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OUT OF THE DEPTHS I CRY TO YOU, O LORD; LORD HEAR MY VOICE.

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*

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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

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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
April 7 through April 13, 2014

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];
 Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56;
 Jn 8:31-42
 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
 Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession);
 Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;
 Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

Liturgical Roles

April 6

April 13

COMMENTATORS

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Your Gifts to God and Parish

General & Loose Collection		\$1176.35
Utility & Stewardship		30.00
Rice Bowl		61.00
St. Louis Review		30.00
Regina Cleri		8.00
Flowers		5.00
Total		\$1,310.35

A QUICK LOOK AT THE MONTH OF February

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

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

We received an anonymous gift of \$15,000 this week!!!!

FR. JOHN’S COMMENTS

“Can You Enjoy The Divine Topsy-Turvy?”

Fred Anderson said in *“A Problem You Cannot Solve”*:
When I was a child I used to love walking into Miss Hammond’s 4th grade classroom to discover the shades drawn and a 16 mm projector set up facing the pull-down screen. This was more than the joy of knowing I wouldn’t be asked to answer questions, read aloud, or work out problems on the black-board. For when there was time following the movie, rather than rewind the film, Miss Hammond would show the picture in reverse. We laughed hysterically at the antics produced on the screen: things which had disintegrated suddenly were reconstituted, buildings shaken to pieces by earthquakes took previous shape before our eyes and people who had been knocked to the ground suddenly sprang back to life.

If you have ever had the opportunity to see a film played backwards, you know exactly the kind of hilarity that Anderson describes. You know the delight of seeing things reversed in fast motion. You know the astonishing effect it has to experience the opportunity to have a “do-over.”

When Jesus calls his friend Lazarus from the grave, I get my “kick” from something other than the silly notion that somehow Jesus wants to save us from the grave. I don’t mean to say that it is silly for any of us to mourn for a while the missing loved ones in our lives. It is normal to miss seeing and hearing and touching those special people. But I do think it is silly for us, people of faith, to fear the grave and to try to avoid it for ourselves and for our beloved.

So, the fact that Jesus calls his friend from the grave is not to save him from that wonderful transformation to the eternal life. If that had been his intention, then the Lord was a miserable failure. After all, Lazarus did eventually go to the grave; Jesus went to the grave; and we all are supposed to go to the grave.

The story of Lazarus coming out of the grave tickles me precisely because it exposes the foolishness of all of us who still fear the grave and see it as an empty void or as a loss. Humor, I think, almost always will turn our assumptions upside-down. That is why we laugh. We thought the story was heading in one direction, but we are totally surprised by the unexpected. It is like watching the film being run backwards. Everything is turned topsy-turvy.

Pray that we, the people of faith, will learn to see the humor in the reversal of all that this culture of ours considers to be important. Pray that we will learn to delight in the knowledge that weakness can be strength, that power can be weakness, that the lively can be dead and that death can be life everlasting.

Love, Fr. John

FIFTH 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, Ruby Fortson & James Aldridge. **Sr. Ann Catherine Shaw just died a week ago.**

Stewardship *"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (material wealth)." Matthew 6:24*

Do you have other "gods" in your life (job, money, power, ego, possessions)? Do you put them before the Lord? A stewardship lifestyle means putting God first, in all things! It means living stewardship 7 days a weeks, 24 hours a day and not just the time that I go to Church or participate in my parish ministry. It means re-prioritizing and putting God first .

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. **WORSHIP MEETING**-Monday, April 7, at 5:00 p.m. in Rectory. Come join us.

WELCOME TO FR. TOM KROSNICKI-Fr. Tom is with us THIS SUNDAY because Fr. John is working on a Marriage Encounter.

SPECIAL MEETING THIS TUESDAY-The Parish Council and others will meet from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Rectory. We need your prayers and your input. Lots of things need to happen before the Assembly on May 4.

PARISH ASSEMBLY ON MAY 4th-Everyone plan to stay after Mass that day for an Assembly of the Parish. Focus on our needs after Fr. John retires in June.

Birthdays In April

Adrian Peebles	April 1
Howard Walker	April 11
Evelyn Jackson	April 14
Richard Stephenson	April 14
David O'Bryant	April 15
Dolores Alexander	April 18
Diane Trice	April 19
Sr. Joan Holden	April 22
Kendall Wraggs	April 23
Beverly Holloman	April 24
Jerry Hall	April 25
Morgan Jones	April 27
Tonda Jones	April 29
Roderick Alexander	April 30
Pauline Hudson	April 30

ADVERTISE ON THE BACK OF OUR BULLETIN-

Call Ken Perkins for prices. (314-229-2028)

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.

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

Please Support These.

Cardinal Ritter Prep HIGH SCHOOL
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St. Charles LWANGA CENTER

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday (April 13)- Join other faith communities in our Hall for palm blessing at 9:30 a.m.

Chrism Mass at the Cathedral (April 17)-Holy Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m.

Holy Thursday (April 17)-Gather at St. Matthew at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday (April 18)-Gather at Visitation/St. Ann at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil (Saturday)-Gather in our Hall to begin the readings at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Morning-Mass in church at 9:30 a.m.

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND!

BRING A FRIEND.

IF YOU NEED A RIDE, CALL 535-8804.

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.

Daily Mass: April 7-11 8:15 a.m. In Chapel

Choir Rehearsal: April 7, 6:30 p.m. In Rectory

St. Ann Novena: April 10, 8:15 a.m., Mass in Chapel.

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