

Mary, Mother of the Church

5901 Kerth Road, St. Louis MO 63128 - 314.894.1373

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time - October 26, 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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Mary, Mother of the Church Cares

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
AbortionPillReversal.com 1-877-558-0333

Abortion Healing Ministry

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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

A LETTER FROM DEACON RANDY

Our Gospel today can cause some real problems for those of us who consider ourselves “religious people.” Why do I say this? I believe that Jesus is reminding us that our attitude in prayer is as important, if not more important than the words that we speak. Do I believe that I deserve God’s attention more than someone else? Do I look down on others who do not live their lives as I think they should? Put simply, do I think I am better than others? Today, there are some that believe that only saints should be allowed in church and that sinners should be banned. Is that our attitude or belief? If it is, it is safe to say that our churches would be empty because everyone of us is a sinner. Perhaps, hopefully, we are a saint in the making, but we certainly are not one right now. I do not know if it is true or not but there is a story told of a bishop who was speaking with a man who refused to go to church because it was full of hypocrites. The bishop told the man that “Yes, you are right. I am one of them for sure, and there’s always room for one more.” Pope Francis wrote in *Evangelii Gaudium* that “The Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and healing for the sick.”

Many times, in His teaching, Jesus reminds us that religious people often have the most difficulty hearing His voice and acting on His teaching. Could that be us or are we humble enough to pray like the tax collector, “Oh God, be merciful to me a sinner”? Being a sinner should not keep us from joining in community with others. When we gather for prayer, the pews are filled with sinners. We may pretend to

be something other than that, but the truth is that each of us come to church carrying our sins. Isn’t that why we begin every Mass by admitting our sins and asking for forgiveness. “Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy”. None of us are worthy on our own merit, but we come seeking God’s grace and reconciliation.

In our Gospel today, Jesus says the tax collector returned home justified. In the first reading from the Book of Sirach, we hear that God hears the cry of the oppressed, that God is not deaf to the wail of the orphan or to the widow. The Eucharist is a place where all are invited to encounter God’s mercy and love regardless of past sins or present struggles. May we all recognize our need for God’s mercy and forgiveness and be willing to extend the same to others.

Lord, have mercy on each and every one of us,

Deacon Randy



Because All Saints Day falls on Saturday this year it is **NOT a Holy Day of obligation**. There will be **no** extra mass said on Saturday November 1st.



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@marymother.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.

Church Doors

If you are using the church *please do not prop the doors open*. It is an invitation for mice to find their way in. Also, leaves are blown in and our vestibule gets very messy. If you need a key just come into the office during regular office hours and we will be happy to provide one for you.



Grazie!!

We are very grateful to so many this year: to all who organized our dinner, decorated, set up and cleaned up, cooked the pasta, made the salad, grilled the Italian sausage, served the food, donated, cut and served the desserts, made and served the drinks and of course to our Confirmation and youth helpers. We were so pleased with the great attendance: We welcomed many new parishioners and saw other new faces. Don't forget our supporters: Bartolinos Restaurants and Schnucks. Together we made it a great success. We hope to see you all again next year!!

Rosary

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



Thank You from the Stewardship Committee

Prayer, Participation and Generosity are three components of Stewardship. Thank you to so many who came to the Stewardship Weekend Event on September 27 and 28 and saw how Parishioners at Mary Mother put these components into action. For the next several weekends, the large tree poster and a picture board from Stewardship Weekend will be on display in the church vestibule. On the tree are first names of Parishioners who attended the Event. All are welcome to stop by and place a one-word prayer intention and your name on one of the blank leaves, peel off the back and affix it to the tree. Let's fill up the tree!



Thank you! The Stewardship Committee

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, October 27

9:05 am AA Group - Rm 1,2
 9:30 am Basic Catechism Course - Rm 3,4
 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 28

8:30 am Fireman's Prayer Group - Rm 3,4
 9:00 am Adoration - Chapel
 9:00 am Quilting
 9:00 am Walk the gym
 9:30 am Sandwich Shoppe - Parish Hall Kitchen
 7:00 pm Parish Council Mtg - Rm 1,2

Wednesday, October 29

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 Basic Catechism Course - 3,4
 7:00 pm Traditional Choir Practice - Church
 8:30 pm Men's Basketball - Gym

Thursday, October 30

7:30 am Men's Prayer Group - Annex
 9:00 am Women's Prayer Group - Rm 3,4
 9:00 am Walk the Gym
 3:00 pm Adoration - Chapel
 6:30 pm Pickleball - Gym
 7:00 pm Contemporary Choir Practice - Church

Friday, October 31



Saturday, November 1 All Saints Day

3:30 pm Confessions - Church

Sunday, November 2 All Souls Day

8:00 am Western Catholic Union Memorial - Chapel
 6:30 pm Rosary - Chapel

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL FUNDRAISER!!

SVDP is sponsoring the sale of delicious Double D's pizzas this weekend, Oct. 25 & 26. This will help support our Mary Mother SVdP conference.

Vincentians will be in the vestibule after all 3 Masses this weekend to take orders for these scrumptious pies.



The Words of Everlasting Life

Readings for October 26 - November 2

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 (7a); 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

Monday: Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 6:12-16

Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30; /Ps 13:4-5, 6; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39; Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31; Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Next Sunday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40



JOIN US FOR OUR MONTHLY EVENT

Food and beverages will be provided

THE PATH TO TRUE MASCULINITY

Father Jacob Wessel
Associate Pastor
Ste Genevieve Church

DATE Tuesday, Oct 28, 2025

TIME Doors open at 6pm,
starts at 6:30pm

PLACE Corpus Christi Center, St.
Joseph Imperial, MO

MEN HELPING MEN FOLLOW CHRIST AND THE TEACHINGS OF HIS CHURCH

Thank You

A thank you from the Michael Foley Family for all of the Sympathy cards, letters and Mass intentions for Michael. As usual the Mary Mother family has gone all out in their care for one of their own. By the way, some of our friends from other parishes commented on how delicious the luncheon was. "God Bless" to all of you. Barb Foley



This Week's Mass Intentions

SUNDAY October 26

9:00 AM - Lucas Menz †
11:00 AM - Our Parish Family

MONDAY October 27

8:30 AM - Marie Ernst †

TUESDAY October 28

8:30 AM - Frances McDaniel

WEDNESDAY October 29

8:30 AM - Fr. Dave Polek

THURSDAY October 30

6:15 AM - Carol Kehrman †
8:30 AM - Joseph Kraichly †

FRIDAY October 31

8:30 - Jim Krull †

SATURDAY November 1

4:30 PM - Eleanor Ziegler †

SUNDAY November 2

9:00 AM - Lucas Menz †
11:00 AM - Our Parish Family

† Denotes those who are deceased



THE FATIMA MINISTRY

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

- **10/26 - Jeanne Krull**
- **11/02 - Andre Veras**
- **11/09 - Terry Ross**
- **11/16 - Pam Biehl**

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.

from the desk of Religious Education

In this week's Gospel the tax-collector's humble plea for mercy stands opposite to the Pharisee's self-praise. John Paul II's apostolic letter **Mulieris Dignitatem** reminds us that the dignity of women—and especially of mothers in the family—is lived out most fully when they model the very humility that the tax-collector shows before God. For parents, this parable and the letter together point to three guiding truths: recognize our own need for God's mercy, **let humility shape how we speak of ourselves and our children, and nurture in the family the dignity of every person, especially the women who give life to the household.**

Why humility matters for families

- **The Gospel's warning** – The Pharisee “thanks God that he is not like other people” (Luke 18:9-10) and lists his merits, while the tax-collector “beats his breast” and simply asks, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner” (Luke 18:13-14) Jesus declares that the humble sinner is justified, whereas the proud self-exalter is not.
- **John Paul II's insight** – *Mulieris Dignitatem* teaches that women are called to a “particular vocation of motherhood, of care, of listening, and of love” and that “the child learns more from what the mother does than from what she says” The letter stresses that true dignity is expressed in “humility, recognizing one's need for God's love”.
- **A shared picture** – Both sources show that authentic authority in the family arises not from boasting about deeds but from a sincere awareness of our dependence on God's mercy. When parents, especially mothers, model this interior poverty, they give their children a concrete witness to the Gospel's call to humility.

This month, as we pray the Rosary and contemplate Mary, the grief of child loss, and the dignity of life, let us honor the special gifts of women, thanking them for their self-sacrificial love and the uniquely tender ways only they can give.



10/27 @ 6:15p - PSR

11/1 - All Saints Day



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

10/26 - Life Night - **Halloween** Movie Night

11/9 - Social Night

11/15-16 - Christmas Sale Weekend

11/16 - XLT @ St. Margaret Mary

11/22-23 - Christmas Sale Weekend





NOVEMBER 23 & DECEMBER 7
12:15 PM TO 1:15 PM
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PRACTICE

DECEMBER 5TH
ANNUAL ADVENT GLOW

DECEMBER 14
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & HBD JESUS PARTY!

Save the Date

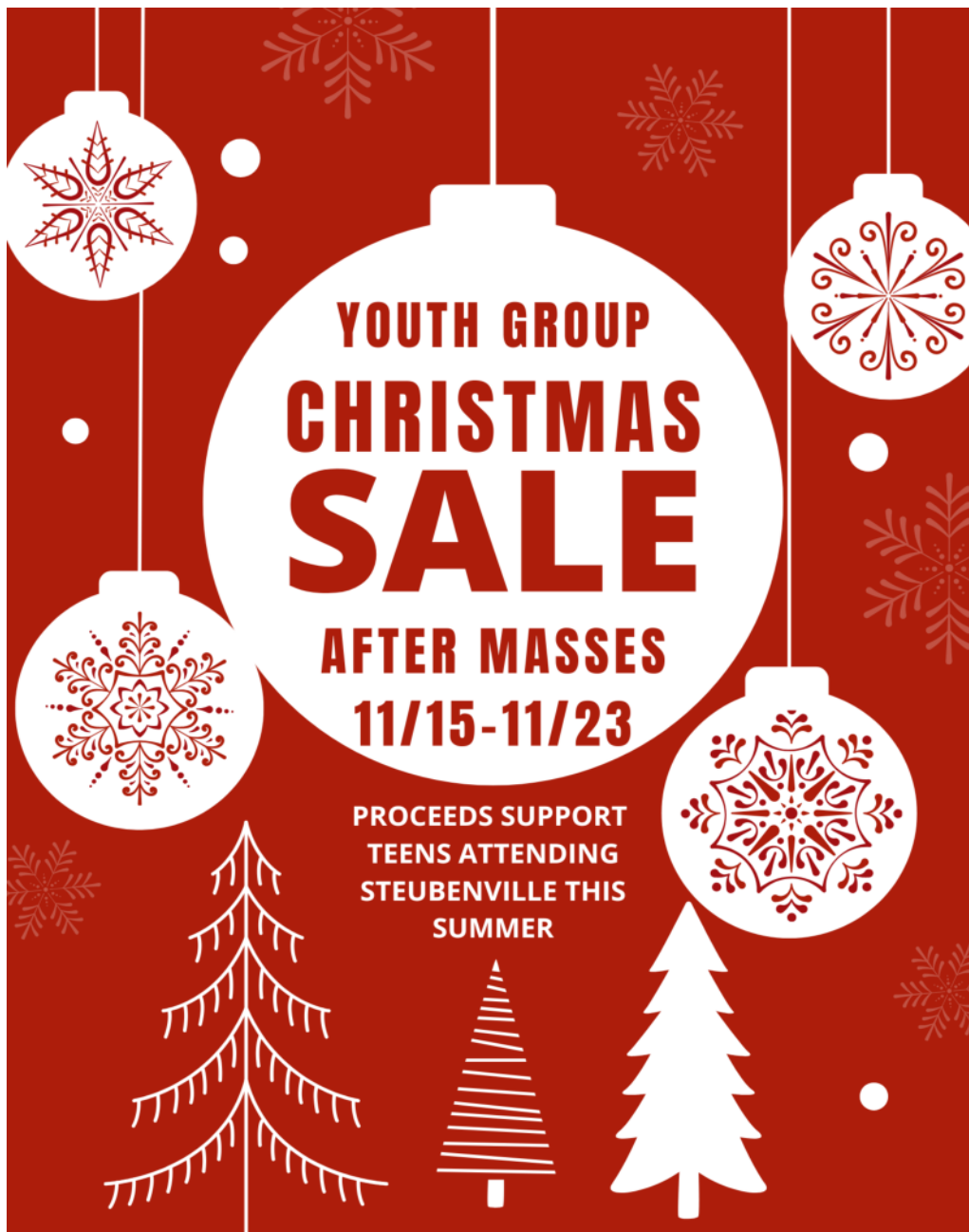
 Look out for

Please mark your calendars as BUSY for the dates mentioned.
We would love to see you at our events!

All Souls Candlelight Vigil

The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Perryville, MO

You and your loved ones are invited to join Vincentian Father Clayton Kilburn on **November 2**, as he leads a Candlelight Vigil from the Shrine Church to the historic grotto to remember your deceased loved ones in prayer. The vigil begins at 6:00 pm. Call Frank Ryan at 573-768-7013 or visit the Association of the Miraculous Medal website, www.amm.org.



YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS SALE

**AFTER MASSES
11/15-11/23**

**PROCEEDS SUPPORT
TEENS ATTENDING
STEBENVILLE THIS
SUMMER**



Monarch Ministry Monarch

Monarch Ministry's mission is to stop sex trafficking of children and women. We have an **ongoing collection** for donated items of old jewelry and other items for this ministry. For a detailed list of items see the list above the basket on the back wall in the vestibule.

If you have any questions, call Rosie Harthill at 314-609-8416.



NURSES CORNER

Dementia Care: This link: <https://mlfnd.org/videos> offers brief TikTok videos that may be helpful for caregivers/loved ones.

The next CPR/AED/First Aid class with "KeepinTheBeatCPR" is Thursday, Nov. 6th from 3 to 7PM in the Parish Hall. See SignUpGenius.

"MO SHIP" program follow up: Missouri State Health Insurance Program presentation was one month ago. I will soon hear from a counselor and set a date for individual appointments. Please check SignUpGenius.

Pictures of loved ones for November: If sharing a picture for the first time, please bring in or email to parishnurse@marymother.org by NOON on Friday, Oct. 31st, (size 5 x 7 or smaller, unframed, labeled with your name.) Other options: place them in the "Remembrance Pictures" bin in vestibule OR MMOC's outside (incoming) mailbox, after hours. We treasure these pictures, which will be displayed near the baptismal font.

OUR ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE, Saturday, Nov. 8th at 8:30AM, honors all who have died. It includes the reading of names of our loved ones or parishioners over the past year that Mary, Mother of the Church had a Funeral/Memorial Mass, or mortuary/graveside service for. However, this Mass is for ALL! Breakfast follows in the Parish Hall. Please call the office or see SignUpGenius, to give us the number attending the breakfast.

Michele, your Parish Nurse

CONTEMPLATIVE CORNER

In his book *A Grief Observed*, C.S. Lewis proposes that, "You must have a capacity to receive, or even Omnipotence can't give." True mercy, grace, and love are big gifts, so much so that we can struggle with our ability to receive and hold them. Some people even get turned off of faith by the notion of such great love, reckoning it too good to be true, or else just too much to handle. Contemplative wisdom recognizes the immensity of these Divine gifts, and also recognizes that the preoccupied, self-centered, *small* ego lacks the capacity for these gifts. Contemplative practice increases our capacity for experience of and participation in Divine Life and Love. It does this, in part, by helping us detach from anything unessential to our identity in Christ, helping us to slowly and carefully clear away distraction, worries, hurts, addictions, and "false gods" from interior space meant for God alone. Contemplative practices also function as something of a "storage upgrade." In the very engagement with the love, grace, and mercy of God, we find our spirits stretched and our interior life expanded to welcome in more and more of God. Provided that we continue to open ourselves to receive God, this expansion of the Spirit can only end when the Spirit is boundless, with capacity for the infinite God. At that point, we will know ourselves as all sharing the one Spirit, and God will be "all in all" (1 Cor 15:28).

Contact us at contemplative@marymother.org or call us at 314-578-0062



MMOC TITHING

"Together we do great things"

Sisters of Divine Providence: La Posada Providencia Provides shelter for indigent immigrants in San Benito Texas.

Thank you for all the support you have given our organization. Because of your contributions, we can serve with care and compassion, the needs of the migrant population and community.

This year we were able to expand our footprint as well as our services.

Again, we thank you for your continued support and helping us succeed in our mission.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Deuel
Executive Director



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**

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



Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Joe Albright, Janet Barks,
Kiegan Bersing, **Ray Boehm, Dorothy Bunevac,**
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, **John and Maureen Schumacker,** 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, **Carol Slama**

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

Granddaughter or Grandson or Great-grandchild of
Sue Dace, Mary Lee Davis, the Killius', Jeanne Krull,
the Lampens, the Leezys, the Leichts, 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.

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



**Mary, Mother of the Church pray for
our parish and for the whole world.**



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

HN Justin Venable

Son of Bob & Michele Venable

Maj. Michael Villeneuve

Son-in-law of Don & Gerianne Kopac



SVdP Quarterly Report

The last quarter of the fiscal year (July, Aug, Sept) SVdP members contributed 1126

hours of service and logged 2398 miles making 27 home visits and recycling scrap metal. From your contributions in dollar, food, and scrap metal, we have been able to assist our neighbors in need with the following expenses: Utilities- \$6,013

Housing- \$19,672

Auto repairs- \$544

Auto insurance- \$335

Food/Gas gift cards- \$2,000 (to cover perishable items)

Food- \$631 (food pantry items delivered at \$2 per item)

Home repairs/moving expense- \$579

Twinning- \$2,800

We were able to supply 10 appliances from our metal ministry to several families and 7 bikes to Bikeworks to be refurbished. We also distributed 282 lunches at St. Vincent de Paul church in the city. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts in continuing to help our neighbors in need!

STEWARDSHIP GRATEFUL AND GENEROUS

October 19, 2025

Sunday Stewardship	\$ 6,706.00
Gifts-Stock, RMDs, Charitable Giving	\$ 5,725.00
Special Contribution	\$ 2,000.00
Online Stewardship	<u>\$ 8,283.93</u>
Total Sunday Stewardship	\$22,714.93
October 2025 Weekly Budget	<u>\$18,925.00</u>
Over <Under> Budget	\$ 3,789.93

Major Project Fund	\$ 130.00
Special Contribution	\$ 390.00
Online Stewardship	<u>\$ 483.75</u>
Total Major Project Fund	\$ 1,003.75
October 2025 Weekly Budget	<u>\$ 1,200.00</u>
Over <Under> Budget	<\$ 196.25
YTD Over <Under> Budget	<\$ 4,217.75>

YTD Operating Revenue <Deficit> <\$40,728.32>

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!



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

MMOC's Care of Creation group, part of the Peace and Justice ministry, held a well-attended program last Sunday on plastic pollution and ways to reduce our plastic consumption. As a follow-up, Lori Fick, chair of the Care of Creation subcommittee, provided additional information as to how we can reduce, reuse and recycle. The Magic House accepts paper towel tubes, wine corks, cereal and thin cardboard snack boxes, shoe boxes, clean plastic caps of all shapes and sizes, clean yogurt and cottage cheese containers, cardboard egg cartons, tissue paper, miscellaneous craft supplies, magazines and greeting cards.

The Refill Effect, 204 N. Clay in Kirkwood, offers "the products you want without the packaging you don't." This woman-owned small business offers the opportunity to refill your own containers with such products as liquid body wash, shampoo, conditioner, dish soap, etc. They also sell cotton mesh bags, produce bags and sustainably produced products such as sunscreen, aloe gel, body and hand lotion, bar deodorant and shampoo; go to their website, www.therefilleffect.com, for the full list of products and services they offer. Similar products may be available at other local retailers or online.

Small changes in lifestyle can have a meaningful impact on the health of our environment: try switching to refillable non-plastic water bottles, reusable straws, cloth napkins, wool dryer balls, waxed paper, compostable dental products and cleaning brushes. Every time we choose to avoid plastic products, we contribute to a healthier world.

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





Monastery of St. Clare

There are 2 events at the Monastery of St. Clare.

Friday, November 7th there will be a Holy Hour for priestly and religious vocations starting at 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

And on **Sunday, November 9th** beginning at 7:30 a.m. there will be an **All-Day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**. You may receive the special plenary indulgence by praying at the Monastery of St. Clare. The day will conclude with Evening Prayer with the Sisters and Benediction at 4:30 p.m. The Monastery is located off the 6000 block of Telegraph Rd at 200 Marycrest Dr. just south of the Bethesda Nursing facility. The monastery entrance sign is next to the Goddard Daycare Center.



LEGACY SUNDAY
FAITH ACROSS GENERATIONS
— ROMAN CATHOLIC FOUNDATION —



Build a Legacy.

Legacy Sunday is not a fundraiser. It is an educational initiative designed to help us understand the value and impact of planned giving. Whether it's remembering your parish in your will, naming the church as a beneficiary, or exploring other forms of planned gifts, these thoughtful acts of selfless generosity will make a lasting difference in the life of the Church for future generations.

Scan the code to hear this legacy story.
Or, visit: <https://bit.ly.LegacySundayB>



RESPECT LIFE

Spiritual Adoption - Baby's 1st Month!

At the very moment of conception, a baby's DNA is completely unique from his/her mom's and will NEVER again be repeated in the history of the world. The baby's sex, eye color, hair color, a dimple, or a cleft in the chin, has already been determined. He or she is smaller than a grain of sugar, but the instructions are present for all this person will become.

In the baby's first month, he/she grows 10,000 times bigger than at conception. By the 17th day, blood vessels begin to form, as well as sex cells for a new generation. The foundation of his/her brain, spinal cord and nervous system has developed by day 20. By the 21st day, the baby's heart begins to beat and is pumping blood through its circulatory system, with its own blood type. The baby is just ¼ inch long... the size of a sunflower seed. 

Please pick up a prayer card in the vestibule if you haven't already, name the baby you spiritually adopt, and pray daily for him/her and the baby's parents. *Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to protect the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted. Mary, our Mother in Heaven, pray for us, and especially for your little ones!*

Men's Morning of Reflection – for men impacted by abortion – Saturday, November 8 from 9 am to noon – Catholic Renewal Center, 6120 Pebble Hill Drive, St. Louis, MO 63123 – register or find out more by connecting with our Abortion Healing Ministry Team – email hopehealing@archstl.org or call/text Cindy at 314-778-0628

Mercy Hospital South is seeking additional volunteers to join our family of caregivers for 2-4 hour weekly shifts. Please contact liana.kopchak@mercy.net or call 314-525-1298 for an application. Some of our most urgent areas of need would be:

Daycare: M-F (middays)
Greeters: M-F (mornings)
Hospitality Cart: M/Th/F (days)
Lab: M/W/Th (days)
Missouri Medicare/Medicaid Specialists (will train): M-F (days)
Pianists/Guitarists: M-F (days)
Pastoral Care (Eucharistic Ministers): M-F, Sat. & Sun (days)
Patient Relation Reps: M-F (days)
Patient Transport: Thursdays (days)
Shuttle Drivers: M-F (late afternoons)

