

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.



4th SUNDAY OF LENT

“Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be
clearly seen as done in God.” - Jn 3:21

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Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 14, 2021

Phone: 314-781-1199
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Pro-Life Matters

LifeLine Coalition 40 Days For Life: 40 Days for Life Campaign, February 17 - March 28

Registration for the spring 40 Days for Life prayer campaign is underway! Individuals, families, pro-life groups and parishes are encouraged to "Adopt-A-Day" or a specific prayer time from February 17 to March 28. More information available by contacting info@coalitionforlifestl.com or 314-827-4039.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Convent Hospitality & Prayer During 40 Days for Life:

Sr. Sue Ann, Sr. Delores and the Respect Life Apostolate invite all pilgrims to stop by Our Lady of Guadalupe Pro-Life Convent during 40 Days for Life. The convent will be open from 9 am to 5 pm, February 17 - March 28, for prayer and hospitality, with COVID-19 precautions in place. For more information, contact madeleineappelbaum@archstl.org or 314.792.7598. To sign up for a specific prayer time or "adopt a day" for 40 Days for Life, go to <https://www.coalitionforlifestl.com/40-days-for-life/>.

Helpers of God's Precious Infants:

Please join us as we pray and peacefully witness for life at our third Saturday pro-life Mass at the Cathedral Basilica on March 20 starting at 8 am celebrating Mass and leading the Rosary procession to and from our state's last abortion facility (please mask and social distance). The Mass will also be live-streamed. Contact madeleineappelbaum@archstl.org with questions.

Project Rachel Meeting:

Thursday March 25th at 7:00 PM is the monthly meeting of "In His Name" a support group for any woman negatively impacted by an abortion experience. Contact Marisol 314-792-7451 mpfaff@archstl.org or Contact stlprojectrachel@archstl.org or 314-792-7565 for more information about this and other archdiocesan abortion healing resources.

Project Joseph Meeting:

If you're ready to begin the healing process or simply want to learn more about Project Joseph, we encourage you to call 314-792-7565 or email prolife@archstl.org. Trustworthy, compassion people will answer your call. We will make every effort to ensure you are comfortable with those serving you as you begin this healing journey. Next Meeting April 5th 7:00 PM. For more information about the group or location contact Chuck 314-974-6787 craymir@sbcglobal.net or STLprojectjoseph.org



The Fourth Sunday of

Lent is the midpoint and known as Laetare Sunday. Laetare means "rejoice" and the Church expresses hope and joy in the middle of our penitential Lenten practices.

Catholic Relief Services Collection

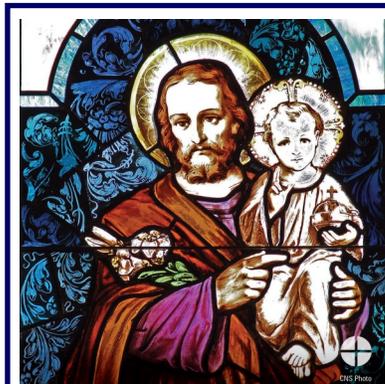
This weekend, we will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection at Mass! #JesusInDisguise #1church1mission www.usccb.org/catholic-relief

The Year of the Family

Today marks the fifth anniversary of the Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris laetitia*, on the joy and beauty of familial love. Pope Francis announced the Year of Amoris Laetitia, which will conclude on with the X World Meeting of Families in Rome on June 26, 2022. We pray for each of you and your families!



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YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

In celebration of the Year of St. Joseph, we pray today for all fathers, that through the example of St. Joseph, they may fully embrace their vocation and accept the privilege and responsibility of caring for their children as St. Joseph cared for Jesus.

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LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 14
 8:00 am Megan & Brian Pokrywka (*Blessings*)
 10:30 am Parishioners
 6:30 pm Shawn Sell (*Health & Blessings*)

Monday, March 15
 8:00 am The Tetreault Family

Tuesday, March 16
 8:00 am Katherine Mulroy
 6:30 pm Fr. Christian Carr, OCSO

Wednesday, March 17
 8:00 am The Hummert Family

Thursday, March 18
 8:00 am Connie Curran

Friday, March 19
 8:00 am Timothy H. Krahn

Saturday, March 20
 8:00 am Rev. Donald F. Molitor
 4:00 pm The Hummert Family

Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 21
 8:00 am John Jankowski
 10:30 am Terry Bohn
 6:30 pm Parishioners



OUR DEARLY DEPARTED



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

Virtual St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Join Lindenwood Area Senior Ministry for a special St. Patrick's Day celebration where we'll explore the history of the holiday and learn about the country of Ireland. We'll be joined by longtime member of our LASM community and local Hibernian, Mary Stahl. In addition to sharing some history with us, Mary will also share stories and pictures of travels to her homeland. Wearing green is required! Wednesday, March 17th at 1pm on Zoom. Contact the LASM Office at 314-647-4591 or katie@lasministry.org to receive the Zoom link.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND & SICK OF OUR PARISH

Anita Gilliam	All Coronavirus Patients	Larry Lopez
Axel Nuspl	Phoenix Nuspl	Sr. Carol Kopff
Joan Huelsmann	Mary Helen Brindell	Jimmy Santen
Larry Unger	Dale Kopff	Ethan Sonderman
Christie Breaux	Ginger Ragona	

OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 6-7, 2021

Sunday Collection

General Fund \$4,685.00
 General Fund Loose \$335.56
 General Fund Online .. \$3,019.14
Total \$8,039.70

Easter Flowers \$330.00
 Maintenance & Repair \$413.00
 M&R Online \$100.00
 SVDP \$185.00
 SVDP Online \$125.00
 Votive \$71.65
 Tuition Assistance Online \$57.00 \$1,017.00(YTD)



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 14, 2021

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
 Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
 Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/
 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
 Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

ONLY TWO MORE FISH FRIES FRIDAYS, MARCH 19 & 26
 Carry out Dinners will be served from 4:30 -7:00 pm in the gym. Due to Covid-19, we will only be able to provide carry out dinners this year— **No Dine IN**. **Advanced** Order forms are available at the entrances of church if you wish to take advantage of this option, simply complete the order form and return it to the parish office by **5 pm on Thursday, March 18th OR** visit us online at www.epiphanystl.org/fish-fry to place your order online! Advanced orders will be filled and ready for pick up at your designated time frame. Call the parish office with any questions on the advanced orders. Please enter through the Ivanhoe doors. **Please remember, per City of St. Louis Health ordinance masks are required when indoors.** Please be extra mindful of your overall health. Please don't attend if you have a fever, cough, or runny nose. Our safety with one another must be priority.



AWAKE, O SLEEPER!

This morning came a little earlier than I would have liked — Daylight Saving Time always does. Sometimes that morning sunlight seems more intrusive than illuminating. You're still half-lost in sleep, and that sun is demanding of you a lot more than you're ready to give.

I've said it, and I'm sure you've said it, too. "Just five more minutes." You hit the "snooze" button on your iPhone once (maybe twice? Show of hands?) and turn away from the window.

So many kings of the Old Testament were steadfast in their sleepy ways, rejecting the light their God tried to share with them. Likewise, John tells us that, though Light — Christ — was sent into the world, the world preferred darkness.

Sometimes it seems, when reading through Scripture, that all throughout salvation history, God has been trying to pull back the curtains, to rouse us from our defiant slumber. And we resist Him. Time and time again, we resist Him.

Light brings a certain responsibility with it. It seems to compel productivity. Furthermore, there's no hiding in the light. Any photographer worth his salt knows how to manipulate it, highlighting the good and casting some merciful shade on the bad.

As we enter into the fourth week of Lent, we're getting so close to the main event. Can we handle the light that will come on Easter morning, bursting into the tomb as the stone is rolled away? Can we keep ourselves from hitting the "snooze" button on our souls, and sit up to face the dawn of a new day?

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

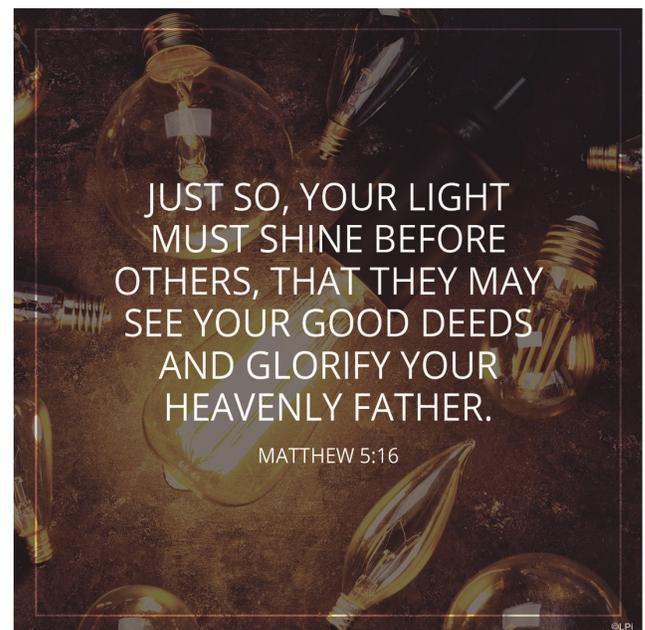
WHY DO PRIESTS WEAR A ROMAN COLLAR?

The practice of priests wearing the Roman collar developed in the mid-nineteenth century as an alternative to wearing the cassock which in some places was seen as impractical or which was even outlawed by anti-Catholic legislation. Since its introduction, it has taken different forms, and if you visit different countries today, you will see variation in what priests wear.

The Code of Canon Law simply observes that priests wear "suitable ecclesiastical garb" according to the judgments of the national bishops conferences and local custom (no. 284). The US Bishops have instructed that outside of liturgical functions, a "black suit and Roman collar are the usual formal attire for priests. The use of the cassock is at the discretion of the cleric." Priests who are members of religious communities are to follow the rules of their institute regarding the habit or other approved clothing.

In the end, whether a priest wears the Roman collar, a religious habit, or, as is the case in many

European countries, a suit and tie (to distinguish them from Protestant clergy who wear a collar) the goal of their clerical clothing is to serve as a sign of their commitment to guide and to serve, and to also allow them to be truly public figures because they are ordained for the service of all.



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