

# JESUS *summoned* the twelve

and began to send them out two by two  
and gave them authority over unclean spirits.

—Mark 6:7

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# July 12, 2015

## SENT BY GOD

In Amos' time the vocation of prophet had achieved a very formal status in Israel. The prophets had arisen, originally, to act as God's voice when Israel was no longer led by the spiritual/civil figures known as "judges," but by monarchs. Over time, the monarchy had appropriated the offices of priest and prophet, established them into companies, and reserved the right to appoint courtly prophets. Then, as now, when those in power also got to choose who would act as their official conscience, things sometimes went awry. At such times, God raised up prophets from unlikely places, and this is how Amos received his vocation as prophet. In last week's Gospel we heard how Jesus was raised up as God's anointed from a place many viewed as unlikely. As we continue to discern our own vocation as baptized disciples, we can be assured that we are, in Paul's words, "chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will" (Ephesians 1:11).

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### **Mass Schedule**

Sundays— 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 am

Weekdays—6:30 & 8:15 am  
(church)

Saturdays— 8:15 am & 5:00 pm

Holy days—Eve—7:00 pm

Day—6:30, 7:30, 9:00 am, 7:00 pm

### **Confessions**

Saturday afternoon— 3:30 to 4:30 pm

### **Sacraments**

Call 743-8620 or 743-8600 to make an appointment with one of the Priests.

### **Prayer Hotline**

Dolores Bollwerk @ 631-5108

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### **Adoration of the Blessed**

### **Sacrament**

Tuesday after 8:15 am Mass to 9:00 pm

### **Bulletin Announcements**

deadline is Monday at noon

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## From the Pastors Pen

In last Sunday's column I encouraged you to look at the new right of gay marriage not as humans do but as God does. Reflecting upon these words of Jesus to St. Peter, I gave examples from Sacred Scripture, the Catholic Catechism and Catholic theologians that, in my opinion, give a convincing argument that God intended marriage to be a union of a man and a woman. Archbishop Carlson emphasized this when he said, "The decision issued by the Supreme Court to effectively change the legal definition of marriage in the United States does not alter the unassailable truth that marriage is, and always will be, the life-long, life-giving union of one man and one woman."

It also should be noted that the Catholic Catechism teaches us that those with homosexual tendencies "must be accepted with respect, compassion and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided. These persons are called to fulfill God's will in their lives and, if they are Christians, to unite to the sacrifice of the Lord's Cross the difficulties they may encounter from their condition." (#2358)

As our Church interprets the will of God, one of the difficulties a gay person will encounter is the fact that they are not to marry. This is a difficult teaching and I empathize with the gay person. I know all about being called to a life where you can't get married. But does the Church do any of us a favor by allowing one to skip or avoid or refuse to unite to the sacrifice of Christ? Is this what God wants? "Oh, the sacrifice to which I called you is too much so just go ahead and do whatever you want." Do we not owe it to gay people, to any person, to offer them the Truth? Shouldn't any person expect of our Church to "give it to them straight?" Are we imitating Christ by watering down our teachings? Find me a place in the Gospel where Christ watered down His teaching.

Yet, despite the fact that our Church offers to the world the beautiful teachings of the Lord, we continue to face severe criticism from so many and now, with the expansion of marriage rights, threats to our religious liberty, corporately as a Church and individually as a person of faith. Already proposals are being made that churches lose their tax-exempt status. For example, an opinion piece in Time magazine suggested, "Rather than try to rescue tax-exempt status for organizations that dissent from settled public policy on matters of race or sexuality, we need to take a more radical step. It's time to abolish, or greatly diminish, their tax-exempt status." Additionally, some Catholic or Christian schools are facing lawsuits as plaintiffs contend that they are being discriminated against because of their sexuality. Remember the furor that arose last fall when two gay teachers left Cor Jesu Academy. Protesters lined the sidewalks and the school was pummeled in letters to the newspapers and comments posted online. Sadly, this wasn't the only school where this happened. Similar cases with similar outrage has occurred around the country. How long will it be before a judge determines that a Catholic institution must forsake its teachings on marriage in favor of an employee who openly flaunts such teachings?

Already we have seen aggressive movements against businesses and individuals. Remember the uproar over a California computer executive who had to resign because he had donated money to an anti-gay marriage ballot proposal. Remember the uproar when the State of Indiana passed legislation to protect businesses that did not want to be part of activities that it found morally offensive, such as a gay wedding. Remember the threats that were made against the state-businesses and corporations threatening to move, groups and organizations threatening to take their conventions elsewhere.

Is this where we have arrived? You can practice your faith in a church on Sunday or in your house but don't bring it to the public square. If you do, you'll be discriminating against someone. But is it discrimination? Are we no longer allowed to say that we do not want to be part of something we don't like? For example, if I own a restaurant may I tell two gay people, or any group of people, that they will not be served in my establishment? No. But if a person or group asks me to cater a function where I find the activity surrounding the meal to be wrong and I object to having any part of it, may I refuse? May I say I will not cater the White Power Picnic or the Pornography Convention? Who would say I should? But if I refuse to cater the gay wedding there are those who say I must. And the number of those who say I must is increasing and some of our courts are agreeing with them.

Please note that my refusal to be part of any occasion with which I disagree does not mean I hate the person. It doesn't make me a bigot or intolerant of others. It just says that I want to live by the teachings of my faith and I shouldn't have to toss aside my faith to engage in commerce.

This is the threat to the practice of faith that I see growing in our country because of the tide of favoritism that Gay Rights currently enjoys. I see the rights of religious liberty being trampled. Do you think a person who doesn't advocate for gay marriage will become a CEO of a major corporation in this country? Will a person who believes what our faith teaches ever be invited to give the commencement address at a non-religious university? Or, sad to say, at some of our Catholic universities? Will public school teachers be allowed to say in a classroom that they are opposed to gay marriage? I think Justice Samuel Alito had it right when in his dissent he wrote, "I assume that those who cling to the old beliefs will be able to whisper their thoughts in the recesses of their homes, but if they repeat those views in public, they will risk being labeled as bigots and be treated as such by governments, employers and schools."

All of this is a very long way of saying that we have an obligation to continue living our faith as God calls us to by being obedient to Him, loving toward all people, and determined to proclaim and live what we believe anywhere, anytime. In the current climate, this will not be easy. But we cling to the cross of Christ and sacrifice as He did knowing that through the cross we will find the strength to persevere. The Lord will not abandon us.

God bless all of you.  
Father Hambrough



# Mass Intentions

**July 12—19**

**Sunday**

7:00 Patricia Huddleston  
8:30 Al & Samantha Conway  
10:00 Bob & Jane Horas—60th  
Wedding Anniversary  
11:30 People of the Parish

**Monday**

6:30 William J. Kroupa  
8:15 Greg Sanders

**Tuesday**

6:30 Michael Yemm  
8:15 Letetia & Lorenzo  
Gianfrancesco

**Wednesday**

6:30 Donald F. Hoefelmann  
8:15 Patricia Ficker

**Thursday**

6:30 Marcella D. Koebbe  
8:15 Job George & family

**Friday**

6:30 Lillian Lopez  
8:15 Ron Matteuzzi

**Saturday**

8:15 Tom & Sandy Bast—25th  
Wedding Anniversary  
5:00 John Winterton

**Sunday**

7:00 Janet Ann Hanneken  
8:30 Joseph Mallette  
10:00 People of the Parish  
11:30 Joseph Wayne Melton



*From Death  
to New Life*

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Beth Brown, mother of our Pastoral Associate Jane Brown, who died in Kansas on July 4<sup>th</sup>. May she, and all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

## SUMMER RETREAT

All young adults ages 18—35 (out of high school) are invited to join us on the weekend of **July 31-August 2** for the annual end of summer retreat at Il Ritiro. Cost is \$100 for the weekend—scholarships are available. For more information contact Jane Brown, opa at 743-8604.

# Liturgical Roles

**July 18 & 19**

<b>5:00</b>	<b>Lectors:</b>	Joan White
	<b>Ministers:</b>	P. Bierman, E. & M. Hrbacek, P. O'Rourke
	<b>Hospitality:</b>	R. Chinnici, C. DeRomero, A. Hammerschmidt, M. Paur
<b>7:00</b>	<b>Lectors:</b>	Alma Manning
	<b>Ministers:</b>	C. Fleming, J. Johnson, C. Kothe, D. Stanger
	<b>Hospitality:</b>	D. & J. Carey, R. Gion, V. Slama
<b>8:30</b>	<b>Lectors:</b>	Al & Marion Desrosiers
	<b>Ministers:</b>	M. Boehm, K. Griebenow, D. Kopff, G. Puricelli
	<b>Hospitality:</b>	D. Little, L. & L. Meier, R. Puricelli
<b>10:00</b>	<b>Lectors:</b>	Karen Kraus & Keith Maloney
	<b>Ministers:</b>	P. Lampe, J. Langevin, J. McCormack, J. Rooney
	<b>Hospitality:</b>	A., H., S. & T. Bast
<b>11:30</b>	<b>Lectors:</b>	Ed Schneider
	<b>Ministers:</b>	C. Coerver, L. Schneider, M. & G. Snodderley
	<b>Hospitality:</b>	K. Coerver, C. & J. Cox, J. Hanak



## MSGR. FORST'S WISDOM

Most of us who lived before the Great Depression remember the rather primitive telephones. First of all, many folks did not even have a phone and they would have to go to a neighbor or local drugstore to make an important phone call. We also remember the party line and how sometimes it was hard just to get through. We had the kind of phone that we held the receiver in one hand and the main part of the phone in the other. As time went on, great improvements were made; a dial was added to the phone and push button phones were introduced.

At the present time we have the "modern miracle", the cell phone. And it is like magic that we can be in touch with someone in other parts of the world with a small instrument held in one hand. The cell phone is very good for keeping in touch. However, the "Smartphone" is something else. (I feel terribly deprived since I have a very simple cell phone that I have to use two hands to send a message.) It seems as though everyone else from the small child to their parents have "Smartphones." I always say to the dismay of some that the "cell phone" is a modern menace. I am trying to carry on a simple (or important) conversation and the phone goes off. Our visit is abruptly interrupted. Sometimes the cell phone goes off in Mass or in other places that are supposed to be quiet. I have seen families trying to have a meal together and the children are either texting or talking to a friend. The parents are "left out in the cold." These modern times have many comforts that were not available in the past, however, people still need to be able to enjoy happy conversations with each other. As one of my friends said: "It (the cell phone) is one more thing a parent has to be able to say "no" to.



**JULY 13—19**

**Monday**

6:30 C. Maloney  
8:15 D. & B. Askew

**Tuesday**

6:30 J., K. & C. Vollet  
8:15 B. & E. Sanders

**Wednesday**

6:30 C. & T. Joseph  
8:15 E. Micciche-Griffin

**Thursday**

6:30 T. & H. Bast  
8:15 M. Schindler

**Friday**

6:30 N. Meyer  
8:15 V. Semar

**Saturday**

8:15 J. Andrews  
5:00 J. Davis

**Sunday**

7:00 C. Schelling  
8:30 K. Polette, B. Burgoon  
10:00 E. Follen, L. Llewellyn  
11:30 K. & R. McLeod, B. Moreno



## HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK

**JULY 13—19**

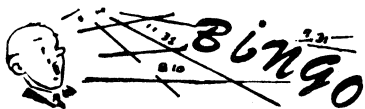
<b>Monday</b>	7 pm—50+ Club Membership mtg.— Patrons
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9 am to 9 pm—Adoration—church</b> <b>6:30 pm—Bingo—Bandwagon Hall</b> 8:30 am—Crafters—St. Martha 6 pm—Book Swap—Patrons 6:30 pm—Women's CRHP—St. Paul 7 pm—Boot Camp—Hamb. Hall 7 pm—Boy Scout Troop mtg.—cafeteria
<b>Wednesday</b>	8 am—Quilters 9 am—Bible Study—St. Paul 6:30 pm—Fall Festival Committee mtg.— Patrons 7 pm—Boot Camp—Parish Center 7 pm—Christ's Journeymen—St. Paul
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30 pm—Choir—St. Cecelia 6:30 pm—Young Adult—St. Paul
<b>Sunday</b>	12 pm—Private Party—St. Martha



The next *Fall Festival Committee* meeting will be held on **Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 pm in the Patrons Room.

### Catholics Returning Home

Have you been away from the Church and Sacraments and feel like you want to come back? We've missed you too. Please come back. For more information, please call Mary Lafata at 314-544-1376 or Kim Martinez at 314-351-5223.



Bingo is played every Tuesday at Bandwagon Hall, on Reavis Barracks and Lemay Ferry Road. (The Old DeBasio Furniture Store.)  
Doors open at 3:30 pm and games begin at 6:30 pm.

Team 1 will work Tuesday, July 14

Joanne Schneider	K/K McCune
Terri Loos	Alice Lotspeich
Sandy Kertz	April Pinckard
Kim Casper	Joan Terry
Bob Horas	Ann Degnan
Jeff Kramper	Megan Bono

If you cannot work when scheduled or have questions, please call Loretta @ 922-6838, or Linda Meier @ 607-3842.



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**July 13—19**

Monday:	Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8; Mt 10:34-11:1
Tuesday:	Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday:	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday:	Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27; Mt 11:28-30
Friday:	Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday:	Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Mt 12:14-21
Sunday:	Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34



### Book Swap

There will be a St. Mark book swap on **Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>** from 6:00-8:00 pm in the Patrons Room. If you love to read and miss your library, this is the place to be! Tell your family and friends!

### Help Wanted

If you are interested in being a CYC Volleyball Official or Scorekeeper and will be 12 years of age by September 1, please contact Wendy Burgoon at 314-504-6172 .

## Fall FESTIVAL

### St. Mark Fall Festival 2015

Family Fun Night—September 25th  
Parade and Festival—September 26th

For any questions or to help out please contact Paul Russo at 314-630-2250.

Coming soon! **Fall Festival Ride Bracelet** presale.  
Review the Fall Festival section of the bulletin each week for details.

**Booth Sponsor**—See your name in lights! Your name, your company name, in memory of a loved one. Call Dan Heaman @ 640-9770.

**Craft Booth**—accepting any new or used items in good condition. Pictures, Christmas items, any and all holiday items. Call Mike @ 276-5767.

**Kountry Kitchen Booth**—looking for cakes, cupcakes, muffins, homemade jams and jellies and anything else related to a Country Kitchen. Call Ann @ 638-7952, June @ 638-1478 or Mike @ 276-5767.

**Silent Auction Booth**—looking for new, unused items; tickets to sporting events, the Muny, vacation rentals, electronics, etc. Call Mimi @ 359-1588 for questions or pick up.

**Wine & Spirits Booth**—Now collecting all new, unopened alcohol and alcohol related items. Call Jo Nell @ 894-7808 for information or pick up. Please leave a message.

# Pray for Our Sick

It is our responsibility in the Lord to remember the sick, who are especially close to the Redeemer in their suffering:

Derek Abeln	Elizabeth Gilbers	Patrice Martin	Rita Schnorbus
Stephanie Ayers	Marie Gorczyca	Grace Martise	Juanita Scotino
Tim Becker	Helen Grill	Bud Mashowski	Mike Seevers
Virginia Berding	Judi Grove	Jane Matoushek	Marian Serra
Ellie Bisher	Melissa Happe	Rose Mayer	Rose Sheedy
Rosemary Blase	Eileen Happold	Rita McAdams	<b>Bruce Short</b>
Karen Blatchford	Brett Haubrich	D. Meissner	Carolyn Smith
Mike Boehm	Richard Hegger	Rob Myers	Veronica Smith
Susan Borosh	Karen Henson	Steve Michalski	Kerry Staats
Marie Brambilla	Lisa Hincklin	Josh Miller	Cathy Staten
Mary Jane Brasier	Grace Hoeflinger	Ruth Mintner	Kelly Stewart
Dorothy Bugel	Ann Holdman	Angelo Nebuloni	Pat Stock
Pat Buschmann	Ted Holzem	Liam Niemira	Kelli Stout
Dorothy Carron	Lea Huckabee	John Nolan	Rich & Kate
Carol Capkovic	Mary Ingram	Judy O'Hare	Tappella
Linda Cardenas	David Jenneman	Kathleen O'Shea	Amy Terhaar
Dorothy & Tom	Larry Jenneman	<b>Jack Overturf</b>	Karen Thaman
Cherry	Mary Jensen	Jacquelin Parson	Edna Tirre
Carol Coughlin	Barbara Kerber	Tom Patania	Laverne Valenti
Michael Cox	Dolores Kertz	Jody Pfeiffer	MaryJo Varchetti
Ryder Curcuru	Ted Klages	Mary Phillips	Marie Venezia
Scott Drennan	Matthew Kraus	Michael Pieri	Joyce Vierling
John Earley	Bob Lally	Bryant Pines	Bill Walters
Brenda Edleson	Emma Lauer	Francis Polasky	Ann Ward
Chris Farrell	Margie Leonneke	Joseph Regan	Nathan Weber
Barbara Finan	James Lewis	Joshua Rubel	Ellen Werner
Mary Fischer	Louise Linsin	Rosetta Saputo	J. Werstein
Ann May Freise	Betty Lloyd	Joann Schaub	Marie Williams
S. Gianfrancesco	Darlene Mahar	Meghan Schmitt	Randy Wood
			Karen Wright



## June 28, 2015

Envelopes	<b>\$9,324.00</b>
Online Giving	<b>1,395.00</b>
Loose	<b>637.47</b>
School Support	<b>242.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,598.47</b>
<b>—Avg. Weekly Operating Expenses</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>
<b>Final Total</b>	<b>\$-3,401.53</b>
<b>Peter's Pence</b>	<b>\$771.00</b>

## July 5, 2015

Envelopes	<b>\$14,370.50</b>
Online Giving	<b>2,600.00</b>
School Support	<b>1,092.00</b>
Loose	<b>662.35</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,724.85</b>
<b>—Avg. Weekly Operating Expenses</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>
<b>Final Total</b>	<b>\$3,724.85</b>

**Thank you for your contributions!**



The 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Outdoor Novena to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel begins **Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>** and concludes **Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>**. The Novena takes place on the grounds of the Carmelite Monastery, 9150 Clayton Road. Prayer each evening begins at 7:15 with the Rosary and Benediction. Mass begins at 8:00 pm. The homilist each night is Fr. Fadi Auro, a priest of the Archdiocese who was recently assigned to doctoral studies in Rome. The *St. Mark Parish Choir* will lead the singing on **Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>**.

## THANKS

*Dear Ones at St. Mark Parish:*

*"Thanks to all who donated to the Feed the Poor Program on June 20th. A big delivery of food was made to our Pantry. This is a wonderful gift to us and thus to those we serve. God bless you all! We pray for you each day."*

*Sister Joan Klaas, CPPS and  
all at St. Agatha Food Pantry*

## **St. Mark's Parish White House Retreat for Men**

Join our ANNUAL RETREAT at White House Retreat Center. A beautiful facility overlooking the Mississippi River in south Saint Louis County. Our retreat begins at 6:00 pm on **Thursday, August 20**, and ends at 2:00 pm on **Sunday, August 23**. All men of the parish are invited. Don't miss out this year on the spiritual and physical renewal that benefits every man who makes a retreat. For your reservation or more information call Patrick Lampe at 314-638-4452.

## **50+ CLUB NEWS**

**Monday, July 13th**—Membership meeting in Hambrough Hall at 7:00 pm. We will play Bingo, cards will be \$1 each. We also will have snacks, soda and beer. We will have nomination of officers at this time. Members can sign up for the trips to Old and New Cathedral and Fairmount Race Track, or call Fran at 892-1779 or Mike at 276-5767.

**Wednesday, July 29th**—Trip to the Old Cathedral and New Cathedral. Afterwards we'll have lunch at Zia's plus shopping at Missouri Bakery across the street. The tour of the Old Cathedral will begin at 8:30 am and the New Cathedral tour will begin at 10:00 am. We will take a bus for the trip. Meet at St. Mark's at 7:30 am, leaving at 7:45 am. Cost for bus is \$25 & lunch is \$12.50 (*misquote from Zia's of \$12.00 originally*) making the total \$37.50. Missouri Bakery is on your own. Arrive back to St. Mark at 2:30 pm. Call Fran at 892-1779 or Mike at 276-5767. **Cut off is July 14th.** All parishioners are invited.

**Tuesday, August 18th**—Trip to Fairmount Park Racetrack. \$25 for bus; \$15 for buffet, making the total \$40. Meet at St. Mark parking lot at 10:15 am and leave at 10:30 am. Arrive back at 4:30 pm. Sign up at the July meeting or call Mike at 276-5767 or Fran at 892-1779. Cut off is August 11th. All parishioners are invited.

## LIFETEEN

Why do Catholics do that? Have you ever wondered why Catholics genuflect? Or why we change postures at least 15 times during Mass? Come join us on **Wednesday, July 15th** from 7:00—9:00 pm at Bishop DuBourg High School to answer all this and more! Questions? Contact Lauren at 314-288-8873 or [lauren@saintlouislifeteen.org](mailto:lauren@saintlouislifeteen.org).

### 47th Annual Humanae Vitae Mass & Celebration

Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Edward M. Rice  
**Saturday, July 25th at 5:00 pm**

Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis—4431 Lindell Blvd.

Dinner catered by Pasta House to follow in Boland Hall.  
Entertainment provided!

\$12.00 for Adults

\$ 6.00 for Children (ages 3-11)

\$50.00 Maximum Family Charge

*Reservations are required for the dinner.*

**Please RSVP to [melissabarnason@archstl.org](mailto:melissabarnason@archstl.org).**



### Woman's Place presents How to Help

**A free workshop Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**

**from 6:30-9:30 pm at our Affton location – 8300  
Morganford Rd, 63123, behind St. Mark Church.**

Pre-registration is required, space is limited. Call 314-645-4848. The evening is packed with information for *friends and family members* of people suffering domestic abuse. Learn how to best support them, encourage safe choices and identify 'red flags' of potentially lethal escalation. Learn the '10 things to do or say' and the '5 things to never do or say.' Woman's Place works to end violence against women by providing compassionate crisis intervention, facilitating women's transition to safety and healing, and educating the community.

Now with 2 locations:

8300 Morganford Rd. in Affton and

4116 McClay Rd. in St. Charles

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on-going cell-phone collection.*

### Directed Retreat

**July 19–26**

#### The Marianist Retreat Center

A Directed Retreat is a quiet, private retreat. Each retreatant will have one of the directors listed below, and will have individual conferences with him/her each day. You may sign up for 3, 4 or 5 days or the full 7 days. Cost is \$400 or \$60 per day which includes lodging (linens provided) and all meals. The retreat begins with supper at 5:30 pm on 7/19 and ends after lunch on Sunday 7/26. Directors: Sr. Janet Dohr, CPPS, Sr. Paulette Patriitti, OP, Fr. Jose Ramirez, SM, Sr. Anne Simms, OP, Fr. Joseph Uvietta, SM. Location is the Marianist Retreat Center in Eureka. Call for reservations: 636-938-5390.

## odds & ends

### Seeking Facilitator Couples for Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Workshops—Qualifications:

Married at least five years; ages 30-55; engaging, energetic; love the Church and the fullness of truth; pursuing an active relationship with Jesus; open to sharing; and called to lead couples to a deeper faith. Some knowledge of Theology of the Body helpful. **Training will be provided. Stipend:** \$350 per weekend. **Hours:** 14-15 hours, split over two days (12 hours of presenting). The workshops are two-day workshops held Saturdays and Sundays. Snacks and a meal are provided. We ask the facilitators to arrive 1-1 1/2 hours early to set up the class materials. **Contact:** Kitty Mandis, Marriage Preparation Coordinator, Office of Laity & Family Life, 314-792-7182 or [kittymandis@archstl.org](mailto:kittymandis@archstl.org).

### National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows: Native American Spirituality and Roman Catholicism with Fr. Walter Butor, OMI—Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>

from 9:30 am—noon, Mass following. Join us as we celebrate St. Katrina Tekakwitha's feast day learning about Native American Catholics and their unique contribution to the diversity and beauty of today's Church. We will end this program with a Mass, which will respectfully inculturate Native American rituals. Cost is \$20. For more information, call 618-397-6700 ext. 6270 or visit [snows.org/programs](http://snows.org/programs).

Hodak's Fried Chicken Dinner—St Matthias the Apostle Catholic Church Parish Center, 800 Buckley Road, St. Louis, MO 63125. Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 - 7:00 pm. Adults—\$8; Children 6-12—\$4; Under 5 FREE. Dinner includes 2 sides, dessert and beverage. Dine in or carry out. Handicapped accessible. Call 314-440-8622 for more information.

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### Ignatian Spirituality Lecture Series—White House

Jesusuit Retreat presents a free lecture by Fr. Len Kraus, S.J. called "The Spiritual Exercises and the Cosmic Christ" on **Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>**. This event will be held at SLUH in the Si Commons building (4970 Oakland Avenue). Doors open at 7pm, lecture begins at 7:30pm. All are welcome, registration is required. Call 314-416-6400 or visit [whretreat.org](http://whretreat.org).



# FILL THE VAN

FOR THE  
AFFTON CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY

St. Mark Parish is one of the 15 Christian churches that make up  
and use the Affton Christian Food Pantry.

## August 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> after all Masses



### Amounts of food needed each month are...

canned veggies.....3,120  
canned entrees.....662  
cans of soup.....1,046  
boxes of pasta.....662  
boxes of cereal.....662  
jars of peanut butter.....626  
dozens of eggs.....331  
pounds of meat.....662  
rolls of toilet paper.....1,878  
bottles of laundry detergent.....313

### Items needed most at this time are...

small bags of rice, beans or lentils  
canned tomatoes, tomato sauce  
canned fruit  
canned entrees  
toilet paper  
body soap  
deodorant

