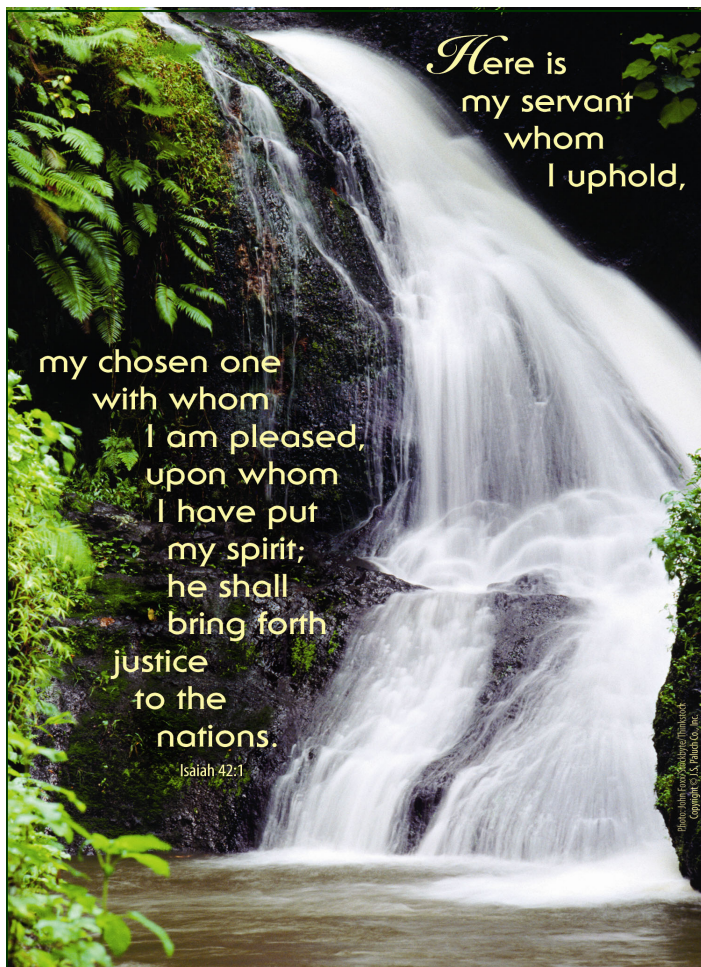




Mass Schedule

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.

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 email Kim Dyer at kadyr@centurytel.net.

Parish School of Religion (PSR)

Director: Jen Walkup

Email: sttheodorepsr@yahoo.com Ext: 283

B.E.S.T.

Angie Mutert sttheobest@yahoo.com

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

E-mail: padrefrog@yahoo.com

Deacons:

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

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

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Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 246 - Flint Hill, MO 63346

Phone Numbers:

332-9269 Main Campus;

639-1385 School office (also, parish office fax),

327-5115 (also, school fax)

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

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St. Theodore School

5059 Highway P - Wentzville, MO 63385

Principal: Ms. Clare Ortmeier, extension 222

E-mail: sttheodore.school@centurytel.net

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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.



January 12, 2014
Baptism of the Lord



January 18 & 19, 2014

	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:00 AM	12:00 PM
Lectors	Rosemary Hakenwerth	Suzie Horn	Curt Heisserer	Volunteers Needed
Gift Bearers	Scott Clausner	Paul Von Wolfseck	Mark Monday	
Eucharistic Ministers	Rosemary Hakenwerth Susan Johnson	Kristin Friedman Katie Phelps	Kathy Rothermich Laura Shucart	
Servers	Evan Clausner Jessica Clausner Molly Hutson	Libby Armour Emma Armour Bailey Kemp	Claire Eusterbrock Sophia Mutert Kaitlyn Bross	
Ushers	Michael Sachs Gary Schellert	Tom Sachs Bernie Seiffert	Dave Forbeck David Hakenewerth	

General Funds Actual Contributions Received (1/12):

Envelopes

Loose Plate

Total Contributions

Weekly Target Amount

Under/ Over Target YTD

Needed YTD (26weeks)

Received YTD

Plus Holy Day Offerings YTD

Total Under/Over Target YTD -

Special Collections:

Christmas Flowers

Christmas Offering

Seminary Fund

Solemnity of Mary

Other Revenues:

Building Fund

Children's Offering

School Support

Student Desks

Votives

Best Revenues

Please note:

Regarding SVDP donations, St. Vincent DePaul has it's own checking account, therefore, PLEASE DO NOT combine SVDP with your other church giving if you are writing one

†Our condolences to Ann Phelps and family over the death of her sister Eileen Kalupa who died December 29, 2013. May Eileen rest in peace and her family find solace in their faith community and in the shared memories of family and friends.

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From Fr. Gary's pen...

I receive about 500 Christmas cards, not counting the email ones, and I use them for my prayer during this Holy Season. As the Christmas Season now ends on this feast of Christ's Baptism, I want to share with you a reflection that my good friends from Michigan sent me in their card. I hope you like it as much as I do:

"Have you ever seen the snow fall in the moonlight? It cascades down through a clear winter night sky, floating tenderly, like the last autumn leaf carried down from yesterday's rainfall. Have you ever looked up at the stars on a cold, winter's night? They seem to shimmer and dance like water sparkling over pebbles in a stream. Have you ever wondered about that first star of Christmas that the wise men glimpsed one night and followed across so many deserts?"

I thought about that traveling star. How bright it spoke. How that light brought them comfort and carried them one night at a time until it brought them to Jesus. Until it brought the search for hope to end in joy. All the many trials along their search and yet the wise men did not stop.

Through our many winters, God will never stop carrying us on our journeys. As dark as the night gets, God's light will never disappear. Even when our courage and strength fail us, God will give us the grace to search for the light. And He'll give us more grace to follow where it leads us. Jesus Himself chose to take the long journey home from a manger to a cross, so we don't have to travel alone anymore. Let beauty remind you that we all need comfort, we all long for peace. We were made to be loved, to be held in God's embrace, and never created to be alone.

Go outside and look at the stars. Like snow falling in the winter's night, hear God's winter song echoing throughout the darkness. I came for you. I'm here for you now. You don't have to be alone anymore. In the moonlight I see you and am with you. You can have everlasting peace, hope, joy and love with me. Listen and hear God's winter song in you!!" Deo Gratias!! Have a Blessed New Year and know that God (Emmanuel) is with you!!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19;

Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;

Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time; St. Hilary

Friday: St. Anthony

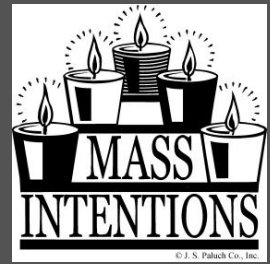
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary;

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

Mexico Mission:

- Join us on the Mexico Mission! June 7-14, 2014 Talk to Father or Deacon Tom.
- This coming weekend is the 2nd Annual Mexico Mission Night at the Races. Join us for a fun filled evening! \$20 per person covers bar & snacks. Parish Center doors open at 6:15, races begins at 7:00.

At the Baptism of Jesus, God made it clear that He was giving us the greatest gift He could give. He was giving us His only Son. When you really think about the magnitude of that gift of Jesus sent to save us, plus all of the many other blessings that God has entrusted into our hands, it is very humbling. God has given us so much. What do we give in return?



Mass Intentions For the coming week

Monday 1/13

Lorna Bogwar

Tuesday 1/14

Mary Jane Dickherber

Wednesday 1/15

Lawrence Boehle

Thursday 1/16

Anna Bextermiller

Friday 1/17

Raymond Peine

Saturday 1/18

5:00 PM

Dennis Rhodes

Sunday 1/19

7:30 AM

Julia Bauer

10:00 AM

Bernadine Orf

12:00 PM

People of the Parish



"And a voice came from the heavens, saying, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'" Matthew 3:17

QUILTING FRAME

Schedule:

Tuesdays

9-2:00; 6-10:00

Fr. Schmidt Room

Pam Hepperman:

pheppermann@hotmail.com; 636-673-2390



Knights of Columbus

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

Council Email:

council@sttheodorekofc.org

Home Board Email:

homeboard@sttheodorekofc.org

EVENTS

Co-ed Dartball 1/18/2014 (Upstaris) 6:30

Feb 1st/ Dance, 7:30-11:00, doors open at 6:30
\$10.00 per person

Alive in Christ

Alive in Christ scholarship applications for the 2014-2015 school year will be accepted beginning 1/27/14. Alive in Christ scholarships provide financial assistance to families who would like their children to attend Archdiocesan Elementary School in St. Louis. Scholarship award amounts are based upon financial need and will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis.

This program is open to families with new students entering Kindergarten through 4th grade or Catholic families with students currently attending an Archdiocesan elementary school.

Beginning Sunday, 1/26/14, applications will be available at your school office or online at www.archstl.org/ttef
For more information: call or e-mail Laura George: 314.792.7735; laurageorge@archstl.org

Save this Date!!!

The 2nd Annual Mexico Mission Night at the Races



**Saturday
January 18, 2014 doors
open at 6:15, starts at 7:00**

**\$20 per person, which
includes open bar &
snacks**

To order tickets...
To sponsor a horse...

Call:

Laura Shucart:
314-226-4595

Brian Hemmer:
636-675-4866



Our Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson sent a thank you letter acknowledging St. Theodore's gift of \$623 during the Restoring a St. Louis Treasure, The Campaign for the Old Cathedral.

He included a little update on the restoration progress: Work has moved inside for the winter and new windows have been installed; the refinishing of floors, pews and altar railing is ongoing, as are the updates to the mechanical, electrical and HVAC. Monsignor Billing and Father Quick welcome visitors, knowing you may want to see how your donations are being put to use. The hours and Mass schedule are noted on their website at oldcathedralstl.org.

Grief Group opportunity in the area:

St. Paul Church in St. Paul is hosting a 13-week program for those who have lost a loved one. The group will meet every Tuesday starting on January 14, 2014 in the Parish Center from 6pm to 8pm.

Email maryhargadine@gmail.com or call Mary at 314-378-3217 to RSVP or if you have any questions.



**St. Dominic High School Basketball
Join us for a night of High School Hoops**

*****FREE admission to
all St. Theodore Parish families
Tuesday, January 14th @ 6:45pm
vs. Christian HS**

*****Wear your a St. Theodore spirit wear
and get in free, get a bag of popcorn
and a free soda, too!**

The Fifth Annual Catholic Women for Christ Conference

**Saturday,
January 25, 2014**

St. Charles Convention Center (convenient, free parking).

This year's theme is *Living Joyfully in Christ*. Come enjoy a refreshing day of speakers, prayer, and worship.

To learn more or to register got to:

<http://www.catholicwomenforchrist.org/>

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Msgr. Ray Orf has graciously consented to fill in for Fr. Gary while he is gone. Msgr. will have the 12 noon Mass on Sunday, Jan. 19 and the 8 a.m. Mass on Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 20 and 21. Please pray for a successful trip and show Msgr. Ray our wonderful Flint Hill hospitality!!

Parish Council minutes December 17th, 2013

Members Present:

Fr. Gary, Doug Orf, Teri Forbeck, Diane Chitwood, Janice Bross, Jim Rudden, Ron Candryl, Jane Bogart, Rachel Hutson

Members Excused: Jane Bruegenhemke, Katie Phelps, Tony Rothermich, Ted Wilmes, Mick Burkemper

Many thanks to outgoing members, Tony Rothermich, Ted Wilmes, Diane Chitwood and Mick Burkemper for their service to St Theodore. Welcome new member Gary Brinker.

Fr Gary began the meeting with a prayer.

The new members' roles are Teri Forbeck President, Doug Orf Vice President,

Our 2013 President, Tony Rothermich provided an update from the Parish Council which was approved and will be posted on Fast Direct, in the bulletin and on the St. Theodore website.

We are still in need of 3 new parish council members for 2014. A notice will be placed in the bulletin and Fr. will announce at Mass.

A letter was approved to send out to all internal organizations asking for a donation for use of the facilities.

Jane Bogart gave an update on the November summary report. A cash flow analysis from the Archdiocese was reviewed.

A representative from the Cunneen Offertory Enhancement will have a phone conference with the parish council in January.

Jane gave an update on the boiler system in the school building which are in need of repair. This will be looked at in depth over the Christmas holidays.

Parish council is requesting an update of the self improvement process that is ongoing at the school.

Parish council is considering seeking parishioners with an educational background to form a committee to meet with the St Theodore School principal and Father.

Fr. Gary closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Janice Bross

I forgot to add that the next meeting will be on January 28th, 2014 at 7pm

The Holy Father's Special Intentions for JANUARY

- **Economic Development.** That all may promote authentic economic development that respects the dignity of all peoples.
- **Christian Unity.** That Christians of diverse denominations may walk toward the unity desired by Christ.

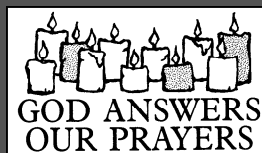
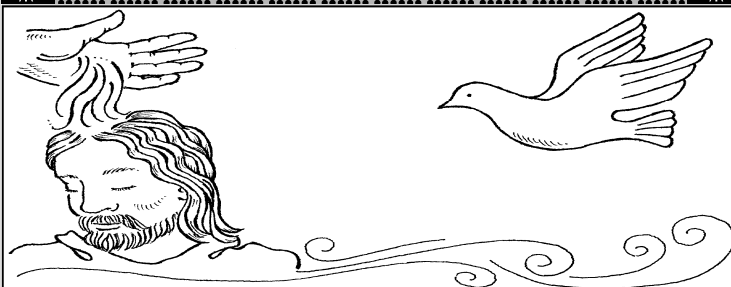


Lights, Camera, Auction!

Plans are underway for our parish's 26th Annual Dinner Auction! The dinner auction is one of the three major fundraisers that help support the parish. The success of the auction is dependent on the time, talent, and treasure of everyone in our parish family! Please consider how you can support the auction- whether it be through volunteering your time, making a donation, or attending the event- all are welcome!

The dinner auction committee is now accepting donations! Donations can be dropped off on the stage in the parish center during school hours or on Doughnut Sundays. In the evenings, during ball practices, enter the Gym through the side entrance and then proceed to place your donation on the stage. ***Please remember to sign your donation item in on the sign in sheet in order to be recognized in the auction book.**

If you would like to make a donation, but need some ideas, or would like to arrange for a pick up of a donation, please call Jamie Hammond at 636-332-0494 or by email at mjhammond@centurytel.net.



**GOD ANSWERS
OUR PRAYERS**

Please pray for: Anne Happe, Jacob McGilvray, Sandra Ficken, Josh, Brooke & William Boyer, Ron Candryl

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 kadye@centurytel.net, or contact Julia in the Parish Office.

VBS 2014 Weird Animals "Where Jesus' Love is One-of a Kind"

Mark your calendars, June 23-June 27 is St. Theodore's 2014 Vacation Bible School. We will be sharing information in the upcoming weeks about our first official meeting. If you are interested in volunteering for a spiritually rewarding week with our children, please consider offering your time, and talents!

Working with our children does require Protecting Gods Children workshop certification. We will be verifying and updating records, for any who need the class, several dates are included here and please visit www.archstl.org for a complete list and registration information. This year will be quite exciting and we look forward to helping our children discover Jesus' love is one-of a kind.

Holy Rosary (Warrenton) Tuesday, January 14, 7 pm
Our Lady of Pillar (Creve Coeur) Tuesday, January 21, 7pm

Mercy Hospital (St. Louis) Thursday, January 23 6:30 pm

Cardinal Rigali Center (St. Louis) Tuesday, February 18, 6:30 pm

Mercy Hospital (St. Louis) Wednesday, February 19, 6:30

Thanks and if you have any questions please contact Katie Grau at kag.twinmama@gmail.com or (901) 734-9819

Habitat is looking for **4 families** to Partner and Build with in 2014. Including one **VETERAN BUILD** home for a veteran.



Applicants must attend the Homeowner Application Meeting on February 3rd, 2014.

A Credit Report Workshop is optional to help applicants prepare on Monday, January 13th.

To sign up for the Homeownership meeting or Credit Report Workshop and to learn more, contact Habitat for Humanity of St. Charles County on or before January 31st to participate in this selection process. Contact us at www.habitatstcharles.weebly.com or 636-978-5712.

Qualification Checklist:

1. Do you live in St. Charles County and have you lived here for the past year?
2. Do you have a need for a home? Are you currently overcrowded, in substandard housing or cost burdened?
3. Are you able to pay the monthly mortgage and home expenses?
4. Are you willing to be a partner with Habitat for Humanity, attend homeowner education classes and help to build your home?

Michelle Woods, Family Services Manager
Habitat for Humanity of St. Charles County
130 Trade Center Drive West
St. Peters, MO 63376
636-978-5712
michelle@habitatstcharles.org or www.habitatstcharles.org

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.

Is one of your New Year's resolutions to put a spark back into your marriage?

That occurs on a Marriage Encounter weekend and you can apply for a weekend on February 7-9 or April 4-6.

Simply call 314.469.7317 or apply online at www.stl-wwme.org.

Invitation to Divorced and Separated Catholics

You are not alone. You can survive and thrive after divorce.

Decide to start the new year with hope and healing by attending **The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide** program. The 12-week DVD program features Catholics and lay men and women who have been where you are. Topics include denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, the kids, the ex-spouse, spirituality, annulment and much more. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in St. Charles is hosting the program beginning January 16, 2014.

Contact Donna at d-odonnell@sbcglobal.net or 636-288-2417 for more information.

Last week to sign up!

Project Rachel & Project Joseph



The services of Project Rachel and Joseph are available to anyone who has been wounded by an abortion experience and is seeking healing.

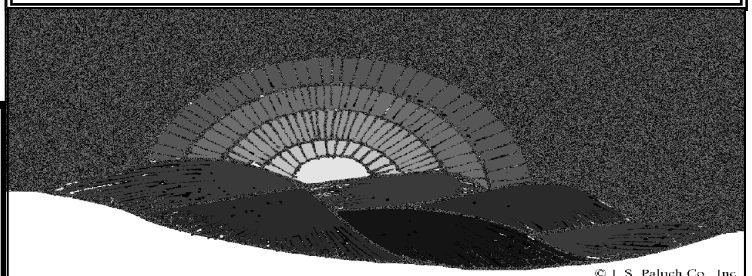
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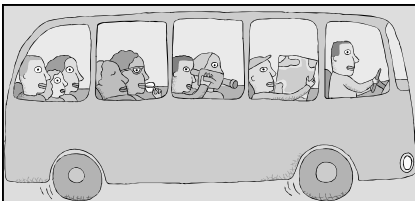
Contact Marisol at (314) 792-7451

Project Joseph Spiritual Support

Next meeting will be in September.

Contact Chuck at (314) 974-6787 or by email for details. craymjr@sbcglobal.net





Upcoming Chaplain Tours

Golden Frontier Tours has invited me to participate in one of their trips each year as a chaplain.

I really enjoyed my last trip to New England but since I was a last-minute replacement didn't have the opportunity to invite you to be a part of the trip. **Here are the next two trips that I will be the chaplain and the times for both:**

- Savannah, Georgia Bus Trip will be March 4-11, 2014
- Mexico City and Our Lady of Guadalupe Trip in February of 2015.

You can go online at www.goldenfrontier.org to see the details and cost for both of these trips. I am hoping that Fr. Quentin Hakenewerth who is about 80 miles from Mexico City will be able to connect with us while we are in Mexico.

WORLD RELIGIONS PRESENTATIONS

Do you want to know . . .

How did they begin?

What do they believe?

How do they live their faith?

How do they pray?

What do they think about us?

What do we have in common with them?

Come and find out this winter! This series is presented by Fr. Michael G. Brunner, O.S.B., Pastor of St. Anselm Parish, and held in the St. Anselm Parish Centre Auditorium on Saturdays beginning January 4th through March 1st.

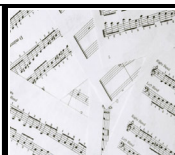
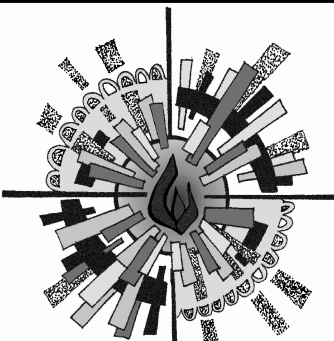
Most presentations will run from 3:00-4:30 p.m. Please visit the Parish website at www.stanselmstl.org for details on specific dates and times, as a few of the presentations begin with a movie at 1:00 p.m. This is a free series of presentations for students to seniors. Hope to see you there!

**Annual Memorial Mass and
Prayer Vigil**
Saturday, January 18th, 2014
10:00am
**Cathedral Basilica of St.
Louis**
Celebrated by
Bishop Edward Rice

January 22, 2014 will mark 41 years of legalized abortion in our country - abortion that is legal for the entire nine months of pregnancy.

Please join the St. Louis community to pray for an end to abortion, healing and forgiveness for those involved in abortion and increased respect for all human life.

The **offertory collection** that weekend will benefit the Life-Line Coalition, a group of social service agencies whose financial and emotional support help more than 10,000 women in our community each year.



Liturgical Composers Forum Concert

**Thursday, January 30,
2014 at 7:00 P.M.**

**Mercy Conference
and Retreat Center,
2039 N. Geyer Road,
St. Louis, MO 63131**

Join us for an inspiring evening of musical excellence featuring group and solo performances from many of the finest published liturgical composers in the world. A group performance by David Haas, Marty Haugen and Michael Joncas and another featuring the original St. Louis Jesuits will be among the many musical offerings.

Thirty liturgical composers are scheduled to perform during this one-time event. Tickets for this first ever collaboration of these composers are \$25 for general seating and \$75 for special patron seating (which includes a reception and opportunity to meet the composers).

Contact: Chuck Wiltsch at 314.909.4651 or visit Mercy Conference and Retreat Center's website at www.mercycenterstl.org.

2014 Catholic Men for Christ Conference *Go and Make Disciples of All Nations*

February 1, 2014, Peabody Opera House

Speakers:

Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York

Bishop Edward M. Rice, Auxiliary Bishop of St. Louis

Father Don Calloway, well-known conference speaker on Divine Mercy and the Blessed Virgin Mary. He speaks passionately about these topics in his moving conversion story.

For more details and registration information, please visit
www.catholicmenforchrist.org



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