



# Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church

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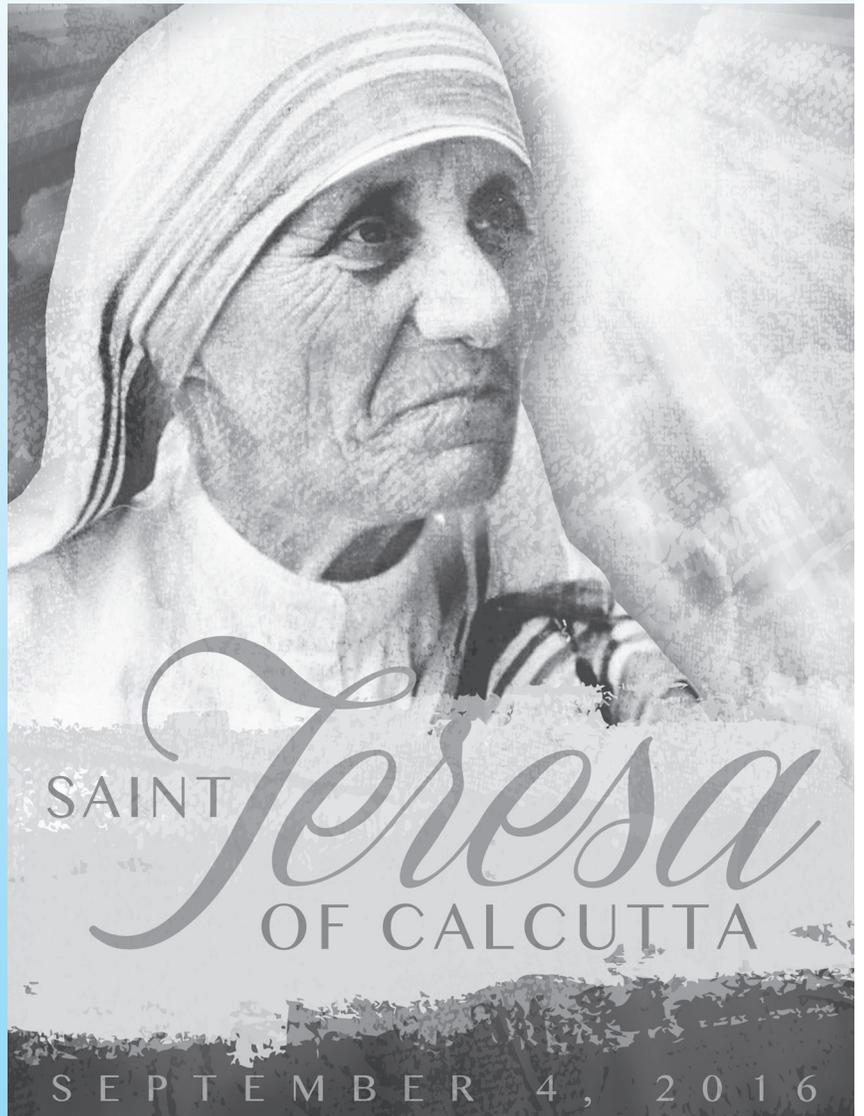
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## MASS & SACRAMENTS

Sunday Masses: 8:00 & 10:30 am

Weekday Masses Monday, Wednesday  
Thursday, Friday & Saturdays: 8:00 am

Tuesday Morning Prayer: 8:00 am

Tuesday Mass: 5:30 pm

Saturday Masses 8:00 am and 5:00 pm

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday,  
7:00-7:50 am or by appointment.

Tuesdays, 5-5:20 pm

Baptisms: Meeting first Thursday of the  
month. Preregistration required.

Marriages: Contact the priest at least 9  
months prior to the wedding date.

Funerals: To be arranged by contacting  
the Parish Office.

Change of Address or Telephone

Number: Please call the Parish Office.

Bulletin Deadline: 4:00 pm Monday.

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 4, 2016

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## LIVING OUR FAITH

*From the Desk of Fr. Thomas Pastorius,*

### 1. Faith and Family Programs:

Want to learn about God? Take the next step on your journey of faith? Now is the time. Participate in one our Faith and Family programming and to encourage others to do so as well. Our Faith and Family Programming is gearing up and this is a great opportunity to improve the overall spiritual health of our parish by having as many people as possible participate. Tuesday September 6, the Blue Knights, Little Flowers, and Young Disciples programs will be having an open house for children and parents. Remember these programs are for all children, so children going to full time Catholic School will also benefit from being a part of these opportunities.

### 2. Children's Hospital

Starting in September, in addition to my work at the parish, I will begin serving the Catholics of the Archdiocese of St. Louis as a PRN (Per Needed Basis) Chaplain. This means that from time to time, I will be asked to go to Children's Hospital and perform emergency baptisms, talk to families, and with children over the age of seven perform anointing of the sick. Please pray for me as I take on this new responsibility and please pray for an increase in vocations.

### 3. Do you know anyone who is thinking about becoming Catholic?

"Far better it is for you to say: "I am a sinner," than to say: "I have no need of religion." The empty can be filled, but the self-intoxicated have no room for God." – Fulton J. Sheen. I am really excited with how this year's RCIA program is shaping up. We have two to three people who have expressed interest in becoming Catholic. If you know of anyone please invite them to contact us and explore this possibility.

### 4. Weekly Shout Out!!!

This weeks shout out of gratitude goes to all those who volunteer or attend Lindenwood Area Senior Ministry programs. These programs help keep seniors active and living in their home longer. Take time to check out [www.lasministry.org](http://www.lasministry.org) to find out all this great multi-Church organization has to offer.

### 5. Blessed Virgin Mary October Madness

Our build up for our Blessed Virgin Mary October Madness is on its way. As of Monday (August 29) we have 12 brackets turned in and so if the winner was decided today he or she would get \$60.00. There is still time to participate and drive that prize money up since this event is really a fancy 50/50. A few things to remember: 1. People can play more than once. 2. Completed Brackets must be turned in by September 30<sup>th</sup>. 3. If you are having a hard time understanding the bracket then circle the title you think will win and the parish staff will fill in the rest for you. 4. Complete rules and more information about the Marian titles can be found at [www.epiphanystl.org](http://www.epiphanystl.org).

### 6. Homecoming

As I mentioned last weekend at Mass, we are in need of more people to volunteer. If we do not get an increase in volunteers their might not be a homecoming in the future. Please sign up in the back of church or call the rectory during business hours. **Raffle Tickets:** Do you enjoy the air conditioned Church? If so I ask you to please realized that we will soon need to replace one of the two AC unites on the Church. Two years ago we were able to replace one of the two AC units on the Church because we sold out of Homecoming Raffle Tickets. It looks like we now need to replace the older AC unit sooner rather than later. Please keep this in mind as you think about buying a homecoming (or partial) raffle ticket. If you would like to buy a raffle ticket please contact the parish office.

### 7. Young Adult Meeting

On Tuesday September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Rectory, I will host a meeting for young adults. At this meeting, I hope that we can develop a plan to provide some form of consistent outreach to the young adults of our area.

### 8. Seminarians

Epiphany of Our Lord Parish has, once again, been honored by the Archbishop and selected as a parish to host seminarians over the school year on the weekend. We are blest to have Christopher Smith of the Archdiocese of St. Louis and Sudeep Kodigandla who grew up in India but is studying to be a priest of the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas. Unlike Philip, Christopher and Sudeep will only be at our parish on weekends.

### 9. A Good Time to Join Choir

Our Choir will start practicing again on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM. This past year was a rough year on our choir loosing many key members. I am sure that God is calling some of you out there to share in this important ministry and this would be a good time to join.

God bless,  
Fr. Tom

**Attention all highschoolers!** Join us this Wednesday, September 7th from 7-9pm at Bishop DuBourg High School (please use Clifton Ave. entrance). We will be having a Mass & social, as well as hearing from Fr. Fallon (assistant vocations director for the archdiocese). See [www.saintlouislifeteen.org](http://www.saintlouislifeteen.org) for more information.

**SAVE THE DATES** - please mark your calendars for these important events. **Generation Life** - we will be traveling to Washington, DC Jan. 25-29 for the March for Life. The pilgrimage is open to all highschoolers - signups will be online ([www.saintlouislifeteen.org/retreatsandtrips](http://www.saintlouislifeteen.org/retreatsandtrips)). **Fall retreat** - highschoolers, please join us Nov. 18-20 for a weekend away for prayer & retreat!! **LUKE 18** - 8th graders are invited (and encouraged!!) to join us Feb. 17-19. As always, see our website for more details ([www.saintlouislifeteen.org](http://www.saintlouislifeteen.org)).

## LIVING OUR FAITH

### Spiritual Ponderings Spiritual Randomness: 10 Best Practices For Having Children At Mass

For the month of September, I am going to tackle some random topics in my Spiritual Ponderings. I encourage you to read and pray over the thoughts I am sharing with you even if you think the topic does not apply to you because God sometimes surprises us. The first topic is children at Mass.

Recently friends of mine came up after Mass and apologized for the noise their young son was making during Mass. This surprised me because I had not noticed their child making any noise. I told them not to worry about it. The following week, I guess because I was more attuned to it, I could hear the child making a ruckus. In order to get to the restrooms in the church that I serve as pastor, parishioners have to get up and walk completely up to the front of the Church and pass within three feet of the ambo before they can make the left turn down the hallway that will eventually lead them to the bathroom. My pastoral associate, who has four children under the age of seven, calls it the "walk of shame." We both laugh because we both know that no parent wants to walk to the bathroom that way during Mass but at the same time it seems that toddlers have a fascination with going to every different bathroom they can. I firmly believe that Jesus meant what He said: "Let the children come to me and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." (Luke 18:16b&17). I, therefore, consider it a serious sin for anybody in Church to make families with children seriously uncomfortable to the point where they will not come back with their children if at all. Instead of persecuting families with small children, we should be embracing them for they are the future of the Church. Be kind therefore to them and thank them for bringing their children to Mass.

The following are ten best practices that good regularly Mass attending families have passed on to me. I offer them only as advice to make your job as parents easier and in no way as condemnation of any past efforts on your part.

#### 1. Sit Up Front

The number one piece of advice I received from parents who had small children at Mass was to tell people to sit up front. This allows the child to see what is going on and makes it easier to get them to focus on an appropriate behavior. For example, one mother told me that when ever her small child (I think he is four) begins to get a little rowdy, she will start asking him questions quietly: "what color is the priest wearing?", "what is the server doing?" etc.

#### 2. Child Friendly Missal

The second piece of advice I receive is that each child should have an age appropriate missal with lots of pictures. This allows the child to follow along and connect the actions at the altar with the pages in their book.

#### 3. Do not reward your child for bad behavior

The hardest part of being a parent, I believe is not to reward bad behavior. For example, a child begins to act up at Mass, so mom or dad takes them to the cry room and lets them run around. Their bad behavior has earned them a reward: their freedom. Most parents whose children learn to behave at Mass avoid the cry room and simply go to the back of the Church. They also, if possible, resist the temptation to let the child down so that they can run around.

#### 4. Understand Mass From Their Point of View

Another parent told me that he tries to understand the Mass from their point of view. He figures that if he was the age of his son, he would see very little different between going to Mass and going to McDonalds. Both places have a lot of people doing things that he really cannot understand. At least at McDonalds his son would end up with a happy meal. He went onto explain that he does his best to talk about how Church is not like a McDonalds, but rather is a sacred place. He points out the holy water fountains, the Stations of the Cross, giant crucifix, and the tabernacle. He feels that by helping his son discover the differences between places he is helping him to learn how to behave.

#### 5. Don't worry so much. God knows you have Children. He gave them to you.

Anyone who thinks that children will sit still for an hour and not say a word, may be more in need of exorcism from Jesus than the child who is running up and down on the pews. I know as a priest I do not expect children to behave 100% of the time. I do expect parents to do their best in keeping their children engaged, but I know that children will be children and that means there will be times in which they will be loud and full of energy. God above all knows this, He knows everything. God is just excited that you came to the family meal as a family.

### Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 129 Gospel LK 14:25-33

**Spiritual Reflection:** Within the Roman Empire, the basis for your power was your family lineage. Family was literally everything. If you were born into a powerful Roman family you live a life of prestige and power. If you were born into a lower family or a slave family, your life would be one of work and hard labor. Family though was family because there was no social security or medical insurance. If you were sick it was up to your family to take care of you. In today's Gospel Jesus is telling us to turn our back on this type of security and trust in him. We are to be ourselves even if means the loss of power and security.

#### Spiritual Questions:

1. How much do you trust God?
2. How has God earned or not earned your trust?
3. What does it take to be a man of faith?
4. How do you discern God's will?
5. What makes you feel secure?

**Ladies Guild Card Social** Our monthly Card social will be held on Monday, September 12th at 10:00 am in the Assumption Room. (note, this is one week earlier). Please bring your lunch, we will provide coffee and dessert.

# LITURGIES & SCHEDULES

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, September 4**  
 8:00 am Parishioners  
 10:30 am Henry & Clarice Huelsmann

**Monday, September 5**  
 8:00 am John Leuthen & Edra Cannon

**Tuesday, September 6**  
 8:00 am Morning Prayer  
 5:30 pm Catherine Riggins

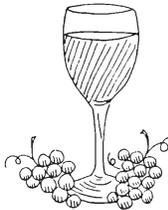
**Wednesday, September 7**  
 8:00 am Dominick Poerio

**Thursday, September 8**  
 8:00 am Don & Sean Welby

**Friday, September 9**  
 8:00 am Mark Farache

**Saturday, September 10**  
 8:00 am Intentions of the Voss Family  
 5:00 pm Dagmor Morrison (*Special Intentions*)

**Sunday, September 11**  
 8:00 am Parishioners  
 10:30 am Special Intentions



## OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

**Monday - Saturday September 5-10**

- 7:30 am - Rosary, Church

**Sunday, September 4**

- 9:00 am - Bible Study, AR
- 10:30 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB

**Monday, September 5 Labor Day**  
 Parish Office/GSA Closed

**Tuesday, September 6**

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 6:30 pm - Blue Knights/Little Flowers/Young Disciples Open House, UH

**Wednesday, September 7**

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 7:30 pm - Msgr. Sullivan Mtg., AR

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND & SICK OF OUR PARISH

Ethan Strauss	Ethan Sonderman	Mary Hipskind
Pat Wallis	Chris Perron	Dominic Caputa
Daniel Barr	George Limpert	Christine Weber
Ginny Basch	Jean Montrey	Joe Lopez
Bernice Connor	Jade Nesselhauf	Bob Kozemczak
Mary Mosblech	Aiden Chambers	
	Nanette & Don McPherson	

**Thursday, September 8**

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 7:30 pm - Prayer Group, Church
- 7:30 pm - Epiphany Men's Club, AR

**Friday, September 9**

- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Msgr. Sullivan Field
- 7:00 am - 5:00 pm - GSA, Gym
- 8:30 am - Exposition & Adoration, Church
- 3:30-6:30 pm - Dance, UH

## OUR DEARLY DEPARTED



In your kindness, please pray for the repose of the soul of Linda Strickland. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

**Saturday, September 10**

**Sunday, September 11**

- 9:00 am - Bible Study, AR
- 9:15 am - Little Lambs, RBF
- 10:15 am RCIA, CMR
- 10:30 am - Liturgy with Children, RBB

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

**Sunday:** Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-6, 12-17/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

**Monday:** 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Lk 6:12-19

**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-17/Lk 6:20-26

**Thursday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

**Friday:** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49

**Next Sunday:** Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/ 1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

**Sunday Collection**

General Fund .....	\$4,494.24
General Fund Loose .....	\$177.00
General Fund Online ....	\$857.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$5,528.00</b>
Assumption .....	\$36.00
Latin America .....	\$5.00
Maintenance & Repair ..	\$220.00
SVDP .....	\$30.00
Votive .....	\$62.00
Debt .....	\$ .....
Tuition Assistance .....	\$5.00 .....

**OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 27-28**

**CALLING ALL ADULT FEMALES OF EPIPHANY PARISH!** Please consider attending ALL or some of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month Women's Prayer Group sessions this year. Our first Gathering is Tuesday, Sept. 13 from 6:30 - 8:00PM. The Material and Format we will be sharing is coming from the Parish, monthly provided "Word Among Us" Booklets found at the church entrances and are FREE. The new September issue has a picture of St. Teresa of Calcutta on the front cover and September's theme is: Only All for God and Jesus. If you have already been reading this publication, you know how relevant and inspiring the daily meditations and articles are. If you have never picked one up to make it a practice to read, this is a perfect opportunity to make a spiritual makeover and join us. Please try to read one of the articles or at least one day's scriptures provided in the booklet and its matching meditation. Everyone will have an opportunity to share something which inspired them or was eye-opening. There will be questions at the Women's gathering each month to encourage our discussions. Please call Mary Jo Martin at 314-324-7224 if you plan to join us, even if you can't make EVERY 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues session or if you have any questions. Thank you and we look forward to you joining us this year!!

## LIVING OUR FAITH

**P**rolife Events *Project Rachel* is a spiritual support group for post-abortive women. A day retreat in Spanish will be held on Saturday, September 24th. For more information or location details, please call or email Project Rachel at 314-792-7565 or [stlprojectrachel@archstl.org](mailto:stlprojectrachel@archstl.org). You may also contact our Spiritual Support Coordinator for Project Rachel, Marisol Pfaff, during office hours at 314-792-7451 or [mpfaff@archstl.org](mailto:mpfaff@archstl.org).

**Project Joseph** is a spiritual support group for post-abortive men. Meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7 pm. The next retreat is Saturday, September 10th. For more information contact Chuck at 314-974-6787 or [cray-mjr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cray-mjr@sbcglobal.net)

**Upcoming Events** Mark your calendars for **Life Chain** held on Sunday, October 2nd from 2-3 pm. This prayerful witness has the potential to influence scores of people who drive past the Life Chains and are reminded of abortions impact on women and their unborn babies.

**Missouri Catholic Conference Annual Assembly** Saturday, October 8th Missouri Capitol Building in Jefferson City. Keynote speaker is Bishop Rice. Bus transportation available. To register online visit: [www.mocatholic.org](http://www.mocatholic.org) or call 1-800-456-1679. Sunday, October 16th Respect Life Convention at St. Charles Convention Center. Exhibits and workshops are free of charge. Tickets for luncheon and keynote speaker are \$45 per person for reservations made before September 28th. Special pricing of \$25 for youth and students. Anyone interested in the luncheon and keynote speaker presentation, please call Marilyn or Gerry Unger at 314-645-3483.

## PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS, NOTES & EVENTS



**BOWLERS WANTED:** Epiphany Bowling Lanes seeking individuals and/or teams especially for our Monday Night Mixed League and our Wednesday Night Ladies League. Please call 781-8684 for

additional information.

### Night at the Mouse Races in Memory of

**DAN NERVIANI**

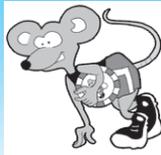
**Saturday, October 29, 2016** - Epiphany Gym

All Proceeds benefit the **Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation**. Help bring a cure to this terrible disease! Doors Open at 6:30 pm; Races begin at 7:30 pm. Cost is \$20 and includes: entry fee, beer, set ups and popcorn.

Feel free to bring in your own snacks! Margaritas available for an additional donation. Seating limited—make your reservations today! Send to: Trish Nerviani, 6840 Bradley Avenue St. Louis, MO 63139. Make checks payable to: Trish Nerviani. **Space permitting**, walk-ins welcome.

- ⇒ 7 Mouse Races
- ⇒ Winners Wheel
- ⇒ 50/50 Mega Jackpot
- ⇒ Name a Mouse
- ⇒ Plinko
- ⇒ Raffles

For more information, to make a donation or reservation, contact Trish Nerviani at 314-560-9255, [trishnerviani@aol.com](mailto:trishnerviani@aol.com)



### Plan to Attend this years Homecoming

**Friday, Sept. 16th: 6-11 pm**---Dinners from 5:30-8 pm

**Saturday, Sept. 17th: Noon-11 pm**---Parade @ 11 am

Dinners from 4:00-8:00 pm

**Rides-Games-Music-Bingo-Food & More**

**\$10,000 Raffle** Don't forget to purchase your \$10,000 raffle ticket. **Only 300 tickets sold.** Purchase a whole ticket with ten spots for \$100 or 1 spot on a ticket, at \$10 a spot, for a fraction of the prize money. If you would like to buy a raffle ticket, please contact the parish office or **NEW THIS YEAR** - visit our website at [www.epiphanystl.org/homecoming-fall-festival](http://www.epiphanystl.org/homecoming-fall-festival) and follow the link to purchase your ticket online. **(Online Raffle Tickets include a \$2.00 administration fee.)**

**Our Parade** will take place on Saturday morning at 11 am. **We are looking for anyone with a convertible or antique car who would like to drive their vehicle in the parade.** Please call the parish office if you would like to participate in this years parade, 314-781-1199.

**Volunteers** **OUR HOMECOMING IS JUST TWO SHORT WEEKS AWAY!!** This is our biggest fundraiser and is only possible with the help of many hands!! Volunteers are needed for many booths, including:

**Alumni Booth---Beer Booth---Clean Up---Country Booth---Gambling Booths---Game Booths Inside Food---Outside Food---Pull Tabs---Set Up-Tear Down---Soda Booths---Ted Drewes**

There are sign up sheets located on the table near the baptismal font. **Questions, call 781-1199.**

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Lindenwood Area Senior Ministry Trivia Night** Gather a table of your family and friends for LASM's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Trivia Night on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at Timothy Lutheran Church (6704 Fyler). Doors open at 6:30 pm and trivia begins at 7 pm. Cost: \$20/person, tables of 8 at \$160. Soda and snacks provided. You are welcome to carry in additional beverages and snacks. If you are not able to attend, but would still like to support this event, you can donate a raffle prize or be a round sponsor (\$60)! All proceeds will benefit the care and coordination of LASM's core services: Saturday Servants, medical transportation, Stephen Ministry, case management, social & educational programming and a monthly newsletter. To register please contact the LASM office at 314-647-4591.

**Stephen Ministry: Loving One Another** - Lindenwood Area Senior Ministry's Stephen Ministry program provides a unique opportunity to serve! In John 15:12 Jesus says, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." Loving and caring for one another is something Jesus calls us all to do! Stephen Ministry is a ministry in which people with special gifts for caring can put those gifts to use in a meaningful way, bringing Jesus' love and care to those who most need it.

LASM's Stephen Ministry program reaches out to hurting older adults in our partner congregations and the LASM community. Stephen Ministers are caring individuals who receive caregiving training and then work alongside the LASM Director in providing emotional and spiritual support to older adults who are going through a difficult time, such as grief, hospitalization, isolation, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness. We are training our third class of Stephen Ministers beginning Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Contact LASM Director, Katie Weintraub at 647-4591 or [lasmdirector@gmail.com](mailto:lasmdirector@gmail.com) to discuss joining this important ministry.