

Holy Spirit Parish Family

July 23, 2017 — Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

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PARISH ANNEX

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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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday, July 24

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.
7:00 p.m.—Infant Baptism Parent Mtg., Church

Tuesday, July 25

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

Wednesday, July 26

9:00 a.m.—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.
—Exposition/Benediction, Church
7:00 p.m.—Bible Study, St. Lawrence Rm.

Thursday, July 27

11:00 a.m.—Lunch Bunch, Off Property
6:30 p.m.—Men's ACTS Team,
7:00 p.m.—High School Gathering, Holy Spirit Rm.
—L.A.F.F.S., Parish Hall

Sunday, July 30

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

FINAL WEEK TO UPDATE!!!

Parish



Directory

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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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Stewardship for July 3-9, 2017

Sunday Envelopes, 263 utilized	\$15,910.00
Loose Collection	\$ 656
Online Donations, 76 families	<u>\$ 6,690.00</u>
Total	\$23,256.00
Weekly Budget	\$20,576.00
Weekly Surplus (shortfall)	\$ 2,680.00

HandS	Parish Improvements
\$ 250.00	\$ 773.00

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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



Betty Apprill
Jean Bauer
Becky Bonner
Jim Brockmeyer
Ed Cody
Matthew Cody
Wanda Doering
Till Fehrenbacher
Ed Flores
Chris Foster
Ray Garvels
John Harty
Roger Horton

Al Katzler
Frank Kekeisen
Marie Knox
Mary Ann Koperski
Charles Kraemer
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
Shane Katzler
Samantha Kerwin
Dennis King
Irene Lee

Cameron Meyer
Christine Meyer
Luke Meyer
Ron Meyer
Mike Mitra
Logan Nevlin
Melinda Oeth
Judy O'Hare

Mark Pearia
Brianna Pfeiffer
Anthony
Pyzdrowski
Grace Solimando
Janice Van Stratton
Jean Villegas
Vera Yingling

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 23

7:30am Victoria Lawson
9:00am For Our Parishioners
11:00am Rich Davenport, Special Intention

Monday, July 24

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

Tuesday, July 25

6:30am Communion Service
8:00am Glennon F. Audrain

Wednesday, July 26

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

Thursday, July 27

6:30am Communion Service
8:00am Patricia Biffignani

Friday, July 28

6:30am Communion Service
8:00am Deborah Tucker

Saturday, July 29

8:00am Baby Dedrick
5:00pm Lorraine Milligan

Sunday, July 30

7:30am For Our Parishioners
9:00am Victoria Lawson
11:00am George Jamieson

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

We express our deep sympathy and assurance of our prayers to the family of **Anthony Degenhardt**

brother of Frank; uncle of Savanna. May his soul rest in the Peace of Christ.



July 29-30	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	MINISTRY SCHEDULE — JULY 29-30
Hospitality	D Hass J Riesmeyer N Wibbenmeyer D Klein C Milligan G Murphy K Shamel	N Rolfes F & K Gallagher T Canavan R Fetsch F Gallagher J Saputo	M Webb G & M Boulicault K Flood B Haggarty S Hirschmugl W Schlenk	M Keating M & MA Sampson H Free J Greco P Gruszczynski M Kohl C VanDoren	
Hearing Assist	R Slice	MB Chik	T & J Myslinski	J Sicking	
Lectors	T Wilhelm	J DeNatale	J Pattison	B Jaeger	
Eucharistic Ministers	D Casey A Lange A Merris J & J Chrismer D & M Schulte R & N Swantner	J Hanneken K Kenning M McCarthy R & MB Chik	D Braatz L Cwiklowski M DeWitt P DeWitt MJ Flynn L Gath D Hachmeister N Meyer L Nolan	P Abramczyk E Accardi F Davidson C Lamorette J Painter A Wehking R & M Keating Sub Requested	
Servers	B Benedict K Benedict Sub Requested	JP Freygang A Woodard Sub Requested	J DeNatale A Huber B Pattison	J Purvis T Purvis Sub Requested	

SCHOOL NEWS

School SUMMER OFFICE HOURS — 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!

CAR WASH

Calling all dirty cars! Holy Spirit's Boy Scout Troop #954 will be holding a car wash in the Rectory parking lot next Sunday, July 30, during all masses. Please support the young men of our parish and their camping fund.



PSR NEWS

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.psenroll.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

VBS 2017 NEWS:

A DVD of photos from the Mighty Fortress Vacation Bible School program is available in the Parish Hall. One per family please. These will be available in July and August.

Please remember to turn in your VBS evaluation form as soon as possible to the Parish Office.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM COMPLIANCE:

ANYONE who works with or volunteers with children and/or vulnerable adults must be compliant with the Safe Environment Program of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis as set forth by the USCCB. (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

Compliance includes attending a Protecting God's Children Workshop, completing a Worker Registration Form to obtain a background check, and reading and signing a Code of Ethical Conduct. Each location must have copies of individual background checks & code of ethics forms on file for all active volunteers and employees. Additional

background checks may be necessary if you have lived out of state in previous years.

To register online for a Protecting God's Children Workshop, please visit www.archstl.org and click on the Protecting God's Children link. You will be redirected to the VIRTUSOnline.org site to complete the registration process. The Code of Ethical Conduct and worker registration forms are available from your parish Child Safety Coordinator (Mary Welsh at the Parish Office). If you have questions or need assistance with this process please contact Mary at the parish office, 314-739-0230, or the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Program, 314-792-7272.

Missouri Background Checks are obtained when you begin your ministry and are updated every even numbered year. Please let the Mary at the parish office know if you would like to be removed from the list of active volunteers. You must also contact the Missouri Family Care Safety Registry, 1-866-422-6872 with address changes.

For your convenience, Holy Spirit will be hosting two Protecting God's Children Workshops: Thursday, August 17, 9 a.m. to Noon and Monday, August 21, 6 to 9 p.m. both in the Parish Hall.

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:

Experience Mass in other communities: we are planning Mass field trips to check out how other parishes in our archdiocese worship. We'll go to mass and then out to lunch afterwards. Plan to join us. on **July 30 – for Latin mass at St. Frances de Sales**. Mass begins at 10:00. We'll meet by the Resource Center at 9:00 and carpool. Afterwards, we'll go out for a bite to eat and return around 2:00. Permission forms needed if you will be riding with one of our chaperones.

Back to school retreat – is in the works for August 6-7 to kick off the school year. We'll start with 9:00 a.m. Mass together at Holy Spirit, drive to Camp Trinity (where we have Luke 18) and stay overnight to pray and play together returning home around 3:30. 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 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 us. This group has a retreat in the fall, a lock-in in winter, and helps lead Luke 18.

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

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

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

RCIA

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church?

Is a spouse, fiancé, neighbor, friend, or co-worker interested?

The RCIA process enables those who are interested in the Catholic faith to “come & see,” to explore Catholic teaching and to discover what it means to be a Catholic Christian. Most people come because they are invited

Be the voice of Christ and offer the first invitation.

RCIA is for anyone unbaptized or baptized in another Christian tradition, as well as Catholic who are baptized but have never celebrated Confirmation or received First Communion. There is no commitment placed on any one who may be interested or who has questions.

Please contact Karen Rychlewski, 314-739-0230, krychlewski@holyspiritstl.org, or have them contact us so we can invite them to attend inquiry sessions beginning September 5th at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

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.

CONFIRMATION

2017—Meeting: August 23, 7-9 in the Parish Hall;
Session 7 is August 27, 10:10-12:40

2018—Introductory meeting: October 18, 7-8:30
in the Parish Hall

POSITIVE THINGS TO SAY TO YOUNG PEOPLE

- ◇ I enjoy spending time with you.
- ◇ You are interesting.
- ◇ I love hearing your stories.

YOUNG ADULT EVENTS WITH THE WAY STL Check us out online for more information!

E-mail: thewaystlouis@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/thewaystl/>

Website: www.thewaystl.org

First Friday Holy Hour—August 4 & September 6

Come participate in a holy hour with young adults. Commences with Evening Prayer, followed by quiet adoration and Sacrament of Reconciliation available. Concludes with Benediction. Food and drinks follow at a local eatery. All ages are welcome! Starts @ 7pm, St. Richard's Parish (11223 Schuetz Rd, 63146)

The Way BBQ - August 9

Food and drinks with friends. We'll bring the main course and drinks. You bring a side or dessert. And if you have kids, bring them along too – there's a playground. **RSVP by August 7**, e-mailing or Facebook!

6pm, Burgoon Sports Complex, St. Richard's Parish (park in lot behind church)

Women's Emmaus Study Group*

7-8:30pm 2nd and 4th Wednesdays

Men's Emmaus Study Group*

7-8:30pm 1st and 3rd Wednesdays

E-mail us for more information

*Emmaus study group is a small faith sharing group. Topics covered are determined by the group and range from weekly readings, study of specific books of the Bible, & video series.



CARNIVAL NEWS

**SAVE THE DATE...
IT'S COMING!!!**

The Annual Parish Carnival will be
FRIDAY & SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 8 & 9

Mark your calendars...AND...Watch the bulletin
for more details!!!

Many hands will make it another successful event!

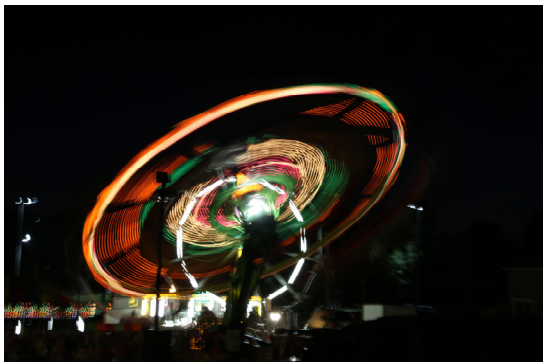


CALLING ALL CHAIRPERSONS AND/OR VOLUNTEERS

The Holy Spirit Carnival Committee is looking for people to chair booths during the annual parish Carnival being held on Friday, September 8th and Saturday, September 9th this year. This is a great opportunity to get involved with your community and build relationships.

We have several booths still in need of chairpersons so please consider supporting our parish carnival.

If you were a 2016 Chairperson and haven't responded to our previous email communications to chair again, please contact Jean Painter as soon as possible to let us know your plans for 2017.



Don't want to Chair but you have a high school student who needs service hours or you want to volunteer a couple of hours working in a booth during the carnival?

Just let us know your preferences and we would be happy to find a place for your talents!

Thank you so very much for your continued support of our amazing parish Carnival!

To sign up to Chair a booth or work in a booth during the weekend or if you have any questions please contact:

Jean Painter

JeanandJeffpainter@gmail.com

or (314)853-3699 cell

and (314)291-6435 home.



CARNIVAL NEWS

Back by Popular Demand

CHICKEN DINNER

Served Saturday evening...

Watch the bulletin for more details!



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Chicken
Dinner



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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.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

It has been said that the greatest gift you can give your children is two parents who are deeply in love with each other. No matter how old your children are, you can polish your gift on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. You deserve the best! To apply for a weekend on August 4-6, September 22-24 or December 1-3, see our website at www.stl-wwme.org or call 314.649.7317.

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 Guide Book & Directory.

BRIDGES

Information Session for THE IGNATIAN RETREAT in DAILY LIFE: Holy Spirit Parish is one of four sites in the Greater St. Louis Area offering the Bridges Spiritual Retreat of St. Ignatius. There are many gifts available from praying the Spiritual Exercises, such as: a deeper understanding of who I am in relationship to God, to others and to all Creation; an appreciation of Pope Francis' spirituality; and the development of an esteemed discernment process. The retreat meets weekly on Wednesdays from September, 2017, and extends into the 2018 Easter Season. **The date for the information session at Holy Spirit Parish is Wednesday, August 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the Resource Center.** At the Bridges website <http://bridgesfoundation.org>, you will find more information about the retreat and dates of all the summer information sessions. Please call the site coordinator, Linda Leib (314 313-8283), for further information and/or questions.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP FOR OLDER ADULTS

Are you an older adult age 55+ who enjoys reading? If so, consider a 7-week discussion and reflection based on the book by Father Richard Rohr,

FALLING UPWARD:

A SPIRITUALITY FOR THE TWO HALVES OF LIFE

In the book Fr. Rohr helps readers to understand the task of the two halves of life. He shows that those who have fallen, failed or "gone down," are the only ones who understand "up."

The group will gather on Mondays from 9:30–10:45 a.m. in the St. Lawrence Room of the Resource Center, beginning August 4. Book cost is \$10.

To register contact Karen Rychlewski at the Parish Office 739.0230, krychlewski@holyspiritstl.org

HANDS FOOD PANTRY REMINDER

Thank you to the families who faithfully fill the bins in the church gathering space every week! However, the requests for food have increased and our pantry shelves are getting pretty bare. Please help us continue to assist families in need in our parish community.

The food pantry is low on many items. We are in need of cereal, stew, chili, canned ravioli, spaghetti and sauce, plain rice and noodles, and boxed macaroni & cheese.

The Food Pantry volunteers thank you!



GET READY

Holy Spirit's Annual

TAILGATE SALE

Is coming September 23

For more information, call Karen, 291-1971

Spaces \$20

Rain or Shine event

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Catholic Social Teaching—The principle of COMMON GOOD is justice related. The Second Vatican Council describes the common good as "the sum of those conditions of social life which allows social groups and their individual members relatively thorough and ready access to their own fulfillment." (GS26) Pope Francis refers to the common good as a "central and unifying principle of social ethics." It involves a conscious sense of respect for all persons individually, acknowledgment of basic human dignity for everyone and encourages the development of each person's human potential."

It is important we understand these principles.

N.W. Soc. Team

STEPHEN MINISTRY

"You, O Lord, are good...abounding in kindness to all who call upon you. Hearken to my prayer and attend to the sound of my pleading."
~ Psalm 86:5

As we struggle to get through life problems, there may be a feeling of shame that we 'struggle', and most certainly as we think of asking for help. We sometimes think we should be able to 'get through this' alone! Of course, it takes great strength and trust to be able to ask for help. Holy Spirit Parish has the Lay Stephen Ministry to help those who are struggling. Specially selected and trained men and women listen carefully, gently guide and keep all conversations with those that they serve, in confidence! Consider calling Stephen Ministry, 739-0230, ext.130, and leave a confidential message. You may find the wholeness you seek! Share this message, please!

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP)

What Can Natural Family Planning do for you?

NFP methods represent authentic family planning—used to both achieve and postpone a pregnancy.

July 23-29 is National NFP Awareness Week

Did you know that NFP:

- * Strengthens your marriage and your relationship with God,
- * Is 100% organic with no side effects,
- * Identifies and guides treatment for health concerns (PMS, infertility, acne, hormone imbalances),
- * Saves money, and
- * Empowers you to take control of your fertility?

To learn more connect with the Archdiocesan Office of Natural Family Planning—www.stlouisnfp.com or @stlnfp on FaceBook, Twitter and Instagram.

AROUND TOWN

WINE: READ BETWEEN THE WINE'S SUMMER BOOK CLUB

The Daughters of St. Paul will once again host WINE, Women in the New Evangelization and their Summer Book Club, "Read Between the Wine's" on **Wednesdays, 1 - 2 pm through August 9 at Pauline Book's and Media, 9804 Watson Rd.**

WINE is a creative and inspired ministry to invigorate Catholic women through encouraging, supporting, and nurturing them in their faith and by equipping and mobilizing them as intentional disciples of Jesus Christ. WINE begins with an invitation for women to enter into a life-changing encounter with Christ and to "do whatever he tells you." Jn. 2:2-5 Stay connected with your faith and friends this summer, as we read "Who Does He Say You Are" by Colleen Mitchell. **For more information call 314-965-3512.** Have a blessed Summer!

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.

PALLOTTINE RENEWAL CENTER PRESENTS

SINGER/SONGWRITER MATT FALEY ON JULY 26

Pallottine Renewal Center is pleased to host Matt Faley on Wednesday, July 26, for two special events. Matt, who works in young adult ministry in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, is a dynamic speaker & singer/songwriter, bringing his gift of storytelling to sharing the Gospel across the country.

From 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Matt will present "I Thirst" as part of Pallottine's Speaker Series. Costs is \$25, lunch included. At 7 p.m., Matt will perform in concert followed by a reception. The concert is free; \$10 free will offering suggested. Pallottine is located at 15270 Old Halls Ferry Road, Florissant, MO 63034. For more information visit pallottinerenewal.org or call 314-837-7100.

ST. PATRICK'S CENTER NEEDS YOUR HELP!

People who are newly housed often don't have air conditioning. St. Patrick Center needs your help to keep them cool. St. Patrick Center is seeking donations of working, new or gently used box fans during the summer months. They can be delivered to St. Patrick Center's back dock Monday-Friday from 8am to 4pm. For more information, contact Katie Joseph at kjoseph@stppatrickcenter.org or 314-802-1976.

PLEASE JOIN THE CORNERSTONE CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE STUDY

It is a Catholic bible study group that will lead you on a faith journey that can transform your heart and mind. This year, join us as we study the Gospel according to John and see how John reveals the glory and divinity of God's only son, Jesus the Messiah.

Meetings begin in September at each of our eight locations.

Monday 9:30-11:30— St. Cletus (St. Charles)

Tuesday 9:30-11:30—St. Monica Creve Coeur Mo
Begins September 12

Wednesday 9:30-11:30—Mary Mother of the Church
and St. Joseph's in Clayton

Thursday 9:30-11:15—Annunziata

Thursday 7:00-8:45pm—Mary Queen of Peace and
Our Lady of Lourdes

Metro East

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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.

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Wisdom 12:13,16-19
Ps 86:5-6,9-10,15-16
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43

Monday July 24

Exodus 14:5-18
Ex 15:1bc-6
Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday July 25

St. James
2 Corinthians 4:7-15
Ps 126:1bc-,6
Matthew 20:20-28

Wednesday July 26

Sts. Joachim and Anne

Exodus 16:1-5,9-15
Ps 78:18-19,23-28
Matthew 13:1-9

Thursday July 27

Exodus 19:1-2,9-11,16-20b
Dan 3:52-56
Matthew 13:10-17

Friday July 28

Exodus 20:1-17
Ps 19:8-11
Matthew 13:18-23

Saturday July 29

St. Martha
Exodus 24:3-8
Ps 50:1b-2,5-6,14-15
John 11:19-27
or Luke 10:38-42

Go and Make Disciples, published by the US Bishops in 1992, names three important layers of evangelization: (1) Nurture your own faith-growth, (2) invite others to conversion, and (3) transform society through true Christian living. Jesus teaches us these same three strategies, using parables.



(1) Nurture your own faith-growth:

In the kingdom of God, we are like good wheat growing amidst weeds. This takes effort; the weeds will take over if we're not working daily at growing in holiness. What have you been doing to prevent the weeds around you from taking over and strangling your holiness? How is your faith life benefiting from living in the midst of non-believers and evil? Your Father-Creator is empowering you to grow.

(2) Invite others to conversion: In the kingdom of God, we are like the tiniest of seeds that grow into a bush so large that others benefit from our growth. Who is benefiting from your faith? How is your spiritual growth inviting them into a closer relationship with Jesus? The Holy Spirit is empowering you to evangelize others if you're willing to minister to them using what you've learned from your experiences.

(3) Transform society: In the kingdom of God, we are like yeast that helps the whole batch swell up and mature into the bread of life that nourishes others. What are you involved in, as a Christian, that improves the world? Is your faith making a difference in your workplace, your community, and your parish? During Mass, as you receive the nourishment of the Eucharist, you are empowered to become Eucharist for the world.

Mass ends with Christ commissioning you, through the presider, to be the yeast of goodness that affects those around you.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Maybe you never saw yourself as an "evangelist", but you are! This is your calling as a baptized Christian. Which of the above three areas of evangelization are you most actively doing?
2. Which needs more of your attention?
3. Give an example from your own life (or from the life of someone you know or have heard about) that illustrates one of the three goals above.
4. What about the other goals? Make sure that, in your discussion as a family or faith sharing group, examples are given for all three goals of evangelization.

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — (JULY 30, 2017)

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 — Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 — Rom 8:28-30 — Mt 13:44-52

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