

SODALITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

That all would come to know they are greatly Loved by God

All are welcome to join us
in Celebration of the Love
of God through the Most
Sacred Heart of Jesus

First Fridays

Saint Mary Magdalen Church
2618 S. Brentwood Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63144

December 5th *Advent with the Sacred Heart*

4:30 PM - Adoration,
Reconciliation & Benediction

5:30 PM - Celebration of the
Holy Sacrifice of the Mass,
Followed by **Dinner and**

Reflection. Games and activities
for children during reflection.

*Father will be blessing holy
items following his reflection.*

Celebrant

Father Sam Conedera, SJ

January 2nd

4:30 PM - Adoration,
Reconciliation & Benediction

5:30 PM - Celebration of the
Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Celebrant

Monsignor Timothy Cronin



Advent: a time to deepen our Fiat

*And Mary said "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it
be to me according to your word." - Luke 1:38*

We are called to imitate Our Blessed Mother's "fiat" in our own lives, and it is this season of Advent when we ponder our Lord's incarnation and birth, that we again seek to grow deeper in our own fiat. At the Annunciation, after Gabriel tells her about conceiving and bearing Our Lord, Mary says, "Fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum- let it be done to me according to thy word." In proclaiming her fiat, Our Lady is saying that she is accepting God's will. Our sanctification requires us to do the same - to say and live out, "fiat - I surrender to Your will, Lord". But do we?

Save the Dates:

Saturday, February 14th **Sodality of the Most** **Sacred Heart** **Pre-Lent Day of** **Reflection**

All are invited to join us for a day of silent reflection and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The day will begin with 8 AM Mass followed by a light breakfast. Three Reflections will be given by our speakers throughout the day. Confession, Prayer ministry teams, and Private conferences with priests will be available throughout the day. Registration coming soon.

Friday, June 12th **Solemnity of the Most** **Sacred Heart of Jesus**

4:00 PM - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary for the Sanctification of Priests, Adoration & Reconciliation
5:00 PM - Eucharistic Procession with Benediction
5:30 PM - Celebration of the Mass followed by dinner in church lower level
7:00 PM - Reflection
*Activities for children during reflection to include pony rides, petting zoo, snow cones, face painting.
Activities will remain until 8:30 PM for all to enjoy!

The process of surrender can be a lifelong journey. Never lose hope or become discouraged. God loves us unconditionally. He loves us as we are, and wants to transform us through His healing graces. We simply need to go to Him in our weakness and let Him help us. "When we entrust all the troubles of our earthly existence confidently to the divine heart, we are relieved of them. Then our soul is free to participate in the divine life." - Edith Stein, *The Ethos of Women's Professions, Essays on Woman*

Surrender is living in complete trust in God. "A saint is a person like any other, he or she has not been released from daily human combat between virtue and sin, life and death...The saint places all of His or her faith in God, even when faced with trials... The saints give themselves completely to the Lord Jesus, and the Lord gives himself completely to them." - Ven. Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan, *Prayers of Hope, Words of Courage*

When our Blessed Mother was told she would bear the Son of God, she completely trusted God and surrendered her entire being to His will. Mary lived this perfect surrender her entire life, offering back to God the greatest gift she had ever been given - her beloved son - to save a cruel and unkind world. Through Mary's fiat, as difficult as it would seem from our human perspective, "magnified the Lord" and her spirit rejoiced in God her Savior.

This Advent, may we all seek to deepen our faith and trust in God. "He (God) will provide the way and the means, such as you could never have imagined. Leave it all to Him, let go of yourself, lose yourself on the Cross, and you will find yourself entirely." - St. Catherine of Siena

"Jesus gives all to those who surrender all." - St. Bernadette Soubirous

Prayer of Abandonment

"Father, I abandon myself into your hands; do with me what you will. Whatever you may do, I thank you: I am ready for all. Let only your will be done in me, and in all your creatures - I wish no more than this, O Lord. Into your hands I commend my soul: I offer it to you with all the love of my heart, for I love you Lord, and so need to give myself, to surrender myself into your hands without reserve, and with boundless confidence, for you are my Father." - Blessed Charles de Foucauld