
UPDATE

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FROM YOUR PASTOR

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Remembering Our Past...

For those not familiar with our history, here are a few highlights from those early years of the parish.

June 10, 1971 is the official date our parish was canonically established by John Joseph Cardinal Carberry. Cardinal Carberry invited the Redemptorists of St. Louis to staff the parish. Rev. Dan Lowery CSsR, the provincial superior, appointed Rev. Ed Nugent CSsR as pastor and Rev. Chuck Beierwaltes CSsR as associate pastor.

Washington School, then at the corner of Butler Hill and Kerth Rd., which is now the site of Orchid Terrace, was where the parish community gathered to celebrate the Eucharist. **The first Mass** was celebrated there on the weekend of **July 30-31, 1971**. (Archbishop Rozanski will be joining us on Saturday, July 31, 2021 to commemorate those first weekend Masses.)

A residence at 5801 Kerth Rd. was purchased for use as a parish house. Weekday Mass was celebrated there until **December 22, 1973, when the first Mass was celebrated in the newly built church** on property that had been purchased by the Archdiocese from Charles and Henrietta Moll in 1967.

* * * **IMPORTANT!!** * * *

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PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

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This will be my last update article as Chairman of the Pastoral Council. I would like to begin by thanking Becky McDonnell and Mary Ann Schulte.. It has been a pleasure to serve with you. During these trying times, the scheduling and then cancelling of things made this last year a challenge; but you two not only persevered, but managed to make Mary Mother a better place.

In keeping with the by-laws, I am to provide a brief summary of events and/or decisions that took place over the last year. (1) Since all of our athletics take place with Assumption, we eliminated the Athletic Commission from the Council. (2) Every Commission was reviewed to ensure that each sub-committee, or area of responsibility, was assigned to the correct Commission. The major areas of change here were the responsibilities of Christian Formation and Christian Service. (3) The by-laws were reviewed and modified as required to be done every five years. Due to Covid, this effort had been delayed. The major change in the by-laws is that term of service on the Council in now three years rather than two. To accomplish this, we added the position of Advisor to the Council. This role will be assumed by the out-going Chairperson. The main responsibility of the Advisor is to support the Chairperson and Vice-Chair in administrative matters and to welcome new parishioners into Mary Mother. (4) A special committee was formed to evaluate any major expenses requiring attention in the next five years. (5) Parish Council is now referred to as the Pastoral Council.

The Commission alignments and the by-laws can be found on the Mary Mother website. As always, feel free to contact me should you have any questions. It has truly been an honor to serve as Chairman of the Council.



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2021 Parish Council Election Announcement

Congratulations to our newest members to the Parish Council:

Matt Clancy – Health Ministry
Steve Maurer – Vice Chairperson
Hannah Nguyen – Youth Representative
Lois Scully – Social Commission

Thank you to our outgoing members for your service:

Maura Clancy – Youth Representative
Becky McDonnell – Social Commission
Mary Ann Schulte – Health Ministry

Matt, Steve, Hannah and Lois' terms will officially start in June, 2021.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's election!

PASTORAL COUNCIL SECRETARY

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Parish Council Minutes - February 25, 2021

January Minutes • Approved

Follow-up from discussions / presentations at previous meetings

Jeanne: Follow-up on contacting parishioners for updated information

Dave: Update on the Easter Signs. To be sold for \$5. We will order 500 signs.

Gary: Need for additional revenue for our Major Project Fund. It was discussed at the January meeting about having Mark Steverson help with a video. Discussion about asking parishioners to donate additionally for videos. Cross generational videos would be the best with a different person every month.

Gary: Final discussion on re-naming some of the committees that fall under Kim's Christian Formation Commission, specifically these two: Pro-Life vs Respect Life Apostolate; and Various Justice Issues will be called Peace and Justice Ministry.

Gary: By-law discussion. Please review the by-laws and email questions

Commission Reports

Admin/Finance: Third issue with the heating in the church this winter. The original systems for the Church and Reilly Center were installed in 2002, making them 19 years old. The problem seems to be with the gas ignition, not the air conditioning. Put \$55,000 to Major Project budget for 2022. Heating system takes priority over the parking lot. Hopefully we can get it replaced sometime this fall.

Christian Service: The commission is generally in favor of joining the South County Collaborative on Racial Justice and Healing. This collaborative was inspired by St. Catherine's 8-week participation in the Faith and Racial Equity program from Just Faith Ministries. There was discussion about joining additional racial justice organization. As to a spring event with the Rock Church, after discussion, recommendation is that this event should be spearheaded from Christian Formation. As the relationship moves forward with Rock Church, we all agree that a good spiritual foundation would be critical to growing that relationship between the parishes. Sandwich Shoppe has been halted because of a meat source issue. We have plenty of bread and cheese and will have to ask to parishioners to provide a meat.

Health: GreifShare: February 1st and continues through April, every Monday. Mary Ann McWilliams is able to volunteer for Blood Drive Coordinator. Next Blood Drive is May 11th. First Aid Bags/AEDs. We have been given a list of things that need replaced. We are going to reevaluate the needs of the different bags. There are 4 AEDs and we will be inviting people to look at them to get more familiar with them. Heart Month. We are adding some information to the bulletin and website for Heart Month. There is a booklet available at church from the American Heart Association.

Liturgy: Christmas Planning Team Need to think about pre-lit trees. The white manger scene that goes on the hill by the annex needs repair and painting. If we want to continue to put up lights outside in the trees, we will need to replace them all. Lenten Planning Team: Focus for the year will be "Turn to God with all your heart." New banners for Ordinary Time will be quilted and will cost \$1,000.00 each. There is a need to replace several of our vestments. It was recommended we put a cost of \$8,000.00 in the budget. Social: July 31 – 50th Jubilee Mass with the Archbishop and Reception

Youth: Events on dates in March.

Director of Faith Formation • 20 more people have signed up for Form.

Vice-Chair: Nomination Update – 54 adults nominated and one youth. 10 adults are a confirmed interest.

Chairperson: Call from a parishioner about leasing fields. Has to be used for athletics. Contract might prohibit leasing. This will be investigated. This will not be pursued. Advisor to call new parishioners – Welcome them/talk about their interests/contact appropriate Commission Chairs

Fr. Chuck • Holy Week Guidelines different for this year because of COVID-19. Discernment as a Council: Some Examples: The camera angle for the Livestream; Sacred Images in Church (At the last meeting, Liturgy Commission does not think the church space can accommodate statues; Votive Candles – electronic candles would be used. Space issue as well. It can work in a vestibule.



**CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR
GRADUATES!**

PASTORAL COUNCIL SECRETARY

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Pastoral Council Minutes - March 25, 2021

February Minutes Approved

Follow-up from discussions/presentations at previous meetings

Gary - By-law discussion - questions have been addressed. Parishioners cannot run as a couple for Parish Council. The Update is the source for all Commissions to communicate with all members of the parish. New By-laws are now approved! .

Rob - Peace & Justice Ministry/Christian Formation/Christian Service Items. Commissions are continuing to discuss what new organizations can be able to participate in their activities. Our relationship with the Rock Church takes priority. Building our relationship with the Rock Church. Zoom meeting went well. Looking at a program to participate together. Hopefully an in person meeting at the end of the summer. Food pantry is still doing well. Moving forward as Christian Service and Christian Formation together. Building the friendship in a social way could bring us together and bridge the gaps. Social Commission is willing to get involved as a resource and help. The Youth Commission could get involved too. . A proposal for the parish to lend its signature to a Pastoral Letter on Racial Justice sponsored by the Catholic Racial Justice Collaborative of the Archdiocese. The letter will be published on the diocese website. We will lead our support to the statement and to make a public declaration. We would also have to present it to the parish. Approved.

Commission Reports

Admin/Finance: MAJOR PROJECTS: There was a change to Major Projects. The Annex "water" projects has been removed and deferred along with the drywall replacement and floor replacement in Youth Room. Potentially the laptop and projector will be next year. Replacement of the deck railings has seen considerable increase in cost. The replacement of the vestments for Jubilee which is over \$5000, can be capitalized. CELL TOWER - Parishioners are concerned about the undesirability of a cell tower. Public works and planning/zoning would all be involved. Athletic fields would be a great location for a cell tower. Christian Formation: Peace and Justice Ministry – first event will be a book study starting in late spring or early summer. We will present ideas for which book to use at our next meeting.

Christian Service: As to a spring event with the Rock Church, after discussion, recommendation is that this event should be spearheaded from Christian Formation. As the relationship moves forward with Rock Church, we all agree that a good spiritual foundation would be critical to growing that relationship between the parishes.

Health: COVID Vaccine Shot – 300 vaccines were distributed. All of the people who received their shot will be back on April 3rd. GreifShare: February 1st through April, every Monday. Blood Drive May 11th

Liturgy: During Holy Week, changes may be different from the way we have done before because of limitations because of COVID-19. Christmas trees are in the budget for one 10' and one 7' tree next year. New vestments are also in the

Upcoming budget.

Social: July 31- 50th Jubilee Mass with the archbishop and with a catered dinner. October 16 HOMECOMING EVENT- After 4:30 Mass, church picnic and big party to celebrate our 50th Jubilee! The party will be located on one of our parking lots, with overflow parking TBD. There will be food, games, and activities. Fred Bird is coming. There is talk of a surprise ending to the night. We are hoping this will be like a Mary Mother Reunion. Spread the word to all those who used to be a part of our community!

Youth: Activities and events to be held in April.

Vice-Chair: Election Update - 185 votes have been casted. ¾ are paper ballots. Ann and Dave are both keeping tracks of the vote.

Chair: Spoke with Ann about cell phone numbers listed in the directory. Two Numbers can be included if wanted. Contact Barb Foley to attend a meeting with Fr. Pete. They would like another Parish Council member to attend. Reflections / Updates from Fr. Chuck: Communion on Easter Sunday afternoon - 30 people have signed up so far. ACA begins April 17/18 - more electronic and mailing than in person. Narrowing the focus on several projects need clarification before committing on certain projects. Response to the Major Project announcement - co-signatures when being published to the parish. Your input on the possibility of leasing space for a cell tower - can be on the parish grounds or the field.

FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE

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I speak on behalf of the members of the Health Ministry Commission, in saying "Thank You" to Mary Ann Schulte for your leadership as our Chairperson over the last 2 years. Meetings and Events required some creativity, especially over the past year. Mary Ann, you led us with a sense that "all will be well" and remained dedicated to the functions of this wonderful commission. The "torch" will soon be passed on to our new Chairperson, Matt Clancy. Matt, "Welcome and we look forward to meeting and learning with you"!

If you receive the St. Louis Review, you may have read the article, p.11 (May 17-23 edition) entitled "A New Anxiety". The article validates the stressors that we all, to some degree, experience as our lives adjust, once again- healing in a world where Covid-19 virus remains. It offers steps in maintaining our mental health. Please contact me if want a copy of article. The past year and 2+ months have affected each of us in many ways. Some continue to experience loneliness, feelings of isolation. Some are grieving the loss of loved ones, others may still be healing-physically, mentally- from the virus. Some have been struggling due to loss of financial stability. Students have needed/have shown resilience as education took on a whole new meaning! Lives have been changed yet Our Lord's protection and guidance remain steadfast. As we remember and remind one another, Praise God!



DIRECTOR OF LITURGY AND MUSIC

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I've been asked a few times why we've changed the way we sing the *Glory to God* and don't do the refrain anymore. I'd like to take this opportunity to explain a few things about the nature of this hymn and how we're called to sing it.

The *Glory to God* is one of the earliest known songs of the liturgy, dating back to the second century AD! Throughout our history, this great hymn was sung-through, that is, from beginning to end without repeating any lines. It wasn't until the 1970s that composers started setting the hymn with a repeated refrain. But if you look at the text as a whole, there isn't even any "refrain" to be repeated! It's one prayer from beginning to end. Imagine if, when we said the *Our Father*, we repeated "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name" in the middle and again at the end. That would seem strange and out of place, right? That's because the text wasn't written to be proclaimed or sung that way. The same goes for the *Glory to God*.

Now I realize that some versions of the *Glory to God* that we currently have in our parish repertoire are not written with the option to be sung-through. When that's the case (as with the *Mass of Creation*), we'll continue to sing it as before. But when it is possible to sing the hymn through, I think it's important that we maintain the integrity of the text. It'll take some getting used to, but I know we're up to the task. And besides, then we'll be singing this great hymn as the church intends!



FIRST COMMUNICANTS

April 25

Colin Bennett
Molly Bryant
Kylie Buckley
Giavanna Colombo
Vince Colombo
Evelyn Drabb
Mary Therese Getsey
Miles Hutchcraft
Nora Manzella
Lucille Monti
Lily Murphy
Khloe Newsom
Sebastian Torrence
Noah Yu

DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION

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Congratulations to our second grade and our newly confirmed eighth grade children! Our second graders received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time on April 25. The eighth grade teens received the gift of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 13. May God grant them many blessings in this incredible new phase of their faith journey.

Send your children on a mountaintop adventure! At Rocky Railway VBS, children discover Jesus' power can pull them through life's ups and downs. Rocky Railway is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences children see, hear, touch, and even taste! Children discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life.

VBS REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! Registration forms can be found in the vestibule of church or on the parish website. Return VBS registration forms to the parish office by June 15. The form is on page 9 in Update.

PSR parents were invited to a meeting on May 17 to discuss and finalize plans for the 2021-2022 PSR year. Fr. Chuck and I are currently working on implementing this plan.
Peace and joy!

CONFIRMANDI

May 13

Reece **Louis** Ameling
Kayla **Cecilia** Barrett
Abby **Therese** Cunningham
Nolan **Philip** Harris
Claire **Brigid** Kimberlin
Ivy **Catherine** Kotcher
Nolan **Christopher** Ladd
Isabelle **Dymphna** Martin
Henry **Robert** Raftery
Sebastian **Sebastian** Smith
Ava **Mary** Yu

HEALTH MINISTRY

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The connection to God while praying for someone's recovery from an illness is a powerful connection. Many of us feel that way I'm sure. But on the other hand, if the person is not healed, the spiritual connection to God can still exist or our faith can be shattered if healing does not occur. Once we accept that death and illness are a part of life, it's a little easier to let someone go, rather than to see them hang on.

Spiritual health helps us deal with physical issues, and emotional failings. Our health ministry team is here to help.

MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP COMMISSION

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By now, I'm sure you've driven down Kerth or through one of the neighborhoods around Mary Mother of the Church (or maybe you've even been in Fenton, Arnold, the city, Sunset Hills, etc.) and seen the Jesus Is Risen signs proudly displayed in yards. One of the hallmarks of being disciples, according to the bishops of the United States, "is to make a conscious, firm decision, carried out in action, to be followers of Jesus Christ no matter the cost to themselves..." For me, the 'carried out in action' part is the most challenging phrase in that sentence. I can pray, I can share what the Lord means to me if asked, but do I really inspire or try to inform others to know the Lord when NOT prompted? I'm going to count putting a sign in my yard as a good first step toward taking action to share my faith openly with others. Watch for additional opportunities to take small, yet bold, actions to share our faith with others in the future!



ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMISSION

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Hello Mary Mother!

Here are some of the highlights from our April meeting. (May meeting was held after this article went to print.)

We had a review of the financials, and as expected interest rates are low. As for the Major Project Funds, there has been a jump in the contributions since an appeal was put out in February. If you are able, please consider contributing \$10 or more a month. This money is reserved for the new roof, 2 RTU's (roof top units), and repair of the parking lot.

Still waiting to replace the railing and stain the rectory deck. The funds had been approved last year, but unable to complete the job due to product availability. Now we just need some dry weather.

March closed out the third quarter. Income has been good, although envelopes are still trending down. Faith Direct has been picking up. Stock and RMD's (required minimum distribution) have been very good.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

SOCIAL COMMISSION

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Dear Parish Family,

It's been a pleasure to serve on Parish Council, and a joy to work with so many good and selfless people. I want to thank the many dedicated brothers and sisters who help our social events made so successful. As I end my time on Parish Council, I'd like to share these ideas. One of my children has Autism Spectrum Disorder. A few years ago we attended a wonderful class to help him learn how to interact socially. The program used a scientific approach to personal interaction. These are the ideas that have helped me form rewarding connections with others.

1. An important goal of a friendly conversation is to find common interests with the other person.
2. When meeting someone new, ask the person about themselves and ask open-ended questions. Pause occasionally to allow the other person to start a topic.
3. Conversations should be 50/50.
4. Be on the lookout for someone who shares a common interest, and plan to spend time with them.
5. Join a group that piques your interest. Mary Mother has lots of groups from which to pick.
6. When you admire something about someone else, tell them.
7. Practice listening. The best conversations happen when your focus is on listening to the other person.

Upcoming Events

May 23 - Pentecost Celebration - Farewell party for Ed Lew, Linda, Ken and Mary Ann after 11am Mass.

July 31 - **50th Jubilee** Mass with the Archbishop and Dinner. Our first parish mass was on Sunday, July 31st, 1971.

September 19 - Pasta Dinner (NEW DATE)

October 16 **HOMECOMING EVENT**- Church picnic and big party to celebrate our 50th Jubilee! We are hoping this will be like a Mary Mother Reunion. Spread the word to all those who used to be a part of our community!

October 23 Trunk-or-Treat

October 29 Bunko

December 3 Advent Glow

December 12 Happy Birthday Jesus Party

Save the date

You are INVITED!



YOUTH COMMISSION

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I hope everyone had an amazing Mother's Day; and you are enjoying the weather starting to warm up! We had our usual Wednesday night Prayer group; and we were very excited that we were able to host a little reception after the Confirmation Mass for our 8th graders. Another exciting thing that happened in the month of May was that we played basketball in the gym for our Rec night. We are very excited that things are slowly getting back to "normal."

For the month of June, we will continue to have Wednesday night Prayer Group in the Youth Room. Sunday, June 13, we are watching a spiritual movie that is still to be determined.

The next Sunday is Father's day, so we will not be doing anything with the Youth Group that day.

June 27, we will meet after 11:00 Mass and put together packages for our first responders. Also, Hannah Nguyen will be taking over my position as Youth Representative this month. The Youth Group is very excited to see what she will bring to the table! Thank you.

**you are
the BEST**

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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What does Christian Formation do? The two most active committees under this commission are Respect Life Apostolate and the new Peace and Justice Ministry. Respect Life Apostolate is great about keeping you informed through the bulletin and often has their own article in this newsletter. Thanks. Leslie Najjar and team! I hope you've noticed the Food for Thought article that has been appearing weekly in the bulletin for a few months. That is coming to you from the P&J Ministry. Being the newest group at MMOC, they have been busy developing their mission statement and goals, and deciding upon their first official event. Look for that coming soon. Do you know what Juneteenth is? Peace & Justice will also be sharing about that. As Christian Formation Chair, I also want to remind you about Formed, a great source of reading and videos on all things Catholic. Formed is a service the parish pays the subscription, so I encourage you to make the most of it. You'll find the link for Formed on the parish website.

And we recently celebrated Confirmation with the 8th graders of the parish and Pentecost. Do you remember all the Gifts of the Holy Spirit? If not, I challenge you to look them up and decide how you can use these amazing gifts to better the world around you.

TITHING

**March 2021 – 4 Sundays -
\$976 each agency**

1. Feed My People – Provides emergency food and many other social services to the poor in South County.
2. Energy Care - Provides financial assistance for utility bills for those facing loss of gas/electric service.
3. Whole Kids Outreach – Provides health and wellness services in five poverty stricken rural counties in southern Missouri, with a goal of preventing child abuse.
4. Bakhita Spiritual Companions – Provides spiritual guidance and support to survivors of human trafficking.
5. St. Pius V Immigrant & Refugee Program – Direct outreach to immigrants and refugees around St. Pius V parish. Direct services provided to the poor including medicine, rent, and clothing on an emergency basis.
6. Marian Middle School - All-girls private middle school in the St. Louis community serving urban adolescent youth in a faith-based environment.
7. People to People – Direct aid, including medical, food and water, to the people in Haiti, 80% of whom live in direct poverty.

**April 2021 - 4 Sundays -
\$970 each agency**

1. St. Augustine Wellston Center – Helps support the members of the former five parish communities that merged to become St. Augustine Parish. Services include a food pantry, thrift store, employment counseling, health services and a GED program.
2. Mary Ryder Home – Serves St. Louis' most vulnerable senior women, nourishing their social, physical and emotional needs, and enhancing their quality of life through compassionate care.
3. Peter and Paul Community Services – Feeds poor and homeless in the community. Donations are used for food and supplies.
4. Most Holy Trinity Parish – Assists an inner-city parish in the Hyde Park area in its efforts to revitalize the neighborhood.
5. Jefferson County Pregnancy Care Center - provides free services to women in crisis pregnancies. Services include: pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, parenting classes, diapers, formula, clothing, and individual peer counseling.
6. Lemay Child and Family Center – Provides early care and education to children in a diverse, nurturing environment, and strengthening families by promoting children's healthy physical, cognitive, and social-emotional development.
7. Holy Family Hospital Bethlehem – Provides care to Bethlehem's poorest families, offering access to care, hope and support for families, especially related to maternity and infant care.

LITURGY COMMISSION

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The Liturgy Commission meets the first Thursday of each month. During the pandemic, we have been meeting either virtually or in person, usually in the Parish Hall. Liturgy planning has been limited since we have not been allowed to function as we used to. We still do not know what the future will bring. You are invited to join the meeting anytime, just let me know if you are interested.

We have added a Eucharistic Minister to the weekend liturgies to assist with the distribution of communion. We are able to accommodate 120 people at each Mass in the church proper. Please sign up in families. Choirs will be restarting on a limited basis, so we have much to look forward to. Father Pete Schavitz will be hosting a mission as part of our Jubilee Year activities. Please consider taking advantage of hearing him speak on one or more of the days. Look for more information in the bulletin and in emails to parishioners.

The Eucharist – Praise God for the Eucharist. We have been missing the Holy Water font and the taking of the Blood, but we still have had the Eucharist (in the church or in the home). If you are homebound and want to receive the Eucharist, please reach out to us so that we may bring it to you. Maybe you could mention a neighbor or a friend who might like to bring you communion and pray with you.



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

During the first three months of 2021, SVdP members provided 582 hours of service and logged 890 miles. Food was delivered to 19 families (totaling 52 people). We made 27 phone visits (due to COVID-19) to assist 59 people for various needs. Because of your contributions in dollars, food and scrap metal we have been able to provide 188 of our Neighbors in Need with the following assistance: \$779 in utilities, \$9,100 in housing, \$1,000 for medical and \$180 to MSD. We also provided \$250 in food gift cards, \$150 in Walgreens cards, \$75 in QT gas cards and \$894 in food pantry items.

We twinned \$3,000 to other conferences from metal collections. We applied for several grants from the SVdP Council plus our SVdP District and received the following additional assistance: \$100 in Disaster Relief Food Vouchers and \$5,077 in grants toward rent. Thank you from all of us for making this assistance possible and for being the face of Christ to our Neighbors in Need. If you would like to find out about joining SVdP, please call Bill Ebert at 314-489-5920.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION

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The Summer Food Drive for Rock Church will be June 13. Donations of personal care items, detergents, toilet paper, paper products, soap and cleaning supplies are very much appreciated as they cannot be purchased with food stamps. Canned pasta, peanut butter, jelly and canned fruit are always among the most requested items. Please place your bags in the large metal crate in the vestibule. If you prefer, you can send a check to the office noting it is for Rock Church and send it to Mary Mother of the Church at 5901 Kerth Road, St. Louis MO 63128.

Your continuing support for our friends at Rock Church is appreciated. If you have a truck and could help transport food to the Rock Church, please contact Lori Fick at 314-691-9335.



RESPECT LIFE APOSTOLATE

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Thank you for helping Birthright of Hillsboro walk with moms in need. The gifts from our baby shower were stacked in the back of a minivan three layers deep!

Breast Cancer Healing Mass-- Honoring all who have been affected by breast cancer. Survivors, patients, family and friends are welcome. – Saturday, June 12 at 9:30 am – St. Mary Magdalen Brentwood – Father Jack Siefert, who will be the Celebrant – A reception will follow.

Bible Study for women wounded by abortion meets every second and fourth Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Text 314.778.0628 for details.

Visit notaxpayerabortion.com

What – Congress is trying to force Americans to pay for abortion.

How – The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion for 45 years. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away these laws that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century.

What happens without these protections? – Billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion.

Take action – Sign the petition to Congress and learn more about the issue at notaxpayerabortion.com

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
31 MEMORIAL DAY (OFFICES CLOSED) 12:30pm Pickleball 6:30pm Pickleball	Jun 1 9am Adoration 9am Quilting 9am Walking/PAC 10am gym cleaning 7pm St Vincent de Paul Society Mtg 7:30pm Youth Commission Mtg	2 9am Adoration 9:30am Tai Chi 12:30pm Pickleball 7pm ProLife 8pm Youth Prayer Group	3 9am Walking/PAC 10am Sensational Seniors PICNIC 4pm Adoration 7pm Liturgy Mtg 7pm Prayer Group (Our Lady of Joy)	4 6:30pm Pickleball	5 3:30pm Confession 4:30pm Mass 5:30pm Jonah Team	6 Body & Blood of Christ 9am Mass 11am Mass 12:30pm Baptism 6:30pm Rosary
7 12:30pm Pickleball 6:30pm Pickleball 7pm Men's Prayer Group	8 9am Adoration 9am Quilting 9am Walking/PAC 10am gym cleaning 7:30pm Adult Volunteers Mtg (Youth Group)	9 9am Adoration 9:30am Tai Chi 12:30pm Pickleball 8pm Youth Prayer Group	10 9am Walking/PAC 10am Sensational Seniors PICNIC (rain date) 4pm Adoration 7pm Prayer Group (Our Lady of Joy)	11 6:30pm Pickleball	12 3:30pm Confession 4:30pm Mass	13 Rock Church Summer Food Drive - vestibule or donations 9am Mass 10:15am Contemporary Choir Practice 11am Mass 6:30pm Rosary
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REGISTRATION

2021 Vacation Bible School
Mary Mother of the Church
 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon Ages 3 thru Grade 5
JULY 12 - 16, 2021 (Pending safe to gather)
 Space is Limited. First come, First serve!



Return this form to Mary Mother Parish Office
attn: VBS by June 15th

PARENT: _____ Ph _____

ADDRESS _____ Zip _____

Print Email: _____

(check your email in July for confirmation and opening notes)

Each CHILD'S NAME:	Age	Birthdate	<u>Circle grade completed this year:</u> (Pre1 = age 3; Pre2 = 4 or 5 yr)									
_____	_____	___/___/___	Pre1	Pre2	K	1	2	3	4	5		
_____	_____	___/___/___	Pre1	Pre2	K	1	2	3	4	5		
_____	_____	___/___/___	Pre1	Pre2	K	1	2	3	4	5		

A free will offering will be collected at the end of VBS.

HELP NEEDED: Youth Volunteers must have completed 8th grade and are only assigned to days and roles as needed from older to younger youth.

PARENTS: please check the area(s) you will be able to help with (see Prevent & Protect: www.marymother.org)

<input type="checkbox"/> Group Leader (A)	<input type="checkbox"/> Song Leader (I)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Group Assistant (B)	<input type="checkbox"/> Song Helpers (J)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Story Catechist (C)	<input type="checkbox"/> Help with props or scenery (K)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Story Helpers (D)	<input type="checkbox"/> Nursery Worker (L)	<input type="checkbox"/> VBS Director-in-Training
<input type="checkbox"/> Snack Leader (E)	<input type="checkbox"/> Photographer (M)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Snack Helpers (F)	<input type="checkbox"/> Craft Helper at VBS (N)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Game Leader (G)	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare Crafts before VBS (O)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Game Helper (H)		

CIRCLE below the day or days of the week you will be available to help:

Set-Up on Sunday (12:15 pm) Mon Tues Wed Thur Fri

EMERGENCY MEDICAL INFORMATION

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

In case of emergency, contact: _____

Name _____ Relationship to child: _____

Cell Phone: _____

In case of accident or serious illness, I request VBS to contact me. If the VBS is unable to reach me, I hereby authorize the VBS to call the physician indicated below and to follow his instructions. If it is impossible to contact this physician, the VBS may make whatever arrangements seem necessary.

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

Local Physician's Name _____

Office Telephone _____

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BAPTISMS:

Thomas Stuart Schlechte

DEATHS:

Dan Kelly
Glenn Feldt

NEW PARISHIONERS:

Tony & Lisa Cusumano
Martin & Sharon Barron
Sr Betty Leiwe, CSJ
Jeanne Stoddard
Anthony & Val Colombo
Ceci, G(iuliana), Vinnie

FAREWELL:

Castaldi Family
Mike & Ann Nestle
Jeremy & Kalyn Foecke
Kat Spears
Eardley Family

