

Mary, Mother of the Church

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March 15, 2026



4th Sunday

O F L E N T

"Jesus answered, 'Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him.'" Jn 9:3

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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 FATHER STEVE

Today we celebrate Laetare Sunday. The term Laetare comes from the first word of the Entrance Antiphon for today's Eucharistic Celebration: Rejoice. The Entrance Antiphon for today is "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning." Do you feel like rejoicing? Are those who are mourning really feel like being joyful?

This week marks the middle of our Lenten Season, so we are nearer to Easter than we are to Ash Wednesday. Perhaps it is a good time to consider where we are on this continuum. Are we closer to God than we were on Ash Wednesday? Are we closer to our brothers and sisters than we were a few short weeks ago? If we aren't, there is still time. That is one of the beautiful things about our God. God never forgets or abandons us.

As we hear in the Gospels, Jesus always tends to seek out the lost, the isolated, the hurting, the mourning and He invites all of us back into that special relationship of love with the God who loves us first. I think one of the most special parts of today's Gospel is when the blind man is thrown out of the temple. Jesus not only heals the blind man, but he does not leave him to fend for himself. Jesus comes back to meet the man and invite him into a relationship with himself just as Jesus does for each of us. The blind man has a personal encounter with Jesus. The blind man enters into a relationship with Jesus and the blind man invites others to meet Jesus.

My friends, this is the definition of the evangelization process. Jesus is the one who cures us of our spiritual blindness, and he invites us into the

most important relationship that we can possibly have; a relationship with God! Once we have entered into this relationship, are we willing to invite others to meet and to love and be loved by the God who first loved us? Are we willing to be the bold witness and the radiant light that God is asking us to be?

I would like to share with you a short passage from Henri Nouwen entitled "Returning to Trust."

"In my own life I well know how hard it is for me to trust that I am loved, and to trust that the intimacy I most crave is there for me. I most often live as if I have to earn love, do something noteworthy, and then perhaps I might get something in return."

This attitude touches the whole question for what is called in the spiritual life the "first love." Do I really believe that I am loved first, independent of what I do or what I accomplish? This is an important question because as long as I think that what I most need I have to earn, deserve and collect by hard work, I will never get what I most need and desire, which is a love that cannot be earned, but that is freely given.

Thus, my return is my willingness to renounce such thoughts and to choose to live more and more from my true identity as a cherished child of God."

You and I are truly the cherished children of God. We are loved and never left alone. Like the blind man, Jesus is willing to heal us and then walk with us through the joys and hurts of this life.

Rejoice and Be Joyful,

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 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.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, March 16

- 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
- 6:30 pm PSR Parent Group - Parish Hall
- 6:30 pm Pickleball - Gym
- 7:00 pm Lenten Reconciliation Service - Church
- 7:00 pm Men's Prayer Group - Chapel

Tuesday, March 17

- 9:00 am Adoration - Chapel
- 9:00 am Quilting - Quilting Rm
- 9:00 am Walk the Gym
- 9:00 am Sandwich Shoppe - Parish Hall Kitchen
- 10:30 am Contemplative Mtg - Rm 1,2
- 3:00 pm SVdP Mtg - Rm 1,2
- 5:30 pm CYC Basketball practice - Gym
- 6:00 pm Ad/Fin Mtg - Rm 1,2
- 7:00 pm Prayer Group - St Anne Rm

Wednesday, March 18

- 9:00 am Adoration - Chapel
- 9:30 am Cornerstone Bible Study/Luncheon
- 9:30 am Tai Chi - Gym
- 12:30 pm Pickleball - Gym
- 1:30 pm AA Group - Rm 3,4 or outside
- 6:00 pm Subdivision Mtg - Parish Hall
- 7:00 pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal - Church
- 8:30 pm Men's Basketball - Gym

Thursday, March 19

- 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 Prep - Parish Hall
- 6:30 pm Pickleball - Gym
- 7:00 pm Contemporary Choir Rehearsal - Church

Friday, March 20

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

Saturday, March 21

- 3:30 pm Confessions

Sunday, March 22

- 6:30 pm Rosary - Chapel
- 6:30 pm Men's Basketball League Play - Gym
- 7:00 pm Youth Group - Youth Rm

Have a blessed week



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Triduum and Easter Service Schedule

HOLY THURSDAY, April 2nd

8:30 AM - Morning Prayer

7:00 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Eucharistic Adoration following Mass in the
Reilly Center until 11:00 PM

Good Friday, April 3rd

8:30 AM - Morning Prayer

3:00 PM - Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM - Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday, April 4th

8:30 AM - Morning Prayer

8:00 PM - Easter Vigil

Reception following the Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, April 5th

9:00 AM - Easter Mass

11:00 - Easter Mass

Save the Date

An Evening of Lectio Divina

Tuesday March 31

6:30 - 7:30PM

at Mary Mother - in the Church

Transforming words & images into
heart-centered prayer

"Donut Sunday"

This 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.



Reconciliation Service

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

WORDS OF EVERLASTING LIFE

Readings for March 15 - March 22

- Sunday:** 1 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
- Monday:** Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53
- Next Sunday:** Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



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.

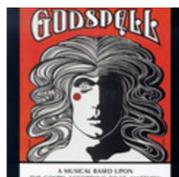
There is only oneness - In love and holiness,

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 pm in the hall. There is no charge and we will have drinks and popcorn for to serve during the movie.

No need to sign up just come and get ready for Holy Week. Questions call Rich Blackford at 314-704-7087.



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY March 15

9:00 AM - Our Parish Family

11:00 AM - Ray Schulz †

MONDAY March 16

8:30 AM - Bonnie Hermes †

TUESDAY March 17

8:30 AM - Loretta O'Hara †

WEDNESDAY March 18

8:30 AM - Liz Stark †

THURSDAY March 19

6:15 AM - James † & Judith Nigh †

8:30 AM - Jeanette Remelius †

FRIDAY March 20

8:30 AM - Kathleen McAnany †

SATURDAY March 21

4:30 PM - James Murphy †

SUNDAY March 22

9:00 AM - Justin Owensby †

11:00 AM - Our Parish Family

† denotes those who are deceased

Reception Following the Easter Vigil

You are cordially invited to a reception, after the Easter Vigil, to welcome **Gianni Alagna, Nathan Cabot & Jase Westbrook** as the newest members of the Church.

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

That's this coming Wednesday and Friday!!!!!!!

Friday Friends

Please join the Friday Friends (widows) for our next luncheon which will be held on Friday, March 20. We are going to Ms. Sherris on Lindbergh and will meet there at 11:30. Please call Fran at 314-894-1275 or Nancy at 894-8522 to let us know that you'll be joining us. If you're new to our group and would like more information please call one of the above numbers.

Hope to see you there.

PSR COORDINATOR

This Fourth Sunday of Lent is one of only two days a year the vestments worn by the ordained ministers and other liturgical decorations are pink (the color is actually called rose, though it looks pretty pink to me). One way of understanding the brighter color is as a symbol of light breaking through the relative “darkness” of Lent, with so much focus on sacrifice and dying to self. We remember that the resurrecting, re-enlivening, new-making power of the Spirit of Christ is always active, whether or not we sense it. Even in the darkest night, there is always a Light to be found.

Many Saints have named gratitude as a key part of a strong spiritual life. We can think of our efforts to be purposefully thankful and grateful as the naming of the lights in our lives – those things that help us to see and trust in God’s love even when times are hardest. How common is the phrase “thank you” in our families, in our homes, in our circles? What is the good to which you hold on the tough days? We can resolve to be thankful, and also help our children recognize the blessedness of their lives, to see light when things seem dark. We can name our gratitude, and help our kids name theirs – thank you for this day, this house, these people, this next breath. We are always blessed – Easter is never far away.

Peace to you,

“Mr. Andy” Dapron, PSR Coordinator

March 16 – NO PSR – Spring Break! We’ll see you on March 23!

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.



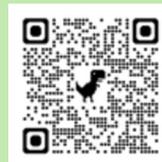
Each day is packed with stories, crafts, music, games and snacks.

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



Volunteer Sign-up



Camper 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

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

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord’s Supper @ MMOC.

Followed by a EUCHARISTIC

PILGRIMAGE to various churches.



PARISH NURSE'S CORNER

Office hours: THIS week, I will be here on Monday and Tuesday only. I will be back in the office on Monday, March 23rd. Thank you for understanding. I will return calls and emails as soon as possible after my return.

Blood Pressure screenings are offered this weekend in the St. Joachim Room after Masses.

March! Many will soon prepare gardens for early planting of vegetable seeds. Connecting this to our health awarenesses this month, the nutritious "crops" of late spring/early summer boost our immune systems and add fiber to our diets, contributing to the prevention of Colorectal cancer. Also, limiting red meat, processed foods, saturated fats, and sugars lowers risks. Recently, the American Cancer Society published results about physical activity. Some key points: all levels of activity were beneficial especially for men and the results were consistent for all ages. Comparison of moderate to vigorous exercise is still in research, however it is recommended that moderate exercise (breathing heavy but still able to talk) be 150-300 minutes per week and vigorous exercise (breathing heavy but talking is more difficult), be 75-150 minutes per week. If able, consider a combination of both intensities. When beginning, talk with your physician about your plans.

Lenten blessings! Michele, your Parish Nurse

Congratulations

to the first Fish Fry basket raffle winners!

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| • Let's Go Bills! | Lisa Raglin |
| • Winter Warm Up | Andrea Veras |
| • How Sweet It Is | Cherie Miles |
| • Mama's Me Time | Jeanette Sloan |
| • Irish Blessings | Valerie Eastwood |
| • Family Fun | Bob Radley |

Be sure to stop by the vestibule this weekend to purchase some raffle tickets for the second round of raffle baskets. You too could be the winner of a Bloody Mary Bruch basket, an Easter basket or \$40 worth of MO Lottery scratch off tickets!

Raffle tickets are \$1 each/6 for \$5 cash/check.



Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 29

12:45 pm - 2:00 pm

on Mary Mother's grounds

All children from walking to age 9 are welcome

Go to SignUpGenius 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 at mcdonnellparkgoers@gmail.com



Scan To Register



Mary Mother 2026 Lenten Fish Fries



Our next Fish Fry for 2026 is this 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:

There are still a few slots open for 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.

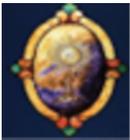
CONTEMPLATIVE CORNER

It's very difficult to recognize sin, prejudices, or hatred once it has been normalized, once we've grown cozy with it. Perhaps this is why the Bible speaks so much about blindness: if we're honest, every one of us is loaded with blind spots, inherited from culture and past traumas and our desire to protect our own egos and prerogatives over and against the needs of others. Acknowledging some degree of spiritual blindness is certainly unsettling, and when our specific blind spots are revealed to us there may be pain involved, but it need not make us feel ashamed. After all, every single one of us spends a lifetime learning how to see with God's eyes. However, understanding that we are never fully capable of seeing the reality of things does reveal why contemplative practices like Centering Prayer place such heavy emphasis on letting go of expectations and preconditions. To the extent that these remain active in our prayer, they continue to blind us to God's presence and action of God in our world, in ourselves, and in those around us. We continue to see God through the same narrow lenses given to us by a lifetime of conditions and assumptions - and any sort of narrowing is too narrow to see God on God's own terms. Contemplative practices offer real opportunity to encounter the fullness of God, and to let that encounter transform our perception!



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

As we continue to travel on the Lenten journey toward Easter, let us pray this powerful prayer for environmental justice provided by Network, an organization that lobbies for Catholic social justice: "God of humanity, open our eyes to the rightful priority of people over money and power in our politics. God of abundance, let the wisdom of our democracy be guided by the richness and diversity of the American people. God of liberation, free our democracy and our elected officials from the stranglehold of money and special interests. God of conversion, soften the hearts of our lawmakers and open them to needed reforms in our democratic institutions. God of unity, energize people of goodwill across the nation to join movements for positive change. God of righteousness, help us create a democracy that addresses the needs of the silenced and the marginalized. God of truth, restore the faith of the American people in the promise and the spirit of our democracy. God of reconciliation, help us shape a shared national identity rooted in kindness and healthy civil discourse. Amen." Also, consider calling 202-953-6731 to tell both your Senators to oppose weakening of the Toxic Substances Act 1219 and protect the EPA's authority to regulate toxic chemicals, to protect clean air and safe water in every community, and to oppose the SPEED Act (S. 3224) and the PERMIT Act (H.R. 3898) environmental rollbacks that harm our planet.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

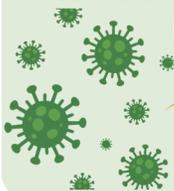
"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29

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

The Flu & other germs are still floating around!



Please remember that if you, or anyone you live with, is not feeling well, **please do not come to Mass, any meetings or rehearsals.**

The Masses are livestreamed!
Thank you for your cooperation.



Food and beverages will be provided

THE SACRAMENTS: CHANNELS OF GRACE

Father Anthony Gerber

DATE Tuesday, Mar 31, 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

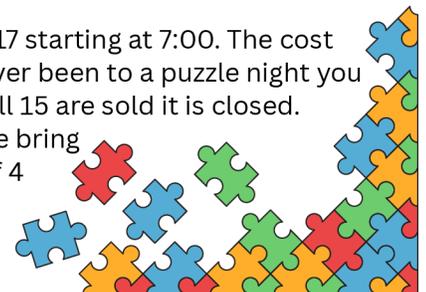
Puzzle Night Attention all Puzzlers!

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.

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 on 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, Loretta & Jim Lampen, **Nancy Leezy**, 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 Swehlas, 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 Kopps, **the Lampens**, 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.

Lee Wagenblast, nephew of Carol Slama

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

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Stick a Fork in Food Waste!

Maggie McCoy, Climate Change Education Coordinator at Missouri Botanical Garden, will be here on **Thursday, March 26th**, at **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

Did you know the number of lives lost to abortion in the U.S. is still well over a million a year post-Dobbs? For details on abortion statistics you can read more at <https://lozierinstitute.org/how-many-abortions-are-occurring-in-america-post-dobbs/>.

Some parishioners are going to pray outside the Planned Parenthood in Fairview Heights, IL on Tuesday 3/17. We will stand or sit (bring a lawn chair) for one hour while praying silently for the babies, for the women going in and out, for the workers to have a change of heart, in support of the sidewalk counselors, for legal protection for unborn children in our country, and that abortion will become unthinkable. We will leave Mary Mother at 10 am and return before 12:30 pm. Contact Leslie at 314-369-5474 if you would like to come.



ENDING HUNGER WITH CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS) RICE BOWL HUNGER CRISIS IN SUDAN

A humanitarian crisis is worsening across Sudan. More than 8 million people are facing catastrophic levels of hunger, and the country is now home to the world's largest number of internally displaced people. Ongoing conflict is the main causes of hunger in Sudan, driving families from their homes and communities. Simultaneously, falling incomes, broken supply chains and disrupted agricultural production have led to soaring food prices. CRS provides lifesaving assistance to address the needs of the most vulnerable in conflict-affected and natural disaster-prone areas. Visit crs.org/where-we-work/africa/sudan to learn more.

Thank You

Thank you to the parishioners who faithfully place items in the metal bin in the foyer. Your monthly donations throughout the year to Rock Church keep their pantry stocked. This month their pantry is low on canned fruit, crackers, spaghetti and sauce, hand soap, body wash, deodorant and toothpaste. Thank you for your generosity.



The Stations of the Cross will be prayed this Friday, March 20th at 7:00 pm in Church

Stewardship

Grateful and Generous

Sunday, March 1, 2026

Sunday Stewardship	\$ 6,554.00
Gifts-Stock, RMDs, Charitable Giving	\$ 3,000.00
Online Stewardship	<u>\$ 7,184.14</u>
Total Sunday Stewardship	\$ 16,738.14
March 2026 Weekly Budget	<u>\$ 16,360.00</u>
Over (Under) Budget	\$ 378.14

Major Project Fund	\$ 375.00
Online Stewardship	<u>\$ 418.32</u>
Total Major Project Fund	\$ 793.32
March 2026 Weekly Budget	<u>\$ 1,200.00</u>
Over (Under) Budget	\$ (406.68)
YTD Over (Under) Budget	\$ 6,497.36

Sunday, March 8, 2026

Sunday Stewardship	\$ 5,454.00
Gifts-Stock, RMDs, Charitable Giving	\$ 3,120.00
Online Stewardship	<u>\$ 7,184.14</u>
Total Sunday Stewardship	\$ 15,758.14
March 2026 Weekly Budget	<u>\$ 16,360.00</u>
Over (Under) Budget	\$(601.86)

Major Project Fund	\$ 590.00
Special Contributions	\$ 290.00
Online Stewardship	<u>\$ 418.32</u>
Total Major Project Fund	\$ 1,298.32
March 2026 Weekly Budget	<u>\$ 1,200.00</u>
Over (Under) Budget	\$ 98.32
YTD Over (Under) Budget	\$ 6,595.68

YTD Operating Revenue \$4,447.22

Please remember Mary, Mother of the Church in your will or estate plan, and please tell us when you do, so we can THANK YOU!

THE 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.



- 3/15 - Jerry Abrams
- 3/22 - Michael & Dee Ellebracht
- 3/29 - **open**
- 4/5 - **open**

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.



ACTIVE SHOOTER PREPAREDNESS

Community Discussion

THURSDAY APRIL 16, 2026

6:30 PM in the Parish Hall

Let's discuss active shooter preparedness together!

This event is free, open to the public, and offered by the Affton southwest Precinct. WE are going to discuss how we continue to prepare, how you should prepare, and end with a question/answer session. (see flyers on bulletin tables for more information)

Signup on SignUpGenius

The Peace and Justice Ministry has canceled the March 22nd Soup and A Movie Lenten Series.

February Tithing Report

February 2026 – 4 Sundays - \$1162 per agency

Feed My People—Provides emergency food and other social services to the poor in South County.

Rebuilding Together—Purchases materials to repair homes of the elderly, the disabled, and low-income homeowners who cannot afford the repairs on their own.

Chads Coalition—Raises awareness and provides education and counseling to identify and prevent depression and suicide, saving young lives in the St. Louis area.

St. Louis University Prison Program—A college education prison program aimed at breaking the cycle of poverty and recidivism. This Associate of Arts Degree is available to both the incarcerated and staff.

Jefferson County Pregnancy Center—Provides free services to women in crisis pregnancies including pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, STD testing/treatment, parenting classes, diapers, formula, clothing, counseling, and post abortion healing.

Marion Middle School—All girls private middle school serving urban adolescent youth in the St. Louis in a faith-based environment.

Kwasha Kids—Provides free education for all students at the Kwasha Molya Community School in Zambia, Africa, including a school lunch program to promote good health habits and enhance each student's ability to learn.

Total Tithe for February \$8134

Dementia Caregiver's support group

Caring for someone with dementia is a unique experience. No one knows what it is like except others who are in the same shoes. The Alzheimer's Association provides monthly support groups to bring caregivers – spouses, siblings, children, guardians – together for understanding, empathy, resources, humor and hope. Groups are peer-led by facilitators trained by the Alzheimer's Association. On the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 1-2:30 a group meets at Nazareth Living Center, 6 Nazareth Lane – near Ringer Road and Milbourn Road. Call Sheila Chibnall-Treptow at 314-396-6875 for information or directions. For additional groups and resources visit alz.org or call the Alz. Asso. 24/7 helpline at 1-800-272-3900. You are not alone!

Bridge Bread

Bridge Bread will be available for purchase this weekend in the Church vestibule. Your support is greatly appreciated.



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.

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