



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 31 through April 6, 2014

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;
 Jn 5:17-30
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;
 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
 Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
 Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Liturgical Roles

March 30

April 6

COMMENTATORS

Brenda Ulmer

Ophelia Wilson

PROCLAIMERS

Diane Trice

Diane Trice

Alice O’Bryant

Richard Stephenson

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Alice O’Bryant

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Ophelia Wilson

Venus Spain-Walker

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Irma Stallings

Diane Trice

William McHugh

Sylvester Raymond

SERVERS

Jerry Hall

TBA

Barbara Parker

USHERS

Tara Baker

Cheryl Dunn

Irma Stallings

Carla Moore

Your Gifts to God and Parish

General & Loose Collection		\$574.00
Utility & Stewardship		95.00
Black-Indian Mission		20.00
Flowers		10.00
Rice Bowl		36.00
Sick & Shut-ins		20.00
Total		\$755.00

A QUICK LOOK AT THE MONTH OF February

Total Expenses = \$13,737 Total Income = \$5,689

We went into the hole by - \$8,046

HELP TO RAISE MONEY THROUGH THE FISH FRY.

FR. JOHN’S COMMENTS

“How To Find The Courage To Confess?”

G. Edward Whetstone makes this observation in *Caught in the Acts* (CSS Publishing): *In the midst of our Lenten journey, God doesn't see us as everyone else sees us. People around us may see us as cool, successful, unattractive, popular, old, whatever. It doesn't matter at all how others may see us. God sees our hearts, sees us as we really are. Perhaps we wish we had him fooled, like those we've led to believe that we're less frightened, more confident, happier than we really are. Or perhaps we're deeply grateful that God sees through all the shallow, negative judgments which so many people have placed on us. Probably it's both.*

Jesus helped the Man Born Blind and he is helping all of us to finally see. If we eventually are able to see as God sees, we will realize that we are all precious children and that we all belong. That does not mean that we are pure and sinless. It means that under the sinful ugliness with which we have disfigured ourselves and others, there is the precious child that the Creator made. And, as we like to say: *“God don’t make junk.”*

Armed with the eyes of faith, we see clearly that we can never overcome the basic beauty under our ugliness; then we can have the courage to confess our sins. We can look at and admit our sinfulness. We know that our sins most certainly make us and others miserable, but they can never change our status as God’s precious children. We can own up to all the misery that we are guilty of inflicting on the Lord, on ourselves and on those around us.

As an example: I was sitting at the kitchen table thinking of how blessed I am and how far I have progressed in my journey with the Lord. Suddenly, words of truth came from deep within me that said, “Beware of John, Lord. He will betray you.” At that moment, I was overwhelmed with God’s love.

It’s true. I have betrayed God so often and I am sure to betray him again...often! No matter how far I have come, I must admit to my weakness, my sinfulness, my ugliness. I would not be able to confess this truth except for my faith in the goodness of God and for the clarity of God’s sight in seeing me as his precious child.

Have the courage to confess your own ugliness. Last Sunday we all had the opportunity to experience the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) at Mass and many came to the Sacrament. For a lot of us, when we receive the Sacrament, God’s love can be overwhelming.

Love, Fr. John

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Pray for those unable to attend.

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 "Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talents and treasure here on earth.

Parish News

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.

PARISH FISH FRY-This Friday (April 4), 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Hall. **FLYERS IN BACK OF CHURCH.**

Profits are for our Church. **SPREAD THE WORD!!**

WELCOME TO FR. TOM KROSNICKI-Fr. Tom will be with us NEXT SUNDAY because Fr. John will be working on a **Marriage Encounter**. Why don't you join Fr. John and the team couples? It is a very private weekend; but the team can help you and your spouse DISCOVER each other in joyful intimacy.

Who wouldn't want a better and more exciting marriage even though it is already good?

LWANGA CENTER AWARDS DINNER

TODAY, March 30, 2014

Renaissance St. Louis AirPort Hotel

Our parish honorees this year are

Ms. Irma Stallings & Kayla Moore

Fr. John might still have one FREE ticket.

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 all Catholics over the age of 18 and up to the age of 59. "Fast" means only one full meal (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.

ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATRE-At The Fabulous Fox, Friday April 25 at 8:00 p.m. Contact Barbara Jackson/St. Mathews Parish if you are interested in going as a group. Tickets are \$35 deadline to purchase tickets is April 11th. Contact for more: 322-2363 or go to [jacksonb@ritenour.k12.mo.us].

SEE TEST & TREAT-Free Breast Cancer Screening, Pap Test, Mammogram, cholesterol, Hpv test for women, ages 21-65 who are uninsured or underinsured. April 12, 8 a.m. -12 p.m. at the Center for Advance Medicine 4921 Parkview Place (Central West End) Free hospital parking. Pre-register Call 800-600-3606 or 747-7222.

AFRICAN FILM FESTIVAL-Sunday, March 30. Washington University in St. Louis, Brown Hall, 7:00

p.m. free admission. More information, 935-7879 or wupa.wustl.edu/africanfilm.

EXCITING YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE-At St. Charles Convention Center, May 30-June 1. Sign up now at www.encounterstl.com or call 792-7008.

90TH. BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION-For Sr. Mary Antona Ebo, April 12, Mass celebrated 4:00 p.m. at St Alphonsus Rock Church. Reception will follow the Mass. Please RSVP by April 1 to Roberta George 533-0304.

MEN! SIGN UP TODAY FOR THE CURSILLO-See Fr. John or Charles Ulmer. It starts April 3rd.

Please Support These Services.

Cardinal Ritter Prep HIGH SCHOOL

St. Louis Cath. Academy GRADE SCHOOL

St. Charles LWANGA CENTER

They are our own!

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

Daily Mass: March 31-April 4 8:15 a.m. in the Chapel.
Choir Rehearsal: March 31, 6:30 p.m. in Rectory.
St. Ann Novena: April 3, 8:15 a.m., Mass in Chapel.
Stations of Cross: April 4, 5:30 p.m. in the Church.

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