
UPDATE

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FROM YOUR PASTOR

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Dear Parishioners of Mary Mother of the Church,

The past two weeks provided me a trip, not only with wondrous sights, but with a chance to sit quietly and listen to some of the most talented musicians I have ever heard. Yes, often the music was from the past; but it found a home in my heart! It is interesting how music can remind us of what we so loved years ago.

Yet, there is another way we come home. Many years ago a man and his wife and their young son had also been on a long trip. Returning to their church, they stood for a moment, looking down the familiar aisle only to hear their son say, "Oh, Dad, it is so good to be home again!" Such was the effect the church could have on a child!

So, I guess I can say the same, and know many of you often speak the same words, "It is good to be back home again at Mary Mother of the Church!"

Fr. T.

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Children's Liturgy is a favorite time for me during Mass. Some children eagerly run down front while others depend on older siblings to help overcome shyness. Eventually, children deem themselves too old to join in; and that awakening is another touching family drama. This mini-drama reminds me of the many roles parents play for their children, including trusted guardian, learned teacher, and respected leader.

The first few Children's Liturgy attendances are a key moment for the child. Will he or she step out and make new friendships in his parish, grow closer to Jesus or just play with coloring books?

This is a case where parents assume their role of family leader. Sometimes, it can be easier to just let the child hang back with us in the pew; but what is for the best and when is it best for each child--and parent? Do the parents get more out of Mass without tending to children? Do the children benefit, too? What do the children eagerly bring back from their lesson?

Leader-Parents often hold the hands of frightened children or carry them to their first few lessons. This includes the wise decision of when to begin attending and when to hold back. Only a parent knows his/her children well enough to make the decision and that can be a difficult one.

For all of its many rewards, parenting is not easy; and many difficult decisions must be undertaken with strength and perseverance.

Now that you are an adult, who helps you try new things?

Save the date

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PASTA DINNER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

4:00 - 7:00 P.M.



**SPOTLIGHT
ON
STEWARDSHIP**

You would think that anyone who joined our parish would be a bit hesitant in making their presence known so quickly, nor be so willing to take part in whatever needs to be done. This couple, however, soon made themselves known; and the parish truly benefits from their talents and desire to work with others so soon. Look on page 2 to see who this couple is.



**HAPPY
HALLOWEEN**

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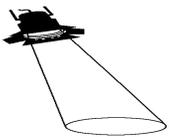
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"Just keep swimming..." advice from a popular cartoon character in one of my very favorite stories of love and loss. It's about a tiny little fish that just keeps going, in spite of losing her way in a vast ocean of hidden dangers. If only that simple lesson could be translated to help all of the children in our lives.

School, sports, daily routines can seem like a wide open sea to our children. The happy child comes home silent, without comment....time for ice cream and a conversation. When we encourage them to be proud of new glasses or being different from someone else.....we help them navigate the ocean of life. Encouraging children to be themselves, do their best and "just keep swimming" helps develop confidence when someone is not nice with their words or actions. They face challenges we never had to deal with. Having a trusted adult to talk to will give them a way to cope with change and learn how to navigate the waters of life.

Remind them of the prayers they know and encourage talking about their challenges in the car, at dinner, calling grandma or grandpa.... learn God is in that great ocean helping them to "just keep swimming."

**LORD
MAKE
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AN
INSTRUMENT
OF
YOUR PEACE**



THE SPOTLIGHT'S ON.....

Jane and Dan Hackett
Thank you for sharing your talents
with our parish family.

Submitted by Fr. T

PARISH COUNCIL SECRETARY

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The August meeting of the Parish Council was mostly a discussion of the goals for this current year.

The goals that were voted on and approved are:

Create opportunities to connect with parishioners through targeted interested groups.

Create a committee to research the possibilities of hosting an all-parish event.

Support and participate in the "Beyond Sunday" campaign.

For each commission chairperson to reach out and succeed in getting at least two additional people involved in their commission, with the focus to involve younger parishioners.

Future Parish Council meetings are:

Thursday, October 27, 2016

November – TBD

December – No meeting

Thursday, January 28, 2017

All parishioners are welcome to attend the meetings which start at 7:00 pm and are in the classrooms. The complete minutes to the Parish Council meetings are published on the parish website at www.marymother.org

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DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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SUNDAY PRESCHOOL for children ages 3-5 is meeting during Mass from 9:00-10:00 a.m. and requires a commitment to be present each week through April (excluding holidays). To register, call Ed at 894-1373 x218 or email to edlew@marymother.org.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: Mark your calendar for **Confirmation Class on Sunday, October 16, from 7-9 p.m.**

The **LIVING ROSARY** will be held on **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, at 6:30 p.m.** Bring your family to **pray and enjoy the ICE CREAM SOCIAL** that follows.

“Safe Touch” at PSR Sessions: As required by the Archdiocesan policy, our children will be informed about Safe Touch on the following days and times: October 12, Wednesday, Grades 4-7; October 17, Monday, Grades 4-7; Sunday, October 16, Grade 8; Monday, October 24, Grades 1-3; Wednesday, October 26, Grades 1-3. If, for whatever reason, you prefer that your child *not* hear this presentation during PSR, an “opt-out” form and signature are required. Just call Ed at 314-894-1373 x218; and he will email or send the form to you.

ATHLETIC COMMISSION

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It seems like each month I am thanking a group of people for supporting the Athletic Commission; and this month is no exception. We can always use short-term and long-term help in many areas. If interested, contact any member of the Athletic Commission for more information. This month, thanks goes to Patrick Honig and the young adults who helped remove, insulate, and replace the ceiling in the concession stand. When the concession stand was moved to Mary Mother’s fields, the drywall ceiling failed and had to be replaced with plywood. Total repair costs will be about \$265.00, but only because of the hard work of the individuals who stepped up. The new insulation which was about half of the cost should reduce air conditioning costs, providing some future savings.

Volleyball and soccer season are underway; and basketball signup is now open. We are currently planning the Mass and Bonfire which will be held at our fields on November 12th.

We continue to ask for someone to fill the positions of CYC Representative and coordinators for the Basketball and Volleyball Tournaments. We can assist and train anyone willing to take these positions. We are also in need of a Uniform and Equipment Manager. Many of our directors and coaches have served for many years and would like to train new individuals to help insure that we can offer the same opportunity to our children in the future.



LITURGY NOTES

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For the **Sundays of October**, we put our attention on Respecting Life in all of its forms. **Our focus is “Life Affirming.”** **October 2 is *Respect Life Sunday*.** We acknowledge the **importance of life from conception to advanced age.** At each Mass, we include a ceremony during the gathering rite to show our respect for human life and to demonstrate **our relationship to the ministry of Birthright.** **Scriptures remind us to “guard [our] rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us”** and that **God gave us a spirit of “power and self-control.”** Let us remember to respect and guard all of creation, especially those who cannot speak for themselves: the unborn children.

On the second Sunday of the month, **October 9**, we offer the ***Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick*** for those who are ill or infirmed. With this sacrament, we **reach out to those who need to be touched by God’s healing hands.**

The fourth Sunday of the month is ***World Mission Sunday, October 23.*** On this day we support the persistent efforts of those who have been called to **go forth into the corners of the earth** to preach the Good News and bring God’s love to all peoples.

We continue to express our “Life Affirming” ways on the fifth Sunday of the month, October 30, by calling attention to the ***White Ribbons Against Pornography Campaign (W.R.A.P.)***. This draws our prayers towards the importance of the dignity of every person, especially when it comes to a healthy respect for our bodies and our sexuality.



HEALTH MINISTRY

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The Health Ministry Commission hopes that all parishioners who needed a flu vaccine were able to receive the vaccine on September 18, 2016. This is a great service that our parish provides and another way to stay healthy in the flu season.

October is national breast cancer awareness month. A breast health information meeting is planned for Friday, October 21, at 9:15 am. The “**IN THE PINK**” newsletter for the fall may have more information about breast cancer screening/self examinations/awareness/prevention. Breast cancer affects men and women so men need to be aware of the signs and symptoms of breast cancer too.

The emergency kits in all of the classrooms have been checked and restocked for the upcoming school year thanks to Mary Scalzo. Also, all of the AEDs have also been checked and are in working order.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION

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Care for Our Common Home

Catholic organizations around the globe are forming study groups, planting gardens, writing action plans to reduce energy and water consumption, and leading workshops to help people with their buying habits. They want to build awareness of what we can do to lower our carbon footprint and take better care of our planet and the people who live here.

There is a 4-night Learning Series called Laudato Si (On Care for Our Common Home) led by the Franciscan Sisters of Kirkwood that will take place at Incarnate Word Catholic Church in Chesterfield, Missouri. It will be held on the following Wednesdays: September 21, September 28, October 12 and October 19 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. (Participants do not have to attend all sessions). This Learning Series is sponsored by eight area Catholic Churches and the Peace and Justice Commission of the Archdiocese of St Louis.

The Christian Service Commission would like anyone who is interested in forming a Creation Care Team here at Mary, Mother to contact service@marymother.org or call Mary Factor @ 894-3925.



EVANGELIZATION COMMISSION

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SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO

First graders and their families, as well as new parishioners, will have received (or be in the process of receiving) an invitation for a potluck lunch after the 11 o'clock Mass on Sunday, October 30th. The get together will be from approximately 12:00 to 2:00 in the parish hall. Parish School of Religion (PSR) parents of first graders and other new students, please watch for flyers in your child's PSR bag. More details will follow in the parish bulletin. Please respond to Michelle Martin at the contact information above. Costumes or pieces of them are welcome to be worn in the parish hall downstairs during the lunch. Look forward to a fun time!!

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMISSION

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For the past several years, parish general expenses have been going up while parish general revenues have remained nearly stagnant. In the current fiscal year budget, a decrease of \$38,451.53 is projected from all sources of parish general revenue from the previous fiscal year. One reason for this general revenue decrease is the budgeted drop in revenues from all parish fund raisers. Mary Mother is blessed with a variety of fun-filled activities that are held as fund raisers; such as Quilters' raffle, book fair, fish dinners, pasta dinner, bunko night, pancake breakfast, barbeque/car show, Youth Group Christmas sale, garden tour, and Health Ministry raffles. I am not advocating that the general revenue shortfall can be recovered by any one fund raiser, but that greater participation be a priority for all parishioners.

The AdFin Commission monthly meeting is on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the church meeting room at 6:00PM. This time change is to make AdFin more accessible to parishioners who may work and are generally not available at other times.



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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Have you ever been a part of a Prayer Group or Faith Sharing Group? You might say, "I don't talk about my personal stuff in front of people or in a group." It does take trust to open up to either people you know or to those you don't know. I am currently in a "Sharing of the Heart Group." I didn't know the people at first and was controlled in what I'd share. No one wants to be hurt. It is important for all present to realize that nothing said in the group, goes outside of the group.

We have many opportunities for Prayer Groups. Find out about the existing ones; and, if they don't serve your needs, then get people together, who feel as you do, and start one of your own. The Acts retreats after plan is a wonderful way to continue the spirituality that it brought for you.

Currently, we have: **Monday:** Men's Prayer Group; **Tuesday:** Women's Formation; **Wednesday:** Young Women's Prayer Group and Youth Prayer Group; **Thursday:** Women Sharing Faith and Women's Prayer Group.

LITURGY COMMISSION

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Our Christian call is ultimately an invitation to life: the great Trinitarian life of love which Jesus lived and modeled for us all, the unending life into which he beckons us all. All of our Christian role models, those who wear the great mantle of “saint” in the eyes of God (if not always in the eyes of the Church), have all understood this invitation. They recognize in each breath—ours, and those of our sisters and brothers—a pure gift of grace, something eternally significant. Thus, the holy ones, wherever we may find them, make the most of each moment. They do not fear what they were—that has passed away into something new. What they will be is the great mystery—it will unfold in due time. The saints know that *we are*, we live now, and God delights in that now. We look forward to celebrating LIFE in October. As part of our October celebrations of life, join us for Anointing of the Sick at all Masses on October 8th and 9th.

***LIVING ROSARY AND
ICE CREAM SOCIAL***

WEDNESDAY,

OCTOBER 19

AT 6:30

YOUTH COMMISSION

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This month for our religious night we are having Deacon Randy Howe come in to talk to us. He’s talking to us about why he decided to become a deacon and what he had to do to become a deacon. For our rec night, we will be in the gym playing various games. We are inviting our youth groups to join us and play some games. For our service project, we are having parents drop off their kids and we are having a Halloween party for the kids. If you have any questions contact, Clare Ernst via email.

TITHING

**August, 2016 - 4 Sundays
\$956 each agency**

- Energy Care – Provides financial assistance for utility bills for those facing loss of gas or electric services.
- Let’s Start – Assists women who are discharged from prison to face the challenge of integrating back into society, with housing, education, counseling, and job search assistance.
- Birthright of Hillsboro – Helps those facing a crisis pregnancy through counseling, referrals and support in Hillsboro, MO.
- Vincent Gray Alternative High School – Helps provide an education for poor, at-risk young men and women in a supportive and respectful atmosphere.
- Micro-financing Partners – Ministry that provides help for women establishing cottage industries to support their families in impoverished areas in Africa.
- St. Augustine’s Wellston Center – Helps support the members of the former five parish communities that merged to become St. Augustine Parish. Services include a food pantry, thrift store, employment counseling, health services and GED programs.



SOCIAL COMMISSION

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Save the Date: Our Annual Pasta Dinner is on Sunday, October 9th from 4:00-7:00PM

Don't forget! Bunko is on October 28th.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

AT

ALL MASSES

ON

OCTOBER 8 AND 9

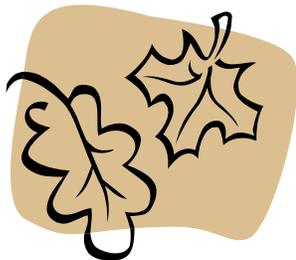
CITIZENS AGAINST PORNOGRAPHY

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The spread of pornography throughout America's culture has horrific consequences for individuals, for families and for marriages. Women are debased, men become addicts, and marriages are destroyed. Like a frog in boiling water, today's society is becoming so desensitized to pornography that it is rapidly losing any semblance of a moral compass.

What can be done! On October 29th and 30th, volunteers will be distributing white ribbons after all Masses. Please take one and display it in some fashion ... on the antennae of your car, your mailbox, your front door knob, your car door handle ... to show your abhorrence to the evil of pornography and your support for decency and morality.

Join with Citizens Against Pornography on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Join us in the battle for decency and morality.



PRO-LIFE

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October is Pro-Life month and there will be many opportunities to witness to life, starting with special liturgies on the weekend of October 1-2. The Life Chain will be held in the afternoon of October 2nd from 2:00-3:00 p.m. at Abiding Savior Lutheran on Butler Hill Road.

You are also invited to attend this Fall's Kick-Off Rally for 40 Days for Life, on Saturday September 24th at 10:00 a.m., on the sidewalk, at Planned Parenthood, 4251 Forest Park Ave. The keynote speaker is Melissa Ohden, an abortion survivor.

The 40 Days for Life Fall campaign begins on September 28th and ends on November 6th. Recognizing the urgency for ending America's abortion crisis, there will be an unprecedented 40-day bus tour to bring its message of hope to cities and towns across the United States. Since its inception, at least 11,796 babies have been saved from abortion, 133 workers have left the abortion industry, and 75 abortion centers closed their doors forever following 40 Days for Life vigils. Remember, our parish's Adopt-a-Day is Sunday, October 23rd!!

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Photo ID in Missouri 2016

The Advancement Project has listed several reasons why Amendment 6 is not necessary in our state. It will make a change in our constitution and will cost the state \$17 million. The current process of having a valid I.D. seems to be working well. The Secretary of State's lawyer spoke to us and said that in Missouri, voter fraud is less than 1%; and so it is illogical to think that NOW we ALL need a photo ID. For the majority of the population, this is not a problem; but it is a grave one for people who have moved here and don't have a Missouri state issued birth certificate; getting one can be very problematic, especially if you are from a different state or country; and it is not a free process. Many people will be disenfranchised from voting: those too poor or incapable of physically handling the process. We want to make voting easier for people, not keep them away unnecessarily.

*God bless you
with health
and
happiness*

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Here is a brief history of the Society.:

In 1833 Frederic Ozanam, a 20-year-old law student at the Sorbonne, was confronted by another student about practical applications of his Catholic faith. Ozanam was inspired to found a "conference of charity" to assist the poor. The group of seven adopted its name in honor of the saint revered for his work among the needy. It worked with Sister Rosalie Rendu, a Daughter of Charity, who organized distributions in one of Paris's neediest neighborhoods. By 1845, the group had grown to over 2000 and spread throughout France. The Society then crossed the ocean and came to St. Louis where the first council in the United States was formed at the Old Cathedral. Today over 3000 volunteer members belong to 142 parish-based conferences in the St. Louis area.

We celebrate the feast of Blessed Frederick Ozanam on September 9th and the feast of St. Vincent dePaul on September 27th.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>October 2016</h1> <p>For more details, goto www.marymother.org/calendar.aspx</p>						1 Jonah Team WOMEN's ACTS RETREAT 9am Volleyball 1pm Wedding:
2 Jonah Team WOMEN's ACTS RETREAT 9am Family Mass 2pm Life Chain (on Butler Hill)	3 6:30p.m. PSR 9:05am AA Group 5pm Horns 7pm SVDP Mtg 7 pm Men's Prayer Grp 7:30pm Volleyball	4 9am-9pm Adoration 9 am Quilting 9 am TOPS 4:30pm Volleyball 7 pm Women Sharing Faith 7pm FIRE Mtg	5 6:30pm PSR 9am-7pm Adoration 9:30 am Tai-Chi 4:30-9:00pm Volleyball Practice 7:00pm Pro-Life Committee 7:15pm Traditional Choir 8pm Youth Prayer Group 9 pm Men's Basketball	6 9 am Meat Slicing (for SS II) 9:30 am Women Sharing Faith 10:30 am Zumba 4pm-9pm Adoration 4:30pm Volleyball 5 pm Yoga 7 pm Contemp. Choir 7pm Liturgy Comm 7pm Divorce Care 7:15pm Prayer Grp	7 Setup for Pasta Dinner 6pm Volleyball	8 9am Volleyball 9:15am Ministry Workshops Blood Pressure Screening
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