



Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church

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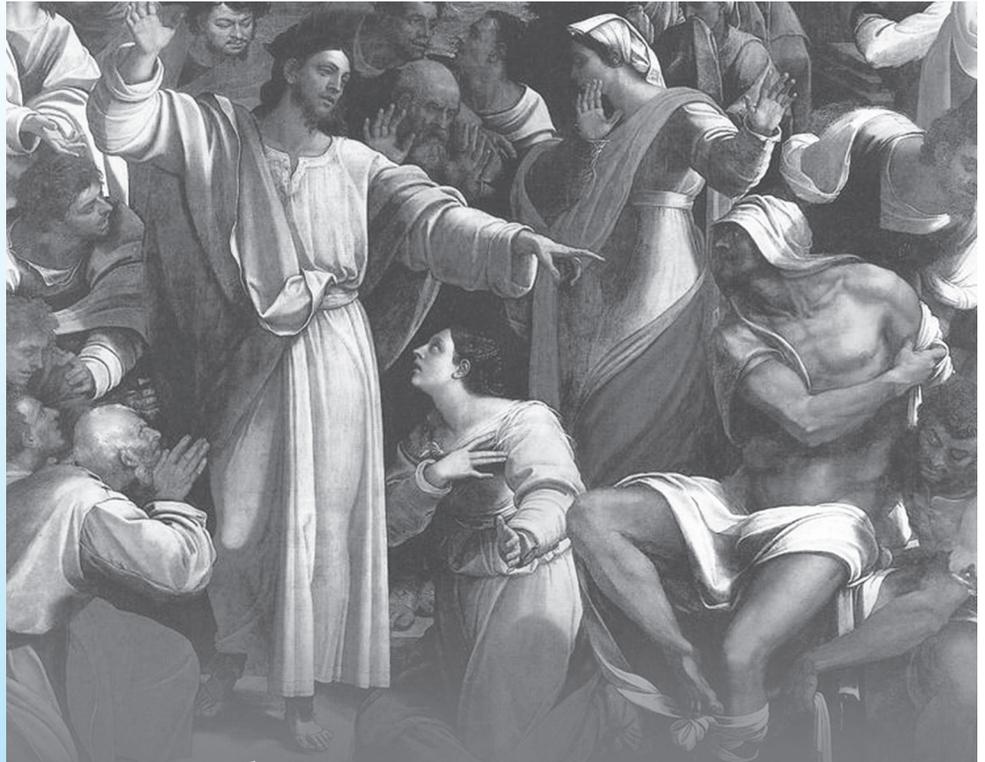
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5th SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live." —Jn 11:25

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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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 2, 2016

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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 April 4th which is a 1st TUESDAY of the month: 6:30 Blue Knights, Little Flowers, Young Disciples. 7PM: Pillars of Faith.

2. Weekly Shout Out:

A priest friend of mine came to the Fish Fry last week and found it pretty impressive that so many people could work together so efficiently. He was especially impressed with those who were bussing tables and helping with drinks. Thank you, once again, for allowing God's goodness to shine through you. 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. Stations are each Friday at 7 PM and on Good Friday at 2 PM.

4. Fish Fries

We will have our next Fish Friday this Friday and so here is another bad fish joke: Why don't fish play basketball? Because they're afraid of the net. Our next Fish Fry will be April 7th 4:30-7PM.

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.

Date	Words of Christ	Meditation
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	

6. Special Epiphany Event

This year Epiphany will be hosting its first ever Cow Patty Bingo on Saturday June 3rd. The goal of this event is twofold. First, we would like to have a nice event for our neighborhood (parishioners and non-parishioners). This is why we will have free music, games, and food trucks. So please mark June 3rd on your calendar and bring your family and lawn chairs up to Msgr. Sullivan field. Secondly, we would like to raise some extra money to make up for the Friday rainout of last year's homecoming. Therefore, we will be marking off part of Msgr. Sullivan field into 500 spaces and are selling the spaces for \$20 dollars a space. We will then have a cow (a real cow) come and wander the field. If the cow makes a deposit on your space, you will win \$2,000. If every family would purchase a \$20 space, we would easily make our goal of selling 500 squares. Squares can be purchased at rectory or next weekend after Masses.

7. Homemade Crosses For Sale

I will be selling Crucifixes that I have made after Masses this weekend and at fish fry. They make great gifts and all the money will be going to the different charities I support.

God bless,
Fr. Tom

Pro-Life Matters Lenten Pro-Life Opportunity - 40 Days for Life NOW - April 9 continues. Many good things are happening. Please 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

Spiritual Adoption - This is a reminder that we are going through a Parish Spiritual. Please take some time to visit the statue of St. Therese and see the progress our baby is making. The baby is now in the womb 3 months and developing lungs, fingers and toes, even sucking his/her thumb. Also please take a prayer and pray for the unborn baby who is in danger of abortion.

State Issue - The Missouri General Asswembly is considering sa 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.

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

HB326: Requires written informed consent of minior 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 m catholic.org. Contact your state representative in favor of these bills: www.house.mo.gov. Support Alternatives to Abortion: www.stlrespectlife.org

LIVING OUR FAITH

Spiritual Ponderings

Devotions to the 7 Sorrows of St. Joseph

On March 19th, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Joseph the Husband of Mary and on May 1st the Church celebrates the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. Saint John Paul II saw in St. Joseph the powerful intercessor our modern world needed when he declared: "Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families." To guide our reflections about Saint Joseph this month, I will be turning to the spiritual tradition of meditating on the Seven Sorrows of St. Joseph. (I will reflect on the Seven Joys of St. Joseph sometime in the future.)

Sorrow #1. The Doubt of St. Joseph. (Matthew 1:19)

This first sorrow asks us to focus our attention on St. Joseph at the moment he discovered that Mary was pregnant and how he must have felt believing that Mary had betrayed him. As I reflect on this moment, I do not think that I can truly imagine the pain and heartbreak Saint Joseph must have felt at the moment. St. Joseph was, after all, a young man filled with many hopes, dreams, and expectations for his future and since he was betrothed to Mary, we can be assured that she played an important part in many if not all of those hopes, dreams, and expectations. The pain of the moment was probably magnified by the fact that Mary was probably the last person on earth that Joseph would have expected to betray him in the way he thought. Pain is always magnified when it is inflicted intentionally or accidentally by a love one than if it had been inflicted by a complete stranger.

In this devastatingly sad moment in Saint Joseph's life, Saint Joseph models for us some different virtues that we should incorporate into our lives. The first virtue Saint Joseph models for us is the virtue of patience. Despite the pain and suffering he is feeling and the (presumed) absurdity of Mary's story, Saint Joseph does not act rashly or in haste. He stops and thinks and ponders all options that lay before him. He chose therefore the least emotional and the most rational option of planning to divorce Mary quietly. Saint Joseph could have acted without thinking, while being motivated by anger and rage and had Mary stoned to death. Instead St. Joseph practices the virtue of patience. He allows time for God to unfold his plan. I guess you can say he decided to "sleep on it". His practice of the virtue of patience allows God plan of salvation to continue.

The second virtue St. Joseph demonstrates for us is that of mercy. At this moment, Saint Joseph literally has Mary's life in his hands. It was the law of the land at the time that a woman could be stoned to death for infidelity. Saint Joseph, probably still feeling hurt from Mary's perceived betrayal, chooses to have mercy on her. The decision to have mercy on Mary comes before Saint Joseph knows that Mary's story is true. Saint Joseph's mercy therefore is unconditional.

The third virtue that St. Joseph teaches us is the virtue best called "respect for life." Joseph has the legal right to have Mary killed but he chooses not to. I think this is an important lesson for people in the world today because many of us spend a lot of time focusing on our rights instead of helping other people. The government, society, and culture would have applauded and probably participated in Mary's demise but Saint Joseph new life was more precious than what the rest of the world thought it was.

Thank God, that Joseph did not choose this option because that choice would have affected history in such a negative way that Joseph could ever imagine. I think it is interesting that Adam and Eve brought sin into the world by doing something that they were not supposed to and Joseph allows our savior to come into the world by not doing something he had the legal right to do. I cannot help that he chose to divorce Mary quietly was because Joseph had a deep respect for life. Could we bring Christ's presence into the world by following St. Joseph's example and not claiming our rights that our government gives us but at the same time show no respect for life?

PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH FOR CHASTITY

Father and protector of chastity, glorious Saint Joseph, in whose faithful custody was entrusted the very Innocence, Jesus Christ and the Virgin of virgins, Mary; for this twofold and most loved token, Jesus and Mary, I pray and plead you to help me always to purely serve Jesus and Mary with an uncontaminated soul, pure heart and a chaste body. Amen.

April 2, 2017 Fifth Sunday Lent Lectionary: 34 Gospel JN 11:1-45

Spiritual Reflection: If Jesus had not known the end of the story, His delay would have been cruel but Jesus did know the end of the story. When we don't know how something ends, it is important that we have faith and trust because God knows the end of the story.

Spiritual Questions:

1. What do you do when it seems like God does not hear your prayers?
2. How does God knowing everything help you have faith?
3. How was Martha changed by the story?
4. How was Mary changed by the story?
5. How was the bystanders changed?

Way of the Cross The way of the Cross is a traditional devotion that follows Christ journey from His condemnation to the tomb. It can be prayed either individually or as a congregation. The Stations of the Cross readings and prayers are used to focus our thoughts on the events of Jesus' last day on earth. Many faithful use this devotion during the season of Lent.

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at King's House Retreat Center, Belleville, IL (20 min from downtown St. Louis, MO), on April 28-30, 2017. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$195 for meals and a single room. Call (312) 532-8286, e-mail reflect.stlouis@gmail.com, or visit www.ReflectRetreat.com for details.

LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Fifth Sunday of Lent, April 2
 8:00 am Parishioners
 10:30 am Peggy Bartoni (*Good Health*)

Monday, April 3
 8:00 am Catherine Mannion

Tuesday, April 4
 5:30 pm Jerry Kovac

Wednesday, April 5
 8:00 am Paul Zacheis

Thursday, April 6
 8:00 am Helen Nicollerat (*Health & Blessings*)

Friday, April 7
 8:00 am Ellen Dell

Saturday, April 8
 8:00 am Don & Sean Welby
 5:00 pm Jimmy Saxon

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, April 9
 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	Becky Lott
Katie Shinn	Ethan Sonderman	Kathleen Price
Mary Hipskind	Ethan Strauss	Toni Berberich
Daniel J. Barr	Nanette McPherson	

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 2, 2017

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8/Rom 8:8-11/
 Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/
 Ps 23:1-6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52-56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jr 31:10-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/
 Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14--27:66 or 27:11-54

OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 25-26, 2017

Sunday Collection

General Fund	\$3,414.00
General Fund Loose	\$289.33
General Fund Online	\$682.00
Total.....	\$4,385.33
Easter.....	\$390.00
Easter Flowers	\$65.00
Maintenance & Repair.....	\$10.00
SVDP	\$100.00
Votive	\$21.00
Debt	\$95.00(YTD)
Tuition Assistance	\$1,392.00(YTD)
Endowment Fund.....	\$265.00(YTD)



OUR DEARLY DEPARTED

Rest in Peace In your kindness, please pray for the repose of the soul of Paul Gera, our parishioner and husband of Mary Ann Gera. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday - Saturday April 3 - 8

- 7:30 am - Rosary, Church

Sunday, April 2

- 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, April 3

- 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, April 4

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 6:30 pm - Blue Knights, Little Flowers, Young Disciples, UH Pillars of Faith

Wednesday, April 5

- 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, April 6

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- **Immediately Following 8 am Mass - Church Easter Cleaning**
- 7:00 pm - Lenten Bible Study, CMR
- 7:00 pm - Baptism Mtg., CMR

Friday, April 7

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 8:30 am - Exposition & Adoration, Church
- 3:30-6:30 pm - Dance, UH
- 4:30 - 7:00 pm - Fish Fry, Gym

Saturday, April 8

Sunday, April 9

- 9:00 am - Bible Study, AR
- 9:15 am - Little Lambs, RBF
- 11:30 am - Easter Egg Hunt, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 10:30 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB
- 7:00 pm RCIA, CMR

ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS! Join us this Wednesday, April 5th from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg High School for a Mass & Social. Please see saintlouislifeteen.org for more information!

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS, NOTES & EVENTS



THE GREAT EASTER EGG HUNT

Please join us on Palm Sunday, April 9th to celebrate the impending Easter feast with a giant egg hunt on our soccer field across the street (held in the gym in the case of inclement weather). Festivities will begin at 11:30 am or immediately following the Palm Sunday Mass; the Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 12:00 noon. All children from toddler to the 5th grade are welcome to participate. We will also have face painters, balloons, crafts, Gus' Pretzels & refreshments, prizes and the Easter bunny! **Please bring your own basket and don't forget your camera.** Even if you aren't a child, join us for a pretzel and enjoy the festivities. No registration necessary.

We need your donations and help to make the Easter Egg Hunt a success. Please drop off donations of candy and small prizes to the parish office. We are also in need of volunteers to work the different stations during the Easter Egg Hunt. Please call the parish office to volunteer or for more information.



Save the Date!

Our Easter church cleaning will be on April 6th after the 8 am Mass. Many hands make lite work. Cleaning supplies are on hand.

Refreshments will be served in the Assumption Room immediately following

Men's Club Alpha Square Raffle 2017-18

Tickets are now for sale for the New Season. The drawings start July of 2017 and go through June of 2018. Each month there is a \$100 winner and a chance for four \$25 winners. It is possible to win all twelve months. To purchase, fill out the attached from with cash or check and mail to: Richard Huelsmann or Epiphany Parish Office. You may also drop request in the Sunday collection marked: Alpha Square Raffle. Make checks payable to: Epiphany Men's Club. Submit requests to: Richard Huelsmann, 6536 Smiley Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63139. 314-645-5941.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Squares (\$12 EACH): _____

Spring Fling 2017

Please join us! Lindenwood Area Senior Ministry's 11th Annual Spring Fling: *A Taste of Italy* - Saturday, April 29th from 4:30-8pm. Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church.

* Italian Dinner * Live Music by Larry Hallar & the Two Star Final * Dancing * Fellowship * Silent Auction * Attendance Prizes * Tickets: \$15

All ages, singles and couples welcome! Tables of 8 -10 can be reserved; open seating will also be available. Contact the LASM office for reservations (314-647-4591). All funds raised at the Spring Fling go to the direct support of LASM's programs and services for older adults. Learn more at lasministry.org.

Korey's Kare

Saturday, April 22, 2017 from 3 pm - ??? at Epiphany of Our Lord Gym. Korey's Kare will be having a Bar-B-Q Fundraiser along with a silent auction, 50/50 raffles, music and drinks. All proceeds will go towards the medical bills and long term care of Korey Tacchi. To make a donation: Please send checks (payable to: Korey's Kare) to: Patty Ellison-Brown, 3131 Franke Ct. St. Louis, MO 63139. Questions, please contact Patty Ellison Brown at 314-560-2172.

What's Up Wednesday Lindenwood Area Senior Ministry is hosting a **Lunch & Learn** this Wednesday, **April 5th** at 11:30 am in Memorial Hall of Southwest Baptist Church (6401 Scanlan). Our guest speaker will be Rey Castuciano from Table Wisdom. As millions of Americans continue to live longer, the importance of being socially and civically engaged in a meaningful way becomes crucial. Studies show that social networks have positive health effects for mature adults. However, without such networks, studies reveal that mature adults are at greater risk for health decline. On the other hand, studies consistently show that better English for foreign-borns lead to better job prospects, improved school performance and larger social networks in America. Table Wisdom is a St. Louis-based social enterprise that brings together mature adults and foreign-borns for mentoring and conversational English sessions by video-chat and in-person sessions. The program is a 2016 winner of Washington University's Social Entrepreneurship Innovation Competition and has been shown by a St. Louis University study that it is mutually beneficial. In this presentation, attendees will learn about the founding of the program, the different ways to volunteer anywhere (even at home), and the benefits of the program from our participants. Please RSVP for this FREE Lunch & Learn by contacting the LASM Office at 647-4591.

IHM Sausage Dinner Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in New Melle, MO will hold the spring Sausage Dinner on Sunday, April 30, 2017, serving from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. Whole hog pork sausage dinners include homemade bread and desserts. Carry-outs available. Adult dinners - \$12 (\$11 if ordered and paid by April 27); children ages 6 to 12 - \$6; ages 5 and under eat free. Activities include craft bazaar, country store, children's games, pull tabs, quilt raffle, wine and beer garden, livers and gizzards, live music and two raffles: **The Bonanza Extravaganza** with an early bird \$100 cash drawing on Tuesday April 18 and **The BIG 50/50 Cash Drawing**. Handicap parking and free shuttle service on the premises will be available. For more information call 636-398-5270.

Barbeque Maplewood Knights of Council #903 will be having their BBQ at Citizens National Bank East Parking Lot in Maplewood on April 8th, from 10 am - 6 pm. Please come and join us.