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FALL NEWSLETTER

The mission of the Office of Racial Harmony 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



COME CELEBRATE NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH...

With Us!

CONGRESS XIII

Revisited

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12
1 PM TO 5 PM

PLEASE RSVP IF YOU WILL BE JOINING US FOR
Fellowship, with light dinner from 5-6pm

Guest Speaker

Cheryl Archibald

Parish Life Coordinator

St. Vincent de Paul & St. Pius V Catholic Churches

Presentation Panel from the Archdiocesan
NBCC Implementation Team

VENUE

PALLOTTINE RENEWAL CENTER
15270 OLD HALLS FERRY RD.
FLORISSANT, MO 63034

REGISTRATION



The National
BLACK CATHOLIC
Congress

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Family
Friendly

Children 8
and above
welcome

We recently had a day of celebrating National Black Catholic History Month and learned more about the National Black Catholic Congress. Participants took time to reflect on the following topics: Spirituality and the Saints, Black Saints in the life of the Church, Leadership in the Church, and Social Justice Issues.

RECENT EVENTS



Office of Racial Harmony

Sankofa Pathways Toward Peace Pilgrimage

September 22-25, 2023

Every year, several area high schools participate in a pilgrimage to The National Memorial for Peace and Justice and the Legacy Museum, both in Montgomery, Alabama. Mass is celebrated with the parish family of Resurrection Catholic Missions of the South. Sites visited in Birmingham, Alabama include Kelly Ingram Park and the 16th Avenue Baptist Church.

Read more from our website [HERE](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Office of Racial Harmony
St. Louis African Catholic Community



Event Flyer



HOST PARISH:
St. Norbert Catholic
Church
16475 New Halls Ferry
Road
Florissant, MO 63031

MONTHLY MASS SCHEDULE:
1st Sunday 12:30PM - Swahili
3rd Sunday 12:30PM - French
4th Sunday 11:00AM - Unity

Office of Racial Harmony
Young Adult People of Color
Held every 3rd Wednesday of the month



Wednesday
6:30-8:00pm
Aquinas Institute of
Theology
23 S. Spring Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63108



Register [HERE](#) or scan the QR Code.

St. Charles Lwanga Center
National Black Catholic Month Celebration
Via ZOOM

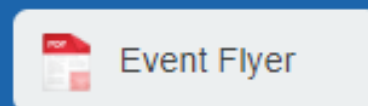


For More Information visit their website:
[St. Charles Lwanga Center](#)



Sunday 3pm

Join Us For
A Black Catholic
Community's Perspective,
Part III on
"The Black Church: This is
our story. This is our
song."



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St. Charles Lwanga Center
48th Annual Archdiocesan Celebration
Commemorating the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Sunday 2:30 pm

Venue:
Cathedral Basilica
4431 Lindell Blvd, St.
Louis, MO 63108

48th Annual Archdiocesan Celebration on the Holiday Weekend Commemorating the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

This is inclusive of Mass and the 17th Annual Dr. MLK, Jr. Model of Justice Awards.

For More Information visit their website:

[St. Charles Lwanga Center](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

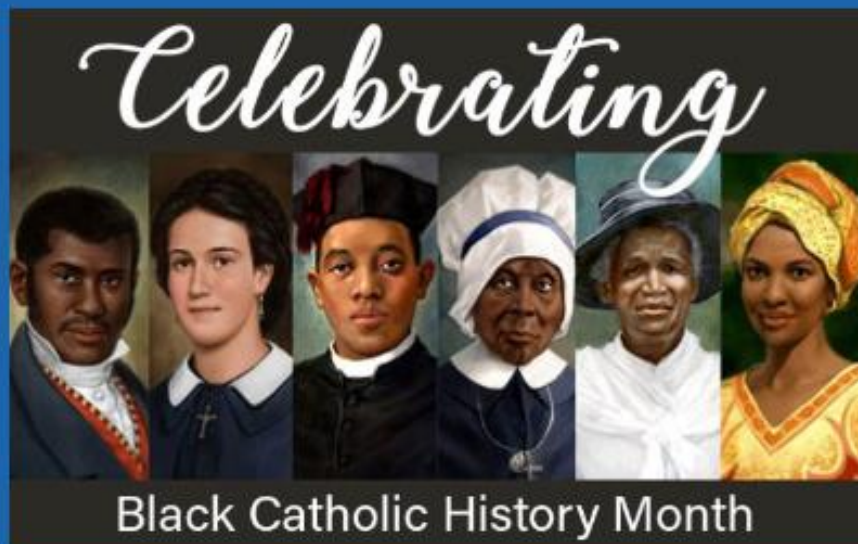


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On July 24, 1990, the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus of the United States designated November as Black Catholic History Month to celebrate the long history and proud heritage of Black Catholics. Two commemorative dates fall within this month: St. Augustine's birthday, Nov. 13, and St. Martin de Porres' feast day, Nov. 3. November is also when Catholics celebrate the feasts of All Saints and All Souls, an occasion to recall in a special way the saints and souls of Africa and the African Diaspora.

A FOCUS ON STL HISTORY



Image from www.cardinalritterprep.net/about/ourhistory

Cardinal Ritter College Preparatory High School

5421 Thekla Avenue

When this school was established in 1979, it was the only Catholic high school in north St. Louis. In 1984, it was recognized as an exemplary school by the U.S. Department of Education; more than 90 percent of its students go on to college. The school is named for Cardinal Joseph E. Ritter (1892-1967), who ordered desegregation of the St. Louis archdiocesan Catholic schools in 1947, seven years before the Supreme Court decision that led to the desegregation of public schools.

Bishop Healy Elementary School

2727 North Kingshighway Boulevard

James Augustine Healy (1830-1900), for whom this school is named, was consecrated bishop of Portland, Maine, in 1875. He was the first black American to become a Roman Catholic bishop. Healy was the son of an Irish immigrant and an African American mother; he and two brothers became priests. One of his brothers, the Reverend Patrick Francis Healy, S.J., Ph.D. (1834-1920), served from 1874 to 1882 as the first black president of Georgetown University, in Washington, D. C. Another brother, Alexander Sherwood Healy (1836-75), also became a Sulpician priest. Bishop Healy Elementary School opened in 1922 as Blessed Sacrament School; the name was changed in 1971.

Referenced from: *Discovering African American St. Louis
A Guide to Historic Sites*
John A. Wright
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