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"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed"

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 28 through May 4, 2014

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36,
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
 Saturday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
 Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;
 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Liturgical Roles

April 27

May 4

COMMENTATORS

Sherry Hieken

TBA

PROCLAIMERS

Venus Spain-Walker

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Alice O’Bryant

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Marchia Thomas

Jerry Hall

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Diane Trice

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Cheryl Dunn

Tara Baker

Carla Moore

Your Gifts to God and Parish

General & Loose Collection		\$1,062.00
Utility & Stewardship		120.00
Regina Cleri		50.00
Use Offices & Bldg.		200.00
Rental Hall		200.00
Other		765.20
Novena		101.00
Total		\$2,498.20

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

What Does Our Church Have To Offer?

I, Fr. John, will be retiring in just a few short weeks. I’ll have more to say about my retirement later. But I first want to ask the question: What does our church have to offer—with or without Fr. John?

At Visitation/St. Ann’s Shrine, we have a very small congregation which makes it easy for us to know and help one another, we have a beautiful little church and we have a storied shrine and devotion to St. Ann, the grandmother of Jesus. We even have “ample parking” available. But, we are not growing in numbers very fast. You might say that we are dying off faster than we are adding members.

Many reasons could be given to explain the fact that we are not growing rapidly. Really, one could say that it is unrealistic to expect anything more. However, there is a tiny gnawing inside of me that suggests that we are not blessed with more numbers because we do not more strongly recognize the **physical** risen Christ within us.

We live in a world that longs to have it all. Our society thinks that money, sex, security, comfort, convenience, leisure and freedom from commitment will deliver the promise of happiness and joy. In actual fact, I believe that all we really need is, like Thomas, to **physically** touch and be touch by the risen Lord. We need to **physically** see, hear and be touch in a way that says that we belong now and that nothing can ever separate us.

We Roman Catholics give witness to that basic belief by at least showing up for Sunday Mass. However, a number of us do not show up, I’m afraid. I’m not talking about ice and snow keeping us away. I’m not talking about serious illness. But I am talking about excusing ourselves because of tiredness, work schedules and inconveniences. The risen Christ for us Catholic is not just spiritual. The risen Christ for Catholics is physical--it is a body and blood kind of presence. Can we not at least offer our physical union? Can we not demonstrate by our physical presence that nothing can separate us?

With my departure from the pastoral ministry here, I think it become all the more essential that everyone show up. It is all the more essential that parishioners are able to trust one another to be here. I am convinced that if we continue to stick together and if we continue to use our limited resources wisely, we have plenty to offer the new people who will come here to experience the Good News of God’s love and forgiveness.

Love, Fr. John

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Pray for those unable to attend today.

Homebound: Charles Robinson, Claude Bell, Anna Holloman & Clint Harris **In Nursing Homes/Hospital:** Dorafrancesces Robinson, Myrtle Evans, Mary Minter Charlotte Logan, Sondra Reese, Ruby Fortson & James Aldridge.

Stewardship "Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" John 20:19

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, a new neighbor, a new work colleague, a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? Many of us can probably do a much better job at this. When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. A simple "hello" and a smile goes a long way.

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.

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.

THE RICE BOWL-Thanks for your help. Turn in any money that you still want to give.

THANKS FOR THE CELEBRATIONS-So many people made it possible to have wonderful celebrations in Holy Week. Thanks to all who cleaned, decorated, sang, proclaimed and participated.

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

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-TODAY 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.

TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND-Is someone you love unable to get to church? TV Mass 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.

WHERE WILL FR. JOHN LIVE?

Fr. John will retire to work **full time** at using the Blessed Trinity to explain the Good News of Jesus. But, he needs to live somewhere to do his work. He decided to accept an offer to stay in the neighborhood at St. Elizabeth's—not to work there, but to make that his home base.

**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 28-30, May 1-2, 8:15 a.m. in Chapel.
Choir Rehearsal: April 28, 6:30 p.m. in Rectory.
St. Ann Novena: May 1, 8:15 a.m., Mass in Chapel.

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