

# Mary, Mother of the Church

February 22, 2026



## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Mt 4:8-9

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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 the 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	8:30am Mass in Church
Thursday	6:15am in Caton Chapel
Saturday	4:30pm (Anticipatory)
Sunday	9:00am & 11:00am

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday | 3:30 - 4:15pm or by appointment

### Perpetual Help Devotions

Tuesday | Following 8:30am Mass in Church

### Marian Devotions

Rosary | Daily after 8:30am Mass  
Sunday 6:30pm in Caton Chapel

## LETTER FROM DEACON RANDY

Brothers and Sisters,

A number of people asked me for a copy of the “Rephrased Commandments” that I shared during the homily last Sunday so I thought I would put them in this weeks bulletin letter.

1. I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange Gods before me.
- 1R Love God above all else, including money, job, sports, success, family and yes, even parish.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
- 2R When using God’s name, use it with gratitude, honor and praise.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord’s Day.
- 3R Remember to keep holy the Lord’s Day, remembering that everything we have is a gift from God.
4. Honor your father and your mother.
- 4R Honor your father and your mother and your grandfather and grandmother and all those who have sacrificed for you.
5. You shall not kill.
- 5R Respect all life, the unborn, the elderly, the poor

the immigrant, the prisoner and even those who have hurt you.

6. You shall not commit adultery.
- 6R Be faithful and trustworthy. Live up to your commitments and promises.
7. You shall not steal.
- 7R Respect the possessions of others.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- 8R Be a person of truth. Speak the truth, live the truth even when it may have consequences and may cause you hurt.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife.
- 9R Respect and Treasure your spouse, your family and your friends.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor’s goods.
- 10R Be grateful for all that you have and be generous.

As we enter into this holy season of Lent, may we truly seek more to do good, to choose to love rather than giving up TV or candy. May each of us meet God this season in a new and deeper way.

In His endless love,

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.

### Inclement Weather Policy

**There is a change to our inclement weather policy: When Mehlville School district cancels classes due to weather conditions only, weekday morning Masses will only be live streamed. This will allow enough time for the parking lot to be cleaned. Our policy to close our campus for the day will still be in effect. If Mehlville cancels evening events only, then our evening events will also be cancelled. This impacts things such as Eucharistic Adoration, meetings, exercise programs, prayer groups and sports. PSR families will be contacted directly. Weekend Masses will be held as usual, but use common sense when venturing out in icy weather. Your safety comes first!**

To see our policy for inclement weather please go to our website [www.marymother.org](http://www.marymother.org) and on the home page go to our parish. Scroll down to more resources for more details. Your safety comes first so, if there is any question in your mind about coming or not please stay home.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Monday, February 23

9:05 am	AA Group - Rm 1,2
11:30 am	Adult Alpha - Parish Hall
12:30 pm	Pickleball - Gym
3:00 pm	Grief Share - Annex
6:15 pm	PSR
6:15 pm	PSR Family Night - St. Joachim Rm
6:30 pm	Pickleball - Gym
7:00 pm	Men's Prayer Group - Chapel

### Tuesday, February 24

9:00 am	Adoration - Chapel
9:00 am	Quilting
9:00 am	Walk the Gym
3:00 pm	Care of Creation - Rm 4
5:30 pm	CYC Basketball practice - Gym
7:00 pm	Parish Council Mtg - Rm 3,4

### Wednesday, February 25

9:00 am	Adoration - Chapel
9:30 am	Cornerstone Bible Study
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 - Rm 3,4
7:00 pm	Traditional Choir Rehearsal - Church
8:30 pm	Men's Basketball - Gym

### Thursday, February 26

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
5:00 pm	Fish Fry preparation - Parish Hall
6:30 pm	Pickleball - Gym
7:00 pm	Contemporary Choir Rehearsal - Church

### Friday, February 27

9:00 am	Fish Fry preparation - Parish Hall
3:00 pm	Stations of the Cross - Church
4:00 pm	Fish Fry - Parish Hall
7:15 pm	Stations of the Cross - Church

### Saturday, February 28

#### **Rock Church Food Drive**

9:00 am	Carol Brophy Visitation - Church Visitation
10:00 am	Carol Brophy Funeral - Church
12:00 pm	Funeral Luncheon - Parish Hall
3:30 pm	Confessions
4:30 pm	<b>Parish Council Election - Church</b>
5:30 pm	Blood Pressure Screening - St. Joachim Rm
5:30 pm	Raffle Basket Display/Sale - Church Vestibule

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH *continued*

### Sunday, March 1

#### **Parish Council Election - Church**

4:30 pm	Men's Basketball League Play - Gym
6:30 pm	Rosary - Chapel



## MARY MOTHER 2026 Lenten Fish Fries



Our 1<sup>st</sup> Fish Fry for 2026 is this

**Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 7:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. We will also have a second Fish Fry on **Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**. Come join us and enjoy great food and fellowship!

**Adult Dinner: \$15.00; Child Dinner: \$7.00.** ALL dinners include: Entrée, Choice of 2 Side Dishes, plus Dessert, Bread, and Iced Tea, Lemonade or Coffee (soda, beer and wine will be available for purchase). Please check the Mary Mother website: [www.marymother.org](http://www.marymother.org) for the complete Fish Fry menu.

#### **Please HELP:**

We need Volunteers to work and/or provide Desserts. **Please Note:** Sign-up to volunteer is located on [SignUpGenius](#) located on the [Mary Mother website](#).

See you on February 27<sup>th</sup> and March 20<sup>th</sup>!

Thanks in advance for your help!

If you have questions, please contact Amy Kelemen: 314-288-8931 or Susan Krieger: 314-578-5602.

## Parish Council Election

Parish Council Election will be held next 2 weekends,  
February 28 - March 1 and  
March 7 - March 8.

There will be bio's available for each candidate and ballots in the pews. Please take time to read the information and vote for the person you feel the Holy Spirit is calling to serve our Community!

## Stewardship Reflections

"It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'" Matthew 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other "gods" we have put before God.

## WORDS OF EVERLASTING LIFE

Readings for February 22 - March 1

- Sunday:** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11
- Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
- Friday:** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
- Next Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9



## Thank you from "Rock" Church

Dear Mary Mother parishioners,

Once again you provided an amazing Christmas for our "Rock" Church families. Your donations made it possible for us to provide a Christmas for over 200 families. Your monthly donations of food are always a big help.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Terri Schneider

Wilhelmina Hardin Center Director

## Book Exchange

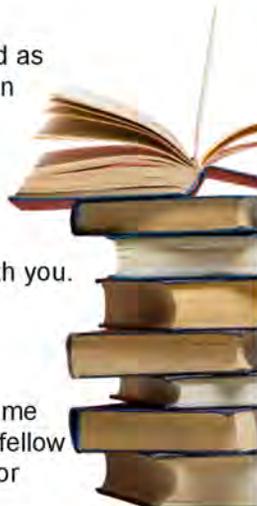
Are you an avid book reader?

Do you have a pile of books you'd like to EXCHANGE?

Then come join us!

Mary Mother Book EXCHANGE & afternoon social.

- Sunday, March 15th,
- 2:00pm-4:00pm, parish hall
- \$25.00 per table = 1 attendee and as many books as you'd like to put on your table.
- No genre stipulations.
- You can shop all tables for as many books as you can read.
- Any books left on your table at the end of the event, go home with you.
- We have a limit of 20 tables.
- Please go to SignUpGenius to register.



Light refreshments will be served. Come exchange your books, visit with your fellow book lovers, and raise a few dollars for our parish!



## THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY February 22

9:00 AM - Our Parish Family  
11:00 AM - Alan Wm. Curtis †

### MONDAY February 23

8:30 AM - Mary K Spencer †

### TUESDAY February 24

8:30 AM - Joseph Kocharski †

### WEDNESDAY February 25

7:00 PM - Judy Kirlin †

### THURSDAY February 26

6:15 AM - Kenneth Epple †  
8:30 AM - Dorothy Cantwell †

### FRIDAY February 27

8:30 AM - Jim Spray †

### SATURDAY February 28

4:30 PM - Richard Feldhaus †

### SUNDAY March 1

9:00 AM - Our Parish Family  
11:00 AM - Jane Kirchhoff †

† denotes those who are deceased

## Quote for the Week

"He who plants Kindness gathers Love"

St Basil



## 5 YEAR MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

YEARS	NAME	WEDDING DATE
40	MICHAEL & SUSAN STIKA	02/08/1986
45	MARK & LISA RAGLIN	02/28/1981
50	DINO & DOLORES SEATS	02/14/1976

## WE HONOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR OVER 60 YEARS BY LISTING THEM EVERY YEAR.

69	ROBERT & JOAN LUTZ	02/02/1957
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## PSR COORDINATOR

With Lent underway, children may be taking up their own versions of the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. If we are to encourage our children in Lenten practice, we can start by helping them understand that whatever practice a person chooses should help them either get closer to Jesus or be more like Jesus. If your child is older, challenge them to think about how their practice makes them more Christlike. Younger children may struggle to think in these terms, so we can help them make the connection.

For example, consider the common child practice of giving up chocolate for Lent. If a child has decided to attempt fasting in this way and starts craving chocolate, we may encourage them to say a prayer as simple as "I love you Jesus" instead, or you may suggest giving a piece of chocolate to someone else as a way of "feeding the hungry" or being generous to others like Jesus.

Of course, there's always the chance that any of us may undertake a certain discipline for Lent and not keep it through the full six weeks. If this happens, neither we nor our children should despair! Rather, this is an opportunity to model perseverance in holiness, always striving to do the next good thing regardless of what has come before, and remembering that JESUS LOVES US no matter what we do!

Lenten Blessings,

"Mr. Andy" Dapron, PSR Coordinator

***PSR Family Night on February 23 – parents attend class with their children***

### SAVE THE DATE



Mary Mother Vacation Bible School  
July 13-17 9am - noon each day  
Invite your friends and neighbors!

### DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN IN CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL?

Each year, Mary Mother pays a portion of the tuition for any of our registered parish families who have children enrolled in a Catholic Elementary School or Parish-based Early Learning Centers. We know of about 4 children in our parish that attend Catholic School. Let us know if you have a child in Catholic Education. We'd like to add you to the list of those we support. Contact Ann in the parish office.

## This Month in Youth Group

### February 22

**Luke 18 Prep (HS Only)**

**Meet at Mary Mother,  
then we'll carpool to Assumption  
7-9**

### February 27

#### Fish Fry

**Meet upstairs by the chapel and bring money for dinner. We'll head to the youth room after we're done eating for games.  
5:30-7:00**

### Looking for a Lenten Challenge?

**Lifeteen and Hallow have teamed up to create a Teen Lent Challenge. At 3 minutes a day, it's a great way to add prayer into our already busy schedules. Check your Flocknote for a link for 3 months free.**

## PARISH NURSE'S CORNER

**Thank you** to all who attended Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> Line Dancing! We had a great time as Sheila and Sherry led us in this fun type of low-impact exercise. Monetary donations were taken to Saint Martha's Drop-In Center on Mattis Rd. To learn more: [www.saintmarthas.org](http://www.saintmarthas.org), which provides resources, support, and guidance for anyone at risk for domestic violence.

**Blood Pressure screenings** are offered after this weekend's Masses.

**Heart health month**, as a national focus, continues. If you have not gotten down to the classroom hall (right across from the elevator), you might take a few minutes to look at the bulletin board presentation and the resin heart model. ALL ARE WELCOME TO PICK IT UP AND EXAMINE IT. Bring the children! It can be opened at #4- to see the valves, atrium, and ventricles. This model is slightly smaller than the size of the average adult heart. A child's heart is about the size of his/her closed fist, growing as he/she grows.

**Lenten blessings** to all as we journey together- in prayer, compassion toward one another's needs, faithful works- all the ways we live our mission as a vibrant parish family!

Michele, your Parish Nurse

### INTERESTED IN EXPERIENCING MORE CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER?

Come rest in silence with other contemplative companions, away from the busyness of daily life, and allow the mind, body, and spirit to surrender to God's presence and action within.

This 8 day retreat offers a more in-depth experience of silent prayer for those who already have an established practice of Centering Prayer of 6 months or more. It is an opportunity for deeper union with God through a communal sharing of silence and stillness.

8 Day Silent Intensive Retreat

July 6 – 3:00 PM to July 13 – 12:30 PM

at Mercy Conference & Retreat Center

Sponsored by Contemplative Outreach St. Louis

For more info email

[retreats@centeringprayerstl.com](mailto:retreats@centeringprayerstl.com) OR go to

<https://centeringprayerstl.org/event/intensive-and-post-intensive-centering-prayer-8-day-retreat/>

COMING TO MARY MOTHER STARTING APRIL 24



## Spiritual Adoption

5th Month – “Mommy Felt Me Kick Today!”

Your spiritually adopted baby weighs over one pound now and is the size of a banana. His mother regularly feels little feet and elbows poking her. It seems that when his mother is quiet and still, the little baby likes to stir things up! Your baby is developing his own sleeping habits as well as fingernails and toenails. He can feel pain just like you or me. We are midway through the pregnancy now. If your baby were to be born now, he would have a chance of surviving with lots of medical help. Your prayers have helped your baby's mother continue with her pregnancy and seek the help she needs. Please remember to pray daily.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to protect the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted. Mary, our Mother in Heaven, pray for us, and especially for your little ones!



## Respect Life

**Rite of Naming and Commendation** - Sunday, March 1 - after the 9 am Mass - Our Lady of Lourdes (University City) - designed to meet the needs of parents whose child(ren) died prior to birth because of miscarriage, accident, or abortion.

**Molly Hendroid Love & Life Memorial Trivia Night** - St. Peters Catholic Church (St. Charles) - doors open 6 pm, trivia begins 7 pm - visit [www.gabrelsretreat.org](http://www.gabrelsretreat.org) or 314-769-7522

**Abortion Healing Spiritual Support Groups for Women & Men** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday each month from 9-10:30 am – St. Monica Parish Center rooms 212 & 215 – no registration needed – for information call/text 314-778-0628 or email [hopehealing@archstl.org](mailto:hopehealing@archstl.org)



## 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 - 6:00 PM

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

As a reminder if Mehlville Schools are closed because of weather there will be no Adoration

## CONTEMPLATIVE CORNER

As we begin the season of Lent, many Catholics will undertake or rededicate themselves to the three Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in order to grow in openness to God.

Popular Catholic author and speaker Fr. Mike Schmitz suggests that we frame these three Lenten disciplines in this way: "When considering prayer, we can ask: 'In what way do I need to grow closer to the Lord?' When considering fasting, we can ask: 'What do I need to get rid of in order to be more free to love and serve the Lord?' And when considering almsgiving, we can ask: 'Where do I believe that I am called to give or serve?'"

Explaining Lenten disciplines in this way, one can make a case that contemplative practice can fuel and direct spiritual growth and all of the three headings. Contemplative practices like Centering Prayer call us to a very direct form of fasting, as we let go of our very thoughts and thought patterns in order to love God on God's own terms rather than through our preconstructed mental filters.

As a practice, contemplative prayer allows us to grow in closer intimacy with God by taking dedicated time to rest in and grow in awareness of the Divine Presence.

Finally, purified by this shedding of our preconceptions of Divine Love and Divine Will, and attuned to God's vision through dedicated rest in God, we can recognize more clearly how we can serve Christ in people and in creation.



## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Did you know that the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) faces \$186 billion in cuts over the next decade? According to information from the National Education Association, this is the largest reduction ever made to an anti-hunger program. Students whose families qualify for SNAP are automatically eligible for free school meals. With fewer children receiving SNAP benefits, some districts will lose community eligibility, a provision that allows schools to provide universal meals to the entire student body. These cuts will result in as many as 18 million children losing access to free school meals, resulting in more students facing food insecurity and coming to school hungry. Studies show that hungry kids have a hard time focusing and have more behavioral issues. In addition, Congress slashed Medicaid by \$1 trillion, with most cuts phasing in between 2026 and 2028. Nearly 80 million Americans, including 38 million children and one in 10 education support professionals, receive health care through Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program. Medicaid is the fourth-largest source of funding for the public school system, supporting over \$7.5 billion in school-based health services annually. Please contact your legislators to oppose these devastating cuts to support for students and their families.



### MMOC TITHING

"Together we do great things"

**Rebuilding Together:** Purchases materials to repair homes of the elderly, the disabled, and low-income homeowners who cannot afford to do so.

Dear MMOC,

I want to extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous donation. Thanks to contributions like yours, we are able to provide critical repairs, safety improvements, and accessibility modifications to homes that would otherwise go without. Your kindness makes it possible for us to create lasting change in the lives of older adult and veteran homeowners. We recently heard from one such homeowner: "Well I'm a whole lot safer all around. One little thing which is huge to me—I couldn't regulate the temperature in the shower at all. I used to go down to the basement to fix it every time I showered. Now I can get in the shower easily and also the sinks are fixed and just everything in general feels so much safer and easier."

Your donation plays a vital role in making stories like these possible. Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

Elaine Powers

Executive Director

### Soup and A Movie Lenten Series



presented By Mary Mother of the Church  
Peace and Justice Ministry

#### **Entertaining Angels**

Saturday March 7, 5:30 PM

Mary Mother of the Church Parish Hall

\*BYOB: Bring your own Bowl and Spoon!

Sign up on Sign up Genius!

Questions? Call Jeanne Schepers: (201)321-9585

The Dorothy Day Story shows how she served New York's poor and became a voice for the voiceless. The film shows Dorothy's struggle as she establishes the Catholic Worker movement and commits herself to a lifetime of peacemaking, battling for justice, and hands-on service to the poor.

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## Pray for the Sick and Homebound

Joe Albright, Janet Barks, Kiegan Bersing, Ray Boehm, Dorothy Bunevac, Lydia Chamberlain, Trudy Chellis, Sandy Cooseman, Gerald Cordes, Mary Ann Daust-Buehler, Kathy Davidson, Grace Dawson, **Lori Fick**, Craig Franks, Mary Jane Franks, Jane Goeke, Diane Graham, Ken Gresnick, Marie Harthill, Joe Heizer, Saralou Henrickson, **David Howard**, **Mary Ann Howe**, Peggy Huber, Mark Inman, Pat Keller, Barbara Killius, Jim Kopp, Steve Krieger, Jeanne Krull, Loretta & Jim Lampen, Leslie Lewis, Jerry Marshall, Fran Mazanec, **Hugh & Mary Ann McWilliams**, Floyd Melliere, Irene Meyer, Rich Meyer, Mike Ottoline, Val Pike, Joe Reker, Kathleen Riggio, Paul Schulte, John & Maureen Schumacker, Robert Schuster, Jean Taylor, Charles Turner, Jeanne Voyles, **Mary Wabada**, Helen Weckermeyer, Jack Weis, Char Wersching, Tom Winkler, Dennis & Marie Winschel, Jim Yamnitz, Dave Ziegler

**Daughter/Daughter-in-law** the Chamberlains, the Coffmans, Sue Dace, Kathleen Kidwell, the McColls, the Newbolds, the Rekers, the Siesners, the Swehllas, the Zachs

**Son/Son-in-law** of Leona Bochantin, Betty Courisky, **Rich Hantak**, Mary Sue Ondr, the Rekers, Mary Simitjjs

**Mother/Mother-in-law** of John Barrett, Ted Dolter, Laura Getsey, Nancy Muehl, Dennis Rees, Mark Stevison, Diane Wilcox

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

**Sister/Sister-in-law** of the Coffmans, Clare Ernst, Gary Franklin, Elizabeth Hudson, Libby Long, Mark Muehl, Joan Serati, Joyce Skiljan

**Brother/Brother-in-law** of Bea Brinker, the Franklins, Denise Gargvaglia, Barb Gavin, Sherry Heumann, Carla Merlotti, Carol Musielak, Mary Scalzo

**Granddaughter/Grandson/Great-grandchild** of Sue Dace, Mary Lee Davis, the Killius', the Lampens, the Leezys, the Leichts, the McColls, the Reker, Mary Simitjjs, Ruth Spray, Mary Stewart, Dave Ziegler

**Niece/Nephew/Great-niece/Great-nephew** of the Baleks, Leona Bochantin, Loretta Lampen, Libby Long, the Schmitzes, Gloria Wind, Dave Ziegler

**Aunt** of Mark Muehl

**Cousin/cousin's spouse** of Ken Klages, Fran Mazanes & Jeanette Sloan, Alice Weis

**Friends** of the Lydia Chamberlain, the Brockhauses, the Coffmans, Joan Crawford, Marsha Dohack, Mary Jane Franks, the Franklins, **Jane Goeke**, Chris Hack, the Koppes, the McWilliamses, the Wackermeyers, the Webers

*Names in bold print are new to the list.*



The Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 3:00 pm this Friday, February 27th. in Church



## Prayers for our beloved deceased

In your kindness, please pray for the souls of the deceased members of our parish.

**Terry McGinnis**

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



## 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

**Capt. Ed Hubbel** - Friend of the Rogers Family

**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

**Pvt. 1st Class Joshua Rockwell**  
Grandson of Jim & Sharon Rockwell

**Lt. Col. Jim Rund** - Cousin of Emily Schenk

**Ens. Daniel Stefans** - Grandson of Gus & Janice Berry

**Staff Sergeant Donavan Tracy**  
Grandson of Marcia Dohack

**HN Justin Venable**  
Son of Bob & Michele Venable

**Maj. Michael Villeneuve**  
Son-in-law of Don & Gerianne Kopac

## Men's White House Retreat

Our retreat is scheduled at the White House Retreat Center beginning the evening of March 5<sup>th</sup> until after lunch on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Currently we have a couple of openings. This is a special time to spend on the beautiful bluffs looking over the Mississippi focusing on your relationship with God. If you are interested in joining fellow parishioners or have any questions, please contact Arlie Schnarre at (314) 623-8991.



## 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 Church vestibule.

If you have any questions, call Rosie Harthill at 314-609-8416

## THE FATIMA MINISTRY

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



- 2/22 - Mary Factor
- 3/1 - Andrea Veras
- 3/08 - Helen Jarvis
- 3/15 - Jerry Abrams

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.

## Singles Retreat

Singles Late 50s and Above: Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing RENEW weekend retreat at the Pallottine Retreat Center (30 min from downtown St. Louis), on April 10-12, 2026. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it!

Visit [www.RenewRetreats.org](http://www.RenewRetreats.org), call (314) 703-1002 or e-mail [renewretreat.stl@gmail.com](mailto:renewretreat.stl@gmail.com), for details.



## CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS) RICE BOWL

### CRS Rice Bowl – COMMITTED TO ENDING HUNGER

Lenten alms given through CRS Rice Bowl support programs which prevent hunger and poverty around the world. 75% of your Rice Bowl donations support CRS' work in more than 120 countries. 25% of donations stay in the U.S. diocese where they are given to support hunger and poverty alleviation efforts in those communities.

People like you have made a local and global impact on the lives of our sisters and brothers in need. During this holy season, let's recommit to sharing bread for life with our global family so all people can reach their God-given potential.

Visit [crsricebowl.org/week-1](http://crsricebowl.org/week-1) to read this week's Story of Hope.

## WANTED

The Health Ministry Commission will have themed Raffle Baskets and Gift Certificates at the Fish Fries on **Friday, February 27th** and **Friday, March 20th**. If you cannot attend the Fish Fry, an opportunity to preview the offerings and purchase your raffle tickets (**\$1 ea 6/\$5** cash or check) will be the weekend prior to each Fish Fry. Stop by the display in the church vestibule the weekends of February 21-22 and March 14-15.

### We are now seeking donations of

- \* new or like new items
- \* your unwanted **gift cards** or please purchase one
- \* one night of your **season's tickets** to a sporting/entertainment event
- \* a gift certificate or donation from your **place of business**
- \* **ADULT BEVERAGES**

Items can be placed in the labeled **donation box** located in the church vestibule by **February 15th**. \*Gift cards and adult beverages need to be brought into the Parish Office during regular office hours.

Any questions....please call Mary Scalzo (314) 842-3827



## JOIN US FOR OUR MONTHLY EVENT

Food and beverages will be provided

### THE ROLE OF COUNCILS IN SHAPING LITURGY

Msgr Matthew Mitas

**DATE** Tuesday, Feb 24, 2026

**TIME** Doors open at 6pm, starts at 6:30pm

**PLACE** Corpus Christi Center, St. Joseph Imperial, MO

MEN HELPING MEN FOLLOW CHRIST AND THE TEACHINGS OF HIS CHURCH

## Ladies Retreat at King's House

If you have the opportunity to take some time away from your busy lives to pray, rest, and reflect on your relationship with God, this could be just what you need.

All are welcome to attend the upcoming Ladies Retreat on April 10-12, 2026, at King's House at Our Lady of the Snows, Belleville, Illinois. We carpool from Mary, Mother.

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

The grounds are beautiful, you have your own room and shower, and the food is yummy. Space is limited. If you would like to attend or for more info, call Pat Echelmeyer at 314-606-9146.

## John Michael Talbot

### The Journey East and Healing in the Spirit

#### 2026 Retreat and Concert

Retreat: March 20 doors open 6:30pm

March 21 doors open 8:30am

Come join us for the Spring Lenten Retreat with John Michael Talbot: The Journey East and Healing in the Spirit. John Michael, the spiritual father of the community of the Brothers and Sisters of Charity in Arkansas, will lead us using the early Fathers of the Church, Scripture and Song to bring us the Healing the Lord desires for us. Join us Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Cardinal Rigali Center in the Fleur de Lis Room and all-day March 21 beginning at 8:30 a.m. We will end the retreat with Mass at 4 p.m. But wait, there's more - there will also be a concert on Saturday evening at 7 p.m. by John Michael. He is a gifted, internationally renowned musician, who we hope you can join us for, as he shares and leads us, inviting our hearts in deeper worship and communion with God.

To register for the retreat, for the concert, or both, go to our website -

[archstl.org/renewal](http://archstl.org/renewal) or call the Catholic Renewal Center at 314-731-6100.

## Finding God in Suffering

A five week video series group



February: 26

March: 5, 12, 19, 26

2:00-3:00pm

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## It's Hip to Be Square 80s Trivia Night

at St. John Vianney High School

to support the Marianist Retreat & Conference Center.

Saturday, April 11th, 2026

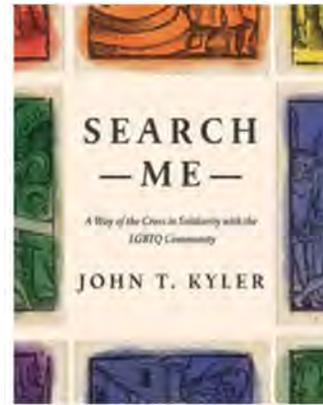
Door Open at 6:30pm

Bring a snack to share at our Community Table!

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Visit [marianistretreat.com/events/trivia-2026/](http://marianistretreat.com/events/trivia-2026/) to get a table today!



The Love Thy Neighbor group at Mary, Mother of the Church presents

### ***Search Me: A Way of the Cross in Solidarity with the LGBTQ Community***

Friday, February 27 at 7:15pm (after the Fish Fry)

All are invited to pray and experience the Way of the Cross from a different perspective as we seek to foster understanding and mutual respect, compassion and sensitivity within our community and its sexual and gender diverse members and their allies.

We hope you join us for this opportunity to listen and learn as we encounter and accompany our fellow Children of God.

[lovethyneighbor@marymother.org](mailto:lovethyneighbor@marymother.org)

## Tours and Trivia Murder Mystery

Saturday, April 18

Tours: 5 pm - Trivia: 6 pm

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Questions contact David Dunn at 314.649.2024

[david.dunn@benedictineliving.org](mailto:david.dunn@benedictineliving.org)



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