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AND BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRIES

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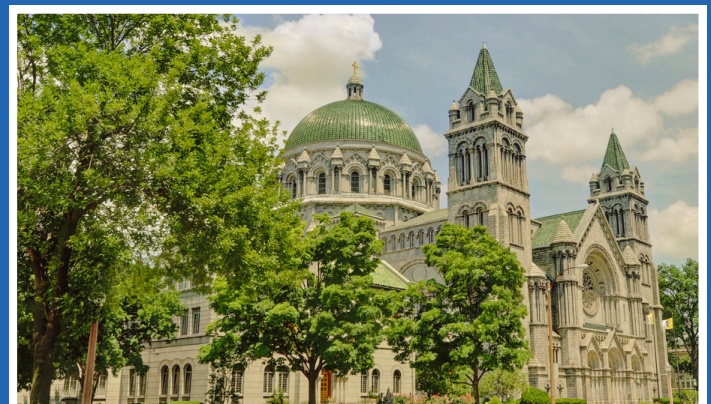
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Fall NEWSLETTER

The mission of the Office of Racial Harmony and Black Catholic Ministries is to bring an awareness about the sin of racism, in all its forms, to the Catholic faithful by providing avenues that, through prayer and with gentleness and respect, facilitate conversations and build relationships across racial boundaries, while keeping the Sacred Heart of Jesus as the focus of all we do so that ultimately God will be glorified.

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NBCC

Sainthood cause for Martin de Porres Ward receives Vatican approval

BY NATE TINNER-WILLIAMS | BLACK CATHOLIC MESSENGER



The Boston-born Black missionary to Brazil died 25 years ago this summer and was the first African-American to join the Conventual Franciscans.

"As of July 1, we received notice, through the Brazilian Historical Commission, that we have official approval from the Dicastery of the Causes of Saints," McMillan told BCM.



Congress XIII Rosary Now Available

Rosary is made of Genuine Hematite Beads with Silver Ox Crucifix and Photo Center featuring Anthony VanArsdale's portrait of the Madonna and Child Jesus.

RECENT EVENTS

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FERGUSON UPRISING

PRAYER BREAKFAST



September 7, 2024

On September 7, 2024, a prayer breakfast commemorating the 40th anniversary of the pastoral letter *What We Have Seen and Heard* brought together over 90 attendees. The event highlighted the ongoing impact of the Ferguson uprising in 2014 and featured four ministries that emerged in its aftermath.

Joyce Jones, director of The Office of Racial Harmony and Black Catholic Ministries, opened with the spiritual "Wade in the Water," drawing parallels between its themes and the struggle for racial justice. Cheryl Archibald, representing the National Black Catholic Congress Implementation Team, discussed the significance of the pastoral letter in addressing racial issues. Ophelia Wilson, Grand Lady of the Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver, shared the organization's history in St. Louis, while Katie Jansen and Carol Johnson discussed their personal experiences with the North City Interracial Relations Committee and the St. Vincent de Paul Society, respectively.

Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski addressed "The Work Ahead," emphasizing the need for continued action against racism. Marie Kenyon, director of the Peace and Justice Commission, called for a collective commitment to this mission. The event concluded with a prayer crafted in 2014 by The North City Interracial Relations Committee, reinforcing the gathering's focus on reflection, unity, and action in the pursuit of racial justice.

SEPTEMBER 20-23 2024



2024 SANKOFA PATHWAYS TOWARD PEACE PILGRIMAGE

We had many area high schools join our pilgrimage this year as we focused on History, Faith & Action

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES SOLIDARITY WALK



September 29, 2024

Approximately 100 individuals took part in a Solidarity Walk on September 29 to commemorate World Day of Migrants and Refugees. The participants marched from Saint Louis University to Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis.

Read the full article
Walking With God's People
by Laura Kosta, in the
St. Louis Review

Photo Credit: Jerry Naunheim Jr. for the St. Louis Review

UPCOMING EVENTS

Archdiocese Office of Marriage & Family Life **Graced to be Grand Conference**

Graced to be Grand Conference

Explore the critical role played by grandparents and other significant elders in forming resilient, loving, faith-filled youth. Learn from experienced teachers, pastors, parents and grandparents how to meet the child in age-appropriate ways for fostering personal relationships with Jesus, while opening to God's on-going call to your own heart.

Closing Mass with Archbishop Rozanski at 4:30 p.m.

Registration Requested
\$20 donation per person includes lunch and is paid at the door
Scholarships are available.

Speakers: Fr. Carl Scheble, Michelle Muck, Jaclyn Laffleur, Liz Miller, Dave Baranowski, Terry Ostlund, and Paul Duker.

For more information: smaureenmartin@archstl.org



Oct

26

11:15 am - 4:30 pm
Cardinal Rigali Center
20 Archbishop Drive
St. Louis, MO 63119

Immigrant & Refugee Ministry

Migration Mass: God Walks With Us



Oct

27

10:00 am

Liturgy & Potluck

St. Pius V Catholic Church

3310 S. Grand Blvd

St. Louis, MO 63118

The Pan African Women's Ecumenical Empowerment Network

Changing The Seasons Called Today & The Future Conference

A dark purple poster with colorful circular accents in the corners. At the top, it reads "Pan African Women Of Faith Ecumenical Empowerment Network" in white script. Below that, the main title "CHANGING THE SEASONS CALLED TODAY AND THE FUTURE CONFERENCE" is written in large, white, serif capital letters. Underneath the title, "2024" is written in a gold, serif font. The dates "OCTOBER 30TH - NOVEMBER 2ND" are listed in white, with "* HYBRID EVENT" in gold below them. The location "Location: Bread for the World 425 3rd St. South West #1200 Washington, DC 20024" is written in small white text. At the bottom, there are logos for "breadfortheworld HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.", "World Council of Churches", "African Union", and "ALL AFRICA CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES (AACCC) CONFERENCE DES EGLISES EN AFRIQUE (CEAFA)".

Oct

30

Oct 30 - Nov 2

Bread for the World

425 3rd St SW #1200

Washington, DC 20024

*Also Online

Sacred Heart Parish

"Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Movement" Documentary Series



For more information, contact Jane Orlando at 314-503-6223 or jane_orlando@yahoo.com

Nov

06

Multiple Dates

6:30 pm

751 No. Jefferson,
Florissant, MO 63031

The Northern Vicariate of the Archdiocese of St. Louis
Faith Into Action

FAITH
into
ACTION

The Northern Vicariate of the Archdiocese of St. Louis invites you to come pray together and explore ways you can respond to the missionary call to serve.

Two session options are available.



Nov

12

Nov 12 @ 7pm or

Nov 16 @ 9am

Former St. Roch Parish
Building

6052 Waterman Blvd
St. Louis, MO 63112

National Catholic Youth Conference
2024 NCYC – “El Camino: The Way”



2024
NCYC
EL CAMINO | THE WAY

NOVEMBER 14 - 16 , 2024

NCYC is a pilgrimage, a transformative journey where young people can explore their faith, make choices aligned with their beliefs, and find support in the shared experience of fellow participants.

PILGRIMAGE
UNVEILED

The graphic features a central image of a religious procession with a large, ornate golden monstrance. Surrounding this are smaller circular images: a woman in a purple headscarf, a man in a blue vest and sunglasses, and two young women in a field. The background is dark blue with white crosses.

Hosted by the:
National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM)

Nov

14

Nov 14 - 16
Long Beach Convention &
Entertainment Center
300 East Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, CA 90802

Forgive Us Our Trespasses
**“Seeking Truth & Reconciliation
in Communion With the Ancestors”**



A reflective and enlightening follow-up event to the Forgive Us Our Trespasses (FUOT) Maafa Prayer Service.

This program aims to deepen understanding of the recently published report *Slavery in the Historic Archdiocese of St. Louis*

that shares what we currently know about people who were historically enslaved within the Archdiocese of St. Louis, providing a space for contemplation, discussion, and connection.

Nov

19

6:30 - 8:00 pm
St. Louis Catholic Academy
1106 N Jefferson
St. Louis, MO 63106

DID YOU KNOW?



Día de los Muertos is a cultural and religious tradition that is celebrated in the Catholic Hispanic community around the Solemnity of All Saints and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed in which we remember our deceased loved ones. Culturally, this remembrance was a way to honor the dead and maintain communion with them. Religiously, this cultural tradition touches on a truth that early Christians who gathered to celebrate Mass in cemeteries also noticed, namely, that we are still in communion with those who have gone before us. The faithful departed are still our family.

To celebrate and commemorate the faithful departed, we build an *ofrenda* or altar of remembrance. We share pictures of our loved ones as well as their favorite foods, drinks, or perhaps an object that they were fond of on the *ofrenda*.

We invite you all to participate with us in celebrating *Día de los Muertos* by bringing pictures of your deceased loved ones and placing them on the *ofrenda*. You can find an *ofrenda* in the lobby of the Rigali Center.

-The Office of Hispanic Ministry

RELICS

November 1st All Saints Day is also a great time to celebrate our saints. One way to do that is to visit some of our local relics.

The Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis

4431 Lindell Blvd.

St. Louis, 63108

Friday, November 1

See their website for mass times



St. Mary of Victories Chapel

744 South 3rd Street

St. Louis, 63102

Always on display

Our Lady of the Holy Cross Church

8115 Church Rd.

St. Louis, 63147

Displayed the month of November



A FOCUS ON STL

THE SMITHSONIAN HELPS ST. LOUIS DIGITIZE ITS BLACK HISTORY.

The destruction of neighborhoods and the displacement of families of color have historically hindered people's connection to their roots throughout the U.S., including St. Louis. This troubling trend is evident in recent initiatives aimed at acknowledging the lost Chinatown in Downtown St. Louis and highlighting the predominantly Black neighborhood of Mill Creek Valley—both of which fell victim to urban renewal projects and neglect from previous government administrations.

The Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture aims to preserve fragile audio and video recordings, as well as delicate paper artifacts, for Black communities nationwide. This month, they have established a presence in St. Louis at Cardinal Ritter College Prep.

Residents of St. Louis who possess artifacts representing Black history and culture and wish to have them digitized can register on the Smithsonian's community curation website dedicated to the St. Louis area. Here, they can specify the types of items they can contribute for personal historical documentation.

[READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE](#)



DIGITIZATION SERVICES

St. Louis County Library: Clark Family Branch: Memory Lab
1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63131-3598

Schedule an appointment at the St. Louis County Library (SLCL) Clark Family Branch for digitization of photos, documents, slides, negatives, VHS, Mini-DV, DVD and audio cassettes.



#iGIVECATHOLIC
ON GIVING TUESDAY


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Save the
Date!

Nov 18 - Dec 2

Advanced Giving

December 3

Giving Tuesday



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