



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 19 through May 25, 2013

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
 Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a

Liturgical Roles

May 18

May 25

COMMENTATORS

Richard Stephenson Diane Trice

PROCLAIMERS

Richard Stephenson Venus Spain-Walker
 Charles Ulmer Sr. Pat Hottinger

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Cheryl Dunn Diane Trice
 Sam Dunn Derrick Ross
 Alice O’Bryant Ophelia Wilson
 Venus Spain-Walker Jerry Hall
 John Fleming Charlean Armstead

SERVERS

Taylor Baker Venus Spain Walker
 Kayla Moore

USHERS

Irma Stallings Tara Baker
 Barbara Peebles Larenze Williams

Your Gifts to God and Parish		
General & Loose Collection		\$1,405.87
Utility & Stewardship		30.00
Use Office & Bldg.		50.00
June 1st. Celebration		349.00
Sick & Shutins		9.00
Total		\$1,843.87

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

“What Is Holy Orders?”

During World War II, the English government knew that Hitler was planning to invade the British Islands. They encouraged their people to prepare for the invasion and they did several things: they boasted their defenses, they put guards on constant watch, and they developed early warning systems and evacuation routes.

They did one more thing - the government passed a law requiring every community to take down all the road signs and any sign that named any town or village. They knew the Germans had maps of England, but if they couldn't locate themselves on those maps, they would be slowed in their progress as they approached London. Without any sign or any point of reference, the troops would just wander aimlessly around.

That is exactly the way most people live their lives; they don't know where they are and they don't know how to get to where they need to go. So, husbands and wives will wander away from their marriages. Children will wander away from their parents. People will walk off cliffs of drugs, alcohol, or materialism. [“Collected Sermons,” James Merritt--Christian Globe Networks, Inc.]

To survive and prosper, people in the Church and in the world also need order and direction. The Sacrament of Holy Orders is designed to tell the Church that it is our job to inform and direct our whole society just as the deacons, priests and bishops inform and direct our church.

Notice, the sacrament of Holy Orders has three levels: First, some baptized men are ordained deacons when the hands of the bishop are imposed upon their heads. Then, some deacons have the bishop lay hands on them again to ordain them priests. Finally, some priests have hands imposed upon them a third time to make them bishops.

The ordained clergy in our church help to promote proper order by teaching, correcting, reconciling and by keeping us gathered together around Jesus in the Eucharist at Mass. Likewise, it is the job of all of us baptized to instruct, correct, reconcile and unify the rest of humanity. When the clergy fail to do their job, the church is weakened and prevented from doing well. In the same way, when the baptized fail to do our job in society, then the Kingdom of God suffers.

On the day of his resurrection, Jesus said to the disciples: *As the Father has sent me, I send you. If you forgive, they will be forgiven. If you hold them bound, they will remain bound.*

Pray that we all come to realize that we have been chosen and that the Lord is counting on us to bring order to this suffering world. To do that, of course, we church members need to count on the Lord working through his clergy in Holy Orders to bring proper direction and order among ourselves.

Love, Fr. John

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Pray for those unable to attend today.

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

Stewardship *"The very stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." 1 Peter 2:7*

Everyone is given unique gifts. Many people are able to recognize their talents and abilities, but there are many people who are unsure of their gifts. This may make them feel worthless. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Show them how they might use their skills.

Parish News

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 people of faith are the ones giving flesh to Jesus in his Second Coming all over the earth, just as Mary gave him flesh in his First Coming in Bethlehem.

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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING-TODAY after 9:30 a.m. Mass. Everyone is welcome.

CLINTON HARRIS HAS PASSED— Keep Clinton and his family & many friends in your prayers. Besides everything else, Clinton used to head up the ACA.

Birthdays In May

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 CALL

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.

MEMORIAL OF ST. CHARLES LWANGA— June 3, beginning with 6:30 p.m. Mass in St. Elizabeth MOJB Church. A reception and open house at the center will follow the Mass. If you plan to attend call 367-7929.

CONFERENCE IN NEW ORLEANS— June 11-15, 2014. Roundtrip transportation is only \$150. For reservations, call Sharon at 314-553-0304 ext. 1001 or Gwen at 314-280-7799. Learn how to promote and develop worship resources that are rooted in the Black experience and that are truly Catholic.

THE ACA CAMPAIGN

Cosietta 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. But, above all, give something to participate.

These are our own!

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

Daily Mass: May 19-23, 8:15 a.m. in the Chapel.
Choir Rehearsal: May 19, 6:30 p.m. in Rectory.
St. Ann Novena: May 22, 8:15 a.m., Mass in Chapel.

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