

# Mary, Mother of the Church

5901 Kerth Road, St. Louis MO 63128 - 314.894.1373

---

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time - August 31, 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.**



## PARISH STAFF

### CLERGY

Fr. Steve Robeson, Pastor      srobeson@marymother.org  
Deacon Randy Howe          rhowe@marymother.org  
Deacon Robert Smerek      bsmerek@marymother.org  
Deacon Richard Coffman

### ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Ann Garavaglia                  agaravaglia@marymother.org  
Mary Brutcher                  mbrutcher@marymother.org  
Amanda Nielsen              anielsen@marymother.org

**BULLETIN ARTICLES**                  bulletin@marymother.org

**BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINE:**  
**MONDAY AT NOON FOR THE FOLLOWING**  
**SUNDAY'S BULLETIN**

### DIRECTOR OF LITURGY

Nate Jackson                  njackson@marymother.org

### DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Ellie Roche                      eroche@marymother.org

### YOUTH MINISTRY

Kaitlyn Kennedy              kkennedy@marymother.org

### MAINTENANCE

Greg Klobe                      gklobe@marymother.org

### FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE

Michele Venable              parishnurse@marymother.org

### CHILD SAFETY COORDINATOR

Amanda Nielsen              anielsen@marymother.org

### PARISH ADDRESS AND OFFICE HOURS

5901 Kerth Road, St. Louis, 63128-3705  
(314) 894-1373      fax: (314) 894-3801

Monday thru Thursday: 9:00 am — 5:00 pm  
Friday: 9:00 am. — 4:00 pm      Saturday: **Closed**

**Website: [www.marymother.org](http://www.marymother.org)**

### MINISTRY SCHEDULES

[www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/MMOCSTL](http://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/MMOCSTL)

### 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](mailto: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

### Abortion Healing Ministry

archstl.org/hope-healing      314-406-0815

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 2025-2026

### LEADERSHIP TEAM

|                          |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| CHAIRPERSON              | MARIAN MCCORD   |
| pcchair@marymother.org   |                 |
| VICE-CHAIRPERSON         | MARK BENMUVHAR  |
| pcveep@marymother.org    |                 |
| SECRETARY                | LINDA TELTHORST |
| pcsec@marymother.org     |                 |
| ADVISOR                  | WENDY FRANKLIN  |
| pcadvisor@marymother.org |                 |

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL COMMISSIONS

|                             |                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE    | MARK INMAN         |
| adfin@marymother.org        |                    |
| CHRISTIAN FORMATION         | CINDY YAMNITZ      |
| formation@marymother.org    |                    |
| CHRISTIAN SERVICE           | SUE KRIEGER        |
| service@marymother.org      |                    |
| MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP     | MARYANN MCWILLIAMS |
| discipleship@marymother.org |                    |
| HEALTH MINISTRY             | AIMEE BARRETT      |
| health@marymother.org       |                    |
| LITURGY                     | ANN MADDEN         |
| liturgy@marymother.org      |                    |
| SOCIAL                      | RICH BLACKFORD     |
| social@marymother.org       |                    |
| YOUTH                       | ENZO LICAVOLI      |
| youth@marymother.org        |                    |

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

### CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

### SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

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

### ANOINTING OF SICK

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

### MASS TIMES

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

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

### PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

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

### MARIAN DEVOTIONS

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

## A LETTER FROM DEACON RANDY

Our Gospel today is all about being humble without that word ever appearing in the Gospel passage. I wonder how many of us have honestly said that I want to be humble. What does being humble mean to you? Today we hear Jesus say that you should always take the lowest place so that you escape the potential embarrassment of that spot being saved for someone else. Jesus also suggests that we should take the lower place so that we can receive the honor of being asked to move up to a higher place in front of all our friends. Is that what it means to be humble? I really do not think so. The Mirriam Webster Dictionary tells us “To be humble means to be not proud or haughty, not arrogant or assertive. A humble person acknowledges their limitations and imperfections, appreciates others’ strengths and values learning and growth over seeking personal glory. Humility involves a mindset of service rather than dominance, allowing for openness to new ideas.” Why do you think that Jesus instructs the person giving the dinner to invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind? Could it be that Jesus knows that these folks possess a wisdom that could benefit you and me?

Do we realize that only God can humble us and only God can exalt us? Do we realize that left to our own designs, we are helpless, but God’s grace can always lift us up to do more? Can we trust God to care for us in all matters? The Gospels are based on God’s love for us. Love is about self-giving, and self-giving is all about self-forgetting. If we are truly honest, you and I are the poor, the crippled, the

lame and the blind when we are before God. We belong to a Church of the poor, a Church of the crippled, lame and blind. The beauty of God’s love is that we are all invited to the Eucharistic banquet where no one is excluded because of these limitations. In the Risen Jesus, we are healed of all our infirmities and sins.

Jesus is inviting you & me to choose a life of humility and generosity, just as He did. He calls us not to set ourselves apart as being special. Rather, Jesus calls us to get to know the “invisible” people who are usually left out or not seen. May we care for the poor. May we spend time with those who live on the margins. May we learn their names and stories.

Today is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month and we will be taking up a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection to benefit our St. Vincent de Paul’s efforts to help our neighbors in need. Your generosity of financial resources is truly appreciated by SVDP and the other charities we support but have you ever thought about donating some of your “very precious” time to actually meet and receive some of the wisdom the poor, the marginalized, the lame and the blind have to offer us? Perhaps we could volunteer to help the Mary Mother Chapter of St Vincent de Paul or the St Anthony’s Food Pantry or the James II Project or any one of the many groups working so hard to help those in need.

May we all have a servant’s heart,

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](mailto: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.  
*(It will also help those of us who have known you for the last 10 to 50 years to remember your name)*



## 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 from the Bulletin tables. The books present short daily prayerful reflections and conversations (based on the Gospels of Saints John, Luke and Matthew) for the four weeks leading up to Stewardship Weekend.

For the *first week* of readings a number of topics/ events/interpretations are presented and discussed from a viewpoint of **gratitude** - ideas to help us be thankful for all of the gifts we have been given and how we may share and use our blessings to help others.



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

We are now taking orders for this new MMOC t-shirt until September 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Monday, September 1 *Office Closed for holiday*

|                |                       |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| <b>9:00 am</b> | <b>Labor Day Mass</b> |
| 9:05 am        | AA Group - Rm 1,2     |
| 12:30 pm       | Pickleball - Gym      |
| 6:30 pm        | Pickleball - Gym      |

### Tuesday, September 2

|         |                                  |
|---------|----------------------------------|
| 9:00 am | Adoration - Chapel               |
| 9:00 am | Quilting                         |
| 9:00 am | Walk the gym                     |
| 3:00 pm | St. Vincent de Paul Mtg - Rm 1,2 |
| 6:30 pm | Stewardship Mtg - Rm 3,4         |
| 7:30 pm | Youth Commission Mtg - Youth Rm  |

### Wednesday, September 3

|          |                                        |
|----------|----------------------------------------|
| 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           |
| 6:30 pm  | Liturgy Comm Mtg - Rm 1,2              |
| 7:00 pm  | Confirmation Orientation - parish hall |
| 7:00 pm  | Traditional Choir Practice - Church    |
| 8:30 pm  | Men's Basketball - Gym                 |

### Thursday, September 4

|          |                                      |
|----------|--------------------------------------|
| 7:30 am  | Men's Prayer Group - Annex           |
| 9:00 am  | Women's Prayer Group - Rm 3,4        |
| 9:00 am  | Walk the Gym                         |
| 10:00 am | Spiritual Direction - St Joachim Rm  |
| 3:00 pm  | Adoration - Chapel                   |
| 6:30 pm  | Pickleball - Gym                     |
| 7:00 pm  | Contemporary Choir Practice - Church |

### Friday, September 5

### Saturday, September 6

|         |                                   |
|---------|-----------------------------------|
| 3:30 pm | Confessions - Church              |
| 5:30 pm | Legacy Project - Church vestibule |

### Sunday, September 7

|          |                                   |
|----------|-----------------------------------|
| 10:00 am | Legacy Project - Church vestibule |
| 6:30 pm  | Rosary - Chapel                   |



**The office will be closed on Monday, September 1st in observance of Labor Day.**

**Mass on Labor Day will be at 9:00 am.**

## *The Words of Everlasting Life*

### Readings for August 31 - September 7

- Sunday:** Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a); Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14
- Monday:** 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13; Lk 4:16-30
- Tuesday:** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday:** Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10, 11; Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday:** Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11
- Friday:** Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 5:33-39
- Saturday:** Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8; Lk 6:1-5
- Next Sunday:** Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1); Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33



### Sensational Seniors

Please join our fun group at the next potluck lunch on Thursday **September 11th.** at noon in our Parish Hall. Our Speaker will be a Master Gardener from Missouri Botanical Garden to discuss plants of the Bible.

Please utilize SignUpGenius to let us know that you are coming & what dish you can bring: entree, side, or dessert. All foods are greatly appreciated.

Feel free to call Sue Fuchs with any questions at 618-791-6782.



Cassia



Myrrh



Hyssop



Olive Tree



### 5th Sunday Second Collection for St. Vincent de Paul

There will be a second collection this weekend (**August 30-31**) for Mary Mother's St Vincent DePaul Society. Envelopes can be found in the pews. Please make your checks payable to **St. Vincent de Paul Society**. We are only able to help our neighbors in need because of your generous donations.  
**THANK YOU!**



## *This Week's Mass Intentions*

### SUNDAY August 31

9:00 AM - Our Parish Family

11:00 AM - Donald Dace †

### MONDAY September 1

9:00 AM - Eddie Pieper †

### TUESDAY September 2

8:30 AM - Mal Morris †

### WEDNESDAY September 3

8:30 AM - Lou Pfaff †

### THURSDAY September 4

6:15 AM - Mary Ann Christanti †

8:30 AM - Lois Betzler †

### FRIDAY September 5

8:30 - Barbara Hantak †

### SATURDAY September 6

4:30 PM - Mary Muehl †

### SUNDAY September 7

9:00 AM - Laura Klages †

11:00 AM - Our Parish Family

† Denotes those who are deceased



### Upcoming Scripture Study

The Cornerstone Catholic Scripture Study strives to build, strengthen and deepen a personal and loving relationship with God and His people through prayer and the study of His Word.

Our 2025-26 study is **The Acts of the Apostles**. If you would like to experience Cornerstone first-hand before you commit to participating, you are invited to attend our Opening and **Visitor's Day September 24, 9:30 – 11:30 am** in Mary, Mother of the Church Parish Hall. If you plan to attend, kindly text or leave a voicemail with your name to Ed Lewandowski at 314-221-1584.

Visit our website for more information by going to:

[www.thecornerstonescripturestudy.org](http://www.thecornerstonescripturestudy.org)

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FAMILY CATECHESIS

WHAT'S  
ON YOUR



MIND?

Join a conversation on life, faith & purpose

ALPHA YOUTH & ADULT

Happy Day! It was so wonderful to meet everyone who joined us this past Family Weekend. Our parish community truly radiates faith and love. I am filled with hope as we begin this journey toward renewal together. I can picture our parish bustling with young adults, wise elders, teenagers, children, and toddlers—all united in honoring the Lord. As we embark on this shared path, may each of us pause in prayer and ask: In what ways is the Lord calling me to serve? As Becky mentioned last weekend, we are in need of hospitality volunteers and prayer advocates. Please consider sharing your time and talents—no effort is too small to bless our parish family.

This Sunday, we're invited to reflect on how **deeply we embrace humility** and **outward generosity** in our daily lives—and especially within our parish. When we choose to serve without seeking recognition or reward, we model Christ's own humble love. And when we reach out to those who have no way to repay us, we mirror the Gospel's call to sacrificial love and Christ-like grace.

In this season of **renewal**, consider how **God might be inviting you to take the lower seat**—perhaps by greeting newcomers with a warm smile, offering a quiet prayer for someone in need, or **serving in hospitality without fanfare**. Or perhaps you're being called to extend your heart toward the marginalized and unseen, **bringing them into the embrace of our community**. In doing so, you reflect the Gospel not only in words, but in living love. May this Sunday's Gospel inspire us to embrace humility, shower love without expectation, and see every opportunity to serve as a moment to exude Christ's grace and joy.

Mark Your Calendar

**PSR Open House – Monday, September 8**

Please join us for Mass at 6:30p.m., followed by popsicles, materials, and fellowship in the Parish Hall. All are welcome—come share in the sweetness of community and faith!



Youth Group

August 31 - No activity scheduled

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



**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.

## CONTEMPLATIVE CORNER

God's mercy is freely given – perhaps the deepest meaning of the cross. The only “barrier” to God's mercy is our willingness to allow, accept, and welcome it. Yet, this “barrier” proves significant to so many, who have misunderstood mercy as somehow a response to some intention or behavior on our part, rather than as intrinsic to the Triune God, whose very nature it is to pour forth in love. We who constantly feel personal, cultural, and societal pressure to do more and be more are not prepared for unconditional mercy. We often struggle with the notion that God's mercy will *always* be unearned – as if anything we do could ever match the sheer immensity of Divine Love!

Part of the wisdom of Centering Prayer and other *apophatic* (without thoughts, words, or images) prayer forms is precisely that these forms recognize that the flow and energy of mercy is entirely one-sided, and no action on our part, however well-intended or ill-advised, will ever increase or decrease that flow. Indeed, one of the most common concerns expressed by new practitioners of Centering Prayer is the feeling of “not doing anything,” and in essence, that feeling is correct! We don't *do* anything during Centering Prayer and other similar prayer types because there is nothing to do other than *allow the grace, love, and mercy that God is*. We recognize the minuteness of our doings vis-à-vis God and stop trying to measure up – and from there the grace flows!



## MMOC TITHING PROGRAM

“Together we do great things”

**Marian Middle School:** All-girls private middle school in the St. Louis community serving urban adolescent youth in a faith-based environment.

Thank you for contributing to Marian's great mission of breaking the cycle of poverty by supporting Marian Girls for 12+ years! Your recent gift is helping students like Sam Luna receive a holistic education that sets their soul on fire. Because of Sam's experiences at Marian Middle School, she is thriving as a junior at Nerinx Hall and recently participated in the Hispanic Leadership Institute through the encouragement of our Graduate Support advisors. This program provides new networks and opportunities for Hispanic students, develops leadership skills, and aims to give back to the St. Louis community. Thank you for helping to light their way!

Sincerely,

Mary Elizabeth Grimes, President



## Calling all Musicians and Singers



Have you considered joining one of our Music Ministry groups? This is a great time to join us, and we are always willing to train. Here are some ways we hope you'll consider participating:

**Traditional Choir** – this four-part harmony group sings selections in many different styles, from traditional hymns to gospel favorites to contemporary worship songs. They practice on Wednesdays at 7pm and sing about 3 times a month, at various Mass times.

**Contemporary Choir** – this choir leads mostly contemporary worship songs and are joined by guitarists and other instrumentalists. They practice on Thursdays at 7pm and sing about 3 times a month, at various Mass times.

**Teen Choir** – this is a newly forming group of youth singers and instrumentalists that will occasionally meet to offer their musical gifts at Mass. All high school age musicians are welcome!

**Resurrection Choir** – this choir is on call to support grieving families during funeral liturgies. There are no rehearsals, but they do gather right before Mass for a short practice.

**Cantors** – singers who lead the assembly in song when there is no choir present. Confidence in singing solo is helpful in this ministry.

**Instrumentalists** – we welcome parishioners high school and above, who play musical instruments to accompany at our Masses.

For more information, contact Nate Jackson via email at [njackson@marymother.org](mailto:njackson@marymother.org) or call the parish office at 314-894-1373 ex 217.



## 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 - 7:00 PM**
- Wednesday 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- Thursday **3:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

**This week we welcome and thank Mary Lee and Mike McColl for joining our Adoration group on Tuesdays @ 3:00 PM.**

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



## THE FATIMA MINISTRY

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

- **8/31 - Joan Crawford**
- **9/7 - Lisa Raglin**
- **9/14 - Bill & Mary Lou Peters**
- **9/21 - Jeannie & Mary Krull**
- **9/28 - Pat Echelmeyer**

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.



## NURSES CORNER

Our GriefShare group starts again on Monday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00PM in the upper Annex. It is for anyone grieving the loss of someone, whether recent or some 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](http://www.griefshare.org), find a group - enter "63128" or contact me at 314-894-1373 ex 206. Pamphlets are in the vestibule, explaining this program.

**Save the Date!** The ImpactLife Blood Drive is on Thursday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 to 6:30PM in the Parish Hall. Note that this is a shortened time. Long-time donors and new donors – WE NEED YOU! The basic requirements: Must be at least 17 (16 with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in generally good health, feeling well on the day of the drive. There are more specific requirements of eligibility (medications, medical history, current illnesses, etc.) Please contact me, Kevin Brady (636) 697-6007 OR visit [www.bloodcenter.org](http://www.bloodcenter.org).

Health Ministry Commission (HMC) welcome/information meeting: Please join us for food and drink at the next HMC meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in classroom 4. We look forward to meeting new folks and welcoming back members!

Michele, your Parish Nurse

## 70 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Join in wishing Jule & Tony Zach a very happy day as they celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on September 3rd. May they continue walking their journey together in the loving presence of the Lord.



## Celebrating the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In honor of Our Lady's birthday on **September 8**, the testimonies from our **Parish Legacy Project** will be on display in the back of church from **Friday, September 5 through Sunday, September 14**. We invite you to stop by, reflect, and see the many ways the Holy Spirit has been moving in our parish. **Happy Birthday, Mother Mary!**



## CELEBRATING THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**FRIDAY 9/5 - SUNDAY 9/14**

**PARISH LEGACY PROJECT**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MOTHER MARY!**



### **Pray for the Sick & Homebound**

Joe Albright, Janet Barks,  
Kiegan Bersing, 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, **Loretta Lampen**, Jim Lampen, Bonnie  
Lebbing, Leslie Lewis, Jerry Marshall, Fran Mazanec,  
Floyd Melliore, Irene Meyer, Rich Meyer, Mike Ottoline,  
Val Pike, Joe Reker, Kathleen Riggio, Don Schepers,  
Paul Schulte, 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 Najjars, the Newbolds, the Rekers,  
the Siesners, the Swehls, the Zachs

**Son or Son-in-law** of Leona Bochantin, Leona Boucher,  
Mary Sue Ondr, the Rekers, Mary Simitjjs

**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 the Franklins, Barb Gavin,  
Sherry Heumann, 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 Simitjjs, 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.

**Rose Klier**

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's name can  
come off the list, by calling the office at 314-894-1373, and  
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

**Maj. Michael Villeneuve**

Son-in-law of Don & Gerianne Kopac

## STEWARDSHIP GRATEFUL AND GENEROUS

**August 24, 2025**

|                                      |                    |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Sunday Stewardship                   | \$ 3,448.00        |
| Gifts-Stock, RMDs, Charitable Giving | \$ 7,350.00        |
| Online Stewardship                   | <u>\$ 6,506.34</u> |
| Total Sunday Stewardship             | \$17,304.34        |
| August 2025 Weekly Budget            | <u>\$16,435.00</u> |
| Over <Under> Budget                  | \$ 869.34          |
| YTD Operating Gain <Deficit>         | <\$ 23,074.51>     |
|                                      |                    |
| Major Project Fund                   | \$ 0.00            |
| Special Contribution                 | \$ 50.00           |
| Online Stewardship                   | <u>\$ 415.00</u>   |
| Total Major Project Fund             | \$ 465.00          |
| August 2025 Weekly Budget            | <u>\$ 1,200.00</u> |
| Over <Under> Budget                  | <\$ 735.00>        |
| YTD Over <Under> Budget              | <\$ 3,116.00>      |

*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!***



### Monastery of St. Clare

There are two upcoming events at the Monastery of St. Clare both on September 7th.

The first is a **Holy Hour** for priestly and religious vocations on Friday, September 7th at 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

The second is an **All-Day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** beginning at 7:30 am. on September 7th.

You may receive the special plenary indulgence by praying at the Monastery of St. Clare. The day will conclude with Evening Prayer with the Sisters & Benediction at 4:30 pm.

The Monastery 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.

## Bulletin Deadline

There is no early deadline for September 7th bulletin **BUT** all articles must be sent to [bulletin@marymother.org](mailto:bulletin@marymother.org) by noon on Monday, September 1st or earlier.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

According to Feeding America, a nationwide network of food banks (like the St. Louis Area Foodbank) and pantries, last year their network of over 200 food banks and meal programs sourced, received and distributed more than seven billion pounds of food. They hope to dispel myths about food banks to bring attention to the critical needs they serve. For example, it is a common misconception that food banks only distribute non-perishable items; in fact, many food banks distribute fresh produce, lean proteins, and dairy. It is also a myth that food insecurity is only about hunger; many food banks offer nutrition education, medically tailored meals and connections to healthcare. 47 million people in the U.S. face daily challenges with hunger and its social and health impacts. Over 13 million children, one in five, don't have enough food to grow up strong, and no county in this country is untouched by hunger. Despite the great need for food assistance in our communities, Congress is considering deep cuts to SNAP, the program that helps over 47 million people buy groceries. Last year, SNAP provided nine times the number of meals than the Feeding America network. To truly end hunger, we need both local charities and strong federal programs working together. In addition to the help provided by MMOC parishioners to area food pantries and generous donations to parish food drives, we can also urge our legislators to continue support for SNAP.

## Recycle Plastic Toothbrushes

Did you know over 1billion plastic toothbrushes are thrown away each year in the U.S. alone. Made from plastic nylon bristles and polypropylene handles, they basically never biodegrade. Most are nearly impossible to recycle due to their mixed materials and small size, so they nearly always end up in landfills, incinerators or oceans once we are done with them. At Mary Mother we have a program to recycle used **toothbrushes, as well toothpaste tubes, floss containers and floss picks**. A dentist with TerraCycle has developed a method of recycling these items. There is a container in the vestibule between the wire food crate and the bookshelves for your donations.

# Creation Care Summit

Sponsored by the Laudato Si Commission

*Planting Seeds of Peace & Hope*

Saturday, Sept. 13

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Cardinal Rigali Center  
20 Archbishop May Dr.



Register Here!

[bit.ly/2025CreationSummit](https://bit.ly/2025CreationSummit)



22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## RESPECT LIFE

Healing After Abortion – Men, women and couples wounded by abortion are invited to attend the “**Holy Family Hope & Healing Ministry Retreat**” on Sept. 13-14. Held in a confidential, prayerful setting in St. Louis, the retreat is offered through the Archdiocese of St. Louis’ Abortion Healing Ministry. A trained, compassionate team, including a licensed counselor and priest, will lead participants through the critical steps of healing. To register, contact [cynthiahahnel@archstl.org](mailto:cynthiahahnel@archstl.org) or text/call 314-778-0628. All information and inquiries are kept confidential, and the exact retreat location is shared at registration.



## hope into action

In this Jubilee Year of Hope, what does it mean to bring Hope into Action in our hurting & desperate world?

Join us for a morning of reflection exploring how we are called to be **Pilgrims of Hope in Action** in both practical and aspirational ways

Two dates/locations – same program

**Saturday, September 6**

8:30am-12noon

Corpus Christi Center – St. Joseph Imperial  
6020 Old Antonia Rd., Imperial MO 63052

OR

**Saturday, October 18**

8:30am-12noon

Parish Hall – St. Joseph Farmington  
10 N Long Ave St, Farmington, MO 63640



For more information, please contact:

Jennifer Meehan at 314.363.6945 or [jmeehan@archstl.org](mailto:jmeehan@archstl.org)  
or George Herrera at 314.857.3179 or [georgeherrera@archstl.org](mailto:georgeherrera@archstl.org)

Please register via email or this QR code:



Southern Vicariate of the  
ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS



**Glen E. Mueller,  
D.M.D., P.C.**

**Family Dentist**

Glen E. Mueller, D.M.D., M.A.G.D.  
Stephanie Wood, D.M.D.

13096 Tesson Ferry Road  
**Phone: 842-0060**

*Parish Family*



*Proven Solutions for a Growing World*

**\$20 OFF**

Tree Pruning / Removal / Fertilization  
314-227-7545 | davey.com

**DAWSON ROOFING**

www.dawsonroofing.com

**314.837.4671**

*Since 1978*



Rosario "RO" Catarinichia,  
Sales Associate

Office: (314) 994-7444  
Cell: (314) 303-5596  
email: ro.rdc4@gmail.com  
www.byrneandassociates.com



**CATHOLIC  
SUPPLY®**  
OF ST. LOUIS, INC.

**ST. LOUIS HILLS**  
(314) 644-0643

6759 Chippewa | St. Louis, MO 63109  
Mon-Sat 9:00am to 5:30pm

**ST. CHARLES COUNTY**  
(636) 379-3705

2985 Hwy K | O'Fallon, MO 63368  
Mon-Sat 10:00am to 5:30pm

**catholicsupply.com®**

**Kutis  
FUNERAL HOME**

2906 GRAVOIS  
772-3000

10151 GRAVOIS  
842-4458

5255 LEMAY FERRY  
894-4500



**Residential & Commercial**  
BiegPlumbing.com  
(314) 487-4564

**SUPPORT OUR  
ADVERTISERS!**

**ADT-Monitored Home Security**

Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide



**SafeStreets**

**833-287-3502**



**(314) 481-7333**  
Since 1927



Gapsch Carstar Collision Center  
314-894-2322  
4709 Green Park Road, St. Louis, MO 63123  
**Relax, We'll Take It From Here.®**



**FREE  
AD DESIGN**

with purchase  
of this space

**CALL  
800-950-9952**

**IF YOU LIVE ALONE**

**MDMedAlert!™** STARTING AT **\$19.95/mo.**

✓ Ambulance ✓ Police/Fire  
✓ Family/Friends ✓ GPS & Fall Alert

**CALL NOW! 800.809.3570** md-medalert.com



**DOES YOUR NONPROFIT  
ORGANIZATION NEED  
A NEWSLETTER?**

Engaging, ad-supported  
print and digital newsletters  
to reach your community.

Visit [lpicommunities.com](http://lpicommunities.com)



**- FIELDER - ELECTRICAL SERVICES, INC.**

LICENSED • BONDED • INSURED RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL • INDUSTRIAL

Service Upgrades • New Homes • Remodeling • Room Additions • Basements • Kitchens  
Bathrooms • Code Violations • Knob & Tube Upgrades • Stand By Generator Systems

**\$20 OFF ANY ELECTRICAL WORK OF \$100 OR MORE 314-966-3388**



**LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS**

Place Your Ad Here and Support Our Parish!

**CONTACT ME Camarie Fox**

Cfox@4LPi.com (800) 950-9952 x2174

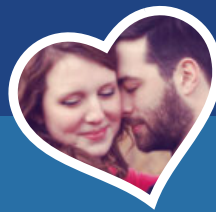


**Tim Kilo**

(314) 842-4442 • www.TimKilo.com

*"For All Your Insurance Needs"*

**catholicmatch®  
Missouri**



CatholicMatch.com/MO



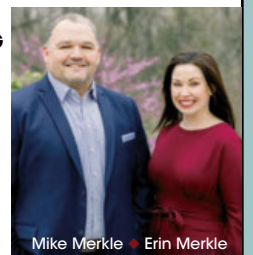
**REUTER • MERKLE  
LAW FIRM LLC**

**ELDER LAW & ESTATE PLANNING**

Trusts, Wills, Powers of Attorney  
Healthcare Directives, Mediation  
Medicaid Benefit Eligibility  
Veteran Benefit Eligibility  
Probate & Estate Administration

**www.rmlawstl.com**

**314.729.0200**



Mike Merkle • Erin Merkle



**COME VISIT US!**

**PREPARATION FOR  
AN EXCEPTIONAL LIFE**

**WWW.PRIORY.ORG**



**REGISTER NOW OR SCHEDULE SHADOW VISIT!  
OPEN HOUSE ON OCTOBER 19**

**Say Good-bye to Clogged Gutters!**



**\$99  
Installation\***

**Receive a \$100 Visa gift card with  
your FREE in-home estimate**

\*All participants who attend an estimated 60-90 minute in-home product consultation will receive a \$100 Visa gift card. Total value is \$100. Offer sponsored by LeafGuard Holdings Inc. Limit one per household. Company promotes, sells, and installs seamless gutter protection. This offer is valid for homeowners over 18 years of age. If married or involved in a life partner, both collaborating persons must attend and complete presentation together. Participants must have a photo ID and be legally able to enter into a contract. The following persons are not eligible for this offer: employees of Company or affiliated companies or entities, Four immediate family members, previous participants in a Company in-home consultation within the past 12 months and all current and former Company customers. Gift may not be extended, transferred, or substituted except that Company may substitute a gift of equal or greater value if it deems it necessary. Gift card will be mailed to the participant via first class. Excludes states that require 10 days of notice of the promotion here. Not valid in conjunction with any other promotion or discount of any kind. Offer not sponsored and is subject to change without notice prior to reservation. Offer not available in the states of CA, HI, PA, IL and NY. Expires 10/31/22.

Call today for your **FREE** estimate and in-home demonstration

**CALL NOW 314-549-8449**

\*Guaranteed not to clog for as long as you own your home, or we'll clean your gutters for free.



• LeafGuard® is **guaranteed never to clog** or we'll clean it for **FREE\***

- Seamless, one-piece system keeps out leaves, pine needles, and debris
- Eliminates the risk of falling off a ladder to clean clogged gutters
- Durable, all-weather tested system not a flimsy attachment

**ENGLERT  
LeafGuard®**  
**Get it. And forget it.™**



For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • [www.4lpi.com](http://www.4lpi.com)

Mary Mother of the Church, Saint Louis, MO

A 4C 01-4156