



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
May 12 through May 18, 2013**

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4;
Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27;
Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;
1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

Liturgical Roles

May 11

May 18

COMMENTATORS

Anita Reed Richard Stephenson

PROCLAIMERS

Ophelia Wilson Richard Stephenson
Diane Trice Charles Ulmer

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Barbara Parker Cheryl Dunn
John Fleming Sam Dunn
Diane Trice Alice O’Bryant
Sr. Pat Hottinger Venus Spain-Walker
Sylvester Raymond John Fleming

SERVERS

Jerry Hall Taylor Baker
Kayla Moore

USHERS

Anita Reed Irma Stallings
Eunice Atkinson Barbara Peebles

Your Gifts to God and Parish

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| General & Loose Collection | | \$1,380.00 |
| Utility & Stewardship | | 30.00 |
| Shrine | | 10.00 |
| Candles | | 6.00 |
| June 1st. Celebration | | 30.00 |
| Total | | \$1,456.00 |

A QUICK LOOK AT THE MONTH OF MARCH
Total Expenses = \$14,856 Total Income = \$20,819
We came out ahead by \$5,963
But ONLY because we received
an anonymous gift of \$15,000!!!!

FR. JOHN’S COMMENTS

“Is Christianity Comfortable?”

This is what John Stuart said about “Comfortable Christianity”: *I saw a billboard promoting a new church recently. It had a picture of a sofa on it. It boldly proclaims that this new church is a real, comfortable church. Comfortable? There’s nothing comfortable about the Gospel or Christianity! The teachings of Jesus Christ are the most meddlesome, confrontational, in your face religious teachings that the world has ever known! If church becomes comfortable, then we have allowed spiritual thieves and congregational robbers to come into our midst.*

I wonder how comfortable Jesus was when He was dying in agony on the Cross. I wonder how comfortable the first Christians were when they were plunged into boiling oil or ripped apart by wild beasts in the Coliseum. I wonder how comfortable Christian missionaries were when they were attacked and beaten, tortured and killed no matter where they took the Gospel.

Stuart is correct, I believe, when he reminds us that being a follower of Christ is anything but comfortable. Of course, being a soldier, being a fire fighter, a policeman, a mother, a father, a teacher or any number of noble callings will not make you comfortable. Even jobs such as professional athletes and entertainers usually require a great deal of discomfort in order to be successful.

I submit, however, that being a follower of Christ carries with it an even greater discomfort. The most uncomfortable part of following Christ is that we may not strike back, we may not run away, we may not manipulate and control, we may not set time limits, we may not demonize the enemy, we may not take pain-killers, we may not whine and beg and complain and feel sorry for ourselves.

I remember a meeting of some very dedicated people and one of the women began to cry and complain that despite all of her efforts, no one seemed to be responding. I reminded her to look at Jesus. Even with all of his suffering and love and dedication for folks these past 2000 years, he still is being ignored by many. And that is the way it is when you are a follower of Christ.

The second beatitude says: “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.” To mourn is to suffer the discomfort of being in one place and wanting to be in another. It is the discomfort of the spouse or the kids or the church or the world being in one place and wanting them to be in another. We will be comforted but, for now, we must suffer. We are not and we cannot be in control. Not being in control is what makes it so painful. Not being in control is what demands so much faith.

Love, Fr. John

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Pray for those unable to attend today.

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

Stewardship "And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ...'"

Acts 2:38

The word "repent" means to turn from sin, to change our actions. When it comes to change, do we take responsibility for change or do we think that others have to change instead?

Change that is permanent comes from within, we must take control and be disciplined. Remember though that we are not alone, Jesus is there to help lighten the load.

Parish News

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

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION JUNE 1st-Look for fliers in the back of church. Be sure to come to the Mass at 9:30 a.m., followed by a nice luncheon and a short program. Also, you are invited to make a contribution to the parish to help pay for Fr. John's retirement luncheon.

THE MONTH OF MAY IS MARY'S TIME- Pray the rosary in the Shrine area after Mass. Look to Mary as an example of how we should be living as people of Faith. Surrender and trust the way Mary did. Always remember, we are giving flesh to Jesus in his Second Coming here, just as Mary gave him flesh in his First Coming in Bethlehem.

Birthdays In May

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| Michael Ulmer | May 10 |
| Barbara Peebles | May 12 |
| Ophelia Wilson | May 21 |
| Robert Anderson | May 22 |
| Charles Ulmer | May 28 |
| Tara Baker | May 30 |

PARISH ASSEMBLY

LAST SUNDAY we were strongly urged to step up and sign up to help keep the parish going smoothly. There are sign up sheets in the back of church. Please help.

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

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.

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. (If you can get to church, TV or online liturgy does not meet the Sunday Mass obligation.)

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER-As you make plans for summer vacations, help your marriage stay refreshed and full of energy at a Marriage Encounter. For more information on upcoming weekends (August 8-10 or September 26-28 or October 24-26), call 469-7317 or apply on line at www.stl-wwme.org.

These are our own!

Cardinal Ritter Prep HIGH SCHOOL
St. Louis Cath. Academy GRADE SCHOOL
St. Charles LWANGA CENTER
Please Support Them.

THE ACA CAMPAIGN

Cosy Wright and Eunice Atkinson will be here after Mass to take pledges for the **Annual Catholic Appeal**. Our school, St. Louis Catholic Academy, receives substantial assistance each year. Our parish has been a leader in the whole Archdiocese in the past. Let's do it again! Spread your gift out over the next 10 months and you can give more. In any case give something, at least.

MOTHERS DAY GREETINGS



To the Ladies from all of us on the staff:

On Mother's Day and always, wishing you the true happiness and inner peace that can only come from God's wonderful presence in you life.

Daily Mass: May 12-16, 8:15 a.m. in the Chapel.
Choir Rehearsal: May 12, 6:30 p.m. in Rectory.
St. Ann Novena: May 15, 8:15 a.m., Mass in Chapel.

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