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You are in our hearts,  
in our thoughts  
and in our prayers  
this Valentine's Day  
and all year through.



**Contest**  
Please read the  
newsletter carefully as  
there are several  
contests to enter.

*If you would like to be added or removed from the newsletter mailing list, or if your address changes, please call*

*Rose Vanderbeck, Editor/Marketing Director, 573 374-6279 (MARY), or email us at [mothersshrine@charterinternet.com](mailto:mothersshrine@charterinternet.com)*

## SUMMER MUSIC AT THE SHRINE

We are inviting choirs or music groups to perform at the Shrine Masses this summer. If you have a group, we would love for you to consider playing at the Shrine. Please submit a CD or tape of your music and let us know which weekend you prefer and if you will be able to perform at the 8:00 p.m. Saturday evening Mass, the 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning Mass, or both

We hope to have a different group each weekend.



There were many beautiful weddings at the Shrine this summer. It is a great setting for any event.



You are welcome to host your meeting at the Shrine, whether it is pro-life, family matters, day retreats, conferences or seminars.

## MOTHERHOOD PROGRAM

Please let us know what your church is doing to support motherhood. Do you have a program for mothers, widows, mothers who have lost children, mothers of soldiers, etc.?

We want to let others know how you serve mothers in need; if other mothers may join your group; if you are willing to share your program with other churches or are you willing to help them establish a program?

**Visit our Website** [www.mothersshrine.com](http://www.mothersshrine.com) to find a name on the Mothers' Wall of Life. While you are on the site, take time to submit a memory of your loved one, your visit to the shrine or an interesting story that happened while you visited.

## Volunteers this Summer

We are assembling our list of volunteer ambassadors to help at the Shrine this summer. We hope to have 20 to 30 ambassadors so we will have someone here every day. There were 10 ambassadors last year and it worked well for Monday through Friday; an additional 20 will allow us to have ambassadors on the weekends and provide a list of substitutes as well.

We need ambassadors to:

- 1) Greet people, give tours, take them to the gift shop, and in general, welcome our guests.
- 2) Take pictures of the Honored Family each week for next's weeks bulletin. (See the Mother of the Year Award, page 3).
- 3) Fold and label newsletters.
- 4) Keep our Mothers' Wall clean and bright. Each time we engrave, the Wall needs to be dusted and the surrounding area tidied.
- 5) Maintain the "Book of Names" in good condition; clean the area around the book.
- 6) Fill the brochure racks.

There are a number of ways you can help during the week or on the weekends, just call the office to volunteer or email me at [mothersshrine@charterinternet.com](mailto:mothersshrine@charterinternet.com)

Your help will be greatly appreciated.



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# Give Us Your Best Shot



## THE MOTHERS' SHRINE IS SPONSORING TWO CONTESTS!

We are looking for photographers to show us their best photography. We want shots of the Shrine in all seasons, shots of mothers viewing their name on the Mothers' Wall of Life for the first time, shots of mothers and children at the Shrine. We want you to share the pictures you take that capture the funny, joyful, sweet moments you experienced when you and your loved one visited the Shrine.

***To enter either contest: Simply submit your photos or videos with a quick note about why it is so special, to: [mothersshrine@charterinternet.com](mailto:mothersshrine@charterinternet.com). By entering either contest, YOU ARE GIVING US PERMISSION TO USE YOUR PHOTOS AND VIDEOS IN OUR ADVERTISING.***

## VIDEO CONTEST

The competition is simple - submit a video, anywhere from 30 seconds to 10 minutes, to our email address. The video should be original and imaginative. While video quality must be acceptable, a simple camcorder and a steady hand is all that's needed, along with your creative spark. The winning videos will appear on the Mothers' Shrine website.

## MOTHERS' WALL OF LIFE (Testimonial)

*"During the Christmas Holidays, we brought our mother down to see her name on the Mothers' Wall of Life and she got so excited, she just cried. I have never known any gift that meant so much to her. We are so happy we did this for our mother, just wished we had done it years ago. Everyone should put their mothers and grandmothers names on the Mothers' Wall of Life. It is a tremendous experience for all involved."*

Katie S.

- Appearance \* Charisma \* Expression \*  
\* Concept \* Setting \*

Consider all these things. That special something is necessary in both contests and yes, it is possible to be the winner in both categories. The winning photographs will be featured in the newsletter. Please understand the judges will have a difficult job. While both contests end May 15th, videos and photos are always welcome for use in the newsletter or in our advertising.



## MOTHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Mothers' Shrine is excited to present a "Celebration of Mothers and Motherhood".

We want to highlight and recognize the importance of all mothers. The contest is to recognize mothers who have touched the lives, not only of their children, but other in the community as well.

You may nominate your

mom, your aunt, your best friend, your boss, - even yourself! We are looking for new moms, experienced moms, retired moms and iconic moms who are leaders both at home and in the work place.

Nominate a mom who:

- Balances work and family successfully
- Is great with her kids
- Leads at work
- Gives back to her community
- Overcomes obstacles
- Inspires and motivates others



## Awards Selection

A committee of community leaders and volunteers will select award finalists to be featured at Mass each Sunday during the summer months, in our newsletters and in the local media. The family will be invited to sit

down front at Mass to be introduced, then have their picture in the bulletin the next week as the "family of the week".

The award winner will be selected from the twelve finalists and will be presented

with the . . .

"Mother of the Year"  
Award at Mass  
Labor Day Weekend,  
August 30th.



**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION—Nominations will be accepted beginning March 15th through August 16th**

The guidelines for those submitting nominees for Mother of the Year are as follows:

- 1) The name, address, telephone number and email address for the nominee.
- 2) The name, address, telephone number and email address for the person submitting the nomination.
- 3) Explain *why you have nominated* the candidate for "Mother of the Year".
- 4) Photo of the nominee, if possible.

Entries will be judged strictly on content, originality and sincerity. Creativity is encouraged.

There is no word limit.

Entries may be submitted at the outdoor summer Masses, at the Shrine beginning Memorial Weekend, emailed to [mothersshrine@charterinternet.com](mailto:mothersshrine@charterinternet.com) or mailed to Mothers Shrine, P.O. Box 1250, Laurie, Missouri 65038