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President's Message

"I have to love my neighbor as the image of God and the object of His love, and to act in such a way that people, in their turn, love their Creator..."

- St. Vincent de Paul

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

As we approach the end of another year, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the incredible work we have accomplished together at Catholic Charities of St. Louis. Throughout this year, our dedicated coworkers have tirelessly worked towards fulfilling our mission of bringing the healing, help, and hope to those in need. It is heartening to witness the impact we have made on the lives of our brothers and sisters, thanks to supporters, like yourselves and the hard work of our compassionate co-workers who stand on the front lines of care.

Our mission goes beyond providing immediate help and assistance, it is about fostering a sense of community, compassion, and understanding. We believe in the inherent dignity of every individual and this belief is reflected in the care and support we extend to those who come to us seeking help. Whether it is providing shelter to the homeless, offering counseling to those in distress, or empowering individuals to overcome challenges, we are committed to making a positive difference

in the lives of the people we serve. Through the work of our nine ministries, we live the values of our work. Dignity, Hospitality, Service, Excellence, Compassion and Joy.

As we reflect on the achievements of this past year, let us also look forward to the opportunities and challenges that the future may bring. With your continued support, we can expand our reach, enhance our services, and make an even greater impact on the entire Archdiocese. Together, we can continue to be beacons of hope and agents of positive change.

Peace.

Jared H. Bryson, MDiv, DMin President and CEO Catholic Charities of St. Louis

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Go To Bat for Kids



Thank You. "Go to Bat for Kids" Donors!

Go to Bat for Kids is a Catholic Charities tradition that brings the experience alive for children who might not otherwise have the opportunity to go to Busch Stadium and experience the sights and sounds of cheering on the Cardinals! It's all made possible by generous people like you!

Together we've helped create tens of thousands of happy memories. For families facing poverty or other

challenges, the opportunity to attend a Cardinals game together may mean more than we can ever know. Thank you to all who helped make ballpark memories possible in 2023. We had four games this year where kids from our various ministries could attend and have this experience. The list below includes our sponsorship-level donors:

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Saint Lawrence Society



Carmelite Monastery Visit by our Saint Lawrence Society

In September, the Saint Lawrence Society Members were blessed to visit the Carmel of Saint Joseph Monastery in Ladue and to have an opportunity to hear from the sisters directly about their lives and spirituality. Being cloistered, the sisters remained behind a "grill," but it was amazing to meet the sisters



and to see the graces Christ has bestowed on these women who have given their lives to Him. Reverend Mother Marya and the sisters shared vocation stories, and all took turns answering questions about their lives in the convent and shared responsibilities.

The members learned that there are fifteen sisters. from all over the country, who have mostly silent days. They spend an average of seven hours per day in formal prayer. Their formation period is nine years. as the life in a cloistered convent is unique, and the aspiring novice must be fully discerned that this is her calling. The Carmel of St. Joseph order has been in St. Louis for 160 years, and their primary calling at



their founding was, and remains, to pray for priests and vocations. They receive intentions from the community, and all are brought before the Blessed Sacrament in prayer. The Carmel of St. Joseph in St. Louis is growing because this monastery offers (24hour) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The new novices all mentioned this as a reason for coming to this particular monastery.

The members of the Saint Lawrence Society were grateful for this special morning to meet the sisters and to receive a book on the Carmel of St. Joseph. The sisters' lives reflect their love for Christ, as the work of Catholic Charities brings the love of Christ to those in need.

If you would like to know more information about the Saint Lawrence Society or be notified of their events, please contact Alisa Goessling at agoessling@ccstl.org.



Catholic Charities Young Professionals

Canvas for Hope, Catholic Charities of St. Louis Young Professionals

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The mission of Catholic Charities Young Professionals is to foster authentic community in service and compassion through joyful and creative engagement with Catholic Charities. Canvas for Hope, the social fundraiser for St. Francis Community Services. provided us with that precise opportunity. The Catholic Charities Young Professionals had a wonderful experience of volunteering. Our role of aiding with check-in and raffle ticket purchases provided our members the chance to engage and interact with fellow supporters of St. Francis Community Services. It was enlightening to see everyone gathered to support the ministry and be







truly engaged in community to share all the good that St. Francis is doing for the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Canvas for Hope did indeed offer a path of hope for all who work, volunteer, and receive services from St. Francis Community Services.



The Catholic Charities Young Professionals continue to seek ways to be involved and represent Catholic Charities, the Board is looking forward to all our upcoming opportunities such as Neri's Night Out, Hearts in Harmony, and SEEK Conference. If you are or know anyone interested in getting involved, connect with our social media pages or reach out to Victoria Dickson at vdickson@ccstl.org.



Good News from Our Ministries

Overcoming Barriers, Empowering Lives: A Journey with LAMP

My story is not just mine alone, but a testament to the transformative power of breaking language barriers and fostering inclusivity in our communities.

In 2017, as a pregnant woman newly arrived in the USA, I faced fear and uncertainty. The language



barrier seemed like a big challenge, and I felt isolated without anyone to turn to for support. However, my life took a remarkable turn when I had my first medical appointment at the "Family Care" clinic and was introduced to my first LAMP interpreter.

The interpreter's incredible kindness and assistance not only helped me navigate the complexities of the healthcare system but also provided a reassuring presence during a time of personal vulnerability. They listened to my fears about the immigration process I was going through, understood the weight of my situation, and became a true guiding light on my journey to motherhood.

Alongside the clinic's receptionist, the LAMP interpreter demonstrated unwavering support and ensured that I felt at ease during the entire process. Dr. Bolanos, a Spanish-speaking doctor, further provided exceptional care throughout my pregnancy, emphasizing the value of compassionate and patientcentered healthcare.

LAMP interpreters have been an integral part of my family's life. They have been with us during my pregnancy, the birth of my son, and have continued to provide vital assistance with his ongoing medical care. Their dedication and linguistic expertise have made an immeasurable impact on our well-being.



My journey with LAMP did not stop with receiving their support; it inspired me to give back to my community. After returning from Guatemala in 2021, I witnessed firsthand the reluctance of my mother and friends to seek medical help due to communication barriers. I realized that bridging this gap was essential for accessing quality healthcare services. That's when Karla, a LAMP interpreter, presented me with an incredible opportunity to become an interpreter myself.



My journey with LAMP has been nothing short of extraordinary. Working both in the office and out in the field. From witnessing families celebrating their children's recoveries to supporting individuals facing mental health challenges, every experience, both personal and professional, has reaffirmed my belief in the profound significance of being a part of LAMP. LAMP opens doors to a world of opportunities, ensuring that language is no longer a barrier to accessing essential services and fostering a more inclusive society for all.



Good News from Our Ministries

Pathways to Progress Graduation Ceremony on September 13, 2023

With joy and good tidings, we excitedly share Pathways to Progress has graduated 20 Members from the program on September 13, 2023. We give honor and glory to God for the heartfelt work the Pathways team has done and will continue to do over the years. We also thank Archbishop Rozanski for attending the graduation which helped to solidify and cement this joyous occasion. Dr. Jared Bryson reflected on the perseverance of Pathways graduates by sharing these kind words "You are your children's heroes, and they will never forget this moment." At one point, a member's children were so full of pride and joy they ran to their mother as she received her certificate. It was at this moment and many like it that captured the tremendous weight and impact of graduation. Graduation embodies a boldness as it's a season of new beginnings, hope renewed, and faith unwavering. Pastor Andre Alexander also reminded graduates to remember the lessons taught, and that they must not grow weary on their new paths in life. We watched with our eyes and listened with our hearts to the speeches from three Pathways to Progress Graduates. One graduate explained she was unhoused when initially entering Pathways and had recently been evicted. She went on to explain how hopeless she felt prior to entering Pathways, but due to her participation in the program, her dreams of being an Author were realized! The Member also expressed their housing has become stabilized and employment secured. These dreams were realized and made possible through the accompaniment the Member received from Pathways to Progress, Saint Francis Community Services, and Catholic Charities.















Good News from Our Ministries

Queen of Peace Golf Tournament



WOW... What an amazing event of fellowship and support this past Summer for the Queen of Peace Center, a ministry of Catholic Charities of St. Louis. The Queen of Peace mission is helping women break the cycle of substance use disorders.

while also caring for their unborn babies, newborns, children, and families which is an important role within the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

This year, one of our clients, so bravely shared her testimonial of sobriety and reuniting with her newborn baby. There was not a dry eye in the room. She was pregnant and using drugs at the tender age of 23. She did not care if she lived or died. Through the support of generous donations, clients start believing in themselves again and Queen of Peace Center is a huge integral part of all of the success stories. Last year 100 percent of all the babies born at the Queen of Peace Center were DRUG FREE!!! This is what gives all these mothers a place in their journey of life.

For over 38 years, the Queen of Peace Center has made a commitment to the St Louis-area to families





whose lives have been greatly impacted by substance use disorders. Through our recovery program, our amazing staff, and the presence of Jesus Christ, we are able to welcome thousands of women and children who transition from being homeless into a home. Prayers, generosity, and a dedicated mission make all of this possible.

Marygrove Golf Tournament



Marygrove hosted their annual golf tournament at the end of September at Forest Hills Country Club. They are thrilled to announce that over \$185,000 was

raised, making it a record-breaking year! This golf tournament is held in memory of a great family and longtime friend, Jeff Clinton. Jeff was an advocate for charities in the St. Louis community. He served on Marygrove's board for 12 years and was vice chairman before passing away suddenly in an auto racing accident in 2002. Marygrove is thankful for Jeff's friends and family who have stepped up to continue his legacy in the support of their organization through this golf tournament.







We Remember

The Catholic Charities family remembers those who have passed away. Family and friends paying tribute are listed below them.

Elizabeth (Betty) Anderhalter

Dennis and Donna Anderhalter Larry and Linda Beerman Patti Hebson

My brother Greg - RIP

Anonymous

Larry Arendes

Nancy Arendes

Joan Baldi

Thomas and Timmie Caruso & Family

Scott, Mike, Debbie and Your FSC Family

Colleen Sweeney

Robert Banstetter

Glory Banstetter

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Dr. Raymond Beidle

John and Carol Groneck

Dolores Antoinette Berger

Sisters Maureen Brugess and Eileen O'Keefe

Betty Jean Block

Anonymous (2)

Nancy Benz (and siblings)

The Buchanan, Davies, and Dilbu Families

John and Linda Cahnovsky

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Nancy Valenta

Dr. Stephen F. Bowen, Jr.

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Janet Perry

Alan Butler

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Patrick Adams

Ida Carnaghi

Cindy and William Peth

Avelino Carvalho

Paulo Carvalho

Leo Cooseman

Pat Cooseman

Gregory Cortopassi

Alfred Cortopassi

Susan Cuddihee

Dennis Cuddihee (2)

The Cusick Family

Dorothy Cusick

Patricia Devoti

Bart Devoti (2)

Harry and Jo Dietz

Bill and Carol Williamson

Elizabeth Dohack

Virgil W. Dohack

Charles E. Drewett, Jr.

Pat Cooseman

Carol Driller

Gary Driller (7)

Elaine Ebeling

John Ebeling

Mary and Jesse Lopez

Edward and Joan Eigelberger

David C. Farrell

Mrs. Jeanine Rainey

Mamie Fearnley

Virgil W. Dohack

Barb Ferretti

John Ferretti

Richard Fister, Sr.

Virginia Fister

Mr. and Mrs. William D. Flicker

Tony Flicker

James Floyd

Patricia Floyd

David Joseph Genenbacher

Francis X. Godfrey

Robert L. Gerard

Marcella Gerard

Margaret Gilleo

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Jill McLain

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Jane Guenther

Ray Haar

Gloria Haar

Larry Hellebusch

Agnes Piontek

Msgr. John Hickel

Antoinette Hickel (2)

Thomas G. Hickel

Antoinette Hickel (2)

Gilbert and LaVerne Hof

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Helen Roder

My wife Marie

Fred Rottnek (9)

Ellen Boedeker Ryan

Norm Ryan

Virginia Ryan

Anonymous

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Michael Sachs

Schiavo Family - both alive and deceased

Ryan Schiavo

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Herbert Todd (2)

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Julia Reid

Harry Whelan

Terry Westhoff

Charles Edward (Eddie) Williams

Patricia Floyd

We Honor

The Catholic Charities family recognizes those celebrating anniversaries, birthdays, and other special intentions. Family and friends paying tribute are listed below them.

Rhonda Bourquin - 54th Birthday

Virgil W. Dohack

Tom Bourquin -47th Birthday

Virgil W. Dohack

Trevor Bourquin -14th Birthday

Virgil W. Dohack

Wesley Bourquin -12th Birthday

Virgil W. Dohack

Fr. John Brennell

John and Carol Buck

John L. Burnett -Double lung transplant

Gary and Elizabeth Simpson

The Dickman Family

Anonymous (5)

Virgil and Joyce Dohack - 59th Wedding Anniversary

Virgil W. Dohack

Virgil and Joyce Dohack -Birthdays

Virgil W. Dohack

Fr. Mike Esswein -25th Anniversary as a Priest

Mary Ellen Roth and Mark Chellevold

For family member battling brain tumor

Jennifer Furey

Being adopted through Catholic Charities

Marcella Gerard

Alisa Goessling

Ray Kopsky

Holly Gulick

Anonymous

Rowan Michael Henderson, newborn son to Jacob and Rachel

Keith and Christine Henderson

Patricia Hensley - Birthday

Mark Vogt

Fr. Nicholas Kastenholz -Birthday

Mark Vogt

Teresa Kilmer and Alexander Konieczny - Wedding Anniversary

Maria Kilmer

Betsy Kneepkens

Anonymous

Elizabeth Kneepkens

Eileen Lamm - Birthday

Anonymous

Francine Nash Leritz

Joseph L. Lertiz

Fr. Michael J. Lydon -Anniversary of Ordination

Blanca Perez

Mike and Shirley Mattingly

Mike Mattingly (3)

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We are to be and see Christ in those we serve.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you
looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." – Matthew 25:35-36

"Let us truly love each other in Him, but let us love Him in each other since we are His."

– St. Louise de Marillac

Roland Odenwald, Jr. -Birthday

Kris Dees

Carol Pellin

Charles Matthews

My family

Donna Riordan

Bishop Mark Rivituso

Cynthia Rivituso

Dr. and Mrs. Randy Roush

Cecilia Iwane

Ed and Sue Schermann -Marriage on June 17, 2023

Anonymous

Renee and David Day

Joseph Robert Slama -Graduation from Catholic University of America

Joan Langevin

Debbie Vogt

Anonymous

Claudia Wright, Erudite Tours of the Cathedral

David L. Corrick

If you would like to pay tribute to someone through a donation to Catholic Charities of St. Louis, contact Amanda Dunnavant at 314.256.5907, or visit ccstl.org.

Tributes above were received

March 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023.

Special Intentions

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Anonymous

My sister Mary

Paula DeRuntz

For All Things New decisions to be great invigorations for the Church in St. Louis

Katherine Dierker

Return of children and grandchildren to Catholic Church

Marcella Gerard

Peace in the World

Antoinette Hickel

Return of full vision

Antoinette Hickel

Alcohol addiction

Rose Hughey

Peace in Ukraine

David Kwinn (5)

Recovery from Covid

David Kwinn

Physical and Spiritual strength to deal with Alzheimer's, Parkinsons, and other health issues

Charles Matthews (9)

Recovery from surgery

Charles Matthews

Family unity

Charles Matthews

Justine Mottert -90th Birthday

JoAnn Van Deven

Return of family to the faith

Jane O'Connell

My son's return to faith life

Cindy and William Peth

Friend Alberta gets needs taken care of

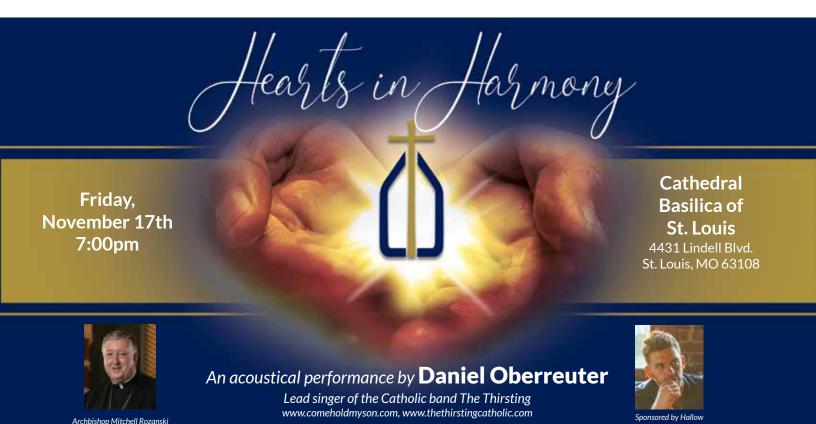
Diane Sears

Pope Francis

Ron and Ann Stover

Knights of Columbus

Ron and Ann Stover



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