



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.

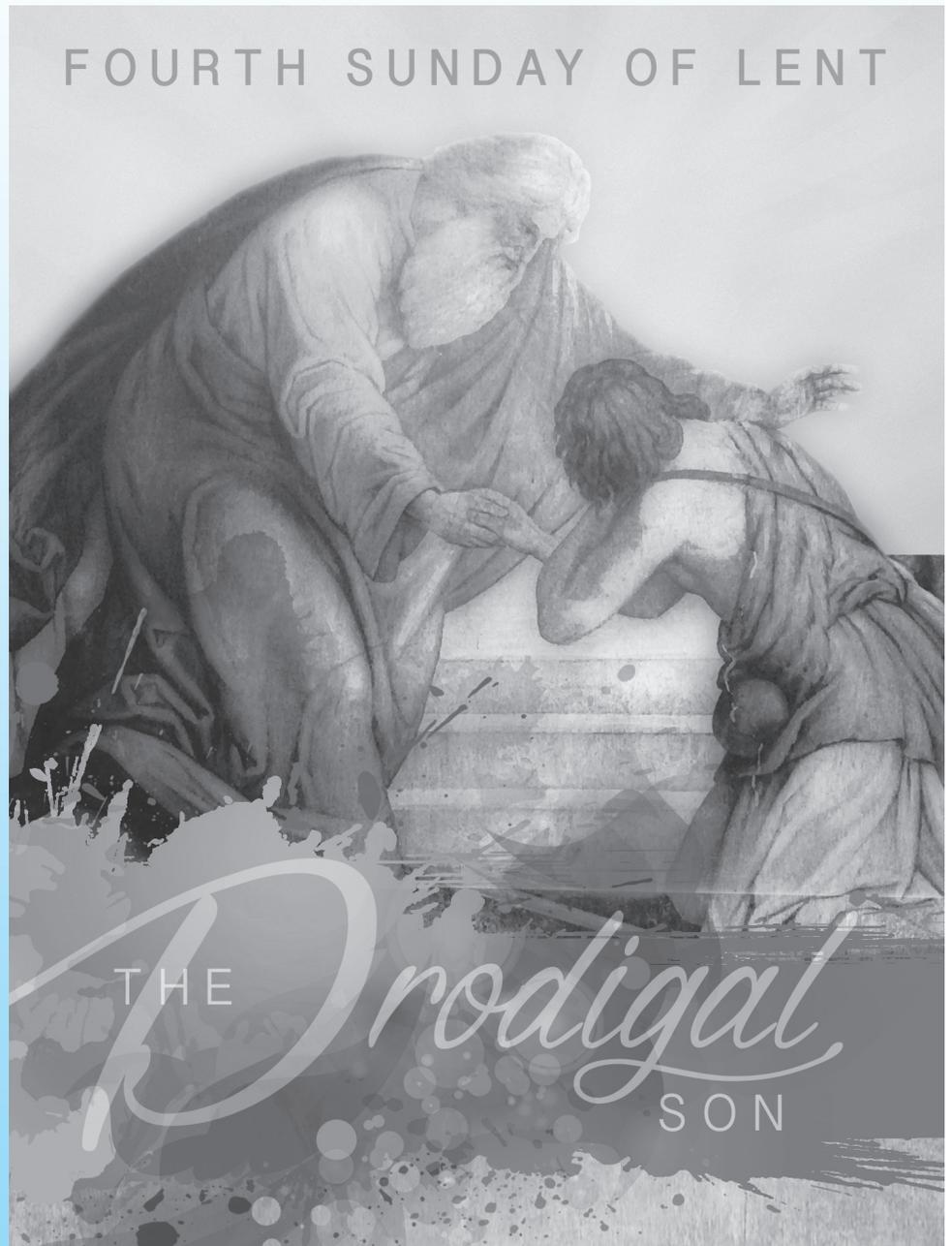
Marriages: Contact the priest at least 9
months prior to the wedding date.

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.



Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 6, 2016

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LIVING OUR FAITH

From the Desk of Fr. Thomas Pastorius,

1. Faith and Family Programming For Tuesday March 8, 2016

"To love means loving the unlovable. To forgive means pardoning the unpardonable. Faith means believing the unbelievable. Hope means hoping when everything seems hopeless." – *G.K. Chesterton*. Make sure you take advantage of the opportunities to learn more about Jesus. Men's and Women's Session - This Tuesday at 6:30 PM in rectory.

2. A Shout Out!!!

This week's I give a shout out to the members of our liturgy committee who take the time each Lent to lead the Stations of the Cross. The Stations is one of those ancient devotions of the Catholic Church that in a mysterious way invite us to dive deeper into the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. Please join them each Friday of Lent at 7 PM in the Church.

3. Everyone Needs to Forgive Somebody Classes

The Wednesday morning class will continue where we left off before our snow day. Anyone is welcome. Please read chapter 3 and 4. 9-10 AM in Rectory.

4. Fish Fry Season

Why did Sally go to the Lake after her brothers teased her? To fish for compliments. Our parish fish fries are way better than my bad fish jokes. The votes are in and we are listed as the second best fish fry in Saint Louis. I have no trouble believing that our food is great and our people are awesome!!! Join us for our next and *last* fish Fry of the year. This Friday March 11, 2016 4:30-7PM.

5. Please Be Careful

Some parishioners have come forward and asked me to invite everyone to be better stewards of our books, envelopes, and other things in the pews. Many of our "New Mass" prayer cards are being ripped etc. I do not know about you but I still need that cheat sheet.

God bless,
Fr. Tom

Prolife "The mercy of God is his loving concern for each one of us. ...he desires our wellbeing and he wants to see us happy, full of joy, and peaceful. ...Just as he is merciful, so we are called to be merciful to each other." Pope Francis, *Misericordiae Vultus*, no. 9 © 2015 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. www.goo.gl/2pj8Nv

"12 Hours to Watch and Pray for Religious Liberty"

The Little Sisters of the Poor at Saint Louis Residence extend an invitation to join them in praying on Tuesday, March 15th for their lawsuit which will be heard by the Supreme Court on March 23rd in Washington D.C. The oral arguments include 7 religious groups representing hundreds of other religious organizations seeking to protect freedom of conscience and religious liberty, which is being threatened by the government's contraceptive mandate. The March 15th prayer day includes Eucharistic Adoration with devotions from 8:30 am to 8:30 pm in their Chapel at 3225 North Florissant Avenue, 63107. Mass is at 11:00 am. For more information, call the Home at 314-421-6022. All are invited.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 6, 2016

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-7/2 Cor 5:17-21/
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-21, 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9-12/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

Catholic Relief Services Collection

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one off these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt 25:40). Today, we are reminded that Jesus identified himself with our poorest brothers and sisters. The Catholic Relief Services Collection serves Jesus in the victims of human trafficking, those who suffer from unjust laws, and those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe. Through supporting the Catholic Relief Collection, you help Jesus in disguise. Please be generous.

becomingONE - A Catholic Speaker Series for Young, Married Couples

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Praying as One:
HOW TO PRAY AS A COUPLE

We invite you and your spouse to join us for becomingONE, a marriage speaker series for young adults. Join young, married couples from across the Archdiocese for

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an engaging talk from Fr. Paul Hoelsing about the importance of prayer in marriage; there will also be time to socialize with other couples. Saturday, April 16th from 10 am - 12 pm at St. Joseph's Parish in Clayton; light refreshments will be provided. Please email stlya@archstl.org to RSVP.

I hope that you have been enjoying these insights or “secrets” about building strong marriages in which I believe we can all use to build strong relationships. Dr. Allen Hunt’s book *The 21 Undeniable Secrets of Marriage* has been a good resource to help us ponder what it takes to have a good marriage and other healthy relationships. Quotes from his book will be in bold and my commentary or reflections will be regular font.

12. The Secret of Separation: Cleaving means cleaving.

When cleaving occurs, two things (or in this case two people) combine so intensely that it is almost impossible to separate them. They are passionately connected to each other. They are not merely roommates or friends of convenience.

Here is one of my favorite poems about marriage: I didn't marry you because you were perfect. I didn't even marry you because I loved you. I married you because you gave me a promise. That promise made up for your faults. And the promise I gave you made up for mine. Two imperfect people got married and it was the promise that made the marriage. And when our children were growing up, it wasn't a house that protected them; and it wasn't our love that protected them - it was that promise.

In the same way, for a marriage to really thrive, it must stand on its own. If either set of in-laws meddles, hovers, and controls; the new marriage will struggle to stand on its own. Either the man did not fully leave his mother and father, or the woman’s parents are preventing him from truly cleaving to his new wife. In either example, the new marriage will be weak and dependent rather than strong and fully independent.

All relationships are going to have their problem but if a relationship is going to last the test of time both people in it need to learn to work together to solve their problems rather than looking outside the relationship for someone else to fix it.

The deepest lessons for marriage often come through the University of Hard Knocks. Some things simply cannot be learned in a book. Some things you will learn only when you live them.

Facing conflicts with a friend only strengthens the friendship.

13. The Secret of Insiders: When in doubt, turn toward your mate.

Don't marry someone you can live with; marry someone you can't live without. That was the secret of the best friend. In the same way, if you have a best friend outside the marriage, know that you may well be entering treacherous waters.

One of the first pieces of advice I give engaged couples is that “if you cannot live without them then don't live with them because God wants to independent people to enter into the Sacrament of Marriage. Even though it sounds completely opposite of Dr. Hunt’s rule I think we both mean the same thing. Don't settle and marry just anyone so that you can be married. As Catholics we believe that God, if He is calling you to the Sacrament of Marriage, he has made just one person in the rest of the world to be your spouse. Don't settle for anyone else. God wants what and who is best for you. He knows who it is that will help you become your best self.

14. The Secret of Attention and Affection: Attention and affection work for a marriage like oxygen and water work for the human body.

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Most marriages do not end out of malice but rather out of neglect. Dr. Gottman had this to say: “One of the saddest reasons a marriage dies is that neither spouse recognizes its value until it is too late. Only after the papers have been signed, the furniture divided, and separate apartments rented to the exes realize how much they really gave up when they gave up on each other. Too often a good marriage is taken for granted rather than given the nurturing and respect it deserves and desperately needs.”

Fourth Sunday of Lent Lectionary: 33

Gospel [LK 15:1-3, 11-32](#)

Spiritual Reflection: There is no doubt that the younger son has done a great and horrible thing by taking his inheritance and squandering it while his father is alive. The startling point of the story is that both the older son and younger son agree with how the situation should go forward. The younger son should be thought of as only a servant and a screw up. It is the father who introduces the new way of forgiveness and restoration.

Spiritual Questions:

1. If you were the older son, would you have gone into the party?
2. What do you think the older son’s thoughts were in regard to his father?
3. What do you think the younger son’s thoughts were in regard to his father?
4. What was day two going to look like in this family’s life?
5. What would have happened if the younger son ran into the older son before he had ran into his father.

LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 6
 8:00 am Parishioners
 10:30 am Special Intentions VW

Monday, March 7
 8:00 am Special Intention JC

Tuesday, March 8
 8:00 am Morning Prayer
 5:30 pm Don & Sean Welby

Wednesday, March 9
 8:00 am Jerry Kovac

Thursday, March 10
 8:00 am Jay LeBlanc

Friday, March 11
 8:00 am Thomas Carnaghi

Saturday, March 12
 8:00 am Emmie Freber
 5:00 pm Sam Latragna (*Good Health*)

Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 13
 8:00 am Eugenia Faust
 10:30 am Parishioners



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
	Dorothy Tetreault	

OUR DEARLY DEPARTED



In your kindness, please pray for the repose of the soul of Jeanette Santen, wife of Roger Santen and our parishioner; Esther "Diasy" Million, mother of Margie (Peter) Baricevich; and James Winston, our former parishioner. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27-28, 2016

Sunday Collection

General Fund	\$3,782.00	
General Fund Loose	\$214.96	
General Fund Online	\$422.00	
Total	\$4,418.96	
Easter Flower	\$80.00	
Flood Victims.....	\$117.00	
Maintenance & Repair ..	\$185.00	
SVDP Online	\$25.00	
Votive	\$38.00	
Debt	\$10.00	\$1,745.00(YTD)
Tuition Assistance	\$	\$681.00(YTD)
Endowment Fund	\$25.00	\$25.00(YTD)



OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday - Saturday March 7-12

- 7:30 am - Rosary, Church

Sunday, March 6

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

Monday, March 7

- 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, March 8

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 6:30 pm - Men's & Women's Bible Study, CMR

Wednesday, March 9

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

Thursday, March 10

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 7:00 pm - Lenten Bible Study, CMR
- 7:00 pm - Prayer Warriors for evangelization, RDR
- 7:30 pm - Prayer Group, Church
- 7:30 pm - Epiphany Men's Club, AR

Friday, March 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 & AR
- 4:30-7:00 pm - Fish Fry, Gym

Saturday, March 12

Sunday, March 13

- 9:00 am - Bible Study, AR
- 9:15 am - Little Lambs, RBF
- 9:15 am RCIA, CMR
- 10:30 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB
- 1:00 pm - First Reconciliation, Church
- 2:00 pm - *Parish* Reconciliation Service, Church

Don't Miss It! This Friday, March 11th is our *last Fish Fry for the year!* Dinners will be sold in the gym from 4:30-7 pm.



PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS, NOTES & EVENTS

LifeTeen Attention All Highschoolers! Work the work part two - how can we live the spiritual works of mercy? Join us this Wednesday, March 9th from 7-9pm to find out! See www.saintlouislifeTeen.org for more information.

Congratulations to the following Epiphany Alum and students of St. Mary's High School on their fine achievements! These students earned the Renaissance Award for the first semester of the 2015-2016 school year at St. Mary's. This award recognizes students whose Grade Point Average is 3.30 (B+average) or above and students who have raised their GPA at least .25 of a point higher than their previous semester. These students are living examples of the Marianist charism. Congratulations to these students and their families on their accomplishments!

<i>Daniel Ranciglio</i>	<i>Junior</i>	<i>Gold</i>
<i>Stephen Menzel</i>	<i>Sophomore</i>	<i>Gold</i>
<i>Timothy Kozemczak</i>	<i>Junior</i>	<i>Silver</i>

Congratulations! st. Mary's High School Junior **Will Florence**, a parishioner of Epiphany, will have two pieces of his art work displayed at the Archdiocesan Art Show Sunday, March 6th from 12-4pm. Recently, **St. Mary's Junior Danny Ranciglio**, a parishioner of Epiphany, received the Outstanding Junior Science Student award at UMSL where juniors from area high schools were honored with dinner and an awards ceremony. Congratulations to Will, Danny and their families!!

2016 Kougar Kamps Rosati-Kain High School offers a fun and enriching summer camp program during the month of June for girls going in to 3rd - 8th grade and incoming R-K freshmen. Camps include athletic, fine arts and more! To register online, please visit www.rosati-kain.org.

Our Lady of Fatima The 5 First Saturdays Devotion - Our Lady of Fatima Promises all the Graces Necessary for Heaven if a Catholic Finishes the Five First Saturdays Devotion. *"Whether the world has war or peace depends on the practice of this devotion, along with the consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This is why I desire its propagation so ardently, especially because this also the will of our dear Mother in Heaven."* -Sr. Lucy (March 19, 1939) During her July 13 apparition at Fatima, Our Lady said to Lucia, "I shall come to ask...that on the First Saturday of every month, Communions of reparation be made in atonement for the sins of the world." On December 10, 1925 Our Lady completed re request for Five First Saturdays and gave her great promise. "...Tell them that I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation all those who, in order to make reparation to me, on the First Saturday of five successive months, go to confession, receive *Holy Communion*, say five decades of the *Rosary* and keep me company for a quarter of an hour, meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the *Rosary*."

Fourth Sunday of Lent



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!

Your help is needed! If anyone is available on Saturday, March 12 from 1-3pm to help Sister Chris clear out some storage space, please call her at 314-607-1177. A truck is not required, but may be helpful.

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 p.m. 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

St. Gabriel Class of 1966 Save the dates: Picnic Weekend, June 10-11, 2016 for our 50th Class Reunion! YIKES! Contact Carol, 314-560-1822 or Mary Jo, 314-795-8881 for more information.

Caring for the Caregiver Are you caring for a loved one or do you expect to be giving care in the near future? Caregiving can be a unique privilege that comes with unique challenges. LASM is launching a 5-week *Caring for the Caregiver* workshop series to provide information and resources. The workshops will be held from 1-3 pm in Memorial Hall of Southwest Baptist Church (6401 Scanlan). The first hour will feature a guest speaker addressing a care giving related topic and the second hour will offer a fun/relaxing activity to help relieve caregiver stress. Contact the LASM office (647-4591) to make reservations to attend them all or select the sessions you will attend.

Sundays:

April 3 rd	Part 1: Understanding Home Care and Long Term Care Options Part 2: Therapeutic Horticulture
April 10 th	Part 1: Being Legally Prepared for Caregiving Part 2: Chair Massage/Healing Touch
April 17 th	Part 1: Difficult Conversations: How to Talk to Loved Ones about Care Needs & Wishes Part 2: Laugh for the Health of It
April 24 th	Part 1: Coping with Memory Loss and Confusion Part2: Progressive Muscle Relaxation
May 1 st	Part 1: Panel Discussion: Caregivers and Care Receivers Share Their Experiences Part 2: Connecting through Music