



GIVE TO THE ONE WHO ASKS OF YOU

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 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

February 24 through March 2, 2014

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
 Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37
 Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40
 Thursday: Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50
 Friday: Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12
 Saturday: Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16
 Sunday: Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

Liturgical Roles

February 23

March 2

COMMENTATORS

Sherry Hieken

Barbara Parker

PROCLAIMERS

Charles Ulmer

Diane Trice

Carole Jackson

Alice O;Bryant

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Diane Trice

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Ophelia Wilson

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Charlean Armstead

Sylvester Raymond

SERVERS

Venus Spain-Walker

Diane Trice

USHERS

Cheryl Dunn

Carla Moore

Eunice Atkinson

Anita Reed

Irma Stallings

Your Gifts to God and Parish

General & Loose Collection		\$498.00
Utility		18.00
Black-Indian		20.00
St. Louis Review		60.00
Use Bldg.		80.00
Novena		20.00
Total		\$696.00

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

COME TO MEETING TODAY!!!

We need your input.

How can we raise more funds?

FR. JOHN’S COMMENTS

“Are You Willing To Wed Non-violence?”

A few months before his assassination, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke to the staff of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference meeting at Frogmore, South Carolina. Towards the end of his talk, that brave target of violence said, **“I refuse to hate. Hate is too great a burden to bear.”**

Here are a couple of excerpts from the last part of his message to his “troops” that day:

Of course you may say to me: “This is not practical. Life is a matter of getting even, of hitting back, of dog eats dog.”

“Maybe in some distant utopia,” you say, “that ideal will work, but not in the hard, cold world in which we live.” My only answer is that mankind has followed the so-called practical way for a long time now, and it has led to deeper confusion and chaos. Time is cluttered with the wreckage of individuals and communities that surrendered to hate and violence.

I’ve decided that, on this question of non-violence, I’m going to stand by it. I’m going to love because it’s just lovely to love. I’m going to be non-violent because I believe it is the answer to mankind’s problems.... And so I say to you that I’ve taken a vow: I, Martin Luther King, take thee, Non-violence, to be my wedded wife, for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer (this isn’t a bargaining experience) for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do us part.

[“A New Sense of Direction,” (1968). From the WORLDVIEW Magazine Archive, April 1, 1972, as found on the internet.]

Why do you think Dr. King could say that non-violence “is the answer to mankind’s problems”? Why do you think Jesus could say to turn the other cheek? Do you think either Jesus or Dr. King was stupid or weak? I don’t think so. Do you think that the teaching of non-violence has little to do with our ordinary lives? I think it most certainly does apply to our daily decisions.

War, hatred and violence—even domestic violence—leaves consequences that last for generations. The hurts, resentments, bitterness, wasted resources and untold damage wreak havoc on the children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and even more descendants of both the perpetrators of violence and of their victims. For instance, Father Richard Rohr cited a source that would indicate that we are still suffering negative consequences from the Civil War in this country.

Pray for the wisdom to turn from violence no matter how much we think it is justified. There is never a smart way to be violent. Let the Lord lead us to be wed to non-violence in every area of our lives—*“Let no man separate what God has joined together.”*

Love, Fr. John

SEVENTH 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

“But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...” Matthew 5:44

Love your enemies is easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from “me” and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for “our enemy”. When we pray for “our enemies,” it might soften their hearts as well.

Parish News

BE GENEROUS TO THE VINCENT DE PAUL-

The demands for help are very great right now.

NEW FLOOR IN HALL KITCHEN-It should be finished soon and the insurance has covered all the damage and restoration costs. God is good...!!!!!!

SAVE MARCH 16th-We will have our Black History program and a Friends and Family Day celebration.

Parish Council

We are looking for NEW MEMBERS!

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

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

ALL ARE INVITED TODAY

Please attend a Planning Meeting for ways to raise money for our Parish. We need your input. We have to raise funds—we can't just cut back TODAY (February 23) AFTER MASS.

LWANGA CENTER AWARDS DINNER

SUNDAY, March 30, 2014

Renaissance St. Louis AirPort Hotel

Our parish honorees this year are

Ms. Irma Stallings & Kayla Moore

Tickets are \$60 a person for this fund raiser.

See Ophelia Wilson or Fr. John for tickets or to take out an ad.

Daily Mass: February 24-28, 8:15 a.m. In Chapel
Choir Rehearsal: February 24, 6:30 p.m. In Rectory
St. Ann Novena: February 27, 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 or call 469.7317. Date: April 4-6.

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 22nd and March 1st. For locations check the bulletin board or www.stloustap.org.

“THIS BLESSED MESS”-Living the Christian Mystery will explore the truth that scripture reveals over and over: creation come out of chaos, resurrection happens after crucifixion, treasures are hidden in the imperfections of life. Weekend retreat at Our Lady of the Snows, Friday, March 7, 7:00-9:00 p.m. & Saturday, March 8, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. For cost and info, call 618-397-6700 ext. 6440.

MEN'S RETREATS-Someone you know could use a retreat? Call White House Jesuit Retreat 416-6400. Retreat Thursday: February, 27.

PROGRAMS FOR MOTHERS & DAUGHTERS-

10 to 12 year old program-March 2, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

13 to 17 year olds-March 30, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Mercy Hospital-621 S. Ballas Rd. (Park in garage)
Cost is \$45. Contact Sue 314-991-0327. The programs emphasize respect, understanding and appreciation for God's gift of sexuality, as well as age-appropriate information on the function of the female reproductive system. Registered nurses, a physician and teens on a panel for questions and answers—all in an atmosphere of love to discuss fertility and to promote communication.

ST. LOUIS REVIEW-You probably already receive the weekly Catholic paper. The parish pays for you to get it. Please turn in your subscription envelope with \$30. The paper is a good deal at that price.

These are our own!

Cardinal Ritter Prep HIGH SCHOOL
St. Louis Cath. Academy GRADE SCHOOL

St. Charles LWANGA CENTER

Please Support Them.

Birthdays In February

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

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