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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
April 21 through April 27 2014

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
 Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9;
 Jn 20:19-31

Liturgical Roles

April 20

April 27

COMMENTATORS

Alice O’Bryant

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Tara Baker

Your Gifts to God and Parish

General & Loose Collection		\$985.40
Utility & Stewardship		5.00
Rice Bowl		7.00
Use Office & Bldg.		40.00
St. Louis Review Sub.		30.00
Flowers		14.00
Shrine		10.00
Total		\$1,091.40

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 recently received an anonymous gift of \$15,000!!!!

FR. JOHN’S COMMENTS

“A Child Is Born...In A Graveyard?”

There was a quick-witted preacher who made the mistake of wishing people a Merry Christmas on Easter Sunday. He made a fast recovery by saying: “Don’t laugh. I won’t see a lot of you again until Christmas.” Well, I want to quote a story that is usually used at Christmas; but I think it is also appropriate for Easter.

“A Child Is Born!” There is an optimistic ring to that powerful proclamation--even under the worst of circumstances. I have been told that in Europe during World War II families sought refuge from shelling in unfilled open graves in cemeteries. In these graves, women gave birth. As awful as life seemed at the time, when word was passed around the graveyards that "a child is born!" hope was mended for a moment in the hearts of those who heard.—[Robert Fulghum’s “From Beginning to End” (New York: Ivy Books).]

On this Easter, that proclamation can be made in every graveyard of the world--“A child is born!” Yes, whether one goes to the grave as an infant or as a 105 year-old woman, each is a child of God being born into the abundant life of God. Each is finally getting the fullness of life that God has always planned for that person from the very beginning.

What do you think that is like? When you inherit the abundant life of God, do you think you “move out of the neighborhood” to go someplace else? If that is what you believe, I have no idea what the resurrection and the abundant life of heaven is like. But, if all of the universe (including everything here on earth) belongs to God and if we take possession of it together with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit persons when we go to the grave, then it is pretty easy for me to imagine what it is like.

At the moment, we only share a little bit of God’s life in this form. Right now, I can turn a blind eye to suffering. Right now, I can run away using all the escapes that are available to a dumb little creature like me. Then, I will not be able to run away. Then I will know as God knows exactly how much of the pain I am responsible for because of what I have done and because of what I have failed to do. Of course, then I will also know as God knows exactly how much of the joy and life on this earth I am responsible for because of what I have done and what I have refrained from doing.

This Easter, because Christ is risen from the grave, my hope is that all of us children of God, as we go to our grave, will evoke the joyful shout, “A child is born!” Even those of us who may suffer regrets as a consequence of the way we have lived before the grave, can hope that our new life will finally lead us to the bosom of God and the joyful fullness of life.

Love, Fr. John

EASTER SUNDAY

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.

Stewardship "Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." Colossians 3:2

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become your god.

Parish News

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.

HURRAH FOR BLAIR STEPHENSON!!!!-She has accepted a full scholarship to play basketball at SIU-Carbondale, a NCAA Division 1 program. Blair will begin her studies this summer.

RICE BOWL COLLECTION-Thanks to all who participated during Lent. If you still have money at home for the Rice Bowl, please bring it next week or come to the rectory. The money goes to help poor people around the world.

THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED-Our celebration has been wonderful because of all you who decorated and sang and read and were here to pray together. THANKS YOU!

FLEA MARKET-Our Parish is sponsoring a flea market here on May 17. See Karla Anderson to donate or to purchase a table to sell your own items. Watch for more information. Call the rectory 535-8804.

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 Johnson	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)

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

IN NEED OF DENTAL CARE?-Chaifetz Arena, #1 S. Compton Ave., Friday & Saturday (May 2-3). Clinic doors open at 5:30 a.m. ARRIVE EARLY! The clinic is **first come, first serve** until the capacity is reached. Expect a long day. You can read more at the web site: www.momom.org and your questions can be answered.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN-Victims of sexual abuse, in addition to contacting civil authorities, are asked to come forward in order to receive pastoral assistance. Reports of abuse can be made to any pastor or to Deacon Pil Hengen at 314-792-7704.

JAZZ BRUNCH-Sunday April 27, Cardinal Ritter College Prep High School, 1:00-3:00 p.m., tickets \$25. Sponsored by Nia Kuumba Spirituality Center. Menu: Chicken, waffles and more. Performance by Keith Johnson Trio (featuring Suzanne Palmer). More information or tickets, contact Sr. Marian 771-2074.

EASTER TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND- Is someone you love unable to get to church? TV Mass on Easter and every Sunday gives spiritual comfort to the homebound. Tune in at 8:30 a.m. on WRBU channel 46. For cable/satellite listings, or to view the Mass online, visit www.MySundayMass.org. (TV or online liturgy does not meet the Sunday Mass obligation if you can get to church.)

TWENTY & THIRTY-SOMETHINGS-Looking to volunteer? The St. Vincent DePaul has numerous opportunities for young adults including Home visitation to the needy via 143 parish chapters to provide material assistance and a listening ear, and clerical work. Contact Bryan Kirchoff @640-4366.

EASTER SUNDAY COLLECTION TODAY IS FOR RETIRED PRIESTS.

**Please Support These
They are our own!**

**Cardinal Ritter Prep HIGH SCHOOL
St. Louis Cath. Academy GRADE SCHOOL
St. Charles LWANGA CENTER**

Daily Mass: April 21-25, 8:15 a.m. in the Chapel.
Choir Rehearsal: April 21, 6:30 p.m. in Rectory.
St. Ann Novena: April 24, 8:15 a.m., Mass in Chapel.

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