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# UPDATE

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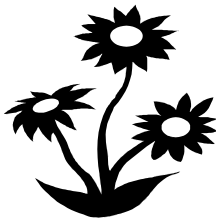
*Fr. Jim Telthorst 894-1373  
jamestelthorst@gmail.com*

Dear Parishioners,

During my first year as a member of Mary, Mother of the Church I have discovered so much for which I am grateful...and sometimes even proud! I would just mention one item, a large item, which I find so refreshing and nourishing, namely, the very campus on which the church building and the Msgr. Reilly Center are located. During the summer months, I especially enjoy walking quietly around the perimeter of the campus before celebrating the weekday Mass. Truthfully, I feel spoiled!

I realize that the grounds are beautiful not only because of God's handiwork but because of our own staff and a small number of volunteer gardeners that make up our landscaping crew. I'm especially grateful for Marcia Shorey, Jane Juedemann, Linda Doyle, Gretchen Schmidt and other volunteers who each care for particular areas. Marcia's time here in St. Louis, however, is coming to an end. I would invite any and all of our gardening enthusiasts to consider joining our landscapers to insure the beauty of our campus!

Fr. Jim Telthorst



## SPOTLIGHT ON STEWARDSHIP

This month our Spotlight falls upon some individuals who have a servant's heart and a love for children. We honor them for answering the Lord's call and their willingness to pass it on to the children of Mary Mother. They bring the gifts of faith, hope, and love to our children 30 weeks of the year and have been doing so for more than 10 years. How many of these individuals can you name? Look on page 2 to see who these individuals are.

## PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

*Randy Howe 892-6396*

What gets you excited? What ignites your fire? Is it Jesus? I hope Jesus is one of the things that truly gets all of us excited and motivated to serve. Have you taken advantage of any of the multitude of opportunities offered to us at Mary Mother? It was exciting to hear that 20 of our teenagers took a weekend out of their summer to make Jesus a bigger part of their lives at the Steubenville Retreat Weekend earlier in July. What have we adults done lately? Have you tried one of the Bible Studies? How about one of the prayer groups in the parish? Have you attended an Alpha session? If you did, have you offered to help share that experience with others? What about MCU and Social Justice? Have you taken advantage of an ACTS weekend? Each and every one of these and many more have the ability to ignite or re-ignite our fires but only if we choose to participate. Please consider this an invitation to you to make Jesus an even more integral part of your life. Together, we can and will build the Kingdom.

### \* \* \* IMPORTANT!! \* \* \*

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## LITURGY NOTES

*Ken Barnes 894-1373*

By this time, you may have heard about the changes that will be coming soon to the texts that we recite and sing at Mass. In a nutshell, **our prayers and responses are being reworded to more closely match the original Latin translation of our Roman Missal** --- the official book that contains all of our Mass prayers.

As a result, we will be learning some new spoken responses to the words of the priest. **Here are a couple of simple examples:** first, the greeting dialogue at the beginning of Mass will now become:

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

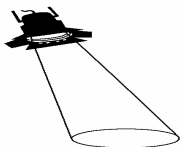
**People:** And with your spirit.

Second, our response after the invitation to communion will become:

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

We will also be **learning a new version of the Creed** and new sung versions of the *Glory To God*, the *Holy, Holy, Holy*, the *Memorial Acclamations*, and the *Lamb Of God*. All of this will take place over a period of time beginning in the next few months - **the changes are to go into effect officially in late November 2011**. So, stay tuned --- our Liturgy Commission hopes to make this transition as smooth as possible.

## *Prayer will Light up your Life*



### THE SPOTLIGHT'S ON.....

**We thank the Lord for these PSR catechists and their years of service: Helen Lombardo—1971; Jackie Wilson—1973; Mary Anne Howe-1993; Maureen Muich-1998; Sue Churchill-1999; Roni Vetter-2000; Barrett Thiele-2001. For these and all the others who have served in our Parish School of Religion, we are forever grateful!**

Submitted by Ed Lewandowski

## PARISH NURSE

*Libby Long & Laura Klages 894-1373*

Why do we have a Health Ministry Commission and Parish Nurses at MMOC? Quite simply, to answer the call of Christ “to go out to preach, to teach and to heal.” In ancient times and more recently, before we had our huge medical centers, whenever a loved one became sick, what did our ancestors do? They brought their sick to the church to be prayed over! As society became more sophisticated and our medical knowledge increased, our churches gradually abdicated the healing ministry to facilities outside the church. Twenty-five years ago, Reverend Granger Westberg, a hospital chaplain, recognized the need for a wholistic approach to the problems of every patient. He noted that the spiritual dimension of the individual patient was often neglected in the medical field. He developed the first Parish Nursing Program. Parish Nursing, or to be more accurate **Faith Community Nursing**, is now approved by the American Nurses Association as a specialty field of nursing with specific standards which every Faith Community Nurse is required to fulfill. One third of the New Testament is devoted to healing; physical, emotional or spiritual. Perhaps Parish Nursing is one important way Mary Mother fulfills His call.

***God bless you  
with health and happiness***

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

*Glenn Waeckerle 849-6158*

What a blessing it has been to be associated in various programs with Pat Dean during the past two years. Little did I know that I would be following in her footsteps and continuing her work on the Parish Council. She is a blessing to all of us at Mary Mother for her many efforts. Please don't compare, but rather pray that I can continue the same mission to offer programs for our spiritual growth.

The faith sharing through music concert “My Strength and My Song” was attended by approximately 250 people, followed by a desert reception provided in abundance by our usual generous MM parishioners. If you hear from someone how wonderful the music was performed, you can purchase a CD by contacting me.

There are plans in the works to offer a program on Church History starting in September. Small groups will gather weekly to watch a video and participate in discussion. More information will be provided in the bulletin. Sign-up will be in August in the vestibule.

## DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

*Ed Lewandowski 894-1373*

### THANKS TO VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

and the 100 children and youth who enjoyed "Baobab Blast." We could not have done it without the help of the 40 volunteers, who so graciously gave of their time and talent! Thank You! Thank You!

**This year our PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION** will open with **Parent Meetings** on **August 30**, 7-9 p.m., **September 1**, 7-9 p.m. or **September 8**, 7-9 p.m. Parents, please mark **one** of these dates on your calendar and plan to attend. ***We are asking that all parents attend one of these Parent Meetings.*** More information will follow. PSR sessions for children in Grades 1-7 will begin on **September 20 and 22.**

New registrants for PSR and SUNDAY PRESCHOOL can call Ed at 894-1373 ext. 218 to register. We will do our best to accommodate late registrations on days and times available. PSR listings will be available at the Parent Meetings scheduled above.

## CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION

*Kim & Rich Blackford 845-9422*

Happy summer to everyone. We would like to thank everyone for their overwhelming support of the summer food drive. The generosity of Mary Mother was on display again. The Rock church was very grateful for the huge donation of food and grocery gift cards.

Another service we provide every month is Sandwich Shop that makes an average of 1200 sandwiches a month (400-450 per sandwich shop) for Karen House. Many people do not know what Karen House is. Karen House, founded in 1977, is a Catholic Worker house of hospitality for homeless women and children in north St. Louis. Karen House promotes the Catholic Worker vision of Peter Maurin and Dorothy Day which includes personalism, nonviolence, voluntary poverty, decentralization, the works of mercy, manual labor, and the green revolution.

Karen House is run completely by volunteer labor and donations from people in the St. Louis community. At Karen House many volunteers, cooks, tutors and community members find a place where, in the words of Peter Maurin "it is easier to be good." If you would like to help Karen House, you can contact them at 314-621-4052 or show up at one of the three sandwich shops and lend your support for our brothers and sisters who may not be as blessed as we are.

## SOCIAL COMMISSION

*Susan Krieger 892-6167*

The end of summer is fast approaching; I hope it has been safe and enjoyable for all. With the start of school just around the corner, it's time to get your calendars updated with upcoming MMOC social events noted below. Please also look for reminders and more information in upcoming Sunday bulletins.

Ticket-selling for the annual Quilt Raffle is underway. The winner of the quilt crafted by our talented Mary Mother Quilters will be drawn at the Bunko night on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

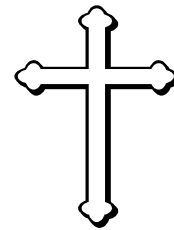
**Pasta Dinner: Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. This annual event is known for great Italian food and fellowship!

**Ladies Bunko (and Quilt Raffle Drawing): Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**. More information coming soon.

**Rosary and Ice Cream Social:** October; date yet to be determined

**Mouse Races: Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**. This is our 2<sup>nd</sup> Mouse Race event—last year's was great fun--hope you can attend this year.

**Christmas Tour and Luncheon: Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This is one of our most popular social events--don't miss it!



**CHRISTIANITY  
IS NOT A  
THEORY,  
IT IS A  
LIFE**

## LITURGY COMMISSION

Mary Anne Howe 892-6396

Summertime reminds me of the ways we gather to share time with family and friends. Our gatherings enrich our relationships and our bodies. Please don't forget our need for spiritual nourishment, as well.

We are blessed at Mary Mother to be able to choose a Saturday evening Liturgy (5:00 PM) or any of three Sunday liturgies (8:00 – 9:30 or 11:15AM) to be fed through the Eucharist while enriching our relationships with God and parish family. Please know you are missed when your seat is empty. Without you, our parish family is incomplete.

*“They broke bread in their home and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.” ACTS 2: 36-37*

Many thanks to Arlene Freeman, who answered our request for an inside plant caregiver, and to Lisa Raglin for a job well done.



## ATHLETICS COMMISSION

Lori Fick 487-1464

This is my first Update article; and I want to thank Mary Ann Daust. Mary Ann chaired the Athletic Commission for the past two years; and she is a tough act to follow. The Athletic Directors have been patient with me as I move into this new position. Due to our fields being under water, St. Joseph's in Imperial has offered us the use of their soccer field for the Soccer Camp. The Soccer Tournament starts on August 6 and runs for the next 3 weeks. Neighboring parishes have generously offered the use of their fields for this tournament. Hopefully our fields will be ready for the CYC soccer season. Registration/Uniform Nights are scheduled for July 19, 20, 28 and August 4. Many volunteers are needed to help make these activities a success for the children, including sorting T-shirts in early August, BBQers and concession workers. Once the water recedes, it will be a big project getting the fields ready; and we can use lots of help. For more information or to volunteer, please contact me at [fickl@mehllville.k12.mo](mailto:fickl@mehllville.k12.mo).

## EVANGELIZATION COMMISSION

Judy Reuter 487-0282

“Preach the Gospel at all times, and when necessary use words.” These are the words of St. Francis of Assisi; and our commission is inviting you to join us in living out this mission of attracting others to His Way. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month, at 7:00 pm, in the rectory. We welcome your ideas and help.

Once again, Mary Mother is hosting the Alpha Course, which begins on Thursday, September 16, at 6:20 pm, and continues for 8 additional Thursdays. The evening begins with a delicious home-made dinner and dessert @ \$3/plate, followed by a humorous video, and capped off with ask-anything, non-threatening (some just listen) small group discussions. Alpha gives you a rare opportunity to know Christ better and to love Him more, while having fun making 35 new friends. For more information and to reserve your space call Bob (842-9457) or Amy (843-3051).

## ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMISSION

Mike Cibulka 849-5857

I'd like to introduce myself. I moved into the parish in 1989. I grew up in south county and attended the University of Missouri and Washington University. I am Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy at Maryville University and also own a small private practice in Festus. I am married with 2 grown sons. My past experience at MMOC was serving as the first Chair of the Health Ministry Cabinet. I have been involved in leadership in my profession serving as President of the Missouri Physical Therapy Association and President of the Orthopaedic Section.

I am just getting my “feet wet” in my new position and will have more to tell you later when I get settled. In the meantime you might have heard that we are using a new system called “Shared Accounting.” We believe this new system will make our accounting more transparent and easier to track expenditures and income. As with anything new, we can only wait to see how this will help us. In the meantime, I will keep you all posted of Ad Fin news. In the future I will keep my information to the point and brief; and, no, I will not be asking you for any money. I'm hoping the transparency of our reports will allow you to make your own decisions on how to support your parish. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you and God bless.

## TITHING

### May 2010 (5 Sundays)

**1.) SVdP/dba St. Anthony Food Pantry**, \$1,000 - Provides direct service to the poor. (Since 1999) (Donating 6 x per year starting 2009)

**2.) Energy Care**, \$1,000 – Provides financial assistance for utility bills for those facing loss of gas/electric service. (three times a year, since 1997)

**3.) Almost Home**, \$800 - Provides transitional living program for homeless, teenage mothers and their babies. (Since 1995)

**4.) Sts. Teresa and Bridget Parish**, \$1,000 - Supports Parish Youth Program to pay for impoverished youth to attend a summer camp and retreat. (Since 2008)

**5.) Beyond Housing**, \$800 – Provides affordable housing in low-income areas in St. Louis county. Helps strengthen families by teaching them the skills to successfully manage and maintain their property. Provides supportive family social services as needed. (since 1997)

**6.) Office of Youth Ministry**, \$800 – Supports REAP Team and Project Life which allows young people an opportunity to serve the needy of the community.

**7.) People to People**, \$800 – Direct aid to the people in Haiti, 80% of whom live in direct poverty.

**8.) Resurrection Parish**, \$700 - Serves the Vietnamese population with housing and immigration services.

### June 2010 - 4 Sundays

**1. St. Margaret of Scotland Food Pantry**, \$700 - Direct assistance to the poor in Immaculate Conception / St. Henry Parishes. (Since 1997)

**2. Guardian Angel Settlement**, \$600 – Provides food, daycare and other services needed by low-income families and the elderly. Also provided are employment preparation programs for youth. (Since 1997)

**3. Habitat for Humanity**, \$800 – Habitat for Humanity offers a homeownership opportunity to families unable to obtain conventional house financing - generally, those whose income is 30 to 50 percent of the area's median income. Habitat houses are built using donations of land, material and labor. Mortgage payments are kept affordable. (Since 2005)

**4. Nurses for Newborns Foundation**, \$500 – provides aid for at-risk infants and their mothers who are uninsured. Typically 12,000 visits to over 3,000 families in a year. (Since 2004)

**5. St. Patrick Center**, \$700 - Houses, counsels, trains, tutors, and provides opportunities for employing the homeless in St. Louis. (Since 1997)

**6. Whole Kids Outreach**, \$600 – Provides health and wellness services in five poverty stricken rural counties in southern Missouri. (Since 2005)

**7. The New St. Augustine Catholic Church**, \$1,000 – Assists Fr. Bob Gettinger with his help for the poor in his parish and adjacent neighborhoods. (Since 1997)

**8.) Thailand Missions, CSsR**, \$1,000 - Assists children who have been orphaned or abandoned by parents with AIDS. Mothers and children who have the disease are also under care. Girls who have been sold into sexual slavery are bought back as funds permit. (Since 1997)

## BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE CAREFULLY

## GOD LINKS US TOGETHER WITH LOVE

## YOUTH COMMISSION

*Kelsey Riebeling 550-7890*

Hello everyone! I hope your enjoying your summer. Recently the Youth Group went to Steubenville and had an amazing time, thanks to all our chaperones. Coming up, we will be attending a pool party through the Deanery. We will also be taking a trip to Clare's lake house at Lake of the Ozarks which should be a fun time! We still continue to go to Mass on Friday mornings and go out to breakfast afterwards. Hope to see you there!

## BEGINNING AGAIN

Beginning Again, the MMOC Separated and Divorced Ministry will present Divorce Care in September, 2010. Our Mission is to embrace the call of Christ to “heal the brokenhearted” and to seek to enhance the well being of Catholics who find themselves in the circumstances of separation or divorce, by creating a welcoming environment within our Catholic Church.

All sessions begin at 7:00 pm and end by 9:00 pm.  
(Note different times for last two gatherings.)

- 9/9 What’s Happening to Me?
- 9/16 The Road to Healing/Finding Help
- 9/23 Facing My Anger
- 9/30 Facing My Depression
- 10/7 Facing My Loneliness
- 10/14 Financial Survival
- 10/21 Kid Care
- 10/28 New Relationships/ Single Sexuality
- 11/4 Forgiveness
- 11/11 Reconciliation/ Moving on, Growing Closer to God
- 11/14 Annulment Seminar 6:00 pm
- 12/05 Healing Mass/Social 6:00 pm

Babysitting provided with advanced notice.  
Call Judy Peckham 314-849-2053 or  
Libby Long 314-894-1373 ext. 206

*Have a Good Day!*

## CITIZENS AGAINST PORNOGRAPHY

*Carl Hendrickson 892-6451*

As one person, we may not be able to stem the tide of pornography that seeps into our homes through the media on a daily basis. But collectively, we can make a difference! Citizens Against Pornography has an active Action Alert Program through which participants have an opportunity to contact and complain to sponsors of unwholesome shows or advertisements or to thank those that support decency in media. More information will be forthcoming about how you can sign up to become a recipient of “action alerts” and assist in making a difference in our community. CAP meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in one of the downstairs classrooms. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.



MCU for St. Louis

## METROPOLITAN CONGREGATIONS UNITED ISAIAH

*Ginny Schrappen 487-6584*

### Workshop on Missouri Budget Cuts

Metropolitan Congregations United has as one of its goals, to deepen and establish relationships with people in our congregations, and well as our policymakers, because they have the power to make the changes we want. Our State operates as a legal system.

As taxpayers, we pay a portion of our income to the government to provide services for ourselves and our neighbors. As members of a democracy, we have the power to influence the budgetary process to ensure that what we hold as sacred is funded. We live in a world in which our faith, our tax dollars, our budget do not seem connected.

**“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:21**

We have the right and the power to use our voices to influence the budget, to ensure that those things we hold sacred are honored in the way our government allocates money.

We will hold a **Budget Workshop on Saturday, August 21 from 9:00 – noon in the parish hall. Call 487-6584 to sign up;** this concerns ALL of us: it does not matter what political party you belong to.

**If I have not  
LOVE,  
I am nothing**

## PRO-LIFE

*John Siesener 842-6408*

Do you know your tax dollars are going? According to Planned Parenthood of America, abortions have increased every year since 2001. Planned Parenthood also reported their locations along aborted 305,310 babies in 2007. This is 15,506 more babies than were killed by Planned Parenthood the year before. It received \$349.6 million from the U.S. in 2007, which are our tax dollars. That was an increase from the previous years. Planned Parenthood’s total profit for 2007 was \$85 million more than in 2006. More babies aborted means more of our tax dollars.

Our next meeting is August 3rd at 6:30 in the Upper Annex. Everyone is welcome.



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Ron Pancer, Jr. & Niki Kohler  
Adam Kuentzler & Laura Raglin

**DEATHS:**

Lucien Schmidt  
Leo Kramer  
Dolores Blunck  
William Lewis  
Dolores Cross

**BAPTISMS:**

Anna Weable  
Cecilia Shorey  
Christian Ahlheim, Jr.  
Kirsten Pinkham  
Bo Johnson  
Kaylee Bridges  
Reese Willett

**NEW PARISHIONERS:**

Christian & Steffany Ahlheim  
Christian, Jr.  
Karen Bentrup  
Gerald & Patricia Cordes  
Randy & Jackie Crider  
Alice Endy  
Robert & Sandra Griffin  
Joyce Henderson  
Susan Lazio  
Robert & Elizabeth Liming  
John, Bryan, Mark, Keith  
Jerry Marshall  
Jean Schweizer  
Michael Sweeney  
Marva Tallo  
June Wissler

**FAREWELL:**

Tim & Jamie Blankenship  
Mary Cummings  
Jeffrey Ligatich  
Loretta Miller  
Bob & Melitta Sieck  
Steve & Nicole Stroup