

## STEWARDSHIP: A Way of Life

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." - Acts: 9:31

How do we love in deed and truth? The answer is through stewardship – giving some of our time to spend with Our Lord in prayer, giving some of our talents to do ministry in the parish, giving some of our financial blessings to support the work of the Church.

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

The Fiscal Year began July 1st, 2008—

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| Last week's Sun. envelope collection was | \$ 33,253.00   |
| Final Budget amt. to stay within budget  | \$ 31,100.00   |
| Last week we were over budget            | +\$ 2,153.00   |
| Fiscal Year-to-Date under budget         | - \$ 41,159.51 |

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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May 10 through May 17, 2009

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| Sunday:    | Acts 9:26-31 Ps 22:26-27,28,30,31-32<br>1 Jn 3:18-24 Jn 15:1-8 |
| Monday:    | Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-5,15-16<br>Jn 14:21-26                   |
| Tuesday:   | Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-13ab,21<br>Jn 14:27-31a                |
| Wednesday: | Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-5 Jn 15:1-8                               |
| Thursday:  | Acts 1:15-17,20-26 Ps 113:1-8 Jn 15:9-17                       |
| Friday:    | Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-12 Jn 15:12-17                           |
| Saturday:  | Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:2,3,5 Jn 15:18-21                          |
| Sunday:    | Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 Ps 98:1-4<br>1 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17  |

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, May 11

- \*6:30 AM Clara Stroot
- 8:30 AM Rose Ann Roy

### Tuesday, May 12, Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, Pancras

- \*6:30 AM Charlie Ranzini
- +8:30 AM Harold Naes

### Wednesday, May 13, Our Lady of Fatima

- \*6:30 AM Elsie Foushee
- 8:30 AM Lucille Koors

### Thursday, May 14, St. Matthias

- \*6:30 AM Jerry Trieschmann
- +8:30 AM Herman & Lillian Kinkel

### Friday, May 15, St. Isidore

- \*6:30 AM Doris O'Rourke
- 8:30 AM Christopher Zandstra

### Saturday, May 16

- \*7:30 AM Santa Biffignani
- 9:00 AM Leger Grindon

### Saturday, May 16, Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 5:00 PM Bill Lindner

### Sunday, May 17, Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 6:30 AM Stephanie Krygiel
- 8:00 AM Parishioners
- 10:00 AM Joe Egler
- 12:00 PM Gilbert & Evelyn Grimaud
- 5:00 PM William Jacobs

\* at Passionist Nuns' Chapel  
+ School Children at Mass

## MESSAGE from MSGR CALLAHAN

We pray for all Moms on this Mother's day weekend. We pray for all those moms who have died—we pray that they are in heaven. We pray for all our living moms that they may be good and holy people and share the faith, by living it.

Please remember to give generously to the [Annual Catholic Appeal](#). Thank you to all who have already signed your cards and given your gift or pledge. If you have not filled in the card, please call Dawn Burger at 256.2575. This is a wonderful opportunity to show the love of neighbors in a very concrete way. There is so much good that is done with this money---please be part of it.

We thank all those who accepted a nomination for our [Parish Council](#) and those who were chosen: [Taffy Arey](#), [Bob Hymes](#), [Lee Trani](#). We also thank those members of the parish council who have faithfully and generously served these last three years: [Greg Peterson](#), [Robert Wood](#) and [Julie Zamberlan](#).

It's time for another [Donut Weekend on May 16th & 17th!](#) Molly Newberry and her volunteers from the volleyball program will be hosting. Molly is providing "open registration" so you can [sign up to play volleyball](#) while you enjoy a doughnut—what a deal! See you in the gathering area after every Mass. Also for next weekend, we will be displaying all [Lost & Found](#) items in the Gathering Space—please come look for your lost earring, gloves, etc.! After next weekend all items will be donated to charity or disposed of.

The next [Servers' Schedule](#) will be prepared soon. If you wish to discontinue serving or change your Mass time, please contact Father Tim, 636.394.7307, [thenderson@saintclareofassisi.org](mailto:thenderson@saintclareofassisi.org).

REMEMBER..Because it is Mother's Day, there is **NO SUNDAY EVENING MASS THIS WEEKEND.**

## WHAT CATHOLICS WANT TO KNOW

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

What happens when you unplug an appliance from the power outlet? It usually stops dead: the coffee gets cold, the computer screen goes blank, or the hairdryer stops blowing. That is the image Jesus might use today: I am the power (vine); you are the appliances (branches). Just as a branch dies out when cut from the vine, so we cannot be real followers if we are cut off from Christ.

So what does it mean to be connected to the vine? There is a unity between the vine and the branches. We act like Jesus, we believe He does; Jesus is the center of our lives.

As we are branches on the Vine of Christ, He nourishes us. We receive this nourishment through prayer, through the sacraments, through the example and encouragement of others, and from the Scriptures and spiritual reading. Vines aren't allowed to grow wild. So we are pruned like a vine: We are more aware of our sins and ask to be forgiven. We accept suffering as our share of the cross. We let go of our anger at things we cannot control. We accept responsibility for our actions.

So the question may be, "What am I plugged into?" Many people get their nourishment, beliefs, and satisfaction from worldly attractions. But when we are plugged into Christ, we have all that we need to live as his disciples.



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#### **WHITE HOUSE RETREAT**

MEN, PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR AUGUST 20, 2009. Join us Thursday at 6pm for our annual three day parish men's retreat at White House Retreat in south St. Louis County -- high on the bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River. The backup retreat date for St. Clare of Assisi is October 22, 2009.

Sunday dinner and closing will be at 1pm. Approximate departure time will be 2:30pm. This will give retreatants time to relax with their families and share their retreat experience. Come along! For your reservation call today.

Jack Quade 227-4580 John Adam 346-5466  
Frank Grimes 256-8444 Bruce Anderson 227-3761

#### **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Your kids will thank you for going on a Marriage Encounter Weekend! You'll like the difference a Marriage Encounter Weekend will make in your family life. Sign up for the August 7-9, or September 25-27 weekend by going to [www.stl-wwme.org](http://www.stl-wwme.org) or calling 314-469-7317.

#### **MEMORIAL DAY**

Join us on this special holiday for morning Mass on Monday, May 25, 9am (in place of the usual 8:30am).

#### **SUNDAY MORNING PRE-SCHOOL**

We want to THANK our Sunday morning catechist, Lisa Allhoff, and her assistants, Kathy Miller and Deb Pohling, for loving and leading our 4 year old children to God during this past school year. We are grateful for the faithful care they gave to God's "little ones" each Sunday.

Due to decreasing enrollment and interest in a Sunday morning pre-school, there will not be a Sunday pre-school for the school year 2009-10.

#### **THANK YOU**

Dear Team J,

Thank you so much for your support after the death of my mom. I'm so proud to be a part of St. Clare—it is truly a loving family.

*Warmest regards, Kathy Warner*

#### **SERIES FOR MATURING ADULTS**

*The Illumination Years: Spiritual Growth Dimensions in Your 60's, 70's, 80's and Beyond* – a workshop presented by Dr. Richard Johnson. Come learn the "spiritual work" of the Illumination years, work that when accomplished well brings heightened health, happiness, and holiness. May 28, 2009, 10am to 3pm at the Cardinal Rigali Center, Shrewsbury. \$35 pre-registration fee includes lunch. For a brochure on the 2009 Maturing Adult Series or to register for this workshop, please call the Office of Laity & Family Life at 314.792.7183.

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**May 10, 2009**

| <b>May 16/17</b>                     | <b>5:00 PM</b>  | <b>6:30 AM</b>  | <b>8:00 AM</b>   | <b>10:00 AM</b>  | <b>12:00 PM</b>   | <b>5:00 PM</b>  |
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| <b>Hospitality</b>                   | G Mueller<br>Villaire Family<br>Y Thomas<br>J&D Venverloh                                       | H Klein<br>J Krebs<br>J McCarthy<br>B&C Millman<br>T Potter | J Barry<br>B Bowron<br>E Concagh<br>B Corrigan<br>Y Morrison<br>J Pavia                        | J Buckley<br>M Dulick<br>C Traeger<br>J Driscoll<br>K McKay  | L Cabral<br>C Kilgen<br>P Scofield<br>C&K Eyermann<br>L&B Schmidt   | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <b>Lectors &amp; EM:</b><br/>                     Call Jackie with<br/>                     your June-July-<br/>                     August<br/>                     exceptions:<br/>                     394.4368<br/>                     jstewart@saintcl<br/>                     areofassisi.org                 </div> |
| <b>Lectors</b>                       | T Fessler<br>J Unangst  | H Russell<br>T Zamberlan                                    | J Mathews<br>S Stanek  | M Dulick<br>D Schnell  | R Brose<br>P Perniciaro   |   |
| <b>Extraordinary Ministers</b>       | *P Carpio<br>T Coover<br>C Johnson<br>J Johnson<br>M Kockler<br>M Orf<br>B Schmidt<br>G Unangst | H Klein<br>W Millman<br>P Wingertsahn<br>J Zimmerman        | B Durbin<br>P Durbin<br>J Kohlberg<br>*A Lodes<br>K Lodes<br>B Marsden<br>N Marsden<br>N Young | D Cohen<br>*H Litzsinger<br>J Peanick<br>T Ram<br>S Roche<br>M Steinmann<br>D Stovall<br>B Whitson | J Brown<br>K Eyermann<br>*T Jannett<br>B Kriegshauser<br>H Kriegshauser<br>G Livingston<br>J Livingston<br>T Perniciaro | R Bevc<br>J Civello<br>*J Graziano<br>M McCauley<br>M Mulligan<br>J Ramacciotti<br>M Scarmanna<br>D Sieveking<br>M Winkle   |
| <b>* indicates rotating captains</b> |   |   |  |  |   |   |
| <b>D.O.T.G. Ministers</b>            | B Maloney/E Conroy  |   |  |  |   |   |
| <b>Servers</b>                       | F Andrews<br>A Arman<br>J Baehler   | S Meilink<br>M Gier   | L Vogler<br>P Windler<br>A Ziegler   | M Israel<br>J Israel<br>A Litzsinger   | M Valli<br>M Wickman<br>S Bauwens   | D Feeney<br>M Hennessey<br>J Kloiber  |
| <b>Certificates</b>                  | J Graziano<br>V Wheeler   | J Zimmerman<br>T Murphy                                     | A Wied<br>N Faucett  | D Hanley<br>M Lumetta  | K Gervascio   |   |

**OUR PARISH FAMILY**

**WELCOME TO ST. CLARE!**

Rose (Kulage) Schmitt, at Gambrill Gardens

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY (60 years or more)**

Louise & Ken Sipe, 62 years on May 10th  
Millie & Tom Crews, 61 years on May 8th

**REST IN PEACE**

James W. Collins Sr., husband of Mary Jo, and father of Chip (Nancy) Collins of our parish  
Santa Biffignani, grandmother of Julie (Jeff) Ramacciotti  
Clarisa Rodriguez, mother of Carolina (John) Santangelo

The **SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn this week, **May 10—May 16**  
In Loving Memory  
Lillian Robbins



**URGENT PRAYER LINE**

If you have an urgent prayer request, please call one of the captains of the phone chain. The members of the phone chain and e-mail chain will then offer their prayers for your request.  
Kathy Knox 636.394.3226 Marlene Crivello 636.227.4859

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Don Kemner Dorris Wong  
Carole Rochow Stacy Warren  
Marney Kockler Ken Kohlberg  
Margaret Kemner Rex Manrose  
Antoinette Vecchiollo Bill Ragan  
Joan Kovar Joanne VanRoden  
Mary Cowell Rose Klebolt  
Nancy Nellis Jenny Steinmann Bob Hartman Alex Wangerin  
Walter Kobylecky Louis Sibbing Art Romane  
TJ Biddle Deidre Gossett Dorothy Steffan Kathleen Telscher  
Judy Plank Bob Klebolt Pat Pavlack Mary Salerno  
Victor Farah Bill Lawson Flo Wingertsahn Donna Holzum  
Pat Gladson Mike Ernst Kathleen Schliebe  
Tonya Smith Lorraine Lahey Gloria Schnell Jeff Brockelmeyer  
Marcella Hoffmann Betty White Dorothy Manrose  
Ben Ward Frank Korte Deacon Mike Kenney  
Dennis Wagner Joseph Flood Dee Stanton Dorothy Macinski  
Jim Hoffmann Clarence Klingert Kathy Cabral  
Steve Israel Arista Phillipson Bob Schlueter  
Stephanie Walker John Walsch Dolores Gordon  
Lindsey Maloney Bernice Barney Tom Peck Monica Melroy  
Albert Goelzshauser Ellen Malecek Diane Baetz  
Mary Ann Mulligan Dolores Kohlberg Jacque Murray  
Barb Hogan Betty Poster Aiden Drew Jack Simon  
Don Nemeck Heather Schulte Herb Karr Jayne Frances Bell  
Paul Michel Mary Garman John Dunn Kathryn Kennealy  
Peggy Finan Rachel Cunningham Rachel Baumgartner  
Gloria Wyers



*Pray for the Sick*

SOCIAL JUSTICE/ACTION

WORD OF LIFE

Just 22 days after conception a human embryo's heart begins beating. The little heart will beat nearly 54 million times before he or she is born! -The Endowment for Human Development, www.ehd.org

To BENEFIT LAFAYETTE INDUSTRIES

\$1,000,000 Hole-in-One Shootout!
Saturday, May 16, 9am-6pm
Sunday, May 17, 10am-3:30pm
Family Golf Center
3717 Tree Court Lane, Kirkwood
\$1 per shot!



CARD PARTY

The Card Party, to benefit the Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver, is back. Mark your calendars for Thursday, June 11, 11am-3pm. Information to make reservations will be posted soon. To make a donation (cash or silent auction item) or if you have a hand-crafted item, please contact Sandy Carter 636.256.8583.

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LET US PRAY FOR PEACE THROUGHOUT OUR WORLD. WE PRAY FOR ALL WHO DEFEND THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM.

The daughters and sons of our parish in the military are:

- Capt. Elizabeth Anderson
EMFR Jeff Belcher
2nd Lt Lindsay Bengard
Pvt. Christopher Buerke
Capt. Aaron Coulter
A1C Adam L. Daniels
Com. James R. DeBold
Lt. Col. Mary Durbin
Sgt. Michael Farris
SFC Christopher Fick
\*Sgt. Dennis M. Gildea Jr
Sgt. Michael J. Hartman
\*Cpl. Joe Johnson
\*L Cpl Chris Koeller
\*Maj. Sean Murphy
Lt. Nate Olish
Maj. John Popiak
CW2 Matthew Reasor
CDR Anthony SanJose
1stLt. Aaron M. Stumpf
Capt. Tim Thornton
Cpl Peter Welegala

- Capt. Jarrod Aranda
Col. David Bellon
Pvt. Steven M. Brown
Lt. Nicholas Copeland
M Chief Jeff Covington
Sgt. Steve Darmon
Lt. Col. Steve Dobronski
Pvt. Andrew Fallert
Capt. Michael Fessler
SSgt. Frank Gervascio
\*PFC Spencer Guffey
\*Capt. Jake Holly
SFC Tim Kelley
\*Pvt. Alex Moranz
\*Lt. Michael Murray
\*Capt. Ryan Olish
PO2 Bryan Reading
\*Sgt. Michael Roth
Capt. Jason Sartori
SSgt. Robert Thibodeaux
SR Nick Welegala
PFC Ryan Zander

\* = serving in the Mideast

(Please call the rectory if we are missing any names of our parishioners or their sons or daughters.)

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ST. CLARE SCHOOL

SCHOOL PLAY

AN INVITATION TO ALL PARISHIONERS: Please come and see the St. Clare School students perform the play KING MIDAS AND THE MIRACULOUS GOLDEN TOUCH.

The evening performance will be at 7:00pm on Wednesday, May 13, in Dollard Hall. Bring your children and/or grandchildren, or just come yourself. It is sure to be an entertaining evening.

DID YOU KNOW...St. Clare of Assisi School buzz books are printed and shipped free of charge by Pastoral Solutions, Inc.? They arrange for local businesses and service providers to sponsor and pay for the cost of production and shipment by buying ad space. This gives these businesses a chance to show their community involvement and support of their customers within the parish. If you or someone you know would be interested in advertising in the buzz book, please contact Carolyn Relling-Surrisi at 636-394-7000 x 244. Please give these advertisers your business and support them as they support our parish and school.

ORGANIZATIONS

WIDOWS & WIDOWERS...

Will meet for dinner at Mimi's Café, 17240 Chesterfield Airport Road, on Wednesday, May 20th at 5:30pm. For reservations please call Rosemary Berne, 227.1492 or Rose Bruno, 256.7079, by Tuesday, May 19th.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

Please join us for the Athletic Association Meeting on Wednesday, May 20, at 7pm in the St. Clare Room of Dollard Hall. If you need more information please contact Tony Zamberlan at 636.227.5291.

Soccer registration is now open.

Please go to www.saintclareofassisi.org to register. Registration will remain open through May 31.



**ORGANIZATIONS**

**YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES**

**LAST CHANCE!**

All current 8th-12th graders, it's your last chance to sign up for Steubenville and Christpower!! The deadline is Friday, May 15th. They are both great opportunities to meet other Catholic teens, grow in your faith, and have FUN!!! Questions? Wanna sign up? Contact Rhoda!

**EDGE is going BOWLING!**

On Friday, May 15 from 7-9pm, we're going bowling at Brunswick Zone in Valley Park! All current 5th-8th graders are invited!! \$10 covers shoes, bowling, a slice of pizza & a drink, and 4 game tokens - RSVP by Wed. May 13 by contacting Rhoda at 636.394.0264, or [youth@saintclareofassisi.org](mailto:youth@saintclareofassisi.org). SEE YOU THERE!

**XLT, MAY 17**

All current 5th-12th graders are invited to XLT for an awesome night of praise, worship, and adoration! It will be on Sunday, May 17 from 6-8pm - join us for pizza in the gathering space after the 5pm Mass, and bring a friend!!

There will be no high school youth group on Sunday, May 10 or Sunday May 24.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Our high school youth group is having a cookout on Sunday, May 31 after the 5pm Mass!! Location TBA. Bring a side dish or dessert, as well as your baseball gloves, frisbees, and soccer balls!

**CLARIONS**



**“THERE IS MUSIC IN THE AIR”**

Join your friends for some toe-tapping music and the smooth sounds of Crosby, Sinatra, Johnny Cash, Elvis, etc. Dance or just listen to the music. Plenty of food and fun! Everyone over 21 is invited, Friday, July 24. More information later.

**RESPECT LIFE!**

**SENATE ACTION NEEDED ON COERCED ABORTION BILLS**

Contact our state senator immediately (Jane Cunningham, [jane.cunningham@senate.mo.gov](mailto:jane.cunningham@senate.mo.gov), 573.751.1186, ) and urge support and action on the coerced abortion/informed consent legislation-HB 46 and SB 264. Tell her to urge Senate leadership to allow a vote on these important pro-life bills. Women should be protected from coerced abortions and provided informed consent prior to an abortion. The 2009 session of the MO General Assembly concludes May 15. For over a month the MO Senate has refused to take up and pass legislation that would provide informed consent to women prior to an abortion and impose criminal penalties for those who coerce women into having an abortion. Both bills would make it a crime to assault, abuse, threaten or stalk a pregnant woman, threaten to fire a pregnant woman or take away her college scholarship, in order to coerce her into getting an abortion against her will. The bills would also make it a crime for a doctor to perform an abortion if he knew a woman was being coerced.

**THIS WEEK...**

- Sun., May 10** ACA cards-Gathering Space after Mass  
10:00am Babysitting-Assisi House  
1:30pm Baptism-Church
- Mon., May 11** 3:00pm Den 4-Assisi House  
3:00pm Play Practice-Gym  
5:00pm Track Team-Assisi Lot  
5:30pm PSR-School  
7:00pm Liturgy Committee-Rectory lower level
- Tue., May 12** 9:00am Adoration-Church  
3:00pm Play Practice-Gym  
3:00pm Peer Tutoring-Library & Science Room
- Wed., May 13** 3:00pm Cadettes 2847-Assisi House  
3:00pm Bear Den-Cafeteria  
3:00pm Youth Choir-Church  
5:00pm Track Team-Assisi Lot  
7:00pm Youth-Assisi House  
7:00pm School Play-Gym & Cafeteria  
7:00pm CRHP Women-Library
- Thurs., May 14** 3:00pm Peer Tutoring-Library & Science Room  
7:00pm CRHP Women-Assisi House  
7:00pm 10am Choir Practice-Church  
7:00pm Girl Scout Bridging-Gym  
7:00pm School Board-Faculty Lounge
- Fri., May 15** 7:00am PTO Function-Gym
- Sat., May 16** 12:30pm Servers' Training-Church  
6:00pm Donut Sunday!-Gathering Space
- Sun., May 17** Donut Sunday-Gathering Space after Mass  
10:00am Babysitting-Assisi House  
11:15am RCIA-Faculty Lounge  
2:00pm Youth Core Team-Assisi House  
6:00pm Youth Group-Assisi House

St. Clare's ALL PARISH

# Rummage Sale

June 6, 2009 7am-2pm

**Jeepers! Creepers!** **ONLY 4 weeks left!**

The rummage sale is quickly approaching. Put the kids to work cleaning out their toys and sporting equipment. The older kids fly the coup? They'll never use all the college apartment furniture and dishes again...donate it! It's your chance to de-clutter and finally get a handle on things! All proceeds benefit our Youth Ministry Program. **Your kindness will witness powerfully to our teens!**

**WHERE DO I PUT THE DONATIONS?** For now, put items in labeled boxes and bags. Keep small parts and pieces together with plastic bags or tape. Label curtain and linen sizes. All donations **MUST** be clean, in working order and ready to sell. We have only two very busy and hectic days to receive and organize so anything you can do to have items ready to price would be **GREATLY** appreciated!

Tax receipts will be available.

We cannot accept hazardous chemicals, cosmetics, computers or TV's, large appliances or construction materials.

**BRING DONATIONS TO GYM:**

Thursday June 4 9am-8pm

Friday June 5 9am-6pm

**Want to volunteer 4-5 hours and be a garage sale worker bee? Or have questions?**

Judy Urbas 636-227-1185, [burbas04@charter.net](mailto:burbas04@charter.net)

Rhoda Bevc, Youth Minister, 636-394-0264, [youth@saintclareofassisi.org](mailto:youth@saintclareofassisi.org)

**AND PLAN TO COME TO THE SALE!**

Over 200 anxious shoppers waited for the doors to open last year! **Extremely fabulous bargains!**

## OPPORTUNITIES ELSEWHERE

### **SPRING CLEANING?**

Do you have items that you would like to donate to a good cause? The Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich Foundation promotes Catholic Education! We will pick up your items curbside!! Pick up dates are May 4th and 11th. Contact Jennifer Uetrecht @636-236-2537 to make arrangements. God Bless You!

### **WEST COUNTY SEPARATED, DIVORCED, WIDOWED CATHOLICS**

WCDC invites those separated, divorced, and widowed to visit with our support group the second Tuesday of each month at Incarnate Word Church. Please join us May 12 at 7pm. Please use rear entry.

### **BRIDGES I**

Do you yearn for a deeper relationship with God? Come and hear about Bridges I based on Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola-consisting of daily prayer and weekly meetings. Share weekly with a prayer companion. The program runs from Sep '09 through May '10. Attend an information session on Thursday, May 14, 7 to 9pm at Webster Groves Christian Church, Love Chapel, 1320 West Lockwood, just west of Berry Road. For more information call 636.225.8433 or see [www.bridgesfoundation.org](http://www.bridgesfoundation.org).

### **SEEDS OF HOPE:**

A conference for separated, divorced and widowed. Saturday, May 16, 2009 from 8:30am to 4:30pm at Immaculate Conception Parish Hall, 2300 Church Road, Arnold, MO. Keynote Speaker: Bridget Brennan of the Cana Institute, "Grappling with the Desires of the Heart, Recognition, Acceptance, Response." Afternoon Workshops: Annulment, Healing and Forgiveness, Budgeting for Singles, Kids in the Middle – Children of Divorce. Cost is \$30 – includes continental breakfast and lunch. Presented by Catholic Divorce Ministry. Call 636-282-3014 for more info.

### **GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH PICNIC**

Sun., May 17, 703 Third St./at Elm in Hillsboro, MO. Fried chicken & beef dinners from noon to 6pm; quilt raffle, game booths, inflatables, barrel rides, turtle races, flea market, country store, bingo, live music.

### **OPEN PLAY VOLLEYBALL**

The Catholic Singles Alumni Club invites single and married players to Open Play Volleyball on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 at Incarnate Word Parish (13416 Olive; 63017). All skill levels welcome. For more information contact Steve at 314-680-3393 or go to [www.csacstlouis.org](http://www.csacstlouis.org).

### **PRO-LIFE PILGRIMAGE TO NOTRE DAME**

Most Sacred Heart (Eureka) is having a pilgrimage to South Bend the weekend of May 16-17th. We will go there to join Catholics from around the country to prayerfully protest the university's decision to honor the most pro-abortion President in history at the Law School commencement.

We will leave early Saturday morning May 16th and join in prayer vigils and prayerful protest that afternoon and again on Sunday when the President speaks at the University. We will return after the commencement at 4:00pm on Sunday. The cost is nominal. We are requesting a \$12.50 donation per person or \$25.00 per family. There will no housing costs as we will use the parish hall at a South Bend church as our home away from home. Motel accommodations are available for those requesting them.

To reserve a seat or for questions: John or Linda Ryan (636) 549-3456 or [jpryan@hotmail.com](mailto:jpryan@hotmail.com). Please join us.

### **VITAE PRO-LIFE DINNER**

Vitae Foundation's annual pro-life dinner featuring syndicated columnist and Fox network commentator, Cal Thomas, is Tues., May 19<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at Doubletree Hotel, Chesterfield. Proceeds help support local pro-life media ads and outreach information to women facing unexpected pregnancies. Make reservations online at [www.vitae caring foundation.org](http://www.vitae caring foundation.org) or contact Molly Kertz 314/821-0306 or [mollykertz@yahoo.com](mailto:mollykertz@yahoo.com).

### **ATTENTION PRAYERFUL SINGLE MEN!**

New Melleray Trappist Monastery near Dubuque, Iowa, is now offering a "Live-in Experience" vocational retreat May 22-25. Learn about this exciting vocation firsthand. Pray and work with the monks and enjoy the vocational talks. For more possible dates and information call 1-800-221.1807.

### **HEALTH CLASSES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS**

Bridges Group at Living Word is offering health classes for senior citizens. Classes are free and open to the community and are usually on the 4th Monday of the month at 1pm. Classes are one hour and held at Living Word's Fellowship Hall, 17315 Manchester, Wildwood ([www.livingwordumc.org](http://www.livingwordumc.org)). On May 25, the topic will be "Mixing Medications".

Contact: 636.821.2800; [www.livingwordumc.org](http://www.livingwordumc.org)

### **SPIRITUAL BOOK RETREAT**

Monday, May 18, will begin a week-long retreat with Fr. Joe Nassal, CPPS, entitled: "Stations for a New Creation: Rest Stops on the Easter Way." At King's House, Belleville. [www.kingsretreatcenter.org](http://www.kingsretreatcenter.org); 1-800.779.7909

## OPPORTUNITIES & HAPPENINGS

### **MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL HOME**

Are you searching for the right place for your loved one who is in need of skilled nursing care? The Mother of Good Counsel Home is a Skilled Nursing Facility run by the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George. We have had the privilege of caring for residents in the St. Louis area for 77 years, sharing the Merciful Love of Christ through quality healthcare. We provide for all of the daily needs for our residents along with spiritual opportunities, daily Mass, Rosary, and other devotions to feed their spirits. Our activities department has many opportunities for social interaction and individual visits. We welcome you to visit us and take a tour. To schedule an appointment or to learn more, contact us at 314-383-4765 or visit our website at [www.mogch.org](http://www.mogch.org).

### **5K RUN & WALK FOR LIFE**

Sat., May 30. Proceeds benefiting Our Lady's Inn, Thrive St. Louis and BreakDown St. Louis. Register by May 26—Erin Kelley, 314.783.3040 x224, [events@thrivestlouis.org](mailto:events@thrivestlouis.org); [www.thrivestlouis.org](http://www.thrivestlouis.org).

### **SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS 2009 ROUNDTABLE SERIES**

May 26 – 11:30am – 1:00pm – Shrine Visitors Center  
“Early Christian Communities: How Did the Church Take Shape?”

Presenter: Rev. Seán Charles Martin, S.T.L., S.T.D.  
Jesus had risen, but what happened next? Learn about the fascinating earliest years of the Church and how the followers of “the Way” continued the ministry of the Lord.  
Cost: \$20 (lunch included). For more information or to register call 397 - 6700 ext. 6272.

### **COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS**

We are starting a chapter of the Compassionate Friends in the St Louis area. It is a support group for parents, siblings, grandparents and family who have lost a child/sibling. The meetings will be at Crestwood Mall in their meeting room. All meetings will be the 4th Thursday of each month. Please pass the word. For more information you can email [inbriansmemory@att.net](mailto:inbriansmemory@att.net).

### **ST. PATRICK CENTER**

Help our homeless and poor neighbors build permanent, positive change during a very tough economy. Donate an auction item to the St. Patrick's Irish Open Dinner Auction. The 25th Annual event to benefit St. Patrick Center will be held May 30 at the Four Seasons Hotel St. Louis. To donate an auction item, make your dinner reservations, or book your five-person scramble for the Irish Open golf tournament June 1 at Norwood Hills Country Club, contact Lindsey Porlier at 314-802-1987 or [lporlier@stpatrickcenter.org](mailto:lporlier@stpatrickcenter.org).

### **SOCCKER for 3-10 year olds**

The Franciscan Soccer Club of St. Louis, a Catholic Youth Soccer Club, is hosting beginning soccer play for children ages 4-10 on Saturday mornings at Gateway Academy in West County. Five-week programs start May 30th and Aug. 1st. For information contact us at 314.429.3900 or visit our website at [www.franciscansoccer.org](http://www.franciscansoccer.org).

### **PENTECOST DAY OF RENEWAL**

Do you want to know more about the Holy Spirit or need to be renewed? Please join us at the PENTECOST DAY OF RENEWAL "The Spirit of Truth Prevails", Saturday, May 30, 9-3:30 at Holy Redeemer Church, 341 E. Lockwood, Webster Groves, MO. Speakers are Fr. Richard McAlear, OMI, who has been in the HEALING MINISTRY since 1976, and Dr. John Gresham, who is an Associate Professor at Kenrick Seminary. Pentecost Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 pm at Holy Redeemer also. To register or for more information, please call the Catholic Renewal Center, 314-427-7786 or go to [www.stlrenewal.org](http://www.stlrenewal.org). Registration is \$15. "And I will ask the Father and He will send you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth." (John 14:16).

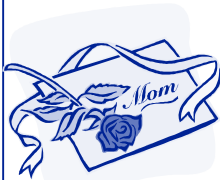
### **GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER**

Brothers and sisters, let us unite in prayer and praise! The Global Day of Prayer will be held Sunday, May 31st in 220 nations around the world, including the USA and St. Louis, Missouri! You are invited to pray together with St. Louis area Christians on May 31st at 4pm at Chaifetz Arena at St. Louis University. Global Day of Prayer St. Louis will feature prayer, songs, a worship band, a choir and a dance team. An offering will be taken to benefit St. Patrick Center and Habitat for Humanity. For more information, visit [www.praySTL.org](http://www.praySTL.org).

### **HELP FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES!**

The St. Louis Retrouvaille Program starts with a weekend, June 5-7 and has 6 follow-up sessions. If you are facing financial difficulties, we can work with you. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, call Beth & Dave at 314.837.8576 or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



A priest said to a precocious six-year-old boy, 'Your mother says your prayers for you each night? That's very commendable. What does she say?' The little boy replied, 'Thank God he's in bed!'