

Mary, Mother of the Church

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20th Sunday of Ordinary Time - August 17, 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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Support for your Family

WalkingWithFamiliesSTL.com 314-792-7555

Pregnant? We are here for you.

WalkingWithMomsSTL.com 314-792-7555
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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Infant baptisms are celebrated throughout the year except during the season of Lent. Parents are to be registered members of the parish and are encouraged to call the rectory for an initial appointment during the pregnancy.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Any adult seeking to become a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church is invited to call the rectory.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements for the Sacrament of Marriage are to be made by the prospective bride and groom with the priest or deacon at least nine months before the wedding.

ANOINTING OF SICK

Communal celebrations of the Anointing of the Sick are offered seasonally. Contact the parish office to request the sacrament for yourself or a family member.

MASS TIMES

Monday-Friday	8:30 a.m. Mass in Church
Thursday	6:15 a.m. in Caton Chapel
Saturday	4:30 p.m. (Anticipatory)
Sunday	9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. or by appointment

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

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

MARIAN DEVOTIONS

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

A LETTER FROM DEACON RANDY

We hear in the Gospel those words from the mouth of Jesus that many of us do not anticipate coming from Jesus: “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!” Jesus then goes on to say how He came to bring division, again, not something we expect to come from the mouth of Jesus.

Fire is one of the images we think of when we think of the Holy Spirit. I would imagine that we would agree that after Pentecost, the apostles were “on fire” with the Spirit and the love of our God and boldly worked to spread the Gospel and make disciples to the ends of the earth as commanded by Jesus. I have known many people who have come back from a retreat experience or something similar “on fire” with the Holy Spirit and their lives are changed once they have experienced that they are loveable and loved by our God. I think Jesus is telling us in the Gospel that He wishes that all of God’s creation was “on fire” with and for the Gospel.

I think to be “on fire” for Jesus requires that we have experienced God’s love and that we boldly share God’s love. One of the ways we can do this is to actively participate in the liturgical life of the Church. Have you ever thought that you would like to be a Lector or a Eucharistic Minister or a Hospitality Minister or a Server or maybe a member of our Music Ministry? If you have, I invite you to make that desire a reality. Come to our Ministry Workshops this Wednesday evening or give me a call so we know you are interested. Some of you may think I cannot do that because I am not worthy. You are right, you are not worthy, and neither are

any of us currently serving in these ministries. There is an old saying that God does not call the worthy, He makes worthy the called. Some may think that they do not know what to do. Don’t worry, we will train you. We all have gifts, and God gave us those gifts for the good of God’s Church. Please share your gifts with your parish family.

Since being “on fire” for Jesus is all about being loved by Jesus and loving Jesus, we must be willing to love one another. I would like to share a passage written by one of my favorite authors, Henri Nouwen, about letting go so we can love.

“I have noticed in my own life that people I do not like, have power over me because I am always thinking about them. They preoccupy me and have control over my thinking. I find myself jealous, resentful, and vengeful. I lose peace. I am holding on to these people as my enemies. Loving our enemies is the way of becoming free of our enemies. We free ourselves by letting go, by loving them, by caring for them. One of the most beautiful things is that when we let the enemy go out of our hearts, by love and forgiveness, we are suddenly free to let that unlimited, all-embracing love of God pour into us. We become a new person every time we forgive an enemy, because we let go of the angry person inside who was holding on to fear. The core of our faith is to be free people-free to love every human being with the divine love that always forgives.”

Let us light the world on fire,

Deacon Randy



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.

Parish Family Weekend BBQ and Chicken Dinners sign ups

We will be having a BBQ dinner on **Saturday night** and a chicken dinner on **Sunday night**, as part of our family weekend on August 22, 23, 24. Below are prices for the various meals. Please go to SignUp Genius on our website by this Sunday, **AUGUST 17TH** to sign up for the meals of your choice.



Saturday August 23

Food served from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

BBQ menu/prices:

Hamburger/Veggie burger, Chips & drink - \$6.00

Bratwurst or 2 hot dogs, Chips & drink - \$5.00

Kids meal: hot dog, chips & a soda - \$3.00

Extra burger - \$3.00

Extra Bratwurst - \$2.00

Extra Hot dog - \$1.00



Sunday, August 24

Food served from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Chicken menu/prices:

2 piece chicken dinner - \$10.00

3 Chicken Tenders meal - \$10.00

Kids meal: 1 piece chicken - \$5.00

2 chicken tenders - \$5.00

Extra pieces of chicken - \$2.00 each

(all meals come with a salad, 2 sides, a drink and dessert.)

We will also have snacks and beverages available for purchase (soda, tea, beer, and water). Tickets are \$1.00 each or you can buy 25 tickets for \$20.00. Tickets are good all weekend.

Snacks are 1 ticket each

Beverages (other than beer) are 1 ticket each

Beer and candy are 2 tickets each

Questions email Rich Blackford at social@marymother.org

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, August 18

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

Tuesday, August 19

9:00 am Adoration - Chapel
9:00 am Quilting
9:00 am Walk the gym
10:30 am Contemplative Prayer Practice - Rm 1,2
3:00 pm SVdP Mtg - Rm 1,2
6:00 pm Adfin Mtg - Rm 1,2
7:00 pm Health Ministry Mtg - Rm 3,4

Wednesday, August 20

9:00 am Adoration - Chapel
9:30 am Tai Chi - Gym
12:30 pm Pickleball - Gym
1:30 pm AA Group - Rm 3,4 or outside
7:00 pm Ministry Workshop - Church & Parish Hall
8:00 pm Youth Prayer Group - Youth Rm
8:30 pm Men's Basketball - Gym

Thursday, August 21

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

Friday, August 22

8:30 am Catholic Charities Exec Coaching - Rm 3,4
7:00 pm **Parish Family Weekend - Movie Night**

Saturday, August 23

3:30 pm Confessions - Church
5:30 pm Rock Church Food Dr. - vestibule
5:30 pm **Parish Family Weekend - BBQ**

Sunday, August 24

10:00 am Rock Church Food Dr. - vestibule
12:00 pm **Parish Family Weekend - Chicken Dinner**
6:30 pm Rosary - Chapel
7:00 pm Youth Group - to be announced

Quote for the Week

The prerequisite for receiving the grace of God is to know you need it.

Timothy Keller

The Words of Everlasting Life

Readings for August 17- August 24

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b); Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53
Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15); Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30



CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER PRACTICE

Join us Tues August 19 at 10:30a, in classrooms 1 & 2, with Margaret **Poirrier**. **What if it really is just about letting go?** Not acquiring peace, virtue or holiness, but removing what gets in the way. Contemplative spirituality is about uncovering what is already true beneath the clutter of our busy lives. Need more information? Call Carolyn Hebenstreit at 314.578.0062.

“DONUT SUNDAY”

This Sunday, August 17th, 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.



This Week's Mass Intentions

SUNDAY August 17

9:00 AM - Our Parish Family

11:00 AM - Laura Klages †

MONDAY August 18

8:30 AM - Marilyn Williams

TUESDAY August 19

8:30 AM - Mary Ann Christanti †

WEDNESDAY August 20

8:30 AM - James Nauer †

THURSDAY August 21

6:15 AM - Al Hill †

8:30 AM - Laura Klages †

FRIDAY August 22

8:30 - Mal Morris †

SATURDAY August 23

4:30 PM - Kathleen McAnany †

SUNDAY August 24

9:00 AM - Ron Skiljan †

11:00 AM - Our Parish Family

† Denotes those who are deceased

King's House Retreat

Ladies of Mary Mother, would you like to take some time away from your busy lives to pray, rest, and reflect on your relationship with God?

The weekend of the retreat is April 10-12, '26 at Our Lady of the Snows.

The theme this year is "God First Loved Us", which delves into Pope Francis's encyclical. It will focus on how we can find healing, comfort, inspiration, and community in our contemplation of the love emanating from the Heart of Jesus.

The grounds are beautiful, you have your own room and shower, and the food is yummy.

Spaces are filling fast. For more information call Pat Echelmeyer at 314-606-9146.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FAMILY CATECHESIS

Parish School of Religion Is almost here.
Have you Invited a friend?

SR

Sept 8th
Open House



See you in church at 6:15 pm!
Popsicles for everyone!

Last week, I shared my reflection on Sunday's readings. If I could, I would spend nearly all my time immersed in Scripture — it is so deep, loving, and captivating. We have such an amazing God, don't we? In this column, you can expect variety. At times, we will dive directly into Scripture, allowing it to speak into our lives and deepen our understanding of God. Other times, we may explore different aspects of our faith journey, recognizing that we are not always in the same spiritual place. I know I'm not the same woman I was twenty years ago. I had faith then, but I don't know if I was truly living in faith. There is a difference.

In Luke 12:49, Jesus says, "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" As a visual learner, I picture a river of flames pouring from heaven straight into the heart of Jesus — the Sacred Heart — radiating love and truth.

This leads me to a challenging question: Do we want the polite, lukewarm peace of a faith that costs nothing? Or do we want the blazing fire of the Spirit that sets our lives alight? If our faith feels lukewarm, what will it take to set it ablaze? I would love to hear your thoughts! Please send your reflections to: eroche@marymother.org



Youth Group

8/17 - Back to school bash - Come ready for messy games! 7-9

8/20 - Wednesday Prayer Group 8-9

8/24 - Service Project helping with the Parish Family Weekend.

Email social@marymother.org for more information and to sign up to help!

8/24 - South County XLT (Adoration, Praise and Worship) 7-9. Details to follow.

Our new youth minister would love to meet all of the Mary Mother teens and their families! If you would like to set up a time to meet, email her at kkennedy@marymother.org.

Interested in knowing everything happening with youth group? Join our Flock Note to get all the details!

MARY MOTHER YOUTH GROUP

Get ready for an exciting evening filled with a little competition and a whole lot of fun
Come ready for messy games and water balloons!!

BACK TO
SCHOOL BASH

August 17
Join us from 7 to 9 PM



Liturgical Dance Update

We are very excited about bringing back our Liturgical Dance program. There will be 3 Masses with our participation in the upcoming months.

Sunday, October 5, 2025 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Our next Mass will be in May of 2026 in celebration of Mary our Queen and the third one will be on Pentecost Sunday 2026.

If you would be interested in joining in this ministry **please feel free to contact me, Anita Anton at my email antonam1003@gmail.com or call 314-892-9006, or 314-208-8539 with any questions.**

Psalm 149:3 says, "Let them praise his name with dancing...Praise him with tambourine and dance..." In 2 Samuel 6:14–22, David dances before the Lord with all his might... providing us with a wonderful example of what it truly means to surrender to God in worship.

CONTEMPLATIVE CORNER

A Book Review

For those wanting to enhance their spiritual awareness and response to the world we live in, I recommend "We Make the Road by Walking" by Brian D. McLaren. Brian is an author, speaker, activist and public theologian as well as the Dean of Faculty of the Center for Action and Contemplation.

In his preface, Brian points out: "You are not finished yet. You are 'in the making.' You have the capacity to learn, mature, think, change, and grow. You also have the freedom to stagnate, regress, constrict, and lose your way. Which road will you take?" This book is written: "...to help individuals and groups seize this moment and walk wisely and joyfully into the future together." Having read about one third of the book so far, I can attest to the eye-opening, spiritually enhancing qualities of Brian's work.

The book is presented in 52 chapters generally ordered by the more popular liturgical year of Christian practice. It begins in September with some "pre-Advent" Hebrew scripture focus, and then builds around Advent, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week, Easter and Pentecost. It can be read weekly (which is how I have chosen) or several chapters at a time.

Each chapter begins with three bible passages to "prime the meditative pump"; followed by a discourse from Brian (who is very good at drawing out life principles and food for thought); and ends with some "Engage" questions – all of which have taken me to deep thought, self-examination and the desire to take action.

Submitted by Steve Krieger



Mary, Mother's Annual Stewardship Weekend

Please "Save the Date" as Mary Mother, along with the Archdiocese of St. Louis, will be observing Stewardship Weekend at the end of September (9/27 and 9/28). A Stewardship Event centered around the theme "Mary, Mary – Oh Sweet Mother! Help My Garden Grow" will be held in the Reilly Center after each Mass. What can your Parish do for you? Come see what's growing in the Reilly Center! Refreshments will be served!

To help us prepare, we are introducing "the little burgundy books", which are like the other seasonal books we use. The theme of these books is Stewardship, and you can pick up your copy beginning on Parish Family Weekend (8/23 and 8/24). The books present daily prayerful reflections and conversations (based on the Gospels of Saints John, Luke and Matthew) for the four weeks leading up to Stewardship Weekend.



A NEW Mary, Mother of the Church T-shirt!

We are now taking orders for this new MMOC t-shirt until September 3rd. Order forms are on the counter in the vestibule. Orders must be paid (cash or checks only) in full prior to the cut-off date of September 3rd. Someone will be at all weekend Masses to take orders and payments. Shirts are a light heather gray of 50/50 cotton blend and available in S, M, L, XL for \$15, and XXL for \$17. Samples will be available to help you decide what size you want. Shirts will be available for pick up at the Stewardship Event on September 27 & 28 in the Reilly Center. If you have any questions call Mary Ann McWilliams at 314-974-5707.

RESPECT LIFE

National Invitation to Prayer

Americans should not be forced to pay for the killing of preborn children or fund the clinics that kill them. The USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities is inviting Catholics to join a focused effort of prayer to offer this prayer daily from now until October 1, the beginning of *Respect Life Month*, to stop taxpayer funding of the abortion industry. In particular, we will invoke the intercession of *St. Joseph, Defender of Life* with this prayer:

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life – especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

Ministry Workshops

We will hold our summer ministry workshops for all those who are currently ministering as Lectors, Hospitality Ministers and Eucharistic Ministers. The workshop is this Wednesday evening, August 20st.

The times and locations for each workshop are:
Lectors will meet at 6:15 in the Church
Hospitality Ministers will meet at 6:15 in the parish hall
Eucharistic Ministers will meet at 7:15 in the Church

If you currently do not serve in one of these ministries but would like to, please come to the workshop and learn more about these ministries.

A Note From Fr. Steve

Please pray for an engaged couple who have recently begun worshipping with us, Zachary Seiler and Madison Kates. I will be leading their marriage ceremony at the bride's home parish, St Gertrude in Highland, Illinois, Saturday August 23rd.

Due to the times for the wedding rehearsal, the wedding and reception, I will miss the parish family weekend festivities that Friday and Saturday, but I will be back for Sunday morning Masses and the chicken dinner.



NURSES CORNER

Thank you, Blood Pressure screeners- **Linda Telthorst and Carolyn Duke!** Your service after last weekend's Masses is truly appreciated!

Health Ministry Commission (HMC) meeting is this Tuesday, Aug. 19th at 7PM in classroom 4. Please join us as we talk about upcoming events and share ideas!



Our GriefShare group starts again on Monday, Sept. 8th at 3:00PM in the upper Annex. It is for anyone grieving the loss of a precious loved one, whether recent or time ago. It is an opportunity to share, if comfortable, or just be among others journeying, each in our own way, this difficult road. To register go to www.griefshare.org "find a group- "63128" or contact me. Pamphlets are in the vestibule, explaining this program.

Save the Date! The ImpactLife Blood Drive is in about a month- Thursday, Sept. 18th from 2:30 to 6:30PM in the Parish Hall. Note that this is a shortened time. Can You Donate? The basic requirements: Must be at least 17 (16 with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in generally good health. I will be glad to share with you the more specific requirements if you contact me OR visit www.bloodcenter.org search "eligibility."

Michele, your Parish Nurse



Join in all the fun at the Line Dance evening:
Friday, August 29th at 7:00PM in the Reilly Center gym,
and bring a friend. Light refreshments will be served.
Sheila will lead us in dancing again.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29

The Adoration schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM
- Wednesday 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- Thursday 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Please consider Adoration time with our Lord on Tuesdays at 3:00pm, as we currently do not have an adorer at that time. Thank you.

For more information call **Anne Duncan at 314-406-4100** or email: anreilly@charter.net



Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Joe Albright, Janet Barks,
Kiegan Bersing, Janet Bridwill, 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,
Joy Kleucker, Jim Lampen, Bonnie Lebbing, Leslie Lewis,
Jerry Marshall, Fran Mazanec, Floyd Melliore,
Irene Meyer, Rich Meyer, Mike Ottoline, Val Pike,
Judy Peckham, Joe Reker, Robert Schuster,
Mary K Spencer, Bob & 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 Lampens, the McColls, the Najjars, the Newbolds,
the Rekers, the Siesners, the Swehls, the Zachs

Son or Son-in-law of Leona Bochantin, Leona Boucher,
the Lampens, Mary Sue Ondr, the Rekers, Mary Simitjis

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

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

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

Brother or Brother-in-law of Ann Duncan, the Franklins,
Barb Gavin, Sherry Heumann, Jim Lampen,
Joe & Linda Licata, Carla Merlotti, Mary Scalzo,
Paul Schulte

Granddaughter or Grandson or Great-grandchild of
Sue Dace, Mary Lee Davis, the Killius',
the Kopacs, 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

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.

Gilbert Monnig

Barbara Ferguson

Loretta Gutting, Sister of Joe Rinke

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



Pray for Those Serving in the Armed Forces

SPC US Army Kyle Bean

Great-Nephew of Rich & Barbara Hantak

1Lt US Army Joseph Chellis

Grandson of John & Trudy Chellis

SR. Ryan Clancy - Son of Matt & Maria Clancy

Staff Sgt. Carl Degenhart

Son of Greg & Cheryl Degenhart

Capt. Ed Hubbel - Friend of the Rogers Family

Pvt. 1st Class Eric Kremer

Grandson of Ken & Sue Kremer

Capt. Cole McAnany & Lt. Micah McAnany

great-nephews of Mark McAnany

Avt. Brittany Leicht - Daughter of Paul & Marie Leicht

SGT. Aaron Marshall - Grandson of Jerry Marshall

Staff Sgt. Ryan O'Fallon

Son-in-law Greg & Cheryl Degenhart

Pvt. 1st Class Joshua Rockwell

Grandsons of Jim & Sharon Rockwell

Lt. Col. Jim Rund - Cousin of Emily Schenk

Ens. Daniel Stefans - Grandson of Gus & Janice Berry

Staff Sergeant Donovan Tracy

Grandson of Marcia Dohack

Maj. Michael Villeneuve

Son-in-law of Don & Gerianne Kopac

Tithing

July 2025 – 4 Sundays - \$894 per agency

James 2 Project—Provides a hot meal for the unhoused in Jefferson County along with other support services to help raise them out of poverty.

Housing Partnership—Creates affordable housing opportunities through new construction and rehabilitating existing homes.

Living Well Village—Instructs and encourages youth with medical problems such as cancer, diabetes, obesity, etc. in an intense camp experience with a health and wellness focus.

Prison Performing Arts—Program involves incarcerated youth and adults in the performing arts to inspire intellectual curiosity, and personal development, and builds skills to support successful re-entry into society.

Footprints—Cardinal Glennon Hospital program that supports children with terminal illness.

Vincent Gray Alternative HS—Helps provide an education for poor, at-risk young men and women in a supportive and respectful atmosphere.

Microfinancing Partners in Africa—A microfinancing ministry of the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood and Sisters of St. Joseph that provides help for women establishing cottage industries to support their families.

Total Tithe for July \$6,258.00



THE FATIMA MINISTRY

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

- **8/17 - Jo & Gary Leiendecker**
- **8/24 - Joan Crawford**
- **8/31 - Joan Crawford**
- **9/7 - Lisa Raglin**

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.

STEWARDSHIP

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August 10, 2025

Sunday Stewardship	\$ 6,780.00
Gifts-Stock, RMDs, Charitable Giving	\$ 4,125.00
Online Stewardship	<u>\$ 6,506.34</u>
Total Sunday Stewardship	\$17,411.34
August 2025 Weekly Budget	<u>\$16,435.00</u>
Over <Under> Budget	\$ 976.34

Major Project Fund	\$ 499.00
Online Stewardship	<u>\$ 415.00</u>
Total Major Project Fund	\$ 914.00
August 2025 Weekly Budget	<u>\$ 1,200.00</u>
Over <Under> Budget	<\$ 286.00>
YTD Over <Under> Budget>	<\$ 1,966.00>

*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!***



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The Ignatian Solidarity Network (ISN), honoring the feast of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, quotes him as saying, “Just as the [people] of the world love and seek with such great diligence honors, fame, and esteem on earth—as the world teaches them—so those who are progressing in the spiritual life and truly following Christ our Lord, love and intensely desire everything opposite.” The ISN holds that we too can be guided by Ignatius’ call to embody the Gospel through both word and deed. In a world marked by polarization, injustice, and fear, we might ask if we seek to resolve our differences through dialogue, or do we resort to violence and division? Do we honor the right to migrate and the gifts migrants bring, or do we reject those we see as outsiders? Do we cherish creation as a gift from God and protect it, or do we exploit the earth for profit and gain? Do we build structures to protect those struggling, or do we leave the vulnerable to face hardship alone? As Christians and Catholics, we must respond by seeking change that defends and promotes the inherent dignity of all God’s creation—both people and planet.



Please welcome our newest member to Mary, Mother of the Church, Jack Callanan, son of Eric & Krystal Callanan. Jack was baptized here on Sunday, July 27th at 12:30 pm.

"Sing of Mary" Concert

You and your loved ones are invited to a special music concert featuring the Polyhymnia Women's Choir called the "Sing of Mary" at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, Missouri, on Sunday, August 24, at 2:00 p.m. Polyhymnia Women's Choir of St. Louis, a Catholic women's choir, will perform medieval and modern sacred music that honors the Blessed Virgin Mary. For more information, please contact us at 1-800-264-6279.

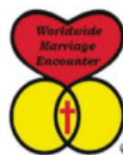


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**Sunday August 17 at 3:30pm at
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Marriage on Tap STL

Join us on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at 6:00 pm for an evening of dinner and marriage enrichment at Syberg's on Dorsett in Maryland Heights, Missouri. Our guest speaker will be Father Charlie Archer. His presentation is entitled, "Speaking the Language of Faith in Ordinary Family Life." The evening is sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Dinner is \$66 per couple/\$33 per person. Cash bar will be available. Advanced registration is required and must be postmarked by **September 15, 2025, and received by September 17, 2025.** For more information, check out Marriage on Tap STL on Facebook or email us at marriageontapstl@gmail.com

2025 Concert Season

**Our series of 3 free concerts that bring great music to you.
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Friday, September 12

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Cottleville @ 7:30 PM

Sunday, September 14

St. Peter Catholic Church, Kirkwood @ 7:30 PM

Thursday, September 18

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, University City @ 7:30 PM

The featured players for each concert are:

Kristin Ahlstrom, violin; Shannon Farrell Williams, viola; Bjorn Ranhein, cello; Matthew Mazzoni, piano.

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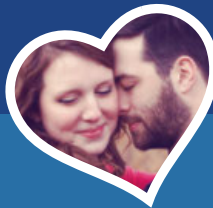
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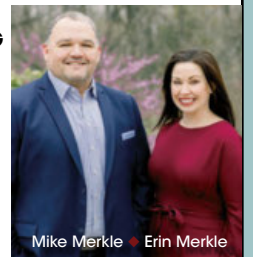
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