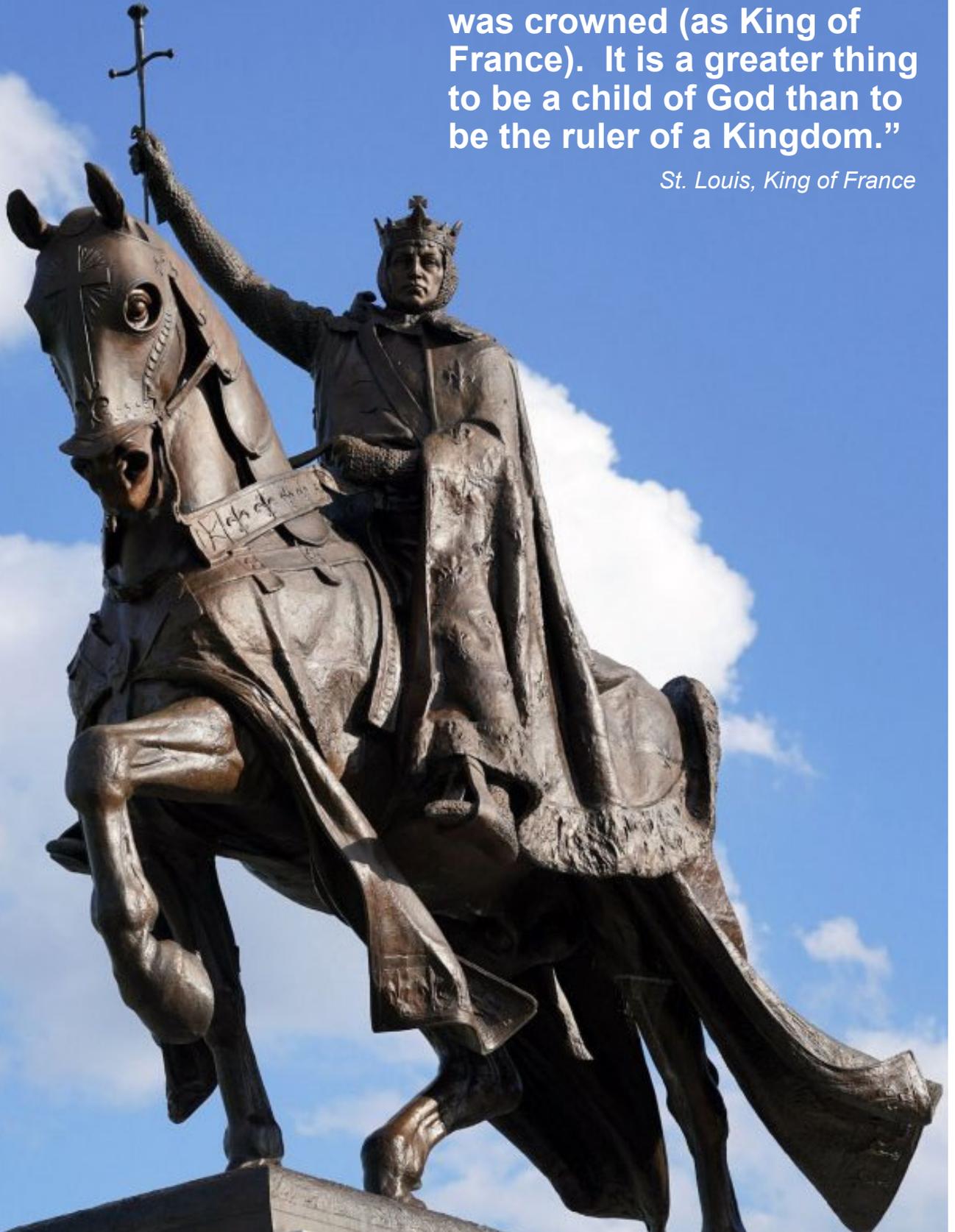


**“I think more of the church where I was Baptized than of Rheims Cathedral where I was crowned (as King of France). It is a greater thing to be a child of God than to be the ruler of a Kingdom.”**

*St. Louis, King of France*



# Church of the Annunziata

## *Celebration of the Eucharist*

Saturday (Vigil Mass) 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.  
Monday - Saturday 7:00 a.m.

**All Masses are streamed at  
[www.annunziata.org](http://www.annunziata.org)**

## *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.

## *Holy Communion for Homebound Parishioners*

Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

## *Sacrament of Baptism*

By appointment, usually on Sunday at 12:15 p.m.  
Please call the Rectory for more information.

## *Sacrament of Matrimony*

Please call the Rectory for information.



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*Our warm WELCOME to all!*

*If you wish to join our Parish Family, please contact the Parish Office.*



August 21, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Please let me start by thanking you for your thoughtful consideration and honest feedback to our various All Things New surveys, outreach and strategic planning endeavors. Your prayers and input have been most valuable to this effort.

As I write, I'm reflecting on something the Holy Father said several years ago that remains true and especially relevant to us in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Pope Francis said "we are not living an era of change, but a change of era." The All Things New pastoral planning process is going to bring historic change to the Archdiocese of St. Louis. We know that our current model is not sustainable. As we start to look at potential plans for parishes, ministries and schools to ensure a vibrant presence and future for the Archdiocese, I'd like to update you as to where we are in the process.

In this next phase, we will begin a conversation with our archdiocesan priests and parishioners to discuss draft models, which are based on demographics, sacramental data and feedback received from the Disciple Maker Index survey and other consultative bodies. This past Friday, we presented the information we gathered and preliminary proposals for parishes to our priests to gather their feedback. Then, over the next several months, we will share updated proposals in a series of listening sessions hosted at each parish to hear your thoughts about the proposed models. *Please let me remind you that these parish models are preliminary and will be adjusted based on your feedback.* Specific information regarding schools will be released later.

Our goal is to implement a vision for evangelization that is accessible to all and empowers every Catholic to spread the Gospel message -today and for generations to come.

This is our primary focus as Catholics, and so I urge you all to bear this in mind as we take the next steps. We are called to collaborate as the Catholic Church rather than compete as many individual churches. I encourage you to engage with us during our listening sessions with an open heart and mind, as we continue to discern where the Lord is leading us. We will continue to update you through [allthingsnew.archstl.org](http://allthingsnew.archstl.org). May God bless you, your family and your parish community.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ Mitchell T. Rozanski".

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski  
Archbishop of St. Louis

## ***What Is All Things New?***

We all know that the Church of today is not the same that it was 50, 100 or 150+ years ago, and yet we are still functioning in many ways out of the same mode of evangelization. We have inherited a great treasure of Catholic institutions from previous generations, but as the Catholic population and society have shifted over the past several decades, they are no longer as effective or sustainable as they once were.

We are closer now to 2050 than to 1950. We need to ask ourselves what our parishes, ministries and institutions need to look like in order to effectively share the faith in a way that is suitable and sustainable for our children and generations to come.

All Things New is evaluating the effectiveness of the Church in St. Louis in proclaiming the Gospel and identifying opportunities for improvement and renewal within all parishes, schools and curia offices and agencies.

## ***Why is the Archdiocese of St. Louis making these changes now?***

- Our Catholic population continues to decline and age.
- Our priests are aging and as a result, their number is declining.
- Mass attendance and sacramental participation continue to decline.
- Fewer children attend Catholic Schools and Religious Education (PSR).
- Our resources are finite and need to be realigned.

## **On August 19, 2022, Archbishop Rozanski met with Archdiocesan priests. What was shared?**

The Archbishop and Fr. Chris Martin, Vicar for Strategic Planning, shared the next phase of All Things New with archdiocesan priests, which included *proposed* parish models based on our Planning Areas.

A Planning Area is a number of parishes and schools in a geographic region which will be considered together to develop proposed structural options for the future. There are 15 planning areas in the Archdiocese.

They saw several options as to how parishes in their specific Planning Area could be structured and collaborate in the future. Each option is termed a "model."

The models are "unfinished" because they need your insight and feedback.

## ***What's next?***

Archdiocesan priests will evaluate the Planning Areas and Models and offer feedback. Their feedback will be incorporated into the models. Then, the updated Planning Areas and Models will be shared at every parish in listening sessions. The purpose of the listening sessions is to gather your input on these proposed options that are specific to your parish so that over the next year a recommendation can be presented to Archbishop Rozanski for his discernment.

Modelled parishes are generally much larger than current parishes. On average, parishes are 2 to 2.5 x larger.

## ***What happens after the Listening Sessions?***

All parishioners across the Archdiocese will have an opportunity to provide feedback through an open-ended survey about their parish's model options after the listening sessions. This feedback will be incorporated into revised models which will be refined with input from the pastors and key parish leaders throughout the winter 2022 and into 2023. Once a final recommended grouping of parishes and schools is determined, the model will also include the following:

- Recommendations concerning buildings to be used by the merged parish
- The number of priests initially assigned
- Suggested evangelization and ministry strategies

## ***What is the timeline for this?***

While decisions will be made in spring 2023, implementation will not begin until fall 2023 and will extend through 2026. Implementation will occur in a phased approach over time to allow for orderly planning and transition at the local level, led by your pastor and supported by the Archdiocese.

## ***What can we as local Catholics do now?***

You are encouraged to attend your parish's listening sessions with open hearts and minds. Continue to attend Mass, participate in the Sacraments and pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to pour out upon the Church of St. Louis, to grant us the gift of true discernment, so we may do His will in all things.



## ALL THINGS NEW - Feedback Questionnaire

*Please use this paper form (or) the URL link at the bottom of the page to complete this questionnaire online.*

*Based on what you have heard so far about our parish and Archdiocesan DMI results—as well as some of the demographic, financial and sacramental data regarding our parish—we would like you to respond to the following two questions.*

1. Moving forward, what do you think should be the top priorities to invest in for evangelization in our parish? (e.g. youth ministry, family ministry, young adult ministry, marriage ministry etc.)
  
2. What do you think are the top priorities/opportunities for our parish to provide outreach in our community? (e.g. food pantry, service projects, St. Vincent de Paul etc.)

Please feel free to add additional comments.

*Please drop this completed paper form in a collection box in church or return to the parish office.*

*Thank you for your participation!*

### ONLINE OPTIONS...

*Take this URL link to complete and submit this questionnaire online or go to Annunziata.org*

*and click on PARISH FEEDBACK FORM*



## ALL THINGS NEW

### Special Survey for Young Adults ages 18-39



[Allthingsnew.archstl.org/Ways-to-Engage/Young-Adult-Survey](http://Allthingsnew.archstl.org/Ways-to-Engage/Young-Adult-Survey)

**Please go to:**

This survey closes September 12th. Please share this link with other young adults!

## *From Our Pastor . . .*



### **FEAST OF SAINT LOUIS, KING OF FRANCE**

Since the day on which the Church honors Saint Louis falls on a Thursday this year, Archbishop Rozanski is granting permission to all parishes in the Archdiocese the option of celebrating the Feast of Saint Louis on Sunday, August 21. St. Louis was born in 1214 and became king of France when he was only twenty-two years old. He married and became the father of eleven children who received from him careful instruction in the Christian life.

In the Liturgy of the Hours (the Divine Office) for Saint Louis, there is found a reading “From a spiritual testament to his son by St. Louis”. I would like to share this passage:

**M**y dearest son, my first instruction is that you should love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your strength. Without this there is no salvation. Keep yourself, my son, from everything that you know displeases God, that is to say, from every mortal sin. You should permit yourself to be tormented by every kind of martyrdom before you would allow yourself to commit a mortal sin.

**I**f the Lord has permitted you to have some trial, bear it willingly and with gratitude, considering that it has happened for your good and that perhaps you well deserved it. If the Lord bestows upon you any kind of prosperity, thank him humbly and see that you become no worse for it, either through vain pride or anything else, because you ought not to oppose God or offend Him in the matter of his gifts.

**L**isten to the divine office with pleasure and devotion. As long as you are in church, be careful not to let your eyes wander and not to speak empty words, but pray to the Lord devoutly, either aloud or with the interior prayer of the heart.

**B**e kindhearted to the poor, the unfortunate and the afflicted. Give them as much help and consolation as you can. Thank God for all the benefits he has bestowed upon you, that you may be worthy to receive greater. Be just to your subjects, swaying neither to right nor left, but holding the line of justice. Always side with the poor rather than with the rich, until you are certain of the truth. See that all your subjects live in justice and peace, but especially those who have ecclesiastical rank and who belong to religious orders.

**B**e devout and obedient to our Mother the Church of Rome and the Supreme Pontiff as your spiritual father. Work to remove all sin from your land, particularly blasphemies and heresies.

**I**n conclusion, dearest son, I give you every blessing that a loving father can give a son. May the three Persons of the Holy Trinity and all the saints protect you from every evil. And may the Lord give you the grace to do His will so that He may be served and honored through you, that in the next life we may together come to see Him, love Him and praise Him unceasingly. Amen.

# Help Us Get School — Back To School!

You may have heard that the school's lower level was recently inundated with flood water. Clean up started the very next day and is progressing, but it is a monumental job. The furniture, etc. is being replaced. But there is so much more to a school than just the furnishings!



We are asking for your support to replace the many incidentals needed to start off the new school year. The most needed help at this time would be in the form of monetary donations or gift cards so the teachers can purchase what they specifically need for their class rooms.

**Education is so important!  
Help us help the teachers!**



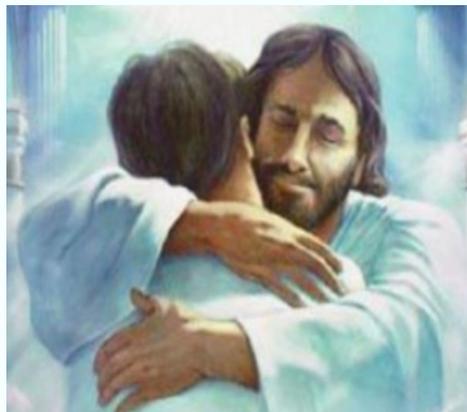
***Please pray  
for all who have served or are  
serving in the U.S. Military,  
First Responders, Health Care Workers  
and everyone impacted by the coronavirus.***

Cadet William Boldt ,USMA, West Point  
Captain Winston Boldt, U.S. Army  
Lt. Col Michael Butler, Chaplain U.S. Army  
Lt. Col. Eric Carlson, U.S. Army  
Major Courtney Collins, U.S. Army  
LCDR Michael Collins, U.S. Navy  
Captain Molly Collins, U.S. Army  
2nd LT Norman Benedict (Buddy) Conley IV, U.S.  
Army  
Major Patrick M. Cronin, U.S. Army  
William Donovan, U.S. Airforce  
Martin Drakes, U.S. Marine Corps  
John R. Driscoll, U.S. Navy  
Soosan Good, U.S. Army  
Lt. Charles Horn, M.D., U.S. Navy

Clare Lane, U.S. Airforce  
1Lt. Robert Mandel, U.S. Army  
Col. John M. Oberkirsch, U.S. Army  
James Peterson, *retired* U.S. Marine Corps  
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Maj. Rommel L. Romero, U.S. Air Force  
Chelsea Schaffer, U.S. Army  
Frankie Schaffer, U.S. Army  
Sgt. Eric Secrease, U.S. Army  
SSgt. Anthony J. Smith, U.S. Army  
PFC. Nicholas Spangler, U.S. Army  
Captain August B. Valentine, U.S. Marine Corps  
Sgt. Michael White, U.S. Army Rangers  
Cpl. Robert Wigginton, U.S. Marine Corps

*Please let us know if there has been a change of rank or active military service, so we can keep this prayer list up-to-date. Please call the rectory to add the name of a loved one who is serving in the military.*

*PSR*



## PSR Registration is Open

Help us order the right number of text books to be ready for school to start!

**PLEASE REGISTER NOW**

go to **ANNUNZIATA.ORG**  
and click the button  
**REGISTER FOR PSR**

Our Catholic faith is a roadmap to a peaceful life, which is why God gave it to us. But, practicing it isn't always easy, because life is hard, *especially* these days. Jesus told us:

*“Come to me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take up my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”*

*Mt. 11: 28-30*

Annunziata Parish School of Religion provides Catholic faith formation to parish children grades K-8.

The school year begins Sunday, September 11, 2022 and ends May 21, 2023.

Classes are held Sundays from 10:00 AM to 10:55 AM.

**Please Note:** *Annunziata Parish School of Religion is solely for families who are registered, active parishioners of the Church of the Annunziata.*

*Laura Gyawali*  
**PSR Principal**



Roman Catholic  
Foundation

Understand the Church's teachings on cycle-of-life issues, so you can clearly communicate to your family about these difficult decisions.

This free seminar is for everyone: singles, parents of young families, those caring for aging parents, and those facing illness or death.

**Lunch will be provided and there will be no direct or indirect solicitation.**

*Plan with heart.  
Invest for good.*



## THE CONVERSATION:

### A Catholic Perspective on Cycle of Life Issues

Presented by the Roman Catholic Foundation

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2022**  
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**ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY**  
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## A NIGHT FOR LIFE

*The Friends of Birthright request the pleasure of your company to celebrate 51 years of Birthright Counseling, St. Louis at our Annual Gala, A Night for Life.*

*Saturday, September 17, 2022*

*The Chase Park Plaza - The Khorassan Ballroom*  
*212 North Kingshighway Boulevard - St. Louis, Missouri 63108*  
*Cocktails 6:00 p.m. - Dinner & Program 7:00 p.m. - Dancing 8:00 p.m.*  
*Music and Entertainment by Trilogy - Cocktail Attire*

*Purchase tickets at [BirthrightGala.everbrite.com](http://BirthrightGala.everbrite.com)*

*All proceeds benefit Birthright Counseling, St. Louis*



**CHESTERTON ACADEMY**  
**OF ST. LOUIS**

"Chesterton Academy of St. Louis is a classical high school grounded in Catholic tradition, opening Fall 2023! To learn more about the school, come to an informational meeting at 7pm on August 25th at Longview Farm Park. Contact [chestertonacademystl@gmail.com](mailto:chestertonacademystl@gmail.com) or visit [chestertonacademystl.org](http://chestertonacademystl.org) for more information."

August 21, 2022

***READINGS FOR THE WEEK***

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5;  
Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13;  
Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;  
Jn 1:45-51

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7;  
Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11;  
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21;  
Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29;  
Ps 68:4-7, 10-11;  
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

***MASS INTENTIONS***

Saturday, August 20  
7:00 a.m. Gene Sheehan  
5:00 p.m. Susan C. VanBooven

Sunday, August 21  
7:00 a.m. Kenrick & Lois Jones  
9:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention  
11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Monday, August 22  
7:00 a.m. Marilyn Morrison

Tuesday, August 23  
7:00 a.m. Zoe Buckley

Wednesday, August 24  
7:00 a.m. Florence Wicevic

Thursday, August 25  
7:00 a.m. Carol Dubuque

Friday, August 26  
7:00 a.m. Mark Holton

Saturday, August 27  
7:00 a.m. John F. Lindeman  
5:00 p.m. Cole Gould

Sunday, August 28  
7:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention  
9:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
11:00 a.m. Robert Dubuque

***From Death to New Life*** 

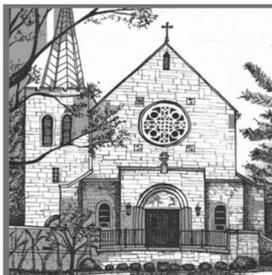
Dorothy E. Hannon	August 21, 2016
Jeanne Pepers Cortopassi	August 22, 2003
Daniel Patrick Garvin	August 22, 1984
Maie K. Schlafly	August 23, 2000
Fred A. Nall	August 25, 1997
James A. Portell	August 26, 1998
William Burks Hyland	August 27, 2011
Genevieve Barnickel Janes	August 27, 1983



*Please remember  
to pray for the unborn!*



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***Annunziata***  
is open  
Monday through Saturday  
from 8:00 am — 3:00 pm  
for private prayer.

***Pray the Rosary***

Monday through Saturday  
Immediately after the  
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