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Mass & Sacraments

Sunday Masses: 8:00 am, 10:30 am & 6:30 pm *(This Mass is often in the Extraordinary Form (Latin Mass))*

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 7:15-8 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.

Pentecost Sunday
May 23, 2021

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FROM THE DESK OF FR. MICHAEL

Congratulations to all our schoolchildren for successfully completing another school year. Enjoy your summer!

Corpus Christi is celebrated this year on June 6. We'll have a short procession after the 10:30 am Mass in honor of the Blessed Sacrament.

40 Hour Devotion beginning on Thursday evening, June 3 and ending with a Solemn High Mass on Saturday at 11 am on June 5, we'll have 40 hours of adoration to the Blessed Sacrament. If you would like to sign up for an hour or two as an adorer, the sign-up sheet is on the blue table in the back of church. You are welcome to stop by anytime during the 40 hours, but it's important that we get all the time slots filled, so signing up is a real help.

Flea Market people have been asking if we'll have a flea market this year. We're not quite sure yet, but are certainly willing to try to host one. If you would like to volunteer to help, we would be most grateful.

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

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

Church Lighting Fundraiser Raffle...

Your name up in lights ***or at least on a sign***! We are now selling raffle tickets for a chance to have your name placed on a street sign to be posted at the entrance of our parking lot for the term of one year! Chances are $20 each. To enter simply ***complete the raffle envelope*** located in the pews, along with $20 in cash or check and drop it in the collection basket ***or*** visit us online at https://epiphanystl.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/ChurchLightingFundraiserRaffle. The name on the sign will be limited to 20 characters. The drawing will be held on Sunday, June 13th immediately following the 10:30 am Mass.
All proceeds to benefit our new church lighting system.

Collection For The Homeless

Please be aware. We're trying to collect NEW underwear for the homeless. If you have money to spare, please buy us a pair .... or two ! These are the most-needed items for the homeless and near-homeless families. Please make a contribution to this challenge: ***Men's & Children's t-shirts & underwear all sizes and colors***

We will be collecting through Summer & Fall. Donations can be dropped off to Epiphany Rectory. Checks & Gift cards greatly appreciated.

Dominican Sisters & Associates - Questions call
Katie Patterson, 314 645-2044.

Pentecost Sunday

May 23, 2021

Pentecost

Pentecost marks the occasion of God sending the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' disciples after his Resurrection. The book of Acts describes how the disciples were gathered together in one place on the day of Pentecost. The Jewish feast of Pentecost (Shavuot or the Feast of Weeks) was a day that commemorated the giving of the law to Moses, a day soon to be marked as well by the giving of the Holy Spirit.

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit gave the disciples the strength to fulfill their commission to spread the Good News of Jesus. The Solemnity of Pentecost, which crowns and fulfills the Easter season, is a good time to pray for a deeper indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

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Prayer to the Holy Spirit

The following prayer was recited by Pope Benedict XVI in a homily on November 7, 2006. This is a prayer to the Holy Spirit.

Let us invoke him
so that he will irrigate, warm and straighten,
so that he will pervade us
with the power of his sacred flame
and renew the earth.
Let us pray for his with all our hearts
at this time, in these days.
Amen.

Catholic Current

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BULLETIN

Veterans Spiritual Retreat - July 1-3 at White House Retreat

What: A spiritual retreat for U.S. Military Veterans featuring a series of talks focusing on issues pertaining to Veterans. Each talk will be followed by small group breakout sessions for attendees to share their own experiences related to the topics presented. We will also have worship services and quiet time for personal prayer and reflection. Relax, unwind and grow closer to our Lord on the beautiful 80-acre White House Retreat campus high on the bluffs over the Mississippi River. Attendees will each receive private accommodations at White House and all meals are provided. Open to any men and women who served in the U.S. Armed Forces. The only fee is a $30 deposit due at signup. Call 314-416-6400 to register. More info at www.whitehouseretreat.org/veterans-retreat

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Pentecost Sunday, May 23
8:00 am Parishioners
10:30 am Don Yorker
6:30 pm Stuart Hilton

Monday, May 24
8:00 am Berdell Leuthen

Tuesday, May 25
8:00 am Vince & Ann Villhard
6:30 pm Rev. Msgr. Edward J Sudekum

Wednesday, May 26
8:00 am Enrollees & Benefactors of Epiphany Memorial Fund

Thursday, May 27
8:00 am Donna Thompson

Friday, May 28
8:00 am Katie Bach

Saturday, May 29
8:00 am Mary Jo & Scott Babcock (***Good Intentions***)
4:00 pm The Tetreault Family

Sunday, May 30
8:00 am Don Yorker
10:30 am William & Barbara Peiffer
6:30 pm Parishioners

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
	Jimmy "Nips" Boyer	

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 23, 2021

SUN 5/23	*Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/ Ps 10:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
	Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/ Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
	Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15
MON 5/24	Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
TUE 5/25	Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31
WED 5/26	Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [Sir 36:1b]/ Mk 10:32-45
THR 5/27	Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Mk 10:46-52
FRI 5/28	Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mk 11:11-26
SAT 5/29	Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 19, 11 [9ab]/Mk 11:27-33
SUN 5/30	Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

St. Pat's Salads Members of the St. Pat's salad will be preparing salads for the St. Patrick's Center this Wednesday, May 26th at 7:15 am in the gym kitchen. Please join us. As always cash donations are greatly appreciated!

OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 15-16, 2021

Sunday Collection

General Fund $3,967.00
General Fund Loose $221.00
General Fund Online $916.00
Total $5,104.00

Ascension $125.00
Maintenance & Repair .. $100.00
M& R Online $10.00
Mother's Day $120.00
SVDP $160.00
Votive $13.00
Tuition Assistance ..... $ ..... $1,265.00(YTD)

Case Management: Guide to Senior Living & Care

I have free housing guides for St. Louis and the surrounding area if you are looking to make informed decisions on senior living and care. New Lifestyles produces a booklet twice a year that is organized in sections according to the type of community. This includes Independent Living, Affordable Senior Housing, Assisted Living, Adult Day Care, Respite Care, Memory Care, Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation. Please contact me if you would like a copy of this free print guide. You can also access the digital print guide at www.newlifestyles.com.
--Leigh Manalang, LASM Case Manager
314-376-4121, leigh@lasministry.org

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Project Backpack

Your local Thrivent Community is partnering with Project Backpack to make a difference in our community. Project Backpack provides backpacks for children who are removed from their homes, usually with nothing but the clothes on their backs. The backpacks are age and gender appropriate and make the transition from crisis situations to foster homes more tolerable. The backpack tells the child that someone cares when their whole world is crashing around them.

Become part of Thrivent Community's endeavor to fill 50 backpacks. We will be collecting backpack contents on Tuesdays and Thursdays during June from 10 am-6p m at our Maplewood office (3008 Sutton Avenue) and will plan a packing event, either outside or virtually, later in the summer.
Sign up and see Project Backpack's wishlist at https://bit.ly/3w23BkI or call Anne Arias at 314 -961-2882.

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Question:
Why are Catholic and Protestant Bibles different?

Answer:
Since the earliest days of the Church, Christians used a Greek translation of the Old Testament known as the Septuagint. This collection of the texts of the Hebrew Scriptures included 46 books. At the time of the Protestant Reformation in the 1500s, the Protestant reformers began to create their own translations of the Bible (into local languages) and some began to question why the Jewish Scriptures would have included texts that were written in Greek, because, they assumed, the only valid Jewish Scriptures would have been written in Hebrew. And so, they decided to remove seven books from the Old Testament: Baruch, Sirach, 1 and 2 Maccabees, Tobit, Judith and Wisdom (as well as portions of the Books of Daniel and Esther). This means that the Protestant Old Testament only includes 39 books, while Catholic Bibles continue to include those original 46 books. Both Catholic and Protestant Bibles include 27 books and letters in the New Testament.

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