

St. Theodore Catholic Church

"As a faith-filled community, we grow in spirituality through prayer, respect for family, support of education and acceptance of all. By the wisdom of our past and the energy of God's Spirit for our future, we demonstrate being alive in Christ."

www.sainttheodore.org

Rev. Gary L. Vollmer, Pastor

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Rev. Mr. Pat Rankin - patrankin@baue.com

Rev. Mr. Tom Rothermich - trothermich@gmail.com

Church Location:

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Mailing Address:

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Phone Numbers:

332-9269 Main Campus;

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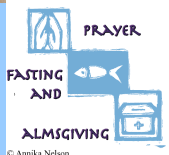
327-5115 (also, school fax)



ASH WEDNESDAY



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**The Parish Office is located at 5085 Hwy P and is open
Monday—Thursday 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and
Friday 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon.**

Bookkeeper: Jane Bogart, extension 225

E-mail: sttheodore.church@centurytel.net

Parish Secretary/Bulletin Editor:

Julia Kettler, extension 226

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Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses are 5:00 p.m. Saturday and 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 Noon on Sundays.

Weekday Masses are at 8:00 a.m. except on National Holidays, when the time is 9:00 a.m.

Holy Days are celebrated at 7:30 p.m. the eve of the day and 8:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on the day unless noted.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Sunday 7:00 - 7:15 a.m. and 9:30 - 9:45 A.M.

Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Every Friday evening during Lent at 7:00



Adoration

Adoration begins after 8:00 a.m. mass on **Tuesdays**. It concludes at 8:45 p.m. with Perpetual Help Devotions and Benediction. In case school is closed because of inclement weather, adoration will also be cancelled.

Prayer Requests

To have your intention placed on our Parish Prayer Tree, call Jean Wilmes: 332-6831, or e-mail Kim Dyer at kadyder@centurytel.net.



Parish School of Religion (PSR)

Director: Jen Walkup, Ext: 283

Email: sttheodorepsr@yahoo.com

BEST

Angie Mutert

sttheobest@yahoo.com

St. Theodore School

5059 Highway P - Wentzville, MO 63385

Principal: Ms. Clare Ortmeier, extension 222

E-mail: sttheodore.school@centurytel.net

School Secretary: Mrs. Rosemarie Friederich, ext. 221 or e-mail: sttedoa@yahoo.com

Renting or Scheduling

Facilities Coordinator: Trish Dickherber, extension 223

E-mail: sttedfc@yahoo.com

To rent or schedule use of the Parish Center/gym, school cafeteria, Fr. Schmidt Room, or the Teacher Work Room, you may send Trish an e-mail or call her.

Welcome to our parish! If you are visiting, we hope you enjoy your time with us. If you are new to our community and would like to join our parish, you may ask Fr. Vollmer for a registration packet or come by the Parish Office during the week to pick one up. You may also call or e-mail us and we can e-mail the information to you.

**March 2, 2014
8th Sunday Ordinary Time**

Ash Wednesday March 5, 2014		
	8:00AM	7:30 PM
Lectors	School Mass	Shawn Keller
Gifts		Volunteer Needed
Eucharistic Ministers		Volunteer Needed
Servers		Volunteer Needed
		Aiden O'Leary
		Grant O'Leary
		1-Volunteer needed
Ushers		2-Volunteers need



St. Theodore will once again have a **Lenten Bible Study** that will meet for six sessions leading up to Easter. **The theme for this session is the book of Job.** In *Job: A Good Man Asks Why*, author Kevin Perrotta walks us through the key points in the book of Job and helps us understand suffering, justice, and love in a new light.

The cost for materials is \$10.00. All are welcome. If you would like to sign up, please call the Rothermichs at (636) 327-4674 or email krotherm@gmail.com. Please sign up by March 2 even if you attended prior sessions.

Sessions: Sunday Mornings, beginning, 3/9, 8:30-10:00, Teacher's Work Room; or Wednesday evenings, beginning 3/12, 7-8:30 at the Rothermich's house.

Lent-1 March 8 & 9, 2014

	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:00 AM	12:00 PM
Lectors	Marilynn Gafke	Shawn Keller	Joan Bextermiller	Volunteers Needed
Gift Bearers	Matt Hoven	Martin Lenk	Joe Shucart	
Eucharistic Ministers	Juli & Tony Rothermich	Jim & Sharon Hoch	Neva Rankin Kathy Rothermich	
Servers	Claire Rothermich Paige Farrell Lauren Gafke	Libby Armour Emma Armour Victoria Peine	Aiden O'Leary Grant O'Leary Ray Wilmes	
Ushers	Harry Bogart Glen Bodine	Ted Kaimen Garlan Juergensmeyer	Chris Hermann Ryan Keil	



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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General Funds Actual Contributions Received (2/23):

Envelopes: 8,082.00
Loose Plate: 317.00
Total Contributions: 8,399.00
Weekly Target Amount: 10,433.00
OVER/UNDER Weekly Target: -2,034.00

Needed YTD (34) 354,722.00
Received YTD: 310,410.15
Total UNDER Target YTD: -35,418.25
Plus Holy Day Offerings YTD: 8,642.10

Other Revenues:
Building Fund... 200.00
Children's Offering 32.48
Maintenance Fund 7,105.00
School Support 0
St. Louis Review Subscriptions 60.00

B.E.S.T 289.15

Thank You for Your Generosity!

LENT: Rules for fasting & abstinence.

All Catholics over the age of 14 are expected to **abstain** from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.

Fasting is obligatory only on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for those 18-59 and this means one full meal for the day or two smaller meals and nothing between meals (liquids are permitted).

Stations of the Cross and Benediction Every Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m..



Thank you: Geneva Dawson and her family thank you for your prayers for her mother, Euna Mae Shepherd, during her final illness. Also appreciated are the cards and messages of sympathy since her death.

From our School:

Enrollment is now open to new and current families. Current families need to have their re-enrollment forms and enrollment fee of \$100 per child by March 26. After that date the fee is increased to \$150.

Spring Break: Thursday March 20th & Friday March 21st.

Please Note Schedule Change:
School Board Meeting is on March 25 at 5:30p.m.





From Fr. Gary's pen...

The Anglo-Saxon word Lent originally referred to the Spring Season and came to replace the Latin "Quadragesima" to describe the forty-day fast before Easter. The number forty, as you may remember, is a sacred number and signifies a lengthy period of time. So Moses and the Israelites wandering in the desert for forty years and Jesus fasting in the desert for 40 days is the biblical way of indicating an extended duration of time but also a special sacred time in salvation history.

A forty-day period of Lent appears to have been a widespread practice by the middle of the third century according to church fathers writings. St. Gregory recognized the rule of abstinence from the flesh of meat and everything that comes from such animals including milk, eggs and cheese. The practice of giving eggs at Easter originates from the ban on eating eggs plus its symbolic significance of new life in the tomb.

Both fasting and abstinence are spiritual practices designed to heighten our spiritual life and draw us closer to God. Fasting can be the voluntary avoidance of anything we deem good in order to focus on spiritual growth. Abstinence, too, does not just mean avoiding certain foods but abstaining from bad habits such as smoking, drinking, swearing, lying, cheating, temper, laziness, rudeness, etc. The ashes placed on our forehead this Wednesday (Ash Wednesday which I think should be a holy day and eliminate one of the others) symbolize our recognition of our sinfulness and our willingness to commit to a period of repentance in preparation for the joyful season of Easter and spring-like weather.

The first and second readings during this Season of Lent reflect the penitential nature of the season, particularly focusing on the origin of sin (First Sunday of Lent), but also offering examples of human faithfulness (Second Sunday of Lent), God's attentive care (Third Sunday of Lent), and hope (Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent). The Gospel selections include Jesus' temptation in the desert (First Sunday of Lent), the Transfiguration (Second Sunday of Lent), the Samaritan woman at the well (Third Sunday of Lent), the man born blind (Fourth Sunday of Lent), and the raising of Lazarus from the dead (Fifth Sunday of Lent). My prayer is that all of us will undertake the disciplines of Lent in order to die to our selfishness and experience a Resurrection of Easter Glory. Deo Gratius!!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9, 10c; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 -- 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11



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Rite of Election will be at 1:30 on Saturday, March 8, at the Cathedral Basilica.

All are invited and/or pray for our Candidates and their sponsors as

they continue on their journey of discovery of our beautiful Faith.

Clark Gafke-sponsor-Joan Schellert
Brittany Weeks-sponsor-Kim Wilson
Jordan Weeks-sponsor-Dion Wilson
Kyle Richardson-
 sponsor-Curt Heisserer
George Bassett-
 sponsor-Ruth Bassett (wife)

Do you have other "gods" in your life (job, money, power, ego, possessions)? Do you put them before the Lord? A stewardship lifestyle means putting God first, in all things! It means living stewardship 7 days a week, 24 hours a day and not just the time that I go to Church or participate in my parish ministry. It means re-prioritizing and putting God first.

SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Katharine Drexel; Julian Calendar Lent begins
Tuesday: St. Casimir
Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence
Friday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity; First Friday; World Day of Prayer; Abstinence
Saturday: St. John of God



Mass Intentions

For the coming week

Monday 1/6

Mildred Schellert

Tuesday 1/7

Mary Jane Dickherber

Wednesday 1/8

Raymond Peine

Thursday 1/9

Ron Elfrink

Friday 1/10

Living and Deceased
 Members of the Herman
 Dietrich Family

Saturday 1/11

Addie Rhodes

Sunday 1/12

7:30 AM

John Wilke

10:00 AM

Glennon Schroer

12:00 PM

People of the Parish



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"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (material wealth)." Matthew 6:24

QUILTING FRAME

Quilting Schedule: 2013-14 Quilt Committee:

Diane Sachs -636.327.6369

Theresa Rainey -636.887.4234

Karen Richter -636.327.8365

Pam Hepperman -636.673.2390 or 314-749-6143

Please call if you have a quilt top ready, if you want info on donating a quilt or quilt top, or if you would like to learn the fine art of quilting.

Quilting Schedule:

Every Tuesday, unless otherwise noted.

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. or 6-10:00 p.m.

Quilting after school with students: Wednesday, 3-5:00.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE begins Ash Wednesday and ends Palm Sunday. St. Theodore is participating on Sunday Morning April 6th, from 7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., at the Planned Parenthood at St. Peter's shopping center off of Suemandy Drive. Ideally, we hope to have enough volunteers to assign a few people to a shift of an hour or two, rather than the whole 6 hours.

Please contact Joan Bextermiller, 636.327.4435 to sign up for this opportunity.

Pro-Life Action Day, Tuesday March 11 at the Missouri State Capitol. Plan to come and talk to your elected representatives about the numerous bills under consideration regarding abortion.

To reserve your place on the bus: call 314-434-4900 or email mrl.eastern@yahoo.com. The bus will leave the Wal-Mart/Wentzville parking lot at 8:25 a.m., Tuesday, 11Mar2014.

St. Theodore School Board January 14, 2014 Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Opened with a prayer by Father November 2013 Minutes approved by Brian Hemmer and seconded by Eric Bogart

Members Present: Father Gary, Clare Ortmeier, Tammy Forbeck, Brian Hemmer, Tara Hunsel, Angie Mutert, Eric Bogart, Chris Brennan

Reports from the following committees:

Finance

Parish Council

- Pastor: -Father leaves Sunday, January 19th for the Pro-Life March and will have a blessing at Mass for all members traveling to Washington, D.C. The Pro-Life poster winners were announced at mass. The first place posters will be displayed in the Dining Hall. Father would like to place a Pro-Life banner

ner next to the Enrollment banner.

- School chairs have arrived and the desks are ordered.
- Working on addition to the playground.
- The Confirmation classes are going well and the Deacons may also teach a class to those being confirmed.

Home & School:

- Need Officers

Principal

- School Improvement Process Update: the visiting team will be at St. Theodore on March 18th & 19th
- SIP Academic Goals: rewrite our curriculum guide to correlate with Catholic Education benchmarks and CCSS.
- Catholic Schools' Week begins Sunday, January 26. We will have Open House from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We especially invite new families. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served.

Knights of Columbus



Hall Rental: Contact Tom Daues at 636-332-0588

Council Email: council@sttheodorekofc.org

Home Board Email: homeboard@sttheodorekofc.org

K of C MTG:(2nd Thursday) 7:30 @ K of C Hall;

Homeboard MTG:(3rd Thursday)

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 1st: Euchre Tournament, Bar Area, 7:00 benefits Mexico Missions

March 2nd: BB Gun Shoot Kids & Adults have fun all day! Target BB Gun provided. Call Brian 636.262.1202

March 7th- April 11: Fish Frys 5-7:00; benefiting Pro-life and FHAA

March 7 & 21: Euchre Tournaments, 7:00, lower level

March 15th: Dartball Tournament. Last Co-Ed.

Call Jeff at 314.560.4861

March 29th: Golfaganza an all day event benefiting *Dream Factory*. Call Jim 636.299.7232 or Matt @ 636.299.6780



The St. Theodore

K of C Blood drive yielded 22 donors!

Only three people were turned away.



Lenten Fish Fry March 7-April 11

5:00-7:00 pm

Adults/\$10; Children/\$5

Profits split between:

Pro-Life Trips and FHAA

• CSW activities were discussed

Old Business:

Marketing Committee: Members will be checking with various parishes and the Archdiocese to research marketing tools and strategies.

New Business:

- Teacher Updates: -Spanish for fourth and fifth grade (one day a week) started on 1-14-14.
- Mrs. Struttman is setting up conferences with the 7th grade parents and anyone else who recommends a conference. Mr. Haug is working on Wed. with math students.
- Computer and Music classes are going well.
- We discussed the benefits of using Google Calendars to communicate between various committees.
- The School Board bylaws and mission will be reviewed.
- A Town Hall Meeting will be held on March 10th at 6:30.



Third Annual Night at the Mouse Races

Benefiting the St Theodore Class of 2015
Prolife Trip to Washington D.C.

Saturday, April 5 Doors open at 6pm.

First Race begins at 6:30

Adult Only- must be 21 or over

Come and enjoy a great night...for a great cause!

Gather your friends and family.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. First race begins at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$25 per person/table of 8- \$200 includes soda and AB products.

Please feel free to bring your own snack and appetizers.

Tickets will be sold after masses beginning March 9th (Donut Sunday) or you may contact any 7th grade family to purchase tickets.

Sponsorship opportunities are available
Questions please email Rebecca

at jreisenbath@hotmail.com or call 636-346-8426



January 2014 Parish Council Meeting

Members Attending: Fr. Gary, Teri Forbeck, Doug Orf, Janice Bross, Ron Candrl, Jane Bruegenhemke, Jim Ruden, Katie Phelps and Jane Bogart (Parish Office); new members, Mark Monday, Jean Goldstein, Gary Brinker, and Dianne Chitwood. Members Absent: Rachel Hutson
Opened meeting with a prayer by Father Gary. Introduced new members and filled assignments for 2014; Teri Forbeck, president; Doug Orf, Vice-President; Janice Bross, Welcoming Committee Chair; Dianne Chitwood, Secretary; Jean Goldstein and Jane Bruegenhemke, School Board Liasons; and Mark Monday, Finance Committee Liason.

Welcoming Committee stated that there are 8 new families since December 2013.

Next Donut Sunday is Feb 9th. We need to find a new coordinator for this monthly event. It was mentioned that Parish Council should split up the months until a coordinator is found.

Main topic was the boiler problems. It was stated that one boiler shut down and the other one was on its last leg. Maintenance has been replacing glycol in the boiler. This is an expensive quick fix that is only temporary. There is an internal leak in the sealed unit. Boiler cannot be repaired and must be replaced. Finance Committee stated that there are not enough funds to pay for a boiler. Parish office is filling out paperwork for an emergency grant and for a loan from the Archdiocese. Other maintenance replacements were brought up, such as the five ton compressor on the rooftop AC unit, 2 exterior doors (café and old school), and 36 lights and ballast in gym. Parish Council voted that the boiler problem must be brought to the parish family during mass times this weekend and an emergency Fund-In-Need campaign must be activated. School families should also be notified of this situation. Had a conference call with Cuneen Offertory Enhancement, a nine week program to build stewardship in parishes. We asked for a list of other parishes in our Archdiocese using Cuneen. Cuneen stated that they are currently working with other parishes in our area. Considering Cuneen's services, but not until after Easter. Home & School is in need for an additional fundraiser. Jelly Bean sales during the first 2 weekends in April was approved.

New Fundraiser for 2015 Prolife Volleyball Tournament was approved for October 4 and 5, 2014. Another new fundraiser for 2015 Prolife was approved for Good Friday, a Kid's Dodgeball Tournament at Game Time in St. Peters. Also approved, annual fundraiser Friday, Oct 17, 2014 Kid's Trivia Night.

Discussed CYC practice times and competitive volleyball and the need to balance St Theodore basketball time slots needed and income revenue needed from the competitive volleyball teams. Further discussion is needed. Meeting closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted
Dianne Chitwood

Next meeting.....Tuesday February 25 at 7:00 p.m.



2014 Dinner Auction Results

\$37,615 - Income the night of the auction
\$7,430 - Pre-deposits, business donations,
raffle & dinner ticket sales

\$ 370 - Pre-deposits, raffle & dinner ticket

sales \$45,416 Dinner Auction Income
Estimated bills will run \$8,000-\$10,000.

A full report will be published after all the bills are paid.

\$1,000 Raffle Winner:

Leroy Litteken, St. Charles, MO

\$250 BEST Certificate Winner:

Nita Roberts, Foley, MO

\$100 BEST Certificate Winner:

The Allensworth Family, Wentzville

PLEASE PRAY

For: Anne Happe, Jacob McGilvray, Sandra Ficken, Josh, Brooke & William Boyer, Ron Candrl, Larry Bogart and Nancy (Iffrig) Brown .

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protections, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, we fly to thee, O Virgin of Virgins my Mother; before thee I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful; O Mother if the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer us. AMEN.

To have your Parish Prayer Tree intention in the bulletin:

Call: Jean Wilmes: 332-6831, or email:
Kim Dyer at kadyder@centurytel.net.

St. Dominic High School March Madness Alumni Basketball Tournament



will be held on two weekends...

Friday March 14 - Sunday March 16 and
Friday March 21 - Sunday March 23, 2014.

Mens and Womens Teams Now Forming!!! Any Class 2010 and older is eligible to play. Classes may combine and team up but all players must be alumni. NET PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP FUND. Team Fees are a Min \$260.00 Donation. Checks made payable to St. Dominic.

Contact: Erik Wilson at ewilson5@kw.com or Beth Runge at brunge@stdominichs.org; 636-240-8303 ext 119 to enter a team or to download the registration form, visit <http://www.stdominichs.org/alumni-events.html>

St. Dominic HS Middle School Trivia Night March 7, 2014 7:00- 9:45

Who: 6th, 7th & 8th grade Students

Cost: \$10 per person & up to 8 people per table
~Soda, water & 1-pizza provided per table

Where: St. Dominic Fallon Family Center (new gym)

Prizes award to 1st & 2nd place teams

To reserve your table:

Tom & Shelley Lang 636-300-1661;
sdhpalstrivia@hotmail.com



Coming Attractions!!
Mark your calendars for the next two Mexico Mission Trip Fun-raisers.

- The first is "The Luck of the Green" Super Frog Raffle just before St. Patrick's Celebration. *The raffle (where everyone is a winner) will be held on the weekend of March 8/9 after all masses in the Father Schmidt Room.* For a \$10 raffle ticket you are guaranteed to win a prize valued at \$10 or more plus your ticket will be entered into the Grand Prizes drawing where you could win the most beautiful quilt ever (made by our own quilters), a beautiful afghan with pastel Spring colors, or \$50 in Wal-mart gift certificates. If that isn't enough, there will also be free homemade cookies and candy!!

- Also, mark your calendars for Monday, April 21 for the Easter Eggstravaganza with All-You-Can-Eat Tacos and Nachos Dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. followed by the Easter Egg Hunt that will include over 1000 eggs with 8 golden eggs good for a \$25 Wal-mart gift card for each golden winner (better than Willy Wonka)!!! Spring cannot come too soon!!!

Do you need to get away and rest in the Lord awhile? Then you may want to check into The Society of Our Mother of Peace, Mary the Font of Solitude in High Ridge, MO.

Imagine a solitary retreat that includes, a variety of retreat guidelines to choose from, a private cabin in the country, contemplative shrines to visit, a library of books and tapes to borrow, optional spiritual guidance, optional opportunities to pray with the community at Mass or during the Liturgy of the Hours and there are no set fees. (They depend on the generosity of their retreatants)

Society of Our Mother of Peace

Mary the Font of Solitude

6150 Antire Road

High Ridge, MO 63049-2135

636-677-3235; marythefont@yahoo.com

Singles Again Inc. We are a deanery wide organization that helps people through the pain of a divorce, separation, or the death of a spouse.

Please feel free to contact **Leo**, Singles Again Moderator, at (636) 946-7782, or e-mail **Martha** at daskslb428@gmail.com with any questions.



Mens senior softball for men age 55 and up in St. Charles is now accepting applications for the 2014 season. If you would like to play slow pitch softball, call Mark Palermo at 636-281-0891

This is a terrific series and offered so much closer to us than the Rigali Center!!!

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

St. Anselm Parish Centre
530 So. Mason Rd.

7:00 PM in the Parish Centre

Mar. 3 God's Love

Bishop Robert Hermann/Katie Fiese

Mar. 10 God Saves Us

Cathy Whitlock/Jeff Barczewski

Mar. 24 New Life

Rev. John Horn, S.J., President & Rector of Kenrick of Glennon Seminary/ Cheryl Nelson

Mar. 31 Receiving God's Gifts

Dr. John Gresham/Anne Hruz

Apr. 7 Receive the Holy Spirit

Rev. Michael Brunner/Deacon Charles Durban

Apr. 14 Growth/Transformation

Jane Guenther/Pat Golden

To register contact the Catholic Renewal Center at

314-427-7786 or janequenther@archstl.org. Linda

Borchardt at 314-878-2120 or

lborchardt@stanselmstl.org or the Parish Website at

www.stanselmstl.org. Please bring your Bible to the Seminar.



**On the 2nd Saturday
of the month
throughout the year
at St. Gianna Beretta
Molla Parish in**

**Wentzville, immediately
following the 8:00 a.m.
Mass, there will be a
special blessing with the
first degree relic of St.
Gianna for couples trying
to conceive a child,
expectant mothers, and
expectant mothers in high
risk pregnancies.**

There are many "Gianna babies" attributed to St. Gianna's intercession in these situations. Those couples receiving the blessing are invited to write their names and intentions in the St. Gianna Pro-Life Ministry prayer book and their prayer requests will be shared with our prayer partners. A votive candle at the Shrine of St. Gianna remains lit throughout the year for these intentions.

Each Saturday morning @ 7:30 a.m. the pro-life rosary is prayed followed by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass @ 8:00 a.m. St. Gianna Beretta Molla Parish is located at 450 E. Hwy N, Wentzville.

**Visit: www.stgiannaparish.org
or for questions please email
prolife@stgiannaparish.org**

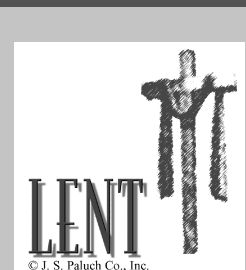


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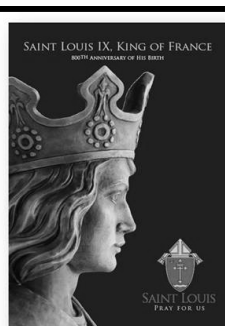
O'Fallon Office
311 South Main, Ste
100
O'Fallon, MO 63366

**A WIDE RANGE OF
SERVICES FOR THE
COMMUNITY AND
THEIR INDIVIDUAL
NEEDS:**

- Counseling Services
Children, Adolescents,
School, Adult, Elderly,
Individual, Couples,
Marital, Family, Therapy
Groups.
- Psychiatric Services
Children, Youth, & Adult
- Crisis Intervention
- Community Education



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**In 2014, the city of St. Louis will
celebrate its 250th anniversary.**

2014 will also mark the 800th birthday of our most holy patron, Saint Louis IX, King of France.

As part of the year-long celebration to commemorate the founding of St. Louis and the birth of our beloved patron, the Archdiocese of St. Louis is partnering with the group, STL250, to host special events throughout 2014.

For more information on CatholicSTL250 events, visit www.archstl.org/catholicstl250.

Tuition Assistance:

Any **CATHOLIC** family wishing to apply for tuition assistance through the Archdiocese for the 2014-2015 school year must submit a "FACTS" application.

Applications may be obtained from the school office or you may apply online at:
<https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>

Students must attend an Archdiocesan or Parochial Elementary School or an Archdiocesan or Parochial High School to be eligible. The due date for the application is **March 15, 2014** and **MUST** include a copy of your **2013** Income Tax Return.

**Quilt Social
Sunday
March 9th**



**St. Francis of Assisi
Memorial Hall**

**2nd & Washington Sts.
Portage Des Sioux, MO**

Handmade Quilts & Refreshments
Bingo and other Raffles for Prizes

Lunch: all sorts of goodies & desserts

Time: 1:00-4:00, doors open at noon

Memorial Hall is 1-block North and 2-blocks west of St. Francis of Assisi Church.

**CROSSROADS ST. CHARLES (Catholic Ministry |
Married & Single | 20's-30's)**

We meet the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month at Culpepper's in O'Fallon, MO at 7pm. Crossroads goal is to connect local young adults together through faith and friendship.

Married and single, all are welcome.

**Contact Liz Cornett @ (636) 614-0414 or
www.CrossroadsStCharles.com**

Prayer



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**The Pope's Intentions
for March**

- **Respect for Women.** That all cultures may respect the rights and dignity of women.

- **Vocations.** That many young people may accept the Lord's invitation to consecrate their lives to proclaiming the Gospel.

Parish Ministry Day

Sat. March 29, 2014

9:00-Noon

Cardinal Rigali Center

\$5.00 per person

Keynote Speaker on the Eucharist:

Msgr. William McCumber

This ministry day will provide information and training for parish ministers. There will be information in both English and Spanish for parish ushers & greeters, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and a keynote speaker. There will be two tracks offered, so you will be able to attend training for two different ministries.

**Please mail payment (include Name/Parish name/
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