

Mary, Mother of the Church
March 8, 2026



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

PARISH STAFF

Clergy

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

Administrative Staff

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

Bulletin Articles

bulletin@marymother.org

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

Director of Liturgy

Nate Jackson | njackson@marymother.org

PSR Coordinator

Andy Dapron | adapron@marymother.org

Youth Ministry

Kaitlyn Kennedy | kkennedy@marymother.org

Maintenance

Greg Klobe | gklobe@marymother.org

Parish Nurse

Michele Venable | parishnurse@marymother.org

Child Safety Coordinator

Amanda Nielsen | anielsen@marymother.org

PARISH ADDRESS & OFFICE HOURS

5901 Kerth Road, St. Louis, MO 63128-3705
Phone: (314) 894-1373 • Fax: (314) 894-3801
Mon-Thu: 9am - 5pm • Fri: 9am - 4pm • Sat: Closed
www.marymother.org

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/MMOCSTL

ONLINE GIVING

(800) 348-2886 - Option 2

Prayer Requests

outreach@marymother.org

MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CARES

St. Vincent de Paul Society MMOC Help Line

Email: svdp@marymother.org • (314) 289-6101 x2228
Scrap Metal Pickup: (314) 374-4680

Support for your Family

WalkingWithFamiliesSTL.com • (314) 792-7555

Pregnant? We are here for you.

WalkingWithMomsSTL.com • (314) 792-7555
AbortionPillReversal.com • (877) 558-0333

Abortion Healing Ministry

archstl.org/hope-healing • (314) 406-0815

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Leadership Team

Chairperson <i>pccchair@marymother.org</i>	Marian McCord
Vice Chairperson <i>pcveep@marymother.org</i>	Mark Benmuvhar
Secretary <i>pcsec@marymother.org</i>	Linda Telthorst
Advisor <i>pcadvisor@marymother.org</i>	Wendy Franklin

Parish Pastoral Council Commissions

Administration & Finance <i>adfin@marymother.org</i>	Mark Inman
Christian Formation <i>formation@marymother.org</i>	Cindy Yamnitz
Christian Service <i>service@marymother.org</i>	Susan Krieger
Missionary Discipleship <i>discipleship@marymother.org</i>	MaryAnn McWilliams
Health Ministry <i>health@marymother.org</i>	Aimee Barrett
Liturgy <i>liturgy@marymother.org</i>	Ann Madden
Social <i>social@marymother.org</i>	Rich Blackford
Youth <i>youth@marymother.org</i>	UNFILLED POSITION

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 FATHER STEVE

Welcome to the climax of Lent- the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent before Palm Sunday. This weekend is the 3rd Sunday. One great gift that the Lord has been giving our parish in recent years is the renewed presence of adult candidates for Sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic Church. Until this year, the timing of candidates who came to us was such that they were ready to come into the Church on major liturgical feast days that happen before Lent and Easter.

An extra joy the Lord is giving us this Lent is three gentlemen candidates who came to us last spring and summer, and that timing has led to them being able to celebrate with us the classic rituals of the Christian Initiation process that will climax in their receiving first Communion and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil!

Sadly, one of these young men who just joined us at 11:00 a.m. Mass on February 15th for the Rite of Sending to the Bishop, Jase Westbrook, has to move to Florida before Easter. We will help him to make contact with his new Church in Florida so that he can complete his entrance into the Church there. Before he leaves however, he will join with our other two

candidates, Nathan Cabot and Gianni Alagna who with the help of Ed Lewandowski, the coordinator of the OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) will create a "Litany of Ills," a list of sins that they have observed in the world, in the Church, and in general terms in all of us, including themselves.

This Litany is the centerpiece of the Lenten Rite of Scrutiny on this 3rd Sunday of Lent and also the 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent, when the whole Parish asks our Lord to free these candidates and all of us from evil. It is a powerful preparation for all of us to go to Confession and let go of these evils in the grace of that Sacrament.

There are extra opportunities for Confession besides the regular Saturday time, situated right in the middle and right after these three Scrutiny Sundays: March 16th 7:00 p.m., and Palm Sunday, March 28th - 29 after all three Masses. Let us support one another and these wonderful candidates in asking God to "Deliver us from Evil" and free our hearts this Lent so they can burst with Easter joy!

Our hope is in Jesus!

Father Steve



Welcome to Mary, Mother of the Church

Welcome to Mary, Mother of the Church. We are happy that you are joining us today. If you are visiting us, we pray that through our worship, you may see us as a radiant light in the world and a bold witness to those whose lives we touch, inspiring them to love one another as God loves us.

If you would like more information, or if you would like to register with Mary, Mother of the Church, please contact us by coming into the parish office Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. or Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. You can email: agaravaglia@marymother.org or call us at 314-894-1373.

We hope you find a home here among friends who pray together, work together and play together.

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

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 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, March 9

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
6:30 pm	PSR Confession - Church
6:30 pm	PSR Family Night - St Joachim Rm
6:30 pm	Pickleball - Gym
7:00 pm	Men's Prayer Group - Chapel

Tuesday, March 10

9:00 am	Adoration - Chapel
9:00 am	Quilting
9:00 am	Walk the Gym
9:00 am	Sandwich Shoppe - Parish Hall Kitchen
5:30 pm	CYC Basketball practice - Gym
6:30 pm	Peace & Justice Mtg - Rm 1,2
7:00 pm	Health Comm Mtg - Rm 3,4
7:30 pm	Youth Volunteers Mtg - Youth Rm

Wednesday, March 11

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
7:00 pm	ProLife Committee - Annex
7:00 pm	Traditional Choir Rehearsal - Church
7:00 pm	Vocations Committee Mtg - Rectory Dining Rm
8:30 pm	Men's Basketball - Gym

Thursday, March 12

7:30 am	Men's Prayer Group - Annex
9:00 am	Women's Prayer Group - Rm 3,4
9:00 am	Walk the Gym
12:00 pm	Sensational Seniors Mtg/Lunch - Parish Hall
2:30 pm	Christian Service Mtg- Rm 3,4
3:00 pm	Adoration
6:30 pm	Pickleball - Gym
6:30 pm	Formation Core Team Mtg - Rm 1,2
7:00 pm	Contemporary Choir Rehearsal - Church

Friday, March 13

3:00 pm	Stations of the Cross - Church
---------	--------------------------------

Saturday, March 14

3:30 pm	Confessions
5:30 pm	Raffle Basket Sales - Church Vestibule
5:30 pm	Blood Pressure Screening - St Joachim Rm
5:30 pm	Bridge Bread Sales - Church Vestibule

Sunday, March 15

9:00 am	Family Mass
10:00 am	Raffle Ticket Sales - Church Vestibule
10:00 am	Blood Pressure Screening - St Joachim Rm

Sunday, March 15 (continued)

10:00 am	Bridge Bread Sales - Church Vestibule
10:00 am	Donut Sunday - Parish Hall after all Masses
2:00 pm	Book Exchange - Parish Hall
6:30 pm	Rosary - Chapel
6:30 pm	Men's Basketball League Play - Gym



Mary Mother 2026 Lenten Fish Fries



Our next Fish Fry for 2026 is on **Friday, March 20th from 4:00 to 7:00 pm** in the Parish Hall. 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 for the complete Fish Fry menu.

Please HELP:

We still 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 March 20th!

Thanks in advance for your help and support!

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

Reconciliation Service

Mark your calendar for the **Lenten Communal Reconciliation service** on **Monday, March 16th at 7:00 pm** at **Mary, Mother of the Church.**

2026 Parish Council Representatives

After interested nominees attended the Parish Council Night of Discernment, three individuals and one couple submitted their names for the four open positions. Since this is the precise number of positions to be filled, no voting was required. The new members of the Council are:

**Bob Slama, Pat Tobin,
Tom & Mimi Traube & Roses Wiethop**

Their specific Commissions they will represent will be determined at the June Parish Council Meeting. No Youth was nominated. The vacancy will be held in trust until a representative is identified per council bylaws.

WORDS OF EVERLASTING LIFE

Readings for March 8 - March 15

- Sunday:** Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
- Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 42:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23
- Friday:** Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17; Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
- Next Sunday:** Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



Contemplative Prayer

“Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am.

Be still and know.

Be still.

Be.”

St. Patrick

Join us in prayer Tuesday, March 17 from 10:30-11:30am in classrooms 1 & 2. Margaret Poirrier facilitates.

There is only oneness - In love and holiness,

Be Still and know that I am God. Psalm 46:11

Holy Week Movie

Again this year the Social commission is sponsoring a movie to get us spiritually ready for Holy Week. This year we will be showing the movie Godspell. The movie will be shown on Palm Sunday (March 29) at 3:00 in the hall. There is no charge and we will have drinks and popcorn for the movie. No need to sign up just show up and get ready for Holy Week. Questions call Rich Blackford at 314-704-7087.



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY March 8

9:00 AM - Jackson Lee †

11:00 AM - Our Parish Family

MONDAY March 9

8:30 AM - Chuck Arns †

TUESDAY March 10

8:30 AM - Mike Mason †

WEDNESDAY March 11

7:00 PM - Joy Kleucker †

THURSDAY March 12

6:15 AM - Harold Rehg †

8:30 AM - Katlyn Alix Meyer †

FRIDAY March 13

8:30 AM - Mary Jane Lynch †

SATURDAY March 14

4:30 PM - Phil Muehl †

SUNDAY March 15

9:00 AM - Our Parish Family

11:00 AM - Ray Schulz †

† denotes those who are deceased

Early Bulletin Deadline

There will be early deadlines for the following bulletins:

March 28-29 bulletin due March 18

April 4-5 bulletin due March 20

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

BRIDGE BREAD

Delicious breads and treats will be available next weekend at all Masses. Your generosity is much appreciated.



PSR COORDINATOR

On February 23, our Peace & Justice Ministry, helped our PSR families develop a deeper understanding of Catholic Social Teaching (CST). I'll share insights on two more of the themes of CST Christian blogger Laura Kelly Fanucci. Blessings, Mr. Andy:

Rights & responsibilities

Corresponding to [the rights arising from our dignity] are responsibilities – to each other, our family, and the wider society.

With our family: We call household chores “responsibilities”. This mindset reminds us how we all need to pitch in for our household to work...

[This] shapes kids' self-understanding, too. When one of our sons asked if he could start pulling the garbage cans down to the curb, I saw how this responsibility affirmed his worth and dignity and his place in our family.

Option for the poor & vulnerable

When one of your children falls and gets hurt, you run to that child... It doesn't mean you love your other children any less – simply that you know one of them needs you acutely right now. The option for the poor means that God has special concern for the poor that we are called to emulate.

With our family: I use our grocery shopping to think about how much we're giving to local food shelves and hunger advocacy organizations...

Of course I love the children in my family first and foremost, but I can't forget about other children... The option for the poor reminds me there is no such thing as other people's children in the Body of Christ.

3/9 - PSR Class, Reconciliation for grades 3-8

3/16 – SPRING BREAK, no class!

Mary, Mother of the Church VBS 2026

At Emerald Crossing VBS, children will explore the powerful words of Psalm 23: The Lord is my Shepherd... In a world of uncertainty, it's comforting to know God cares.



Each day is packed with stories, crafts, music, games and snacks.
For ages 3 - just finished 5th grade. Older kids can volunteer.
VBS- where faith is fun!

All campers are welcome, so invite your friends and neighbors.

For questions, contact Becky McDonnell 314-236-1421



Camper Sign-up



Volunteer Sign-up

This month in Youth Group

Youth group is open to all 8th - 12th graders.
No sign up is needed. Attend on a regular basis or drop-in as able.

?'s: email kkennedy@marymmother.org

GYM NIGHT

Sunday, March 8
7-9 pm in the Gym

MYSTERY TRIP

Tuesday, March 17
10:30 am - 2:30 pm

Meet and return to MMOC.

Come see what surprises we have in store for Spring Break. Bring \$\$ for lunch and fun. Sign up using the QR code by Friday, March 13 at 12:00



SERVICE & MOVIE NIGHT

Sunday, March 22
7-9 pm in the Youth Room



PARISH NURSE'S CORNER

Meeting Date Change: The next Health Ministry Commission meeting has been moved to March 10th. Please join us. We meet in classroom 4 at 7PM. Usually, we meet the third Tuesday each month.

Nutrition: As stated in last week's bulletin, there are several national health focus items for March! We begin with one that is priority at all ages- NUTRITION!



For 2025-2030, this new pyramid graphic is projected as dietary guidelines for Americans. This, no doubt, raises questions! According to "the Nutrition Source," a Harvard University publication dated 01/09/26 - although we see red meat, full-fat milk, and butter in a prominent section, 10% or less of daily calories OR choosing plant-based alternatives are recommended. Also, reducing added sugars, cutting back on refined grains and other highly processed foods remains priority. For more information, please see the bulletin board outside the Parish Hall entrance.

Recruiting Blood Pressure Screeners: Seeking parishioners in healthcare-related fields with certification or licensure which covers you to check blood pressures! This ministry has been a part of Mary, Mother of the Church for many years. I (on behalf of the parishioners who benefit from this service) would be grateful to hear from you! Thank you!
Michele, your Parish Nurse

"Donut Sunday"

Next Sunday, March 15, is Donut "Sunday" after the 9am and 11am Masses. Join in fellowship with MMOC community and enjoy donuts along with beverages.

All are welcome.

Your freewill offering is appreciated.



Sensational Seniors
will be screening the movie

Soul on Fire

Thursday, March 12th at Noon
in the Parish Hall

Soul on Fire is based on the true story of local John O'Leary and his incredible journey of survival after a fire at age 9.



There will also be a potluck lunch. Please use SignUpGenius to reserve your seat!

Questions call Sue Fuchs at 618-791-6782 or email susanfuchs15@gmail.com

If you need help with transportation call or email the above numbers.

Easter Memorial

If you would like to honor a loved one with an Easter Memorial this year, please make a donation to Mary, Mother of the Church. Please include this completed form and your donation in an envelope marked **EASTER MEMORIAL**.

You can put the envelope in the weekend offertory basket, or if you prefer you can mail this form to us at 5901 Kerth Rd. along with a check made out to Mary, Mother of the Church. You can also bring it to the office during regular office hours. Please do not include this in your weekly Sunday offering. It has to be a separate check.

IN MEMORY OF: _____

DONATED BY: _____



The
Marriage
Course



TO REGISTER

Friday Evenings (Date Night)
May 1- June 12 6:15-8:30pm
at Mary Mother of the Church
Babysitting available

7 sessions designed to help couples invest in their relationship.
*Share a Meal * Watch a Video * Have a Private Discussion

For newlywed couples to couples married for 40+ years.

Topics include: Communication, conflict, forgiveness, intimacy, and more.

Course materials \$25 per couple.

Because Marriage should be fun!

For more information or to volunteer

contact Becky: mcdonnelparkgoers@gmail.com

CONTEMPLATIVE CORNER

Former MMOC Contemplative Core teammate Saralou Hendrickson offered this insight in 2021 – we share it again this week in memory of her:

"Martha, Martha, you are anxious about many things. One thing is needed. Mary has chosen the better part and it shall not be taken from her." (Luke 10:41-42)

The time that we spend in this prayer enables us to put aside all we "do" and simply be – to consent to the action and presence of God in our lives. This sounds simple but it can be surprisingly hard.

From the time we are very young, we are taught and rewarded for doing – crawling, walking, grasping, forming words and on and on. In time what we do becomes so bound up with who we are that we can only define ourselves by what we do.

And yet, in the story of Martha and Mary above, Martha's "doing" has made her resentful and impatient.

With Contemplative Prayer, we learn to sit and to be. Yes, we will still have to "do" but we will know that all we do will fall away in time. In the end, we will simply have to be. And this simple "being" enables us deepen our relationship with God – or as Martin Laird writes in *Into the Silent Land*, "This Self-Giving God, the Being of our being, the Life of our life, has joined to Himself the two givens of human life: we are built to commune with God and we all meet death."



MMOC TITHING

"Together we do great things"

KEYWAY: Assists women as they transition from the criminal justice system back to their families and community.

Dear MMOC,

On behalf of all of us at Keyway, I want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your donation and for keeping us in your prayers. Please know we hold you in ours, as well!

Your congregation's faithful support over the past 18 years has helped countless women in their journey to rebuild their lives after incarceration, secure housing, gain employment, and strengthen their health and wellbeing.

We are truly blessed to have your ongoing support.

With deep gratitude,

April Foster Executive Director



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The Seeds of Justice Network has shared this inspiring invitation for Lent from Pope Leo XIV. "I would like to invite you to a very practical and frequently unappreciated form of abstinence: that of refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbor. Let us begin by disarming our language, avoiding harsh words and rash judgment, refraining from slander and speaking ill of those who are not present and cannot defend themselves. Instead, let us strive to measure our words and cultivate kindness and respect in our families, among our friends, at work, on social media, in political debates, in the media and in Christian communities. In this way, words of hatred will give way to words of hope and peace." A prayer from the Happy Givers encapsulates this powerful message: "God, keep me from assuming the worst of others. Increase my capacity for critical thinking and radical love. Rip out any theology of hatred, and show me the value of every human being. All made in your image. All worthy of liberation and joy. Give me the courage to be a peacemaker, even in the midst of today's heartbreak. Keep me soft towards humility. Keep me fiercely kind."

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, call (314) 703-1002 or e-mail renewretreat.stl@gmail.com, for details.



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

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

Puzzle Night

Attention all Puzzlers!

The third Mary Mother Puzzle night is coming. It will take place on Friday, April 17 starting at 7:00. The cost for a table of 4 is \$60.00. There will be a cash prize for the winner. If you have never been to a puzzle night you are missing a lot of fun. We will be limited to 15 tables so don't wait. Once all 15 are sold it is closed. (we only have 15 puzzles) If you have puzzles lying around the house that you have already done bring them to our puzzle exchange table that night. Sign up your table of 4 SignUpGenius. (only one person needs to sign up for the table) Hurry spots will go fast. Questions email Rich Blackford at

social@marymother.org



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, Clare Ernst, **Linda Farnam**, Craig Franks, Mary Jane Franks, Jane Goeke Diane Graham, Ken Gresnick, Marie Harthill, Joe Heizer, David Howard, Mary Ann Howe, Peggy Huber, Mark Inman, Pat Keller, Jeanne Krull, Loretta & Jim Lampen, Leslie Lewis, **Peter MacArthur**, Jerry Marshall, Fran Mazanec, Mike McColl, **Pat McInroy**, Hugh & Mary Ann McWilliams, Floyd Melliere, Irene Meyer, Rich Meyer, Ann Noonan, Mike Ottoline, Val Pike, Joe Reker, Kathleen Riggio, Paul Schulte, John & Maureen Schumacker, Robert Schuster, Jean Taylor, Charles Turner, **Maureen Valentine**, 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 Swehls, the Zachs

Son/Son-in-law of Leona Bochantin, Rich Hantak, Mary Sue Ondr, the Rekers, Mary Simitjis

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 the Franklins, Denise Gargvaglia, Barb Gavin, Sherry Heumann, Carla Merlotti, Mary Scalzo

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

Niece/Nephew/Great-niece/Great-nephew of the Baleks, Leona Bochantin, Loretta Lampen, Libby Long, the Schmitzes, 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.



Prayers for our beloved deceased

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

Sandra Neralich

Brother Dan Korn, C.S.S.R.

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 Donovan Tracy
Grandson of Marcia Dohack

HN Justin Venable
Son of Bob & Michele Venable

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



Stick a Fork in Food Waste!

Maggie McCoy, Climate Change Education Coordinator at Missouri Botanical Garden, will be presenting

Thursday, March 26th, 6:30-8:00 PM in Mary, Mother of the Church Parish Hall. Come and learn about the social, environmental, and economic impacts of food waste. Discover practical cost-saving solutions for reducing waste while protecting the environment, including home and commercial composting.

Please sign up on SignUpGenius.
For questions, call Susan Buerkle, 314-707-3227.

Respect Life

The archdiocesan Office of Natural Family Planning offers educational programs, referrals, and ongoing support for couples seeking to understand and address the underlying causes of infertility. These resources highlight ethically sound and medically effective approaches that respect the dignity of marriage and the gift of human life. Among these options are:

- Our highly trained instructors provide personalized NFP instruction to help couples understand their fertility cycles and improve chances for conception in harmony with Church teaching.
- We connect clients to medical consultants that can help identify and treat root causes of infertility, often through NaProTechnology and the Creighton Model Fertility Care System.
- We offer support and guidance through infertility support groups and make referrals to trained counselors and pastoral care staff if desired, to help couples find hope and healing during this difficult journey.

For more information or to request materials, please contact the Office of Natural Family Planning at 314-991-7576, stlnfp@archstl.org, or visit www.stlouisnfp.org



ENDING HUNGER WITH CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS) RICE BOWL

CARE FOR OUR ONE PLANET, ONE FAMILY

Rising temperatures. Longer and more extreme droughts. More intense rainfall and dangerous storms. As we experience the consequences of climate change in the United States, we recognize that communities around the world—those who have contributed the least to climate change—are being impacted the most.

Across the world, Catholic Relief Services is working shoulder-to-shoulder with communities to survive in the face of climate change.

Visit crs.org/our-work/stories/community-indonesia-adapts-climate-change to learn how CRS has helped a community in Indonesia adapt to climate change.



Raffle Baskets

The Health Ministry Commission will have themed Raffle Baskets and Gift Certificates at the next Fish Fry on **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) by stopping by the display in the church vestibule on **March 14-15**.

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

Stewardship Grateful and Generous

Sunday, February 15, 2026

Sunday Stewardship	\$ 8,209.00
Gifts-Stock, RMDs, Charitable Giving	\$ 4,550.00
Online Stewardship	\$ <u>8,217.14</u>
Total Sunday Stewardship	\$ 20,976.14
February 2026 Weekly Budget	\$ <u>18,925.00</u>
Over (Under) Budget	\$ 2,051.14

Major Project Fund	\$ 370.00
Special Contributions	\$ 2,350.00
Online Stewardship	\$ <u>511.40</u>
Total Major Project Fund	\$ 3,231.40
February 2026 Weekly Budget	\$ <u>1,200.00</u>
Over (Under) Budget	\$ 2,031.40
YTD Over (Under) Budget	\$ 7,166.64

Sunday, February 22, 2026

Sunday Stewardship	\$ 3,440.00
Gifts-Stock, RMDs, Charitable Giving	\$ 788.00
Online Stewardship	\$ <u>8,217.14</u>
Total Sunday Stewardship	\$ 12,445.14
February 2026 Weekly Budget	\$ <u>18,925.00</u>
Over (Under) Budget	\$ (6,479.86)

Major Project Fund	\$ 336.00
Special Contributions	\$ 90.00
Online Stewardship	\$ <u>511.40</u>
Total Major Project Fund	\$ 937.40
February 2026 Weekly Budget	\$ <u>1,200.00</u>
Over (Under) Budget	\$ (262.60)
YTD Over (Under) Budget	\$ 6,904.04



The Stations of the Cross will be prayed on this Friday, March 13th at 3:00 pm in Church

THE FATIMA MINISTRY

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

- 3/08 - Helen Jarvis
- 3/15 - Jerry Abrams
- 3/22 - Michael & Dee Ellebracht

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.





Rebel for a Day!

Calling all 5th -7th grade girls!
Join us at
Notre Dame High School on
Wednesday, April 1st from 8am - 12:30pm.
Scan QR code to RSVP!
Visit us at ndhs.net



Sacred Shroud of Turin and Relics Exhibit



“Replica Sacred Shroud of Turin and Relics Exhibit” will be at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, MO from **March 13-15**. The exhibit and presentations will take place in Laboure Hall which is located in the visitor center. For more information, including times, please check www.centreformercy.org/shroudexhibit or www.amm.org.

FEBRUARY 2026 CENSUS

Welcome to our new parishioners:

Jim & Michele Heizer,
Benjamin & Matthew

Farewell to:

Ron & Sue Hoskins
Peggy Huber
Helen Leonard
Pete & Margaret Knobbe

Dearly departed:

Joe Beanez
Sue Bokamper (deceased in Dec.)
Sandra Neralich
Saralou Hendrickson



Mary, Mother of the Church pray for our parish and for the whole world.

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT



THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Concert Prayer of the Stations of the Cross



Saint Francis Borgia Choir
Narrated by Fr. Kevin Schmittgens

SUNDAY + MARCH 15 + 3:00 PM
HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH
17 JOY AVENUE, WEBSTER GROVES

INTERPRETED FOR THE DEAF + NO CHARGE FOR ADMISSION + FREE WILL OFFERING ACCEPTED
INFORMATION: PAICE.BYRNE.SHORTAL@GMAIL.COM + 314-593-1522 + KATHLEEN.E.ALEXANDER@GMAIL.COM

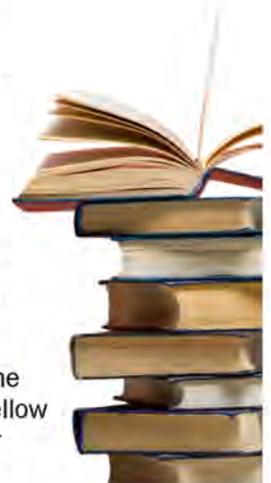
Book Exchange

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. Payment due at the event.
- **Only those registering a table may attend.**
- Any questions call Wendy Franklin 314-223-8032

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





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

Family Dentist

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

13096 Tesson Ferry Road
Phone: 842-0060

Parish Family



Proven Solutions for a Growing World

\$20 OFF

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

DAWSON ROOFING

www.dawsonroofing.com

314.837.4671

Since 1978



Rosario "RO" Catarinicchia,
Sales Associate

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



ST. LOUIS HILLS
(314) 644-0643

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

ST. CHARLES COUNTY
(636) 379-3705

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

catholicsupply.com®

Kutis FUNERAL HOME

2906 GRAVOIS
772-3000

10151 GRAVOIS
842-4458

5255 LEMAY FERRY
894-4500



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

ADT-Monitored Home Security

Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide

ADT Authorized Provider SafeStreets

833-287-3502



Never miss our bulletin!

Get this bulletin delivered straight to your inbox every week.

Scan to subscribe on parishesonline.com



Gapsch Carstar Collision Center
314-894-2322
4709 Green Park Road, St. Louis, MO 63123

Relax, We'll Take It From Here.®



(314) 481-7333
Since 1927

IF YOU LIVE ALONE

MDMedAlert!™ STARTING AT **\$19⁹⁵** /mo.

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

CALL NOW! 800.809.3570 *md-medalert.com



Advertise in Our Church Bulletin!

Contact Michelle Crites

Mcrites@4LPI.com
(800) 950-9952 x2256



- FIELDER - ELECTRICAL SERVICES, INC.

LICENSED • BONDED • INSURED RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL • INDUSTRIAL

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

\$20 OFF ANY ELECTRICAL WORK OF \$200 OR MORE 314-966-3388



Tim Kilo
(314) 842-4442 • www.TimKilo.com

"For All Your Insurance Needs"

catholicmatch®
Missouri



CatholicMatch.com/MO



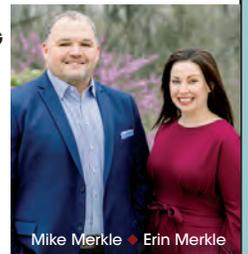
REUTER • MERKLE
LAW FIRM LLC

ELDER LAW & ESTATE PLANNING

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

www.rmlawstl.com

314.729.0200



Mike Merkle • Erin Merkle

Does your organization need a newsletter?
We'll cover the printing costs!

Learn more at lpicommunities.com



We're Hiring Ad Sales Executives

- Paid Training
- Full-time with Benefits

Visit www.lpicommunities.com/careers

Say Good-bye to Clogged Gutters!



\$99 Installation*

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

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

Call today for your FREE estimate and in-home demonstration

CALL NOW 314-549-8449

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



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

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

ENGLERT LeafGuard®
Get it. And forget it.™