

Mary, Mother of the Church

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27th Sunday of Ordinary Time - October 5, 2025



**The Mission of
Mary, Mother of the Church,
as a
Christ-centered community,
is to be a
Radiant Light
in the world
and a
Bold Witness
to those whose lives
we touch,
inspiring them to love God
and to love one another,
as God loves us.**



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St. Vincent de Paul Society MMOC Help Line

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Scrap Metal Pickup 314-374-4680

Support for your Family

WalkingWithFamiliesSTL.com 314-792-7555

Pregnant? We are here for you.

WalkingWithMomsSTL.com 314-792-7555
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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.

MASS TIMES

Monday-Friday	8:30 a.m. Mass in Church
Thursday	6:15 a.m. in Caton Chapel
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

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesday Following 8:30 a.m. Mass in Church

MARIAN DEVOTIONS

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

PASTOR'S LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF MARY MOTHER

"Mary, Mary, oh sweet Mother, help my garden grow!"

That was the motto for our Parish last weekend, as we participated in what the diocese calls Stewardship Sunday every year on the last weekend of September. But our weekend celebrated the very foundation of stewardship, not just about us volunteering for the Church, but what God and God's greatest servant Mary, is already doing for us- 'helping the garden of our lives to grow!'

So, you heard a different take on the message for that weekend this year--not what we do for God and the Church, but first, what God does for us through the Church. We even heard God give one of His sweet graces to the homily about good stewardship by Deacon Randy, at Saturday night Mass, when he cautioned us not to follow the example of the rich man in the Gospel (9/28) who expected everything to be done for him but didn't have any desire to share anything with poor Lazarus.

A very small child called out, "Uh-oh!"

Given the dire nature of the warning that Jesus was giving in that Gospel about God's judgment of that rich man it was comforting to hear a child's sweet voice expressing her note of caution right at the moment the homily was communicating that caution to us. Do not be ungrateful in the use of God's many blessings to us. The child's "Uh-oh" could also be a right-on Holy Spirit timing way of helping us hear the dire challenge of the prophet Habakkuk in the first reading this weekend, pro-life weekend, crying out to God, "Violence!"

I've often wondered if a woman contemplating an abortion could imagine the sweet sound of her unborn child, could she go through with that 'violence?'

It is the Church's mission to make the voice of preborn children and the poor heard, whether that voice is imagined or spoken out loud in society, so that all human lives are cherished.

Blessings!

Fr Steve



WELCOME TO MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

Welcome to Mary, Mother of the Church. We are happy that you are joining us today. 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 would like more information, or if you would like to **register with 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 email: agaravaglia@marvmother.org or call us at 314-894-1373.

We hope you find a home here among friends who pray together, work together and play together.

To make it easier for our new members to get acquainted with us, please wear your nametags.

Hope into Action"

The Southern Vicariate is hosting a program on Catholic Social Teaching: what it is, how to pray about it, and how to act on it. Inspired by the Jubilee's theme "Pilgrims of Hope," the program is called Hope Into Action. It will be offered on Saturday, Oct. 18th at St. Joseph Parish, 10 N Long Ave St., in Farmington from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm. You can register at this QR code: For more information, please contact: Jennifer Meehan @ 314.363.6945 or jmeehan@archstl.org or George Herrera @ 314.857.3179 or georgeherrera@archstl.org





The office will be closed October 8th
for Staff Development Day.
Any telephone messages or emails will be
returned the next day.



HOWDY LADIES!

WELCOME TO

MARY MOTHER BUNCO

October 26, Sunday, **Doors Open 12:15p.m.**

Get your snack, seat, & be ready to play at **1:00 p.m.**

Monsignor Reilly Center

COUNTRY WESTERN THEME

Prize awarded for BEST COSTUME

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

PLEASE NOTE Cost is **\$20** + bring a snack to share

Everyone wins a cash attendance prize

YOU CAN MOVE AND GROOVE AROUND THE FLOOR

OR STAY & PLAY IN ONE PLACE –

IT'S YOUR CHOICE

WE WANT EVERYONE TO COME & ENJOY!

Go to Sign Up Genius or call Pat at 314-606-9146

DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, OCT. 19,

NO WALK-INS PLEASE



A QUARTER OF A MILLION REASONS

TO THANK YOU!

Your contributions over the past 16 years has allowed us to
clean up the environment while supporting our SVDP
neighbors in need. Just last week the earnings from this
endeavor exceeded the \$250,000 mark.

If you have metal items to donate, please drop them off at
the MM annex located at 5833 Kerth Road or call Dick at
314-374-4680.

YOU'VE TURNED METAL INTO MIRACLES."



Jigsaw Puzzle Night

You still have time to sign up for a table at
the Jigsaw Puzzle Night on October 17th at 7:00 pm in the
Parish Hall. Please go to SignUpGenius by October 10th
to reserve a table.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, October 6

- 9:05 am AA Group - Rm 1,2
- 12:30 pm Pickleball - Gym
- 3:00 pm Grief Share - Annex
- 6:15 pm PSR
- 6:15 pm Alpha for Adults - Parish Hall
- 6:30 pm Pickleball - Gym
- 7:00 pm Men's Prayer Group - Chapel

Tuesday, October 7

- 8:30 am Vianney Retreat
- 9:00 am Adoration - Chapel
- 9:00 am Quilting
- 9:00 am Walk the gym
- 3:00 pm St Vincent de Paul Mtg - Rm 1,2
- 6:30 pm Stewardship Comm Mtg - Rm 3,4
- 7:30 pm Youth Comm Mtg - Youth Rm

Wednesday, October 8

Staff Development Day - Office Closed

- 9:00 am Adoration - Chapel
- 9:30 am Cornerstone Bible Study
- 9:30 am Tai Chi - Gym
- 12:30 pm Pickleball - Gym
- 1:30 pm AA Group - Rm 3,4 or outside
- 6:30 pm Alpha High School - Youth Rm
- 7:00 pm Pro-Life Comm Mtg - Upper Annex
- 7:00 pm Traditional Choir Practice - Church
- 8:30 pm Men's Basketball - Gym

Thursday, October 9

- 7:30 am Men's Prayer Group - Annex
- 9:00 am Women's Prayer Group - Rm 3,4
- 9:00 am Walk the Gym
- 12:00 pm Sensational Seniors Lunch - Parish Hall
- 2:30 pm Christian Service Comm - Rm 3,4
- 3:00 pm Adoration - Chapel
- 6:30 pm Formation Core Team Mtg - Rm 1,2
- 6:30 pm Pickleball - Gym
- 7:00 pm Contemporary Choir Practice - Church

Friday, October 10

Saturday, October 11

- 8:30 am Missionaries of Joy - Parish Hall
- 2:00 pm Missionaries of Joy - Church
- 3:30 pm Confessions - Church
- 4:00 pm Prolife Rosary - Church before Mass
- 4:30 pm Baptism
- 5:30 pm Blood Pressure - St. Joachim Rm
- 5:30 pm Bridge Bread - Vestibule

Sunday, October 12

- 8:30 am Prolife Rosary - Church before Mass
- 10:00 am Blood Pressure - St. Joachim Rm
- 10:00 pm Bridge Bread - Vestibule
- 10:30 am Prolife Rosary - Church before Mass
- 12:30 pm Plastics Presentation - Parish Hall
- 6:30 pm Rosary - Chapel

The Words of Everlasting Life

Readings for October 5 - October 12

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8);
2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

Monday: Jon 1:1 - 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8;
Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8;
Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10;
Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6;
Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9;
Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;
Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b);
2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19



MMOC Annual Pasta Dinner

**This Sunday, October 5th
is our Pasta Dinner!**



**Join us for good food and fellowship from
4:00 to 7:00 pm.**

Menu includes: Italian Sausage, Salad, Roll, Dessert,
Beverage (Ice Tea, Lemonade & Coffee), and as
always, All You Can Eat Mostaccioli with Red Sauce
(from Bardolino's) and White Sauce.
Carry Outs are Available

Adults (13 years and older) \$10.00
Youth/Children (12 & under with by a paid Adult) Free



*Bridge Bread will be available for purchase
next weekend, October 11th & 12th.*

Bridge Bread values their relationship with
Mary, Mother of the Church. Thank you so much for
your overwhelming support.



This Week's Mass Intentions

SUNDAY October 5

9:00 AM - Jim Krull †
11:00 AM - Our Parish Family

MONDAY October 6

8:30 AM - Shirley Schnelt †

TUESDAY October 7

8:30 AM - George Schmitz †

WEDNESDAY October 8

8:30 AM - Harold Rehg †

THURSDAY October 9

6:15 AM - Frances McDaniel
8:30 AM - Allen & Dena Hase

FRIDAY October 10

8:30 - Bruce Christian †

SATURDAY October 11

4:30 PM - Don † & Joe Lingle †

SUNDAY October 12

9:00 AM - Our Parish Family
11:00 AM - Bob Weber †

† Denotes those who are deceased

Sensational Seniors

Our next gathering will be on Thursday, October 9th at
noon in our Parish Hall.

We will be having a build your own taco bar: meat,
shells, lettuce, cheese, salsas, beans, rice, olives, sour
cream....

You only need to bring your appetite and \$5.

We'll play some Games: cards, trivia, bingo, puzzles.
Your choice!



Please use SignUpGenius so we know
how many folks to plan for

Contact Sue Fuchs with any questions
at 618-791-6782 OR email her at

susanfuchs15@gmail.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FAMILY CATECHESIS

From the Desk of Religious Education

What a blessing our Stewardship event was this past weekend! It is safe to say that Mary Mother is richly blessed with ministries that serve and strengthen our community.

We are already in Week 3 of our Parish School of Religion, and so many grace-filled things are happening. Recently, I introduced the St. John Berchmans Mission to our students and families. St. John Berchmans, the patron saint of Altar Servers, loved serving at the Mass with deep devotion. His witness reminds us that when we serve at the altar, we are serving Christ Himself.

Through this mission, every grade will take part in leading a monthly Family Mass. This gives our children a hands-on way to learn their faith—because children grow best in faith not only by listening, but by doing. What better way to understand the Mass than to live it through service? We are blessed with dedicated volunteers who help prepare our youth, and I look forward to seeing more children share their gifts at the altar.

This month, our 6th graders will take the lead at the Family Mass on October 19th. As we continue to grow in community, may we as adults embrace the call to model the faith we hope to see alive in our children.

As Pope Francis reminded catechists during the Jubilee of Catechists on September 27, 2025:

"Parents are the first catechists. We taught our children to speak and to walk—and such a responsibility as this cannot be delegated to someone else. It happens where we live, above all, in our homes, around the family table."

Let us continue to walk this journey of faith together—with joy, with service, and with love.

In Christ,
Ellie Roche



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Here's what's coming up:

10/13 - Safety Drills

10/19 @ 9am - Family Mass

**10/20 @ 6:15p - Safe Touch for
Grades 1 - 5th**



Mary Mother Youth Ministry

YM is open to ALL high school teens. No sign-up necessary! High school teens can attend on a regular basis or drop-in as it fits their schedule! We meet regularly on Sunday evenings in the Youth Room in the Annex.

Life Nights are on Sundays from 7:00-9:00 pm and include snacks, socializing, games, talks, and discussions.

XLT happens one Sunday a month from 7:00-9:00 and is a night to get together with other South County teens for socializing, a talk, and time for the sacraments.

Upcoming Events

10/5 - Life Night in the Youth Room

10/8 - Alpha Starts in the Annex at 6:30. Dinner is INCLUDED!

10/12 - XLT @ St. Margaret Mary

10/21 - Parent Meeting at 7:00. Open to ALL high school parents.



Let us bless our pets! Psalm 36:6 states that God preserves both people and animals, showing His care for all His creations. You are invited to bring your pet or pets to the MMOC Pet Blessing on the church south parking lot Sunday, Oct 5th at 1pm. The service will be from 1pm to 1:15pm. Below are a few important requests to keep God's people and animals safe.

- All animals must be on a leash or in a carrier
- If your pet has challenges meeting other people or animals, they must be muzzled
- Loaves and fishes (biscuit and salmon treats) will be provided for the pets
- If your pet does not do well in a crowd and you do not want to muzzle them, please leave them at home and stop by the pet blessing to pick up a carry-out doggie bag containing a treat and pet prayer. Please text Mark Benmuvhar at (314) 472-5771 if you need to order a carryout doggie bag.



Alpha Youth for High School Students Starts Oct. 8
Wed. nights from 6:30-8:00
Join a conversation on life, faith, and purpose!

Alpha High School Registration - Fall 2025



Alpha Youth
Trailer



THE FATIMA MINISTRY

This ministry is indeed a blessing for ALL who participate. Please consider signing up for one of the available weeks in **October or in November** by going to SignUpGenius.

- 10/05 - **Peggy & Ted Dolter**
- 10/12 - **Maureen Schoenkase**
- 10/19 - **Gary Ward**
- 10/26 - **OPEN**

If you are unable to pick up the Statue or you need more information call: Carolyn Messler (314) 712-2042 or Gina Norrenberns (314) 435-9107.

The Statue can be picked up in the St. Joachim room.



Trunk-or-Treat

October 18, 6:30 pm.

On the South Lot at Mary Mother

The event is free and open to the community. We will have games, activities, Gus's pretzels, & treats!

If you can help text Becky @ 314-236-1421.

To sign up, go to marymother.org on our home page and scroll to quick links, click on SignUpGenius and scroll down to the bottom of the page.

Grown-ups, We Need You!

Giving out treats is a Joy! It can be as simple as a bowl full of candy, one piece per child. This is a great way to meet our Young Families. And you get Gus's Pretzels too! Sign up on SignUpGenius as listed above.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

"And when you worship Jesus in the Eucharist, you receive from him the Holy Spirit and you find peace and joy. . . . Let us rediscover Eucharistic Adoration in our communities! Let us implore the grace to hunger for God, with an insatiable desire to receive what he has prepared for us."

Pope Francis, Homily (2018)

The Adoration schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM
- Wednesday 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- Thursday 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

We would like to welcome and thank our newest Eucharistic adorers, Michelle Martin on Wednesdays @ 3:00 PM and Anne Bowie on Thursdays @ 3:00 PM.

For more information call **Anne Duncan** at 314-406-4100 or email: anreilly1@outlook.com

RESPECT LIFE

You're invited to join together to pray the **Rosary**, entrusting the cause of Life to Mary, **30 minutes before the start of each weekend Mass during October**, Respect Life Month.

Life Chain – This Sunday, October 5 from 2 – 3 pm –

Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for one hour praying for our nation, for women in crisis situations, and for an end to abortion. Park at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church on Butler Hill Rd. and stand or sit along Butler Hill Rd. holding a sign that will be provided and praying silently. Lawn chairs and strollers are welcome. Please join us.

Our parish **Respect Life Committee will meet Wednesday, October 8** at 7 pm in the Annex. Michaela Rodriguez from Reach Reproductive Health, a new network of pro-life pregnancy centers in the area, is coming to tell us about Reach and their House of Refuge partnership which equips parishes to become a place of ongoing support for women as they leave Reach's care. All are welcome to join us.

Gabriel's Retreat – October 17-19 – for new & expectant mothers facing any unexpected challenge – Go to www.gabrielsretreat.org for more information and to register.

Celebrate Life Mass – Saturday, October 18 at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis – 10 am Mass followed by the Rosary and reception in Boland Hall – contact Carolyn Messler at 314-712-2042 to carpool.



CARE OF GOD'S CREATION

CARE OF CREATION

Did you know microplastics have been found in our water, food, in blood cells, brain cells, and in the

human placenta? Come learn about the harmful chemicals in plastics and what you can do to improve your health and the environment.

Featured Speaker: Luz Rooney, Co-founder of Beyond Plastics Missouri/ Wisconsin Chapter

Sunday October 12th: 12:30 -2:00 PM
(Doors open 12:15)

Mary, Mother of the Church Hall

Light Lunch included. Bring your refillable water bottle!

Register on SignUpGenius.

Sponsored by Mary Mother of the Church Care of Creation Committee



NURSES CORNER

Vaccines: Today (Sunday), in the Reilly Center gym from 10AM to 1PM, Winkelmann Drug will offer flu vaccines, ages 7 to 64 (standard dose) and 65+ (high dose). Limited Covid vaccines are available if 65+. Even if "you" have not picked up consent/insurance forms or "saved a spot" on sign up genius, please stop by. Our pharmacists will accommodate as many as possible.

Follow up on Medicare presentation: Thank you to parishioners who attended the State Health Insurance Program or "MO SHIP" on Sept. 24th. Our presenter has agreed to schedule individual counseling to help folks navigate through the enrollment process. Please check SignUpGenius soon for those details.

November Remembrance: As we prepare for the annual Mass of Remembrance, Saturday, Nov 8th, we welcome pictures of your loved ones who have passed away. We would like to share with you in their memory by displaying the pictures in church next month until Nov. 23rd, The Solemnity of Christ the King. We ask for these to be emailed to parishnurse@marymother.org, brought to the vestibule (remembrance pictures bin), the parish office or put in the outside (incoming mail) mailbox by NOON on Friday, Oct. 31st. The pictures cannot be any bigger than 5" X 8" and **unframed**.

Gratefully,
Michele, your Faith Community Nurse



Save the Date

The Anointing of the Sick will be at all Masses on October 18th & 19th. More details will be in next weekends bulletin.

Quote for the Week

"God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world: peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the Earth.

Pope Benedict XVI



Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Joe Albright, Janet Barks,
Kiegan Bersing, Lydia Chamberlain, Sandy Cooseman,
Gerald Cordes, MaryAnn Daust-Buehler, Kathy Davidson,
Grace Dawson, Barbara Ferguson, **Craig Franks,**
Mary Jane Franks, Jane Goeke, Diane Graham,
Ken Gresnick, Marie Harthill, Joe Heizer,
Saralou Henrickson, Peggy Huber, Pat Keller,
Barbara Killius, Joy Kleucker, Loretta Lampen,
Jim Lampen, Leslie Lewis, Jerry Marshall, Fran Mazanec,
Floyd Melliore, **Carolyn Messler,** Irene Meyer,
Rich Meyer, Mike Ottoline, Val Pike, Joe Reker,
Kathleen Riggio, Paul Schulte, Robert Schuster,
Mary K Spencer, Jean Taylor, Pat Tobin, Jeanne Voyles,
Jack Weis, Char Wersching, Dennis & Marie Winschel,
Dave Ziegler

Daughter or Daughter-in-law the Chamberlains,
the Coffmans, Sue Dace, Kathleen Kidwell, Jeanne Krull,
the McColls, the Newbolds, the Rekers, the Siesners,
the Swehls, the Zachs

Son or Son-in-law of Leona Boucher, Betty Courisky,
Mary Sue Ondr, the Rekers, Mary Simitjis

Mother or Mother-in-law of Pam Biehl, Ted Dolter,
Laura Getsey, Nancy Muehl, Dennis Rees, Mark Stevison,
Diane Wilcox

Father or Father-in-law/Grandfather of Laura Getsey,
Mark Scheipeter

Sister or Sister-in-law of Gary Franklin,
Elizabeth Hudson, Libby Long, Mark Muehl, Joan Serati,
Joyce Skiljan

Brother or Brother-in-law of the Franklins, Barb Gavin,
Sherry Heumann, Carla Merlotti, Carol Musielak,
Mary Scalzo, Paul Schulte

Granddaughter or Grandson or Great-grandchild of
Sue Dace, Mary Lee Davis, the Killius', **Jeanne Krull,**
the Lampens, the Leezys, the Leichts, the McColls,
the Rekers, Mary Simitjis, Mary Stewart, Dave Ziegler

Niece or Nephew or Great-niece or Great-nephew of
the Baleks, Leona Bochantin, Libby Long,
Fran Mazanec & Jeanette Sloan, the Slamas,
the Schmitzes, Gloria Wind, Dave Ziegler

Aunt of Mark Muehl

Cousin of Alice Weis

Friends of the Brockhauses, the Coffmans,
Joan Crawford, Mary Jane Franks, the Franklins,
the Giljums, Jane Goeke, Chris Hack, the Harthills,
the Kopps, the McWilliamses, **the Wackermeyers**

Names in bold print are new to the list.



Prayers for our Beloved Deceased

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

Mike Foley

Vince DeBlaze, brother of Mary Lee Davis

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



Pray for Those Serving in the Armed Forces

SPC US Army Kyle Bean

Great-Nephew of Rich & Barbara Hantak

1Lt US Army Joseph Chellis

Grandson of John & Trudy Chellis

SR. Ryan Clancy - Son of Matt & Maria Clancy

Staff Sgt. Carl Degenhart

Son of Greg & Cheryl Degenhart

Capt. Ed Hubbel - Friend of the Rogers Family

Pvt. 1st Class Eric Kremer

Grandson of Ken & Sue Kremer

Capt. Cole McAnany & Lt. Micah McAnany

great-nephews of Mark McAnany

Avt. Brittany Leicht - Daughter of Paul & Marie Leicht

SGT. Aaron Marshall - Grandson of Jerry Marshall

Staff Sgt. Ryan O'Fallon

Son-in-law Greg & Cheryl Degenhart

Pvt. 1st Class Joshua Rockwell

Grandsons of Jim & Sharon Rockwell

Lt. Col. Jim Rund - Cousin of Emily Schenk

Ens. Daniel Stefans - Grandson of Gus & Janice Berry

Staff Sergeant Donovan Tracy

Grandson of Marcia Dohack

Maj. Michael Villeneuve

Son-in-law of Don & Gerianne Kopac

CONTEMPLATIVE CORNER

Commitment to contemplative practice, like any practice, requires the cultivation of a certain discipline, and thereby, habit. If you are uncertain of how contemplative practices like Centering Prayer might fit into your life, you are welcome and encouraged to “test the waters,” engaging in prayer periods of different lengths and experimenting with what places, sounds, and writings help *you* move into the “inner room” of prayer.

However, be aware that such experimentation tends to be most fruitful for those who have first become familiar and have a certain degree of comfort with the standard practices and methods passed down through the ages, so that you can understand their purpose and how changes might enhance that purpose in your own practice, rather than detracting from it. Music, for instance, has been successfully incorporated into all manner of contemplative practices throughout the ages, but any music chosen must cultivate interior stillness and equanimity, or else it risks undermining the purpose of contemplative practice.

Also, if you are beginning (or beginning again), know that too much tinkering with your practice can actually stunt growth. The real fruits tend to arise out of a dedicated, devoted, daily return to a set practice of contemplation day after day, prayer period after prayer period. Don't spend so much time seeking the “best way” to pray that you neglect the prayer itself. It's in the actual intention and practice of surrender to God, however imperfect (and our attempts will *always* be imperfect!) that transformation happens!



Become a Nazareth Living Center Volunteer

Do you have a love for seniors and a passion for helping others? Come join the fun and camaraderie at Nazareth Living Center. We have nearly 100 friends and neighbors who regularly share their gifts of care and compassion to our seniors in need.

We would love you to add *your* special gift to the list below!

- Eucharistic Ministry • Musicians/Singers/Entertainment
- Skilled Seamstress/Quilters • Hydration Cart • Gift Shop,
- Skilled Crafters-onsite or from home • Activities-nail care crafts, games, etc. • Transport wheelchair residents within the community • Visit, read, or walk with residents.

Contact: Leslie Angel Volunteer Coordinator at Leslie.angel@benedictineliving.org (314)649-4681



MMOC TITHING

“Together we do great things”

St Louis University Mobile Health Clinic serves areas where citizens lack nearby healthcare facilities, transportation to clinics, or the technology to utilize telehealth options. The mobile clinic serves areas in St. Louis, including north St. Louis, by reaching out to the unhoused and those who lack trust in the healthcare system.

“Thank you for your generous donation! Your support helps make our mission a reality, and we are truly grateful. As a partner of the University, you are integral to the success of our community!

Sincerely,

Sheila Manion
VP for Development



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

As we near MMOC's Care of Creation Committee sponsored presentation on plastics pollution, October 12 from 12:15 to 2:00 in the Parish Hall (free to attend with lunch included), data from a 2024 Boston College project, “Joining Science and Theology to End Plastic Pollution, Protect Health and Advance Social Justice,” provides reminders of the impacts of this pollution:

- 1) Plastics cause disease, disability and premature death at every stage of their life cycle in production, use and disposal.
- 2) Plastics endanger human reproduction.
- 3) Plastics damage infants and children.
- 4) Plastic production worsens climate change.
- 5) Plastics threaten human rights.
- 6) Plastic recycling does not work.
- 7) Plastic pollution is a global threat.
- 8) Relentless increases in production are the main driver of plastic's worsening harms.

With these facts in mind, come learn more about this important topic from speaker Luz Rooney, Co-founder of Beyond Plastics Missouri/Wisconsin Chapter. Register on SignUpGenius and bring your own water bottle if you can!

Rosary

Join with fellow parishioners in praying the Rosary every Sunday night at 6:30 p.m. in the Caton Chapel.





5 Year Milestone Anniversaries for September

Year	Name	Wedding Date
5	Kevin & Amanda Brightman	10/17/2020
5	Mick Pfeil & Emmy Satorre	10/14/2020
20	Mark & Emily Young	10/01/2005
30	Matthew & Jennifer Maloney	10/21/1995
30	Jeff & Becky McDonnell	10/14/1995
40	Ralph & Janet Hennicke	10/12/1985
40	Mark & Kathy Inman	10/12/1985
45	Rose Marie Bryant	10/18/1980
45	Bruce & Susan Buerkle	10/18/1980
50	Bob & Brenda Schaefer	10/10/1975
50	Gerald & Carol Swehla	10/11/1975
50	Ronald & Ann Werner	10/03/1975
55	Gerald & Ruth Haegele	10/03/1970
60	Ron & Karen McClune	10/02/1965

**We honor those who have been married for over
60 years by listing them every year.**

62	John & Trudy McClune	10/26/1963
62	Jim & Ann Noonan	10/12/1963
62	Tony & JoAnn Radosevich	10/26/1963
64	Joe & Rose Rinke	10/21/1961



Did you know???



Did you know that **quite often** things are left in the office, at the office door, or on the bookshelves in the two vestibules and we do not know who they're for or who left them!!!! It would really help us to get the items to the right people if you would let us know that information. There are sticky notes on both desks in the office that you can use to let us know. If the door is locked please call the office at 314-894-1373 and leave a message telling us what you left, where you left it and who should get it.

Also, if you take something from one of the desks in the office, or the copy room, like staplers, scissors, tape dispensers etc., please *bring them back* or leave a note letting us know who took them and where you took them so we can get them back.

We appreciate your help with this ongoing situation.

Zechariah Men's Prayer Breakfast presents the story of an encounter with Christ one man at a time. It involves fellowship, a great talk, and prayer.

Seating at the Fleur de Lis room Cardinal Rigali Center is by reservation only via email to gary.whitlock@att.net, by phone to **636-215-0973**, or via the online form at **StlRenewal.Org/ZPB**. \$15 for breakfast is payable at the door, waived for men who ask.

Our speaker is **Deacon James Keating**, Professor of Spiritual Theology at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. Come to breakfast **Saturday October 11, 2025**, or tune in for free at 10:10 am on YouTube or Facebook [[stlrenewal.org/yt](https://www.stlrenewal.org/yt) or [stlrenewal.org/fb](https://www.stlrenewal.org/fb)]. For more information visit the Catholic Renewal Center website at **ARCHSTL.ORG/RENEWAL**.



 Daughters
of St. Paul

Rosary at the Grotto

WITH THE SISTERS

**WEEKDAYS
IN MAY
at 5:30 PM**

PAULINE BOOKS & MEDIA
9804 WATSON ROAD
CRESTWOOD, MO

All are welcome!
Please feel free to bring
your own lawn chairs
or picnic blankets.

The Metal Ministry

"The Metal Ministry" is in need of a person to help transport the trailer from our annex to the recycler in Fenton one the 4th Monday of each month. The trip takes about 1 1/2 hours from 8:30 am to about 10 am. Please call Dick Drury at 314-374-4680 if you have questions or interest."



