

**“THE LORD, YOUR GOD, SHALL YOU
WORSHIP AND HIM ALONE SHALL YOU SERVE.”**



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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*

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
March 10 through March 16, 2014

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
 Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10;
 Mt 17:1-9

Liturgical Roles

March 9

March 16

COMMENTATORS

Anita Reed Richard Stephenson

PROCLAIMERS

Venus Spain-Walker Charles Ulmer
 Richard Stephenson Carole Jackson

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Marchia Thomas Diane Trice
 Alice O’Bryant Irma Stallings
 Cheryl Dunn Derrick Ross
 Sam Dunn Ophelia Wilson
 Jerry Hall William McHugh

SERVERS

Jerry Hall Kayla Moore
 Taylor Baker

USHERS

William McHugh Anita Reed
 Barbara Parker Eunice Atkinson
 Carla Moore

Your Gifts to God and Parish

General & Loose Collection		\$422.00
Flowers		5.00
Black-Indian		5.00
First Offering		3.00
Total		\$435.00

A QUICK LOOK AT THE MONTH OF JANUARY
 Total Expenses = \$13,410 Total Income = \$5,653
We went into the hole by -\$7,757
THANKS FOR SUPPORTING OUR FISH FRY.
THE NEXT FUND RAISING MEETING IS MAR. 23

PLEASE MAKE UP YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS
When the weather or illness
makes it impossible for you to come to church,
please don’t forget to still make your offering.

FR. JOHN’S COMMENTS

“Do You Want Freedom?”

A teen-age boy told his parents he was going to run away from home. “Listen,” he said, “I’m leaving home. There is nothing you can do to stop me. I want excitement, adventure, beautiful women, money, and fun. I’ll never find it here, so I’m leaving. Just don’t try to stop me!” As he headed for the door, his father leaped up and ran toward him. “Dad,” the boy said firmly, “you heard what I said. Don’t try to stop me!”

“Who’s trying to stop you?” answered the father, “I’m going with you!”

Barbara Brokhoff tells that joke in “Bitter-sweet Recollections” and she also observes: *Airplane companies claim to set us free, and medical companies say the same. There are deodorant companies which promise to set us free from the worry of underarm wetness and odor; toothpaste declares we can be set free from dull teeth. Then we are promised freedom from pain by Tylenol, Excedrin, Bayer, and others. Other products play on our desperation for freedom by telling us we can be free from “ring-around-the-collar,” and Lysol sets us free from germs.*

My own observation is that we Americans, more than the people of any other country in the world, tend to expect the best, the biggest, the easiest, the most convenient, the most pleasurable and the safest. We want it all without danger or pain or discomfort. How crazy is that?!

Brokhoff further observes: *We want freedom to sleep at night with a clear conscience, freedom from fear of death, and above all, freedom from the terrors of the judgment day.* I believe she might be right. But, the freedom we all really seek is rooted in our need to belong. We are terrified of being abandoned or rejected or being left behind. What could free us from that fear? What could free us from the separation that looms over us because of our sinfulness and our certain death?

The temptation is to escape. Like the teenager who wants to run away, like the father who wants to go with him, we think we can run away or move out of the neighborhood and all the fears will go away. However, our escapes all fail to free us. Drugs and alcohol, sexual fantasies, sports, hobbies, entertainment, work and all our other painkillers can only put off the fear for a little while. And, more than likely, they even create additional fears.

Let’s use this Lenten period to pray and practice mortification in order to get in touch with the only thing that can save. Only the amazing grace (gift) of God’s forgiveness can free us from sin and death and all that threatens to separate us.

Love, Fr. John

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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 & James Aldridge.

Stewardship *"It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." Matthew 4:10*
Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from power and riches and put God at the center of our lives.

Parish News

BE GENEROUS TO THE VINCENT DE PAUL-

The demands for help are very great right now.

NEXT SUNDAY—MARCH 16th—We will have our Black History program and a Friends and Family Day celebration. Be sure to come and stay.

LENTEN RICE BOWL COLLECTION-

Throughout Lent, we have an opportunity to bring forward our contributions after Communion. Take a Rice Bowl home to remind you to save your contributions. Money is to help poor people around the world.

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION MARCH 23rd

—Make this Sacrament at Mass a key for your Lent.

Parish Council

We are looking for **NEW MEMBERS!**

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

Fr. John	Carmeale Hall
Carole Johnson	Richard Stephenson
Sylvester Raymond	Lillian Payne
Ophelia Wilson	Derrick Ross
Sherri Heiken	Sr. Pat Hottinger

These are our own!

Cardinal Ritter Prep HIGH SCHOOL
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St. Charles LWANGA CENTER
Please Support Them.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

All Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence from meat (from the age of 14 on). *Good Friday (April 18)* is also a day of Fast for Catholics over the age of 18 and up to the age of 59. "Fast" means only one full meal that day (two other small meatless snacks are allowed). Catholics will not lightly excuse themselves from these obligations but, if there is a serious health problem, the obligations would not apply.

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.

PROGRAMS FOR MOTHERS & DAUGHTERS-

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.

CURSILLO WEEKENDS—Learn to share your faith with others to support you.

WOMEN—March 13-16

MEN—April 3-6 [See Fr. John for applications]

CATHOLIC DANCE—Saturday, March 22, 2014 at Concord Hall, 10140 Concord School Road, St. Louis, MO 63128; doors open at 7 p.m., music 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Cost of \$10 includes snacks and prizes; cash bar. Music: DJ: Juke Box Productions. Call Carol at 775-1253.

FREE HELP FOR "CIRCUIT BREAKER" CREDIT

—To schedule your appointment, call the St. Louis Area Agency on Aging at 314-612-5918.

LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION—At the Cathedral Basilica on Lindell, Saturday, March 22, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The event is FREE, but you are requested to register in advance for lunch. Contact Laura Voegelie at 314-373-8208.

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: March 10-14, 8:15 a.m. In Chapel
Choir Rehearsal: March 10, 6:30 p.m. In Rectory
St. Ann Novena: March 13, 8:15 a.m., Mass in Chapel.

Birthdays In March

Kathleen Carter	March 1
Patricia Fleming	March 2
June Stephenson	March 3
Claude Bell	March 4
Billy Ross	March 5
Queen Jones	March 7
Sylvester Raymond	March 11
Carmeale Hall	March 14
Sr. Pat Hottinger	March 20
Donald Logan	March 20

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