



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 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.

2nd
SUNDAY OF LENT

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." —Mt 17:5

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**Second Sunday of Lent
March 12, 2017**

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LIVING OUR FAITH

FROM THE DESK OF FR. THOMAS PASTORIUS

1. Faith and Family Programs:

Our Faith and Family programming for March 14th which is a 2nd TUESDAY of the month: 6:30 Men's Prayer Group & Women's Prayer Group.

2. Weekly Shout Out:

This week's shout out goes to Mark Palardy who gets up extra early on the Third Sunday of the month to make sure we have donuts for donut Sunday. Thank you Mark for helping the parish build community by enjoying some tasty pastries. Please take the time to nominate someone for our weekly shout out by emailing Fr. Pastorius at fathertompastorius@gmail.com or by calling the rectory and letting us know who you would like to give a shout out to and why.

3. Stations of the Cross.

Over the last few weeks, we have had someone talk to us about the devotion of the Stations of the Cross. I would like to encourage everyone to add this devotion to your Lenten practices.

4. Fish Fries

A piece of wisdom to ponder this week as our parish does not have a fish fry this week because of St. Patrick's day. "Give a man a fish and he'll eat for a day. Tell a man one of your long, pointless fishing stories, and he'll never bother you again." Our next Fish Fry will be March 24th 4:30 PM-7 PM.

5. Special Lenten Holy Hour

Thank you to everyone who has been attending our special Holy Hour each Sunday of Lent. Many of the priests have expressed great enthusiasm at being able to return to Epiphany and see all of you.

God bless,
Fr. Tom

Date - 6-7:00 pm	Words of Christ	Meditation
Sun. March 5 th	Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do. - Luke 23:34	Fr. Michael Rennier
Sun. March 12 th	Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise. - Luke 23:43	Fr. Bill Kempf
Sun. March 19 th	Woman, behold your son, Son behold your mother. - John 19:26-27	Msgr. Gregory Mikesch
Sun. March 26 th	My God, My God, why have you forsaken me? - Matthew 27:46	Fr. Ralph Houlihan S. J.
Sun. April 2 nd	I thirst -John 19:28	Fr. Tom Miller
Sun. April 9 th	It is finished. - John 19:30	Msgr. John Borcic
	Father into your hands I commit my spirit -Luke 23:46	

Pro-Life Matters

Lenten Pro-Life Opportunity: Looking to do more for Lent than giving up sweets or favorite activity? Join us for the 40 Days for Life March 1-April 9. Take time to peacefully and prayerfully witness for Life outside the Planned Parenthood facility on Forest Park Blvd. Sponsored by the Coalition For Life. Learn more at www.coalitionforlifestl.com or call Marilyn and Gerry Unger 645-3483

State Issue: The Missouri General Assembly is considering a large number of bills that can have a significant positive effect on the Pro-Life disposition of Missouri's laws. These include:

House Bill HB 174: This State Bill could pre-empt the city's "Abortion Sanctuary" bill BB203. It would acknowledge the rights of alternatives-to-abortion agencies, such as pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes, to freely assemble and engage in religious practices or speech without government interference.

HB 655: Reauthorizes tax credits for contributions to maternity homes and pregnancy resource centers

HB326: Requires written informed consent of minor and one parent/guardian prior to abortion.

Senate Bill SB 67: Modifies the law regarding fetal tissue donation, fetal tissue reports, and abortion facility inspections.

Stay up to date on the status of these bills by signing up for email alerts from the Missouri Catholic Conference at mocatolic.org.

Contact your state representative in favor of these bills: www.house.mo.gov. Support Alternatives to Abortion: www.strespectlife.org

Missouri Right To Life Show Me Life, Pro Life Action Day in Jefferson City - Tuesday, March 14th. Support legislation to save the lives of unborn children. Join pro-lifers from across Missouri in Jefferson City at the State Capitol. Registration begins at 10:00 am in the 1st floor rotunda with the noon rally featuring Melissa Ohden, abortion survivor. Wear RED for Life!

Hope For The Broken-hearted: Whether you are the mom, dad, grandparent or sibling, abortion can leave a hole in the heart of any family member. Find healing for your heartache at [Project Rachel](#) and [Project Joseph](#) with free, confidential, professional counseling at 314-792-7565.

LIVING OUR FAITH

Spiritual Ponderings

7 Last Words of Christ

According to St. Augustine the Cross can be described as “The death of the Lord our God should not be a cause of shame for us; rather, it should be our greatest hope, our greatest glory. In taking upon himself the death that he found in us, he has most faithfully promised to give us life in him, such as we cannot have of ourselves.” Therefore, as we continue to dive deeper into the lessons that the Cross is trying to teach us let us ask God for the gift of wisdom.

3. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.” John 19:26-27.

One of my favorite spiritual heroes is Cardinal Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan. He was a Vietnamese bishop during the Vietnam War. As part of the North’s victory, Cardinal Van Thuan was arrested and placed in a concentration camp where the communists tortured him in some of the most inhumane ways possible. Eventually the communists grew frustrated with him and placed him under house arrest in North Vietnam. During this time the Vatican and the rest of the world assumed that he was dead. While under house arrest, he wrote a book called *The Road of Hope: a Gospel from Prison*. The book, which was written on the back of old calendars, contained spiritual statements that were meant to strengthen the people of Vietnam. Eventually the Vatican negotiated his release and he was exiled from Vietnam. Pope John Paul II made him the head of the Peace and Justice office in the Vatican and invited the Cardinal to preach the Lenten retreat in the year 2000.

Cardinal Thuan wrote this about the gift of Mary: “‘Here is your Mother’ (Jn 19:27). After the institution of the Blessed Eucharist, the Lord could not have left us anything greater than Mary. She has crushed the head of the serpent. She will help you to conquer the devil, “the flesh” and “the world.” She will obtain for you the graces to hold firm to the noble ideal which the Lord has placed in your heart.”

Sometimes, the greatest part of suffering is not the pain one feels but seeing others suffer because of our suffering. I can only imagine how Jesus felt, hanging there on the cross seeing his mother suffer. In a way though it was her love and support that helped Him stay the path that the Father had laid out before Him. When we are sick or ill, we must be willing to allow people to help and support us. We should not hold onto stubborn pride.

4. And about three o’clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” Mathew 27:46

When we first hear this passage, we can think of it as a prayer of despair but Jesus is actually reciting Psalm 22. The psalm can be summarized in three parts. It starts off listing all the miseries the psalm writer is going through. The second part is where the author promises to remain faithful to God and finally the person declares his trust in God and knows that God will bring out good from the situation. Far from being a rejection of God this is a moment of recommitting himself to the Father. During our time of suffering, do we take the time to recommit ourselves to the Lord. One way in which the psalmist does it is by reminding himself of God’s faithfulness in the past. When you feel abandoned do you take the time to think about all the things God has done for us in the past?

Here is one last quote from Cardinal Thuan: “You suffer most when you suffer at the hands of those who should understand and sympathize with you, indeed those who have the obligation to defend you. Unite yourself with Jesus who hung on the cross and cried: “My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?” (Mt 27:46).”

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

LECTIONARY:25

GOSPEL MT 17:1-9

Spiritual Reflection: In today’s Gospel Jesus shows Peter, James, and John his glory. It is a reminder to us just how much Jesus had given up to save us. One of the reasons why the Paschal Mystery means so much is because it shows us just how much Jesus sacrificed for our sake. It is more of a miracle when a king steps down from his throne to have lunch with an ordinary person then when that person’s best friend would have lunch with him.

Spiritual Questions:

1. Why was it necessary for Peter, James, and John to witness the Transfiguration?
2. Why was it not necessary for all the Apostles to witness the Transfiguration?
3. Why did God think it was necessary for you to hear today’s Gospel?
4. How do you think Peter, James, and John were changed by what they saw and heard?
5. How are you going to change your life now?

ATTENTION WOMEN OF EPIPHANY: Please join us this 2nd Tues of March (3-14-17) for our Faith Gathering from 6:30-8 pm in the Rectory. We have shifted from the Word Among Us Daily Meditation books to the Yellow Book by Matthew Kelly, “Resisting Happiness” found at the church entrances since Christmas. We will be discussing the first 66 pages, Chapters 1-13. Hope you are enjoying the book and will join in on our discussion. We will split the remaining 24 chapters of the book between our April 11 and May 9 sharing sessions so we can finish the book before the Summer break. If you should have any questions, please contact Mary Jo Martin at 314-324-7224. Looking forward to seeing you at this Tues, March 14 Sharing session.

Palm Sunday Weekend Retreat

Msgr. Michael Witt will lead the annual Palm Sunday weekend retreat on April 7, 8, 9, 2017 at the Marianist Retreat and Conference Center in Eureka, MO. This year’s theme is “From Palm Sunday to Easter, from Canoe to Cathedral, a Lenten reflection based on our Catholic Heritage.” The cost is \$190 per participant, which includes a private bedroom, linens and 6 meals. The retreat will include Saturday and Sunday Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, prayer services and reflection times. For more information go to www.mretreat.org or call Jim Ford at 636-938-5390.

LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Second Sunday of Lent, March 12

8:00 am Mary Ann Gera (*Special Intentions*)
 10:30 am Parishioners

Monday, March 13

8:00 am Eugenia Faust

Tuesday, March 14

5:30 pm James K Loges

Wednesday, March 15

8:00 am Gloria Murabito

Thursday, March 16

8:00 am Sam Murabito

Friday, March 17

8:00 am Linda Strickland

Saturday, March 18

8:00 am Jim Cooper
 5:00 pm Dorothy Lauman

Third Sunday, March 19

8:00 am Barbara Ann Schnieder
 10:30 am Parishioners



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND & SICK OF OUR PARISH

Korey Tacchi	Sheryl McPherson	Dorothy Lauman
Dominic Caputa	Jade Nesselhauf	Vicky Tacchi
Pat Wallis	Becky Lott	Kathleen Price
Daniel J. Barr	Ethan Sonderman	Toni Berberich
Don & Nanette McPherson		

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 12, 2017

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/2
 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
 Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13/Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-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 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/
 Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 4-5, 2017

Sunday Collection

General Fund	\$5,575.00
General Fund Loose	\$414.75
General Fund Online	\$372.00
Total.....	\$6,361.75
Easter Flower.....	\$287.00
Maintenance & Repair...	\$370.00
Votive	\$64.00
Debt	\$95.00(YTD)
Tuition Assistance	\$1,332.00(YTD)
Endowment Fund.....	\$265.00(YTD)



OUR DEARLY DEPARTED



In your kindness, please pray for the repose of the soul of Diane Rossini, sister of Mary Louise (Mickey) Smith; Linda Wright; and Holly Smith, friend of Loretta Font. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday - Saturday March 13-18

- 7:30 am - Rosary, Church,

Sunday, March 12

- 9:00 am - Bible Study, AR
- 9:15 am - Little Lambs, RBF
- 10:30 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB
- 7:00 pm RCIA, CMR

Monday, March 13

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

Tuesday, March 14

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

Wednesday, March 15

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 6:30 pm - Bells Practice, Church
- 7:30 pm - Choir Practice, Church

Thursday, March 16

- 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

Friday, March 17

- 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
- 7:00 pm - Stations, Church

Saturday, March 18

Sunday, March 19

- 9:00 am - Bible Study, AR
- 9:15 am - Little Lambs, RBF
- 10:30 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB
- 7:00 pm RCIA, CMR

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUP

Interested in taking an in depth look at the Sunday Mass Readings for Lent? Join us in the Rectory Community Room on Thursdays at 7:00 PM every week. There are books for a nominal donation available. Please join us or call Marilyn and Gerry Unger for more information at 314-645-3483.

The St. Joseph Altar will take place on March 19, 2017 at St. Ambrose Parish on The Hill. The event begins with the 11:00 a.m. Mass in Italian in St. Ambrose Church. The Feast takes place from 12:30 to 3:30 pm in the School cafeteria and gymnasium. Generous samples of delicious pastas and other dishes from the local restaurants will be served buffet style for a free will donation. Specialty prepared breads, baked goods, and Italian delicacies for sale all day from the main altars. There will be music and entertainment. For more info see stambroseonthehill.com.

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS, NOTES & EVENTS



Our Annual Flea Market will be the last full weekend of June. We need your treasures! Please help make the Flea Market a very successful event.

Drop off dates and more information will be announced in future bulletins.

ATTENTION ALL HIGHSCHOOLERS! Join us this Wednesday, March 15th as we continue journeying through Lent by continuing with our series on Jesus' presence in the sacraments. As always, we will meet from 7-9 pm at Bishop DuBourg High School. Please see saintlouislifeteen.org for more information!

Ladies Guild

Our monthly card social will be held on Monday, March 20th at 10:00 am in the Assumption Room. Bring your lunch, we will provide coffee and dessert.

Our monthly regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 22nd at 11:30 am in the Assumption Room. We will have a returning guest speaker, Sgt. Joe Bralowski. He is a decorated WWII Veteran. Sgt. Bralowski had many stories, and ran out of time. He wanted to come back to talk to the ladies and also invite any men to the meeting to share stories of WWII or any branch of the service of our country.

Stray Rescue Although heroic efforts are taking place in Louisiana, many animals have to be left behind because there isn't room for them all--which is a death sentence for a large number of them. This is the plea put out by Stray Rescue:

"If you were curious as to why Stray Rescue went to Louisiana...this is it. Flooding and tornadoes have caused people to flee their homes and leave their pets behind. Dogs were left behind in crates on the side of the road to rot. Horses were tied to trees and drowned in the floodwaters. Old wounds were left untreated and became massive infections...leaving animals of all shapes and sizes weak, emaciated, and suffering...alone.

Overcrowding at the St. Landry Parish has caused them to set up temporary housing and dogs are in kennels all over the property. Our rescue team is already emotionally and physically exhausted.

This is where you come in...if you can PLEASE open up your home to a dog even if it's just for a few weeks that would help us immensely. Please contact us if you can help. The dogs need you.

Call Jessi or Stray Rescue at [314-771-6121](tel:314-771-6121), or fill out this form: <https://goo.gl/forms/QwhcAiBQAAqYTndZ2> If you can't foster, please donate! <http://strayrescue.org/Louisiana>

<https://www.facebook.com/StrayRescue/photos/a.10150656988319354.409701.84712959353/10155008645779354/?type=3&theater>

SACRED HEART FAMILY CAMP RETREAT: June 2-4 (Fri-Sun), 2017. Take a weekend to enrich your family life in Christ. The Sacred Heart Family Camp is conducted by the Sisters of the Society Devoted to the Sacred Heart. Location: Eagle Hurst Ranch near Steelville, on the Huzzah River. Call Sister Adriane Torrisi at (314)-792-7462 or visit <http://archstl.org/paul6/page/sacred-heart-family-camp> for information and registration.



III Brittney Fogle & Kevin Beermann wedding here Saturday, March 18, 2017 at 1:00 pm.

Third Sunday of Lent

Trivia Night ???? 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 Blind Athletes at the Epiphany gymnasium **Sat., April 8, 2017. Doors open 6pm Game starts 7pm - \$20/person, 8/table.** Reservations due April 1. Beer, soda provided. For more information call Tom Culliton 314-647-0093 *Mo. Chapter, Inc- United States Association for Blind Athletes provides athletic opportunities for adults and youth with visual impairments and blindness.

FISH FRY NEWS

Our First Fish Fry was amazing! Thanks to all who came out and all who helped. A special thanks for all the desserts - please keep them coming! Remember to bring your yard sign in on Saturday the 11th and then put it back out Saturday the 18th. Next Fish Fry is *the 24th* - see you then! **Remaining Dates: March 24, 31 and April 7.**

Dinners are served in the gym from 4:30-7:00 pm. Carry outs are available.

Healing Prayer Service for Divorced and Separated

On April 11 at 7 PM, a healing prayer service will be held for people who are divorced or separated. This evening will include scripture, reflection, prayer and a reflection by Fr. Aaron Nord. There will also be an opportunity for private prayer with the healing prayer teams. This event will be held at the Cardinal Rigali Center in the Chapel, 20 Archbishop May Dr., 63119.

Enkindle infertility Couples facing problems with fertility don't have to walk this journey alone. Faith tells us our lives are ultimately in God's hands. Along our way, he sends us help in carrying our burdens. As you work toward acceptance of this challenge, our Enkindle infertility counseling ministry is here to offer hope while seeking peace. Call us for a free half-hour appointment to speak with a registered nurse and a licensed professional counselor in person or over the phone. To find out more about this program or make your appointment, call 314-997-7576. The upcoming dates for the Spring Enkindle appointments are:

March 9, 2017
April 13, 2017
May 11, 2017

Whole Kids Outreach Trivia Night

Whole Kids Outreach, a social service agency founded by Sister Anne Francioni, serves deeply impoverished pregnant moms/teens and families with children ages 0-3. WKO is hosting our 1st Annual Spring Trivia Night, at the Maria Center, School Sisters of Notre Dame Mother House, 320 E. Ripa Avenue, St. Louis MO 63125. Cost is \$120/table of up to 8 players. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Trivia begins at 7:00 pm. Cash prizes for 1st and 2nd place, silent auction, Mulligans, Pot of Gold prizes and more! BYOSnacks and BYOB, but please be responsible. Also looking for round sponsors! Space is limited, walk-ins welcome but reservations preferred to guarantee a table. To reserve your table, contact Connie Lanaghan at 573-604-2275 or at connielanaghan@wholekidsoutreach.org. See you March 18th!