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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 17 through March 23, 2014

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;
 Mt 23:1-12
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;
 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;
 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;
 Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

Liturgical Roles

March 16 *March 23*

COMMENTATORS

Richard Stephenson Diane Trice

PROCLAIMERS

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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Diane Trice Charlean Armstead
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 Carla Moore

FR. JOHN’S COMMENTS

“By Nature, Are You Godly?”

A little girl was asked to write an essay on “birth.” She went home and asked her mother how she had been born. Her mother, who was busy at the time, said “the stork brought you darling, and left you on the doorstep.”

Continuing her research she asked her dad how he’d been born. Being in the middle of something, her father similarly deflected the question by saying, “I was found at the bottom of the garden. The fairies brought me.”

Then the girl went and asked her grandmother how she had arrived. “I was picked from a gooseberry bush,” said gram.

With this information the girl wrote her essay. When the teacher asked her later to read it in front of the class, she stood up and began, “There has not been a natural birth in our family for three generations...” [by Rev. Richard J. Fairchild].

For many people, being born into the life of God is a magical, unnatural thing. In actual fact, I submit that being a child of God is the most natural thing of all. The problem is that we don’t know it. Even when we are told, we find it hard to believe. So, we use sacraments and rituals to slowly lead us to the truth of our divine origin.

Baptism tells me that I am a child of God. Confirmation tells me that I am not just a baby child who is helpless and passive, but I am an adult child who is called to do the godly work of restoring this world and humanity to God’s image.

God’s image is what has been shattered by our sinful way of life--living as though we were separated. To live godly lives, we must learn to love in a healthy/honest way. The core of our faith has got to be the fact that we are by nature the precious children of God who belong together simply because God made us that way.

Jesus was transfigured in order to show us his true nature as the beloved son of God. Although we are not divine persons as Jesus is, we most certainly share in the divine life of God. We are bone of the same bone, flesh of the same flesh, blood of the same blood and spirit of the same spirit.

This Lent is a time to let the beauty of God shine in our lives. Be transfigured and know that our true nature is to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect. All we have to do is, let go and be truly natural. After all, what baby was ever born that did not want to love and be loved?

Love, Fr. John

Your Gifts to God and Parish

General & Loose Collection		\$1,152.50
Shrine		10.00
Black-Indian		5.00
Flowers		20.00
Use office & Bldg.		40.00
Fish Fry		376.00
Sick & Shut-ins		15.00
Total		\$1618.50

SECOND 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 "Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." Genesis 12:1
God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land, a better place than the rat race we often live in now.

Parish News

BE GENEROUS TO THE VINCENT DE PAUL-

The demands for help are very great right now.

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

This Sacrament at Mass can be a key for your Lent.

TODAY—MARCH 16th-Join our Black History program and Friends and Family Day celebration.

Stay after Mass and enjoy the program & food.

WELCOME TO FR. TOM KROSNICKI-Fr. Tom

is here because Fr. John is at the Annual Volunteer Mass for the Criminal Justice Ministry.

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.

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.

Parish Council

We are looking for NEW MEMBERS!

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

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. You don't have to be alone.

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

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. Archbishop Carlson will lead the day. The event is FREE, but you are requested to register in advance for lunch. Call Laura Voegelie at 314-373-8208.

PASSION OF THE LORD-Performed live by the group *Adoramus* from St. Florian Church in Hamtramck, MI. March 22, 6:30 p.m. at St. Agatha Church, 3239 South 9th Street.

CATHOLICISM-SACRAMENT OF PENANCE-The Rigali Center in Shrewsbury, Wednesday, March

These are our own!

Cardinal Ritter Prep HIGH SCHOOL
St. Louis Cath. Academy GRADE SCHOOL
St. Charles LWANGA CENTER
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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
Carmelee Hall	March 14
Sr. Pat Hottinger	March 20
Donald Logan	March 20

Daily Mass: March 17-21, 8:15 a.m. In Chapel
Choir Rehearsal: March 17, 6:30 p.m. In Rectory
St. Ann Novena: March 20, 8:15 a.m., Mass in Chapel.
STATIONS OF THE CROSS: March 21, 5:30 p.m.

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