

SEPTEMBER 2, 2018 | TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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*Humbly  
welcome the  
word that has  
been planted  
in you and is  
able to save  
your souls.*

~ James 1:21b

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SATURDAY VIGIL 5:00 P.M.,  
SUNDAY 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 A.M. & 5:00  
P.M.

### **DAILY WEEKDAY MASS**

6:30 & 8:15 A.M.  
8:00 A.M. SATURDAYS

### **CONFESSIONS**

3:30 –4:30 P.M. SATURDAYS  
OR BY APPOINTMENT

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Dear Parishioners,

**This weekend we celebrate the Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time.** This weekend we return to reading from Saint Mark's Gospel for most of the rest of this Liturgical Year. We are challenged to balance God's laws with our love of others. Sometimes, like the Pharisees, we place rules and conditions on how we share our love and who is worthy of receiving the gifts and love we have to offer. Jesus is both faithful to the law of Moses and to the immediate needs of the people before him. He is the perfect example of a hearer — and doer — of God's word. Today we are called to be — and do — the same.

**Next weekend we will celebrate the Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time.** We will gather next weekend as the blind person who does not see the suffering in our world. We are the deaf person who does not hear the cries of the poor and the mute who fails to speak up against injustice. We come to Jesus for healing so we may speak out against people and systems that oppress and silence the voices of the least among us.

I hope that you have a very happy Labor Day weekend and an "official" end of summer, although with school having started several weeks ago, and the temperatures still as hot as they are, it hardly seems to be the "end" of summer! Please remember that the Mass tomorrow, Monday, Labor Day, September 3, will be at 9:00 A.M.

**MonicaFest:** Our annual friendly parish get together will be this coming Friday evening. There are details elsewhere in the bulletin. Please note the change in "what to bring"! I hope that we have a good turnout. Competing with our celebration will be a special Mass at the Cathedral at 7:00 P.M. to be celebrated by Archbishop Carlson in reparation for the sins of the past regarding the sexual abuse of minors. Our date was picked LONG BEFORE the Archbishop's ... so I hope that many will be here for our annual, *de facto*, "Fall Festival"! It is a great time (at least my first two were very enjoyable ... and I'm sure that this coming Friday's will be too!

**Ecumenical and Inter-faith Work in the Archdiocese, the area, and the entire church.**

As I'm sure most of you know I am the chairman of the Ecumenical and Inter-faith Commission for the Archdiocese of Saint Louis. As such I chair the quarterly meetings, but also am obligated to represent the Archdiocese in various Ecumenical and Inter-faith events. Javier Orozco is the "official" Ecumenical Officer for the Archdiocese and he serves on the Cabinet of the Inter-faith Partnership of Saint Louis. He is assisted in the office at the Rigali Center by two very fine staff members, James Comninellis and Ramona Neumann. Together with them the Commission serves the needs of the Church in the Archdiocese. "Our" Deacon Carl Sommer is a member of the Commission and has done a number of inter-faith events representing the Archdiocese.

This past week I was asked to participate in a "retreat" for a program getting off the ground here in Saint Louis called "My Neighbor's Keeper." It was a retreat / seminar for a priest (me!), a number of fundamentalist Christian ministers, Jewish Rabbis, and Muslim Imams. It was held at the Toddhall Conference Center near Columbia, Illinois, just across the River. The best reference I can find on the Internet right now is an article from the Washington Post earlier this year.

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Here is the URL: [https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/acts-of-faith/wp/2018/02/08/how-the-national-prayer-breakfast-sparked-an-unusual-meeting-between-muslims-and-evangelicals/?noredirect=on&utm\\_term=.a59048b37edc](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/acts-of-faith/wp/2018/02/08/how-the-national-prayer-breakfast-sparked-an-unusual-meeting-between-muslims-and-evangelicals/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.a59048b37edc)

In this article the author speaks about how Fundamentalist Christians and Muslims could get together to dialogue with one another. The article begins: *Texas pastor Bob Roberts has traveled to Washington before for the National Prayer Breakfast, a Christian-organized networking event where evangelicals come to schmooze about topics including their shared goal of bringing people to Christ. That was Roberts's focus in the past. This year, he'll attend with one of his closest current collaborators: an 85-year-old Islamic scholar visiting from Abu Dhabi.*

*Roberts and Shaykh Abdallah Bin Bayyah are attending the Thursday breakfast following an unusual gathering that was held during the previous three days: Four hundred faith leaders coming together to forge ties, work that has been common for many U.S. faith groups for decades but often has eluded one particular pair: Muslims and evangelicals. [White evangelicals have the most anti-Muslim views](#) of any American faith group, polls show, and the meeting — timed so Bayyah could attend the huge prayer breakfast in Northwest Washington — reflects the urgency an increasing number of imams and pastors feel at a time when the world seems especially tribal and explosive.*

*The sight of a massive hotel ballroom of evangelical pastors and imams — as well a smattering of Jews and Catholics — brainstorming on how to build ties showed how the stable of people doing such work has grown in recent years. As they met downstairs, TVs in the upstairs lobby of the Marriott Marquis showed news reports of [proposed restrictions](#) from the White House on Muslim immigrants.*

*“Evangelicals are making it much worse,” Roberts said of the negative views many Americans have of Islam. The pastor, a tall man with a Southern drawl, spoke in a busy hallway at the conference. “And pastors are worse than the people in the pews.” .....*

Given the make-up of the United States and our own particular area in this part of West County I am particularly happy to have been invited to participate in this event this past week. I will give more about this next week.

However, in planning ahead, I hope that you would mark **Sunday, January 13, 2019**, when the Archbishop will be here for a special Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service, beginning at **7:00 P.M.** The details are not yet totally worked out, but the date, time, and place are set. Our own choir will be involved with this service, the theme of which will be following the “official” Week of Prayer for Christian Unity theme for January 18-25, 2019, namely, ***Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue (Deuteronomy 16:20)***. *Various leaders of Christian Denominations will be here to celebrate our unity as expressed in our faith in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*May the Lord watch over us and keep us safe and strong in our faith during these troubling times.*

*Faithfully yours,*

*Fr Joe Weber*

**MASS INTENTIONS SEPTEMBER 2-8**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<i>ST. GREGORY</i>
9:00 A.M.	Teresa Hams
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<i>WEEKDAY</i>
6:30 A.M.	Harry Dunn
8:15 A.M.	Maria Klump
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<i>ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA</i>
6:30 A.M.	Tom and Dolores Schulte
8:15 A.M.	Michael Swit
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<i>WEEKDAY</i>
6:30 A.M.	Roland Bisig
8:15 A.M.	Heather and Jim Cooper (lvg)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<i>WEEKDAY</i>
6:30 A.M.	Dr. Sylvester Flotte
8:15 A.M.	William O'Malley
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<i>NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>
8:00 A.M.	Purgatorial Society
5:00 P.M.	Tom and Dolores Schulte

**PRAY FOR OUR HOSPITALIZED, HOMEBOUND AND SICK**

John Barolak, Ruth Begnaud, Jerry Bennett, Janet Collins, Shirley Dunker, Estelle Flanakin, Dilla Gordon, Billie Grief, Charlotte Griffaw, Mary Ann Honti, Bob Huseman, Sylvia Indelicato, Ronald Kalupa, Benjamin Kimzey, John Krause, Gloria Luca, Lourdes Manalo, Mary K. Mc Carthy, Eileen McDonough, Ann Miller, Fred Mueller, Mary O'Brien, Jack Powers, Mary Renner, Bob Reuther, Joseph Ritacco, Jim Sallwasser, Joe Schmitz, Rose Slee, Joe Sonderman, Brent Spaeth, Stan Thomas, and Fr. Timothy Vowels.

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI ST. LOUIS-CATHOLIC NEWMAN CENTER (CNC)**

offers a warm and welcoming place to study, relax, pray, play, and hang out. There are socials, faith sharing groups, service and leadership opportunities open to all college students and young adults. We also have bbqs, service trips, retreats, a stocked kitchen, a student computer lab, spiritual direction, and free WiFi. We have a Sunday evening Mass at 6:00 P.M. during the school year. For information visit [cncumsl.org](http://cncumsl.org). If you know a Catholic UMSL or local community college student, send a note to [frnick@cncumsl.org](mailto:frnick@cncumsl.org) and we will personally invite them to Mass.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION AUGUST 26:** Envelopes \$11,942.54; Loose \$1,590.72; Online Giving \$5,504.67; Assumption \$75.00; Catholic University \$20.00; Latin American Apostolate \$15.00; Pro-Life \$76.00; School \$734.00; St. Vincent De Paul \$215.00 and Tithing for the Poor \$285.00.



**MONICAFEST Friday, September 7!**

Join us as we come together at Monicafest from 6-8:30 P.M. The parish will be providing dinner and beverages. We ask you to bring a dessert to share. All parishioners are invited.

This year Monicafest and the Evangelization project are one in the same. It was decided to evangelize by inviting non-parishioners to "Join us at Monicafest" It will be a fun filled evening with free food, drinks, inflatable's, music, etc. If you know someone who may be interested in learning more about our God, our faith, our parish and/or our school, invite them for an enjoyable evening September 7 at Monicafest.

**ANNUAL ST. MONICA 8TH GRADERS FALL MUM SALE**

The weekend of September 15/16. Order forms are in the back of church. Orders are \$8/ pre-paid mum or \$9/ mum bought and paid on the day of the sale. Thank you for the support of our class and school!

**6<sup>TH</sup> AND 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TJS PIZZA FUNDRAISER TO ATTEND YMCA CAMP LAKEWOOD**

Looking to stock your freezer with some family favorites? Original St. Louis Thin Crust and Thick Crust 12" pizzas ranging \$8.50-\$11. We also have 9" pizza multi-packs for \$18-\$20. Orders taken by any sixth or seventh grader or Contact Michelle Burkot 314.703.8801 or [shellburkot@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shellburkot@sbcglobal.net); Lisa Kuntz: 314.409.9025 or [lisakuntz1@gmail.com](mailto:lisakuntz1@gmail.com) Flyers at church entrances.

**25<sup>TH</sup>/50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Saturday, October 13. Mass at 5:00 P.M. Mass with dinner to follow in the Church Hall. All couples celebrating their 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary during 2018 will be honored. Invitations will be forthcoming. Other couples of the parish who have reached 25 years or more are also invited to this event.

**ROAR (RETAILERS OFFERING ADDED REWARDS)** This is our ongoing fundraiser for the parish. Consider stopping by as we have gift cards available every Sunday after Masses. Questions, call MJ 314.434.3312.

**THIS WEEKS CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**  
 MON 9/3 LABOR DAY ENTIRE PARISH OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 A.M. MASS ONLY  
 WED 9/5 PSR  
 FRI 9/7 MONICAFEST 6:00-8:30 P.M.  
 SAT 9/8 SATURDAY CIRCLE  
**DONUT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9 HOSTED BY SCHOOL BOARD**

**PSR CALENDAR:**

- 9/5 Class #3: Regular session ALL grades.
- 9/12 Class #4: Regular session. Fire Drill, weather permitting. Bible presentation Grade 6 at 7:30 P.M. in Church.

**BIRTHRIGHT NEWS** Collection for our Birthright Mother, Patty September 1 and 2. She is dedicated to her GED program and should be sitting for her GED exam in September. Birthright continues to help with her rent and items needed for her son. She continues weekly counseling, budgeting and goal setting. Thank you for supporting Birthright.

St. Monica will participate in the **40 Days for Life** Thursday, October 4, 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. to witness and pray at Planned Parenthood. Sign-up in the vestibule. Questions call Diann 314.432.7719 or Julio 314.576.7494.

**BIBLE STUDY PM** will include a series of twenty-four videos presented by Jeff Cavins. Each video will be preceded by a group discussion. Everyone will receive a color-coded *Bible Timeline Chart*, and "*The Bible Timeline Study Kit*". Cost is \$40.00, which covers incidental costs plus the Study Kit. Make your checks payable to St Monica Parish. We begin *The Bible Timeline* September 12, 7:00 P.M. For information or to register for the study contact Deacon Jim Martin 314.576.4876 or [jamesmartin@archstl.org](mailto:jamesmartin@archstl.org).

**SVDP PANTRY AT ST. MONICA**  
 The pantry can use canned fruit, chili, hand soap and canned ravioli/spaghetti.  
 Thanks for you help!



**ST. PATRICK'S CENTER** Casseroles are needed for Wednesday September. 5, and Friday September 7. Any questions or to volunteer call GERALYN 314.434.3791.

**MEN'S ACTS RETREAT** April 11-14, 2019  
 To all Men of the Parish: Have you attended an ACTS retreat? We will form the Team soon. If interested in joining us, contact Allen Holtmeyer [ah429@charter.net](mailto:ah429@charter.net).



**Birthright**  
St. Charles

St. Charles Friends of Birthright invites you to the 2018 Annual Rose Gala, Sept. 29h at St. Charles Convention Center, honoring Nell Kirchner awardee, Norma Parieck. Hear featured speaker Gus Lloyd, author of *A Minute in the Church* and host SiriusXM Radio show *Seize the Day*. For more information and tickets go to [www.events.org/fobrosegala2018](http://www.events.org/fobrosegala2018)



**THIS WEEK, GO TO [FORMED.ORG](http://FORMED.ORG) AND WATCH *WHO AM I TO JUDGE?***

We are living in a relativistic culture. Society tends to say that there is no absolute right or wrong for everyone. Some here may agree with that statement, while others may accept that there is a moral standard, but struggle to convincingly explain that moral conviction to others. Many of us likely shy away from the topic of morality out of fear of offending others or being labeled "intolerant." We are all affected daily by this relativistic worldview. This week's FORMED Pick of the Week is an engaging video series that answers the question: How do we talk about morality in a relativistic world?

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

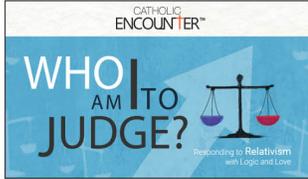
## Who Am I to Judge?

*Presented by Dr. Edward Sri*

**How can we stand up for truth in a world that says there is no truth?**

How can we explain our moral convictions without being labeled "judgmental?" Join Dr. Edward Sri as he explores what the Church teaches about truth and learn how to better explain it without fear of being "intolerant."

Watch on [formed.org](http://formed.org)



★★★★★

*"Well explained! I definitely feel more at peace knowing and understanding how to act and speak with others that live a more secular lifestyle."*

—Chuck S, Wichita, KS



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# AUTUMN MUM SALE

SUPPORT ST. MONICA 8TH GRADE CLASS OF 2019

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2018 4 pm - 6:30 pm  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018 7 am - 7 pm

Located on the upper St. Monica parking lot

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Pre-pay order by Sunday, September 9 for discounted mums.  
Send completed order form with checks made payable to:  
ST. MONICA 8th GRADE, to St. Monica school office  
in an envelope marked "8th Grade Mum Sale"

Day of sale mums are \$9

COLOR	QUANTITY	PRE-PAY COST/MUM	TOTAL
RED		\$8	
PURPLE		\$8	
ORANGE		\$8	
WHITE		\$8	
YELLOW		\$8	
GRAND TOTAL			

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

8th GRADE STUDENT NAME (if any) WHO HELPED YOU \_\_\_\_\_

For further information contact Pam Hild (314)368-3846 or pamhild@sbcglobal.net



## St. Monica Ladies Guild Fall Events

Join us on...

Monday, September 10      **Chili Supper & Book Exchange**      6:30 P.M.

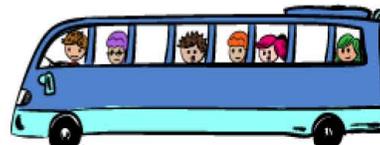
We'll we kick off our new year with a chili dinner with all the fixins'. Be in the church hall by 6:30 P.M. and bring your appetite. Also bring a dessert for 4 to share. We'll have a book swap that evening, so trade in your 'already read' books for some 'new' ones.

You can turn in your Ladies Guild registration forms, too.



Thursday, October 25      **Day Trip Bus Tour**      8:15 A.M.- 4:15 P.M.

Leave your car in the front parking lot and board a bus for a trip downtown. You'll have guided tours of the new museum under the Arch, the Basilica of St. Louis, King of France (the Old Cathedral), lunch at Caleco's, and top off the day with a sweet tour of Bissinger's Chocolate Factory.



Monday, November 5      **Toy Drive for Whole Kids Outreach**      7:00 P.M..

Learn how our contributions help pregnant women/teens and families with young children in the counties of southeastern Missouri.

Please bring an unwrapped toy for the organization's Christmas Store.

Also needed: large sized diapers (4,5,6), and pull-ups for both boys and girls (2T to 4T, 5).



**Watch the bulletin for details of these and more Ladies Guild activities!**

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