



CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH



SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,

Friday: 6:30 a.m.

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

4:00 p.m. Saturday & by appointment

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What is Priesthood Sunday?

Priesthood Sunday, Sept. 29, 2019, is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon, and affirm the role of, the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. This nationwide event is coordinated and sponsored by the US Council of Serra International, <https://serraus.org>.

Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen.

CLERGY

His Excellency, The Most Reverend Shawn McKnight | Bishop of Jefferson City
His Excellency, The Most Reverend John R. Gaydos | Bishop Emeritus in Residence
Very Reverend Louis M. Nelen | Pastor, Rector
Reverend James Finder | Chaplain to St. Mary's and Capital Regional Hospitals
Reverend Monsignor Donald W. Lammers, P.A. | Retired Priest in Residence
Deacon Christopher Baker | **Deacon Alvin J. Brand** | **Deacon James L. Kliethermes** | **Deacon Tyler S. McClay** | **Deacon Dan K. Joyce**
Deacon John A. Schwartz | **Deacon Emeritus Robert J. Rackers, K.S.G.**

Registering in the Parish

To join our Parish, please contact the Parish Office at 635-7991 Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Registering in the Cathedral School

Parents wishing to know more about our grade school are encouraged to call the Cathedral school principal, Mr. Spencer L. Allen, at 635-5024.

— WELCOME TO OUR PARISH —

TO ALL OUR VISITORS

Bishop Shawn McKnight, the clergy and the faithful of the Diocese of Jefferson City welcome you and hope that your time in our Mother Church may be an opportunity to share our faith and joy in Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Parish was formed in 1959 and was elevated to the title of Cathedral in 1968 and dedicated in 1974. Please enjoy the beauty of this spacious building dedicated to the Glory of God and the memory of Saint Joseph, the Husband of Mary. It was built for the inspiration of all who enter. Free tour booklets are available.

All visitors who are not of the Roman Catholic faith are most welcome to join us in prayer and worship, but not to

receive Holy Communion. Reception of Holy Communion is a sign of full unity and membership in the Catholic community.

Together let us all pray for the unity of all believers.

If you desire to become a member of the Roman Catholic Church or to become a member of the Cathedral Parish, please call the Parish Office at 573-635-7991.

All contributions to the Cathedral ministries and maintenance are sincerely appreciated. Please remember this Cathedral Parish in your will, gifts and estate plans to support our Parish's ongoing mission.

CATHEDRAL PARISH INFORMATION

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents requesting the Sacrament of Baptism for their children should be registered members of the Parish. Parents should try to see that their children are baptized within the first few weeks after birth. A baptism preparation session is required for new parents. Contact Deacon Baker via the Parish Office to set an appointment.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Parishioners facing surgery or struggling with serious illness may request this Sacrament of healing by calling a priest at the Parish Office.

Holy Matrimony

Call the Parish Office and schedule a meeting with a clergy member. During the initial meeting, you can set a wedding date. Only after speaking with a priest can a date be confirmed. The wedding date should be at least 6 months after the first meeting. A couple must be free to marry in the Catholic Church. If either person has been previously married, no date can be set until their freedom to marry has been determined.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Persons interested in becoming Roman Catholic should contact the Parish Office.

Confirmation

For the 2020 Confirmation cycle, all high school students not already Confirmed will be prepared and Confirmed. Please call the Parish Office or send an email to info@cathedraljlc.org to sign-up.

CATHEDRAL ORGANIZATIONS AND MINISTRIES

American Heritage Girls	Mrs. Jennifer Gerber	JP2 Young Adults	Mrs. Julie Gramlich
Baptism Preparation	Deacon Chris Baker	Knights of Columbus	Mr. Bob Asahl
Bereavement Committee	Mrs. Dena Brand	Ladies' Auxiliary	Mrs. Carolyn Case
Boy Scouts	Mr. Steve Wright	Marriage Preparation	Parish Office
Catholic Cancer Support	Vacant	Nursing Home Visitation	Area Deacons
Cemetery Board	Deacon John Schwartze Mrs. Donna English,	Parish Pastoral Council	Ms. Edie Vogel
Christ Renews His Parish	(Men's) Mr. Louie Delk and (Women's) Ms. June Brunner	Parish School of Religion	Mrs. Cara Sue Cockerham
Collection Counters	Mr. Duane Buersmeyer	Prayer Line	Parish Office
Confirmation Preparation	Mrs. Denise Barnes	Pro-Life	Ed Bode
Cub Scouts	Mr. Larry Schulte	Rite of Christian Initiation	Mr. Dan Kempker
Cursillo	Mr. Brian Johnson	Samaritan Center Board	Mr. Alan Mudd Mr. Jamison Case Mrs. Leslie Case
Director of Music	Mr. Thomas Halpin	School Board President	Mrs. Abby Struempf
Edge Youth Program	Mrs. Julie Gramlich	School Principal	Mr. Spencer L. Allen
Eucharistic Adoration	Mr. John Poepsel	Secular Franciscan Order	Mr. Patrick Smith, OFS
Faith Formation Committee	Mrs. Denise Barnes	Special Event Dinners	Mrs. Janice Houser
Finance Council	Mrs. Christy Daledovich	St. Brigid Quilters	Mrs. Rosana Weidinger
Funeral Luncheon	Mrs. Pat Dowd	Stewardship Committee	Parish Office
Girl Scouts	Mrs. Maria Stokes	Ushers	Mr. Bob Asahl
Home & School	Mrs. Maureen Quinn	Vocations' Committee	Mr. Louie Delk
Helias Representative	Mrs. Heidi Vollet	Youth Ministry	Mrs. Julie Gramlich



Sunday, September 29

8:00 a.m. Parishioners
10:00 a.m. Jerome Oligschlaeger

Monday, September 30

6:30 a.m. Gary Struempfler

Tuesday, October 1

6:30 a.m. Cletus Dubbert

Wednesday, October 2

8:00 a.m. Joe Burnett

Thursday, October 3

6:30 a.m. L/D of the Raymond & Noel Caspari Family

Friday, October 4

6:30 a.m. L/D of the Buechter & Morris Families

Saturday, October 5

5:30 p.m. Sheila Stegeman

Sunday, October 6

8:00 a.m. Ethel Mae Lawliss
10:00 a.m. Parishioners

OBSERVANCES, WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church
Tuesday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: The Holy Guardian Angels
Thursday: Weekday
Friday: St. Francis of Assisi
Saturday: Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday; World Communion Day

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Offertory Budget 07/1/19-6/30/20	\$	2,675,000.00
Budget Goal per Month	\$	222,916.67
Weekly Goal	\$	51,442.31
Collection		
September 1	\$	30,899.78
September 8	\$	58,425.19
September 15	\$	17,624.25
September 22	\$	92,087.68
September 29	\$	
To Date for September	\$	199,001.90
Budget Goal Year-to-Date	\$	617,307.72
Sunday Collection Year-to-Date	\$	634,893.53
Over/Under	\$	+17,585.81
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	1,960.50

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 29 **El Puente 2nd Collection:** All Masses
Ladies' Auxiliary Bake Sale: After all Masses
K of C 5th Sunday Mass: 10:00 a.m.
Coffee Bar: After 10:00 a.m. Mass, Undercroft.
Confirmation Class: 11:00 a.m., School
Baptism: 11:00 a.m., Cathedral
Timothy 4 Retreat Team: 5:00 p.m., Mary Room

September 30 **Centering Prayer:** 12:10 p.m., Chapel

October 1 **Vocations' Committee:** 4:30 p.m., Mary Room
Schola: 6:30 p.m., Bishop Marling Room

October 2 **All School Mass:** 8:00 a.m., Cathedral Proper
Rummage Sale Set-up: 9:00 a.m., Undercroft
Pastor/Music Director Meeting: 9:00 a.m., Parish Office
Parish Staff Meeting: 9:30 a.m., Parish Office
Women's Bible Study: 6:30 p.m., Mary Room
PSR Classes: 7:00 p.m., School Cafeteria
Adult Choir: 7:00 p.m., Cathedral Proper & Bishop Marling Room

October 3 **Quilters:** 8:45 a.m., Bishop Marling Room
Rummage Sale Set-up: 9:00 a.m., Undercroft
Pastor/Principal Mtg.: 10:00 a.m., Parish Office
Rosary: 7:00 p.m., Chapel

October 4 **First Friday All-School Mass:** 8:00 a.m.
Rummage Sale: 8:00 a.m., Undercroft
Eucharistic Adoration: 9:00 a.m., Cathedral
Benediction: 2:40 p.m., Cathedral

October 5 **Men's Prayer Group:** 7:00 a.m., Bishop Marling Room
Rummage Sale: 7:00 a.m., Undercroft
Wedding: 2:00 p.m., Cathedral
Confessions: 4:00 p.m., Cathedral Proper
Baptism: 6:30 p.m., Cathedral

October 6 **Samaritan Center 2nd Collection:** All Masses
Confirmation Class: 11:00 a.m., Undercroft
Timothy 4 Retreat Team: 5:00 p.m., Mary Room



Welcome!

Formerly

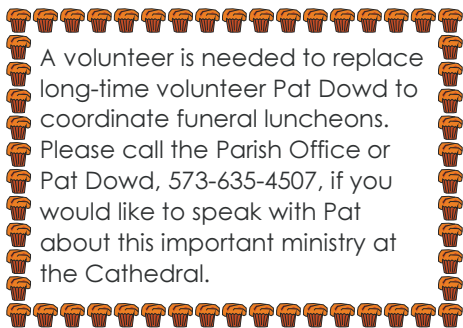
Christ Renews His Parish

The Women's Weekend, scheduled for October 12—13 has been postponed and will be rescheduled at a later date.

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A volunteer is needed to replace long-time volunteer Pat Dowd to coordinate funeral luncheons. Please call the Parish Office or Pat Dowd, 573-635-4507, if you would like to speak with Pat about this important ministry at the Cathedral.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The 59th Annual Christmas Bazaar is scheduled for Sunday, **November 10, 2019**. Volunteers are needed to take charge of the various booths, dining room and kitchen responsibilities in the days leading up to, and day of, the Bazaar. Please contact Jim Vignola at the Parish Office or by email to jim.v@cathedraljc.org.

NEW SCRIPTURE STUDY

Prepare for weekend Masses! **MONDAYS**, starting **October 7** at 7:30 p.m., in the handicap-accessible Mary Room at the Parish Office. Read, discuss, understand and apply the inspired biblical message for the following weekend Mass. Requirement: Spend **ONE HOUR** weekly to learn and apply God's message for personal betterment of spiritual living. Contact Ed Bode, evenings at 635-7874.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Classes are held in the Undercroft from 11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m. on Sundays. 1st-semester classes: **September 29** (class held in the School Cafeteria today); **October 6 & 27** (Candidates & Sponsors meet); **November 2** (All Souls' Holy Day Mass) & **17**.

RUMMAGE FUNDRAISER

SALE A Rummage Sale to help cover the expenses of the trip in November will be held **Oct. 4-5**. Donation items can be dropped off in the Undercroft on **Oct. 2 & 3**.

YOUTH STOCK

There is an opportunity for parishioners to help our young people attend NCYC and various Diocesan camps by purchasing Youth Stock shares (\$10/share). "Youth Stock" forms can be picked up at the Parish Office.

TIMOTHY 4 RETREAT MTG.

A team meeting will be held Sunday, **Sept. 29**, 5:00 p.m. in the Mary Room. The retreat weekend is **Nov. 1-3**. For more information, email Julie Gramlich, julie.g@cathedraljc.org.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Oct. 1:** Jr. Liturgical Choir, 3:00 p.m.
- Oct. 2:** All-School Mass, 8:00 a.m.; Life Runners Walk/Run, 3:30 p.m., Memorial Park
- Oct. 4:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Cathedral Proper; Benediction: 2:40 p.m., Cathedral Proper
- Oct. 7:** Standardized Testing begins
- Oct. 8:** Early Dismissal, 2:00 p.m.; Dress-down Day; Flu Clinic, 9:00—11:00 a.m.

PHOTO DIRECTORY

St. Joseph Cathedral Parish is publishing a 50th Anniversary Photo Directory. We would like to have as many families as possible participate. Four more days of photo opportunities have been added on **October 8—11!** Sign up today at <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/b09t8bbv/>.



Join us for Mass and then...
FREE DONUTS!
All are welcome!

KNIGHTS' MASS
September 29th at 10:00 a.m.

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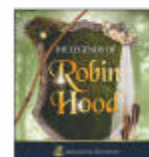
COFFEE/DONUT BAR
after 10:00 a.m. Mass



Come join us in the Undercroft for FREE donuts and beverages following the Knights' Mass. All are welcome—and we'll have coffee, milk and a variety of donuts for you to enjoy.



The Legends of Robin Hood



"My son and I thoroughly enjoyed this rendition of Robin Hood."
—Jessica S. Leslie, MI

Sign up at www.cathedraljc.formed.org.

Join the Adventure

The child of a reputable family and a faithful son of the Church, Robert of Locksley became an outlaw when the relentless cruelty of England's nobility demanded that someone rise up.



POWERED BY THE ACCESS INSTITUTE

FAMILIES-IN-NEED PROGRAM: ITEMS REQUESTED FOR THE **OCTOBER 8TH** DELIVERY: **CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP, SNACK CAKES, CANNED GREEN BEANS, SHAMPOO AND PAPER TOWELS.** PLEASE PLACE YOUR DONATIONS IN THE CONTAINERS PROVIDED AT ALL THE EXITS OF THE CATHEDRAL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

— PARISH NEWS & EVENTS —



LADIES' AUXILIARY BAKE SALE

The Ladies' Auxiliary will be holding a Bake Sale on Sat., **Sept. 28th**, and Sun., **Sept. 29th**, after all Masses. Donations will be used for the needs of the Parish and School. Try some of their baked fall items!

ULTREYA

A local Ultreya for the Jefferson City Metro Area is scheduled for Monday, **October 7**, at St. Peter Church in the Fr. Ahrens Room at 7:00 p.m. This is the last scheduled Ultreya for this calendar year.



September 28/29, The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 5:30 p.m. Gene Vogel and Tom Halpin
- 8:00 a.m. Dennis Kroll, Janet Theby and Tom Halpin
- 10:00 a.m. K of C (John Poepfel) and Tom Halpin

October 5/6, The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 5:30 p.m. Dewayne Carver and Mary Kabiri
- 8:00 a.m. Schola (John Poepfel) and Tom Halpin
- 10:00 a.m. Christine Schroeder and Tom Halpin

CONGRATULATIONS

We welcome the following children who will be, or who were, baptized at the Cathedral recently.

September 29: **Ileana Castro**, daughter of Eric and Enedina Castro;

September 29: **Clara Joan Boehm**, daughter of Jesse and Jennifer Boehm;

October 5: **Jack Fitzgerald Dickey**, son of Aaron and Samantha Dickey.

Congratulations to them and to their families.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus are Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place while supporting their Church and protecting and enhancing their family life. If you would like to join us, please contact Grand Knight Bob Asahl at 230-3570.

THANK YOU - Louie Delk who coordinated the **RECORD—SETTING** Annual Food Drive for the Samaritan Center. The Knights collected 7,100 lbs. of FOOD and \$3,300 in cash contributions. **WOW. That's FANTASTIC.** Thanks again to all the Knights who helped with this worthwhile project.

Knights' Upcoming Events—Monthly Business Meeting will be October 9, 7:00 p.m., with a 1st-Degree initiation beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Undercroft. TODAY, Sunday, **September 29**, we will again have a "Knights' Mass" at 10:00 a.m., followed by a coffee & donut bar in the Undercroft.

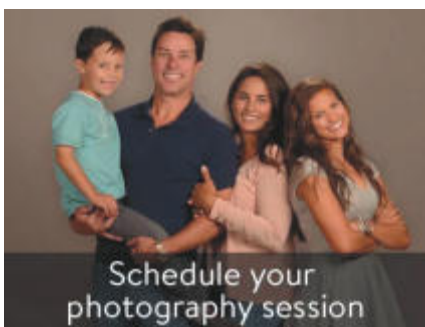
All of the good works done by the Knights of Columbus are guided by four core principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

LADIES' AUXILIARY

The next meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary will be on Thursday, **October 3**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Office Meeting Room. We will play Bunco after a short meeting. Please bring a friend! Please bring a Thanksgiving-themed item for the Christmas Bazaar basket. If you have questions, please call Carolyn Case, 636-2795.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

RCIA is the formal way by which non-Catholics can learn about the Catholic faith and, ultimately be received into the Roman Catholic Church if they desire. RCIA is also the way by which adult Catholics receive the Sacraments of the Eucharist and/or Confirmation if they haven't already received them. RCIA classes will begin soon. If you have questions, call Dan Kempker at (573) 797-1366 or email him at dkempker@gmail.com.



NEW PHOTO SESSION DATES ADDED!

October 8—11

Lifetouch

BE INCLUDED in our Golden-Jubilee Parish Pictorial Directory!

Sign up now at:

<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/b09t8bbv/>.

We are offering to take photos of our shut-in parish members for the directory. Please call the Parish Office if interested.



CENTERING PRAYER:

Please join us on Mondays at 12:10 p.m. in the Chapel. Contemplative Prayer is a powerful way of moving into a deepening experience of divine union. Contact Barbara Poetker at (573) 893-2064.

HOLY ROSARY:

Come and join us on Thursday nights, 7:00 p.m., to pray the Most Holy Rosary in the Daily Mass Chapel.

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHES:

We ask each member of our Cathedral Parish to pray each week for the members of one of the parishes or missions in our diocese. As a Cathedral Church, all our parishes are linked to us, and we wish to deepen the spiritual bond with them. Therefore, we will pray this week for **St. Peter, Jefferson City.**

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS:

The Cathedral Vocations' Committee invites you to pray each week for a Priest, Religious, Deacon and Seminarian serving in our Diocese. This week, please keep in your prayers:

Msgr. Marion Makarewicz, Our Lady of the Lake, Lake Ozark
Sr. Anne Boessen

Deacon Thomas Whalen, Retired, St. Peter, Jefferson City
Seminarian Erick Chinchilla, Conception Seminary College, Conception

"CHRIST THE HIGH PRIEST" ICON:

Malissa Briggler will have the icon in her home September 29—October 5, and Carol Hartman will have the icon in her home October 6–12 to pray for vocations.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Monday through Friday open Adoration Hours: **Monday:** 1-2 p.m.; **Tuesday:** Noon-1 p.m.; **Wednesday:** 7-8 p.m.; **Thursday:** 7-8 p.m. and 8-9 p.m.; **Friday:** 10-11 a.m. and 10-11 p.m. Our goal is to have 24/7 Adoration. Contact the Parish Office to sign up for an hour with our Lord in the Adoration Chapel.

PRAY FOR:

The sick, the elderly, and the lonely in our parish. If you would like to put someone on the prayer list or if you would like to be part of the prayer line, call the Parish Office at 635-7991.

TAIZÉ PRAYER:

Tuesdays: Oct. 1, Nov. 5, & Dec. 3 at 5:30 p.m.
Wednesdays: Oct. 9, Nov. 13, & Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m.
Held at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in the Chapel. A Taizé worship service involves sung and chanted prayers, meditation, a period of silence, liturgical readings, and icons.

VISITATION PARISH, VIENNA, FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, **September 29**, 11:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m., Koerber Hall. Fresh whole-hog sausage and fried chicken dinners. Adults: \$12; Children: \$5; Under 5: Free.

SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

This presentation includes personal stories from individuals with lived experience and focuses on suicide prevention and awareness. Sunday, **September 29**, 1:30—3:00 p.m. at Missouri River Regional Library, 214 Adams St. Hosted by "Here Am I Hear Me Foundation."

CEMETERY TOUR

"Voices from the Past": A Cemetery tour will be held on **Sept. 29** in the cemetery next to Immaculate Conception School, Loose Creek. Tour begins at 11:00 a.m. in the school cafeteria with refreshments. Admission: \$10 in advance, \$12 at door. Call Joan Backes for tickets (573-897-4286 or 573-680-1897).

ASSUMPTION PARISH, MORRISON, FALL DINNER

Sunday, **October 6**, 11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m., at the Morrison Community Center. Fried chicken, real mashed potatoes, all the fixings and homemade desserts. Country store & raffle prizes. Adults: \$11; Children: \$5, 5 and under: Free.

ST. ANDREW PARISH, HOLTS SUMMIT, FALL FEST

Sunday, **October 6**, 11:00 a.m.—5:30 p.m. Serving buffet-style food: turkey, dressing, sausage and sauerkraut, sides, and homemade desserts. Adults: \$10, children: \$ 5, 5 and under: Free. Bingo, cake walk, country store, entertainment, raffle, silent auction, shooting match at 11:30 a.m.

ST. THOMAS PARISH, ST. THOMAS, 150th

Sesquicentennial Heritage Celebration. Sunday, **October 6**, Mass at 10:00 a.m. Opening ceremony at 11:30 a.m. Music: German band, Choir-Pfeffer pipe organ, Bluegrass, Country. Tours: town, church, school and cemetery. Demonstrations: black-powder guns, blacksmithing, woodcarving, fur trapping and square dancing. Old-fashioned games. Variety of food vendors. Historical museum and quilt show.

FROM LOSS TO NEW LIFE

Saturdays, **Oct. 12—Dec. 7**, 9:30—11:30 a.m., at the First Baptist Church. A free program specifically designed for those suffering grief or loss of a loved one through death or divorce. Registration is required at 634-3603 or email mary@fbcjc.org. Sponsored by AARP Chapter 4401.

ST. GEORGE PARISH, HERMANN, SMORGASBORD

Sunday, **October 13**, 11:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Serving fried chicken, whole-hog sausage, baked turkey and sides. Adults: \$12, Children: \$5, 5 and under: Free. Polka Mass at 10:30 a.m., Country store, handicapped-accessible hall.

BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

For First Responders: "That God's holy angels may watch over and protect those who place themselves in harm's way to serve their neighbors."



MISSOURI CATHOLIC CONFERENCE'S ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

The Catholic Bishops of Missouri invite you to attend the Assembly on Saturday, **October 5**, at the Missouri State Capitol Building. Come learn about public policy from the experts who are involved in advocacy on a daily basis. The theme of this year's gathering is "Raising the Next Generation of Catholic Advocates." The event is free and includes lunch and childcare for children above four years of age. A youth track for

students in middle school and up, including a mock legislature where students can debate bills on the floor of the Missouri Senate, is available. To register for the event, go to MOCatholic.org or call 1-800-456-1679.

ROSARY CONGRESS, OCTOBER 5-11

Our Lady has instructed us to "pray with the heart." To pray with the heart is a decision to set aside everything, to concentrate, and to persevere in pure prayer. For the first time, the Diocese of Jefferson City will join with many dioceses across the country for the Rosary Congress, **Oct. 5-11**. Each parish can determine its means of participating for healing in our Church, for more vocations, and for our country. Let's set our parishes on fire with a mission of love and consecrate our hearts to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. For more information, visit www.rosarycongressusa.org or email marymarkway@embarqmail.com.

RACHEL'S VINYARD

If you or a loved one is suffering from abortion, find hope and allow God to heal your heart by attending a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat. The last retreat of 2019 to be held in the Kansas City area will be **Oct. 25-27**. For more information or to register, contact Teresa O'Donnell at 816-679-4973 or rvkcmo@gmail.com or visit www.rachelsvineyardkc.org.

NEW JOB OPENING

Office assistant (floater)—An exciting and faith-filled opportunity exists at the Diocese of Jefferson City Chancery office. We are seeking a full-time individual with good office skills to assist with clerical assignments, primarily data entry. This position is typically Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., and offers a full range of benefits, including medical and matching 403 (b) retirement plan. A minimum of 3 years' experience with Microsoft Office suite and accurate keyboarding skills of 60 wpm is required. All final candidates will be asked to submit to an on-line skills test. Qualified candidates should send resumé to HRDir@diojeffcity.org.

RESPECT LIFE WEEK

Natural Family Planning (NFP) EVENT—October 5, 10:00 am – 3:00 p.m., Chancery Office

Fellowship & Formation (10 AM): A time to network, share wisdom, and support each other in living the NFP lifestyle. This is a free event. Presenter before lunch. Bring a dish or just yourself. Come and go as desired.

Full NFP Course (1 PM): Certified Couple-to-Couple League teachers will present the Symptom-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning. \$135 registration fee (incl. materials, 3-week delivery). Scholarships are available. Pre-register online at register.ccli.org or at event. Child-care may be made available if known ahead of time.

All are welcome! Couples, singles, families, clergy, current and new NFP users, or those simply interested in learning more, no strings attached.

RETRouvaille

The Retrouvaille Program is for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. It is a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. The next weekend is **Oct. 25** in Kansas City. For more information, contact 1-800-470-2230 or info@retrouville.org.

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