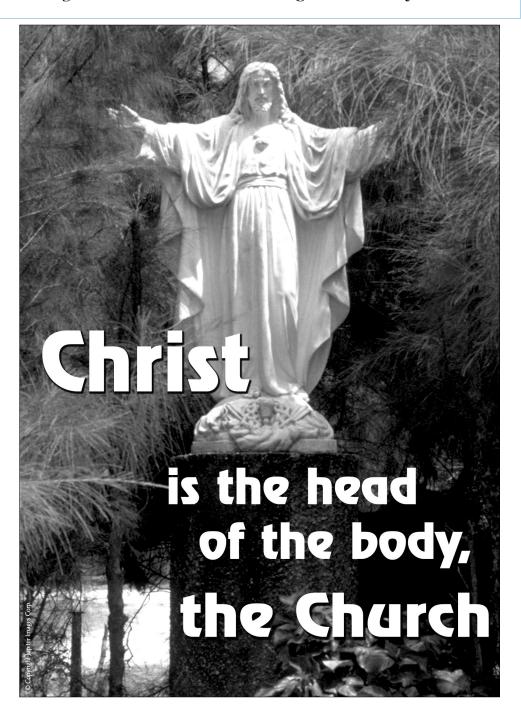
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Friendship in Christ

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 St. Luke 24:13-35

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My parish

is composed of people like me.

I help make it what it is.

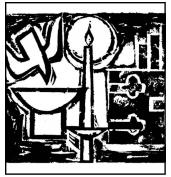
parishnurse.hnoj@sbcglobal.net It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled. if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to causes.

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, 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 Rectory Housekeeping my parish to be.



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



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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, November 24th The Solemn Feast of Christ the King Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 26th Eucharistic Adoration & Visits

Wednesday, November 27th

Exercise Class
Parish Quilting Group
Room At The Inn Program

Thursday, November 28th
Thanksgiving Day
Parish Office Closed / 9:00am Parish Mass

Friday, November 29th
Parish Office Closed
Decorate Church for the Advent Season
After 8:00am Morning Mass
Girl Scout Troop Meeting

Sunday, December 1st The First Sunday of Advent

The power of fear drives us away from God and each other, But God reconciled us to himself through Jesus Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

A Litany of Hope

COMING EVENTS OF NOTE

Saturday/Sunday
November 30th—December 1st
All Gifts for the Advent Giving Tree
must be returned to church in order for
them to be prepared and distributed by
Christmas for the families served by our
St. Vincent de Paul Society
and Parish Room At The Inn Program.

Celebrating the Reign of God in Our Lives, Our Time and Place Small World Thinking

ST. LUKE FILLS TODAY'S GOSPEL with a variety of characters who deliberately tempt Jesus with their own "save yourself" attitude. Clearly Jesus was passionate about the present need and eternal value of intentional, unconditional love. It's a mystery we all enjoy when we're on the receiving end. We thrive, becoming our best selves, giving beyond limits we otherwise think impossible. It's a challenge, however, to cultivate unconditional love as our own ordinary, daily commitment. "Save yourself" is only too human!

But a "save yourself" world is a pretty small world. In the grace of Baptism we are called to immerse ourselves in the unconditional love of God, whenever, wherever, and however we can find it. Done often enough, it becomes our "second nature". It is then that we find ourselves in an ever expanding world of goodness, beauty, and truth—a world where the reign of God is evident to us every day.

For Catholics one way of experiencing the unconditional love of God is in the celebration of the **Sacrament of Penance**. In the renewal of the sacraments during our own lifetimes this sacrament has recovered its strong biblical roots that connect the "confession" of sin and weakness with an understanding of "reconciliation". God greatly desires to "walk with us", to renew in us the experience of unconditional love—both a gift received and a gift given.

During the coming Season of Advent I invite and encourage every member of our parish to renew the grace of your Baptism by receiving this sacrament. Very few people in our parish seem to desire or celebrate this sacrament. Again this year to make this sacrament more available there will be many more different days and times for you to choose from (see schedule below). It may be just what you need to curb your own "save yourself" attitude as well as rediscover just how great is the love of God within you for others.

IN TODAY'S BULLETIN don't miss the final article on Enhancing Our Worship Space. We have much to be proud of in the character of our parish liturgies! Also, today you will find the Annual Report on the work of our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society. I am continually inspired and humbled by the commitment of our parish volunteers in this ministry as well as by the financial generosity of so many of our parish members. The love of Christ is most certainly evident our outreach to the community of need around us.

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 I often use with others to help them 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 as a "grace" in my life"

Putting Yourself into	2:30 - 3:30pm	Every Saturday Afternoon	
the Hands of God Again	6:30 - 7:30pm	Monday, December 2nd	
Most Catholics need to rediscover		Tuesday, December 10th	
the value of this Sacrament in their lives.		Parish Reconciliation Service At Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Church with our children celebrating 1st Penance	
Most want to and tell me	1:00 - 2:00pm	Monday, December 16th	
that it's been way too long in coming.	4:00 - 5:00pm	Thursday, December 19nd	
Most find that it's easier to do		Ry Annointment	

than they thought.

By Appointment with Father Mike at Anytime

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY November 25 8:00am Andreas Maixner

TUESDAY November 26 **Grace Clement** 6:30am

WEDNESDAY November 27

8:00am **Special Intention**

8:00am School Mass at Our Lady of the

Rosarv

THURSDAY November 28

9:00am John & Mary Hogan

FRIDAY November 29

Gus & Phyllis Mercurio 8:00am

SATURDAY November 30 4:00pm Andrew Petroff

SUNDAY December 1 8:00am Gert Uhlenbrock Bob Wisneski 10:30am

Health Advisory

Your commitment to Mass is a sign of the vitality of our parish. However, for the health of our whole community. if vou are not feeling well, be attentive to these recommendations:

Don't Come To Church ...

- With a fever—be fever free for 24 hrs.
- When you're not feeling well achy, tired, sore throat, no energy
- When you're coughing and sneezing a lot with a runny nose or headache

When You Do Come To Church ...

- Use hand sanitizer at church entrances
- With slight symptoms of cold or flu -
 - Don't take communion from the cup
 - Offer the sign of peace with a friendly wave or simple bow

Thank you for your cooperation in taking responsibility for the health of our **community**. Remember, it's **sad** to miss Mass when you're sick or taking care of someone who's sick, but not sinful.



Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, November 30

4:00pm

Frank Schneider* Linda Schneider* Barb Ellington Dee Hooser Mary Krsul Laura Lucido

Marilyn Gittemeier-D

Sunday, December 1

8:00am

Marie Tabor* Anne Schwanz* Debbie Maue Sr. Rose Bob Ritter Josephine Bono Laura Petroff-D

10:30am

Minnie Huston* Gina Keppler* Ken Kleinberg Mary Harris Judy Krenn Judi Sams

Bill Krenn-D



LECTORS

Saturday November 30

4:00pm Lynda Brand

Sunday, December 1

8:00am John Prose 10:30am Pat Edgar

Mass Servers



November 25-29

8:00am Katy Moran & JoAnn Dougherty

Saturday, November 30

Libby, Grace & Juliana Modde 4:00pm

Sunday, December 1

8:00am Grace & Anna Gerhart

10:30am Shayla Wilson, Lauren Swindle &

Sophia Anzalone

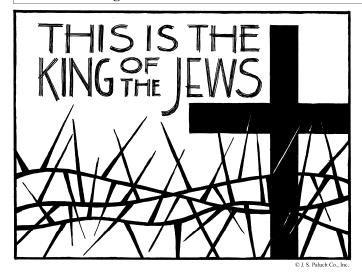
Gift Bearers

Saturday, November 30

Denise Wellman & Victor Caravello 4:00pm

Sunday, December 1

Frank & Lois Albers 8:00am 10:30am Bill & Judi Sams



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord said to David, "You shall shepherd my people Israel" (2 Samuel 5:1-3).

Psalm — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — Thanks to the Father who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light (Colossians 1:12-20).

Gospel — Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom (Luke 23:35-43).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-

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Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn

3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28

Thanksgiving Day, Suggested:

Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9;

Lk 17:11-19

Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Sunday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9;

Rom 13:11-14: Mt 24:37-44



Encouraging Full & Active Participation in the Celebration of Mass Enhancing Our Worship Space

Did you notice anything new in church today? If you did, then you know that the current improvements to our worship space are now in place. The new **Altar of Sacrifice**, at the

mid-level area between the Ambo (Pulpit) and the Presider's Chair, now brings the sacrifice offered at the altar closer to the congregation. This will allow for a greater degree of full and active participation of <u>all</u> the people attending Mass in our church. This was the aim of the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council*.

As an added benefit, those who participate in the ministry of **Offertory Gift Bearers** no longer need to climb the steps to bring the gifts of bread and wine to the altar. Also, anyone involved as an **Extraordinary Minister of Communion** will now be gathering just one step up from the level of the church's nave. The hope is that these improvements will open these ministries to more active participation by anyone in the parish, regardless of physical limitations.

These changes build on the work we did two years ago concerning the possible renovation needs of our church. While the Liturgy Committee considers a more suitable alternative, we will now use the altar upon which the Pieta statue has been placed in the back of church. The Liturgy Committee hopes that these improvements help to create a sense of pride in ownership by all who worship here.

Also, over the summer we also rearranged the furnishings in the area of our choir in order to enhance the **Ministry of Music** in our parish and the important role it plays in the worship of our community.



PEACE

First keep the peace within yourself, then you can also bring peace to others.

Next week's collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) needs your help. CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty throughout America by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. With a tradition of improving education, housing, and community economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. **Defend human dignity. Take poverty off the map. Please give to the CCHD Collection.**

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.

You are invited to a... BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!

Provided by our Youth Group!

Saturday, December 7th, 2013 9am to noon



Breakfast includes Pancakes and sausage, fruit juice, milk and coffee for mom

and dad...But that's not all! We have a Christmas carols, holiday Crafts, a "budget saving" Santa

store with free wrapping, games and don't forget pictures with the jolly ole elf himself!

Don't miss this wonderful event that is sure to get you in the spirit of Christmas! It is fun for all ages and a great way to pick up some great holiday gifts and benefits our youth! (helping to send teens to MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON DC) PASS THE WORD TO FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS!

Our family	(FAMILY NAME) Phone #
We would like to attend th	e BREAKFAST WITH SANTA sponsored by the YOUTH GROUP.
We would like to register #	t children for \$7 each (children 2 and under free)
We would like to register #	adults for \$6 each
Pictures with Santa #	for \$2 each (will be sent home through school)
' TOTAL S	circle one cash (in an envelope with child's name) check (made out to Holy Name of Jesus)
	. 3 so we can order enough food and crafts. put this reservation in an envelope marked BWS youth group

c/o Judy Krenn and put it in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office

For any additional questions contact Mrs. Krenn 314-761-6570

What are you THANKFUL for?

Do you ever wonder when you go to bed at night, if you are going to make it through another day. Do you ever wonder how you can fit one more thing on your calendar, or how you can prepare a meal for yet another sick friend.

Maybe your husband was just diagnosed with terminal cancer, or your sibling, or even you. Are you the caregiver of two aging parents with numerous health issues. Or your young son or daughter is special needs and requires assistance with basic, daily activities.

When our lives are filled with challenges and obstacles, we don't always see the obvious..... that God is there to carry us when we don't have the energy or strength to go on. Sometimes we are so busy, we forget to thank Him for all that he has given to us. I would like to share some quotes that I came across on the website caring.com.

- "I'm so thankful for the life my mom gave me, my wonderful grandkids that my husband left for me....Thank you God!"
- "I am thankful the weather is cooling down and the days are getting shorter."
- "I am thankful that I finally gave everything to God and stopped being full of worry and fear. Moving slowly into early onset dementia has been scary but God has given me a beautiful home close to my family and they take care of me......"
- "I'm thankful to God for choosing me to live in his paradise-world....I'm thankful for Jesus Christ who bore the pain of my many sins so I won't have to."
- "I am thankful for my children, who keep in contact with me, even though they all live in different states....."

Peace and joy,
Buffy Modde, Parish Nurse @ HNOJ
parishnurse.hnoj@sbcglobal.net

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 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

ATTENTION

Do you know a homebound parishioner who would like to receive the Eucharist on a weekly basis? If so, please contact Sr. Rose.

THANKSGIVING

Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse.

The St. Charles Lwanga Center Invites You

Mark your calendar for the annual Crossroads Retreat, a one day retreat for busy people on Saturday, December 7, 2013 starting in the Center at 9:00am through Reconciliation and 5:00pm Mass with St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist Parish. The cost is \$20.00 including materials and meals. Please call the Lwanga Center at 314-367-7929 to let us know you will attend.

For the next few weeks we will be collecting your clean, gently used things for our Santa Store at the Breakfast with Santa. Please place your items in the back of church in the box marked Breakfast with Santa donations. Donate your extra items (i.e.—mugs, Christmas items, jewelry, vases etc.) We also would really appreciate any donations! For more information contact Judy Krenn at 761-6570

	Holy Name of Jesus October 2013				
	July'13-Oct'13 Actu- als	July '13-Oct'13 Budget	\$ Difference % of Budge		
Income					
Sunday Offerings and Gifts	l 116,460.01	120,347.65	-3,887.64	96.77%	
Restricted Gifts	100.00	-	100.00	100.0%	
Program Fees	5,603.06	2,691.72	2,911.34	208.16%	
Interest Earned on Savings	4,662.02	4,333.36	328.66	107.58%	
Grants	6,343.39	3,333.36	3,010.03	190.3%	
Other Revenues	4,956.01	2,450.00	2,506.01	202.29%	
Total Income	138,124.49	133,156.09	4,968.40	103.73%	
Expense Salaries, Benefits and		04 002 20	540.40	400 500/	
Taxes	91,515.32	91,003.20	512.12	100.56%	
Supplies	11,032.13	18,466.64	-7,434.51	59.74%	
Fees & Services Utilities and Building Maint	16,944.48 26,994.33	14,758.36 38,217.14	2,186.12 -11,222.81	114.81% 70.63%	
Subsidy to CLN	85,468.85	85,468.40	0.45	100.0%	
Subsidy to Special Education	7,389.00	7,395.00	-6.00	99.92%	
Assesment to Arch- diocese	37,969.93	38,471.50	-501.57	98.7%	
Total Expense	277,314.04	293,780.24	-16,466.20	94.4%	
Net Ordinary Income	-139,189.55	-160,624.15	21,434.60	86.66%	
Restricted Fund Earnings	32,712.02	-	32,712.02	100.0%	
Capital Expenditures	-	-	-	0.0%	
Net Income	-106,477.53	-160,624.15	54,146.62	66.29%	

Giving Tree

"Tis the season for giving" and the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Room at the Inn need your help to make the best Christmas ever for our families. Choose an ornament, select a special gift and bring much joy to parent and child because you cared about them.

Choose age-appropriate toys for the children. Clothing is <u>not</u> an ornament gift. A clothing table is available when parents pick up their gifts.

The ornaments must be securely attached to the unwrapped gifts. Put check, cash and gift cards in envelopes marked "Giving Tree" and drop them in the collection basket or bring to the parish office.

All gifts must be returned by the weekend of November 30-December 1. Thank you for your generosity and have a Blessed Holiday Season.

HELP OUR CHILDREN. SIGN THE

PETITION! Right now Catholics have an opportunity to support a proposed constitutional amendment that will expand educational opportunities to public and non-public school children. The Missouri bishops strongly support this proposed amendment—the Children's Education Initiative. This Initiative will not raise taxes on anyone, but will provide a tax credit to those who make a donation to a Children's Education Foundation. The foundat5ions can use the funds for any of three purposes: provide scholarships for children to attend non-public schools, including Catholic schools; offer funds to public schools to bolster the academic programs they offer to children; and, enhance special education for children with disabilities. If sufficient signatures are gathered, this proposal will be considered at the November 2014 election. Churches have a legal right to participate in issuerelated campaigns. Please join with the Missouri bishops in supporting this Initiative. Thank you.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's solemnity, the final feast of the Church year, is a youngster as feasts go. In 1925, Pope Pius XI was distressed by global political upheaval and the de-Christianizing of society. That year was a "Holy Year," keyed to the sixteen hundredth anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, when the words "and of his kingdom there will be no end" were added to the Creed. The Pope explained that although most feasts had developed over many centuries, the Church sometimes provided a new feast to address new needs. He pointed to the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, showing Christ's love and compassion in a time when many people embraced a cold and gloomy spirituality. Originally on the last Sunday of October, in the late 1960s the solemnity of Christ the King was moved to the last Sunday of the year.

Fresh from baptism's waters, we are anointed with chrism "as Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king." This feast is a key to our identity. On this feast, we recognize Christ as a king who breaks the usual mold of kingship, and who shapes his kingdom with our hands, our words, our deeds of love and service.



SOUP, STEW, and CHILI TOO!

CONTAINER DISTRIBUTION DATES	CONTAINER COLLECTION <u>DATES</u>
30 Nov - 1 Dec 2013	14 - 15 Dec 2013
4 - 5 Jan 2014	18 - 19 Jan 2014
1 - 2 Feb 2014	15 - 16 Feb 2014
1 - 2 Mar 2014	15 - 16 Mar 2014

Annual Thanksgiving Day

Turkey Bowl Soccer Games will be held at the Knights of Columbus Field 9:00am game for 30 & over 10:30am game for 30 & Under Inductions to the HNJ Soccer Hall Fame will take place in between games.

Bonfire the night before Thanksgiving will be held next to the Parish Office starting at 6:00pm. BYOB.

Also, T-Shirts will be available for sale at the Soccer Games.



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

Report on Parish Collections

Thank you for supporting our parish services and programs as well as the operation and maintenance of our facilities. Your financial support will help us to achieve a balanced budget. This year our goal is for parish revenues to cover 50% of all parish expenses

Total Sunday Collection (November 10, 2013) \$7,115.31 **Budgeted Weekly Amount Needed** \$7,186.00 This Week (Under Needed Amount) \$70.69



PLEASE PRAY for:

Kathy Uhlenbrock, Al Ruhling, Barb Ellington, Larry Cooke, Joan Janczura, Rita Casserly, Olivia Baum, Ralph Freund, Sr. Charlene Zeisset, Tony Rehagen, Debbie LaPerre

In The Hospital...

Carleen Cowell, Audrey Bermine

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There have been some changes to the normal Sunday TV Mass on Fox due to expanded morning news programming. The time is changing from 6:30am to 9:00am and is moving to their digital channel. Charter Cable customers will be able to tune in on channel 88 and over-the-air antenna customers on channel 2.2. Dish Network, Direct TV, AT&T U-verse customers and others impacted by this change, will hopefully be satisfied by one of these other alternatives:

TELEVISION—EWTN Sunday Mass at 7:00am (live) and 11:00am (encore)

RADIO—Covenant Network (WRYT AM 1080/KHOJ AM 1460)

ONLINE (NEW) - archstl.org/mass



Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church
Stewardship Report to the Parish—1st of a Series of Annual Reports
St. Vincent de Paul: A Ministry of Charity & Community Outreach

To the Parishioners of Holy Name of Jesus Parish:

The members of your St. Vincent de Paul and our clients wish to thank you for your generous donations over the years. These donations make possible our food pantry and aid to our clients with utility assistance.

Remember: "Whatever you do for the least of My brethren, you do for Me."

Gospel of Matthew 25:40

With gratitude, St. Vincent de Paul Members Holy Name of Jesus Parish

The life of a Christian steward, lived in imitation of the life of Christ, is challenging, even difficult in many ways; but both here and hereafter it is charged with intense joy.

Stewardship: A Disciple's Response Pastoral Letter of U.S. Bishops

Thanksgiving Day Celebration of the Eucharist

On Thursday, November 28th-Thanksgiving Day—Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am. We will thank God together not only for our own many blessings, but also for the opportunity of serving the poor of our community. Our St. Vincent de Paul Society is one important and powerful way that those who struggle and suffer in life can come to know the unconditional love of God. A collection of canned food items and money will be taken up during Mass to support this necessary work of our parish.

Establishing the Presence of the Catholic Church in Our Community Our Mission — "To Help the Poor Become the Friends of God"

St. Vincent de Paul himself once encouraged his followers in this mission. He never presumed that the poor were somehow outside or not included in the love of God. Rather he knew well that when life is hard, when people struggle and suffer, they can easily give up on God and fall into unbelief.

Therefore, caring for the basic human needs of people—food, shelter, clothing, health care, and education—must always be the fundamental work of the Church. We are the Sacrament of the love of God for everyone in Jesus Christ. The generosity of giving in our parish on behalf of the needs of the poor is a strong sign of the real presence of Christ in our community. We must give thanks for this and always pray that it will continue to inspire many others to follow our lead in the Spirit of Christ.

Summary of Receipts & Expenditures FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30th, 2013

	FOOD PANTRY SUPPLIES	\$8,197.76	OPENING BALANCE
0	Bellefontaine		RECEIPTS
512.72	Bank Charges / Other	\$35,098.00	Parish Collections
1,466.63	Other Assistance	442.00	Member Donations
0	Room At The Inn Program	10,506.00	Benefactors
\$89,609.66	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	46,031.14	Memorials
\$3,792.54	Net Receipts & Expenditures	1,314.06	Other Fundraisers
\$11,990.30	ENDING BALANCE	0	North County Districts Grants
		10.00	Other
	UTILITY ASSISTANCE	\$93,401.20	TOTAL RECEIPTS
	BY AREA		EXPENDITURES
\$33,741.57	Bellefontaine		AMEREN ELECTRIC
27,398.00	Riverview	\$26,856.00	Bellefontaine / Moline Acres
23,833.56	Jennings	19,393.00	Riverview / Glasgow Village
\$84,973.13	TOTALS	15,957.69	Jennings
40%	Bellefontaine	_	LACLEDE GAS
32%	Riverview	2,331.00	Bellefontaine / Moline Acres
28%	Jennings	5,296.00	Riverview / Glasgow Village
100%	TOTALS	6,183.77	Jennings
		<u></u>	MO AMERICAN WATER
SSISTED	NUMBER OF FAMILIES A	4,554.57	Bellefontaine / Moline Acres
704	Total Food Pantry	2,709.00	Riverview / Glasgow Village
	Utility Assistance	1,692.10	Jennings
242	Bellefontaine / Moline Acres	0	Other Water
217	Riverview / Glasgow Village		ST. LOUIS FOODBANK
155	Jennings	2,431.18	Bellefontaine
614	Total Utility Assistance	225.00	Dues
1,318	Total # of Families Assisted		

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