



SAINT CATHERINE LABOURE

ALIVE IN THE CHARISM OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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My steps have been
steadfast in your paths,
my feet have not faltered.
I call upon you,
for you will answer me,

O God.

Psalm 17:5–6

NOVEMBER 6, 2022

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

lector schedule

SATURDAY:	NOVEMBER 12
5:00PM	GAIL BADALAMENTI, CHRISTINE HUBER
SUNDAY:	NOVEMBER 13
7:30AM	ROB GOLTERMAN
9:00AM	TRENT BOND, MOLLY PRICE
10:30AM	BRAD CHRIST, BRAD WILLBORN
12:00PM	DIANE JOKERST

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SATURDAY:	NOVEMBER 12
5:00PM	MARYLEE & ROSS BURLEMAN
SUNDAY:	NOVEMBER 13
7:30AM	BOB VAN MIERLO, EDNA KELSO
9:00AM	MARY DROEGE, LINDA PIEDMONT, MARTHA LANE
10:30AM	MARLENE WELBORN, MATT WELBORN, OLLIE CLERC
12:00PM	PRIOR FAMILY, RICH HEJLEK

livestream schedule

Daily Mass: 8:15am
Weekend Mass
Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am

mass intentions

MONDAY	NOVEMBER 7, 2022
6:30AM	NO MASS
8:15AM	
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 8, 2022
6:30AM	NO MASS
8:15AM	MARY ALICE KISSEL
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 9, 2022
6:30AM	NO MASS
8:15AM	
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 10, 2022
6:30AM	NO MASS
8:15AM	KATHLEEN & JOHN O'CONNOR
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 11, 2022
6:30AM	NO MASS
8:15AM	
10:00AM	TIM WOOD
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 12, 2022
8:15AM	KATHRYN H & JOSEPH F DARPEL
5:00PM	ALEX FAILONI, JR.
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 13, 2022
7:30AM	
9:00AM	FRANCIS RAYMOND STOCKMANN
10:30AM	
12:00PM	INTENTIONS OF THE PARISH

BAPTISM

We offer Baptism on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 1:30pm. We will baptize one or more individuals at these times. Baptism instruction for first time parents will be held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 1:30pm. Contact either Sr. Connie or Sr. Paulette at the parish office to schedule Baptism and, if needed, Baptism instruction.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

3:45-4:45PM
SATURDAY AFTERNOON OR BY APPOINTMENT



BULLETIN SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

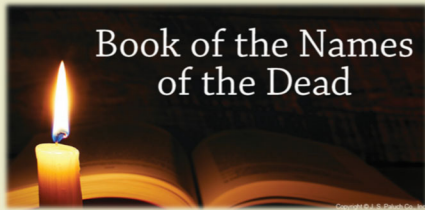
- **Bulletin submissions are due by 9 am on Monday** for the following week **unless otherwise posted**.
- **Please email: BulletinEditor@sciparish.org.**
- Information must be fewer than two hundred words. Required format: Email, Word, Publisher. Photos: JPEG, PNG
- We reserve the right to edit submitted information.

November Early Bulletin Deadline

Bulletin submissions for the November 27th are due by Tuesday, November 15th.

November— Remembering those who have died

During the month of November, St. Catherine Laboure would like to remember those who have died. There will be a Book of the Dead available in the gathering space for all parishioners to write the name(s) of friends and family members that have passed away. The Book of the Dead reminds the living of the people they loved and lost. It records names of the Body of Christ and inspires prayer for their eternal rest.



What happens after we die? Most religions and philosophies provide some notion of this, but we are confounded by the mystery of it all. Today's readings give us a glimpse through the faith of martyrs and in the words of Jesus. In the Old Testament reading, the



God is God of the living

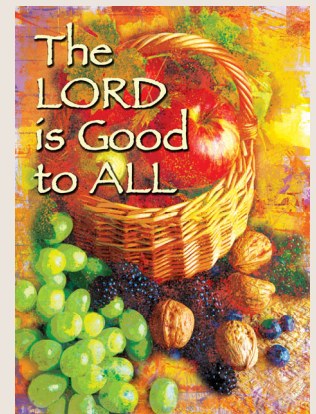
Maccabee brothers assert with total confidence that the God who gave them life would also raise them to eternal life. This was not universally accepted in ancient Israel. The Sadducees, who denied any resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus with a hypothetical riddle. Jesus, known for turning such things around, dismisses their unbelief, noting that even Moses knew that all are alive in God. Saint Paul tells the Thessalonians that we live in everlasting encouragement and hope, and Psalm 17 echoes this with words of faith that we will see God's face, waking in God's loving presence. Copyright © J.S. Paluch Co.

There will be NO 6:30am Mass
November 7th—11th

THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

Please return the filled Meal-A-Month bags next weekend, November 12/13 for the annual Thanksgiving Food Collection. We are asking for:

- canned entrees (canned meats, chili, beef stew)
- canned veggies
- canned fruit
- potato sides, stuffing, rice sides
- peanut butter/jelly
- cereals
- cake & brownie mixes
- shampoo, soap, deodorant



The food will help stock the food pantry at our sister parish, St. Vincent in the city of St. Louis. THANK YOU in advance for your generosity.



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October 17, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Numerous Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests past the age of 70 benefit from the Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Donations to this special collection provide funding that helps religious communities care for their aging members.

On the weekend of November 6, all parishes in the Archdiocese of St. Louis will take up the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Senior religious were influential in establishing Catholic parishes, schools, hospitals, and charitable agencies throughout our archdiocese and the United States. They initiated programs to promote social justice and ministered to the neediest among us. Many of our senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served with little to no pay.

Today, many religious communities do not have enough retirement savings, and struggle to provide for a growing number of elder members. Increasing health care costs and decreased income make it difficult to provide necessary medical care, costly medications, and basic services. Covid-19 has only increased the challenge to provide adequate care.

Please consider making a financial gift to assist with the care of our senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Many thanks for considering this request.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mitchell T. Rozanski".

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of St. Louis

Rite of Acceptance

This weekend at the 9am Mass, members of our current RCIA class will participate in the Rite of Acceptance.

Our candidates and catechumens express their intention to become members and the Church accepts them. In a ceremony, the celebrant asks them what they are seeking and why and asks the sponsors if they are ready to continue in formation.

The sponsors and the assembly then express their willingness to help them find and follow Christ. They are presented with a Bible and dismissed for their weekly reflection and discussion.

Please welcome our candidates and catechumens this year:

*Scott Bertram, Ava Diaz,
Derek Diaz, and Tim Meckfessel*



Catechumenate

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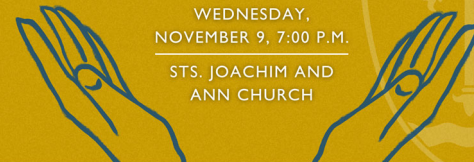
The Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection Presents

PRAYER SERVICE FOR

Spiritual Healing

WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 9, 7:00 P.M.

STS. JOACHIM AND
ANN CHURCH



Gifted to Care

Spiritual gifts are gifts to give away. God gives them to us, and we use them to serve others. How are you using your gifts right now? Are you looking for a new way to use them? If your spiritual gifts include one or more of the following—faith, mercy, teaching the faith, encouragement, or knowing—consider Stephen Ministry, our congregation's one-to-one care-giving ministry. This may be just what you've been looking for!

For more information about Stephen Ministry, contact 314-924-5025 ext. 308.

*Have You
Considered
Becoming
a Stephen
Minister*



NOT ENOUGH

IT IS NOT ENOUGH FOR ME TO LOVE GOD IF MY
NEIGHBOR DOES NOT LOVE GOD.

—ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

ROSARY COLLECTION

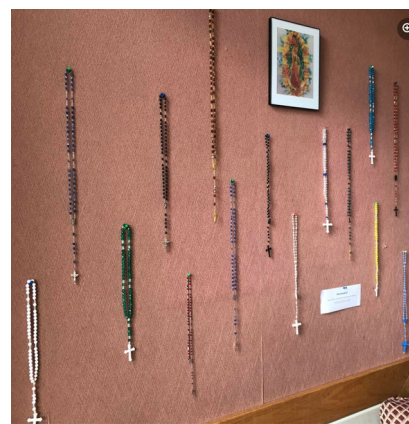
St. Catherine is collecting rosaries for a Rosary Wall at Marianist Retreat Center. Some items will remain here at St. Catherine for various ministries and organizations.

Please drop off at the Parish Office 9740 Sappington Road, St. Louis, MO 63128

You may also drop off in the carpeted area in the back of church.

If you have questions, please call 314-843-3245 x 214

Thank You!



National Vocation Awareness Week November 6th—12th

Vincentian Come and See Sunday November 20, 2022

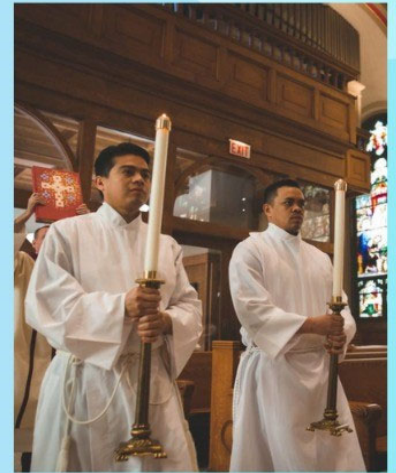


Priesthood

Prayer



Community Life



Brotherhood

Mass

*Learn About
Vincentians*

Vocation Stories

Q & A

Communal Meal Sharing

Who?: Men (18-50) discerning a vocation to priesthood or brotherhood.

Where?: St. Vincent de Paul Parish Rectory (St. Louis, MO).

When?: Sunday November 20, 2022. 3-8 pm.

Registration: Contact Fr. Toshio Sato, CM, by Nov. 5.

A) **Email:** vocations@vincentian.org

B) **Phone:** 1-800-337-2851

C) **Whatsapp** (Call/Text): 501-420-4405



Grateful, Humble & Kind!

Congratulations

St. Catherine Laboure

October 2022 was the last payment on the \$2,000,000+ Faith Builds loan!

This project gave us the following:

- Remodeled Church
- New School Office, Art/Music Rooms
 - New Kindergarten classrooms
 - New computer labs
- Remodeled Playground
- Remodeled Parish Center/Youth Room

Thank you for your generosity and commitment to the mission of the Parish and School.

Our Faith Builds loan has been paid!

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NEW SCL LOUISETTES

We are excited to announce that Father Kevin inducted 16 7th and 8th grade girls from our parish as Louisettes after the 9am Mass on Sunday, Oct 23rd. Their induction and reception were attended by their families and Ladies of Charity members. The girls have already started their service to the poor by listening to Bob Van Mierlo's presentation on the St. Vincent's homeless lunch program and then making over 100 sandwiches personalized with God Loves You notes that were gratefully received by St. Vincent parish. The girls also helped with the Fall Coat/Blanket drive. You may have seen their artwork posters in the school halls and in the church gathering space.

Their monthly meetings will usually be held on the second Monday of the month from 3-4pm in the Parish Hall in time for PSR classes and other girls' activities. If you are a 7th or 8th grade girl, the Louisettes invite you to join them whenever your schedule is available-you don't need to wait till next fall to enjoy our friendships and service opportunities as *We make a Difference!*



THANK YOU SCL PARISH



Once again you showed your generosity in the charism of St. Vincent de Paul during our Coat/Hat/Scarf/Gloves and Blanket Drive. The Staff at St. Vincent de Paul Parish were ecstatic to receive your donations. They have already had many clients looking for warm clothes and blankets. We will be hosting another drive for coats/hats/scarves/gloves and twin blankets in mid-January.

Thank you to all our parishioners including our children for helping us serve Christ. Gratefully, Louisettes, Ladies of Charity and SCL United



Prayer Shawl Ministry Distribution



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Blessed Prayer Shawls and Prayer Lap Coverlets will be available in the Church Narthex the weekend of Nov. 5-6th. The shawls and coverlets are freely provided by the SCL Ladies of Charity as our way of reaching out to those in need of physical or spiritual comfort, reminding them of God's love for them and our prayers for their well-being. Recipients do not need to be parishioners.

If you know of someone who may benefit, please feel free to take a shawl or coverlet with you after Mass. A variety of patterns are available for men, women, children and babies.

Ladies of Charity will be in the Church Narthex after all the weekend Masses to answer any of your questions or you may contact Bernie Lauth 314-849-6664.



Vincentian Christmas Program

St. Catherine Laboure Parish
St. Vincent DePaul Parish



2022 Donation Form

The Spirit of Christmas rings true year after year at St. Catherine Laboure. That spirit is the spirit of giving: of generosity. Every year for Christmas, St. Catherine Laboure and St. Vincent DePaul Parishes partner to bring food and gifts to various families and seniors. This collaboration is called the Vincentian Christmas Program. This year we will do things like we did the past two years and are asking only for a financial donation so that the program can provide gift cards to the families (\$25.00 per person in a household) and a \$25.00 cash gift to all seniors. The clients like this new way for they then can purchase what they need. In addition to the gift cards, each family and senior will receive boxes of food along with needed household items. In addition, St. Catherine also provides financial assistance to the Rural Parish Workers and the St. Vincent DePaul Society here at SCL.

HOW TO DONATE TO THE VINCENTIAN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:

By Check: Make check payable to SCL Parish and in the memo section mark Vincentian Christmas Program. The address is SCL Parish, 9740 Sappington Road, St. Louis, MO 63128.

Online: go to <https://www.osvhub.com/sclparish/giving/funds/vincentian-christmas-program>

Check your commitment for the Vincentian Christmas Program

Name: _____

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Senior: I will donate financially for the cash senior gift (\$25.00 each)

How many senior (s) _____ (ex: 2 seniors @ \$25.00 each = \$50.00)

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Family: I will donate financially for family gift cards (\$25.00 per person in the family)
(ex: a family of 4 would be \$100.00)

What family size would you like to sponsor?

Family size: 2 _____ (\$50.00)

Family size: 5 _____ (\$125.00)

Family size: 3 _____ (\$75.00)

Family size: 6 _____ (\$150.00)

Family size: 4 _____ (\$100.00)

Family size: 7 _____ (\$175.00)

Total amount enclosed: _____

Return form with check to the large collection baskets by the baptismal font in church or mail to the SCL Parish Office (9740 Sappington Road) or donate through online giving by **December 10, 2022**. Questions may be referred to Sue Tumminia, 314-843-3245, ext 212 or stumminia@sclparish.org



FAITH AND JUSTICE

Black Catholic History Month Opportunities–November

**“For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one
and has destroyed the barrier,
the dividing wall of enmity through his flesh.”**

(Ephesians 2:14)

On July 24, 1990 the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus of the United States designated November as Black Catholic History Month to celebrate the long history and proud heritage of Black Catholics. This month marks a time to share and remember, the saints and souls of Africa and the African Diaspora. Here are some ways to honor Black Catholics this month at St. Catherine Laboure.

- **Vote–Nov. 8** vote with your Catholic conscience. Research the candidates and issues so you can vote for those that honor the human dignity of all.
- **SCL Victory Garden** welcomes your left-over straw bales from your Halloween decorations!! Email launchingbutterflies@gmail.com to donate or just drop them off at the SCL Victory Garden on the cedar mulched area. We can use up to 18 bales this winter for bed mulch. The Victory Garden sends produce to Affton Christian Food Pantry and churches in East St. Louis as well as St. Vincent Parish. Thanks for being a part of the journey!
- **SCL Cemetery Clean-up at Father Dickson Cemetery–Nov. 19–9:00 a.m.-noon**
Thanks to the 25 people who participated on Oct. 15—including our PSR Confirmation preparation students and parents, Cor Jesu National Honor Society students, and parishioners of SCL. Father Dickson Cemetery is located at 845 Sappington Rd. at Gravois Greenway Grant’s Trail. Bring mowers, trimmers, clippers, work gloves, drinking water. Park in the cemetery. This is the last clean-up of the year. Contact cgriner8@sbcglobal.net for more info.
- Cook with **The Real Joy of Cooking** group–Call Mary at 314-795-8881 to learn more. See information below. Are you looking for ways to say “Yes” to Christ’s invitation to feed the hungry? Do you enjoy the warmth of making a good pot of chili, or a soup, stew, or casserole? We have the opportunity to serve several families in need in East St Louis by preparing and sharing a meal-a-month. The goal is simple: spread the love of Christ by meeting the basic need of good nutrition, with whole fruits, veggies, and protein sources. You make it...we’ll take it!

“Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great LOVE.” ~ Mother Teresa

What will you do to honor Black Catholic History Month?

LEAF CLEANUP

Help get the grounds ready for winter. Rake leaves and clean up grounds at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, November 16. Bring your rakes, tarps, and gloves. All ages welcome, also good if anyone needs service hours. We will meet in by the stained glass window of Church, Sappington Rd. Contact Bill Schelinski at bill.schelinski@gmail.com.





3 Mile Run & 1 Mile Fun Walk
Benefitting the SCL Stay Strong Fund

Mass 9:30am
Run 10:30am

Packet Pick Up: 11/22, SCL Parish Center, 2pm-6:30pm

Online Registration: <http://tinyurl.com/run4ryan2022>
\$25/person

Register up to the day of the Run—however, shirt not guaranteed

The **Stay Strong Fund** is available to any parish family battling a disease.





CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

I should no longer say that I have neighbors to help,
but that I must myself be a neighbor to others.

—Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 81

For more than 50 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has supported organizations that combat poverty and improve the lives of people in communities across the United States. From empowering immigrants in towns along the southern border to advocating for improved housing and educational opportunities in northern and midwestern cities, CCHD-funded groups tackle a wide range of economic and social justice challenges that affect local communities in rural and urban areas.

In areas of Tennessee where coal-mining operations and landfills have caused water pollution and other environmental damage, Statewide Organizing for Community eMpowerment (SOCM) works with governments and regulatory agencies to limit hazardous waste disposal in landfills and to require environmental cleanup as part of the permitting process for new business operations.

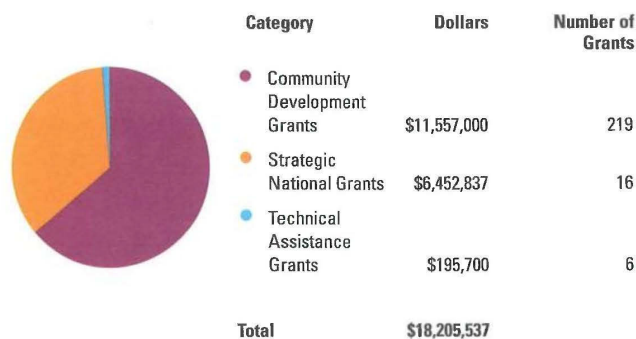
Environmental damage affects all of us, most especially low-income people who are affected by water pollution resulting from mineral extraction, lack of access to healthy foods in urban “food deserts,” and natural disasters caused by climate change. The Church teaches that “the natural environment is

a collective good, the patrimony of all humanity and the responsibility of everyone” (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*, no. 95). Since the release of *Laudato Si'* in 2015, CCHD has invested more than \$4.3 million in organizations that work to protect the environment and combat pollution. When you support CCHD, you support organizations that work to protect the air, soil, and water for all the members of their communities.

To learn more about the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and the way CCHD upholds the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church, visit www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

- **LEARN** about those living in poverty.
- **ACT** and spread the word about poverty by sharing this flier.
- **CONNECT** with the work of CCHD by supporting the collection.
- **PRAY** for those who benefit from this collection.

2020-2021 GRANTS



2020 EXPENSES

Category	Dollars	Percent
Grants and Donations	\$18,827,477	87.54%
Allocations-Internal Grants*	\$2,341,113	10.88%
Promotions and Fundraising Expenses	\$274,325	1.28%
Program Costs	\$65,337	0.30%
Total Expenses	\$21,508,252	
Total Expenses Excluding Internal Grants	\$19,167,139	
Total Grants & Donations Including Internal Grants	\$21,168,590	

*Internal grants include a distribution from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection for CCHD operations expenses and for the USCCB Justice, Peace and Human Development's education and outreach program, which includes engaging Catholics in our faith-filled call to address the root causes of poverty.



Office of National Collections

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*Gaze upon Him,
consider Him, contemplate Him,
as you desire to imitate Him.*

St. Clare of Assisi



The Adoration Chapel is open 6am until 10pm
Monday through Friday.

If you are interested in being a regular adorer (weekly, every other week, partner or a substitute), please contact Stacy Kilker—<stacykilker@gmail.com> or Dori Scherer—314-471-3076 or <dori.scherer@gmail.com>. We will try to work with your availability.

Current Open Time Slots

All Mondays—8:00am-9:00am
2nd, 4th, and 5th Tuesdays—9:00-10:00am
1st, 3rd, & 5th Tuesdays—2:00pm-3:00pm
All Wednesdays—3:00-4:00pm
2nd, 3rd & 4th Wednesdays—9:00-10:00am
1st, 3rd, and 5th Fridays—6:00am-7:00am
All Fridays—7:00-8:00pm

Dynamic Catholic The Resurrection

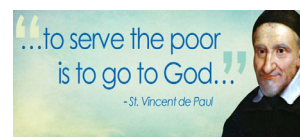
The most stunning aspect of believing in the Resurrection is that we believe in the Resurrection of *the body*. We believe that Jesus truly is the “firstborn of the dead” in that He rose body and soul just like we will at the final judgment. Sometimes we might not connect the dots between the immediacy of death, when body and soul separate, and the beauty of resurrection, when body and soul are united. What will our risen, glorified, body-souls be like? (CCC 686, 908-1019)



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel we find that God is a God of the living, and this is indeed the core of our hope. Jesus has risen and is with us, therefore, at no time should we be without hope for the future.

When you give the furniture, household items and clothing you no longer use to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you give hope to your neighbors who have nothing.



SAVE THE DATE
JANUARY 21, 2023
SCL MEN'S
ASSOCIATION

TRIVIA
NIGHT

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CASH FOR CHRISTMAS

Grand Prize \$3,000
2nd Prize \$1,000
3rd Prize \$250 (5 Winners)

\$500.00 Early Bird Drawing
Sunday, November 20th
After Noon Mass (Gathering Space)

Final Drawing—Sunday, December 11th
11am at the Pancake Breakfast



TICKET PRICE IS \$25 EACH **OR**
BUY 4 TICKETS, GET 1 FREE;
BUY 8 TICKETS, GET 3 FREE
BUY 20 TICKETS, GET 10 FREE **OR**
PURCHASE IN-PERSON ON THE
SCL CAMPUS (CHURCH, OFFICE, OR
PANCAKE BREAKFAST)
FOR \$20 A TICKET!



ADDITIONAL TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED ONLINE AT: WWW.KOFC12323.ORG

ALL ONLINE TICKET PURCHASES MUST BE FROM MISSOURI RESIDENTS AND BY CONTINUING TO MAKE YOUR PURCHASE ONLINE YOU ARE ATTESTING THAT YOU ARE IN MISSOURI AT THE TIME OF YOUR PURCHASE.

WINNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL TAXES.

IF YOU NEED TICKETS OR HAVE QUESTIONS, CONTACT BILL SCHELINSKI AT BILL.SCHELINSKI@GMAIL.COM

JOIN THE ASSOCIATION OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL
ON A PILGRIMAGE TO:

LOURDES & ROME



April 14 - 21, 2023

\$4,549 per person from **New York (JFK)**
airport Add-On's as per: www.206tours.com/airports

\$3,419 without airfare



OPTIONAL POST TOUR TO MEDJUGORJE

April 21 - 25, 2023 | Additional \$1,199 per person

Prices are based on double occupancy

Spiritual Director: Fr. Kevin McCracken, C.M.

www.pilgrimages.com/amm



Dear Friends of our Blessed Mother,

In April of 2023 the Association of the Miraculous Medal is sponsoring a post-Easter pilgrimage to Lourdes, to Rome, and for those who choose to extend their pilgrimage, to Medjugorje. The basic pilgrimage includes 3 days for us to experience the prayerful atmosphere of the premier Marian shrine where our Blessed Mother appeared to St. Bernadette 18 times in 1858. We will be able to undertake both group and personal devotions. From Lourdes we will fly to Rome and spend a few days visiting several of the most revered churches and other sacred sites of the Eternal City, as well as some of the "must see" tourist sites. Particularly important for members of our Lady's Association, we will visit the Basilica of Sant' Andrea delle Fratte where Alphonse Ratisbonne, a French Jew, while he was touring Rome in 1842, received an apparition of Mary. Our Lady appeared to him as she is represented on the Miraculous Medal which Catholic friends had convinced him to wear. In honor of Mary, Alphonse chose to be baptized as Marie-Alphonse. Pope Gregory XVI declared his immediate conversion to be a miracle. We hope to pray at the shrine in the Basilica dedicated to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and Marie-Alphonse's miraculous conversion. From Rome, those who wish, will travel across the Adriatic Sea to Medjugorje in Herzegovina. Since June 1981, six visionaries, believe that they have received visions of Our Lady, identifying herself as the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace. Millions of people have visited the town and many have had a profound spiritual experience there. In May 2019, Pope Francis authorized officially sponsored Catholic group pilgrimages to Medjugorje. However, the Vatican stated that studies related to the authenticity of the claimed apparitions are still ongoing. As at Lourdes, we will have time to participate in both group and personal devotions while in Medjugorje.

Please consider joining us for this Eastertime pilgrimage when we will rejoice with Mary in the glory of her Son's resurrection.

~Fr. Kevin McCracken

For Info or to Register, contact: **Cara** - Cara@206tours.com OR 800-206-TOUR (8687)
Terms and Conditions: www.206tours.com/terms

INCLUSIONS AND SAMPLE DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

- § Round-trip airfare
- § Airport Taxes and Fuel Surcharges
- § Accommodations at centrally located first class Hotels: (or similar)
 - ~ 3 nights: April 10 - 13: Hotel Moderne, Lourdes
 - ~ 3 nights: April 13 - 16: Le Meridien Visconti, Rome
 - ~ 4 nights: April 16 - 20: Modern Pansion/Hotel, Medjugorje
- § Transfers as per itinerary
- § Breakfast and Dinner daily
- § Wine and Mineral Water with Dinners

Day 1: Friday – April 14, 2023 | Depart for Lourdes

Make your way to your local airport, where you will board your overnight flight(s). Your meals will be served on board.

Day 2: Saturday – April 15, 2023 | Arrive in Lourdes

Upon arriving at Pau or Toulouse airport, make your way to the baggage claim area and collect your luggage. Proceed to the arrivals hall, where you will be greeted by your tour guide and/or driver. Embark on a scenic drive to Lourdes. Check-in to your hotel and relax or explore before dinner. Following dinner, you will have free time to pray the Rosary and to attend the candlelight procession. These processions are lit by candlelight, providing a serene and inspiring ambience. Following this prayerful experience, you will return to your hotel for an overnight.

Day 3 and 4: Sunday and Monday – April 16-17, 2023 | Lourdes

Over the next two days, you will wake up in a small town that is nestled within the Pyrenees Mountains. During your time in Lourdes, you will pray and meditate at the site of Our Lady's apparitions. Our Lady first appeared to Bernadette in 1858, and announced herself as "The Immaculate Conception", near the Grotto of Massabielle. During the first two apparitions, little Bernadette prayed the Rosary with Our Lady and left without any exchange of words. During the following apparitions, Our Lady emphasized God's love for us, penance and the necessity of performing acts of penance for sinners. Throughout your time in Lourdes, you will have the opportunity to attend Mass at the Grotto, where Our Lady appeared to Bernadette; watch a video presentation that explains, in detail, the story of Lourdes; drink water from the miraculous spring that has healed many; and submerge yourself in the healing baths. Additionally, you will have the opportunity to experience Christ's unconditional love, as you meditate upon the "life size" Stations of the Cross that overlook the Grotto of Massabielle. Also, while in Lourdes, you will walk in and meditate upon the footsteps of St. Bernadette. Your group will have the opportunity to see Boly Mill, the birthplace of St. Bernadette, and the "Cachot," an abandoned prison where Bernadette's impoverished family lived. Each evening following dinner, you will have an opportunity to attend the candlelight procession and the Rosary before a restful overnight.

Day 5: Tuesday – April 18, 2023 | Lourdes - Rome

Morning departure from Lourdes to the airport to board your short flight to Rome. Upon arrival at Rome airport, collect your luggage in the baggage claim area, and continue to the arrival hall, where you will be greeted by a tour escort and/or driver. You will make your way to the bus and transfer to your hotel. Following check-in, you will have free time to unpack and relax, or explore Rome on your own. Your tour escort may suggest places to visit. Later in the afternoon, your group will meet in the hotel lobby for a "Meet and Greet" with your fellow pilgrims and depart for Mass. Following Mass, you will attend a welcome dinner. After dinner, you will have the opportunity to walk to St. Peter's Square as a group, for the Rosary (optional).

Day 6: Wednesday – April 19, 2023 | Rome: Papal Audience – Basilica of St. John the Lateran – Holy Stairs – Basilica of St. Mary Major

After a nice breakfast at your hotel, your first sightseeing day in Rome starts! The tour begins with the Papal Audience in St. Peter's Square! The Audience is celebrated each Wednesday by His Holiness, Pope Francis (pending the papal schedule). Following the Audience, there will be free time for lunch, shopping, or to mail a postcard from the Vatican Post Office. This afternoon, you will visit the oldest of the four major basilicas in Rome, and the home to the relics of Peter and Paul, the Basilica of St. John Lateran. This Basilica is where Pope Francis was installed as Bishop of Rome, and where he officiates as the Bishop of Rome. Next, we will cross the street to visit the Holy Staircase. Tradition states that this staircase is from Pontius Pilate's palace of Jerusalem during the time of Jesus. It is also said that this Staircase was brought to Rome by St. Helen in the 4th century. If time permits, you may climb the steps on your knees, in memory of Christ's agonizing Passion. To conclude your day, we will proceed to the Basilica of St. Mary Major. This Basilica contains a relic from the Manger of the Infant Jesus. Return to the hotel for dinner and an overnight.

Day 7: Thursday – April 15, 2021 | Rome: St. Peter's Basilica – Vatican Museum – Appian Way – Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls – Catacombs

This morning you will enjoy an early breakfast before making your way to the largest Christendom Church, St. Peter's Basilica. This Basilica was built on the site where St. Peter, the first Pope and Bishop of Rome, was martyred. Also, it was Our Holy Father, Pope Francis who was the first Pontiff to visit the necropolis since extensive archaeological excavations were conducted at the ancient site decades ago. It is here that you will view Michelangelo's Pieta. This stunning marble sculpture depicts the Virgin Mary holding Christ after His crucifixion, death, and removal from the cross before being placed in the tomb. Continue to proceed to the Vatican Museum. At the world-renowned museum, you will see the most impressive of edifices, galleries, and awe-inspiring relics. Additionally, you will observe the Tapestry Gallery, Raphael Rooms, Sistine Chapel, and Michelangelo's Masterpiece, the restored mural of the Last Judgment. The final stop on your Vatican tour is at the tomb of Saint John Paul II. After, you will be transferred to the Fontana di Trevi (Trevi Fountain), where you may enjoy some free time on your own for lunch. Continue on your short journey

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- § Meeting with Visionaries (pending availability)
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down the Appian Way, the earliest road of Ancient Rome. This road leads to the Domino Quo Vadis Chapel, the Baths of Caracalla, the Arch of Drusus, the Tomb of Cecilia Metella, and the catacombs of St. Callixtus. The day concludes with a visit to the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. Originally founded by Emperor Constantine in the 4th Century, this Basilica is the burial place of Saint Paul the Apostle. We will make our way to a local restaurant for dinner. Following dinner, feel free to explore the streets of Rome, or return to the hotel for overnight.

Day 8: Friday – April 20, 2023 | Return Home

After an early breakfast and heartfelt farewells, we transfer to Rome Airport for your return flight(s) home.

OR CONTINUE ON A POST TOUR TO MEDJUGORJE:

Day 8: Friday – April 20, 2023 | Rome - Medjugorje

Today depart from Italy for your flight (s) to Medjugorje. Upon arrival, you'll be greeted by your tour guide and/or driver, who will take you on the 2.5 hour drive to the village of Medjugorje. Dinner and an overnight.

Days 9 to 11: Saturday to Monday – April 21 - 22, 2023 | Medjugorje

The most beautiful features of Medjugorje are its simplicity and peace. While in Medjugorje, you may experience your faith grow, and share in the faith journey of pilgrims from all over the world. A local guide will accompany your group throughout your stay in the village.

Some activities that will accompany you in your spiritual journey:

Attend Daily Mass:

Each morning at 10:00 AM, your group will assemble at St. James Church for Mass (English-Speaking). At the end of each Mass, regardless of language, there is a blessing of the religious articles that you have with you.

On Feast Days, and Sundays:

English Mass is at 12 PM.

Climb Apparition Hill:

This mountainous hill is where the visionaries first encountered Our Lady. At the base of this hill is a Blue Cross, where it is said Our Lady appeared to the children while they hid from the communist police in the early days of the alleged apparitions. While climbing, your group is invited to recite the Rosary, pausing five times for each decade of the Rosary. At the top of the hill, you will witness the exact location of the first alleged apparition of Our Lady to the visionaries, and enjoy private time for prayer.

Climb Mt. Krizevac (Cross Mountain):

In 1933, the villagers built a 30' high cross atop a mountain to commemorate Jesus' passion and death on the cross. Your group will have the opportunity to climb this mountain, and venerate that very cross. While climbing, your group is invited to pray the Stations of the Cross (to meditate on Jesus' suffering Road to Calvary), pausing fifteen times for each Station.

Apparitions:

Each evening at 5 PM or 6 PM (depending on daylight savings time), your group will join the villagers and fellow pilgrims of Medjugorje in saying the Rosary, as all anxiously await the alleged arrival of Our Lady to the visionaries. Following the apparition, at 5:40 PM (6:40 PM during Daylight Savings Time), feel free to stay at St. James Church and attend the Croatian Mass. Following the Croatian Mass, there is a Blessing of the Sick.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Our Lady has always called us to be close to her Son. For this, you will have the opportunity to adore the Blessed Sacrament at the altar outside of St. James Church. Adoration is held on Tuesdays and Saturdays; Veneration of the Cross is held on Fridays inside the church. Additionally, there is an Adoration Chapel on the grounds of St. James Church, where Adoration is held in the afternoon hours.

Meetings with the Visionaries:

Pending their availability, your guide will arrange meetings with the visionaries at their homes.

Visit to the Community of Cenacolo:

You will have the opportunity to visit the community of Cenacolo, founded by the Sisters of Charity, for young men and women who have taken a wrong path and are on the road to recovery. You will be able to listen to their inspirational words about their journeys back to Jesus Christ.

Prayer at the Statue of the Risen Christ:

The bronze statue of the Risen Christ is located on the grounds of St. James Church. Many pilgrims sit and pray on the benches surrounding this peaceful statue. This statue miraculously seeps droplets of water at all times of the day, out of Christ's right knee.

*Please be advised that English Daily Mass and Confessions will be available at St. James Church.

Day 12: Tuesday – April 23, 2023 | Return Home

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