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February 21, 2016







Weekend Masses: Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday at 6:30 a.m. & 8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00—4:30 p.m. or by appointment Rosary: Every Sunday—Friday at 7:30 a.m. (before the 8:00 a.m. Mass)

#### The Season of Lent



Remember man thou art dust and to dust thou shalt return

#### ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN REGULATIONS

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." (John 3:16-17)

The Church has always helped us fulfill these words of Jesus by prescribing very definite penance for all Catholics, so that we too might have Eternal life. Accordingly, the Pope and the American Bishops have outlined obligatory fast and abstinence as follows:

Ash Wednesday (February 10, 2016) and Good Friday (March 25, 2016) are days of *abstinence* for all Catholics *over the age of 14.* On these two days, *fast*, as well as *abstinence*, is also obligatory for those *from the ages of 18-59*. Abstinence means refraining from meat. Fast means one full meal a day, with two smaller meals and nothing between meals (liquids are permitted). No Catholic will lightly excuse himself or herself from this obligation.

**All Fridays in Lent** are days of **abstinence** from meat. Here again Catholics will not hold themselves lightly excused, but if there is a serious health problem, this obligation would not apply.

We should strive to make all days of Lent a time of prayer and penance. Following are several resources that can aid in finding different forms of prayer and penance.

#### ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN RESOURCES FROM ARCHBISHOP CARLSON

There are many excellent resources and events for the Season of Lent you might wish to use or share with your parishioners. Especially, this year during the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Archdiocese of St. Louis has several unique opportunities for the faithful:

- •Reconciliation Weekend Friday, March 4th and Saturday, March 5th, <a href="http://archstl.org/confession">http://archstl.org/confession</a>
- •Archbishop Carlson's Lenten Day of Recollection at Cathedral Basilica on Saturday, March 5th



Give

- •Attend one of the Year of Mercy Events or visit one of the Year of Mercy Pilgrimage Sites <a href="http://archstl.org/mercy">http://archstl.org/mercy</a>. Following are also a list of some resources available for Lent this year:
  - Living the Eucharist Lenten program: http://www.livingtheeucharist.org/.
  - •Best Lent Ever daily reflections from Dynamic Catholic: http://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/#signup
  - •USCCB: http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/lent/prayer-resources- for-lent.cfm

We do not always know the impact our prayer may have for our family, friends, or others. In light of the recent flooding and burning of churches, I would like to encourage all in the Archdiocese of St. Louis to devote some fasting and prayer this Lent as a call to peace.

Lent is a Season of reflection, penance, fasting, and service. May the Lord strengthen you as you continue to share this message with your parishioners. Be assured of my prayers for both you and the people in your parish throughout this Lenten Season and the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy.

#### RICE BOWL Did you know?



75 percent of your Rice Bowl donations support CRS's humanitarian relief programs in nearly 100 countries. Additionally, Catholic Relief Services allows each diocese that participates to

keep 25% of the collection in the local community to be used for hunger and poverty alleviation programs. In the Archdiocese of St. Louis, these funds support food pantries and other programs. We have Rice Bowls available in the basket in the middle vestibule. Please take one for your family and return it at the end of Lent.

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#### 2016 LENTEN MESSAGE FROM HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

In the church vestibule are copies of

Pope Francis 2016 Lenten Message. Please take home a copy.



#### Dear Parishioners,

Next Sunday at the 8 a.m. Mass we will celebrate the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Anointing of the Sick is the sacrament that is received by those who are ill or suffering. Those who would receive the sacrament would be individuals who may have been diagnosed with a terminal illness, or facing major surgery, or who suffer from chronic mental or physical illness, or have grown weaker and have felt the burdens that come with age and the later years of life. By the sacred anointing and the prayer of the priest, the whole Church commends those who are sick to Christ. and while it is most possible that the sacrament can bring physical healing, Anointing of the Sick is primarily about the healing of hope and of the spirit. The sick person, by virtue of this sacrament, receives the Holy Spirit's gifts of strength, faith, peace, and courage, and his or her suffering is united with the suffering of Christ for the building up of the Church. Through the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, the Church carries out Jesus' mission of compassion and healing for the sick, and, as St. John Paul II once explained, the one who is ill, by uniting their suffering to Christ, can then become a sign of faith and witness of Christ's Resurrection to the entire community. This gives suffering a new meaning: a participation in the saving work of Jesus and as St. John Paul II also wrote, "Even the sick are sent forth as laborers into the Lord's vineyard." Anointing of the Sick testifies to the fact that all are called to participate in the redemption of the world and that we all have a role in sanctifying and building up the Church, whatever our physical condition. Please let any parishioners that you know, who may be interested in receiving this sacrament, that we will be having it next Sunday with our 8 a.m. Mass.

A Big 'Thanks!' to all those who worked last week's Fish Fry. Those who came to partake in 'the Fry' were many in number and the fish and all the homemade 'sides' were delicious! If you missed it, you won't want to miss our next one, March 11th. Be sure to mark your calendars now and make plans to skip Long John Silvers and Mrs. Paul' Fish sticks that Friday and share in a far greater catch up here at the Parish!

Blessed Lent!

Father Mike

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE FY15	Feb. 14, 2016		
SUNDAY ENVELOPES	\$8,054.00	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET FY 16 (7/15-6/16)	\$416.307.54
LOOSE COLLECTION	\$223.00	YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL FY 16	\$401,356.53
ONLINE DONATIONS	\$0.00	YEAR TO DATE SURPLUS/(SHORTALL)	(\$14,951.01)
HOLY DAYS	\$0.00		
TOTAL	\$8,277.00	TOTAL NO. OF HOUSEHOLDS	710
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$12,615.38	TOTAL NO. OF ENVELOPES USED THIS WEEK	107
WEEKLY SURPLUS/(SHORTFALL)	(\$4,338.38)	% OF HOUSEHOLD USING ENVELOPES	15%

SPECIAL COLLECTIONSSVDPReviewEaster FlowersBlack/Native AmEastern Europe\$210.00\$30.00\$50.00\$463.00\$239.00Thank You!

**Did you know?** You can sign up for *Online Giving* by visiting our parish website http://www.goannunciation.com/annunciation-online-donations.html You can also sent up automatic payments through your own bank too.

Parish Schedules 4

	MASSI	NTENTIONS
Monday February 22	6:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	Charles Lee Nancy Schuster Natoli
Tuesday February 23	6:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	
Wednesday February 24	6:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	
Thursday February 25	6:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	Jack & Shirley Cygan Jennifer Sinner
Friday February 26	6:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	
Saturday February 27	5:00 p.m.	Steve Aufdenspring
Sunday February 28	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	People of the Parish Mildred O'Leary Thomas Sean Flanagan

	MASS	SERVERS
Monday February 22	8:00 a.m.	Josie W., Max M.
Tuesday February 23	8:00 a.m.	Cooper S., Miles S., Sophia F.
Wednesday February 24	8:00 a.m.	Tyler R., Luke K.
Thursday February 25	8:00 a.m.	Joe B., Max B.
Friday February 26	8:00 a.m.	Emily H., Emma S.
Saturday February 27	5:00 p.m.	Sabrina C., David K., Rory F.
Sunday February 28		Elias Z., Caroline H., Lucy V. George H., Eva M., Gabriella H. Josie S., Sam S., Ryan L.

	MINISTRY S	CHEDUI	LE
DATE TIME	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	FEBRUARY USHERS
Saturday Feb. 27 5:00 p.m.	J. Berlinger, B. Kraus, M. Riganti, T. Rittenhouse, K.C. Schute	M. Luc- chesi	K. Franklin, G. Gray, V. Kuja- wa, J. Ponzillo
Sunday Feb. 28 8:00 a.m.	D. Verhoff, K. & M. Wilson, M. Steele, H. Place	T. Ritten- house	D. Braun, C. Henry, J. Pic- co, G. Trost
Sunday Feb. 28 10:00 a.m.	E. Corcoran, M. Knobbe-Parsons, K. Lickenbrock, M. Mueller, C. LaBarge	J. Southall	T. Domino, R. Nix, C. Wallis, C. Weis
Sunday Feb. 28 11:30 a.m.	A. Kelly, S. Madden, K. Keefe	D. Hart- mann	B. Beavin, N. Halliday, M. Madden, J. Maloney

APP	CERTIFICATE	SELLERS
	Feb. 20 & 21	Feb. 27 & 28
5:00 p.m.	K. & B. Bretsch	S. Stock
8:00 a.m.	A. Kwentus	M. Wedel
10:00 a.m.	M. Strahan	P. Hillmeyer

MONEY COUNTERS		
Mon., Feb. 22	Mon., Feb. 29	
S. Stock	T. Sepe	
B. Haddad	R. Wedel, J. Wallace	
M. Disbennett	S. Disbennett	

V	VEEKLY A	NNUNCIATION PARISH CALEND	OAR
Monday Feb. 22	12:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Adult Bible Study HCA Girls on Track Basketball Practice Stewardship Scouts Den 305 Wolf	Klocker House Cafeteria Gym MPH Cafeteria
Tuesday Feb. 23	8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions Eucharistic Adoration (ends at 9 p.m.) Quilters Rosary for Religious Freedom Basketball Practices Grief Support Group Liturgy HCA Welcoming Committee Adult Basketball	Church Church GlenElm Church Gym Klocker House MPH ANN Gym
Wednesday Feb. 24	5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	Basketball Practice PSR Bible Study Men of the Parish Pray the Rosary	Gym Café, Classrooms Klocker House Outside Church
Thursday Feb. 25	5:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	Basketball Practice Adult Basketball	Gym Gym
Friday Feb. 26		HCA Girls on Track Five O'Clock Shadows Practice	Cafeteria Church
Saturday Feb. 27	8:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Basketball Games CYC Basketball Games	Gym Gym
Sunday Feb. 28	12:30 p.m. p.m.	Youth Choir Sings at 11:30 a.m. Mass Basketball Games	Klocker House Church Gym Cafeteria Gym

FEBRUARY GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH MENU: canned corned beef, box of scalloped potatoes, green beans, applesauce (no glass containers). Some optional items: Shampoo, bar soap, toilet paper, cereal Nonfood optional items cannot be bought with food stamps. We specify Martha White mixes—they do not need milk. Please, no glass containers

**HOSPITAL VISIT INFORMATION:** If you or a someone you know would like a visit or a phone call from the pastor during their hospital stay, please call the rectory office, 962-5955, x128. Due to privacy regulations, hospitals no longer contact the parish when people are admitted.



RCIA will meet this Sunday after the 10:00 A.M. Mass in the Klocker house. We continue our learning of the 10 Commandments, #6 & 9.



Fr. Mike, RCIA candidate Heidi Hadler, Archbishop Carlson, catechumen Blane Popetz & director Patrick Stack at the Basilica Cathedral of St. Louis for The Rite of Election last Sunday.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Ruth Henry	John Huber	Mike Vonderharr
Patty Cabot	Margit Vincenz	Robert Janecek
Marie Quirk	Tom Smith	Joann Wills
Thomas Vogel	Gloria Smith	Patricia Egan
Richard Timmerman	Drew Hittler	Sue Knoll
Kathryn Evans	Mary Strauss	Holly Stoltz Smith
Mike Gowen	Peggy O'Connell	Marie Lange
Mark Forrest	Pat Rebman	Frank Miller

**EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN:** If you have any requests for the Email Prayer Chain, call Sue Williams, 961-7209, or msetwill@yahoo.com

(For name in the bulletin, please call or email parish office)



Can you stand up for LIFE? The spring 40 Days for Life event outside Planned Parenthood started on Ash Wednesday and runs through Lent. Annunciation Parish and

Holy Redeemer have committed to provide prayer power on Tuesday, March 15, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. To sign up for an hour of prayerful witness at the clinic, please contact Mollie Lucchesi at 314-918-1658. If you can't go on the 15th, you are welcome to go any day during the 40-day event.

Ever wonder what's going on in the state legislature regarding life issues? Check out the Missouri Catholic Conference website (<a href="www.mocatholic.org">www.mocatholic.org</a>) and go to "Protect Human Life" under the "Legislative Issues" tab. There is also a tab to help you find your legislators.

#### Pope Francis' Prayer for Jubilee Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.



We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

#### Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has given the Church a specific task to participate in the Year of Mercy, to "rediscover the richness encompassed by the spiritual and corporal works of mercy."

- Corporal Works of Mercy: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned and bury the dead.
- Spiritual Works of Mercy: instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, admonish sinners, bear wrongs patiently, forgive offenses willingly, comfort the afflicted and pray for the living and the dead.

Consider incorporating the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy in your Lenten observance. Remember, Lent is not about what we give up or do, rather it's about what God does within us.

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Our parish gave out this book, Rediscover Jesus, at Christmas. There are still copies in the Church vestibule if you need one.

# DON'T GIVE UP chocolate THIS LENT



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The program is free! All you have to do is sign up at

DynamicCatholic.com/Lent

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WELCOME TO ANNUNCIATION DARISH Please complete this form if you are not currently registered and wish to join the Parish. You can place it in the collection basket or send it to the Parish Office, 12 W. Glendale Rd., Webster Groves, MO 63119. A registration form will be mailed or emailed (if you provide your email address) to you. Parish Registration Forms are also available on our parish website www.goannunciation.com On the homepage, click on 'Church' then 'Join Our Parish'

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News: Parish & Community



#### Annunciation Lenten Fish Fry 12 West Glendale Ave Webster Groves, MO 63119 314-962-5955

**OUR NEXT FISH FRY WILL BE:** 

Friday, March 11th

4:30 - 7:00

#### Large Fish Dinner

(\$9.00)

2 cod fillets; spaghetti, coleslaw, 2 hush puppies and dessert

#### **Small Fish Dinner**

(\$7.00)

1 cod fillets; spaghetti, coleslaw, 2 hush puppies and dessert

#### Spaghetti Dinner

(\$5.00)

Spaghetti, coleslaw, 2 hush puppies and dessert

#### Kid's Dinner

(\$4.00)

Mac and cheese, applesauce, 2 hush puppies and dessert

#### **Extra Sides**

(\$2.00 each)

- Macaroni and cheese
- Spaghetti
- Hush puppies (6)

#### Extra cod fillet \$3.00

#### **Drinks**

- ❖ Coffee Free
- ❖ Lemonade Free
- ❖ Sodas \$1.00
- ❖ Bottled Water \$1.00
- ❖ Beer \$2.00
- ❖ Wine \$3.00

VOLUNTEERS are also needed at our Fish Fries. To sign up please go to: <a href="http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f45adae2aa0f94-annunciation">http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f45adae2aa0f94-annunciation</a> or contact Michelle Brush, 963-7173 or email michelle@thebrushes.com

**WE NEED DESSERTS TOO.** You can drop off desserts in our cafeteria either Thursday (day before the Fish Fry) from 8-3 or on Friday (day of the Fish Fry) after 8am.

Thank you for your support!

ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS are invited to come to the high school youth group Sundays from 12:30-2:30 pm & Thursdays from 7-9 pm in the youth room on Seven

Holy Founders campus. For more information, please go to John15YM.com or contact Tim Lucchesi at <u>John15YouthMinistry@gmail.com</u> or 314-633-0165. **Tim Lucchesi**, Youth Minister, John15 Youth Ministry, *314-633-0165*, John15ym.com

This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you.

#### ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS:

**Lenten Day of Recollection** Parishioners, their guests, and all throughout the Archdiocese are invited to join Archbishop Robert Carlson, Bishop Robert Hermann, and the clergy of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis for a Lenten Day of Recollection on Saturday, March 5, 2016.

This special day of reflection, recollection, and reconciliation begins at 10:00 a.m., and includes two spiritual conferences, the morning conference led by Archbishop Carlson, the afternoon conference by Bishop Hermann. Each conference will be followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The day will end with evening vespers at 4:30 p.m. and the celebration of Mass at 5:00 p.m. All conferences and prayer will be held in the Cathedral Basilica, with lunch provided for all in Boland Hall.

This gathering is free (good will offerings to help offset the cost of lunch will be gratefully accepted). Though a free event, organizers request advance registration to properly prepare for lunch. To register or for additional information, please contact Laura Voegelie at 314-373-8208

Annual Infertility Support Mass, Thu., Feb. 18 The Office of Natural Family Planning is hosting its Annual Infertility Mass at 7 PM at the Cardinal Rigali Center chapel. Bishop Edward Rice will be the celebrant. Light refreshments will follow. Reservations are not necessary. For more information, contact Melissa at 314.997.7576.

LIFE Runners A-Cross America Relay, Feb. 20-Mar.
20 Register to run/walk 5K legs as part of LIFE Runners relay across the country. The relay will be in the St. Louis area on March 14 and 15. See course information and details at <a href="http://www.liferunners.org/across/">http://www.liferunners.org/across/</a>

Living Rosary, Sun., Feb. 28 Our Lady of Guadalupe for Life is hosting a living Rosary at 2:30 PM at Assumption Church in Mattese. Email Lu at lulu38@att.net for more information.

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** At our upcoming Feb. 23 meeting, we will have a licensed professional counselor and Baue funeral director, Kelly Karavousanos, speak. She will talk on grief at 7-8pm at the Klocker house. All are welcome.

Our third session dates for Season of Hope scripture-focused grief support sessions are: Mar. 1, Mar. 22, Apr. 5, Apr. 26, May 3 & 31. Please call Mary at 277-5116 or Jeanne 918-0783 if you have any questions.

#### TUITION ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR ANNUNCIA-TION HCA SCHOOL FAMILIES

Any Catholic family wishing to apply for tuition assistance from the Catholic Families Tuition Assistance Endowment Fund or the Parish Employee Endowment Fund (formerly used the FACTS system) for the 2016-2017 school year must submit a Today & Tomorrow Education Foundation (TTEF) application. You may apply online at: www.ttefstl.org beginning February 1, 2016. Students must attend an Archdiocesan or Parochial School or an Archdiocesan or Parochial High School to be eligible for these particular funds. The due date for the application is Feb. 29, 2016, and must include a copy of your 2014 Income Tax Return and 2015 W2s. The Catholic Education Center appreciates the support of the ACA and all of its donors.

#### ALIVE IN CHRIST

The "Alive in Christ!" Scholarship Program is part of Archbishop Robert J. Carlson's strategic plan for Catholic Education in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. In an effort to promote active recruitment and increased enrollment of children in Catholic elementary schools, the "Alive in Christ!" Scholarship Program seeks to provide financial assistance to those families (both Catholic and Non-Catholic) who wish to offer their children an education at a Catholic elementary school in the archdiocese. Scholarship awards are based upon financial need of the applicant and will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis. For the 2016-2017 school year, approximately 700 NEW scholarships for K-8 students will be available. Scholarship is renewable through Grade 8. Maximum scholarship award is \$2,000. For additional info visit www.rcfstl.org/beyondsunday/scholarships/. To apply, visit www.ttef-stl.org

#### **NEW THIS YEAR - BEYOND SUNDAY**

Funds are also available from the **Beyond Sunday Elementary Scholarship Program**. Up to \$2.2 million in combined elementary (K-8) and high school (9-12) scholarship awards will be granted for the 2016-17 school year! Preference will be given to families registered in an Archdiocesan parish. Awards will be granted to new and existing students. A minimum annual tuition payment of \$500 per family is required. For additional info visit www.rcfstl.org/beyond-sunday/scholarships/. To apply, visit www.ttefstl.org. Open application period is February

The Girls Scouts will be collecting new or gently used crayons for a service project in honor of Girl Scout Sunday, March 7th. The theme for Girl Scout Sunday this year is Care for our Common Home - the



Earth. This theme follows Pope Francis' message of respecting and taking care of the Earth. The OLP Girl Scout community, which includes some of our Annunciation girls, is conducting a service project that involves crayons. We are asking for crayon donations through February 28th. There will be a box in the vestibule starting this weekend that will move to the Bride's room during the week into which crayons may be placed.

#### HOLY CROSS ACADEMY IS EXCITED TO EXPAND OUR 2 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL PROGRAM.

We will have 2 yr programs at the St. Michael's and St. Dominic Savio campuses this Fall. Preschool for 3-5 year olds is available at the St. Michael's, St. Dominic and Our Lady of Providence campuses. Enrollment for the 2016-17 school year has started. An early registration fee of \$75 is available until March1. To arrange at tour or find out more info, contact Angie Langhauser, <a href="mailto:preschool@hca-stl.org">preschool@hca-stl.org</a> or at 314-842-2073.

ADULT CATECHESIS at St. Michael the Archangel, Thursday, February 18 at 7:00 pm in the Gym Meeting Room (Every other Thursday, dates follow) St. Michael's parish welcomes all parishioners and their friends to join us for the adult education series, "Introduction to the Catechism of the Catholic Church." Our speaker is Dr. Lawrence Feingold, a nationally renowned speaker and author, Professor of theology & philosophy at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, & St. Michael's parishioner. Classes are held every other Thursday in the GMR. There is no cost to attend. All are welcome!! Attend when your schedule allows allows.

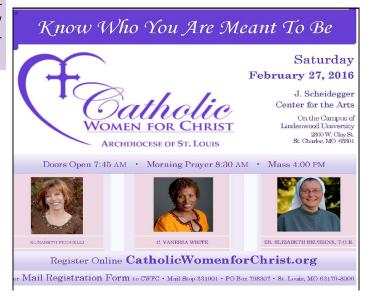
FRIDAY, MARCH 4, FATIMA EUCHARISTIC VIGIL OF REPARATION On the first Friday of each month the World Apostolate of Fatima sponsors a Eucharistic Vigil at Cure of Ars Church, 670 Laclede Station Rd. The vigil begins at 7 p.m and Mass is offered at 8 p.m., confession, Eucharistic procession, rosary and various prayers are said. Vigil ends at 12 midnight. 314-562-5927.

#### MOTHER-DAUGHTER AND FATHER-SON PROGRAMS

The Mother Daughter and Father Son programs at Mercy Hospital provide an atmosphere of love and learning to discuss fertility and to promote communication between parent and child. The programs emphasize respect, understanding and appreciation for God's gift of sexuality, as well as ageappropriate information on the functions of the reproductive system. Dates for the Spring programs are:

Sunday, April 24, 2016 13 to 17 year-old mother-daughter program

Sunday, March 13, 2016 11 & 12 year-old father-son program Time: 1:00-3:30 PM Cost: \$45 per family Questions: 314.991.0327. Registration: http://mercy.net/fertilitycare





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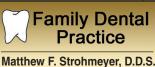
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