

**MASS INTENTIONS****Sun., February 1—4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. - Wilma Asberry  
 10:00 a.m. - For The Parish Family  
 12:00 p.m. - Catherine Gummersbach  
 5:00 p.m. - Viridiana DeLosRios

**Mon., February 2—The Presentation of the Lord**

7:00 a.m. - Susie Mann  
 8:00 a.m. - Eloise Hughes Purdy  
 12:05 p.m. - Oliver L. Belk

**Tues., February 3—St. Blaise**

7:00 a.m. - Chuck Champion  
 8:00 a.m. - Gloria Franey  
 12:05 p.m. - George Noack

**Wed., February 4—Weekday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 a.m. - Michael Benden  
 8:00 a.m. - Lloyd Taaffe III  
 12:05 p.m. - Alice and Eugene Owens

**Thurs., February 5—St. Agatha**

7:00 a.m. - Deceased Members of Martyn Family  
 8:00 a.m. - Rosalie Fusz  
 12:05 p.m. - Nora Dee

**Fri., February 6—St. Paul Miki and Companions**

7:00 a.m. - Vernon Noelker  
 8:00 a.m. - Dr. Fred A. Coutts  
 12:05 p.m. - Ruth Zawistowski

**Sat., February 7—Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. - Leo Clooney  
 5:00 p.m. - Jeff Clinton

**Sun., February 8—5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. - Alice and Eugene Owens  
 10:00 a.m. - For The Parish Family  
 12:00 p.m. - Jason Bowers  
 5:00 p.m. - Daniel M. Nenaugh

**MASS INTENTIONS...**

The specific Mass intentions for each scheduled Mass are listed regularly in this bulletin. Those intentions are specifically requested by individual request. Every effort is made to accommodate a particular time or date when necessary, but occasionally the date or time request cannot be made, so the request will be kept as soon as there is an available opportunity. Intention requests should be directed to the rectory.

**SCHEDULE FOR****FEBRUARY 7-8, 2009****Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time****Saturday, February 7, 2009****5:00 p.m.**

Readers: Maggie Fowler, Rosemary Cash

Extraordinary

Ministers: Karen Sailor, Tom Sailor,  
 Rosemary Cash, Katya Fernandez

**Sunday, February 8, 2009****8:00 a.m.**

Readers: Rosemary Merriman, Connie Held

Extraordinary

Ministers: Anne Carleton, Rosemary Merriman,  
 Tom Doyle, Sr. Charlotte Rigali

Ministers

of Care: Rosemary Merriman & Sr. Charlotte

**10:00 a.m.**

Readers: Mary Elizabeth Grimes, Sally Powers

Extraordinary

Ministers: Linus Pottebaum, Michael Kramer,  
 Kathleen Hagen, Sally Powers

**12:00 Noon**

Readers: Tim Hirzel, Pat Harper

Extraordinary

Ministers: Mary Foley, Nancy O'Toole,  
 Tim Hirzel, Pat Harper

**5:00 p.m.**

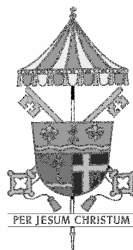
Readers: Susan Wells-Souza

Extraordinary

Ministers: Susan Wells-Souza

**CATHEDRALFETE 2009 PLANNING...**

The first meeting of the organizational committee regarding our annual Parish festival, CathedralFete 2009, is scheduled to be held **Tuesday, February 10, at 7:00 p.m.** in Boland Hall cafeteria. This meeting is open to all parishioners, new and old alike, who would like to help plan, organize, or assist with the parish festival in any way. Bring your fresh faces and fresh ideas and help us make CathedralFete 2009 a fun festival for the whole community !



**DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK . . .**

The readings are included each week so that the parishioners who are unable to join us for daily Mass will be able to consider and pray them in union with the whole Church.

**Readings for the Week**

**February 1, 2009, through February 8, 2009**

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9  
1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28

Monday: Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 Heb 2:14-18  
Lk 2:22-40 **or** 2:22-32

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4 Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32  
Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15  
Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18 Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24 (**or** 1 Cor 1:26-31)  
Ps 48:2-3, 3-4, 9, 10-11  
Mk 6:7-13 (**or** Lk 9:23-26)

Friday: Heb 13:1-8 (**or** Gal 2:19-20)  
Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8-9  
Mk 6:14-29 (**or** Mt 28:16-20)

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6  
Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 Mk 1:29-39

**PRAYING FOR THE SICK . . .**

It is our responsibility in the Lord to remember the sick, who are especially close to the Redeemer in their suffering. In the columns below you will find the names of people who have requested our prayerful intercession.

Chris Arger	Diane Montileone
Barbara Bradbury	Dick Mullen
Bryan Buffa	Mary O'Reilly
Ronald Colbert	Rachel Ostertag
Eduardo Caminal	Dorothy Owens
Shellye von Dahlern	Catherine Parent
Justin Donovan	Gretchen Piccozzi
Andrew Dorsey	Wayne Ragan
Rita Eshom	Eileen Riewer
Felisa Garchitorena	Nina Russo
Chelsea Gavin	Ann Sheehan
William Geary	Raymond Lindsay Shives
Carol Grady	Pam Stanton
Rosemary Griffard	Barbara Stojeba
Bennett Gerhart	Fran Thetford
Deacon M. Kenney	Carl Thompson
Mildred Kelemetz	Elba Turbat
Bud Keyes	Helen Vineyard
Chloe Lancaster	Dolores Weathers
Mervin Lewis	Jennie White
Pete Littlefield	James Wilkes
Reverend Earl Loeffler	R. Wilkes
Robert 'Bob' McCoy	Marge Williams
Kristen Middendorf	Ramont Williams
Maggie Corkery Miller	

**ST. PATRICK'S CASSEROLE PROGRAM...**

Casseroles and other offerings collected by the St. Patrick's Casserole Program provides one week of dinners for the Women's Shelter, and one night of dinners for the Men's Alumni Club. The next collection will be held **Thursday, February 11, 2009, at Boland Hall, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**FOR THE POOR . . .**

**Today**, and on the first Sunday of every month, the Cathedral Parish collects foodstuffs and canned goods (any items **not** requiring refrigeration) for delivery to food pantries here in the city. Donations should be placed in the baskets near the sanctuary at the side aisles. Thank you very much for your generosity!

**COFFEE AND DONUTS...**

The Cathedral Parish Coffee and Donuts is held in Boland Hall following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship!

**THE STUDY OF SACRED READINGS...**

The next session of the Cathedral's Sacred Reading Group will be held **Thursday, February 12, at 7:00 p.m.** in the parish rectory. To mark the Year of St. Paul, the Sacred Reading Group is focusing on the writings of St. Paul. The next meeting will focus on Second Corinthians, Chapters 5 through 8. Please contact Mary Moore at 314-373-8204 for additional info.



### A QUICK JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE...

Many Catholics are familiar with the stories of the Bible, but not necessarily "the story" as a continuous thread. By learning about the major people, places, events, and themes of the Bible, Catholics can begin to make Scripture a part of their lives like never before. This Lent, parishes throughout the Archdiocese of St. Louis will journey together using a program called "A Quick Journey Through the Bible". Through this program, participants will:

- Understand the story of salvation history.
- Learn the fourteen books of the Bible that provide the "big picture" and the twelve major periods of salvation history.
- Study the six covenants God has made with humanity, leading to the establishment of the Catholic Church.
- Learn the sixty-three major events of the Old Testament leading up to the coming of Christ.
- Discover a plan for reading the Bible that will make Scripture come alive.

This weekly program will be offered through the Cathedral Basilica at two times: Tuesday afternoons or Thursday evenings. For more info or to register, please contact Betty at 314-772-7826 (for the afternoon session) or Mary Moore at 314-373-8204 (for the evening session). The program is anticipated to begin the week of February 8 and conclude before Holy Week.

### AHC SEMINAR...

The Association of Hebrew Catholics continues their free Wednesday lecture series at Boland Hall on **Wednesday, February 4, 2009, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** Dr. Lawrence Feingold will continue teaching on "The Mystery of Israel and the Church". This week's seminar is entitled "St. Paul's Vocation: Apostle of the Gentiles". Please call the AHC at 314-535-4242 for further information. We encourage you to attend any or all of the lectures.

### CATHEDRAL TOURS...

Each Sunday, tours of our beautiful church are offered following the noon Mass. Tours are also available during the week from 10:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. and again from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Please call 314-373-8242 to set up your group tours.

### SOME FACTS ABOUT FOCA...

- FOCA eliminates regulations that protect women from unsafe abortion clinics.
- FOCA forces taxpayers to fund abortions.
- FOCA requires all states to allow "partial birth" and other late-term abortions.
- FOCA subjects women to abortions by non-physicians.
- FOCA violates the conscience rights of nurses, doctors, and hospitals.
- FOCA strips parents of their right to be involved in their minor daughters' abortion decision.

The Catholic Bishops of the United States have unanimously called us to prayer and action to prevent passage of the radical "Freedom of Choice Act" and to oppose other attempts to overturn existing pro-life laws and policies. This year, our voices are needed more than ever. Pro-abortion groups and their allies in Congress are promoting a radical bill called the "Freedom of Choice Act" (FOCA). If this extreme measure is enacted, widely supported and constitutionally sound abortion regulations will be knocked down nationwide. If passed into law, FOCA will impose upon the entire country an abortion regime far worse than anything brought on by Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion. And the current level of 1.1 million abortions a year will go up, not down. **This weekend, the Cathedral Basilica joins parishes throughout the Archdiocese and the nation in a massive postcard campaign.** With these postcards, Catholics across the country will contact their state senators and representatives in the U.S. Congress, urging them to oppose FOCA. Postcards are located in the pews. **Before leaving church today, please fill out the postcards with your signature and printed name and address. Baskets and/or parish representatives will be available at all exits to collect your completed postcards.** Postcards will then be mailed by the parish to the proper congressmen (based on your zipcode). Please, do not let this opportunity to have your voice be heard regarding the sanctity of all human life pass you by. Now more than ever, your voice needs to be heard.



### PRESENTATION OF THE LORD...

On **Monday, February 2**, the Church observes the feast of the Presentation of the Lord commemorating the moment on the fortieth day after the birth of Jesus that Mary and Joseph brought Him to the temple to present Him to the Lord in observance of the Law of Moses. This Gospel event was first observed as a liturgical feast in the Eastern Church as “the Encounter,” but in the sixth century it began to be observed in the West: in Rome, with a more penitential character, and in France with solemn blessing and processions of candles, popularly known as “Candlemas.” The presentation of the Lord concludes the celebration of the Nativity, and with the offerings of the Virgin Mother and the prophecy of Simeon, the events now point towards Easter. **Please join us for Mass according to the regular daily schedule on this special day of Candlemas.**

### WEEKLY THOUGHTS ON GIVING...

*“Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties.” - 1 Corinthians 7:32*

How many anxieties do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about attaining ever more material possessions? Yet, God tells us that only the hand that is open to give can also be open to receive His peace and joy. A heart or a hand clenched in anxiety and greed can never receive anything.

### HEARING HIS CALL...

Every baptized person has a call directly from the Lord to His service. Our discipleship is a vocation to holiness and service of the Lord. Some of the baptized receive another call within that call to the specific vocation of ordained priesthood or vowed religious life. Their response to that vocational invitation requires generosity and a life long commitment. More than in the immediate past, many young people are stepping forward to respond positively to the invitation; many more are needed. For all of them, the support of family, friends, and fellow Catholics ought to be expected, though it is not always present. Each Catholic must make prayer in support of young people's vocational response an integral and necessary component of their daily regimen of prayer; it is not an “extra”, but rather a major part of everyone's discipleship.

### ST. BLAISE AND THE BLESSING OF THROATS...

*“Suffering and illness have always been among the greatest problems that trouble the human spirit. Christians feel and experience pain as do all other people; yet their faith helps them to grasp more deeply the mystery of suffering and to bear their pain with greater courage...Part of the plan laid out by God's providence is that we should fight strenuously against all sickness and carefully seek the blessings of good health, so that we may fulfill our role in human society and in the Church” (Introduction to the Blessing of the Sick in the Roman Ritual).*

In the United States the annual blessing of throats is a traditional sign of the struggle against illness in the life of the Christian. This blessing is ordinarily given on February 3, the Memorial of St. Blaise. St. Blaise was bishop of Sabaste in Armenia during the fourth century. Very little is known about his life, but according to various accounts, he was a physician before becoming a priest and bishop. Devotion to him spread throughout the whole Church in the Middle Ages because he was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fish bone in his throat. From the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat. **The Blessing of Throats will be offered following each of the daily Masses on Tuesday, February 3.**

### AN INVITATION FROM RCIA...

An invitation is extended to any adult who would like to become a member of the Catholic Church to consider the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. RCIA is the process in which adults enter the Catholic Church, or possibly re-enter it if they've been away a long time and may not have received their First Communion and/or been confirmed. Because of our dedicated catechists, we are able to offer RCIA year round. Anyone interested can join at any time. If you are interested in becoming Catholic or returning to the practice of your Catholic faith, contact the rectory at 314-373-8200 for more information.



### Cathedral Concerts Exploring Sacred Music Seminar:

Thursday mornings 10:30 AM - Noon St. Cecilia Chapel, Lower Level Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis Lunch follows each session

## The Great Requiems

Feb 5, 2009 Amy Kaiser  
Conductor of the Saint Louis Symphony Chorus  
*The Requiems of Mozart and Verdi*

Feb 12, 2009 Dr. Kathy Bowers  
Director of Choral Studies, Webster University  
*The Requiems of Brahms, Britten and Rutter*

Feb 19, 2009 Dr. Dennis Sparger  
Conductor of the St. Louis Bach Society  
*The Durufle Requiem*

Feb 26, 2009 Dr. Jeffrey Carter  
The Chair of the Music Department, Webster University  
*The Requiem of Herbert Howells*

March 5, 2009 Robert Lehman  
Organist-Choirmaster,  
St. Michael St. George Episcopal Church  
*The Requiems of Victoria, Fauré and Desenclos*

March 12, 2009 Dr. Hugh Macdonald  
Professor of Music, Washington University  
and renowned expert on the music of Hector Berlioz and  
has published extensively on the works of this French  
Romantic composer.  
*The Berlioz Requiem*

Call 314-533-7662 for reservations  
\$30.00 per class, which includes lunch.

### Remaining Concerts of 2008-2009 Season



**Dr. Jennifer Pascual, organist**  
Organist & Director of Music  
St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City  
Sunday, February 22, 2009 2:30 PM  
Welcomed by MorningStar Music Publishers



**Dublin Philharmonic Orchestra**  
Thursday, March 5, 2009 8:00 PM  
Welcomed by The Private Residences at Chase Park Plaza  
Brahms Symphony No. 2 & a Celtic program  
with traditional Irish instruments in original  
and unique arrangements for Orchestra.



**Stephen Tharp, organist**  
Internationally renowned touring Organist  
Sunday, March 22, 2009 2:30 PM  
Welcomed by Robert G. Dial Organ Builders



**Westminster Concert Bell Choir**  
Westminster Choir College, Princeton, New Jersey  
Monday, June 1, 2009 8:00 PM

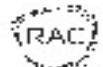


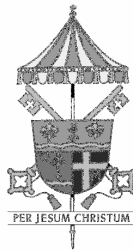
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### ANNUAL STATEMENTS...

Early this week individual contribution statements will be included in an all parish mailing. The statement reflects the parish record of individual parishioner's financial contributions over the past calendar year. This statement is intended for tax information. Any parishioner who does not receive this mailing before week's end, please contact parish Business Manager Grace Dorchester at 314-373-8231.

### A THOUGHT ON THE SANCTITY OF LIFE...

"In the mystery of the Incarnation, the Son of God confirmed the dignity of the body and soul which constitute the human being. Christ did not disdain human bodiliness, but instead fully disclosed its meaning and value: In reality, it is only in the mystery of the incarnate Word that the mystery of man truly becomes clear."

*--Dignitas Personae, Instruction on Certain Bioethical Questions, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Sept. 8, 2008, n. 7.*

### HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS...

Free Exercise Sessions continue to be offered on **Monday and Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** in Boland Hall. All fitness levels welcome. For more information, call Mary Moore at 314-373-8204. Blood pressure screening is provided free of charge on the third Sunday of each month following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Our next screening will be offered on **Sunday, February 15, 2009**. Finally, the Health Ministry Committee will meet on **Tuesday, February 10, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.** in the parish rectory.

### YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TO THE REVIEW...

The St. Louis Review, your faithful source for Catholic News, is the official newspaper of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. For \$23.00 a year, your weekly copy of the Review will keep you in touch with the Church in St. Louis, across the nation, and around the world. Please use the subscription renewal envelope in your envelope packet (or write your check for \$23.00 to the parish, mark it "Review", and include your name and mailing address) and return it in the offertory collection basket or to the rectory office.

### LITURGICAL ETIQUETTE . . .

External gestures of reverence can become a witness to the truths of our faith. For this reason, we wish to remind our guests and parishioners from time to time of habits or practices which are not appropriate.

- The rule of fasting from solid food for an hour before one receives the Eucharist still holds, and thus makes the **chewing of gum** in church completely disrespectful and inappropriate.

- Although the Church does not require everyone to be dressed in their "Easter finest" every week for Mass, please remember that the way we dress for church is, oftentimes, a sign of how important the celebration of the Eucharist is to us. **Overly revealing clothing or bare midriffs are never appropriate.**

- Churches are meant to be sacred space, places where all can pray and worship. While a cordial greeting is never out of place, carrying on an **audible and protracted conversation is never appropriate.**

- External gestures of reverence can become a witness to the truths of our faith. The bow immediately before receiving Holy Communion should be done with the conscious recognition that it is the Lord Himself before Whom we bow. He is truly present in the Eucharist, in both the host and the cup, and in either of them. The extension of the hands must acknowledge our acceptance of a gift, not a grabbing for something owed us. The hands are completely empty, extended in the gesture of acceptance. **The Lord should not be just another item among keys or other personal items.**

- Our spoken and sung responses at Mass are always meant to be done communally, with whatever abilities were bestowed on us by our Father. What is believed and held in our hearts ought to be expressed outwardly during the Mass **in word and in music.**

- Finally, out of respect and reverence for the presence of Christ in the Eucharist, **arriving at Mass on time and remaining until the priest has recessed down the aisle is appropriate behavior.** Leaving Mass early and disturbing the flow of communion in order to exit is never appropriate. Please place cell phones and beepers in the silent mode, and please remain in church till the end of Mass to be blessed and commissioned to go forth in Christ's name.

**REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS...**

**From outside the Cathedral Parish...**

**ST. PATRICK CENTER SPORTS TRIVIA CHAMPIONSHIP...**

Your sports knowledge can make a difference! Help the homeless build permanent, positive change while having a great time at the Sports Trivia Championship to benefit St. Patrick Center. Teams will compete for the ultimate prize package at the sixth annual event on **Saturday, February 7, 2009**, at the new Chaifetz Arena at St. Louis University, featuring dozens of sports celebrities and broadcasters. For more info or to reserve your table, please call 314-802-5445.

**VALENTINE DAY OF RENEWAL...**

**Sunday, February 8, 2009**, at the Cardinal Rigali Center. National speaker Dr. Richard Johnson will give a workshop on "Loving for a Lifetime" from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mass and the renewal of vows, celebrated by Fr. Art Cavitt, OP, begins at 5:00 p.m. and is followed by a romantic candlelight dinner in the Fleur de Lis Room. Cost is \$80 per couple for the entire day or \$25 per couple for workshop only. For reservations or more information, please call 314-792-7178.

**OPEN CLASS ANNOUNCEMENT...**

The Institute for Pastoral Theology welcomes *prospective* Master degree students to an open session of Social Ethics entitled "Marriage, Family, and the Transmission of Life," with Dr. Lawrence Feingold on **Friday, February 13, 7:00-9:50 p.m.**, and continuing **Saturday, February 14, 8:00 a.m.-10:50 a.m.** Dr. Daniel Van Slyke will offer an open session of Liturgy and the Sacraments entitled "Sacraments of Initiation and RCIA" on **Saturday, February 14, 12:30-6:40 p.m.** Dr. Feingold will offer an open session regarding History of Marian Doctrine and Devotion entitled "Mary's Immaculate Conception and the Divine Maternity" on **Sunday, February 15, 8:00 a.m. to 3:50 p.m.** Classes are divided into 50-minute periods, with ten-minute breaks in between; Holy Mass on Sunday is at 10:00 a.m. Classes are held at the Blessed John XXIII Center, 8300 Morganford Rd.. Contact the IPT at 866-866-1100 or [ipt@avemaria.edu](mailto:ipt@avemaria.edu) to reserve seating.

**A FUNDRAISER WITH "HEART"...**

Before you take your sweetheart to that romantic dinner...Come to a FUN fundraiser! The Benevolent Society of Brothers and Sisters invites you to attend our Valentine's Day Rooftop Cocktail Party to benefit the St. Gemma Center for Autism on **Saturday, February 14**, 801 South Skinker from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. the evening includes drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and a Silent Auction overlooking beautiful Forest Park. Tickets are \$35 per person and include complimentary valet parking. For reservations, please contact Christine Jeep at 314-255-7397 or Michelle Wright at 636-530-9129. Or visit the Benevolent Society of Brothers and Sisters at [www.benevolentsociety.org](http://www.benevolentsociety.org)

**TEC WEEKEND RETREAT...**

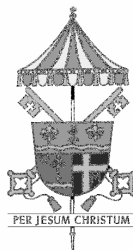
Spirit of St. Louis TEC (Together Encounter Christ) holds its next retreat **February 14-16** at Saint Pius X High School in Festus. Young Catholics ages 18-24 are encouraged to attend this three-day encounter with our Lord to deepen their love for and involvement in the Catholic Church, discern their vocation, and meet other young Catholics from throughout the archdiocese. Cost for the weekend is \$60 per person. To register, visit [www.stlouistec.org](http://www.stlouistec.org) or contact Ron Reiter at 636-933-2088 or [ronaldreiter@yahoo.com](mailto:ronaldreiter@yahoo.com).

**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS...**

Monsignor Edward Rice, director of vocations for the Archdiocese of St. Louis, will host a Holy Hour for Vocations on the **first Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m.**, at Holy Redeemer Parish, 17 Joy Avenue, in Webster Groves. All those interested in promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life, as well as those who are discerning a vocation, are welcome and encouraged to attend. The Holy Hour will include exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a Gospel reading with reflection and quiet time for prayer, and will conclude with Night Prayer and Benediction.

**CATHOLIC RADIO...**

To enrich your spiritual journey, listen to Catholic radio, AM 1080 WRYT. Hear engaging live call-in shows, daily Holy Mass, devotions, Catechetics and much more. For a program schedule and a free CD, please call 314-752-7000 or 877-305-1234.



## **MORE REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS...**

### **From outside the Cathedral Parish...**

#### **VOCATION RETREAT ...**

Bishop Robert J. Hermann presents a discernment retreat for men ages 18-30 who are considering a vocation to the priesthood, **February 13-15, 2009**, at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in Shrewsbury. The weekend offers retreatants the opportunity to explore our Lord's invitation to become "shepherds after His own heart." The support and assistance of all the faithful are vital to the spiritual success of the retreat and to the promotion of vocations to the priesthood. Please consider prayerfully the young men in whom you see the signs of a priestly vocation, and submit their names to the Archdiocesan Office of Vocations at 314-792-6460, or to [edwardrice@archstl.org](mailto:edwardrice@archstl.org).

#### **PRESENTATION ON INTERNET ETHICS...**

Dr. Sebastian Mahfood, associate professor of intercultural studies at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, presents "Cyberethics: On the Relationships We Pursue in Cyberspace," **Thursday, February 19, 7:00 p.m.**, in the Pope John Paul II Auditorium at the Cardinal Rigali Center, 20 Archbishop May Drive in Shrewsbury. Dr. Mahfood considers how our interaction with websites, blogs, videos, and other online resources is a personal encounter with another rather than merely a means to our own ends. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Evann Duplantier at [contact@catholicinternetdevelopers.org](mailto:contact@catholicinternetdevelopers.org).

#### **ARE YOU READY FOR SOME SOFTBALL?**

The Catholic Singles Alumni Club is looking for single or married players over 18 to join their slow pitch co-ed softball league. All skill levels are welcome. Play at Brentwood Park on Sunday afternoons starting in the spring. Interested? Contact Steve at 314-966-0724 or go to [www.csacstlouis.org](http://www.csacstlouis.org).

#### **NFP SESSIONS FOR THE ENGAGED...**

Introductory sessions for Natural Family Planning (NFP) are offered at 15 different locations throughout the archdiocese each month. For a complete listing, contact the Archdiocesan Office of Natural Family Planning at 314-997-7576.

#### **IRISH EMERALD BALL...**

The Ancient Order of Hibernians will honor business leader and philanthropist Jerry Clinton as the Irish Person of the Year at the Irish Emerald Ball on **Saturday, February 21, at 6:00 p.m.**, at Andre's Banquet Center, 4254 Telegraph Road. The evening will feature dinner, an open bar, Irish music, the Clarkson School of Dance, and dancing to the Mike Lacey Trio with Patrick White. Tickets are \$35 per person, and all proceeds are donated to charity. For more information or reservations, call Pat or Cathy Maloney at 314-752-7810.

#### **THINKING ABOUT THE PRIESTHOOD?...**

The Fraternity of Saint John Vianney is a group of young professional men, **college-age and older**, who are seeking to deepen their spirituality and discern a possible vocation to the priesthood. The fraternity meets the second Thursday of each month at the Vocation Office at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. **Dates for the Spring 2009 semester are February 12, March 12, and May 14.** For more info, contact Craig Holway at [cholway@kenrick.edu](mailto:cholway@kenrick.edu) or 314-792-6433, or visit [www.stlvocations.org](http://www.stlvocations.org).

#### **THINKING ABOUT THE PRIESTHOOD?...**

The John Gabriel Society is an association of **high school-age men** who are discerning where the Lord may be calling them. Meetings of the society are held on the third Thursday of each month, 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, and include Mass, dinner, a tour of the seminary, and a practical discussion about some aspect of priestly formation. **Dates for the Spring 2009 semester are February 19, March 19, and April 16.** For more info, contact Zach Pavis at [zpavis@kenrick.edu](mailto:zpavis@kenrick.edu) or 314-792-6286.

#### **COME AND SEE WEEKENDS...**

Come and See Weekends are opportunities for high school-age men to experience daily life in the Cardinal Glennon College program. Remaining dates for the 2008-2009 academic year are **April 3-5, 2009.** For more information, contact Zachary Pavis at [zpavis@kenrick.edu](mailto:zpavis@kenrick.edu) or 314-792-6286, or visit [www.stlvocations.org](http://www.stlvocations.org).