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Mass & Sacraments

Sunday Masses: 8:00 am, 10:30 am & 6:30 pm *(This Mass is often in the Extraordinary Form (Latin Mass))*

Weekday Masses
Monday through Friday: 8:00 am

Tuesday Evening Mass: 6:30 pm

Saturday Masses 8:00 am and 4:00 pm

Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursdays 7:30-8:15 pm (with reception for young adults after, hosted by Spirit and Truth St. Louis)

Sacrament of Penance:
Saturday, 7:30-7:50 am
Sundays, 10-10:20 am & 6-6:20 pm
Tuesdays, 6-6:20 pm OR by appointment

Baptisms: Contact the parish office to Register.

Marriages: Contact the priest at least 9 months prior to the wedding date.

Funerals: To be arranged by contacting the Parish Office.

Change of Address or Telephone Number: Please call the Parish Office.

Bulletin Deadline: 4:00 pm Monday.

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." - Mk 9:35b-37a

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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 19, 2021

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FROM THE DESK OF FR. MICHAEL

Thank you to our Fall Festival volunteers! Thank you to everyone for helping to support the parish raffle. I hope everyone has a great time this Sunday at our mini-Fall Festival.

There will be no Holy Hour with the young adults from Spirit and Truth this coming Thursday, September 23. Spirit and Truth invites everyone to join them that evening at St. Mary of Victories for a 7 pm Mass in honor of Padre Pio. There will be relics of Padre Pio there as well.

Are you not Catholic but interested in learning more about the faith, or learning how to become Catholic? Email me and we'll talk it over. This is the time to begin preparations, so don't hesitate. Michaelrennier@gmail.com

Trunk R Treat will take place on our parking lot on Oct 23. We'll have lots of candy, costumes, hotdogs and burgers- *free will offering*, and overall have a great time. I'll get you more details when I have them, but for now, mark your calendars.

Around this time of year, the rectory office reports various statistics to the Archdiocese and as part of that process we clean up our parish registration information. This information helps us to stay in touch with you and maintain an accurate picture of who is attending Mass here. It won't cause you to get spammed with fundraising letters, I promise. If you consider this your parish, I encourage you to register online or grab a registration form from the blue table and return it next week in the offertory basket.

Here's the current Marian Hymn after Mass -

Salve Regina, mater misericordiae, vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra salve. Ad te clamamus, exules filii Evae. Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes, in hac lacrimarum valle. Eia ergo, advocate nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos, ad nos converte. Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exsilium ostende. O Clemens, o pia, o dulcis virgo Maria.

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy,
Hail our life, our sweetness, and our hope.
To you we cry, poor banished children of Eve;
to you we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.
Turn, then, most gracious advocate,
your eyes of mercy toward us;
and after this, our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Fr. Michael

Attention All Women In Faith

Please join us on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7:15-8:45 pm, now through May.

Our first topic will be based on the August issue of the "Word Among Us" booklet "Take Lord Receive". Our Willingness to be humble, sharing the gifts and talents God has given us with others. We will be using the Bible and Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) as resources for our Wisdom Insight and Discussion.

Space is limited so please call to reserve your spot today. Call Marilyn Unger at 645-3483 or Mary Swaykus at 479-9441.

The Kindergartener A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom as the children drew pictures. The teacher would occasionally walk around and see each child's artwork. As she approached one little girl who was working especially hard, she asked what the drawing was.

The little girl told her: "I'm drawing God!"

"But sweety," the teacher replied, "no one actually knows what God looks like."

Automatically, the little girl continued drawing and said, "well, they certainly will in a minute!"

Katy Trail Marian Pilgrimage

Marian (*adj.*): relating to the Virgin Mary
Pilgrimage (*noun*): a journey, especially a long one, made to some sacred place as an act of religious devotion

An Open Invitation to the
Katy Trail Marian Pilgrimage:

Join us on our 5th annual Marian Pilgrimage - led by Father Foy of St. John the Baptist parish, October 4th through October 8th! Whether you come for a day, or stay for the week, you will certainly feel the rejuvenating effects of a Marian Pilgrimage as you unplug, unwind & re-energize with other faithful followers. As we walk along the magnificent Katy Trail, you will find each day to be filled with personal reflection, daily Mass, an abundance of prayer, and genuine fellowship. Come along with us as we embark on this sacred journey - let a renewed zest for faith bloom and a closer connection to Our Lady of the Rosary flourish!

For a detailed itinerary, and/or registration, please send an email request to:

MarianPilgrimage77@gmail.com

Alternatively, for more information and/or registration, please visit:

www.katytrailpilgrimage.com

Migrants and Refugees Section/Vatican

National Migration Week

September 20-26, 2021

For nearly a half century, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National Migration Week, which is an opportunity for the Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking.

National Migration Week for 2021 takes place September 20-26, and will climax with the Vatican's celebration of the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR), which always falls on the last Sunday of September. The primary theme for this year' WDMR is "Towards an ever wider 'we'". In his letter announcing this year's theme, Pope Francis emphasizes that "this focus calls on us to ensure that 'after all this, we will think no longer in terms of 'them' and 'those,' but only 'us'" (Fratelli tutti, no. 35). And this universal us must become a reality first of all within the Church which is called to cultivate communion in diversity."

In solidarity with the Vatican, National Migration Week will use the same theme as WDMR – "Towards an ever wider we' – but will emphasize the particular ways in which this theme and its application to the migration question is important for the Catholic Church in the United States. Please be sure to visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Justice for Immigrant's webpage in advance of the celebration to access resources that will be developed for this event (*https://tinyurl.com/NationalMigrationWeek2021*).

Should you have any thoughts as to how we can more effectively celebrate National Migration Week, or to suggest resources that will be useful for your local community, please reach out to Todd Scribner at *Tscribner@usccb.org*.

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BULLETIN

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 19
8:00 am Parishioners
10:30 am Bryan Kreitler
6:30 pm Dianne Mayfield

Monday, September 20
8:00 am Cate Siemer (***Birthday Blessings***)

Tuesday, September 21
8:00 am The Hummert Family
6:30 pm Carolina Kathleen King (***Special Intentions***)

Wednesday, September 22
8:00 am John Jankowski

Thursday, September 23
8:00 am The Tetreault Family

Friday, September 24
8:00 am Jackie Tully

Saturday, September 25
8:00 am Enrollees & Benefactors of Epiphany Memorial Fund
4:00 pm Gerry Kitchell

Sunday, September 26
8:00 am Parishioners
10:30 am Rinaldo DiRocco
6:30 pm Rev. James Parker (***Special Intentions***)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND & SICK OF OUR PARISH

Anita Gilliam	All Coronavirus Patients	Susan Jearls
Axel Nuspl	Phoenix Nuspl	Sr. Carol Kopff
Joan Huelsmann	Larry Lopez	Jimmy Santen
Larry Unger	Dale Kopff	Ethan Sonderman
Christie Breaux	Zora Unger	Ginger Ragona
Jimmy "Nips" Boyer	Mary Helen Brindell	

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT. 19,2021

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/ Mk 9:30-37

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/ Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/ Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

St. Pat's Salad Makers will meet next Wednesday, September 22nd at 7:15 am in the gym kitchen. Please join us. As always, cash donations are greatly appreciated! Thanks for your support!

WHY DO WE DO THAT?
CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: Why are Catholics required to fast before Communion?
Answer:
How we prepare for an important event helps us with the intentionality of our actions and raises our awareness. We prepare our house for guests. We wash our car before an important trip. We create a nursery for a newborn child. All of these actions heighten our senses for what is about to come.
The fast required by canon law before holy Communion has its roots in Jewish spiritual practices. We fast for cleansing and to demonstrate our reliance on God. Catholics used to fast for much longer periods of time, but it was Pope Paul VI in 1964 who set the time at one hour in an attempt to encourage people to receive the holy Eucharist more frequently. That one-hour observance allows us to pause and reflect on what we will participate in in the very near future. We deny our bodies so that we can focus more clearly on the Body of Christ that we will consume.

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BOOK DISCUSSION ON HOPE AT PAULINE BOOKS & MEDIA

When waves of anxiety, doubt or suffering crash against us amid life's storms, hope can easily seem lost. Thankfully, we have an anchor to hold onto! Join us for a timely book discussion on "Hope Always: Our Anchor in Life's Storms" by Kris Frank. This discussion will be held each Thursday, Sept. 23- Nov. 11, 7-8 pm both in person (Pauline Books & Media, 9804 Watson Rd. in Crestwood, (12 person limit; masks required) or via Zoom. For more information and to register, visit https://bit.ly/3iSb0PJ

OUR OFFERING FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT. 11-12, 2021

Sunday Collection
General Fund..... $3,807.00
General Fund Loose $299.00
General Fund Online .. $1,570.00
Total $5,676.00
Maintenance & Repair $280.00
M&R Online $164.00
SVDP *Online* *$75.00*
Votive $52.00
Tuition Assist Online ..... $50.00 .... $377.00.00(YTD)

Monday's in September
Open Bowling at Epiphany Lanes

Hours: 6 - 9 pm

Price: $10.00 per person

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Feel free to call ahead to check lane availability.
4 people per lane maximum.
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Personal Care Assistant:

The Sisters of the Most Precious Blood are seeking a full-time Personal Assistant who will address the full range of non-medical care needs of the sisters living at Villa Theresa Apartments and Abbey Senior Health in O'Fallon, MO. Experience: Coordinating a wide variety of tasks including driving sisters, time management and creative problem solving. Understanding the aging process and issues of diminishment are beneficial, prior experience working with elders is preferred.

Send resume to Sr. Sheila Brennan, 204 North Main Street, O'Fallon, MO 63366 or sbrennan@cppsadmin-ofallon.org. visit www.cpps-ofallon.org for full job description.

Ladies Guild News

We will have our Card Social on Monday, September 20th at 10 am in the Assumption Room.

Our regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 22nd at 11:30 am in the Assumption Room. We will serve coffee and dessert at both events. Hopefully everyone has been vaccinated!! Please if you haven't we recommend wearing a mask to protect yourself and others.

St. Louis Area Diaper Bank

Over the next few weeks Epiphany, in conjunction with the St. Louis Area Diaper Bank, will be hosting a Diaper Drive to benefit mothers and children in need.

What is our mission?
The St. Louis Area Diaper Bank exists to help strengthen low-income families in the St. Louis region by ensuring access to an adequate supply of diapers and by raising awareness about the causes and consequences of diaper need n our community.

Please consider making a donation of any of the following items: Diapers size, preemie, newborn, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, pull ups, and wipes. Financial contributions are accepted as well. *Thank you for your consideration and support!*

Other Ways to Help:
Support by making a donation. All proceeds go towards our mission to help meet the basic needs of all babies and their families. Visit stldiaperbank.org/donate.
Volunteer in our warehouse by sorting, counting and wrapping diapers: join our Ambassador Program; or special events committee.

Quarter Auction Mark your calendar for this years Quarter Auction, **Thursday, October 7**, 2021. ***We have really missed seeing you all and hope you will be able to join us for our Eighth Annual Quarter Auction***. It is never too early to call in your reservation. ***We are also in need of donations***. We could use any of the following items: small kitchen appliances, home deco, outdoor grilling, sun and fun, bath gift sets, gardening, gift certificates, ***bottles of booze*** or any new item you might not need or want. ***Oh, did I mention we want booze, any kind, wine, beer, vodka, tequila, rum, etc.?*** Help us make this year's auction an auction to remember. Send in your donations today. ***Thank you to all who have already brought in donations!*** Please watch for more postings throughout the next couple of months. Thanks for your support! For more information or to make a reservation or donation, contact Trish at 314-781-1199 or email trishnerviani@aol.com

The Holy Cross Academy Early Childhood Campus

will be learning about a different Saint each month. We are looking for statues, books, pictures, relics or other items you may be willing to donate for the teachers to use with the children. Saints: St. Michael the Archangel, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Cecelia, St. Lucy, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Brigid, St. Joseph, St. Gianna, Mother Teresa and Mary, Blessed Mother. Donations can be dropped off at the 7748 Mackenzie Road, or call to arrange pick-up at 314-832-4161 Thank you for your support.

ANGIE LANGHAUSER
Director of Early Childhood Education
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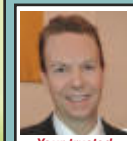
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