



# 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**

**February 3 through February 9, 2014**

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20  
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43  
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6  
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13  
 Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29  
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34  
 Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

**MAKE DAILY MASS A HABIT**  
 8:15 a.m. in the Rectory Chapel (ring bell)

**Liturgical Roles**

*February 2*

*February 9*

**COMMENTATORS**

Ophelia Wilson

Coisetta Wright

**PROCLAIMERS**

Venus Spain-Walker

Diane Trice

Richard Stephenson

Alice O’Bryant

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

Charlean Armstead

Barbara Parker

William McHugh

Jerry Hall

John Fleming

Diane Trice

Marchia Thomas

Sr. Pat Hottinger

Irma Stallings

Sylvester Raymond

**SERVERS**

Diane Trice

Jerry Hall

**USHERS**

Carla Moore

Anita Reed

Barbara Parker

Irma Stallings

William McHugh

**Your Gifts to God and Parish**

General & Loose Collection		\$945.00
Utility & Stewardship		20.00
Solemnity of BVM		60.00
First Offering		11.00
Sick & Shutins		5.00
Gift-unrest-individ		100.00
Shrine		10.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,111.00</b>

**A QUICK LOOK AT THE MONTH OF DECEMBER**  
 Total Expenses = \$15,179 Total Income = \$6,721  
**We went into the hole by -\$ 8,458.00**

**FR. JOHN’S COMMENTS**

*“Whose Property Is It?”*

In *“The Offense Of Grace”*, Susan R. Andrews recalls a classic story: *Victor Hugo begins Les Miserables with the story of Jean Valjean. He is an ex-convict who has just been released from nineteen years in prison for stealing bread to feed his sister’s children. As he reenters society, no one will house him or give him work because of his criminal record – that is until he stumbles into the bishop’s house. Much to Valjean’s bewilderment, the bishop treats him with kindness and hospitality. Seizing the moment, Valjean steals the bishop’s silver candlesticks and, then, flees into the night.*

*The bishop’s reaction to Valjean’s treachery is not what we might expect. Instead of being angry and offering condemnation, the bishop examines his own behavior and finds himself lacking in charity. “I have for a long time wrongfully withheld this silver; it belonged to the poor. Who was this man? A poor man evidently,” he reasons to himself.*

*So, when the police arrive, having captured Valjean with the bishop’s silver in his possession, the bishop calmly greets the thief and says, “But I gave you the candlesticks. Also ... why did you not take the silver plates along with them?” The police, surprised and confused, reluctantly let the thief go.*

How many of us would ever reason as the bishop did? We usually think that our right to property is absolute. American law pretty much treats our right to property as absolute. But, God’s moral law does not consider that right an absolute. What do you think about that?

How can God expect us to think like the bishop? How can we possibly imagine that our excess of property “belongs to the poor”? What is “excess,” after all? How could we ever redistribute our property? Isn’t that the same as Communism? What would Rush Limbaugh say about all this? That talk-radio performer already has called Pope Francis a Marxist for suggesting that absolute private property is not of Christ.

We don’t really need to care what Rush would say; but we do need to care about what God says. I don’t think that Jesus would say that it is easy; but he gives us the basic principle that we are all one family—one body. All that we have is on loan from God. We are only the stewards of the gifts that God has given us. When we have more than is necessary, we must be ready to wisely share what we have with a brother or sister who is in greater need.

As I say, it is not easy to decide. Each of us has to judge for his/herself. But, never forget that it all belongs to God and he wants us to share it as best we can.

Love, Fr. John

## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

### Pray for those unable to attend today.

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

**Stewardship** "...they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord." Luke 2:22

Do we give the Lord the first fruits of our time every week by attending Mass? Do we set an example for our children and grandchildren by attending Mass? We must communicate with God to know what He wants.

### 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 Renaissance Airport 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.

**WORSHIP MEETING**-Monday, February 3, at 5:00 p.m. in Rectory. Come join us.

**WEEKLY CATHOLIC NEWS**-You should be receiving *The St. Louis Review*. The parish pays for it and you are asked to **reimburse the parish for \$30**. Use the envelope from your packet or put it in any envelope marked for the St. Louis Review.

**THANKS FOR PRAYERS & SYMPATHY**-David Johnson's cousin, Carole Johnson, and rest of the family sincerely appreciate you all.

### Birthdays In February

Myrtle Evans	February 3
Anthony Wright	February 6
Cheryl Dunn	February 7
Derrick Ross	February 13
Leonard Gibson	February 16
Vaness Hayes	February 17
Charlean Armstead	February 28
Andrew Ross	February 28

### These are our own!

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

**Please Support Them.**

**INCARCERATION: SLAVERY REVISITED?**-A free 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. The MO History Museum. February 9 from 2-4pm. Everyone is welcome. Sponsored by the Catholic Action Network for Social Justice.

**FACTS GRANT & AID PROGRAM**-For Catholic families of the Archdiocese. Tuition Assistance Request forms for 2014-2015 school year to be completed and returned by March 1, 2014. Call David at 792-7305.

**ANNUAL HOT SPRINGS SPA RETREAT**-Sponsored by the St Charles Lwanga Center, May 30-June 2, \$365. (Deposit: \$125 on/before February 4.) Final payment on/before April 7. For more details call 367-7929.

**FREE INCOME TAX SERVICES**-The St. Louis Tax Assistance programs offer FREE ELECTRONIC INCOME TAX RETURN for a family with income under \$58,000. Must have W2s, and/or 1099. Dates: Saturdays February 1, 8, 15, 22 and March 1st. For locations check the bulletin board or www.stloustop.org.

**BIBLE STUDY**-At the St. Charles Lwanga Center resumes Thursday, February 6 at 1:00 p.m. "Exploring and Praying with The Book of Numbers." Free will offerings are welcome. More information call 367-7929.

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

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

**The Kwanzaa Principle this week is**  
**"CREATIVITY"**

### Parish Council

**We are looking for NEW MEMBERS!**

Please tell one of our **PRESENT MEMBERS:**

<b>Fr. John</b>	<b>Carmele Hall</b>
<b>Carole Johnson</b>	<b>Richard Stephenson</b>
<b>Sylvester Raymond</b>	<b>Lillian Payne</b>
<b>Ophelia Wilson</b>	<b>Derrick Ross</b>
<b>Sherri Heiken</b>	

### ALL ARE INVITED

Please attend a Planning Meeting for ways to raise money for our Parish. We need your input. It appears right now that we have to raise funds—we can't just cut back.

**Daily Mass:** February 3-7 8:15 a.m. In Chapel.  
**Worship Meeting:** February 3, 5:00 p.m., in Rectory.  
**Choir Rehearsal:** February 3, 6:30 p.m., in Rectory.  
**St. Ann Novena:** February 6, 8:15 a.m., Mass in Chapel.

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