

Mary, Mother of the Church

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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man." For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:13, 17

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WalkingWithFamiliesSTL.com 314-792-7555

Pregnant? We are here for you.

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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

This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. For my reflection this week, I would like to share with you most of what Fr. Don Wester wrote in his article in the Review last week because he is spot on & something that each of us needs to hear.

"It is so simple and uncomplicated to hear that God sent Jesus to save us; we might be tempted to rejoice in the gift of salvation without also taking the responsibility that comes with it. Of course, we want to celebrate that gift, because it is the gift that ultimately sets us free. Our own good deeds are not what saves us. Following all the commandments is not what saves us. The corporal and spiritual works of mercy are not what saves us. Praying and fasting are not what saves us. All of those practices ought to flow out of the gift that we've been given. If we have been loved so deeply and eternally, why wouldn't we freely give of ourselves to others? I think we all know the answer to that, and it's why we don't hear the second half of this message from John 3:16.

We all remember the various phases of the Last Supper. Bread was broken, the cup was shared, and Jesus gave us the gift of His real presence with us. At that same dinner, He took off His outer garment, wrapped a towel around His waist and took up the basin and began to wash the disciples' feet. Even though they protested and thought it was inappropriate for a rabbi to do that, He did it anyway. We hear that He is trying to teach them a lesson through this experience. 'What I have done, you must do.' The gift of Jesus in our lives doesn't just free us, but it also gives us the mission for our lives. Among that group of people whose feet Jesus washed, there was a betrayer and the rest who fled when things got difficult. He washed their feet; there was no exclusion in his generosity and compassion.

As we exalt the cross of Jesus Christ this weekend, let us embrace the whole message of the cross and not just one convenient part of it. There are betrayers and those who have abandoned us among our family, friends and in the community at large. We've all experienced that in family, in government, in the Church and in our places of work. It breaks our heart when it happens, and we are tempted to be cynical, bitter, revengeful or even sometimes choose to isolate ourselves. The fact that Jesus went to the cross and died for all, without exclusion, should be the criteria out of which we live our mission.

We don't see a lot of examples of people among us who are exulting the cross and living the mission of Jesus in that way. In fact, it feels like swimming upstream to love our enemies, to welcome strangers, to share with those who have nothing to give us in return and to forgive sinners readily. Instead, we experience divisions, mistrust, hatred and violence. We can look at the big picture and become discouraged, or we can look at our own lives and make a choice to live our mission clearly. We need to do what we can, as we can, to make sure that we are carrying the cross as Jesus did. We may feel like we're alone when we start doing this, but just know that love attracts love. There will be some who see what we do, join us in the mission and in that way, give glory to God. What better way is there to spend our lives!"

Deacon Randy

 *The* Exaltation
of the Holy Cross GLPI



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@marvmother.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.

"DONUT SUNDAY"

Next Sunday, September 21st, 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.



Cross Catholic Outreach

Please welcome Fr Steve LaCanne who is visiting our parish next weekend. He comes to us from Cross Catholic Outreach and will share some touching stories about the amazing work Catholic missions are accomplishing worldwide. Since Cross Catholic Outreach empowers existing Catholic missions, its programs are extremely cost-effective, and the vast majority of the resources it collects go into program services that help the poorest of the poor around the world. To learn more about Cross Catholic Outreach, please go to

CrossCatholic.org/outreach.

Attention Puzzlers

Our second Mary Mother Jigsaw Puzzle night will be on **October 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.** This will be limited to just 20 tables. Each table can have 4 members and a table will cost \$50. The evening comes with the puzzle, drinks and snacks. Each team will have two hours to complete the puzzle. First table to finish will get 1/2 of the pot. **Please sign up at SignUpGenius on our web site or call the office. Please don't call Rich to sign you up.**

If you have any questions please contact him at:

social@marymother.org

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, September 15

9:05 am AA Group - Rm 1,2
9:30 am Basic Catechism Course - Rm 3,4
12:30 pm Pickleball - Gym
3:00 pm Grief Share - Annex
6:15 pm PSR
6:15 pm Alpha for Adults - Parish Hall
6:30 pm Pickleball - Gym
7:00 pm Men's Prayer Group - Chapel

Tuesday, September 16

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

Wednesday, September 17

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 Basic Catechism Course - Rm 3,4
7:00 pm Traditional Choir Practice - Church
8:30 pm Men's Basketball - Gym

Thursday, September 18

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

Friday, September 19

9:30 pm Love Thy Neighbor - Rm 3,4

Saturday, September 20

3:30 pm Confessions - Church
4:00 pm SVdP Friends of the Poor Walk - Vestibule
4:30 pm Visiting Priest

Sunday, September 21

9:00 am Visiting Priest at both Masses
9:00 am Family Mass - Church
10:00 am SVdP Friends of the Poor Walk - Vestibule
10:00 am Donut Sunday - Parish Hall after both Masses
6:30 pm Rosary - Chapel



The Words of Everlasting Life

Readings for September 14 - September 21

- Sunday:** Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
- Monday:** 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
- Tuesday:** 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6; Lk 7:11-17
- Wednesday:** 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 7:31-35
- Thursday:** 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10; Lk 7:36-50
- Friday:** 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday:** 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 8:4-15
- Next Sunday:** Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b); 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13



This Week's Mass Intentions

SUNDAY September 14

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

MONDAY September 15

8:30 AM - Carol Kehrman †

TUESDAY September 16

8:30 AM - George Schmitz †

WEDNESDAY September 17

8:30 AM - Carol Kehrman †

THURSDAY September 18

6:15 AM - Peter & Mary Ann Christante †
8:30 AM - Chuck Arns †

FRIDAY September 19

8:30 - David Barton †

SATURDAY September 20

4:30 PM - Tom Simitjis †

SUNDAY September 21

9:00 AM - David Kite †
11:00 AM - Our Parish Family

† Denotes those who are deceased

SAVE THE DATE!!

MMOC Annual Pasta Dinner

Sunday, October 5th
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Here is the perfect excuse to get out of the house.



We are in need of workers and desserts. Sign up on SignUpGenius or call the office and they will help you.

In addition, if you're looking to get more involved at Mary Mother and would like to help with the Pasta Dinner planning, contact Joe Licata at 314-487-8883.

We are always looking for planners and new ideas.



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

From the Desk of Religious Education

Psalm 51 reminds us that true repentance, when it comes from the heart, opens the door to God's renewal and healing. I often find myself praying, "Lord, You really do hear us down here, don't You?" And the truth is—He does. He knows the chaos of our schedules, the weight of our responsibilities, and the deep desire we carry as parents to raise our children in the faith. As a mom of four, I know what Monday nights can feel like—rushing out the door, getting kids where they need to be, and sometimes just wanting a moment of peace in the car while they're in class. I've been there! But I've also learned how powerful it is when I step inside, set my phone down, and let God speak into my own heart, too.

That's why I'm so excited that **PSR begins this Monday, September 15th, at 6:15 p.m.** We call it the Parish School of Religion because faith formation is meant for the whole parish family—not just the kids. While your children are in class, I want to invite you to join us for Alpha for Adults. It's a space to share a meal, grow in faith, and connect with others who are walking the same parenting journey.

Here's what I've seen in my own family: when parents grow in their faith alongside their children, something shifts at home. Conversations become deeper, sacraments carry more meaning, and the whole family draws closer to Christ together. I know it's not always easy, and sometimes just showing up feels like a victory. But hear this—you are already doing something extraordinary by being here with your child. And God wants to fill your heart with the same love, joy, and peace you pray He gives your children.

So this Monday, don't stay in the car. Come in. Share the meal with us, meet other parents, and let God do the rest. He really does love you—and He delights in renewing your spirit just as much as your child's.

Here's whats coming up:

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

9/22 @ 6:15p - PSR Class

9/29 @ 6:15p - First Reconciliation Workshop for Families

10/6 @ 6:15p -PSR & Safetouch

10/13 @ 6:15p - PSR Class

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loves
you



Curious about faith?



At Alpha you can ask anything—it's a safe space to question life, faith, and meaning. Everyone is welcome.

636-288-3837

eroche@marymother.org



Youth Group

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.



Alpha Youth
Trailer

Alpha Youth for High School Students Starts Oct. 8
Wed. nights from 6:30-8:00
Join a conversation on life, faith, and purpose!

Alpha High School Registration -
Fall 2025



CONTEMPLATIVE CORNER

Jesus tells us that “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (Jn 15:13) and challenges us, “As I have loved you, so you must love one another” (Jn 13:34). He then lives out this kind of love dramatically in his passion and death, letting go of literally everything – including his physical being, of course, but also respect, esteem, security, comfort, power, human friendship, and anything that satisfies the ego. We recognize the impossibility that we, of our own will, could ever love as freely and as perfectly as Jesus on the cross – indeed, *that’s one of the big points, that only God is capable of true selfless love, and we can love like God only in the measure we surrender to God.* But it would be a mistake to assume that we can only truly love “as I have loved you” by “laying down” our physical life. Rather, we are graced at every moment with opportunity to embrace the dying of our egotistical “false self” through detachment from security, belonging, and control. Centering Prayer and other contemplative practices are our training in living truly “open-handed,” meaning that we can welcome whatever God would place in our hand – even if that is a cross – *and* we can allow God to remove anything from our hands – even that which we convince ourselves is the basis of a good life... but is less than the infinite love of God.

Experience Notre Dame High School at Rebel Reveal Night!

October 8th at 6:30PM

All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders plus your families are invited to an exciting evening of discovery at Notre Dame HS. Choose from engaging sessions on academics, student life, STEM, arts, travel, and more—plus hear from our students, faculty and staff about what makes Notre Dame so special. To sign up please visit our website: ndhs.net/page/visit.



Alpha for Adults in their 20s and 30s – open and free
Thurs evenings 6-8pm
Starts Sept. 18
Dinner, a movie, and conversation on life, faith, and purpose!



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 – Rehearse on Wednesday nights.

Contemporary Choir – Rehearse on Thursday nights.

Teen Choir – All high school age musicians are welcome!

Resurrection Choir – gather right before Funeral Mass for a short practice.

Cantors – singers who lead the assembly in song.

Instrumentalists – 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 weeks in **October** or in **November** by going to SignUpGenius.

- 9/14 - **Bill & Mary Lou Peters**
- 9/21 - **Jeannie & Mary Krull**
- 9/28 - **Pat Echelmeyer**
- 10/05 - **Peggy & Ted Dolter**

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



AUGUST CENSUS UPDATES

Welcome to our new parishioners:

Adam & Laura Kuentzler, Owen & Lucas
Ricardo & Lauren Lu, Amelia
Chuck & Jean Whelehon

To make it easier for our new members to get acquainted with us, please wear your nametags.

Dearly departed:

Gilbert Monnig - Barbara Furguson

Friday Friends

Please join the Friday Friends (widows) for our next luncheon which will be held on Fri, Sept 19, at 11:30 am.

We will be going to Walnut Grill which is located at 10797 Watson in Sunset Hills Plaza. If you're planning on joining us, please RSVP to Julie at 314-438-7370 or Nancy at 314-894-8522 to let us know how many will be coming, Hope to see you then.

NURSES CORNER

Health Ministry Commission (HMC) welcome/ information meeting:

Please join us for food and drink at the next HMC meeting THIS Tuesday, Sept. 16th at 7PM in classroom 4.

ImpactLife Blood Drive is THIS Thursday, Sept. 18th from 2:30 to 6:30PM. To better ensure a successful donation and feeling well afterwards: * Increase your fluids and rest well. *Practice healthy intake of iron and vit. C-rich foods/drinks together, in addition to a balanced diet, limiting caffeine and alcohol. To get an appointment (or to cancel), 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! Reminder: You can complete the questionnaire the day of the drive before you arrive-called "earlyQ," which might decrease wait time.

Medicare: A representative from the Missouri State Health Insurance Assistance Program will be here on Wednesday, Sept. 24th at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall. This is a good time to get unbiased information! Come early for a light dinner! See sign up genius or contact me.

Flu Vaccines: Sunday, Oct. 5th from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM in Reilly Center gym. Check the vestibule for the forms to complete and give to me by Thursday, Sept. 25th. These are also on SignUpGenius. "Save your spot" on SignUpGenius. You can also call the office at 314-894-1373 Ex 206.

Michele, your Parish Nurse

Quote for the Week

"When we ask God to move a mountain, God may give us a shovel."
Shane Claiborne



Friends of the Poor Walk

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.



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,
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 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.

Nicholas Auch, grandson of Bill & Dolores Ebert

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

49th Annual
Respect Life
Conference

*Hope IN THE
Gospel OF Life*

More speakers to
be announced
soon!

Main Track

Teen Track

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025, 9:00AM
Cardinal Rigali Center

Conference highlights include: Holy Mass and Rosary, Presentations on Timely Topics,
Teen Track, Lunch, Networking & Fellowship, Ministry Partner Fair

Speakers:

- Jamie Morris
Massachusetts Catholic
Conference
- Jaime Mendez
March for Life
- Fr. Peter Fonseca
Archdiocesan
Bioethics Consultant
- Mary Bruno
Catholic Author
and Speaker
- Kristina Churman
Justice For All
- Gabriel Cobb
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-Catholic Campaign for Human Development

"All of us, at some time or another, need help. Whether we're giving or receiving help, each one of us has something valuable to bring to this world. That's one of the things that connects us as neighbors - in our own way, each of us is a giver and a receiver."

-Mr. Rogers



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

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

Please Join Us for Mary, Mother's Annual Stewardship Weekend September 27-28

Stewardship Weekend is quickly approaching! 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! Table presentations showcasing Mary, Mother's Commissions and many Ministries are being prepared, including activities and perhaps even something to take home! A special prize will be awarded after each Mass, with names drawn from attendees. This event is for *all ages* and there will be a special children's activity table. Of course, refreshments will be served! The new pre-ordered Mary, Mother T-Shirts will be available for pickup.



We have restocked "the little burgundy books", centered on Stewardship, and they are again available on 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 *third week* includes discussions about *time*- how relevant is that! Interesting readings reference the Olympics, St. Jude Research Hospital, The Red Cross, UNICEF and the Peace Corps. (Readings vary depending on the book you selected.)



MMOC TITHING PROGRAM

"Together we do great things"

Gateway Food Pantry: Provides a Food Pantry and Thrift Shop for those in need.

Thank you for your generosity! Your donation came at a critical time for our pantry as our demand has soared. The past year our food distributions increased by 28.2%. We are serving 100 more food distributions per month. Our emergency distributions have doubled.

That is why we are so thankful for your support that allows us to continue our mission of providing food to those in need and treating each person with dignity and respect.

Our volunteers work seven days a week to provide this assistance to our community.

Gratefully,

Patrick McKelvey
Executive Director

STEWARDSHIP GRATEFUL AND GENEROUS

September 7, 2025

Sunday Stewardship	\$ 7,141.00
Gifts-Stock, RMDs, Charitable Giving	\$ 3,000.00
Online Stewardship	<u>\$ 8,223.31</u>
Total Sunday Stewardship	\$18,364.31
September 2025 Weekly Budget	<u>\$18,925.00</u>
Over <Under> Budget	<\$ 560.69>

Major Project Fund	\$ 1,250.00
Online Stewardship	<u>\$ 507.50</u>
Total Major Project Fund	\$ 1,757.50
September 2025 Weekly Budget	<u>\$ 1,200.00</u>
Over <Under> Budget	\$ 557.50
YTD Over <Under> Budget	<\$ 3,157.50>

*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!***

Scrap Metal Program

If you have **scrap metal** to donate, please drop it off at 5833 Kerth Rd., or call Dick at 314-374-4680 if you have questions.

Please do not put items in the trailer.

Please no TV's, monitors, tires, sofas or beds.

If someone has enough money to live well & sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion - how can God's love be in that person? Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other, let us show the truth by our actions.

1 John 3:17-18

The EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Did you know that this feast began in the 4th Century when St. Helena discovered the TRUE CROSS in Jerusalem? Ever since, the cross has been honored as a sign of victory over sin and death. The Cross is the symbol of our Christian Faith and also a reminder of God's Love and Mercy. Jesus' resurrection shows that death is not the end. By carrying our own crosses, we are united with Jesus and can share in his victory. The cross tells us that no matter how hard our struggles are, there is always hope in Christ.



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

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!**



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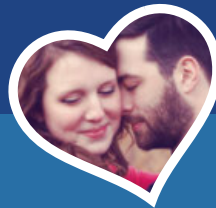


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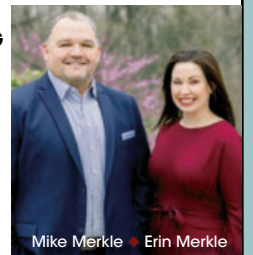
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