



**Lord, every nation
on earth will adore you**

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 e-mail Kim Dyer at kadye@centurytel.net.

Parish School of Religion (PSR)

Director: Jen Walkup, Ext: 283

Email: sttheodorepsr@yahoo.com

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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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332-9269 Main Campus;

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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.

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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 5, 2014
The Epiphany of the Lord**

January 11 & 12, 2014 The Baptism of the Lord

	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:00 AM	12:00 PM
Lectors	Marilynn Gafke	Pam Heppermann	Joan Bextermiller	Volunteers Needed
Gift Bearers	Jim Bruegenhemke	Leroy Vehige	Mitch Rackers	
Eucharistic Ministers	Richard Aubuchon Doug Orf	Pat Koch Karen Moore	Shannon Hercules Lisa Monday	
Servers	Lauren Gafke Karlie Orf Kylie Niederer	Elizabeth Berkbuegler Madelyn Roettger Shelby Orf	Jordan Monday Jeremy Forbeck Tori Forbeck	
Ushers	Tony Rothermich Matt Sachs	Jim Sachs Bruce Sachs	Dale Ballmann Michael Coyne	

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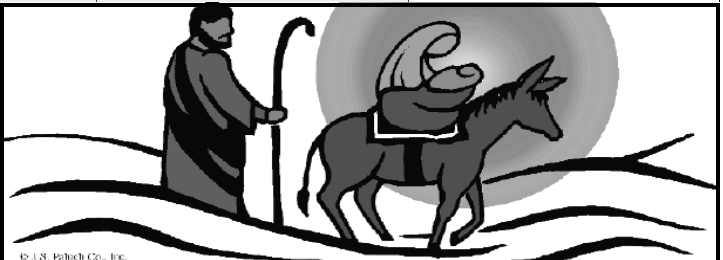
Envelopes: 7,987.00
 Loose Plate: 222.22
 Total Contributions: 8,209.22
 Weekly Target Amount: 10,433.00
 Over/ Under Weekly Target: -2,223.78

Needed YTD (25) 260,825.00
 Received YTD: 226,267.58
 Plus Holy Day Offerings YTD: 2,428.25
 Total Under Target YTD: -30,621.17

Other Revenues:

Building Fund 517.00
 Christmas Flowers 5.00
 Christmas Offering 25.00
 Seminary 105.00
 Children's Offering 3.00
 School Support 50.00
 Votive Candles 20.00
 Retired Religious 50.00
 Rental 100.00

Thank You for Your Generosity!



From our School:

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to School!

Remember: Early dismissal this Fri., Jan. 10th at Noon.



SAVE THIS DATE!

Pro-Life Dartball Tournament – February 1, 2014

The Pro-Life Dartball Tournament benefiting the 2015 Pro-Life trip will be held on February 1, 2014 in the St. Theodore Parish Center.

If you are interested in registering a team please contact Margaret Orf via Fast Direct or at margaretorf93@gmail.com.

Join the universal voice of the Archdiocese of St. Louis in congratulating the Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson on the 30th Anniversary of his Episcopal Ordination. The anniversary date is January 11th.

Show your appreciation for Archbishop Carlson's dedication, sacrifice and service by sending him a note or a card:

Most Rev. Robert J. Carlson
 Cardinal Rigali Center
 20 Archbishop May Drive
 St. Louis, MO 63119

Mexico Mission Trip

- How often do you have a chance to make a true difference in someone's life?
- How often do you get a chance to change your own life?
- You CAN make a difference!

There is still room for people to go on the 2014 Mexico Mission Trip. The dates are June 7-14. It's a life changing trip for people of almost any age and ability. Any 8th graders through high school youth are especially welcome.



From Fr. Gary's pen...

As we celebrate the feast of Epiphany, I want to share with you one of the Christmas cards I received: What we find in Jesus. We find peace and the Prince of Peace. We find righteousness and the Righteous One. We find counsel and the Counselor. We find wonders and the Wonderful One. We find salvation and the Savior. We find the Kingdom and the King.

The three kings went a great distance to find all these things in Christ, the true King. All we have to do is travel a short distance to find all these things in Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

Also, as we have just celebrated the Feast of the Holy Family and the Blessed New Year of 2014, maybe you could make the following one of your new year's resolutions:

Top Twelve Times to Pray as a Family:

1. In the morning, to start the day off in the best way while shaving, showering, or brushing your teeth.
2. At bedtime, thanking God for the neat stuff that happened and asking for sweet dreams.
3. At meals, thanking God for our food and the wonderful people who grew it and prepared it.
4. When kids go to school, one of parents can give a blessing.
5. When someone is hurt, either physically or emotionally.
6. When a child has a test the next day.
7. When mom or dad has had a bad day.
8. When a family member, friend or classmate is sick.
9. Before going to Mass so that you can pay attention and worship properly.
10. When you hear the siren of an emergency vehicle.
11. Before driving somewhere so that angels protect you (also many people pray while driving in the car instead of having the radio on).
12. Actually, any time is a great time to pray.

My prayer is that you increase your prayer time by 1% each year and if you live to be a hundred you will be close to 100% prayer perfect!!

LIVING PRAYER

Who prays as they ought will endeavor to live as they pray.

--Anonymous

"Let us focus on generosity, or returning God's gifts with increase, through the generous sharing of our time, talent and treasure."



The magi were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. Matthew 2:10-11

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow. Each of us is called to open our gifts before Jesus, offering Him what He needs. If you have trouble with this idea, keep one of the Magi from your Nativity set on your desk all year as a reminder to bring your gifts to Jesus.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 -- 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 -- 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week

Monday: St. André Bessette

Tuesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort; Julian Calendar Christmas



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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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"Then they

opened their

treasures and

offered him gifts

of gold,

frankincense, and

myrrh." Matthew

2:11

QUILTING FRAME

Happy New Year!

Quilting resumes on
Tuesday, January 7, 2014

9-2:00; 6-10:00

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 will benefit the LifeLine Coalition, a group of social service agencies whose financial and emotional support help more than 10,000 women in our community each year.

The Fifth Annual Catholic Women for Christ Conference will take place Saturday, January 25, 2014 at the 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 go to: <http://www.catholicwomenforchrist.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



St. Louis
Marian
Conference

Millenium Hotel,
200 S. 4th St., St.
Louis, MO

Jan 10-11-12, 2014

CALL: 314-423-1075
or visit
www.stlmarianconference.net

Registration: \$35.00; if you
enclose a copy of this bulletin
notice, you will receive a \$5.00
discount.



Knights of Columbus

Hall Rental: Contact Tom Daves 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

EVENTS

Jan 10th Chicken Fry

Jan 18th/ Co-Ed Dartball, 6:30, upstairs

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

When I am sluggish in spirit
and do not want to deal with
the burdens of life, may
I come to you, living God,
to find in you the energy and strength
for the undertakings you give me.

Alan J. Hommerding



Lights, Camera, Auction!

SAVE THE DATE for our
26th annual dinner auction
being held **Sat., February 22,
2014.**

Don't forget to keep an eye
out for auction donation ideas
as you are out shopping for
holiday bargains. Your
generosity is greatly appreciated for this
important parish fundraiser!



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!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Life hands us many epiphanies or "wake-up calls." A few years ago, a young couple adopted a two-year-old child in a morass of red tape, complications, and court hearings. At the baby's baptism, the priest suggested appending an "adoption blessing," wherein the new relationship was expressed and affirmed. There is a place in that rite for the child to speak, and instead the priest said, "Can you give Daddy a kiss?" Standing in the midst of his church, the young adoptive father suddenly welled up with tears as he embraced the child. Afterward, he explained that through all the hassles and legal struggles he never until that moment in church understood that he was the parent of this child. The ritual claimed them for each other, gave expression to their relationship that the legal documents never could, and firmly cemented this child into the heart of a community as everyone erupted into heartfelt applause. This assembly witnessed in a powerful way what happens in every baptism: the mystery of adoption, the free flow of grace, the overwhelming sense of God's presence at the heart of our life's journey.



To have your Parish Prayer Tree intention in the bulletin,
call Jean Wilmes: 332-6831, or email
Kim Dyer at kadyr@centurytel.net.

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

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.

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



Keep Saving...

Please continue to collect Box Tops, Campbell's UPCs, My Coke Rewards, and Tyson Chicken A+ labels throughout the summer. Collection boxes are in the back of church and in the cafeteria.

We earned \$1,580 through Box Tops and banked over 5,000 Campbell's UPCs and 3,000 My Coke points during this past school year. Aluminum cans are collected at the church basement doors- rinse, crush and secure in plastic bags, no other recyclables or trash please.



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 Catholic STL250 events, visit www.archstl.org/

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.

Attention Cardinals Nation!



Want a chance to win one of the best seats in Busch Stadium? Enter to win tickets for a **2014 Cardinals** home game in a Luxury Skybox! This includes 20 tickets, and \$300 worth food, and drinks in Suite 33 along first base line.

Tickets are \$25 for 1 or \$100 for 5. Proceeds go to the **Archbishop Robert J. Carlson Adoption Fund**, providing St. Louis families grants to help pay for adoptions. For ticket information, please contact Breanna Colombini at breanna.colombini@gmail.com or call [314.997.7576](tel:314.997.7576)

Winner will be drawn on February 11, 2014 at the Annual Infertility Mass.

Invitation to Divorced and Separated Catholics

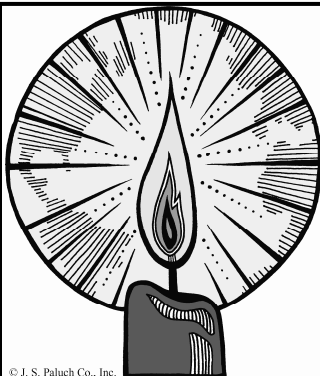
"I'm furious. What can I do with this anger?" "If God is good, why did He allow this divorce?" "Why does it hurt so much?" Find the answers to these questions and more in a new ministry to Catholics who have suffered from divorce: **The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide**. The 12-week DVD program features Catholic experts and lay men and women who share their challenges on the way to true healing.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in St. Charles is hosting the program beginning 1/16/2014.

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

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.



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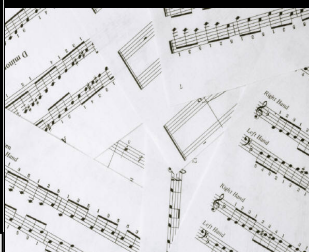
Is one of your New Year's resolutions to put a spark back into your marriage? That occurs on a Marriage Encounter weekend and you can apply for a weekend on February 7-9 or April 4-6. Simply call 314.469.7317 or apply online at www.stl-wwme.org.

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 if Peace
Mary the Font of Solitude
 6150 Antire Road
 High Ridge, MO 63049-2135

636-677-3235



Liturgical Composers Forum Concert,

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

Prayer to Our Mother of Peace

O Mother of Jesus
 and
 our Mother
 full of grace,
 bear His peace
 His Presence, His holiness,
 your Divine Son,
 into our very souls;
 nourish our minds with His mind
 for lowliness;
 our hearts with His heart
 for self-giving;
 our souls with His soul for quietness,
 resting in His Father's Will;
 all of our energies wit His strength
 for zeal;
 and with your holy maternal love
 support each step
 of your little ones
 as they cling to you
 and strive to walk in His likeness.
 Amen.



**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**



Catholic Family Services

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

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CHARLES (Catholic
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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**

**As we close out 2013, I want to provide a quick update
from Parish Council.**

As a council, we established three goals at the beginning of the year. They were: (1) review and revise the mission statement, (2) create an environment of welcoming (especially for new parishioners and visitors), (3) determine options for generating funds to off-set unexpected expenses.

As you know, the mission statement was revised and officially installed through a celebration at Mass. Father also had it framed and hung in church. The welcoming committee was re-established to welcome new parishioners and a welcome greeting before Mass is in place. Some of the rental rates for the parish facilities were raised to more comparable rates of similar facilities. Work will continue on ideas to generate additional funds.

I thank the council members for all their time and effort to accomplish these goals as well as all the other ad hoc items that came up throughout the year.

In follow up to the Stewardship Sunday talk, we as parish and school families have a great opportunity to make a difference and keep our faith community and school strong for many years to come. It takes everyone to be involved though. As Archbishop Carlson wrote: *We are all stewards of the many gifts we have been given by God. He expects us to develop and share our gifts with others. No gift is small or insignificant! All gifts, given freely and with love, have immeasurable value.*

Last year 65% of families gave to the Sunday collection. Regardless if you participate in Mass regularly at St. Theodore or not, as a parishioner we must support the parish by contributing to the Sunday collection. If the remaining 35% contributed just \$2/week, we would have exceeded the budgeted shortfall. Again, no gift is too small but everyone must contribute. In addition to a monetary donation, there are so many ways to get involved. Please consider participating in one or more associations or committees as well as the Mass ministries. It's a wonderful way to get involved in the community and grow stronger in our faith.

Sincerely,

Tony Rothermich on behalf of the Parish Council

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!

Information Sheet

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