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Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Easter. Fear of the other is pervasive today, but it's not new. The early Christians confronted it in preaching the Gospel and often paid a heavy price for their message. As hard as it may be to accept, God's love is not limited to us and those with whom we feel comfortable. We, too, are called to reach out beyond borders and barriers of our own making. Why is this so hard for us to grasp, even now. (Of course, it is Mother's Day, too! So sincere congratulations, blessings, and THANKS to all of our Moms. See more below!)

Next weekend will be the Fifth Sunday of Easter. Unfortunately we live in a caustic environment, where kindness, love, or renewal are often mocked as soft or unrealistic. It can be legitimately discouraging. But the word from the beginning was that it would not be easy, and the pathway would be through pain. Nothing is achieved without imagination, and today's readings provide a vision for those of us willing to continue the quest for something new. Like the early Christians, we can help to create a renewed earth.

Happy Mother's Day: May God bless you all. One of my priest friends from the Eparchy of Parma posted this on his Facebook page the other day. I ask that you reflect on it. I think these are very true: "Ten Things Your Mum never told you."

1. You made her cry ... a lot.
2. She wanted that last piece of cake.
3. It hurt.
4. She was always afraid.
5. She knows she's not perfect.
6. She watched over you as you slept.
7. She carried you a lot longer than 9 months.
8. It broke her heart every time you cried.
9. She put you first.
10. She would do it all again.

Thank you, Moms, for ALL you did for us and all you still do for us. May God continue to watch over you and bless you. We are all happy to bless you this day!

A little gift: I know that Saint Monica normally has carnations for Moms on Mother's Day. However, with the construction this year we bought packets of seeds to plant your own flowers. I know it isn't quite the same, but I hope you like the seeds as they grow in your gardens.

Changes here at Saint Monica: As you received the blast e-mail last Saturday evening and as was announced at all the Masses last weekend the Archbishop has reassigned **Father Mike Donald**, our Senior Associate Pastor, who has served here faithfully and well for these past twelve years, to Saint Joseph Parish in Clayton, effective June 25th. While we have not had another priest assigned to Saint Monica, according to both Bishop Rivituso and Father Boehm "they are working on it," we have had a transitional deacon assigned to the parish to be of help here for the summer and throughout the coming school year.

Rev. Mr. Dane Westhoff wrote the following for this weekend's bulletin: *Hello St. Monica's Parish, My name is Deacon Dane Westhoff and I'll be a new face in the community starting very soon. I grew up on a dairy farm and am the youngest of 8 children. I was highly involved in Immaculate Conception Parish, Old Monroe, (in Southern Lincoln County) growing up and looking forward to having a new parish family.*

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After graduating from Saint Dominic High School, in O'Fallon, I was a carpenter for twelve years before entering the seminary six years ago. God's call started when I was attending a simple bible study ten years ago and my faith grew rapidly and led me to where I am now.

I enjoy Cleveland Browns football, carpentry, puzzles, and playing cards. I'm happy to be here and I hope to get you know you all. His assignment is effective May 30th. His ordination to the priesthood, God willing, will be in May 2020. Please pray for Deacon Westhoff as he serves us here and enters his last year of preparation prior to being ordained a priest.

Acolyte Bill Smith: Our candidate for the permanent diaconate, who will also, God willing, be ordained in June, 2020, was installed as an acolyte last Thursday evening by Bishop Rivituso. While he has been serving as a Lector and/or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion for several years now, he is now deputed to assist the priest and deacon at the altar, as an acolyte. He will be serving almost each week, at various Masses, as he continues his studies for ordination. Please pray for him as he enters his last year of preparation before Ordination.

Construction: I am sorry that we didn't give you advance notice about the closure of the former "elevator lobby," and south entrance doors to the Church. We found out on Thursday, May 2, and we sent a "blast e-mail" to all whose e-mail addresses we have. However, it seems to have worked all right ... and I hope that we can "put up with this" for a while, as we have the new elevator lobby and renovation to our parish hall and kitchen completed. There will be a meeting tomorrow morning with the General Contractor and people from the architects and our building committee. Then, tomorrow evening, there will be a meeting of the building committee to go over some more issues that have come up over the past several weeks. Progress is being made. Again, please pray for all the workers that they might be safe!

The Annual Catholic Appeal continues this week. Thanks to all who have already made their pledges. After the video the weekend of April 27 and 28 and Carol Mock's talk last weekend, I hope you have a better idea as to what is involved with the ACA. Our parish has traditionally been VERY GENEROUS (13th in the entire Archdiocese last year), and I hope and pray that it will continue this year. Thanks to Mary Fran Pike and David Skaggs for their leadership in taking over for Kathy and Troy Steffenson, who chaired the ACA here for many years.

Fake e-mails and texts: Unfortunately there are bad people "out there." On Thursday, May 2, we received this e-mail from Officer Walter Schultz of the Creve Coeur Police Department: ***Emerging fraud trend relative to houses of worship:*** *In the City of Creve Coeur we have had two incidents since February involving email accounts of Pastors email accounts being compromised and emails being sent to members of the congregation requesting gift cards (such as Amazon or iTunes) be purchased and sent to another email address. Please advise the members of your house of worship to verify any request to send a gift card or any form of money with the requester through a verified method of communication as as in person or a known phone number. For any further questions or information feel free to contact me. In the event of an emergency or if you need immediate police assistance please dial 9-1-1. (His phone number is: 314-274-2117) This has also happened to priests in the Tyler, Texas, Madison, Wisconsin, and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania dioceses. Please be cautious. Thank you. I'm sorry if anyone "fell" for the thefts of your resources.*

In the Risen Lord Jesus,

Father Joe Weber

MASS INTENTIONS MAY 13—19

MONDAY EASTER WEEKDAY
 6:30 A.M. Nicholas Wavrinevich
 8:15 A.M. Mother's Day Novena

TUESDAY EASTER WEEKDAY
 6:30 A.M. Mother's Day Novena
 8:15 A.M. John Lang

WEDNESDAY EASTER WEEKDAY
 6:30 A.M. Mother's Day Novena
 8:15 A.M. Marilyn Taylor

THURSDAY EASTER WEEKDAY
 6:30 A.M. Mother's Day Novena
 8:15 A.M. Janet Hild

FRIDAY EASTER WEEKDAY
 6:30 A.M. Mother's Day Novena
 8:15 A.M. Holy Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY EASTER WEEKDAY
 8:00 A.M. Mother's Day Novena
 5:00 P.M. Jim Estell

PRAY FOR OUR HOSPITALIZED, HOMEBOUND AND SICK

Steven Baak, John Barolak, Ruth Begnaud, Kay Bloss, Janet Collins, Shirley Dunker, Estelle Flanakin, Charlotte Griffaw, Bill Guiot, Holly Hampton, Christina Hartley, Bob Huseman, Sylvia Indelicato, Ronald Kalupa, Nina Kelly, Michael Kisling, John Krause, Gloria Luca, Lourdes Manalo, Mary K. Mc Carthy, Eileen McDonough, Joan Middendorf, Deacon Ray Miller, Rose Miller, Ann Miller, Fred Mueller, Jack Powers, Mary Renner, Joseph Ritacco, Jim Sallwasser, Joe Schmitz, Rose Slee, Joe Sonderman, Brent Spaeth, John Staszkiwicz, Stan Thomas, and Fr. Timothy Vowels.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Austin William Lavac, son of Kevin and Kristin Lavac who was recently baptized into our Parish Community. Baptized into our Parish Community at the Easter Vigil were: Robert Campbell, Alexander Cass, Brendan Fuqua and Cameron Fuqua. Profession of Faith was received by William Kost and Donald Moreland.

OUR SYMPATHY TO Frances Henderson and her family on the death of her husband, Marion (Bud); and to the family of former parishioner Steven Rohan. May they be living with God and may all be consoled.

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION MAY 5: Envelopes \$23,609.00; Loose \$1,672.13; Online Giving \$11,506.17; Ascension \$40.00; Easter \$5.00; Mission Co-Op \$67.00; Pro Life \$15.00; Retired Priests \$160.00; School \$715.00; St. Vincent De Paul \$183.00; and Tithing for the Poor \$145.00.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO

Sydney R. Gibson from St. Monica for being a finalist for the Respect Life Creative Writing Contest

DRAMA CAMP July 15-19, 12-3:30 P.M. The mission of Performing for a Purpose provides a fun and enriching drama experience and raise money for Catholic Relief Services. This is an excellent full-day option during the week of St. Monica Vacation Bible School, although you may arrive at noon. We will perform the show on Friday, July 19 at 3:30 P.M. Questions, contact Mary Hays 985.7030 or mhayes20@stjosephacademy.org or Gina Hayes 307.2782 or hailbert@sbcglobal.net.

PARISH RENOVATIONS—Direct all questions concerning Church Basement meeting rooms, Church Hall, Church kitchen and all storage areas to Ray Alonzo, Building Chairman rayalonzo@ymail.com or 314.971.1294.

ANGEL PAGE

Looking for someone to donate a gently used washing machine. Will be used by our custodians. Please contact Ray Alonzo at 314.971.1294.

CATHOLIC RADIO (AM 1460)

Our program will help you focus on Jesus and your faith life. You can listen on the radio; on your mobile device using our Covenant Network app.; or at our-catholicradio.org.

THIS WEEKS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

5/12 CHILDRENS LITURGY
 5/14 SCHOOL BOARD
 5/15 ADORATION
 PSR LAST CLASS
 5/16 FINANCE COMMITTEE
 5/18 SATURDAY CIRCLE
 5/19 CHILDRENS LITURGY

PSR News:

May 15 Last class. Mass and May Crowning in Church at 7:00 P.M. All students and parents social to follow. Report cards delivered to parents.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (ACA)—Your donation to the ACA helps the archdiocese and St. Monica to operate many ministries covering Catholic education, food and shelter for the needy, help for religious orders, vocation assistance, and so much more. Please continue helping St. Monica help others by picking up, and filling out, your pledge card in the back of church this weekend May 11-12. If you have never participated before, consider beginning with a donation this year. All amounts are so appreciated and all funds are used judiciously. View the web site, archstl.org/aca. Questions, email Mary Fran Pike mftp33@aol.com. Thank you and God bless you all.

ROAR (RETAILERS OFFERING ADDED REWARDS)

This is our ongoing fundraiser for our Parish. Consider joining us! Gift certificates are sold after all Masses in the vestibule.

MOTHER’S DAY QUOTE

BY JOSEPH CARDINAL MINDSZNTY

“The most important person on earth is....a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral - a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby’s body. The angels have not been blessed with such grace. They cannot share in God’s creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God, the Creator, than any other creature. God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation. What on God’s good earth is more glorious than this: to be a mother?”

FIFTY-PLUS CLUB

Please join us at 5:00 P.M. Thursday, May 16, at Spiros for a social gathering and early bird specials. Reservations must be placed by Tuesday, May 15, no later than 5:00 P.M. by contacting Kathleen at 314.469.7942.

BLESSING AT MASS

If a person is unable to receive communion for whatever reason, please feel free to come at communion time with your hands crossed over your chest to receive a blessing.

SVDP PANTRY AT ST. MONICA
Thanks for your support of the pantry which is in need of canned chicken products, beef stew, paper towels, hand soap and toothpaste .

CARDINAL GLENNON CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL is the only free-standing Catholic pediatric hospital in the country. When SSM Health Cardinal Glennon opened its doors in 1956, a promise was made to the community that any child in need of care would be welcomed, whether their parents could afford to pay for care or not. That promise still holds true today.

Many of you will remember the story of John Smith, a young man who fell through the ice of a frozen lake and was without a pulse for nearly an hour. His odds-defying recovery is the subject of the new movie, *Breakthrough*.

Join us in helping make miracles like John's possible by making a donation at Mass during Glennon Sunday weekend, June 1-2 or online glennon.org. On behalf of our patients and families, may God bless you for providing hope, healing, faith and compassion to every child who walks through the doors at SSM Health Cardinal Glennon.

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY, ALL!

Celebrate the women in your life or yourself by listening to this week’s FORMED Pick on the feminine genius. Discover a new appreciation for the uniqueness of the nature and vocation of women and be inspired by the irreplaceable genius women bring to the world. This week, go to formed.org and listen to the talk, *Feminine Genius*

FORMED PICK

Feminine Genius
By Colleen Carroll Campbell

Celebrate Women

Discover the uniqueness of the nature and vocation of women, which are gifts from God to the whole world. Author and TV personality Colleen Carroll Campbell will give you a brand new appreciation of the dignity of women.

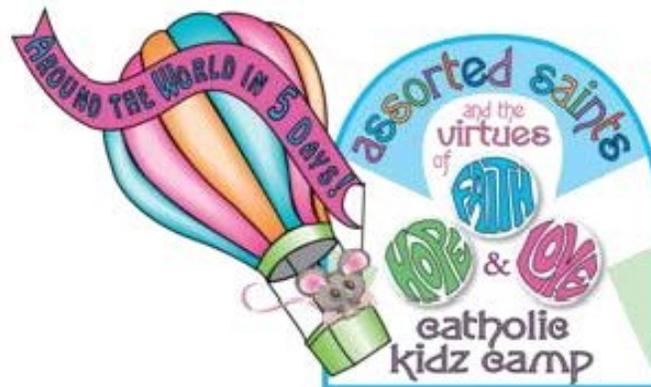
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“Hands down the best talk I’ve ever heard on the subject. Everyone needs to hear it!”
—Marie, New York, NY

Listen on formed.org



FORMED



St Monica Vacation Bible School

July 15 thru 19 – 9am to 12pm

Family Night Celebration, Friday July 19

Students: Preschool thru 6th Grade

Youth Volunteers: 7th thru 12th Grade

Adult Volunteer Positions (babysitting available): 5th/6th Faith Formation Teacher (9am-12pm, all week), Family Night Coordinator (can plan outside of VBS time for event on Friday 7/19), Babysitting Assistant (9am-12pm full or partial week)

Online registration and payment:

<https://stmonicavbs2019.redpodium.com/st-monica-vbs-2019-growing-with-the-saints>

For questions, contact: Monica Feldman monicaleed@hotmail.com or 555.7345; Rosemary Shaw rosemary.shaw@sbcglobal.net or 640.7986.

Join us for a fun-filled week learning about Saints and Virtues as we go
"Around the World in 5 Days"

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