



Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church

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MASS & SACRAMENTS

Sunday Masses: 8:00 am, 10:30 am & 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 7-8 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, JANUARY 29, 2023

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.” - Mt 5:10-12a

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 29, 2023

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

The popular Catholic author Dale Alquist will be speaking here at Epiphany at 1pm, Sunday Feb 19. Dale is probably the best speaker there is about the life and work of G.K. Chesterton and his topic for the evening will be “The Laughing Prophet.” The talk is totally free and there will be an opportunity afterwards to meet him, purchase books, and have them signed.

Communio - a theology pub for young adults. Our next get-together is 7 pm, Tue Feb 14. Our guest speaker is Archbishop Rozanski, who will be sharing his vocation story.

There’s a Valentine Dance for our families on Saturday Feb 11 in the gym. There are details elsewhere in the bulletin but I wanted to mention it because the last dance we had was tons of fun.

Candlemas is on Thursday Feb 2. I’ll bless any candles that are brought to me by then. I still need to check my schedule but I’ll either bless them that morning at the 8 am Mass or that evening at the beginning of the Holy Hour.

Some men in the parish have taken up the challenge of fasting on the 1st Friday of the month. Fasting, in particular, is a powerful way to intercede for the needs of others, the Church, and the world. If you would like to join in this profound spiritual discipline, I encourage you to do so.

Understanding the Mass - The Agnus Dei

Once a year in Israel, each family had to purchase a lamb and go to the Temple in Jerusalem where a priest would kill the lamb and offer it as a sacrifice for sins. This Lamb of God played a necessary and vital role in the Old Covenant. Without it, sins would not have been forgiven. John the Baptist is the first one to use it in reference to Jesus when he cries out to behold the Lamb of God. During the Agnus Dei, we repeat that same line three times, which is a way of emphasizing what we’re saying. We do the same three-part repetition, for instance, in the Sanctus.

In the very last line, though, the ending changes to, “Dona nobis pacem/Grant us peace.” The Latin word *dona* is full of meaning. From it, we get the English word donation and also the word dowry. Theologians often speak of the donation of Christ, or his total self gift on our behalf. A dowry is similar, it is a gift that comes along with the bride when a marriage is effected. The Agnus Dei makes his donation of blood and suffering at the Cross, he is slain for us, and the reconciliation and peace that we receive as a result has been hard-won.

Fr. Michael

Gospel Mediation - Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In my parents’ bedroom there were on the wall two photos of my mom and dad from their early adulthoods. The photo of my mother entranced me when I was a boy. I loved looking at it, even though I saw her in daily life. Something about that picture captured her perfectly. It was an image of the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength that enveloped me from the start of my life. It was an icon of the woman who fed, taught, and encouraged me. I felt a deep pride that I came from such beauty.

The beatitudes of Jesus are a kind of self-portrait. But it is a strange picture. At first, the blessings of being poor, mourning, and hungering and thirsting for righteousness may seem bizarre or, worse, a religious delusion. Who wants to look like *that*? But if we look again, we begin to see the characteristics of Jesus’ form. He becomes poor and fills it with his riches for us, he weeps and mourns for us, and fills it with his joy, he hungers and thirsts for us to be righteous, and so satisfies us. And so on. It’s the way he appears on the cross.

Perhaps we should put on our bedroom room walls the words of the beatitudes next to a crucifix of the Lord Jesus. Then we can do what the beatitudes are designed for, to gaze at the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength of the one who is our origin, and who is with us every day. And little by little, we’ll start to look like him.

– Father John Muir

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Saint Vs. Blessed

Question:

What is the difference between a “Saint” and a “Blessed”?

Answer:

The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honored as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalization of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honored as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot.

It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the “canon”) of saints. This is the meaning of the word “canonization.” Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person’s life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of “heroic virtue.” Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honored as “Blessed.” This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the “Blessed” is canonized and honored with the title “Saint,” meaning that they are now officially recognized as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor.

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friends of *Birtheright stl* cordially invite you to be our guest at our Annual Member Lunch and Baby Shower Thursday, February 9, 2023 from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm at St. Anselm Parish Center (lower level). Please bring a practical unwrapped baby gift RSVP to www.birtherightstl.org/friends/membership/ or leave a message at 314-391-4062. Handicap Access Available Guests are encouraged!

*Friends of Birtheright 2023
Calendar of Events*

Thursday, Feb. 9, 2023 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
St. Anselm Parish Center (lower level)
Membership Lunch, Meeting & Baby Shower

Wednesday March 1, 2023 - Lenten Collection
Participating Parishes
Clothing Drive

Wednesday March 15, 2023 10:00 am - 2:30 pm
St. Gerard Majella
Spring Card Party

TBD in April and - June 2023
TBD
Spring Fling

Sunday May 14, 2023 - After Masses

Wednesday, Mary 24, 2023 11:00 am
St. Anselm
St. Anselm Fling

Saturday June 3, 2023 8:00 am
Creve Coeur Park
Run for Life and Learning

Saturday September 9, 2023 6:00 - 11 pm
Hilton St. Louis Frontenac
Night for Life Gala

Wednesday October 25, 2023 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
TBD
Fall Card Party



**Eucharistic Revival is offering
Mercy Healing Services - February 2023**



As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, the Archdiocese of St. Louis Eucharistic Revival and the Catholic Renewal Center are offering two upcoming Mercy Healing Services. The first on February 9 at St. Nicholas (North City) and the second is on February 23 at St. Norbert (Florissant). The evenings will include Scripture, prayer, music, Benediction and Eucharistic Adoration. Priests will be available for Reconciliation. Prayer teams will be available to offer healing prayer. Both services begin at 7:00 pm and will conclude around 8:30 pm.

You're Invited
to join us for a prayer vigil against the

EXECUTION OF LEONARD "RAHEEM" TAYLOR

02.07.22 | 5:15 PM | 2727 Highway K Bonne Terre, MO
There will be a bus leaving the Rigali Center at 4 pm.
Email mariekenyon@archstl.org to reserve your seat on the bus. Estimated return to the Rigali Center is 8 pm.
For more information, email mariekenyon@archstl.org



All are Invited!
The Sodality of the Most Sacred Heart invites you to join them on First Fridays, at St. Mary Magdalen Church, 2618 S. Brentwood, Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63144 for 4:30 pm: Reconciliation and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; 5:30 pm: Celebration of Holy Mass; 6:30 pm: Dinner & Social (free will offering) in church lower level with Reflection following, 7:00 - 7:30 pm. **Activities for youth will be available during Reflection. **February 3, Feast of St. Blaise**, we welcome Fr. Clark Philipp, Associate Pastor, St. Clement of Rome Church. Our evening includes the blessing of the throats. For more information www.MostSacredHeart.net.

Eucharistic Revival Youth Rally @ Ascension, Chesterfield, MO 7-9:30 pm (Doors open at 6:30 pm) - February 17 - An evening for all youth, grades 7-12. A Eucharistic Rally with a talk from Eucharistic Preacher Fr. Patrick Hyde. OP - Praise and Worship / Adoration and Confession



**ARJC Adoption Grant
Cardinals Raffle Tickets**
This Raffle supports the Archbishop Carlson Adoption Grant. This year's raffle prize is the TWICE the value it has been in past years and the winner will receive the use of the Mercy Suite (this includes 20 TICKETS, \$500 in FOOD/DRINK and 2 PARKING PASSES) for one Cardinals Baseball Home Game during the 2023 season at the mutually agreed upon date. Tickets may be purchased at: bit.ly/ARJC-CardsRaffle. For more information, contact the Office of Natural Family Planning at (314) 997-7576.



LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 29

8:00 am Parishioners
10:30 am John Huelsmann
6:30 pm Joseph Kelley

Monday, January 30

8:00 am Gabby Roeder (*God's Blessings*)

Tuesday, January 31

8:00 am Christopher Weingart
6:30 pm Bill Shaw

Wednesday, February 1

8:00 am Albert Schoendienst

Thursday, February 2

8:00 am Brinana Betros

Friday, February 3

8:00 am David Altmann

Saturday, February 4

8:00 am David Aubuchon
4:00 pm David Wiese

Sunday, February 5

8:00 am Parishioners
10:30 am Alan Aderson
6:30 pm Gerald Vogelsang



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND & SICK OF OUR PARISH

Michelle Hartzall	Judy Hof	Johanna Kleweis
Bill Hof, Sr.	Steve Runde	John Huber
Kris Pollman	Diane Hof-Little	George Burroughs
	Margie Leuthen	

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 29, 2023

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Matthew 5:3)/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

Covenant Network Whether you are re-vamping your New Year's resolutions, adjusting to ordinary time or preparing for Lent in your life, Covenant Network has it covered for you. Everyday events are examined through a Catholic lens. Commit to joining in prayer throughout the day: the Holy Rosary; the Angelus; the Holy Mass; the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Covenant Network Catholic Radio brings you the best in Catholic programming. Listen on KHOJ 1460 AM, or anytime on our Covenant Network app or at OurCatholicRadio.org



Gabriel's Retreat Ministries

Gabriel's Retreats are specifically designed for any woman facing the challenges of any type of unexpected pregnancy.

Our Catholic-based retreats are no-cost and open to all women 18 years and older regardless of faith, marital status, or pregnancy situation.

Openings are available for the following retreats:
March 24th -26th, 2023 @ La Salle Retreat Center
June 23rd-25th, 2023 @ Marianist Retreat Center

To register or find out more about this peace and joy-filled weekend visit www.gabrielsretreat.org
Email Shawna DuBois at gabrielsretreat@gmail.com



Stewardship... "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." MATTHEW 5:3

The phrase "poor in spirit" can be confusing. Think of it in this sense - poor in spirit means depending on God's providence and not depending on our own self-reliance. Being detached from earthy things (power, money, and comfort) and being attached to heavenly things (charity, sacrifice, and mercy). Denying ourselves from satisfying our desires and helping others obtain their basic needs.



World Marriage Day

On Sunday, February 12, 2023, at 2:30 pm., Auxiliary Bishop Mark S. Rivituso will celebrate a Mass for World Marriage Day at the Cathedral Basilica of

St. Louis, 4431 Lindell Blvd. St. Louis, MO. A reception will follow in Boland Hall. All married couples are invited to attend and celebrate the gift of marriage. World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family - the basic unit of society. It emphasizes the faithfulness, sacrifice and joy of daily married life. World Marriage Day started in Baton Rouge, LA in 1981 and was later adopted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter who now is sponsoring this event on February 12th.

OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 21-22, 2023

Sunday Collection

General Fund	\$1,438.00
General Fund Loose	\$294.00
General Fund Online	\$667.50
Total	\$2,399.50

First Offering	\$30.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$20.00
M&R Online	\$20.00
St. Louis Review	\$70.00
SVDP Online	\$320.00
Votive	\$24.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ \$660.00 (YTD)
Endowment Fund	\$ \$1,050.00 (YTD)





Fish Fry is Coming!
 February 24; and March 3, 10, (no St. Pat's), 24, and 31). Yard signs will be available at the entrances of Church mid-February.
Dessert donations are welcome to be dropped off at the gym after 8am on

Fish Fry Days.
 Call Monica Hunyar (781-2276) if you were not contacted by email and are able to volunteer.

ALL BLOOD TYPES NEEDED

Blood Drive
Epiphany of Our Lord Church
 Gymnasium
 3146 Ivanhoe Avenue
 Saint Louis, MO 63139
Wednesday, February 1, 2023
3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter EpiphanyChurch to schedule an appointment.

Warm hearts. Warm thoughts. Give in February for a \$10 Gift Card by email, thanks to Amazon. And, automatically be entered for a chance to win a trip for 2 to Clearwater Beach, FL. Includes travel, hotel, gift card and more: Terms: rcblood.org/heart

The Ladies Auxiliary Council #903 is having a sock drive, starting Now thru February 5th. The socks are for Good Shepherd Home. Good Shepherd Home, is for pregnant girls, adoption services, parenting support, and foster care.



Their Mission and Values of Good Shepherd is: In response to the call of Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd to help those in need, we connect children with families and keep families connected. Any size socks, girls, boys, children, and adults socks, will be greatly appreciated. The Ladies Auxiliary THANK YOU.

Join us for a Family

Valentine's DANCE

Saturday, February 11th, 6:00 - 9:00 PM
 Epiphany Parish Gym
 3164 Ivanhoe Ave, St. Louis

Desserts & Dancing

\$6/person or \$30/family in advance
 \$8/person or \$40/family at the door

Text Isabel Kenney to register:
 314-495-6258

5th Annual Paul Meyer Memorial Hybrid Trivia Night!
 Helping Kids with Cancer & their families

Saturday, February 25, 2023 at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Center, 5020 Rhodes Ave. St. Louis, MO. \$25 Per person, 10 people max, BYO snacks, draft beer & set-ups included, other drinks/bottles are allowed (BYO), partial tables welcome. We'll put you somewhere! Or join us online via Zoom from home! Doors open at 6 pm; Trivia begins at 7 pm. Volunteers needed before, during, and after the event! Sponsors needed! \$100 - round sponsor/ \$250 event sponsor. Silent Auction - Baskets - donations also needed! Muligans, 50/50 & raffle too!



To reserve a table, sponsor, or donate an item, call: 618-654-4020 (HK OFFICE); 314-540-4675 (Angi Lowes); Don/Diana Meyer - 314-845-6125 or register online at: www.hiskidsinc.org/up-coming-events

Screen Addiction: Why You Can't Put that Phone Down

All are invited to Mary Queen of Peace Parish Church on Wednesday, January 25th at 7 p m, to hear Sister Marysia Weber talk about Screen Addiction and its affect upon our brains and brain development. Sister Marysia is a Physician, Psychiatrist, Author and Religious Sister of Mercy. She has done extensive work studying social media and its impact on our behavior, cognitive abilities and social interactions. All are invited to attend. This will be of special importance