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Feasts of the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts July 1-2

Traditional All Night Vigil at Christ the King Church



All are encouraged to participate in these important feasts to be observed with a night of prayer beginning with the sacrament of reconciliation at 8:00 PM and opening Mass at 9:00 PM celebrated by Father Louis Farley, newly ordained on May 28, 2011. Adoration will continue through the night with rosaries and prayers.



The vigil concludes with Benediction at

4:45 AM, and Mass in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary at 5:00 AM. Please spend some time in adoration and reparation to these two loving hearts. Coffee will be available during the night, and snacks may be brought if desired.

July 1 is also the World Day of Prayer for Sanctification of Priests. Pope Benedict XVI reminds us:

“On the occasion of the traditional World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests that is celebrated on the Feast of the Sacred Heart, I would like to recall the priority of prayer over action since it is on prayer that the effectiveness of action depends. The Church's mission largely depends on each person's personal relationship with the Lord Jesus and must therefore be nourished by prayer: “It is time to reaffirm the importance of prayer in the face of the activism and the growing secularism. Let us not tire of drawing on his Mercy, of letting him look at and medicate the painful wounds of our sin, in order to marvel at the ever new miracle of our redeemed humanity.” (Benedict XVI, “Deus Caritas Est,” No. 37).

The Vigil will include prayers this night for our bishop, our priests, and our parishes.

Come Holy Spirit!

In his homily on Pentecost, Bishop Finn called upon the Holy Spirit.

“Watch and pray. Last week I sent a message to our Diocese. There I tried my best to acknowledge the failures and sins that have caused so much hurt these weeks. I also wanted to remind us all – lest we lose our vision and our hope – that the work of the Church is grace-filled; it continues in the tremendous efforts of your good pastors and parishes, and also in the Diocese as a whole.....I also asked everyone in the diocese to pray. Come Holy Spirit. Save us Oh Lord our God; Have mercy on us in these difficult days.”

He said he was asking the Holy Spirit especially for an

- **outpouring of the Spirit of truth**
- **to cast out fear and anxiety, and**
- **for unity, that we may be one, and trust again.**

“Mary, our Mother, is a protector of our diocese and of each of us. She is the Spouse of the Holy Spirit and I have also been asking her to beg the Spirit to grant us everything, a full measure of grace, mercy, and new life.”

THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL JULY 16

Will be celebrated at St. Andrew the Apostle Church, Gladstone, with Mass at 4:30 PM, followed by a procession, rosary, and enrollment in the Brown Scapular. The Homily will be by Father Vincent Rogers, pastor. Scapulars and holy cards of Our Lady will be provided to all. Children are invited to wear their First Communion clothes or an alb provided at the parish in the procession. (They should be early to put on the albs and line up.)

The use of the Brown Scapular is said to have begun with the head of the Carmelite Order, St. Simon Stock in 1261, when after fervent prayers to Our Lady to save the order which was in danger of dissolution, she is said to have appeared to him offering him a brown scapular to serve as a type of apron for covering their habits as they worked in the fields, saying: “Receive this garment, and whoever dies clothed in it shall not suffer eternal fire.” The monks accepted her sign, and their order began to flourish.

In 1564 the smaller version of the scapular as we know it today was promoted to the laity, that as the larger garment was to keep the habits of the monks clean, the smaller version was to keep their souls clean by reminding them of Our Lady's “arms” of the strings around them helping with graces to avoid sin. After the Miracle of the Sun on October 13, 1917, the last image the children saw was of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, holding out the rosary and the scapular. Sister Lucia said this was an indication that she wanted us to use them! Thus they are part of the main spiritual practices of the members of the World Apostolate of Fatima.



IS GOD TRYING TO TELL US SOMETHING?

Think Haiti, think Japan, think Joplin, think Arizona fires.....

God HAS has been trying to tell us something since He created us! He will be our God, and we should be His people! In the Old Testament when Nineveh turned away from God, He sent his prophet Jonah to warn them of their destruction unless they repented—they did! and were spared God's wrath. In history, when Christendom was threatened, it was prayer that turned away the danger, as when St. Dominic's preaching and prayer of the rosary converted the Albigensian heretics, and when Pope St. Pius V urged people to pray the rosary bringing about the unlikely victory against the Ottoman Turks at Lepanto.

It's not too late for us

In 1917, when World War I was killing Christians by the millions, Our Lady gave the solution for peace to three young shepherds—"Say the Rosary for Peace." She added a warning: "If humans do not stop offending God there will be another more terrible war." *What a different world it would be if people had listened!!*

We too can make a turnaround! In spite of the numerous threats we face from many sources, we can be like the Ninevites: repent, and pray as God has told us through His mother. **It's not that hard!** Keep our souls pure by following the commandments, and take 20 minutes to pray the rosary every day. For endless hours we watch politicians in the media tell us how they will save us. Tune them out a few minutes to seek the REAL solution--prayer. When watching TV or listening to the radio mute out the many commercials, and say a decade of the rosary. In an hour show you could finish it. The results are guaranteed: **World Peace and The Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

THE HOLY FATHER'S GENERAL AND MISSION PRAYER INTENTIONS

July: G: That Christians may ease the physical and spiritual sufferings of those who are sick with AIDS, especially in the poorest countries. **M:** That religious women in mission territories may be witnesses of the joy of the Gospel and living signs of the love of Christ.

August: G: That World Youth Day in Madrid may encourage young people throughout the world to have their lives rooted and built up in Christ. **M:** That Western Christians may be open to the action of the Holy Spirit and rediscover the freshness and enthusiasm of their faith.

September: G: That all teachers may know how to communicate the love of truth and instill authentic moral and spiritual values. **M:** That the Christian communities of Asia may proclaim the Gospel with fervor, witnessing to its beauty with the joy of faith.

FIRST SATURDAY NEWS

We are now in the third year of our mission to comply with Our Blessed Mother's request at Fatima to observe the First Saturday's. First Saturday in June was well attended at St. Thomas More Parish. On July 2 we will be at Christ the King Parish for our 29th consecutive celebration, beginning with confessions, rosary and meditations at 8:00 AM; Mass at 8:45. On August 6 we will be at St. Mary Church in Indep. Continue to watch the Key or church bulletin for future parishes, or send us your email address. Our world is in much need of prayer, please join us in answering our Blessed Mother's call. If you would like the First Sat. celebrated in your parish, call me. God Bless you,

Dennis O'Brien 816-810-3801

(First Saturday requirements may be fulfilled in your own parish with Confession, Communion, 5 decades of the rosary, and 15 minutes meditation on the mysteries of the rosary, offered to make reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.)

Mass in honor of JoseMaria Escriva will be celebrated at 9:00 AM at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 3934 Washington by Bishop Finn on Sunday, June 26. All are invited: reception follows.

On June 29, Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, a Solemn High Mass in the Extraordinary Form (Latin) will be celebrated at Redemptorist Church, 33rd & Broadway at 7:30 PM for Bishop Finn and to promote Unity in our diocese. Mass will be preceded by confessions, and followed by 24-hour Eucharistic Adoration. The Solemn High Mass is one of the most beautiful liturgies in the Church. Come enjoy it for the first time, or to refresh your memories of it.

ATTENTION

Thanks to those who sent their 9 digit zip code/or email address. You may still do so at fatimakstjo@yahoo.com or call 816-942-0333. And does it seem like the whole world is asking for money these days? Well, so are we! Our printing and postage have gone up, and we need an increase in our bottom line to keep up. We would appreciate your help!

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CALENDAR— Please mark these events on your Calendar ; NO Newsletter before October

For information on an event, directions, or a ride, please call an officer on page 2.

JUNE 26 Feast of Corpus Christi; Joint service with KCK Archdiocese and KCSJ Diocese at Holy Trinity Church, Lenexa. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 12:30 PM. Penance and Reconciliation offered; Procession starts at 1:30 PM; returns to Church for Benediction at 2:30 PM.

July--Month Dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus.

JULY 1-2 **All Night Vigil** at Christ the King Church, 85th & Wornall Rd, KCMO. Confessions at 8:00 PM Mass at 9:00 PM. Adoration until 4:45 AM. Mass at 5:00 AM. Coffee provided. Bring snacks if desired.

2 **First Saturday of Reparation** Christ the King Church, 85th & Wornall RD. 8:00 AM Rosary, meditations and confessions. 8:45 AM Mass

10 **Monthly Rosary Rally** 3:00 PM Oratory of Old St. Patrick, 806 Cherry St., KC MO. Fifteen decades of the rosary, hymns, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. A one-hour ceremony to pray for our needs and to respond to Our Lady's requests.

14 **Monthly Prayer Meeting** at Christ the King Narthex: 8510 Wornall Rd; 6:30-7:30 PM; rosary, prayers, discussion, refreshments. All are invited.

16 **FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL. 4:30 PM** at St. Andrew the Apostle Church, 6415 NE Antioch Rd., Gladstone. Mass and homily by Father Vincent Rogers. Rosary, procession, Scapular enrollment, Details on P.1

26 **Feast of Anne and Joachim**, parents of Mary, and Jesus' grandparents; patrons of grandparents.

AUG 5 **First Friday of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.** Feast of Our Lady of the Snows.

6 **First Saturday of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.** 8:00 AM rosary, meditations and confessions; Mass at 8:45 St. Mary Church, 600 N. Liberty, Independence, Mo

6 **The Transfiguration of Our Lord.** The fourth Luminous Mystery of the rosary. "It is good for us to be here."

8 **Feast of St. Dominic**, known for his preaching, and founding the Dominican order. He is credited with starting the devotion of the rosary as we know it today, in 1208.

11 **Monthly Prayer Meeting** at Christ the King Narthex, 8510 Wornall. Same as July 14.

14 **Monthly Rosary Rally** 3:00 PM. Holy Family Church., 274 Orchard St., Kansas City KS. See July 10.

15 **Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady.**

22 **The Queenship of Mary.** Declared by Pope Pius XII in 1954. He wrote a beautiful encyclical *Ad Caeli Reginam* discussing why Mary is The Queen

SEPT 2 **First Friday of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.**

3 **First Saturday of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.** Watch Key or Church bulletin for time and place. Or call Dennis, 816-810-3801.

8 **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** Praise God for His Masterpiece; make a special sacrifice for her birthday present.

8 **Monthly Prayer Meeting** at Christ the King Narthax, 8510 Wornall. Same as July 14

11 **Monthly Rosary Rally** 3:00 PM. Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 415 W. 12th Street, KCMO. Devotions as on July 10. Msgr. Robert Gregory, officiating

14 **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.** How can we repay Jesus for what He did for us?

15 **Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.** At the cross her station keeping, stood the mournful Mother weeping. Close to Jesus to the last. Let us make reparation to her sorrowful and Immaculate Heart.

23 **Feast of St. Pio of Pietrelcina.** He is the Spiritual Father of the World Apostolate of Fatima because of his devotion to Our Lady of Fatima. He said many rosaries every day, praying for all those who requested it.

OCT 1 **First Saturday of Reparation** Watch for announcement of time and place.

7 **Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.** Date of great victory over Muslim Turks at Lepanto, attributed to praying the rosary by Pope St. Pius V in 1571.

Ninth annual Children of the Eucharist Holy Hour at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Washington, DC, and broadcast on EWTN at 9:00 AM. Produced by Minneapolis WAF. Some KC-SJ schools are participating. See www.childrenoftheeucharist.org

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Pray for Our Priests

The Cure of Ars, patron saint of priests has said: “A good shepherd, a pastor after God’s heart, is the greatest treasure which the good Lord can grant to a parish, and one of the most precious gifts of Divine Mercy. Were we to fully realize what a priest is on earth, we would die: not of fright, but of love...Without the priest, the Passion and Death of our Lord would be of no avail. It is the priest who continues the work of redemption on earth. The priest holds the key to the treasures of Heaven; it is he who opens the door. The priest is not a priest for himself; he is a priest for YOU.”

PRIESTS ARE TEMPTED MORE THAN LAY PEOPLE BY THE DEVIL. If he can get a priest to abandon his vocation, there will be no more Holy Eucharist, confessions, or anointing of the sick.

The World Apostolate of Fatima, Kansas City-St. Joseph Division, has an Adopt-a-Priest program, which tries to have every priest in our diocese “adopted” in prayer. Currently, we are in need of more persons who will adopt a priest, and pray for him every day. To volunteer get in touch with Sue—fatimakcstjo@yahoo.com, or Kay, 816-520-7430. You will be sent the name of a priest to pray for, his ordination date, and a prayer card.

We are sponsoring a Holy Hour for Healing and Unity for our diocese on August 2 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. We will seek Our Lord’s help with Adoration of the Eucharist, and Our Lady’s intercession with the rosary. There will be a talk, and prayers for healing, concluding with Benediction.

PLEASE PUT IT IN YOUR SCHEDULE. For more information, call Dee at 816-588-5811.