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### Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church 10235 Ashbrook Drive, St. Louis, Missouri, 63137 314.868.2310/Fax 314-868-3919

#### 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 St. Luke 24:13-35

#### **Parish Leadership** and Service

Fr. Michael Henning Pastor mickeylee48@sbcglobal.net

Sr. Rose Mercurio, SSND Pastoral Associate rosessnd@sbcglobal.net

#### Mrs. Theresa McWilliams Director of Music A Pledge

tmacwms@sbcglobal.net to Parish Life

#### Mrs. Judy Krenn

Youth Ministry Coordinator judykrenn@aol.com

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#### **Deacon George Watson**

Permanent Deacon hgwatson@msn.com

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sr mary@charter.net

Mrs. Sandy Miesner parishoffice10235@sbcglobal.net

> Mr. Steve Jones Maintenance Coordinator

> > Mr. David Vaughn Parish Custodian

Mrs. Rose Fox Rectory Housekeeping my parish to be.



#### My parish

is composed of people like me.

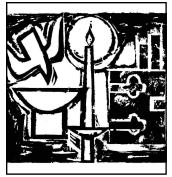
#### I help make it what it is.

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, Sr. Mary Lawrence, SSND of fearlessness and faith. and a parish with a **noble spirit**, Parish Support Staff 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



#### **Weekend Mass**

Saturday 4:00pm/5:00pm Standard Time / Daylight Time Sunday 8:00am/10:30am

#### Daily Mass

6:30am Tuesday / Thursday 8:00am Monday / Wed / Friday 8:00am Wednesday Christ Light of the Nations School

#### **Holy Days - Obligation** 8:00am / 7:00pm

#### **Civil Holidays** 9:00am

#### Reconciliation

Saturday Confessions 2:30-3:30p / 3:30-4:30p Standard Time / Daylight Time By Appointment Anytime Call Father Mike **Communal Services During Advent and Lent** 

#### **Liturgy of the Hours**

7:35am Monday / Wed / Friday

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

7:00am to 12 midnight on Tuesdays only.

#### **Parish Celebration** and Formation

#### **Becoming Catholic**

Our parish has a yearround, ongoing process to assist adults in becoming Catholic. We also have a special program for older unbaptized children. Call us at anytime. Deacon George will provide all the information you need.

#### **Getting Married**

Preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage begins at least 6 months before a wedding. A wedding date cannot be scheduled until the couple has begun preparation for this sacrament.

#### **Anointing of the Sick**

This sacrament is for those having surgery, the seriously or chronically ill, and those near death. Call for anointing at home or church before entering the hospital. Celebrations at church take place -

Every 1st Saturday After the Evening Mass

Every 3rd Sunday After the 8:00am Morning Mass





## 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, May 19th The Solemn Feast of Pentecost

- Sacramental Anointing of the Sick
- Parish Pastoral Council Commissioning
  - 8th Grade Graduation Christ Light of the Nations School at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

#### Tuesday, May 21st

- Eucharistic Adoration & Visits
  - Life Line Screening Program "Your Life is in Your Hands"
- 8th Grade Graduation Dinner Christ Light of the Nation School

#### Wednesday, May 22nd

- Exercise Class
- Parish Quilting Group
- Room At The Inn Program

#### Thursday, May 23rd

• Parish Finance Committee Meeting

#### Friday, May 24th

- Girl Scout Troop MeetingLast Day of School
- Last Day of School
  Christ Light of the Nations School

#### Saturday, May 25th

• Sacrament of Confession

#### Sunday, May 26th Solemn Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

• Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

#### **COMING SPECIAL EVENTS**

## Lwanga Center Feast Day Celebration Memorial Mass - St. Charles Lwanga & Companions Monday, June 3rd, 6:30pm St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist Parish RSVP for Reception 314-367-7929

#### Trip to Our Lady of the Snows Shrine

Thursday, June 6th, 8:30am - 6:30pm Holy Name of Jesus Young At Heart Club

#### 2013 Alumni Golf Challenge

Monday, June 10th Sponsored by Trinity Catholic High School at Winghaven Country Club (O'Fallon)

Cardinal Baseball Game - Parish Outing Sunday, September 8th, 1:15pm

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

Annual Fall Festival & Homecoming Saturday, September 28th Celebrating the Gift of Spirit in the Community

#### An Energy for New Life

**WHAT ENERGIZES US?** Rousing music. Inspiring words. Touching gestures. Successful ventures. Listening ears. Hearty laughter. Loving encounters. Loving actions and responses. In these ways, so often something new happens within us - an energy that generates new life.

Our sacred scriptures of the New Testament come from the "energized" community of the early Church. Our sisters and brothers in faith knew that the love of God the Father was with them because they kept God's word, God's commandments. For them this was more than conformity to law. They knew that Jesus was inviting them - and us today - to the kind of choices that make love the center of our lives and the source of our energy. This love is made possible by the Holy Spirit dwelling with us and within us.

In early 2012 we began the process of forming a new Parish Pastoral Council leading to the appointment of new members whose work began in January of this year. Since then we have been exploring how my formal authority as pastor can be shared with this team of parish leaders in order to -

- strengthen our Catholic presence in Northeast St. Louis County as a sign of saving unity,
- keep our parish "vibrant", and
- promote human development as a fundamental work of evangelization.

Today, on the Feast of Pentecost, we "commission" these Council members.

Marialice **Duhadway** Todd **Greenberry** Betty **Kondracki**Christine **Kulla-Branz** Debbie **Maue** Mark **Tranel**Gina **Walsh** Greg **Warnusz** 

We authorize them and send them out to "energize" our parish community.

The Spirit empowers us to love with more energy, enthusiasm, confidence, and courage. The Spirit enables us **to see beyond present limitations to new possibilities** that can transform our lives and create new energy

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Bishops of the Second Vatican Council

in our community, confirming the abiding presence of God's Love with us. To trust that the Spirit moves our discipleship from "if" to "I can, I choose, I will".

Something new is always happening in the Church and through the Church that everyone may come to find their place in and enjoy the Reign of God - now and forever!

## In Today's Bulletin - Excerpts From An Open Letter to the Parish

- " ... Let us, Holy Name of Jesus Parish, anchor the Catholic presence in our part of Saint Louis by allying with the other institutions here that share our values."
- "Our partners will be other Catholic parishes, churches of other denominations, diocesan apostolates, municipal and civic organizations, school districts, and businesses...."

"Our new Parish Pastoral Council is preparing to lead us in this demanding work.... We'll be asking much voluntary work from you. We'll keep you informed and keep you in the conversations."

**Greg Warnusz**, Chairperson Holy Name of Jesus Parish Pastoral Council

#### MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY May 20** 

Mildred Harbke 8:00am

TUESDAY **May 21** 

Mary Pennock 6:30am

**WEDNESDAY May 22** 

8:00am Andrew Maixner

School Mass at Our Lady of The 8:00am

Rosary—Kindergarten Graduation

**THURSDAY May 23** 

Jay Crump 6:30am

FRIDAY May 24

8:00am Alma Behan

End of School Year Mass at Our Ladv 8:00am

Of The Rosary

**SATURDAY May 25** 

5:00pm Denny & Donna McGarry

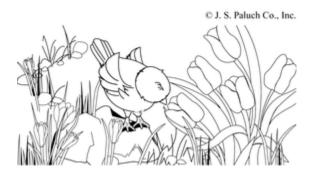
**SUNDAY May 26** 

8:00am Joseph Malon.

10:30am Herman Krueger, Sr.

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Mass is held every Tuesday 10am at the Missouri V.A. Nursing Home chapel. It is located on 10600 Lewis & Clark (the first light south of Christian Hospital, on Hwy 367). As we approach Veteran's Day, join us weekly as we celebrate Mass with those who know what it means to serve.





#### Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, May 25

5:00pm

Eileen Mills\* Linda Schneider\* Judy Mantych Mary Migliazzo Buffy Modde Lvnda Brand Barb Ellington Marilyn Gittemeier

Larry Cooke-D

Sunday, May 26

8:00am

Marie Tabor\* Josephine Bono\* Larry Colombo Diana Goodwin Sandy Hamm Wil Huhmann Betty Kondracki Karen Kulla Betty Easley-D

10:30am

Mike Walsh\* Barb Arnet\* Janet Ulreich Regina Anderson Jim Cuidon Linda Byrns Joan Cuidon Lori Garner Jeanne Field-D



#### **LECTORS**

Saturday May 25

5:00pm Tony Migliazzo

Sunday, May 26

8:00am Alyssa Cook Youth Group 10:30am

Mass Servers



May 20-24

8:00am Joann Dougherty & Katy Moran

Saturday, May 25

5:00pm

Sunday, May 26

8:00am Grace & Andrew Gerhart

10:30am



Saturday, May 25

Frank & Linda Schneider 5:00pm

Sunday, May 26

8:00am Fred & Merry Marquart

10:30am Volunteers



#### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

**Psalm** — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

**Second Reading** — In one Spirit we are baptized into one body (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13) *or Romans* 8:8-17.

**Gospel** — Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission (John 20:19-23) *or John* 14:15-16, 23b-26.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29 Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-

40; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171-

172, 174-175; Mk 10:38-45

Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34-35;

Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16

Sunday: Prv 8:22-31; Ps 8:4-9; Rom 5:1-5;

Jn 16:12-15

#### LWANGA CENTER PATRON SAINTS CELEBRATION

Come and join our celebration on the Memorial of St., Charles Lwanga and Companions on Monday, June 3, 2013. Mass is at 6:30pm in St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist Church at the corner of Shreve and Carter Avenues in St. Louis. Reception will follow at the St. Charles Lwanga Center on Carter, adjacent to the Church. Please RSVP to the Center at 367-7929.

Good Shepherd Annual Parish Picnic 703 Third St. Hillsboro, MO

Saturday, June 1
6:30pm until 10:30pm
Pre-Picnic Celebration
Live Music under the Tent
Pork Steak Dinners, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs,
Assorted Snacks & Drinks
Chuck a Luck, Poker and Instant Bingo

Sunday, June 2
Noon to 6:00pm
Fried Chicken, Kettle Beef Dinners w/sides
& Homemade Desserts
Dinner prices: \$10 for adults, \$6 for children 12 &

under, ages 4 & under eat FREE

Activities:

Children's Game Booths, Rides, Rock Climbing
Wall, Inflatables, and Turtle Races
Silent Auction Gift Baskets
Flea Market, Bingo starting at 12:30pm
Handmade Quilt Raffle & Big Money Raffle
Live music throughout the day!

#### October 11th, 2012 - November 24th, 2013

A year of opportunities for Catholics to experience conversion and a deeper call to discipleship. Come and rediscover a renewed relationship with Jesus Christ and with the Church. Deepen your trust in God and your confidence about sharing your faith with others by word and deed.





## United and Alive in Christ

New from the Northeast Deanery Federation of Catholic Schools

#### **Federation Family Picnic - June 2nd**

You are invited to celebrate another great school year at a FREE Family Picnic on Sunday, June 2.

Come for an afternoon of old fashioned family fun with students, families and parishioners from the 11 member parishes of the Federation of Catholic Schools. Get to know your "neighbors" a little better as the Body of Christ in the Northeast Deanery. Show your spirit by wearing your school/parish colors.

All are welcome to join the fun!

Sunday, June 2, 2013 1:00-4:00pm Knights of Columbus Council #2951 Grounds 50 St. Francois Street, Florissant, MO



HEART





#### **EAT LESS SODIUM**

Eating a lot of salt can contribute to high blood pressure, which is a major risk factor for cardiovascular disease. Reducing salt is a big part of a heart-healthy diet.

The average American gets about 3,400 mg of sodium a day, much more than the recommended amount. To help keep your sodium consumption in check, you need to know where sodium comes from. Here are the main sources in a typical diet.

- Processed and prepared foods. These foods are typically high in salt. Processed foods include bread, prepared dinners, pizza, cold cuts, bacon cheese, soups and fast foods.
- Natural sources: Some foods naturally contain sodium These include all vegetables and dairy products such as milk, meat and shellfish.
- In the Kitchen: Many recipes call for salt, and many people add salt at the table. Condiments may also contain sodium.

Stay tuned. Next time there will be ways to reduce sodium from your diet to live a hearthealthy life.

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.

## Rest in Peace &

In your charity please pray for the repose of Mary Pennock and all the souls 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. Amen

#### 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



We will be going to the Ball Game on September 8th at 1:15pm. We need to purchase the tickets ahead of time. Please get your money to the Parish Office by June 21st. Ticket price is \$25 each. Checks

should be made payable to "Holy Name of Jesus Church". The number of tickets is limited.

Help for Troubled Marriages! The St. Louis Retrouvaille Program starts with a weekend June 7-9, 2013, (Friday night thru Sunday) and has 6 follow-up sessions. If you are facing financial difficulties, we can work with you. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, call toll free 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

#### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today we are at the fiftieth day of the Easter celebration: seven weeks of seven days, a week of weeks, now culminating in a festival fiftieth day. While the liturgical color of the Easter season is gold, on this last day we have red. For the first thousand years of the church, there were no firm rules for using colors. Only wealthy churches could afford a full array of colors, and most places used the best vestments, no matter the color, for the greatest feasts. The Church spelled out an exact plan for color, including red for Pentecost, only in 1570, but local differences held on until the 1800s.

Color experts tell us that red is a hot color, best used for fast-paced, upbeat, active experiences. It is hard to be neutral before red, as any matador will tell you. It invites commitment, draws you in. It is a stimulating color, engaging the eye, stirring hunger. It is the most fitting color for this day when we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit into our lives, a dynamic presence overturning neutrality in favor of passion and commitment.

#### **Trinity Golf Tournament set for June 10**

The 2013 Alumni Golf Challenge sponsored by Trinity Catholic High School will be held Monday, June 10 at Winghaven Country Club in O'Fallon, Mo. The four-person scramble event will begin at 1pm and cost \$95 per player or \$380 for a foursome. The price includes lunch, dinner, refreshments throughout the day, a gift bag, contests on the course and the chance to bid on silent and live auction items. All proceeds will grow the Trinity Angel Fund for tuition assistance. Only 36 teams will be accepted and spots are filling fast. To reserve a spot call Dan Grumich in the Trinity Advancement Office at 314-741-1333, ext: 223 or email at: dgrumich@trinitycatholichigh.org.

The Jennings Do-Dads are sponsoring their annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 15th. The Tournament will be held at Eagle Springs Golf Course, 2575 Redman Rd. Food, refreshments, and prizes will be provided at Seivers Park in Jennings after the Tournament. Proceeds to benefit our Scholarship Fund for the Juvenile Justice program at UM - St. Louis. Cost is \$80 per golfer if paid before May 31st; \$85 if paid after. Hole sponsorships available for \$100. For more information, contact Jim Christian at 314-341-8417.

#### YOUNG AT HEART

The Young at Heart Club is planning a trip to Our Lady of the Snows on Thursday, June 6th. Cost is \$38 a person. The bus will pick us up at church around 8:30am. We will return around 6:00 or 6:30pm. The trip includes a tour of the grounds, Mass, lunch and a look around the gift shop. Then we will go to Eckerts Farm for about an hour then off to the Winery for some tasting of the wine and we can keep the glass for a souvenir! Then we will head home. Reservations are coming in so don't be left behind. This is a good way to socialize in our community! Call Marcella for more information and to make your reservations at 314-869-0150.

## Resident openings at Little Sisters of the Poor- St. Louis Residence

The Little Sisters of the Poor have openings in their Independent Living Area. This offers a large single room, fully furnished, with a private bathroom and shower. Meals, laundry and housekeeping are included in the rent. The rent is subsidized, based on income, assets and medical expenses. The mission of the Little Sisters of the Poor is to welcome the needy elderly into their home as they would Jesus Christ himself, and serve them with love and respect until death. A resident must be at least 65 years of age and have limited financial resources to be considered. If you or someone you know might be interested, please call 314-421-6022 and ask to speak to Ron Kostedt in Social Services.

#### **Guide Book & Directory Update**

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the Church. The book contains the Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How of our Church. The book is provided at **no cost** to our Church, including the mailing to each family, and again is being subsidized by local businesses that advertise in it. If you own or manage a business and would like to find our how to advertise in our book, please call the Church Office at 868-2310.

Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize our Guide Book & Directory advertisers over non-advertisers. It "does pay" to advertise in our Guide Book & Directory.

#### **Updating Census/Membership Information**

Does the church database have YOUR family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory. It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year.

Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published?

If you have not already informed the church office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct. The church office number is 868-2310.

## Trinity teams sweep top spots at Engineering Challenge

At the annual Bridge Engineering Challenge sponsored by the Technical Education Association of Missouri at Lodge of the Four Seasons Exhibit Hall, teams from Trinity Catholic High School finished in the top three spots.

The Trinity winning team was made up of senior Ryan Sharpmack, and juniors Josh Ayers and Quinton Ward, while the second place team included senior Tanner Effinger and juniors Justina Haerer and Justin Wroblewski. Trinity's third place team was made up of juniors Casey Gallagher and Nick Moehlenkamp.

The purpose of the contest is to provide an opportunity for students to demonstrate their ability to design and construct a bridge capable of withstanding as a great a compressive load as possible. The winning Trinity team's bridge weighed 21 gramsw and held 1,075.4 grams of weight before failing.

Overall, 20 Trinity students making up nine teams competed against 21 other schools at the event. All of the Trinity students are part of the Industrial Technology classes offered for sophomores through seniors.

#### Youth Group needs some help

If you are concerned about the teens in our parish and interested in sharing your faith and guiding young people in this very challenging world that we live in I would love to speak with you about helping with our youth group! There are many different ways that you can help...providing snacks...being prayer

warriors...speaking to our group...chaperoning an event...transporting teens to an event...so many ways!! Please call Judy Krenn to see how you can help 314-761-6570.



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Our Parish Mission

#### Report on Parish Collections

Envelope \$5,657.72 Loose Offerings \$86.00

Total Sunday Collection: Parish Support \$5,743.72



Cheryl Elder, Mark Hayes, Paul and Helen Lucas, Laura Williams, Ronald Slaughter, Tom Crowe, Lauren Nieman, Kathy Uhlenbrock, Al Ruhling, Mildred Krug

## In The Hospital...

Tom Hartman, Tina Rudloff, Karen Kulla

#### Life Line Screening

Do your legs ache after walking a short distance? If so, you may want to consider being screened for peripheral arterial disease (PAD), a condition in which the arteries that carry blood to the arms or legs become narrowed or clogged by plaque, slowing or stopping the flow of blood. Life Line Screening will bring this preventive health event that can assess one's risk of PAD through an ankle brachial index (AABI). PAD is closely linked to coronary artery disease and identifying PAD can also help prevent heart attack and stroke. We are pleased to host a screening on 5/21/13 at Holy Name of Jesus Parish. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$159 (\$149 with our member

discount). Speak with the LLSA representative for more package options. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Your Health is in Your hands, so call 1-888-653-6441 for more information or to pre-register.

## **Incarnate Word Academy Academic and Athletic Camps**

Summer is around the corner! Don't forget to register your daughter into our rigorous academic camps and our stellar athletic camps. From art and science camp to soccer and everything sports camp. We have it all at IWA! Visit iwacademy.org for more information.

#### **SAVE THE DATE!**

June 30, 2013

Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Celebrating 100 years of Service in the Archdiocese of St. Louis

On June 30, 2013 the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of their ministry in St. Louis with a Mass of Thanksgiving, celebrated by Archbishop Robert J. Carlson. The Mass will take place at 2:30pm at St. Francis Xavier Church on the campus of St. Louis University.

An open reception will follow in the ballroom below the church. All are invited to celebrate this joyous occasion with the Apostles.

The reception is complimentary, but reservations are requested. To RSVP or for more information call Caroline Ernst at 314-606-1872 or email centennial@ascius.org



#### Our Goals for the Appeal This Year

Pray God will help us to believe in the importance of what we are doing.

We have **THREE GOALS** for our parish this year:

- To raise \$53,593 in pledges and gifts
- To increase the level of participation in our parish If you have given or pledged before, we encourage you to recommit yourself to this year's Appeal.

If you have never made a pledge or gift, we encourage you to do so this year. We have a goal of 47 new donors.

 To reach and surpass our goal by reminding all donors that you can more easily increase your gift by pledging your payments over several months or through the entire year.

#### Parish Progress Report as of May 6th

**\$21,782** 40.6% of Goal for 2013

**12 New Donors** 25.5% of Goal for 2013

118 Cards Returned 15.3% Level of Participation

**45 Donors** Increased Contributions

**67 Donors** Maintained 2012 Giving Level

**6 Donors** Decreased Contributions

#### **How Our Parish Benefits**

Pray others will know God's love is more powerful than any painful circumstance or difficulty in life.

Our Appeal is rooted in our CATHOLIC TRADITION of mutual support and generosity to those in need. Last year we received a \$200,000 grant for the operation of our school. Our students also participated in a REAP Retreat and the Right Start student and parent classes in human sexuality education; and engaged couples benefited from programs of the Office of Laity and Family Life. All funded through the ACA.

#### **Activities In Our Parish**

Pray God will help each of us to know what we can give and give us the will to be generous.

If you would like to make your pledge by phone, please contact

Ray or Karin Gawedzinski at 314-261-2655

"Whatever you do for one of these least of mine, you do for me."



#### An Open Letter to the Parish

#### FOR OVER 25 YEARS, WE'VE BEEN TRYING CHURCH BUSINESS-AS-USUAL ALL OVER NORTH SAINT LOUIS COUNTY,

while the demographics have imposed

their inexorable decay on our parishes. Rather than continuing to whistle past the swelling graveyard, we have a chance to try something different. Let us, Holy Name of Jesus Parish, anchor the Catholic presence in our part of Saint Louis by allying with the other institutions here that share our values.

Our partners will be other Catholic parishes, churches of other denominations, diocesan apostolates, municipal and civic organizations, school districts, and businesses. We have smart and generous members, money, resources, energy and purpose, but not enough. They have those goods, too, and they're struggling, too. It's time to join forces. Divided we'll certainly fall, united we can stand.

Our new Parish Pastoral Council is preparing to lead us in this demanding work. We'll be asking much voluntary work from you. We'll keep you informed and keep you in the conversations. We hope you'll share our optimism. We will not look or work like a traditional parish council.

This parish will continue to do many things well: to celebrate the sacraments with beauty and enthusiasm; to preach Jesus Christ with intelligence, to bury the dead with reverence and a most personal touch; to feed the hungry with generosity; to maintain a very good Catholic school; to support our elders in their homes. But to maintain those services, we need strengths that come from outside our customary resources.

The Second Vatican Council declared, "The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the people of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ." Our new Parish Pastoral Council wants to marshal our joys and hopes to deal with our griefs and anxieties. We can do that best in concert with the groups that share our sources of energy and our areas of concern.

We have heard that we Catholics are called to exercise "the new evangelization." That term is quite elastic, and purposely so; we can't keep the Holy Spirit in a conceptual box (Pentecost reading from the *Acts of the Apostles*). Our outreach among other groups is evangelization. It shows the world, in concrete acts of courage, charity and practicality, how we followers of Christ share their griefs, anxieties, joys and hopes.

**Greg Warnusz**, Chairperson Holy Name of Jesus Parish Pastoral Council

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