



Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church

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MASS & SACRAMENTS

Sunday Masses: 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 am

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

Tuesday Morning Prayer: 8:00 am

Tuesday Mass: 6:00 pm

Saturday Masses 8:00 am and 5:00 pm

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday,
7:00-7:50 am or by appointment.

Baptisms: Meeting first Thursday of the
month. Please call to register prior to
Attending the class.

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.

Glorious Saint Joseph,

You are the patron of all who work. Obtain for me, please, the grace to work conscientiously and to put devotion and duty before my selfish inclinations. Help me to labor in thankfulness and joy, for it is an honor to employ and to develop by my labor the gifts I have received from almighty God. Grant that I may work in orderliness, peace, moderation and patience without shrinking from weariness and difficulties. I offer my fatigue and perplexities as reparation for sin. I shall work, above all, with a pure intention and with detachment from self, having always before my eyes the hour of death and the accounting which I must then render of time ill-spent, of talents unemployed, of good undone, and of empty pride in success, which is so fatal to the work of God. For Jesus through Mary, all in imitation of you, good Saint Joseph. This shall be my motto in life and in death. Amen.

Prayer to Saint Joseph, Patron Saint of Workers



Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time August 31, 2014

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LIVING OUR FAITH

From the Desk of Fr. Tom Pastorius...

- 1. Seminarians:** This year we are blest to have two seminarians from Kenrick-Glennon Seminarians assigned to us. David Biachini, a St. Louis native will be assisting with Sunday Masses and with our youth group. Scott Watts is a seminarian from Omaha. He is in the third year of his graduate studies and so he is to assist me in ministering to the sick and the elderly. So if you are currently taking communion to a homebound person ask them if they would like a visit from us and then notify the rectory.
- 2. Homecoming Raffle Tickets:** Last year's homecoming was a special homecoming for me as I watched parishioners and friends of Epiphany parish go the extra mile and sell out the parish raffle for the first time in like eight years. The effort and generosity of so many allowed us to purchase a new air conditioner to replace the broken unit in Church. As this year's homecoming approaches, I ask you to please to put in the same effort and energy into selling this year's raffle tickets because the second air conditioner unit on the Church has reached an age where it could break at anytime and we would like to be ready to purchase a new one. Remember you can purchase a whole ticket for \$100.00 or \$1/10 of ticket for \$10. The prize for this year is once again \$10,000. Please help us sell all 300 tickets.
- 3. Homecoming a Great Way to Get Involved:** Each week, I am seeing more and more new people and that is awesome. I know though from experience, that some of the new people will drift away unless they seize an opportunity to help build up the parish community outside of Mass. Homecoming can be a great way to get involved in parish life and meet your fellow parishioners. Please contact the office to learn about the many volunteer opportunities available at this year's homecoming.
- 4 Annulment Workshop:** On October 16, 2014* at 7 PM in Church, Deacon Tom Forster will be here to give a presentation on annulments. I have known Deacon Forster for over 10 years now and often I like to refer to him as the "Perry Mason of Annulments" because he always goes the extra mile to help people who find themselves in this difficult situation. Please consider coming to this event even if you are not looking for an annulment so that you may have a better understanding of the Church's teaching on this difficult topic. You may be able to help someone else in the future set their relationship with God straight. * October 16th is the date. Last week I had the wrong date listed.
- 5. Convocation:** The week of September 15th to the 19th the priest of the Archdiocese of St. Louis will gather together at the Lake of the Ozarks for a week of faith development, fellowship, and fun. This event takes place once every four years. Therefore the week of September 15th to the 19th, instead of there being a Mass there will be a communion service. If you are looking for Mass this week I would suggest St. Vincent's, St. Anthony of Padua, and St. Francis Xavier (College Church) as these parishes are run by religious orders and not by diocesan priests. If I discover other parishes having Masses during that week, I will let you know.
- 6. A Challenge to Parents:** I would like to challenge parents to go the extra mile this school year with their child's faith formation by signing up your child for one of our three youth programs. We have Blue Knights for K-5 boys and we have Little Flowers for K-5 girls. Both of these programs are open to children, who are attending Catholic Schools, PSR, or nothing at all. These programs combine the fun of scouting (games, crafts, and earning patches) with a great opportunity for children to learn more about their faith. For 6th-8th graders we have an exciting new program called Young Disciples. In this program middle school teens will learn more about the Bible from The Bible Geek Mark Hart. All three of these programs start on September 2nd. Classes will be held every Tuesday in the parish gym from 6:30-8:00 PM.
- 7. A Challenge to Adults:** Deacon Tetreault will be facilitating a great adult education program called Pillars of the Faith - The Creed on the first and third Tuesday of the Month from 7-8:30PM. The video program from Ascension Press will take us through the different parts of the Creed so that we can come to a better understanding of what it is that we truly believe as Catholics. This program also starts on September 2nd. We will also be having great Men's and Women's Sessions on the Second Tuesday of the Month from 7-8:30PM with babysitting being provided for all programs.
- 8. Thinking about being coming Catholic or know someone who is?:** "If something is missing in your life, if there is an emptiness you cannot explain, know that Jesus Christ can fill the void. Think about finding him in the Catholic Church, the Church Jesus Himself founded 2,000 years ago." Pope Benedict XVI. Special classes will be beginning soon for those who are interested in becoming Catholic or adults who are in need of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please contact Michael Rennie at 314.781.1199.
- 9. Children Sacramental Education Programs beginning soon:** Children in need of Sacramental Preparation who are not attending a Catholic school please contact Michael Rennie 314.781.1199 so we get you enrolled in our First Reconciliation/Communion class or our Confirmation class.
- 10. Tweaking the Tuesday Mass Schedule:** Starting September 2nd the Tuesday evening Mass will be at 5:30 PM instead of 6PM. This will allow us to begin our Faith & Family program earlier for the smaller children so that their parents can put them to sleep at a more reasonable hour and it will allow some parishioners who desire to attend Mass but can't because their shift starts at 7PM to begin attending Mass. Once again this change will not take place until the First Tuesday of September.

God bless, Fr. Tom Pastorius

We have reached our last Spiritual Pondering this month on the Eucharist and so let us continue our reflections on the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As we do this we turn to Fr. Ronald Rolheiser's book: *Our One Great Act of Fidelity: Waiting for Christ in the Eucharist* because in the second part of his book, Fr. Rolheiser looks at the Eucharist from 12 different perspectives. The quotes from his book will be in bold and my personal commentary will be in the regular font.

10: The Eucharist as a Ritual to Sustain our Health

Today, unfortunately, we are misled by a number of misconceptions about prayer and liturgy. Too commonly we accept the following set of axioms as wise: Creativity and variety are always good. Every prayer-celebration should be one of high energy. Longer is better than shorter. Either you should pray with feeling or you shouldn't pray at all. Ritual is meaningless unless we are emotionally invested in it.

Each of these axioms is overly romantic, ill thought out, anthropologically naïve, and not helpful in sustaining a life of prayer. Prayer is a relationship, a long-term one, and lives by those rules. Relating to anyone long-term has its ups and downs. Nobody can be interesting all the time, sustain high energy all the time, or fully invest himself or herself all time. Never travel with anyone who expects you to be interesting, lively, and emotionally invested all the time. Real life doesn't work that way. Neither does prayer. What sustains a relationship over the long term is ritual, routine, a regular rhythm that incarnates the commitment.

I wish I could write a book about each of the above misconceptions but let me start simply by saying that prayer is above all about relationship with the Blessed Trinity. Sometimes my friendship with another is deepened only after we have spent a whole day together and other times it is deepened by a short fifteen minute conversation. The same can be said with my relationship with God. There are times in which I enjoy doing new things with friends like taking a trip to somewhere I have never been and there are times in which I enjoy doing the same thing over and over again with friends like play a card game. There is something nice about the Mass in which it is always the same but yet no two Masses are ever celebrated the same way.

11: The Eucharist as a Vigil, As A Communal Rite of Waiting

We are always waiting. The Eucharist is meant to help us with that. Among other things, it is meant to be a vigil, a coming together to wait for someone or something new to happen to us. We meet Eucharist to wait with each other. The Eucharist is meant to be a vigil.

It is important to remind ourselves that we are waiting for the second coming of our Lord. We do not want to be caught off guard like the foolish virgins in Matthew 25. We also know that the Lord said "like a thief in the night" Matthew 24. It is always easier to keep guard with a partner. As a Church community we get a foretaste of heaven by receiving the Eucharist because God comes to us in this awesome and silent way.

12: The Eucharist As the Priestly Prayer of Christ

One of the things asked of us by adulthood itself, and more especially by our baptism, is that we pray for others. Like the high priests of old, we need to offer up prayer daily for the whole world.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen labeled the part of the Gospel of John where Jesus prays as the Lord's "My Father." Fulton Sheen went forth to write: "During the Last Supper Our Blessed Lord used the word "Father" forty-five times. Up until then, the world had only known the Supreme Being as God. He now emphasized that God is a Father, because of His intimate and paternal attitude toward men." The Eucharist reminds us that our Heavenly Father does listen to us His adoptive Sons and Daughters. At the Eucharist we can offer up the things that matter most to us because we know if they matter to us then they matter to our heavenly Father.

Lectionary: 124 - Gospel [mt 16:21-27](#)

Spiritual Reflection: Archbishop Fulton Sheen writes the following about Peter in his book on the priesthood: "Peter was willing to confess Christ the Priest, but not Christ the Victim. Men called to be rocks can become stones of stumbling.

The priesthood means imitation of Christ, and imitation means self-crucifixion. An unwillingness on the part of a priest to follow Christ to Calvary can sound to Our Blessed Lord only like the voice of the devil himself, that is to say, the voice of Simon repeating the sentiments with which Satan at the very start of Christ's public life had tried to tempt Him away from the Cross. Our Lord did not take away Peter's vocation. He contented Himself with warning him that the flesh was with him and that in a moment of overconfidence he would fall. Peter is thus set forth by Our Blessed Lord as a constant reminder that it is in their strongest qualities, unless they are periodically renewed by divine grace, that men are most liable to fail."

Spiritual Question: 1. Are you ready to do things God's way?
3. How does one carry his or her cross?
When do you rely on yourself?

2. Which crosses are you trying to avoid?
4. Peter relied on himself at that moment instead of God:
5. How are you with relying on God's grace?

LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, August 31

- 7:00 am Parishioners
- 9:00 am Deceased Members of the Ballentine & Licare Families
- 11:00 am Madeline S.M. Toney

Monday, September 1 **LABOR DAY**

- 8:00 am Fred Hof

Tuesday, September 2

- 8:00 am Morning Prayer
- 5:30 pm Carmen Real Castro

Wednesday, September 3

- 8:00 am Charlotte Curtin

Thursday, September 4

- 8:00 am Arlen Fink

Friday, September 5

- 8:00 am Edra Cannon

Saturday, September 6

- 8:00 am Catherine Riggins
- 5:00 pm Don & Sean Welby

Sunday, September 7

- 7:00 am Parishioners
- 9:00 am Berdell & John Leuthen
- 11:00 am Margaret "Peggy" Forness



OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday - Saturday September 1-6

- 7:30 am - Rosary, Church

Sunday, August 31

- 10:00 am - Bible Study, CMR
- 11:00 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB

Monday, September 1 Labor Day Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, September 2

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
 - 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
 - 6:30 pm - **PSR Attendance, Gym**
 - 6:30 pm - Holy Family Child Care, AR
 - 6:30 Blue Knights @ Gym
 - 6:30 Little Flowers @ Gym
 - 6:30 Chosen (Confirmation Class) @ Gym
 - 6:30 Confirmation Parent Mtg @ Gym
 - 6:30 Childcare @ Assumption Room
 - 7:00 Pillars of the Faith* @ Rectory
- *Pillars of the Faith will not meet this week*

Wednesday, September 3

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 5:30 pm - Fit Factor, UH
- 6:30 pm - Bells Practice, Church
- 7:00 pm - Choir Practice, Church

Thursday, September 4

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 7:00 pm - Youth Group, UH
- 7:00 pm - Baptism Mtg., CMR
- 7:30 pm - Prayer Group, Church

Friday, September 5

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 8:30 am - Exposition & Adoration, Church
- 3:30-6:30 pm - Dance, UH

Saturday, September 6

- 11:00 am - Servers' Picnic, Church

Sunday, September 7

- 10:00 am - Bible Study, CMR
- 11:00 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB

In observance of the Labor Day Holiday, the parish business office will be closed on Monday, September 1, 2014.
Have a safe and Happy Labor Day!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND & SICK OF OUR PARISH

Lisa Brinkmann	Dominic Caputa	Kathy Kennebeck
Mary Hipskind	Kathy Hatfield	Dan Nerviani
Gloria Murabito	Donald McPherson	Ethan Sonderman

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 1, 2014

Sunday:	Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
Monday:	1 Cor 2:1-5/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday:	1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday:	1 Cor 4:6b-15/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday:	Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Envelope	\$4,549.00	OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 23-24, 2014
Loose	\$722.00	
Total.....	\$5,271.00	
Votive.....	\$100.92	
Assumption.....	\$60.00	
Maintenance & Repair	\$40.00	
Debt.....	\$40.00	\$155.00(YTD)
Tuition Assistance.....	\$	\$216.00(YTD)
Endowment Fund.....	\$	\$(YTD)

Congratulations to the Men's Club August Alpha

Square winners:

\$100	Neil Roden (R4)
\$25	Saran Roden (R3)
\$25	Kyle Roden (R5)
\$25	Debbie Schaefer (S4)
\$25	EFF (Q4)

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS, NOTES & EVENTS



Saint Louis LIFETEEN

KICKOFF!

Wednesday, October 1
7-9pm

Bishop DuBourg High School

As a parish, we will be collaborating and participating in the new south city youth ministry program, Saint Louis Lifeteen. To stay updated, please check out saintlouislifeteen.org. Questions? Contact Lauren Scharmer, youth minister via email (lauren@saintlouislifeteen.org) or phone (314.288.8873).

Dance~Dance~Dance for Epiphany Parish. Fall Dance begins September 5th with Spring Recital in May. Dance classes are held in Epiphany's Upper Hall. Offering Tap, Ballet, Jazz, Pom, Musical Theater & Hip Hop. For ages 3-18. Dance Director, Tina Stemmler is Dance Master Certified with a BA in Dance from Webster University. Tuition is \$30 per month. Please contact Miss Tina for more information at 314-680-2613.

Stress-Reduction Seminar Join Lindenwood Area Senior Ministry for the 1st installment of our *Health Living Workshop Series*. We will meet on **Tuesday, September 2nd** from **10 am to Noon** in Memorial Hall of Southwest Baptist Church (6401 Scanlan). Our first session will focus on stress relief. Come explore over a dozen stress-reduction techniques. Some techniques offer immediate relief, others, over time, offer long-term relief. Not every technique fits the needs of every person; the seminar will provide options to help you reduce anxiety, worry, and stress in your daily life. Our facilitator will be Audrey Alexander. Audrey has bachelor degrees in Psychology, Sociology, Philosophy and a Master's of Divinity as well as a Master's in Holistic Theology. She is a retired UCC Pastor. Light refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to Claire at 645-6411 by Monday. Plan to join us on the first Tuesdays of the next 3 months as well!

October 7th: Know the 10 Signs:

Dementia vs. Normal Aging

November 4th: Smart Nutrition

December 2nd: Getting a Good Night's Rest

The KC #903 Ladies Aux will be hosting their "Indoor Yard Sale" in the Immaculate Conception Gym On Saturday, September 27 2014. This is the same day as the Tri-City yard Sale and we will be on their map. Don't worry about bad weather or weird temperatures. Sell your wonderful items inside. We have restrooms, food, drink, and a parking lot. There will be a bake sale booth; proceeds will benefit the SVDP food bank at I.C. Clean out your attic/basement and earn some extra Christmas cash. Our tables are reasonably priced. For info or reservations email Kathy at Mrskathybus5@gmail.com or call Linda at 314-781-1488 . Any questions call Kathy Lubbers 314-304-3754.

Homecoming is just two weeks away and we need your help to make it a huge success! Please stop by the tables near the baptismal font to sign up to work a booth or call the parish office for more information. **The following game booths are seeking help. Please contact the chairpersons listed below to sign up to help or note the booth on the game volunteer sheets near the baptism font.**

Plinko: Barb Dilly, 647-0673

Fish Pond: Sherry Heuing, 781-0838

Fun Wheel: Julie Kozemczak, 647-0906

Bumper Car: Lori Harrison, 645-6341

Rope Pull: Sindy Street, 647-6975

Rainbow Toss: Mark Palardy, 645-6962

Sucker Pull: Lisa Meyers, 645-8037

Our Parade will take place on

Saturday morning at 11 am and we are looking for anyone with a convertible or antique car who would like to drive their vehicle in the parade.

\$10,000 Raffle Don't forget to get your \$10,000 raffle ticket. 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.

Advanced Ride Tickets are now

for sale. Tickets can be purchased through the parish office, Monday through Friday from 8 am - 3:30 pm. The cost is \$18 for 24 **tickets in advance**; \$18 for 20 tickets or \$1 each **the day of the event**. Advanced tickets will be for sale through Thursday, September 11th.

New this year arm bands will be available for purchase the days of the homecoming. **The arm bands are \$20 each and ONLY good for rides from Noon until 4 pm on Saturday, September 13th.**

To purchase a raffle ticket, ride tickets, to enter your vehicle in the parade or to volunteer to work at homecoming, please contact the parish office at 314.781.1199.

Friday, September 12th: 6-11 pm

Dinners from 5:30-8 pm

Saturday, September 13th: Noon-11 pm;

Parade @ 11 am

Dinners from 4:00-8:00 pm

Rides~Games~Music~Bingo~Food & More



2014 Epiphany Golf Tournament

Break out your best or worst Hawaiian shirt for the Epiphany Golf Tournament. We are honoring the memory of Pat Bannister, noted Hawaiian shirt wearer and avid golfer. The date is Saturday, October 4th at Forest Park Golf Course. \$90 per golfer will get you 18 holes of golf, refreshments on the course, lunch and dinner. Proceeds from this annual event go to the upkeep of the Monsignor Sullivan Field. Family sponsorship signs are available for \$25. Registration forms are available on the Epiphany web site. (www.epiphanystl.org) For additional info, call Bill Schmidt 645-0010, Bill Regan 374-0941 or Matt Ellison 479-9853.