

Mary, Mother of the Church

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December 28, 2025



THE HOLY FAMILY

He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth,
so that what had been spoken through the
prophets might be fulfilled. - Mt 2:23

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ONLINE GIVING

1-800-348-2886 Option 2

REQUEST PRAYER outreach@marymother.org

Mary, Mother of the Church Cares

St. Vincent de Paul Society MMOC Help Line

email: svdp@marymother.org 314-289-6101 X2228
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

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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

Happy Holy Family Sunday and happy Christmas time! We do remember (do we not?) that it is Christmas time, and not a holiday that ended 3 days ago, when much of the world cast aside the sacred Christmas music at midnight December 26th, and the warm Christmas spirit in all the stores turned into an after Christmas sale.

For us in the Church, the climax of Christmas time is not until next Sunday, Epiphany! That was when the presence of the newborn King was manifest officially to all the world through the visit of the Magi from three faraway lands. I have heard many faithful people struggle with the name of Holy Family Sunday because they know their families are far from holy, as they see it, and they hear the Scriptures this weekend about the perfect original Holy Family and feel they are falling so short of Mary and Joseph and Jesus.

I prefer a better definition of holiness from spiritual directors of mine, that true holiness is in the effort to grow spiritually. I say, if you're trying, you're holy!

Also, I prefer to see my many, many imperfections as something that I share with all of humanity, and so with all of you who find yourself falling so short of perfect holiness- something that unites us- and gives us a reason to be community, like that family in Bethlehem and Nazareth and so support each other in our effort to reach higher!

I would also like to point out for our hope, the figure of Joseph, who was not 'Conceived without sin' and is certainly not Incarnated without sin like his foster son Jesus! Joseph is just like the rest of us but manages to find his way to holiness. Well, look at the company he kept!

So, there is a hope but also an inspiration for the rest of us. If we want to grow in holiness, let's take a look at the company we keep. And if you happen to go looking for holier company this holiday time, may I offer, you will find them at Mary Mother. I know I have.

Christmas love.

Father 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@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.

Inclement Weather Policy

There is a change to our inclement weather policy: When Mehlville School district cancels classes due to weather conditions only, weekday morning Masses will only be live streamed. This will allow enough time for the parking lot to be cleaned. Our policy to close our campus for the day will still be in effect. If Mehlville cancels evening events only, then our evening events will also be cancelled. This impacts things such as Eucharistic Adoration, meetings, exercise programs, prayer groups and sports. PSR families will be communicated to directly. Weekend Masses will be held as usual, *but use common sense when venturing out in icy weather. Your safety comes first!*

To see our policy for inclement weather please go to our website www.marymother.org and on the home page go to our parish. Scroll down to more resources for more details. Your safety comes first so, if there is any question in your mind about coming or not please stay home.



Holy Day Mass Schedule

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
this is a Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, December 31, New Year's Eve
4:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 1, New Year's Day
9:00 a.m.

*During this Christmas Season
 may you be blessed
 with the spirit of the season,
 which is Peace,
 the gladness of the season
 which is Hope,
 and the heart of the season
 which is Love.*

**The staff at
 Mary, Mother of the Church
 wish your many blessings this
 Christmas Season and a
 happy New Year.**

*The office will close at noon on December 31st
 and be closed all day January 1st.*

The office will be open Friday, January 2nd.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, December 29

9:05 am	AA Group - Rm 1,2
10:00 am	Mary K Spencer funeral
12:30 pm	Pickleball - Gym
6:30 pm	Pickleball - Gym
7:00 pm	Men's Prayer Group - Chapel

Tuesday, December 30

9:00 am	Adoration - Chapel
9:00 am	Quilting
9:00 am	Sandwich Shoppe - Parish Hall kitchen
9:00 am	Walk the gym
5:30 pm	CYC Basketball practice - Gym
8:30 pm	Men's Basketball - Gym

Wednesday, December 31

Parish Office Closes at Noon

7:30 am	Men's Prayer Group - Annex
12:30 pm	Pickleball - Gym
1:30 pm	AA Group - Rm 3,4

Thursday, January 1 **Parish Office Closed**

Friday, January 2 **Parish Office OPEN**

Saturday, January 3

3:30 pm	Confessions - Church
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Sunday, January 4

12:00 pm	Christmas Decoration Removal
6:30 pm	Rosary - Chapel
6:30 pm	Men's Basketball - Gym

Quote for the Week

"Get out of the boat. Face your fears. Fail. Learn. Adjust.
 Try again. And watch God do more than you can
 imagine"
 Craig Groeschel



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

Christmas Decorations

The Christmas Decorations will be removed next
 Sunday, January 4th, after the 11:00 am Mass.

Many hands make light work so please consider helping.



The Words of Everlasting Life

Readings for December 28– January 4

- Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
- Monday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18
- Thursday:** Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
- Friday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34
- Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-1



This Week's Mass Intentions

SUNDAY December 28

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

MONDAY December 29

8:30 AM - Bonnie Hermus †

TUESDAY December 30

8:30 AM - Wanda Oliver †

WEDNESDAY December 31

8:30 AM - Thomas, Sr. † & Joann Garavaglia †
4:30 PM - Mary Ann Schaper †

THURSDAY January 1

9:00 AM - Our Parish Family

FRIDAY January 2

8:30 - John McCarthy †

SATURDAY January 3

4:30 PM - Erika Miller †

SUNDAY January 4

9:00 AM - Our Parish Family
11:00 AM - Dolores Sollenbarger †

† Denotes those who are deceased



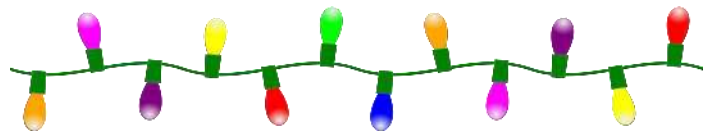
THE FATIMA MINISTRY

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

- **12/28 - open - If you are interested in taking the statue this week call the office before you take her home.**
- **1/4 - open**
- **1/11 - open**

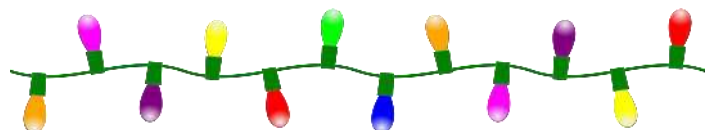
If you are unable to pick up the Statue or you need more information call: Carolyn Messler (314) 712-2042 or Gina Norrenberns (314) 435-9107.

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



If you have non-working Christmas lights, please consider donating them to the SVDP scrap metal recycling program. As directed by our mission statement: We will boldly dispose of "Non-radiant lights". Simply drop them off at the MM annex where the scrap metal is collected.

Thank you for your support!



PSR COORDINATOR

A new year is as good a reason as any to cultivate a new habit, and new spiritual practices can yield as much or more benefit than the mental and physical habits we more commonly associate with the new year. Here are some possibilities to consider if your family decides to engage renewal through resolution:

- **Make time to encounter Jesus.** Mass is important because it's where we meet Jesus in scripture, in each other, and in the Eucharist. If you're not in a regular weekly habit, pray about steps you can take in that direction. Also, make a habit of recognizing and calling out expressions of God's love you encounter *everywhere!*
- **Serve:** Jesus was a servant, so we should be too! Small acts of service are powerful. Help out at home, make a craft for Grandma, call someone who needs a friend – *be love* in the name of Jesus!
Prayer is powerful. Prayers are also as unique as each person's relationship to God, so there are plenty of ways to jump in if you're trying to awaken a more active prayer life. Try making the sign of the cross slowly and purposefully, emphasizing the names of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Stretch out your hands to symbolize giving everything to God. Sing, dance, or just be quiet with God.

As with any change, set small, realistic goals, celebrate success before taking another step, and don't get discouraged if a new practice doesn't come easily at first.

And remember, growing our relationship with God isn't just for New Year's Day. Every day is a great day to strengthen our relationship with Jesus!

PSR students: See you in 2026!



Monarch Ministry

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.



MMOC TITHING

"Together we do great things"

Living Well Foundation: Instructs and encourages youth with medical problems – cancer, diabetes, obesity, etc. in an intense camp experience with a health and wellness focus.

On behalf of Living Well Foundation (LWF), I thank you for your support of our life-changing and, for some, life-saving camps. We teach people of all ages and abilities how to lead healthy, happy, productive lives and avoid or reverse preventable illness and injury. We give people hope and community!

Your very generous and meaningful gift given at this critical time allows us to continue and expand our mission.

Thank you again for your partnership in giving hope to those who struggle!

Wishing you well,
Jean Huelsing
Founder



A NEW FAITH FORMATION & EVANGELIZATION OPPORTUNITY! ALPHA IS HERE!

Would you like to deepen your relationship with Jesus? Would you like to be able to invite others, no matter where they are on their faith journey, to do the same? If you answered yes to either of these questions, we invite you to try Alpha!

Alpha is "a meal and a movie" with conversation around life's most important questions. It occurs in a relaxed, fun, and inviting environment with no pressure.

We are partnering with St. Simon to offer both day and evening sessions.

If you are interested in helping or need help registering, please reach out to Becky McDonnell at: 314-236-1421. Thank you!
COME HOLY SPIRIT!

Mary Mother campus will have a session: January - March,
Mondays from 11:30am-1:30pm starting Jan. 19.

To register scan QR code:



St. Simon campus will have a session January - March, **Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30pm starting Jan. 21.** To register for Wednesday scan QR code:



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

Please welcome Griffin Cash Howard, son of Kyle and Samantha Howard, who was baptized into the Church on November 22, 2025.



JAMES MARTIN, SJ

Author of The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything



How the
CATHOLIC CHURCH
and the LGBT COMMUNITY
Can Enter into a Relationship of

The Love thy Neighbor committee is sponsoring a book study on Building a Bridge by Fr. James Martin beginning on January 11, 2025. It is a seven week study from 1pm to 3pm in rooms 3,4 at Mary Mother. If you are interested in joining us or have further questions please contact lovethyneighbor@marymother.org or call Mary Ann Lause at 314-882-4566.

NURSES CORNER

December is Seasonal Affective Disorder Awareness month: The weeks went quickly, with early bulletin submissions due. I apologize that "S A D" is being highlighted this late in the month. Information is in the vestibule about "winter blues" and ways to cope.

The ImpactLife Blood Drive is Thurs, Jan. 15th from 2 to 6PM in the parish hall. Many spots are available. Thank you for considering this lifesaving gift as we look ahead to the new year! Schedule your appointment any of the following ways: online - www.bloodcenter.org, click on the blood drive link on our parish website, OR call me (314) 894-1373 x. 206 or coordinator, Kevin Brady (314) 697-6007. If you have not donated whole blood since Nov. 20th, it will be 56 days, and you may be eligible. We hope to see you there! A bowl of hot chili awaits you!

As we journey through the Christmas season, I remain inspired and in awe of parishioners' loving care of one another. The countless ways that you pray for one another and loved ones, offer help, and give of your time - often many, many hours- are such blessings in this wonderful parish family! God bless You All!

Michele, your Faith Community Nurse



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Pope Leo XIV's apostolic teaching, *Dilexi Te*, addresses the Church's role in affirming that love of God is one with love for the poor. He illuminates God as a liberator of the oppressed and denouncer of injustices that impoverish and exploit human beings, stating, "Our relationship with the Lord, expressed in worship, aims to free us from the risk of living our relationships according to a logic of calculation and self-interest. We are instead open to the gratuitousness that surrounds those who love one another and, therefore, share everything in common." Pope Leo urges us to take concrete action to promote the common good and to structure our society in a way that promotes thriving for all. Jesus Christ, as the incarnation of God's love, demonstrated a radically compassionate witness against empire, elitism, and exclusion. In following his example, we join in making God's love incarnate. Pope Leo explains, "By its very nature, Christian love is prophetic. A Church that sets no limits to love, that knows no enemies to fight but only men and women to love, is the Church that the world needs today."

"Meals"

The "Meals" ministry scope is expanding to include "Caregiver meals". Initially, this ministry was created to provide seven meals to a parishioner returning home from the hospital or rehab after an illness, injury or surgery. We are now going to expand that to provide meals to "in-home caregivers", once or twice weekly, for as long as the caregiver would like to have this additional help.

We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to provide a meal once a week, once every other week, once a month--whatever you would like to do. These meals can be homemade or purchased restaurant meals. Once we build a group of volunteers who would like to participate/provide meals, we will contact you about the scheduling. If you have questions, please contact: Susan Krieger at (314-578-5602) or Michele Venable at (314-894-1373 ex 206).



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-nephew of Mark McAnany

Avt. Brittany Leicht - Daughter of Paul & Marie Leicht

SGT. Aaron Marshall - Grandson of Jerry Marshall

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



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 & Jim Lampen, Leslie Lewis, Jerry Marshall,
Fran Mazanec, Mary Ann McWilliams, Floyd Melliore,
Irene Meyer, Rich Meyer, Pat Mueller, Mike Ottoline,
Val Pike, Joe Reker, Kathleen Riggio, Paul Schulte,
John and Maureen Schumacker, Robert Schuster,
Jean Taylor, Charles Turner, Jeanne Voyles,
Helen Weckermeyer, Jack Weis, Char Wersching,
Dennis & Marie Winschel, Jim Yamnitz, Dave Ziegler

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

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

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

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

Sister/Sister-in-law of the Coffmans, Clare Ernst,
Gary Franklin, Elizabeth Hudson, Libby Long,
Mark Muehl, Joan Serati, Joyce Skiljan

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

Granddaughter/Grandson/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/Nephew/Great-niece/Great-nephew of
the Baleks, Leona Bochantin, Libby Long,
the Slamas, the Schmitzes, Gloria Wind, Dave Ziegler

Aunt of Mark Muehl

Cousin/cousin's spouse of Ken Klages,
Loretta Lampen, Fran Mazanes & Jeanette Sloan,
Alice Weis

Friends of Lydia Chamberlain, the Brockhauses,
the Coffmans, Joan Crawford, Marsha Dohack,
Mary Jane Franks, the Franklins, Jane Goeke,
Chris Hack, 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.

Linda Hinchey, sister of Carol Slama

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

CONTEMPLATIVE CORNER

Every great move of God begins with a *fiat*, a "yes" to the presence and action of God in our lives. One way of understanding the difference between sin and sanctity is the simple difference between "no" and "yes" to God in the depth of the heart. Mary's motherhood, and the great love story that blossomed from it, came about because Mary's answer to God is always yes – or to say it in classical terms, she was sinless.

Because we too are sustained by the very Breath of God, we can reasonably expect that Mary's deep, surrendered yes flows in our own veins as well. If "yes" to God often seems difficult, it is not because there is no part of us geared to "yes" – our lives are built on God's yes whether we recognize it or not; YES is our deepest principle. However, ego, culture, our own expectations and those of others can bury our fundamental fiat under a heavy load of "no." Contemplative practice, then, is a way of releasing all the clutter that lacks the courage, the commitment, the surrender, the love to say "yes".

As we practice, we adapt Mary's stance more and more, learning to say yes just for a moment. As we say yes to one moment, then the next, then the next, we rediscover the yes that is the core of our soul and become more and more a portal for Divine Love to manifest in the world.

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



STEWARDSHIP GRATEFUL AND GENEROUS

December 7, 2025

Sunday Stewardship	\$ 6,372.00
Gifts-Stock, RMDs, Charitable Giving	\$ 228.00
Online Stewardship	<u>\$ 8,314.31</u>
Total Sunday Stewardship	\$14,914.31
December 2025 Weekly Budget	<u>\$20,200.00</u>
Over <Under> Budget	<\$ 5,285.69>

Major Project Fund	\$ 805.00
Online Stewardship	<u>\$ 548.90</u>
Total Major Project Fund	\$ 1,353.90
December 2025 Weekly Budget	<u>\$ 1,200.00</u>
Over <Under> Budget	\$ 153.90
YTD Over <Under> Budget	\$ 2,240.90

December 14, 2025

Sunday Stewardship	\$ 7,377.00
Gifts-Stock, RMDs, Charitable Giving	\$ 0.00
Online Stewardship	<u>\$ 8,314.31</u>
Total Sunday Stewardship	\$15,691.31
December 2025 Weekly Budget	<u>\$20,200.00</u>
Over <Under> Budget	<\$ 4,508.69>

Major Project Fund	\$ 565.00
Online Stewardship	<u>\$ 548.90</u>
Total Major Project Fund	\$ 1,113.90
December 2025 Weekly Budget	<u>\$ 1,200.00</u>
Over <Under> Budget	<\$ 86.10>
YTD Over <Under> Budget	\$ 2,154.80

*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!*



St. Louis Review

January is the month to renew your St. Louis Review subscription. Once again, the cost is \$35 for the year. Envelopes can be found in your January envelope packet, or you can pay online using our online giving portal. Contact Ann in the office at 314-894-1373 if you have questions.

World Marriage Day

On **Sunday, February 8, 2026, at Noon (12:00 pm)**, at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, 4431 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO, Fr. Chris Martin will celebrate Mass for World Marriage Day. A reception, sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter, will follow in Boland Hall. All married couples are invited to attend and celebrate the gift of marriage. World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family – the basic unit of society.

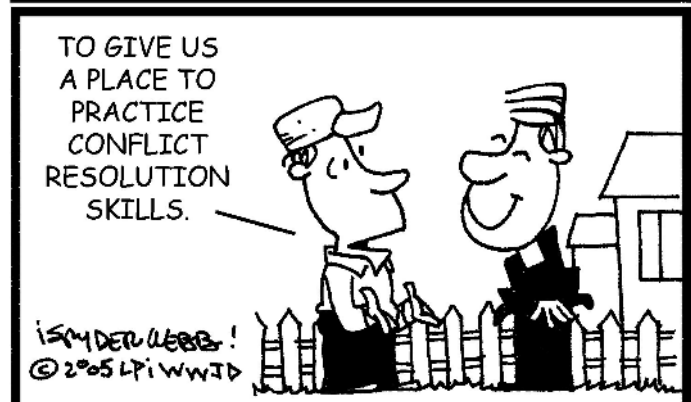


Monastery of St. Clare



There will be a Holy Hour for priestly and religious vacations on Friday, January 2nd, 2026, 7:00 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Monastery (200 Marycrest Dr.) is located off the 6000 block of Telegraph Rd. and is south of the Bethesda Nursing facility. The monastery entrance sign is next to the Goddard Daycare Center.

HOLY FAMILY



Spiritual Adoption - 3rd Month

"I can hear you!"

The baby is quite active now. Even though its mother cannot feel her infant yet, the baby kicks and flips around in a secure, watery world. The eyes have closed so that the delicate eyeballs can finish developing. Its cartilage skeleton begins changing to real bone. The baby sucks its thumb, hiccups when amniotic fluid is swallowed, and its tiny fingers can close around an object. The baby's face is very expressive; he/she will squint, frown and smile. The fetus is now 3" long (the size of a lime) and can hear outside noises. His/her favorite sound is the sound of its mother's voice!

Please remember to pray for your spiritually adopted baby every day! *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!*



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.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA MEMORIAL



In our Mary Mother tradition, we will be decorating our church and sanctuary with poinsettias. If you would like to honor your loved ones in a special way this Holy Season, please **fill out the bottom half of this form and return it along with your donation.**

Please make your check payable to Mary, Mother of the Church. Write "Christmas Memorial" on the memo line of the check. Place both the check and **this form** in an envelope marked "**Christmas Memorial**" and turn it into the parish office. You can put your envelope in the collection basket at Mass or you can mail it to us. If you put it in the basket, make sure it is in a marked envelope. You can also bring it into the office. If you wish, you can take home a poinsettia at the end of the Christmas Season.

A list will be inserted into the bulletin, at the end of this Holy Season, with the names all of those memorialized and the donors. Thank you.

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