

So he went in and said to them,
"Why this commotion and weeping?
The child is not dead but asleep."

MARK 5:39

LIFE: THE ESSENCE OF SALVATION

God did not make death," the book of Wisdom declares. Our God is a God of life, whose will for us is expressed in such words as being, wholesome, undying, imperishable. This God calls us "to walk in the light of Christ," which is life, and not in the "darkness of hatred and sin," which is death.

We must, therefore, be on the side of life, opposed to death. This should include opposition to all those things that diminish life.

The Gospel is about two healing incidents in the life of Jesus, healings which show that Jesus willed life, and willed full life. The Greek word for being healed also means being saved: to be brought to full life is the essence of salvation.

The Second Reading mentions another form of the diminution of life: poverty. No one should live on the survival level: "there should be a certain equality."

We live in a society that pays lip-service to respect for life, and does not even do that much for quality of life. Jesus Christ challenges us to create a society that values life and rescues people from all forms of death and dying.

Every man has the right to life, to bodily integrity, and to the means which are necessary and suitable for the proper development of life. These means are primarily food, clothing, shelter, rest, medical care, and finally the necessary social services. Therefore, a human being also has the right to security in cases of sickness, inability to work, widowhood, old age, unemployment, or in any other case in which he is deprived of the means of subsistence through no fault of his own.

U.S. Bishops, *Pastoral Letter on Marxist Communism*, 1980:32.

AS YOU PRAY THIS WEEK

Remember Those Who Are Sick

Kyndel Dasenbrock	Bonnie Hicks	Scott Lowe	Ken Woods	Aggie Mathis	Barbara Youngstrom
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-Campernolet	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

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

Tim, Allison, Jackson, and
Amelia Karagiannis

Carol Knipp

BAPTISMS

Kinslee Mae Laiben
daughter of Dylan and Emma

REST IN PEACE

Virginia Leonard
parishioner

FOLLOW US ON-LINE

There you will find an abundance of additional information about the parish including details on many of the organizations and activities and you could even listen to a previous homily!



YOUR GIFT TO GOD

June 24, 2018

Regular Contributions.....	\$24,489.35
Budgeted Amount.....	\$29,000.00
Excess (Deficit)	(\$4,510.65)

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Monday, July 2

Seasonal Weekday

Am 2:6-10, 13-16 Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 Mt 8:18-22

6:30 am † Pat Deaton

8:00 am † Galicano Bolanos, Sr.

Tuesday, July 3

St. Thomas, Apostle

Eph 2:19-22 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Jn 20:24-29

6:30 am † Eileen Otti

8:00 am † Richard Cerny

Wednesday, July 4

Independence Day

Is 57:15-19 Ps 85:9,10,11-12,13-14 Jas 3;13-18 Mt 5:38-48.

9:00 am All Service Men and Women

Thursday, July 5

Seasonal Weekday; St. Andrew Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal

Am 7:10-17 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 Mt 9:1-8

6:30 am † Lawrence Gallagher

8:00 am † Floyd Wuellner

10:00 am Garden View † Poor Souls

Friday, July 6

St. Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr

Am 8:4-6, 9-12 Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131 Mt 9:9-13

6:30 am † Sr. Jeanne Granville

8:00 am † Jeff Jonker

10:00 am Big Bend Woods † Nora Ceselsky

Saturday, July 7

Seasonal Weekday; Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

Am 9:11-15 Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 Mt 9:14-17

8:00 am † James K. Baker

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Vigil Mass

Ez 2:2-5 Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 2 Cor 12:7-10 Mk 6:1-6a

5:00 pm † Arthur H. Brandt

Sunday, July 8

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

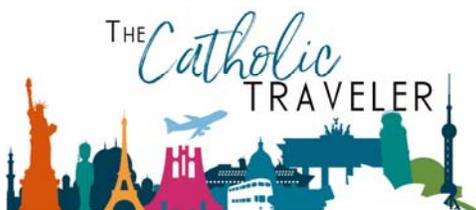
Ez 2:2-5 Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 2 Cor 12:7-10 Mk 6:1-6a

7:30 am † Galicano Bolanos, Sr.

9:30 am † Howard Amick

11:30 am † Genevieve Kloepfel

5:30 pm † Gerry Lange



(Last of the Series)

Our series on the Top 10 Catholic Cities (in no particular order) concludes. The selections have been 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.

Los Angeles

It might be best known for Hollywood, movie stars and Sunset Boulevard, but the City of Angels, home to 4.2 million Catholics (in the diocese), has a rich Catholic history dating back to the settlement of Spanish missions by Franciscan friars along California's coast.

San Gabriel Arcángel Mission, founded Sept. 8, 1771, by Father Pedro Cambón and Father Angel Somera, was the original mother church of Los Angeles County. The original altar was handmade in Mexico City, and surrounding wooden statues were carved in Spain.

Just to the north of the city is Mission San Fernando Rey de Espana, founded in 1797. Not to miss there is the elaborately carved altar, reredos and pulpit — handmade out of walnut. These pieces originally were installed in the chapel of St. Philip Neri in Spain, then were reassembled for use at San Fernando. The mission also is home to the Bob Hope Memorial Garden, the final resting place of the comedian and Catholic convert.

Juxtaposed with the traditional architecture of the missions, the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, the mother church of Los Angeles, is a massive, modern structure completed in 2002 to accommodate more than 3,000

worshippers.

The cathedral was built in place of more historic St. Vibiana's Cathedral, which closed in 1995 due to earthquake damage. The new cathedral is a permanent home to a piece of St. Juan Diego's tilma with the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe upon it, as well as the largest collection of tapestries hanging in a Catholic church in the United States.

Two other places of interest: the Monastery of the Angels just north of Hollywood, renowned for its homemade goodies; and the Church of the Good Shepherd in Hollywood, the oldest church in Beverly Hills. The church appeared in several movies, was the site of Gary Cooper's conversion, and hosted Frank Sinatra's funeral.

And lastly, but certainly by no means, the least...

St. Louis

Known as "the Rome of the West" because of its rich Catholic history, St. Louis was pivotal in spreading Catholicism into the western half of the United States. Its "Old Cathedral," the Basilica of St. Louis, King, was founded in 1770 and is the first Catholic cathedral west of the Mississippi River.

The "New Cathedral," formally known as the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, is a sight to see in its own right with its Byzantine revival architecture and what is believed to be the largest collections of mosaics in North America. According to the cathedral's website, these mosaics were designed "to remind all of us that God reaches into our earthly lives."

St. Louis also is home to the St. Pat-

rick Center, an action-based service provider of housing, employment and health services for the homeless or those at risk for homelessness. The St. Patrick Center assists more than 9,000 people each year.

A shrine to St. Rose Philippine Duchesne — a French sister of the Sacred Heart who brought formalized Catholic education to Missouri in 1818 — is located on the outskirts of the city in St. Charles. Her school for girls was the foundation of not only the Academy of the Sacred Heart in St. Charles, but Catholic education as a whole in the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

St. Louis is the hometown of New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, and has a long list of archbishops and cardinals to its name, including Cardinal John Carberry, who died in 1998, and Cardinal Raymond Leo Burke, in St. Louis from 2003 to 2008, who now serves as the prefect of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura at the Vatican.

St. Louis also is home to the cloistered Holy Spirit Adoration Sisters (often called the "Pink Sisters" because of their rose-colored habits) at Mount Grace Convent, who have been in perpetual adoration since 1928 — a remarkable 85 years.

The adoration chapel is open to the public daily and identifies itself as a place "where heaven and earth meet in the heart of the Church and where prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament is an oasis of peace for all who seek God."



Basilica of St. Louis, King, is also known as the "Old Cathedral."

This article was originally written by Gretchen R. Crowe who is the editor of OSV Newsweekly.

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

Adoration is a perfect time to spend with God in being grateful for today, talking to God about your daily life and situations. Asking God for forgiveness and peace in your heart. Praying for others who are special in your life to bless them. If interested please call Judy Barger or email (636-343-6025), barger-ja@hotmail.com

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. Time for a vacation; time for a different schedule; time for a change of pace, but not a time to let up on those practices that strengthen your faith. 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.

THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS IS NOW OFFERING SCRIPTURE STUDY COURSES ONLINE

Bible Study group or individuals can enroll in one of five online courses: The Gospel of John; Women in the Bible; In Search of St. Paul; The Book of Revelation; and The Passion Narratives in the Gospels of Mark, Matthew, Luke and John. Each course features recommended readings, extensive study notes, and a facilitated discussion board for comments and questions.

The courses will begin July 1 and continue through August 31. The same five courses will be offered again from September 1 through October 31.

The courses are facilitated by Mark Etling, Ph.D., Spiritual Programs Coordinator at the Shrine. The fees are \$40 per person for a four-unit course, and \$60 per person for a six-unit course.

To enroll in a Shrine Scripture Study course, call 618-394-6270 or go online: snows.org/onlineScripture.



SACRED HEART RESPECT LIFE

(respectlife@sacredheart-vp.com)

Thursday, July 26 – Respect Life Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Upper Room. Please join us!

Saturday, July 28 – Prayer Vigil – 11:00 am – 12:00 pm at Planned Parenthood, Stonegate Plaza

Members of our parish will be prayerfully standing outside Planned Parenthood for our monthly vigil. All are welcome!

Spiritual Adoption – Parish participants in this program spiritually adopt a baby known by God to be at risk of abortion by pledging to pray daily for nine months. More information will be coming in the weeks ahead.



Please Pray for Life

UPCOMING RETREATS

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.

PROJECT RACHEL RETREAT

August 17-19

Abortion can leave deep, unresolved wounds in the hearts and souls of women. If you or a woman you know is hurting from an abortion experience, the St. Louis Project Rachel Team is offering a retreat on August 17-19 for

women seeking hope, healing, and peace. The retreat is offered in a private, nonjudgmental setting. To learn more or to sign up, contact Marisol at 314-792-7451 or ihnpfaff@swbell.net, or go to <http://archstl.org/respectlife/page/project-rachel-retreats>

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.

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.



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 is closed during July. You are welcome to call us and leave a message. Phones are checked regularly and you will be contacted as soon as possible.



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

July 1 (Tonight): Summer Movie Series
July 8-22: Summer Movie Series
July 29: No Life Night - Teen ACTS

Open Naz (High School) - Thursdays 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Join us to hang out, with a football, watch a movie, or enjoy great conversation

EDGE (Middle School Ministry)

Contact Rachel Henry for Information on Summer Service Days at 636-225-5268 ext. 234 or by email: Rachel@sacredheart-vp.com

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



FEEDING THE HOMELESS

The monthly chili mac casseroles for St. Patrick's Center are due to be brought in THIS 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.

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>

MEET YOUR PARISHIONERS AT ANOTHER TABLE

Sacred Heart has an active Bridge Group and we would love to have you join. We are looking for people who love the game and enjoy a great community. We play in each other's homes during the months of September through May. You can join alone (we will attempt to find a partner) --- or bring your own partner. Call Sandy Bellon at 636-225-5229 or Kathy Janson at 636-225-6991 for more information before July 30th.

CHURCH CLEANING CREW

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, July 1

Kateri and Kister Courts Closed for Refinishing

Monday, July 2

Kateri and Kister Courts Closed for Refinishing

Tuesday, July 3

Kateri and Kister Courts Closed for Refinishing

Wednesday, July 4

Kateri and Kister Courts Closed for Refinishing

Thursday, July 5

Kateri and Kister Courts Closed for Refinishing

Friday, July 6

Kateri and Kister Courts Closed for Refinishing

Saturday, July 7

Kateri and Kister Courts Closed for Refinishing

KEY:

KA - Kateri Court • KI - Kister Court

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following eighth grade graduates who were awarded the Sacred Heart Athletic Association scholarships! The awards were based on participation, ability, and sportsmanship. These awards will be sent directly to their Catholic high schools for tuition and other costs.

- Isaac Cyr \$1000 (CBC high school)
- Joshua Kacich \$500 (CBC high school)
- Lindsey Reifsteck \$1000 (Duchesne high school)
- Rachel Gatewood \$500 (Cor Jesu Academy)

Great Job!

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 con-

tact 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.

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.

OUR PARISH, OUR COMMUNITY

FR. SCHEID PLAYERS PRESENT THE MUSICAL COMEDY "GUYS AND DOLLS"

Come see the Fr. Scheid Players' performance of the musical comedy Guys and Dolls at Incarnate Word Academy on July 20 and 21 at 7:30 pm, and July 22 at 2:00 pm. The cast features five priests from the Archdiocese of St. Louis and more than 80 youth and adults from 35 parishes. All proceeds help to support the ministries of the Catholic Youth Apostolate. To purchase tickets, please call 314-605-7521. For more information, visit www.archstl.org/catholicyouth.

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 after 5:30 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. Jeffrey A. Maassen
Senior Associate Rev. Patrick J. Christopher
Deacon Rev. Mr. Charles R. Snyder
Deacon Rev. Mr. Gary Peterson
Director of Religious Education Mrs. Cheryl Degenhart
Parish School Principal..... Dr. Jeanne Gearon
Director of Youth Ministry Ms. Rachel Henry
Director of Liturgical Music Mr. Nathan D. Jackson

PARISH OFFICES

Parish Business Office..... 636-225-5268
 Fax 636-225-6969
 Hours Monday-Friday 8:30 am - 8:30 pm
 Saturday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
 Sunday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Parish School & Preschool Office 636-225-3824
 Fax 636-225-8941
Religious Education Office..... 636-225-0341
St. Vincent de Paul Helpline..... 636-825-2097
P.S.R. Classes..... Monday 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
 Tuesday 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

THE GOOD NEWS

**Instead of Tossing it Back,
 5,000 Indian Fishermen now
 collect Ocean Plastic to Build
 Roads and Prosperity**

KOLLAM, IN - While the world becomes more and more aware of plastic pollution, a group of 5,000 fishermen who rely on the “Mother Sea” to survive have taken it upon themselves to clean up the oceans – and use the piles of waste to repair their roads and create jobs.

In an interview with National Geographic, a local fisherman from the Indian city of Kollam explained how the sea has gotten more polluted over the years. Whenever he casts his nets, he “often comes up with more plastic than fish.”

For a while, Xavier Peters and his peers had simply tossed all the trash back into the water, but later, realizing the futility, began hauling it back to land.

So far, they have collected a whopping 65 metric tons worth of trash. After urging a few of their local government agencies to help, they managed to facilitate the creation of a new recycling center – the first in the region.

The Department for Women’s Empowerment, created to help women find employment, then hired an all-female crew to run the facility and sort through the plethora of assorted plastics. The most damaged plastic is then shredded into a fine confetti which is sold to local construction crews. These workers then use it to strengthen the asphalt used in the creation of new roads.

The local union representative for the fishermen, proudly described their success saying, “We’ve roped in so many groups, so quickly for this effort ... this comes from us, it comes from the fishermen.”



THIS WEEK’S READINGS

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

WHAT THE CREATOR NEVER CREATED

The Book of Wisdom says there are three things God did not make: death, destruction and injustice. Yet we live with them every day.

Wisdom believes that God intended the world to be a much better place. We humans were made in the image of God, designed to be as imperishable as God is. God did not “make” death. God is good.

God also intended that the creatures of the world would be wholesome, and that plants would provide nourishment and health—“not a destructive drug among them.” In this view, God did not create violence among animals nor poisons among drugs.

And God expected that justice would reign, because justice, like God, is undying. Justice is an expression of God’s will. Everything that God made was good.

That is the view of the Book of Wisdom. But it isn’t a picture of the world we live in. The Book of Wisdom knows why: “By the envy of the devil, death entered the world, and they who belong to his company experience it.” The presence of evil, which was not precisely created by God according to this view, frustrated the designs of God’s more perfect creation.

God did not create evil, but we know that evil exists, and that death, destruction and injustice abound. But we also believe they are not part of God’s eternal plan, and that those who belong to God’s company will experience justice, salvation, and life everlasting.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Saturday and Sunday, July 7-8, 2018

	Presider	Deacon
5:00 pm	Fr. Maassen	
7:30 am	Fr. Kovalcin	Deacon Charlie
9:30 am	Fr. Maassen	Deacon Charlie
11:30 am	Fr. Maassen	Deacon Gary
5:30 pm	Fr. Christopher	Deacon Gary



PLEASE NOTE:

Due to the changes in Mass times, 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.

VETERAN'S FAIR

The Meramec Bluffs Veteran Committee is proud to host a one-stop information shopping event for all veterans and their spouses or widows. Find out what benefits are available to you at the 7th Annual Veterans Fair on Tuesday, July 17. The fair will be held at 1 Meramec Bluffs Drive from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.

Included will be representatives from the Department of Veteran's Affairs, American Red Cross, Camp Hope, the Greater St. Louis Honor Flight, Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, Veterans Benefits Administrations, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and so many more. For more information contact Margaret Cox at 636-923-2356

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, July 1 MASSES: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am, 5:30 pm

	Donut Sunday	
	Kateri and Kister Courts Closed for Refinishing	
8:50 am	RCIA	SH
1:00 pm	Baptism	CU
3:00 pm	Teen ACTS Formation Meeting	SA/CH
7:15 pm	Men's ACTS Team Formation Meeting	SH
7:15 pm	Eucharistic Adoration until Monday at 11:00 am	CU

Monday, July 2 MASSES: 6:30 am and 8:00 am

	Kateri and Kister Courts Closed for Refinishing	
	Eucharistic Adoration thru Monday at 11:00 am	
9:30 am	Mon-Dazed Women	SH
7:00 pm	SH Faith Group	SH
7:30 pm	The Monday Knights	UR

Tuesday, July 3 MASSES: 6:30 am and 8:00 am

	Kateri and Kister Courts Closed for Refinishing	
7:00 pm	Ladies Club	SA

Wednesday, July 4 MASS: 9:00 am



INDEPENDENCE DAY
 Independence Day Mass for Peace and Justice - 9:00 am
 Kateri and Kister Courts Closed for Refinishing
 All Facilities Closed for the Holiday

Thursday, July 5 MASSES: 6:30 am and 8:00 am

	Kateri and Kister Courts Closed for Refinishing	
6:30 pm	AA Meeting	SA
7:00 pm	Baptism Meeting	MR/JR

Friday, July 6 MASSES: 6:30 am and 8:00 am

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

Saturday, July 7 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
1:00 pm	Baptism	CU
3:30 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)