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Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.,
Sunday 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.
and 5:00 p.m.

Daily Weekday Mass

6:30 and 8:15 a.m.
8:00 a.m. Saturdays

Confesssions

3:30 –4:30 p.m. Saturday
or by Appointment

Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Israel was sustained throughout countless struggles by God's word revealed in the law. We Christians do not identify ourselves by the same criterion, but by a larger sense of law disclosed by Jesus, the living revelation of God. His ministry proclaimed a new law rooted in love that is lived out on behalf of others. A liberating law, it requires a searing focus and discipline by us as individuals and as a community. Providentially, the same Spirit that animated Jesus animates us.

Next Sunday, February 3, we will celebrate the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Who really wants to be called upon to change, let alone promote it in others? The prophets surely didn't, and Jesus early on heard the reaction to his sermon among his own people. Next weekend's readings remind us that our faith is grounded in God's word. That always involves the call to be and live differently. Just as God's love sustained others, we are equipped with spiritual gifts, especially love, to respond to that same call.

The Feast of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, is celebrated each year on February 3. This year it falls on a Sunday. The priests here at Saint Monica will give a "general blessing," permitted in the Book of Blessings, to all who are in attendance at Mass next Saturday night and Sunday. If you would like to have an individual blessing, during the recessional hymn you may come up and we will give you an individual blessing. I'm sure you all know about the blessing of throats, with the story that Saint Blaise cured the throat of a young girl who had a fish bone stuck the throat. Since that time there has been a devotion to him for "ailments of the throat and every other evil." This is a powerful sacramental, so I hope you would avail yourself of the opportunity.

Catholic Schools Week: Sponsored by National Catholic Education Association, Catholic Schools Week is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. This year it begins today, January 27, and runs through next weekend. We will have an Open House today, special Masses, especially on Wednesday, January 30th, and various other activities throughout the week. Through all these activities, here and throughout the country, we will try to focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to Church, local communities, and the nation. This year's theme is **Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed**. I hope that many of you will take the time to tour our school on Sunday and see the improvements and the potential for future growth. Please pray for all of us as we celebrate this special week.

Principal Search: By now you should have heard that our principal, Mrs. Genny Callier, will not be returning here as principal for the 2019-2020 school year. During these past three years she has done a great job of putting the emphasis on bringing the school into the 21st Century, especially in the area of technology. She has revamped the Pre-School and made it more in line with the guidelines presented by the Archdiocese for Catholic Parish Pre-Schools. Since I am writing this on Thursday, January 17, prior to my pilgrimage to the Holy Land, I can't tell you much about the Search Committee being set up for finding a new principal. But I can tell you that the committee will be representative of the school and parish communities. Please pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in seeking a new principal for our fine Catholic Parish School.

Catholic Men for Christ: The annual Conference for the Catholic Men for Christ will be **this coming Saturday, February 2**. It will be held at UMSL's Touhill Performing Arts Center. (I put the following in the bulletin of January 6, but it bears repeating!)

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The Conference is ALWAYS a tremendous opportunity to hear dynamic speakers, celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and participate in a very moving, Spirit Filled Mass. All men, high school on up, are cordially invited. Guided by the Four Pillars — Conversion, Reconciliation, Discipleship, and Evangelization — the Catholic Men for Christ Conference is dedicated to building the Kingdom of God in the Archdiocese of St. Louis and beyond by engaging, educating, and encouraging Catholic men to live their faith and to lead their families in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church. **Catholic Men for Christ are men of faith, men of action, catalysts for good and warriors against evil.** The goals of the conference are straight-forward:• The attendees will be more open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit in their life; • The conference introduces, educates, emboldens and refocuses the attendees on their roles as the spiritual leader of their homes and communities; • Attendees, once energized, will help to build the Kingdom of God through a renewed personal faith and vocation to their families; The attendees will be empowered as the faith leader of their families; The attendees will be encouraged to participate in acts of charity and service in their parishes, communities, and diocese. The doors open at 8:00 A.M. It concludes with Mass at 4:00 P.M. **Prices:** $45.00, January 1 - February 1; $50.00, at the Door/Day-Of; $15.00 Student. **NEW THIS YEAR! Deacon price is $10.00. Deacons must call the Box Office to purchase ticket at 314.516.4949 or purchase their ticket at the Box Office. Priests and Seminarians can register for free. Please call the Office of Marriage and Family Life at 314.792.7185** To register, visit **www.catholicmenforchrist.org** or call the Touhill box office at 314.516.4949. For information, call 314.792.7183. I hope the men of the parish would prayerfully consider attending.

I received the following from Father Jim Benz, Pastor of Saint Cletus Parish, in Saint Charles**. A PARISH MISSION WITH FR. SIMEON GALLAGHER** Father Simeon Gallagher, OFM Cap., will give a four-evening Mission at St. Cletus Parish, 2705 Zumbehl Road. St. Charles, Monday, February 11, through Thursday, February 14. Each session will begin at 7:00 P.M. and end at 8:30 P.M. Father Simeon's topic will be "A Spirituality for Relationships." Please call St. Cletus 636.946.6327 for more information. All are welcome!

Please remember we will have the 40 Hours Devotion here at Saint Monica February 17 – 19. More on that next week. **AND we will have our own Mission, with dynamic Catholic lay evangelist, Hector Molina, the three days leading up to Ash Wednesday, March 3, 4, and 5, at 7:00 P.M.** More coming on that, too! BUT please mark your calendars now.

As I already said this was written on January 17, prior to the pilgrimage to the Holy Land. I hope it went well. Assuming we got there and did what we were supposed to do, please remember that you were prayed for at all the Holy Sites, especially at the Holy Sepulchre, the traditional site of Jesus's birth in Bethlehem, the "Wailing Wall," of the former Temple, and on the Mount of the Beatitudes. Thank you for your prayers for all of us! More about the pilgrimage next week.

Faithfully yours,

Father Joe Weber

PARISH SUPPORT JANUARY 20: Envelopes $15,159.00; Loose $1,202.93; Online Giving $22,415.34; Pro-Life $5.00; St. Louis Review $1,071.00 and St. Vincent De Paul $50.00.

We are currently looking for a volunteer to oversee the ordering of our Altar Flowers for Sundays, Holydays and Special Events. If you are interested please call the Parish Office 314.434.4211 and ask for Patty.

Formed.org is a free gift for our parish. Sign up for Free at **https://stmonicastl.formed.org**
or go to our parish homepage at **stmonicastl.org**

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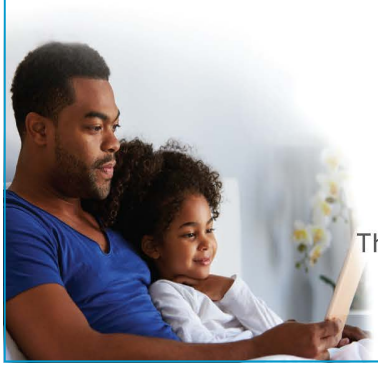
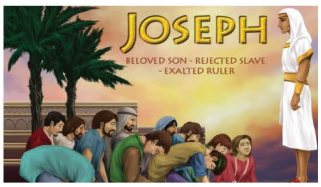


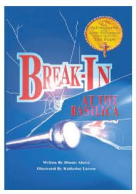


Joseph

Also in Spanish

The thrilling biblical story of Joseph is told in this animated feature film for children ages 5 and up. It powerfully demonstrates God's sovereign hand in all things.

More Kids' Content



New short video series on **Formed!**
"Elements of the Catholic Mass"

Elements of the Catholic Mass is designed to help the faithful better appreciate the beauty of the Mass. Featuring Fr. Douglas Martis, former director of the Liturgical Institute, the program consists of thirty-one beautifully produced short videos. Because each episode comes with a discussion guide with references, Elements of the Catholic Mass is ideal for personal faith formation or group discussion.

JOIN OTHER LADIES OF THE PARISH FOR A FUN GAME NIGHT

Monday, February 11, 7:00 P.M. in the Church Hall
Good friends, good food, good times

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon@Monica **March 11** Soup Supper
Soups provided by LG Board
6:30 P.M. Church Hall

April 6-7 Lily Sale/Fund Raiser
April 24 Wednesday–Ice Cream Social
May 6 Mon@Monica Pot Luck Dinner

Watch the Bulletin for details as dates get closer.

Mass Intentions January 28-February 2

Monday	*St. Thomas Aquinas*
6:30 a.m.	Harry Dunn
8:15 a.m.	John Lang
Tuesday	Weekday
6:30 a.m.	William Mardis
8:15 a.m.	Sister Ruth Margaret Raupp
Wednesday	Weekday
6:30 a.m.	Thomas Hough
8:15 a.m.	Sharon Dalva
Thursday	*St. John Bosco*
6:30 a.m.	Flora Botta
8:15 a.m.	Gloria Abaya
Friday	Weekday
6:30 a.m.	Norma Coffey
8:15 a.m.	Gianna Paganini
Saturday	The Presentation of the Lord
8:00 a.m.	Richard Dwyer
5:00 p.m.	Gianna Paganini

Pray for our Hospitalized, Homebound and Sick

John Barolak, Ruth Begnaud, Bob Berger, Janet Collins, Carol Diggins, Shirley Dunker, Estelle Flanakin, Billie Grief, Charlotte Griffaw, Bill Guiot, Christina Hartley, Mary Ann Honti, Bob Huseman, Sylvia Indelicato, Ronald Kalupa, Benjamin Kimzey, Michael Kisling, John Krause, Gloria Luca, Lourdes Manalo, Mary K. Mc Carthy, Eileen McDonough, Deacon Ray Miller, Rose Miller, Ann Miller, Fred Mueller, Jack Powers, Mary Renner, Bob Reuther, Joseph Ritacco, Jim Sallwasser, Joe Schmitz, Rose Slee, Joe Sonderman, Brent Spaeth, Jack Stretch, Stan Thomas, Sarah Vogel, and Fr. Timothy Vowels.

Our Sympathy to

Gabriela Kuntz and her family on the death of her father, Luis Montoya. May he be living with God and may all be consoled.

Welcome to

Irene Segaviano and her children, Sam, Josh and Elena Fischer (Laduemont Dr) who recently joined our Parish Community.

18th Annual Run for Life and Learning,

benefiting Birthright STL is March 30! Register for the 6K Run/Walk, 1 Mile Fun Run, or ¼ Mile Kids Run with FREDBIRD at **run4lifeandlearning.eventbrite.com**. Contact us for great sponsorship opportunities at **run4lifeandlearning@gmail.com**. See you at Creve Coeur Lake!

Catholic School Week Open House

You are invited to come tour the school today, January 27, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Registration packets will be available for those students entering preschool or kindergarten. All of the school faculty will be there, students work will be on display, and tours are available.

Panera Dine-Out Fundraiser—Join us at Panera Creve Coeur (Ballas location) Wednesday January 30 for a fundraiser to benefit St. Monica School. 20% of your purchase will go right back to the school with no extra cost to you. Show your paper or digital flyer when ordering. Flyers can be found in church or on the Facebook page.

Catholic Newman Center at UMSL—The University of Missouri St. Louis-Catholic Newman Center (CNC) offers a warm and welcoming place to study, relax, pray, play, and hang out. We have student-centered evening Masses, socials, faith sharing groups, service and leadership opportunities open to all college students and young adults. We have everything from barbeques, service trips, retreats, a stocked kitchen, a student computer lab, spiritual direction, and free WiFi. The Catholic Newman Center at UMSL has a Mass Sunday evenings, 6:00 p.m. on the south campus of UMSL during the school year. Visitors welcome! For information visit **cncumsl.org**. If you know an UMSL or local community college student, send a note to**frnick@cncumsl.org** and we will personally invite them to Mass.

This Weeks Calendar of Events

1/27	Children's Liturgy
	Catholic School Week Begins!
1/28	Parish Children's Choir
	RCIA
1/29	Cornerstone Bible Study
	Men's ACTS
1/30	PSR
	Bible Study PM
1/31	Adult Choir
2/2	St. Monica Trivia Night
2/3	Children's Liturgy

PSR News:

Jan 30 Class #19

Feb 6 Class # 20 God's Own Making, grades 4 – 7 Parent Mtg for 1st Holy Communion 6:50 P.M.

ROAR (RETAILERS OFFERING ADDED REWARDS)—
Gift cards available every Sunday after Masses. Let us start the new year off right and support our weekly fundraiser for St. Monica Parish. Questions, call MJ 314.434.3312.

ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS AND PARISHIONERS

Mary Ottenberg from JS Paluch will be working on setting up the advertising sponsorships for our bulletin. Advertisements can be purchased for a business, family or a sponsor ad. Please support them! Their generosity allows us to enjoy free bulletin publication all year! Call Mary Ottenberg 314.757.7598, or email **ottenbergm@jspaluch.com**.

SVDP PANTRY AT ST. MONICA

The pantry is out of tuna, canned chicken products and laundry detergent. We needs fruit, vegetables, jelly and cereal. Thanks for your help.

THE ST. LOUIS REVIEW is your faith resource access to local, national and international news. If you are not a parish subscriber, contact our parish office or make a parish contribution with your request to receive it. If you are a current parish subscriber, consider a parish contribution of $35.00 today.

50+CLUB NEWS: Members will meet for lunch at McAlister's Deli Thursday, February 14, 11:15 A.M. We will be at the Dierberg's Heritage Location, (12515 Olive Blvd). Contact Gene Adelman, 314.432.1289 to sign up by Wednesday, February 13. Hope to see you there!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Would you be willing to work with kids at Mass one Sunday per year? Your Archdiocesan Requirement is to complete Protecting God's Children Class. You will be at a Mass with the children for approximately 25 minutes. Volunteering includes: arriving 15 minutes early to set up and 15 minutes planning time to look over materials. This is fantastic opportunity for the children of our Parish to learn about our faith through materials that are geared towards children. Come and see how this act of service is easy and so rewarding!

Training and breakfast is March 3 from 8:45-10:45 A.M. (includes 9:30 A.M. Mass)

Contact Becky Wientge to RSVP or for information. 314.359.0981 **rebeccawientge@gmail.com**

UPDATE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Does our Church database have your family membership record correct? Do you want your record published? Here is your chance to update your record for our annual Guide Book and Directory.
We need to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that occurred from the past year.
Have you changed your phone number, email address? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon?
Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record?
Our Parish Office number is 314.434.4211 or you may email Patty Greaves **pgreaves@stmonicastl.org**

GUIDE BOOK AND DIRECTORY ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book and Directory for the church. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, call the Church Office.

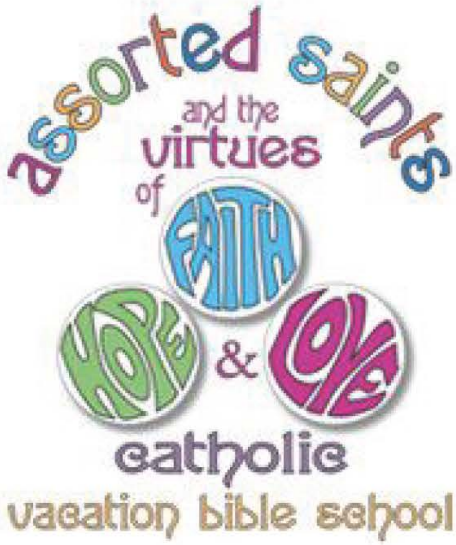
Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book and Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It "will pay" to advertise in our new Book.

St. Monica VBS 2019

Save the Date: July 15-19, 2019 9 a.m. to Noon

Children grades PK thru 6th grade are all welcome to attend our program.

Children 7th grade and older and Adults are invited to volunteer.



Adult volunteers needed for all week and individual days to teach our students, crafts, music, games, skits, snack, babysit younger children for our teachers, decorations, and work on service projects.

Youth volunteers needed to be crew leaders and to assist adults in the above areas. What a great service project!

Faith Hope Love

We will be learning the virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love by encounters with famous saints.

Detach and Return

Parents Name:_____

Email Address:_____

Yes! I'd like my child to attend VBS. Please send more info when available!

Child's Name:_____ Age:_____

My older child would like to volunteer!

Child's Name:_____ Age:_____

I would love to volunteer my time! I want to join the VBS Committee!

Special Talents or Areas of Interest: _____

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Father Burghoff Memorial Scholarship Fund

Trivia Night

Saturday, February 2, 2019, 7:00 P.M.
St. Monica, Olive Blvd. and I-270
St. Monica Gym!

Proceeds benefit the Father Burghoff Scholarship Fund.

Father Clement Burghoff served at St. Monica from 1988 to his retirement in 1994. He was a true example of a servant for Christ, serving with the utmost care and love. He passed away shortly after retirement in December of 1994. A Memorial Scholarship Fund was set up in his memory. Every year two scholarships, one male and one female, are awarded to young parishioners upon their graduation from eighth grade. Since 1995, the Memorial Scholarship has awarded over $125,000.

We encourage every parishioner to attend **one of the best trivia nights around!!**
Doors open 6:00 P.M. Trivia begins 7:00 P.M. Prizes for Top Scoring Tables
Soda and snacks provided Bring your own food Beer Available

Premium Table catered by Jimmy Johns and La Bonne Bouchee!
Also included are mulligans and a private server. Cost $400 or $50 per person.
Limited availability. Reservation deadline: 1/5/19.

Regular table $200 or $25 per person.
8 people per table

Registration is online!

https://fatherburghofftrivianight.redpodium.com/
father-burghoff-memorial-scholarship-fund-trivia-night
Questions: Mary Borgschulte 314.952.8195 or maryfborg04@gmail.com

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