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WE HAVE LAUNCHED A NEW WEBSITE! CHECK US OUT AT
thenationalshrineofmarymotherofthechurch.com

Check out our videos of Mothers sharing the stories of their paths to Motherhood on the website.

We have begun the process to replace our 30-year-old Sound System at the Shrine. [Please help us by contributing to the \\$77,000 needed to complete the sound system in time for Mothers' Day!](#) To date we have raised \$51,266!

A new data base has been implemented to serve all our participants and donors. [May we have your email address to send you updated news and communication to you electronically?](#) The cost savings to the Shrine are significant!

In 2019 the Shrine hosted 5 tour groups who came to the Shrine for Mass, Reconciliation, refreshment and serenity.

The average contribution from Summer Masses still equates to \$5.00 per person. Our founder, Father Fred Barnett, appealed to the summer Mass attendees using a six pack of beer as an example. In 1980 when Father would make this appeal, a six-pack cost an average of \$3.40. Today that six-pack costs approximately \$8.79.



Father Barnett, founder of the Shrine, wanted people from all countries to feel welcome and he created the **Avenue of Flags**. Individuals can sponsor a flag from any country. There are currently 102 Nations featured in the flags surrounding the Shrine. Annually, tattered flags must be replaced. Please call 573-374-6279 and [request to sponsor the flag of your country of choice today. \\$75 each.](#)



The National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church



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MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH GRANT US YOUR INTERCESSION

Pope Francis said, “Mary is a mother, and a mother worries above all about the health of her children; she knows how to care for them always with great and tender love. Our Lady guards our health.” At our Shrine dedicated to Mary and to all mothers we are asking for Mary’s intercession to alleviate the threat and suffering of the worldwide coronavirus pandemic.

Will you join with us as we pray to the Blessed Mother for her intercession in this? In 2005 our founder, Father Barnett declared the Memorare as the official prayer of the Shrine. Please join us **each and every day at noon** in saying the Memorare that our Blessed Mother will assist us in asking for eradication of this virus.

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

MOTHERS’ DAY MASS

Her children rise up and call her blessed. Proverbs 31:28

Start your summer season with a Mass at the Shrine to honor all our Mothers living and deceased on **MAY 10th at 10:15 am**. All mothers will receive a long-stemmed rose courtesy of the Mary, Mother of the Church Knights of Columbus Council 10381.

MAY 16TH PILGRIMAGE

...featuring Father William Korte starting the day’s discussion with **Mary, Model for all Women**. The afternoon session will be **Mary and the Sense of The Sacred at the Holy Mass**. Father Korte holds degrees in Master of Arts and Master of Divinity. He has been a spiritual director and pastoral minister for 36 years. A breakout session on Family Financial Unity is also offered.



FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

is a moveable feast, celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday or, in countries where it is not a holy day of obligation, on the following Sunday. The Feast of Corpus Christi celebrates the miracle of the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist and will be celebrated at the Shrine with the traditional Eucharistic Procession after the **8:30 am MASS ON SUNDAY, JUNE 14th** at the Shrine. Join us as we renew our devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist and witness to our belief in and love for the Blessed Sacrament.

FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

JUNE 1st at 7 pm. “Celebrated each year on the Monday following Pentecost, the Universal Church celebrates the memorial of the “Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church.” On that day, which inaugurates our pilgrimage through Ordinary Time, let us recall that Mary’s motherhood of her Son establishes her motherhood of the Church which in turn implies her spiritual motherhood of every Christian.”
Pierre-Marie Dumont

Jointly hosted by the Shrine and the Mary, Mother of the Church Knights of Columbus Council 10381 with Bishop Shawn McKnight presiding.



PILGRIMAGE Physical travel in pursuit of a spiritual goal. It is a microcosm of the soul’s lifelong journey to God – the greatest of all adventures. A pilgrim traverses unfamiliar terrain, encounters new people and customs. At the same time, the pilgrim’s spirits are buoyed by prayer, progress and the natural beauty that surrounds him. Join us in the serene beauty of the National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church for our summer pilgrimages.

Our pilgrimages begin at 8:30 in the morning and include Adoration, Rosary, Personal Reflection, Confessions, Lunch (provided), Divine Chaplet and Mass at 4:30 pm. A breakout session on Family Financial Unity is also offered.

JUNE 20TH PILGRIMAGE



...featuring Father Anthony Viviano. Father’s opening session is titled, “**Life or Death, Jesus or Satan**”. After graduating from Benedictine College, Father ran a successful produce business in St. Louis before his fascinating journey to the priesthood beginning at age 45. His afternoon session will be his **Personal Testimony, composed songs and Q & A**. His story is sure to inspire you!

SEPTEMBER 26TH PILGRIMAGE

...features Father Kelly speaking in the morning session, “**Our Lady of Guadalupe**” and the afternoon addressing, “**Am I not here, I who am our Mother**”.

Father Kelly was raised in Springfield, Mo, attended Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis and is the primary celebrant for the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite.



IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER

Are you interested in making a gift that can allow you to reduce your taxable income? Are you 72 or older (or 70 1/2 prior to 2020)? If you answer “yes” to these questions, please consider a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA (Individual Retirement Account). Avoid taxes on transfers up to \$100,000 on your IRA. You can use your required annual minimum distribution as a Qualified Charitable Distribution to the Shrine.

- † Your IRA distributions are excluded from your taxable income
- † You lower your adjusted gross income = a lower overall tax liability
- † You make a gift from one of your major assets, instead of from limited annual income.

For additional information on these and other gift opportunities please contact our office.

We are gathering the FAITHFUL for a spiritual and financial FOUNDATION to sustain our beautiful Shrine FOREVER.

The Board of Directors has developed a strategic plan to develop and expand our recognition, financial needs and donor base to sustain the Shrine and its mission for future generations, resulting in the announcement of a \$1 million Appeal. This \$1 Million Appeal will address critical needs to continue addressing our 35 year old physical plant and to get our operations on sure footing.

This past fall we began working with sound system companies to scope what is needed to address our 30-year-old sound system and its problems to get us a sound system that will take us through the next 30 years. Our bids for this project are coming in around \$77,000.

We have raised:

**\$ 51,266 toward the Sound System
\$121,990 toward the \$1 Million Appeal**

You are being enriched in every way for all generosity,
which through us produces thanksgiving to God.

2Corinthians 9:11.



Introducing Kim Metz

There is a new face in the office as the Administrative Professional for the Shrine. Kim moved to the Lake of the Ozarks in 2016 from Emporia, Kansas with her husband Greg, after Kim retired from 27 years with Tyson Foods.

Kim has three grown children and ten grandchildren. She is the oldest of seven and loves her large family. Family get-togethers are her favorite thing as well as boating, golfing and playing board games.



MARY'S HELPERS

Where is Jim Skelly? Well, he is at the Shrine, troubleshooting our gear box failure on the sculpture, evaluating bids on our completed electrical and mechanical project, preparing a scope for a new sound system, preparing scope and bid packages to remedy our aging and peeling hand railings, assisting with project management, raking leaves and meeting with the Board of Directors to explain our electrical and mechanical issues in laypersons terms.

Jim Skelly, a Mechanical Engineer, (BSME graduate of University of Missouri at Rolla) retired and moved to the lake from St. Louis in April of 2018. Jim lost his wife, Nancy, in 2017. He has three children and 2 grandchildren, all in the St. Louis area.

NIA KUUMBA SPIRITUALITY CENTER



On September 28, 2019 we had the pleasure of hosting a group from the **Nia Kuumba Spirituality Center, in St. Louis, Missouri**. The mission of the group is to provide an atmosphere in which African and African American women can come together in community to be challenged and encouraged to live full lives of purpose (Nia) and creativity (Kuumba). These pilgrims enjoyed a day of touring, meditation, lunch and Mass.