

Mary, Mother of the Church

5901 Kerth Road, St. Louis MO 63128 - 314.894.1373

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time - September 21, 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

Last week at Mass I mentioned a number of launches or lifting up actions at the Parish, in light of Christ promising we can be "lifted up" with Him. Just some of these exciting upliftings are:

- Applying the Alpha retreat in a new way to the Catholic faith formation of our young families who are bringing a child to a Sacrament;
- The startup of a Vocations Committee;
- Some exciting initiatives by our Respect Life and Peace and Justice Ministries.

I did not even mention last week, the refreshing approach to the annual Stewardship message you will hear next weekend.

I'm excited about all of this, but I was especially inspired to get to meet with several people who are helping to create a Vocations Committee. This committee will be discerning about the best ways at Mary Mother for our community to call forth leadership vocations - religious, priests, single lay persons in Apostolic service, and couples who are married in Christ.

There were four kinds of actions that have to happen for any of us to be called into a leadership role in the Church:

- Prayer
- Affirmation
- Invitation
- Follow up

First, somebody had to be praying for us. Second, somebody had to notice we had certain gifts that suggested a special vocation and affirm us about those gifts. Third, somebody had to invite us into formation of some kind to help us discern if we should consider entering into formal training and formation. Finally after we tried the introductory formation program, someone had to follow up and keep praying for us and affirming us and encouraging us to keep going and to trust God with the direction of our lives and to accept the vocation that we were finally given by the Lord.

Since we all know nothing good moves forward without lots of prayer, that is the first action the new Vocations Committee will be calling for at Mary Mother. They will organize ways for the whole worship community to be praying all together for leadership vocations to come forth from our parish. The first prayer initiative for leadership vocations will be a simple prayerful action that will take place at 11:00 a.m. Mass September 28th, fittingly, Stewardship Sunday. You will get to meet all the members of the Vocations Committee when they have had a chance to meet and get to know each other a little bit longer. In the meantime pray for the Spirit to bring fruitfulness to their important work.

Many thanks!

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@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.

Cross Catholic Outreach

This weekend we are blessed to be hosting Fr. Steve LaCanne representing Cross Catholic Outreach.

This official Catholic ministry was founded to link parishes in the U.S. with priests, religious brothers and sisters, and laypeople working in Church missions overseas. Its programs span Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. Donation envelopes will be provided.

Please be generous and be sure to say hi after Mass. Brochures with a donation envelope will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry. For more information on Cross Catholic Outreach, please go to CrossCatholic.org/outreach

"DONUT SUNDAY"

This 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.



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 22

9:05 am AA Group - Rm 1,2
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 23

9:00 am Adoration - Chapel
9:00 am Quilting
9:00 am Walk the gym
11:30 am Spiritual Direction - St. Joachim Rm
7:00 pm Parish Council Mtg - Rm 1,2

Wednesday, September 24

9:00 am Cornerstone Bible Study
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
6:00 pm Presentation on Medicare - Parish Hall
7:00 pm Traditional Choir Practice - Church
8:30 pm Men's Basketball - Gym

Thursday, September 25

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

Friday, September 26

Saturday, September 27

9:00 am Server Training - Church
3:30 pm Confessions - Church
4:30 pm Quilt Raffle Ticket Sale - Vestibule
4:30 pm Rock Church Food Drive - Vestibule
5:30 pm Baptism - Church
5:30 pm Stewardship Weekend - Reilly Center

Sunday, September 28

9:00 am Rock Church Food Drive - Vestibule
9:00 am Quilt Raffle Ticket Sale - Vestibule
10:00 am Stewardship Weekend - Reilly Center
6:30 pm Rosary - Chapel

Priesthood Sunday

Next week is "Priesthood Sunday" sponsored by the Serra Club of St. Louis. Show your gratitude to Fr. Steve by sending him a note of your appreciation for all that he is doing here at Mary Mother.

The Words of Everlasting Life

Readings for September 21 - September 28

- 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
- Monday:** Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday:** Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday:** Ezr 9:5-9; Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday:** Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Lk 9:7-9
- Friday:** Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4; Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday:** Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
- Next Sunday:** Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b); 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31



MMOC Annual Pasta Dinner

**Mark your calendars for
Sunday, October 5th**

**and come join us for good food and
fellowship at The Annual Pasta Dinner
from 4:00 to 7:00 pm.**



Menu includes: Italian Sausage, Salad, Roll, Dessert, Beverage (Ice Tea, Lemonade & Coffee), and as always, All You Can Eat Mostaccioli with Red Sauce (from Bardolino's) and White Sauce. --Carry Outs are Available--

Adults (13 years and older) \$10.00

Youth/Children (12 & under with by a paid Adult) Free

We are also in need of workers & desserts. Volunteer to help through SignUpGenius at Mary Mother's website or call the office at 314-894-1373.

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



This Week's Mass Intentions

SUNDAY September 21

9:00 AM - David Kite †

11:00 AM - Our Parish Family

MONDAY September 22

8:30 AM - Donna May Bresler †

TUESDAY September 23

8:30 AM - Carol Kehrman †

WEDNESDAY September 24

8:30 AM - Tom Serati †

THURSDAY September 25

6:15 AM - Deceased MMOC Members †

8:30 AM - Erika Miller †

FRIDAY September 26

8:30 - Basil Williams †

SATURDAY September 27

4:30 PM—Judy Graham †

SUNDAY September 28

9:00 AM—Our Parish Family

11:00 AM - Tom Abernathy †

† Denotes those who are deceased

Liturgical Dance

Please plan on joining us on Sunday, October 5th at the 11 am mass as we celebrate our feast of Mary, Mother of the Church on this Pro Life Sunday. Our liturgical dancers will be part of the celebration. We are very blessed to be part of this mass and hope you can bring your family and friends to pray and sing along with our congregation.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Many blessings,

Anita Anton 314-892-9006.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FAMILY CATECHESIS

From the Desk of Religious Education

This Sunday's Gospel may sound confusing at first — Jesus tells the parable of a dishonest steward who uses shrewdness to save himself from trouble. But Jesus isn't praising dishonesty; He's asking us to be just as intentional and wise when it comes to living out our faith as we are about worldly concerns.

This Sunday is also a good time to talk to children about stewardship (given that our Stewardship weekend is underway) — that all we have comes from God, and we are called to use our gifts wisely. You can ask:

- How can we use our time to serve others? Do we opt in for the sake of others, not our own?
- Do we say thank you to God for what we have?

Even very young children can grasp the idea that everything we have is a gift meant to be shared.

Let's raise children who know how to serve God — not “mammon” — and who learn, from us, how to be trustworthy in all things.

As you focus on nurturing your child's faith, we also want to invite you to Alpha for Adults — a place where you can grow in your own faith and build community with other parents.

This **informal but very necessary session** is designed for parents, **especially those with children in a sacramental year (First Communion or Confirmation)**, to deepen your own understanding of the Catholic faith. Gatherings are on Mondays during PSR, so it's easy to attend while your child is in class. Whether you're new to the faith or a lifelong Catholic, Alpha is for everyone! It's an opportunity to explore faith in an open, relaxed environment while journeying WITH your 8th grader OR preparing your future 8th grader for the encounter you get to experience first. I joined my 13 year old in Alpha Youth at home so that I too can journey with YOU and our conversations have grown deeper and easier.

Here's whats coming up:

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

Curious about faith?
At Alpha, you can ask anything—it's a safe space to question life, faith, and meaning. Even if you're not Catholic.

636-288-3837
eroche@marymother.org



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





Trunk-or-Treat

October 18, 6:30 pm.

On the South Lot at Mary Mother

The event is free and open to the community. We will have games, activities, Gus's pretzels, & treats!

If you can help text Becky @ 314-236-1421.

To sign up, go to marymother.org on our home page and scroll to quick links, click on SignUpGenius and scroll down to the bottom of the page.

Grown-ups, We Need You!

Giving out treats is a Joy! It can be as simple as a bowl full of candy, one piece per child. This is a great way to meet our Young Families. And you get Gus's Pretzels too! Sign up on SignUpGenius as listed above.



Please welcome our newest member to Mary, Mother of the Church, Graham Daniel Werner, son of Adam & Laura Werner. Graham was baptized here on Sunday, Sept, 7th.

Help Wanted

Are you being called to share your faith and the teachings of the Catholic Church with children in our PSR program?

If so, we are in need of a 5th grade catechist and Safety volunteers on Monday nights.

If you would be interested, please contact Ellie Roche by email at eroche@marymother.org or you can call her at 314-894-1373 ex 218 for more information. She will be more than happy to speak with you.



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.

- 9/21 - **Jeannie & Mary Krull**
- 9/28 - **Pat Echelmeyer**
- 10/05 - **Peggy & Ted Dolter**
- 10/12 - **Maureen Schoenkase**

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.

RESPECT LIFE

Archdiocese of St. Louis **49th Annual Respect Life Conference**: Hope in the Gospel of Life – Saturday, October 4 from 9 am to 3 pm at the Cardinal Rigali Center – includes Holy Mass and Rosary. Speakers include *Jamie Morris*, Missouri Catholic Conference executive director on Missouri pro-life law and advocacy (including the new Amendment 3), *Jeanne Mancini*, past March for Life president with the keynote address, “Hope in the Gospel of Life”, and a panel discussion on infertility, IVF, and restorative reproductive medicine with *Fr. Peter Fonseca*, Archdiocesan bioethics consultant and director of continuing priest formation and *Mary Bruno*, Creighton Model FertilityCare practitioner, FAbM Base cofounder and Catholic author and speaker on infertility, IVF, and restorative reproductive medicine. There is also a concurrent afternoon teen track with presentations by *Kristina Churchman*, Justice for All training specialist, and *Gabriel Cobb*, motivational speaker and triathlete. Ministry Partner Fair and lunch is included. The Respect Life Committee will pay for parishioners’ registration. Contact Leslie at 314-369-5474 to register. Carpool from Mary Mother is available.



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

This week, we offer you the painting “An Attempt to Stability” by Indian artist Prayag Jadhav. What does it stir in you? How is the Holy Spirit calling you to respond?



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



**CARE OF
CREATION**

Did you know microplastics have been found in our water, food, in blood cells, brain cells, and in the human

placenta?

Come learn about the harmful chemicals in plastics and what you can do to improve your health and the environment.

Featured Speaker: Luz Rooney, Co-founder of Beyond Plastics Missouri/ Wisconsin Chapter

Sunday October 12th: 12:30 -2:00 PM (Doors open 12:15)
Mary, Mother of the Church Hall
Light Lunch included. Bring your refillable water bottle!



Register on SignUpGenius.

Sponsored by Mary Mother of the Church Care of Creation Committee

Rosary

Join with fellow parishioners in praying the Rosary every Sunday night at 6:30 p.m. in the Caton Chapel.



NURSES CORNER

With much gratitude: Thank you to **Rose Schmitz**, for helping with blood pressure screenings after Masses last weekend. Thank you also to our parishioners who donated blood and who volunteered at our ImpactLife blood drive last week. The total units collected will be given next week.

Medicare presentation: MO SHIP stands for “Missouri’s State Health Insurance Assistance Program.” A representative will be here **THIS WEDNESDAY, Sept. 24th** at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall. This is a good time for anyone, whether you are soon to be 65 or 65+ - to get current, unbiased information before the upcoming open enrollment period. You may agree that it is confusing and overwhelming to look through the “Medicare and You” booklet. This presentation will help! **Dinner:** Come early for a light dinner! See SignUpGenius or contact me at 314-894-1373 ex 206.

Flu Clinic with Winkelmann Drug is fast approaching! Have you...

#1. “Saved your spot” on sign up genius or contacted the parish office?

#2. Filled out an insurance form and turned it in to me?

I will bring these forms to the pharmacist by the end of the day **THIS Thursday, Sept. 25th** so if I can help you with getting them completed, please contact me ASAP.

Thanks!

Michele, your Parish Nurse



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, 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, Carla Merlotti, Carol Musielak,
Mary Scalzo, Paul Schulte

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

Jim Lober

Patricia Giljum, sister-in-law of

John & Sue Giljum

Ron Alfred, brother-in-law of Joe & Linda Licata

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



Pray for Those Serving in the Armed Forces

SPC US Army Kyle Bean

Great-Nephew of Rich & Barbara Hantak

1Lt US Army Joseph Chellis

Grandson of John & Trudy Chellis

SR. Ryan Clancy - Son of Matt & Maria Clancy

Staff Sgt. Carl Degenhart

Son of Greg & Cheryl Degenhart

Capt. Ed Hubbel - Friend of the Rogers Family

Pvt. 1st Class Eric Kremer

Grandson of Ken & Sue Kremer

Capt. Cole McAnany & Lt. Micah McAnany

great-nephews of Mark McAnany

Avt. Brittany Leicht - Daughter of Paul & Marie Leicht

SGT. Aaron Marshall - Grandson of Jerry Marshall

Staff Sgt. Ryan O'Fallon

Son-in-law Greg & Cheryl Degenhart

Pvt. 1st Class Joshua Rockwell

Grandsons of Jim & Sharon Rockwell

Lt. Col. Jim Rund - Cousin of Emily Schenk

Ens. Daniel Stefans - Grandson of Gus & Janice Berry

Staff Sergeant Donovan Tracy

Grandson of Marcia Dohack

Maj. Michael Villeneuve

Son-in-law of Don & Gerianne Kopac

MMOC TITHING PROGRAM REPORT

August 2025 – 5 Sundays - \$1073 per agency

Gateway Food Pantry—Provides a food pantry and thrift shop for those in need in Arnold.

Assisi House—Develops small communities of temporary and permanent housing for the unhoused and provides supportive care on their journey to stability.

Health Resource Outreach Fund (SLU)—Provides free healthcare access for inner city poor. The center also operates a pediatric and well women clinic.

North Grand Neighborhood Services—Promotes the dignity of low-income persons and their community by developing affordable housing, employment and training opportunities for youth, and other community initiatives.

Birthright of Hillsboro—Supports Birthright's efforts in Hillsboro, MO.

Torchbearers 2—Provides funding for summer youth programming and summer camp, for mentors and for counselors.

People to People—Provides direct aid to the people in Haiti, 80% of whom live in poverty.

Total Tithe for February \$7511

Thank you Mary Mother parishioners

Thanks to everyone for all of their help and response to our Parish family weekend in August. It was a huge undertaking and there is no way I could have pulled it off without all who came and lent a hand. A special thanks to those who helped serve food on Saturday or Sunday, helped in the bar all weekend or even popped popcorn that weekend, know that your efforts did not go unnoticed by me.

Special thanks to Gary and Wendy Franklin for organizing the car show on Saturday night. It was amazing to see so many cars here.

Mark and Mark for the incredible music on Saturday (even though I did not hear Freebird)

Ann for just putting up with me for two months putting all the final touches on things.

Greg for having everything set up as we needed it and working with me as I changed things on the fly at times.

We are going to have some version of family parish weekend next year. Probably not all three events. To help plan I am going to be sending out a survey in a flocknote that just asks some very simple questions to help our planning for next year.

Rich Blackford

STEWARDSHIP

GRATEFUL AND GENEROUS

September 14, 2025

Sunday Stewardship	\$ 4,877.00
Gifts-Stock, RMDs, Charitable Giving	\$ 675.00
Online Stewardship	\$ 8,223.31
Total Sunday Stewardship	\$13,775.31
September 2025 Weekly Budget	\$18,925.00
Over <Under> Budget	<\$ 5,149.69>
Major Project Fund	\$ 320.00
Special Contribution	\$ 240.00
Online Stewardship	\$ 507.50
Total Major Project Fund	\$ 1,067.50
September 2025 Weekly Budget	\$ 1,200.00
Over <Under> Budget	<\$ 132.50>
YTD Over <Under> Budget	<\$ 3,290.00>

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Please Join Us for Mary, Mother's Annual Stewardship Weekend

September 27-28



Stewardship Weekend is one week away! 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 finalized, there will be 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). There is still time to read through the books!

The *fourth week* of readings present some final thoughts from Pope Francis and the author of the books, Bishop Kenneth E. Untener.

What is your call to Stewardship?



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Do not Judge and you will not be Judged.

Do not Condemn and you will not be Condemned.

Forgive and you will be Forgiven."

"We would like before all else to reaffirm that every person, regardless of sexual orientation, ought to be respected in his or her dignity and treated with consideration, while every sign of unjust discrimination is to be carefully avoided, particularly any form of aggression and violence."

Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia, 2016

For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment:

"LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF."

GALATIANS 5:14

LEVITICUS 19:18



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!



Video and info.

Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life Living Rosaries for Life

Sunday Sept 21 at 3:30pm at Assumption-Mattese Church



We will commemorating St. Teresa of Calcutta

Come sing Hymns and pray the Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet!



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

Attention Quilters & Quilt Lovers

There are two upcoming events for those who love quilts.

Holy Family Parish in Arnold Quilt Social

Saturday, October 4th in the Parish Gym
12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Doors open at 10:30 am.

Beautiful handmade quilts and money games. Crafts for sale. Homemade food & refreshments. **CASH ONLY!** No one admitted under the age of 16. If you have questions call Mimi Siebert at 314-306-2369.

Quilt Bingo

St. Stephen Protomartyr Parish

Sunday, October 26 at St. John the Baptist Gymnasium

4200 Delor Street

Doors open 11:00 am.

Bingo starts 1:00 pm.

20 games with a quilt prize

\$25 for 9 cards for all 20 games

Quilt raffle

Boutique with handmade items

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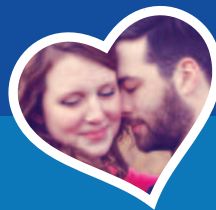


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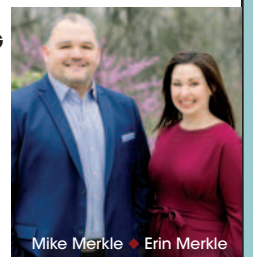
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