

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

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SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2022

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" - Lk 13:2-3

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St. Bernadette Sodality	2nd Monday
School Board	2nd Monday
Parish Finance Council	3rd Monday
St. Vincent de Paul	2nd Tuesday
Home and School	1st Thursday
Liturgy Board	Two times a year

Presidents

Athletic Association	— Amanda Jones
Home and School	— Cindy Cundiff
Parish Finance Council	— Jim Kimminau
School Board	— Sarah Borgmann
St. Bernadette Sodality	— Pat Peters

Bulletin Notices

If you would like to have an article published in the bulletin, please submit it in writing to the rectory **by Monday afternoon at rectory@ollwashmo.org.**

OUR LADY OF LOURDES WELCOMES YOU!

If you are visiting, we hope you have a blessed experience and always feel welcome here. Visit us again soon!

If you would like to become a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, give us a call at 636-239-3520. Or, a new parishioner form is available on our website at www.ollwashmo.org.

Assisted Listening Devices are available. Please ask one of the ushers for help.

The restrooms are located to the left as you exit into the gathering area.

If we can assist you further, don't hesitate to contact us at:
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Rectory 636-239-3520
Website: ollwashmo.org + Email: rectory@ollwashmo.org



Our Lady of Lourdes [@ollwashmo.org](https://www.facebook.com/ollwashmo.org)



[@LourdesParish1](https://twitter.com/LourdesParish1)

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday:

8:00 am & 10:00 am

Monday-Saturday: 8:00 am

Holy Days of Obligation:

Please check the bulletin for the exact schedule.

Confessions

Wednesday 5:00 - 5:45 pm

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm

or by appointment

Perpetual Help Devotions

Tuesdays after 8:00 am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday after 8:00 Mass until Tuesday before 8:00 Mass
& Wednesday after 8:00 Mass until 6:00 p.m.
in the Chapel located around the back of church.
Contact Amy Blomberg, 636-667-0832, with questions.

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

Mission Statement

The Mission of Our Lady of Lourdes is to create a faith community for all members to grow in their relationship with God and each other so that they can proclaim the Good News of Christ's Message.



Dear Parishioners,

As we continue the Lenten season, I'd just like to highlight a few opportunities this coming week for your spiritual growth. First of all, as usual we have confessions on Wednesday evening from 5pm to 6pm and then again on Saturday from 4-4:45pm. Next Monday, March 28th, we will have our Lenten Penance Service here at OLL at 6:30pm. In addition, we have a short lenten retreat talk and then some time for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday and next at 11:15am. The theme of this retreat is coming to know the Father's Heart. I am hopeful that it will help people dive more deeply into prayer and their relationship with the Lord. All are invited.

On another note, I have mentioned the last few weeks at mass the need to fill out the survey for *All Things New*. The survey is called the Disciple Maker Index and is intended for all Catholics ages 18 and up. It is really important that as many parishioners as possible take this survey. It is intended to gauge where we are in our Catholic belief and practice and where we are as a parish in terms of living out the mission of Jesus through our ministries. The more honest surveys we have, the more accurate information we will have to best assess the way forward. I know many people are of the mind that *All Things New* will affect other areas of the Archdiocese, but will not affect ours. I can assure you that this opinion is not true. We are fast approaching a precipice in the Archdiocese on many fronts and need to plan for a future of hope and renewed faith practice. For example, we currently have 187 parishes in the Archdiocese. According to projections, we will have 130 active diocesan priests in ten years. 187 parishes with only 130 priests is untenable for a Church centered on the Eucharist and the Sacraments. Something must be done, and if we are serious about evangelization, something bold must be done. There will be change throughout the entire Archdiocese, in every parish, including ours. Change is difficult, but I believe this change can be good, after all, the Resurrection happened only after the Cross. At this point in the process, there are two things we can do to affect positive change.

First, we can pray. Prayer is the most powerful gift we have, so pray. Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Pray for the gifts of courage and discernment. Pray that the Lord's hand might guide this process for the good and salvation of the faithful of our Archdiocese and for the evangelization of our neighbors and friends. Second, we can participate in the Disciple Maker Index survey. There will be further opportunities for parishioner input, but this is the first opportunity and it is very important to get this process off on the right foot. If you have any questions about this process or about how to access the survey, please reach out to me or to the parish office at 636-239-3520.


Have a blessed week,
Fr. Jim Theby



OLL Combined Penance Service with
St. Francis Borgia

Come feel His mercy
Our Lady of Lourdes Church | March 28th | 6:30pm

A Time to be heard
Your opinion matters



ALL THINGS NEW
STEADFAST IN FAITH - FORWARD IN HOPE

SURVEY IS LIVE

Go to: allthingsnew.archstl.org
click *Disciple Maker Index Survey* on the web page.



Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online. The survey will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. Thanks in advance for your participation!

allthingsnew.archstl.org

We ask all parishioners to please take the DMI survey between now and April 4th, when the survey will close. Your opinion is needed and valued. Thank you!

-School News-



OUR WEEK IN REVIEW:

1st & 3rd Graders are listening to a presentation this week from the Bank of Washington about teaching the children how to save.

4th Graders will be looking at how Jesus was tested and how they are "tested" especially during this time of Lent. They are also finishing their novel study over *Mr. Popper's Penguins*.

6th Graders will be starting a Persuasive Writing Unit. They will also begin the novel *Tuck Everlasting*.

PLEASE NOTE: The Butterbraids Fund Raiser will be ready for pick up on Tuesday, March 22nd from 3-6 pm in the Parish Center.

NOTICE TO STUDENTS & PARENTS:

Application forms to apply for a monetary grant from the Knights of Columbus Council #1121 to attend SFBRHS for the 2022/2023 school year are available from the Principal's Offices at SFBRHS, SFBGS, OLLGS & STGGS



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Please send candy in to help stuff the eggs!

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 9, 2022
9:30 am

Meet at the Parish Hall
1000 Madison Ave. Washington MO

Easter Bunny Pictures at 9am

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Join Us for

Faith, Fun & Friends

SUNDAY EVENINGS

All Area High School Students Welcome!

Following the 6pm Regional Youth Mass until 8:30 pm
SFB Notre Dame Hall

For more info, email Fr. Tony Ritter: fritter@borglparish.org

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REGIONAL YOUTH MASS

PRAISE and WORSHIP

ALL AREA YOUTH...THIS MASS IS FOR YOU!
BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY TOO!
Sundays at 6 pm-- St. Francis Borgia Church

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Lenten Devotions

- *Perpetual Help Devotions Tuesday after the 8am Mass
- *Divine Mercy Chaplet Thursday after the 8am Mass
- *Stations of the Cross Friday after the 8am Mass

Confessions will be Every Wednesday 5-6pm Saturday 4-4:45pm

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WEEKLY OFFERING — MARCH 13, 2022

Sunday Envelope Offering	\$6,942.00
Loose Collection	\$563.00
Total Offertory Offering	\$7,505.00

Parish Maintenance Fund	\$150.00
Bernadette's Purse	\$100.00
Catholic Relief	\$50.00
Easter Flowers for Church	\$250.00
Central & Eastern Churches	\$100.00
Black & Native American Fund	\$100.00

**"But as for me, I watch in hope for the Lord,
I wait for God my Savior; my God will hear me."**

— Micah 7:7

**LECTORS**

Saturday, March 26 @ 5 pm - Steve Kuenzel
 Sunday, March 27 @ 8 am - Mary Wooley
 Sunday, March 27 @ 10 am - Joe Boland

GREETERS

Saturday, March 26 @ 5 pm - Steve & Susan Kuenzel
 Sunday, March 27 @ 8 am - Bob & Joyce Rombach
 Sunday, March 27 @ 10 am - Mary Ann & Michael Boyce

MARTHA'S HELPERS — CHURCH CLEANERS

Friday, March 25th

Michelle Boland, Arlene Lamb, Katy Raasch,
 Michelle Nieder, Carrie Freese, Betty Dobsch,
 Harold Eckelkamp, and Cheryl Rutz.

Thank you for keeping our beautiful church clean!

Please call or email the parish office at 636-239-3520 and let us know you are willing to bring up the offertory at our weekend masses. Tell us which Mass you normally attend so we can schedule you accordingly. The offertory rotation will be added to this listing under Liturgical Ministers in the bulletin so you will know when you are on the schedule. Email: rectory@ollwashmo.org.



Suzanne Albert, T.J. Bond,
 Cameron Bunkley, Chris Chicoine,
 Toni Cooley, Lee Fortner,
 Nicholas Gassel, Evan Hix,
 Hannah Hoeft, Drew Holtmeyer,
 Daniel Holzem, Brett Jones,
 Stuart Klemm, Thomas Krausch,
 Jacob Martin, Josh Martin,
 Aaron Maune, Robert Minnich,
 Brian Nelson, Jacob Nelson,
 Brian Patterson, Dominic Price,
 Coltin Smith, Mykaela Smyser,
 Nathan Smyser, Peyton Struttman,
 Jacob Trentmann, Beau Vowels

PRAYER REQUEST

Clayton Brantley, Aaron Coon, Chris Elbert, Ryan Elbert,
 Nadine Frericks, Heather Green, Butch Holtmeyer,
 Doug Holtmeyer, Evelyn Kamler, Mary Lee Kliethermes,
 Dr. Jake Lippert, Peggy (Carey) Lippert,
 Jameson Marquart, Mary Marquart, Ruth Marquart,
 Vernon Massmann, Kristian McDonald, Theresa Mohesky,
 James Morranville, Louis Sampel, Dan Schoffin,
 Miranda Stapleton, Joseph Teipel, Collin Warrender,
 Bob Weber, Mary Lee West, Carol Willming, Judy Wyatt

**If you would like to have your loved one added to
 or removed from our prayer lists,
 please call the rectory at 636-239-3520.**

Welcome!

We welcome into our parish family the following
 new parishioners:

Anthony Frietag & Jaxon

Philip & Karen Kiefer

Jason, Elizabeth, Kolvy and Korbin Mades

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 20, 2022

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Wednesday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Friday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent





Lourdes Shop and Earn ShopWithScrip®

The next Scrip order will not be placed until Mar 28th, with pickup for those beginning on Friday, April 1st.

Weekly Update March 14, 2022

Regular sales: \$4,301.00
Regular profit: \$161.03
Online sales: \$5,570.00
Online profit: \$229.70
Number of families: 26

Monday Entry, March 28th:

Laura Rickman, Diana Smith, Lynn Riegel

Tuesday Pick-up, March 29th:

Group 1: Lynn Watson
Group 2: Kathy Maune
Group 3: Jodi Pohl
Group 4: Sara Gerling

Friday Sort, April 1st:

Leslie Unnerstall, Michelle Etter, Laura Rickman

Saturday Mass

March 26th: Sara Gerling

April 2nd: Amy Steffens

Sunday Mass

March 27th:

8:00 am: Mandy Eckelkamp

10:00 am: Maggie Hotz

April 3rd:

8:00 am: Sherry Wideman

10:00 am: Casey Tobben

Scrips order forms are available on the tables in the back of church, in the rectory office, or go to the school website to find it under fundraising/Lourdes shop and earn.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION ...

"...He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" (LUKE 13:7)

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts, and return them with increase. Remember, we are called to be generous with all of gifts; especially the one that means the most to you.



MONDAY, MARCH 21

8 am Adolph & Mary Rademacher

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

8 am William & Leona Massmann

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

8 am Shirley Kuenzel

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

8 am John Wellen

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

8 am Ed Chwascinski

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

5 pm Eleanor Hellebusch

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

8 am Our Parishioners

10 am Elda Mae Toben

Attention all Volunteers/Parents: Please do the updates for Protecting God's Children....

The Archdiocese of St. Louis requires all parents and other volunteers who wish to be with children in any way to register in the new Prevent and Protect system.

The website to register is:

preventandprotectstl.org. The passcode is: stlprotect. After you have registered in the system, you will be required to check the Submit New Background Check box, view two online training modules on Mandated Reporter and Code of Conduct, agree to the updated Code of Ethical Conduct by checking the box, and attend a Protecting God's Children Workshop. If you previously attended a workshop, your training date will transfer to the new system. If you have any questions, contact the OLL Child Safety Coordinator at mboland@ollwashmo.org

ALL SCHOOL & PARISH VOLUNTEERS MUST BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE ARCHDIOCESE. THANK YOU!!



Our Lady of Lourdes has received memorial donations for:

Joseph Riegel — \$135.00 to school
Doris Guest — \$75.00 to school
Leona Kuchem — \$50.00 to school



March 19 — 25, 2022

Monday—Friday 8 am Mass in Church
 Saturday, March 19 **NO 8 AM MASS THIS SATURDAY!**
 4—4:45 pm Confessions-Church
 5:00 pm Mass in Church
 Sunday, March 20 8:00 & 10:00 am Mass in Church
 11:15 am Lenten Retreat - Church
 6 pm Youth Mass at Borgia Church
 Monday, March 21 7 pm — Finance Committee Mtg
 Tuesday, March 22 3-6 pm — Butterbraids Pick Up—
 Parish Hall
 7-8 pm—RCIA/Catholicism 101—
 Parish Hall
 7 pm-Bell Choir Practice in Church
 Wednesday, March 23 Living Joy book study after 8 am
 Mass-Meeting Room 1
 6:30-7:45pm—PSR classes--School
 Friday, March 25 Church Cleaning after 8 am Mass
 OLL Lenten Drive Thru Fish Fry —
 4-7 pm



Tri-County Birthright's (Eureka) guiding principle: "It's the right of every pregnant women to give birth, and the right of every child to be born." Please consider our annual fundraiser, "Plants for Life" Sale when planning your garden this Spring!! Plants are pre-ordered by March 21st. Plant delivery/pickup is April 23rd. Take a look at our plant list...Order forms are provided on the tables in the church vestibule. For further questions, call Diana Smith at 636-390-3489.

WORD OF LIFE

May all who suffer from the wounds of abortion be filled with the hope that does not disappoint, and be healed by Christ —3rd Sunday of Lent

Fr. Jim's Lenten Retreat, "The Servant Knows the Father's Heart" after the 10am Mass around 11:15 in the church. The retreat will consist of four reflections with points for prayer for the next week.
March 20, 27 & April 3 | 11:15am | Church

To Honor and Glorify Jesus Christ and Defend Innocent Life



2022 MIDWEST MARCH FOR LIFE



Speakers:

- Abby Johnson, CEO & Founder, And Then There Were None
- Bishop Shawn McKnight, Diocese of Jefferson City
- Lisa Rowe, Chief Executive Officer, Support After Abortion
- Catherine Glenn Foster, President & CEO, Americans United for Life
- Pastor Jon Nelson, President, Missouri Baptist Convention
- Reagan Barklage, National Field Director, Students For Life America
- Rev. Anthony Viviano, Moderator For ProLife Ministry, Diocese of Jefferson City
- Bridget VanMeans, CEO Vision Leader, Thrive Nation
- Pastor Michael Salemlink, Executive Director, Lutherans For Life
- Rachal Blackmore, Outreach & Development Director, Churches For Life
- Hope Miller, ProLife Youth Activist
- Jay Ashcroft, Secretary Of State, Missouri
- Susan Klein, Executive Director, Missouri Right To Life
- Chuck & Linda Raymond, Silent No More Awareness Campaign

April 20, 2022 SCHEDULE:

- Missouri State Capitol South Lawn, 204 W Capitol Ave, Jefferson City, MO
- 7:45 am to 3:30 pm Grounds Open, Over 30 Life Affirming Exhibits
- 8:00 am Rosary and Prayer Walk
- 9:15 am Pre-Rally with Speakers
- 10:00 am March Begins
- 11:00 am Rally with Speakers
- 12:00 pm Knights of Columbus Council # 4454, Fundraiser Lunch-Grilled Hot Dogs, etc.
- Capitol North Lawn, 1:00 pm Students For Life Apologetics & Rally, Lucy Gonzalez & Hope Miller
- MO Supreme Court Sidewalk, 2:00 pm Silent No More Awareness Testimonies, Chuck & Linda Raymond, Silent No More, Catherine Glenn Foster, Americans United for Life, Mary Varni, Respect Life Apostolate, Archdio St. Louis

Wear RED for LIFE

MidWest March For Life T-Shirts \$20
 Next to Knights' Food Area 8:30 am-1:00 pm

Catholicism 101

Join us for a presentation and discussion led by Father Jim

Tuesday Evening from 7:00-8:00 PM in the Parish Center

\$14

Our Lady of Lourdes
FISH FRY
 Drive Thru Only
 March 11th
 March 25th
 April 8th
 4-7pm | Follow the Drive Thru signs

Menu:
 6 Piece Catfish Dinner
 Mashed Potatoes, Corn,
 Stewed Tomatoes & Cole Slaw

Accepting Cash, Check, and Credit Cards



FISH/CHICKEN DINNER at the Knights of Columbus Hall in St. Clair, MO (204 S. Commercial) on **Friday, March 25th** sponsored by the Daughters of Isabella Circle #1082 and the KofC Council #4667. Carry Outs ONLY. Deep Fried Catfish, Cod, & Chicken, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, and Stewed Tomatoes. All Dinners \$14.00. Serving from **4-7 pm.**

Fish Fry to Benefit St. Vincent School sponsored by the Knights of Columbus #1927 on **Friday, March 25, 2022** from **4-7 pm** at **St. Vincent's Parish**, 13495 S. Hwy 94, Marthasville, MO. Drive Thru Only — Grab and Go!
 Menu: Cod & Swai Fish, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Stewed Tomatoes, Cole Slaw & Applesauce.
 \$14.00 per Dinner

St. Francis of Assisi Church in Luebbering, MO is having a **Fish Fry all Fridays during Lent.** All meals \$13.00 Serving from **4:30—7:00 pm.** Menu: Hand-Battered Cod & Catfish, Hush puppies, Various Sides & Assorted Desserts.
1000 Luebbering Rd, Luebbering, MO 636.629.1717

Dynamic Catholic, Alive! – Repentance

Throughout the readings of Lent we hear a call from God to repentance. Sometimes it is easy for us to be stuck in our comfort zone, so it becomes difficult for us to grow in our faith and our relationship with Jesus. We get complacent in our habits, our actions, and yes even our attitude. Therefore, it is difficult for us to look at our need for repentance through an objective lens. How can we get past this? We need to spend quality time with Jesus and open our hearts and minds to Him so we can listen to what He is trying to tell us about the areas of our lives where we need repentance and reconciliation. We are all so busy but the truth is we make time for the things we want to make time for in our lives. Do you have time for Jesus today?

Keep in touch with us via email and text!

Mass times, weather cancellations, funeral announcements and more. Text the word **ollchurch** to **84576** or sign up online at: **ourladyoflourdes48.flocknote.com**

Knights of Columbus
 1121 Columbus Lane

Washington, Missouri
 636-239-3756

ALL PLATES – \$13

COD OR SWAI, STEWED TOMATOES
 MASHED POTATOES, CORN
 GREEN BEANS, SLAW
 (NO SUBSTITUTIONS)

CHICKEN TENDERS – \$5

FISH FRY HOSTS:
 ST GERTRUDE/ST ANN – MAR 4
 OUR LADY OF LOURDES – MAR 18
SFBRHS MUSIC ASSOC – APR 1
 ST. FRANCIS BORGIA GS – APR 15

FRIDAY, APRIL 1 ** 4 – 7 PM

ALL FISH FRY PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT LISTED SCHOOLS EQUALLY!
 THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

---Upcoming Community Events---

St. Gertrude's Casino Night **April 2, 2022**
(all proceeds benefit St. Gertrude's School)

Over **\$5,000 in Cash and Prizes.**

St. Gertrude Parish Center 6 -- 11 pm

Doors open at 5:30 pm.

Cost: \$100 includes ticket admission for 2 adults

(No one under 21 admitted)

Dinner served 6—7:30 pm Open Bar all night

50/50 Raffle Fun Games of Chance

Every Ticket has a chance for prizes on the Big Board, Including the **\$BIG MONEY\$** Limited tickets available!

FOR TICKETS: contact Vicky Maune at 636.357.0303



Immaculate Conception— Augusta is having a Drive-Thru BBQ on Sunday, March 20th from 11:30—5:00. Pork Steak or 1/2 Chicken, German Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw & Cake. \$12.00 per plate or \$6.00 for just a pork steak or chicken sandwich. (5912 Highway 94, Augusta)

“ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST” will be held at **Immaculate Conception—Augusta on Sunday, March 27,** from **8:00 am till noon.** \$10.00 for Adults and \$4.00 for ages 6-12. Menu includes: Pork Sausage, baked ham, “real” scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, regular and potato pancakes, baked apples, juice and coffee. Carryouts are also available. All are welcome!

Simple Supper Lenten Meal is returning as a drive thru!

The St. Gertrude/St. Ann conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be offering Lenten simple suppers on all Wednesdays of Lent, including Ash Wednesday and the Wednesday of Holy Week. We will be serving in the St. Gertrude cafeteria from 4:30—6:30 pm. Leave the cooking to us and have a hearty COVID-safe meal consisting of homemade soup, deli sandwich, fresh vegetables, and a dessert. There is no charge for the meal, but a free will donation to the St. Gertrude/St. Ann SVdP are accepted and put to good use in helping those in need. Ash Wednesday will be broccoli and cheese soup with a tuna salad sandwich. All are welcome!

St. Paul's Church in Berger is having a Drive Thru Sausage Supper and Quilt Raffle on Sunday, March 20 11—4 pm

All dinners are \$12.00. Menu: whole hog pork sausage made locally, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans with ham, sauerkraut, and a dessert of your choice.



Join “The Good News Voice” Radio Hosts, Mark & Mendi, for an **Ark Encounter Weekend on April 29-30, 2022!**

Inclusions: Deluxe Motor Coach, Holiday Inn Express, Ark Encounter, & Buffet Lunch at the Ark.

Departure: 14th Street Commuter Lot in Washington at 9:00 am April 29th/Return 11:30 pm April 30th.

Cost: \$450 single per person/\$400 double per person.

Don't miss the boat! Sign up today!

Email: goodnewsvoice.org or call 636-239-0400.

Limited seats available. Deadline to register is April 6th.

Two weekends only to Visit this Lenten Relic Display

The Association of the Miraculous Medal invites you to a very special Lenten experience in Perryville, Missouri, to venerate sacred relics that include: a piece of the True Cross, a fragment of the table at which Jesus celebrated the Last Supper, and particles from Gethsemane, Via Dolorosa, and

Calvary. The relics will be on display at the historic National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, MO, from 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. on April 2, 3, 9, and 10. Join fellow pilgrims in prayerful reflection to prepare for the celebration of Christ's Resurrection. Questions? Call the Association of the Miraculous Medal at 1-800-264-6279.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter is excited to announce the following schedule for IN-PERSON weekend experiences for the spring of 2022.

We will have in place all the needed precautions to provide a safe environment for all participants.

For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry Engholm at 314-649-7317.

April 1-3, 2022 - Courtyard Marriott Hotel, St. Peters, MO

Retrouvaille-St. Louis weekend **AUGUST 19-21, 2022**

Healing Your Marriage-- Retrouvaille

(French for “Rediscovery”) is a 3-phase program designed to give you the tools to restore your marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. For more information or to register, call **314.453.0110** or visit the website: www.HelpOurMarriage.org Fully Confidential and affordable. Space is limited with Covid-19 precautions. Register early!!

STOKING THE LENTEN FIRE

I think we all can acknowledge that there's a certain fatigue that comes over us all as we near the end of the Lenten season. Next week is Laetare Sunday, and I find that as soon as those pink vestments start coming out of storage, our collective motivation begins to wane.

I get that. Maybe you're fatigued — I am, too. Maybe you're doing well in your resolutions and devotions but you're in danger of coasting. Or maybe, like many of us this year or in past years, you don't feel that you have even really begun your Lenten journey.

Either way, chances are that the fire that was in your belly on Ash Wednesday is burning a bit

low. All fires eventually do, once they consume whatever fuels them. So here we would do well to remember what fuels our Lenten fire.

Sometimes we make resolutions that have the appearance of being spiritual, but also have an earthly motive. We give up chocolate hoping to lose weight. We stop gossiping so our friends may like us more. There is nothing wrong with these sacrifices — just with their motivations.

As Moses removes his sandals to approach the burning bush, he sees that the fire burns brightly, strongly — but does not consume. It is propelled by something inexhaustible, something which is not of this world.

Is your Lenten fire fueled by God? Are you daily surrendering yourself to the same voice that boomed from the bush in Genesis — the voice that commanded the Israelites to do what seemed like the impossible?

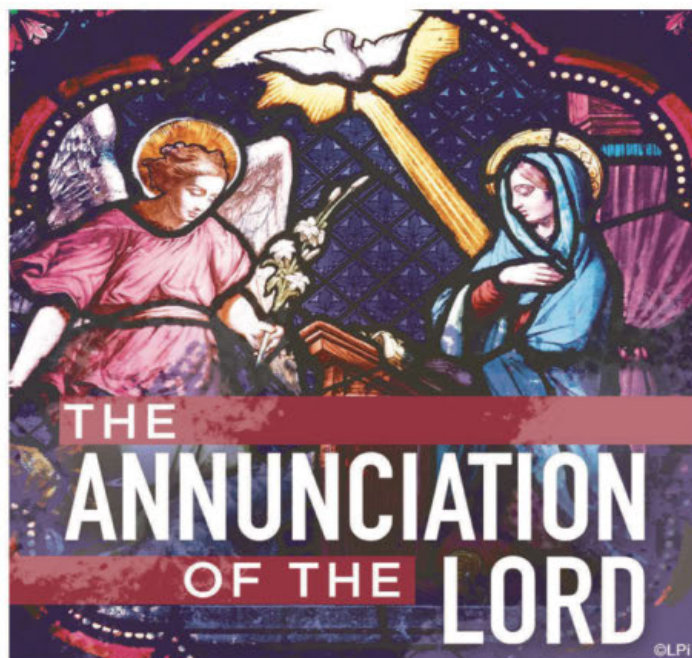
—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WHY DO PRIESTS WEAR VESTMENTS? DO THEY HAVE A SPECIAL MEANING?

Vestments are clothes worn for a specific purpose. Priests will joke that they cover a thousand flaws. But our own manner of dress often corresponds to what we do. We dress up for special occasions, and for special guests. We wear certain clothes for golf, for outdoor activities, and years ago, we even had our "Sunday best" clothes we wore just for Church. Vestments are much the same, and each one has a meaning. The alb is a reminder of the baptismal garment. The stole is a symbol of ordained ministry and authority within the Church. The chasuble reminds us that we are on a pilgrimage of faith, passing through this life towards heaven.

Priests wear vestments for two basic reasons. First, they draw attention to the importance and solemnity of the act of worship. The color of the vestments indicates the season of the year or the feast being celebrated. Secondly,

vestments draw attention to what the priest does, rather than who he is. In the celebration of the Mass, the focus is on what we do together, on our common unity, and on the mystery and person of Christ.



UPCOMING RETREATS AT THE WHITE HOUSE RETREAT CENTER, 7400 Christopher Dr, St. Louis MO

Co-Ed Young Adult Retreat at White House Retreat June 2-5 (Thursday evening to Sunday afternoon)

Theme: Hope and Perseverance in the Face of Suffering; or "Never let anxiety enter your hearts" LK 12: 22
 Directed by Fr. Stephen Kramer, SJ. Open to men and women age 18-35.
 \$150/person due at registration. Includes private lodging and all meals!
 Space is limited! Call 314-416-6400 to register or register online at <https://whitehouseretreat.org/amdg>

Co-Ed Veterans Retreat at White House Retreat

A retreat for U.S. Military Veterans featuring a series of talks focusing on issues pertaining to Veterans. Each talk will be followed by small group breakout sessions for attendees to share their own experiences related to the topics presented. We will also have worship services and quiet time for personal prayer and reflection. The retreat will help veterans focus on their military experience and how God was with them and continues to be with them.
When: June 30-July 3, 2022 (Thursday evening - Sunday afternoon).
Who: This retreat is open to men and women of any denomination who have served in the United States Armed Forces.
Cost: We simply require a \$30 deposit to register. That is the only cost to attendees. We host a variety of fundraising events throughout the year to offset the cost of holding this retreat.
To register, call 314-416-6400. Space is limited!

New Parishioner Information

We welcome new parishioners and ask them to register by contacting the rectory office, 636-239-3520, or go to ollwashmo.org under quick links and print the new parishioner form and drop it off at the rectory.

Baptisms

Please contact the rectory to schedule a baptism. The Sacrament of Baptism is held on Sundays at 11:15 am.

Weddings

Contact Fr. Jim Theby at least six months in advance.

Children's Chapel

We would like for you to know that we have a cry room to bring your little ones to during Mass. It is located in the back of church. After you enter the main entrance, go through the double doors on the left. The room is to the right of the elevator and marked "Children's Chapel."

Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found items are located on the top shelf of the coat closet across from the elevator.

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