 9/20</b>	Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
<b>MON 9/21</b>	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
<b>TUE 9/22</b>	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 [35]/Lk 8:19-21
<b>WED 9/23</b>	Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6
<b>THR 9/24</b>	Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9
<b>FRI 9/25</b>	Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Lk 9:18-22
<b>SAT 9/26</b>	Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 [1]/Lk 9:43b-45
<b>SUN 9/27</b>	Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

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## OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT. 12-13, 2020

### Sunday Collection

General Fund .....	\$3,174.00
General Fund Loose .....	\$71.00
General Fund Online .....	\$325.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$3,570.00</b>
Assumption .....	\$20.00
Maintenance & Repair .....	\$115.00
M&R Online .....	\$70.00
SVDP Online .....	\$180.00
Votive .....	\$37.00
Tuition Assistance .....	\$50.00
	\$376.00 (YTD)



## Virtual Learning: Route 66

One of the most famous highways anywhere in the world, Route 66 is an icon of American culture and history. Established in 1926, this semi-transcontinental highway stretches 2448 miles from Chicago to Los Angeles and the largest city along the route is our very own St. Louis! Hit the road with Lindenwood Area Senior Ministry on a virtual program entitled *Route 66: Main Street through St. Louis*. It will be presented by Sharon Smith, Curator of Civic and Personal Identity at the Missouri Historical Society. We will gather on Zoom on **Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1pm**. You'll be able to participate either through an on-line link (will need internet access) or by listening in over the phone. Call or email Katie to register: 314-647-4591 or [lasmdirector@gmail.com](mailto:lasmdirector@gmail.com). A tech trial run prior to the meeting can be arranged. No fee to register, donations can be mailed to LASM, 6401 Scanlan (63139) or made on-line at [lasministry.org](http://lasministry.org).



## EPIPHANY GARAGE SALE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

There will be a small Epiphany garage sale with the items previously donated for our Flea Market. The sale will take place on **Sunday, September 20th** in front of the rectory garage immediately following the Fall Festival \$10,000 raffle drawing. It will end at 2 pm.

## CATHOLIC RADIO

Seasons come and seasons go, but our pillar of Faith remains in season and out. Keep your radio set on AM 1080 or FM 92.7, Covenant Network Catholic radio. You are sure to find many educational and inspirational programs to nurture your faith and devotional programs throughout the day and night-time hours to support and enrich your faith life. In addition to the radio stations, you can listen live, day or night, on our free Covenant Network app or at [OurCatholicRadio.org](http://OurCatholicRadio.org).

## Congratulations to our Men's Club Alpha Square Winners

### July 2020 Winners:

F2 - Matt Ellison - \$100  
F1 - Matt Ellison - \$25  
F3 - Matt Ellison - \$25  
E2 - John Ellison - \$25  
G2 - Kathy Nohe - \$25

### August 2020 Winners:

R6 - Neil Roden - \$100  
R5 - Anna Roden - \$25  
R7 - Kyle Roden - \$25  
Q7 - EFF - \$25  
S6 - Rhonda Schlumm - \$25

### September 2020 Winners:

B15 - Tim Brown - \$100  
B12 - Sharon Brown - \$25  
B22 - Adam Brown - \$25  
X15 - John Dunne - \$25  
C15 - Judy Hof - \$25



## DeSoto Knights of Columbus Council Ladies Auxiliary 903 presents DECLUTTERING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2020

Turn your UNNEEDED GENTLY used items into fast CASH. Tables for rent. 1-six foot table for \$15 or 2 tables for \$25.

Tables will be located at Immaculate Conception Hall 17240 Anna Ave 63143. Contact Kathy Lubbers at 314-304-3754, [mrskathybus5@gmail.com](mailto:mrskathybus5@gmail.com). Tables are advertised under the Tri-city sale. All proceeds benefit local charities.

Clean  
Indoor  
Restrooms

## Praying for our Pets: A Virtual Celebration for The Feast of St. Francis

Calling all kids to a virtual celebration for the Feast of St. Francis! Join the Sisters at Pauline Books & Media on **Saturday, October 3 at 10 am** as we virtually "pray for our pets!"

Each child is invited to bring their pet (or stuffed animal!) to our online gathering. Together we will pray for our pets, and hear a story of St. Francis, the great friend of pets! To register, email [stlouis@paulinemedia.com](mailto:stlouis@paulinemedia.com). You will be sent a link to our meeting. For more information, call the sisters at 314-965-3512.

## 40 Days for Life

"The Cathedral Basilica has adopted Sunday, October 4, from 12-7:00 pm as its part of the 40 Days for Life prayer campaign to end abortion, and would like to open its day to other parishes. If you would like to participate in this invaluable ministry by signing up for a one-hour slot to quietly, peacefully pray outside of the abortion clinic, please write to [bryankirchoff@att.net](mailto:bryankirchoff@att.net) with your preferred time."