



# Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church

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## MASS & SACRAMENTS

Sunday Masses: 8:00 & 10:30 am

Weekday Masses Monday, Wednesday  
Thursday, Friday & Saturdays: 8:00 am

Tuesday Morning Prayer: 8:00 am  
Tuesday Mass: 5:30 pm

Saturday Masses 8:00 am and 5:00 pm

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday,  
7:00-7:50 am or by appointment.  
Tuesdays, 5-5:20 pm

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.

Pray for Peace



SPIRIT OF LIFE,  
MAY WE SEE THE VALUE OF LIFE.  
SPIRIT OF HOPE,  
MAY WE RENEW OUR HOPE IN YOU.  
SPIRIT OF PEACE,  
MAY WE FIND PEACE IN YOUR LOVE,  
AND LOVE EACH OTHER ENOUGH  
TO BRING YOUR PEACE TO OUR WORLD.  
AMEN.

REMEMBERING THOSE AFFECTED BY RECENT VIOLENCE AROUND THE WORLD

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 24, 2016

Phone: 314-781-1199 Fax: 314-645-8760  
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[www.epiphanystl.org](http://www.epiphanystl.org)

# LIVING OUR FAITH

From the Desk of Fr. Thomas Pastorius,

## 1. Faith and Family Programs:

Our Faith and Family Programming will be returning Tuesday September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. I am really excited about our new junior high program this year: Young Disciples. This program is designed to help enrich all middle schoolers understanding of their faith. This first semester each session will begin with a game and end with an interactive lesson about the Bible. We have three great catechists assigned to this program. This week's Faith and Family suggested activity is to pray a rosary with your family. If you think a full rosary may be too much, then trying to pray just a decade each day.

## 2. Do you know anyone who is thinking about being Catholic?

"What you are is God's gift to you, what you become is your gift to God." - [Hans Urs von Balthasar](#). Invite someone to become the best person they can be by asking them if they are interested in becoming Catholic. Our new RCIA session will be beginning in September so have them contact the Rectory as soon as possible.

## 3. Weekly Shout Out!!!

I am so grateful for those who helped with Vacation Bible School this past week. This is a program that shows how great Epiphany is because the idea for the Vacation Bible School and the leadership to pull it off came from parishioners and not the parish office. I also love the fact that our young people are receiving a positive experience of their faith.

## 4. Homecoming Raffle Tickets

Do you enjoy the air conditioned Church? If so I ask you to please realize that we will soon need to replace one of the two AC units on the Church. Two years ago we were able to replace one of the two AC units on the Church because we sold out of Homecoming Raffle Tickets. It looks like we now need to replace the older AC unit sooner rather than later. Please keep this in mind as you think about buying a homecoming (or partial) raffle ticket. If you would like to buy a raffle ticket please contact the parish office or visit us online at [www.epiphanystl.org](http://www.epiphanystl.org) to make your online purchase.

## 5. Prayer of St. Michael at the End of the Mass

The Archbishop has asked all Catholic Parishes to pray the prayer of St. Michael at the end of Mass. You can find the prayer in the back of the hymnal or on a prayer card in your pew. As we pray this prayer we are asking God to help our nation and the world find peace.

God bless,  
Fr. Tom

**1ST COMMUNION TEACHERS NEEDED** We are in desperate need of 1<sup>st</sup> communion teachers. If we are going to have a class for our children this coming year, we need 3 or 4 volunteers. No experience necessary. All the lessons are already prepared. What we need is a once-a-month commitment from Sep-Apr to teach the children on Sunday mornings from 9-10:15 am. If you are interested and want more details, please call or email Deacon Michael. The kids need your help and this is a wonderful and fulfilling way to help the Church!

**ProLife Project Rachel** is a spiritual support group for post-abortive women. A Weekend Women's Retreat will be held August 5-7th. A Retreat in Spanish will be held on Saturday, September 24th. Contact Marisol at 314-792-7451 or [mpfaff@archstl.org](mailto:mpfaff@archstl.org).

**Project Joseph** is a spiritual support for post-abortive men. Meetings are held on the first Monday of every month at 7 pm. The next retreat is Saturday, September 10th. Contact Chuck at 314-974-6787 or [cray-mjr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cray-mjr@sbcglobal.net)

**Faithful Citizenship** In every election cycle, Americans are tasked with selecting national and state leaders. Our local church and the US Bishops offer several resources to help Catholics under take this responsibility. Log on to [archstl.org/faithful-citizenship](http://archstl.org/faithful-citizenship). Please pick up a copy of the July Pro-life Profile at the entrances to church. It is our responsibility to be informed.

## NEW ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

We need more altar servers to assist with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. If you are between 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade and would like to join the altar servers, please let Deacon Michael know and we will schedule a time to learn how. We are especially looking for servers who are entering the 5<sup>th</sup> grade to join.

## ATTENTION ALL HIGHSCHOOLERS

Please join us this Wednesday, July 27th from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg High School (please use Clifton Ave. entrance). We will be welcoming guests to hear powerful pro-life testimonies. As always, food is provided and we would LOVE to have you be a part of our community. Please see [www.saintlouislifeteen.org](http://www.saintlouislifeteen.org) for more information.

## Guide Book & Directory Advertising Opportunity

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Church Office at 314-781-1199.

Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It "will pay" to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.

## Update Membership Information

- ⇒ Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct?
- ⇒ Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so).
- ⇒ It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year.
- ⇒ **Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published?**
- ⇒ If you have not already informed the Parish Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct. The parish office number is: 314-781-1199.



## LIVING OUR FAITH

### Spiritual Ponderings - Faith & Film: Transformers IV: Age of Extinction

"Art, like morality, consists of drawing the line somewhere." – [G.K. Chesterton](#). Perhaps that is why television shows and movies are so powerful. Let us take a look now at some spiritual insights from the last Transformers movie.

This Transformer movie takes place five years after the Battle of Chicago (the end of the third movie where the Decepticons and Autobots fought it out in the middle of Chicago killing many and pretty much destroying the whole city). The remaining Decepticons have gone into hiding not knowing what to do without Megatron their leader. The Autobots have also gone into hiding despite having been given amnesty as a reward for saving the earth. Unfortunately, a secret CIA group called "Cemetery Winds" and a transformer bounty hunter named Lockdown have begun hunting down the Autobots especially Optimus Prime. Eventually, it is discovered that a group of scientists have been able to create their own transformers and unfortunately, these new transformers fall under the control of Galvatron (an updated version of Megatron).



The first major spiritual insight is the simple warning that just because we can do some scientifically does not mean that it is good or moral for us to do so. Science is great, but not everything we can do should be done for example splitting the atom, cloning, embryonic stem-cell research, etc. Sometimes our ambition and pride as a race can get us into trouble. In the Terminator movies, we create a robot named Sky-net that tries to wipe out humanity. Here in this episode of the Transformers, we create an army of robots that fall under the command of an evil enemy. On a more personal level just because I can bully someone does not mean I should or just because I can eat as much as I want does not mean that I should. We need to use our gift of reason to help create moderation and prudence in our lives.

The following piece of dialogue demonstrates the next spiritual insight:

**Cade Yeager:** When you said you were done fighting for humans, you didn't mean that, did you?

**Optimus Prime:** How many more of my kind must be sacrificed, to atone for YOUR mistakes?

**Cade Yeager:** What do you think being human means? That's what we do. We make mistakes. Sometimes, out of those mistakes come the most amazing things... When I fixed you, it was for a reward. That was it. That was why. The money. And it was me making a mistake. Without it, you wouldn't be here. So even if you got no faith in us, I'm asking you to do what I do. I'm asking you to look at all the junk and see the treasure. You gotta have faith, Prime, in who we can be.

Yeager reminds Optimus Prime that human beings are not the sum of the mistakes but rather are something more. Another way of looking at it is because Optimus is the stronger that he has a duty to protect the more misguided human beings.

One last quote: **Optimus Prime:** After all we've done, humans are hunting us.

Optimus and the other Autobots quickly learn that they do what they do not because of what they get in return but because of who they are. As Catholics, we help others out not because we gain anything from it but because we are Catholics. The following Mother Teresa quote summarizes this teaching:

"People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered. Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway. If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway. What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. Create anyway. If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. Be happy anyway. The good you do today, will often be forgotten. Do good anyway. Give the best you have, and it will never be enough. Give your best anyway. In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway."

**The Ladies Guild and Men's Club Memorial Mass & Dinner** to honor deceased members will be August 10, 2016. We had to change the month and the day of the week due to other commitments. The Mass will be at 5:00pm at Epiphany with the dinner to follow in our gym. Please put Wednesday, August 10, 2016 on your schedule.

**Theology on Tap - Bother the Fathers** Join young adults from across the archdiocese for our Theology on Tap August gathering—a night of Q&A, drink specials, and great community. The event will be held at 7 pm, August 9<sup>th</sup> at Kirkwood Station Brewing Co. (105 E. Jefferson Ave Kirkwood, MO 63122). Our featured priests will be leading a question and answer session: Fr. Gerber is currently serving at St. Joseph's Parish in Cottleville, Fr. Voltz is at St. Peter's in Kirkwood, and Fr. Sullivan formerly of St. Francis of Assisi will be moving to Washington D.C. in the fall to further his studies in psychology. Email [stlya@archstl.org](mailto:stlya@archstl.org) or call 314-792-7008 with questions or for more information.

**Lectionary: 111** **Gospel [LK 11:1-13](#)**

**Spiritual Reflection:** "The function of prayer is not to influence God, but rather to change the nature of the one who prays." – Søren Kierkegaard

**Spiritual Question**

1. If you were to teach someone how to pray, how would you do it?
2. What do you ask God for?
3. Do you see a structure in the Our Father that you can imitate?
4. Are prayers a nuisance to God?
5. How can you learn to pray better?

*Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

**BAPTIZED IN CHRIST** We welcome into our parish family our newly baptized:

*Genevieve Ann Keiser*

*Simon Maurice Baumgartner*

*Congratulations to the proud parents and families of our newest members! May the blessing of the Lord be always upon them!*



# LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday, July 24**  
 8:00 am Helen Nicollerat (*Health & Blessings*)  
 10:30 am Parishioners
- Monday, July 25 Feast of St. James**  
 8:00 am Enrollees & Benefactors of  
 Epiphany Memorial Fund
- Tuesday, July 26**  
 8:00 am Morning Prayer  
 5:30 pm Agnew Low
- Wednesday, July 27**  
 8:00 am Dolores Lovaldi
- Thursday, July 28**  
 8:00 am Katie Bach
- Friday, July 29**  
 8:00 am Gloria Muabito
- Saturday, July 30**  
 8:00 am Alice Bitner  
 5:00 pm Patricia Mayor
- Sunday, July 31**  
 8:00 am Parishioners  
 10:30 am James Turner



## OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

- Monday - Saturday July 25-30**
- 7:30 am - Rosary, Church
- Sunday, July 24**
- 9:00 am - Bible Study, AR
  - 10:30 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB
  - Immediately Following Mass, Farewell Reception for Epiphany Dominican Sisters, Gym
- Monday, July 25**
- 5:30 pm - Fit Factor, UH
  - 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts, Upper Hall
- Tuesday, July 26**
- Wednesday, July 27**
- Thursday, July 28**
- 7:30 pm - Prayer Group, Church
- Friday, July 29**
- 3:30-6:30 pm - Dance, UH
- Saturday, July 30**

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

Ethan Strauss	Ethan Sonderman	Mary Hipskind
Pat Wallis	Chris Perron	Dominic Caputa
Daniel Barr	Kathy Nielson	Christine Weber
Ginny Basch	Jean Montrey	Joe Lopez
Bernice Connor	Jade Nesselhauf	Bob Kozemczak
Mary Mosblech	George Limpert	
	Nanette & Don McPherson	

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF , 2012

- Sunday:** Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-3, 6-8/Col 2:12-14/  
 Lk 11:1-13
- Monday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1-6/Mt 20:20-28
- Tuesday:** Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8-11, 13/Mt 13:36-43
- Wednesday:** Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18/  
 Mt 13:44-46
- Thursday:** Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1-6/Mt 13:47-53
- Friday:** Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Jn 11:19-27 or  
 Lk 10:38-42
- Saturday:** Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/  
 Mt 14:1-12
- Next Sunday:** Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/  
 Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

## OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 16-17, 2016

### Sunday Collection

General Fund .....	\$3,539.00
General Fund Loose .....	\$194.80
General Fund Online .....	\$512.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4,245.80</b>
Maintenance & Repair.....	\$10.00
Votive .....	\$75.20
Debt .....	\$70.00(YTD)
Tuition Assistance .....	\$87.00(YTD)
Endowment Fund.....	\$10.00(YTD)



- Sunday, July 31**
- 9:00 am - Bible Study, AR
  - 10:30 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB

**Insuring the Future** Many people have spoken to us about ways to make a meaningful gift to support our mission, but are concerned that doing so may impact their lifestyle. There are a number of ways to address this desire, but one of the easiest is to name us as the beneficiary on your insurance policy.

Indeed, the simplest way to use life insurance to create a gift to Epiphany of Our Lord is to name us to receive part of all of the benefits of your life insurance policy. You, as owner of the policy, simply designate us, for an outright gift, or our Endowment Fund at the Roman Catholic Foundation for a gift which will then last in perpetuity as beneficiary. Designating us as beneficiary may allow you to make a larger gift than you could otherwise afford.

If the policy is a form of cash value life insurance, you still have access to the cash value of the policy during your lifetime. It is important to note that this type of charitable gift does not provide you with a current tax deduction because you retain control of the policy during your life. Like other assets you own, the death benefit value of a life insurance policy will be included in your estate. The good news is that the amount of the proceeds payable to the charity can be deducted from your gross estate. Therefore, if your family is well taken care of by your other assets, naming us as the sole beneficiary of a life insurance policy may make a great deal of financial sense!

## Attention: Separated, Divorced, Widowed or Remarried of All Ages

You are invited to join us for fun and to make new friends at the next meeting of the South County Separated, Divorced, Widowed and Remarried Catholics (SCDC) on Thursday, July 28th, 2016, 7:00 pm, at the Saint Catherine Labouré parish cafeteria, 9740 Sappington Road, Sunset Hills, Missouri. SCDC is a support group for the separated, divorced, widowed and remarried of our community. For more information please call Jan Inman at (314) 892-6933 or Bill DeCoursey (314) 894-0733.

# PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS, NOTES & EVENTS

**WIN  
\$10,000  
RAFFLE**

Mark your Calendar to Attend this years Homecoming

Friday, September 16th: 6-11 pm  
Dinners from 5:30-8 pm  
Saturday, September 17th: Noon-11 pm;  
Parade @ 11 am  
Dinners from 4:00-8:00 pm  
Rides-Games-Music-Bingo-Food & More



**\$10,000 Raffle** Don't forget to purchase your \$10,000 raffle ticket. **Only 300 tickets sold.** Purchase a whole ticket with ten spots for \$100 or 1 spot on a ticket, at \$10 a spot, for a fraction of the prize money. If you would like to buy a raffle ticket, please contact the parish office or **NEW THIS YEAR** - visit our website at [www.epiphanystl.org/homecoming-fall-festival](http://www.epiphanystl.org/homecoming-fall-festival) and follow the link to **purchase your ticket online.** (Online Raffle Tickets include a \$2.00 administration fee.)

**Our Parade** will take place on Saturday morning at 11 am. **We are looking for anyone with a convertible or antique car who would like to drive their vehicle in the parade.** Please call the parish office if you would like to participate in this years parade, 314-781-1199.

**Volunteers** Our homecoming is just 9 weeks away!! This is our biggest fundraiser and is only possible with the help of many hands!! Volunteers are needed for many booths, including:

**Alumni Booth---Beer Booth---Clean Up---Country Booth---Gambling Booths---Game Booths  
Inside Food---Outside Food---Pull Tabs---Set Up-Tear Down---Soda Booths---Ted Drewes**

*In the weeks to come there will be sign up sheets at the entrance of church. Please take the time to sign up for an hour or more of your time to help make our Homecoming a huge success!!!* **More information to come!**

## Men's Club July Alpha Square Winners

\$100	Mary Davidson	(V2)	
\$25	Joe Vaccaro	(V1)	
\$25	Gus Klump	(V3)	
\$25	Jessica Butler	(U2)	
\$25	Jeff Mathes	(W2)	Congratulations!



## Joyful Noise Musical Theater

and Our Lady of the Pillar invite you to "Not Your Average Joe," the classic Old Testament story of Joseph retold in the exuberant times and music of the 50's. Performances will be on Saturday, July 30 at 2 pm and 7 pm at Our Lady of the Pillar

(401 S. Lindbergh Blvd.). There is no charge for admission, but a free will offering will be accepted. For more information, please visit <http://joyfulnoisetheater.weebly.com/>. Epiphany parishioners in the production include: Lilly Barry, Crew

**Picnic** Our Lady Help of Christians in Weingarten MO is having their annual parish picnic Sunday July 31st from 11 am to 8 pm. Fried chicken, kettle beef, liver dumplings and more. \$10. Silent auction, static display of old farm equipment, live demonstration of antique steam tractor, bingo, burgers and hot dogs, live band. Visit us on Facebook - Our Lady Help of Christians. Weingarten.

**Shrimp Boat** On August 13 Kenrick's will be cooking at St Matthias aboard their "Bayou Joe" Shrimp Boat. We will be serving from 4:30 - 7:00 pm. We have 4 menu options (each meal is approximately 2-3 lbs of food):

- Southern Fried Catfish for \$15
- Shell-on Large Gulf Shrimp for \$20
- Whole Cajun Crawfish for \$20
- and the Deal of the Day ...
- Both Shrimp and Crawfish for \$21

So we know how much food to prepare, **Call by August 10** Sandy Jacobs (314)544-2162 or email [amanda.jacobs7@yahoo.com](mailto:amanda.jacobs7@yahoo.com)

## Trivia Night

sponsored by Lindenwood Park Neighborhood Association - Saturday July 23rd, 7:00 pm at Timothy Lutheran's Gym-Ivanhoe & Smiley. Cost is \$20/person. Snacks included or bring your own. Lots of attendance prizes. Under the Sea theme. Prize for best costume and best table decoration. For more information, contact Pat Acquisto, [patacquisto@sbcglobal.net](mailto:patacquisto@sbcglobal.net) or 314-781-2129.

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual LASM Watermelon Social** Join Lindenwood Area Senior Ministry as we celebrate summer and one of its sweetest treats...watermelon! This year's social is Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm in Southwest Baptist Church's Fellowship Hall at 6401 Scanlan (park on lower lot behind the church building). We'll be entertained by *The Queens of Swing* as we enjoy watermelon and other sweet refreshments. *The Queens of Swing* is an all-girl band reminiscent of the female bands of the 1940s. Their hour-long show combines music, history and fun! You'll hear the great tunes of the big band era including St. Louis Blues, Stardust and Boogie Woogie Bugle "Girl". Please RSVP to Claire at 314-645-6411. No charge to attend. Donations accepted at the door. Feel free to bring your grandchildren or great-grandchildren along for the fun!

**Day of Recollection** We invite all St. Louis Young Adults to join us for an end of the summer Day of Recollection at the beautiful White House Retreat Center. The event will be held on August 7<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-8:30 with two speaker conferences given by Abby Hofman and Fr. David Skillman, personal prayer and reflection time, and socializing over dinner and dessert. The cost for this afternoon and evening retreat is \$20 - BBQ Dinner and Dessert will be provided. Please RSVP via e-mail to [shaylawieser@archstl.org](mailto:shaylawieser@archstl.org) or phone at 314-792-7602. We will need a

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