

# 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.



# Labor Day

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*“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28*

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 6, 2015**

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# LIVING OUR FAITH

*From the Desk of Fr. Pastorius,*

## 1. Faith & Family Programming

This Tuesday September 8, 2015 we will have our men's and women's sessions starting at 6:30 in the rectory. If you are need a babysitting please let the rectory know and we will make arrangements to have a baby sitter on site for you. Each group will be starting a new program this fall so now is the perfect time to jump in.

## 2. Please Welcome...

Epiphany of Our Lord Parish will be blest this year to have two seminarians from Kenrick-Glennon Seminary with us for the academic year. The first seminarian is Nicholas Fleming, a Pre-Theology II student from Belleville; he will be joining us on Sunday for Parish Masses. The second Seminarian is Philip Rathinam. Philip will be taking a pastoral year and therefore will be more involved in parish life than seminarians we've had in the past. He will be living at the rectory with me and be gaining firsthand experience what parish life is like. Please give them both a warm Epiphany welcome. In addition please do not forget to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life especially for Michael Rennie (hopefully ordained in 2016) and Michael Lampe (hopefully ordained in 2017).

## 3. Questions about Marriage Continued...

**Q: Shouldn't we be tolerant and nonjudgmental toward people whose ideas are different from our own?**

**A:** Everyone makes judgments. Those who claim that we should be nonjudgmental are saying that it is wrong to make judgments - but isn't that a judgment about people with different ideas? We need to ask: was Jesus tolerant and nonjudgmental toward people whose ideas differed from his own? No - Jesus loved people and drew moral lines. We need to follow His example.

## 4. No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. (Aesop)

Please contact the rectory today to see how you can help make our parish homecoming a success. So many opportunities to serve and to make a difference; we are definitely better when we all pitch in.

## 5. Homecoming Raffle Ticket

The major difference between a successful homecoming and a poor one is not the weather but rather the amount of raffle tickets we sell. While we desire good weather (so please pray for it), there is a certain point in the raffle ticket selling process where the money we make keeps going up while our costs don't. We sell 300 Tickets for \$100 apiece.

#Tickets Sold	Cost	Profit	# Tickets Sold	Cost	Profit
130	\$13000.00	0	250	\$13,000.00	\$12,000
150	\$13000.00	\$2,000	300 (Max)	\$13,000.00	\$17,000.
200	\$13,000.00	\$7,000	Cost is the Payout of \$12,000 and Cost of Mailing/Printing/etc.		

A successful selling out of our raffle tickets helps us be prepared for when our next a/c unit goes out and/or allows us to repave our parking lot in the future.

## 6. 4 Signs of A Dynamic Catholic Study Group

Starting on Sunday September 27<sup>th</sup> and going to Sunday November 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:15AM to 10:15AM in the rectory we will take a closer look at the book you received last Christmas from the parish: *Four Signs of A Dynamic Catholic*. Please call the rectory to r.s.v.p so that we can be sure to have enough handouts. Please bring your book we do have a limited number of books for those who did not get one or do not remember where they put it.

God bless,  
Fr. Tom

## Spiritual Ponderings

## The Devil's Ways

Satan appeared before a small town congregation. Everyone started screaming and running for the front church door, trampling each other in a frantic effort to get away. Soon everyone was gone except for an elderly gentleman who sat calmly. Satan walked up to him and said, "Don't you know who I am?"

The man replied, "Yep, sure do."

Satan asked, "Aren't you going to run?"

"Nope, sure ain't," said the man.

Satan asked, "Why aren't you afraid of me?"

The man replied, "Been married to your sister for over 48 years."

The above joke about the devil demonstrates two important facts about the devil. The first is that the devil is scary. He is after all a fallen angel that is focused on our destruction. The second important fact is that we have nothing to fear from the devil. Jesus has already defeated him. The devil is not God's equal.

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## LIVING OUR FAITH

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For some time now, I have wanted to do a series of reflection on the devil because I see people often making one of two errors in regards to understanding the devil. Some people give the devil too much power and other people barely believe that he exists. Neal Lozano in his book: *Unbound: A Practical Guide to Deliverance* warns us about these two errors:

There is a profound truth in these few sentences by C.S. Lewis: "There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased with both errors." It is hard to maintain a healthy balance. It is as if the devil himself pushes us toward one of the two extremes.

St. Ignatius of Loyola in his spiritual writings mentions three enemies that we have to be aware of in our spiritual life. The first enemy we must face is ourselves. Even though we have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, we still suffer the effects of original sin (a lack of trust in God's love for us) and because of this sometimes we choose to do things our way instead of trusting in God. In order to be a person of faith and the best person we can be, we have to learn to trust in God and do things his way all the time. Not because God is a dictator that punishes us but rather because our God is our loving creator who knows what is best for us.

The second enemy that we face is the world or culture that we grow up in. The society that we live in does not make it easy to live the life God is calling us to. For example, it was easier for the people in the North to know that slavery was evil than it was for people in the south because slavery was accepted in South and not in the North. It is hard to be chaste in a culture that is filled with sexual images. This is part of the reason why the Church invites us to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These three spiritual movements can help us see where God's plans and the world's plans are different. I believe Archbishop Fulton Sheen says it best in his book *The Life of Christ*:

In the Beatitudes, Our Divine Lord takes those eight flimsy catchwords of the world—"Security," "Revenge," "Laughter," "Popularity," "Getting Even," "Sex," "Armed Might" and "Comfort"—and turns them upside down. To those who say, "You cannot be happy unless you are rich," He says, "Blessed are the poor in spirit." To those who say, "Don't let him get away with it," He says, "Blessed are the patient." To those who say, "Laugh and the world laughs with you," He says, "Blessed are those who mourn." To those who say: "If nature gave you sex instincts you ought to give them free expression, otherwise you will become frustrated," He says, "Blessed are the clean of heart." To those who say, "Seek to be popular and well known," He says, "Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and speak all manner of evil against you falsely because of Me." To those who say, "In time of peace prepare for war," He says, "Blessed are the peacemakers."

The third enemy is finally the devil. Neal Lozano in his book: *Unbound: A Practical Guide to Deliverance* explains it as follows:

Recently my wife and I watched the movie *Hook*, which tells the story of the grown-up Peter Pan. Peter now has children of his own and has forgotten his former life in Never Never Land. Captain Hook, seeking revenge, comes and steals Peter's children. Hook's plan is based on this scheme: the best way to get revenge on "the Pan" would be to win the affections of Pan's children and become a father to them. He wins the heart of Peter's son, Jack. He presents evil as good, distorts truth about his mom and dad, and brings suspicion on their motives. Gradually Jack begins to dress like the captain, and he forgets who he really is.

This story is an allegory for the human drama. Satan saw the dignity God gave to man and woman, created as they were in His image. Perhaps Satan even had a hint of mankind's destiny in Christ. In his hatred, Satan struck back at God by seeking to destroy His children. The cunning serpent-Satan recognized Adam and Eve a potential to mistrust God's love and he sought to capture their hearts and affections and become a father to them.

I also encourage you to pray the prayer of St. Michael.

**Saint Michael the Archangel, Defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him; we humbly pray; And do thou O Prince of the heavenly host, By the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits Who wander through the world For the ruin of souls. Amen**

# LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, September 6

8:00 am John Leuthen  
10:30 am Parishioners

### Monday, September 7

8:00 am Dominick Poerio

### Tuesday, September 8

8:00 am Morning Prayer  
5:30 pm Richard Combs

### Wednesday, September 9

8:00 am Pat Campbell

### Thursday, September 10

8:00 am Steve Castellano

### Friday, September 11

8:00 am Pastor's Intentions

### Saturday, September 12

8:00 am Joseph LeGrand  
5:00 pm Tim & Barbara Holland  
(*Blessing for 50th Wedding Anniversary*)

### Sunday, September 13

8:00 am Parishioners  
10:30 am Jeanette Santen (*Good Health*)



## OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

### Monday - Saturday September 7-12

- 7:30 am - Rosary, Church

### Sunday, September 6

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

### Monday, September 7 - Labor Day Parish Office/GSA Closed



In observance of the Labor Day Holiday, the parish business office will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2015. Have a safe and happy Labor Day!

### Tuesday, September 8

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym

### Wednesday, September 9

- 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
- 7:30 pm - Choir Practice, Church

### Thursday, September 10

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

### Friday, September 11

- 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 12

### Sunday, September 13

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

**SAVE THE DATE** This year's Quarter Auction will be held on Thursday, October 18, 2015. More info to come.



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2015

- Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37  
Monday: Col 1:24--2:3/Lk 6:6-11  
Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23  
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26  
Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38  
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lk 6:39-42  
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49  
Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

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

John Lutz	Dominic Caputa	Kathy Kennebeck
Mary Hipskind	Kathy Hatfield	Matthew Joganik
Gloria Murabito	Edward Joganik	Ethan Sonderman
Dave Hanneken	Christine Weber	Michael Wesby
Dick Suntrup	Daniel Barr	Anita Gillam
Pat Wallace	Ken Wisniewski	

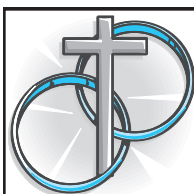
## OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 29-30, 2015

### Sunday Collection

General Fund Envelope \$5,073.00  
General Fund Loose ..... \$217.00  
General Fund **Online** ..... 502.50  
Total ..... **\$5,792.50**



Votive ..... \$67.20  
Assumption ..... \$13.00  
,Maintenance & Repair . \$150.00  
Debt ..... \$5.00 ..... \$672.00(YTD)  
Tuition Assistance ..... \$ ..... \$(YTD)  
Endowment Fund ..... \$ ..... \$(YTD)



III Jessica Hollis, Epiphany & David Griffin, Epiphany. Wedding here Saturday, September 12, 2015 @ 1:00 pm.

III Heather Ebert, St. Dominic Savio & Louis Lazarides. Wedding here Sunday, September 13, 2015 @ 2:00 pm

# PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS, NOTES & EVENTS

**Ladies Guild News...** "Take Note", the card social will be held on Monday, September 14th at 10:00 pm in the Assumption Room. This month it will be held a week earlier. Our regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 30th at 11:30 am in the Assumption Room. This will be a week later than other months. Desserts and drinks will be provided. We will celebrate birthdays from the months of July, August, and September.



**LIFETEEN SOCIAL BUTTERFLIES** - Have you ever wondered what exactly it means to be social? As humans, why do we need friendships/relationships? Come join other highschoolers this Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg High School and find out! Food, games, and prayer included! Any questions? Contact Lauren at 314.288.8873 or [lauren@saintlouislifeteen.org](mailto:lauren@saintlouislifeteen.org).

**Walk for Hunger 5K** Saturday, September 12th at 9:00 am, Francis Park. Cost is \$5 or 5 canned goods donation. Registration begins at 8:00 am (NE corner of park - Nottingham at Tamm). Can't walk or weather cancellation, still accepting all donations. Proceeds to: Trinity Assembly of God Church Food Pantry, 4720 Jamieson Ave. 314-752-1015 or email: [powerdebberz@yahoo.com](mailto:powerdebberz@yahoo.com)


**MEN'S SPIRITUAL DISCUSSION** The St. Joseph's Men are back! Beginning Tue, Sep 8th, we will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tue of each month from 6:30-8 pm to relax, read Pope Francis' *Joy of the Gospel*, and maybe enjoy a beer (in moderation, of course!). Men of all ages are welcome to join us in the rectory for what promises to be a thoughtful discussion and time with friends.

**LASM Trivia Night** Save the date for Lindenwood Area Senior Ministry's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Trivia Night on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Timothy Lutheran Church. Begin recruiting your trivia team now! \$20/person, tables of 8 at \$160. Support our ministry by becoming a \$60 round sponsor or by donating a silent auction item! For details contact the LASM office at 647-4591.

## Pillars of the Faith Part II: Sacraments

Sacraments is a 12-part study that guides participants through the first section of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Not only will you learn about the power and purpose of the sacraments, you'll also discover how these fonts of inexhaustible grace can transform your life, providing strength, healing, and hope. POTF Part II will start in October on Tuesdays at 7 pm and held in the Parish Community Room.

## OUR DEARLY DEPARTED

 **Rest in Peace** In your kindness, please pray for the repose of the soul of Ron Anderson and Lorraine Becker, our parishioners. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

**Homecoming is just two weeks away** and we need your help to make it a huge success! *Sometimes when we are new to a parish or haven't been involved in certain events for a while we wait for a personal invitation. While we would like to invite each and every one of you personally to be a part of our Homecoming volunteers, that unfortunately isn't always possible. Please take this opportunity to sign up to help out with one of our homecoming booths and at the same time get to know your fellow parishioners a little better. It is a very rewarding experience.* Please stop by the tables near the baptismal font to sign up to work a booth or call the parish office, 781-1199 for more information.

*"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." (Mark 8:34)* When we truly believe that all we have is a gift from God, then we must be willing to give up some things so that we can share our blessings as God intended. Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for our own life, but the lives of others as well.

**Set Up** Please plan to join us beginning Wednesday, September 16th at 5:30 pm to set up booths.

**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.* Contact Michael at 781-1199 for more info.

**The Country Store Booth** at the Epiphany Homecoming will have a raffle for a full size hand embroidered quilt. Even if you cannot attend the Homecoming, you will have a chance to participate in this raffle after the Masses during the weekend of September 12th and 13th. The chances are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Please stop by to see this beautiful quilt that you can win or call Helen Kunz at 647-8146 to get your chances.

**\$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:

\$35 for 50 tickets **in Advance**

\$40 for 50 tickets **day of Homecoming**

\$18 for 24 tickets **in Advance**

\$20 for 24 tickets **day of Homecoming**

Advanced ride tickets for sale now - Wed. Sept. 16th.

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 18th: 6-11 pm

Dinners from 5:30-8 pm

Saturday, September 19th: Noon-11 pm;

Parade @ 11 am

Dinners from 4:00-8:00 pm

Rides~Games~Music~Bingo~Food & More