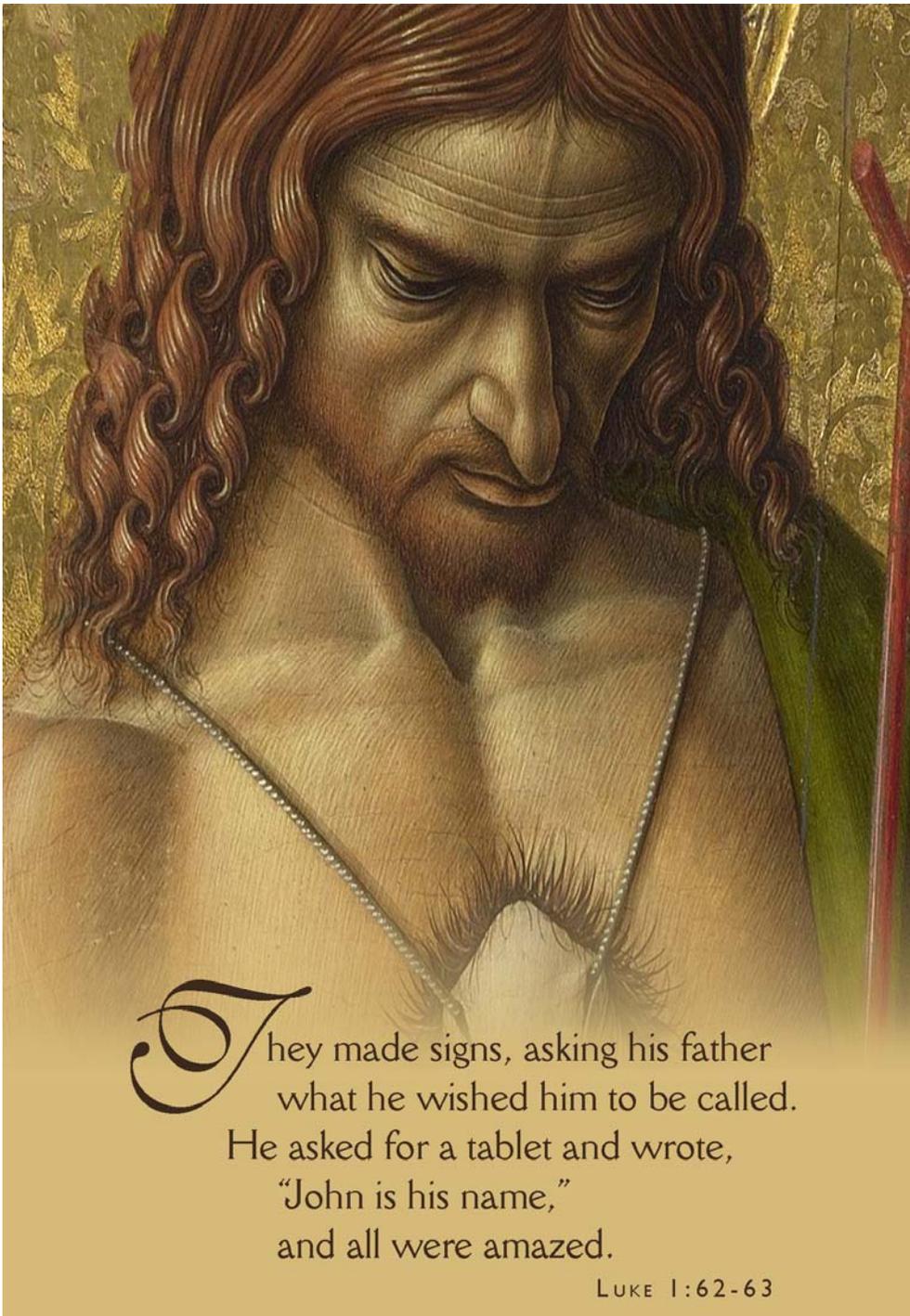


THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



They made signs, asking his father what he wished him to be called. He asked for a tablet and wrote, "John is his name," and all were amazed.

LUKE 1:62-63

CHANGE OF LIFE

We honor John the Baptist as a prophet sent "to prepare for the Lord a people well-disposed, to help God's people to walk the path of salvation." The prophets were people who, like Isaiah, had God's words placed in their mouths. "They investigated the times," and through their reading of the signs of the times, they were able to declare God's justice.

John the Baptist had the task of preparing the people immediately before the arrival of the messiah. His message was one of repentance, change of life, metanoia. His baptism was a sign of change, of turning things around, in the direction of God.

The lesson of John the Baptist is that the world will receive Jesus Christ when it turns away from its violent and oppressive ways. It must allow the prophets "to turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the rebellious to the wisdom of the just."

In the face of the present-day situation of the world, marked as it is by the grave sin of injustice, we recognize both our responsibility and our inability to overcome it by our own strength. Such a situation urges us to listen with a humble and open heart to the word of God, as he shows us new paths towards action in the cause of justice in the world.

Synod of Bishops, *Justice in the World*, 1971:29

AS YOU PRAY THIS WEEK

Remember Those Who Are Sick

Hal Cart	Melanie Wille	Mary Ann Girshner	Bob Berry	Mary Ball	David Hoffmann
Philip Brown	Julie McIntyre	Peggy Connelly	William Aubuchon	Daniel Wheeler	Dan Schuette
Don Eickhoff	Janie Card Long	Barbara Duncan	Ean Morgan	Noah Williams	Charlene Ward
Scott Quick	Roger Ranek	Vernon Duncan	Ed. Van-Campenolte	Marianna Schmidt	Connie Hagedorn
Liz Wheeler	Pat Finder	Chad Knepp	Stephanie and	Loretta Muessig	Andy Jackson
Amy Coulman	Cory Rolwes	Pat Curran	Darien McMullen	Denice Haverstick	Mary Schrieber
Bonnie Hicks	Scott Lowe	Ken Woods	Aggie Mathis	Barbara Youngstrom	Jerry Coonan

Remember Those Who Serve Our Country

Chris Hardy	Brian Cox	Scott Engelhard
Katie Alsup	Adam Boode	Blake Bennett
Nicholas Knudtson	David Lewis	Austin Bennett
Michael Duncan	Robert Thum	Allan Campbell
Robert Ottinger	Kirsty French	Jake Pijut
Scott Ottinger	Ryan O'Fallon	Wendell Reiter
Kurtis Colona	Joseph Petersen	
Carl Degenhart	Ryan Miller	

WELCOME

Andrew, Catherine, Patrick, Timothy, Elizabeth, Jackson, Patience, and Patricia Mulongo, Sydney, and Ryan Willmann
 Jerald and Barbara Kehlenbrink Francis Miller

BAPTISMS

Paul Xavier Hicks Carolyn Lucille Buchheit
son of Benjamin and Terry daughter of Brian and Jennifer

REST IN PEACE

Bob " Robert " Witterschein
brother of Marti (Bob) Stricker

YOUR GIFT TO GOD

June 10, 2018

Regular Contributions.....	\$32,575.15
Budgeted Amount.....	\$29,000.00
Excess (Deficit).....	\$3,575.75
Glennon Sunday	\$190.00

June 17, 2018

Regular Contributions.....	\$38,993.67
Budgeted Amount.....	\$29,000.00
Excess (Deficit).....	\$9,993.67

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Monday, June 25

Seasonal Weekday

2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18 Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13 Mt 7:1-5
 6:30 am Special Intention
 8:00 am † Galicano Bolanos, Sr.

Tuesday, June 26

Seasonal Weekday

2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36 Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11
 Mt 7:6, 12-14
 6:30 am † Randy Stapleton
 8:00 am † James Klingert
 3:30 pm Cape Albeon Indp. † Daniela Caputo

Wednesday, June 27

Seasonal Weekday; St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3 Ps 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40 Mt 7:15-20
 6:30 am † Poor Souls
 8:00 am † Charlene Wikar
 11:00 am Meramec Bluffs † Mr. Tso Min Wang

Thursday, June 28

St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr

2 Kgs 24:8-17 Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 Mt 7:21-29
 6:30 am Special Intention
 8:00 am † Jack Hermen

Friday, June 29

St. Peter and Paul, Apostles

Acts 12:1-11 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 Mt 16:13-19
 6:30 am † Maxine Bolin
 8:00 am † Robert Manker

Saturday, June 30

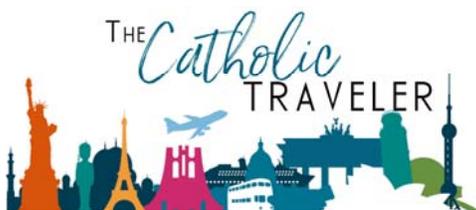
Seasonal Weekday; First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19 Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21 Mt 8:5-17
 8:00 am † Betty Poe
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Vigil Mass
 Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24 Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15
 Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43
 5:00 pm † Patrick Carroll

Sunday, July 1

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24 Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15
 Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43
 7:30 am † Ralph Campbell
 9:30 am † Dwight Farmer
 11:30 am † Donald Ruzicka
 5:30 pm Parishioners



(Third of the Series)

Our series on the Top 10 Catholic Cities (in no particular order) continues. It is based on culture, history, physical landscape and spirituality and highlights American hubs with a Catholic pulse. Each location, whether it be large or small, east or west, contributes to the richness of Catholic life in America.

Chicago

Chicago's Catholic heart is based in its ethnic diversity.

As the Windy City became industrialized in the mid-19th century, immigrants from Southern and Eastern Europe flocked to Chicago — joining the already present Irish and Germans — to become part of its workforce. Ethnic communities naturally formed, and ethnic Catholic parishes naturally followed. Today, more than 350 Catholic churches remain, many built in impressive European style.

Three are designated basilicas by the Vatican: Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica in East Garfield Park (home to the National Shrines of Our Lady of Sorrows and St. Peregrine, patron saint of those suffering from cancer); Queen of All Saints Basilica in Forest Glen (the location of the signing of the Treaty of Chicago); and the Basilica of St. Hyacinth (with its 62 relics).

Always bustling is St. Peter's in the Loop, with its seven weekday Masses and confessions every day but Sunday. Beautiful artwork can be found at St. Mary of the Angels Church in Bucktown and, for those with hopeless causes to unburden, a small National Shrine of St. Jude is located inside of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church on the South Side.

Also not to be missed is St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, designated the Sanctuary of the Divine Mercy by Cardinal Francis George in 2007, and its iconic (and quite large) Our Lady of the Sign-Ark of Mercy monstrance.

Paying tribute to the many immigrants who make up the fabric of Chicago, the National Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini,

patron saint of immigrants, also can be found in the Windy City and was renovated in 2012.

The archdiocese is also the home of Mundelein seminary, headed by Father Robert Barron. Chicago also is the hub of the Catholic Press Association, the Catholic Theological Union and the canonization cause for Servant of God Father Augustus Tolton.

It also was the location of the 28th International Eucharistic Congress in 1926 — the first such gathering held in the United States and an event that attracted cardinals and archbishops from around the world.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Church has a long history in the mountains of southern Pennsylvania. Jesuit Father Joseph Bonnechamps is believed to have celebrated the first sacraments in the area as he accompanied French-Canadian explorer Pierre-Joseph Céloron de Blainville along the Ohio and Allegheny rivers in 1749.

Now, Pittsburgh offers visitors a variety of beautiful churches in a diocese with more than 650,000 Catholics. St. Paul Cathedral, located in the Oakland neighborhood, is the diocesan mother church and, according to its website, “stands and shines as a beacon of hope.” For a healthy dose of art, visit St. Nicholas Parish and take in its walls and ceilings covered in murals, including one depicting Croatian peasants in native dress praying the Angelus. Also nearby is St. Paul of the Cross Monastery, the U.S. motherhouse of the Passionist religious order, who have been in Pittsburgh since 1852. The monastery offers a rich history, a peaceful facility and an opportunity for retreat.

If relics are your cup of tea, you won't want to miss St. Anthony's Chapel, which touts the largest public collection of relics in the world. Located on Troy Hill and overlooking the Allegheny River, the chapel contains more than 5,000 relics, including a piece of Jesus' crown of thorns and a portion of St. Joseph's cloak.

The Pittsburgh Oratory of St. Philip Neri, located within walking distance of St. Paul, runs the Ryan Catholic Newman Center for the University of Pittsburgh. It offers perpetual Eucharistic adoration and is active in reaching out to young people on college campuses. Also affiliated with John Henry Newman is the National Institute for Newman Studies, a study and research institute developed to bring Newman's teachings to

today's society.

The diocese boasts a long line of prelates with strong ties to the Steel City, including Cardinal Donald Wuerl of Washington, D.C.; Cardinal Sean O'Malley of Boston; and Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of Galveston-Houston.

Also noteworthy is that Pittsburgh is the seat of the Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh, which governs all Byzantine Catholic churches in the United States. At the archeparchy's center is St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Cathedral, filled in typical Byzantine style with rich-colored iconography. The archeparchy also operates Sts. Cyril & Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary, which prepares priests for all Byzantine Catholic eparchies in North America.

St. Augustine, Fla.

The beautiful coastal town of St. Augustine, Fla., offers a rich Catholic history, in addition to its patron saint-inspired name. According to the National Historic Landmarks program, St. Augustine, founded in 1565 by Spanish settlers, is “the oldest continuously occupied European settlement in the continental United States.” The first Mass was celebrated by Father López de Mendoza Grajales on Sept. 8, 1565, the day the Spanish ship arrived in the New World. A result of that settlement was its oldest parish: now the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine. Renovated in 1965-66, the cathedral, with its ornate exposed bell tower, was raised to the dignity of a minor basilica on December 4, 1976.

A natural vacation destination with its cobblestone streets and oceanfront view, St. Augustine also offers a place of spiritual renewal. The Mission of Nombre de Dios, and its accompanying Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche, is located steps from the arterial waterways that lead to the Atlantic Ocean. The mission was established on the land where, according to its website, Father López celebrated the first Mass (an 11-foot statue of the priest stands adjacent to a nearby lagoon).

Also part of the mission are Prince of Peace Church and “The Great Cross,” both built to commemorate the mission's (and city's) quadricentennial in 1965. The cross is 208 feet tall, weighs 70 tons and is made of 200 stainless steel panels.

(to conclude next week)

PRAYER SERVICE WITH ARCHBISHOP ROBERT CARLSON

Archbishop Robert J. Carlson will preside at a prayer service for spiritual healing for survivors of physical, sexual or emotional abuse on Tuesday, July 24, at 7:00 pm, here at Sacred Heart Church. Family members and friends of abuse survivors are also encouraged to attend, as well as those who are involved in helping abused people, work to prevent abuse, and want to pray for healing and reconciliation.

For more information, please contact Carol Brescia, Assistance Coordinator, Archdiocesan Office of Child & Youth Protection at carolbrescia@archstl.org or 314-378-3627.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Jesus knocks at the door of our hearts and asks to come in not just for one day, but forever. You are invited to open up your hearts in Adoration during the hours of 7:00 pm. Sunday through Monday until 11:00 am. Please contact Judy Barger at 636-343-6025 or email bargerja@hotmail.com if interested.

PRAYERS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Expecting or adopting? Contact Pat Snyder at 314-795-8103 or 636-343-6644 so the Respect Life group can place a red rose for you at the Blessed Mother statue in church. Our parish community will pray for you and your child and all expectant mothers during their pregnancy or during their wait for adoption.

CATHOLIC RADIO

Summertime is here. Hooray! Time for a vacation; time for a different schedule; time for a change of pace. No time to let up on those practices that strengthen your faith. To encourage and continue to enrich your spiritual journey, listen to Catholic radio, AM 1460 KHOJ. Programming includes daily Mass, the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, live call-in shows, local programming and much more. You can listen on the radio, on the Covenant Network app on your mobile device or on our website: ourcatholicradio.org

For a program schedule, please call 314-752-7000 or 877-305-1234.

VETERANS RETREAT

The Veterans Retreat at White House Retreat is scheduled for June 29 - July 1. This co-ed non-denominational retreat will be directed by Fr. Jim Conroy, S.J., a Vietnam era veteran and Jesuit priest. A series of talks will be presented along with small group discussion periods and quiet time for personal prayer and relaxation. Private lodging and all meals are included. The only cost for Veterans to attend is a \$25 deposit due at registration. Call 314-416-6400 or visit whretreat.org/veterans-retreat for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

The annual Sacred Heart Men's ACTS Retreat has been moved up this year to September 27-30, 2018. So save the date to invest time in yourself at the beautiful LaSalle Retreat Center. Refresh and renew your faith with fellow parishioners and make new friends along the way. Registration forms can be found in the back of church or on the Sacred Heart web site at www.sacredheartvp.org.

SACRED HEART RESPECT LIFE

(respectlife@sacredheart-vp.com)

Project Rachel Support Group -

Thursday, June 28, 2018 - 7:00 pm

The monthly Project Rachel spiritual support group, known as In His Name, is open to any woman affected by abortion, regardless of how long it has been. The meetings offer women the opportunity to meet and hear from other women who have this shared experience and are seeking God's healing and mercy. The meeting location is not published to preserve confidentiality. To find out the location or to obtain more information, contact Marisol at 314-792-7451 or mpfaff@archstl.org. Project Rachel also offers free, professional and confidential individual counseling and spiritual direction for any woman directly or indirectly wounded by an abortion experience.



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No Meeting this month - The next Respect Life Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 26th.

Please Pray for Life

WHITE HOUSE RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

The White House Retreat Center is hosting a retreat for Young Adults July 6-8 at their campus in South County. Designed for young adults age 21-35, this co-ed retreat will feature talks that inform the spiritual lives of young professionals. Conferences will explore Ignatian principles for discerning relationships and career, cultivating silence in a hyper-connected culture, balancing work and leisure, and developing one's personal and communal relationship with Christ. The cost is \$75/person and this includes private lodging and all meals. Check in on Friday July 6th begins at 5:00 pm. The retreat concludes at 11:00 am on Sunday July 8th. For more information visit whretreat.org/amdg or call 314-416-6400.



SEPARATED, DIVORCED, WIDOWED, OR REMARRIED OF ALL AGES

You are invited to join us for fun and to make new friends at the next meeting of the South County Separated, Divorced, Widowed and Remarried Catholics (SCDC) on Thursday, June 28, 2018 at 7:00 pm, at the Saint Catherine Laboure parish cafeteria (next to the playground) 9740 Sappington Road.

At this meeting Dr. Dennis Digs and his assistants will do a presentation on the benefits of Miracle Ear.

SCDC is a support group for the separated, divorced, widowed and remarried of our community. SCDC offers social activities and a support group that provides the opportunity to share your personal story with caring people.

For more information please call Pat Lynch at 314-537-5930 or Bill DeCoursey at 314-894-0733.



TAKING LEAVE

One of the aspects of being a parish priest—especially an associate pastor—is that we don't stay in one parish for very long. I've been fortunate in that I have been able to be here at Sacred Heart for three full years, which is the normal length of time for an associate. On one hand that is wonderful...I really got to be part of this awesome faith community. On the other hand, it makes saying goodbye that much more difficult.

I am so grateful to this parish for the three years I have been here. When I arrived at Sacred Heart in June 2015, I had just left a religious order that I had been a part of for almost twenty years. I was grieving, perhaps more than I realized at the time. What's more, I came here with only one year of full-time parish experience as a priest...most of those years in religious life, I had taught or done other ministries. So being here at Sacred Heart was an adjustment. But the parishioners, the staff, and the priests and deacons here welcomed me and helped me make that adjustment, and I leave here as a priest of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis who has been mentored beautifully by the people here came here to serve.

There is no way I can summarize in a short article what you have given me, what you have taught me. But if I had to summarize it in a single sentence, it would be this: Even in these days where church attendance is down, there are parishes that are active, vibrant, and Spirit-filled, where people really are excited about their faith, and who love to live that faith together in community. And that describes Sacred Heart in Valley Park, it is a parish that is alive. I have been amazed that at any hour of the day, from early morning to late at night, there are people around doing exciting things. At times I've wondered if this parish ever has a "down" moment...that does not seem to be the case. Even in those early hours past midnight, parishioners can be found on the walking track. This place is amazing.

And it is a parish that is willing to receive priests graciously and with gratitude. When I think of myself, as well as Denny Schaab, Abe Arganiosa, Tom Haley, and Pat Christopher, as well as all the other priests who have been here in recent years, we are as different as snowflakes. In case you haven't realized it yet, I am an introvert. Some of the other priests I've mentioned are off-the-chart extroverts. We all have our own gifts and talents, and we all have our growing edges. But the fact that you have received us with such love speaks volumes about this faith community.

One of the nice things about my new assignment as pastor at Immaculate Conception in Arnold is that it is fifteen minutes south of here, where 141 and 55 intersect. It is not far away, and if there is one thing I have learned about Saint Louis, it is a great big small town where everybody knows everybody and our paths cross constantly. That makes this goodbye a little easier, since I know we will still see each other.

And so, thank you for everything you have been for me these past three years. I hope the ministry I've done here has been helpful for you. I know Father Rosy was in the habit of frequently telling you all that he loved you. I'm not quite that emotive, but it is true. I do love you. Please keep me and Father Tom in your prayers as we transition to new parishes, and know that you are in our prayers as well. God bless you.



FIRST EUCHARIST PICTURES

First Eucharist pictures can be picked up from the Parish Office.

WE HAVE A DATE FOR CONFIRMATION

The sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on February 21, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson, Archbishop of St. Louis will be the celebrant.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The Religious Education staff will be in the office at various times during the summer months. If you call and no one is available, please leave a message. We will be checking messages regularly and will return your call as soon as we can.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Liturgy of the Word for Children is on Sunday at the 9:30 am Mass. The purpose of Liturgy of the Word for Children is to help children in Kindergarten through grade 3 better understand the Sunday readings and how they can put God's Word into action in their lives.

We are looking for more teams (2 adults per team) to lead this ministry. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Cheryl Degenhart at 636-225-0341 or cdegenhart@sacredheart-vp.com.

PSR REGISTRATION

Sacred Heart's Parish School of Religion is for all children in grades 1 through 8 who attend a public or private non-Catholic school. It is very im-

portant that we put our children's religious education as a number one priority. Sacred Heart PSR will not refuse religious education because of any family's inability to pay tuition fees.

Current PSR families received an email from the religious education office with the link to register their child(ren) for PSR. If you need to register a first grade child or are a new family to the PSR program, please call the Religious Education office (636-225-0341) to provide necessary information so that a registration link can be emailed to you.

PSR OPEN HOUSE is Sunday, August 26 from 1:00 - 2:00 pm. PSR begins Monday/Tuesday, August 27/28. Children registered after August 5 will begin PSR after Labor Day.

Peace!
Cheryl Degenhart

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

We are currently enrolling for the 2018-2019 school year. New families, including those with a new Preschool or Kindergarten student, can stop by the school office or visit the parish website for an application packet. If you know a family who is interested in our Preschool programs and/or Elementary School, please have them contact the school office to schedule a tour. We love welcoming perspective families into our school to see us in action! In addition to the weekly bulletin, keep up to date on our latest activities by following us on

Facebook at Sacred Heart Parish School-Valley Park.

Thank you for your support of Sacred Heart Parish School!

SCHOOL CALENDAR

School office summer hours in June:
Monday through Friday,
8:00 am to 2:00 pm



Lifeteen (High School) -
Sundays 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Nazareth Center

- June 24: Summer Movie Series
- July 1: Summer Movie Series
- July 8: Summer Movie Series

Open Naz (High School) -
Thursdays 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Join us to hang out, watch a movie, or enjoy great conversation

Follow us on Instagram & Snapchat @SHVPteens or @SHVPedge and on Twitter @SHVP_teens

THEOLOGY ON TAP SUMMER SERIES - "THE SUMMER OF LOVE" CONTINUES

This summer, join young adults from across the archdiocese for our Theology on Tap Summer Series. The nights of engaging talks, drink specials, and great community continue on June 26th, July 10th, July 24th, and August 14th. All talks will be held at 7:00 pm at Kirkwood Station Brewing Co. This year's theme is called "The Summer of Love" and each talk will focus on different aspects of relationships and the gospel of love. Email stlya@archstl.org or call 314-792-7008 for more information.



FAREWELL RECEPTION

Please join us in the Church Hall after Mass today for a "Farewell Reception" for our Pastor, Fr. Tom Haley, and our Associate Pastor, Fr. Scott Jones. Both of them will be leaving Sacred Heart to accept their new assignments on Tuesday, June 26.

Enjoy a snack, and share your thanks and best wishes to our priests.



NEW SUNDAY MASS TIMES BEGIN NEXT WEEKEND

Just a reminder that our new weekend Mass schedule begins next weekend.

The Saturday evening Mass will remain the same at 5:00 pm.

The Sunday morning Masses will now be celebrated at 7:30 am - 9:30 am - 11:30 am. The Sunday evening Mass will change to 5:30 pm.

JULY 26-29

TEEN ACTS

SACRED HEART



Director: Rachel Henry
636-225-5268 ext. 234
Rachel@sacredheart-vp.com

<https://sacredheartvp.org/teen-acts-retreat>

FEEDING THE HOMELESS

The monthly chili mac casseroles for St. Patrick's Center are due to be brought in NEXT weekend. Please place yours in the freezer downstairs by the Church Hall and don't forget to pick up a pan and lid



for next month. If you are not already helping with this worthwhile ministry of feeding the homeless and would like to do so please contact Jacalyn Marquart at amarquart@bugeyetech.com or call her at 573-301-0654.

CHURCH CLEANING CREW

Please join us! The church cleaning crew meets on Thursday, July 19th to give our church a good cleaning for the summer. We'll be cleaning from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm that day and any amount of time you can share is much appreciated and very helpful! Service hours are available for anyone needing them. Don't forget, families are always welcome.....there are jobs for all ages!

YESTERDAY'S KIDS

FOR THOSE 55 AND OLDER



It has been a great year! And, we are looking forward to getting back into the swing of things come fall. But, for now we are all on

VACATION

and having a wonderful time! Enjoy your summer and we will see you again in September!



SPORTS SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 24

Monday, June 25

Kateri and Kister Courts Closed for Refinishing

Tuesday, June 26

Kateri and Kister Courts Closed for Refinishing
6:00 pm Youth T-Ball/Baseball AF

Wednesday, June 27

Kateri and Kister Courts Closed for Refinishing

Thursday, June 28

Kateri and Kister Courts Closed for Refinishing
6:00 pm Youth T-Ball/Baseball AF

Friday, June 29

Kateri and Kister Courts Closed for Refinishing

Saturday, June 30

Kateri and Kister Courts Closed for Refinishing
8:00 am Youth T-Ball/Baseball AF

LOOKING FOR VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS

We are looking for a couple more volleyball players to complete some teams for the 2018 Fall Season. We are looking for some 3rd grade boys, 6th grade girls and 8th grade boys. If you are interested please email volleyball@sacredheart-vp.com.

Questions? Contact Sam Huff at 314-599-1480.

SOCCER CAMP

Is your incoming 1st to 5th Grade soccer star ready for the Fall 2018 season? The SHAA Soccer Camp is back July 30th to August 3rd. Registration is open on the SHAA website and runs \$35 per child. Camp will be in the evenings from 6:00 pm -7:45 pm. To register, follow this link: <http://shps.sportssignup.com/site/>

Volunteers are needed for camp as well. Preference is for past and current coaches. Volunteers are asked to contact Tim Rasure

(tim.rasure@gmail.com) for scheduling.

CYC Adult and Youth Soccer Referees Needed

The South Central CYC is in need of Soccer Referees for the upcoming fall soccer season.

The requirements for NEW referees for this PAID position are as follows:

- You must be 14 years old by August 1, 2018;
- Attend classroom clinic on EITHER Wednesday, July 18 OR Sunday, July 29 at Sacred Heart – Valley Park from 6:00 - 10:00 pm (use gym entrance, session will be held in the Great Hall);
- Attend field training on EITHER Wednesday, August 1 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm OR Saturday, August 18 from 9:00 - 10:30 am at Memorial field in Webster Groves (corner of South Elm and East Glendale);
- Bring Cash/Check/Credit Card to purchase referee jersey/pealess whistle and lanyard/data wallet

w/pad and red and yellow cards. 3 stripe referee socks will also be available for purchase;

- Receive a score of 92% or above on the 2018 Soccer Official's Test
- Referees 18 years of age must meet additional archdiocesan requirements.

RETURNING referees must also receive a score of 92% or above on the 2018 Soccer Official's Test and are encouraged to attend a classroom clinic and on field training. Classroom clinic is required for returning referees that score <92% on the official's test.

Pay ranges from \$15/game for K-2 games to \$30/game for 7th-8th grade games.

Information can be found at www.cycsouthcentral.net (select soccer and then officiating). To register contact Referee Coordinator Melanie Sullivan at melaniesullivan9135@gmail.com or leave a message at 314-783-6249.

OUR PARISH, OUR COMMUNITY

IMMIGRANT REFUGEE WOMEN'S PROGRAM

The mission of the program is to increase the independence and reduce the isolation of immigrant and refugee women by teaching them basic English and practical living skills in the security of their own homes.

Currently 245 volunteers are working with 259 students in the program!

How you can help:

Volunteer to teach - No prior teaching experience necessary – Lesson plans, materials & training provided. Knowledge of second language not required – Classes are taught in English.

Classes are scheduled around volunteer's location and availability – Classes are two hours per week

For more information on volunteering, call 314-771-1104, Email program@irwp.net or visit the website at www.irwp.net

MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Sunday Obligation Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 pm
 Sunday 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am and
 5:30 pm (Life Teen)
Weekday Monday thru Friday 6:30 am and 8:00 am
 Saturday 8:00 am
Civil Holidays 9:00 am
 (Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day)
Confessions Saturday after 8:00 am Mass until all are heard
 and from 3:30 - 4:30 pm
 or by appointment (call the Parish Office)
Eucharistic Adoration Sunday 7:30 pm
 through Monday 11:00 am

SPECIAL LITURGIES

Weddings Arranged 6 months in advance
Baptisms First and Third Sundays 1:00 pm
 (prior instruction required)
Children’s Liturgy of the Word Sunday 9:30 am
 (during Mass)

PARISH STAFF

Pastor Rev. Thomas J. Haley
Associate Rev. Patrick J. Christopher
Part Time Associate Rev. Scott A. Jones
Deacon Rev. Mr. Charles R. Snyder
Deacon Rev. Mr. Gary Peterson
Pastoral Associate Sr. Cathy Vetter, CCVI
Director of Religious Education Mrs. Cheryl Degenhart
Parish School Principal Ms. Angie R. Lind
Director of Youth Ministry Ms. Rachel Henry
Director of Liturgical Music Mr. Nathan D. Jackson

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 Hours Monday-Friday 8:30 am - 8:30 pm
 Saturday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
 Sunday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
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P.S.R. Classes Monday 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
 Tuesday 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

THE GOOD NEWS

Not Wanting Anyone to Be Left Out, Teacher Carries 60-Pound Student on Her Back for Camping Trip

CHICAGO, IL - Helma Wardenaar was heartbroken to hear that her 10-year-old student, Maggie Vasquez, was unable to go on the class’s 3-day camping trip to Camp Sullivan in Oak Forest.

Since Maggie has cerebral palsy, her walker would be unable to maneuver the rough terrain of the wilderness.

Instead of allowing her student to miss out, however, Wardenaar simply offered to carry the 60-pound student on her back. The educator from The Academy for Global Citizenship in Chicago, Illinois had debated the merits of simply renting a pony for Maggie, but since Wardenaar exercises regularly, she decided to buy a special \$300 harness that would allow her to shoulder the youngster for the trip.

Wardenaar said, “When I showed it to Maggie her eyes became really big! She was like, ‘Ms. Helma! You found something?’ I showed it to her in the classroom so everybody saw and they were like, ‘Yay! Maggie can do this!’”

In addition to carrying Maggie for the 45-minute hike to the campsite, Wardenaar carried her student for 2 hours every day so they could explore the forest and do nature activities with the class.

While this may be an extraordinary act of kindness for some, Wardenaar says that it is simply part of her dedication to her students.

“We didn’t think twice about doing this for Maggie. It’s ingrained in the culture of our school to help each other and to help make the world a better place.”



THIS WEEK’S READINGS

Isaiah 49:1-6

INNER DOUBTS

Everyone who works hard has moments of wondering, “Was it worth it?” It’s a frightening question to face. We put a lot of effort into school, work, family, and interests. They all demand a lot of time, attention, and detail. Sometimes the rewards are obvious, but other times they are not. At some point a hard worker will wonder, “Was it worth it?”

Even John the Baptist faced that question. After preaching, baptizing, gathering disciples, announcing Jesus, and baptizing him at the Jordan, John continued his ministry—until he was arrested. Then he had doubts. He sent two of his disciples to ask Jesus if he really was the Messiah. In prison, cut off from his work and the people who loved him, John wondered, “Was it worth it?”

Long before this, the prophet Isaiah felt the same way. “The Lord called me from birth,” he says. “He made of me a sharp-edged sword and concealed me in the shadow of his arm.” Isaiah heard God say, “You are my servant,” but still the doubts came. “I thought I had toiled in vain, and for nothing, uselessly, spent my strength.”

Now, both Isaiah and John the Baptist are remembered as tremendous prophets in religious history, but that was not always clear to them at the time.

We will have our doubts, but if we are servants of God, we will be a light to the nations.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Saturday and Sunday, June 30-July 1, 2018

Presider Deacon

5:00 pm
7:30 am
9:30 am
11:30 am
5:30 pm

Presiders and Deacons had not been scheduled as of printing deadline.



PLEASE NOTE:

Due to the changes in Mass times, scheduled to take effect the weekend of June 30-July 1, the revised schedules for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Servers, Lectors and Ushers/Greeters has not been completed. Scheduling information will be emailed to all ministers when the scheduling program has been updated.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding during this transition period.

SOMETHING TO CONSIDER

SEVEN DEADLY SINS, SEVEN LIVELY VIRTUES

Could the Holy Spirit be inviting you this summer to participate in *Journey from Sin to Holiness – Seven Deadly Sins – Seven Lively Virtues?* Consider joining us for this engaging four-week series, includes a video presentation by Bishop Robert Barron followed by about 30-minute conversations in a small group.

The journey will be held on Wednesdays: July 11 through August 1 beginning at 7:30 pm in the Sacred Heart Room. Fee is \$12 to cover the cost of the journal. To register or for more information, please contact Ann Neff at aeneff@gmail.com or 314-596-6536.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Are you looking for a way to let your spouse know that you love them? In the middle of carpools, work, household chores and sports - Share a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend TOGETHER as a way of giving an important gift to your spouse. Every marriage needs, and deserves, that kind of attention. The next weekends are August 3-5 or September 21-23, 2018 in St. Peters, MO. If you would like to apply or get more information, go to www.stl-wwme or call 314-649-7317.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, June 24 **MASSES: 7:00, 8:30, 10:15 am, 12:00 pm 6:00 pm**

Fr. Scott Farewell Reception - All Masses
Fr. Tom Farewell Reception - All Masses
8:50 am RCIA SH
3:00 pm Teen ACTS Formation Meeting SA/CH
7:15 pm Men's ACTS Team Formation Meeting SH

Monday, June 25 **MASSES: 6:30 am and 8:00 am**

Kateri and Kister Courts Closed for Refinishing
9:30 am Mon-Dazed Women SH
6:15 pm Faith Sharing SH
6:30 pm Peace and Justice Commission MR/JR
7:00 pm ACTS Women 2018 SA
7:00 pm Mom's Faith Group SH

Tuesday, June 26 **MASSES: 6:30 am and 8:00 am**

Kateri and Kister Courts Closed for Refinishing
7:00 pm Finance Meeting PO
7:00 pm Women's ACTS Faith Sharing SH

Wednesday, June 27 **MASSES: 6:30 am and 8:00 am**

Kateri and Kister Courts Closed for Refinishing
7:00 pm Life Teen Band Practice CU

Thursday, June 28 **MASSES: 6:30 am and 8:00 am**

Kateri and Kister Courts Closed for Refinishing
6:30 pm AA Meeting SA
7:00 pm Respect Life UR
7:00 pm Volleyball Ref Meeting GH

Friday, June 29 **MASSES: 6:30 am and 8:00 am**

Kateri and Kister Courts Closed for Refinishing
9:00 am Quilting Club SA

Saturday, June 30 **DAILY MASS: 8:00 am SUNDAY VIGIL MASS: 5:00 pm**

Kateri and Kister Courts Closed for Refinishing
8:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation CU
10:00 am Funeral - Robert Bressert CU
3:40 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation CU

KEY:

- AF - Athletic Field • AT - Atrium •
- AU - Auditorium (Parish Center) • CA - Cafeteria (Church Hall) •
- CH - Church Hall • CP - Church Plaza • CU - Church •
- DL - Didian Lot • EC - Education Center • GH - Great Hall •
- JR - Joseph Room (Parish Center) • LY—Lobby (Parish Center) •
- LL - Lower Lot • MR - Mary Room (Parish Center) •
- NC - Nazareth Center • PC—Parish Center (All Locations) •
- PL - Parking Lot • PO—Parish Office • SA - St. Anthony Room •
- SH - Sacred Heart Room • ST - Stage •
- UR - Upper Room (Parish Center)