



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."

- Jn 11:25

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MASS TIMES

Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. Mass in Church
Saturday 4:30 p.m. (Anticipatory)
Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. or by appointment

MARIAN DEVOTIONS

Rosary Daily after 8:30 a.m. Mass
Sunday 6:30 p.m. in Caton Chapel

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Infant baptisms are celebrated throughout the year except during the season of Lent. Parents are to be registered members of the parish and are encouraged to call the rectory for an initial appointment during the pregnancy.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Any adult seeking to become a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church is invited to call the rectory.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements for the Sacrament of Marriage are to be made by the prospective bride and groom with the priest or deacon at least nine months before the wedding.

ANOINTING OF SICK

Communal celebrations of the Anointing of the Sick are offered seasonally. Contact the parish office to request the sacrament for yourself or a family member.

A Letter from Deacon Randy

Beloved of God,

This past week was a week that I hope is not repeated any time soon. Mary Anne and I remembered the lives of 4 friends at their funerals which were celebrated this past week. Two beloved members of our parish, one of our "old lovers" and the mother of another parishioner were all buried over the past week. As I reflected on the Gospel from today, I realized that each of these people had Martha's and Mary's in their lives that are now mourning their losses. I bet each of them prayed that these people would be healed. However, they were not healed. They died and frequently we wonder why. How often do we feel and pray the words of Martha and Mary? "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." St. John uses only two words to describe the emotions of Jesus: "Jesus wept." Jesus experienced every emotion that we experience, including pain and grief. Jesus understands exactly what we are experiencing when pain and suffering break into our lives. How often do we find ourselves saying If you had been here, if you had been here, if you had been here? Is it possible that the weeping of Jesus tells us that He is here? He is here right now with us. Perhaps we forget that Jesus is our companion on the journey and not our personal Mr. Fix Everything.

How would we answer the questions Jesus posed to Martha and Mary? Do we believe that Jesus is the resurrection and the life and that everyone who believes in Him will never die? Do we believe that the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead will also raise us from our graves? Jesus always has and always will love you & me and will continue to be faithful to us even when we are not faithful to Him. Jesus will walk with us, even when we think we are all alone. How often have we wondered why God can't make a world without pain and suffering? Is it possible that God has already made that world but because of so many bad choices, that world is

not here now but is yet to come. I believe that as long as this world is broken, sinful, and selfish, Jesus will be walking with us and quite possibly, he will weep.

I would like to offer a prayer of St. Benedict for us to ponder in the light of today's Gospel:

"Gracious and holy Father, grant us the intellect to understand you,

Reason to discern you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you,

A spirit to know you, a heart to meditate upon you.

May our ears hear you; may our eyes behold you, and may our tongues proclaim you.

Give us grace that our way of life may be pleasing to you,

That we may have the patience to wait for you and the perseverance to look for you.

Grant us a perfect end-your holy presence,

A blessed resurrection and life everlasting.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord."

May we trust that God seeks to walk with us always.

Deacon Randy



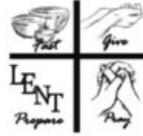
Welcome to Mary, Mother of the Church

If you are visiting us, we pray that through our worship, you may see us as a radiant light in the world and a bold witness to those whose lives we touch, inspiring them to love one another as God loves us.

If you are new to the area and would like more information about Mary, Mother of the Church, please contact us by coming into the parish office Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. or Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

You can also call us at 314-894-1373 or email: agaravaglia@marymother.org We hope you find a home here among friends who pray together, work together and play together.

Lenten Regulations



All Fridays of Lent are days of **abstinence** (refraining from meat) for all Catholics **from age 14 onwards**. On Good Friday (**April 7, 2023**), **fast**, as well as **abstinence**, is also obligatory for those **from the ages of 18-59**. Abstinence means refraining from meat. Fast means one full meal a day, with two smaller meals and nothing between meals (liquids are permitted). No Catholic will lightly excuse himself or herself from this obligation.

We should strive to make all days of Lent a time of prayer and penance.

Bulletin Deadline

Upcoming bulletin deadlines are as follows:

Bulletin Date	Submission Date
▪ April 2, Palm Sunday	▪ March 26 by NOON
▪ April 9, Easter Sunday	▪ March 27 by NOON

All articles are due by 12:00 NOON on the above date because of the short time available to create the bulletin. I will be out of the office from March 29th until April 10th.

Easter Flower Memorial

If you would like to honor the memory of a loved one this Easter, please make a free will offering in their name for our Easter Flowers. You will be providing beautiful flowers for our Easter season celebrations in the Church. **Please enclose this form**, along with your donation of cash or a check in an envelope marked **Easter Flower Memorial**. Make checks payable to Mary, Mother of the Church, and either mail *checks only* to Mary Mother or you can drop the envelope in the offertory basket at the mass you attend. You can also bring your donation to the office during regular office hours.

In Memory of _____

Donated by _____



Lenten Service Schedule

- **Lenten Reconciliation Service** Tuesday, March 28 @ 7:00
- **Stations of the Cross** Friday, March 31 @ 3:00
- **Palm Sunday** Saturday, April 1 @ 4:30
Sunday, April 2 @ 9:00 and 11:00
- **Lectio for Holy Week** Tuesday, April 4 @ 7:00
- **Holy Thursday** April 6, Morning Prayer @ 8:30am
Evening Mass @ 7:00pm
Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel 9:00 - 10:00 pm
- **Good Friday** April 7 Morning Prayer @ 8:30am
Stations of the Cross 3:00pm
Reading of the Passion @ 7:00pm
- **Holy Saturday** April 8 Morning Prayer 8:30am
Vigil Mass at 8:00pm
- **Easter Sunday** April 9 Mass @ 9:00am & 11:00am

Lenten Reconciliation Service

There will be a Lenten Reconciliation Service at Mary Mother on Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m.

All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:18

Office Closed

The parish campus will be closed to all events on Good Friday, April 7th except for the services listed in the next column for the Lenten Service Schedule.

Sensational Seniors

The Sensational Seniors April luncheon will be on:

- April 13th
- Noon in the Parish Hall
- \$5.00 for hot dogs, chips, dessert & soda (or you may bring your own lunch)
- Theme is StL Cardinals baseball. Wear Red
- Please bring games to play. Board games, deck of cards, dice, boxed games. Whatever you would like to share.
- Go to sign-up Genius to let us know how to plan for the meals.
- Any questions, please call Sue Fuchs at 618-791-6782



The Words of Everlasting Life

Readings for Sunday March 26th - April 2

Sunday:	Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7); Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
Monday:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday:	Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a); Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54



This Week's Mass Intentions

SUNDAY March 26

9:00 AM - Marilyn LeVan †

11:00 AM - Our Parish Family

MONDAY March 27

8:30 AM - Cathy Hacker Casteel †

TUESDAY March 28

8:30 AM - Tom Serati †

WEDNESDAY March 29

8:30 AM - Cathy Hacker Casteel †

THURSDAY March 30

8:30 AM - Agnes Skapik †

FRIDAY March 31

8:30 AM - Cathy Hacker Casteel †

SATURDAY April 1

4:30 PM - Eleanor Schnarre †

SUNDAY April 2

9:00 AM - Our Parish Family

11:00 AM—Aimee Ziegler †

† Denotes those who are deceased

Scheduling Mass Intentions

Due to anticipated changes in our Mass Schedule once the new Pastorate becomes official, we are not scheduling any Mass Intentions after Sept 30, 2023.

Once a new Mass schedule is determined, we will reopen the Intention book for scheduling Oct 1st and forward. Thank you for your understanding.



THANK YOU

to the 150 parishioners who participated in writing to our lawmakers last weekend!

If you missed it, it's not too late!
You can send an e-mail. Please visit
marymother.org/bread-for-the-world-letter-signing

Many thanks!

Bread for the World is a Christian advocacy organization urging U.S. decision makers to do all they can to pursue a world without hunger.



Fifth Sunday of Lent:
Trust in the Lord; My soul trusts in His Word

Walk the walk, but with smaller steps:

Walk the Walk will be collecting children's new or slightly used shoes for the St. Anthony Padua Ministry. This can be your own **Lenten March Madness Campaign** and an opportunity to involve your children and or grandchildren!

- Now through March 31st
- A blue collection barrel will be placed outside the Reilly Center. Please deposit the shoes in the barrel at your convenience.
- Questions call Dick @ 314-374-4680



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

"The Lord is King; he is robed in majesty." Ps. 93:1

The Adoration schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday 9:00AM - 8:00PM
- Wednesday 9:00AM - 6:00PM
- Thursday 4:00PM - 9:00PM

Please call Pat Dean at 314-842-1887 or email: pmdean621@yahoo.com if you have any questions or would like to sign up for one of the time slots.



THE FATIMA MINISTRY AT MARY MOTHER

This ministry, which started over 30 years ago by parishioner Gloria Williams, is indeed a blessing for ALL who participate.

Go to **SignUpGenius** on <https://www.marymother.org> to see available dates and to sign up, or you can contact

- ◇ Carolyn Messler (314) 712-2042 or
- ◇ Gina Norrenberns (314) 435-9107

Please consider signing up especially for the weeks of April 9th, 23rd and 30th and the open weeks in May.

Families that will be hosting the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima are:

- 3/26 - Regina Horton
- 4/2 - Flor Kite
- 4/9 - open
- 4/16 - Joan Waeckerle
- 4/23 - open

If you do not drive or are otherwise unable to pick up the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima please call Carolyn or Gina, and they will arrange for you to receive her.

Mary can be picked up in the St. Joachim room.

Parish Nurse's Corner

March, 2023 has been the 50th anniversary of National Nutrition month. I marvel at how much has changed, how much has remained the same over the years. Currently, I am in rural Iowa and am passing countless pastures, barren (field) corn and soybean fields. The seasons of planting, growing and later - harvest will yield crop mostly intended for ethanol products and grain to feed the livestock. The livestock will be the meat or milk that many people consume. The rest of our country and world have gardens, fields, greenhouses, factories and laboratories growing, developing the foods we eat. Many of you reading this know, firsthand, of the work that is put into "getting food on the table". Yet, others like me- have lived a life with access to groceries conveniently purchased. May we always be grateful for OUR DAILY BREAD, for the farmers who have worked to grow it, the engineers who have studied to develop it, the loving hands that have prepared it- and may we always work to help All of Our Lord's people, whether in our community or across the world, receive the nourishment needed to live healthy, holy lives!

Michele, your Faith Community Nurse

PEACE AND JUSTICE MINISTRY BOOK STUDY:

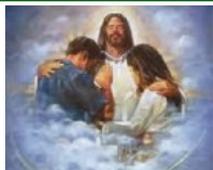
Little Brother tells the story of journalist Ben Westhoff's relationship with Jorell Cleveland through the Big Brothers Big Sisters program and investigates Jorell's tragic fatal shooting at the age of nineteen. *Little Brother* brilliantly combines a deeply personal history with a true-crime narrative that exposes the realities of life in communities like Ferguson all around the country.

Sessions will be on:

- Tuesday, April 25th at 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, May 21st at 12:30 p.m.

For the final session a light lunch will be served and the author will be with us for Q&A. Participants will acquire the book on their own, and there is no further cost for the event. Readers may choose to attend all or any combination of the sessions. A reading schedule and study questions will be sent to all who register on Sign Up Genius. For more information contact Kim Blackford at formation@marymother.org.





Prayers for our Beloved Deceased

In your kindness, please pray for the souls of the deceased members of our parish.

Lou Pfaff

Lois Kennedy, mother of Kevin Kennedy

Bob Pleimann, father of Tom Pleimann

Mary Wetteroff, sister of Jim Manz

May they and all the faithful rest in the eternal embrace of our Risen Savior.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Remembering those who have asked for our prayers

Jan Berry, Margie Brenner, Julie Carey, Deacon Dick Coffman, Barb Coibion, Helen Collins, Pat Cordes, Dick Drury, George & Ruby Eifert, Craig Franks, Sue Gaynor, Mari Gilb, Ginny Gregali, Ann Hagensieker, Marie Harthill, Carolyn Hebenstreit, Carl Hendrickson, CeCe Herr, Julie Hogan, Pat Honig, Jim Hudson, Ann Huesling, Mike Jarvis, Larry & Pat Jones, Joy Kleucker, Rose Klier, Ken Kremer, Barb Krull, Bonnie Lebbing, Judy Lesmeister, Bob Lieb, Jerry Marshall, Maureen McCourt, Jean McEnery, Nancy McGrath, Anna Nguyen, **Mary Sue Ondr**, Kathleen Riggio, **Sam & Judy Rudell**, George Schmitz, Mary Simitjis, Marie Winschel, Amy Carroll Wolfe, Claudine Wucher, Dave Ziegler

Daughter/Daughter-in-law of Lydia Chamberlain,

Jim & Grace Dawson, Kathy Davidson,

Deacon Randy & Mary Anne Howe, John Ivanko,

Mike Jarvis, Marilyn Keutzer, Bonnie & George Lebbing,

Paul Leicht, Marylee & Mike McColl, Joe & Evelyn Reker,

Mike & Chris Schmitz, Ruth Spray, Laureen & Joe Wilder,

John Winkle, Jule & Antonia Zach

Son/Son-in-law of Jerry & Judy Lesmeister,

Evelyn & Joe Reker

Mother /Mother-in-law of Mark Argent, Tammy Bayes,

Pam Biehl, Maria Clancy, Angela Haggood, Steve Krieger,

Diane Wilcox

Father/Father-in-law/Grandfather of Mary Chamberlain,

Laura Getsey, Krystn & Emilee Smerecki

Sister /Sister-in-law of Anita Anton, Lydia Chamberlain,

Nancy Forsythe, Jane Lewis, Karen Morris, Joe Rinke,

Gloria Wind, Fran Winker

Brother /Brother-in-law of Judy Belford,

Trisha & Tom Brockhaus, Joe Follmer, Karen Morris,

Carol Owens, Val Pike, Paul Schulte, Ruth Spray,

Dennis Rees

Granddaughter/Grandson of Linda & Chuck Arns,

Claude & Nancy Leezy, Marie & Paul Leicht, Karen Morris,

Mark & Nancy Muehl, Mary Simitjis, Ruth Spray,

Jean & Bob Taylor, John Winkle

Niece/Nephew/Grand-nephew of Carol Brophy, Barb Foley,

Jane Goeke, Helen Jarvis, Dave Klein, Loretta Lampen,

David & Kathleen Mendias, the Shivelys,

Len & Maureen Valentine, the Willmerings

Cousin of Marisue Balek, Lydia Chamberlain

Friends of the Antons, Mike & Marisue Balek, Joan Crawford,

Marcia Dohack, the Foleys, Jane Goeke, Chris Hack,

Rosie Harthill, Helen & Mike Jarvis, Jane Lewis,

Joe & Linda Licata, Karen Morris, Mark & Nancy Muehl,

Norma Nisbet, Margaret Poirrier, the Shivelys,

Sharon Torregrossa, David & Julie Welch, Trish Willmering,



THE POWER OF SACRIFICE

Lent can feel like a long time. Sometimes we'd like to skip right to Easter! But through prayer and sacrifices, we share in Christ's suffering and prepare for the joy of his resurrection. "As a community, we have an obligation to ensure that every person lives with dignity and has sufficient opportunities for his or her integral development." -Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti, 118. This Lent, we've learned how people in Honduras, the Philippines and Kenya made sacrifices so their families and communities can thrive. How have your Lenten sacrifices helped your family and community and communities around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Please Note: Rice Bowl donations will be collected the weekends of April 15-16 and April 22-23. Please convert all donations to currency (no coins please), or a check made payable to Mary Mother of the Church, with "CRS Rice Bowl" in memo line, and deposit in collection or turn in to the office.



5 year Milestone Anniversaries

March 2023 Milestone Anniversaries

Years	Name	Wedding Date
25	Timothy & Marianne Bradford	03/20/1998
50	Kenneth & Mary Blake	03/31/1973

Prayer Outside Planned Parenthood

Would you like to join others in silent prayer outside Planned Parenthood? You might get to see the power of your prayer combined with the efforts of a sidewalk counselor to convince a pregnant mom to walk with her to the mobile van (parked in the lot next to Planned Parenthood in Fairview Heights, Illinois) that offers free ultrasounds and support. We will leave Mary Mother at 10 am on March 29 and return around noon. Contact Leslie at 314-369-5474 if you'd like to join us.

Pro-Life Dinner

Vitae Foundation is hosting its Annual St. Louis Pro-life Dinner:

- Tuesday, April 11, 2023
- Hilton St. Louis Frontenac
1335 S. Lindbergh Blvd.
- The keynote speaker is Kevin Sorbo, an actor, director, and producer who is best known for his series, *Hercules: The Legendary Journeys*, which became the most watched TV show in the world!
- Dinner event begins at 7 PM
- Registration is \$100 per person (\$50 tax deductible).
- Reservations may be made online at vitaefoundation.org or call 573-634-4316

For questions, or to become a sponsor, please contact Nick Johnson by calling 314-660-8872 or emailing him at nick.johnson@vitaefoundation.org.

Spiritual Adoption

6th Month – “I’ve got hiccups!”

Your spiritual adopted blessing is now growing fine hair on its head and eyebrows, as well as a delicate fringe of eyelashes. Growing as it should be, your baby now weighs about 1 ½ pounds and is 12 inches long; about the size of an ear of corn! The skeleton has completed the change from cartilage to bone. AND an extra surprise feature, especially to the birth mother, is that hiccups have developed, which she can feel. The baby has a very good chance of surviving, if it would be born now.

While we can't *physically* adopt every baby at risk of abortion, we can *spiritually* adopt them, as you have chosen to do. Each baby is known by our God who has created them, and who knows they are in need of extra help and protection. Please remember to pray to our Lord daily, for your spiritually adopted baby.

Dear Lord Jesus, please give courage and strength to the parents of my spiritually adopted baby. May they be inspired by our Blessed Mother, who trusted God and said yes to His plan for life. Bless them with such a deep caring for their infant, that they will decide to love and raise their child, or choose to bless another family through the gift of adoption. Bless and protect my spiritually adopted baby, and all at risk, that he/she may grow in Your image and likeness and learn to love You, as their Lord and Savior.



SAVE THE DATE! The Run for Life and Learning is June 3! Benefiting Birthright Counseling, St. Louis

Join us at Creve Coeur Lake on June 3 for a chip-timed 6K Run/Walk, 1 Mile Fun Walk/Run, and ¼ Mile Kids Run with FREDBIRD®. Register or donate at runsignup.com/run4lifeandlearning. Proceeds enable women who are financially stressed by an unplanned pregnancy to continue their education and secure better lives for themselves

and their families. For sponsorship opportunities or more info, email run4lifeandlearning@gmail.com.

STUDENT FORMATION

March 26

ST. JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA FEAST DAY – MARCH 28

St. Joseph of Arimathea is a disciple of Jesus Christ who is mentioned in each account of the Passion narrative. After the Passion of the Lord, Joseph, a member of the Jewish council went to Pilate and asked for possession of the body of Jesus. After receiving this permission, Joseph had Jesus laid in a nearby tomb.

The Gospels tell us that Joseph was a just and devout man waiting for the kingdom of God. He followed Jesus' public ministry but feared the repercussions from the other members of the Jewish council. (Taken from *Catholic News Agency website*)

PSR NEWS



PSR classes resume this week.

SAVE THE DATE – STELLAR VBS – JULY 10-14

Shine a light on Jesus' love! Launch kids on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. Stellar rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun.



Campers and volunteers can register online at myvbs.org/marymother. There is also a link on the parish website.

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT

First Eucharist Retreat – Saturday, April 1 from 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM – At least one parent will need to attend with their child.

March Mary Mother Youth Group



Prayer Group every Wednesday night
8 to 9 pm in Youth Room

Sunday, March 26 Youth Night 7 to 9 pm

Do you have Children in Catholic Elementary School?

Each year, Mary Mother pays a portion of the tuition for any of our registered parish families who have children enrolled in a Catholic Elementary School. We know of about 8 children in our parish that attend Catholic School. If you have a child in Catholic Education call the office at 314-894-1373 to let us know. We'd like to add you to the list of those we support.





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Pray for Those Serving in the Armed Forces

SPC US Army Ethan Bagwell -

Grandson of Jane Hackett

SPC US Army Kyle Bean -

Great-Nephew of Rich & Barbara Hantak

2Lt US Army Joseph Chellis -

Grandson of John & Trudy Chellis

Lt. Timothy Clemens - Grandson of Vivian Burlison

SR. Ryan Clancy - Son of Matt & Maria Clancy

Chris Conkel - Grandson of Joe & Betty Follmer

George Eifert II - Son of George & Ruby Eifert

George Eifert III - Grandson of George & Ruby Eifert

Tyler Allen Genasci - Grandson of Joe & Ev Reker

Capt. Ed Hubbel - Friend of the Rogers Family

Capt. Timothy J. Kinmartin Jr. -

Son of Tim & Anne Kinmartin

Pvt. 1st Class Eric Kremer -

Grandson of Ken & Sue Kremer

Clayton LaVoise - Grandson of George & Ruby Eifert

Avt. Brittany Leicht - Daughter of Paul & Marie Leicht

SGT. Aaron Marshall - Grandson of Jerry Marshall

Andrew Missey - Grandson of Joe & Betty Follmer

Pvt. 1st Class Kenneth Douglas Peters-

Grandson of Jim & Sharon Rockwell

Lt. Col. Jim Rund - Cousin of Emily Schenk

Ens. Daniel Stefans - Grandson of Gus & Janice Berry

Lt. Tucker Schmidt -

Grandson of Harry & Joan Schmidt

Pvt. 1st Class Christian Smith -

Nephew of Mark & Nancy Muehl

Capt. Marti Torres - Niece of Mark & Missy Dayton

M. Sgt. Eduardo Torres -

Nephew of Mark & Missy Dayton

Maj. Michael Villeneuve -

Son-in-law of Don & Gerianne Kopac

Children's Easter Party

Join the Daughters of St Paul for their annual Easter Party for children:

- Pauline Books & Media, 9804 Watson Road Crestwood, MO 63126
- Sat. April 15,
- 10:30 – 11:30 am.
- for info call 314-965-3512
- Register at: tinyurl.com/mav36xpm



Event includes story time, activity, treats, and a prayer experience in their chapel. All families and children are welcome. (Activities are designed for children ages 4–7).



Food For Thought

According to an article on the World Wildlife Federation website, of the water that covers 70% of our planet, only 3% is fresh water and two thirds of that is in frozen glaciers or otherwise unavailable for use. Hence, approximately 1.1 billion people worldwide lack access to water and a total of 2.7 billion experience water scarcity at least one month a year. Inadequate sanitation is also a problem for 2.4 billion people, exposing them to diseases such as cholera, typhoid fever and dysentery. Two million people, mostly children, die each year from diarrheal diseases alone. Worldwide, many water systems have become stressed; rivers, lakes, and aquifers are drying up or becoming too polluted to use. More than half of the world's wetlands have disappeared. Climate change is altering water and weather patterns, causing shortages and drought in some areas and floods in others. Both pollution and population growth are contributing to water scarcity.

As people of faith, we can be better stewards of our God-given planet through responsible use of water in our own lives and by demanding climate-friendly policies from our leaders, thus protecting every form of life on our beautiful but fragile earth. Contributed by Sharon Barron.

Interested in joining the Peace and Justice Ministry? Call or text Saralou Hendrickson at 314-440-2020.

Contemplative Corner #310

Suffering plays a key role in the contemplative life. We all experience fundamental needs for safety and security, belonging and acceptance, and control. One way to think of suffering is as a state in which one must trust God **alone** for safety and security, for belonging and acceptance — in which one or more of these needs is going unmet in any other sense, no matter how superficial — and one realizes that any sense of control was only ever an illusion. Though we can come to this state through pain, loss, challenge, heartache, or any number of avenues, at its core, suffering is a stripping away of the substitutes or intermediaries (even the very *good* intermediaries that have purpose and place and meaning in our spiritual journeys) until there is nothing left but God. We come to depend on these substitutes and “middlemen” to such a degree that to lose them can seem like a setback, even devastating, but if we can welcome and embrace the suffering when it comes, it becomes spiritually advantageous, placing us in prime position for a real, direct, unfiltered, intimate, “naked” encounter with the Divine. In this sense, contemplative practice can be viewed as a “chosen suffering” that willingly relinquishes safety, security, belonging, acceptance, and control for the sake of Divine encounter.

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Over <Under> Budget	<\$ 3,333.64>
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Major Project Fund	\$ 140.00
Faith Direct	<u>\$ 734.00</u>
Total Major Project Fund	\$ 874.00
March 2023 Weekly Budget	<u>\$ 1,332.80</u>
Over <Under> Budget	<\$ 458.80>
YTD Over <Under> Budget	<\$ 3,207.59>

Please remember Mary, Mother of the Church in your will or estate plan, and please tell us when you do, so we can THANK YOU!



Divine Mercy Novena

The Divine Mercy Novena will begin on Friday, April 7, in preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16th. Novena pamphlets will be available this weekend in the foyer or at the side entry.

The Sacraments of Penance & Eucharist are special fountains of mercy, which should be received frequently with great trust and love. "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and pardon."

It is important to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent.

Marian Apparitions

The Association of the Miraculous Medal invites you and your loved ones to attend a special presentation on "Marian Apparitions" by Relevant Radio host, author, and creator of the website MiracleHunter.com, Michael O'Neill. This program will be held on Sunday, April 2, at 1:00 p.m. in the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, MO. This event is free. For more information about the presentation, visit the Association's Facebook page, @MiraculousMedalShrine. If you have any questions, you may contact us at 1-800-264-6279 or ammfather@amm.org.

An Invitation from St. Simon the Apostle Parish.....

Come join St. Simon the Apostle Parish community on Friday, March 31, 2023 at 7:30pm in church as they present Pope St. John Paul II's Stations of the Cross. This unusual set of Stations was composed by the Pope in 1991 for use on Good Friday evening that year in the annual Stations around the Colosseum in Rome. Set in light, candlelight and darkness, unlike the traditional method of meditating on events depicted in the pictures on the walls in church, this set of Stations focus on the perspectives of 14 people (including Peter, Judas, Barabbas and Mary) who actually appear in one the Gospel Passion accounts.

Aquinas Institute of Theology

How Hispanics are building and rebuilding U.S. Catholicism.

Dr. Hosffman Ospino, an Assoc. Professor of Theology and Religious Education at Boston College, School of Theology and Ministry, will be discussing the changing demographics of the Catholic Church in the United States.

- Thursday, March 30th
- 7:00 p.m.
- Aquinas Institute of Theology
23 South Spring Ave. St. Louis
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RSVP is required for those wishing to view the livestream of this event.



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