

**MASS INTENTIONS****Sun., November 29—First Sunday of Advent**

8:00 a.m. - Catherine Reed
 10:00 a.m. - For the Parish Family
 12:00 p.m. - Ruth Zawistowski
 5:00 p.m. - Our Veterans

Mon., November 30—St. Andrew

7:00 a.m. - Elizabeth Carpenter
 8:00 a.m. - Robert Russ Work
 12:05 p.m. - Dr. Gerard Baggot

Tues., December 1—Weekday in Advent

7:00 a.m. - Kenneth Judge
 8:00 a.m. - Linda Piacanti
 12:05 p.m. - Angela Young

Wed., December 2—Weekday in Advent

7:00 a.m. - Keith and LeAnn Perez, Esq.
 8:00 a.m. - Lloyd Taaffe III
 12:05 p.m. - Pete Carton

Thurs., December 3—St. Francis Xavier

7:00 a.m. - Ah Mao Wong
 8:00 a.m. - Thom Hitchell
 12:05 p.m. - Gibney Moore

Fri., December 4—St. John of Damascus

7:00 a.m. - Rosalie Fusz
 8:00 a.m. - Anthony Young
 12:05 p.m. - William Hathaway Erker

Sat., December 5—Weekday in Advent

8:00 a.m. - Jeff Clinton
 5:00 p.m. - Matthew and Megan Bennett

Sun., December 6—Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. - Bertha Bader
 10:00 a.m. - For the Parish Family
 12:00 p.m. - Gibney Moore
 5:00 p.m. - The Kleyer Family

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**DECEMBER 5-6, 2009****SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT****Saturday, December 5, 2009****5:00 p.m.**

Readers: Bill Carleton, Rita Sheftall
 Extraordinary
 Ministers: Anne Carleton, Bill Carleton,
 Regina Westfall, Rita Sheftall

Sunday, December 6, 2009**8:00 a.m.**

Readers: Sally Powers, Brad Poole
 Extraordinary
 Ministers: Sr. Charlotte Rigali, Sally Powers,
 Richelle Weisbrod, Michael Weisbrod
 Ministers
 of Care: Sue Mullen

10:00 a.m.

Readers: Michael Kramer, Joan Falk
 Extraordinary
 Ministers: Mitch Smith, Michael Kramer,
 Joan Falk, Monica Vogel
 Ministers
 of Care: Lenore Molloy, Paul Raidt

12:00 Noon

Readers: Katya Fernandez, Tim Hirzel
 Extraordinary
 Ministers: Katya Fernandez, Tim Hirzel,
 Myra Ball, Vita Alu

5:00 p.m.

Readers: Marybeth Strauss
 Extraordinary
 Ministers: Charles Rosso

HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS...

The Health Ministry will have its Christmas meeting on **Tuesday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m.** in the rectory. Bring a baby gift to be donated to Our Lady of the Angels. You are also invited to bring your favorite treat to share with the group. This meeting will not include a discussion of business, but rather will be an opportunity to wrap donated items and enjoy an evening of fellowship and food.



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

November 29 through December 6, 2009

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16 Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14
1 Thes 3:12--4:2 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday: Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19:8-11 Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6 (or 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23)
Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27
Mt 7:21, 24-27 (or Mk 16:15-20)
Friday: Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-6
Mt 9:35--10:1, 5, 6-8
Sunday: Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126:1-6 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11
Lk 3:1-6

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	Robert 'Bob' McCoy
Barbara Beckemeyer	Kristen Middendorf
Lionel Bolden	Maggie Corkery Miller
Barbara Bradbury	Diane Montileone
Bryan Buffa	John Mosher
Beatrice Chichizola	Rachel Ostertag
Ronald Colbert	Dorothy Owens
Shellye von Dahlern	Catherine Parent
Jeanette Dawid	Gretchen Piccozzi
Edward Dillard	Wayne Ragan
Justin Donovan	Eileen Riewer
Andrew Dorsey	Peter Roth
Dorothy Edwards	Nina Russo
Rita Eshom	Ann Sheehan
Chelsea Gavin	Pam Stanton
Carol Grady	Barbara Stojeba
Rosemary Griffard	Fran Thetford
Bennett Gerhart	Carl Thompson
Jerome Kelly	Elba Turbat
Deacon M. Kenney	Pat Urspruck
Sheila Kenny	Helen Vineyard
Bud Keyes	Dolores Weathers
Linda LaBarde	Jennie White
Chloe Lancaster	James Wilkes
Mervin Lewis	R. Wilkes
Pete Littlefield	Marge Williams
Reverend Earl Loeffler	Ramont Williams
Clarence McClure	

COFFEE AND DONUTS...

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the Cathedral Parish Coffee and Donuts, normally held in Boland Hall following the 10:00 a.m. Mass, **has been cancelled for today, November 29**, but will return next weekend, Sunday, December 6.

EARLY ALERT FOR THE HOLYDAY...

On **Tuesday, December 8**, we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Mass schedule for this holy day of obligation will be 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 12:05 p.m., and 5:30 p.m.

ADDITIONAL CONFESSION TIMES...

Beginning Monday, November 30, Confessions will be heard every morning at 7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. This additional Confession time will expand the early morning times available for Confessions. It will be evaluated at the conclusion of Advent.

FOR THE POOR . . .

On the first Sunday of every month, the Cathedral Parish collects foodstuffs and canned goods (any items **not** requiring refrigeration) for delivery to some of the food pantries here in the city. Donations should be placed in the baskets near the sanctuary at the side aisles. **Our next parish food drive will be held next Sunday, December 6, 2009.**



JOURNEY THROUGH CHURCH HISTORY SESSION 6:

MISSIONARIES & THE EMPEROR—PART I

The Roman Empire has fallen into ruins. St. Benedict becomes the Father of Western Monasticism by establishing the monastic rule that will become the foundation for all monasteries in the Western Church. A man from the East named Mohammed moves millions to wage a battle against Christ and his Church. In fewer than a hundred years, half of all Christian land and wealth has fallen to Islam. Finally, in 732 Charles Martel stops the Muslim advance at the battle of Poitiers in France. Please join us for the next session of *Epic: A Journey through Church History* at **7:00 p.m., Thursday, December 10**, in the parish rectory. For more info, call Mary Moore at 314-373-8204.

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. 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.

IT'S TIME ...

Autumn gives way to winter and the Church begins to prepare for the coming of the Lord. And preparing for the Lord always involves our wholehearted openness to the God who comes to save His people from their sins. The **Sacrament of Penance, Reconciliation, and Confession** is needed now more than ever. Every Catholic should recognize that the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation is a gift from the Lord to us to be used frequently and effectively. It is meant to be a positive meeting with the Lord, challenging us to recognize that our relationship to the Lord is central to all we are and all we do... in **every** season and time. Prepare for the Lord this Advent season and make use of this great gift of God.

A THOUGHT ON THE SANCTITY OF LIFE...

“Between 4 and 5 weeks after conception, the child’s brain develops at an incredible rate, and the stomach, esophagus, pancreas, intestines, kidneys, and even reproductive organs are all developing. Between 5 and 6 weeks the embryo begins to move spontaneously and reflexively—e.g., in response to touch the embryo will withdraw. By 6 weeks plus 2 days an embryo’s brain waves have been recorded by EEG.”

Flyer, Respect Life Program (2009-2010)

YOUNG CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS...

Please join our next Young Catholic Physician’s Mass and Dinner. We are a group of Catholic residents or young attending physicians who join together in prayer as we celebrate the sacrifice of the holy Mass. We meet once a month for Mass, with dinner and fellowship afterwards. Fr. Kevin Schroeder, associate pastor for the Cathedral Basilica, has generously offered to be the spiritual director of the group. Our next Mass will be **Tuesday, December 8, at 7:00 p.m.** and will be offered in the Blessed Virgin’s Chapel, located just west of the main sanctuary. Please use the northwest entrance of the Church, designated for “Choir and Clergy”. Dinner at The Scottish Arms will follow Mass. Please consider joining us for this very rare opportunity.

WHY A REGISTERED PARISHIONER...

Due to the number of requests for baptisms, the Cathedral Parish adopted a policy some years ago that generally requires the parents to be registered parishioners in the Cathedral parish before their infant may be baptized here. For the same reason, normal policy practice requires the bride or groom in an impending wedding to be a registered parishioner and practicing Catholic for a minimum of one year for preferred dates and for a more modest stipend. Non-parishioners must be registered in a Catholic parish somewhere and will need to secure their pastor's permission to be baptized or married outside of their proper parish before we can schedule any ceremony for them. If you attend Mass at the Cathedral Basilica regularly, please consider becoming a registered parishioner. Forms may be obtained by calling the rectory office at 314-373-8200.



GREAT TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE...

If you have missed out on the **Christmas at the Cathedral** concerts of the past because they sold out so quickly, then now is your chance to experience the joy of this new St. Louis tradition! Due to its extreme popularity, this season Cathedral Concerts is presenting **two** Christmas at the Cathedral concerts: **Friday, December 4 at 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, December 6 at 2:30 p.m.** While the Sunday afternoon performance is **SOLD OUT**, great seats are still available for the Friday evening concert. What a perfect way to celebrate the holiday season! The program features the Archdiocesan Choirs and orchestra, under the direction of Dr. John Romeri. The major work of the concert is *Gloria* by John Rutter.



For tickets, please call 314-533-7662 or visit the new concert website at **www.CathedralConcerts.org**.

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, December 10, 2009, at Boland Hall, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

THE GIFT THAT HAS NO SEASON...

Over the years, it has been gifts left to the Cathedral Basilica in wills, bequests, and memorials that have largely enabled us to continue to operate as a place of worship and as a place to protect and teach our children. As we approach year end and consider the upcoming tax season, please remember the Cathedral Basilica Parish in your will or charitable giving plans.

LEGION OF MARY...

Do you want to learn more about the Catholic faith? Do you want to enrich your prayer life? Do you want to develop close Catholic friendships? Do you want to grow closer to Jesus and His Mother? Then come as a guest to a Legion of Mary meeting!

WHAT IS IT & WHAT DOES IT DO?

The Legion of Mary is the largest apostolic organization of lay people in the Catholic Church, with well over 3 million active members in almost every country of the world. It has been active in the United States since 1931, has been approved by the last 6 Popes, and was endorsed by the Second Vatican Council. The main purpose of the Legion of Mary is to give glory to God through the sanctification of its members.

Members become instruments of the Holy Spirit through a balanced program of prayer and service. Works include door-to-door evangelization, parishioner visitation, prison ministry, visitation of the sick or aged, crowd contact, religious education, visiting the newly baptized, Pilgrim Virgin Statue rotations, and meeting the other spiritual needs of the parish community. Members also pray the rosary at nursing homes and visit the bereaved. Legionaries of this parish receive the guidance of their spiritual director, Monsignor Pins, rector of the Cathedral Basilica.

Members meet once a week for prayer, planning and discussion in a family setting. Then they perform specific work in pairs under the guidance of their spiritual director. The Legion of Mary is open to all Catholics, and the first step is to become involved is to attend a meeting. Guests are not only welcome to attend meetings, but also are welcome to go on one of the work assignments if they so choose. For more info about the Legion of Mary, contact Mary Lou at 636-343-4040 (daytime) or 314-773-2158 (evenings).

PARISH DIRECTORY...

The 2010 Cathedral Basilica Parish Directory will be coming out early next spring. Please provide the rectory with any changes or edits needed from last year's directory or, if you are a new parishioner, but have not yet returned your family information form, please do so at your earliest convenience. Questions? Please contact the rectory at 314-373-8200.



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS...

A very special welcome to our newest parishioners: **Mr. Hector Aritia, Mr. & Mrs. Nick and Margaret Barr, Mr. Tyler Bender, Ms. Rebecca Berent, Ms. Lisa Brown, Ms. Michelle Coates, Mr. Sean Cullen, Ms. Beth Ann Houser, Ms. Brittney Kellermann, Mr. Peter Malikowski, Ms. Lorrie Rohan, Mr. Tony Sullivan, Mr. Scott Treml, Ms. Eileen Whelan, and Ms. Christine Wroge.** May each find their new spiritual home a place of joy and fellowship, and may God bless all of our parishioners.

AHC SEMINAR...

The Association of Hebrew Catholics continues their free lecture series on **Wednesday, December 2, 2009, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Boland Hall.** Dr. Lawrence Feingold will continue teaching on "The Mystery of Israel and the Church". This week's topic will be "The Early Fathers on the Eucharist and the Liturgy". Please call the AHC at 314-535-4242 for more info.

WEEKLY THOUGHTS ON GIVING...

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." - Luke 21:28

Images of the final judgment can be scary, especially if we have not been faithful to God's commands throughout our lives. However, if we have been good stewards, we have left nothing to chance. We have carefully planned our giving and followed Our Lord's example of service and sacrifice. Thus, no matter the day or the hour we will be ready to stand erect and raise our heads to meet God face to face.

A NOTE ON DÉCOR AND CHRISTMAS...

The Cathedral Basilica will be decorated with the usual festive holiday greenery and floral display, but not until the last days before Christmas. This is to allow for the Advent season to have its own identity and not be overwhelmed by the Nativity festal décor. Commercial interests decorate early and remove the decorations immediately after Christmas Day. The Church maintains the integrity of Advent, and then uses the Christmas decorations until the end of Christmas time.

SCHOOL NEWS...

The Cathedral School children, their families, and the faculty and staff wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving. We are so grateful for your continued support using the designated Sunday envelop and your contributions to Cathedral School. We are especially grateful to our tutors who faithfully show up to help our students in language arts and math.

Need ideas for super Christmas gifts? The Scholastic Book Fair **runs from December 1 through 12.** This year we will have a great selection of adult books as well as a great selection for young readers. And, if we sell \$700 worth of books, the Cathedral School receives funds to purchase a Smart Board. So, please do some of your Christmas shopping at the Cathedral Basilica School Scholastic Book Fair!!

Mark your calendars for the Annual Cathedral School Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on **Saturday, December 12, 2009.** Breakfast will be served from 8:30 a.m. to noon, and will also include a craft fair. And remember, Santa Claus will be our special guest that morning, ready to take your Christmas orders!

Finally, the **Cathedral School Advent Concert** will be held on **Thursday, December 17, 2009,** beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Boland Hall. Everyone is invited to attend the concert and the reception after. Please join us for this wonderful evening!

For more information about these events or any school related topics, please call the Cathedral School at 314-373-8250.

EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION...

The Blessed Sacrament, the very presence of Christ's body and blood in the Eucharist, is reserved in the tabernacle of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel to the east of the main sanctuary. At all hours the Cathedral is open, people may be found praying there before the Lord "face to face." Each Saturday afternoon, beginning at 3:30 p.m., the Eucharist is displayed for prayer and adoration in public exposition in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for a holy hour. Following this holy hour, the Evening Prayer of the Church with Benediction is celebrated. Please join in this Eucharistic Prayer before or after Confession.



TIS THE SEASON FOR GIVING...

The Annual Advent Giving Tree has been set up in the west transept. Taking a star and purchasing the requested gift will help provide necessary items for nearby nursing home residents. May God bless all who participate in this program which so beautifully exemplifies the spirit of the Christmas season.

ASSISTANCE FOR PARISHIONERS...

The St. Vincent de Paul Society wishes to remind parishioners that emergency assistance is available by calling the rectory at 373-8200. Vouchers for food, clothing, and medicine, as well as assistance with utilities and rent are provided by Vincentians. If circumstances warrant it, the Vincentians may be able to assist with home repairs or funeral arrangements, provided they are contacted **before** any arrangements are made. A private meeting will be arranged to discuss needs and available resources, and the Society is very careful to preserve the privacy of those they help.

YOUR ASSISTANCE IS REQUESTED...

Our St. Vincent DePaul Conference does extraordinary work attending to the needs of the poor and homeless on the streets near the Cathedral. If you wish to assist the poor, please place your offering in the "Poor Box" located in the main aisle near the south entrance of the church. **To best serve those in need, and for your own safety, please, do not give money directly** to anyone who may approach you as you enter or leave the church, and certainly not within the church itself.

INFANT BAPTISM...

According to the mind of the Church, parents are obliged to see that infants are baptized within the first weeks after birth. As soon as possible after the birth, or even before it, parents should request the sacrament for their child and are to be properly instructed in preparation for it. And in order for the baptism to be scheduled, there must be a well-founded hope that the infant will be raised in the practice of the Catholic faith. Parents are encouraged to attend baptismal preparation before their child is born; then, immediately after the child is born, the date of baptism can be scheduled by calling the rectory at 314-373-8200.

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...****CORAPI CONFERENCE...**

Father John Corapi will be in St. Louis on **Saturday, May 1, 2010**, at the Chaifetz Arena. The St. Louis Chapter of Legatus, along with the Archdiocese of St. Louis, will sponsor this event in our community. The theme is "Be Not Afraid - There is Truth". The conference will include Mass with Archbishop Carlson and four presentations by Father Corapi. Opportunities for confession will be provided to the participants as well. St. Louis is one of six locations in the United States where Father Corapi will offer his popular speaking engagement in 2010. Purchase tickets online at **archstl.org**, **thechaifetzarena.com**, or **metrotix.com**. Tickets also are available at the Chaifetz Arena box office (1 South Compton Avenue, 63103), at select Schnucks and Macy's Metrotix outlets, or by calling Metrotix at 314-534-1111 or 1-800-293-5949. For group sales, please contact Ryan Snider at 314-977-5013 or **rsnider3@slu.edu**.

BIBLE STUDY...

The Lwanga Center will be sponsoring an 8-week Bible Study course on Thursday afternoon beginning on **December 3, 2009**. "Prophets and Prophecy", led by Fr. Art Cavitt, is a survey of major and minor prophets in the Old Testament. Sessions will begin at 1:00 p.m. Please bring a Bible and paper to take notes. There is no cost for the Bible Study, however free-will offerings are always welcome. For reservations or additional information, please call 314-367-7929.

ADVENT RETREAT...

Register by November 20 for "**Advent Courage/Advent Peace: A Quiet Advent Retreat**", to be held **December 4 & 5** at Mercy Center in Frontenac. Through listening, meditating, journaling, and sharing, we allow the Advent scriptures to call us to be renewed in God's love, to stand firm in justice, and to be bringers of peace. Presented by Sr. Sandy Spencer, MPH. Non-refundable registration: \$25.00. Total cost, including registration: Residents: \$110, commuters: \$70. To register or for additional information, please call Agnes Brueggem, RSM at 314-909-4630.

THEOTOKOS OPEN HOUSE...

Come and tour Theotokos House of Prayer, 4650 S. Broadway (63111) from **1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 5, 2009**. Take in the peacefulness & healing of this place. Experience the river vistas and our lovely grounds. Enjoy the company of friendly hosts. Our table is set with refreshments for all of our guests. One cannot imagine this location exists in the city of St. Louis, until you come and see! We look forward to seeing you.

CROSSROADS RETREAT...

CROSSROADS is a one-day module developed to enhance spiritual growth for busy people. The retreat will be held at the Lwanga Center on **December 5**, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and will conclude with Reconciliation at 4:00 p.m. Mass will be offered at 5:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist Church. Fr. Art Cavitt will facilitate the retreat and also be the principal celebrant at Mass. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Handout materials and lunch will be provided. Call 314-367-7929 to make your reservation.

SLUH-TIQUE ...

Saint Louis University High presents SLUH-tique, a unique holiday shopping event, **Sunday, December 6**, from noon to 4:30 p.m. Come join us at Saint Louis University High School, 4970 Oakland, and leisurely shop in the gym filled with tables of unique gifts for the special people on your list. SLUH-TIQUE will feature a wonderful selection of holiday gifts, home furnishings, and fashion gifts for everyone on your shopping list. And admission is free!

SINGLES BIBLE STUDY...

Bible Study for all single Catholics, every other Wednesday evening, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., at Pauline Media & Books, 9804 Watson Rd., with facilitator Deacon Ken Clemens. To sign up and get info about the next scheduled meeting, visit **www.meetup.com/Single-Catholics-Bible-Study**.

HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS...

SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center is currently recruiting adult day and evening volunteers. For more info or to apply, contact the Volunteer Office at 314-577-5696.



HOMES 4 THE HOLIDAYS!

Bring your family and friends and come decorate a ginger bread house to help raise money for Habitat for Humanity St. Louis! A \$20 donation gets all the supplies a family will need. The event will be held at Saint Louis University on **Sunday, December 6**, from 2:00-6:00 p.m. There will be Santa Claus, Christmas music, hot chocolate, and a multiple raffle prizes throughout the event! To register or for additional information, please call 314-446-6873 or e-mail homes4holidays@gmail.com.

ADULT VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE...

The Catholic Singles Alumni Club is looking for single or married players 18-45 to join their volleyball league. All skill levels are welcome. Play near Maryland Heights on Sunday evenings starting in January. Interested? Contact Don at 314-729-1235 or go to <http://csacstlouis.org/activities.html>.

MOTHER NADINE BROWN...

St. Anselm Parish in Creve Coeur invites you to hear presentations by Mother Nadine Brown, Foundress of the Intercessors of the Lamb. On **Friday, December 11, 2009**, Mother Nadine will give a presentation entitled "*Called and Chosen*" at 7:00 p.m. A second presentation, "*Called To Be A Contemplative Listening Church*", will be given on **Saturday, December 12, 2009**, at 1:00 p.m. Both presentations are in the St. Louis Abbey Church. The seminars are free, but free will donations are gratefully accepted. For additional information, please contact Linda Borchardt at 314-878-2120 or lborchardt@stanselmstl.org.

CHRISTMAS WISHES AT ST. PATRICK'S...

This holiday season, each of us knows someone who is struggling. St. Patrick Center is able to assist people from all walks of life because of generous donors and parishioners in our community. Please consider donating to St. Patrick Center's "We are Here" campaign or adopting a family or individual through the agency's Christmas Wishes program. This year, St. Patrick Center expects to assist nearly 1,200 clients and their families who have little or no money to purchase Christmas gifts for their children. To donate or adopt, call 314-802-0683 or visit www.stpatrickcenter.org.

MAGNIFICAT WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST...

Come gather together with other women of the Archdiocese and grow in your relationship with the Lord through praise, prayer, and hearing one woman's faith journey with the Lord. And get a great breakfast, all for only \$15.00. You will need to reserve a ticket by calling Nancy Davis at the Catholic Renewal Center, 314-427-7786 by December 4. The prayer breakfast is **Saturday, December 12, 9:00 a.m. to noon** at the Cardinal Rigali Center, 20 Archbishop May Drive, Shrewsbury. Speaker will be Jane Guenther, coordinator of the Catholic Renewal Center of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

CATHOLIC RADIO...

Want to learn more about your Catholic faith? Tune in to Catholic radio, AM 1080 WRYT. Listen to programs, such as, Catholic Answers Live, The Journey Home, and Archbishop Fulton Sheen. Plus, the daily Holy Mass, the Rosary, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. For a program schedule and a free CD, please call 314-752-7000 or 877-305-1234.

SINGLES DANCE!

The Catholic Singles Alumni Club of St. Louis is hosting a singles dance for ages 21-45 on **Saturday, December 12 from 8:00 p.m. to midnight** at the Church of the Ascension (230 Santa Maria, 63005). Interested? Please contact Gina at 314-223-6660 or check out www.csacstlouis.org/activities.html.

TIME FOR REFRESHMENT...

Woman's Place in Maplewood offers an opportunity for women to come together for Spiritual Reflection the **second and fourth Fridays at 10:30 a.m.** Slow down, pause, and share in a reflective, reverent way and become refreshed at this event designed for women. For more info, call Sr. Irma at 314-645-4848, or visit www.womansplacestl.org. Woman's Place is a ministry of the Franciscan Sisters of Mary.

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. For more info, call Zach Povis at 314-792-6286, or visit www.stlvocations.org.