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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*

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Barbara Parker, *Sacristan/Altar Society*

Jeffrey Walton, *Minister of Music*

MINISTRIES TO OUR PARISH FAMILY

St. Louis Catholic Academy (pre-K through 8th): 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-1st 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 20 through January 26, 2014

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;
 Mk 2:18-22
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10;
 Mk 3:1-6, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer
 Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13;
 Mk 3:7-12
 Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19
 Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2;
 Mk 16:15-18
 Sunday: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;

Liturgical Roles

January 19 *January 26*

COMMENTATORS

Diane Trice Brenda Ulmer

PROCLAIMERS

Richard Stephenson Sr. Pat Hottinger

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Alice O’Bryant	Diane Trice
William McHugh	John Fleming
Charlean Armstead	Ophelia Wilson
Derrick Ross	Cheryl Dunn
Venus Spain-Walker	Jerry Hall

SERVERS

Taylor Baker Venus Spain-Walker

USHERS

Barbara Parker Tara Baker
 Carla Moore Larenze Williams

Your Gifts to God and Parish

General & Loose Collection		\$928.00
Utility & Stewardship		24.00
St. Louis Review		60.00
First Offering		12.00
Novena		10.00
Total		\$1,034.00

BAD WEATHER & CONTRIBUTIONS

Sometimes the weather keeps you at home on Sunday.
Don’t forget to make up your contribution later.

FR. JOHN’S COMMENTS

“To Whom Should You Listen?”

An old fable that has been passed down for generations tells about an elderly man who was traveling with a boy and a donkey. As they walked through a village, the man was leading the donkey and the boy was walking behind. The townspeople said the old man was a fool for not riding, so to please them he climbed up on the animal’s back. When they came to the next village, the people said the old man was cruel to let the child walk while he enjoyed the ride. So, to please them, he got off and set the boy on the animal’s back and continued on his way. In the third village, people accused the child of being lazy for making the old man walk, and the suggestion was made that they both ride. So the man climbed on and they set off again. In the fourth village, the townspeople were indignant at the cruelty to the donkey because he was made to carry two people. The frustrated man was last seen carrying the donkey down the road.

How are we to avoid getting jerked around like the old man in the story? To whom should we listen? We are bound to be told different things by different people. Just think of what our culture tells us about intimacy and joy, for instance. We are told in church that we should not have sex outside of marriage. Our TV shows and movies tell us that sex outside of marriage is not only OK but it is the healthy thing to do if you have the chance.

Meanwhile, we hear other conflicting voices. Some say honesty in business, others say get ahead in life. We are told to be obedient and then we are told to do your own thing. We are urged to cooperate but then we are praised for fighting. Some say to sacrifice for the good of others, but then we are urged to avoid all pain and discomfort.

To whom should we listen? To begin with, I think that we need to listen to the ancient precepts handed down by Moses. Those commandments from God are not just a bunch of things that are meant to kill our joy; they are guidelines for a happy life and a peaceful society. Go back and read the Ten Commandments. Do you even know the Commandments? They can be found in your bible in Chapter 20 of the book of Exodus.

Pray that our lives will be guided by voices that keep us together in healthy, honest love relationships. We don’t need to listen to the false promises of happiness that the voices of our culture are always shouting at us.

Love, Fr. John

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

Pray for those unable to attend today.

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

Stewardship *"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..." Isaiah 49:5*

God has formed each of us as His servants from the womb. He blessed us with unique gifts and He provided us with the talents and skills we would need to do His work. If we do not fulfill the unique vision that God had for us alone, who will do it?

Parish News

LWANGA HONOREES-Our Adult Parish honoree this year is **Ms. Irma Stallings**. Our Youth honoree is year is **Kayla Moore**. The Lwanga Center Testimonial Dinner is at the St. Louis Grand Hotel on March 30. Tickets are \$60 each and are available for purchase. See Ophelia Wilson or Fr. John for tickets to Support our honorees or to take out an ad.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING-TODAY after 9:30 a.m. Mass. Everyone is welcome.

2014 CALENDARS-Pick one up

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.

**The Kwanzaa Principle this week is
"COOPERATIVE ECONOMICS"**

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
Shelby Shields	January

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 or call 469.7317. Weekend dates are February 7-9 and April 4-6.

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

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).

DR. KING MASS-TODAY, January 19, 2:30 p.m. 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 Boland Hall. Please call 367-7929 for more information.

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 www.ai.edu

INCARCERATION: SLAVERY REVISITED?-A free two-part panel discussion explaining what mass incarceration is, how was it created, how is it affecting our community, and what can we do to change it. At the MO History Museum, 5700 Lindell Blvd. The next session is February 9 from 2-4 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Sponsored by the Catholic Action Network for Social Justice.

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 after January 15th is \$50. For more information www.catholicwomenforchrist.org.

These are our own!

**Cardinal Ritter Prep HIGH SCHOOL
St. Louis Cath. Academy GRADE SCHOOL
St. Charles LWANGA CENTER**

Please Support Them.

Daily Mass: January 20-24, 8:15 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal: Holiday, No Rehearsal

St. Ann Novena: January 23, 8:15 a.m., Mass in Chapel.

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