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Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church

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Friendship in Christ

Enjoying each other's company

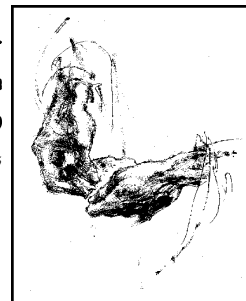
Striving to bring the best out of each other

Sharing a commitment to a common good outside of ourselves

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Were not our hearts burning as he spoke to us on the road ...
And they recognized him
IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Gospel of Luke 24: 13-35



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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm Standard Time

5:00 pm Daylight Time

Sunday 8:00am, 10:30am

Daily Mass Schedule

6:30 am Tuesday/Thursday

8:00 am Monday/Wednesday/Friday

8:00 am Wednesday/Thursday

Christ Light of the Nations School

Check the Bulletin each week

for schedule changes.

Holy Days of Obligation

8:00 am, and 7:00 pm

Civil Holidays 9:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 2:30-3:30 (CST);

3:30-4:30 (CDT)

Advent & Lent Reconciliation Services

By appointment at any time—

call priest directly.

Liturgy of the Hours

7:35am Monday/Wednesday/Friday

Eucharistic Adoration

7:00am Tuesday-midnight

Wednesday

Becoming a Catholic Christian

The parish has a year-round/on-going process to assist adults in becoming Catholic. It also has a special program for older unbaptized children. Both can start any time. Call Deacon George (868-2310) for further information

Sacrament of Marriage

Engaged couples begin preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage at least 6 months before their wedding. Please remember—a wedding date will not be scheduled until the assessment of their readiness for the Sacrament of Marriage has been completed. Contact the rectory for more information. Weddings are not scheduled during the Season of Lent.

Anointing of the Sick

The sacrament is for those having surgery, the seriously ill, the chronically ill, and those near death. If you know in advance that you are going to the hospital, call one of the priests to arrange for anointing at home or church. In addition the sacrament is celebrated at church on the first Saturday of the month after evening Mass and on the third Sunday of the month after 8:00 Mass. It may be repeated as needed.

A PLEDGE TO PARISH LIFE

My parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to causes, if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its community, if I invite and bring them.

It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a parish with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be.



Highlights of Life in Our Community Our Parish Life

Good for You - Good for Others

*Details in your bulletin or Parish Directory.
Being involved insures the vitality of our parish.*

Sunday, December 4th

The Second Sunday of Advent

Return Gifts for Giving Trees This Weekend

- Blue Christmas Ecumenical Service
St. Alphonsus "Rock" Catholic Church

Sponsored by St. Charles Lwanga Consolation Group

Monday, December 5th

- Exercise Class
- Pastoral Leadership Team Meeting
- Pinochle Club
- Sacrament of Penance (6:30-7:30pm)

Tuesday, December 6th

- Eucharistic Adoration & Visits

Wednesday, December 7th

- Eucharistic Adoration & Visits
- Parish Hospitality: Coffee & Donuts
- Parish Quilting
- Young At Heart Club - Christmas Party
- School Reconciliation Service
- Parish Reconciliation Service (7:00pm)
With School Children Celebrating First Penance
- Health & Wellness Committee Meeting

Thursday, December 8th

*Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Holy Day of Obligation / Parish Office Closed*

Friday, December 9th

- Girl Scouts

Saturday, December 10th

- Breakfast with Santa
- Sacrament of Penance (2:30-3:30pm)
- Parish Hospitality
- Blood Pressure Screening

Sunday, December 11th

The Third Sunday of Advent

- Parish Hospitality: Coffee & Donuts
- Blood Pressure Screening

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS

ADVENT PRAYER SERVICES

Waiting With Mary

Mondays of Advent, 7:00 - 8:00pm
Pallottine Renewal Center (Florissant)

FALL YARD WORK / HOME REPAIR

For assistance with leaf and gutter clean up
and minor home repairs this fall
Contact - Brion Abel 314-664-9700
A service of Northeast Deanery Senior Ministry

LADIES GUILD CHRISTMAS PARTY

Monday, December 12th

Evangelization Boot Camp Exercise #17

Reaching Out to Someone Who's Been Away from the Catholic Church

How to Start a Conversation

BEGINNING ON DECEMBER 16th through January 22nd television commercials will be seen throughout our Archdiocese inviting your relatives, friends, and others to return home to the Catholic Church. The success of our effort depends on your prayer, but also on the particular actions you might take to personalize this invitation.

Here are some **Sample Questions and Conversation Starters** that may help you invite someone back to the Catholic Church. Read over these suggestions. Rephrase them using your own words, if these seem awkward. Once you get talking just let your conversation take the most natural, comfortable course you can create. Be a good listener. Try not to be defensive or get argumentative.

Remember most of the people you want to speak with have at least some - if not a lot of - experience with the Church. And, most people return to the Church - at least for another look - simply because someone like you invited them back.

- What do you think of those commercials about the Catholic Church that have been running on TV lately?
- What would you say is your main reason for not going to church anymore?
 - I've got some problems with the Church, but I still go?
(Insert some reasons why you do).
Help me understand why you feel that not going keeps you close to God?
 - A lot of people think that going to Church is not necessary to have a close relationship with God. Could you help me understand how a person's faith life is richer when they are apart from the life and worship of a Christian community?
 - What other things in our culture, besides the Church, give us a stronger set of values, a more faithful - though imperfect - group of people who care about us, and a tradition of standing up for what is right and helping others?
- *(For a family member)*
You know I love you and I always will. You know I really believe that Christ wants us to practice our Catholic faith. Sometimes I worry that after we die we might end up separated from one another. Can you help me with my worry?
- *(If they say that Jesus doesn't care if people go to Church, ask them)*
Jesus gave us the Eucharist and wanted us to worship together. Once we know about the Eucharist, help me understand how we go to heaven without taking part in it, without doing what Jesus asks?
- What would the Church have to change in order for you to become an active Catholic again?
- What would it take for me to convince you to come to Mass with me for a couple of weekends and see if it's something you and your family would like to get involved in again?

PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS - Since many Catholics between the ages of 25 and 45 use computers and the internet quite a lot in their personal and professional lives, please try to **make sure that your children and grandchildren know about this web site**. Even the ones already involved with their parishes will find support for their faith and attention given here to their interests and needs.

www.CatholicComeHome.org

Catholic Questions - On Changes in the Mass

SEVERAL WEEKS AGO I mentioned that **adults learn best** when the teacher begins with **the questions they really have**, rather than with what the teacher thinks they should know. As we continue to **experience the revised Mass prayers** and the **practice of celebrating Mass together**, pay close attention for the questions you may have. Write them down as soon as possible, so you won't forget. Put them in the collection or send them in, and we'll write back in the Sunday bulletin. We also want to hear your comments about what you "**get out of Mass**" and/or the challenge it can be sometimes "**getting into Mass**". Together, from our experience, the more we ask and the more we share, the more we will learn. And the more we will grow in faith, together.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY	December 5
8:00am	Walter Zuchowski
TUESDAY	December 6
6:30am	Mary & Norbert Otto
WEDNESDAY	December 7
8:00am	Mary Agnes Tebeau
THURSDAY	December 8
8:00am	School Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary
8:00am	Roberta Cassmeyer
7:00pm	Donald & Mary Simpson
FRIDAY	December 9
8:00am	Tim Ferrell
SATURDAY	December 10
4:00pm	Delphine Kaminski
SUNDAY	December 11
8:00am	Vern Uhlenbrock
10:30am	William & Kenneth Singler.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

Psalms — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

Gospel — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
 Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
 Friday: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
 Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**Eucharistic Ministers****Saturday, December 10****4:00pm**

Judy Mantych*
 Mary Migliazzo
 Frank Schneider
 Nancy Cooke
 Linda Brand-D

Laura Lucido*
 Tony Migliazzo
 Linda Schneider
 Larry Cooke

Sunday, December 11**8:00am**

Marie Tabor*
 Sr. Rose
 Laura Petroff
 Anne Schwanz
 Pat Stolte-D

Frank Albers*
 Bernice Parciak
 Bob Ritter
 Martin Audrain

10:30am

Gina Keppler*
 Lori Garner
 Judy Krenn
 Marian Rosegrant
 Janet Ulreich-D

Ken Kleinberg*
 Minnie Huston
 Mary Nogalski
 Judi Sams

**LECTORS****Saturday, December 10****4:00pm**

Eileen Mills

Sunday, December 11**8:00am**

Margaret Jackson

10:30am

Bill Krenn

Mass Servers**December 5—9****8:00am**

Linda Byrns & Bob Seidel

Saturday December 10**4:00pm**

Lauren Whittington, Nicole Williams
 & Juliana Modde

Sunday, December 11**8:00am**

Grace & Andrew Gerhart & David
 Bober

10:30am

Bethany Bierman, Hannah Sullivan
 & Abby Herl

Gift Bearers**Saturday, December 10****4:00pm**

Frank & Linda Schneider

Sunday, December 11**8:00am**

Mike & Steve Paro

10:30am

Hayes Family



All gifts, money and gift cards for the Giving Tree must be turned in this weekend.

CATHOLICS COME HOME

Please send any further donations for Catholics Come Home to the address on the envelope:

Catholics Come Home
560 W. Crossville Rd #101
Roswell, GA 30075



Welcome to our Faith Community

Congratulations to Timothy Nathaniel Phillips, son of Jon and Caroline Phillips, who was baptized in water and the Holy Spirit on November 20, 2011. May God continue to guide and protect him as he grows in wisdom, strength and holiness.

The Great Exchange: The Joys of Divine Union—A Quiet Advent Retreat guided by David Meconi, SJ at Mercy Center, December 9-10.

God became human so humans could become more and more like the One in whose image they have been made. Advent is a most fitting time to reflect deeply on this “exchange” and how God calls us each to become more fully alive as we come to share in God’s own life. This retreat begins with 5:30pm supper on Friday and closes at 5:00pm on Saturday.

Presenter: David Meconi, SJ is Assistant Professor of Patristic Theology at St. Louis University. Non-refundable registration: \$25 due Nov. 23

Total cost, including registration:

Residents: \$110

Commuters: \$70

For an extra night, add: \$55

Contact: Agnes Brueggel, RSM 909-4630

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH. MASS TIMES WILL BE AT 8:00am AND 7:00PM

Celebrating the Sacrament of Penance in Our Parish Community

If you think you’re ready to rediscover this sacrament in your life, here’s three simple questions that our children came up with to prepare:

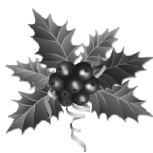
► What have I done wrong that I’m sorry for? ► What do I need God’s help with in my life? ► What am I most thankful for today?

<i>Putting Yourself into the Hands of God Again</i>	2:30 - 3:30pm	Every Saturday Afternoon
<i>Most Catholics need to rediscover the value of this sacrament in their lives.</i>	6:30 - 7:30pm	Monday, December 5th
<i>Most want to and tell me that it’s been way too long in coming.</i>	7:00pm	Wednesday, December 7th
<i>Most find that it’s easier to do than they thought.</i>		Parish Reconciliation Service
		<i>This evening we also celebrate 1st Penance with the children of our parish.</i>
	1:00 - 2:00pm	Wednesday, December 14th
	4:00 - 5:00pm	Thursday, December 22nd

By Appointment with Father Mike at Anytime



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Come join us at Holy Name of Jesus Ladies Guild Christmas Party on December 12th at 6pm. We will have a catered dinner, musical entertainment and attendance prizes. Enjoy the

Holiday Spirit by calling Mary Masterson @868-2492 for tickets which cost \$15.

Zumba Classes

The next session of Zumba Classes will start Monday, November 28th in the Parish Hall at St Rose Philippine Duchesne. It will run on Monday's and Thursday's from 6:30 – 7:30 for 16 classes. Come join and have fun while improving your health.

For more information call Peggy Baker at 837-3410

Men's Council 6th Annual Communion Breakfast

The Men's Council will be hosting their 6th annual "Communion Breakfast" after the 8:00am Mass on January 8, 2012 in the community center. All men of the parish are encouraged to attend. Tickets are \$15 each. Tables of 8 may be reserved. Ticket reservations are required and must be completed by January 3, 2012. Tickets may be obtained by calling one of the following: Jerry Wieggers 869-2684, Bob Doerr 868-2246, Roy Rudolph 868-7113, Bruce Saak 868-5183, Mike Petroff 869-2936, or Jerry Van Deven 869-3840.

CATHOLIC MEN FOR CHRIST

2012 Annual Conference

"I have called you by name, you are mine"

Sat, Feb. 4 Peabody Opera House

Speakers: Msgr. Stuart Swetland, Fr. Joe Kempf, Fr. Michael Lightner, and Dn. Ralph Poyo

Mass celebrated by the Most Rev. Archbishop Robert Carlson

*Early registration open now at
www.catholicmenforchrist.org*

PRAYER CHAIN

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please call either Betty Kondracki @ 868-0176 or Pat Edgar @ 868-4143

Rest in Peace

In your charity please pray for the repose of Kathy Bucher and all who have died this week. We pray that they may now enjoy the great blessings of eternal life and that their family and friends may find peace in the promises of Christ.

The Catholic Singles Alumni Club of St. Louis is hosting a singles dance for ages 21-45 on Saturday, December 10th from 8-12 PM at the Church of the Ascension (230 Santa Maria ; 63005).

Interested? Please contact Steve at 314-966-0724 or check out www.csacstlouis.org/activities.html

Are you looking for a New Year's resolution that could give you a weekend away to improve and enjoy your marriage relationship? Attend a Marriage Encounter weekend in 2012 to focus on yourselves. For more information or to register for the weekends on February 3-5 and April 27-29, 2012, call 469-7317 or visit www.stl-wwme.org



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HASSLE-FREE HOLIDAYS

Holidays are a special time, but because they're both busy and emotional, they can be stressful as well. Here are some ideas to help you relax and enjoy the blessings of the season:

PRAYER: *Spend at least 10 minutes each day, reflecting on the real meaning of this season.*

COOKING: *Consider buying some prepared food items rather than trying to cook everything yourself. Use recipes that allow you to chill or freeze dishes ahead of time.*

HOSTING: *Don't invite more people than you can comfortably handle, and don't expect everything to be picture-perfect.*

VISITING: *If you find large family gatherings stressful, suggest that family members alternate their visits with parents or a loved one instead of being together.*

GIFT GIVING: *Set a budget, make a gift list and stick to both. Or consider giving gifts of time instead of money, such as baby sitting, taking an elderly person shopping, etc.*

SHOPPING: *If you dislike traffic and crowded malls, don't wait until the last-minute crush.*

ABOVE ALL: *Remember the prayer time that is so important...it will keep all things in perspective.*

*Peace and Hope,
S.Rose, SSND,RN*

IMPORTANT HOSPITAL NEWS

Hospitals, because they are going paperless, are no longer listing the parishes of patients. So, PLEASE, be sure to let us know if you are a friend, relative, neighbor, etc. are being admitted to a hospital. We want to support you in your illness. Just call the Parish Office and give us your information.



Silver Bells Dinner

The staff of Bellefontaine Neighbors Parks and Recreation Department invites our friends to celebrate the holiday season at our Silver Bells Dinner. Enjoy a delicious three-course dinner while listening to the songs you remember. Seating is limited so get your tickets early for this special event. A cash bar will be available. Please bring your ticket to exchange for your first beverage.

Bellefontaine Recreation Center

9669 Bellefontaine Road, 63137

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

4:30—7:30pm Dinner served at 5:30pm
\$12.00



Waiting in Joyful Hope

Advent (derived from the Latin word *adventus* meaning “coming”) is the liturgical season that helps us prepare for the coming of Christ. The Church encourages all Catholics to prepare during Advent for Christ’s Coming, both at Christmas and at the end of time. The prayers and Mass readings during Advent are intended to prepare us for Christ’s return, while also commemorating the original waiting for Christ by the Hebrews of ancient Israel.

The Advent Season is filled with preparation and expectation we’re all getting ready for Christmas—shopping and decorating, baking a cleaning. Too often, however, we’re so busy with the material preparations that we lose sight of the real reason for our activities: Jesus Christ, Son of God, took on our human nature and became man.]

Many families prepare for the Lord’s coming by displaying an Advent wreath in their homes, and saying a daily prayer around the wreath. Advent is also a time to be more patient with our loved ones, neighbors, and co-workers. Along with cleaning our homes during Advent, this is an ideal time to clean our souls through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Baby Jesus Party!

Saturday, December 10, 10am-3pm
Pauline Books and Media invites you to
Bring your children to a day of faith, fun and
Celebration in preparation for Christmas.

Activities include dressing up as Mary, Joseph, the
Shepherds, and angels; face painting, games, and
Refreshments. Special opportunity to have
A photo taken with Baby Jesus.

Admission is FREE—donation requested for photos

More Information:
Daughters of St. Paul
314-965-3512
Pauline Books and Media is located at
9804 Watson Road, Crestwood, Mo.

Vinne’s Autos, a car donation and transfer program of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, will have helped approximately eighty families receive basic transportation vehicles during 2011. We need your help and your neighbors need your help; we need more cars so that we can empower more people to get to work. During this Christmas season, please consider those whom we can bless; for more information, please telephone the Program Coordinator, Greg Marino at 881-6005.

Reminder!

Please pickup an empty Soup, Stew and Chili container at the entrances of the church this weekend. Fill them with your Soup, Stew or Chili and return the frozen container the weekend of December 17-18



Countdown until Christmas

The First Graders made Advent Chains to count down the days until Christmas. They had to cut out each link and staple it together themselves. During this process, they learned many facts about the Advent season.

Each link represents a day in Advent. On each link, there is a small chore or activity for them to do. For example one day is to pray for those without families and another is to write their mom or dad a note telling them they love them. They enjoyed making these and look forward to doing their small activity each day.



FYI

Did you know that there is a candlelight vigil every Sunday evening from 7pm to 7:30pm at the College Church? This vigil is for **peace and social justice** and has been ongoing for the past 10 years. If you would like more information please call Bob Stolte at 869-8147. Peace

Christmas Madrigal Dinner

Join us for this enjoyable holiday custom. A Madrigal Dinner is an American form of dinner theater generally held during the Christmas season. It is set in the Middle Ages and is generally comedic in nature. The meal is divided into courses, each of which is heralded with a traditional song. A play is performed between the courses and a concert of choral music concludes the festivities.

Two Performances-

Saturday or Sunday

December 17-18, 7:00pm

Seating begins at 6:30—Silent Auction opens at 6:00

Tickets \$30—Get yours at (618)409-0015

JOIN US FOR THIS HOLIDAY CELEBRATION
BENEFITTING KING'S HOUSE!

YOUNG AT HEART

Hope you all made your reservations for our Christmas Party, Wednesday, Dec. 7th at 12 noon. There will be good food, great prizes and a lot of

fun! Remember no meeting in **January!**

We will meet again in February, on the 15th at 12 noon. Hope you all have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!!



DON'T FORGET THIS HOLIDAY SEASON TO RECYCLE! WE HAVE CONTAINERS ON THE TOP PARKING LOT FOR PAPER AND ALUMINUM.

Tune in to **Catholic radio** on **AM 1460 KHOJ**, where you will hear special programs during the season of Advent and Christmas, along with the daily Holy Mass, devotions, Catechetics, live call-in shows, and much more. For a program schedule and a free CD call (314) 752-7000 or toll-free 1-877-305-1234.



Stewardship of Treasure
**Your Gifts of Support for
 Our Parish Mission**

Report on Parish Collections

Envelope Offerings	\$6,727.07
Loose Offerings	\$95.09
Total Sunday Collection: Parish Support	\$6,822.16
St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$1,461.00
Thanksgiving St. Vincent de Paul	\$772.00
November 21, 2011	
Envelope Offerings	\$6,847.62
Loose Offerings	\$34.00
Total Sunday Collection: Parish Support	\$6,881.62
St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$645.00



PLEASE PRAY for:

Theresa Coker, Jo Smith, Cheryl Elder, Dorothy Biritz, Sr. Pat Mueller, Marge Hoelker, Art Sommer, Mary Buecker

In The Hospital...

Jan Crabb, Betty Palmer, Joan Kleinberg, Carole Scott, Helen Parsons, Charlotte Chaney, Larry Abelin



The Trinity Catholic High School Alumni Thespian Trivia Night will take place at 7pm, Saturday, January 7th in the TCHS Cafeteria. The doors will open at 6pm and the cost for a table of eight is \$120. Beer and soda

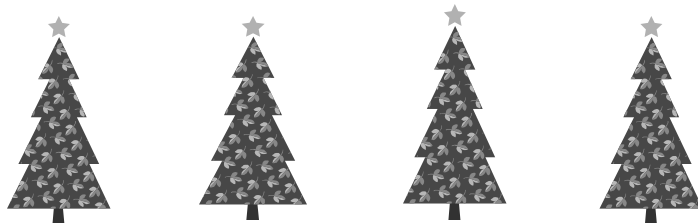
will be provided but players are welcome to bring any other refreshments they would like. Players must be 21 to attend. All proceeds from the evening will go toward the musical production of **Godspell** Feb. 3-6. For reservations call Diane Merz 869-6371 or email dianemerz@sbcglobal.net

Quilt Raffle

The quilters at Pallottine are raffling off a beautiful quilt. A picture of the quilt as well as the chances are found on our website, pallottinerenewal.org. Chances are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Proceeds will go towards furnishing our new Meditation Chapel.

Waiting with Mary: An Advent Prayer Series.

All are welcome at the Pallottine Renewal Center Chapel on Mondays during Advent: November 28th, December 5th, 12th, and 19th from 7-8pm. We will spend an hour in prayer and reflection exploring different themes related to Mary as we wait with her expectation FOR THE BIRTH OF Jesus. Free will donations accepted, no registration necessary. For more information please call 837-7100 and ask to speak to Angela.



The Jennings Do-Dads are sponsoring their annual Christmas Tree Lot. The lot is located at the corner of Jennings Station Rd and Hord Ave in Sievers Park, next to the Jennings City Hall. Tree selection includes Canadian Balsam, Scotch Pine, and White Pine trees. The lot is open daily from November 26th thru December 24th. If there are any students who are in need of service hours at school, please contact Joe Bohnenkemper at 703-1002. This is an opportunity to earn some service hours. Present this ad at the Tree Lot and receive \$5 off any purchase over \$30.

Federation of Catholic Schools

NORTHEAST DEANERY

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Christ Light of the Nations
Our Lady of Guadalupe Sacred Heart - Florissant
St. Angela Merici St. Ferdinand
St. Norbert St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

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STUDENTS HELP FEED THE HUNGRY THIS THANKSGIVING AND ADVENT SEASON

As schools **Alive in Christ!**, our north county Catholic Schools live out Jesus' gospel message in many ways. Every school offers some way for students and families to help feed the hungry, for example:

- The Student Council at St. Angela Merici School sponsored a food drive for the Little Sisters of the Poor for Thanksgiving. The Little Sisters came to the School Mass on Friday before Thanksgiving to talk to the students about how their efforts support the Little Sisters' mission.
- St. Ferdinand School is holding its annual Advent Mission project: collection of items for the T.E.A.M. food pantry
- At Sacred Heart, 4th and 5th grade students completed their month long **Cans for Christ** project. They have been working to buy food items with their own money, not from their parents. Lots of leaves were raked and basements cleaned through their efforts. The goal was to bring in 316 food items, one from each student for each of the four weeks. The students far exceeded this goal with 680 food items. The students and food were blessed by Msgr. Mark Ullrich before it was delivered to T.E.A.M., the Emergency Assistance Ministry serving North County.
- On the last Friday of each month, students at St. Rose Philippine Duchesne School bring canned goods to help stock the St. Vincent De Paul food pantry at their parish.

LOCAL BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY LEADERS INVEST TO EXPAND HORIZONS FOR STUDENTS

Students in our Catholic schools have many learning opportunities that result from the generosity and investment of local businesses and community organizations. One example of a successful school and business partnership is the School Branch program by Gateway Metro Credit Union. The program started at Our Lady of Guadalupe School (OLG) when Gateway Metro merged with a credit union that had been established at the parish. School branches are now open at OLG, St. Ferdinand, Christ Light of the Nations and Trinity High School.

Each branch is open once a week during lunchtimes. Gateway Metro puts the first \$5 in the student's account to get them started on saving. They offer a 10% youth CD to children ages 10-18. The students who open these accounts get to see how different interest rates affect your savings balance and how 10% really helps your money grow. The children love coming into the branch and checking their account balances and asking financial questions. "Without the school branch some of the children might not get the opportunity to have an account or a chance to acquire this financial knowledge," said Linda Miller, Director of Administration at Gateway Metro. "Learning about money is one thing they will use their whole lives."

Other examples of successful partnerships are:

- At Blessed Teresa of Calcutta School, students recently performed Godspell as part of a program with Stages St. Louis.
- The Florissant Police Department sponsors the D.A.R.E program for students in fifth grade.

Our schools are also grateful for the many other local businesses who offer support with contributions, in-kind donations to fundraisers, and much more.



TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL OFFERS INCENTIVE TO NORTH COUNTY EIGHTH GRADERS

Trinity Catholic High School, located in the Northeast Deanery on Redman Rd., has a special incentive program for eighth grade students this year. The "33% Incentive" is offered for all 10 Catholic elementary schools in North County (the eight Federation schools plus St. Ann and St. Rose Academy). If 33% of the eighth graders in any school choose to attend Trinity then each family from that school will receive a \$1,000 tuition credit.

"We hope that this incentive will encourage families who have already chosen Trinity to share their decision with other families, along with the reasons why they think it's a great choice," said Dan Grumich, Director of Advancement at Trinity.

Students must be registered by Feb. 16 (Trinity's freshman registration date) in order for everyone to receive the incentive. The tuition incentive does not preclude any family from also applying for financial aid or any of the five Trinity scholarships that are offered. For more information, contact Trinity High School at 314-741-1333.

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