

Dear Parishioners:

It is with a sense of excitement and pride and petition that I write to you this week. As you are well aware, our parish has been involved with **Habitat for Humanity** for a number of years. Two weeks ago we completed the building of a home, for a wonderful family, in the Old North neighborhood of St. Louis City.

This home will be one of about twenty homes being built by different groups for the Habitat Program. While our partnership of parishes will pay for the “bricks and the sticks” of this new home, the family who will live in the home must invest more than 450 hours of work on their future home, and also must pay back their twenty year loan to Habitat. For most of these families moving into a Habitat home will be the first time they will live in their own home.

Thanks to all those wonderful people who have so generously supported our Habitat homes either with prayers, donations or working on the home or all the above, it makes me proud to be associated with such fine Christians. Please keep the safety of the workers who continue to build homes and the families for whom we are building these homes in your prayers.

Blessings!
Msgr. John Shamleffer

Wedding Banns

There is a promise of marriage
in Christ between

Bann II

Lucy Wolken & Adam Stanley

Bann I

Nicole Ziglar & Todd Bailey

Please pray for them as they
begin their life together.

Rest in Peace

Let us, as a parish family, pray for all of our deceased parishioners, relatives, benefactors and friends. We remember all of our loved ones who have gone before us and pray that they are celebrating with our Lord in heaven.

When you go to Mass, please note who the Mass Intention is for and say an extra prayer for them.

SVDP Thanks to ALL our Schnucks Shoppers

We appreciate all those parishioners who have signed-up and have registered for an eScrip card. I'd like to encourage those who have not signed-up, to do so asap! This helps our SVDP Society earn money which in turn helps us to assist those who are in need in St. Joseph's Conference. eScrip cards are located in the back vestibule on the table-please take one and register today. Your purchases do make a difference! You simply use the eScrip card you have registered each time you shop at Schnucks and you automatically earn money for whichever charity you designate (up to 3 different ones can be selected when you register your card). Present your eScrip card at check-out for scanning & Schnucks donates a % of your total spent. It's that easy.

For more information, you may contact Margaret Clark 910-8062 or email: margclark511@gmail.com

Monday, July 19

6:30 am

Helene Schweitzer

12:00 pm

Anson Eickhorst

Tuesday, July 20

8:00 am

Tom Powers

12:00 pm

Msgr. Gerald Glenn

Wednesday, July 21

6:30 am

Poor Souls

12:00 pm

Mae Cella

Thursday, July 22

St. Mary Magdalene

8:00 am

Blanche McMenamy

12:00 pm

Marilyn Taylor

Friday, July 23

6:30 am

Charles Fallert & Fam.

12:00 pm

Clara Reyes

Saturday, July 24

8:00 am

William Sullivan

5:00 pm

David Barry

Sunday, July 25

7:30 am

Francis C. Flynn & Fam.

9:00 am

People of the Parish

11:00 am

Pedro & Eden Roble

We Pray For Our Loved Ones

May God provide health
and comfort to:

Raymond LaDriere
Paul Voelker
Howard Kirkpatrick II
William Patience
Michael Phelps
Danielle Gardner
Lucille Bommarito
Joan Phelps
Colleen Woodard
Patrick Ampleman
Bob Barnidge
Tom Biondo
Marilyn Maret
Lillian Eck
Judy Williams
Fr. Frank Cleary
Elaine & John Edwards
Mary Slais
Mildred Fraser
Joan Wilson
Sean O'Connor
Lynn Burch
Joseph Niedbalski
Naomi Carmody
Richard Vance
LaVerne Safron
Sr. Eleanor
Lois Laffey
Peggy Holmes
Vincenttia Majka
Maria Guehlstorf
Kathleen Valenta
John Schweiss

Welcome to St. Joseph - Clayton, Missouri

St. Joseph Diaper Wipe/Store Card Drive

Thank you for your continued support of our Diaper Wipe/Store Card Drive. Slowly but surely, the barrels fill up, one Mass at a time. Those of you who reached into your pockets to purchase diapers, wipes and store cards, the babies and their mothers appreciate it. Those of you who have not, the next time you go shopping, please be generous to the little ones who cannot help themselves. The staff at Our Lady's Inn and Good Shepherd Maternity Program appreciate it. Put your items in the barrels with baby pictures at the entrances to church.



Friends of Birthright

The Friends of Birthright are holding their ninth annual Run/Walk on Saturday, August 28, in Creve Coeur Park. Events include a 6K Race, a 1 Mile Fun Walk, and a ¼ Mile Kids Run with FRED BIRD. If interested, please contact us at friends@birthrightstl.org (808-1845). You can register at www.firstgiving.com/birthrightstl

St. Patrick Center "Back-To-School" Backpack Give-Away

This year we are once again asking St. Joseph Parishioners to support the St. Patrick Center "Back-To-School" backpack give-away program to help needy children prepare for the coming school year. Participating individuals and families are asked to donate a backpack filled with school supplies for one of four different age groups of students.



Please take one of the "Backpack Tags" on display on the bulletin boards at church entrances. Each tag lists the supplies needed for one backpack for one child. Parish families are encouraged to "adopt" one child (or more!) and shop for this child as a family. When you've completed your school supply shopping, simply tie the tag on to your backpack and bring to church the weekend of July 31-Aug. 1. There will be baskets provided for collection. The backpacks will be delivered to St. Patrick Center on Aug. 2nd.

Education Commission

The Religious Education Office is closed until August 2.

Smart Discipline Workshop with Dr. Koenig

Save the Date: Wednesday, September 15, 2010, 7-9 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

The program instills positive beliefs, builds self confidence and self esteem, and helps with ADD/ADHD kids. St. Joseph Education Commission will offer the program for \$15 per person and \$25 per couple. Grace Church is offering an alternate date Tuesday, September 14, 2010. Call for information, 314-727-9059.

R.C.I.A.

We would be happy to have you join our R.C.I.A. program to welcome new members as a visitor to share experiences, as a learner, as a sponsor or a presenter. Please call Terri Venneman if you feel the call to join us 314-727-9059.



The 2nd Annual Party on the Point is pleased to welcome musical headliner **Howie Day** to the St. Joseph parking lots on **Friday, August 27**. Howie Day is an American singer-songwriter who has produced a number of singles, including the platinum smash "Collide," which was featured in scores of TV shows, including Grey's Anatomy and Scrubs, as well as in a variety of films. The track became Epic Records' first platinum single, eventually selling 1.5 million downloads.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.partyonthepoint.com. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$35 at the door and include three drink coupons good for beer, wine, soda or water. Food will be available for purchase onsite through The St. Joe Grill as well as other local outlets. Also this year, we're offering VIP tickets for \$200/each, providing access to the VIP courtyard with complimentary food and beverage throughout the night. Proceeds will benefit the parish's Habitat for Humanity build as well as Marian Middle School in the city.

We have a great group of volunteers again this year, so if you are interested in volunteering, please contact George Hinkle at 616-0298. If you have general questions about the event or are interested in sponsorship opportunities, please contact Meg Shuff at 314-769-9575.

Vatican Splendors Exhibit (This is highly recommended by fellow parishioners & staff) **ST JOSEPH - LOURDES GUILD**

Did you know that St. Louis is one of only three states to get the **Vatican Splendors** exhibit? This exhibit comes HIGHLY recommended. If you would like to go with the St. Joseph/Lourdes group to see the exhibit, meet at Luepke's, 7207 Westmoreland, 63130, on Thursday, July 22, at 9:30 a.m. We will carpool to the Missouri History Museum. The cost of \$40 includes lunch at the new restaurant, Bixby's.

Please send check (payable to Lourdes Guild) to Judy Luepke at above address.

Protecting God's Children

Any adult who works or volunteers with young people on a regular basis **must** attend a **Protecting God's Children** workshop and agree to undergo a background check. Background checks for previous volunteers were run recently. The next workshop will be at St. John's Mercy on August 19th at 6:30 p.m. You may go on the Archdiocesan Website, www.archstl.org, and look for the blue rectangular box under the red banner for more information regarding this program.

If you have any questions you are encouraged to contact Terri Venneman at 727-9059. Thank you for your support of this important effort.

Sunday Worship

July 24-25, 2010

5:00 pm

Altar Servers
Maria Ryan
Sophia Ryan

Reader/Lector
Rosemary Pickle

Ministers of Communion
Mary Molloy
Peter Smith
+Clare Reid

7:30 am

Altar Servers
Caroline Avery

Reader/Lector
Paul Watson

Ministers of Communion
Florence Beckwar
Ray Chiostri
+Colleen Malone

9:00 am

Altar Servers
Brian Gaffigan

Reader/Lector
Abby Schult

Ministers of Communion
Marcella Leonardo
Terry Carmack
+Peggy Biondo

11:00 am

Altar Servers
Catherine Hoff

Reader/Lector
Tom Misko
Roger Drone

Ministers of Communion
Carolyn Dickmann
Therese Macan
+Thom Schwetye

+ Only when no deacon is present



Thoughts from a Parishioner

This morning there was a Pro-Life newsletter in our church bulletin. One of the articles, "Opportunities for Every Life" told about the high termination rate (84% - 91%) in the United States of unborn babies diagnosed with Down syndrome. I thought it was an excellent article and glad that it was in there.

It is unfortunate that in our society today, when a woman receives the diagnosis that her unborn baby has Down syndrome, she is given only two choices – abort or keep the baby. There is always a third choice - adoption. There are over 200 families in the United States today that have been approved and put on a waiting list to adopt a child with Down syndrome. I hope that the medical professionals who deliver the prenatal diagnosis of Down syndrome will remember to include the option of adoption when counseling their patients in the future.

At mass today, as we stood to recite the Lord's Prayer, my daughter, who apparently had also read the article, leaned over to me and whispered, "I sure am glad you didn't abort me or else I wouldn't be here!"

My daughter, by the way, is 32 years old and happens to have Down syndrome. She has brought and continues to bring endless joy and meaning into our lives and we could never imagine life without her. She has shown us how to love unconditionally, how to truly forgive with your heart, and how to accept others no matter how different they are from you. She sees the world non-judgmentally and looks for the good in everyone. She teaches us daily how to live the way Jesus wants us to live.

***Note: Please call the Down Syndrome Association of Greater St. Louis at 314-961-2504 or come by the office at 8420 Delmar Blvd., Suite 200 to pick up informational medical packets to give to your ob/gyn, pediatrician, genetic counselor or other healthcare professional who might be the one to deliver the news – either pre or post nately, or visit their website at www.dsagsl.org, scroll to the*

Aquinas Roundtable Series July 27 -- The 10 Commandments - Old Testament and Contemporary Applications

Danielle Harrison, M. Div.

Reading the Old Testament Prophets can sometimes be a challenge: Do they ever have good news to share? What do those words spoken long ago have to say to our lives today. Most importantly, are there any prophetic voices in 2010? Pre-registration is required. Call 314-241-3400 x6281. Cost is \$20 (includes lunch.)

Readings for the Week of July 18, 2010

Sun: Gn 18:1-10a Ps 15:2-5 Col 1:24-28
Lk 10:38-42
Mon: Mi 6: 1-4,6-8 Ps 50:5-6,8-9,16bc-17,21,23
Mt 12:38-42
Tues: Mi 7:14-15,18-20 Ps 85:2-8 Mt 12:46-50
Wed: Jer 1:1,4-10 Ps 71:1-4a,5-6b,15,17 Mt 13:1-9
Thur: Jer 2:1-3,7-8,12-13 Ps 36:6-7b,8-11
Jn 20:1-2,11-18
Fri: Jer 3:14-17 (Ps) Jer 31:10-12d,13
Mt 13:18-23
Sat: Jer 7:1-11 Ps 84:3-6a,8a,11 Mt 13:24-30
Sun: Gn 18:20-32 Ps 138:1-3,6-8 Col 2:12-14
Lk 11:1-13

OFF TO COLLEGE? -- NEWMAN CENTERS A GREAT WAY TO STAY SPIRITUALLY ACTIVE

For students who are active Catholics, or interested in becoming Catholic, or still searching for their spirituality, the **Newman Center** offers a warm and welcoming place to study, relax, pray, play ping pong, and hang out. We have student-centered evening masses, faith sharing groups, and leadership opportunities to help college students transition into a deeper faith with active roles in the church and the world.

If you attend **UMSL**, contact Kay Dieckmann @kay@cncumsl.org for more information. If you attend **Washington University**, go to washucsc.org. We promise you will be really glad you did!

From the Bridges Foundation: Please Join Us

Come experience the dynamics of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius on July 23 & 24 at the Sister's of St. Joseph Provincial House at 6400 Minnesota Ave., 63111. Questions? Call Miriam Wesselmann, SSND at 314-842-1672. Registration forms are available in church.