

February 19, 2012—Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Mass: 8:00 am Tuesday Rick Scheidt Thursday People of St. Andrew Friday People of St. Andrew
 Ash Wednesday Masses: 6:30 am People of St. Andrew 8:00 am People of St. Andrew 6:30 pm Alex Massman
 1:30 pm at Summit Villa
 Saturday: 5:30 pm (February 25) People of St. Andrew
 Sunday: 9:30 am (February 26) Rick Scheidt

PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAPTISM CLASS

Deacon Dan Ramsay will be holding a Baptism Class after 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, February 26th. The class will be held in the Green Meeting Room (on the left through the double doors off the gathering area). If you are expecting a baby in the near future or have recently had a little one, please plan on attending this class. Class is required before you can have your little one Baptized.

FISH FRYs

The Knights of Columbus will host six Fish Frys this year. They will be February 24, and March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. The whole St. Andrew Parish has been so very, very supportive of this event. We ask that you continue. Your pies and desserts will be welcome. Your volunteer assistance and help is what makes it possible to do such a large event in four hours. Thank you so very much!

END OF YEAR FINANCIAL REPORTS

The End of Year Tax Reports for donations to St. Andrew's during 2011 are available on the table along the back wall in the Gathering Area. We appreciate very much the generosity of all parishioners and visitors throughout the year!

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Sunday, February 19—PSR 8:15 am
 Confirmation Class, 11 am
 Eucharistic Adoration, 6—9 pm with Rosary at 7:30
 Monday, February 20—altar Sodality Mtg., 7 pm
 Tuesday, February 21—Quilting, Green Mtg. Rm., 8:30—10:30 am
 Men's Basketball, 6:30 pm
 Wednesday, February 22—Ash Wednesday Masses: 6:30 & 8:00 am;
 6:30 pm; 1:30 pm at Summit Villa
 Quilting—Green Rm., 6:30—8:30 pm
 Friday, February 24—FISH FRY! 4:00 pm
 Sunday, February 26—PSR, 8:15 am; Baptism Class after Mass
 Eucharistic Adoration, 6—9 pm with Rosary at 7:30

Area Lenten Penance Services 7:00 pm (unless otherwise noted)

March 5	St. Peter, Jefferson City
March 6	Immaculate Conception, Jefferson City
March 20	Helias High All School Day
April 1	Cathedral of St. Joseph, Jefferson City—2:00 pm
March 12	Annunciation, California
March 14	St. Michael, Russellville
March 15	St. Andrew, Holts Summit
March 22	St. Stanislaus, Wardsville
March 28	St. Martin, St. Martins

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPDATES FROM THE SIDEWALK AND PRAYER VIGIL SCHEDULE FOR ABORTION DAYS

God saved four babies from abortion Thursday, Feb 9 as 70 people including two priests, three deacons and a sister prayed on the sidewalk. Sadly twelve babies' lives were taken. **Columbia Planned Parenthood is performing abortions EVERY week.** Tuesdays from 1pm to 7pm and Thursdays 9am until 2pm people are needed to pray. Babies are saved when people stand on the sidewalk in prayer. Thanks and God bless you! Info: 573 491 3522

COLUMBIA 40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL

The National 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil will begin **Wed Feb 22** at Planned Parenthood, 711 Providence Rd., Columbia, with hours of 9am to 6pm daily. Core members will be there each hour--you will never be alone! Opening Rally will be held at Tuesday Feb 21 at Assembly of God in Columbia at 6:30pm and will end with a candlelight vigil in front of Planned Parenthood. *PHYSICAL PRAYER PRESENCE WORKS. 20 percent of appointments are not kept when people are outside praying. Please respond to this life saving effort! MORE INFO: 573 491 3522*

VITAE FOUNDATION PRO-LIFE BENEFIT DINNER

Vitae Foundation is hosting its 20 Year Celebration Pro-Life Benefit Dinner on Monday, **March 19**, 2012 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City. The featured speaker is Abby Johnson, who was the director of a Planned Parenthood clinic in Texas, and experienced a "change of heart" while participating in an abortion procedure.

The evening will also feature a tribute to the pro-life leadership of Don and Ruth Ann Schnieders. Tickets are \$75 per person (\$50 is tax deductible). Seating is limited to those with reservations, so make your reservations soon by calling 634-4316 or 800-393-5791. For more information about the event and about Vitae Foundation, please visit our corporate website www.vitaefoundation.org.

RALLY FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Missouri State Capitol • March 27, 2012 • 10 a.m.

Join people of faith in protesting the federal mandate that forces employers to provide health coverage for abortion drugs, sterilization and contraceptives. Missouri is not waiting on Congress. Rally to support SB 749, a bill pending in the Missouri General Assembly that will protect our religious liberties. Contact the Missouri Catholic Conference for more information at MOcatholic.org, by calling 1-800-456-1679 or by scanning the QR code with your smart phone.

A PRO-LIFE LENT

The traditional practice of "giving something up for Lent" is a practice of self-denial; our Lord said that to follow him, we must deny our very selves. It means we say "No" to ourselves and "Yes" to God and others. This reverses the pattern of sin, which says 'Yes' to ourselves and "No" to God and others. In our culture, the most violent "No" to God and others is abortion. Four thousand times every day in our nation, people say "No" to a little child so that they may say "Yes" to their fears or their plans. This Lent, as we practice self-denial, let's think of these children. Let's offer our sacrifices for them. May all say "Yes" to God and "Yes" to the unborn. For more ideas about how to foster respect for the unborn this Lent, visit www.priestsforlife.org. and come pray at the Planned Parenthood in Columbia where babies are being aborted every Thursday.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

Engaged Encounter is for couples planning marriage in the Catholic Church who desire a richer, fuller life together. The dates for 2012 are: **March 2-4, May 4-6, August 3-5, November 2-4**. The weekends are held at St. Pius X in Moberly. The registration form and other Engaged Encounter information is available on our diocesan website, www.diojeffcity.org, click on Ministries, Family Life, Marriage Preparation, Engaged Encounter.

The cost for the weekend is \$100 per couple. A \$25 deposit made payable to Engaged Encounter is required and to be included with the registration form.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDIUGORIE

We have a pilgrimage scheduled to St. James Church in Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina for 2012. Nick and Bosica Bartulica (who grew up in the Medjugorje area) will again be conducting the pilgrimage. The dates are: **April 12 – 20** (including Divine Mercy Sunday) for \$1,745. The price includes all accommodations and most meals. We expect many pilgrims from central Missouri to participate in this pilgrimage. Prayerfully consider joining us. If you have questions, please contact David Lankford at 573-635-9454 or jdlink@centurylink.net.

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS		February 12, 2012
Sunday Offering		\$6,063.89
Donuts & Coffee		
Quarter Sunday		\$161.95
Capital Improvements		\$225.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>		
VOCATION CROSS AND PRAYER BOOKLET SCHEDULE		
February 19	Theresa Veit	
February 26	Curt & Debbie Verslues	

Next Sunday's Scriptures

First Reading: Genesis 9:8–15

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18–22

Gospel: Mark 1:12–15

NEXT SATURDAY'S LITURGICAL ROLES

Readers:	Mary Ann Sutter, Sharon Dolson
Ushers:	Darrell & Pam Brauner, Earnie Davidson, Nicholas Hartman, Bob Rehagen, John Schaben
Gifts:	John & Dana Gerke Family
Communion:	Mary Beth Doerr, Mike & Kathy Forck, Bobbie Lutz, Coletta Rogers, Shirley Schulte
Servers:	Rachel Hasty, Trey Stumbaugh, Eric Winkelman
Greeters:	Tommy & Laurie Caudle Family

NEXT SUNDAY'S LITURGICAL ROLES

Readers:	Doyle McDaniel, Mary Springer
Ushers:	Matt Fischer, Jean & Richard Rackers, Mark Lueckenhoff, Ken Schulte, Jenny Palmer
Gifts:	Candice & Evan Wilson
Communion:	Vicki Clark, Karen Jacquin, Britt & Candy Smith, Buck & Margie Wilson
Servers:	Kaitlyn Veit, Aubrey & Riley Scott
Greeters:	Jeanne Berard & Bill Peacock

February 19, 2012

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in Christ Jesus!

As we together prepare to enter into the Season of Lent 2012, the Liturgy of the Church powerfully reminds us of the fact that during Lent we are really given a sacred time for the renewal and purification of our hearts (*Preface II of Lent*).

By immersing ourselves even more deeply in the passion and death of Christ during this holy season, we are called to free our hearts from the burden of material things and from all that prevents us from being more responsive to God's many graces, as well as the needs of our neighbors.

My hope and prayer for each and everyone of you—your families, and your parish communities—is that the fasting, almsgiving and prayer that we together take up during this holy season may aid us all in trusting ever more deeply in the abundance of Our Lord's mercy. Through our Lenten observances, may we be made more worthy to celebrate the Paschal Mystery with minds and hearts renewed.

Sincerely in Christ Jesus, Our Redeemer,

Most Reverend John R. Gaydos
Bishop of Jefferson City

ULTREYA

The February Jefferson City Metro Area Ultreya will be held at Immaculate Conception Parish in Jefferson City on **February 20, 2012** at 7:00 p.m. Please bring your Prayer Group and anyone who might be interested in making a Cursillo at the upcoming Spring Weekends in Camdenton.

WILLIAM H. (BILL) SIMON SCHOLARSHIP

The William H. (Bill) Simon Scholarship Fund awards scholarships to Catholic students who are in financial need for the purpose of attending an accredited college or university of the student's choice. The scholarship is \$ 1,000 per semester to assist the student in meeting educational needs. Scholarship funds are paid directly to the institution or to the student upon presentation of receipts paid to the institution for tuition, fees, and/or room and board. It is the intent to award three new scholarships each year; however, the actual number of new awards will be contingent upon the current number of previous recipients that are eligible for renewal.

To be eligible to receive the Simon Scholarship, the student must meet the following criteria: You (or your family) must be a registered Catholic in the Jefferson City Diocese; You must complete a scholarship application in full; You must obtain a written letter of recommendation from a school official (teacher, counselor, principal, coach) and either your current or a past parish priest;

You must demonstrate financial need. You will be required to submit a copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR). This report is generated through the completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA is available at all guidance and financial aid offices and at most libraries. It may also be filed electronically via the Internet.

An application can be obtained by calling the office on Tuesday or Thursday afternoon, 896-5010, or email stan-drew@embarqmail.com. Completed applications should be sent to Attn: Simon Scholarship, PO Box 104900, Jefferson City, MO 65110-4900 or Faxed to 573-635-0386. Applications must be **post-marked or returned to the Chancery by March 31, 2012**; all applicants will be notified of the results by May 1, 2012.

SCHOOL NEWS...

HELIAS MUSIC DEPARTMENT ANNUAL GUMBO DINNER

All you can eat chicken and sausage gumbo with sides, Sunday, **Feb 19th** 5- 8 pm. Adults \$10, children 5 – 11 \$5.00 5 and under free. There will be a variety of entertainment.

INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS AT HELIAS

Helias Catholic High School will hold informational meetings on **February 28, March 1, and March 6** for incoming freshmen and their parents. Registration materials and placement test scores will be explained at these meetings. The meetings will be held in the school commons from 6-7:30 p.m. No sign up is necessary; just pick one of the meetings. Packets that are not picked up at the meetings will be mailed.

ST. PETER'S SCHOOL MISSION PARTY & FUNDRAISER NIGHT

This year the Mission Party is on **February 20th**. It will be in Selinger Centre. Everyone is invited to join in this fun time. If you have any questions about the Mission Party, contact the school office at 636-8922.

After the Mission Party the Annual St. Peter Interparish School and Perkins Restaurant and Bakery Family Fundraiser Night will be held. 10% of all sales from 4 to 8 pm will be donated to St. Peter Interparish School. Perkins Restaurant and Bakery is located at 1722 Jefferson Street.

BIG BUCKS

St. Peter Interparish School will host BIG BUCKS on **March 24, 2012** at the Capital Plaza Hotel. Doors open at 5:30 pm; dinner is served at 6:30 pm. the theme for this year's BB is 'Disco Inferno 2012'. This is your chance to win up to \$10,000. for complete details call Melissa Wilding at 291-2048 or visit the website at www.stpeterjc.org and click on the Big bucks button. Donations for the auction are needed, if able to contribute contact Sara Michael at sara@carvermichael.net.

AREA HAPPENINGS...

ST. ELIZABETH K OF C FISH FRY, Friday, February 24th, 3:30pm to 7:00 pm at the St. Elizabeth Community Center. All you can eat. Adults \$8 Children 6-12 \$4.00 and 5 and under free. Carry outs available. There will also be a Bag of Prize Drawings sponsored by St. Ann's Sodality.

FUNDRAISER - SPAGHETTI DINNER: Outlaw Baseball, a local baseball team with members from several communities, will be hosting a fundraising Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, March 4, at the Russellville Middle School cafeteria from 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m, serving spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, green beans, corn, & dessert. Raffles will be held for a Ruger 10/22 Limited Production Camouflage Rifle and a 42" Sanyo HD TV. A Silent Auction will also be held. Advance dinner tickets or raffle tickets can be purchased by calling Donna Roe (573-690-5620), Mike Miller (573-291-8850) or Patsy Blomberg (573-418-9296). Dinner ticket prices are: \$5.00 in advance or \$6.00 at the door. Family tickets are available for a family of 5 or more for \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door.

ST. THOMAS PARISH COUNTRY HAM & SAUSAGE BREAK-FAST, Sunday, March 4, 8 to 11:30 am, serving family style country ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, hashbrownss, applesauce, biscuits & gravy. Adults \$9, children 6—12 \$4, 5 & under Free.

RELAY FOR LIFE BUNKO PARTY, March 6, 7:00 pm at the Holts Summit Lions Club. Sponsored by Moonwalkers Relay Team. Tax deductible donation of \$10. All proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society at the Cole County Relay on Friday, June 1, 2012. For more information contact Sara Davidson—896-4215 or 353-2262; Jacki Johnson—230-8280, Sandy Rackers—896-5780 or 619-1854, or Fran Draper - 632-8890.

WARDSVILLE/OSAGE BEND K OF C FISH FRY, Friday, March 9, 5 to 8 pm, at St. Stanislaus Parish Gym. Adults \$9, children 6—12 \$4, children 5 and under free.

2012 Lenten Regulations & Admonitions for the Diocese of Jefferson City

As another Lenten journey of conversion begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2012, and ends with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 5, 2011, Holy Mother Church calls all Catholics to a deeper spirit of penance, fasting, almsgiving and prayer, "which express conversion in relation to oneself, to God, and to others" (Catechism of the Catholic Church # 1434 & 1969).

In order to foster a greater spirit of penance, of reparation for sin, to encourage self-denial, and so guide us more closely in the footsteps of Christ, Holy Mother Church reminds us of the following **obligations of fast and abstinence** during Lent and also **admonishes us all to deeper prayer and worship**.

1. **Abstinence:** all persons who have already celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.
2. **Fasting:** everyone, from the celebration of their 18th birthday to their 59th birthday, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting is generally understood to mean eating only one full meal each day. Two other partial meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken; but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed.

Voluntary fasting on other weekdays of Lent is highly recommended. But please note: when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, neither the law of fasting nor the law of abstinence obliges. These are minimal penitential practices and should not be lightly excused. If in doubt, please consult your parish priest.

Other recommended forms of fasting, as regards alcoholic drink, needless television, video games, internet use, and social entertainment, are of true spiritual value and strongly encouraged.

3. **Almsgiving:** The act of giving to the poor, in the most ancient tradition of the Church, is an expression of penance, a witness of fraternal charity, and an expression of Lenten conversion. Therefore, all Catholics are encouraged to support generously the charitable works of the whole Church: through regular stewardship to their parish, support of charities, and their generous response to the diocesan Catholic Stewardship Appeal.
4. **Prayer:** In order to deepen one's love for Christ, Catholics are urged all the more to participate in the Sacramental life of the Church during Lent by attending daily **Mass**.

Baptism: Infants are properly baptized on Easter Sunday or during the Easter Season.

Easter Duty: All Catholics who have been initiated into the Holy Eucharist are bound to receive Holy Communion worthily at least once during the Easter Season. Of course Catholics are encouraged to receive Communion as often as possible, not only during Eastertide. However, anyone conscious of a grave sin must receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before approaching to receive Holy Communion.