

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

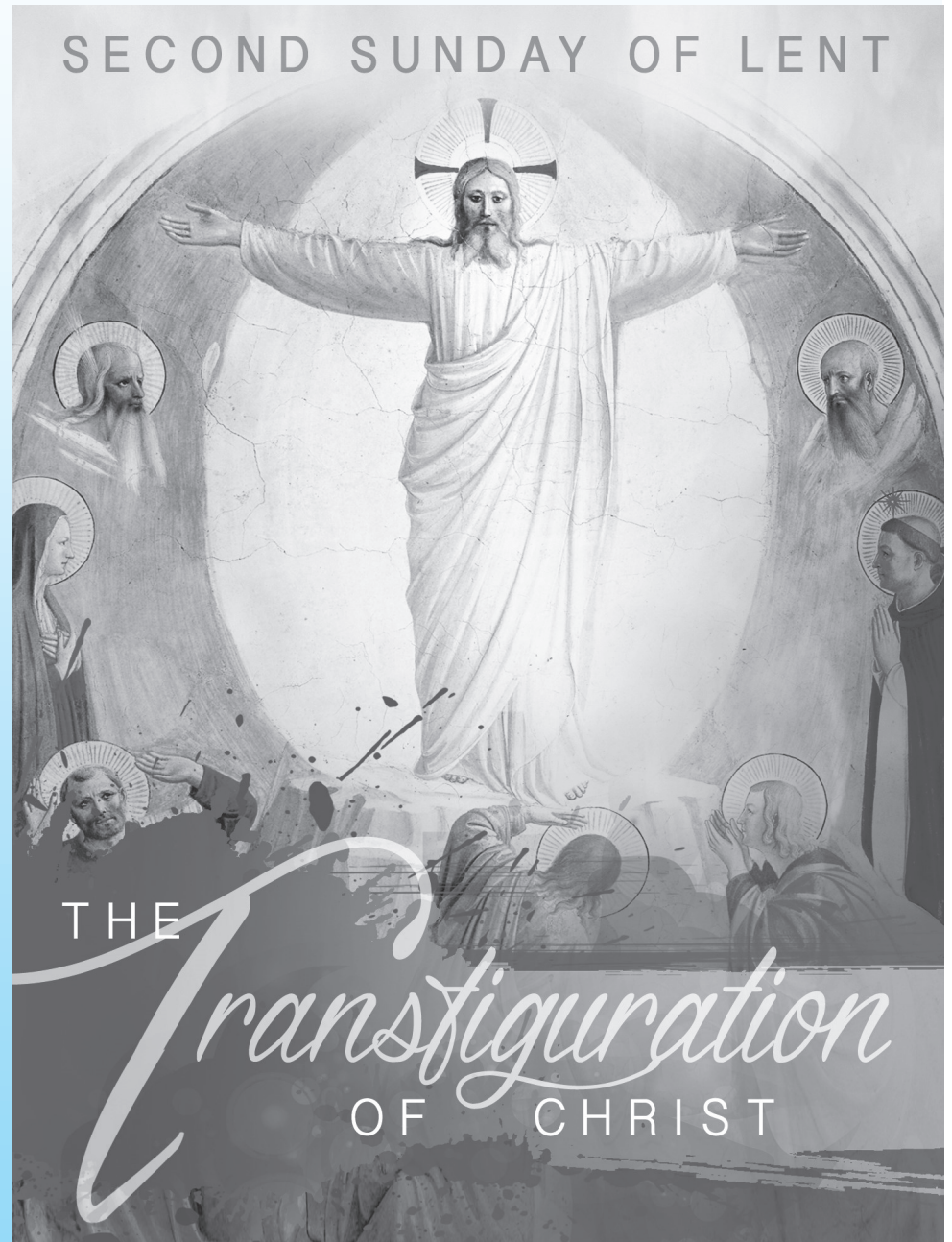
Baptisms: Meeting first Thursday of the
month. Preregistration required.

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.



Second Sunday of Lent
February 21, 2016

Phone: 314-781-1199 Fax: 314-645-8760
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From the Desk of Fr. Thomas Pastorius,

1. Spiritual Gifts Workshop is the Next Big Step In Epiphany's Parish
St. Paul explains in his first letter to the Corinthians that God has decided not to save us as individuals but as a community. We are like a human body with all its different parts that come together for the health of the body. This idea of us as the Body of Christ reinforces the idea why it is important that all (everyone) come together and offer the gifts and talents we have to God as a community. I would like to invite all Epiphany Parishioners to sign up for the Spiritual Gifts Workshop that will be taking place on Tuesday February 23rd and March 1st. Morning Session will be from 10 AM to 12 Noon and the evening session from 7-9 PM. These sessions will help us understand what our gifts are and how we can use them to build up God's kingdom. Please R.S.V.P by calling the rectory A.S.A.P. On a scale of 1 to 10 with 10 being very important this is a 9.

2. Faith and Family Programming For Tuesday February 23, 2016
There will be no faith and family programming this week so that we can all attend the Spiritual Gifts workshop!

3. A Shout Out!!!
The weekend of February 13-14th, I was away from the parish helping with a youth retreat. We had over 90 eighth graders and high school students at Du-Bourg. One of the funny things that happened was when the 8th graders were asked what they thought of the weekend, they would give "shout outs" to the high school teens that really helped them see God. I would like to be a kid for a moment and give a shout out to Mary Louise and Mickey Smith, Pat and Tom Acquisto, and Kathy Migneco, Jon Keiser, and Jessica Shank for stepping up from Epiphany to help with this multi-parish program.

4. Everyone Needs to Forgive Somebody Classes
I hope everyone has enjoyed the book "Everyone Needs to Forgive Someone" by Alan Hunt that we passed out at Christmas. Please mark your calendar now to attend a series of group discussions based on the book. Evening Sessions will be Tuesday Nights from 8-9 PM (Tuesday February 16 to Tuesday March 22) and Morning Session will be Wednesday Mornings 9-10 AM (Wednesday February 17 to Wednesday February 21). If you wish to participate please read chapter 1&2 before the first class. All classes will take place in the rectory.

5. Fish Fry Season
What do sea monsters eat? Fish and ships. Our parish fish fries are way better than my bad fish jokes. Our next Fish Fry will be February 26th from 4:30-7 PM. Someone from another parish told me that our fish fry was rated #2 in the city according to one local newspaper. I have no trouble believing that our food is great and our people are awesome!!!

God bless,
Fr. Tom

Prolife Events
Project Rachel Spiritual support for post-abortive women. Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. For more information, contact Marisol at 314-792-7451 or email mpfaff@archstl.org
Project Joseph Spiritual support for post-abortive men. Meetings are held on the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. Contact Chuck at 314-974-6787 or email: craymjr@sbcglobal.net
Helpers of God's Precious Infants gather on the 3rd Saturday of each month at the St. Louis Cathedral Basilica for an 8:00 am Mass and rosary procession to the Planned Parenthood Clinic, located on Forest Park Blvd.
Annual 8th grade Prolife creative writing competition deadline February 19th for more information contact Respect Life Apostolate Office at 314-792-7555
40 Days for Life will begin on Wed., Feb. 10th - Sun., March 20th. This is a peaceful, prayerful vigil at the Planned Parenthood clinic on Forest Park Blvd. More information to come.

Congratulations to the following Alum & Rosati-Kain students on their most recent academic achievements:

First Honors

Kristen Heuing (Senior)
Jaci Street (Senior)
Jesse Parker (Junior)

Second Honors

Erika Jugo (Freshman)

Stewardship "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." (Genesis 15:7) Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether our home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do we show our gratitude to God for the home He has given us? Do we make a sacrifice of any kind? Do we return any of our finances to God, investing equally in our eternal home just as we invest in our earthly home?



**EASTER EGG HUNT
CANDY AND TOYS NEEDED**

It is that time of year again, and we are asking for donations of candy (we already have plenty of eggs). We would also like to offer some toy prizes if anyone would like to donate small toys, coloring books, bubbles, or the like. (No stuffed animals please.) If you would like to help, just drop off the goods at the Epiphany Parish Rectory between now and March 20. Thanks for all the help!

Spiritual Ponderings

21 Undeniable Secrets of Marriage

Let us continue looking at Dr. Allen Hunt's book: *The 21 Undeniable Secrets of Marriage* to discover insights not only into marriage but into relationships in general. Quotes from his book will be in bold and my commentary will be in regular font.

06. The Secret of the Love Bank: If you want more love, you have to give it away.

Every person has a love bank inside the heart, one that can either be filled with love or be left bankrupt and empty. And we all yearn for our love banks to be filled to capacity. This is the secret of the love bank.

One of the great mysteries in my life is that I cannot understand people who treat others as junk and then cannot understand why no one wants to be around them. I have seen people yell and scream at another person and then wonder why the other person does not want to spend any time with them. Some people I guess fear change more than being lonely.

For marriages, and even for your life, the application of this rule is simple: If you want more of something give it away. If you want more love in your life, give more love away. If you want more joy, give away more joy. And it is especially true in marriage.

Do you want to be surrounded by other happy people? Then be happy yourself. Mother Teresa said that "Peace begins with a smile" and "Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."

07. The Secret of Romance: Songs of Songs is there for a reason.

God desires to be the lover of your soul. And Song of Songs makes that abundantly clear. In this little book of the Bible you will discover the secret of romance.

I believe that this secret can be broken down in two. The first is don't expect from your spouse what only God can give. You spouse can help direct you toward your ultimate end but in of itself your spouse cannot be your ultimate end because that is God. The second is if you want to know what true love is look to Jesus as your role model. Romance is not so much about giving someone fine jewelry as it about forgiving. Romance is not so much about having a lot of possessions but rather about loving each person that comes into our lives as a gift from God.

As God loves you and me as His spouse, in the same way, a man loves a woman with delight. God's love gives the model for romance, selfless, sacrificial, and generous. Extravagant love!

08. The Secret of the Best Friend: Don't marry someone you can live with; marry someone you can't live without.

What does it mean? It means your marriage has its best shot if you marry your best friend.

Over time, this settling in is when authentic love either takes root or dies. At that moment, when the sizzle has subsided every couple will make a decision to invest or to divest. To step in or step out. Each spouse will choose: Will I learn to love this person in way deeper than emotional, heart pumping star dreaming, or will I go in search of another two-year sizzle with someone else? If the answer is yes to a deeper love, the marriage and relationship will grow to a new level and increase its chances at thriving. If the answer is no, it will die a quick or sometimes slow and agonizing death. One or both partners quickening experience with someone else. They will have made the mistake of confusing lust for love. -

Struggles and difficulties do not mean anything is going bad in a relationship. In prayer there are times of consolation (when we feel God's presence) and there are times of desolation (when it feels like God is absent). St. Ignatius's beautiful insight in his rules of discernment is that God is speaking/teaching/nurturing in times of desolation as much as God is speaking in times of consolation. Marriages and relationships can grow just as much in bad times as they do in good times. Flowers grow possibly more in the rain than they do in the sunlight.

Second Sunday of Lent Lectionary: 27

Gospel [Lk 9:28b-36](#)

Scripture Reflection: "When He took with Him to a height mountain, Peter, James, and John—Peter the Rock; James destined to be the first Apostle-martyr; and John the visionary of the future glory of the Apocalypse. These three were present when He raised from the dead the daughter of Jairus. All three needed to learn the lesson of the Cross to rectify their false conceptions of the Messiah. Peter had vehemently protested against the Cross, while James and John had been throne-seekers. All three would later on sleep in the Garden of Gethsemane during His agony. To believe in His Calvary, they must see the glory that shone beyond the scandal of the Cross. - Fulton Sheen

Reflection Questions:

1. Why was it important for Peter, James, and John to see the transfiguration?
2. Why was it important for others to witness the crucifixion before being told about the transfiguration?
3. How did this moment help Peter, James, and John, in the faith?
4. Are there "glory stories" from other people's lives that motivate you?
5. Do you share "glory stories" (the great things God has done for you with others)? Why or Why Not?

LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Second Sunday of Lent, February 21

8:00 am Parishioners
10:30 am Dora Newman

Monday, February 22

8:00 am John Jankowski

Tuesday, February 23

8:00 am Morning Prayer
5:30 pm Helen Nicollerat (Health & Blessings)

Wednesday, February 24

8:00 am Enrollees & Benefactors of
Epiphany Memorial Fund

Thursday, February 25

8:00 am Osmack

Friday, February 26

8:00 am Leo & Ann Bereswill

Saturday, February 27

8:00 am Mary Jo Lotspeich
5:00 pm Elizabeth "Betty" Eschelbach

Third Sunday of Lent, February 28

8:00 am Katie Bach
10:30 am Parishioners

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND & SICK OF OUR PARISH

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| Ethan Strauss | Ethan Sonderman | Mary Hipskind |
| Pat Wallis | Chris Perron | Dominic Caputa |
| Daniel Barr | Kathy Nielson | Christine Weber |

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21, 2016

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14/
Phil 3:17--4:1 or 3:20--4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23/
Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-21/
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11/
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

1st Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/

OUR DEARLY DEPARTED



In your kindness, please pray for the repose of the souls of Jerome "Jerry" Kovac, our parishioner and husband of Marilee Kovac; Marybeth McGrath, our parishioner; and Joseph Adkins. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday - Saturday February 22-27

- 7:30 am - Rosary, Church

Sunday, February 21

- 9:00 am - Bible Study, AR
- 9:15 am - Little Lambs, RBF
- 9:15 am RCIA, CMR
- 10:30 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB

Monday, February 22

- 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, February 23

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 10:00 am - Noon - Spiritual Gifts Workshop, CMR
- 7-9:00 pm - Spiritual Gifts Workshop, CMR

Wednesday, February 24

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 9:00 am - Forgiveness Classes, CMR
- 10:00 am - Ladies Guild Meeting, AR
- 5:30 pm - Fit Factor, UH
- 6:30 pm - Bells Practice, Church
- 7:30 pm - Choir Practice, Church

Thursday, February 25

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 7:00 pm - Lenten Bible Study Group, CMR
- 7:00 pm - Prayer Warriors for Evangelization, RDR
- 7:30 pm - Prayer Group, Church

Friday, February 26

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 3:30-6:30 pm - Dance, UH & AR
- 4:30 - 7:00 pm - Fish Fry, Gym

Saturday, February 27

Sunday, February 28

- 9:00 am - Bible Study, AR
- 9:15 am - Little Lambs, RBF
- 9:15 am RCIA, CMR
- 10:30 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB

St. Pat's Salad We will be preparing salads for the St. Patrick's Center again on **Wednesday, February 24th** at 7:30 am in the gym kitchen. Please join us. As always cash donations are greatly appreciated!



PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS, NOTES & EVENTS

Ladies Guild News The regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 24th at 11:30 am in the Assumption Room. We will be serving soup, dessert, and refreshments. This month we will celebrate birthdays in the months of January, February and March. For our entertainment we will play "Rob your Neighbor". Please bring a \$1.00 gift that is wrapped.

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Mark your calendars for our upcoming Lenten Fish Fry Dates: Fridays-February 26th and March 4th & 11th.



"Experience Wanted" Was your son a Cub Scout or Boy Scout? Has he outgrown his uniform? The Scouts are looking for 'experienced' Scout uniforms. Please bring your 'experienced' uniforms to Church and place them in the box located at the entrance of Church. These will be used to help put our current Scouts in uniform. Thank you, Leaders of Pack and Troop 281.

Our Lady's Inn Maternity Homes is holding their Annual Angel Gala - Sunday, April 10th at Kemoll's, Top of the Met. Honoring The Dennis and Judy Jones Family Foundation. Cocktail reception at 5:30 pm; Dinner at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$150 per person. For more information or to register, visit www.ourladysinn.org or call Amy at 314-736-1544.

OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 13-14, 2016

Sunday Collection

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| General Fund..... | \$3,354.00 | |
| General Fund Loose | \$237.31 | |
| General Fund Online | \$417.00 | |
| Total | \$4,008.31 | |
| Candlemas Day | \$20.00 | |
| Easter Flower | \$15.00 | |
| Maintenance & Repair .. | \$215.00 | |
| M & R Online | \$10.00 | |
| Votive | \$53.00 | |
| St. Louis Review | \$30.00 | |
| SVDP..... | \$25.00 | |
| Debt | \$235.00 | \$1,695.00(YTD) |
| Tuition Assistance | \$ |\$681.00(YTD) |
| Endowment Fund | \$ | \$(YTD) |

Church
SUPPORT



WORK THE WORK: A Life Night on living the works of mercy. Join us this Wednesday, Feb. 24th from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg High School. See www.saintlouislifeteen.org for more information.

Dogtown Day Trip A few spaces remain on Lindewood Area Senior Ministry's trip to Dogtown on the week of St. Patrick's Day. Our hosts, Joe DeGregorio and Johnnie Corbett (President of the Dogtown Historical Society) will provide the rich history of this neighborhood, with a few twists and turns along the way. Included is a tour of St. James the Greater Catholic Church with an organ-Irish themed concert, a riding tour, a visit to an authentic Irish gift store and lunch at Seamus McDaniel's. So if you really want to know how Dogtown got its name, come join us for an informative and entertaining day. **Monday, March 14th** from 9:45 am to 1:45 pm. Bus will depart from the upper parking lot of Southwest Baptist Church, rain or shine. Cost is: \$30 per person (lunch not included). Reservations: Katie at 647-4591.

Trivia Nights

The Mother of Good Counsel Home Auxiliary is sponsoring a trivia night on Saturday, April 2, starting at 6 pm at the JFK Center, 315 Howdershell Road, 63031. The cost is \$20/person or \$160/table of 8 and includes beer, soda, and snacks but you may bring your own, too. Gift baskets and 50/50 raffle offered. Please contact Dave Barnhart at barnharts2000@msn.com or 314-4520-946 for more information.

Trivia for the Blind Get your friends together for an easy reunion and lots of FUN! Use your wits at the Annual Trivia Night benefiting Missouri Chapter, United States Association for the Blind Athletes at Epiphany gymnasium on Saturday, April 9, 2016. Doors open at 6:00 pm; game starts at 7:00 pm. Cost is \$20 per person, tables of 8. Reservations due by April 1st. Beer and soda provide. For more information call Tom Culliton at 314-647-0093. *Mo. Chapter, Inc.-United States Association for Blind Athletes provides athletic opportunities for adults and youth with visual impairments and blindness.

Run for Roses Trivia Night / Silent Auction

Saturday, April 16, 2016: sponsored by The Rose Foundation, whose mission is to spread awareness and raise funds for a CURE FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS. All proceeds go to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Vianney High School Activity Center. 1311 S. Kirkwood Rd, Kirkwood, MO 63122. Doors open at 6:00 pm and trivia begins at 7 pm. Cost: \$30.00 per person / tables of 8 or Prepaid reservations: \$25 per person, by April 1st. Beer, soda, snacks provided. For Reservations: Please call Linda Caul at 314-952-7944 or mail check, payable to: The Rose Foundation, 2702 Bloomfield Dr. St. Louis, MO 63129. Trivia presented by www.triviafunhouse.com. Visit us at www.runforroses.com. THANK YOU!