



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.

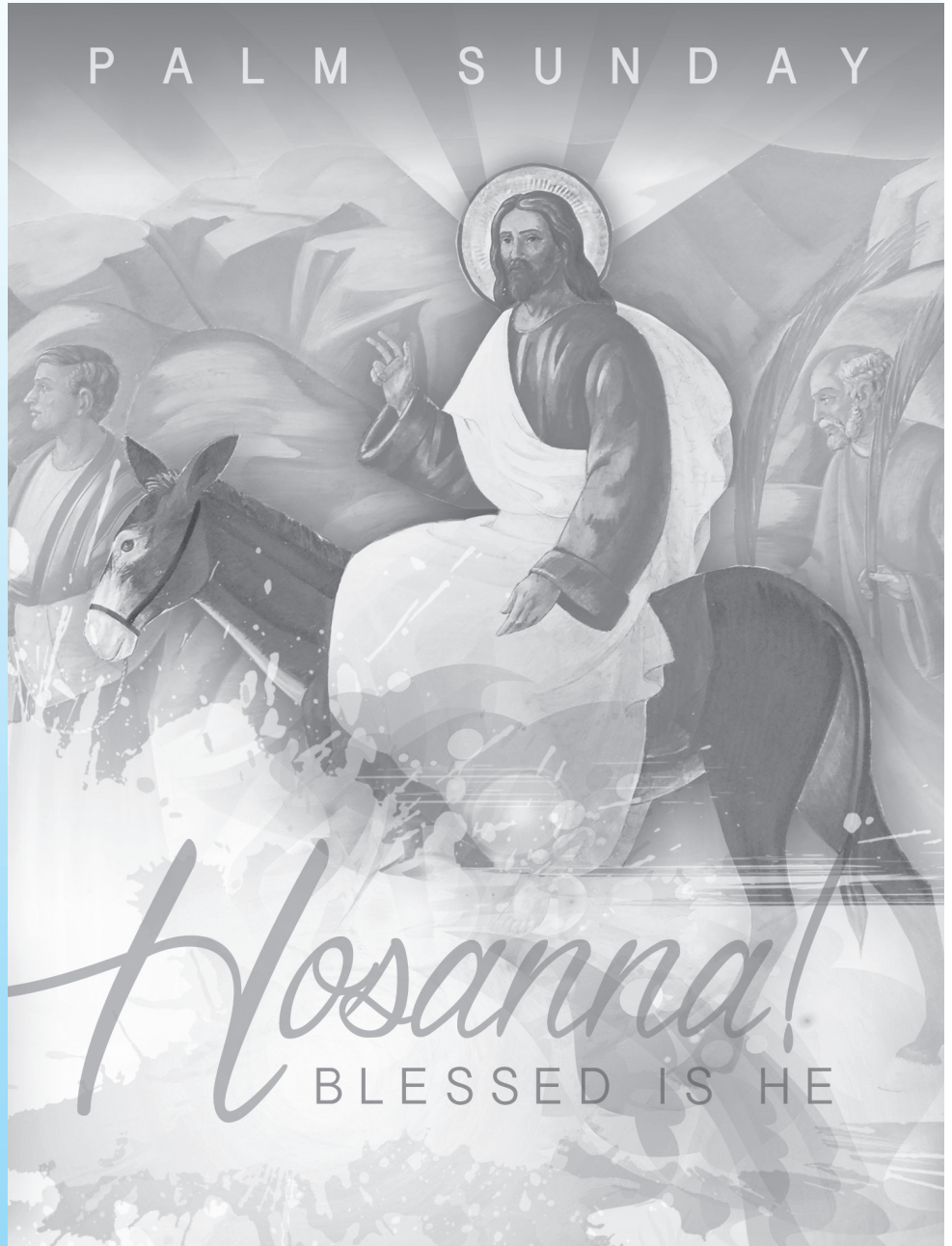
Marriages: Contact the priest at least 9
months prior to the wedding date.

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.



**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
March 20, 2016**

Phone: 314-781-1199 Fax: 314-645-8760
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LIVING OUR FAITH

From the Desk of Fr. Thomas Pastorius,

1. Faith and Family Programs: Fourth Tuesday: March 22, 2016

There will be no Covenant Night this month due to scheduling conflicts with other Holy Week events.

2. Eternal Gratitude*

Our seminarian Philip Rathinam has received word that the Archdiocese would like him to move to a new parish starting April 1st so that he can begin his second internship. While this step brings him closer to the priesthood, it also brings sadness to our parish because in his short time here, Philip has added a lot to our parish community and I am sure that we will all miss him greatly. Hopefully, in a few years he will be able to return to celebrate Mass for us. Since his last Sunday with us will be Easter, we will be holding a small going away party for him after the 10:30 AM Mass today. If weather is permitting we will gather in the front of church, exchange stories about Philip and eat Gus's pretzels. (If it rains we will move to the gym.) All are welcome to attend. If you attend another Mass other than 10:30 feel free to come up around 11:45 to take part in the festivities.

3. Shout Out!!!

I would like to give a shout out to Michael Rennie and all who helped prepare our Little Lambs for First Reconciliation (last weekend) and First Communion (the Sunday after Easter). In a very real and special way, I believe Epiphany has come to appreciate the joy, energy, and even the mischief that these young children bring to our parish life. Thank you to everyone who help our children learn about God's love.

4. Holy Week

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. In invite you to truly make this Holy Week HOLY by attending Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 PM, Good Friday celebration of the Passion at 7 PM, and Mass on Easter at 8 PM (Easter Vigil on Saturday), 8 AM and 10:30 AM Mass on Easter Sunday Morning. Plus there are many other events to participate in including Tenebrae, Morning Prayer, etc.

5. Teaching Mass

On April 21st at 6:30 PM, I will be hosting a Teaching Mass. At this Mass instead of consecrating the Eucharist, I will break down the Mass into its different parts and explain some of the symbolisms and rituals that make up the Mass.

6. A Second Shout Out

I know that I and many others are extremely grateful to everyone who has helped our parish Fish Fries become so popular. We are truly blest to have so many people do what they can with love to make our parish events so great.

God bless,
Fr. Tom

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support Christians in the Holy Land.

Through the Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace in a troubled land.

In these challenging times in the Middle East, your support means that our church will conduct parish ministry, provide Catholic education, feed the hungry, build housing for Christians, maintain shrines and operate refugee centers in the Holy Land.

Christians, along with all of the clergy and religious who serve in the Holy Land, will deeply appreciate your prayers and financial help! The political, religious and military challenges in the Holy Land are more complex than ever. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians.

Our parish will support Christians in the Holy Land through the Good Friday Collection, as requested by Pope Francis. Like Simon of Cyrene, you can help carry the cross under very difficult circumstances in the Holy Land.

Please be generous!

Dear brothers and sister in Christ,

The annual Easter collection for Regina Cleri will be taken up in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of St. Louis on Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016. Financial support for Regina Cleri primarily comes from this annual Easter collection and the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Under the guidance of Cardinal Joseph Ritter, Regina Cleri opened as a home for retired archdiocesan priests in 1959. Cardinal Ritter was considered ahead of his time for opening Regina Cleri. Regina Cleri offers our priests the opportunity to retire from service and continue to live in an active faith community.

Although retired, many of the priests residing at Regina Cleri continue to assist in archdiocesan parishes, schools, Catholic organization, nursing homes, and hospitals. They celebrate Mass, assist with Reconciliation, visit the sick, attend parish events, and serve as spiritual leaders/counselors.

Please consider supporting the retired priests of Archdiocese of St. Louis. These priests have served our archdiocese well and deserve both our prayers and financial support. We are very fortunate that the Archdiocese of St. Louis is able to provide excellent and proper care for our priests at Regina Cleri.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Archbishop of St. Louis

Prolife Let us treat others with the same passion and compassion with which we want to be treated. ...if we want life, let us give life... The Golden Rule also reminds us of our responsibility to protect and defend human life at every stage of its development. Pope Francis, Visit to the Joint Session of the United States Congress (9/24/16) © 2015 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. www.goo.gl/eWYqyG

Employment Opportunity *Evangelization Coordinator Opportunity* The Archdiocese of Saint Louis has an opportunity for a full-time Evangelization Coordinator. This position is part of the Office of Laity & Family Life and is located at the Cardinal Rigali Center in Shrewsbury, MO. Please visit archstl.org/node/4392864 for the complete job description. Qualified candidates may submit their resume and cover letter, including salary requirements, to humanresources@archstl.org.

LIVING OUR FAITH

Spiritual Ponderings

21 Undeniable Secrets of Marriage Part II

Most of us can be better at creating healthy relationships. Dr. Allen Hunt's book *The 21 Undeniable Secrets of Marriage* can be a good guide for anyone wishing to develop healthy relationships but especially those desiring a happy and healthy marriage. Quotes from his book will be in bold and my commentary or reflections will be regular font.

19. The Secret of Life: When two become one, that "one" has its own life.

When children arrive, the family grows into a new dimension all its own. The secret of life moves from the couple itself to the now-expanding family. No family consists merely of the individual members. Just as the one couple has a life in its own right, so too does the family unit take on its own existence as a whole.

When a couple gets married, it is no longer about what is good for the individual but rather what is good for the family. This is especially true when children become a part of the family.

20. The Secret of Forgiveness: The most important word in a marriage and it's not love.

What's the most important word in a marriage? Think about it: the single-most crucial word for your marriage. What would that be? Perhaps it is love. Or you might think the crucial word is *faithfulness*. Then again, trust is an important word. And so is *honesty*. *Commitment* is too. But the most important word in a marriage is forgiveness. And along with forgiveness comes its spouse, grace.

The most important thing I look for in a friendship is a person's willingness to forgive because I know that I am going to make mistakes. In a good relationship and thus in a good marriage, forgiveness flows more freely than in bad relationships and marriages. I also know that I am more willing to strive to be better when someone forgives me than when someone punishes me for a mistake.

Show me a marriage teeming with forgiveness and grace and I will show you a healthy thriving marriage.

Refusing to forgive and holding onto a grudge is like putting up roadblocks up on the roadway to happiness.

Forgiveness, however, needs to occur in the little things each day every bit as much as in the big things.

We have to forgive the little things as much as the big things. We should also try to forgive as quick as possible.

Of course, you reduce the number of occasions for forgiveness by developing healthy conflict resolution skills.

The following is some things I try to remember when resolving conflict.

"My fifth principle (practice good conflict resolution) comes down to having good manners" summarized Dr. Gottman.

1. Complain but don't blame 2. Make statements that start with "I" instead of "You" 3. Describe what is happening, don't evaluate or judge. 4. Be clear. 5. Be polite 6. Be appreciative 7. Don't store things up.

Plus the prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen

21. The Secret of Eight: When you struggle focus on the 8

For you and me, the question is how to have a marriage permeated with joy, even on our worst days. The apostle Paul describes how to get to that kind of life: "Finally, brothers whatever is true, whatever is honorable whatever just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, what is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." (Philippians 4:8)

Remember when you find yourself in conflict with your spouse or another person to always try to behave like Christ

Lectionary: 37 and 38 - Procession W Palms

Gospel LK 19:28-40

Spiritual Reflection: I often wonder why Jesus would choose to ride on a colt now after I presume spending the rest of his preaching ministry walking from place to place. One answer I heard once was it was another sign that Jesus was coming to bring peace. For it was Jewish tradition for the king to ride on a warhorse during times of war and on a colt or a donkey during times of peace. Jesus was coming to Jerusalem to bring peace not war as many were hoping.

Spiritual Questions:

1. When we come to a place where people have wronged us, do we come bringing peace or desiring retribution?
2. What gifts have God given to you that He asks for you to share with others?
3. Are you willing to allow God into your heart today?
4. What are some of your favorite titles of Jesus?
5. Why do the Pharisees want to stop the praise of Jesus?

Luncheon with a Heart Catholic Financial Life is sponsoring its annual Luncheon with a Heart on Saturday April 2, 2016 at 11:30 am in the Parish Center of St. Matthias the Apostle Church 800 Buckley Road St. Louis, MO 63125. The luncheon includes homemade spaghetti, salad, rolls, desserts and drinks. The event also includes attendance prizes, a raffle, a 50/50 drawing and 15 games of Bingo. The cost for the luncheon is \$10.00. Proceeds from the luncheon will be donated to Birthright Counseling St. Louis and Child Care Mary Grove. For more information or tickets, please contact Amanda Jacobs at 314-544-2152.

LIFETEEN ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS! Watch and Pray - join us this Wednesday, March 23rd from 7-9 pm as prepare to enter into the holiest time of the year. See www.saintlouislifeteen.org for more information.

LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Palm Sunday, March 20
 8:00 am Parishioners
 10:30 am Jerry Kovac

Monday, March 21
 8:00 am Dennis Boss

Tuesday, March 22
 8:00 am Morning Prayer
 5:30 pm John Leuthen

Wednesday, March 23
 8:00 am John Jankowski

Holy Thursday, March 24
 8:00 am Morning Prayer
Mass of the Lord's Supper
 7:00 pm Michael J. Spain

Good Friday, March 25
 8:00 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 pm *Celebration of the Lord's Passion*

Holy Saturday, March 26
 8:00 am Morning Prayer

Easter Vigil
 8:00 pm Tracy Thomas

Easter Sunday, March 27
 8:00 am Parishioners
 10:30 am James Turner



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	

*In observance of the Holy Day,
 the parish business office will be closed on
 Good Friday, March 25, 2016.*

OUR DEARLY DEPARTED



In your kindness, please pray for the repose of the soul of Sheila Ellison, our parishioner. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 12-13, 2016

Sunday Collection

General Fund	\$5,217.00	
General Fund Loose	\$360.50	
General Fund Online	\$1,336.00	
Total.....	\$6,913.50	
Easter.....	\$90.00	
Easter Flower.....	\$75.00	
Holy Land	\$20.00	
Maintenance & Repair... ..	\$205.00	
M & R Online.....	\$80.00	
Regina Cleri.....	\$45.00	
Rice Bowl	\$200.00	
St. Louis Review	\$30.00	
Votive	\$96.00	
Debt	\$160.00	
Debt Online	\$70.00 \$2,097.00(YTD)
Tuition Assistance	\$91.00	
Tuition Assistance Online.....	\$50.00\$884.00(YTD)
Endowment Fund.....	\$ \$25.00(YTD)



OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday - Saturday March 20-26

- 7:30 am - Rosary, Church

Sunday, March 20

- 9:00 am - Bible Study, AR
- 9:15 am - Little Lambs, RBF
- 9:15 am RCIA, CMR
- 10:30 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB
- 11:30 am - The Great Easter Egg Hunt, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 11:30 am - Philip's going away gathering, Msgr. Field

Monday, March 21

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 10:00 am - Ladies Guild Card Social, AR
- 5:30 pm - Fit Factor, UH
- 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts, Upper Hall

Tuesday, March 22

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

Wednesday, March 23

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 7:30 am - St. Pat's Salad Makers, Gym Kitchen
- 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

Holy Thursday, March 24

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

Good Friday, March 25

Holy Saturday, March 26

Easter Sunday, March 27



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 20, 2016

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1-3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
 Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
 Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1-6/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
 Friday: Is 52:13--53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1--19:42
 Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1--2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-12, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15--15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12
 Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or Lk 24:13-35

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS, NOTES & EVENTS

Ladies Guild Our monthly card social will be held on Monday, March 21st at 10:00 am in the Assumption Room. If interested please call Marilyn at 647-8279.

The monthly regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 23rd at 11:30 am in the Assumption Room. Desserts and drinks will be provided. Have a happy and blessed Easter!
Nancy, Sue, Gloria and Marilyn

Congratulations to the Men's Club March Alpha Square Winners!

\$100	Dominican Sisters	(D4)
\$25	Don Conner	(D3)
\$25	Debbie Russo	(D5)
\$25	Bill Hof	(C4)
\$25	John Ellison	(E4)

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 Part 2: Progressive Muscle Relaxation
May 1 st	Part 1: Panel Discussion: Caregivers and Care Receivers Share Their Experiences Part 2: Connecting through Music

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Bulletin Ads This week Cathy Lenihan from **Liturgical Publications, Inc.**, will be working on setting up the advertising for our bulletin. Please consider advertising in our bulletin since the revenue from the ads is what makes it possible at no cost to the parish.

Advertisements can be purchased for a business, family, or a sponsor ad can be purchased supporting community service organizations like emergency pregnancy counseling or the battered women's shelter, etc. Please give these ideas some thought. We need and appreciate your help.

If you are interested or want more information, please call Cathy at 1-800-950-9952 ext. 2604 or email her at clenihan@4lpi.com. Thank you!

Mature Mile Walk Let's get on the move! Join Lindenwood Area Senior Ministry's team of walkers for the GO! St. Louis Mature Mile Walk in Forest Park on **Saturday, April 9th**. We'll depart from the upper parking lot of Southwest Baptist Church at 10am. The walk begins at 11:30 am at Lindell & Cricket Fields in Forest Park. Participants will receive a t-shirt, race bib number, giveaways and finisher's medal. Post-race refreshments will be served. The entry fee is \$15. Reservations: LASM Office at 647-4591 by March 30th.

Our Lady's Inn Maternity Homes is hosting it's Pay It Forward community jewelry making event on Thursday, March 31st from 5:30-8:00 pm. You are invited to learn (or teach) how to bead, design and create jewelry. The Pay it Forward Program is a social enterprise providing women living at the Inn an opportunity to learn and create jewelry and "give back" to the organization helping them to build a brighter future. Location is at Our Lady's Inn Administrative offices, 8790 Manchester Road, Suite 202, in Brentwood. For more info or to register, contact Betsy, 636-398-5375, or bbeauparlant@ourladysinn.org.

Spring Fling 2016 Lindenwood Area Senior Ministry invites you to our 10th Annual Spring Fling on Saturday, April 23rd from 4:30-8 pm at Epiphany of Our Lord Parish Hall (6596 Smiley). This year's theme is *Take Me Out to the Ballgame*. Cardinal attire is encouraged! Singles and couples welcome! Join us for dinner, dancing and fellowship. Live music will be provided by Larry Hallar & the Two Star Final. A stellar silent auction and attendance prizes are included! Invite your friends & neighbors to attend with you! Purchase your tickets: \$15 per ticket by contacting Mary Stahl at 781-9558 or Jan Holmes at 644-4299. All proceeds of the Spring Fling support the programs and services of LASM which include medical transportation, home maintenance and repairs, case management and Stephen Ministry. We continue to seek sponsors for this event as well as recruit silent auction and attendance prize donations. If you would like to make a donation or pledge your sponsorship please contact the LASM Office at 647-4591.

The sisters at Epiphany convent are looking for stories you can share about Sisters you remember or experiences you've had with them during their time here at Epiphany. They would like to gather these stories for their archives. Please send articles to Sister Chris at chriscanada1876@gmail.com or drop them off in the Sisters mailbox.

Men's Club Alpha Square Raffle 2016-2017

Tickets are now for sale for the New Season, The drawings start July 2016 and go through June 2017. Each month there is a \$100 winner and a chance of four \$25 winners.

It is possible to win all twelve months. To purchase, fill out the attached form with cash or check and mail t: Richard Huelsmann or Epiphany Parish Office. Marked: Alpha Square Raffle. Make checks payable to: Epiphany Men's Club. Submit requests to: Richard Huelsmann, 6536 Smiley Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63139. Questions, call 314-645-5941.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Squares (\$12 Each): _____