

# The Lourdes Day



## Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Raytown, Missouri

August 2019

### FROM FATHER. LUEBBERT

The month of August--in ordinary time of the Church's annual calendar--contains an array of solemnities and feasts: The Transfiguration (Aug. 6) when Jesus revealed his glory to disciples, the Assumption (Aug. 15) when Blessed Mary, at the end of her life, was assumed body and soul into heaven. The queenship of Mary is remembered August 22 and the apostle St. Bartholomew is honored August 24. On Tuesday August 27 we commemorate St. Monica, mother of St. Augustine. The next day, Wednesday August 28, we celebrate her son, for whose conversion she prayed many years.



Summer is a time when most work schedules slow down. Many people take vacations, school is out for most students, there is more spare time available than other seasons of the year. This translates into more opportunities during summer to develop our spiritual life--through prayer, penance, spiritual reading, and the Sacraments. May your August be a time to spiritually grow closer to the Lord each day. God's blessings to you.

Fr. Philip Luebbert

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE

It is summer, the weather is good (especially cool in the parish hall) and everyone enjoys an evening out to talk about our Faith.

The current topic, Christ's real presence in the Blessed Sacrament, is explained so powerfully in our present 4 part series. One's faith life is not the same when one understands how the blessed Sacrament is the Source and Summit of our Faith, of our lives, and of our walk to eternity. One could watch the 4 DVD's on his/her own, but the uplifting discussion, led by Deacon Joe, brings the reality of God's greatest gift into our daily lives, and reminds us constantly that our eternity begins here.

Sr. Damiana is in MN for the COGS class to receive her certificate to teach level 2. Keep her in your prayers. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd classes begin Sunday, September 15. Contact Mother Julia if you have a grandchild or child between the ages of 3-9 yrs that you would like to begin the class. 816-353-2177

Do not forget to read Sr. Gemma's article on the back of the most recent Catholic Key about Rachel's Vineyard. There are some flyers at the back of the church if you know of someone in need of this program.

### ARTS & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Thank you to all of our 'Garden Angels' that have signed up to help make Our Lady of Lourdes garden areas beautiful. We now have 10 spots taken and 1/3 of another of the 15 adopted.



*We really appreciate this wonderful response that we have gotten.*

### BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

The Buildings and Grounds met and has approved for resurfacing the rest of the parking lot. Date to be announced at a later time. We will be moving ahead with getting a handicapped ramp and adding security to the Parish office. September 1 will be the finishing goal.

Due to the water damage in the Three Trails school building the school will not be able to start on time. The school district has asked if they can put in a couple trailers temporarily in our grassy area by playground.

### CATHOLIC EDUCATION

RCIA will begin Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> with attendance at the 11:00am Mass. Sessions will begin after Mass ends in the main church. Each session will last two hours and will include free study materials. There will be plenty of time for questions and discussion. Classes will meet every Sunday through Easter when those who wish to, will be welcomed into the Catholic Church.

To sign up or for more information, call Deacon Richard Gross at 816-679-8974 or email at [richard@richardgross.net](mailto:richard@richardgross.net). You are also welcome to reach out to him after Sunday Masses

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd method of faith formation for the 3-9 year old children of our parish beginning this fall, **September 15, 2019**. The catechists who work with the children will participate in nearly 100 hours of formation and will prepare a special environment for the children, which is called the Atrium.

Parish School of Religion (PSR) educates children on the Catholic faith, and prepares them for the sacraments of reconciliation, Communion, and confirmation. PSR is an aid to parents in providing systematic religious instruction for children, in grades 1st-8th, who do not attend a Catholic school. Do you have a child or grandchild between the ages of 6-18 yrs that is not in PSR class?

*Please contact Mother Julia (816-353-2177)*

**FUNDRAISING**

**Committee Update:** We have raised the money for our WiFi Project (\$1,000) through the Pennies & A Prayer. The coin banks raised a little over \$200, there was a private donation of \$500 and the Trusted Servants have voted to donate the last \$300. Deacon Richard is buying the parts now and expects to begin the work very soon. A special ‘Thank You’ to all who have helped us reach this goal so fast.

The Committee met June 30<sup>th</sup> and we have committed to the following projects:

**Starting now:** Chiefs Football Ticket Sales

Sep. 27-29 Garage Sale

Nov. 29 – Dec 22 Christmas Wonderland

Mar. 15 – International Festival of Saints

*Watch the bulletin or newsletters for more information.*



**Our Lady of Lourdes**

Is participating in the Chiefs ticket fundraiser for the 2019 Season

- August 10 ~ vs. Bengals
- August 24 ~ vs. 49ers
- September 22 ~ vs. Ravens
- October 6 ~ vs. Colts
- October 13 ~ vs. Texans
- October 27 ~ vs. Packers
- November 3 ~ vs. Vikings
- December 1 ~ vs. Raiders
- December 15 ~ vs. Broncos
- December 29 ~ vs. Chargers

*\$10 of every ticket sold comes back to the ‘Pennies and a Prayer’ for individual maintenance projects*

Go to the link below.

Scroll down the page to choose which game you would like to purchase tickets for and use the Promo Code: **OLLRAYTOWN**

<https://www.chiefs.com/ticketfundraiser>

# Garage Sale

## September 26—29, 2019

***Time to go through your things to see if you have something to donate. Items need to be in good condition, clean and sellable.***

Our Lady of Lourdes Fundraiser Committee will have another Church garage sale beginning September 26 running through to September 29. We will be accepting garage sale items the 1st Sunday in August from noon to 2 pm.

*Contact the parish office at 816-353-2380 or Katei Gross at 816-547-0016 to set up an appointment to drop off items*

**Just a Few Questions**

Twenty-five years ago when I first began attending Lourdes, Jane Hunley stepped up to the ambo after Mass and asked the following questions...

Are ya bored? Are ya lonely? Do ya need a friend? Well if you volunteer here at Lourdes I promise, you will be too busy to be bored. You will be working with some of the best people around so you won't be lonely. And I promise, if you step up, I **will** be your friend.

I volunteered to work with Jane that day and she was true to her word. As an OLL Volunteer I have never been bored, I have never been lonely and she was my very good friend until the day she passed on.

So I make you the Jane Hunley promise... If you volunteer at OLL you will be too busy to be bored, you will work with wonderful people and never be lonely and I **will** be your very good friend.

Please consider speaking with the organizers of one of these OLL Volunteer opportunities. They are all eager to become your friend.

Sincerely,  
Katei

**OLL Volunteer Opportunities**

- OLL Garage Sale – Katei Gross, 816-547-0016
- OLL Christmas Wonderland – Katei Gross, 816-547-0016
- Pro-Life Committee – Priscilla Moran, 816-322-2007
- Trusted Servants – Sylvia Mooney.816-358-4660
- OLL Choir – Katei Gross, 816-547-0016
- Mass Lectors – Mindy Zager.816-616-8903
- Eucharistic Ministers – Mary Warren, 816-225-7146
- Altar Servers – Deacon Richard Gross, 816-679-8974
- Adult Faith Formation – Deacon Joe Zager, 816-304-3020
- Arts & Environment –Cindy Sweetland, 816-356-2299

## MINISTRIES

**Eucharistic Ministry:** *Eucharistic Ministers prayerfully serve the people of Our Lady of Lourdes by distributing the Body and Blood of Christ during Eucharistic celebrations.*

To share the Body and Blood of Christ with another is a gift. The moment of communion is both personal and much bigger than the minister or the communicant.

### **Why Become a Eucharistic Minister?**

As Christians, we know that service is an integral part of living our faith in the world. A deepening desire for love and belonging me to find a way to serve God and others at Mass. Becoming a Eucharistic Minister teaches us a deepening desire for love and belonging offering a way to serve God and others at Mass. Your true gifts and talents will be brought to use for others but also shows your gratitude toward God for blessing you with those gifts.

*Is the HOLY SPIRIT CALLING you? Contact the office if you would like to become a Eucharistic Minister.*

## PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019 marked the 5th year of Our Lady of Lourdes Perpetual Adoration. God Bless all of our Adorers who help make this possible.

Through perpetual eucharistic adoration, we offer God continuous praise and thanksgiving before the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar. Nurtured and strengthened by Jesus' presence, we live out this adoration in our daily lives as we strive to help those in need.

A special 'Thank You' to the Adorer who anonymously donated a portable air conditioning unit for our chapel.

## PRO-LIFE

OLL Pro-Life Ministry will meet August 5, 2019. We will meet in the Parish Hall at 6:00 P.M. We will begin with prayer before discussing events. Everyone is welcome to join our meeting.

OLL Pro-Life will go to Planned Parenthood on August 10, 2019 at 7:00 A.M., located at 4401 W. 109th Street, Overland Park, Kansas. Parking is east of Planned Parenthood driveway into the parking lot on the north. Everyone is welcome to join either at Planned Parenthood, or for Mass at St. Thomas More, 111822 Holmes Rd. Kansas City, Mo. 64131.

### **SPIRITUAL ADOPTION:**

OLL Pro-Life Ministry will begin our Yearly Spiritual Adoption for a baby, on the weekend of August 18, 2019.

Over 46 years ago a court decision was rendered which legalized abortion throughout the entire nine months of pregnancy. This decision Roe v. Wade, is the reason over 1 million abortions have been committed in the U.S. each year.

To help stop the anti-life push around the world, the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen encouraged the spiritual adoption of an unborn child. This is done by praying that the one particular but unknown child's life be spared abortion and be allowed to continue to live.

To help accomplish this, it was recommended an individual say the following prayer for a period of nine months.

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of (baby's name) the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion." Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen.*

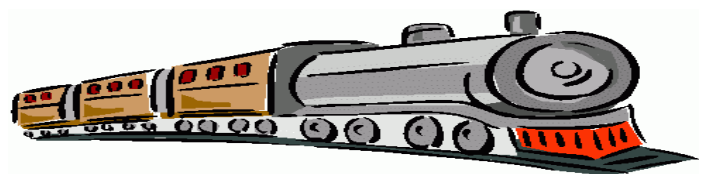
Your prayer CAN make a difference between whether a baby will be born...or aborted. Our prayer can also be a form of spiritual support for both of the parents. Please share the love of life given to you by the Lord and all life and join in spiritually adopting a baby.

Remember YOU CAN make a difference!

*PRO-LIFE STATEMENT: Let us say Yes'to life and not death. Let us say Yes'to freedom and not enslavement to the many idols of our time. In a word let us say Yes'to the God who is love, life and freedom, and who never disappoints.*

*- Pope Francis*

## TRAIN CLUB



Planning continues for our annual Trains & Treats to be held Oct 19. Details will follow at a later date. Work continues on both our HO and N-scale modules; they will be on display for Trains & Treats. One of our members traveled to Salt Lake City for the national NMRA convention where his modules were part of the national T-Trak display.

The attached photos were taken by Rick Sadler, one of our club members. They show the modules that he had entered in the national T-Trak layout at the National Model Railroad Association convention in Salt Lake City earlier this month. Those modules will probably be included in the Trains and Treats show in October.



Aug 01 ~ Denise Henik  
 Aug 01 ~ Steve Hollo, Jr.  
 Aug 01 ~ Diane Revels  
 Aug 01 ~ Selma 'Punky' Schaefer  
 Aug 02 ~ Jean Mercier  
 Aug 02 ~ Cynthia Ononye  
 Aug 02 ~ Dawn Blackman?  
 Aug 02 ~ Luise Weber  
 Aug 03 ~ Pamela Schweisberger  
 Aug 03 ~ Willow Steury  
 Aug 03 ~ Rose Villegas  
 Aug 04 ~ Brianna Dunn  
 Aug 04 ~ Serena Enyeribe  
 Aug 04 ~ Chloe Zagar  
 Aug 05 ~ Mary Hugunin  
 Aug 05 ~ Loretta Ononye  
 Aug 06 ~ Stephanie Eads  
 Aug 06 ~ T J Loyola  
 Aug 06 ~ Theresa Spinski  
 Aug 08 ~ Cliff Miller  
 Aug 08 ~ Francisca Okojie  
 Aug 09 ~ Rose Durbin  
 Aug 10 ~ David Bowen  
 Aug 11 ~ Van Tran  
 Aug 12 ~ Gwen Ashby  
 Aug 12 ~ Christopher Smith  
 Aug 13 ~ Julie Meisner  
 Aug 14 ~ Linda Rieger  
 Aug 14 ~ Francis Okafor  
 Aug 15 ~ Stephen Draisey  
 Aug 16 ~ Kimberly Semens  
 Aug 17 ~ Stephanie Hollo  
 Aug 17 ~ Judy Slusher  
 Aug 21 ~ Constance Jones  
 Aug 22 ~ Alicia Curtis  
 Aug 23 ~ Jean Brogdon  
 Aug 24 ~ Victoria Ogechukwu  
 Aug 25 ~ Nancy Sharkey  
 Aug 26 ~ Sr. Maria Damiana Lee  
 Aug 27 ~ Luanne Fliss  
 Aug 27 ~ Darrel Warren  
 Aug 29 ~ Daniel Landaverne  
 Aug 30 ~ Dan Boos  
 Aug 30 ~ Shawna Hromek

### ANNIVERSARIES :

Aug 04 ~ John & Theresa Smith  
 Aug 09 ~ Gerry & Nancy Sharkey  
 Aug 22 ~ Jim & Joann Rouchka  
 Aug 22 ~ Mark & Mary Knudsen  
 Aug 24 ~ Brian & Emilie Riggs

### TRUSTED SERVANTS

#### Celebrate National Friendship Day 2019 at the Our Lady of Lourdes 'Friendship Sunday'.

#### **August 4 in the PARISH HALL**

Won't you kindly consider bringing a plate of fruit, veggies & dip, crackers & cheese, small snack, or anything that you would like to share for all of us to enjoy.

Let's be respectful of all those who are attending our gatherings so that there will be plenty for everyone to appreciate the donated nibbles. We give thanks to our wonderful bakers and bless the cooks that have brought in their special goodies. If we all bring a little something we will have enough for everyone to eat.

Help us make our 'Friendship Sundays' pleasant and delightful.

***Remember to bring a dish to share, make a new friend,  
sit with someone new.***

If you can help to set up or clean after please  
contact Sylvia @ 816-358-4660

Thanks all of you who came on Saturday and cleaned our church. Many hands made the task to be accomplished very quickly. We were finished by 12:30 pm. Mary Ann Gensler came in and filled the paper towels & toilet paper as needed, to wrap everything up.

Victor Ugabaja and his lovely wife and children clean for us on a weekly basis. They are expecting a new baby soon, so perhaps other young members of Lourdes could help out or take over the job of cleaning every week.

*Thanks again to all!*

The election of officers is coming up for OLL Trusted Servants in Aust. We need a President and a Vice President who will serve for a term of 2 years. Pat Gavin will be our new coordinator for our Unbound child.

*Thank you so much and Thanks to Gwen Ashby for  
serving in that job so well!*

God Bless all of you who are called to do God's work in our lives, our church family and our community. God Bless our priest, Deacons, nuns & leaders on doing the will of the Lord.

*Sylvia Mooney*

**MISC. CATHOLIC EVENTS OR INFO****LAMAR HUNT, JR LUNCHEON-ST. JOSEPH**

Catholic Charities will be hosting a luncheon featuring Lamar Hunt, Jr. at Missouri Western University in St. Joseph, MO on August 1, 2019. This event will coincide with the Chiefs Training Camp happening there on the campus. Lamar will speak about his family, their commitment to the community and how that drives their desire to give back.

Tickets can be purchased by texting SJMO2019 to 41444 or contacting Nancy Butters, Development Manager, at [nbutters@ccharities.com](mailto:nbutters@ccharities.com) or 816-659-8266.



***FIRST SATURDAY COMMUNIONS OF  
REPARATION & TRIUMPH OF  
THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY***

Christ the King  
8510 Wornall Rd  
Kansas City, MO 64114

**Saturday, August 3, 2019**

**7:30 a.m.** *Opportunity for Confession*

**8:00 a.m.** *Mass*

Our Lord Jesus said to Sister Lucia: *My daughter, the motive is simple - there are 5 ways in which people offend and blaspheme against the Immaculate Heart of Mary."*

**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY**

August 15, always on this day, we celebrate the assumption of Mary, mother of Jesus, into heaven. At the end of her life, Mary's body and soul were assumed into heavenly glory. This is one of the oldest holy days of the Christian church.

Whether Mary had a physical death was not known. The New Testament has no writings about Mary's death or assumption. Nor is there any reference in any other church writings.

*The Feast of the Assumption is a holy day of obligation in the Christian church.*

**MASS TIMES:**

***Our Lady of Lourdes Wednesday, August 14 –6:30 pm***

***Thursday, August 15 –9:15 am***

***St. Bernadett Thursday, August 15 –8:15 am & 6:00 pm***

## **The Life & Justice Campaign**

### **August 17 & 18, 2019**

100%

**What is the Life & Justice Campaign?**

The Life & Justice Campaign is a program co-sponsored by the Diocese of Kansas City—St. Joseph Human Rights and Respect Life Offices through which our faithful have the opportunity to support local organizations dedicated to defending the dignity of the person and the sanctity of human life.

**How does the Life & Justice Campaign work?**

- Donations may be made to the Life & Justice Campaign at any time. A special second collection is taken up in parishes throughout the diocese in the month of August.
- Applications for grants may also be submitted at anytime. To be considered for a grant in a given year, applications must be received no later than Dec. 31 of the previous year.
- All grant decisions are made locally in the month of March by the diocesan Life & Justice Campaign Committee.
- 100% of all donations received by the Life & Justice Campaign each calendar year are distributed locally.
- *Only* organizations that meet all of the published criteria are eligible to receive a grant.
- *Every* organization that meets all of the criteria receives a grant based on a weighted rating scale.
- Grant recipients are invited to an awards reception in the month of May where they have the option to discuss and to display information about their organization for the rest of the recipients.

**“Coping with Life Alone” - Peer-To-Peer Grief Support**

*Coping with Life Alone*® is a *Beginning Experience*® grief support program that meets each week for 7 weeks. The program helps those who have lost a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation, move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with renewed hope.

***Upcoming program dates and location:***

Saturdays, September 7th through October 19th, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Location: St. Therese Parish, North, Lower Level, Birkel Room, 7207 NW Highway 9, Kansas City, MO 64152 Contact Donna at (816-305-3760), for information and registration.

# August

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 First Saturday @ Christ the King 
4 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  Friendship Sunday After both masses Happy Friendship day	5  Pro-Life Mtg 6:00 pm in PH	6 The Transfiguration of the Lord 	7  Sacred Heart/ Benediction 6:00 /6:20pm Choir Pract. 6:30 pm	8  Adult Faith Mtg 6:00 pm	9	10  ProLife Planned Parenthood 7 am
11 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	12	13	14  Sacred Heart/ Benediction 6:00 /6:20pm Assumption Mass @ OLL 6:30 pm	15 Feast of the Assumption of Mary Mass @ 9:15 am 	16	17
18 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  Unbound Visits  Yearly Spiritual Adoption for a Baby	19	20	21 National Senior Citizen Day  Sacred Heart/ Benediction 6:00 /6:20pm Choir Pract. 6:30 pm	22  Parish Council Mtg 6 pm	23	24
25 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	26  <i>National Dog Day</i>	27  Global Forgiveness Day	28 Trusted Servants 12pm  Sacred Heart/ Benediction 6:00 /6:20pm Choir Pract. 6:30 pm	29	30	31
September 1 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  Friendship Sunday After both masses	2 Labor Day <i>Office Closed</i>	3	4  Sacred Heart/ Benediction 6:00 /6:20pm Choir Pract. 6:30 pm	5	6	7 First Saturday Location TBA 