

Holy Spirit Parish Family

June 25, 2017 — Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

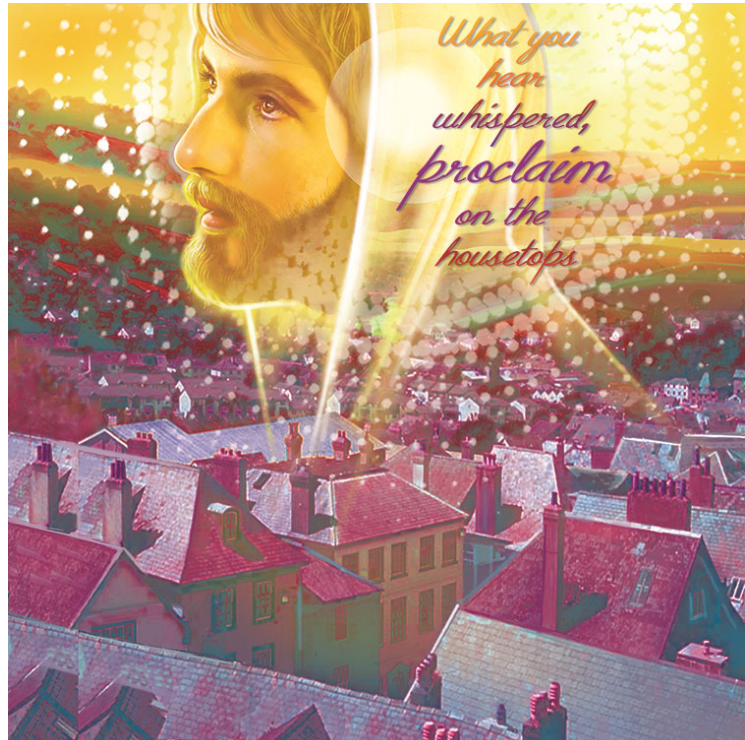
Due to upcoming holiday, the deadline for the

JULY 9 BULLETIN
is
NOON, THURSDAY, JUNE 29

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

**MONDAY & TUESDAY,
JULY 3 & 4**

In observance of Independence Day
Normal business hours resume on
Wednesday, July 5 (8 to 5).



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Monday to Friday
between 8:00am and 5:00pm

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Hands.....314-739-9796
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SCHOOL

(K-8 & PRESCHOOL & PREK INFORMATION)

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PARISH ANNEX

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.....314-739-5020

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday thru Friday.....6:30am and 8:00am
Holy Days Consult bulletin
Saturday:8:00am and 5:00pm (Vigil)
Sunday: .7:30am, 9:00am, and 11:00am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:00 to 4:45pm or by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC CHAPEL HOURS

Weekdays: 12am to 6am and 9am to 12 midnight.
Saturdays: 12am to 7am
Chapel will close at 7am Saturday until 9am Monday.
Holy Days: Please consult the bulletin.

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Wednesdays after 8 a.m. Mass until Noon (closing with Benediction). Confessions 1st Wednesday.

BAPTISMS

Baptism Class for parents/godparents is normally held on the first Monday of the month at 7 PM in the Church. To register for the meeting and/or to arrange for a baptism, call Karen Rychlewski.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning marriage contact one of the parish priests at least six months in advance.

COMMUNION CALLS

Please call the Parish Office to request Communion if someone is unable to attend Church.

HOSPITAL VISITS

Please notify the Parish Office concerning hospitalization.

REGISTRATION

New parishioners may register at Parish Office or see one of the priests after Mass. New information e.g. address, phone numbers or moving from the parish, please call Parish Office.

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Please submit information for the bulletin by Noon TWO Fridays before publication. Include name, daytime phone number of person submitting information, Commission and group name. Items can be e-mailed to mwelsh@holyspiritstl.org.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Stewardship for June 5-11, 2017

Sunday Envelopes, 255 utilized	\$12,167.56
Loose Collection	\$ 434.93
Online Donations, 58 families	<u>\$ 9,462.16</u>
Total	\$22,064.65
Weekly Budget	\$20,576.00
Weekly Surplus (shortfall)	\$ 1,488.65

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\$ 668.13

Parish Improvements
\$ 372.00

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 25

7:30 a.m.—Boy Scout Car Wash, Front Parking Lot

Monday, June 26

8:30 a.m.—Faith Journey Group, St. Blaise Rm.
6:00 p.m.—Quilting, Annex
6:30 p.m.—Boy Scout Troop #954, Rigali Rm.
—School Improvement Mtg., Rm. 205

Tuesday, June 27

9:00 a.m.—Quilting, Annex
—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.
7:00 p.m.—Faith Growing, Rm. 2
—Men's ACTS Directors, St. Blaise Rm.
7:30 p.m.—Fire in the Spirit, Community Rm.

Wednesday, June 28

6:30 a.m.—St. Patrick Casseroles, St. Blaise Rm.
9:00 a.m.—Exposition/Benediction, Church
—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.
7:00 p.m.—Men's Bible Study, St. Lawrence Rm.
—Oremus, Rigali Rm.

Thursday, June 29

6:30 p.m.—Men's ACTS Team, Rigali Rm.

**UPDATE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION
NEW PARISH DIRECTORY COMING OUT!**

Do we have YOUR family membership record correct in our database?

Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so).

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year. **If you've given up your land line and ONLY have cell phones, please let us know!**

Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published?

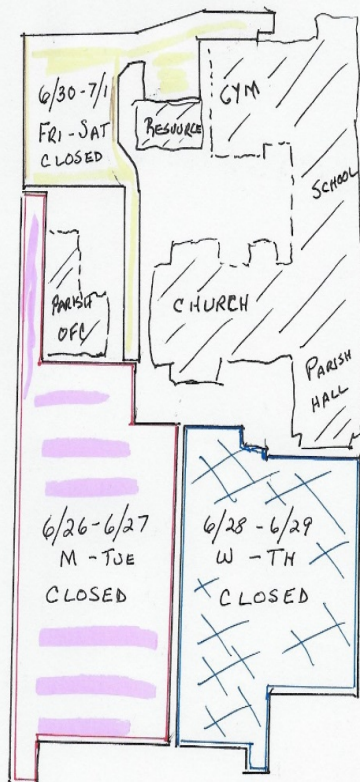
If you have not already informed the Parish Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book is correct. The Parish Office number is 739-0230.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

BE A WITNESS OF CHARITY

Next week, there will be a collection for Peter's Pence, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

A NOTE FROM FR. BOB



Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you!

Parking Lot Repair and Sealing

A couple of weeks ago I mentioned that the main parking lot would be sealed during the last week of June. The work will begin Monday, June 26th and will be accomplished in sections so that the church, school, and parish offices remain accessible. The schedule of the closures for the different sections is noted on the drawing. The area in front of the Parish Office will be closed Monday and Tuesday. The area in front of the Church and Parish Hall will be closed Wednesday and Thursday. Finally, the driveway to the Resource Center and back lot will be closed Friday and Saturday. Please watch for the barricades and cones as the crew goes about their work. Thank you!

Forming a Parish Council

Recently, I noted that I would like to act on one of the hopes that came from the Listening Sessions and establish a Parish Council. I see the Parish Council as having four primary

areas of purpose: 1. Provide vital consultation and advice to me, the Pastor. 2. Represent the various views of parishioners. 3. Serve as a communication network for the parish. 4. Promote collaborative leadership, lay ministry, and stewardship.

The council will consist of the pastor, the chairperson of each major parish organization, 9 at-large parishioners (The Steering Committee), the Finance Council Chairperson, and the School Principal. The Parish Council will meet twice a year in October and February. The Steering Committee will include 9 members who will be parishioners from the greater parish community and will meet 5 times a year. The terms for the Steering Committee will be for 3 years with 3 members leaving each year. The Parish Council will deal with major topics that affect the vision, direction, priorities, and policies of the entire parish. The Steering Committee will deal with tasks and issues of a practical nature and implement directives from the Parish Council and Pastor.

If you would like to serve on or recommend someone for the Steering Committee please contact me at 314-739-0230 ext. 103 or email revans@holyspiritstl.org. Additionally, if you would like more information or would like to discuss this please contact me. Thank you!

Let's pray for each other this week.

Peace,

Fr. Bob

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 25

7:30am Glennon F. Audrain
 9:00am Sharon Roach
 11:00am For Our Parishioners

Monday, June 26

6:30 am Bill Hake
 8:00am Gus Willen

Tuesday, June 27

6:30am Communion Service
 8:00am Faithful Departed

Wednesday, June 28

6:30am Communion Service
 8:00am Lorraine D. Simon

Thursday, June 29

6:30am Communion Service
 8:00am John Sinovich

Friday, June 30

6:30am Communion Service
 8:00am Mary Hammock

Saturday, July 1

8:00am Terri Fisher
 5:00pm For Our Parishioners

Sunday, July 2

7:30am John & Laverne Sinovich
 9:00am Ronulfo Batas
 11:00am Kimberly Pearson

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

In your prayers, please remember all the sick and home-bound parishioners and those who care for them.



Jean Bauer
 Jim Brockmeyer
 Ed Cody
 Matthew Cody
 Wanda Doering
 Till Fehrenbacher
 Ed Flores
Chris Foster
 Ray Garvels
 Marlene Holt
 Roger Horton

Al Katzler
 Frank Kekeisen
 Marie Knox
 Cindy Lamorette
 Marie Mazzola
 Danny McNamee
 Al Metzger
 George Murphy
 Gene Naumann
 Dee Powers
 John Rizzello
 Patrick Ryan
 Don Stuckey

Linda Tarrant
 Laura Tellmann
 Pat Tellmann
 Nanci
 Van Amburgh
Lorraine Walker
 Jean & Joe
 Wangler
 Syl Wayer
 Bill & Joan
 Weinzirl
 Earl Wieman
 Tom Zemblidge

Sick Relatives and Friends:

Leo Bachinski II
 Jackie Craven
 Anita Geiger
 Donna Hatfield
 Becky Hooker
 Shane Katzler
 Samantha Kerwin
 Dennis King

Irene Lee
 Cameron Meyer
 Christine Meyer
 Luke Meyer
 Ron Meyer
 Mike Mitra
 Logan Nevlín
 Melinda Oeth

Judy O'Hare
 Brianna Pfeiffer
 Anthony
 Pyzdrowski
 Grace Solimando
 Janice Van Stratton
 Vera Yingling

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — JULY 1-2, 4	Jul 1-2, 4	5:00 PM July 1	7:30 AM July 2	9:00 AM July 2	11:00 AM July 2	9:00 AM July 4	
	Hospitality	D Hass J Riesmeyer N Wibbenmeyer D Klein C Milligan G Murphy K Shamel	N Rolfes F & K Gallagher T Canavan R Fetsch J Saputo	L Frein S Hirschmugl L Pattison K Flood B Haggarty W Schlenk	J Neil E & B Flores H Free J Greco P Gruszczynski M Kohl C VanDoren		
	Hearing Assist	A Fenton	J & P Schuette	M Highly	J Sicking		
	Lectors	J DeNatale	S Kaufman	F Davidson	N Ruebusch	D Gill	
	Eucharistic Ministers	T Bath D Casey A Kleitz C Notter C Stuckey D & M Schulte R & N Swantner	R Dallavalle S Kaufman T & C Kreitler Sub Requested	A Kendrick P Krause M McCarthy L Nolan S Silver C & K Caverly W & G Prather	B Berardino M Feltmann B Jaeger C Lamorette J Painter M Sicking A Wehking R & MA Weiss	K Johnson R & K Dannegger P & K Farrar	
Servers	A Gianino J Ryan E Sarmiento	J DeNatale K Hill M Nelson	S Degenhardt C Grothoff S Kaufman	B Appleton L Sicking A Woodard	A Mason I Mason S Mason		

SCHOOL NEWS

Greetings, Holy Spirit Parish Family! We are already busy getting ready for the next school year and we could use your help with the following.

The School will have a float in the Bridgeton 4th of July Parade and we would appreciate any donations of candy that can be handed out at the parade. Donations can be dropped off at the school office through June 30th between 8:00a.m. and 3:00p.m. Thank you so much!

School SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

June 1 - 30: 8:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.

July CLOSED

Please leave a message at 314-739-1934 or email, Mrs. Jill Gould, Principal - jgould@holyspiritstl.org or Mrs. Kate Ayres, Secretary - kayres@holyspiritstl.org

RED & BLUE RAFFLE TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!

The parents of the Holy Spirit School are selling Red & Blue Raffle Tickets through **August 31**. The tickets are \$25.00 each. The raffle drawings begin the first week of September and continue throughout the last Monday school is in session in May. The first Monday of each month a ticket will be drawn and that winner will receive a **cash prize of \$200.00**. Every additional Monday in the month a winner will receive a **cash prize of \$50.00**. If you would like to purchase a ticket please reach out to a Holy Spirit School Family or contact the school office at 314-739-1934. Thank you so much for your support!

NOW ENROLLING!

Holy Spirit Catholic School Pre-School, Prekindergarten and Kindergarten through 8th grade are enrolling for the 2017-2018 school year! We understand the importance of building a strong foundation with each child to help them grow spiritually, academically, socially and emotionally. Enhancements to our program will include the addition of foreign language and technology instruction. With the support of the Archdiocesan Education Office, we will be **reducing tuition by \$1,000** for each family for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year! Feel free to come visit our school to see what makes us so special! Please call the office to schedule a visit 314-739-1934.

Have a Blessed Summer!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Many **THANKS** to all the teen and adult volunteers who made VBS possible.

THANKS for the donations of gift cards and prayers for a great week!



FIRST COMMUNION PICTURES & BANNERS

First Communion pictures and banners are available now **through June 25 (TODAY)** on the Table in the Parish Hall.

PSR NEWS

PSR ITEMS FOR PICK UP

Report Cards, Certificates and home school textbooks may be picked up from the Parish Hall during the months of May and June. If you have any questions contact Julie Spinner or Sharon Kaufman 314-739-0230.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION-REGISTRATION FOR 2017-18

The Parish School of Religion has religion classes on Tuesday evenings, from 6:45-8 p.m. for students in grades 1-8 who attend public schools. PSR sessions focus on the message of Jesus, experienced within a community of faith with opportunities to pray, worship and do service for others. The students are also prepared to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Confirmation is a parish wide program coordinated by our Youth Minister, Donna Eisenbath. All families will register and make payments through our online program, www.holyspirit.psrenroll.com or "PSR Registration 2017-2018" is one of the quick links on the parish website, www.holyspiritstl.org. Detailed information was also sent to each returning family by e-mail.

For more information, please contact:

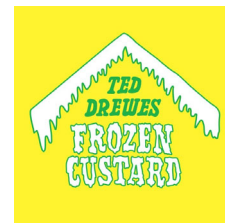
Sharon Kaufman,

739-0230 or skaufman@holyspiritstl.org

or Julie Spinner,

739-0230 or jspinner@holyspiritstl.org

TED DREWES FROZEN CUSTARD SALE



July 8-9

After all Masses

In the Parish Hall

chocolate, vanilla or strawberry
9 oz size

\$3 each or 2 for \$5
benefitting Holy Spirit PSR

YOUTH MINISTRY

FIND US ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM! www.facebook.com/hsyouth & Instagram HS_YOUTH_STL

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH — ALL ARE WELCOME!

FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS AND SENIORS:

Week of fun and service: June 26-30 Summer Fun Week

*Messy Games Monday, June 26, 1-4:30p.m. Annex

*Zoofari Wednesday, June 28, 2-7p.m. picnic, Ted Drewes, baby hippo!

*Youth Group Thursday, June 29, 7-9p.m. Resource Center

*Service Friday, June 30, 1-4:30p.m. - Site TBA

Back to school retreat – is in the works for August 6-8. We'll start with mass together at Holy Spirit, drive to Camp Trinity (where we have Luke 18) and stay overnight to pray and play together to kick off the school year. All 2017/18 high school students are invited.

Eat, Pray, Discuss 2.0 — **EVERY Thursday** evening from 7-9 in the Resource Center. Come join us! In June we are focusing on communication, community and prayer. In July we will pray with the bible, do some journaling and find a prayer partner leading into our August retreat and kicking off the school year.

If you have graduated 8th grade and are going to be in high school next year, you are welcome to join our high school Eat, Pray, Discuss meetings every Thursday from 7-9 in the Resource Center.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TEENS...

. . . whose families are struggling.

WELCOME HOME to all our college students. All are welcome - check this out:

First Friday Holy Hour for young adults and youth
July 7, August 4 and September 1

St. Richard Catholic Church, 11223 Schuetz Rd., 63146 Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, evening prayer, and Benediction. Confession available afterwards.

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO START THINKING ABOUT THE FALL AND WINTER

National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) is a three-day conference for tens of thousands of teens from across the country. Held in Indianapolis November 16-18 (Thursday-Saturday). You will experience mass with thousands of teens, get to attend workshops and keynote sessions held by some of the best Catholic speakers and musicians in the country.

The March for Life is Friday, January 19. The pilgrimage is open to all 8-12th grade teens.

Both of these special events will require you to miss a couple days of school. The experiences you will have will be worth the sacrifice. Let Donna E. know if you need help communicating with your school's leadership about your absence.

POSITIVE THINGS TO SAY TO YOUNG PEOPLE

- ◆ I accept you as you are.
- ◆ You are helpful.
- ◆ You are worth my time.

YOUNG ADULT EVENTS WITH THE WAY STL

The Way STL is a young adults (ages 21-40) group for Holy Spirit, Incarnate Word, Our Lady of the Pillar, St. Monica and St. Richard Parishes.

First Friday Holy Hour

Take some time to catch fire in prayer! Evening Prayer, Adoration & Benediction, The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available.

Friday, July 7, at 7:00 PM at St. Richard Parish, 11223 Schuetz Rd, Saint Louis, MO 63146

Join us for drinks, food and fellowship following:
The Post Sports Bar & Grill, 763 Old Ballas Road, Creve Coeur, 63141

For more information on Men's and Women's Small groups, please contact:

Matt DeWitt: dewittmw@gmail.com or
Florence Davidson: florencedavidson11@gmail.com

Find out about other upcoming events at:

<https://www.thewaystl.org>

Like us on Facebook: The Way STL



GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise.

If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Parish Office, 739-0230.

Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser.

It "will pay" to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.

PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE

PAT & DICK GILL, 434-8323

“The challenge is to make the Church’s ‘yes’ to Life concrete and effective. The struggle will be long, and it needs each one of you. Place your intelligence, your talents, your enthusiasm, your compassion and your fortitude at the service of life!”

~ Pope John Paul II, “Homily,” August 15,

1993

The Holy Spirit Parish Pro-Life Meeting will be Tuesday, July 18, at 7 p.m. in the Annex Room 2. Come with your thoughts and questions about the most basic moral/social justice issue of our time. Respect for life involves us all so we hope that parishioners of all ages will feel welcome to attend. Call Pat/Dick Gill, 434-8323 for more information.

Fortnight for Freedom: Highlighting the importance of defending religious freedom, the Fortnight for Freedom began June 21, the vigil of the Feasts of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More, and continues to July 4, Independence Day. We are called to follow Christ as missionary disciples by seeking the truth, serving others, and living our faith in all that we do. Let us take a few moments each day from now until July 4 to pray, reflect, and take action on religious liberty, both here in this country and abroad.

Archbishop Robert J. Carlson reiterated that the archdiocese "will not comply" with a St. Louis ordinance (ordinance 70459, more commonly known as Board Bill 203) that violates religious freedom. St. Louis archdiocesan elementary schools joined Our Lady's Inn, O'Brien Industrial Holdings LLC and Frank Robert O'Brien in a federal lawsuit filed May 22 by the Thomas More Society. The lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri.

Participate in the worship and witness of HELPERS OF GOD’S PRECIOUS INFANTS on Saturday, July 15, (and every 3rd Saturday) beginning with 8:00 a.m. mass at the Cathedral Basilica on Lindell Blvd. Following Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and people of all ages make a peaceful Rosary procession to the local Planned Parenthood abortion facility to pray for an end to abortion and a respect for all human life. Those who cannot walk remain in the Cathedral praying the rosary before the Blessed Sacrament. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament concludes the morning.

St. Louis Friends of Birthright Annual Run for Life and Learning will be Saturday, August 26, at Creve Coeur Lake starting from the Tremayne Shelter in Sailboat Cove. This event is for the entire family, with a 6K Run/Walk around beautiful Creve Coeur Lake, a 1 Mile Fun Run, and a 1/4 mile Youth Run with FREDBIRD® of the St. Louis Cardinals for children 12 and younger! The Run for Life and Learning is held annually by the St. Louis Friends of Birthright Scholarship Committee. It is through your participation and generous donations that Birthright clients in financial need are able to secure safe housing and continue their education during their pregnancy and after the birth of their child. There are many opportunities to support this event! Visit RunForLifeAndLearning.org for information or to register.

Spiritual Healing After Abortion: Women often suffer physically, emotionally and spiritually after abortion and men can experience profound grief and loss as well. One of the core messages of the New Testament is that of mercy, healing, and reconciliation. That is still the good news of our faith. Jesus has paid for our sins; he wants us to be whole and holy again. Project Rachel and Project Joseph offer free professional counseling, monthly spiritual support groups, and retreats which provide the tools needed to accept the hope and healing that are our birthright as adopted sons and daughters of God.

The Project Rachel Spiritual Support Group for women meets monthly the fourth Thursday, 7 p.m. For more information, call Marisol Pfaff, (314) 792-7451 or ihnpfaff@swbell.net.

The Project Joseph Spiritual Support Group for men meets monthly the first Monday at 7 p.m. For more information, please contact Chuck Raymond, (314) 974-8767 or craymjr@sbcglobal.net.

If you or someone you know is in need of pregnancy help, there are two help centers in Holy Spirit Parish.

Birthright, 3435 Bridgeland Dr. Suite C, (314) 298-0945. Thrive, 11977 St. Charles Rock Road Suite 132, (314) 785-0211. Both are always in need of prayers, donations (especially diapers, wipes, onesies and money), and sometimes more volunteers. We should all be as generous as we are able to these amazing apostolates.

“Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.”

~ Pope Francis, “Day for Life Greeting.”

SPIRITED SENIORS—AUGUST EVENT

JOIN US FOR A CRUISE ON THE SPIRIT OF PEORIA!

Tuesday, August 29, meet at Annex at 7:15 AM.

We will carpool to the riverfront.

Here's what you can expect...

8:30 AM — Check in, Board, Enjoy a Hot Breakfast Buffet

9:30 AM — Live entertainment

10:15 AM — Arrive at Chain of Rocks Lock & Dam

11:30 AM — Hot Lunch Buffet

1:00 PM — Arrive at Mel Price Lock & Dam

1:15 PM — Live entertainment

2:30 PM — Hot hors d'oeuvres

4:00 PM — Arrive in Grafton

and board bus for return to St. Louis

5:00 PM — Arrive at St. Louis riverfront.

Cost: \$130 — All payments are due July 22nd.

ONLY 14 reservations remain.

Mail your checks payable to Tom Arri,

4104 Wyndham Park Drive St. Peters, Mo. 63376

Any questions call Tom, 636-387-6168

SOCIAL JUSTICE

An organization, Justice For All, offered a reflection on the Good Samaritan Scripture. "As a priest and a Levite walked on the road to Jericho one day, each saw the man left for dead by robbers, and each passed by." As Scott Klusendorf pointed out, we can imagine that these two passersby felt pity, but they did not actually take pity on the man. Only the third passerby on the road that day, the Samaritan, stopped to help the man. The Samaritan allowed himself to be completely put out by meeting the needs of the person in front of him.

The lawyer then questions Jesus — it appears he is asking, "whom should I love?" — but actually asking, "whom can I not love?" "Whom can I safely ignore?" ... rather "How can I become the sort of person who is a neighbor to anyone in need?" "Who should I become?" This cuts to the heart of brotherly love.

Ladies As Faith Filled Servants

Join us for some prayer and to plan ways to be of service in our community.

2nd & 4th Thursdays monthly in the Parish Hall



Brenda Hass – 314-973-1905

Kathy Farrar – 314-537-5447

STEPHEN MINISTRY

"Everyone who acknowledges Me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father."

~ Matthew 10 : 32

In humbling yourself to acknowledge that you need help...did you ever think that you were doing exactly what Jesus asked of us? When we realize that our prayer for help is actually more than that...It is us saying 'I know that you are there!' When we are struggling to get through life problems, and turn to the help of the Lay Stephen Ministry, we are turning to His help. Specially selected and trained men and women are caring, committed listeners who are non-judgmental and maintain confidentiality! Men work one-on-one with each man, and women work one-on-one with each woman. Consider calling the Stephen Ministry, 739-0230, ext.130, and leave a confidential message. You may find that your prayers for peace of mind have been answered! Share this message with someone!

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Remind your spouse that he or she is still number one in your life. Dedicate a unique experience to each other by attending a Marriage Encounter weekend on August 4-6 or September 22-24. To learn more about this weekend of a lifetime, click on www.stl-wwme.org or simply call 314.649.7317. See you there!

GREAT ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

Paul VI Institute of Catechetical and Pastoral Studies, which offers college-level courses to adults pursuing a greater understanding of the Catholic Church, will be accepting registration for summer classes. The faculty is drawn from many excellent Catholic academic institutions that grace our Archdiocese.

The institute is named in honor of Paul VI who led the church in the challenging task of implementing the renewal of the Second Vatican Council and of preserving the faith handed down from the Apostles. Paul VI is really one of the St. Louis area's hidden Catholic treasures -many Catholics still don't know much about the institute's 40-year history of providing Catholic doctrine, scripture, liturgy, and spirituality.

The institute will offer courses at various Archdiocesan parishes, and online. For information visit their website: www.archstl.org/paul6 or the main office at Paul VI 314.792.7450.

SAVE THE DATE
ACTS FUNDRAISER
TRIVIA NIGHT AT HOLY SPIRIT

October 7, 7:00 PM

If you would like to donate an auction item or basket, or sponsor a trivia round or table, contact Brenda Hass, 314-973-1905 or hasszoo@yahoo.com



AROUND TOWN

JUST FOR KIDS! AT PAULINE BOOKS & MEDIA!

Come join the sisters at Pauline Books & Media to celebrate the Centenary of Our Lady of Fatima with movies and a story time. Kids 3-8 years are welcome!

Tuesday, June 27, 10:30 am

Story Time, "Mary and the Little Shepherds of Fatima"
All events will be held at **Pauline Books & Media, 9804 Watson Rd, Crestwood. For information, 314-965-3512.**

ANNUAL LOVE AND LIFE MASS

You & your family are invited to enjoy an evening of faith, fellowship and fun on Saturday, July 8, in celebration of the 49th anniversary of the release of Humanae Vitae (July 25, 1968), a foundation encyclical on family love & the sanctity of life. Join friends from around the St. Louis area for this anticipated annual event sponsored by the Office of Natural Family Planning. Mass will be celebrated at 5pm at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis by Most Reverend Mark S. Rivituso, D.D., J.C.L., Auxiliary Bishop of St. Louis, followed by a dinner catered by Pasta House and family entertainment in Boland Hall. Adult: \$12, Children (Ages 3-11): \$6 {a maximum of \$50 per family} RSVP by June 30: 997.7576 or stlnfp@archstl.org

COME TO THE STILLNESS...

SUMMER YOGA AT MERCY CENTER

Tuesdays, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. July 11, 18, 25 & Aug. 1, 15

Men and women of all ages and ability levels are welcomed into this relaxing, safe and spacious environment where we build flexibility, strength, and balance while learning stress management and mindfulness techniques to quiet the mind, increase concentration, and build body confidence. Please bring a yoga mat & dress in loose, comfortable clothing.

5-Week Session: \$50

(Paid in advance or at first session with cash or check payable to Mercy Conference and Retreat Center.)

Mercy Center Auditorium, 2039 N. Geyer Rd., 63131

More Info: Agnes Brueggen, RSM

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Instructor: **Barb Michael**, a health & fitness consultant & owner of Optimal Lifestyles, Inc. She is a certified yoga instructor & registered Yoga Alliance's Yoga Teacher Registry. She has a graduate degree in Health Science from Washington University. She is also certified as an Exercise Physiologist, an Exercise is Medicine Instructor, a Personal Fitness Trainer, & Group Exercise instructor.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—JULY 10-14

St. Monica's Church, in the mornings
Parachute with the Angels,
St. Catherine of Labour

For more information contact:

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ST THEODORE PARISH ANNUAL PICNIC

Fried Chicken & Roast Beef Picnic

St. Theodore Picnic Grounds

(Hwy P to Grothe Road), **Flint Hill, MO**

3 miles North of Wentzville; 40 West of St. Louis on Hwy 61

Sunday, July 16, 11:30 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

Served Family Style - Carry Outs Available

Adults \$14/ Children 4- 10 \$7/ 3 years & under are free

Open Air Dining Hall, Shady Picnic

Grove, Ample Parking

Amusements- Quilts- live Music



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TOURS AND PILGRIMAGES

The Association of the Miraculous Medal would like to invite you to make a pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Perryville. A visit from you is always welcome. We are located eighty miles south of St. Louis, off Interstate 55. Many visitors repeatedly attest to the powerful impact the Shrine Church has on their faith. Be one of thousands of visitors each year who experience the spiritual and peaceful campus. **FREE** guided tours are available seven days a week. **Tours will be available from 9: AM to 4 PM on Monday, August 21, during the solar eclipse.** For more information about the Shrine and planning a visit, see our website www.amm.org/visit.

ST. PATRICK'S CENTER NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Help local families move from homelessness to housing with needed cleaning supplies. St. Patrick Center is seeking donations of the following items for clients moving into apartments and homes: mops, buckets, brooms, all-purpose cleaner, bathroom cleaner, dish soap, paper towels and toilet paper. For more information, contact Katie Joseph kjoseph@stpatrickcenter.org or 802-1976.

DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY

Summer Online Retreat | July 9-13, 2017



Meet with us on Skype or by phone to reflect and ask questions about discerning religious life. Walk through tools and materials with a retreat director and pray with us. We're here to meet you where you are, on your time. Open to single Catholic women ages 18-40.

For more information, contact Sister Virginia Ann Brooks, D.C. at sistervirginiaann.brooks@doc.org or 812-963-7559. Register online at called2.be/SummerOnline17

12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:10-13
Ps 69:8-10,14,17,33-35
Romans 5:12-15
Matthew 10:26-33

Monday June 26

Genesis 12:1-9
Ps 33:12-13,18-20,22
Matthew 7:1-5

Tuesday June 27

Genesis 13:2,5-18
Ps 15:2-5
Matthew 7:6,12-14

Wednesday June 28

St. Irenaeus

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18
Ps 105:1-4,6-9
Matthew 7:15-20

Thursday June 29

Sts. Peter and Paul

Acts 12:1-11
Ps 34:2-9
2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18
Matthew 18:13-19

Friday June 30

Genesis 17:1,9-10,15-22
Ps 128:1-5
Matthew 8:1-4

Saturday July 1

Genesis 18:1-15
Luke 1:46-50,53-55
Matthew 8:5-17

Think of a time when you were in darkness: a sin, for example, or when you felt abandoned by God or your prayers seemed dry and your spiritual gifts seemed covered over. What did Jesus say to you at that time (perhaps through scripture or friends or a homily at Mass)? What did his whisperings tell you? His words and his guidance were good news for you!

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus says: "What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light."

He's calling you and commissioning you and empowering you, through his Holy Spirit, to share your good news with others, so that they can hear him in *their* darkness. Proclaim it boldly and visibly so that those who want to hear it will stop and listen. Do not be afraid to openly share how Jesus has been working in your life and how he's helped you grow or heal or turn away from sin.

Yes, when we're this bold, some people ridicule us and reject us, like how Jeremiah was treated in the first reading. But the Lord is with you, too, as "a mighty champion," and your persecutors will eventually stumble and fail. Jesus tells us to "fear no one." God takes good care of us.

Jesus acknowledges those who acknowledge him. In other words, when we're insulted or persecuted for our faith, God holds us and comforts us. It's *his* opinion of



us that matters anyway, and no one else's. Listen to him. In the whispers of the sanctuary of your heart, he's telling you all the good that he sees in you. He's telling you that he appreciates the good you have done. He's giving you good news worth sharing.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What is your testimony? What did Jesus teach you when you were in sin or handling a recent difficulty? Write it down; this exercise will help you feel more confident when you try to share your story with others.
2. Practice sharing the testimony you realized during the above personal reflection: Proclaim it first to your community of friends who understand.
3. As you listen to the testimonies of others, encourage them: Tell them how their story helps you.
4. Make a commitment to go forth and spread the good news. What does this commitment look like? What will you do first to fulfill your commitment?

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — (JULY 2, 2017)

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16A — Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 — Rom 6:3-4, 8-11 — Mt 10:37-42

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