

Mary, Mother of the Church

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33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time - November 16, 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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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

In light of the wisdom that comes to us every year when we must Fall out of summer's warmth and longer light into "Novembering" and the coming winter dark, I thought it fitting to share some sights and sounds of my recent priests retreat at the great river's edge-- White House Retreat center.

The incredibly beautiful days and nights revealed God's summer whispering, "I am still here, walking into the winter with you." Even the full moon all that week announced how great the sunlight still was as it met each night. That beautiful symbol echoed for me every night, the great wisdom of our retreat director, Father Patrick McDevitt, CM, all week. He is a Vincentian, the order of priests who taught me in the Seminary, the Congregation of the Mission. They are the Community who 'mission' to train men how to be missionary priests.

Even in our local diocese, and in our own dear Parish, we are missionaries. If we are not, the parish begins to decline. The essence of being a missionary is owning the love of Jesus who has gone into the deepest winter darkness in us and then carrying that love into some very dark places in others' hearts. There are so many people living by their own poor lights who do not know and feel the enlightening love of Jesus yet. We missionaries at Mary Mother have resolved to carry that message into the lives of our fellow members who may know intellectually that Jesus loves them, but they do not believe it or feel it yet. I have seen it at every Parish where I have served, very busy with programs, activities and buildings, but not building up the Body of Christ within them.

The good news is there are many partners at Mary Mother who have resolved to bring that loving message to our members who have not really heard it yet, and there are so many more parish members who are praying for the Spirit to bless that missionary work within the parish. As God was so generous to us priests with late Summer's warmth on our retreat, so we, Mary Mother missionaries, must be saying to our fellow members who need it most, "I am still here, walking into the winter dark places in your heart with you."

God's blessing on your "Novembering!"

Father Steve



Thanksgiving Mass Schedule



The Mass time on Thanksgiving Day is **9:00 am**.
We will continue our tradition of collecting **non-perishable food items** and **cash** for our SVdP Food Pantry. Any extra items will go to St. Anthony's Food Pantry.

Office Closer
The office will be closed on:
Thursday, November 27th & Friday, November 28th

Bulletin Deadline

Bulletin Date	Due Dates
November 22nd/23rd	November 14th by Noon
November 29th/30th	November 17th by Noon



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.

Quote for the Week

"You cannot go with God and stay where you are."

Henry Blackaby

Friday Friends

The next lunch for the Friday Friends group (widows) will be on Friday Nov 21st. They will be going to Liliannas restaurant at 11836 Tesson Ferry Rd., and will meet there at 11:30 am. If you're planning to attend this event, please RSVP to Fran at 314-8941275 or Nancy at 314-894-8522 to let them know how many will be joining in the fun.

If you haven't joined them before, please consider coming this time. Hope to see you then.

Game Afternoon

Our next Mary Mother game afternoon will be on Sunday, November 16th from 3pm to 5pm. 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



Rosary

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



ONLINE GIVING

Help sustain our church regardless of the weather. We offer Online Giving as an additional option to strengthen our church's community and support our ongoing mission and ministries.

Online Giving helps support our church by allowing you to make donations, payments, and pledges via your mobile phone, smart device, or computer.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, November 17

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, November 18

9:00 am	Adoration - Chapel
9:00 am	Quilting
9:00 am	Walk the gym
9:30 am	Sandwich Shoppe - Parish Hall Kitchen
10:30 am	Contemplative Mtg - Rm 1,2
3:00 pm	SVdP Mtg - Rm 1,2
5:30 pm	CYC Basketball practice - Gym
6:00 pm	Ad/Fin Mtg - Rm 1,2
7:00 pm	Health Ministry Mtg - Rm 3,4
7:00 pm	Prayer Group - Ste Anne Rm

Wednesday, November 19

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
7:00 pm	Tradition Choir Practice - Church
8:30 pm	Men's Basketball - Gym

Thursday, November 20

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, November 14

9:00 am	Love Thy Neighbor - Rm 3,4
10:00 am	Funeral

Saturday, November 15

12:30 pm	Jacqueline Visitation - Church
1:30 pm	Jacqueline Memorial Service - Church
3:30 pm	Confessions - Church
4:30 pm	Youth Group Christmas Sale - Church Vestibule
5:30 pm	Griffin Baptism - Church

Sunday, November 16

9:00 am	Youth Group Christmas Sale - Church Vestibule
9:00 am	Family Mass
11:00 am	Blessing of Confirmation Candidates
12:00 pm	Confirmation Mtg - Parish Hall
12:15 pm	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal - Church
6:30 pm	Rosary - Chapel

The Words of Everlasting Life

Readings for November 16 - November 23

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9
(see 9); 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158;
Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7;
Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b
and 15; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6,
14-15; Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Ch 29:10bcd,
11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-3, 4 & 6, 16 &
19; Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5
(see 1); Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-4



This Week's Mass Intentions

SUNDAY November 16

9:00 AM - Judy Grieshaber †
11:00 AM - Our Parish Family

MONDAY November 17

8:30 AM - Kathleen Ziegler†

TUESDAY November 18

8:30 AM - Chuck Arnes †

WEDNESDAY November 19

8:30 AM - Dolores † & Elmer Holtmann †

THURSDAY November 20

6:15 AM - Joseph Kraichely †
8:30 AM - Wilfreda Famador †

FRIDAY November 21

8:30 - Michael Foley †

SATURDAY November 22

4:30 PM - Rick Caskanett †

SUNDAY November 23

9:00 AM - Our Parish Family
11:00 AM - George Schmitz †

† Denotes those who are deceased



ADVENT GLOW!! FRIDAY EVENING, **DECEMBER 5TH @ 7 P.M.**

Join us in church for an hour of joy & peace as
you prepare for the upcoming holidays.
Afterward, come down to the parish hall and
enjoy some fellowship and refreshments.
AFTERWARD, COME DOWN TO THE PARISH
HALL
& ENJOY SOME FELLOWSHIP & REFRESHMENTS.
Any Questions??? Call Carol Drury, 314-398-8657
or Becky McDonnell 314-236-1421



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.

- **11/16 - Pam Biehl**
- **11/23 - Anita & Steve Anton**
- **11/30 - Susan Hoskins**
- **12/7 - Mary Driskill**

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

Advent Wreath, Explained!

The Advent Wreath as we know it today is a modern spin on an ancient practice — or rather, several of them.

Christians have always utilized candles to illustrate the metaphor of Christ as the “great light” shining on a people waiting in darkness (Isaiah 9:2). Historians tell us that pre-Christian societies in Europe also viewed candles as symbolic of the coming light of spring, and may have used wreaths of natural material along with these candles. Traditions and rituals surrounding an “Advent Wreath” are often thought to have originated in the Lutheran tradition in 16th-century Germany. Today, Advent Wreaths are a practice embraced by most Christians in the Western world.

An Advent Wreath consists of a circle of evergreen and four candles, one for each week of Advent. Three of the candles are purple; one is rose, representing Gaudete Sunday, a time of rejoicing at the closeness of Christmas. In Catholicism, Advent Wreaths are blessed on the First Sunday of Advent. For Advent Wreaths in private homes, it is appropriate for a family member to perform the blessing. ©LPi



Advent Wreath Blessing

Dear Lord, we joyfully await the coming of our Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin.

Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath; may their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, for ever and ever.

Amen.

11/17 Regular PSR Class @ 6:15p m - 7:30 pm

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!**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TRIVIA WINNERS!

- Saturday & Sunday, 11/15 & 11/16 - Christmas Sale in the Vestibule following all masses. Volunteer to help support your Steubenville trip this summer
- 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
- Sunday, 11/30 - Youth Ministry Meeting following 11:00 mass



Attention all middle school and high schoolers

We are having our second ever middle school youth night. Mark your calendars for Sunday, **November 30 from 7-9.**

We are going to get ready for the holidays and put you in the mood with the movie ELF. Come and bring your friends. We will have snacks, soda, cookies, and hot chocolate. The best thing is there is no cost to attend. We are asking that you sign up on SignUpGenius just to make sure we have enough food for our hungry middle schoolers. If you have any questions please email Rich Blackford at social@marymother.org

Looking forward to seeing lots of you that night.



Help provide scholarships to students attending Catholic Schools!

100% tax credits are available to individuals and Businesses. Participate in the MOScholars Program today.

For more information call the Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation at 314-792-7032



Christmas Pageant Characters Needed!

We need 20 kids (age 4yrs and up) to take part in our 'Christmas Pageant.' on December 14 at 11:00 am Mass. We will provide the costumes. There are two practices 11/23 and 12/7 from 12:15-1:15. The kids will learn 3 songs to sing at mass. The short pageant play will be preformed after communion.

Happy Birthday Jesus Party

Join us for the Happy Birthday Jesus Party after the 11:00am Mass in the Parish Hall.
(Questions call Becky McDonnell at 314-236-1421)
Sign up from SignUpGenius link on marymother.org

"DONUT SUNDAY"

This Sunday, November 16th, is Donut "Sunday" after the 9am and 11am Masses. Come celebrate in fellowship with the MMOC community and enjoy donuts along with beverages.

All are welcome.

Remember: Your freewill offering for each item helps us provide the donuts & drinks for this community event.





NURSES CORNER

Thank you to Jane Goeke, Carolyn Duke and Donna Loneragan for your service as blood pressure screeners last weekend!

HMC (Health Ministry Commission) meeting is Tuesday, November 18th at 7 PM in classroom 4. Please join us! There will be NO meeting in December but we hope to plan a Christmas caroling event soon after that.

Vacation days: I will be out of the office Wednesday, Nov. 19th through Monday November 24th. I'll be back in the office on Tuesday, November 25th. Thanks for understanding.

November picture remembrances: Thank you for sharing your pictures. These will be taken down and put in a wicker bin on the bookshelf outside the parish office. If you hadn't noticed the blue scrapbook/photo album on that same bookshelf outside the parish office, please take a look through it. There may be pictures that you would like to take home. These have been saved over the years. Unfortunately, I couldn't put all of them up near the Baptismal Font due to limited space.

Michele, your Parish Nurse

Tithing Report

October 2025 – 4 Sundays - \$1281 per agency St. Augustine Wellston Center—helps support the members of the former St. Augustine Parish. It includes a food pantry, thrift store, employment counseling, health services and a GED Program.

Energy Care—provides financial assistance to those facing the loss of gas and/or electric utilities.

Peter & Paul Community Services—serves the poor and unhoused in the community. Donations are used for food to provide meals and for supplies.

St. Stephen Catholic Church in Richwoods—provides aid to a rural parish serving the poor in an area of great need in Missouri.

Lemay Child & Family Center—provides early childhood education and care to children in a diverse, nurturing environment, and strengthens families by promoting the children's physical, cognitive and social emotional development.

Holy Family Hospital Bethlehem—provides care to Bethlehem's poorest families, offering access to care, hope and support for families, especially related to maternity and infant care.

Total Tithe for April \$7686

CONTEMPLATIVE CORNER

When undertaking a prayer practice, there is a natural human tendency to want to set timelines and goals. There is some value to this sort of self-imposed structure, as it can help us cultivate discipline and positive habits in our prayer lives. Nevertheless, we must always remember that prayer is ultimately *relationship*. As such, trying to predetermine a point of "arrival" that will allow us to proclaim "success" in our prayer is, at best, a dicey proposition. As we persevere in prayer, there will undoubtedly be fruits and signals of our deepening relationship with God, but it is entirely likely that those signals and fruits will *not* be exactly the ones we were seeking. Otherwise, we might be so vain as to imagine that the power in a relationship with the Divine comes from us, rather than from God. We also must never deceive ourselves into thinking that there is a finish line to be reached in prayer, after which no more growth and commitment will be required. Any married couple will tell you that even the longest and most dedicated marriage requires real work to keep it thriving. This is no less true in our relationship with God. Moreover, relationship, by its nature, does not develop according to plan, but is rather forged in the messy dynamics of give and take, three steps forward and two steps back, and gradual self-disclosure. We must learn to be patient in prayer, as God is with us.

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

STEWARDSHIP

GRATEFUL AND GENEROUS

November 9, 2025

Sunday Stewardship	\$ 4,455.00
Gifts-Stock, RMDs, Charitable Giving	\$15,120.00
Online Stewardship	<u>\$ 7,935.20</u>
Total Sunday Stewardship	\$27,210.20
November 2025 Weekly Budget	<u>\$16,435.00</u>
Over <Under> Budget	\$11,075.20
Major Project Fund	\$ 80.00
Special Contributions	\$ 3,344.00
Online Stewardship	<u>\$ 428.00</u>
Total Major Project Fund	\$ 3,852.00
November 2025 Weekly Budget	<u>\$ 1,200.00</u>
Over <Under> Budget	\$ 2,652.00
YTD Over <Under> Budget	\$ 1,347.00

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!



Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Joe Albright, Janet Barks,
Kiegan Bersing, Ray Boehm, **Carol Brophy**,
Dorothy Bunevac, Lydia Chamberlain, Sandy Cooseman,
Gerald Cordes, MaryAnn Daust-Buehler, Kathy Davidson,
Grace Dawson, Craig Franks, Mary Jane Franks,
Jane Goeke, Diane Graham, Ken Gresnick, Marie Harthill,
Joe Heizer, Saralou Henrickson, Peggy Huber,
Mark Inman, Pat Keller, Barbara Killius, Steve Krieger,
Loretta Lampen, Jim Lampen, Leslie Lewis, Jerry Marshall,
Fran Mazanec, **Mary Ann McWilliams**, 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, Charles Turner,
Jeanne Voyles, Jack Weis, Char Wersching,
Dennis & Marie Winschel, **Jim Yamnitz**, 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', the Lampens,
the Leezys, the Leichts, the McColls, the Rekers,
Mary Simitjis, **Ruth Spray**, Mary Stewart, the Thieles,
Dave Ziegler

Niece or Nephew or Great-niece or Great-nephew of
the Baleks, Leona Bochantin, Libby Long,
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,
the Webers

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.



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

RESPECT LIFE

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

Archdiocesan Annual Adoption Mass – Sunday November 23 at 10 am – Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis – a celebration of all whose lives have been affected by adoption – special invitation to birth parents and families who have adopted or who are in the process of adoption.

Christmas Cards to benefit Birthright Counseling will be on sale in the vestibule after the weekend Masses November 22-23 and November 29-30. The cost is \$7 for a pack of 10 cards. Bring cash or a check made out to Birthright Counseling. Birthright Counseling offers free counseling serves to women with unintended pregnancies or complicated issues related to pregnancy at their offices in Brentwood, Midtown, and North County.



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



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Do you know? According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, #2358, 1997 ed.:

"They [homosexual people] must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided." Two of the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching guide us in this teaching. *Life & Dignity of the Human Person*, reminds us that every person is made by God, in the image and likeness of God. This ensures each person, without exception and regardless of any other qualities or characteristics, has infinite dignity and is worthy of the respect due a child of God. *Option for the Poor and Vulnerable*, calls us to give special attention and care to those on the margins of society, those who have been excluded or deprived of rights or resources that would allow them to live free of discrimination.

Pope Leo XIV, speaking of the role of the church in the lives of those encountering various difficulties, had this to say: "I believe it is urgent to establish a pastoral ministry that is supportive, empathetic, discreet, and non-judgmental, welcoming to all, and that offers the most personalized paths possible, suited to the diverse life situations of those receiving it."

Love Thy Neighbor, a group here at MMOC, aspires to these ideals. Look for our upcoming book study in early 2026 to help us learn how to be a church of encounter and accompaniment to those who may feel unwelcome, hurt, or misunderstood.



Save the Date

Why do so many people migrate?
Why are so many immigrants detained & deported at this time?
How can justice be achieved?

There will be an 8 week program available to help understand some of the issues about the immigration policies.

The sessions are on Tuesday's from January 13th - March 3rd, 2026
2:00 pm - 4 pm online zoom or in person at St. Catherine Laboure Parish Center.

Contact Mary Factor at 314-562-0449 if you are interested in participating in this program and she will register you.

There is a \$35 fee for this program and you will need 2 books for approximately \$24.00 which are available on Amazon.



Advent Invitation: Rooted on FORMED

This Advent, rediscover the power of Scripture and salvation history through **"Rooted: Rediscover the Jesse Tree"**, a 25-day reflection series created **for adults**.

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It's a perfect way to reconnect with Scripture, prayer, and the true meaning of Advent. Use the QR code to sign up and give yourself the gift of deeper roots in Christ. Alternately you can sign up for the daily emails at: <https://daily.formed.org/advent>



Rock Food Drive

The Christmas food and gift food drive for Rock Church will be held on Dec. 6 and 7. Food bags will be distributed this weekend and the next two weekends. There are suggestions in the bulletin for much-needed items. **They can really use personal care items, detergent, soap, toilet paper, paper towels, kleenex and other items they cannot purchase with food stamps.** You have noticed the increase in prices at the grocery store. They are feeling the same increase. Please be generous and return the filled bags by 11:00 a.m. on Dec. 8. You can put the bags in the metal crate in the vestibule or bring them downstairs to the parish hall. You can also write a check to Mary Mother of the Church, put "food drive" in the memo line and send it to 5901 Kerth Road, 63128. Thank you for your generosity toward our brothers and sisters in Christ at Rock Church.

The Christmas Giving Trees are set up in the back of church with ornaments on the trees. The ornaments have the family number in the upper left corner along with the first names of the family members listed. Please select an ornament and **personally purchase** a \$25.00 gift card from Target or Walmart **for each name.** If you prefer to purchase individual gift cards, but not attach them to an ornament, you can turn the gift cards into the office throughout the drive. They will be delivered to the Rock Church on December 7th. If you are unable to purchase gift cards yourself, or if you prefer to make a gift by check, you can write the check (for \$25 per name on the ornament) to Mary, Mother of the Church, put "Giving Tree" in the memo line and bring into the office or mail it to 5901 Kerth Road 63128. Check donations must be delivered to the office by Monday, December 1st.

The boxes under the trees are just for Christmas cards not for gift cards. Gift cards are to be delivered to the office.

Book available for sharing

We've been given copies of this short book to share entitled

***This Is My Body:
A Call to Eucharistic Revival.***

It was written to deepen your understanding of and devotion to the Eucharist. It is divided into three chapters -sacred meal, sacrifice, & "if it's a symbol to hell with it". Copies are on the counter in the vestibule or call Carolyn Hebenstreit 314-578-0062 to get a copy.

ROCK CHURCH FOOD DRIVE DONATION SUGGESTIONS

December 6th & 7th **FOOD** **Personal Care Items**

canned meats & tuna
canned dinners
canned fruit
canned soup
canned veggies
boxed rice
boxed potatoes
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peanut butter

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cereal
pancake mix/syrup



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Centering Prayer

Join Us! Tuesday Centering Prayer Gathering

Tuesday November 18 - 10:30 to 11:30am

In classrooms 1 & 2 at MMOC.

Margaret Poirrier will facilitate this session.

For more information call Carolyn Hebenstreit

314.578.0062 or e-mail the Contemplative Team at

contemplative@marymother.org

Thank You

Dear Fr. Steve,

On behalf of our St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Knights of Columbus Council, I want to sincerely thank you and all Mary Mother parishioners for making our Tootsie Roll Drive so successful! We were thrilled to collect \$854.12 at the parish. All of the funds collected will go to help people with developmental disabilities in the St. Louis area.

We always receive such a warm welcome from the Mary Mother parishioners. Please extend our gratitude to them. Our council looks forward to partnering again with Mary Mother.

Sincerely, SMMA K of C



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