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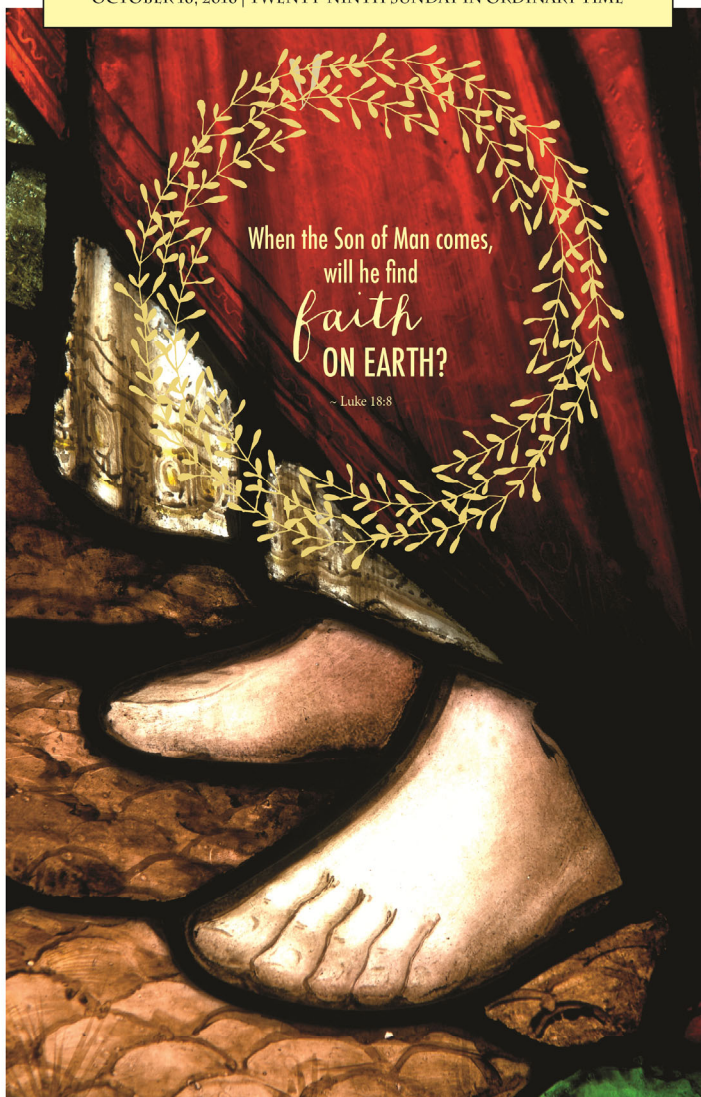
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lauren@saintlouislifeteen.org

Annunciation

12 W. Glendale Road, Webster Groves, MO 63119
Cultivating Faith, Community & Academic Excellence

OCTOBER 16, 2016 | TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Weekend Masses:

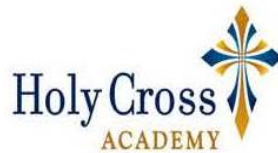
Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 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)



Thank you to everyone who took the time to nominate parish and community members for the annual Holy Cross Academy Legacy Gala Awards. We are all truly blessed to have so many deserving nominees in our communities. It is with great joy that we announce the winners:

- ❖ **Rev. Mr. Jim Murphy, Ph.D.** from St. Dominic Savio Parish will receive the ***Sisters of Providence Faith Formation Award*** for the manner in which he embodies the values of life-long learning and faith formation in the Catholic faith. Deacon Jim and his wife Rose have lived in St. Dominic Savio almost all of their adult life and both worked in Catholic education at the elementary and high school levels. Deacon Jim retired after 40 years at St. Louis University High School and has recently celebrated his 25th anniversary as a permanent deacon. He continues to offer adult education classes in the parish.
- ❖ **Mr. and Mrs. Mike and Pat Mueth**, from Our Lady of Providence Parish will receive the ***School Sisters of Notre Dame Academic Excellence Award*** for their many years of dedicated service to Our Lady of Providence Parish, School, and to Holy Cross Academy. Whether through direct instruction, teaching about Sacraments, financial support offered through the annual Rachel Mueth Golf Tournament, or most recently work on the STREAM Advisory Committee, both Pat and Mike give of their time, talent, and treasure to support the academic programming at their parish and school.
- ❖ **Mr. Ed Kopff**, from St. Michael the Archangel Parish, will receive the ***Servites & Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph Community Award*** for his many years of dedicated service to St. Michael the Archangel Parish and Holy Cross Academy. Ed has a true understanding of what it means to live in community. Whether serving on the parish finance committee, HCA founding steering committee, HCA Board of Directors, helping the clients served by the St. Vincent DePaul Society, or grilling hot dogs for a parish event – if the community needs support, Ed will be there.
- ❖ **Mr. & Mrs. Jim and Kristin Tegethoff** of Annunciation Parish will receive the ***Ursuline Sisters of the Roman Union Stewardship Award*** for acting as true stewards to their community. There are almost no physical parts of Annunciation parish and much of Holy Cross Academy that have not been touched by the generous donation of time and talent given by the Tegethoffs. Both Jim and Kristin are dedicated servants, always preferring to do so with little or no fanfare. Their dedication of time, talent, and treasure have transformed both the Annunciation Parish and Holy Cross Academy.
- ❖ **Mr. Don Deves** from Seven Holy Founders Parish will receive the ***Sisters of Mercy Social Justice Award*** for his many years of dedicated service to the people of his parish through the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Mr. Deves just recently retired from serving as the President for more than twenty years! Through his efforts, Seven Holy Founders parishioners were able to touch the lives of many in need. He is a living example of social justice in his every word and deed.

If you would like to personally show your appreciation for the winners, please join us at the **Holy Cross Academy Legacy Gala on Nov. 19th**. We are thrilled to have the opportunity to thank these awardees for their many years of dedication to our parishes and school. We look forward to a wonderful evening where we celebrate the rich past, wonderful present, and hopeful future of Holy Cross Academy and its supporting parishes.

Dear Parishioners:

To all of you who have completed and turned in your Stewardship Cards —Thank You! □ And, to all of you who intend to turn them in the next few days —Thank You! To all of our members on the Stewardship Commission who have really worked at making our annual Stewardship process of sharing information and growing parish participation more inviting and relevant —Thank You! The hope had been that by taking a fresh look at how Stewardship has been presented to the parish in recent years that we might find some things that would be advantageous for us to do differently, as well as giving it a new look. This is why this year we had for the first time Stewardship Forms, not only for Adults, but also ones for Youth; we changed the logo of Stewardship and gave it some color; we had produced large signs, that are uniform in appearance, for each of our parish organizations detailing its ‘Who, What, Where, When and Why?’; we had a reception table in the vestibule after all 3 weekend Masses for the past two weekends offering Stewardship materials with pretzels, cookies, taffy, and lemonade and coffee! These things were done in the hopes of ‘getting out the message’ and the importance of what makes us the Community we are...Stewardship! The hope has been that amid our busy days we might still take the time to briefly stop and consider what Time, Talent and Treasure God has so graciously given each of us and how we each have, or would like to, give back in gratitude to Him within our community of Annunciation by way of our Prayers, Participation and Generosity. In our giving thanks back to God in these ways, we each become more fully alive and more fully the person that God created us to become, and our parish becomes all the more who we as a community are to truly be. May God bless us in all of our efforts to serve Him and one another!

Father Mike



PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE FY 17		Oct. 9, 2016	
SUNDAY ENVELOPES	\$11,880.00	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET FY 17 (7/16-6/17)	\$175,961.55
LOOSE COLLECTION	\$425.00	YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL FY 17	\$165,028.55
ONLINE DONATIONS	\$565.00	YEAR TO DATE SURPLUS/(SHORTALL)	(\$10,933.00)
HOLY DAY DONATIONS	\$5.00		
TOTAL	\$12,875.00	TOTAL NO. OF HOUSEHOLDS	692
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$11,730.77	TOTAL NO. OF ENVELOPES USED THIS WEEK	148
WEEKLY SURPLUS/(SHORTFALL)	\$1,144.23	% OF HOUSEHOLD USING ENVELOPES	22%

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	SVDP	Mission Sunday	Permanent Diaconate	All Saints	All Souls
<i>Thank You!</i>	\$65.00	\$5.00	\$65.00	\$5.00	\$5.00

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.
To donate stock or securities to Annunciation Parish, please contact Pat Griffaw in the Archdiocesan Finance Office, Securities Department at 314-792-7123. And please remember Annunciation Parish when planning your will.

MASS INTENTIONS		
Monday October 17	6:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	Geri & Bob Rust Tim Lucchesi, Sr.
Tuesday October 18	6:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Thomas Sean Flanagan
Wednesday October 19	6:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	Elizabeth Chitwood Stephen Sweney
Thursday October 20	6:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	Tristan Jude Paloucek Jimmy McLaughlin
Friday October 21	6:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	Tristan Jude Paloucek Tom Vogel
Saturday October 22	5:00 p.m.	Mary Vierling
Sunday October 23	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Raymond Adkisson, Jr. James Cooper & People of the Parish

MASS	SERVERS	
Monday October 17	8:00 a.m.	Thomas O., Ellie P.
Tuesday October 18	8:00 a.m.	Sophie W., John V., Mary V.
Wednesday October 19	8:00 a.m.	Erin M., Caitlin B.
Thursday October 20	8:00 a.m.	Sophia W., Clara C.
Friday October 21	8:00 a.m.	Luca Z., Rory F.
Saturday October 22	5:00 p.m.	Will P., Ryan W., Brody Z.
Sunday October 23	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Nicholas M., Rory F., George H. Lucy S., Henry K., Brandon P.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE			
DATE TIME	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS	OCTOBER USHERS
Saturday Oct. 22 5:00 p.m.	R. Pelikan, J. Phillips, R. Quackenbush, B. & K. Bretsch	J. Rudolph	G. Gray, B. Haddad, J. Ponzillo, M. Weaver
Sunday Oct. 23 8:00 a.m.	J. & P. Schertzer, M. Steele, M. Riganti, D. Verhoff	A. Finan	D. Braun, C. Henry, J. Picco, G. Trost
Sunday Oct. 23 10:00 a.m.	R. Stolz, P. Teak, K. Lickenbrock, J. & J. Moore	T. Sepe	T. Domino, W. Halliday, M. Madden, C. Wallis

WEEKLY ANNUNCIATION PARISH CALENDAR			
Monday October 17	12:40 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	DVD Bible Study Blood Drive Men's ACTS Volleyball Practice Cancer Companions Adult Basketball	Klocker House MPH/ANN GlenElm Rm Gym Klocker House Gym
Tuesday October 18	8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 8:30 p.m. 9:00 a.m. 2:40 p.m. 2:50 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	HCA Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions Eucharistic Adoration (ends at 9 p.m.) Quilters HCA Cotillion Divine Mercy Chaplet Volleyball Practice Rosary for Religious Freedom ACTS STL Chapter Missions Finance Divine Mercy Chaplet	ANN Church Church GlenElm Gym Church Gym Church Klocker House MPH Church
Wednesday October 19	3:45 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	Volleyball Practices PSR Bible Study Men of the Parish Pray the Rosary	Gym Classrooms/Cafe Klocker House Outside Church
Thursday October 20	1:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	HCA Volleyball Practice Reconciliation Parent Meeting Women's Faith Sharing Adult Basketball	MPH/ANN Gym Church/Classroom Klocker House Gym
Friday October 21	5:15 p.m.	5 O'clock Shadows	Church
Saturday October 22			
Sunday October 23	10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word Children's Choir Sings at 10:00 a.m. Mass Welcoming Brunch for New Parishioners R.C.I.A. Volleyball Games	Church Church MPH/ANN Klocker House Gym

APP	CERTIFICATE	SELLERS
	Oct. 15 & 16	Oct. 22 & 23
5:00 p.m.	T. Robinson	J. Zarky
8:00 a.m.	M. Wedel	M. Wedel
10:00 a.m.	M. Strahan	P. Hillmeyer

MONEY COUNTERS	
Mon., Oct. 17	Mon., Oct. 24
C. LaBarge	G. Burns
M. Pelikan	J. McArthur
F. Farrell	M. Wedel

RECENT BAPTISM

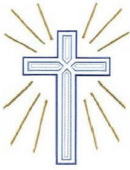
The Christian Community of Annunciation Church welcomes with great joy into our Christian Family:
*Emerson Matthew Loomis,
 Child of Matthew & Anilise*

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MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of Patricia Fisher, mother of Kathleen Sheehan. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. May the family know the compassion and comfort of the Risen Lord. Amen.

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Rest In Peace

OCTOBER GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH MENU: Chicken & dumplings, any canned vegetables, any canned fruit, pudding cups. Optional Items: shampoo, laundry detergent, toothpaste, deodorant

Nonfood optional items cannot be bought with food stamps. We specify Martha White mixes—they do not need milk. Please, no glass containers



RCIA will meet on Sunday at 11:00 A.M. in the Klocker house. This week's session will be extended to include two topics; CREATION AND ANGELS and JESUS CHRIST. Angels are God's creation and play a significant role in salvation history. Consider joining us at an RCIA session.

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.

WELCOME BRUNCH

All new parishioners to Annunciation since September 2015 are invited to a Welcome Brunch following the 10:00 a.m. Mass on October 23, 2016. The brunch will be in the Mother of Perpetual Help and Annunciation rooms. Come meet members of Annunciation! Contact Jo Berlinger If you have any questions, 636-448-8526.



Annunciation will participate in 40 Days for Life on Wednesday, Oct. 19, from 7 a.m. til 1 p.m. Please consider spending an hour in prayer for life outside Planned Parenthood on Forest Park Blvd. Contact Mollie Lucchesi at 314-918-1658 to sign up. Recruit a friend to join you and double the prayer power!

Cindy Reznikov from the Missouri Life Caravan asks that we mark our calendars for the 44th Annual National March for Life that will be January 26-28, 2017. Registration forms will be available in early October. Phone 314-434-4900.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

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| Ruth Henry | Mike Vonderharr | Patty Cabot |
| Margit Vincenz | Robert Janecek | Marie Quirk |
| Joann Wills | Gloria Smith | Mary Strauss |
| Richard Timmerman | Marie Lange | Pat Rebman |
| Drew Hittler | Sue Knoll | Robin Hittler |
| Holly Stoltz Smith | Mark Forrest | Jennifer Sinner |

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EMAIL PRAYER TEAM: If you have any requests for the Email Prayer Chain, call Sue Williams, 629-5980, or msetwill@yahoo.com
 (For name in the bulletin, please call or email the parish office)

POWER in the BLOOD

You can put the power of faith into action and help save a life.

**ANNUNCIATION
 CATHOLIC CHURCH
 BLOOD DRIVE**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

3:00 PM – 7:00 PM


**Located in the MPH Room
 12 West Glendale, Webster Groves**

To make an appointment contact Ann Hillmeyer at ahillmeyer@me.com or go to our website redcrossblood.org enter sponsor code: AnnunciationCC

Photo ID Required

American Red Cross

1-800-RED CROSS | redcrossblood.org



Cancer Companions Cancer Companions continues to meet at the Klocker House on various Monday nights at 7: 00 pm. Anyone whose life has been touched by cancer is welcome to attend. Dates: October 17.

Contact Mary Ellen Roth 314 753 4243 or Mark Chellevoid 314 898 2367 with any questions



Our next meeting is October 25, 7 pm at the Klocker House, grief counselors, Nicole Oliver, PLCC CCTT, and Stacey Remley, PLPC, will speak on grief.

Also on October 18, at Family Arena in St. Charles, MO, 6:30-9:00 pm, there is a Community Seminar on Grief The speaker is Dr. Alan Wolfelt, from the Center for Loss and Life Transitions. He has authored books on grief.

Jeanne Place, 314-918-0783, jeanne.place@gmail.com or Mary Hittler, 314-277-5116, mhittl@sbcglobal.net

WOMEN OF ANNUNCIATION

WOA will also be sponsoring a speaker on Tuesday Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. in the Cafeteria




Come and listen to an Attorney
-----Pat Mehan-----

He will be talking about Wills; Estate Planning; Trusts and any other legal topic you are interested in hearing about.

Please bring a dessert to share-----
Drinks will be provided

Questions call; Mollie Lucchesi, 314-304-5887 or Mariann Wedel 314-961-3086
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SAVE THE DATE - Women's Advent Morning of Reflection with Judy Brown. Dec. 3, 2016



Automated and Other Giving Made Easy

Frequently asked questions regarding Automated Giving, Employer Matched giving, including Annunciation in your estate or will, and donating stock to Annunciation

ARE YOU CONSIDERING AUTOMATED GIVING? Have you ever thought about it? Many people now pay their bills via an automated process. Consider an **automated check payment** from your bank checking account. This requires you to enter Annunciation as a payee in your Bill Pay list online at your bank and create a recurring payment to the parish as if you were paying a bill. You can use your name or envelope number as the account number for Annunciation if your payment system requires it. You can also continue dropping an envelope in the weekly collection basket. Simply check the box on the envelope indicating that your donation was made electronically. Thank you for your donation!

DOES YOUR EMPLOYER OFFER A MATCHED GIFT PROGRAM? If yes, you may be able to make a donation to Holy Cross Academy (HCA) and benefit both HCA and Annunciation. How does that work? When you make your donation to HCA simply designate it for Annunciation's monthly subsidy payment by **notifying the parish office**. Annunciation will receive a credit from HCA for the amount of your donation plus 50% of your employer matching gift. For example, if you donate \$1,000 to HCA and your employer matches your gift at 100%, the subsidy owed to HCA by the parish is **reduced** by your \$1,000 donation **and** 50% of your employer matched gift (\$500) for a total subsidy reduction of \$1,500. Please be sure you **contact the parish office** when making your donation for the subsidy reduction to benefit our parish. For additional information, please contact the parish office at [314-962-5955](tel:314-962-5955).

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED INCLUDING ANNUNCIATION IN YOUR WILL? This idea is often called "Planned Giving" and refers to arranging for a gift that will be made in the future upon the death of the owner. The gift can take the form of cash, securities or property. For more information on including Annunciation in your estate planning, please contact the Office of Stewardship and the Annual Catholic Appeal at [314-792-7680](tel:314-792-7680).

WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION OF STOCK? To **donate stock or securities** to Annunciation Parish, please contact Pat Griffaw in the Archdiocesan Finance Office, Securities Department at [314-792-7123](tel:314-792-7123).



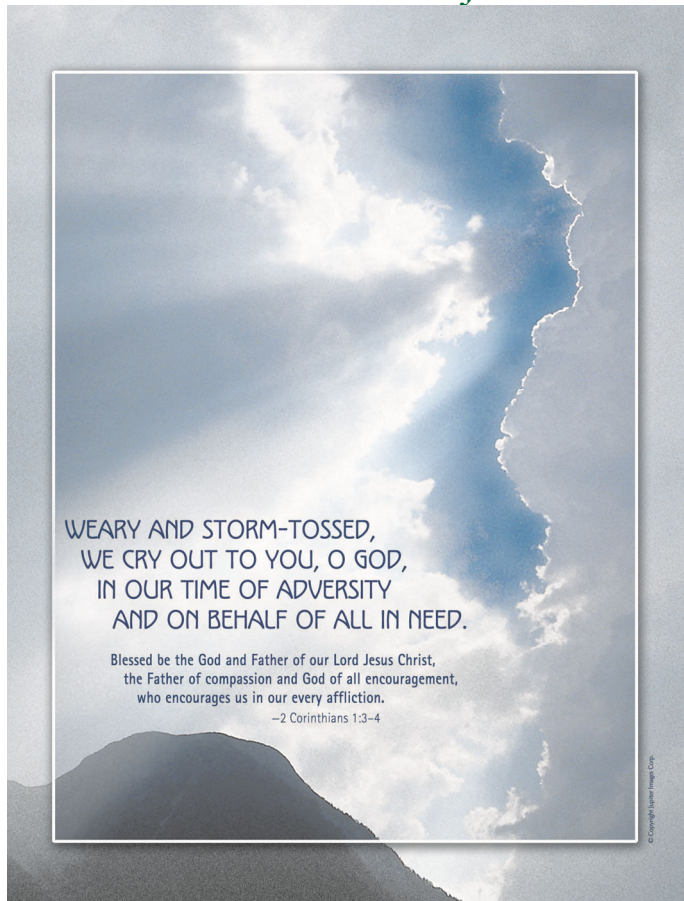
The Gateway Ringers Present
Music from the Silver Screen

Sunday, October 23, 2016 - 2:30 p.m.
Our Lady of Providence Church
8866 Pardee Road
Crestwood, Missouri 63123

Free Concert - General Admission - No Ticket Required
www.gatewayringers.org

WELCOME TO ANNUNCIATION PARISH 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'

NAME _____ PHONE _____ EMAIL _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY / ZIP CODE _____



WEARY AND STORM-TOSSED,
WE CRY OUT TO YOU, O GOD,
IN OUR TIME OF ADVERSITY
AND ON BEHALF OF ALL IN NEED.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of compassion and God of all encouragement,
who encourages us in our every affliction.

—2 Corinthians 1:3-4

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Fall 2016: Evenings of Prayer and Sharing

Beginning in September, to launch the pilgrimage of trust, churches of different denominations will host open-door evenings involving a time of worship with meditative singing in the style of the Taizé Community, information about participating in the pilgrimage and conversation in small groups. These evenings are meant to bring together Christians and people of good will from many different churches and backgrounds. Everyone is welcome to attend, with a special invitation for young adults between the ages of 18 and 35.

October 16th, 1.30 pm to 5.00 pm, **St. Alphonsus Liguori Catholic Church (The Rock)**, 1118 N Grand Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63106, 314-533-0304

October 26th, 7.00 to 9.00 pm, **Incarnate Word Parish**, 13416 Olive Blvd. Chesterfield, MO 63017 tel. 314-576-5366

October 27th, 7.30 to 9.30 pm, **St. Simon the Apostle Catholic Church**, 11011 Mueller Rd, St. Louis, MO 63123, 314-842-3848



Men's ACTS Retreat - Wake up to Life!

This is the weekend that could strengthen your faith, save your marriage, introduce you to the grace of God, or simply show you how to Wake up to Life! An ACTS retreat is led by men from Annunciation and OLP parishes. It begins Thursday evening and concludes Sunday with a pot-luck lunch after 10:00 Mass at Annunciation, (Nov 3-6) and takes place at LaSalle Retreat Center in Wildwood. Look for registration forms in the back of church, or contact Mike Hughes (314-913-0783) for more information. All men are invited!



ACTS Retreat

Quotes from ACTS retreatants:

1. I met parishioners and got to know them, and had only know from seeing them at Mass and now feel more a part of the parish.
2. This retreat is a great way to open yourself to a stronger relationship with God.
3. I felt my spiritual life grow and well as my connections with members of my parish.
4. The time away at LaSalle takes us "off the clock" and allows us to slow down and reflect upon things that are truly important. Although we see each other at church, we often do not know our fellow parishioners.

Mariann & Rick Wedel 314-961-3086 mriwedel@att.net

**ANNUNCIATION PARISH CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD IS BACK!
INTERESTED IN SENDING YOUR 4-7 YR OLD CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S LITURGY?**

Liturgy of the Word is a special liturgy available at 10:00 am Mass. Each week a theme that correlates to the Sunday readings and Gospel is presented to the children using age appropriate materials. The adult catechists incorporate prayer, song, group discussion, worksheet, and other activities so the children can relate the Word of God to daily life.



The children depart from the front of church after a blessing from the priest prior to the first reading, gather in the school building for the lesson, and return during offertory.

Interested in teaching? Becoming a catechist for Children's Liturgy of the Word is a great way to get involved in the Parish in a simple and fun way. Materials are provided including a lesson plan and handout for a 20 minute class.

Please contact Jamie Mealey via phone or email for more information, we would love to have you join us!
314-753-9460 or jmealey@monetagroup.com



CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND

at Holiday Inn St Louis SW - Route 66
10709 Watson Road St. Louis, Missouri 63127

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2016

The Silent Auction and Cocktail Hour begins at 5 p.m., Dinner begins at 7 p.m., followed by the Awards Ceremony, Live Auction and Fund-A-Need.



PLEASE RESPOND BY WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2016

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 Telephone: _____
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 Please reserve _____ tickets at \$75 per person
 Please reserve _____ table(s) of 10 for \$750
 Circle one: Check/Endorsed Visa/MC Discover
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MERCY 2016
 WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
 CHANGES THE WORLD

October 23, 2016

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is remarkable that we celebrate the 90th anniversary of World Mission Sunday in this, the Year of Mercy. The Gospel calls us to bring the Good News to all nations, showing mercy and offering salvation to all humanity. In his message for World Mission Sunday, celebrated this year on October 23rd, Pope Francis wrote:



"When mercy encounters a person, it brings deep joy to the Father's heart; for from the beginning the Father has lovingly turned towards the most vulnerable, because his greatness and power are revealed precisely in his capacity to identify with the young, the marginalized and the oppressed (cf. Deut 4:31; Ps 86:15; 103:8; 111:4)... All peoples and cultures have the right to receive the message of salvation which is God's gift to every person. This is all the more necessary when we consider how many injustices, wars, and humanitarian crises still need resolution. Missionaries know from experience that the Gospel of forgiveness and mercy can bring joy and reconciliation, justice and peace."

Many living in over 1,111 mission territories worldwide will only encounter Christ through the work of missionaries. These men and women tirelessly proclaim the Gospel, baptize new believers, celebrate the Eucharist, and care for their flocks, in all circumstances. While many of us cannot travel to the ends of the earth to share the Gospel, we can foster a missionary spirit and offer generously our prayers and support. As Pope Francis states: *"Let us not close our hearts within our own particular concerns, but let us open them to all of humanity"*

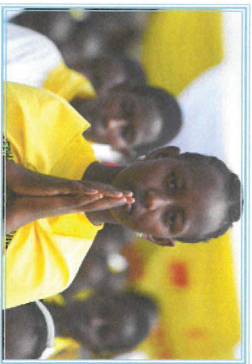
Please prayerfully consider making a generous sacrificial offering on October 23rd for World Mission Sunday. These offerings, made through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, enable missionaries to show God's great mercy in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Pacific Islands, and all the ends of the earth.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Robert J. Carlson*

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
 Archbishop of St. Louis


**Come Experience
 World Mission Sunday Mass
 Celebrated by Archbishop Robert J. Carlson**
 October 23, 2016 at 10 a.m.,
 Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis
 4431 Lindell Blvd.
 St. Louis, MO 63108



Please give using the enclosed envelope, online, or through your parish collection on October 23rd.



Society for the Propagation of the Faith - 20 Archbishop May Drive - St. Louis, MO 63119 314-792-7655



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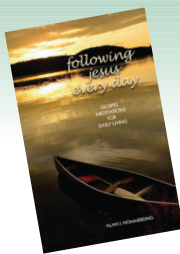
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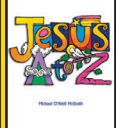
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