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January 16, 2022



2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."

Parish

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School

225 Cedar Street 636-239-2590 • (Fax) 636-239-3501 www.borgiagradeschool.org Facebook: @BorgiaGradeSchool Instagram: Borgia_GradeSchool

Mass Schedule

Monday: 7:00 am Tuesday: 7:00 am, 6:30 pm Wednesday: 7:00 am Thursday: 7:00 am Friday: 7:00 am Saturday: 8:00 am, 4:30 pm Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 am

Masses Livestreamed

All Masses are livestreamed and can be viewed from our parish website, Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday: After 7:00 am Mass Tuesday: After 6:30 pm Mass Saturday: After 8:00 am Mass & 3:30-4:15 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays after 7:00 am Mass until 6:30 pm

Anointing of the Sick

Other arrangements can be made by calling 636-239-6701 Fr. Mike at ext. 1422 Fr. Tony at ext. 1513

SFB Mission Statement

The Catholic Faith Community of St. Francis Borgia Parish strives to live according to the gospel through worship, education, and service, and to create a parish environment where all may feel welcome, affirmed and part of this Christian family.

SAINT FRANCIS BORGIA PARISH **WELCOMES YOU!**

Whether you are a long-time parishioner, a new friend, visitor or neighbor, we are so grateful that you chose to share this time together with us.

We are always happy to welcome new Borgia parishioners! If you are new to the parish and would like to register, you may call the office during regular business hours (M-F; 9am - 4pm) and ask for Donna. For school information, you can call and ask for Kelli.

We have assisted hearing devices available at the east door and center vestibule and a space for wheelchairs and walkers halfway up the aisle.

Children are welcome to sit with their families near the front of church where it is easier to see and hear. If they squirm around or are a bit noisy, that's okay! If it is more convenient for families with children, we also offer a Family Chapel (Cry Room) to the right of the Sanctuary and a vestibule in the back of church that is equipped with speakers and windows.

Restrooms are conveniently located in the Jesuit Hall Gathering Area. Feel free to ask an usher for directions.

You are invited to our parish website which offers much information about our history, parish life and the many ministries and service groups that keep St. Francis Borgia an active, vibrant Catholic parish! Please contact us with any questions you may have about our parish. Again, welcome!



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Baptism Preparation

Baptism class for new parents are done on an individual basis. Please call the parish office for more information (636-239-6701). Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday after the 11:00 am Mass.

Marriage Preparation

Call the Rectory or Parish Office at least six months before the wedding.

Christian Initiation of Adults

For more information on becoming a Catholic, call Deacon Dave Tobben at 636-357-0436 or the Parish Office.

Pre K-2nd Grade - Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children are dismissed at the beginning of Mass with volunteer catechists to reflect on the Gospel at different levels: Pre K-through Grade 2. They return to their families after the homily. On Sundays at the 9:00 am & 11:00 am Masses.

Infants

Family Chapel on west (right) side of sanctuary.

SFB Parish Library

Located on the 1st Floor of Jesuit Hall next to the Blessed Mother Room. For more information email at sfblibrary@borgiaparish.org

Prayer Tree

The members of the Prayer Tree express their love for their neighbor by praying each day in the comfort of their home for intentions that are given to them over the telephone. If you have an intention that needs prayers, please call Dot Filla (239-6463) or Debbie Goheen (636-667-8172) Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Prayer Tree Ministry, please contact one of these ladies.

Home Visits

If you would like a priest or deacon to visit you at your home or bring you communion, please call Deacon Dennis Meinert (573) 619-8741.

Prayers for Expectant Mothers

If you or someone you know is expecting a child, and you'd like to have a rose placed on the altar as a reminder for prayers throughout the pregnancy, please contact the Pro-Life Committee at 636-432-6781. Ask for Jane Maune.

Prayers for the Sick and Dying

Divine Mercy Cenacle Group is available to pray with the sick, the dying and their families at their bedside or in their home. Please call Donna Brown at 636-239-4176.

Parish Office Hours

The parish office hours are 9:00 am-4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, unless stated in the bulletin. There is normally someone available during the lunch hours, however, on occasion we may have to close at lunch due to special circumstances. Any donations can be dropped off at the parish office, 115 Cedar Street, and put through the mail slot.

Parish Bulletin Deadline: Please submit bulletin information via e-mail to dholdmeyer@borgiaparish.org by 9:00 am on Monday.

Cemetery Clean-up

March 1-15 and September 1-15.

Food Pantry Hours

Thursdays 4:00-5:30 pm (314 West 2nd Street).

Divine Mercy

To order Divine Mercy signs please contact Bill Gegg at 636-667-7867 or Ken Obermark at 636-358-3053 or 636-239-7456.

SFB Roundtable

Parishioners that would need help with minor projects around the house, transportation, home visits, or other needs. Contact Bill Gegg at 636-667-7867.

Pastoral Council

Matthew Becker Christy Bleckman Katie Bohle Ellen Clark (Chair) Tim Eagan

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Dear Parishioners,

Join us for breakfast this morning! Our parish breakfasts are back and we will plan to have them on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Take a morning off from cooking and enjoy some great

food prepared by even better people! Thanks to all who have volunteered to help with the breakfast today. The proceeds from today's breakfast will go toward supporting our 8th graders' activities coming up this spring.

Speaking of breakfasts...we are always looking for people to financially sponsor a breakfast with a donation of at least \$500. This helps offset the cost of food so more support can go to the parish organization that receives the proceeds from the breakfast. We are so appreciative of individuals, families, businesses, and even groups of friends or neighbors who support our breakfasts. Sponsors may remain anonymous if they wish. If you would be interested, please feel free to contact me or Dominic Gildehaus (314.402.2490). Thanks for your consideration of this.

Many thanks to all who were able to help with the decorating of Church for the Christmas Season and to all who were able to help with putting the decorations away for another year. Thank you as well to our faithful Heavenly Dusters who keep the Church so clean as they gather weekly on Monday mornings throughout the year. Once again, the Church looked so beautiful for Christmas this year!. If you see some poinsettias around Jesuit Hall or near the piano by the altar, feel free to take some home with you. We appreciate all who donated in support of the Church decorations and we pray for all those in whose memory those donations were offered.

Thank you as well to all who were able to make a special end of year "Christmas gift" to the parish. We collected \$56,826.07 which will help support our Building Maintenance Fund, Parish and School operations, and to our School Technology needs. As always, I will be consulting with our Parish Finance Committee on how to best utilize the gifts with which you entrust our Parish. Thank you! Thank you!

Winter weather announcement...as we get deeper into the winter season with the ongoing possibility of snow and ice, please know we will do our best to keep access to the church as safe as possible. If we get winter precipitation, please use extra caution as you approach and leave the Church. If you need to stay home or feel safer doing so, you have every dispensation and permission you need to be excused from your Sunday obligation. I would rather you be safe than risk an injury. Please know that, for your safety, some entrances and stairways to church will be restricted. Winter weather always poses an extra challenge to our maintenance crew, so we are sure grateful to them for their extra work. If you'd like a volunteer opportunity to help with these efforts, please let me or Joe Holtmeier know. Thanks in advance for your patience and flexibility.

Fr. Tony will be leaving for Washington, D.C. on Wednesday with a group of students from our Grade School and High School to participate in the Pro-Life March. Please pray for them (and him!) as they travel by bus to witness for life. They plan to return on Sunday evening.

Have a great week! As always, please know I am praying for you and your loved ones.

Fr. Mike Boehm

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

SUNDAY (1/16) 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 am | Masses
7:30-11:00 am | Parish Breakfast (Cafeteria)
6:00 pm | Regional Youth Mass (Church)
7:00 pm | High School Youth Group Meeting (NDH)

MONDAY - FRIDAY

6:30 am | Rosary 7:00 am | Mass

MONDAY (1/17) Martin Luther King Holiday

Parish Office & Grade School Closed 7:00 pm | Grateful Hearts (JH Library, 1st Floor)

TUESDAY (1/18)

After 7:00 am Mass | Confessions 7:30 am - 6:30 pm | Eucharistic Adoration 8:00 am - 2:00 pm | Quilters (Middle School Bldg) 6:00 pm | Home & School Meeting (JH Franciscan Room)

6:30 pm | Mass (Church)

After 6:30 pm Mass | Confessions (Church) 7:00 pm | RCIA (JH Blessed Mother Room)

WEDNESDAY (1/19)

7:45 am | Cenacle Meeting (JH Franciscan Room) 1:00 pm | SFB Ladies Sodality (JH Franciscan Room) 3:15 pm | Children's Choir Practice (JH Choir Room) 6:00 pm | PSR (Grade School) 6:30 pm | Cenacle Meeting (JH Library) 7:00 pm | Choir Practice (JH Choir Room)

THURSDAY (1/20)

7:45 am | Bible Study (JH Blessed Mother Room) 4:00 - 5:30 pm | Food Pantry (314 W 2nd Street) 7:00 pm | East Central ProLife Meeting (JH Choir Room)

FRIDAY (1/21)

SATURDAY (1/22)

7:30 am | Rosary before Mass (Church) 8:00 am | Morning Mass After 8:00 am Mass | Confessions (Church) 3:30-4:15 pm | Confessions (Church)

SUNDAY (1/23) 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 am | Masses 1:00 pm | Naming & Commendation Ceremony (Church) 6:00 pm | Regional Youth Mass (Church)

7:00 pm | High School Youth Group Meeting (NDH)



Parish Breakfast Looking for Help

Looking for committee members and volunteers to help with the Parish Breakfast. Please contact Dominic Gildehaus at 314-402-2490 or Ann Kopp at 636-390-3861 for more information.



January 9, 2022

We are grateful for your continued support and sacrifice to our parish.

Sunday Offertory Envelopes	\$	11,102.25
*IRA Contributions	\$	2,000.00
Loose Offering	\$	2,093.50
Electronic Offering	\$	7,377.00
Sunday Offertory Total		22,572.75
Weekly average for the month of January	\$	20,690.95
ADDITIONAL THANKS		
Tuition Assistance	\$	395.00
Building Maintenance	\$	165.00
Food Pantry	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	1,333.00
Parish Endowment	\$	50.00
Grade School Support	\$	119.00
Christmas Offering	\$	55.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$	145.00
First Offering		450.00
St. Louis Review Subscription	\$	550.00
MEMORIAL		
Margaret Rothschild (Grade School)	\$	10.00
DIVINE MERCY (SIGNS)		1,925.00
FOOD PANTRY		100.00

*INDIVIDUAL DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS FROM IRA ACCOUNT, OR DONOR ADVISED FUNDS. THANK YOU!



ENCORE (224 West Main Street) Monday - Friday 10 AM - 5 PM Saturday 10 AM - 3 PM

FOOD PANTRY

Thursdays, 4:00 - 5:30 PM (*Use the back parking lot. 314 West 2nd Street*). Thanks for your continuous generosity. Ron Kuebler, Coordinator





Candlemas Day

February 2nd is the Feast of the Presentation and Candlemas Day. Candles will be blessed during the 7:00 am Mass that day. You may

order special candles from Altemueller's Jewelry, and they will deliver those candles to church. After they are blessed, you may pick them up at Altemueller's. You may also bring candles from home and have them blessed.

A parishioner is looking for someone to help with homecare in the evenings from 5:00-9:00 pm. For more information contact Shirley Wiedemann at 636-239-8410.

ST. FRANCIS BORGIA **Parish Breakfast** JANUARY 16 7:30 - 11:00 AM

ALL YOU CAN EAT! ADULTS: \$10 CHILDREN 6-11: \$5 UNDER 6: FREE

Cinnamon Rolls, Pancakes Scrambled Eggs, Bacon Bone-In Ham, Hash Browns Fresh Fruit, Biscuits & Gravy Coffee, Milk & Juice

> Thank you to our Sponsors: Mantle Heating & Cooling

SFB GRADE SCHOOL CAFETERIA | 225 CEDAR ST | WASHINGTON, MO

Shop and Earn Looking for Volunteers

Shop and Earn is looking for some volunteers to sell scrips 1/2 hour after Saturday 4:30 pm Mass and 2 hour shifts on Sundays from 8:00 am - 12:15 pm.

Please email at shopandearn@borgiaparish.org for more information and open slots. Thank you in advance.



SHOP & EARN NEWS WEEK OF JANUARY 10, 2022

Total Sales \$9,210.00 Tuition Credit \$187.86 Total School Operating Budget \$187.86

- 4% Return 24 Parish Family Orders
 - rders 17 Online Orders

Shop and Earn will be selling from Notre Dame Hall (115 Cedar Street) from 9:00 am-4:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

Also open in Jesuit Hall Gathering Area after the 4:30 pm Saturday Mass and on Sundays after the 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 am Masses.

BP gas cards are temporarily unavailable. This is an issue with our suppliers. We are sorry for any inconvenience, please be patient with us.



Shop & Earn is running a contest!

Anyone who purchases scrips (online or in person) from January 1st - February 10th will be entered into a

drawing to win a \$25.00 gift card to The Tilted Skillet. Come see us in Jesuit Hall after weekend masses or in Notre Dame Hall during the week.

January 16, 2022



III Emily Grahl & Andrew Beckermann, Jr.



Please remember in your prayers the soul of

Lucille Hillermann

May God welcome her and bless those who will miss her



Adele Rose Mohrlock

Daughter of

Joshua & Sydney (nee Kleinheider) Mohrlock



St. Francis Borgia Parish is looking for another Wedding Coordinator. This is a paid position. For more information please contact Connie Bullock at 636-346-2788 or the parish office.



Please Pray For All Those Serving In Our Military and Especially For...

Owen Buchheit Travis Branson Patrick Feldmann Eli Garcilaso John Heisler Lindsay Heisler Zak Hill Kelly Kosewicz Jessica K. Lamecker Derek Marquart Jacob Maune Ben Meyer Keaton Nabors Amber Ortmeyer Peyton Struttmann John Rudlof Coty Ruether Bailey Scherer Jamie Skornia Ken Stallmann Jacob Willett Shayne Yenzer

PRAYER REQUESTS Mike Hamann

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Dennis Noelker Nicole Parrott Carolvn Peck Neal Peters Nathaniel Pfitsinger Barbara Philipp Cloyce Phillips Joan Piontek Karen Scheer Marian Schelich Christine Skornia Connie Steinhaus Robyn Stockhorst Leonard Struckhoff Florence Tenholder Herb Tobben Marlene Tobben **Richard Toben** Shae Veach **Collin Warrender** Judy Wyatt Ann Wessel Mark Wessel Ken Westhoelter Patty Westhoelter Katie Wright Jackie Zeitzmann

For all shut-ins and all those in nursing homes.

Sunday, January 16 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
7:00 am	People of the Parish
9:00 am	Grenville Sutcliff II
11:00 am	Jim and Ina Filla



Monday, January 17 St. Anthony, Martin Luther King Jr. 7:00 am Int. of Paul and Arlene Zoellner Family

Tuesday, January 18 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins7:00 amAlbert and Dottie Bolzenius6:30 pmFrancis Meyer

Wednesday, January 19 7:00 am Anna McLean

Thursday, January 20 St. Fabian, St. Sebastian 7:00 am Michael Hall

Friday, January 21 St. Agnes 7:00 am Robert Piontek and Family

Saturday, January 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:00 am	Lyle Howell
Noon	Nuptial-Grahl and Beckermann
4:30 pm	Lawrence and Rosella Piontek

Sunday, January 23 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time,

	Sunday of the Word of God
7:00 am	L&D Agatha Kopp Family
9:00 am	People of the Parish
11:00 am	Alice Lefholz

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16

Sunday:	Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/ Jn 2:1-11
Monday:	1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-
	6
Thursday:	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-
	13/Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20
	-21
Next Sunday:	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-
	30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Stewardship Reflection

"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." (1 CORINTHIANS 12:7)

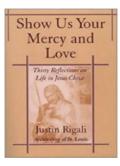
St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping to build God's kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you. Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). Experience the supernatural Peace and Joy God desires for each of us.



SFB LIBRARY

Bulletin Spotlight

Show Us Your Mercy and Love



Show Us Your Mercy and Love is a series of 30 talks given by former St. Louis Archbishop Justin Cardinal Rigali. These short (4-11 pages) selections are perfect for morning or evening reading and reflection. In these readings, Scriptural quotations form the basis from which Cardinal Rigali directs the reader's thoughts on God's mercy and love. Naming & Commendation: Find Comfort, Healing & Hope... Sunday, January 23 St. Francis Borgia Church

1:00 p.m.

Naming & Commendation Rite

"I am the Resurrection and the life." - John 11:25 All are welcome to attend Naming & Commendation, a prayer service developed by the Archdiocese of St. Louis to meet the needs of families whose child died before birth for any reason (including miscarriage, accident, abortion or still birth). Parents and families of any religious background are invited to attend, whether the loss was recent or long ago. Naming & Commendation will start at 1 p.m. at St. Francis Borgia Parish in Washington on Sunday, January 23. The rite, celebrated by Fr. Michael Boehm, will offer parents and families an opportunity to name the child, bring peaceful closure to great loss, and unite with our merciful God.

- To RSVP or for more information, please contact Jane Maune at janemaune@hotmail.com or 636-432-6781.
- To help spread the word about the January 23 event on social media, <u>https://www.facebook.com/events/256748876234329</u>
- To learn more or bring this rite to your parish, email <u>pro-life@archstl.org</u> or visit (click, then scroll): <u>https://www.archstl.org/respect-life-apostolate/programs/pastoral-care</u>





READ THE GOSPEL & COLOR



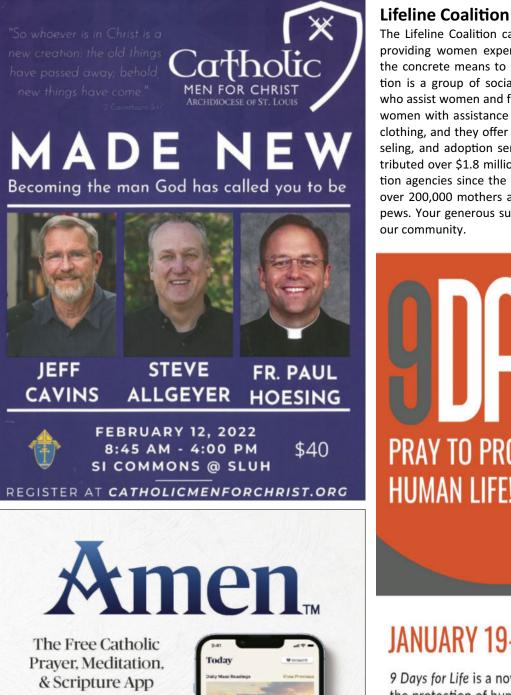
At a wedding party, Mary said to Jesus, they have no more wine. Help them. Even though it was not time for him to perform miracles, Jesus honored his Mother by changing the water into wine. When you obey God by honoring your mother's wishes, you turn ordinary things, like opening a door, emptying trash, or making the bed into a gift Of love. This love makes your mother and God smile

PRAYER

Lord, help me turn chores for my family into gifts for you.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will put all of my toys away neatly after I finish playing.



The Lifeline Coalition campaign promotes the Culture of Life by

providing women experiencing crisis or unplanned pregnancies the concrete means to help them choose life. The Lifeline Coalition is a group of social service agencies and prolife caregivers who assist women and families in crisis pregnancies. They provide women with assistance for medical expenses, housing, food and clothing, and they offer educational and spiritual guidance, counseling, and adoption services. The St. Louis community has contributed over \$1.8 million in gifts of support to the LifeLine Coalition agencies since the 1980's which has provided assistance for over 200,000 mothers and their babies. Envelopes will be in the pews. Your generous support can change the odds for women in our community.



JANUARY 19-27, 2022

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

Join today at www.9daysforlife.com!

3 WAYS TO JOIN

9DaysforLife.com

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An offering from the 🕞 AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 16, 2022



It Takes All Kinds

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS





and shopping!

Breakfast

On January 23 from 8:00 am—Noon at Immaculate Conception (Augusta). Menu: Biscuits & gravy, regular & potato pancakes, bone-in ham, pork sausage, scrambled eggs, baked apples. Adults: \$10 and children (6-12) \$4.00.

Seating is limited. Sign up today!

Grab your mask and a friend and join us as we peacefully protest the legalization of abortion in our country. Buses depart from several locations throughout the St. Louis area. Open for ages 7-107. Departure Date: Thursday, January 20. Return Date: Saturday, January 22. Cost: \$235. For more information and to register online: Www.MissouriLifeCaravan.org. Download the registration: <u>mrl.eastern@yahoo.com</u> or 314-434-4900

Interested in being a sponsor so someone else can attend the March for Life? You may donate online at www.MissouriLifeCaravan.org/sponsor or you can mail a check payable to '**Missouri Life Caravan**'' to 1000 Executive Parkway, Suite 229, St. Louis, MO 63141

Downsizing Seminar

Join us for a Downsizing Seminar with senior moving professional Kristen Lund from Home Sweet Home St Louis on January 20th and January 27th. You'll learn all about the process of moving to a senior living community, tackling the downsizing dilemma, and how you can prepare now for a smooth, stress-free transition. Seating is limited. Lunch will be provided at 11 am. RSVP to Anne at 314-697-1155 to reserve one of the dates to attend. Seminar will be held at Summerville of St Andrew's, 334 A Summerville Blvd, Eureka Mo 63025.

LITURGICAL BOOKS & LITURGICAL YEAR



The Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life…" What Catholics believe and ritualize invigorates their sense that Christ is present in the Eucharist and in their lives.

Thursday, January 27, 2022

4:00 – 6:00 pm Presented by Sr. Cathy Doherty & Amy Buehrle Cardinal Rigali Center, 20 Archbishop May Drive Archbishop May Room or Via Zoom

To register email: amybuehrle@archstl.org Cost: \$10 per person: both in-person or Zoom *Limited to 40 attendees in person. Light refreshments will be provided.

As catechists, ministers, educators or being part of the congregation, do we truly know the ways of our church? Do we understand the meaning and ways of the church documents? Do you know how to pray the Eucharist and Liturgical year in your lives?





Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Is excited to announce the following schedule for **IN-PERSON** weekend experiences for the winter and spring of 2022. We will have in place all the needed precautions to provide a safe environment for participants. For more information or to apply,

go to <u>wwme.org</u>, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

- February 4-6, 2022—Courtyard Marriott Hotel in St. Peters, MO
- March 18-20, 2022—Villa Maria Catholic Life Center in Springfield, IL
- April 1-3, 2022—Courtyard Marriott Hotel in St. Peters, MO

On <u>February 13th</u> at 2:30 pm, join Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski at the Cathedral Basilica to celebrate the sacrament of Matrimony on World Marriage Day.

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries

Men, women, and couples wounded by abortion, are invited to attend the third archdiocesan weekend retreat, Feb. 18-20. Rachel's Vineyard, offered through the Archdiocese of St. Louis Abortion Healing Ministry, has helped 320,000 –plus women and men globally since its founding in 1993 by psychologist Dr. Theresa Burke.

A trained and compassionate team, including a priest and a professional therapist, will gently lead participants through the critical steps of healing after abortion and help them encounter the merciful love of Jesus, the Divine Physician. The retreat will be held in a comfortable and prayerful setting in the St. Louis area, with proper COVID-19 precautions in place.

The cost is \$100 to attend which includes two night's lodging, all meals and materials. To register by February 7, or for more information, contact 314-406-0815 or hopehealing@archstl.org. All information and inquiries are kept confidential.

Looking for Track & Field Coach

St. Francis Borgia Regional High School is looking for a track & field coach for the spring season. If you want more information or wish to apply, please contact Chris Arand, Activities Director, at 636-239-7871 ext. 118, or email chris.arand@borgia.com.

Pilgrimage to Poland—August 2022

This is Father Tim Foy from St. John the Baptist-Gildehaus Parish, and I want to invite you on a very unique pilgrimage to Poland from Aug. 1-15, 2022! We will retrace many of the steps of Pope St. John Paul II and see the Wawel Castle and Cathedral, the Divine Mercy Shrine, St. Faustina's Convent, the Wieliczka Salt mine, and the heart of the trip is a walking pilgrimage from Krakow to the Black Madonna Shrine of Czestochowa (Note: our tour bus will accompany the pilgrims to provide a break if needed). The next two information meetings are at Holy Infant of Ballwin on January 30th at 1 pm and at Immaculate Conception of Dardenne Prairie on the same day at 3 pm. Please call me with any questions at 636-583-2488.



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