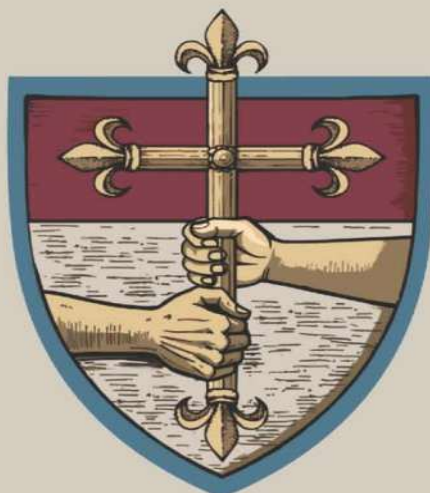


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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

Several of you have asked when are the scheduled Masses for All Saints Day, this weekend, November 1st. There aren't any! I confess I am having a déjà vu to the covid-19 shutdown in the spring of 2000, as I am celebrating Mass by myself Saturday morning November 1st! This time thankfully, the reason is much more normal: two infrequently discussed liturgy norms.

First, the Saturday night Mass this weekend cannot be for All Saints Day, because it has to count for the Sunday obligation so that everyone has the usual number of opportunities to make it to Mass and fulfill that obligation. So even though the 4:30 Mass this weekend was on November 1st, the Mass had to be for the Sunday November 2nd obligation, and we all know November 2nd is All Souls Day, a completely different liturgy.

The second reason there was no requirement for Mass this November 1st is-- All Saints Day is one of those holy days-- along with New Year's Day, Mary Mother of God, and Assumption of Mary, August 15th- for which Pope St John Paul II changed their status in 1991. In his 'Good Shepherd' desire to be more pastoral and gentle, he lifted the obligation for those Solemnities when those dates land on a Saturday or a Monday, because Catholics are already expected to go to Mass every weekend.

The obligation for December 8th, Immaculate Conception, and Christmas was not lifted, even if those dates still land on Saturday or Monday, because those celebrations relate to truths of our

faith and gifts of God that are more at the very heart of our faith than that of the other three dates.

If one were to ask then why didn't the Church know that before 1991, the short answer is, the Church has added or taken away liturgical rules throughout our history, usually based on a pastoral judgment by a pope, who was trying to listen to the beliefs and the living situation of his people, the Church.

Can I prove that it is clearly logical and deeply true that November 1st, January 1st, and August 15th are not as major in their doctrinal and liturgical significance as the other two dates? I could make a good case, but I hope instead that you can trust that the Church is guided by the Spirit in such things, and is endeavoring to lead and to serve us in a helpful way. After all, don't we make judgment calls like that for ourselves or our families and ask them to trust us?

I hope all of you have enjoyed this trip down liturgical trivia lane! In the meantime, Happy All Hallows Eve, Happy All Saints Day, and now, blessed All Souls Day! May God comfort all of us today who are remembering lost loved ones.

Father Steve



ALL SOULS DAY

Pray for the Faithful
Departed

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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.

Let's Raise the Roof!

Our parish, founded in 1971, is now 54 years old, and our buildings need additional care as they age.

Our Church and Reilly Center (gym) roofs will both be over 20 years old in the coming year. The gym roof is the original roof from when the building was erected in the late 90s. The church roof was last replaced in 2005. Cost estimates to replace both roofs was over \$315,000 in 2020, and we expect today's costs to *far exceed* those prices!

The gym roof has a few leaks that we have tried to repair but have not been able to find the source of the leaks (common on flat roofs). That will be the first roof we replace, and we hope to do that in 2026 or 2027. Our job right now is to obtain estimates and gather the necessary funds, so that the work can be scheduled.

Thankfully, the church roof has a bit of life left; it has no leaks and the upper roof membrane is in good condition. That can wait a year or two before we need to replace it.

We do not have enough money on deposit to pay for *both* roofs... we *think* we have enough to cover the cost of the gym roof, but that will deplete our Major Project fund.

Please consider donating to our Major Project Fund, which are the monies set aside for major improvements and capital expense-level repairs.

Also this year, all donations to our *#iGiveCatholic* (Giving Tuesday) initiative will be deposited into our Major Project Fund.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!
Let's Raise the Roof!

Fr Steve



Even if you've never joined with us in the past we would love to meet you.

We'll have a potluck lunch at noon in the Parish Hall on Thursday November 13th.

Please utilize SignUpGenius and let us know if you can bring an entrée, a side dish or a dessert.

We will play some bingo & other games.

Contact Sue Fuchs at 618-791-6782 or email her at susanfuchs15@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, November 3

9:05 am	AA Group - Rm 1,2
12:00 pm	Sandwich Shoppe - Parish Hall kitchen
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, November 4

8:30 am	Vianny Retreat-Various locations
9:00 am	Adoration - Chapel
9:00 am	Quilting
9:00 am	Walk the gym
3:00 pm	SVdP Society Mtg - Rm 3,4
6:30 pm	Stewardship - Rm 3,4
7:30 pm	Youth Commission Mtg - Youth Rm

Wednesday, November 5

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	Liturgy Mtg - Rm 1,2
8:30 pm	Men's Basketball - Gym

Thursday, November 6

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
3:00 pm	CPR/AED Training - Parish Hall
6:30 pm	Pickleball - Gym

Friday, November 7

Saturday, November 8

8:30 am	Mass of Remembrance - Church
9:30 am	Mass of Remembrance Reception - Parish Hall
1:30 pm	Alpha Retreat PSR Parents/Confirmation Class - Various Locations
3:30 pm	Confessions - Church
5:30 pm	Tithing Meet & Greet - Gym
5:30 pm	Bridge Bread Sale - Church Vestibule
5:30 pm	Blood Pressure Screening - St. Joachim Rm

Sunday, November 9

10:00 am	Tithing Meet & Greet - Gym
10:00 am	Bridge Bread Sale - Church Vestibule
10:00 am	Blood Pressure Screening - St. Joachim Rm
6:30 pm	Rosary - Chapel

Missing Bell

If you know where the Bunko bell is, please let Pat Echelmeyer know. It has been missing since last year's party. Her phone number is 314-892-6782.



The Words of Everlasting Life

Readings for November 2 - November 9

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

Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36;
Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3;
Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9;
Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14;
Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;
Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-3,
4-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6,
8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22



This Week's Mass Intentions

SUNDAY November 2

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

MONDAY November 3

8:30 AM - Linda Jokerst †

TUESDAY November 4

8:30 AM - George Schmitz †

WEDNESDAY November 5

8:30 AM - Donald Dace †

THURSDAY November 6

6:15 AM - Fr Ed Reilly †
8:30 AM - Joy Kleucker †

FRIDAY November 7

8:30 - Patrick & Katie Reilly

SATURDAY November 8

4:30 PM - Harold Reh †

SUNDAY November 9

9:00 AM - Our Parish Family
11:00 AM - Laura Klages †

† Denotes those who are deceased

"It is More Blessed to Give Than to Receive"

Acts 20:35

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH
TITHING MEET & GREET**

**NOVEMBER 8TH AND 9TH IN THE REILLY CENTER
FOLLOWING ALL MASSES**

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

Since 1978 Mary Mother has been tithing 10% of our income to a variety of charitable organizations, many nominated by our parishioners. If you have ever wondered about the Tithing Program at Mary Mother, the Meet and Greet on November 8th and 9th is the place to learn more. Many of the 39 different charities who currently participate in our Tithing Program will be present in the Reilly Center, ready to share information about their work and to thank you for your generosity. Please plan to join us.



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.

- **11/02 - Andre Veras**
- **11/09 - Terry Ross**
- **11/16 - Pam Biehl**
- **11/23 - Anita & Steve Anton**

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

This week, the Church celebrates two special feast days that remind us we are part of one big family—God's family.

- **On All Saints Day (November 1st)**, we honor all the saints in heaven—those we know by name and the countless others who quietly loved God and others in their everyday lives. The saints were real people just like us. They laughed, cried, made mistakes, and tried again. What made them saints was their deep love for Jesus and their desire to follow Him in all things.
- **On All Souls Day (November 2nd)**, we pray for all the souls who have died and are still being purified by God's love before entering heaven. Our prayers are a gift of love that help them draw closer to God.

Children, as you think about these special days, remember: you are called to be a saint, too! Each act of kindness, every prayer, every time you choose love over selfishness—you are saying “yes” to God, just like the saints did.

Please keep in your prayers the children and families who will be attending the Alpha Holy Spirit Retreat on Saturday, November 8th, from 1:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. May the Holy Spirit fill their hearts with peace, joy, and courage to live their faith boldly.



Mary Mother Youth Ministry

**YOUTH MINISTRY IS OPEN TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS.
NO SIGN-UP NEEDED! ATTEND ON A REGULAR BASIS OR
DROP-IN AS IT FITS YOUR SCHEDULE!**

- Sunday, 11/9 - Social Night. Put your team together for a game of trivia! Prizes for the winning team. Meet in the Annex at 7 pm
- Saturday & Sunday, 11/15 & 11/16 - Christmas Sale in the Vestibule following all masses
- Sunday, 11/16 - XLT at St. Margaret Mary, 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Evening of praise, worship, and fun with other South County youth groups
- Saturday & Sunday, 11/22 & 11/23 - Christmas Sale in the Vestibule following all masses

NOVEMBER 23 &
DECEMBER 7

12:15 PM TO
1:15 PM

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DECEMBER 14
CHRISTMAS
PAGEANT &
HBD JESUS
PARTY!

Save the Date

 **SignUpGenius**
Look out for

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

Young families at MMOC

On October 10th some of the young families here at Mary Mother got a chance to get to know each other a little better. Let's make them all feel welcome as they bring the future of our Church to worship with us.



Game Night

Our next Mary Mother game afternoon will be on Sunday, November 16th from 3-5. All are welcome. Bring your friends and play your favorite game or learn some new ones. Bring your kids or grandkids and teach them some of the games you grew up with (we have lots of games available to play for all ages). Bring your favorite game, some snacks and get ready for an afternoon of fun. Questions email:

social@marymother.org



Bridge Bread

*Bridge Bread will be available for purchase next **wendend**, **November 8th and 9th**.*

Bridge Bread values their relationship with Mary, Mother of the Church.

Thank you so much for your overwhelming support.

YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS SALE

AFTER MASSES
11/15-11/23

PROCEEDS SUPPORT
TEENS ATTENDING
STUEBENVILLE THIS
SUMMER



NURSES CORNER

Medicare: In last week's "corner," I shared that I am planning to have a counselor come to give ONE on ONE help during Medicare's open enrollment period. There has been a delay in accomplishing that. I will give an update **soon**. **Thanks for understanding.**

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

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, with the number attending breakfast by this **Thursday, Nov. 6th**. Thank You.

Michele, your Parish Nurse



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

RESPECT LIFE

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 – by email at hopehealing@archstl.org or call/text Cindy at 314-778-0628.

The monthly **Archdiocesan Pro-Life Mass & Rosary** will be held at St. Margaret Mary Alacoque at 8 am on Saturday, November 15.

CONTEMPLATIVE CORNER

Contemplative wisdom teacher Cynthia Bourgeault discusses how "dying before we die" brings new life from our awareness of mortality:

The one who would save his life or her life will lose it and the one who's willing to lose it, will save it (see Matthew 16:25)... The whole tradition we've had of "dying before you die" [through a contemplative disposition of detachment] sounds like martyrdom from the outside, but what you really discover is, it's the gateway to freedom.

Jesus within our own Christian path not only tried to point toward what this new life is, but he also took us there and left us with the promise that he carries this, that he takes it on. Any one of us who summons the great courage within us to gird up our loins and die before we die are not left unaccompanied. It's on the other edge of that that we're really set free to courage, to compassion, and to generosity—this is where the Paschal Mystery begins to come in.

The fruits of the Spirit... are alchemical products that grow on the other side of the human being not afraid to die. We can find and collectively draw on those wonderful gifts. But it requires the personal willingness (as the old monks in the desert said), to "sit in your cell and ponder the hour of your death" until you've really worked through your system what this promise means: "Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's" [Romans 14:8]. . . .



MMOC TITHING

"Together we do great things"

Footprints: A Program through SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital that helps children with life-threatening illnesses and their families to "live well" during their difficult journey.

Please accept our sincere thank you and appreciation for your recent donation. While our staff may have changed over the years, our mission has remained the same... To improve the quality of life of children living with cancer and other complex medical illnesses.

The Footprints Palliative Care Team thanks you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Lisa Griebel
Administrative Assistant



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, **Steve Krieger**, Loretta Lampen,
Jim Lampen, Leslie Lewis, Jerry Marshall, Fran Mazanec,
Floyd Melliore, 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 the Coffmans, 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

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.

Melba Wilmarth, sister of Jim Yamnitz

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

Bulletin Pray List

PLEASE take a moment to review the list of the sick
and homebound.. Let us know if someone can come off
the list & we will be happy to remove their name.



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



5 Year Milestone Anniversaries for September

Year	Name	Wedding Date
20	Christopher & Lisa Murray	11/12/2005
25	Timothy & Faith Torrence	11/10/2000
30	Don & Chris Sheedy	11/25/1995
35	Mark & Kathi Hoyer	11/03/1990
35	Keith & Leslie Mayer	11/24/1990
35	Kurt & Susan Westrich	11/09/1990
40	Dick & Lisa Roseland	11/09/1985
55	Robert & Patricia Echelmeyer	11/28/1970
60	Bob & Trish Willmering	11/06/1965

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

62	Jerry & Judy Lesmeister	11/16/1963
63	Bill & Carol Bond	11/23/1962
64	Joseph & Evelyn Reker	11/18/1961
65	Gary & Janet Barks	11/12/1960

STEWARDSHIP GRATEFUL AND GENEROUS October 26, 2025

Sunday Stewardship	\$ 5,083.00
Gifts-Stock, RMDs, Charitable Giving	\$ 7,158.00
Online Stewardship	<u>\$ 8,283.93</u>
Total Sunday Stewardship	\$20,524.93
October 2025 Weekly Budget	<u>\$18,925.00</u>
Over <Under> Budget	\$ 1,599.93
Major Project Fund	\$ 141.00
Special Contribution	\$ 1,050.00
Online Stewardship	<u>\$ 483.75</u>
Total Major Project Fund	\$ 1,674.75
October 2025 Weekly Budget	<u>\$ 1,200.00</u>
Over <Under> Budget	\$ 474.75
YTD Over <Under> Budget	<\$ 3,743.00>

*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!***

Quote for the Week

"Every time I say 'no' to a small temptation, I strengthen my will to say 'no' to a greater one."

Mother Angelica



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

On Oct. 4th, Pope Leo XIV issued an apostolic exhortation titled, "I Have Loved You," described as a letter "to all Christians on love for the poor." Pope Leo, emphasizing the recent sharp rise in inequality, wrote that church teachings have put care for the poor at their core. He called for dismantling structural injustice and using technology to develop effective policies for change. Pope Leo also championed charity and almsgiving stating, "Charity is not optional but a requirement of true worship." There are references to Pope St. John XXIII's appeal to "wealthier countries not to remain indifferent to nations oppressed by hunger and extreme poverty," to Pope St. John Paul II's citing the church's "preferential option for the poor," and to Pope Francis who "made care for the poor and solidarity with the poor one of the key themes of his pontificate." Pope Leo also referred to Leo XIII's encyclical defending the rights of working people to a living wage which set the tone for the church's modern social doctrine. He reiterated that the church should welcome migrants by building bridges, not walls. Cardinal Michael Czerny, a close advisor to Pope Francis, clarified that Pope Leo's exhortation did not seek to single out the U.S., but that these teachings are valid in all countries, "like the Gospel."



Emergency Food Drive



The Archbishop has asked all parishes to take up a food drive, to benefit the many people in the Archdiocese who will not receive their November SNAP benefits, due to the government shutdown.

We will hold a food drive the weekend of November 8th and 9th. The food collected will benefit our St. Vincent de Paul food pantry/SNAP recipients. Please drop off your donations in the area indicated "Archbishop Food Drive" in the church vestibule.

Some suggested items are:

- Peanut Butter
- **Canned** tuna chicken, chili, soup, stew, beans, fruit, and vegetables & apple sauce
- Pasta & pasta sauce, mac & cheese, instant mashed potatoes, rice,
- packaged sides, Hamburger Helper
- Cereal, oatmeal, granola bars,
- powdered milk or shelf-stable milk.
- Baby formula & baby food.

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Thank You!!!!

Thank you for supporting the SVDP Pizza sale! Over the 2 weekends, 443 pizzas were sold.

The frozen pies will be delivered to MM and ready for pickup after masses the weekend of November 15th and 16th.

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