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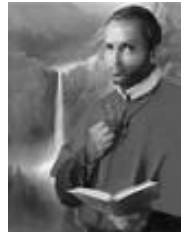
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Rev. Stephen Benden, C.Ss.R., Pastor

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Mission

"To Joyfully Preach, Teach, and Live the Word of God"

Theme

"One Hundred Fifty Years of Standing on the Rock"

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Rev. Dave Polek, C.Ss.R.
Rev. Peter Schavitz, C.Ss.R.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(Call for Appointment)

SUNDAY MASSES:

10:00 a.m.

DAILY MASSES:

Monday 5:30 p.m.

(Tu, W, Th & F.) 11:30 a.m.

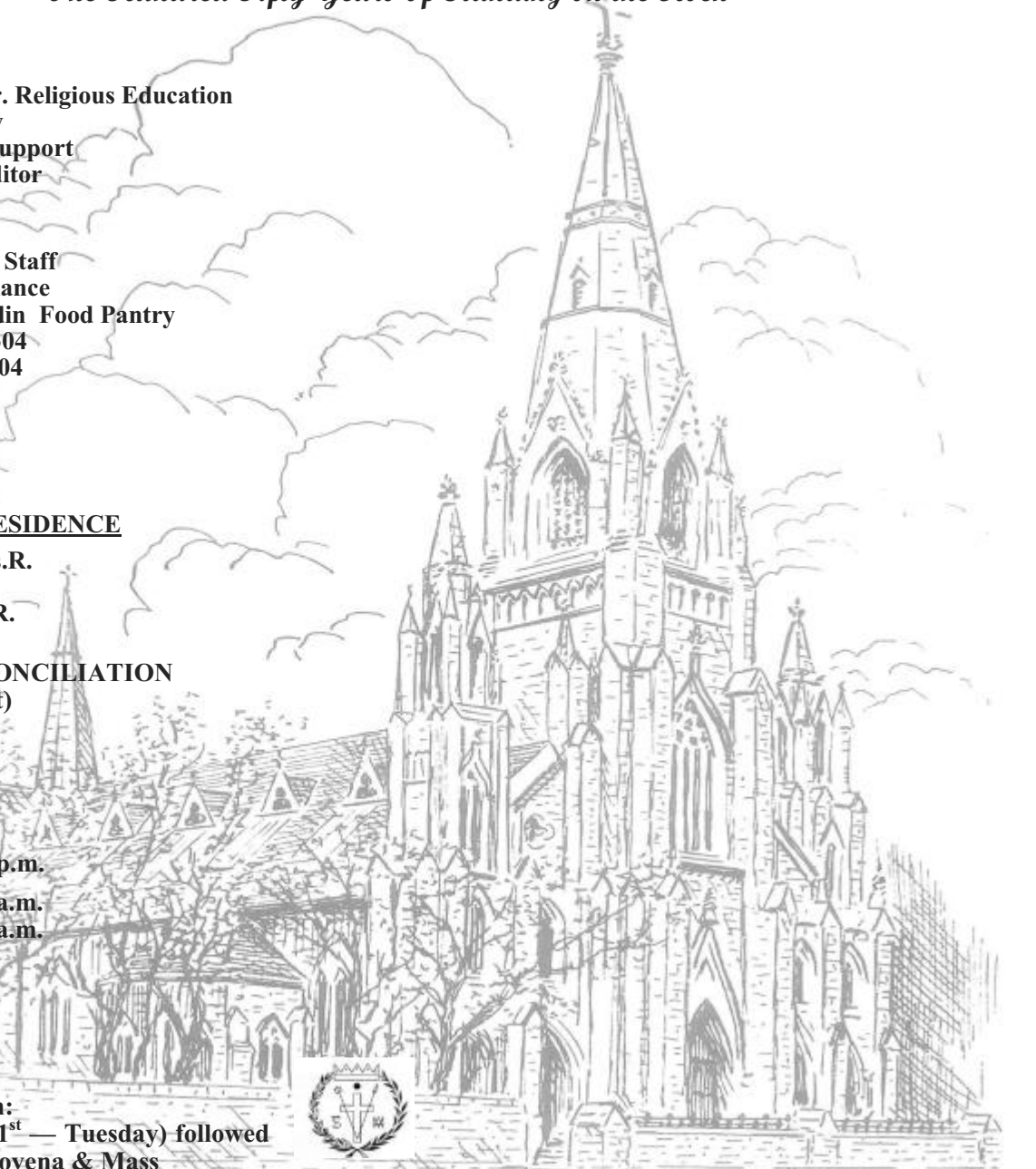
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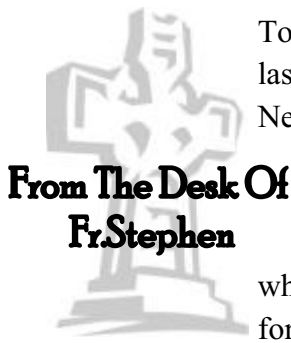
MONDAY:

Eucharistic Adoration
5:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m.

TUESDAYS:

Exposition & Benediction:
10:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. (1st — Tuesday) followed
by our Perpetual Help Novena & Mass





**From The Desk Of
Fr. Stephen**

Today we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. It is the last Sunday of Ordinary Time for the Catholic church. Next Sunday, we will begin the season of Advent, preparing ourselves for the coming of Jesus amongst us as a baby. As we conclude our liturgical year, I am not sure anyone can adequately express our feelings about what has happened over the past year. No one could have foreseen the spread of sickness in our modern world the way we have seen it happen. Here in America, the virus has spread far worse than in any other country, mostly because some have chosen to ignore all sense of reason and not protect themselves. I do appreciate the efforts we have taken at the “Rock.” We would all love to go about our days in the same way we did one year ago, but this is not possible. Last Sunday, I asked people to really consider whether they should come to church or not. Many chose to stay at home. God is not angry with us in any way because we could not make it to mass. In fact, we are Prudent Stewards for staying away. Our parish cannot afford to have anyone get sick. You are too important to us.

In our gospel today, Jesus tells the parable of what will happen at “the end of the ages.” None of us knows when this might happen, but evidently, at the end, there will be some sort of judgement. Jesus will separate everyone who has ever lived. This separation, or judgement, will comprise of just one question; “How well did you love?” Ultimately, that is the thing Jesus will judge us on; did we reach out in love to those around us in the best way we could?

Mother Teresa, who spent a lifetime loving those around her, once remarked, “Our lives are not a matter of doing great things, but a matter of doing small things with great love” - this is a great quote. Donald Trump has said many times he would like to make America great again. I am not always sure what he means, but it is not a bad quote if heard in the proper context. I would love to see America great also. Who wouldn’t? But great in what way. I think Donald Trump is talking about economic greatness, striving to be the wealthiest and most profitable country in the world. I would love to see America great in the sense of what we hear in the gospel today. I would love to see this country be a leader, showing greatness, not economically, but in our capacity to love. Wouldn’t it be a different world to live in where we all saw the needs of others, and we responded to them rather than always satisfying our own needs? Jesus uses this parable today to show some will go to heaven, and some will go to hell. Dostoyevsky once said that “Hell is living in a place where no one loves.” I do not want to go to a place where no one is even capable of loving. Let us learn to love others today as we love ourselves.

Weekly Readings...

Sunday:

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1]/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28
Mt 25:31-46

Monday:

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday:

Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday:

Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 [Rev 15:3b]/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday:

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a
Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [Rev 19:9a]
Lk 21:20-28

Friday:

Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a
and 8a [Rev 21:3b]/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday:

Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab
[1 Cor 16:22b]/Lk 21:34-36

Sunday:

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9
Mk 13:33-37

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Monday:

St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr
St. Columban, Abbot
Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro
Priest and Martyr

Tuesday:

St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest
and Companions, Martyrs

Wednesday:

St. Catherine of Alexandria,
Virgin and Martyr

Thursday:

Thanksgiving Day

Sunday:

1st Sunday of Advent



NOTE: Names will remain listed for 2 weeks

REMEMBER
in your prayers

INTENTIONS 11/10/20

Cooney, Sylvia
Doss, Anthony & Vicki
George, Roberta
Smith, Paulette
White, Evan

INTENTIONS 11/17/20

Bowens, Patricia
Burke, Terry Bro.
Corbett, Dan
Dyle, Ayrielle
George, Darrion
Grove, Nancy
Haine, Wm (Bill)
Hearns, Zeyean
Hinton, Maryann
Jackson, Tamica
LeSuer, JaVaughn
Logan, Carlita
Middleton, Mary
Perry, Kameron
Polek, David Fr.
Reedy, Judy
Reedy, Sid
Samuels, Nancy
Serio, Coman
Stewart, Michael
Voss, Greg

SICKNESS 11/10/20

Anders, Douglas
Atherton, Vertibe
Baby Pruitt
Burton, Talana
Caprese, Brittany
Chapman, Bonnie
Coffman, Michael
Coffman, Cherina
Coffman, Zoe

Cooney, Sheonna
Gregory, Georgette
Hart, Edgar
Howard, Yvonne
Latham, Jean
Moore, Brenda
Oldani, Shirley
Remsberg, Cory Sgt.
Schnelle, Laverne
Smith, Melba
Strong, Betty
Thompson, Mary Ann
Weaver, Stephen
Vet, Alphonso
Vinson, Kelly
Vinson, Tyler

SICKNESS 11/17/20

Bell, Gilbert
Collins, Tamika
Collins, Tony
Dye, Margaret
George, Betty
Green, Alonzo
Guest, Lois
Lubinski, Tiffany
Massingale, Bryan Fr.
Miller, Roy
Moore, Joyce
Klein, Mary
Luster, Juanita
Mozee, Sylvester
Parran, Rodrick
Reedy, Christian
Richards, Dave
Stamps, Arlecia
Valle, Jr., Robert (Bobby)
Watkins, Darnell (Chef D)
Whitfield, Edna (Mother)

SHUT-IN'S

Atherton, Andrew
Bohannon, Ida
Brack, Dorothy
Clay, Irving
McCoy, Bernice

McCoy, Carolyn
Peters, Mae
Thomas, Bernice
Turner, Hortense

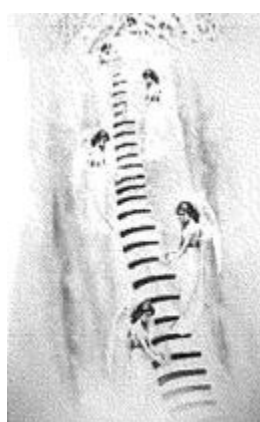


Pray for the Deceased



Pray for the repose of the soul of †Rosalind Hood, wife of Gregory Hood

*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace.
Amen*



Once again, we will remember our departed loved ones by placing their pictures on our Ladders of Remembrance during the month of November.

The Ladders will remain up until Nov. 29th.

Please place your pictures in the basket near St. Joseph's Altar; mark your name and phone number on the reverse of your picture so we can return them to you.

Please do not enter the ladders space when it is erected – rather, place your picture in the basket and the Arts & Environment team will add it to the space.



THE ROSARY PRAYER

**Join us every Tuesday/Thursday
at 11 a.m. as we seek**

Our Holy Mother's intercession in prayer

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LITURGY NOTES...

Black Catholic History Month



Black Catholic History began in the Acts of the Apostles (8:26-40) with the conversion of the Ethiopian Eunuch by Philip the Deacon. This text is important for several reasons. First, it chronicles the conversion of the first Black African in recorded Christian history. Second, the text suggests that the man was a wealthy, literate, and powerful emissary of the Nubian Queen and also a faithful, practicing Jew prior to his baptism. Clearly, he was not an ignorant heathen. Third, the Ethiopian Eunuch's conversion predates the conversions of Saints Paul and Cornelius. Most significantly, many cite this conversion as the very moment when the church changed from a

Hebrew and Hellenist community to the truly Universal and Catholic Church.

Black Catholics trace their faith history back to Christian antiquity long before other nations heard the "Good News." Christian Africa was indeed a "leading light" in early Christendom. Black Catholics point to three popes who were born in Africa: Saints Victor I, Melchiades, and Gelasius I. All three shepherded the early church through tough and tumultuous times in history. Black Catholics claim many Black Saints like Saints Cyprian, Zeno, Anthony of Egypt, Moses the Black, Pachomius, Maurice, Athanasius, Pistentius, Mary of Egypt, Cyril of Alexandria, Monica of Hippo, Augustine of Hippo, Perpetua, Felicitas, and Thecla. Some of these mystics, monastics, and martyrs literally made the church what it is today.

King Nzinga-a-Nkuwu Mbemba (Afonso the Good) of the Kongo and his subjects made their profession of faith thanks to the work of Portuguese missionaries one year before Christopher Columbus made his famous voyage in 1492. Pope Leo X consecrated the king's son, Henrique, Titular Bishop of Utica in 1518.

Notwithstanding the moral crimes of chattel slavery, the French and Spanish missionaries ministered to their free and enslaved African population within their respective colonies. This ministry laid the foundation for Black Catholic communities within the United States, (i.e. Mobile, Alabama; New Orleans, Louisiana; and Saint Augustine, Florida).

Tragically, the American Catholic Church did not seriously commit its time and resources to minister to the African-American population during the ante-bellum or post-bellum periods. However, God made a way!!! In spite of insuperable obstacles and opposition, African-American Catholics created a remarkable movement of faith and evangelization. Many courageous people played pivotal roles within church history like Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange, Mathilda Beasley, Daniel Rudd, and the Reverend Augustus Tolton. They witnessed their faith, ministered to their people, and left lasting legacies in the face of prejudice, ignorance, and indifference.

(Source:www.nbcc.org)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Testimonial Dinner and Auction

The 37th Annual Testimonial Dinner and Auction has been rescheduled for April 25, 2021.

Tickets that have already been purchased will be honored for the rescheduled date.

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Shirley Foster

KINGDOM



“Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world”

Matthew 25:34



ANNOUNCEMENTS

One of our family members needs some loving encouragement! Fr Dave, as he always does, worked tirelessly to help raise money for our Fall Festival/Card Party. This year alone, he raised more than \$10,000!

Fr Dave had a serious fall and is in rehab. Let’s all show Fr Dave some love by sending him a Get Well cards at:

Ascension Living Sherbrooke Village
4005 Ripa Ave
St Louis, MO 63125

A while ago, Get Well cards were at the Usher’s table to sign for Bro. Terry.

In case you missed that opportunity, here is his information:

Bro. Terry Burke
St Andrews at Francis Place
300 Forby Rd
Eureka, MO 63025

A message from Judge Nicole Colbert-Bochway”

Thank you, Rock family, for your encouragement, prayers, and votes. Thanks to God and each of you, I’ve been retained as a Judge in the City of St Louis. Keep me in prayer.

Annual Catholic Appeal Essay Winner

Congratulations, Brianna DuMaine!!

3rd Place Scholarship Winner

Black Friday is just around the corner— November 27, 2020.

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This is a great opportunity for St Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church to increase AmazonSmile donations.

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PARISH EVENTS

NOVENA PRAYER TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

ADAPTED TO BE PRAYED IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 SITUATION



Mother of Perpetual Help, with the greatest confidence we come before your holy picture to beseech your intercession.

We think of you, Mother, at the foot of the Cross. Your heart must have bled to see your Son in agony. But your joy was great when He rose from the dead, victorious over the powers of evil.

Mother of Sorrows, pray for us in this time of trial. Help us not to lose heart. Intercede for your people who are afflicted with Coronavirus.

Comfort your people who are vulnerable and anxious. Protect healthcare workers who put their lives at risk. Inspire our leaders to make good decisions. Change our hearts so that we may act responsibly.

Teach us to trust in God’s love and mercy and to share with you the joy of having courageously faced up to all the challenges of Life. Amen.

Financial Corner...

General Fund Actual Contributions Received		
NOVEMBER	8th	15th
Envelopes	\$ 8,628.00	\$
Loose Donations	\$ 1,496.00	\$
Total Contributions	\$10,124.00	\$ 7,212.00
Weekly Target Amount	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Under/Over Weekly Target	\$(1,876.00)	\$(4,788.00)

Stewardship Prayer...

That we are generous with our gifts of time, talent and treasure especially when it's not always convenient for us.

"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me."

Matthew 25:40

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient; when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's schedule.

**Dynamic Catholic, Alive! – Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe- The Last Things**

This is one of my favorite passages in all of Scripture, and Michelangelo painted a brilliant portrayal of it in the Sistine Chapel. What is so great about this passage? Its simplicity. Jesus simplifies His message. It is not optional to serve our neighbors. It is not optional to perform corporal works of mercy and spiritual works of mercy. It is by these that we will be saved or condemned. Heaven and hell are at stake here. While we are on earth, let us put our faith into practice by being active in charity. Let us love one another as if each person we encounter is Jesus Christ Himself. There are several people in the world today suffering from hunger, thirst, poverty, nakedness, imprisonment, estrangement, and sickness. What are we doing to bring Christ's healing and love? Let us serve the Lord and our neighbor in holiness. "In the presence of Christ, who is Truth itself, the truth of each man's relationship with God will be laid bare. The Last Judgment will reveal even to its furthest consequences the good each person has done or failed to do during his earthly life" (CCC 1039).

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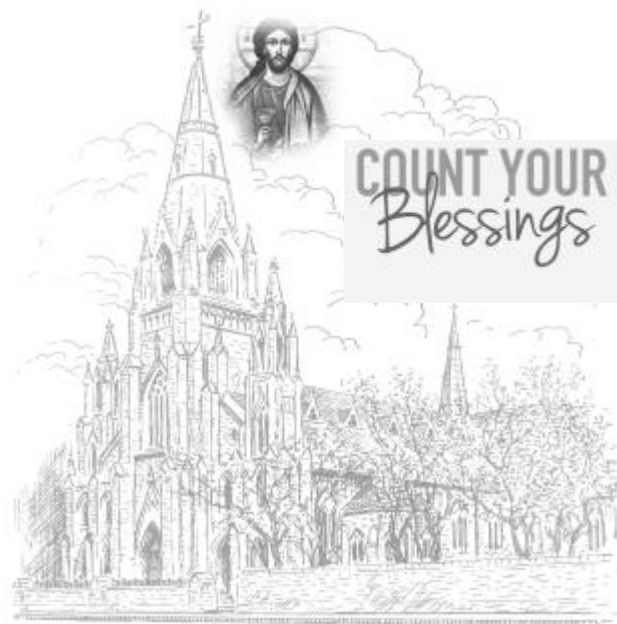
**ROCK Church
Winners Circle Club**

New Season

October 2020—September 2021

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| Stephanie Brown | Mark and Linda Kamp |
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| Janice Englander | Karen and Sylvester Mozee |
| Kurt Englander | Barbara Jean Nashville |
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| Deborah Jones | Janis Weaver-McSpadden |
| Donald and Joyce Jones | Sheila Williams |
| Mary Ellen Judge | |

**PRAY FOR OUR
COMMUNITY**



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PRAYER MEMORIALS

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 Queen E. Dunlap Fowler, Craig Franklin, Willie Goss, Ann Marie Hatchett, Rosalind Hood
 Cherry Ophelia Jackson, Mark Jones, Nadine Jones, Mother Ruth Jones, Stephen LaBerta
 Rosemary Lee, Eldwyn Lewis, Anice Mahone, Barbara McCaleb, Leon Zack McClendon
 Eric L. McKinnie, Louis T. McKinnie, Marshall Mosley, Anne Ortwerth, Lucille Palmer
 Kathy Lin Cheers Parran, Alton Pritchard, Drene Sanders, Eugene Sanders, Christine Slaughter
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 Ralph Watkins Jr., Juanita West, Marlene Williams, Richard Williams, Vernie Woolfork, Clarence Zacher

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Sharon Cooney-Smith, DRE
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RCIA/RCIC
 Children's Liturgy of the Word
 Baptism
 First Reconciliation
 First Communion
 Confirmation
 Matrimony

COMMISSIONS & CHAIRS

Christian Formation	Jean Anthony
Christian Service	TBD
Finance & Adm.	Monica Huddleston
Liturgy	Richard Buckley
Social Life	Rose Graham
Youth & Young Adults	TBD

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Wilhelmina Hardin Food Pantry
 Terri Schneider, Dir. of Wilhelmina Hardin Food Pantry
 (Emergency Aid) (314) 531-1040
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 Community Health In Partnership Services (C.H.I.P.S.)
 (314) 652-9231
 Community Women Against Hardship (CWAH)
 (314) 289-7523
 HIV/AIDS: 314 531-0304 Ext. 1502

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ANOINTING OF THE SICK & VISITS

"Is anyone sick among you? Call in the priests of the church and they will pray for the sick person and anoint them with oil." (James) This is the sacrament of the sick. ARE YOU SERIOUSLY SICK, GOING TO THE HOSPITAL OR HAVING AN OPERATION? Call and leave your hospital information at the office.

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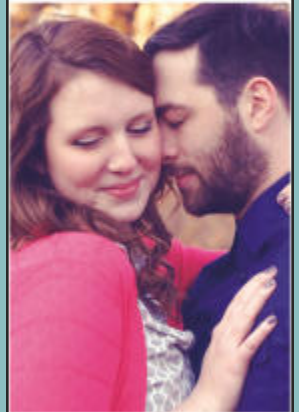
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