

AT THE BEAUTIFUL LAKE OF THE OZARKS

Welcome to all our visitors, our parishioners and guests, who have joined us at today's liturgy to share our faith and our joy in Our Lord Jesus Christ. Please enjoy the beauty of our spacious grounds and the Mother's Shrine dedicated to Mary Mother of the Church and to all Mothers.

THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



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MASS TIMES

MON.—FRI.
9:00 A.M. MASS
PRAY THE ROSARY
1/2 HOUR BEFORE MASS
CHAPEL OPEN FOR PRAYER
8:00—4:00 MON.—FRI.

RECONCILIATION
3:00—3:45 S AT.
MASSES SAT. 4:00 P.M.
SUN. 9:00 A.M.
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DEC. 4TH, 2016

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

We are blessed with another season of Advent. As tradition requires we are being asked to prepare ourselves for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Long time ago, John the Baptist heralded his coming and prepared the mind of the people to receive him. He cried out in the wilderness "Prepare ye the way of the Lord" indicating to his audience the need of repentance. And so for us, to prepare the way of the Lord is to turn away from our evil ways; to put to death the deeds of darkness; and become children of the day. We do this in order not to forego our salvation gained for us. St. Paul said it all when he wrote "For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light." (Rom 13:12).

Dear friends, we look forward to the Lord's second coming in glory. And to share in that glory we need to conduct ourselves properly as children of the light. We have to straighten our paths of life and do away with all potholes of wrongful acts.

"Prepare ye the way of the Lord", dear faithful for salvation so dear.

Father Henry

UPCOMING EVENTS

DEC. 6TH GUILD MEETING
WILL DECORATE ST. LEO'S, LUNCH SERVED
DEC. 8TH IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY

DEC. 10TH ST. NICKOLAS PARTY

DEC. 11TH ADVENT PENANCE SVC ST. PAT'S

DEC. 12th BLOOD DRIVE 1 to 5:00 DEC. 13th ALL CRHP GATHERING

EUCHARISTIC

Come to a quiet place to pray.

Prolong and intensify your reception with God by spending a half hour with Him on every WEDNESDAY following 9:00 Mass until 10:00.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY DEC. 8TH



HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS TIMES 9:00 AND 5:30 ST. PAT'S 7:00 ST. PHILIP

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKEND COLLECTION NOV. 27TH \$ \$3.906

*includes electronic funds

Attendance in church 485

Average weekly collections needed for church \$6,800 Electronic fund transfer available for the 1st, 15th etc. available for weekly contribution, building & maintenance, Charitable Outreach, Christmas and Easter.

VIEW OUR BULLETIN ON OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.SHRINEOFSTPATRICK.ORG

MASS INTENTIONS DEC. 5TH

MON	9:00	JACK HARKREADER±
TUES.	9:00	MITZI CHASE SPC.
WED.	9:00	MARGE & DENNIS DEVINE SPC.
THURS	5. 9:00	PARISHIONERS
FRI.	9:00	HAL TROKEY ±
SAT.	4:00	MYRTLE BORROR±
SUN.	9:00	PARISHIONERS

ST. PHILIP BENIZI MASSES

FRI. 10:30 A.M. SUN. 10:30 A.M.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

PARISHIONERS - Julia Curiale, Mike Kuse, Jim Eades, Addie Walters, Elizabeth Rourke, Rich Rowan, Bill Shortino, Ceil Bish, Duane Kennedy, Sandy Vossen, Rosemary Stoltz, Adam Steffen, Barb Miller, Rosemary McKenzie, Danny Deluca, Bud Raeker, Jim Kemp, Tom Mc Cann, Tom Costello, Dennis Devine, Lucy Macek, Carolyn Gentry, Clarence Smith, Mary Bogle, Jerry Petersen, Jim Ellis, Mitzi Chase, Bill Sayers, Mike Greenwald, Ed Seaton, Ray Hamilton.

FRIENDS & FAMILY OF PARISHIONERS

Natalie Staffieri, Crystal Raeder, Elmer Henry, Chuck Behrens, Phil Whitworth, Louise Starzynski, Mackenzie Trost, Richard Dascher, Bill O'Bryan, Gay Brumagin, Cheryl Kerfeld, Oleta Jones, Jennifer McKinney, Carrie Sheeley, Rilie Johnson, Luke Brooks, Ron Larrington, Brianna and Brody Decker, Darren Bozich, Arianna Cooper, Tony Marie Rinella, Ann Reilly, Abby Kunneman, Dorothy Bos, Michael Switalwski, Hal Trokey Jr, Kathy Egan, Sue Dunn, Addison Nichols., Irma Webster, Sandra Poates, Haley Browning, Collette Moscato, Laura Keal, Anne Erola, Amy Schmitz, Elizabeth Gilreath Ryllie Foust, Chris Kuse, Christopher Bonick, Alma Thompson, Jacob and Crystal Miller, Ann Reilly, Janet Lloyd, Bill Sonner, Billie Johnson, Steve Callahan, Kolton Melcher, Jackie Sinovcic, Glen Noyes, Diantha Muzingo, Allan Kilburn, Wyatt Newman, Barbara Ott, Mary Groves, Kim Hamilton, Connie Hope, Leroy Berden, Lindsey Baracz.

SCRIPTURE READINGS DEC. 5TH

Mon. Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26

Tue. Saint Nicholas Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14

Wed. Saint Ambrose Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30

Thu. THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Gn 3:9-15, 20/

Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Fri. Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin Is 48:17-19/Mt

11:16-19

Sat. Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sun. THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas $\dot{}$

5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

CONFIRMATION



Congratulations to our newly confirmed church members! They are pictured here, from left to right:

Quinton Ryerson, St. Philip Benizi Hunter Deters, St. Pat's Msgr. Makarewicz, Our Lady of the Lake Hannah Tichy, St. Pat's Mara McGhee, St. Philip Benizi

We are grateful for Msgr Makarewicz, appointed by Bishop Gaydos, for taking time to come to celebrate and confirm our new candidates. Bishop Gaydos was unavailable due to illness.

Thank you to Michele and Pat Haggerty for organizing and serving the reception and meal for the candidates and their families. Thanks also to the choir and Nancy for the beautiful music and to all parishioners who attended and made the celebration special.

Frances and Eric Tichy

ADVENT GIVING TREE



There are two tags this year for each child.

Rose tag, keep with information on child.

<u>Purple</u> tag, write your name/ phone number and place in basket below.

Please return wrapped gifts with your tag FIRMLY attached to the gift and place under the tree in the entrance of Church by Dec.11th.

Thank you for caring and sharing! Mary Gerant 573-286-1516 Lisa Brodersen 573-789-2221

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Juan Diego (1474-1548) December 9



On this date in 1531, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Juan Diego at Tepeyac, Mexico. He was a 57-year-old poor widower. Mary told him that a church should be built at the site of her appearance. Juan told the bishop of her desire, but he did not believe him. On another visit, our Lady sent him to gather flowers and present

them to the bishop. When he did so, the flowers fell from his cape, revealing an image of the Blessed Mother. Soon after a church was built where Our Lady had appeared, and thousands converted to Christianity. Juan Diego remained poor, simple, and devoted to the Eucharist. He spent the next 17 years traveling throughout central Mexico, bringing others to the faith. May we imitate his eager faith to build up the Church despite obstacles.

THE STAGES OF LIFE AND WHAT IS GOD'S WILL FOR MY LIFE?

We need a leader for our Respect for Life committee. We need someone who can initiate new and exciting activities to help us reach out to all stages of life. Are you ready for a challenge? Are you ready to serve our community and our Parish? We need YOU.

Call Sue Schneider 573-207-8336 for more information. God Bless You.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

This week I would like to provide some excerpts from an article by Patricia Mitchell for Marriage & Family Resources from "The WORD Among Us" magazine.

Take Time for Advent Family Prayer! These practical, realistic suggestions will show you how.

What better place for children to learn about the beauty of prayer and its fruits than within their family circle of life and love? However, family prayer can tend to evaporate in busy households that are stretched to the limit with work and other activities.

If your family has not yet established a tradition of praying together, Advent is the perfect time to begin. It offers a wealth of traditions, like the Advent wreath, the Advent calendar, and the crèche, to use as focal points for prayer. In the frenzy of this shopping season, family prayer during Advent keeps the reason for Christmas ever before us and our children. And once the habit of family prayer is established, it may be easier to continue it through other liturgical seasons of the year.

If you've tried praying as a family but it just didn't work, you might want to try again. There are a host of obstacles—lack of time, boredom, and resistance from kids and teens, to name a few. But with persistence and creativity, families can find a way a few times each week to gather together in the name of Jesus.

Regular family prayer also demonstrates to our children that being a Christian means that God reigns in our family—not just on Sundays but every day of the year. Being a Christian means living in close communion with the Lord—and with each other. Family prayer is one way we can fulfill that mission. To live as a community of life and love requires compassion and mercy. Praying together can produce peace and harmony as we and our children learn to forgive and ask for forgiveness—and every family needs God's grace to forgive one another.

Finding the Time: A famous verse from the Book of Ecclesiastes states, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven" (3:1). In the rhythms of the day, mornings, evenings, and meal times are natural moments to pause and pray together.

A natural opportunity for family prayer is just before the evening meal. In addition to saying the "Prayer before Meals" together, this time might be an opportunity to pray for friends and family members who are sick or suffering and to thank God for blessings received during the day. "It doesn't take a long time," says one mother who tried this, "yet some evenings our short prayer time generates conversation and discussion that last throughout the meal."

Questions/Comments... you can reach me at my NEW office phone number – Michele Haggerty (573) 372-8594.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Knights of Columbus Council 10831

12/11 Pancake Breakfast



Pancakes, sausage, biscuits and gravy, orange juice, coffee.

After 9:00 Mass. ALL you can eat for \$6.00

12/18 – Knights Sunday, please proudly wear your badges to show you are a Knight. Breakfast will be at the Elks Lodge.

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST

Community for Christ is in NEED of spaghetti, pancake mix, syrup, crackers, jelly, tuna this month.

You can also make a donation. Thank you for your assistance in helping others.

St. Pat's helps Community for Christ stock their shelves. Thank you!!

Together we can make a difference!!

SALVATION ARMY

ROSES ARE RED
VIOLETS ARE BLUE
SALVATION ARMY IS ASKING FOR YOU!
If you can volunteer for 2 hours from Nov. 21Dec. 24th at G2M between the hours of 9:005:00 (excluding Sunday), please call me (Nancy
Pate) at 374-0662 or 286-7617.
Thanks a bunch, Nancy Pate

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2016



TUESDAY DEC. 8TH
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
MASSES ST. PAT'S 9:00 & 5:30
ST. PHILIP, VERSAILLES WED. 7:00 P.M.

SUN. DEC. 11th ST. PAT'S COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE 3:00

Please mark your calendars and make reconciliation part of your spiritual plans.
Several visiting priests will be with us to celebrate this sacrament.

NATIVITY OF THE LORD
SAT. DEC. 24 CHRISTMAS EVE
MASS 4:00

SUN. DEC. 25 CHRISTMAS DAY MASS 9:00

FRI. DEC. 30
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY AND JOSEPH MASS 9:00

SUN. JAN 1 MARY MOTHER OF GOD MASSES SAT. 4:00 & SUN. 9:00

SUN. JAN. 8 THE <u>EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</u> MASSES SAT. 4:00 & SUN. 9:00

MON. JAN. 9 <u>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</u> MASS 9:00



The National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help is needed in the gift shop from 5 pm to 8 pm:

Friday, Dec 9th, Saturday Dec. 17th, Sunday, Dec. 18th
Thursday, Dec. 22nd & Dec. 29th

Remember this is a ministry to welcome and serve the people visiting the Festival of Lights.



Chance for Name on Mothers' Wall of Life.

Name		
Address		
City	State	

GIVE THE GIFT THAT LASTS MORE THAN A LIFETIME:

What a wonderful Christmas Gift....their name on The Mothers' Wall of Life!

It is never too late to give the gift of a name on the Mothers' Wall of Life. You can get the

Support the Mother's Shrine with pre-tax dollars. Become a member of the Heritage Fund. Call 573-374-MARY for a brochure or additional information.

GIFT SHOP

Children's Christmas Books In Your Gift Shop ½ of Retail Value

> Please remember -The Mothers' Shrine

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DEC. 10TH & 11TH

SATURDAY, December 10th 4:00

Lector: Youth Mass Greeters: Youth

Communion Ministers: Clay Becker, Mary Jo Eye, Steve & Janice

Mandl

Directors of Worship: Jim Troia & Jim Klein SUNDAY, December 11th 9:00 Lectors: Hannah Tichy, Eric Tichy Greeters: Dan & Mary Noyes, Bernie

Marco

Communion Ministers: Rick & Jeanie Colby, Norma Lovell, Bernie Marco

Directors of Worship:

Paul Van Evercooren & Jerry Unrein

Servers: 9:00

Hunter Deters, Addyson Raeder

Pew Angel week of Dec. 11th

Sue Schneider

Each of the ministries you are involved with is important to the vitality, prayerfulness and beauty of our liturgical celebrations. We are always looking for dedicated people to fill these roles. Think about, pray over, consider the ministry that is calling you. Contact:

Eucharistic Ministers—Deacon Dave Lovell, Lectors—Ellen Lovell , Liturgical scheduler—Michele Haggerty



OFFERTORY GIFT BEARER

It is an honor to be a offertory gift bearer. If you are interested, please let the Director of Worship know when you arrive at Mass. Three people are needed to carry the bread, the wine, and the offertory collection. If you have a special event and would like you or your family to be gift bearers, please call the parish office.