



# **Visitation - St. Ann's Shrine Parish Family**

*"Growing Together for over 100 Years"*

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## **MASS TIMES**

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Monday—Friday: 8:15 a.m. (in Rectory)

## **MINISTERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY**

Rev. John Vogler, *Pastor*

Sr. Pat Hottinger, S.H., *Pastoral Minister*

Patricia Fleming, *Secretary*

Carmelee Hall & Carole Johnson, *Parish Council Co-Chairs*

Barbara Parker, *Sacristan/Altar Society*

Jeffrey Walton, *Minister of Music*

## **MINISTRIES TO OUR PARISH FAMILY**

St. Louis Catholic Academy (pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup>): 4720 Carter Ave., 63115, 389-0401

Cardinal Ritter Prep H.S.: 701 N. Spring, 446-5500

St. Charles Lwanga Center (Adult & Youth Development): 4746 Carter Ave., Suite 100, 63115, 367-7929

Cardinal Ritter Institute (Various services for the elderly): 961-8000

Jet-Setters (Senior Citizens Bingo-1<sup>st</sup> Wed., 10:30 am to 3:00 pm): Eunice Atkinson 535-5018

Vincent de Paul Society (Help for the needy-Tue., 9:00 am to Noon): John Fleming 534-3919

Father Tolton Center (Assistance for Seniors): 385-3445

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith and Visitation-St. Ann's Shrine, or about the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, First Communion and Reconciliation--call us. For Marriages, call the Pastor at least 6 months ahead of time.

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK  
January 6 through January 12, 2013**

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11  
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;  
 Lk 10:21-24  
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37  
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;  
 Mt 7:21, 24-27  
 Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31  
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;  
 Mt 9:35 — 10:1  
 Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;  
 Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

**Liturgical Roles**

*January 5*

*January 12*

**COMMENTATORS**

Anita Reed

Richard Stephenson

**PROCLAIMERS**

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**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

Cheryl Dunn  
 Ophelia Wilson  
 Jerry Hall  
 Diane Trice  
 Sylvester Raymond

Sam Dunn  
 Irma Stallings  
 Barbara Parker  
 Sr. Pat Hottinger  
 Marcia Thomas

**SERVERS**

Diane Trice

Jerry Hall

**USHERS**

Irma Stallings  
 Eunice Atkinson

Cheryl Dunn  
 Anita Reed  
 William McHugh

**Your Gifts to God and Parish**

<b>FOR DEC. 15th</b>		
General & Loose Collection		\$537.00
Utility & Stewardship		91.00
Solemnity of BVM		5.00
Candles		6.00
Shrine		310.00
Sick & Shut-ins		10.00
Use of Bldg.		130.00
Flowers		20.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,109.00</b>

**A QUICK LOOK AT THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER**

Total Expenses = \$13,051 Total Income = \$9,689  
 We went into the hole by **-\$ 3,362.00**

**FR. JOHN’S COMMENTS**

*“Hopes--Are They Too Big Or Too Small?”*

I’m told that In her book, THE SHAPE OF A YEAR, Jean Hersey quotes a friend named Lillian as saying: *“You know, growing old is quite a relief.” Lillian was a painter. During her career, she admitted, she wanted to be a great painter. She really tried hard to become one, she told Jean. But in old age, she realized she never would be famous and said, “I couldn’t care less. These days I paint for pleasure, and it is much more satisfying.”*

I’m also told that one of the late senators from Michigan supposedly said: *“In my first term in Congress, I wanted to save the world. In my second term, I wanted to save the United States. In my third term, I wanted to save Michigan. Now, at the end of my fourth term, if I can just save those sand dunes on Lake Michigan, I’ll be a happy man.”*

What is wrong with planning big stuff? Why not strive to stop world hunger? Why not look forward to a world without war? Why not expect a world where everyone loves each other? Why not dream of a church that is united in one household instead of the thousands of Christian churches scattered around the earth? Why not plan for the day when there will be only “one body and one spirit” held together by the person of Jesus Christ?

Some answer my questions by saying: “Get real! Those kinds of expectations can only lead to disappointment, disillusion and ultimately to a kind of giving up. It is much better to set realistic goal for oneself. Smaller goals can more easily keep you excited and involved and happy.”

True. But, I submit that setting big goals is not the problem. The problem comes when we expect to see the results before we go to the grave. The problem is when we think that we have to accomplish the goals all by ourselves or with the people in our own generation. The problem is made worse when we attach our worth and belonging to our ability to accomplish our goals. So, we tend to water down our own goals and we even make God’s plan as small and petty as our own.

Today’s feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord is designed to teach us to expect the whole world to change through Jesus Christ. We have only been at this for two thousand years. Compared to what the world was then, we can easily see how humanity is getting closer and closer together even though we still don’t know how to do it very well. Pray that we can keep our expectations high. Remember, it is not our plan. It is God’s plan and nothing is too big for God.

Love, Fr. John

**BE TRANSFORMED THIS YEAR!**

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### Pray for those unable to attend today.

**Homebound:** Dorafrances & Charles Robinson, Claude Bell, Anna Holloman, Clint Harris & Carol Wallace **In Nursing Homes/Hospital:** Myrtle Evans, Mary Minter Charlotte Logan, Sondra Reese, Sr. Anne Catherine Shaw.

**Stewardship** "Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Matthew 2:11

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow. Each of us is called to open our gifts before Jesus, offering Him what He needs. If you have trouble with this idea, keep one of the Magi from your Nativity set on your desk all year as a reminder to bring your gifts to Jesus.

### Parish News

**WE HAVE THE 2014 CALENDAR**-Feel free to take more calendars as you need.

**CHRISTMAS GIFT POCKET CALENDARS**-If you did not get one on Christmas, check with Fr. John to see if he has any more to give. They are very nice.

**WORSHIP MEETING**-Monday, January 6, at 5:00 p.m. in Rectory. Come join us.

**SONDRA REESE**-Would love for you to visit her at NORTH View Village, 2415 Kingshighway Rm. 402. She does not have a phone in her room.

### KWANZAA PRINCIPLES

Catholic teaching recognizes that the Grace of God builds on nature. Part of nature is our national and our racial origins.

At this time of year, Catholics with African ancestry encounter strong influences:

**KWANZAA CELEBRATION**  
**BIRTHDAY OF DR. M. L. KING**  
**BLACK HISTORY MONTH (Feb.)**

They are focusing on just how the richness of their traditions can be used to build up the Kingdom of God for all people.

### Birthdays In January

Bradley Williams	January 9
Anna Ruth Holloman	January 11
Alice McHugh	January 11
Montezz Carter-Hines	January 14
Irma Lee Stallings	January 18
Dione Baker-Muray	January 22
Amari Alexander	January 23
Alveta Nelson	January 26

Daily Mass: January 6-10, 8:15 a.m.

Worship Meeting: January 6, 5:00 p.m. in Rectory.

Choir Rehearsal: January 6, 6:30 p.m. in Rectory.

St. Ann Novena: January 9, 8:15 a.m., Mass in Chapel.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**-Come and explore God's plan for your marriage on a Marriage Encounter weekend and give your spouse this unforgettable gift. To find out more or to apply for an upcoming weekend, go to [www.stl-wwme.org](http://www.stl-wwme.org) or call 469.7317. Weekend dates are February 7-9 or April 4-6.

**ADVERTISE ON THE BACK OF OUR BULLETIN**-Call Ken Perkins for prices. (314-229-2028)

**HOLIDAY CELEBRATION WITH ST. ELIZABETH**-The St. Elizabeth Ladies Council invites you to join them at the Renaissance Hotel Ballroom, 800 Washington Ave., on January 12, 1:00-4:00 p.m. to fellowship and give thanks for our many blessings. \$40.00-call Jane Brown 381-4145.

### WATCHING MASS ON TV FOR THE HOMEBOUND

-There are now two options: There is the St. Louis Mass at 9:00 a.m. on FoxNow (Ch. 2.2) and there is the Heart of the Nation Mass at 7:30 a.m. on WRBU-TV (Ch. 46).

**CATHOLIC WOMEN FOR CHRIST CONFERENCE**-Saturday, January 25 at St. Charles Convention Center. The theme is *Living Joyfully in Christ*, keynote speaker, Kelly Wahlquist. Mass celebrant Archbishop Robert Carlson. Cost before January 15th is \$40 (after 15th it is \$50). For more information [www.catholicwomenforchrist.org](http://www.catholicwomenforchrist.org).

**DR. KING MASS**-On January 19, 2:30 p.m., we Catholics will Celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the Cathedral on Lindell. Our own Father Art Cavitt will be the homilist. A reception honoring the 2014 Martin Luther King, Jr. Model of Justice Honorees follows in Bolland Hall. Please call 367-7929 for more information.

**TRIVIA NIGHT FOR THE NEEDY**- Saturday, January 18, 7:00 p.m. at 1408 South 10th. Street, St. Vincent DePaul Parish Hall. Sponsored by the Young adult program of the Society of St Vincent De Paul. Snacks, soda, beer and prizes will be provided. Tickets \$25. More information, Bryan Kirchoff, 640-4366.

**AQUINAS LECTURE**—"Hanging On and Letting Go": Ethical Issues in Care at End of Life. Daniel Sulmasy, M.D., Ph.D. Dr. Sulmasy studies end-of-life decision-making, ethics education and spirituality in medicine. Sunday, January 26, 2014 ~ 3:00PM. St. Francis Xavier College Church Ballroom, 3628 Lindell Blvd. Complimentary Parking, SLU Laclede Parking Garage. For more information, contact: Sr. Colleen Mallon, O.P. 314.256.8870 [mallon@ai.edu](mailto:mallon@ai.edu) [www.ai.edu](http://www.ai.edu)

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