

Mary, Mother of the Church

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23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time - September 7, 2025



**The Mission of
Mary, Mother of the Church,
as a
Christ-centered community,
is to be a
Radiant Light
in the world
and a
Bold Witness
to those whose lives
we touch,
inspiring them to love God
and to love one another,
as God loves us.**



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WalkingWithFamiliesSTL.com 314-792-7555

Pregnant? We are here for you.

WalkingWithMomsSTL.com 314-792-7555
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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

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

ANOINTING OF SICK

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

MASS TIMES

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

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

MARIAN DEVOTIONS

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

PASTOR'S LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF MARY MOTHER

I know I was talking about Parish spiritual renewal in my letter to you two weeks ago, but at the risk of redundancy, now there is even more to say about it!

That more to say comes from so many of you who told me how exciting it felt to be around Mary Mother for everything going on at Parish Family Weekend of August 24th!

The social events themselves would have been exciting enough but a double excitement came from hearing the two speakers inviting all of us to begin supporting the upcoming Alpha process for the spiritual renewal of our youth and their parents who will be bringing their children to a Sacrament of Initiation. And I promise that an Alpha retreat will also be offered to the whole Parish as soon as we have these first Alpha encounters up and running.

At first I felt left out of most of the social celebrating that weekend, because I had a wedding rehearsal that Friday night and missed movie night, and because of the all day wedding and reception on that Saturday. I arrived late at the barbecue and the cool car show about the time they were starting to roll up the tables. I did love checking out the cars that were still there. Even the cars were making me feel new, like a boy again!

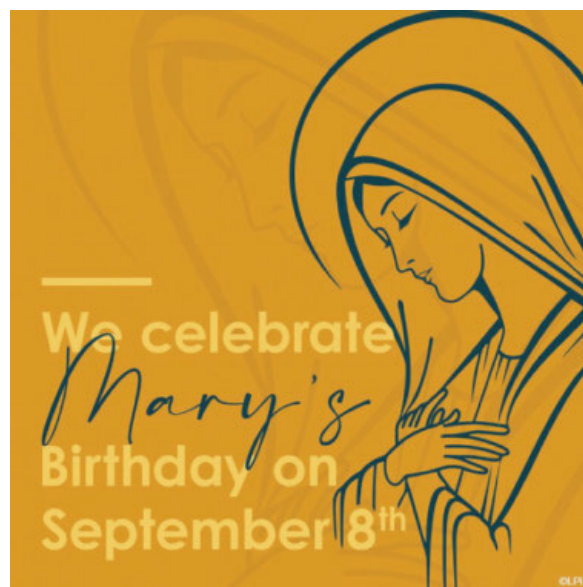
And that is just the earthly renewal we might feel from a mechanical object, a vehicle. How much more can we feel from the love of Christ coming

more deeply within us? I felt that as I was leading the wedding at the bride's home Parish, St Gertrude in tiny Grant Fork, Illinois (and the home Parish of a guy with whom I went to Kenrick). I kept getting excited all throughout the wedding ceremony, as I somehow felt like I was part of things that were going on back here. I felt like the wedding of this young couple, Zach and Madison Seiler, who will soon be joining our Parish and raising children here, was renewing my priesthood and joining in the renewal somehow, that was happening at the parish at the same time!

How wonderful is God who brings together all things, even where they seem to be apart?

Joy's renewal to you!

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



5 Year Milestone Anniversaries for September

Year	Name	Wedding Date
20	Kevin & Beth Gilbers	09/17/2005
30	Phil & Donna Coleman	09/02/1995
30	Nick & Tena Krispin	09/23/1995
40	Gary & Janice Mesler	09/13/1985
40	Robert & Carroll Schuster	09/06/1985
45	John & Ramona Buckley	09/05/1980
60	Stephen & Marcia Kohler	09/04/1965

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

66	Thomas & Sue Fitzgibbon	09/05/1959
70	Jule & Antonia Zach	09/03/1955



Come join members of Mary Mother's St. Vincent de Paul and a several other surrounding parishes on a mile and half

Friends of the Poor Walk in Fenton City Park on **Saturday, September 27th** from 8:30-10:00. The park is located at 1215 Larkin Williams Road. Meet us at the Hitzert Pavilion to **register 7:45-8:15** and for a light continental breakfast before the 8:30 stroll. Enjoy the FREE walk but donations are welcome as we are raising money for those living in poverty in our neighborhood. There will be Vincentians in the vestibule the weekend of September 20-21 to hand out flyers.

Attention Puzzlers

Our second Mary Mother Jigsaw Puzzle night will be on October 17. This will be limited to just 20 tables. Each table can have 4 members and a table will cost \$50. Evening comes with the puzzle, drinks and snacks throughout the night. Each team will have two hours to complete the puzzle and whatever table finishes first will get 1/2 of the pot. Please go to SignUpGenius on the Mary Mother web site or call the office. Please do not email Rich Blackford and ask him to do it because he does not have access to the sign up sheet. If you have any questions please contact Rich Blackford at social@marymother.org



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, September 8

9:05 am	AA Group - Rm 1,2
12:30 pm	Pickleball - Gym
3:00 pm	Grief Share - Annex
6:30 pm	PSR Mass & Open House - Church
6:30 pm	Pickleball - Gym
7:00 pm	Men's Prayer Group - Chapel

Tuesday, September 9

9:00 am	Adoration - Chapel
9:00 am	Quilting
9:00 am	Walk the gym
6:30 pm	Peace & Justice Mtg - Rm 1,2
7:30 pm	Adult Volunteers Mtg - Youth Rm

Wednesday, September 10

9:00 am	Adoration - Chapel
9:00 am	CHANS coalition training - Parish Hall
9:30 am	Tai Chi - Gym
12:30 pm	Pickleball - Gym
1:30 pm	AA Group - Rm 3,4 or outside
7:00 pm	Traditional Choir Practice - Church
7:00 pm	Pro-Life Mtg - Annex
8:30 pm	Men's Basketball - Gym

Thursday, September 11

7:30 am	Men's Prayer Group - Annex
9:00 am	Women's Prayer Group - Rm 3,4
9:00 am	Walk the Gym
12:00 pm	Sensational Seniors - Parish Hall
3:00 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, September 12

Saturday, September 13

3:30 pm	Confessions - Church
4:00 pm	Blood Drive Promotion - Vestibule
5:30 pm	Blood Pressure SCRN - St Joachim Rm
5:30 pm	Bridge Bread - vestibule

Sunday, September 14

10:00 am	Blood Drive Promotion - Vestibule
10:00 am	Blood Pressure SCRN - St Joachim Rm
10:00 am	Bridge Bread - vestibule
6:30 pm	Rosary - Chapel
7:00 pm	Life Night - Youth Room



*Bridge Bread will be available for purchase
next weekend, September 13th & 14th.*

Bridge Bread values their relationship with Mary, Mother of the Church. Thank you so much for your overwhelming support.

The Words of Everlasting Life

Readings for September 7 - September 14

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
Monday:	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Tuesday:	Col 2:6-15; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 6:27-38
Friday:	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a & 5,7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a & 6-7; Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday:	Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17



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.



Thank You

Thank you to the parishioners who faithfully place items in the metal bin in the church vestibule. Your monthly donations throughout the year to Rock Church keep their pantry stocked. This month the pantry is low on peanut butter, canned pasta, crackers and cereal.

Lori Fick



This Week's Mass Intentions

SUNDAY September 7

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

MONDAY September 8

8:30 AM - Harold Rehg †

TUESDAY September 9

8:30 AM - Steve Wayant †

WEDNESDAY September 10

8:30 AM - Jim Krull †

THURSDAY September 11

6:15 AM - Lois Betzler †
8:30 AM - Steve Aiello †

FRIDAY September 12

8:30 - Patrick & Katie Reilly †

SATURDAY September 13

4:30 PM - Rita O'Brien †

SUNDAY September 14

9:00 AM - Our Parish Family
11:00 AM - Donald Dace †

† 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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FAMILY CATECHESIS

WHAT'S
ON YOUR



MIND?

Join a conversation on life, faith & purpose

From the Desk of Religious Education

The Parish School of Religion is officially underway, and I could not be more grateful and excited to journey with you through this new school year. As we prepare our own hearts—and the hearts of our children—for deeper faith, we turn to this Sunday's Gospel from Luke 14:27:

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

This verse always leaves me a little breathless. Jesus speaks so plainly: true discipleship requires total dedication. We cannot cling to possessions, comfort, or even our own plans if we are to follow Him. And on top of that, He asks us to willingly carry our crosses. In our culture of instant gratification and convenience, this feels almost impossible—radical, even.

But here's the beautiful mystery: what seems radical is actually the way to true freedom. To be a disciple is not to lose, but to gain. It is to surrender the illusion of control and instead receive the abundance of God's grace. It is to discover that, in Christ, our daily choices are not burdens but opportunities to walk hand-in-hand with Him. So this week, I invite you to look at your own cross—not as a weight to resent, but as a doorway into deeper communion with the Father. What might discipleship look like in your home, your work, or your relationships if you embraced it fully, trusting that God never takes without giving even more in return?

May this Gospel remind us that true discipleship, while costly, is never without reward. In giving all to Christ, we gain everything.

9/3 @ 7p - Confirmation Orientation

9/8 @ 6:30p - PSR Mass & Open House

9/15 @ - 6:15p - First PSR Class



Youth Group

Sunday - 9/7 Life Night 7:00 - 9:00 pm Youth Room
Sunday - 9/14 Life Night 7:00 - 9:00 pm Youth Room
Sunday - September 21st XLT at Queen of all Saints

We are planning an Alpha Youth encounter starting on October 8th. More information and registration will be available next weekend.

If you would be interested in helping with this effort as a volunteer or prayer advocate call Elli Roch at 314-894-1373 ex 218.

Carlo Acutis Display at the National Shrine

There will be a display featuring images of the newly canonized saint, Carlo Acutis, along with a first and third class relic on display at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, Missouri, on Sunday, September 7, from 12:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. For more information, please contact us at 1-800-264-6279.



CONTEMPLATIVE CORNER

Though Christianity has deep contemplative roots, contemplative insights and experiences can radically alter our concepts and perceptions of God to something beyond those typical to the Western Christian culture in which most of us were formed – not that these concepts and perceptions are wrong as far as they go, but more that they are inadequate to express the sheer depth and breadth of Divine Love.

To say $2 + 2 = 4$ is completely true, but that mathematical insight alone hardly prepares one for calculus, because the tools, and the experience in the arena of mathematics for one that only knows addition, aren't equal to the task.

Likewise, contemplative practitioners, even (and especially!) seasoned practitioners can struggle to articulate and even comprehend their own experiences and the shared wisdom of fellow contemplatives because the realm of contemplation is so beyond the bounds of what has come before.

Contemplative author Carl McColman likens contemplative experience to visiting a foreign country: "There are so many differences big and small (different traffic laws, different money, different social customs, different shopping and dining establishments, subtle differences even when the language is the same, and so forth). We call this "culture shock"... So I think there's a bit of 'spiritual culture shock' when Christians write about [contemplative experience]." In overcoming this culture shock, we must be patient with ourselves and others as we navigate this "new land" together, and we must realize that no amount of study or discussion on contemplation can substitute for experience.



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 or call the parish office at 314-894-1373 ex 217.



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.

- 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.



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

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

2025

Senior, Family, and Caregiver Aging My Way Resource Fair



Presented by:

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque SAJE Senior Ministry
Dolan Memory Care Homes Memory Care Home Solutions
Nazareth Senior Living Mercy Home Healthy and Hospice

Over 65 booth of Senior Resources

Information and resources for senior who want to age in place or who are considering living options such as retirement, assisted living, and long-term care communities.



St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Parish Center
4900 Ringer Road, St. Louis, MO 63129

Tuesday, September 16
9:00 am-11:00 am



Drawings for four \$25 gift cards

Flu Shots will be available from Mercy Health

Free Donuts, Coffee and Giveaways!

If you are a Senior or a Caregiver you don't want to miss this event!



For More information contact:
Tom Glaser at **314 487 0003**



NURSES CORNER

Blood Pressure screenings will be offered in the St. Joachim room after Masses next weekend Sept. 13th /14th.

Health Ministry Commission (HMC)

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

ImpactLife Blood Drive is approaching quickly! Thursday, Sept. 18th from 2:30 to 6:30PM. To prepare, practice healthy intake of iron and vit. C-rich foods/drinks together, in addition to balanced diet, limiting caffeine and alcohol. To get an appointment, please contact me, Kevin Brady (636) 697-6007, OR visit www.bloodcenter.org OR click on "blood drive" on our parish website...any of these options! Thank you for considering this lifesaving gift!

Medicare information: A representative from the Missouri State Health Insurance Assistance Program will be here on Wednesday, Sept. 24th at 6PM in the Parish Hall. This is a good time to get unbiased information! See SignUpGenius or contact me.

Michele, your Parish Nurse

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,
Barbara Killius, 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 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 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 the Franklins, Barb Gavin,
Sherry Heumann, Joe & Linda Licata, Carla Merlotti,
Carol Musielak, 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.

David Leicht, father of Paul Leicht

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

RESPECT LIFE

Our parish **Respect Life Committee** will meet **Wednesday, September 10 at 7 pm** in the Annex. All are welcome to join us.

Please join Catholics nationwide in daily prayer asking St. Joseph's intercession for an end to taxpayer funding of the abortion industry.

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.



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.

The *second week* of readings includes discussions about *caring for creation, that all good things come from God, the importance of Volunteerism and on what principles have I built my life?*



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"To love is to will the good of another."
Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1766
(St. Thomas Aquinas)

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."
-1 John 13-14

"In this is love, not that we love God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins."
-John 4:10



MMOC TITHING PROGRAM

"Together we do great things"

Sarnelli House: Assists children who have been orphaned or abandoned by parents with AIDS. Mothers and children who have the disease are also under care. Girls who have been sold into sexual slavery are brought back as funds permit. (Since 1997)

Dear Mary Mother parishioners,

"This year we have about 120 children, over half of these newcomers, who make up the population of Sarnelli House. Only a handful of older children are left, while we have a flood of wee children and babies pouring in. We have disabled babies and healthy babies, plus beaten, abused and abandoned little ones. These kids are really cute, lively and lippy now...a far cry from when they first arrived. We also serve about 70 children in our Outreach program by helping with school expenses, food, and travel to and from school. We are thankful to the Good Lord and His Mother for your generosity. We pray daily for you.
Gratefully,

Fr Mike, staff, volunteers, and children of Sarnelli



ONLINE GIVING

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August 31, 2025

Sunday Stewardship	\$ 4,149.00
Gifts-Stock, RMDs, Charitable Giving	\$ 7,053.00
Online Stewardship	<u>\$ 6,506.34</u>
Total Sunday Stewardship	\$17,708.34
August 2025 Weekly Budget	<u>\$16,435.00</u>
Over <Under> Budget	\$ 1,273.34
Major Project Fund	\$ 186.00
Online Stewardship	<u>\$ 415.00</u>
Total Major Project Fund	\$ 601.00
August 2025 Weekly Budget	<u>\$ 1,200.00</u>
Over <Under> Budget	<\$ 599.00>
YTD Over <Under> Budget	<\$ 3,715.00>

*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!***

The MMOC Contemplative Core Team

The MMOC Contemplative Core Team invites you to "PARTAKING IN THE TRINITARIAN ROLES"
How does my life mirror the Trinitarian roles?
How does what I do matter? to anyone? anywhere?
Join our own MMOC Contemplative Deacon Bob Smerek, as he leads us through "Partaking in the Trinitarian Roles" on Tuesday September 16, 6:30-7:30pm in church. Live streaming available
Need more? Call Carolyn Hebenstreit at 314.578.0062

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Join the interfaith community for a tour and social gathering at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. We will learn together about Catholic art, traditions and faith practices.

Tuesday, September 16th @ 6:30pm

Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis

4431 Lindell Boulevard

St. Louis, MO 63108

Use the QR code for more information or to sign up



Tony Melendez - Songs and Stories

Saturday, September 13th

7:00 - 9:00pm

St. Joseph Manchester Church

As part of the Jubilee Year, St. Joseph Manchester will host Tony Melendez, born in Nicaragua with no arms and a club foot, who will share a powerful testimony, sing and play music, and encourage everyone who attends!

As an inspiration to many, Melendez was asked to play for Pope John Paul II in 1987. Through this international broadcast, Tony's career was set into high gear. He now travels with his brother, Jose, sharing a message of hope, encouragement, and faith through music and life stories.

All are welcome to this free event!

Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life



16th Annual Benefit Dinner

Sunday, October 12, 2025

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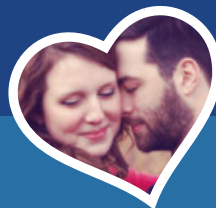


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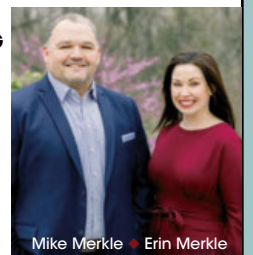
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