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MASS & SACRAMENTS

Sunday Masses: 8:00 am, 10:30 am & 6:30 pm

(A traditional Latin Mass is celebrated on the 1st Sunday of each month at 6:30 pm.)

Weekday Masses

Monday through Friday: 8:00 am

Tuesday Evening Mass: 6:30 pm

Saturday Masses 8:00 am and 4:00 pm

Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays 7:30-8:15 pm (with reception for young adults after, hosted by Spirit and Truth St. Louis)

Sacrament of Penance:

Saturday, 7:30-7:50 am

Sundays, 10-10:20 am & 6-6:20 pm

Tuesdays, 6-6:20 pm OR by appointment

Baptisms: Contact the parish office to Register.

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.



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

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Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 2, 2021

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FROM THE DESK OF FR. MICHAEL

Congratulations to our confirmandi who received the sacrament of Confirmation this past weekend. We are proud of you!

May Crowning - This coming Sunday, May 9 we'll have our May Crowning at the 10:30 am Mass. Please bring your children a few minutes early to line up outside the front doors of the Church. They will participate in the opening procession by carrying flowers up to Mary at the beginning of Mass. There is no age minimum or other requirement to participate. The more the merrier. There will be a reception after with treats!

We'll have an Extraordinary Form Mass for the Ascension. It will be at 7:30 pm on Thursday, May 13 (note - this may have switched from a Low Mass to a Missa Cantata)

Next weekend we welcome a new Acolyte! Epiphany is privileged to welcome a transitional acolyte who is on his way towards being ordained as a Deacon. Larry Nations will be ordained an acolyte on May 6. Please keep him in your prayers this week. He will be here for his first Sunday to worship with us on May 9. I hope you all are able to meet him after at the reception and welcome him and his lovely family to Epiphany. Hopefully, over the coming months, he'll be able to visit each weekend Mass to meet everyone.

An update on the lights. The lights, as you can see, are beginning to flicker even worse so I've turned a few of them off. We're currently getting a few bids to have the system repaired. If you would like to contribute to the cost of the fix, you can donate to the building repair and maintenance fund.

We are having all the asbestos tile flooring in the rectory offices removed this week, so there is no walk-in traffic for about a month. *The office is still open*, so call us if you need anything.

We are now beginning our 51st week of being back at Mass together - Since May 18 2020, we've hosted approximately 536 Masses total. We have 0 incidents of community transmission of coronavirus at Mass. Archdiocesan guidelines ask for a face-covering to be worn during Mass. We allow health exemptions. If you have questions, please contact me. If anyone needs to see my exemption letter from my doctor, come see me in my office.

Learning the Mass - Steps (from Romano Guardini's Sacred Signs)

THE more we think about these long-familiar things the clearer does their meaning grow. Things we have done thousands of times, if we will only look into them more deeply, will disclose to us their beauty. If we will listen, they will speak. After their meaning has been revealed to us, the next step is to enter upon our inheritance and make what we have long possessed really our own. We must learn how to see, how to hear, how to do things the right way. Such a learning-by-looking, growing-by-learning, is what matters. Regarded any other way these things keep their secret. They remain dark and mute. Regarded thus, they yield to us their essential nature, that nature which formed them to their outward shapes. Make trial for yourself. The most commonplace everyday objects and actions hide matters of deepest import. Under the simplest exteriors lie the greatest mysteries.

Steps are an instance. Every one of the innumerable times we go upstairs a change, though too slight and subtle to be perceptible, takes place in us. There is something mysterious in the act of ascending. Our intelligence would be puzzled to explain it, but instinctively we feel that it is so. We are made that way.

When the feet mount the steps, the whole man, including his spiritual substance, goes up with them. All ascension, all going up, if we will but give it thought, is motion in the direction of that high place where everything is great, everything made perfect. For this sense we have that heaven is "up" rather than "down" we depend on something in us deeper than our reasoning powers. How can God be up or down? The only approach to God is by becoming better morally, and what has spiritual improvement to do with a material action like going up a pair of stairs? What has pure being to do with a rise in the position of our bodies? There is no explanation. Yet the natural figure of speech for what is morally bad is baseness, and a good and noble action we call a high action. In our minds we make a connection, unintelligible but real, between rising up and the spiritual approach to God; and Him we call the All-Highest.

So the steps that lead from the street to the church remind us that in going up into the house of prayer we are coming nearer to God; the steps from the nave to the choir, that we are entering in before the All-Holy. The steps between the choir and the altar say to whoever ascends them the same words that God spoke to Moses on Mount Horeb: "Put your shoes from off your feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground." The altar is the threshold of eternity.

It is a great idea that if we go up even a common stairway with our minds on what we are doing, we really do leave below the base and trivial, and are in actual fact ascending up on high. Words are not very adequate; but the Christian knows that when he ascends it is the Lord that ascends. In him the Lord repeats his own ascension. That is what steps mean.

Here's the current Marian Hymn after Mass -

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia; quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia; resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia; ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

Fr. Michael

P ro-Life Matters

Breast Cancer Healing Mass

Saturday, June 12 at St. Mary Magdalen, Brentwood at 9:30 am. The RLA began sponsoring this Mass many years ago as an alternative to participation in the Susan G. Komen Race.

Rachel's Healing Garden

Rachel's Healing Garden is at Resurrection Cemetery in Afton for peaceful reflection for those healing from abortion. Work is under way to refurbish this prayer area. The walkway will be power washed, a new sign and a new bench have been ordered; signs are being re-tooled.

Helpers of God's Precious Infants

Please join us as we pray and peacefully witness for life at our third Saturday pro-life Mass at the Cathedral Basilica on Saturday May 15th starting at 8 am. celebrating Mass and leading the Rosary procession to and from our state's last abortion facility (please mask and social distance). The Mass will also be live-streamed. Contact madeleineappelbaum@archstl.org with questions.

Project Rachel Meeting

Thursday May 27th at 7:00 pm is the monthly meeting of "In His Name" a support group for any woman negatively impacted by an abortion experience. Contact Marisol 314-792-7451 mpfaff@archstl.org or Contact stlprojectrachel@archstl.org or 314-792-7565 for more information about this and other archdiocesan abortion healing resources.

Abortion Healing Ministry Women's Bible Study, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, through May 26

All women wounded by abortion are invited to join our new "Forgiven and Set Free" Bible study. This group meets every second and fourth Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Contact or 314.792.7556 to sign up, the meeting location or other details.

Project Joseph Meeting

If you're ready to begin the healing process or simply want to learn more about Project Joseph, we encourage you to call 314-792-7565 or email prolife@archstl.org. Trustworthy, compassionate people will answer your call. We will make every effort to ensure you are comfortable with those serving you as you begin this healing journey.

Next Meeting May 3rd 7:00 pm. For more information about the group or location contact Chuck 314-974-6787 craymir@sbcglobal.net or STLprojectjoseph.org



MOTHER'S DAY CARDS

There are Mothers Day greeting cards at the doors. Any donation you might give will benefit Birthright of Hillsboro in their efforts to provide services to expectant and new mothers. Please take one and be generous. Any donation would be appreciated. Thank you.

D ay of Reflection

What does it mean to live grace-fully? You are invited to a Day of Reflection, open to all age groups, sponsored by the Victorious Missionaries with the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this year's program, "Aging Grace-fully", will be a VIRTUAL event on Saturday, May 15, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. - noon. The presenter is Gary Behrman, PhD. Together we will explore this question and discuss approaches on integrating grace into our lives in order to live to our fullest potential. Resources will be provided for ongoing support for a healthy life. This will be a holistic approach to aging to inspire us to be connected to God, others and self.

Cost is \$20. Register online at snows.org/reflection21, visit snows.org for a printable registration form or call 618-394-6281 to register.



20th Annual
RUN
for life & learning
hybrid • 6k, 1 mile, 1/4 mile
June 5th, 2021

The Run for Life & Learning, benefiting Birthright STL, is June 5!

Join us for the in-person, socially-distanced event at Creve Coeur Lake on June 5, featuring a chip-timed 6K Run/Walk, 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk, and 1/4 Mile Kids Run with FREDBIRD. Or participate on your own anywhere, any time from June 1 through June 6! To register or donate, visit runsignup.com/run4lifeandlearning. Proceeds enable women who are financially stressed by an unplanned pregnancy to continue their education and make better lives for themselves and their families.

Stewardship

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." - 1 JOHN 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you "walk the talk?" Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it's not too late to start!

LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 2

- 8:00 am James Mana
- 10:30 am Madeline S. M. Toney
- 6:30 pm Parishioners

Monday, May 3

- 8:00 am Marcia Cantanzaro

Tuesday, May 4

- 8:00 am George Limpert
- 6:30 pm Rev. Richard C. Kasznel

Wednesday, May 5

- 8:00 am Sr. Marie Daugherty (*Blessings*)



Thursday, May 6

- 8:00 am Rev. Msgr. Edward J Sudekum

Friday, May 7

- 8:00 am In Honor of Immaculate Heart of Mary

Saturday, May 8

- 8:00 am Claire Kaiser
- 4:00 pm Francesco Days

Sunday, May 9 The Ascension of the Lord

- 8:00 am Parishioners
- 10:30 am John Covilli
- 6:30 pm Stuart Hilton

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND & SICK OF OUR PARISH

Anita Gilliam	All Coronavirus Patients	Larry Lopez
Axel Nuspl	Phoenix Nuspl	Sr. Carol Kopff
Joan Huelsmann	Mary Helen Brindell	Jimmy Santen
Larry Unger	Dale Kopff	Ethan Sonderman
Christie Breaux	Ginger Ragona	Sherry Mosley

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 2, 2021

SUN 5/02	Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
MON 5/03	1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14
TUE 5/04	Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a
WED 5/05	Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
THR 5/06	Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11
FRI 5/07	Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17
SAT 5/08	Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
SUN 5/09	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

OUR DEARLY DEPARTED



In your kindness, please pray for the repose of the soul of Nelda Gabelsberger, our parishioner and mother of Irene Gabelsberger; and Judy Abell, our former parishioner. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.



Thank you for your outstanding support during the covid19 pandemic. Your support has been overwhelming! The following is what we have paid out from March 2020 thru March 2021: Spire \$2,430; Ameren \$3,940; Schnucks food vouchers \$4,217; Rent \$5,748; MSD \$354; Water \$465 retail value of food from our pantry \$5,206.

We could not have done this without your generous support. May God continue to bless you and be with you always.

PS: We are always looking for younger members. Most of us are over 65 and we are looking for younger help. We meet the second Monday of the month at 6:30 in the Assumption Room to meet Social distancing standards.

*Epiphany of Our Lord
St Vincent DePaul*

Baby Quilt Raffle

Size 48" x 43.5"
Machine made

Raffle tickets.....\$1.00 = One Ticket / \$5.00= Six Tickets

Winner announced Sunday May 16th
After 10:30 am Mass at Epiphany...

More hand-made/machine quilts to be raffled this Summer...vintage quilts also....

Proceeds to benefit the Homeless Underwear Drive !



OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 24-25, 2021

Sunday Collection

General Fund	\$3,281.00
General Fund Loose	\$239.01
General Fund Online	\$942.00
Total	\$4,444.01



Ascension	\$20.00
Easter	\$25.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$130.00
M&R Online	\$25.00
SVDP	\$25.00
SVDP Online	\$25.00
Votive	\$15.00
Tuition Assistance	\$15.00
	\$1,143.00(YTD)



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

MAY 2, 2021



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May is the Month of Mary!

As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us.

Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all those who are to be saved. (*Lumen Gentium*, no. 53)

Mary embraces God's will and freely chooses to cooperate with God's grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God's plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son. In these devotions to Mary, "while the Mother is honored, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and . . . all His commands are observed." The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.

Foster Care Awareness Month

May is Foster Care Awareness Month! Join us in praying for all foster parents and children.



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