

September 20, 2015

'TIS THE GIFT TO BE SIMPLE

The Shaker hymn describes a circular journey from innocence to innocence with characteristic brevity:

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free.

'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be.

This journey is easier sung about than done. It takes humility and time to recover a second innocence. Titles, positions of honor, money, and power are not requirements of the kingdom of God. Jesus says and demonstrates in today's Gospel that members of God's kingdom must hold in their embrace the most inconsequential of persons, for that person is identified with Jesus. This attitude ran counter to the intuition of the world of Jesus' time, as it does in ours.

The simplicity set forth by Jesus requires the shedding of unnecessary, unimportant, false, and burdensome attachments that earthly power demands. Membership in the Kingdom is light enough to put a song in our heart.

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Anyone who
wishes to be first
must be the servant
of all

Mass Schedule

Sundays—7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 am
Weekdays—6:30 am (church) &
8:15 am (chapel)
Saturdays—8:15 am (church) & 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 6:30 am Mass to 9:00 pm

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From the Pastor's Desk

On the afternoon of September 11th I was sent a copy of a cost estimate that the Archdiocese received concerning work to be done to accommodate our move to the school site. A construction company had taken the proposed drawings from the architect and, I presume, joined them with existing blueprints to offer the estimate. They broke down the cost in this way.

Chapel and Vestibule Additions	\$1,031,000
Narthex/Multi-Purpose Finishes	\$141,000
Existing Chapel Finishes	\$319,000
Parking Area	<u>\$120,000</u>
TOTAL	\$1,611,000

As far as I can tell from the information sent to me the chapel work includes remodeling the existing church and adding a new entrance on the west side of the building and additional seating, choir area, sacristy and confessional on the east side. The narthex would be changes made in the school cafeteria. Existing chapel finishes includes things like flooring and paint. A new parking lot would be built on the front lawn of the school.

Besides this \$1.6 million price tag the letter had a list of more work that would have to be done, the cost of which is not included in the above figure. This would include permit fees, engineering surveys, and construction testing for earthwork, steel, concrete, etc.....I have no idea what these things would cost.

One of the ideas we have had about this move is renovating the former convent for use as our parish office. However, no one from the archdiocese or the architectural firm has proposed how this would happen or what it would cost. I find this confusing and aggravating. Why spend all this time, energy and money for a nice place to pray and leave us with lousy facilities for the other important things that go on in a parish? That's not fair.

I hope that by the time you read this I will have met with the various parties so that we know what the next step will be and when it will occur.

I'm looking forward to next weekend's Fall Festival. Our Festivals provide parishioners and visitors with a fantastic time. The food is great, the games are fun, the prizes, especially at the raffle, are fantastic, the music is groovy, and the people are friendly. Continue to pray for beautiful weather and make sure you participate in our wonderful Festival.

May God bless all of you.
Father Hambrough



PET BLESSING

Relying upon the intercession of St. Francis of Assisi, all parishioners are invited to bring their pets and join with our school children for the Blessing of the Pets on **Friday, October 2nd, at 2:00 pm.** The blessing will take place on the front yard of the school on Ripa Avenue.

NOTICE

Please note that the afternoon Mass on **Saturday, September 26th**, Fall Festival Saturday, will begin at 4:00 pm. We will return to the 5:00 pm start on October 3. Confessions will not be heard on September 26th.

Win **BIG** with our Fall Festival Raffles

Fall Festival is on Friday, September 25th & Saturday, September 26th.

Raffle tickets can be turned in before the day of the festival by dropping them off at the parish office or in the collection basket on Sunday. For more tickets, call 743-8600.

Election of Officers

- President—\$3,000 cash
- Vice President—\$1,500 cash
- Secretary—\$1,000 cash
- Donation: \$5 each or 6 for \$25**

Quilt Raffle

- 1st prize—Full Size Quilt handcrafted by St. Mark Quilters
- 2nd prize—Baby Quilt handcrafted by St. Mark Quilters
- 3rd prize—\$25 gift card of your choice
- Donation: \$1 each or 6 for \$5**

PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST



Sponsored by **St. Mark Cub Scouts**. Join us for breakfast in Hambrough Hall on **October 11th** from 8:00—11:30 am and help support our Cubs. Adults are \$6.00 and kids are \$4.00. All you can eat includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, milk, orange juice and coffee.

Fashion Show

Ladies Auxiliary Knights of Columbus will be selling raffle tickets for their Fashion Show after all Masses on **October 4th** in the church vestibule.

Mass Intentions For The Week

September 20—27

Sunday

7:00 RJ & Frances Stanovsky
8:30 People of the Parish
10:00 Norb Zimmermann
11:30 Beth Brown

Monday

6:30 Peter Reilly
8:15 (chapel) Jackie Simon

Tuesday

6:30 Frank & Antonina Giacobelli
8:15 (chapel) Margaret Hambrough

Wednesday

6:30 Holy Souls in Purgatory
8:15 (chapel) Rosemary Amsler

Thursday

6:30 Angelo Mucci
8:15 (chapel) Margaret Hambrough

Friday

6:30 Marilyn Chenot
8:15 (chapel) Maureen Barrett

Saturday

8:15 Sharon Gough
4:00 Beth Brown

Sunday

7:00 People of the Parish
8:30 Wilbert Venhaus
10:00 Helen Volpo
11:30 June Clodius

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Patricia Ruch, sister of Mary Jane Brasier and aunt of Trish Brasier, Veronica Ucheonye, mother of our seminarian, Evaristus Ucheonye and Dolores Mabry, sister of Terese Mall. May they, and all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

Baptisms

We welcome to our faith and to our parish Alexis Jordan Hosang, daughter of Andrew and Megan Hosang, and Jase William Duerfahrd, son of Mark and Meghann Duerfahrd, who were baptized last week. May the Lord bless and guide Alexis and Jase and their families as they journey with Christ to the Kingdom.

Liturgical Roles

September 26 & 27

4:00 **Lectors:** Joan White
Ministers: M. Cass, M. DeHekker, P. O'Rourke, M. White
Hospitality: R. Chinnici, D. DeRomero, A. Hammerschmidt, M. Paur

7:00 **Lectors:** Vince Manning
Ministers: C. Fleming, K. & E. Koehler, C. Kothe
Hospitality: S. Chambers, R. Leiber, V. Slama, D. Webb, T. Wright

8:30 **Lectors:** Mitzi Mallette & Marion Wobbe
Ministers: M. Boehm, L. Malone, N. Matteuzzi, T. Reilly
Hospitality: D. Little, L. & L. Meier, R. Puricelli

10:00 **Lectors:** Tom Ade & Karen Kraus
Ministers: J. & W. Gemmer, E. & L. Waugh
Hospitality: M. Kramper, A., A. & A. Martinez

11:30 **Lectors:** Kim Gillman
Ministers: L. Hardesty, M. & G. Snodderley, K. Waeckerle
Hospitality: B., L. & T. Schneider, D. Brauer



FROM THE DESK OF MSGR. FORST

In praying prayer early in the morning, I found these very interesting words of wisdom from St. Paul. He was fussing with the Galatians because they were not listening to the Holy Spirit. He wrote under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit these words, "Is it because you observe the Law or because you have faith in what you heard that God *LAVISHES THE SPIRIT* on you and works wonders in your midst?" That reminded me that *THE HOLY SPIRIT IS MY GREAT ADVISOR* and this morning (September 14) I must get my weekly bulletin article ready to go to Diane Little. The Holy Spirit told me to write about the "Little Church of the Home." I see great wisdom here. Today parents bring their newborn babies to church even when they are only a few weeks (or even days) old. This is a great parable in action. There is one mother, Eva Marie Miller, whom I have seen pulling into a "reserved parking place" and then with great motherly skills puts an infant in her arms and grabs a toddler with one hand and then goes to join the crowd who are celebrating with great faith the Mass. Sometimes I know that they are present when the toddler speaks out. This brings great joy to my 94 year old ears. It also tells me and others that "The Little Church of the Home" is the great school for bringing children to the Big Church. (Parents of great faith hope that all of their children will continue to grow in the Faith until their day of completion.) Today many families have great sorrow because their children no longer celebrate the GREAT FEAST OF THANKSGIVING, THE WEEKLY MASS. Our prayer is that they will one day return "HOME".

September 21—27

Monday

6:30 A. Linkogel, E. Micciche-Griffin
8:15 M. Schindler, V. Semar

Tuesday

6:30 R. McCloskey, K. Polette

Wednesday

6:30 W. Risk, T. Joseph

Thursday

6:30 C. Maloney, S. Zinn

Friday

6:30 J., K. & C. Vollet

Saturday

8:15 D. & B. Askew

4:00 A. Little, J. Davis

Sunday

7:00 T. & H. Bast

8:30 J., T. & L. Buganski

10:00 N. Meyer, N. Harashe,
B. Moreno

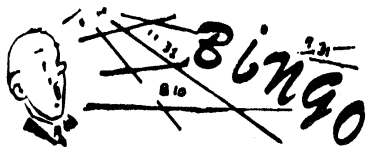
11:30 B. Farmer, B. Burgoon



Calendar of Events

September 21—27

Monday	9 am—HSEC—Hamb. Hall 1:30 pm—Pinochle—St. Martha 5 pm—Volleyball—Parish Center 6:30 pm—PSR class—school 7:30 pm—Athletic Assoc. mtg.—HH
Tuesday	7 am to 9 pm—Adoration—church 6:30 pm—Bingo—Bandwagon Hall 8:30 am—Crafters—St. Martha 5 pm—Volleyball—Parish Center 7 pm—Boot Camp—Hamb. Hall 7 pm—Boy Scout Troop mtg.—cafeteria 7 pm—RCIA—St. Paul 7 pm—St. Vincent de Paul—Patrons
Wednesday	8 am—Quilters 9 am—Bible Study—St. Paul 9 am—HSEC—Hamb. Hall 5 pm—Volleyball—Parish Center 7 pm—Boot Camp—cafeteria 7 pm—Young Adults—St. Paul
Thursday	5 pm—Volleyball—Parish Center 7 pm—Cub Scout den mtg.—Hamb. Hall 7 pm—Ignite—St. Paul
Friday	5 pm—Fall Festival—church grounds
Saturday	10:30 am—Fall Festival Parade/Picnic— church grounds
Sunday	1 pm—Volleyball—Parish Center 4 pm—Cub Scout Pack mtg.—HH



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 5 will work Tuesday, September 22

Joyce Williams	April Pinckard
Laura Wells	Brian Schindler
Kimberly Spencer	A/B Buganski
Patty Dreiling	Jane Johnson
Amy Hopper	Pat Kohlberg
Debbie Kopff	

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

READINGS

September 21—27

Monday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday:	Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday:	Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Christ Renews His Parish

Are you looking to grow spiritually? Do you feel Jesus tugging at you? Are you looking for answers? Then look NO FURTHER! Please join your fellow sisters in Christ on November 7th and 8th at St. Mark Christ Renews His Parish Retreat (CRHP). Please contact Jane Brown, OPA at 314-743-8604 by October 26th to register for the Retreat.

REMEMBER! St. Mark's annual **Reverse Raffle, Dinner and Silent Auction** will be held on **November 7, 2015** from 6:00-11:00 pm in the Parish Center. Mark your calendars and look for more information in upcoming bulletins.

Annual Assembly of the Missouri Catholic Conference

"If, throughout history, the Church has changed so much, I do not see why we should not adapt it to the culture of (our) time,"—Pope Francis. The 2015 Annual Assembly of the Missouri Catholic Conference will examine the Church in the modern world, 50 years after the closing of Vatican II. This FREE event will be held on October 3 at the Missouri State Capitol in Jefferson City. Along with our keynote speaker, the Assembly will feature 15 engaging workshops that cover topics ranging from pro-life to the encyclical *Laudato Si'*. Join us for a day of celebration and conversation! Please pre-register for the event by going to MOCatholic.org or calling 1-800-456-1679. See you October 3!

Our Thanks.

Dear Friends and Helpers,

"Thank you very much for each and every one who helps with the St. Mark Feed the Poor Program. You are a big blessing to us and to the families that come to us for food. You can be sure that we pray for you each day."

*Sister Joan Klaas, CPPS
& all the Sisters at St. Agatha Food Pantry*

Please pray for all the sick

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

50+ CLUB NEWS

Fall Festival—Members get ready to bake your goodies for the **Kountry Kitchen** booth. Call Ann at 638-7952 or June at 638-1478 and let them know what you will bring or ask if they need your help. Barb and I will be running the Craft Booth. You can sign up to help, sign-up sheets will be in the church vestibule.

Communion Breakfast: Sunday, October 18th—After the 8:30 am Mass. *Genesis* will cater the breakfast which will be in Hambrough Hall. If you can't make the meeting call Fran at 892-1779 or Mike at 276-5767 to sign up for the breakfast. We will try and keep the cost at \$12.00 which is the same as past years.

DANCE! DANCE! DANCE!

for St. Mark Parish

Dance classes are held in St. Matthias Parish Center at
5:45 pm on Tuesday & Thursday evenings,
796 Buckley Rd., St. Louis, MO 63125

Offering: Tap, Ballet, Jazz, Pom, Musical Theater,
& Hip Hop to ages 3 thru 18

Dance Director Tina Stemmler is Dance Master Certified
with a BA in Dance from Webster University

Tuition - \$40 per Month

Enrollment ends October 1st

Please contact Ms. Tina for more information
at 314-680-2613

OFFERING

September 13, 2015

Envelopes	\$ 9,235.84
Online Giving	1,210.00
Loose	516.74
School Support	180.00
Total	\$ 11,142.58
—Avg. Weekly Operating Expenses	15,000.00
Final Total	\$ 3,857.42

We appreciate your generosity!



Discover Ursuline Academy—You are invited to spend the day at Ursuline Academy! As an eighth-grade student, we would love to have you for a full or half school day—and lunch is on us! Please call 314-984-2882 or register online to schedule your visit. Join us for Fall Festival—October 4, 12:00-4:00 & Open House—November 8, 12:00-4:00 pm.

LIFETEEN—MIND THE GAP: Attention all highschoolers! Join us this **Wednesday, September 23rd** from 7:00—9:00 pm at Bishop DuBourg High School as we look at what it means to be aware of what is around us. Zombie tag, prayer & snacks included. Just a reminder – please use the Clifton Avenue parking lot & entrance. Questions? Contact Lauren at 314-288-8873 or lauren@saintlouislifeteen.org. More information can always be found at saintlouislifeteen.org.

ATTENTION: SEPARATED, DIVORCED, WIDOWED OR REMARRIED OF ALL AGES—You are invited to join us for fun and to make new friends at the next meeting of the South County Separated, Divorced, Widowed and Remarried Catholics (SCDC) on **Thursday, September 24th**, 7:00 pm, at St. Catherine Laboure parish cafeteria, 9740 Sappington Rd., Sunset Hills, MO, 63128. At this meeting we will honor our new members and guests with games and refreshments. SCDC is a support group for the separated, divorced, widowed and remarried of our community. For more information please call Jan Inman at 314-892-6933 or Bill DeCoursey at 314-322-2764.

FORMING MEN FOR CHRIST – A MASS & COFFEE WITH FATHER MASON

Reverend James Mason, J.D., President-Rector of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, will present God's Purifying Love – A Look at the Reality of Purgatory, on **Thursday, October 8th** at St. Joseph's Catholic Church at 106 N. Meramec in Clayton, MO. All men are invited for an optional Mass in the Church at 6:30 am, with coffee, refreshments and Father Mason's talk from 7:00 am until 7:45 am in the Church basement. Participants are welcome to attend any part of the morning. Free parking is available on the Church lot. Use the stairs at the entrance nearest the Church parking lot to go up to Mass, or down to the basement for the talk and refreshments. For more information, visit <http://kenrick.edu/resources/formingmenforchrist/>.

PARADE NEWS:

This year's Parade theme is: **"Ain't No Stoppin' Us Now, We're On The Move"**

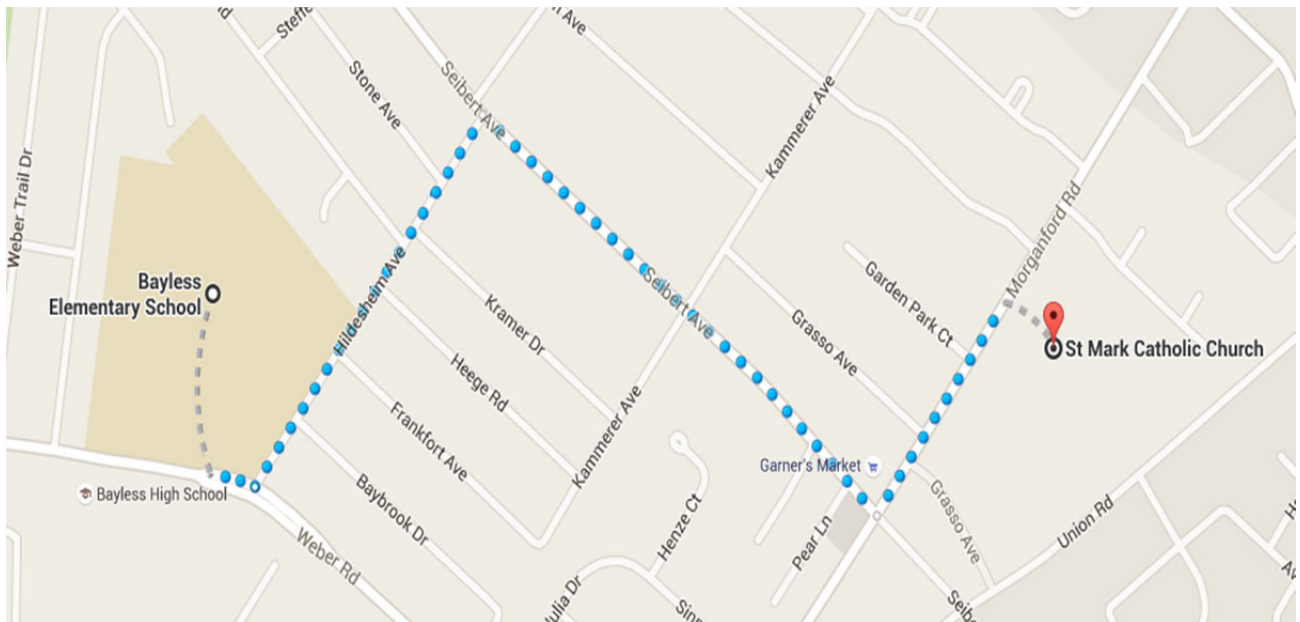
We hope that **everyone** joins us on **Saturday, September 26th at 10:30 a.m. for the annual parade.** All are invited to join us. We hope to have lots of participants from our parishioners, school families and friends with walkers, floats, cars, etc. If you are not in the parade, be sure to come out and watch. If you are going to drive a vehicle please contact Kelly Goersch at 314.504.5397 or thefourks@live.com.

We will start to line up at 9:45 a.m. and ask that you be there no later than 10:15 so we can start on time at 10:30 a.m.

Really get into the spirit and decorate your floats, cars, wagon, strollers, etc. Classes will have the following themes. As we are "moving" our church in the next year, we are letting everyone know. Grade school kids will be grouped as follows---Movers: Pre-K & K; Boxes: 1st & 2nd; Bubble Wrap/Dollies: 3rd & 4th; Change of Address Post Cards : 5th & 6th; For Sale Signs: 7th; 8th grade will wear their class t-shirts.

You have done great in the past and we look forward to seeing your creativity again this year!

We will take the same route as years past!



FALL FESTIVAL 2015

AIN'T NO STOPPIN US NOW!

Look What's FOR SALE



Fall Festival Themed Shirts

Didn't get yours ordered? We will have limited amounts available in the information booth.

Fall Festival Ride Bracelets – NOW ON SALE!

They are available to purchase through school and after all Masses – Get yours now to save, Friday night - \$20; Saturday all day/night - \$30, **Both days – BEST DEAL \$40.** Prices will be higher the day of the Festival, so get them early! Pre-sale orders will end on 9/23/2015.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!! HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Bakers—We need desserts for the chicken dinners and/or the Kountry Kitchen booth. They can be dropped off anytime on **Thursday, September 24th or Friday, September 25th in the Patrons room or St. Martha's room. Thank you!** 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.

Plant Booth—We are in dire need of plants for the plant booth. You may drop them off in the Patrons room or call Anita Stephens for pick up @ 314-413-7742. Thanks!



Sign-up sheets for various booths are now in the church vestibule. So much variety to choose from! IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP...PLEASE STEP UP AND HELP!

STILL NEED YOUR DONATIONS!!!

Wine & Spirits Booth—Now collecting all new, unopened alcohol and alcohol related items. Call Anna Cantoni @ 807-7167 or Jo Nell Russo @ 894-7808 for information or pick up. Please leave a message.

Silent Auction Booth—looking for new items, tickets to sporting events, the Munny, vacation rentals, electronics, etc. Also looking for helpers to put together baskets throughout September. Call Mimi @ 359-1588 for questions or pick up.

Weekend Line Up

Friday Night – Outside food booth will be open, St. Mark kids games, Kids Corner, ALL RIDES, Karaoke, Face Painting - No Alcohol will be sold on Friday Night!

Saturday – Kick the day off with the Parade and stay all day!

RIDES, GAMES, FOOD and FUN

All Day, 11:00 am-10:00 pm

Food Booth – Open ALL Day
Beer and Margarita Booths - Open ALL Day
Homemade Chicken Dinners
3:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Band - Fan Fare 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Dancers – Mid Afternoon
Mass – 4:00 p.m.
Ventriloquist – 5:00 p.m.
Face Painting 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Band – Radio Star 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Something for everyone – JOIN US!!