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Praying for One Another

We are so familiar with the Corporal Works of Mercy that we sometimes can forget that there are also seven Spiritual Works of Mercy. Their purpose is to help our neighbor in their spiritual needs. One of the Spiritual Works of Mercy is to pray for those who are living or who have died.

We have a long history here at the parish of sharing the names of parishioners who, as the spiritual goes, are “standin’ in the need of prayer.” This can be done in one of three ways: Their names are included in the Universal Prayers (Petitions / Prayers of the Faithful) at Mass on the weekends; their names are listed in the bulletin; and their names are shared via a Flocknote.

If you know someone “stand-in’ in the need of prayer,” ask them if they would like to have their name included on one of our lists. If they agree to that, then please send their information to either Linda Licata or Denise Fuhr. It’s also important for our pray-ers to know if there have been improvements in the person for whom we have been praying. Please let us know about those moments of healing also.



SPOTLIGHT ON STEWARDSHIP

We are blessed at Mary Mother to have a volunteer who keeps us informed on upcoming environmental education/ service opportunities through the Christian Service Commission and MCU. This person also leads many of those service projects. She manages a busy work schedule, is a family caregiver and a wonderful steward of mother earth. Find the name of this lady on page 2.

*God bless you
with health
and happiness.*

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Dear Saints of Mary Mother,

At the August Parish Council meeting, we discussed being a Maintenance-driven parish versus a Mission-driven parish. A Maintenance Parish is an inward focused parish, focused on everyday parish and parishioner need; thus, evangelization is something to do when they have time. A Mission Parish is an outward-looking parish, looking for souls that need care and inviting the Holy Spirit to lead and establish a welcoming atmosphere utilizing parishioners’ charisms. This may sound like an easy process; but there are many things to consider.

The following are the categories that were discussed in breaking down where Mary Mother might stand:

Parish Activities

Maintenance: Get people involved.

Mission: Help people encounter Jesus.

Leadership

Maintenance: Form individuals to take on parish leadership.

Mission: Form individuals to discuss their charisms and God-given vocations.

Commitment

Maintenance: Have parishioners give more time, talent, and treasure to the parish.

Mission: Help parishioners commit their lives to Jesus and live it daily.

Sustaining

Maintenance: Keep the current Parish structure and number of people.

Mission: Create a culture of discipleship and nurture ongoing conversion.

Passing Along the Faith

Maintenance: Rely on catechesis as a means of Transmitting the faith.

Mission: Transmit the faith in a systematic way.

Communication

Maintenance: Uses “insider” language.

Mission: Uses language both “insiders and outsiders” can understand.

Missionary Spirit

Maintenance: Get people to come to the Parish “plant.”

Mission: Leave the parish plant and go into the parish neighborhoods.

Where do you see Mary Mother fitting into these definitions?

If you would like further discussion or have any questions, please, as always, contact one of the Council members.

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Each of us has the ability to be the catalyst for spiritual change in our family, our parish and our community.

It starts with:

- Our own conversion of heart.
- Asking the Holy Spirit for guidance and then following His lead.
- Recognizing our dependence on God and trusting in His "daily bread."
- Understanding the difference between our "needs" and our "wants."
- Seeing circumstances through the other person's perspective.
- Realizing we have more than enough and plenty to share.
- Discerning how God is calling us and then do it.
- Not being afraid to take risks.
- Joyfully sharing our faith stories.
- Courageously defending our Catholic faith.
- Taking time to build our relationship with the Holy Trinity and each other.

If we want a holy, joy-filled family, parish, and community, then you and I have to be the example for others to see. We need to become the change we want others to be. We need to be the radiant light and bold witness to invite others to the path of holiness.

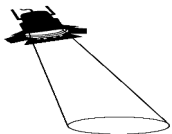
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A CHILD

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THE SPOTLIGHT'S ON.....

PEGGY GLASCOCK
THANK YOU FOR BEING A STEWARD FOR
GOD'S CREATION.

Submitted by Rob Telthorst

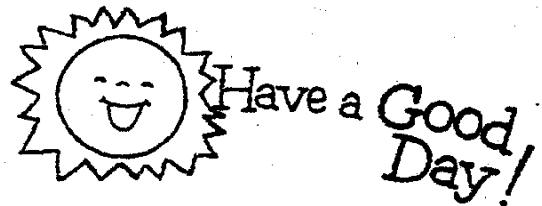
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Thank you to the families who have registered their children in the Parish School of Religion. If you have not registered your child(ren) for the PSR program, you can pick up a registration form from the parish lobby or download the registration from the parish website.

As you are aware, we are presently living in unusual times. Due to circumstances beyond my control, I was unable to acquire catechists who were available to teach on Monday evenings for grades 1-5. Therefore, it was decided to hold the PSR in-person classes only on Wednesdays. Grades 6-8 attend on Sundays due to Mary Mother's limited space.

September was a busy month preparing for the opening of the PSR program. PSR began on the week of September 13. Presently there are 99 children enrolled in the program – 42 children attend in-person and 57 children are being home



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On the weekends of October 18th and 25th, we will celebrate the Rite of Anointing of the Sick at those Saturday 4:30pm liturgies, and the Sunday 9:00am and 11:00am liturgies. This beautiful sacrament is a testament of God's grace in the life of our community. The sacrament gives the grace of uniting the person to the passion of Christ and giving them strength and courage to face the challenges of illness and old age (Catechism 1520). While Joseph Cardinal Bernadin was undergoing his own treatment for cancer, he wrote in his book The Gift of Peace that, "in an age like our own, marked in part by the quest for instant relief from suffering, it takes special courage to stand on Calvary. Uniting our suffering with that of Jesus, we receive strength and courage, a new lease on life, and undaunted hope for the future." We pray that all who receive the anointing this month may "recover their health, so that, restored to the Christian community, they may joyfully praise your name, for you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen." (Rite of Anointing)

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We are asked to continue to protect ourselves and one another through wearing masks, washing hands frequently and thoroughly or using hand sanitizer when unable to wash hands. Please limit going to places where there are numerous people but when outings are necessary, maintain safe distance of 6 feet. Stay home if feeling ill. We are quite weary of these directions, no doubt! However, as we head toward Autumn with Winter soon to follow, we must "keep at it" to lower risk of respiratory illnesses. Having difficulty getting to a pharmacy or physician's office for the flu vaccine? Please let me know.

FALL CLEANING: I've been blessed with many donations. Are you in need of dressing supplies or safety items such as an assist bar for the bathtub, shower chair, cane, walker, tray for a walker, rollator, transport chair or wheelchair, or other personal care items? Please call or email me now. I'll soon take them to STLHelp or another organization; but I would certainly prefer to help parishioners save money and time by bringing a needed item to YOU. Thank you!



ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMISSION

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Hello Mary Mother!

The Ad/Fin Commission met via Zoom on August 18, 2020. At this meeting we discussed additional repairs for the rectory deck. When the new deck boards were being laid, it was determined that the railing and spindles were rotten and needed to be replaced. This was not included in the original proposal. The commission unanimously approved the replacement of the rails and spindles with a vinyl system. This will provide for years of carefree use.

We also had to address the Reilly Center audio system. In preparation for the youth virtual weekend, it was discovered that 7 of the 12 speakers didn't work, and the amplifier and digital sound monitor were in need of repair. The Ad/Fin Commission unanimously approved this project too. By upgrading and replacing the current system we will be able to use the Reilly Center for large group gatherings and still provide social distancing.

Both of these projects were presented to the Parish Council on August 27; and both were unanimously approved.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me.

Peace and Love!

SOCIAL COMMISSION

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In the Social Commission, we are looking for ways to work around our limitations. That being said, Bunko on October 30 has been CANCELLED. But, please consider attending these events.

Pasta Dinner Picnic Dinner: On October 11, 4:00-6:30 pm on the church parking lot (October 18 - rain date). Bring your own dinner, drinks, and lawn chairs and visit with your parish family. Sign up on Sign-up-Genius or by calling the office.

Reverse Trunk-or-Treat Family Event: On October 24, with 6 pm start time. Treat tossing starts at 6:15 followed by Stepping Stone making. Sign up on Sign up Genius! Families will park their car in every other spot (decorated or plain); and hang out in the space next to their car. Our treat providers will drive around the lot in parade style tossing treats to the kids. Each family will also receive a packet that contains games and activities to do at home. After the parade, volunteers will come around bringing the materials to make **Stepping Stones!** (pans, tile pieces, glass beads, and fresh concrete)

Treat Providers Needed!

We need you to drive your car like a parade float tossing out treats to the children stationed on the parking lot. Please wear your masks. Feel free to spruce up your car. Sign up on Sign up Genius or by calling the office.

December 4 Advent Glow

December 13 Happy Birthday Jesus Party for Families: there will be a modified version

January 30, 2021 Progressive Dinner: we are discussing ways to make this happen. **(50th Jubilee Kick-Off)**

REVERSE TRUNK-OR-TREAT



YOUTH COMMISSION

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I hope you all are healthy and are enjoying the weather beginning to cool off. We have a lot of things coming up in October for our youth group.

On October 4, we hope we can have some people come with us to hold up signs for respect life/pro-life on Butler Hill in front of Abiding Savior Church from 2-3. Parents please come.

On the following weekend Sunday, October 11th, we are having a lit Rosary on Mary Mother's parking lot from 7-9.

October 18th is outdoor movie night at 6:30, in front of the youth room. We are watching "Hotel Transylvania 2."

On that next Saturday, the 24th, we are helping out at the Reverse Trunk-Or-Treat up at Mary Mother and handing out candy to kids who attend.

We are talking about starting to have our Wednesday prayer groups in person.

DATES IN OCTOBER

October 4
Pro-Life Life Chain

October 11
Picnic Dinner
4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
In parking lot

October 11
Youth Group Lit Rosary
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

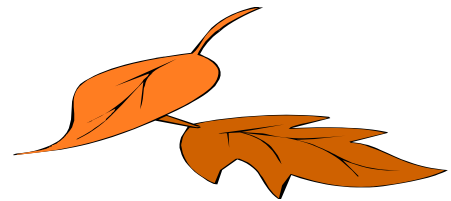
October 17 and 18
And
October 24 and 25
ANOINTING OF THE SICK
At all Masses

October 24
Reverse Trunk-or-Treat
Starting at 6:00 p.m.

EVANGELIZATION COMMISSION

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One of the most active parts of the Evangelization Commission is our **Ambassador Program**. What does the Ambassador Program do, you ask? Ambassadors make 'Welcome' phone calls and/or visits to the new parishioners who have registered in our Mary Mother community. We all know that each parish has its own flavor and do things just a little bit differently than others. The Ambassadors' purpose is to provide useful information about Mary Mother to new individuals and families so they feel connected and have the name of someone they can call in the future if they should have additional questions. Ambassadors sometimes meet the new parishioners at the church for a quick tour or help them walk through the features on the parish website. Ambassadors do not solicit money or recruit for any particular event or committee. They simply serve as the Mary Mother Welcome Wagon. We are always looking for people to serve as Ambassadors so, if you have an interest in serving your Mary Mother community in this way, please call or email me at jrothy@sbcglobal.net or 314-724-6736.



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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Christian Formation is moving forward despite these times when it is a bit harder to plan or participate. One event that fits in easily with our current restrictions is the Pro-life Life Line. We will meet on Sunday, October 4 from 2:00 to 3:00 along Butler Hill near Abiding Savior Church to prayerfully show our support for the unborn. We are inviting members of that church to join us too, adding to the ecumenical efforts of this commission. The Archdiocese has an Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs. We have been involved in for a few years; and we will be participating in an online workshop with them very soon. So look for more information that's coming about how we will work to know and learn from the members of other faiths in our community.

Lastly, the Contemplative Prayer Team has been busy revising their Statement of Purpose and is looking to add members to their Core Team. If you are interested to know more about these groups, I welcome you to get in touch with me.

50th ANNIVERSARY PICTURE COLLECTION:

For Mary Mother's 50th Anniversary (in 2021), we will be putting together a memory book that will be a part of our new pictorial directory. We need pictures from our past celebrations and activities. So dig out those old photo albums. If you have some pictures to contribute, here are the guidelines.

1. You can submit:
 - hard copies (but we will not be able to return them)
 - digital copies via text, email, or Google link.
2. Please make sure pictures are well lit, focused, and easy to make out.
3. A limit of 12 photos per household for now.
4. Photos will be put into one of around 50 categories. For example: Quilters, Sports, Marriage Encounter, Picnics, Fun with the Clergy, etc. We can only include a few pictures per category. Please understand that we cannot include every picture.
5. If possible, label pictures with names, dates, and events. If one of your pictures has an amusing story, you may include a short caption.
6. We will be asking for more detailed stories at a later date.

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TITHING

August 2020 - 5 Sundays
\$1,207 each agency

St. Augustine Wellston Center – Supports members of the former five parish communities that merged to become St. Augustine Parish, through a food pantry, thrift store, employment counseling, health services and a GED program.

Energy Care – Provides financial assistance for utility bills for those facing loss of gas/electric service.

CHADS Coalition - Raises awareness, provides education and counseling to identify and prevent depression and suicide, saving young lives in the St. Louis area.

Birthright of Hillsboro – Provides love, support and hope to women facing unplanned pregnancies, including information, referrals and resources to assist them.

Footprints – dedicated to improving the quality of life for children living with complex medical conditions and supporting their journey, providing comfort, support, and advocacy to help families cope and thrive.

Vincent Gray Alternative High School – Provides an education for poor, at-risk young men and women in a supportive and respectful atmosphere.

Microfinancing Partners in Africa – A micro-financing ministry of the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood and the Sisters of St. Joseph that provides help for women establishing cottage industries to support their families.



**HAVE
YOU
SAID
YOUR
ROSARY
TODAY?**

HEALTH MINISTRY

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Prayer is the most secure area of my life. It's something that can be counted on always even if things don't go our way. It helps us cope. That special communication with God is always there if we open the door to communicate with God. It's healthy to have solace and a place to contemplate.

I was on the parish website (www.marymother.org) this morning, September 20, 2020. I read the Loyola Press reflection for the day. The linked Loyola is on our parish website. The reflection was about the harm that gossip does to our relationships. The reflection gave me more insight to this destructive habit we have of tearing each other down instead of building each other up. Gossip can ruin a person's reputation and their life. Thank you, Loyola Press, for your service.



LITURGY COMMISSION

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Although the pandemic has altered how we plan for our liturgies at Mary Mother of the Church, our traditional celebrations continue as they have in the past. In October, "Respect Life" weekend is inclusive not only of the pro-life/anti-abortion theme, but also of awareness of issues such as pornography and anti-trafficking. The Pro-Life team has placed the white wooden crosses on the hill in front of the Reilly Center--and this year you will see them again--as a reminder of the ongoing efforts we strive to maintain through that ministry. World Mission Sunday will also be celebrated in October.

The very popular Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated over two full weekends (the 3rd and 4th weekends) in order for as many as possible to be included. Please sign up for one out of the six Masses; and we will have the Hospitality Ministers provide those wishing to be anointed with the traditional "red cross necklace" to indicate which family member will be prayed over. For those who will participate via live-streaming, you will see the anointings take place at the end portion of each Mass. Stay tuned for updates!

CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION

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Thanks to all of you who provided input on moving forward our social justice programs. Given your response, I can see that the parish continues to value social justice education, formation and service. The matter was discussed at Parish Council with the following results:

As part of a review of missions under each commission, future matters of social justice education will fall under the Christian Formation Commission. This re-alignment will emphasize that our social justice programming goes beyond education, we are asking all participants to give prayerful consideration to social justice programs in which they participate. Programming will emphasize spiritual growth as well as practical education. Matters relating directly to service such as Bridge Bread, prison ministries, food pantry work and outreach programs to other parishes/missions, etc. will remain under the Christian Service Commission. I want to add a personal note about spiritual growth. I have found that the many direct service opportunities available to our parishioners have been, for me, tremendous spiritual growth events. I hope all of you who are considering or continuing in service missions will consider the spiritual growth opportunities available to you. I also want to assure you that we still have many "socially distant" service missions available right now; please let me know if you would like to serve.

Moving forward, Christian Formation Commission will be sponsoring some web-based social justice programming that will allow for small group Zoom discussions and opportunities to find related service projects after the programming. Kim Blackford, Chair of the Christian Formation Commission will have more details shortly.

Please note that the St. Alphonsus Liguori "Rock" Church Christmas gift program will be held this year. We are in the process of revising the procedures to ensure that we are able to complete this wonderful event as safely as possible. We will be adopting families and purchasing gifts or perhaps gift cards for those families. However, we will not gather as a group to organize and sort the presents. Bulletin and Flocknote announcements will be published in the coming weeks with the new guidelines. Please give prayerful consideration to adopting a family at the "Rock" Church for the Christmas program.

*Prayer
will
Light up
Your Life.*

PRO-LIFE

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Life Chain on October 4, 2020, from 2-3 pm. Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for one hour praying for our nation, for women in crisis situations, and for an end to abortion. We will park at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church on Butler Hill Road and stand along Butler Hill Road holding a sign and praying silently. Lawn chairs and strollers are welcome. We will stand more than 6 feet apart. Please join us.

The 44th Annual Respect Life Convention: Walking with Moms, on Sunday, October 18. We will watch the convention together at Mary Mother live-streamed from the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, St. Louis. Featured speakers are David Bereit (Founder, 40 Days for Life), Dr. Patrick Yeung (Associate Professor at St. Louis University and Board Certified Obstetrician/Gynecologist), and Dr. James Herley (Associate Scholar for the Charlotte Lozier Institute and Founder of Asymmetrex LLC). Contact Leslie if you'd like to join us.

Go to missourilifepac.org for pro-life voting endorsements.

Pick up prayer cards in the vestibule.

Next meeting will be on October 7 in the Reilly Center. Join us.

YOU
are
important
in
GOD'S
PLAN.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

You might wonder how a Neighbor in Need (NIN) gets in touch with a member of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP). Most of our contacts come through the SVdP Helpline, 314-289-6101. The caller is asked to enter a 4-digit ID number; our parish conference number is 2228. In addition, Mary Mother parishioners needing assistance can also email to svdp@marymother.org. The NIN gives their name, phone number and address, and what their needs are. When the helpline determines the NIN's address, the message is routed to the mailbox of the appropriate parish conference. At our conference, members take turns calling in to see if there is a message for us. If there is a message, the member calls the NIN to get an idea of their situation and their needs. If the caller is a new NIN, the member calling usually becomes the contact for that individual. If we have helped the NIN before, the member who served the person before is contacted to handle the current need.

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HAPPY



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