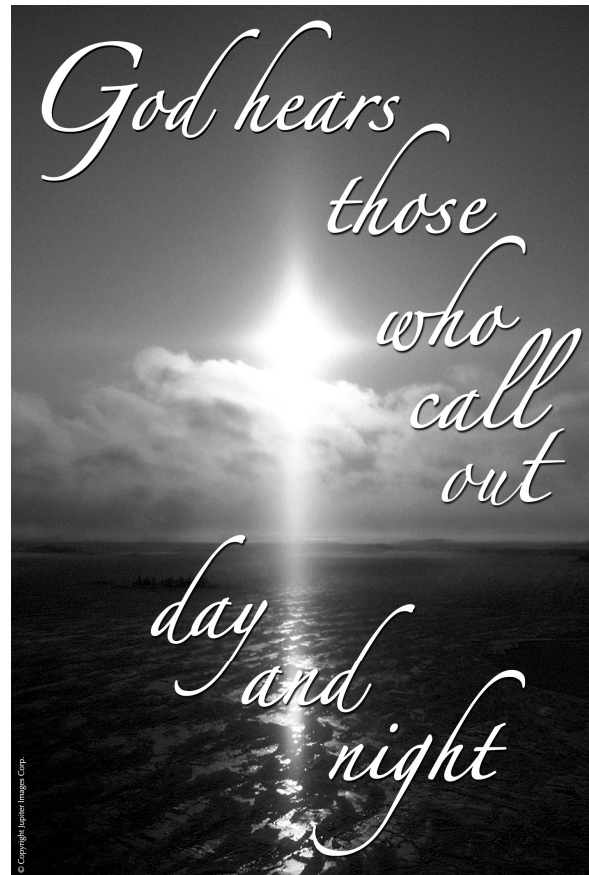
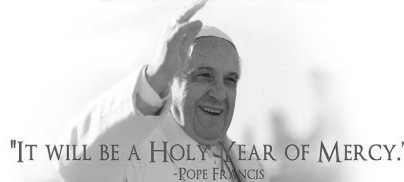


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EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY  
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"IT WILL BE A HOLY YEAR OF MERCY."  
-POPE FRANCIS

**CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY**

Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty,  
clothe the naked, welcome the stranger,  
heal the sick, visit the imprisoned, and  
bury the dead.

**SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY**

Counsel the doubtful, instruct the  
ignorant, admonish sinners,  
comfort the afflicted, forgive offences,  
bear patiently those who do us ill, and  
pray for the living and the dead.

**Our Mission: *Opening Hearts to Christ through  
Prayer, Fellowship & Service***

**STS. PETER AND PAUL PARISH**  
**A Catholic Parish in the Historic Soulard**  
**Neighborhood Serving the Poor**

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**MASSES**

Saturday: 5:00 pm  
 Sunday: 9:30 am  
 Holydays: 12:05 pm  
 Holidays: 9:00 am  
 Weekdays: 8:30 am in rectory – M, T, Thurs.  
 5:30 pm Mon. when Council Meets  
 12:05 pm in church — Wed.

Reconciliation: the Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered 15 minutes before the weekend Masses and by appointment.

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 Saturdays 3:00 - 3:30 pm or by appointment.

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 Saturdays 3:45 pm or by appointment

**INFANT BAPTISMS:** Contact **Debbie Wedemeier** (6) six months before anticipated birth for Baptismal Preparation. 314-276-4578

**PREPARATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION:** Contact **Deacon Dennis Chitwood.** 314-231-9923

**PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION:** Contact **Kevin Kelly.** 314-231-9923

**THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA):** Contact **Kevin Kelly** with any interest in pursuing membership in the Catholic Church, in learning more about the Church, or returning to the Church. 314- 231-9923

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:** Archdiocesan guidelines require engaged couples to prepare for their marriage at least **six (6) months** before the scheduled wedding takes place. Engaged couples planning marriage, contact **Deacon Thomas Gorski.** 314-231-9923

**WEDDING MUSIC CONSULTANT:** Contact **Mary Smith** for all wedding Masses at Sts. Peter & Paul Church. Mary will advise couples in choosing music and musicians. All musicians, cantors, and vocalists for Mass must be approved by our Music Consultant. 314-962-9260

**HOLY ORDERS AND CONSECRATED (RELIGIOUS) LIFE:** If interested, please call parish rectory or the Archdiocesan Office of Vocations.

**GROUP TOURS** of Historic Sts. Peter and Paul Church can be scheduled by contacting Phyllis Sandusky at the Rectory office. 314-231-9923

**MEALS FOR THE NEEDY** are served in the Parish Hall from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> of each month. To help serve the poor and homeless, call **Felicia Clay of PPCS.** 314-588-7111

**PARISH MID LEVEL HALL RENTAL:** Available for rental by parishioners only for receptions, banquets, parties, rehearsal dinners. Contact Phyllis Sandusky. 314-231-9923

**PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION:** Exists to support parents with children in public school or home schooled in their efforts to evangelize and pass the Catholic Faith on to their children. Please contact **Fr. Leo J. Spezio, Director.** Email: [scdpsr4200@sbcglobal.net](mailto:scdpsr4200@sbcglobal.net) 314.773-3070  
**Website Below:**  
<http://sites.google.com/site/southcitydeanerypsr/home>

**STS. PETER & PAUL HAS A NEWLY FORMED YOUNG ADULTS GROUP (Ages: 20's & 30's).** They meet once a month. If you are in your 20's or 30's, we invite you to come. Please contact Ryan Sitki at [rsitki@gmail.com](mailto:rsitki@gmail.com)

**PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS:** If you would like to submit a prayer chain request, please submit them to Phyllis Korte at [onthegopk@aol.com](mailto:onthegopk@aol.com).

**ENCOUNTER GOD IN THE SACRED SCRIPTURE**  
 If you promise to spend five (5) minutes a day reading the bible, take a bible free. Bibles can be found in the vestibule of church at the bible display.

**We welcome all of our parishioners, neighbors and visitors.** If this is your first time visiting our parish and you like what you see and hear and it fills your need, please consider making this your home parish. Our Mission is **“Opening Hearts to Christ through Prayer, Service and Fellowship.** We invite you to join our parish as a **full-time member or you may make this your associate parish by attending at least once a month and supporting our parish through your contribution envelopes.** To do so, please ask one of the ushers for a Membership Profile Questionnaire to complete and return to the rectory office or place it in the collection basket or on the piano after Mass. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the parish office at 314-231-9923. We are grateful for all of our members and visitors.

## Mass for the Intentions Week

Sunday	Oct 16	Parishioners
Monday	Oct 17	Donna Sikorski
Wednesday	Oct 19	Tom Kerley

### PREACHING SCHEDULE

Oct	15 & 16	Deacon Gorski
Oct	22 & 23	Fr. Dave Polek
Oct	29 & 30	Fr. Bruce Forman
<b>Nov</b>	<b>01</b>	Fr. Bruce Forman – <b>All Saints Day</b> <b>Mass will be at 12:05 in church</b>
Nov	05 & 06	Fr. Bruce Forman
Nov	12	Fr. Bruce Forman
Nov	13	Fr. Dave Polek

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**October 17 – 23, 2016**

Monday:	Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday:	2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Wednesday:	Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday:	Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53
Friday:	Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday:	Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9
Sunday:	Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

### DONUT HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE

<b>Oct</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Dance</b>
<b>Oct</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Kern's</b>
<b>Oct</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Nov</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>Mottershead's &amp; Link's</b>
<b>Nov</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Chris Sexton</b>
<b>Nov</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Hobart's</b>
<b>Nov</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Gorski's</b>
<b>Dec</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>Social Justice (Berviller's &amp; Meyer's)</b>

**“When  
the Son  
of Man  
comes,  
will he find faith on earth?”**

Luke 18:8



### LITURGICAL ASSISTANTS EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

<b>Oct</b>	<b>16</b>	Kate Gerber, Suzanne Kern, Frank Koishor, Tom Korte, Leanne McCrate and Phil Willman
<b>Oct</b>	<b>23</b>	Jan Meyer, Pat Mottershead, Cary Stock, Joe Thele, Debbie Wedemeier
<b>Oct</b>	<b>30</b>	Dianna Antonacci, Larry & Sally Backer, Laura Bone, Beth Durban and Kathleen Wayman

### LECTORS

<b>Sat</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>15</b>	Steve Sukanek
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>16</b>	Joe Thele & Kathy McKinnon
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>22</b>	Michelle Heitmann
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>23</b>	Phil Willman & Suzanne Tushar
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>29</b>	Stephen Sukanek
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>30</b>	Jeanne Marie Kelly & Bretton Delaria

### USHERS/GREETERS

<b>Oct</b>	<b>16</b>	Mary Gebhart, Anna Moser, Gary Meyer & John Meyer
<b>Oct</b>	<b>23</b>	Laura Bone, Marykay Fulton & Ken Kern
<b>Oct</b>	<b>30</b>	Tori Carlson, Pat Mottershead & Bretton Delaria

### NO PEW POTATOES

Catholicism is not a spectator sport.  
--Anonymous

**PARISH FAMILY NEWS**

**Happy Birthday!**



- Oct 15 Debbie Wedemeier
- Oct 17 Jacqueline Armbruster
- Oct 17 Sister Rose Marie Groppe, CSJ
- Oct 20 Stephen Meyer
- Oct 21 Dorothy Hettel

**Happy Anniversary!**



- Oct 18 Richard & Joan Blatz
- Oct 18 Gary & Jan Meyer
- Oct 19 Edward & Suzanne Tushar



***Happy Birthday  
Sister Rose Marie***

May God's protection and care always  
be with you forever.  
May you experience God's  
love and compassion.  
May each and every day of yours  
be lightened up by His glory.  
May you constantly feel His loving  
and tender touch and may you  
sense His never-dying love for you.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...**

Chuck Hejkal, Steve Ippolito, Al Niehoff, Andy Alaska, David Hackmann, Sister Rose Marie, George Darner, Mike and Gail McDonough, Dawn Butler, Dennis Chitwood, Margaret Rallo, Cierra Rogers, Willa Ottersbach, Suzanne Kern and Jessica Grib. **Also include in your prayers all their caregivers.**

Please pray for strength, courage, patience and healing for **all** those mentioned above and also for all the people in the world who need physical and emotional healing.

**PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE TO REMOVE OR ADD SOMEONE TO THE PRAYER LIST.**

**INTERCESSIONS FOR LIFE**

For our world and its people: May we turn from the "throwaway culture" that treats people as disposable, and instead embrace a culture of encounter and solidarity.

*We pray to the Lord:*

**HAPPY ARE THEY**

Happy are they who grieve not for what they have not, but give thanks for what they do have.

--Anonymous

**GENERAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Unrestricted Offertory Gifts	\$2,800.06
Current Budget	\$3,400.00

**Thank you for your gifts to God and to our parish**

**DON'T FORGET TO GO THROUGH  
THOSE UNWANTED SHOES IN  
YOUR CLOSET FOR THE  
ANNUAL SHOE COLLECTION**



**+ YOU =**



The month of October is here and our annual collection to benefit SHOEMAN WATER PROJECTS begins this weekend and will run through Sunday, October 30th. Any type of new or used shoes are welcome.....just no holes in the bottom. Shoeman Water Projects is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Shoeman Water Projects' main focus is to provide clean water in communities in developing countries. We have generated revenue to fund these water projects by collecting new and gently used shoes. Our shoe collection efforts improve our planet by keeping wearable, usable shoes out of local landfills and directing them to a secondary market for reuse both locally and globally. Questions? Contact Jan Meyer or Gerry Berviller

**STEWARDSHIP**

*"...be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient..." 2 TIMOTHY 4:2*

It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He called us to be faithful.

That we may be persistent in our stewardship, even when it is not convenient or comfortable.

**COLLECTIONS FOR SHELTER NEEDS**

**Peter and Paul Community Services** (PPCS) operate a men's shelter in the basement of our Church for seventy men, 365 days per year. During the **Month of OCTOBER**, we will collect **MEN'S DEODORANT** for our clients in the shelter.

Please drop your donations in blue plastic tubs at church when you attend Mass. By targeting an individual item each month, we will be able to donate the items that are short in their supplies. Thank you for your generous support of this project. If you have any questions, please contact Jan Meyer through the parish office number 314-231-9923.

**Services & Social Justice Ministry**

### DEPENDING ON GOD

"Getting by with a little help from our friends" is not an idea that began with the Beatles. Certainly the idea of "getting by with a little help from God" goes back at least to the first reading today from Exodus. How we get that help, however, is the key to this weekend's scriptures. No matter how inadequate Moses felt to the task God had given him, he persevered--even though he needed help from the people around him. The Israelites especially depended on God for freedom. The woman in the Gospel, desperate and destitute, had no one to depend on, but still she would not give up. She could not afford to bribe the unscrupulous judge, but she pestered him into weariness until finally he met her demands. We sometimes need to turn to others to help us through difficult times; but if we always turn to God, we won't be disappointed, for our help, the psalm assures us, is from the Lord.

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### MARRIAGE MOMENTS

It's easy to say "Pray always" (Luke 18:1) but is it really practical? If we broaden our concept of prayer it is. Service to the family can be a form of prayer. Think doing dishes, fixing stuff around the house, taking care of sometimes crabby kids, providing an income for necessities... Bring prayerful mindfulness to one such act today.

### PARENTING POINTERS

Try this bedtime ritual: What did I do well today? What can I do better tomorrow? (adapted from Family Memory Calendar, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown)

[www.SusanVogt.net](http://www.SusanVogt.net)

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### JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

OCTOBER 16, 2016

### TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### JUBILEE OF MARIAN DEVOTION

Though Jesus told today's parable more than two thousand years ago, human nature hasn't changed: we recognize both characters instantly. The merciless judge represents the corruption that has short-circuited justice throughout history; the distraught widow, society's perennially powerless, marginalized to what Pope Francis calls the "peripheries" by those who wield power but lack the mercy that could transfigure society with compassion. To confront such reality, Jesus bids us, "pray always without becoming weary" (Luke 18:1). Prayer opens our eyes to see others from Jesus' perspective, and leads us to work for justice by coming to the aid of others with what Pope Francis extols as a higher standard, mercy. Thus, when Jesus asks, "Will not God secure the rights of [God's] chosen ones? Will [God] be slow to answer?" (18:7). We respond by making God's liberating work for others our own. "[W]hen the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" (18:8). Yes, we respond--and mercy!

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### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

From the early medieval period, it was expected that the many bishops of Italy travel to Rome at least once every three years to give a report of their ministry, with a footnote granting the bishops of Sicily a visit every five years. By the eleventh century, the idea of bishops visiting the tombs of the apostles was a very strict requirement for all within reasonable reach of Rome. The age of discovery and the expansion of the Church into remote corners of the earth made this an unreasonable burden in many cases, yet every bishop was required at least to send a representative to Rome every five years.

In 1911, Pope St. Pius X established the rule for a "quinquennial" (meaning "once in five years") report, called an *ad limina*. This literally means "to the threshold," and refers to the expectation that the visiting bishop will go to the thresholds of the tombs of the apostles Peter and Paul and to a personal audience with the Holy Father. An exemption was given to so-called "mission territories," which in 1911 included the United States. The reports were still required, but could be filed by letter with an office of the missions called "Propagation of the Faith." This status was changed in 1917 and since that time all American bishops have been subject to the *ad limina*. These reports, carefully kept in the Vatican archives, are a treasure trove for historians, providing snapshots of culture and faith and a record of the Church's resilience even in times of persecution and change.

--Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

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### STS. PETER & PAUL'S 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY MASS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> AT 5:00 PM

If you were married at Sts. Peter & Paul Church in Historic Souldard and have or will be celebrating a five-year marker anniversary in 2016, then we would like to invite you to an Anniversary Mass to honor your marriage and renew your wedding vows on Saturday, November 12, 2016 at the 5:00 p.m. Mass at Sts. Peter & Paul Church at the corner of 8th and Allen.

We also invite our parishioners and associate parishioners who may not have been married here but who are celebrating a 5-year anniversary marker to attend.

***Please RSVP to Phyllis Sandusky by Friday, October 21st at 314-231-9923 or [pssspeterpaul@charter.net](mailto:pssspeterpaul@charter.net).*** Please include your first and last names, wedding month, day and year, number of years married and your contact information. If you know someone who was married here and are celebrating one of these specific anniversaries, please tell them about this special celebration Mass.

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## **TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Today's readings are about persistence, passionate persistence. Exodus tells of a battle won despite weariness because Moses, with help from Aaron and Hur, held his hands raised. Timothy asks that same persistence of his community and us. Luke tells of a court case won by a widow, despite the dishonesty of the judge, because she will not leave him alone. The psalm reminds us that God is everywhere, guarding us from harm day and night, coming and going, now and forever. The readings are about persistence, the relentless, unwavering pursuit of what must not be lost. The readings are about God's passionate persistence in pursuing us, seeking to win our hearts.

### **FIGHTING BATTLES**

In Exodus a battle is being waged. While others fight the battle, Moses stands on top of the hill, and despite weariness and with assistance, holds his hands up in prayer, ensuring victory. It is his persistence, his patience, his relentlessly holding steady despite its cost to him, that results in victory. Timothy reminds his community that they--and we--must be persistent in proclaiming the word. Luke tells the story of a widow and a dishonest judge. We don't even know what the case is about. We only know that the widow is not going to rest until she receives justice and finally she does. What all these readings have in common is the element of persistence in the face of overwhelming odds.

### **VICTORIOUS SURRENDER**

We have all fought our battles, on the field, in court, in homes, at our workplaces, and in our own hearts and minds. We have won some and lost some, but few have required the persistence evidenced in Exodus and Luke. Are we even capable of such persistence? Perhaps we are if the battle is about something so central, so vital, that we are willing to go to any lengths to win. But what would such a thing be? As the psalm makes clear, God is capable of such persistence, especially when what is so central, so vital to God is us. God is the unrelenting widow and we are the dishonest judge. God is Moses standing firm despite weariness. We are so central to God's plan of salvation that nothing will stand in God's way of safeguarding us, not even our own weaknesses, shortcomings, and sins. Like the dishonest judge, we should just surrender and accept God's passionate and persistent love.

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### **PERSEVERANCE**

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives a clever example of why we are to persevere in praying, even if we think the prayer is not being heard. The crooked judge just wanted to get that widow off his back. She was lucky her adversary didn't pester the judge, too; he might have gone the other way. So we can pray to God with even more confidence, because we know that God loves us and will answer our prayers.

St. Paul carries that theme of perseverance even further.

He is not just talking about prayer here; he encourages Timothy to persevere in proclaiming God's word as well. That command we may find more challenging than prayer. He tells Timothy (and us!) to "convince, reprimand and encourage through all patience and teaching" (2 Timothy 4:2). How can we do that?

"Convince" reminds me that our faith should be reasonable. Not that we can prove all that we believe in a scientific way, but our faith should be realistic; after all, God made the world, so God should know how it works. Jesus' command to love one another, for instance, can be taught much more convincingly by giving examples of love. A mother who hugs her child when he is hurt, forgives him when he is sorry, and encourages him when he feels lost is teaching that command in a way that will be remembered much longer than just telling him to love people. So we can convince others of our faith by showing them examples of love, forgiveness, and encouragement.

Paul also talks about reprimanding each other. That may be what he was thinking when he says that proclaiming the word can sometimes be inconvenient. Most people find it difficult to reprimand someone they are in charge of, much less one who is equal in status. That's where patience comes in. A reprimand can be made patiently and gently, as a sign of concern rather than authority. Paul lastly mentions teaching. He probably was referring to teaching the Hebrew Scriptures and how they were fulfilled in Christ. Parents can do their part by teaching the stories from the Bible, helping children to see God in creation, teaching them to pray, and being good examples of God's love for them. If you send your children to religion classes or the parish school, do what you can to support the teachers so that what the children learn at school is practiced at home. What the children see (or don't see) at home has a much greater effect than a few hours a week in a classroom.

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### **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Attention married couples - enjoy a 'date day' and 'Walk in the Park'. Together, the two of you walk in a nature setting and will remember several of your greatest times together beginning from when you were dating until now. Sunday, November 6, a walk of up to 1 1/2 miles (can be less if you wish) begins with your arrival between 1:00PM and 1:30PM at Powder Valley Nature Center, 11715 Cragwold Road, St. Louis, MO 63122 (off Geyer Road near West Watson Road). At the end of the walk, water and a snack will be provided.

The married couple 'Walk in the Park' is sponsored by the couples and priests of Gateway Marriage Encounter and is free of charge. Please register your attendance by sending your names by email to Joe and Laurie Coultrip: [joe.coultrip@gmail.com](mailto:joe.coultrip@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you on a day you will remember forever.

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**Danny Abramowicz**  
**Guest Speaker**

October 27, 2016 - 7:00 PM  
St. Joseph Church  
in Cottleville  
1355 Motherhead Rd.,  
St. Charles, MO 63304)

**Free Event - All welcome**

**Presenter:** former NFL all-pro wide receiver and coach, **Danny Abramowicz.**

Danny and his "team" have created *Crossing the Goal*, a show on EWTN that uses a sports-show format to encourage men to get into spiritual shape.

Danny's Mission: to call, equip and empower Catholic men to become and stay spiritually fit in their faith through the utilization of Spiritual Fitness Workouts.

**Information:** [www.stjoecot.org](http://www.stjoecot.org).

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**ST. AUGUSTINE**  
**WOMEN OF FAITH**  
**10TH ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST**  
**NOVEMBER 5, 2016 AT 8:30 AM**

**Theme:** "Lord Help Me to Hold Out!"  
**Speaker:** **Dr. C. Vanessa White** from Chicago  
**Location:** Clayton Inn Hotel,  
7750 Carondelet, Clayton, MO  
**Donation:** \$25

**Tickets:** Contact St. Augustine Catholic Church  
314.385.1935, or Cecilia at 314.484.6395.

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**FORMING MEN FOR CHRIST: A MONTHLY**  
**CATHOLIC MEN'S MASS AND COFFEE**

Sessions held every 2nd Thursday of the month.

- **Next Session:** Oct. 13, 2016
- **Speaker:** Fr. James Mason, J.D.
- President-Rector of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary
- **Time:** 6:30 AM Mass in Church, 7:00-7:45 AM Coffee & Talk in the church basement
- **Location:** St. Joseph Catholic Church, 106 N. Meramec Ave., Clayton, MO 63105

**Information:** <http://kenrick.edu/resources/formingmenforchrist/>.

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**ENOUGH - A REGIONAL MINISTRY FOR WOMEN**

Monthly, every 3rd Tuesday of the month:

- Worship
- Music
- Reflection and Community

**Next gathering:** Oct. 18, St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, 1420 S. Sappington Rd., St. Louis, MO 63126, 7:30-9:00 PM.

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**A PRAYER FOR OUR NATION**

*By Lorene Hanley Duquin*



Gracious and loving God, we come to you in humble prayer for the United States of America.

Bless our President with the wisdom and strength to serve the American people and lead our country in ways that are pleasing to You.

Bless our Congress with the knowledge and understanding to enact laws that protect the sanctity of life -- from the unborn to the elderly; and promote the good of all people.

Bless the people of the United States with an awareness of our responsibility as citizens to uphold the principles of life, liberty, justice, and equality.

Send your Holy Spirit upon our beloved country. Make us people of faith in time of uncertainty. Make us people of hope in times of trouble. Make us people of compassion with those who are less fortunate. Make us people of peace in our homes, our communities, our country, and our world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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**LIVING THE CHURCH YEAR**

***God bless America!***

**Editor's Letter**

The United States Bishops state that, "participating in shaping the moral character of society is a requirement of our faith, a part of the mission given to us by Jesus Christ" (Faithful Citizenship, USCCB). We model our faith when we share our beliefs in the public square. It is not easy to vote our Catholic values and beliefs, yet we are called to engage in the political process so that we might help bring the message of Christ into the world.

This is especially important for families. The National Assessment of Educational Progress found that only 22% of 8th graders and 27% of 4th graders were proficient in American civics. Help bridge the education gap in your parish by offering one of Our Sunday Visitor's many resources around the election and civil engagement.

May God bless you this election season and beyond.

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