



MY *Grace*
IS SUFFICIENT
FOR YOU
FOR *Power* IS MADE
Perfect IN
WEAKNESS.
2 COR 12:9

A PROPHETIC RACE

The first reading deals with the witness of the prophet Ezekiel. The Gospel deals with the witness of the prophet Jesus. Both accounts leave no doubt that the prophet is in for trouble: the people, “rebels who have rebelled against God,” find the prophet “too much for them.” Paul describes what awaits the prophet: mistreatment, distress, persecutions and difficulties.

Our age has had its prophets: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Martin Luther King, Dorothy Day, Archbishop Oscar Romero, Thomas Merton, Mahatma Gandhi, Pope John XXIII. Theirs were not easy lives, and many of them were killed by “rebels who have rebelled against God.” Because of their lives, which bore witness to “the power of Christ,” the rest of us have been able to grow in faith.

“Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites.” (First Reading) That message to Ezekiel echoes in God’s sending of today’s prophets. It would be a mistake to think that only Romero and Gandhi and those like them had a calling to be prophets.

We believe that we are a prophetic race, called to be prophets in the midst of “a rebellious house.” Our task is “to bring Good News to the poor;” to speak God’s word in such a way that “they shall know that a prophet has been among them.”

The consequence of such prophecy will inevitably be trial and difficulty, but also the victory of the God whose “right hand is filled with justice.”

We urge (everyone), again and again, to spare no labors and let no difficulties conquer them, but rather to become day by day more courageous and more valiant. Arduous indeed is the task which We propose to them, for We know well that ... there are many obstacles and barriers to be overcome. Let them not, however, lose heart; to face bitter combats is a mark of Christians, and to endure grave labors to the end is a mark of them who, as good soldiers of Christ, follow him closely.

Pope Pius XI, *Quadragesimo Anno*,
1931:138

AS YOU PRAY THIS WEEK

Remember Those Who Are Sick

Kyndel Dasenbrock	Bonnie Hicks	Scott Lowe	Ken Woods	Aggie Mathis	Barbara Youngstrom
Hal Cart	Melanie Wille	Mary Ann Girshner	Bob Berry	Mary Ball	David Hoffmann
Philip Brown	Julie McIntyre	Peggy Connelly	William Aubuchon	Daniel Wheeler	Dan Schuette
Don Eickhoff	Janie Card Long	Barbara Duncan	Ean Morgan	Noah Williams	Charlene Ward
Scott Quick	Roger Ranek	Vernon Duncan	Ed. Van-Campernoite	Marianna Schmidt	Connie Hagedorn
Liz Wheeler	Pat Finder	Chad Knepp	Stephanie and	Loretta Muessig	Andy Jackson
Amy Coulman	Cory Rolwes	Pat Curran	Darien McMullen	Denice Haverstick	Mary Schrieber

Remember Those Who Serve Our Country

Chris Hardy	Brian Cox	Scott Engelhard
Katie Alsup	Adam Boode	Blake Bennett
Nicholas Knudtson	David Lewis	Austin Bennett
Michael Duncan	Robert Thum	Allan Campbell
Robert Ottinger	Kirsty French	Jake Pijut
Scott Ottinger	Ryan O'Fallon	Wendell Reiter
Kurtis Colona	Joseph Petersen	
Carl Degenhart	Ryan Miller	

REST IN PEACE

Richard D'Agostino
father of Mary Pat (Dave) Meyer
and Beth (Dave) Letscher

Robert Bressert

FOLLOW US ON-LINE

There you will find an abundance of additional information about the parish including details on many of the organizations and activities and you could even listen to a previous homily!



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS TO SACRED HEART

If you are searching for a place to call "home," why not join our Parish Family? Simply complete this form and return it to Monica in the Parish Office, or call her at 636-225-5268.

Name _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip Code _____
 Phone _____
 E-Mail address _____

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Monday, July 9

Seasonal Weekday; St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions

Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22 Ps 145:2-9 Mt 9:18-26

6:30 am Joyce Kline
 8:00 am † Patrick Carroll

Tuesday, July 10

Seasonal Weekday

Hos 8:4-7, 11-13 Ps 115:3-10 Mt 9:32-38

6:30 am Special Intention
 8:00 am † Erma Wulff
 11:30 am Cape Albeon † Poor Souls

Wednesday, July 11

St. Benedict, Abbot

Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 Ps 105:2-7 Mt 10:1-7

6:30 am † Caroleen Yaeger
 8:00 am † Virginia Leonard

Thursday, July 12

Seasonal Weekday

Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9 Ps 80:2-3, 15-16 Mt 10:7-15

6:30 am † Rosemarie Barsaloux
 8:00 am † Emma J. Mason

Friday, July 13

Seasonal Weekday; St. Henry

Hos 14:2-10 Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17 Mt 10:16-23

6:30 am † Danelia Pfaff
 8:00 am † Gregory Scott Henke

Saturday, July 14

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Is 6:1-8 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Mt 10:24-33

8:00 am † Ernest Jones

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Vigil Mass

Am 7:12-15 Ps 85:9-14 Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10 Mk 6:7-13

5:00 pm † Connie Taylor

Sunday, July 15

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 7:12-15 Ps 85:9-14 Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10 Mk 6:7-13

7:30 am † Carmen Marquez
 9:30 am † Howard Amick
 11:30 am † Viorica Hatagan
 5:30 pm Parishioners

PRAYER SERVICE WITH ARCHBISHOP ROBERT CARLSON

Archbishop Robert J. Carlson will preside at a prayer service for spiritual healing for survivors of physical, sexual or emotional abuse on Tuesday, July 24, at 7:00 pm, here at Sacred Heart Church. Family members and friends of abuse survivors are also encouraged to attend, as well as those who are involved in helping abused people, work to prevent abuse, and want to pray for healing and reconciliation.

For more information, please contact Carol Brescia, Assistance Coordinator, Archdiocesan Office of Child & Youth Protection at carolbrescia@archstl.org or 314-378-3627.



EXPRESSING GRATITUDE

We sometimes overlook the efforts parishioners make to be sure parish events run smoothly and efficiently. Often when someone attends an event, enjoys themselves, and leaves, no one ever gives a thought as to the time and effort it took to make sure everyone attending had a really good time. Our parish-wide events don't just happen by themselves. They happen because of the dedication of many people who have made a commitment to "their" parish.

Occasionally, we just need to stop and recognize either those individuals or parish groups who have stepped forward and made a difference. They have done it without expecting anything in return, but the knowledge they have done a good deed for their parish community.

With that in mind, we extend a grateful thank you to:

- **Vacation Bible School helpers** - The numerous volunteers who assisted with this year's Vacation Bible School worked with the nearly 200 children who attended the weeklong "Shipwrecked" program. Over a hundred adults and young people helped make that week truly special for the little ones.
- **The Funeral Luncheon Committee of the Ladies Club** - The team coordinated 6 receptions for our departing priests. Each reception was themed to a particular time of the day: the Saturday evening reception featured a wine/cheese/soft drink/light appetizer party; the Sunday morning receptions featured breakfast treats of home baked pastries, muffins, and the like; the Sunday afternoon reception featured finger sandwiches, fruit and vegetable trays; and the Sunday evening reception repeated the wine/cheese evening with a few surprises. Each was presented in a lovely manner and enjoyed by every parishioner who came to extend their best wishes to our priests.
- **Jerry Paszkiewicz and the Bi-Weekly Weeders Team** - Twice every other week during the growing and weeding season, Jerry and the crew come together on the parish property to trim, rake, prune, mulch, remove debris, and, in general, keep the property looking fresh and clean for our parishioners and visiting guests. The efforts are obvious as soon as you park your car and walk down a sidewalk. You'll see what they did to make a difference.
- **The Seamstresses of the Quilters Group** - Armed with a needle, thread, sewing machine and Velcro, these gifted ladies went to work on the servers' albs for their annual cleaning and repair. Each summer, after Server Camp, the albs are examined with a fine tooth comb and set aside for repair and refurbishment. The team meticulously repairs all damages then thoroughly cleans them. The difference is pretty obvious!

These are but a few of the groups deserving of our gratitude for their behind-the-scene service to the parish community of Sacred Heart. From everyone, *Thank You!*

HOSPITAL AND HOMEBOUND VISITS

From time to time, it is important to remind everyone that because of privacy laws and the ways in which hospitals interpret the laws, priests are no longer automatically notified when someone is in the hospital. It is important, therefore, to let the hospital and family members know that you would like a priest to visit you so someone can call the Parish Office and let us know.

While it is convenient to use the internet and social media to place someone on a prayer list, it is not the same as letting the Parish Office and priest know. In the past, our priests have gone to the hospital after seeing a notice on a prayer chain and/or other media post only to be chastised by the person or his or her family. As a result of these conversations, our priests are somewhat hesitant to go to the hospital unless they know the person or his/ her family want them to come. Please do not hesitate to call. Also, if you know you are going in for surgery please ask for the anointing of the sick before you go to the hospital.

OUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

The Suitcase

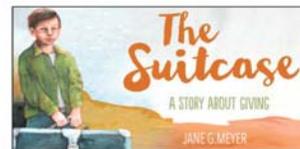
A Story About Giving

A Beautiful Tale for the Whole Family

Christ said: "unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 18:3). In this animated storybook narration, young Thomas's pure heart helps him to see the path to heaven and inspires his family to join him on the journey.

Watch on formed.org

FORMED[®] THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.



"This is an absolutely delightful story, with a much deeper meaning than what appears on the surface! I loved it for many reasons, but especially because it reminded me of several incidents with some of my own grandchildren . . ."

—Deborah M, Laconia, NH



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration is a perfect time to spend with God in being grateful for today, talking to God about your daily life and situations. Asking God for forgiveness and peace in your heart. Praying for others who are special in your life to bless them. If interested please call Judy Barger at 636-343-6025, or email barger@shvp.org

PRAYERS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Expecting or adopting? Contact Pat Snyder at 314-795-8103 or 636-343-6644 so the Respect Life group can place a red rose for you at the Blessed Mother statue in church. Our parish community will pray for you and your child and all expectant mothers during their pregnancy or during their wait for adoption.

CATHOLIC RADIO

Summertime is here. Time for a vacation; time for a different schedule; time for a change of pace, but not a time to let up on those practices that strengthen your faith. Listen to Catholic radio, AM 1460 KHOJ. Programming includes daily Mass, the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, live call-in shows, local programming and much more. You can listen on the radio, on the Covenant Network app on your mobile device or on our website: ourcatholicradio.org

For a program schedule, please call 314-752-7000 or 877-305-1234.

MEN'S ACTS RETREAT

The annual Sacred Heart Men's ACTS Retreat has been moved up this year to September 27-30, 2018. So save the date to invest time in yourself at the beautiful LaSalle Retreat Center. Refresh and renew your faith with fellow parishioners and make new friends along the way. Registration forms can be found in the back of church or on the Sacred Heart web site at www.sacredheartvp.org.



FIAT WOMEN'S GROUP

All women are invited to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, 5200 Glennon Drive, in Schrewsbury on the third Thursday of each month for prayer and a talk. The next meeting will be on July 19. The speaker will be Dr. Ed Hogan, Academic Dean and Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. The Rosary will be prayed at 8:00 am, and Dr. Hogan will speak from 8:15 am until 9:00 am. Coffee will be offered afterwards in the Fireside Lounge until 9:30 am. For more information or to watch videos from past Fiat talks, see: www.kenrick.edu/fiat.

SACRED HEART RESPECT LIFE

(respectlife@sacredheart-vp.com)

Thursday, July 26 – Respect Life Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Upper Room. Please join us!

Saturday, July 28 – Prayer Vigil – 11:00 am – 12:00 pm at Planned Parenthood, Stonegate Plaza

Members of our parish will be prayerfully standing outside Planned Parenthood for our monthly vigil. All are welcome!

Spiritual Adoption – Parish participants in this program spiritually adopt a baby known by God to be at risk of abortion by pledging to pray daily for nine months. More information will be coming in the weeks ahead.



Please Pray for Life

VETERAN'S FAIR

The Meramec Bluffs Veteran Committee is proud to host a one-stop information shopping event for all veterans and their spouses or widows. Find out what benefits are available to you at the 7th Annual Veterans Fair on Tuesday, July 17. The fair will be held at 1 Meramec Bluffs Drive from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.

Included will be representatives from the Department of Veteran's Affairs, American Red Cross, Camp Hope, the Greater St. Louis Honor Flight, Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, Veterans Benefits Administrations, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and so many more. For more information contact Margaret Cox at 636-923-2356

IMMACULEE ILIBAGIZA

Rwandan Genocide Survivor

with a Message of Forgiveness, Healing and Hope

Don't miss this rare opportunity to experience Immaculee's powerful journey through remarkable personal testimony. Witness to the life-saving power of faith and the Rosary as she huddled with seven other women in a cramped bathroom for 91 days while killers lurked just outside the door.

Immaculee's presentation retreat will be held Friday, September 14 from 5:00 - 9:00 pm and Saturday, September 15 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, 5020 Rhodes Avenue. Tickets are \$57.00 each; for one plus a guest they are \$76.00. For more information, contact Susan Dunn and 314-351-4673 or dunn.susan2@gmail.com or Deacon Dan Skillman at 314-420-9236 or skillmand@olsorrows.org. You can register



online at www.immaculee.com

PROJECT RACHEL RETREAT

August 17-19

Abortion can leave deep, unresolved wounds in the hearts and souls of women. If you or a woman you know is hurting from an abortion experience, the St. Louis Project Rachel Team is offering a retreat on August 17-19 for women seeking hope, healing, and peace. The retreat is offered in a private, nonjudgmental setting. To learn more or to sign up, contact Marisol at 314-792-7451 or ihnpfaff@swbell.net, or go to <http://archstl.org/respectlife/page/project-rachel-retreats>

IMMIGRANT REFUGEE WOMEN'S PROGRAM

The mission of the program is to increase the independence and reduce the isolation of immigrant and refugee women by teaching them basic English and practical living skills in the security of their own homes.

Currently 245 volunteers are working with 259 students in the program!

How you can help:

Volunteer to teach - No prior teaching experience necessary - Lesson plans, materials & training provided. Knowledge of second language not required - Classes are taught in English. Classes are scheduled around volunteer's location and availability - Classes are two hours per week

For more information on volunteering, call 314-771-1104, Email program@irwp.net or visit the website at www.irwp.net

ITALIA BELLA PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. BOB SUIT

Join Fr. Bob as he takes you on a trip of a lifetime, visiting the great sites of Italy --Rome, Assisi, Florence, Siena. Plus you could chose optional days in Geneva and Zermott (the Alps) Swit-

zerland. Your tour departs St. Louis on September 17 and, depending on if you choose the extension to Switzerland, you return on September 26 or 28. Your trip includes RT Air, 4-5 star accommodations, taxes, transportation, tips, fees, all breakfasts and dinners with wine. For more details, contact Kami and Pro Catholic Tours at 769-220-2702.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Are you looking for a way to let your spouse know that you love them? In the middle of carpoos, work, household chores and sports - Share a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend TOGETHER as a way of giving an important gift to your spouse. Every marriage needs, and deserves, that kind of attention. The next weekends are August 3-5 or September 21-23, 2018 in St. Peters, MO. If you would like to apply or get more information, go to www.stl-wwme or call 314-649-7317.

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY PRAYER FOR IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

The Mercy Conference and Retreat Community has elected to open our chapel every Wednesday from 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm to anyone who wishes to come and spend some time in quiet prayer for immigrants and refugees. This will begin on Wednesday, July 11, 2018.

All are welcome. Please come and hold our human family in prayer until we see a more positive change in the ways in which our country receives and welcomes immigrants and refugees. There will be prayer cards available for those who wish to use them. At 6:00 pm a bell will sound to indicate that the time for prayer is coming to a close.

FIRST EUCHARIST PICTURES

First Eucharist pictures can be picked up from the Parish Office.

WE HAVE A DATE FOR CONFIRMATION

The sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on February 21, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson, Archbishop of St. Louis will be the celebrant.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The Religious Education staff will be in the office at various times during the summer months. If you call and no one is available, please leave a message. We will be checking messages regularly and will return your call as soon as we can.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Liturgy of the Word for Children is on Sunday at the 9:30 am Mass. The purpose of Liturgy of the Word for Children is to help children in Kindergarten through grade 3 better understand the Sunday readings and how they can put God's Word into action in their lives.

We are looking for more teams (2 adults per team) to lead this ministry. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Cheryl Degenhart at 636-225-0341 or cdegenhart@sacredheart-vp.com.

PSR REGISTRATION

Sacred Heart's Parish School of Religion is for all children in grades 1 through 8 who attend a public or private non-Catholic school. It is very im-

portant that we put our children's religious education as a number one priority. Sacred Heart PSR will not refuse religious education because of any family's inability to pay tuition fees.

Current PSR families received an email from the religious education office with the link to register their child(ren) for PSR. If you need to register a first grade child or are a new family to the PSR program, please call the Religious Education office (636-225-0341) to provide necessary information so that a registration link can be emailed to you.

PSR OPEN HOUSE is Sunday, August 26 from 1:00 - 2:00 pm. PSR begins Monday/Tuesday, August 27/28. Children registered after August 5 will begin PSR after Labor Day.

Peace!
Cheryl Degenhart

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

"Enlightening Minds, Inspiring Hearts"

We are currently enrolling for the 2018-2019 school year. New families, including those with a new Preschool or Kindergarten student, can stop by the school office or visit the parish website for an application packet. If you know a family who is interested in our Preschool programs and/or Elementary School, please have them contact the school office to schedule a tour. We love welcoming perspective families into our school to see us in action! In addition to the weekly bulletin,

keep up to date on our latest activities by following us on Facebook at Sacred Heart Parish School-Valley Park.

Thank you for your support of Sacred Heart Parish School!

SCHOOL CALENDAR

School office is closed during July. You are welcome to call us and leave a message. Phones are checked regularly and you will be contacted as soon as possible.



Lifeteen (High School) - Sundays 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Nazareth Center

July 8 (Tonight): Summer Movie Series
July 15-22: Summer Movie Series
July 29: No Life Night - Teen ACTS

Open Naz (High School) - Thursdays 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Join us to hang out, with a football, watch a movie, or enjoy great conversation

EDGE (Middle School Ministry)

Contact Rachel Henry for Information on Summer Service Days at 636-225-5268 ext. 234 or by email: Rachel@sacredheart-vp.com

Follow us on Instagram & Snapchat @SHVPteens or @SHVPedge and on Twitter @SHVP_teens

BATTER UP!

The big game between the Men's Club and the Knights of Columbus will be at the Parish Athletic Field on Sunday, July 15 with First Pitch at 1:30 pm. This fun-for-all event is sure to generate a lot of good entertainment for everyone. There is no admission, but we are asking for a cash donation to be made to the Circle of Concern for the kids summer breakfast plan.

The first game will be the men from the Knights and Men's Club. Then for an added attraction, there will be a 5 inning game between the women representing each of these organization. Coach Lori Pilla, will be coaching the Lady Knights, and Coach Susan Baltz will be guiding the Men's Club team.



JULY 26-29

TEEN ACTS

SACRED HEART



Director: Rachel Henry
636-225-5268 ext. 234
Rachel@sacredheart-vp.com

<https://sacredheartvp.org/teen-acts-retreat>

MEET YOUR PARISHIONERS AT ANOTHER TABLE

Sacred Heart has an active Bridge Group and we would love to have you join. We are looking for people who love the game and enjoy a great community. We play in each other's homes during the months of September through May. You can join alone (we will attempt to find a partner) --- or bring your own partner. Call Sandy Bellon at 636-225-5229 or Kathy Janson at 636-225-6991 for more information before July 30th.

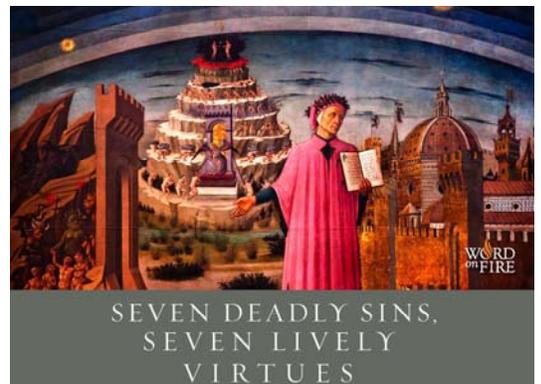
CHURCH CLEANING CREW

The church cleaning crew meets on Thursday, July 19th to give our church a good cleaning for the summer. We'll be cleaning from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm that day and any amount of time you can share is much appreciated and very helpful! Service hours are available for anyone needing them. Don't forget, families are always welcome.....there are jobs for all ages!

SEVEN DEADLY SINS, SEVEN LIVELY VIRTUES

Could the Holy Spirit be inviting you this summer to participate in *Journey from Sin to Holiness – Seven Deadly Sins – Seven Lively Virtues*? Consider joining us for this engaging four-week series, includes a video presentation by Bishop Robert Barron followed by about 30-minute conversations in a small group.

The journey will be held on Wednesdays: July 11 through August 1 beginning at 7:30 pm in the Sacred Heart Room. Fee is \$12 to cover the cost of the journal. To register or for more information, please contact Ann Neff at a-neff@gmail.com or 314-596-6536.



SPORTS SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 8

Monday, July 9

Tuesday, July 10

Wednesday, July 11

Thursday, July 12

Friday, July 13

Saturday, July 14

KEY:

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SOCCKER CAMP

Is your incoming 1st to 5th Grade soccer star ready for the Fall 2018 season? The SHAA Soccer Camp is back July 30th to August 3rd. Registration is open on the SHAA website and runs \$35 per child. Camp will be in the evenings from 6:00 pm -7:45 pm. To register, follow this link: <http://shps.sportssignup.com/site/>

Volunteers are needed for camp as well. Preference is for past and current coaches. Volunteers are asked to contact Tim Rasure (tim.rasure@gmail.com) for scheduling.

CYC ADULT AND YOUTH SOCCER REFEREES NEEDED

The South Central CYC is in need of Soccer Referees for the upcoming fall soccer season.

The requirements for NEW referees for this PAID position are as follows:

- You must be 14 years old by August 1, 2018;

- Attend classroom clinic on *EITHER* Wednesday, July 18 *OR* Sunday, July 29 at Sacred Heart – Valley Park from 6:00 - 10:00 pm (use gym entrance, session will be held in the Great Hall);
- Attend field training on *EITHER* Wednesday, August 1 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm *OR* Saturday, August 18 from 9:00 - 10:30 am at Memorial field in Webster Groves (corner of South Elm and East Glendale);
- Bring Cash/Check/Credit Card to purchase referee jersey/pealess whistle and lanyard/data wallet w/pad and red and yellow cards. 3 stripe referee socks will also be available for purchase;
- Receive a score of 92% or above on the 2018 Soccer Official's Test
- Referees 18 years of age must meet additional archdiocesan requirements.

RETURNING referees must also receive a score of 92% or above on the 2018 Soccer Official's Test and are en-

couraged to attend a classroom clinic and on field training. Classroom clinic is required for returning referees that score <92% on the official's test.

Pay ranges from \$15/game for K-2 games to \$30/game for 7th-8th grade games.

Information can be found at www.cycsouthcentral.net (select soccer and then officiating). To register contact Referee Coordinator Melanie Sullivan at melaniesullivan9135@gmail.com or leave a message at 314-783-6249.

LOOKING FOR VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS

We are looking for a couple more volleyball players to complete some teams for the 2018 Fall Season. We are looking for some 3rd grade boys, 6th grade girls and 8th grade boys. If you are interested please email volleyball@sacredheart-vp.com.

Questions? Contact Sam Huff at 314-599-1480.

OUR PARISH, OUR COMMUNITY

FR. SCHEID PLAYERS PRESENT THE MUSICAL COMEDY "GUYS AND DOLLS"

Come see the Fr. Scheid Players' performance of the musical comedy *Guys and Dolls* at Incarnate Word Academy on July 20 and 21 at 7:30 pm, and July 22 at 2:00 pm. The cast features five priests from the Archdiocese of St. Louis and more than 80 youth and adults from 35 parishes. All proceeds help to support the ministries of the Catholic Youth Apostolate. To purchase tickets, please call 314-605-7521. For more information, visit www.archstl.org/catholicyouth.

YOUNG CATHOLIC MUSICIANS' AUDITIONS - SINGERS & INSTRUMENTS

Faith--Music--Teenagers This is a call to young people age 10 - 17 to share your vocal and/or instrumental musical talent in a faith-filled group of music ministers from 40 parishes and schools across the Archdiocese of St. Louis called The Young Catholic Musicians. These young people lead the music for Mass once a month at different churches. Auditions are being held now through July. To schedule an audition, contact Fr. Bruce Forman at 314-231-7464 or Mary Smith at smithycm@sbcglobal.net. Information on YCM at our web page: archstl.org/musicians.

MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Sunday Obligation Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 pm
 Sunday 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am and
 5:30 pm (Life Teen)
Weekday..... Monday thru Friday 6:30 am and 8:00 am
 Saturday 8:00 am
Civil Holidays 9:00 am
 (Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day)
Confessions..... Saturday after 8:00 am Mass until all are heard
 and from 3:30 - 4:30 pm
 or by appointment (call the Parish Office)
Eucharistic Adoration Sunday after 5:30 pm
 through Monday 11:00 am

SPECIAL LITURGIES

Weddings..... Arranged 6 months in advance
Baptisms First and Third Sundays 1:00 pm
 (prior instruction required)
Children’s Liturgy of the Word..... Sunday 9:30 am
 (during Mass)

PARISH STAFF

Pastor..... Rev. Jeffrey A. Maassen
Senior Associate Rev. Patrick J. Christopher
Deacon Rev. Mr. Charles R. Snyder
Deacon Rev. Mr. Gary Peterson
Director of Religious Education Mrs. Cheryl Degenhart
Parish School Principal..... Dr. Jeanne Gearon
Director of Youth Ministry Ms. Rachel Henry
Director of Liturgical Music Mr. Nathan D. Jackson

PARISH OFFICES

Parish Business Office..... 636-225-5268
 Fax 636-225-6969
 Hours Monday-Friday 8:30 am - 8:30 pm
 Saturday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
 Sunday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Parish School & Preschool Office 636-225-3824
 Fax 636-225-8941
Religious Education Office..... 636-225-0341
St. Vincent de Paul Helpline..... 636-825-2097
P.S.R. Classes..... Monday 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
 Tuesday 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

THE GOOD NEWS

**Hundreds of People
 Bring Backpacks
 instead of Flowers to
 Woman’s Funeral**



FORSYTH COUNTY, GA - In accordance with one woman’s final wish, there were backpacks lining the pews at her funeral instead of flowers.

Tammy Waddell, 58, recently passed away from a prolonged illness. Before she died, she asked for people to bring backpacks filled with school supplies to her funeral.

Waddell worked as a paraprofessional and teacher at several schools in the Forsyth County school district. At one point in her 30-year career, she was even recognized as Teacher of the Year.

So when she utilized her funeral as a means of giving back to her students one last time, no one was surprised by the compassionate gesture.

“Those around her recognized Tammy by her generosity, selflessness and unconditional love,” says her obituary. “Though her achievements and accolades are numerous, none are greater than the many lives that she changed over the course of her three decades in education.”

“She wanted backpacks with supplies brought to her funeral instead of flowers for needy students,” Brad Johnson, her cousin, said on Twitter. “Serving others to the end.”

The backpacks will be donated to Project Connect: a school district initiative that donates school supplies to the region’s neediest students.

THIS WEEK’S READINGS

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

A THORN IN THE FLESH

If you touch a thorn on a rose, you pull your hand right away. But when Saint Paul talked about “a thorn in the flesh,” he described something worse. He felt a constant pain, a thorn stuck there “to beat me, to keep me from being too elated.”

No one knows what it was. An illness like shingles? Or something more psychological, such as an annoying coworker or threats from an enemy? Paul doesn’t say.

But he didn’t like it. “Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me.” If such an affliction tormented us, we’d probably not stop after three prayers. We’d pray constantly for relief.

Why only three times? Perhaps because Paul got an answer to his prayers. It brought spiritual relief, but not physical relief. “The Lord said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.’” It wasn’t the answer he wanted. But it was the answer he got.

The hardships we endure remind us of our frailty. We’d like to think we can handle any task, overcome any challenge. But sometimes we cannot. And no one can help. We are left with this stark realization: we are weak.

It is then that Christ can help. The grace of Christ sustains us in good times and in bad, but we only realize it when things go wrong. “When I am weak, then I am strong.”

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Saturday and Sunday, July 14-15, 2018

	Presider	Deacon
5:00 pm	Fr. Christopher	Deacon Charlie
7:30 am	Fr. Christopher	Deacon Charlie
9:30 am	Fr. Christopher	Deacon Charlie
11:30 am	Fr. Maassen	Deacon Gary
5:30 pm	Fr. Maassen	Deacon Gary



SOMETHING TO CONSIDER

CARMELITE NOVENA

The Carmelite nuns invite you to join them for a special time of prayer and grace during this year's 70th Annual Solemn novena to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Saturday, July 14 to Sunday, July 22. Beginning at 6:45 pm each evening, the schedule of events include Marian Musical Prelude, Rosary and Benediction, the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Homilists include diocesan priests. Check the St. Louis Review for the schedule.



WHEN MENTAL ILLNESS HITS HOME

Friday, August 24

This year's conference will focus on the topic "Managing Mental Health Transitions." The morning keynote session will be led by a panel of speakers who will share their personal stories about the challenges they face in dealing with mental health transitions. The morning and afternoon breakout sessions will be conducted by mental health professionals, who will lead discussions on life transitions, aging transitions and crisis management. The afternoon general session will feature a performance by the comedy troupe "Stand Up For Mental Illness." Lunch will be provided, and is included in the registration fee.

The 2018 "When Mental Illness Hits Home" conference will provide valuable information and skills for anyone – individuals, families, caregivers and mental health professionals – who deals with issues having to do with mental health transitions.

The conference will be held on Friday, August 24 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Visitors Center. The cost is \$40 (lunch included). Illinois Continuing Education Units Offered for Attendance 5.25 CEUs, LCSW and LCPC – \$35 5.25 CEUs, APN, RN, LPN – \$35

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, July 8 MASSES: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am, 5:30 pm

	Kateri and Kister Courts Closed for Refinishing	
8:50 am	RCIA	SH
9:30 am	New Parishioner Welcoming	GH
3:00 pm	Teen ACTS Formation Meeting	SA/CH
7:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration until Monday at 11:00 am	CU
7:15 pm	Men's ACTS Team Formation Meeting	SH

Monday, July 9 MASSES: 6:30 am and 8:00 am

	Eucharistic Adoration thru Monday at 11:00 am	
9:30 am	Mon-Dazed Women	SH
7:00 pm	ACTS Core Team	PO
7:00 pm	ACTS Women 2018	SA
7:00 pm	Men's Club	CH
7:30 pm	The Monday Knights	UR

Tuesday, July 10 MASSES: 6:30 am and 8:00 am

6:30 pm	Judy Brown Book Club	SA
7:00 pm	Women's ACTS Faith Sharing	SH

Wednesday, July 11 MASSES: 6:30 am and 8:00 am

6:30 pm	Marquette Model of Natural Family Planning	GH
6:30 pm	Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues	SH
7:00 pm	Life Teen Band Practice	CU
7:00 pm	Peace and Justice Commission	MR/JR

Thursday, July 12 MASSES: 6:30 am and 8:00 am

6:30 pm	AA Meeting	SA
7:00 pm	Core Team Stewardship	UR

Friday, July 13 MASSES: 6:30 am and 8:00 am

9:00 am	Quilting Club	SA
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Saturday, July 14 DAILY MASS: 8:00 am
SUNDAY VIGIL MASS: 5:00 pm

8:30 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	CU
3:30 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	CU
5:30 pm	Bridge Bread Sales	CH

KEY:

- AF - Athletic Field • AT - Atrium •
- AU - Auditorium (Parish Center) • CA - Cafeteria (Church Hall) •
- CH - Church Hall • CP - Church Plaza • CU - Church •
- DL - Didian Lot • EC - Education Center • GH - Great Hall •
- JR - Joseph Room (Parish Center) • LY—Lobby (Parish Center) •
- LL - Lower Lot • MR - Mary Room (Parish Center) •
- NC - Nazareth Center • PC—Parish Center (All Locations) •
- PL - Parking Lot • PO—Parish Office • SA - St. Anthony Room •
- SH - Sacred Heart Room • ST - Stage •
- UR - Upper Room (Parish Center)