

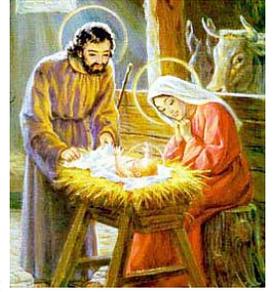


The Lourdes Day

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Raytown, Missouri

December, 2018



PRO-LIFE

OLL Pro-Life will meet December 3, 2018. We will meet in the Parish Hall at 6:00 pm. We will begin with prayer before discussing events. Everyone is welcome to join our meeting.

OLL Pro-Life usually goes to Planned Parenthood on the second Saturday of the month. Since this lands on December 8, 2018 we will skip this month since this is a Holy Day of Obligation of the Immaculate Conception.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the drawing for the March for Life that will take place in January 2019.

Congratulations to Brett Zagar.

Selfishness and fear are at the root of (pro-abortion) legislation...We in the Church have a great struggle to defend life...life is a gift not a threat.

-- Pope Benedict XVI

TRUSTED SERVANTS

The Trusted Servants catered Thanksgiving/Christmas meal was delicious. Thank you to those that attended and helped set everything up for our gathering.

This month will be a busy month for everyone as we all prepare ourselves for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

December 2nd is our next **'Friendship Sunday'**! Please join us after either the 8 am or 11 am masses for some light snacks and fellowship. Do you know a neighbor, a friend, or a co-worker that might need a little pick me up? Invite them to church and make it one step in a journey of drawing them to Jesus and then to our Friendship Sunday gathering. A journey that usually begins by getting to know them – and inviting them to see a genuine expression of Jesus in us.

It's nice to go to a church that's friendly. It's better to go to church with a friend.

Volunteers will be needed to help beautify the church for Christmas. We will begin at 8 am on Saturday, **December 22**, but feel free to show up anytime that morning. The more helpers that show up the faster we will get it finished. Can you please give a few minutes of your valuable time to help us make our parish look amazingly clean for all of our parishioners and those family & friends who get to come join us during this wonderful Christmas season?

In this special time of year where we all come together more, as family, friends and also as a parish family, we should understand that it is a season of *giving*. Everyone seems to be a little more generous and charitable around Christmas. This is the best time to remind ourselves and to teach our children how special and important the spirit of giving can be.

As much as we all want to get excited about the festivities of the holidays, we also want to focus our hearts and minds outward on others—just as Jesus Himself did.

Below are some simple ways your family can serve together during this time of year just as a reminder that sometimes the littlest things mean the most:

1. Deliver cookies to the employees at a local fire station, police station, or hospital on Christmas Day.
2. Pool together some money to buy a tank of gas for a friend or relative who can't afford to go home for Christmas.
3. Recruit several families and adopt a nursing home. Buy a simple gift for each resident (lotion, slippers, holiday throw blankets, etc) and arrange a time to deliver the gifts.
4. Send Christmas cards to military personnel overseas.
5. Deliver a baked good to your neighbors.
6. Leave a Christmas card (and perhaps a little treat) in your mailbox *for* the mail carrier.
7. Go caroling at a nursing home.
8. Volunteer to read a Christmas book aloud to your child's class ... or contact your local bookstore to see if you can schedule a time to read aloud to their children's section. If possible, choose a book about the *real* meaning of Christmas.
9. Ring bells for the Salvation Army.
10. Take balloons or small gifts to the children's ward of your local hospital. You probably won't be able to deliver them to the children themselves due to privacy policies, but you can ask the nurses to deliver them or ask permission of the parents who happen to be present at the time.
11. Choose a day to serve each other inside your own home. Take out the trash for your husband, encourage your children to pick up their sibling's toys, and show appreciation for one another.
13. Go to the grocery store together as a family and pick up a few items for your local food pantry.
14. Volunteer to babysit, as a family, for a couple with small children so that they can go out on a date.
15. Clean out your coat closet and take your old coats to a local shelter.



NUTTY LADIES NEWS

The Nutty Ladies continue to sell their packaged nuts, candies, and mixes. There still is time to do your shopping for your Christmas supply of goodies but now they are over in the Parish Hall.

Thank you for all that are helping and supporting this annual fundraiser.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE

Advent is upon us! Now is a great time of year for spiritual preparation for Christmas. With Dynamic Catholic's Best Advent Ever you will receive great inspirational videos sent right to your email to boost you spiritually so that you may have both the Best Advent Ever and the best Christmas ever! There three easy steps to this program.

1. Sign-up for the emails at
BestAdventEver.com/YoureInvited
2. Watch the videos, starting on **December 2nd**, that if you choose will be sent to your email. Matthew Kelly and Allen Hunt will be your spiritual guides in this Advent journey.
3. Have the most amazing Christmas ever as you have spiritually prepared to receive the baby Jesus this year!

Would you like more of a preparation during Advent? How about a live speaker? Just down the road at the other Our Lady of Lourdes in Harrisonville, Father Bill Casey will be giving an *Advent Mission* talk every evening between Sunday, **December 2nd** and **Thursday December 6th** starting at 7 pm. You can choose to go all 5 days, or whatever days are convenient for you. Maybe you can come to one or to all of them! If you would like to go, but transportation or driving at night is a problem, call the sisters at (816) 353-2177.

Even though Our Lady of Lourdes' AFF is taking a break from our DVD series through December, in January we are planning a great series Bishop Robert Barron's "The Mass." This series will start **January 16th** in the parish hall at 6:30 pm after the Sacred Heart Devotions. Here are a few things that Bishop Robert Barron's website says about our upcoming series:

"Be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron and you'll be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ.

See how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm, how it resonates with a call from God and a response from his people, the Church, and, most importantly, how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist.

The Mass will help you understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life."

December 5, 18 DCCW Luncheon & Quarterly Meeting

All ladies of the Kansas City/St. Joseph Diocese are encouraged to attend the DCCW (Diocesan Council of Catholic Women) quarterly meeting to be held on **December 5, 2018 at St. Mary's Church, 611 North Liberty St., Independence, MO.**

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. with coffee and goodies. **The business meeting will start promptly at 9:30 a.m.** at 10:30 a.m. guest speaker Annie Ogilvie topic "Finding Faith When The Well Runs Dry", 11:30 a.m. rosary, 12:00 p.m. Mass, 50/50 drawing, and catered luncheon.

Luncheon is \$12.00 and reservations must be made by no later than Friday, November 30th, by calling Carolyn Huff @ 816-690-4278 or by email to lthouse4@centurylink.net.

The DCCW is bringing to your attention the quarterly luncheon price has increased from \$11.00 to \$12.00 starting with December's general meeting luncheon. We have worked really hard to keep the costs down. The caterers had a price increase and are passing their increased costs to the DCCW.

We are collecting hats, mittens, scarves, socks, and underwear for our Christmas project "**Over the Toes and Under the Clothes**" at the December general luncheon meeting. Please bring all your items to the meeting. These will be passed onto Catholic Charities and Bishop Sullivan Center. Thank you for your donations.

Christmas and gift items will be available for purchase at the December general meeting. We ask any vendors that would like to participate to please donate 10% of your sale proceeds to DCCW. Please call Kathy Philpott at 816-350-1921 or email her at Kathleenphilpott@sbcglobal.net if you would like a table to display your products.

The DCCW is looking for a volunteer to give the prayer at the start of our general meetings. Anastasia Jenkins has volunteered to be the Secretary. Therefore, we are looking for a volunteer to replace her in leading the prayer. Please call Carolyn Huff @ 816-690-4278 or by email to lthouse4@centurylink.net.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ~ HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

Because the Blessed Virgin Mary is patron of the United States of America under the title of the Immaculate Conception, December 8 is a Holyday of obligation EVEN when it falls on a Saturday. You are supposed to attend Mass for Immaculate Conception and then for the Second Sunday of Advent.

Our Lady of Lourdes mass time ~ Friday Dec. 7 at 6:30 pm & Saturday Dec. 8 at 8 am.

St. Bernadette mass time ~Friday at 6 pm & Saturday at 8:15 am.

TRAIN CLUB NEWS

On behalf of the Weekend 'N Gineers, The Southern Kansas City Model Railroad Historical Society and the Kansas City T-Nuts, I would like to thank you for your participation in this year's Trains and Treats event at Our Lady Of Lourdes Parish.

We are looking forward to 2019, and would like to take this time to invite you to our event next October.

The train clubs will be Participating in the Great Train Expo at the Overland Park Convention Center December 15th and 16th 10 AM – 4 PM

Tom Green & Jeff Rose Presidents

KEEPING THE MILITARY IN OUR PRAYERS

The Christmas season is a great time of year to show the deployed members of the United States military that you care and thank them for their service. Most of us will spend this time at home, surrounded by the ones we love. Many service members willingly sacrifice time with their families so our country will have the freedom to enjoy. It is extremely hard to be away from your family at any time in our lives but especially during this time of year. Please continue to pray for all of those deployed men & women.

There are a couple parishioners in the military and away from home right now. One is Mike Sweetland. Please consider taking a couple minutes to send a special card or letter to Mike, letting him know how much we are praying for a safe return.

To send something to Mike directly, use this address:

Maj Michael Sweetland
HHC 35th CAB
APO, AE 09330
Kuwait.

At times we may not be able to know where our family or friends in the military are located, but remembering to ask God to watch over them and to keep them all safe is exactly what we as Christians can do.

MORE ABOUT MIKE SWEETLAND

Mike is in charge of around 450 men/women from KS and MO that are deployed with the 35th CAB in the Middle East. The 35th CAB is based in Sedalia, MO.

There are around 120 in the unit with which he deployed. Some of Mike's team are in Iraq, and Mike spends time in both Kuwait and Iraq, but all packages to Mike should be sent to Kuwait. If anyone wants to send supplies to Iraq as well, the address is

Cpt. William Vockery
HHC 35th CAB
APO, AE 09378
Iraq

In general, the 35th CAB (Combat Aviation Brigade) is based in Sedalia, and this is their 3rd deployment to the Middle East. Their mission is to provide support for Operation Inherent Resolve and Operation Spartan Shield.

The training and preparation led to a culminating training event (CTE), completed at Fort Hood, Texas on July 26, 2018. The CTE brought together subordinate units that would be assigned to the CAB throughout the deployment.

Generally, a combat aviation brigade is made up of an assault helicopter battalion, a general support aviation battalion, an aviation support battalion, an attack reconnaissance battalion, and a headquarters company, which provides command and control assets. While the mission is to provide aviation support, it takes more than pilots and crewmembers to fly a helicopter. The behind-the-scenes support personnel safeguard the operational abilities of the air crew and equipment.

Within the 35th CAB you'll find many different trades and skillsets, which all have separate, but necessary roles to support the organization. Some examples include: fuelers, truck drivers, logisticians, mechanics, and aviation operations specialists.

The 35th CAB is supporting two separate higher headquarters, one for OIR and the other for OSS. In addition, the brigade is spread out over two major locations, which consist of several smaller satellite locations.

Mike's role is with the Signal Division, which supports the communication networks that include radio, phone and computer connections between the different locations of the brigade.



WREATHS ~ across ~ AMERICA

“Be Their Witness”

The courage and sacrifice of our military veterans should never be forgotten. You have a chance to show them your appreciation and gratitude on Saturday, **December 15th**, which is National Wreaths Across America Day – when citizens across the country come together to remember our fallen, honor those who serve, and teach younger generations the value of freedom.

Join us at Longview Cemetery at **11:00 a.m.**, as we lay remembrance wreaths on the headstones of our hometown heroes and recognize their service to our nation. This year's theme is “Be Their Witness”! You'll be joining fellow patriots as we say their names and show support for their families. Light refreshments are served after the ceremony and wreath laying.

12700 S. Raytown Rd.
Kansas City, MO 64149

Donate a wreath by December 3rd at
wreathscrossamerica.org

For more information call 816-761-6272



Christmas Trees Christmas Decoration & Garage Sale

The Christmas tree lot is up and running. Volunteers are still needed, especially Saturdays and Sundays. We need helpers for sales, checkout clerk, and most importantly tree handling.

If you have any questions contact Katei Gross at 816-547-0016.

Our Christmas garage sale has begun as well. We will continue to collect your Christmas decorations if in good condition, clean, and sellable until December 9. Bring to the Parish Hall Saturday 9am-8pm, Sundays 12pm-8pm & wkdays 5pm-8pm.

OTHER CATHOLIC RELATED EVENTS

ADVENT MISSION ~ Fr. Bill Casey C.P.M.

Fathers of Mercy

“Preparing the Way of the Lord by Spiritual Renewal.”

Sunday, Dec. 2nd - Thursday Dec. 6th ~ 7pm.

Hosted by Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church,
2700 Mechanic, Harrisonville, MO.

Amidst the glitter and Christmas present shopping, how will you prepare for your spiritual reception of Christ this December? Give yourself the gift of spiritual renewal. Call Chris Scott at 816-805-3617.

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**Take the High School Placement Test (HSPT) at St. Teresa’s Academy December 8, 2018 OR January 12, 2019 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (test begins at 8:15 a.m.)**

Eighth grade girls are invited to take the HSPT at St. Teresa’s Academy. For your convenience, two test dates are offered. You may choose to take the HSPT on either **December 8** or **January 12**. Test takers should check-in at 8:00 a.m. at the Windmoor Center (lace-wrapped building). All students applying for admission into the freshman class are required to take this test. Stay after the test for pizza!

To register, please visit the St. Teresa’s Academy website at [www.stastars.org/admissions/apply](http://www.stastars.org/admissions/apply), and fill out the online application (HSPT registration is part of the application).

St. Teresa’s Academy is a Catholic, college-preparatory high school sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, and committed to excellence in the education of young women.

The Academy seeks a diverse student community and admits students without regard to race, color, national, or ethnic origin. Contact Becky Flores, Admissions Director, at 816.501.0035 or [bflores@stteresacademy.org](mailto:bflores@stteresacademy.org) with questions.

**Happy Anniversary** to all those Celebrating an Anniversary in December .... due to an office equipment issue I was unable to list these names.

- Dec 01 ~ Tom Wenninghoff
- Dec 03 ~ Marie Bowman
- Dec 03 ~ Rex Bland
- Dec 03 ~ Michelle Brown
- Dec 03 ~ Nicholas Martin
- Dec 04 ~ Maria Arias
- Dec 04 ~ Julia Arias



- Dec 04 ~ Stephany Draisey
- Dec 05 ~ Lori Jeannin
- Dec 06 ~ Donna Hollo
- Dec 07 ~ Chelsea Landaverne
- Dec 08 ~ Mary Knudsen
- Dec 08 ~ Jamie Beachner
- Dec 10 ~ Onyedikachi Agodi
- Dec 11 ~ Jean Colona
- Dec 13 ~ Steve Baker
- Dec 13 ~ Adam Hhke
- Dec 15 ~ Bernadine Hudson
- Dec 16 ~ Kathy Sommer
- Dec 17 ~ Thomas Loyola
- Dec 19 ~ Rita Smith
- Dec 20 ~ Margaret Curry
- Dec 20 ~ Pamela Mock
- Dec 21 ~ Miles Clauson
- Dec 22 ~ George Mosbauer
- Dec 23 ~ Mildred Robinson
- Dec 23 ~ Patty Vest
- Dec 23 ~ Maria Caswell
- Dec 25 ~ Peggy Schallenberg
- Dec 25 ~ Nancy Reeves
- Dec 25 ~ Anthony Okechukwu
- Dec 26 ~ Barton Murray
- Dec 26 ~ Karen Brooks
- Dec 26 ~ Chip DeMoss
- Dec 26 ~ Barton Murray
- Dec 27 ~ Mary Lawrence
- Dec 27 ~ Jeanine De Souza
- Dec 29 ~ Emilie Riggs
- Dec 30 ~ Sr. Anita Helgenberger
- Dec 30 ~ Rebecca Hudson
- Dec 30 ~ Conrad Fris
- Dec 31 ~ Miciel Arias
- Dec 31 ~ Michael Derkit

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| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Monday                                                                    | Tuesday                                                                                                                                     | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Thursday                                                                                                                        | Friday                                                                                                                                                    | Saturday                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| <b>2 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b><br><br>Friendship Sunday<br>After both 8 & 11 mass<br><br>Sales<br>Noon-8pm<br> | <b>3</b><br><br>Pro-Life Mtg<br>~ PH ~ 6 pm<br><b>Weekday Sales 5-8pm</b> | <b>4</b><br>9:15 am Mass<br>Option for Confessions                                                                                          | <b>5</b> DCCW Luncheon<br>Registration 9 am<br>St. Marys Indep<br>Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus<br>6:00 pm<br><br>Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament<br>6:20 pm<br>Choir Practice 6:30 pm<br>Speaker Deacon Joe<br>6:30 pm | <b>6</b><br>9:15 am Mass<br>Option for Confessions<br><br>Building Committee<br>5:30pm Library                                  | <b>7</b><br><br>Immaculate Conception<br>~ 6 pm St. B<br>~ 6:30 pm OLL | <b>8 Immac. Conception</b><br>~ 8 am OLL<br>~ 8:15 am St. B<br><br><br>9 am - 8 pm               |
| <b>9 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b><br><br>                                                                       | <b>10</b><br><br><b>Weekday Sales 5-8pm</b>                               | <b>11</b> 9:15 am Mass<br>Option for Confessions                                                                                            | <b>12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe</b><br>Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus<br>6:00 pm<br><br>Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament<br>6:20 pm<br>Choir Practice 6:30 pm                                                        | <b>13</b> 9:15 am Mass<br>Option for Confessions<br><br>Building Committee<br>5:30pm Library<br>AF Formation Mtg<br>6:30 pm Lib |                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>16 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b><br>                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                           | <b>18</b><br>9:15 am Mass<br>Option for Confessions                                                                                         | <b>19</b><br>Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus<br>6:00 pm<br><br>Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament<br>6:20 pm<br>Choir Practice 6:30 pm                                                                                       | <b>20</b><br><br>Advent Reconciliation Service<br>6pm ~ StB                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>23 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b><br>                                                                                                                                                          | <b>24 Christmas Eve</b><br><br>4 pm ~ StB<br>8 pm ~ OLL                   | <b>25 Christmas Day</b><br>8 am ~ OLL<br>9 am ~ St B<br> | <b>26</b><br>Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus 6:00 pm<br>Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament<br>6:20 pm<br>Choir Practice TBA                                                                                                  | <b>27</b><br>9:15 am Mass<br>Option for Confessions<br><br>Building Committee<br>5:30pm Library                                 |                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>30 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>31 New Years Eve</b><br><br>5 pm ~ OLL<br>6 pm ~ StB                   | <b>January 1</b><br>New Years Day<br><br>8 am ~ OLL<br>10 am ~ StB                                                                          | <b>2</b><br>Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus<br>6:00 pm<br><br>Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament<br>6:20 pm<br>Choir Practice 6:30 pm                                                                                        | <b>3</b><br>9:15 am Mass<br>Option for Confessions<br><br>Building Committee<br>5:30pm Library                                  |                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                     |

