

*Simon Peter answered him,
"Master, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
We have come to believe
and are convinced that you are
the Holy One of God."*

JOHN 6:68-69

LASTING JOY

The opening prayer tells us what to consider in our reflection on the readings: "the values that will bring us lasting joy in this changing world." What are our values? What is important to us? To put it another way: Who or what is our god?

The Israelites were tempted to serve other gods, for they were in a new land occupied by the worshipers of idols. Joshua challenged them to serve only Yhwh, and they accepted the challenge: "Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods."

Jesus challenged his followers to believe in the one, true God: "Does it shake your faith?" he asked them. Peter responds for the others, saying that they will not forsake Jesus, who has the words of eternal life.

Jesus challenges us also to remain faithful to the one God. There are many in the world who worship other gods: power, money, pleasure, comfort, security, self-interest. Our prayer is that "all these attractions of a changing world serve only to bring us the peace of your Kingdom which this world does not give." We want to say with Joshua and his people: "We will serve the Lord."

If certain forms of modern 'imperialism' were considered in the light of these moral criteria, we would see that hidden behind certain decisions, apparently inspired only by economics or politics, are real forms of idolatry: of money, ideology, class, technology.

Pope John Paul II,
Sollicitudo Rei Socialis, 1987: 37

AS YOU PRAY THIS WEEK

Remember Those Who Are Sick

Bill Hendricks	Jim Walsh	Amy Coulman	Peggy Connelly	William Aubuchon	Loretta Muessig
Karen Hoffman	Kyndel Dasenbrock	Bonnie Hicks	Barbara Duncan	Ean Morgan	Denice Haverstick
B. J. Mattingly	Hal Cart	Melanie Wille	Vernon Duncan	Aggie Mathis	Barbara Youngstrom
Steve Dunne	Philip Brown	Julie McIntyre	Chad Knepp	Mary Ball	David Hoffmann
Mary Schreiber	Don Eickhoff	Janie Card Long	Pat Curran	Daniel Wheeler	Dan Schuette
Mary Shive	Scott Quick	Cory Rolwes	Ken Woods	Noah Williams	Jerry Coonan
Mary Lou Bequette	Liz Wheeler	Scott Lowe	Bob Berry	Marianna Schmidt	Betty Cawvey

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	John G. Thien
Carl Degenhart	Ryan Miller	

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**WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS
TO SACRED HEART**

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Name _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip Code _____
 Phone _____
 E-Mail address _____

YOUR GIFT TO GOD

August 19, 2018

Regular Contributions.....	\$24,554.79
Budgeted Amount.....	\$29,000.00
Excess (Deficit).....	(\$4,446.21)

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Monday, August 27

St. Monica
 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5 Mt 23:13-22
 6:30 am † Kathleen Tippett
 8:00 am † Lynn Broemmelsick

Tuesday, August 28

St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17 Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 Mt 23:23-26
 6:30 am † Bertha Mason
 8:00 am † Anselmo Bueno

Wednesday, August 29

Passion of St. John the Baptist
 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 Mk 6:17-29
 6:30 am Special Intention
 8:00 am † Kathleen Tippett

Thursday, August 30

Seasonal Weekday
 1 Cor 1:1-9 Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mt 24:42-51
 6:30 am † Kathleen Tippette
 8:00 am Dolores and † Peter McGaully's
 27th Wedding Anniversary
 11:00 am Meramec Bluffs Special Intention

Friday, August 31

Seasonal Weekday
 1 Cor 1:17-25 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 Mt 25:1-13
 6:30 am † Joel Mersmann
 8:00 am Mary Klaska

Saturday, September 1

Seasonal Weekday; Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday
 1 Cor 1:26-31 Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21 Mt 25:14-30
 8:00 am † Thomas Reitz
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Vigil Mass
 Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
 Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
 5:00 pm † Pat Deaton

Sunday, September 2

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
 Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
 7:30 am Special Intention
 9:30 am † Gwen Bunnell
 11:30 am † Genevieve Kloepfel
 5:30 pm Parishioners

POPE ADDRESSES CLERGY SCANDAL ROCKING PENNSYLVANIA

“If one member suffers, all suffer together with it” (1 Cor 12:26). These words of Saint Paul forcefully echo in my heart as I acknowledge once more the suffering endured by many minors due to sexual abuse, the abuse of power and the abuse of conscience perpetrated by a significant number of clerics and consecrated persons. Crimes that inflict deep wounds of pain and powerlessness, primarily among the victims, but also in their family members and in the larger community of believers and nonbelievers alike. Looking back to the past, no effort to beg pardon and to seek to repair the harm done will ever be sufficient. Looking ahead to the future, no effort must be spared to create a culture able to prevent such situations from happening, but also to prevent the possibility of their being covered up and perpetuated. The pain of the victims and their families is also our pain, and so it is urgent that we once more reaffirm our commitment to ensure the protection of minors and of vulnerable adults.

1. If one member suffers...

In recent days, a report was made public which detailed the experiences of at least a thousand survivors, victims of sexual abuse, the abuse of power and of conscience at the hands of priests over a period of approximately seventy years. Even though it can be said that most of these cases belong to the past, nonetheless as time goes on we have come to know the pain of many of the victims. We have realized that these wounds never disappear and that they require us forcefully to condemn these atrocities and join forces in uprooting this culture of death; these wounds never go away. The heart-wrenching pain of these victims, which cries out to heaven, was long ignored, kept quiet or silenced. But their outcry was more powerful than all the measures meant to silence it, or sought even to resolve it by decisions that increased its gravity by falling into complicity.

The Lord heard that cry and once again showed us on which side he stands. Mary’s song is not mistaken and continues quietly to echo throughout history. For the Lord remembers the promise he made to our fathers: “he has scattered the proud in their conceit; he has cast down the mighty from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty” (Lk 1:51-53). We feel shame when we realize that our style of life has denied, and continues to deny, the words we recite.

With shame and repentance, we acknowledge as an ecclesial community that we were not where we should have been, that we did not act in a timely manner, realizing the magnitude and the gravity of the damage done to so many lives. We showed no care for the little ones; we abandoned them. I make my own the words of the then Cardinal Ratzinger when, during the Way of the Cross composed for Good Friday 2005, he identified with the cry of pain of so many victims and exclaimed: “How much filth there is in the Church, and even among those who, in the priesthood, ought to belong entirely to [Christ]!

How much pride, how much self-complacency! Christ’s betrayal by his disciples, their unworthy reception of his body and blood, is certainly the greatest suffering endured by the Redeemer; it pierces his heart. We can only call to him from the depths of our hearts: *Kyrie eleison* – Lord, save us! (cf. Mt 8:25)” (Ninth Station).

2. ... all suffer together with it

The extent and the gravity of all that has happened requires coming to grips with this reality in a comprehensive and communal way. While it is important and necessary on every journey of conversion to acknowledge the truth of what has

happened, in itself this is not enough. Today we are challenged as the People of God to take on the pain of our brothers and sisters

all those who perpetrate or cover up these crimes accountable. We have delayed in applying these actions and sanctions that are so



wounded in their flesh and in their spirit. If, in the past, the response was one of omission, today we want solidarity, in the deepest and most challenging sense, to become our way of forging present and future history. And this in an environment where conflicts, tensions and above all the victims of every type of abuse can encounter an outstretched hand to protect them and rescue them from their pain (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 228). Such solidarity demands that we in turn condemn whatever endangers the integrity of any person. A solidarity that summons us to fight all forms of corruption, especially spiritual corruption. The latter is “a comfortable and self-satisfied form of blindness. Everything then appears acceptable: deception, slander, egotism and other subtle forms of self-centeredness, for ‘even Satan

necessary, yet I am confident that they will help to guarantee a greater culture of care in the present and future.

Together with those efforts, every one of the baptized should feel involved in the ecclesial and social change that we so greatly need. This change calls for a personal and communal conversion that makes us see things as the Lord does. For as Saint John Paul II liked to say: “If we have truly started out anew from the contemplation of Christ, we must learn to see him especially in the faces of those with whom he wished to be identified” (*Novo Millennio Ineunte*, 49). To see things as the Lord does, to be where the Lord wants us to be, to experience a conversion of heart in his presence. To do so, prayer and penance will help. I invite the entire holy faithful People of God to a penitential exercise of prayer and fasting, following the Lord’s command.[1] This can awaken our conscience and arouse our solidarity and commitment to a culture of care that says “never again” to every form of abuse.

It is impossible to think of a conversion of our activity as a Church that does not include the active participation of all the members of God’s People. Indeed, whenever we have tried to replace, or silence, or ignore, or reduce the People of God to small elites, we end up creating communities, projects, theological approaches, spiritualities and structures without roots, without memory, without faces, without bodies and ultimately, without lives.

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disguises himself as an angel of light’ (2 Cor 11:14)” (*Gaudete et Exsultate*, 165). Saint Paul’s exhortation to suffer with those who suffer is the best antidote against all our attempts to repeat the words of Cain: “Am I my brother’s keeper?” (Gen 4:9).

I am conscious of the effort and work being carried out in various parts of the world to come up with the necessary means to ensure the safety and protection of the integrity of children and of vulnerable adults, as well as implementing zero tolerance and ways of making

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Saint Augustine's Confessions

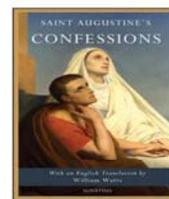
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This fourth century prodigal turned influential Catholic bishop has inspired millions of people across time with his poetic and passionate autobiography. Saint Augustine's powerful proclamation of God's Truth and Mercy through the lens of his own conversion has made this book one of the greatest Christian classics of all time.



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"I was inspired by the insight into Christian community among Sts. Augustine, Monica, Ambrose, and others."

—Joseph B. Lincoln, NE



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

He gave up His life to suffer and die on the cross for us! He gives Himself to us in Holy Communion! He remains present with us in the Most Blessed Sacrament! He gives! He gives! He gives! And He keeps on giving!

Can we not give one hour a week to be with Him during Eucharistic Adoration? Give thanks to God for all His gifts and blessings. Sunday evening from 6:30 pm through Monday morning until 11:00 am. If interested in committing to an hour please contact Judy Barger at 636-343-6025 or email barger-ja@hotmail.com. All are welcomed.

PLEASE NOTE:

There is no Eucharistic Adoration the weekend of September 2 and 3 due to the Labor Day holiday.

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.

CORNERSTONE SCRIPTURE STUDY

Join The Cornerstone Catholic Scripture Study, a Catholic Bible study group that will lead you on a faith journey that can transform your heart and mind. Join us this year as we study the final book of the Bible, Revelation, and see how John reveals God's promises to protect His people and shows them amazing visions of Heaven. Meetings at St. Monica are on Tuesday mornings and begin on September 11. Other churches in the area offer Cornerstone at other days/times. For the nearest location and more details please call: Sandy at 314-570-1811 or visit our website at www.thecornerstone-scripturestudy.org

SACRED HEART RESPECT LIFE

(respectlife@sacredheart-vp.com)

Spiritual Adoption – Our Spiritual Adoption program will begin on September 22nd & 23rd. Prayer cards will be distributed to parishioners and we ask that you pray this prayer daily for nine months for a baby who is at risk of abortion. Along with the prayer cards, baby bottles will also be distributed for participants to collect loose change. At the end of the nine months, on May 11th & 12th we will collect the baby bottles of change and also have a collection of baby items. The items and money collected will go to Our Lady's Inn and Birthright.



Sunday, October 28 – Respect Life Convention - (*Life Has Purpose*)

The Respect Life Apostolate will be hosting the 42nd Annual Respect Life Convention on Sunday, October 28 at the St. Charles Convention Center. The event includes Mass with Archbishop Robert Carlson, inspiring workshops, exhibits, a free give-a-way, and a keynote address by Ryan Bomberger. Ryan, along with his wife Bethany, co-founded the Radiance Foundation, a pro-life organization dedicated to spreading the message that every life has purpose and dignity, and is the author of the book *Not Equal: Civil Rights Gone Wrong*. If interested in attending, please contact Christine at 314-756-3646.

No Respect Life Meeting this month

Please Pray for Life

[2] This is clearly seen in a peculiar way of understanding the Church's authority, one common in many communities where sexual abuse and the abuse of power and conscience have occurred. Such is the case with clericalism, an approach that "not only nullifies the character of Christians, but also tends to diminish and undervalue the baptismal grace that the Holy Spirit has placed in the heart of our people". [3] Clericalism, whether fostered by priests themselves or by lay persons, leads to an excision in the ecclesial body that supports and helps to perpetuate many of the evils that we are condemning today. To say "no" to abuse is to say an emphatic "no" to all forms of clericalism.

It is always helpful to remember that "in salvation history, the Lord saved one people. We are never completely ourselves unless we belong to a people. That is why no one is saved alone, as an isolated individual. Rather, God draws us to himself, taking into account the complex fabric of interpersonal relationships present in the human community. God wanted to enter into the life and history of a people" (*Gaudete et Exsultate*, 6). Consequently, the only way that we have to respond to this evil that has darkened so many lives is to

experience it as a task regarding all of us as the People of God. This awareness of being part of a people and a shared history will enable us to acknowledge our past sins and mistakes with a penitential openness that can allow us to be renewed from within. Without the active participation of all the Church's members, everything being done to uproot the culture of abuse in our communities will not be successful in generating the necessary dynamics for sound and realistic change. The penitential dimension of fasting and prayer will help us as God's People to come before the Lord and our wounded brothers and sisters as sinners imploring forgiveness and the grace of shame and conversion. In this way, we will come up with actions that can generate resources attuned to the Gospel. For whenever we make the effort to return to the source and to recover the original freshness of the Gospel, new avenues arise, new paths of creativity open up, with different forms of expression, more eloquent signs and words with new meaning for today's world" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 11).

It is essential that we, as a Church, be able to acknowledge and condemn, with sorrow and shame, the atrocities perpetrated by

consecrated persons, clerics, and all those entrusted with the mission of watching over and caring for those most vulnerable. Let us beg forgiveness for our own sins and the sins of others. An awareness of sin helps us to acknowledge the errors, the crimes and the wounds caused in the past and allows us, in the present, to be more open and committed along a journey of renewed conversion.

Likewise, penance and prayer will help us to open our eyes and our hearts to other people's sufferings and to overcome the thirst for power and possessions that are so often the root of those evils. May fasting and prayer open our ears to the hushed pain felt by children, young people and the disabled. A fasting that can make us hunger and thirst for justice and impel us to walk in the truth, supporting all the judicial measures that may be necessary. A fasting that shakes us up and leads us to be committed in truth and charity with all men and women of good will, and with society in general, to combatting all forms of the abuse of power, sexual abuse and the abuse of conscience.

In this way, we can show clearly our calling to be "a sign and instrument of communion with God and of the unity of the entire human race" (*Lumen Gentium*, 1).

"If one member suffers, all suffer together with it", said Saint Paul. By an attitude of prayer and penance, we will become attuned as individuals and as a community to this exhortation, so that we may grow in the gift of compassion, in justice, prevention and reparation. Mary chose to stand at the foot of her Son's cross. She did so unhesitatingly, standing firmly by Jesus' side. In this way, she reveals the way she lived her entire life. When we experience the desolation caused by these ecclesial wounds, we will do well, with Mary, "to insist more upon prayer", seeking to grow all the more in love and fidelity to the Church (SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, *Spiritual Exercises*, 319). She, the first of the disciples, teaches all of us as disciples how we are to halt before the sufferings of the innocent, without excuses or cowardice. To look to Mary is to discover the model of a true follower of Christ.

May the Holy Spirit grant us the grace of conversion and the interior anointing needed to express before these crimes of abuse our compunction and our resolve courageously to combat them.

Vatican City, 20 August 2018

FRANCIS

OUR COMMUNITY

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

You are invited to join the National Shrine of our Lady of the Snows on this 10 Day Pilgrimage from October 22 -

31, 2019. You will visit Haifa • Tiberias • Nazareth • Bethlehem • Jerusalem

The Holy Land Pilgrimage is hosted by Fr. Andy Knop, OMI, Director, National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows and includes: roundtrip air from St. Louis, \$700 government taxes/airline fuel surcharges, accommodations at first class/select hotels, based on two per-



sons sharing in twin-bedded rooms with private bath, breakfast and dinner daily, services of a professional English-speaking tour escort, comprehensive sightseeing throughout. All admission fees, portage, hotel taxes and service charges are included as well as \$100,000 automatic flight insurance* (Subject to policy terms and limitations). For more information, call 618-394-6292.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Mother of Good Counsel Home, a skilled nursing home, will host its 15th Annual Golf Tournament on Monday,

September 24, at Glen Echo Country Club. Registration will begin at 10:00 am with a lunch at 11:00 am and tee-time at 12:00 noon. The dinner auction will begin at 5:00 pm.

The golf event features a four-person scramble, numerous contests and a dinner/awards banquet. The cost for individual players is \$250 per person, which includes play, carts, putting green practice, lunch, goody bag, dinner and an open bar. The Dinner and Auction can be attended for \$50 per person. For more information, contact Marsha Heine at 314-383-4765 or mheine@mogch.org

PSR OPEN HOUSE – SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

We look forward to seeing you at PSR Open House on Sunday, August 26 from 12:30 - 2:00 pm. Parents and children will gather in the church at 12:30 pm before visiting the classrooms to meet their catechists. Before you leave, stop in the Great Hall to enjoy some ice cream and fellowship to celebrate the beginning of a new PSR year! The first PSR session is Monday/Tuesday, August 27/28. No PSR classes on September 3/4 due to the Labor Day holiday. The Religious Education staff and catechists look forward to assisting you in the faith formation of your children.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD/ CHILDREN FOR PSR

Call or email the Religious Education office (636-225-0341/ cdegenhart@sacredheart-vp.com) to provide necessary information so that a registration link can be emailed to you.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is offered Sundays during the 9:30 am Mass from September through May and is open to children 3 years old through Kindergarten. The philosophy of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program is that even very young children have a religious life. God is present to them in their deepest being and they are capable of developing both a conscious and intimate relationship with God. We provide materials based on age-appropriate Scripture passages and liturgical signs that nurture their relationship with God. The program balances exposure to liturgy and sacramental life. To register your child, please visit the Sacred Heart parish website at sacredheartvp.org

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.

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.

Peace.
Cheryl Degenhart



SACRED HEART SCHOOL

The school year is off to a wonderful start! For our first day of school, Father Maassen offered us a blessing and then led us in a "God Cheer". Be sure to ask the children, they should be able to show you how to do this. It was a fun kick-off to the new school year.

After the God Cheer, we headed off to class and while we have only been in school for a short time, everything seems to be progressing smoothly. All of the students and teachers are doing a great job of being flexible as we all adjust to the new routines for this year.

One of the most exciting new routines is that we will be attending Mass twice a week this year. Grades 1 - 4 will participate in Mass on Tuesdays and grades 5 - 8 will pray together at Mass on Thursdays. On Fridays, grades K - 8 will celebrate the Eucharist together. This is a wonderful addition to our program as it helps us place at the forefront that which

is most important, our relationship with Christ. Thank you to Father Maassen and Father Christopher for helping make this happen for us. It is a wonderful way for the school children to pray with the parish community. Please join us whenever you can.

Miss Gearon
Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 3:	Labor Day - No School
September 6:	Palmer Music Presentation for students, 9:00 am, lobby

SIMPLE STEPS

If you have experienced the loss of a spouse, child, parent, family member or friend, please join our next gathering of Simple Steps on Thursday, September 13 at 7:00 pm in the Sacred Heart Room. We begin the year with a new program entitled GriefShare consisting of videos hosted by a couple who have experienced the death of loved ones. Each video is followed by prayer, discussion and fellowship. Brochures explaining the program are located in the racks in the back of church. The program is free but there is a \$15 fee for the workbook. Future gatherings will be on the 2nd Thursday of every month.

Registration can be done on the Sacred Heart website at www.sacredheartvp.org or by mail. If you need more information before registering, call Suzie at 636-343-1131 or Jeanice at 314-398-7557.



All children of the Parish – grades 4 through 8 – are invited to join us for our Children's Choir for practices on Wednesdays from 3:00-4:00pm beginning August 29th!

The choir generally sings at the 9:30 am Mass on the 4th Sunday of the month, as well as: Advent prayer service/concert, 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass, 9:30 am Easter Sunday Mass, First Communion.

We hope to see you at practice as we have fun, make music, and praise the Lord in song!

Please contact Nate Jackson at 225-5268 ext. 224 or nate@sacredheartvp.com with any questions.

SACRED HEART MEN'S ACTS RETREAT

Reenergize your faith, fortify friendships and make new friends at the annual Sacred Heart Men's ACTS Retreat September 27-30, 2018. The men's ACTS team is busy preparing the fall retreat at the beautiful LaSalle Retreat Center.

Invest time in yourself by refreshing and renewing your faith while making some great new friends. Registration forms can be found in the back of church or on the Sacred Heart web site at www.sacredheartvp.org.



LADIES CLUB

The next Ladies Club meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the St. Anthony Room below the church.



We will be collecting items for Birthright in Eureka, MO.

Birthright needs include: diapers sizes 3 & 4, wet wipes, formula, layette items which includes diaper rash ointment, baby shampoo and lotion, baby spoons, bibs, combs brushes, crib sheets and onesies. Gently used clothing up to 24 months and bottles in 4 and 8 ounces are also requested.

We will be discussing our upcoming Ladies Social which is scheduled for Saturday, October 20, 2018. See you at the September 4, 2018 meeting for fundraising, fellowship and fun.

FOR THOSE 55 AND OLDER



Reservations are \$7.00 per person (\$8.00 after Sep. 19th)

Enclose fee and drop registration in collection basket or bring to the Parish Office. We look forward to having you join us!

Monthly Meeting, Luncheon and Social

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 - 11:15 AM

Luncheon this month features chicken salad sandwiches; potato chips, lettuce/tomatoes/dill pickle wedges; canned peaches and cookies.

NAME _____

PHONE _____

ATTENDING _____

SPORTS - SCHEDULES AND NEWS

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 26

1:00 pm Eileen Doherty Volleyball Tournament KA/KI
7:00 pm Adult Basketball KA/KI

Monday, August 27

6:00 pm Eileen Doherty Volleyball Tournament KA/KI

Tuesday, August 28

6:00 pm Eileen Doherty Volleyball Tournament KA/KI

Wednesday, August 29

4:45 pm Volleyball Practice - Weiman 4G KA
5:15 pm Volleyball Practice - Lueckenotte 3G KI
6:00 pm Volleyball Practice - Vonder Haar 8G KA
6:30 pm Volleyball Practice - Hellman 6G KI
7:30 pm Volleyball Practice - Vonder Haar 5G KA
7:45 pm Volleyball Practice - Glosemeyer 6B KI

Thursday, August 30

4:45 pm Volleyball Practice - Kansteiner 4G KI
5:45 pm Volleyball Practice - Smyka 7G KA

6:00 pm Volleyball Practice - Camden 8G KI
7:15 pm Volleyball Practice - Good 5G KA
7:30 pm Volleyball Practice - Haller PG KI

Friday, August 31

4:30 pm Volleyball Practice - Franklin 6G KA
4:30 pm Volleyball Practice - Lieberman 7G KI

Saturday, September 1

KEY:

KA - Kateri Court • KI - Kister Court • AF - Athletic Field

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

VOLUNTEER AT ST. LUKE'S

St. Luke's Hospital is seeking dedicated adult volunteers with weekday availability to serve as Couriers on our campus in Chesterfield. The position requires strong communication and customer service skills.

Adult volunteers serve one shift per week on a consistent day for a minimum commitment of six months. Shifts are Monday through Friday mornings 8:00 am - 12:00 pm or afternoons 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Please call St. Luke's Hospital Volunteer Office at 314-542-4768 or visit our website www.stlukes-stl.com to learn more about this opportunity.

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 be offered from September 1 through October 31 and are facilitated by Mark Etling, Ph.D.,

Spiritual Programs Coordinator. 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.

CRAFTERS WANTED

St. Barnabas the Apostle in O'Fallon is looking for crafters for their Fall Festival October 7. A 12'x12' spot is \$25. The Festival runs from 12:00 noon until 6:00 pm. This is an outside venue. Crafters will need to supply their own table, chairs, and shade. There is no electric available. If interested, please call the parish office at 636-240-4556.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Tonight: Dignified - Immigration
September 2: Dignified - Body
September 9: Dignified - Housing
September 16: Dignified - Mind
September 23: Dignified - Mental Health
September 30: Dignified - Soul

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

Join us with your homework, a football, or great conversation!

EDGE (Middle School Ministry)

We meet from 6:00 - 8:00 pm on the 2nd Wednesday and the last Friday of the month!

August 31st - BBQ & Bonfire Kick Off (playground)
September 12 - We are Family: Adam & Eve (Great Hall)
September 28 - Outdoor Movie (Athletic Field)

West County XLT (7:00 - 8:30 pm)

Join us at the St. Anselm Worship Space on the 4th Wednesday of the month for adoration, reconciliation, and fellowship!

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MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Sunday ObligationSaturday (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 AdorationSunday 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 C. 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
P.S.R. Classes..... Monday 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
 Tuesday 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

THE GOOD NEWS

**When Wedding
 Caterer
 Backs Out
 at Last Second,
 Restaurant Saves
 the Day in Just
 90 Minutes**



HUDSONVILLE, MI - Mr. and Mrs. Vansledright were ready to meet each other at the altar for their wedding earlier this month – unfortunately, the catering company was not so ready.
 Since the company thought that the wedding was a week later than its actual date, they had no food prepared for the event. In tears, the bride and groom went to the restaurant next door and begged them for help.
 Nick Ruesticus, who is the owner of the Sonder eatery in Hudsonville, Michigan, said that there was no way he could turn down the desperate couple.
 He and his staff proceeded to close down the restaurant for the day so they could go above and beyond for the wedding feast.
 In just 90 minutes, the restaurant put together a cocktail hour and wedding food for 150 people. They even made sure there were vegetarian and vegan options in addition to a choice between beef and chicken.
 Needless to say, the Vansledrights were in awe of Sonder’s kindness. They were able to get their money back from the original caterer, but they say that they don’t know what they would have done if the compassionate staff had not stepped up to help.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Contact information for all activities & organizations can be found in the Parish Directory.

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Respect Life..... Chairperson - Christine Hendricks
 respectlife@sacredheart-vp.com
Peace and Justice Committee Chairperson - Jeff Schulenberg
 peaceandjustice@sacredheart-vp.com
Yesterday’s Kids Co-Chairs - John and Jane Burle
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St. Vincent de Paul Helpline..... 636-825-2097
Prayer Request mfrdjd@gmail.com

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Saturday and Sunday, September 1-2, 2018

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



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 pm	Anne Daniels, Teresa Walsh, Luke Walsh, Mark Muehleisen, Judy Chellis, Mark Broughton, Bill Zobrist, Tim Reilly, Kathy Alfonsi
7:30 am	Janet Meyer, Patricia Snyder, Brian Sweeney, Kim Bish, Suzie Henke, Jody Thayer, Connie McGuire, Joy Gioia, Barb Jost
9:30 am	Mary Denise O'Boyle, Mike O'Boyle, Karla Brekrus, Peggy Totsch, Dan McGovern, Todd Sartori, Lauren Anglo, Mary Byington, Gary Gutting
11:30 am	Andrea Weber, Nancy Kingsbury, Pat Rung, Tom Rung, Jen Ramsey, Mark Flauter, Dennis Breitenstein, Cathy Hubert, Brian Petschel
5:30 pm	Ron Dace, Sally Adams, Joyce Timmons, Joanne Murphy, Joe Mueller, Carrie Carroll, Phyllis Farotto, Dave Moser, Terri Tauser

Lectors

5:00 pm	Daniel Gatewood (1), Jann Bufka (2)
7:30 am	Betty Coonan (1), Kathleen Curran (2)
9:30 am	Rich Totsch (1), Bunny Winkler (2)
11:30 am	Alicia Bueno (1), Karen Rothery (2)
5:30 pm	Jim Walsh (1), Ben Garcia (2)

Servers

5:00 pm	Jacob Nemecek, John Wirth, David Broughton
7:30 am	Brendan Burke, Jack Burke, Simon Kacich
9:30 am	Jack Clough, Blake Clough, Olivia Clough
11:30 am	Aoife Bryowsky, Aidan Bryowsky, Ben Kohlberg
5:30 pm	Vince Dace, Nathan Carroll, Drew Hammett

Ushers & Greeters

5:00 pm	Jeanice Geis, Dennis Lewis, Kathleen Muehleisen, James Riordan
7:30 am	Candy Kunzelman, Kristen Zlatic, Craig Caruso, Ellis Bick
9:30 am	Jim Winkler, Harvey Reinkemeyer, Judy Horan, Tom Schaefer
11:30 am	Curt Bennett, Patrick Horvath, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
5:30 pm	Laura Craig, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED

Money Counter Apostolate

September 2: Ruth Simon, Mary Klein, Sr. Pat Dalton

Music Ministry

	Cantor	Keyboardist
5:00 pm	Cailin	Susan
7:30 am	John	Emma
9:30 am	Contemporary Group	
11:30 am	Nate	Nate

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, August 26 **MASSES: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am, 5:30 pm**

12:30 pm	PSR Open House	GH/EC. PC/AU
7:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration until Monday at 11:00 am	CU
7:15 pm	Men's ACTS Team Formation Meeting	SH

Monday, August 27 **MASSES: 6:30 am and 8:00 am**

	Eucharistic Adoration thru Monday at 11:00 am	
9:30 am	Mon-Dazed Women	SH
6:00 pm	PSR Opening Prayer	GH
6:15 pm	PSR Classes	GH/EC/CU
7:00 pm	ACTS Women 2018	SA
7:30 pm	Monday Knights	UR

Tuesday, August 28 **MASSES: 6:30 am and 8:00 am**

3:30 pm	Home and School Board Meeting	UR
6:00 pm	PSR Opening Prayer	GH
6:15 pm	PSR Classes	GH/EC/CU
6:30 pm	District Volleyball Meeting	CH
7:00 pm	Finance Meeting	PO
7:00 pm	Women's ACTS Faith Sharing	SH

Wednesday, August 29 **MASSES: 6:30 am and 8:00 am**

3:00 pm	Children's Choir Practice	CU
6:30 pm	Pack 680 Meeting (Fishing Theme)	GH
7:00 pm	Board of Education Meeting	UR
7:00 pm	Life Teen Band Practice	CU

Thursday, August 30 **MASSES: 6:30 am and 8:00 am**

6:30 pm	AA Meeting	SA
7:00 pm	Contemporary Group Practice	CU

Friday, August 31 **MASSES: 6:30 am and 8:00 am**

9:00 am	Quilting Club	SA
6:00 pm	EDGE BBQ Kick Off	PL

Saturday, September 1 **DAILY MASS: 8:00 am**

		SUNDAY VIGIL MASS: 5:00 pm
8:00 am	ACTS (Sister Act)	UR
8:30 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	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 • RY - Rectory •
- SA - St. Anthony Room • SH - Sacred Heart Room • ST - Stage •
- UR - Upper Room (Parish Center)