

THE SPIRIT AND BRIDE

MISSION: The Mission of the Catholic Renewal Center is to stir into flame the grace of Pentecost within and beyond the Church, calling forward the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit used to build up the Kingdom. This mission seeks to broaden and deepen the understanding that baptism in The Holy Spirit is the Christian inheritance of all.



CATHOLIC RENEWAL CENTER
"AWAKENING THE GIFTS & FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT"

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." Let the hearer say "Come." Let the one who thirsts come forward, and the one who wants it receive the gift of life-giving water. Revelation 22:17



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WHAT IS YOUR EUCHARISTIC STORY?

"But, you see, we cannot live without this thing...our Lord Jesus as He comes to us in the Eucharist."

- Albitnae Martyrs, 301A.D.

The first century of Christians inspired us with their heroic faith. Many risked all, giving even their lives, in order to practice the faith that Jesus imparted to the first disciples. Partaking in the Eucharistic meal in hiding, but faithfully, the early Christians passed the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice along to new converts as the Lord Jesus himself commanded, "Do this in remembrance of Me." On one occasion, a small group of Christians were caught in the act of celebrating the Eucharist, which the Roman emperor at the time had specifically outlawed. Imagine the tragic scene, the owner of the home where the liturgy took place, tortured in an effort to coerce him to give up the identity of the priest who had offered the mass for them. That priest's name was never forthcoming. Exasperated, the Roman guard asked the homeowner, "Why would you do such a foolish thing? You have participated in something outlawed by the emperor, and now it will cost you your life!" To which the man replied, "I surrender my life then, because we cannot live without this. You see, there is no life within us apart from Our Lord Jesus, who gave himself to us in the Eucharist." How could that Roman guard ever have comprehended that response? In fact, how could the world ever come to appreciate what the Lord Jesus had done? Jesus gave all to us. Not only through His life and healing and teaching, but most importantly, through His sacrificial death: His death, which brought life to the lifeless and hope to the broken world. Well, the Romans and the world simply could not take in the truth and powerful spiritual reality of the Eucharist. At least not on a human level. This, the survival food which the Lord left for us, could only be understood with eyes of faith and the gift of faith from the Holy Spirit. Nothing short of a supernatural infusion of grace would ever move a person from utter ignorance or stubborn



unbelief to the beauty of knowing, from the heart, that receiving the Lord, body, blood, soul, and divinity in the Eucharist, is our closest, most intimate connection to Him and through Him to eternal life. And in their faithfulness, those early believers just did what they had been taught, even if it meant giving up their lives in order to celebrate the Holy Meal. The Lord himself, through the power of their witness, washed the world in His grace and belief grew among Jews, Gentiles and even Romans. The Lord through the sacrifice of the Son and the power of the Holy Spirit began to renew the face of the earth.

Have you personally received this grace? If you are reading this, you likely participate in Mass, and receive our Lord regularly. But do you pray, asking the Lord on a regular basis to renew you in the graces that come with the sacrament? Has there been a moment when the reality of what you are receiving really hit home to you and touched your heart? A parish priest I know, began an adult catechesis session with the phrase, "Lord, help us if we are adults with a second grade understanding of the Eucharist." That struck me. His point is well taken. Even with very good childhood catechesis, the depth of our understanding of our faith should grow with us. I should assume that there is much more that I can appreciate about the Eucharist, and my participation in it. If I am giving the Lord my attention and my open heart long enough, He will show me how He nourishes and sustains me when I receive His Body and Blood. Challenged by this recently, I looked to the ever wise and moving writings of the Church fathers: *"As two pieces of wax fused together make one, so he who receives Holy Communion is so united with Christ that Christ is in him, and he is in Christ."* - St. Cyril of Alexandria What an image! Thanks St. Cyril! The Lord Jesus has waited a long time for me to know that He sacrificed his life so that I could melt into him. Now, this is what I imagine at Mass as I receive Him.

SEE CONTINUED -

What is your Eucharistic story?

We are all part of a large Eucharistic community, the Church. And as part of a community, a family we should be aware of our story within it. There have been times and places when the Lord has caught me by the heart in a particular way and deepened my sense of His grace within me. He has done this in my reception of the Eucharist many times. One memorable time for me was on the occasion of one of our kids' first communion celebration. Just a few years before that day, the Lord called myself and my husband Paul into a much deeper appreciation of our faith and drew us into a conversion experience (although we had both been cradle Catholics). This was a time of much deeper learning and appreciation of the sacraments. But on this particular morning of our daughter's first communion, during the preparation of the gifts, I was overwhelmed with a sense of the true privilege it is to receive the Lord and further to be able to bring my child to the Holy Meal. In my mind, I pictured the many who even gave their lives in order for me to be able to come with my child to receive this grace. I can't really describe this grace filled experience, but it was more than just an idea. It was a deep gratitude, a thanksgiving to be able to partake. Eucharist means thanksgiving, so how appropriate. That day, I was so moved by love and appreciation, that by the time I approached to receive Him, I was a bit teary and could hardly say AMEN. I cannot say that I have ever been touched this way since that day but remembering that outpouring helps me connect with the genuine truth of the Real Presence and our privilege to participate. "You see, we cannot live without this, our Lord in the Eucharist." How true!

So, what is your Eucharistic story? I know that the Lord heals in the Eucharist. I have seen this. Is that your story? I know that the Lord speaks into the hearts of those who receive Him, bringing comfort and mercy. Has that been your experience? What have you experienced of the Lord's everlasting love in the Eucharist? It is good to share what He is doing, so tell us your Eucharistic story...Send your witness/Eucharistic story to: annehruz@archstl.org



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EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL—For information about the Archdiocese's Eucharistic Revival events including Eucharistic presentations by Dr. Larry Feingold and Corpus Christi processions go to <https://allthingsnew.archstl.org/eucharistic-revival>

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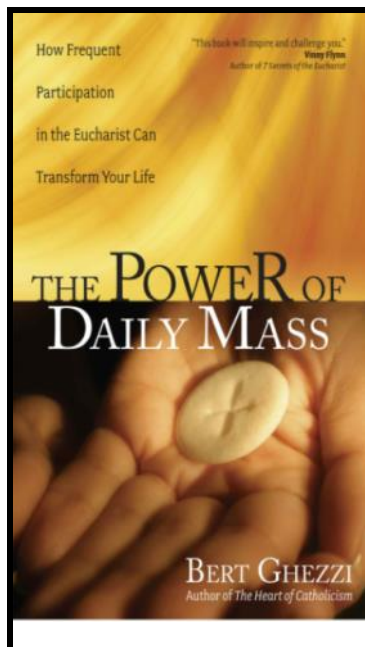
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Book Study

"The Power of Daily Mass"

Monday evenings 7pm—8:30pm June 6 - 27 and & July 11th **OR** Thursday afternoons 1pm—2:30pm June 9- 30 and & July 7 at the Catholic Renewal Center. Please RSVP for your attendance and which time frame that you will attend to Catholicrenewal2@archstl.org Note that if you have to miss the session that you usually attend, you may make it up in the other class time. The book is available at the Catholic Renewal Center while supplies last \$10. Let us know when you RSVP if you need the book. (It is also available on Amazon.)

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Fr. Anthony Ouellette
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SEPT 30 - OCT 1, 2022

"THE EUCHARIST AND THE SPIRIT"



Charismatic Retreat 2022

Friday, August 26 - Sunday, August 28

Music by Shepherd's Table

Sr. Angela Wagner

Sr. Angela Wagner grew up in New York and central New Jersey. Not raised in any faith, in her teens she met a Catholic family who evangelized her through the rosary and at age 18 she was baptized and entered the Catholic Church.

She attended the University of Delaware and Catholic University in Washington DC, receiving an MA in Latin American politics. During three years of volunteer work in New York City and Panama she attended a Life in the Spirit seminar, heard the call to the consecrated life, and met a woman who told her about the Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ. Since entering the community she has given Life in the Spirit seminars, Confirmation retreats, and missions all over the US, Mexico and Central America. In 2020 she celebrated her 30th anniversary of vows and began her term as local superior at the Ark and the Dove Retreat Center in Pittsburgh, PA.



Retreat Includes:

Prayer and Praise | Sacrament of Reconciliation | Presentations
| Celebration of the Eucharist | Healing Service

Charismatic Retreat 2020

- ☐ Full lodging – \$195 per person includes deposit, 2 overnights, program & meals
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The Charismatic Gift of Prophecy This gift of prophecy is one of the charismatic gifts, meaning that it is a gift from the Holy Spirit, that is meant to be given away, and has an edifying power to build up the Church. This gift does, however, also include a power that impacts the heart of the Prophet as well as the community. It is defined as speaking a message from God through the Holy Spirit. The prophetic word can release someone else into their calling, by providing The Holy Spirit's message of encouragement and destiny from God. There are multiple ways that prophecy can be manifested and conveyed, through visions, dreams, or messages. In

ACTS 2, After the Holy Spirit fell upon all in the upper room at Pentecost, St. Peter proclaimed to the crowd that these gifts would be given to all. He spoke of the prophet Joel's prophecy of how the Lord would pour out His spirit and that "Your sons and daughters will prophesy; your old men will dream dreams your young men will see visions."-**JOEL 3**

Pope Francis states ..."Prophecy is born whenever we allow ourselves to be challenged by God, not when we are concerned to keep everything quiet and under control. Only someone who is open to God's surprises can become a prophet." Prophetic activity enables us to "not save up ourselves but to spend ourselves for others."

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal provides Prophecy workshops designed to more fully define the depth of this gift, learn to discern whether you may have been graced with this gift and then how to grow, test, and deliver the words received. If you feel a calling to learn more of this wonderful word gift, or if you have experienced an inner message that burns within you to be proclaimed, please attend this workshop. **Our next workshop is Tuesday, June 28th, 2022, at 7pm.** This is offered free, and open to all who would like to grow in this gift. This will be a hybrid meeting: held in-person at the Catholic Renewal Center and via video conference. Please email Mary Jo at maryjobarczewski@archstl.org if you want the video link emailed to you.

SPIRIT IN THE SAINTS:



St. Benedict - died 547, feast day July 11. Founder of the Benedictine monastery at Monte Cassino and father of Western monasticism; the Rule that he established became the norm for monastic living throughout Europe. Living in a cave as a hermit, and after years of prayer, word of Benedict's holiness brought nearby monks to ask for his leadership. He warned them he would be too strict for them, but they insisted - then tried to poison him when his warning proved true. The monks attempted to poison Benedict's drink, but when he prayed a blessing over the cup - it shattered. One of the powerful weapons in spiritual combat is the St. Benedict medal. Honored and employed for centuries, this medal has been associated with many miracles, as well as with powers of exorcism.

The GARDEN

*Walking on the narrow road
Homes nestled back, surrounded by trees,
flowers, grass
Nature calls - beauty all around
I imagine being in the Garden
In the Presences
Gentle breeze of the Spirit
Words unnecessary
Love poured out
Insinuation
Doubt I dare not speak
The Fall
Banishment - pain, anguish, loneliness
Longing
To be in the Garden
In the Presence
Gentle breeze of the Spirit
Words unnecessary
Love poured out*

- Cheryl Nelson



Christ Alive Through Mary, WOMEN'S WITNESS MINISTRY

Like Mary leads us to her Son, this ministry brings Christ to women as we share this spirit of gratitude. Listen as we hear of one woman's experience of the transforming love of Christ in her own life. Come, bring a friend, and rejoice in the presence of The Lord.

Speaker ~Sharon Cooney-Smith, native St. Louisan and active member of St. Alphonsus Liguori "Rock" Church. She is the Director of Religious Education, Co-Chair of the Liturgy Commission and of the Catholic Racial Justice collaborative. Come, contemplate on Sharon's focus of forgiveness. "It's one of the greatest gifts you can give yourself, to forgive. Forgive everybody."

More info on our website – www.archstl.org/renewal

Date: June 11 ~ **Time:** 9:00 am **Cost:** \$20

Place: Cardinal Rigali Center, Fleur de Lis room

Register: Online - archstl.org/renewal OR call 314-801-8688

Upcoming breakfasts – Sept 10, Dec 10



***Zechariah,** father of John the Baptist, filled with the Holy Spirit, praised his God whose presence and power was breaking forth in his life. We will hear one man's experience of the transforming love of Christ in his life and pray for those present.*

ZECHARIAH Witness to Catholic Men

Speaker: Mike Theby, retired from a career in insurance and investments just in time to take care of aging parents. His parish is Saints Joachim and Ann, but he ministers with the Jonah Prayer team at Incarnate Word and serves the Catholic Renewal Center in the Healing and Deliverance ministry and on the Prophetic Intercessory prayer team. Married to Rene for 40 years, Mike has 3 grown children, 2 grandchildren and 1 on the way. He enjoys biking, water sports and horse-back riding. After retirement he found that when he seeks God out, he becomes not only his brother's keeper, but his family's beacon and his parish's hope.

Date: Saturday, July 9, 2022 ~ **Time:** 9:00 am ~ **Cost:** \$15

Location: Cardinal Rigali Center, Fleur de Lis room

Also Facebook/YouTube stlrenewal.org/yt or stlrenewal.org/fb Live at 10am

Registration/info: stlrenewal.org/zpb ~ Call/email Gary Whitlock 636-215-0973 ~ gary.whitlock@att.net OR call/email Catholic Renewal Ctr. 314731-6100 ~ catholicrenewal@archstl.org



Upcoming breakfast: Oct 22 - Joe Bestgen

The Feast of Corpus Christi, the Latin words translated to "Body of Christ", is observed this year on Thursday, June 16th which is the second Thursday after Whit Sunday, the Christian High Holy Day of Pentecost. It is the seventh Sunday after Easter, which commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Christ's disciples (Acts 2). This is a Catholic holiday that celebrates the presence of the body and blood of Jesus Christ through Holy Communion (Eucharist).

Why do Catholics celebrate Corpus Christi? The Catholic Church honors Christ's Presence in the Holy Eucharist with a special feast owing to St. Juliana of Liège, a 13th-century Norbertine canoness from Belgium. She had a great love for the Eucharist. When she was 16, she had a vision in which the Church was a full moon with a dark spot. The dark spot signified that the Church was missing a feast dedicated solely to the Body and Blood of Christ. Even though she had this vision several times, St. Juliana didn't think that she could do anything to help institute this feast. Therefore, she kept it a secret for many years. Once she was elected prioress, she finally told her confessor, who in turn told the bishop. This eventually led to the universal feast of Corpus Christi.

Why is the Solemnity of Corpus Christi important? The Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian life." In the Eucharist, Jesus Himself re-presents for our benefit His Sacrifice on Calvary, gives Himself to us in Holy Communion, and remains among us until the end of the age. He comes to us in this humble form, making Himself vulnerable, out of love for each one of us.

Centuries later, the tradition continues at many parishes in the Archdiocese of St. Louis.



What is the Corpus Christi procession?

Whenever the Eucharist is exposed for adoration, prayer, Benediction, and public processions, it is placed in a sacred vessel called a Monstrance, whose clear glass permits the viewing of the Sacred Host. These processions go throughout the city while the faithful usually sing and pray, all in honor of our Eucharistic King. This practice began in the 14th-century, and it has been promoted by popes, councils, and saints as a wonderful way to show the supreme importance of the Eucharist and the love that we have for Him.

For a list of the 2022 Corpus Christi processions in St. Louis, go to

<https://allthingsnew.archstl.org/eucharistic-revival>



The St. Anthony of Padua procession has been celebrated for over 140 years



The St. Louis Cathedral Basilica celebrates Corpus Christi with a procession and evokes solemn veneration from all as Knights of Columbus stand guard. Four times the procession will come to a halt, the priest will sing solemnly the beginning of one of the four Gospels and each time there will be Solemn Benediction, and those of all ages kneel in adoration.

CHARISMATIC HAPPENINGS - Let the Renewal Renew & Inspire You

Please find all the updated information at archstl.org/renewal

Find some of our events on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/stlrenewal/> **or YouTube** at [stlrenewal.org/yt](https://www.youtube.com/stlrenewal.org/yt)

Charismatic/Healing Masses -

- ♦ Healing Mass at St. Alban Roe at 7:00 p.m. on the **first Monday of each month**. Healing teams are available.
- ♦ Shepherd's Table Charismatic Mass-Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth of Hungary.
- ♦ Healing Mass, anointing of the sick, healing prayer teams **every 1st Saturday** at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows, 5020 Rhodes Ave.

Healing and Deliverance Ministry - Catholic Renewal Center – by appointment by calling Anne Hruz @ 314-731-6100 or email her at annehruz@archstl.org.

Compassion Groups - If you are interested in coming together to share and heal from the loss of a **spouse**, the Catholic Renewal Center is offering monthly meetings the first Tuesday of the month 7pm to 9pm OR the last Saturday of the month 9am to 11am. The meetings will take place at the Catholic Renewal Center. Please register with Jane Guenther at janeguenther@archstl.org or at 314-792-7734. If you are interested in coming together to share and heal from the loss of a **child** the meetings are the second Saturday of the month 9am to 11am at the Catholic Renewal Center. Please register with Rita Baughman at rita.baughmanofs@gmail.com.

Compassion Group – Sanctuary - for all individuals and families who have or are effected by mental illness. Please join us if you are interested in coming together to share, heal, and discover what God, Scripture, and the Church have to say in light of the experiences of mental health challenges. The monthly meetings are the third Tuesday of the month 7pm to 9pm at the Catholic Renewal Center. This group is facilitated by Fr. Dan Shaughnessy. Please register with Jane Guenther at janeguenther@archstl.org or at 314-792-7734.

Pentecost Vigil Mass—**June 4, 7:00pm** at St. Elizabeth of Hungary. Our celebrant is Msgr. Mikesch. There will be a reception after mass.

Book Study - "The Power of Daily Mass" book study- Monday evenings 7pm—8:30pm June 6 - 27 and & July 11th OR Thursday afternoons 1pm—2:30pm June 9- 30 and & July 7 at the Catholic Renewal Center. Please RSVP for your attendance and which time frame that you will attend to Catholicrenewal2@archstl.org Note that if you have to miss the session that you usually attend, you may make it up in the other class time. The book is availed at the Catholic Renewal Center while supplies last \$10. Let us know when you RSVP if you need the book. (It is also available on Amazon.)

Speaker Workshop - June 6 - 7pm—9pm by ZOOM for those teaching or speaking on behalf of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Contact Gary Whitlock, gary.whitlock@att.net or 636-215-0973

Generational Healing Service - June 8, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm (does not include Mass) at the Cardinal Rigali Center, St. Vincent de Paul Chapel. Service focuses on healing and deliverance prayer related to issues both past and present in one's family line. Information is available for prayerful preparation by calling Anne Hruz, 314.731.6100 or annehruz@archstl.org.

Christ Alive through Mary, Women's Witness Prayer Meeting - June 11, 9am, at the Cardinal Rigali center with speaker Sharon Cooney-Smith. Cost is \$20. See p. 5

Area-wide Prayer Meeting – Praise and Worship with a short talk/witness, Monthly on **Wednesdays** 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm, at the **Catholic Renewal Center**. Jun 22 - Donna Mertz, Jul 27 –Michaela Rodriguez, Aug 24 - Mickie McCool

Prophecy Workshop - Tue, Jun 28th, 2022 7pm. Learn to listen to and discern words from the Lord. Free and open to all who would like to grow in these gifts. This will be a hybrid meetings: in-person at Renewal Center and via video conference. Please email Mary Jo at maryjobarczewski@archstl.org if you want the virtual link emailed to you.

Zechariah Men's Prayer Breakfast— **July 9**, 9am at the Cardinal Rigali Center (and on Facebook and YouTube at 10am) with speaker Mike Theby. Cost is \$15 Register online at stlrenewal.org/zpb or Contact Gary Whitlock at (636)215-0973 or gary.whitlock@att.net. See p. 5

Jonah Prayer Ministry Training - One Day Training - August 13 from 9am to 4pm at the Catholic Renewal Center. Applicants will need the signature of their pastor on the application form. Contact Tina Ferder @ 314-731-6100.

Prayer N Praise - Sept 14th, from 7:00 to 9:00 at the Cardinal Rigali Center, Fleur de Lis room, with Carrie Bajzath and friends.

PENTECOST NOVENA—Find the link for this year's Pentecost Novena on our front page at archstl.org/renewal



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1 PETER 4:11 *Whoever serves should do so
with the strength that God provides. In all things,
let God be glorified through Jesus Christ*