Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.   Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Masses: Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m.
          Saturday (Vigil):  5:30 p.m.*
          Sunday:  8:00 a.m., 9:45 a.m.*, 11:30 a.m.*, 5:30 p.m.   *Nursery available
Reconciliation: Saturday 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.; or appointment with a priest
Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesday after 9:00 a.m. Mass until 7:30 p.m.
St. Vincent de Paul Society: 281.578.3845
“It’s sad to see a Christian who wants to ‘follow Jesus and the things of this world,’” Pope Francis, stressing that a Christian is called to make a radical choice in life: “you can’t be ‘half’ Christian or have both heaven and earth.” In his homily Pope Francis reflects on Peter’s query to Jesus: what would he and the disciples get in return for following Him? The Pope notes that Jesus responds in an unexpected way: He does not speak of riches to his disciples, but promises instead the Kingdom of Heaven “but with persecution, with the cross: So when a Christian is attached to worldly things, he gives the bad impression of a Christian who wants to have two things: both heaven and earth. And the touchstone of comparison precisely, is what Jesus says: the cross, the persecutions. This is to deny oneself, to suffer the cross every day...The disciples had this temptation, to follow Jesus but then: how will this bargain end up?”

The Pope then refers to the reading from Mathew where James and John’s mother asks Jesus to secure a place at His side for her children: “‘Ah, make this one prime minister for me—this one, the minister of the economy,’ and she took the worldly interest in following Jesus.” But, Francis notes, “the heart of these disciples was cleansed through to Pentecost, when they understood everything. The gratuitousness of following Jesus is the answer to the gratuitousness of love and salvation that Jesus gives us. And when one wants to go and be with both Jesus and with the world, with both poverty and with riches, this is half-way Christianity that desires material gain. It is the spirit of worldliness.”

Echoing the words of the prophet Elijah, Pope Francis alludes to this kind of Christian as one “limping on two legs” because he does not know what he wants. So, the Pope affirms, “in order to understand this, we must remember that Jesus says ‘the first shall be last and the last shall be first,’ meaning the one who believes or who is the greatest must be the servant, the smallest one. Following Jesus from the human point of view is not a good deal: it’s serving. He did so, and if the Lord gives you the opportunity to be the first, you have to act like the last one, that is, in service. And if the Lord gives you the ability to have possessions, you have to act in service, that is, to others. There are three things, three steps that take us away from Jesus: wealth, vanity and pride. This is why they are so dangerous, the riches, because they immediately make you vain and you think you are important. And when you think you are important, you lose your head and you lose yourself.”

“What the Lord wants from us is to strip ourselves of worldly things,” the Pope stresses, “And it took Jesus a long time to get this message across to His disciples because they did not understand well. We too must ask Him to teach us this science of service, this science of humility, this science of being the last to serve our brothers and sisters in the Church.”
Events & Meetings This Week

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 21**
- Education Awareness after Morning Masses in Family Center
- **8:00 – 1:00 PM, Respect for Life Youth Subcommittee Bake Sale**
- **9:45 & 11:30 AM, Nursery: 0-5 years:**
- **6:30 PM, Senior Helper Meeting: Great Room**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 22**
- **1:00 PM, Rummikub: Outreach Center**
- **7:00 PM, Revelation, The Kingdom Yet to Come: Epiphany Rm.**
- **10:00 AM, Holy Hour Rosary for Respect Life: Chapel**
- **3:00 PM, Divine Mercy Chaplet: Chapel**
- **4:00 PM, Holy Hour Rosary for Vocations: Chapel**
- **7:00 PM, Scout Troop 1146: Rooms 204/205/206/207/212**
- **7:00 PM, Job Networking: Rec Room**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 23**
- **9:30 AM – 7:00 PM, Adoration: Chapel**
- **9:30 AM, Quilters: Room 411**
- **9:45 AM, Second Family: Outreach Center**
- **10:00 AM, Holy Hour Rosary for Respect Life: Chapel**
- **3:00 PM, Divine Mercy Chaplet: Chapel**
- **4:00 PM, Holy Hour Rosary for Vocations: Chapel**
- **7:00 PM, Scout Troop 1288: Rec Room, Rooms 301/303**
- **7:00 PM, Rosary: Chapel**
- **7:30 PM, Evening Prayer: Chapel**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24**
- **5:15 PM, Choir Rehearsal: Church**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 25**
- **6:30 PM, Spanish Bible Study: Upper Room**
- **7:00 PM, Respect Life Meeting: Outreach Conference Room**
- **7:00 PM, Pope Pius XII: Rooms 205/206**
- **7:00 PM, Line Dancing: Family Center**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 26**
- **7:30 PM, Bingo: Family Center**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 27**
- **5:30 PM, Nursery: 0-5 years**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 28**
- **9:45 & 11:30 AM, Nursery: 0-5 years:**

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**Baptisms**
Please contact parish office for preparation classes.

**Baptism Session for Parents**
2nd Saturday of February, May, August, November
10:00 AM – Noon
To register call
LouAnn Svoboda
(281-578-8271)

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**
For information call
LouAnn Svoboda
(281-578-8271)

**Sacrament of Marriage**
Must be a registered, active member of the parish at least six months. Contact parish office eight months before wedding to begin preparation.

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**Ladies Club**
Joan McManamy

**Forever Young**
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**Bulletin Deadline**
The deadline for article submission is Thursday at noon (ten days before publication). Your article can be sent to gerry@epiphanycatholic.org.

Check our website for Liturgical & Faith Formation Schedules.
epiphany@epiphanycatholic.org

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**Come work for the church!**
Epiphany of the Lord is looking for a part-time night-time receptionist for the front office and PAC building. Job would be approximately 10 hours a week. Hours would generally be from 4:00-9:00 p.m. some weeknights. Please send resume to Craig Shemon at: craig@epiphanycatholic.org
Liturgical Celebrations This Week

SPECIAL REMEMBRANCES

Saturday, August 20
5:30 PM
Vigil-21st Sunday in O.T.
Catherine Patenia

Sunday, August 21
8:00 AM
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
†Bill Webking
9:45 AM
For the people
Minda R. Saguillo
11:30 AM
†Thomas Colbert
5:30 PM
The Queenship of the BVM
†Dr. John Hart

Monday, August 22
9:00 AM
The Queenship of the BVM
†Dr. John Hart

Tuesday, August 23
9:00 AM
†Jeremiah J. Murphy

Wednesday, August 24
9:00 AM
†Raul Correa

Thursday, August 25
9:00 AM
†Miguel Escalona

Friday, August 26
9:00 AM
†Tina Wood

Saturday, August 27
5:30 PM
Vigil-22nd Sunday in O.T.
Lawrence Boringurt

Sunday, August 28
8:00 AM
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
†Rosemary Pozza
9:45 AM
For the people
Ava Elizabeth England
11:30 AM
†Benita Nunez-Ortiz
5:30 PM

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

Liturgy & Prayer

PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers this week as we wish them a return to good health:


Come and Serve the Lord!

Altar Server Information Night:
August 31st @ 6:30pm in Rec Room

- Open to those in 5th grade and older (received First Communion)
- Meet experienced servers
- Learn how you can be a part of our parish liturgies

Register online: epiphanycatholic.org/ministry-training-events
**News in the Parish**

**We welcome into our community:**


**FrostyFest**—A limited number of booths are still available for Epiphany’s annual Frostyfest Craft Show to be held Saturday, December 3. **All crafts must be hand made by the vendor.** An application and rules can be obtained at the church’s website. All proceeds from the show benefit Epiphany’s new school. For additional information, please contact the parish office at 281-578-0707.

**Marriage**

Attention – Married Catholic Couples Interested in Helping Engaged Couples Prepare for Sacramental Marriage

If you are currently a married couple in a valid sacramental Catholic marriage and you would like to share your life experiences with engaged couples who are themselves preparing for sacramental marriage, our parish needs your help and the Archdiocese has a training program this Fall for you. Deadline for registration is August 22. You may learn more by calling or emailing Deacon John Evanoff at john@epiphanycatholic.org or calling 832-772-0267.

**Respect Life Bulletin Board**

**The (RFL) Respect for Life Ministry** here at Epiphany is looking for more volunteers to help with activities and events to promote Life! Never before in our history has this issue had more significance. Our ministry has many activities planned this Fall. October is Respect for Life month and we will be sponsoring our parishes’ second Baby Shower October 8th. Also, the Nationwide Life Chain October 2nd and a Day of Prayer and Adoration, Thursday October 20th.

RFL has a very active subcommittee working with our parishes’ youth. They will be sponsoring our youth at the archdiocese supported MOTSY (March of the Surviving Youth) on October 8th and presenting Saint John Paul’s Theology of the Body to middle school students in the Fall and Spring. The RFL Ministry also brings in a speaker each spring to speak to our youth on the Catholic perspective of Sexuality issues. And every Tuesday at 10:00am, during Adoration, one of our members leads the Rosary for Life.

There are also other wonderful pro-life activities and organizations in Houston, like the Houston Coalition for Life that we could get involved in, we just need people to help organize our participation. If you feel this a ministry you can help with please join us at our next meeting Thursday August 25 in the Outreach Conference Room at 7:00 p.m. We have changed our monthly meeting day from Tuesdays to the 4th Thursdays hoping more people can get involved. So please join us! Let’s show our living faith through our actions!

**Bake Sale Reminder**

BAKE SALE!! The Respect for Life committee and the youth of our parish are sponsoring a bake sale after all morning Masses on this weekend. The proceeds will go to support the March of the Surviving Youth (MOTSY) to be held on October 8, 2016. To donate baked goods go to http://epiphanycatholic.org/highschool and click on the SignUpGenius link.
Our Stewardship

Stewardship – August 13/14

Sunday Offering          $69,914.44
Infirm Priests             $9,267.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society                          $4,071.00
Registered Households       6,601

“For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last.”     LUKE 13:30

Our standards in our society are so different from God’s standards. We often rate or rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards.

With our kids back to school our busy schedules resume. Faith Direct can make your life easier! Faith Direct is our parish on-line giving program. Just enroll and regular offerings to Epiphany automatically come out of your check book or bill straight to your credit card. It’s secure and easy! You can also use Faith Direct for capital campaign payments to support our new catholic school. Visit www.faithdirect.net or find their link on Epiphany catholic.org. Remember Epiphany’s parish code is: TX 613.

Faith Direct also has an App for your phone! It is available on the Apple App Store and Google Play for Android users. The Faith Direct App enables parishioners to access their account anytime, anywhere.

Thank you for you continued support of our parish family!

Community Life

The Epiphany Ladies Club would like to invite ALL women – new to the parish or not – to our Welcome Tea and first meeting of the 2016-17 year. Our meeting will be held Friday, September 9, at 9:30 AM in the Family Center.

The ELC offers entertaining monthly programs. We also have a number of sub-clubs for those interested including Knitting, Book Club, Couples Club and more. Groups also gather each month for lunch and day trips. Come meet some new friends or become re-acquainted with familiar faces and join the fun!

“Like” Us on Facebook.

Epiphany of the Lord would like to let you know that JS Paluch is currently working on our Church Bulletin.

If you would like to advertise your business in the Church Bulletin please contact: Anthony Brassil, Parish Consultant, for JS Paluch Company at 1-800-833-5941.
EPIPHANY BINGO - Come join us again for Bingo in 2016. As always, MAXIMUM CASH PRIZES of $2500, allowed by state law, are given away at EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT BINGO. This includes a $750 final game jackpot prize. We invite all parishioners to come make it a fun night out.

Net proceeds are distributed primarily to local organizations through Epiphany Outreach Ministries. As a result of the dedicated work of all the Bingo volunteers and the tremendous support of the players, Bingo distributed just under $50,000 for the year to local charitable organizations in 2015. In 2016, net proceeds from the 4th Friday of each month will be contributed to Epiphany’s Capital Campaign.

What a great way to spend an evening with friends or family, and at the same time help to provide funds to local charitable organizations. Games begin at 7:30 p.m. with 4 earlybird games and 8:00 p.m. for the regular games.

The Bingo group has a tremendous need for volunteer members on each team. Check out the Bingo link on the Epiphany website for more information on games, concessions, and how to join our volunteer team.

A Natural Family Planning class series (three classes) for engaged and married couples will begin at St. Bartholomew Parish in Katy at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 11. This class on fertility awareness can help couples delay or achieve pregnancy in accordance with God’s plan for marital love. Pre-registration is required on-line at www.ccli.org.

Loving Embrace Infertility Support Group
The September 15th meeting will feature guest speaker Brooke Jemelka, MD, Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Jemelka is one of three practitioners with Caritas Women’s Care, part of CHI St. Luke’s Medical Group Sugar land. Caritas is dedicated to providing holistic, comprehensive, and restorative services for women from adolescence through menopause. Honoring womanhood and the sanctity of human life, Caritas Women’s Care offers on-site education about natural family planning and infertility in a loving, faith-based environment.

KSHJ 1430 AM – English Catholic radio in Houston, TX. Tune in for intelligent talk, catechesis, apologetics, a Catholic perspective on news and current events, great fun, and lots of advice on living the faith in our relationships and sharing the faith with our friends and family. Listen on air at AM 1430, online at GRNonline.com, or on your mobile device – both IOS and Android.

Attention to those who use the nursery: Please take the time to complete the yellow tags. Include first and last name, age or birth date and a cell phone number. This is the best way to contact you in case of an emergency.
Outreach Ministry – 281-578-0707

Outreach Events in August

- Standing Meetings: Mon.—Epiphany Job Networking at 7 p.m. in the PAC; Tues.—Respect Life Rosary at 10 a.m. in the Chapel.
- 23rd: Second Family Meeting at 9:45 am in the Outreach Center
- 25th: Respect Life Committee Meeting at 7 pm in the Outreach Center
- See www.epiphanycatholic.org for details.

Job Fair had Record Numbers!!!

July’s Job Fair results are in...drum roll, please...the heat did not keep 1,374 applicants and 50 employers from attending! From the evaluations that were submitted, employers were thrilled with the caliber of applicants they met and several interviews have resulted. Kudos to everyone who contributed in making the Job Fair successful, especially the Job Fair Coordinator, Ed Conner.

Thank you for all of the donations that came in to help with Operation Backpack. Your generosity is overwhelming. We raised $7,850 for the school counselors at KISD to help the children in need through our Red Apple School Drive.

Recycle Your Magazines

If you have magazines that are no older than two months please drop them off in the loggia collection bin by the church office. We deliver them to nursing homes in the area.

Join a small Christian community Thursday mornings during the school year!

Learn the Catholic perspective on everyday issues. Book discussions, DVD’s, tours, & service projects are part of the curriculum. Starts September 8th, registration closes on this Wednesday. Call John at #281-395-6167 for more information. Registration form and information on the web site www.epiphanycatholic.org

Rosary for Respect Life

Every Tuesday 10am to 11am
In the Chapel. Bring your own Rosary
We provide the Prayers.
If you cannot come consider praying at home.

Respect Life committee meeting open to those interested in pro-life issues on August 25th at 7pm in the Outreach Center. Please join us!
How Does someone “become” Catholic?

- Ask questions: the deep and perplexing questions of faith and the search for truth.
- Journey: into a process that will bring you into a deeper and lasting relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Listen: to your heart.
- Celebrate: when you discern that you are ready to commit to becoming Catholic.

The process of becoming Catholic is called the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). It is for adults who are unbaptized, those baptized in a Christian faith other than Catholic and for those baptized Catholic but who never received the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation.

Sessions begin September 13. Begin by contacting LouAnn: louann@epiphanycatholic.org or 281-578-8271, ext. 283.
Faith Formation Registration
For the 2016-2017 school year
Registration for Faith Formation (FF) classes continues. Contact our office to request a FF registration form and ascertain if your child is eligible for sacrament preparation.

Sacrament Preparation
Sacrament preparation for Reconciliation (Penance/Confession) and Eucharist (Holy Communion) is a two year process: two consecutive years of FF classes (or Catholic school). During the second consecutive year of FF, immediate sacrament preparation will also take place. Sacrament preparation is separate from Faith Formation. Children must be in at least Grade 2 and their second year of Faith Formation Class to begin preparation to celebrate the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Contact 281-578-8271 for information.

Faith seen through a child’s eyes:
I think of God when …

- “I see a cross and the hand of the Creator.
- I cup my hands when I receive the Body of Christ and I think of the Father holding us in His hands.
- I see a cross - I think of when Jesus gave his life for us …”

These words are from an elementary Faith Formation student. Consider sharing your faith with our children and imagine how your own faith might grow …
Contact louann@epiphany catholic.org or call 281-578-8271, ext. 283 to find out more about becoming a catechist.

Epiphany Youth Ministry
Calling all seniors! Interested in serving as faith formation helpers and getting information about faith sharing opportunities? Come to the ice cream social meeting August 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the PAC. Please call Joey Harvey for more information – 281-578-0770

Bible Study
Monday Nights
High School 7-9:30 p.m. Upper Room

Chris Padgett
Save the Date! National Speaker Chris Padgett is coming to Epiphany for our Faith Formation Kick Off Sept 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the church. All families are invited to attend this free event!

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