

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.

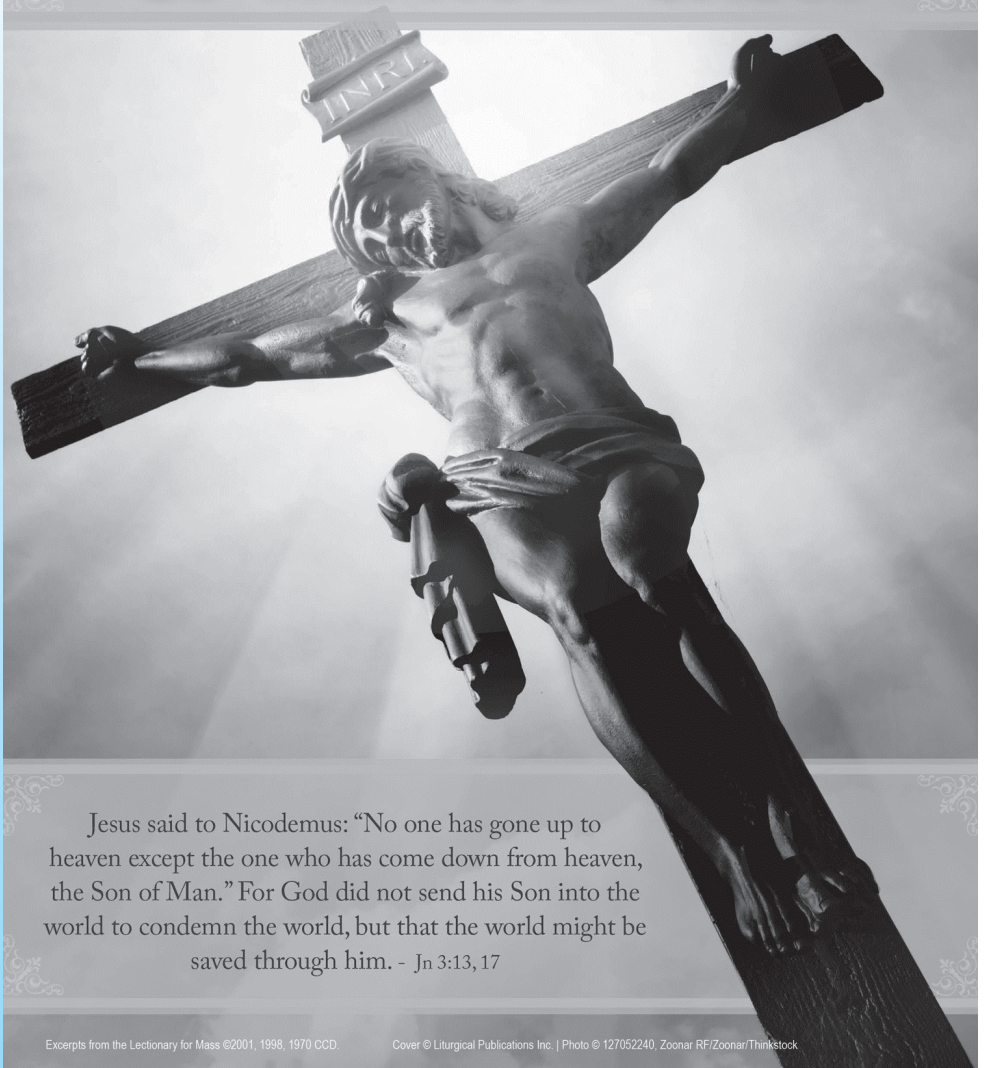
Marriages: Contact the priest at least 9
months prior to the wedding date.

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.

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to
heaven except the one who has come down from heaven,
the Son of Man." For God did not send his Son into the
world to condemn the world, but that the world might be
saved through him. - Jn 3:13, 17

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From the Desk of Fr. Tom Pastorius...

1. Homecoming Thank You

A word of gratitude to everyone who stepped up and helped with our parish homecoming over the weekend; it is events like our homecoming that truly demonstrate our vibrancy as a parish. Thank you for sharing of yourself with the larger community.

2. Seminararians

Last weekend Scott Watts came for his first weekend in the parish. He is a seminarian from Omaha who will be coming on Sundays to learn about parish life. The other seminarian Davide was reassigned.

3. Convocation - A note from the Archdiocese regarding this event:

Next week, September 15-19, 2014, the priests of the Archdiocese of St. Louis will join Archbishop Robert J. Carlson for the 2014 Convocation. This meeting occurs once every four years and offers our clergy a unique opportunity for prayer, reflection, and discussion as coworkers, brothers, and friends. This year's Convocation will be facilitated by Catholic Leadership Institute, a leading organization in Roman Catholic pastoral leadership formation of which Archbishop Carlson sits on the Episcopal Advisory Board. Due to the absence of most of our priests, a schedule of daily Masses in the area can be found in the current edition of the St. Louis Review. Otherwise, most parishes will offer Communion services. Please keep Archbishop Carlson and the priests of our archdiocese in your prayers during this special time.

4. Teaching Moment

While I am away from the parish because of the Convocation, we will be having a communion service. It is important to realize that this service is not a Mass because there is no consecration. The Eucharist people will receive while attending the Communion service will have been consecrated at the last Mass on Sunday. According to Church teaching, Communion Services are only to place on rare occasions. The fact that all the diocesan priests are gathering for a once in every four year meeting has been declared a special occasion.

5 Annulment Workshop

On October 16, 2014* at 7PM 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.

6. New Pamphlet Racks

In the back of Church, we have installed new racks for pamphlets in hope of eliminating some of the clutter in the back of Church. Please know that someone from the parish staff must approve anything that is placed in the pamphlet racks. If anything is placed in these racks without our permission, we will recycle it immediately.

*God bless,
Fr. Tom Pastorius*

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Lectionary: 638 - Gospel [jn 3:13-17](#)

Spiritual Reflection: Just as the serpent was the sign of all the Israelites grumbling against God in the desert it became a source of healing when looked upon. So is the cross on the cosmic stage the sign of all humanity grumbling against God that has now become the source of healing because we know that God still loves us, despite the fact that we killed His Son.

Spiritual Question:

1. How do you think God feels about sin?
2. Why did God choose the serpent as a sign of sin and later as a sign of healing?
3. How is the Cross similar to the bronze serpent?
4. How are the Israelites similar to us?
5. What are the good things that God has done for you?

Prolife "If we understand the human person as the 'temple of the Holy Spirit'—the living house of God—then these latter issues fall logically into place as the crossbeams and walls of that house. All direct attacks on innocent human life, such as abortion and euthanasia, strike at the house's foundation. These directly and immediately violate the human person's most fundamental right - the right to life. Neglect of these issues is the equivalent of building our house on sand."— "Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to American Catholics" (A Statement by the Catholic Bishops of the United States), no. 22, (USCCB)

Spiritual Ponderings

7 Deadly Sins of Evangelization

Before he ascended into heaven Jesus tells His disciples: “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” (Mathew 28: 18:20). I believe everyone eventually discovers that there is a right way to evangelize and there is a wrong way to do so and so therefore for this month, I would like to spend sometimes ponderings Mark Brumley’s Seven Deadly Sins of Apologetics and Evangelization as he outlines them in his book: *How Not To Share Your Faith: The Seven Deadly Sins of Catholic Apologetics and Evangelization*. Quotes from his book will be in bold and my reflections will be found in the normal font.

2. Reducing the Faith to Apologetics/Arguments

“It is absurd to argue men, as to torture them, into believing,” said Cardinal Henry Newman. From this comment, many Christians wrongly conclude that there is no point at all in arguing about religion. **“Argument never convinced anyone,”** they say.

I personally like to make a distinction between faith and religion. For me religion is the academic part of a faith. For example a non-Catholic can study our faith and pass a test on the Twelve Apostles, the Ten Commandments, but that does not mean that they have experienced faith. Faith comes from faith experiences and sharing stories with others. This is why retreats and faiths sharing groups can play an important part in a person faith development.

At the center of the Catholic is not a set of dogmas or doctrines but rather a person(s). Our God desires to be in a personal relationship with each of us and this is what faith is all about. Let us say for a moment that I have a good friend named Joe and I want you to meet him. I can tell you every fact that I know about Joe but unless you meet Joe you will never develop a friendship with him. In the same way, I can tell you everything I know about Jesus, but unless you have a personal encounter with Jesus you will never know Jesus.

Similarly, our ability to marshal arguments for Catholic Doctrine will not save us.

Human beings like to do things and we often define our worth by what we do or how much we produce. We can therefore become more aggressive if we are trying to make a quota instead of inviting someone to meet a friend. We need to be careful that after leading others to Christ that we do not hear Jesus say “I tell you I do not know you.”

3. Confusing the Faith with Arguments for it.

The Third Deadly Sin of Catholic Apologetics is to confuse the faith with the arguments for it. It is not simply a matter of reducing the Catholic faith to the arguments, but reducing faith to our own particular arguments for it, or at least those particular arguments that we find useful or persuasive.

As I stated above, our faith is more about a relationship with the Blessed Trinity than it is about facts. Some of my favorite living role models in the faith know less about the facts of our faith than I do but their relationship with the Lord seems stronger. While I don’t think my grandmother could name the twelve apostles if her life depended upon it, at the same time I can never remember a time in which my grandmother doubted in God’s loving providence. Sometimes when I am in trouble, I wish I had her faith and confidence.

Furthermore, merely because we fail in argument and do not actually demonstrate what we set out to prove does not mean the thing we argued for is false. Yet, if we all follow faith too closely with our arguments, the fate of the one will seem to guarantee the fate of the other.

When I was newly ordained I thought I had to know everything about every aspect of the faith and if I could not answer a question, that I was a failure. Now when someone asks me a question about the faith that I do not know, I have no problem in pointing them to another priest or person who is an expert in that area of the faith. I have also become aware of the fact that there are some aspects of the faith that need to be experienced and cannot be explained. My faith is stronger now that I can admit that I do not have all the answers.

Feast of the Holy Rosary Celebration On Sunday, October 12th at 2:00 pm, the Dominican Sisters of Our Lady of the Rosary, who have served Epiphany for over 100 years, will celebrate their community feast day and the 100th anniversary of Sacred Heart Chapel, located in Sparkill, N.Y. For many of the Sisters here in the Midwest this sacred space is where their journey to mission began. The event at the Epiphany Church will include prayer, song, a narrative about St. Dominic and the ministries of the Dominican Sisters, followed by a reception in the gym. Contact Sister Jeannine DeClue at jeannedeclue@gmail.com or Epiphany Convent at 314-647-3610. **RSVP by September 15th. Seating is limited.**

LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- 7:00 am Parishioners
- 9:00 am Deceased Members of the Ballentine & Licare Families
- 11:00 am Margie Lawler

Monday, September 15

- 8:00 am Carmen Real Castro

Tuesday, September 16

- 8:00 am Morning Prayer
- 5:30 pm William James Bradley, III

Wednesday, September 17

- 8:00 am Anna Nicollerat

Thursday, September 18

- 8:00 am Deceased Members of the Nicollerat Family

Friday, September 19

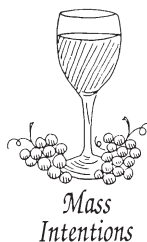
- 8:00 am Rosa Evola

Saturday, September 20

- 8:00 am Carol Simon
- 5:00 pm Mary Bourke

Sunday, September 21

- 7:00 am Mr. & Mrs. James P. Cox
- 9:00 am Parishioners
- 11:00 am Margaret & Gene Schieders



OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday - Saturday, September 15-20

- 7:30 am - Rosary, Church

Sunday, September 14

- 9:00 am - Homecoming Clean Up, Parish Grounds
- 10:00 am - Bible Study, CMR
- 11:00 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB

Monday, September 15

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 5:30 pm - Fit Factor, UH
- 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts, Upper Hall

Tuesday, September 16

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 6:30 pm - Blue Knights, UH
- 6:30 pm - Little Flowers, UH
- 6:30 pm - Servants & Handmaids, UH
- 6:30 pm - Confirmation Class, UH
- 6:30 pm - Holy Family Child Care, AR
- 6:30 pm - Children's Faith & Family Attendance, Gym
- 7:00 pm - The Creed, CM
- 7:00 pm - Finance Committee

Wednesday, September 17

- 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 - Backstoppers Mtg., AR
- 7:30 pm - Choir Practice, Church

Thursday, September 18

- 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 - Linfest Mtg., UH
- 7:30 pm - Prayer Group, Church

Friday, September 19

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 3:30-6:30 pm - Dance, UH

Saturday, September 20

Sunday, September 21

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND & SICK OF OUR PARISH

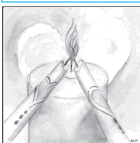
Lisa Brinkmann	Dominic Caputa	Kathy Kennebeck
Mary Hipskind	Kathy Hatfield	Dan Nerviani
Gloria Murabito	Donald McPherson	Ethan Sonderman

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT. 14, 2014

Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
 Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Lk 7:11-17
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31--13:13/Lk 7:31-35
 Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50
 Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3
 Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15
 Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF

Envelope	\$5,617.00
Loose	\$452.80
Total	\$6,069.80
Votive	\$43.00
LaSalette Mission	\$20.00
Maintenance & Repair ..	\$300.00
Debt	\$57.00
Tuition Assistance	\$247.00(YTD)
Endowment Fund	\$627.00(YTD)
	\$50.00 \$10,050.00(YTD)



I & II Ashley Suda, Epiphany & Michéal McCusker, Sts. Peter & Paul.
 Wedding here Saturday, September 27, 2014 at 12:00 Noon.

DUC IN ALTUM PRE-MASS TALKS Please join us 15 minutes before either the 9 or 11am mass for a short talk on a subject of interest. *Last Sunday's Topic:* "The Nativity of Mary" Past talks are also posted in written form on our website and our Facebook page. *This Sunday:* "St. Robert Bellarmine and Galileo."

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS, NOTES & EVENTS



2ND ANNUAL QUARTER AUCTION

Please join us on Saturday, October 18, 2014 for Epiphany of Our Lord's Second Annual Quarter Auction to be held in our Gym. Doors Open @ 6:00 pm; Auction Begins @ 7:00 pm. \$5.00 Admission includes one paddle. Additional paddles can be purchased for \$3.00. Various items to bid on; 50/50 drawings and special raffle items throughout the evening. Non-alcoholic refreshments will be available for purchase. Please feel free to bring your own drinks and snacks. **New this year: our first items up for bid will be pizza and refreshments for 4, to be enjoyed during the auction. We will also have special desserts up for bid!!**

In order for our auction to be a success, we need your donations. Some items needed are: gift certificates of any kind, show tickets, lottery/scratch off tickets, small kitchen items, **or anything that is new.**

Call Trish at 314.781.1199 or visit epiphanystl.org for more information, to make a donation, or to pre-register. Ladies call your friends, gather your quarters and/or your checkbooks and come out for a funtastic evening!!!



Ladies Guild News...Our monthly card social will be held on Monday, September 15th at 10 am in the Assumption Room. The regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 24th at 11:30 am in the Assumption Room.

Please bring your lunch. We will provide drinks and desserts. Also, this is our birthday month. We will honor birthdays in July, August, and September.

The Young Catholic Musicians Auditioning Boy Singers

The choir and orchestra of The Young Catholic Musicians will hold auditions for boy singers [age 10-16] during September. The young people in the YCM represent over 50 parishes and school in the St. Louis area. They learn quality liturgical music and lead the music for Mass once each month at different parishes. Call Fr. Bruce Forman (314-231-7464) or Mrs. Mary Smith (314-962-9260) for additional information and to schedule an audition. Visit our web pages at www.archstl.org/musicians and www.youngcatholicmusicians.com.

St Vincent DePaul Walk For The Poor

Saturday September 20th is National St Vincent DePaul Day. Each conference across the nation is walking to support the poor. The Epiphany conference is walking at Immacolata parish in Richmond Heights to raise funds for the needy. The funds raised by each conference stay in that conference. To support Epiphany St Vincent DePaul please make pledges to our conference and support our walkers. 100% of all funds raised are used to pay for food vouchers, pay utilities, stock our food pantry, and to assist the needy of our parish. To make pledges or to register to walk, please call Dick Suntrup at 314-781-4208. Thank you for your support.

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.



Saint Louis LIFETEEN

KICKOFF!

Wednesday, October
1st from 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).

Guide Book & Directory Advertising Opportunity

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the Church. This book will be the Who, What, Where, When, Why and How of our Congregation. The book is being provided at no cost to Epiphany, including the mailing to each family, and again is being subsidized by local businesses that advertise in it. **If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call Beth Price at 314-540-3102.** 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 Epiphany 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. Please contact Trish at 314-781-1199 *Thank you for your help!*