



RACIAL HARMONY

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Summer 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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At age 90, America's First Black Astronaut Candidate Has Finally Made it to Space

BY SCOTT NEUMAN | NPR



Ed Dwight, the man who six decades ago nearly became America's first Black astronaut, made his first trip into space at age 90 on Sunday along with five crewmates aboard Blue Origin's New Shepard rocket.

The liftoff from a West Texas launch site marked the first passenger flight in nearly two years for the commercial space venture run by billionaire Jeff Bezos. The approximately 10-minute suborbital flight put Dwight in the history books as the oldest person ever to reach space. He beat out Star Trek actor William Shatner for that honor by just a few months. Shatner was a few months younger when he went up on a New Shepard rocket in 2021.

RECENT EVENTS



Photo Credit: Photo courtesy of Annual Catholic Appeal

The African Catholic Ministry at St. Norbert in Florissant offers several additional mass options each month.

1st Sunday: Swahili Mass
12:30 pm

3rd Sunday: French Mass
12:30 pm

4th Sunday: Unity Mass
11:00 am



African Catholic Ministry

*Left to right: Jane Kariuki, Ann Muchiri, Grace Murungaru, Lydia Wambui, and Diana Koskei Donovan played music with Steve Wakaba at Mass celebrated in Swahili at St. Norbert Church in Florissant.

VATICAN CONTINUES TO ISSUE RULINGS ON AREA APPEALS



To stay on top of correspondence from the Dicastery regarding petitions, you can view all news releases, memorandums and decrees by visiting the All Things New: Decrees and Letters page.

Updates and Decrees are listed toward the bottom.



Photo Credit: St. Roch Parish Website <https://www.gostroch.com/parishabout>

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Charles Lwanga Center

40th Annual Testimonial Dinner & Auction



Honoring
Leaders in the
African
American
Catholic
Community

ONE BODY AND MANY PARTS

...inspired by Corinthians Ch 12

Testimonial Dinner and Auction
Doors and Auction open - 2:30 p.m.

Dinner Program starts - 4:00 p.m.

Dinner Tickets @ \$70.00 each

Full Tables (Seats 8) @ \$560.00

For additional information
contact the

St. Charles Lwanga Center at
info@lwangacenter.org or
call Fr. Cavitt

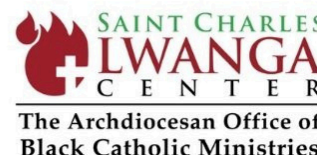
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June

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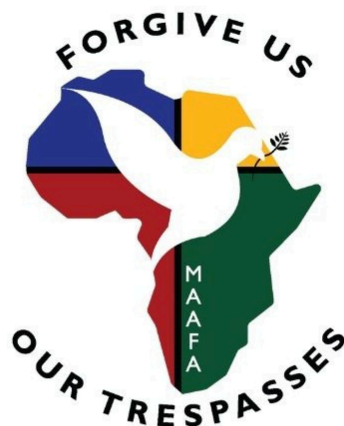
2:30 p.m.

Renaissance Hotel
9801 Natural Bridge Rd
St. Louis, MO 63134



Office of Racial Harmony

3rd Annual Forgive Us Our Trespasses: Maafa



Please join us as we
commemorate the
approximately two million lives
lost during the Middle Passage
of the Atlantic slave trade, attest
to our broken past, and ask
God to lead us on a path of
acknowledgement, penance,
forgiveness, and healing.

We will begin with a prayer service at the Old Cathedral.
Followed by an educational procession that ends at St. John
Apostle & Evangelist Church where we will share a meal.

June

22

9:00 a.m.

Basilica of Saint Louis
King of France
209 Walnut St
St. Louis, MO 63102

Xavier University of Louisiana
Institute for Black Catholic Studies



Offering Degree Program summer session courses and
Continuing Education summer session courses.

Jun

30

June 30- July 19
IBCS Xavier University
1 Drexel Drive
New Orleans, LA 70125

Office of Racial Harmony
**What We Have Seen and Heard
A Father Tolton Pilgrimage**



Step into history with us as we
celebrate the 40th anniversary of the pastoral letter
"What We Have Seen and Heard".

Join us on a pilgrimage honoring the remarkable legacy of
Father Augustus Tolton.

Jul

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7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Cardinal Rigali Center
20 Archbishop May Dr
St. Louis, MO 63119

School Sisters of Notre Dame
Summer Service Week 2024



Women ages 18-45 are invited to experience a week in community, ministry and prayer with School Sisters of Notre Dame at Whole Kids Outreach in Ellington. Volunteer, have fun, build community, pray and reflect on how God calls each of us to intentionally respond to our baptismal call through service.

Jul

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July 14 - July 20
Located in Ellington,
MO.

*Transportation is
provided if needed.*

USCCB: Asian and Pacific Island Affairs
**Asian & Pacific Islander
Catholic National Encounter**

**ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLAND CATHOLICS
NATIONAL ENCOUNTER**

JULY 15-17, 2024

INDIANA UNIVERSITY-PURDUE UNIVERSITY INDIANAPOLIS (IUPUI)

A PRE-EVENT OF THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

You are invited



FOR MORE INFORMATION: SCAPA@USCCB.ORG
SECRETARIAT OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH
ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLAND AFFAIRS



Jul

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July 15 - July 17
Indiana-Purdue
University
Indianapolis

National Black Catholic Sisters Conference
**5th National Black Catholic Women's
Gathering**

A poster for the 5th National Black Catholic Women's Gathering. It features a large red '5' followed by 'th NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GATHERING' in black. Below this, it says 'Black Catholic Women: CALLED, BLESSED, & SENT' in red, and 'LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY' in black. At the bottom, it says 'FRIDAY, JULY 26 - SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024' and 'WWW.NBSC68.ORG'. The background shows silhouettes of people in prayer. In the top right corner, there is a logo for 'NB SC NATIONAL BLACK SISTERS' CONFERENCE'.

5th NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GATHERING

Black Catholic Women:
CALLED, BLESSED, & SENT

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY
FRIDAY, JULY 26 - SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024

WWW.NBSC68.ORG

NB SC NATIONAL BLACK SISTERS' CONFERENCE

Come together with Black Catholic women from all over recognize, honor, inspire, and establish a plan to encourage Black Catholic Women of different generations to utilize our skills.

Jul

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July 26 - July 28
Louisville Marriott East
1903 Embassy Square Blvd
Louisville, KY 40299



**ARE YOU +
+ GOING**

to the **first** National Eucharistic
Congress in 83 Years?





NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**



Have You Heard?

**GOD IS DOING SOMETHING NEW—AND
HE IS CALLING YOU TO BE A PART OF IT!**

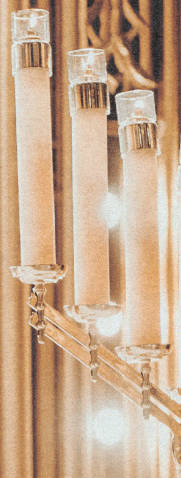
Jesus desires to heal, renew, and unify the Church and the world. How will he do it? By uniting us once again around the source and summit of our faith—the Holy Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is the joyful, expectant, grassroots response of the entire Catholic Church in the U.S. to this divine invitation.

Coming to St. Louis July 5–6, 2024

Local communities are gathering tinder in response to God's invitation for renewal, calling on the Holy Spirit to bring the flame. The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will accompany Jesus from city to city, lighting hearts on fire along the way. Then, at the National Eucharistic Congress in July 2024, all these flames will blaze together.



eucharisticrevival.org



DID YOU KNOW?

JUNE IS

National Gun Violence Awareness Month



FOR THE END TO THE GUN VIOLENCE THAT PLAGUES OUR COUNTRY. COMFORT THOSE WHO HAVE LOST THOSE THEY LOVE TO BULLETS, THOSE WHO ARE RECOVERING FROM THEIR OWN GUNSHOT WOUNDS, AND THOSE WHOSE LIVES ARE SHAPED BY FEAR OF GUN VIOLENCE IN THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES.



SAINT MARGARET of SCOTLAND
Catholic Church in Saint Louis, Missouri

Local's Raise Awareness

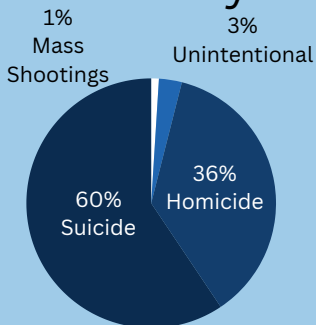
wear orange june 7-9

In 2024, the 10th National Gun Violence Awareness Day will fall on June 7, the first Friday of the month.

The SMOS Gun Sense: For the Common Good team invites you to wear your orange shirts to honor survivors and victims of gun violence and call for a future free from this crisis. Wear orange to raise awareness and show your concern! Wear orange to Mass to pray for all of us affected.

Statistics on Gun Violence in the U.S.

Yearly



Every Day

327

People are shot
117 will likely die

23

are minors

Black Americans are

12x

more likely to become victim of gun homicide than whites

Hispanic Americans are

2x

more likely to become victim of gun homicide than whites

Statistics on Gun Violence in Missouri

on average **3** people are killed every day with a gun

1,288

Gun deaths per year.

5th

Highest Gun death rate in the U.S.

40%

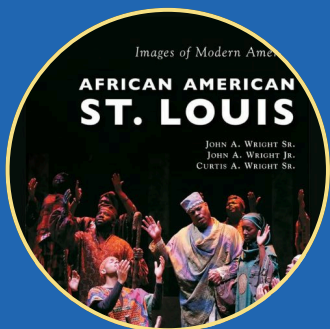
of yearly gun deaths involve minorities

A FOCUS ON STL

Summer is just around the corner. This is the perfect time to relax and grab a book. Many will soak up the weather with an easy read or fiction, but why not take the time to better understand our beautiful Catholic faith, learn about holy land in our area or simply pray.

How about supporting some St. Louis authors at the same time?

Here are a list of some authors you can indulge in while taking that extra “me time” that are located near St. Louis.



African American St. Louis

by John A. Wright Sr., John A. Wright Sr., Curtis A. Wright Sr

St. Louis is recognized for its African American residents and their significant cultural impacts locally, nationally, and globally. The book *Images of Modern America: African American St. Louis* highlights key events that influenced the city from the 1960s onward. 96 pages, paperback



The Hill:

St. Louis Italian American Neighborhood

by Annamarie Alexander

Take a walk down the streets of this iconic Italian-American neighborhood. The residential architecture offers a dizzying array of traditional shotgun homes, old shops, and taverns creatively rehabbed as houses, and old businesses living new life in the digital age.

192 pages, paperback



"Don't you dare forgive. Unless..."

by Father Joe Kempf

Fr. Joe Kempf, a popular best selling author, provides a candid exploration of the challenges of forgiveness, infused with his characteristic warmth and wit.

112 pages, paperback

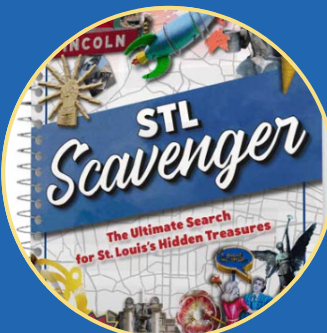


Places to Pray

by Patrick Murphy

This book is for readers of any faith and background who feel drawn to explore these places and encounter realms beyond everyday experiences.

208 pages, paperback



STL Scavenger

by Dea Hoover

A local tour guide, Dea Hoover, shares her expertise and passion for the city in this unique experience. After participating in this scavenger hunt in St. Louis, your perception of the Gateway City will be forever changed.

192 pages, spiral-bound



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