

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

New Melle, Missouri



January 3, 2016

The Epiphany of the Lord

*"And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,
are by no means least
among the rulers of Judah;
since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel."*

Sacraments and Devotions

Celebration of the Mass

Weekend Masses in the Church

Vigil	4:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am
	9:30 am
	11:15 am

Daily Mass

Monday through Friday 8:00 am, Chapel
Saturday 8:00 am, Church

Devotions and Prayers, St. Joseph Chapel

Rosary following 8:00 Mass
Rosary at noon on Wednesday
Tuesday after Mass-
 Perpetual Help devotions
Thursday after Mass-
 Respect Life prayers
Friday at 11:30 am- Chapel of
 Divine Mercy and Benediction

Reconciliation

Wednesday in church, 7:00 pm
Saturday after the 8:00 am Mass

Marriage

Contact the parish office at least six
months prior to the wedding.

Baptism

Contact the parish office to register for
Baptism class and to arrange for the
Baptism.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Contact Shawn Mueller in the
parish office

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Joseph Chapel is open for adoration
24 hours daily from Monday after Mass
to Friday benediction. **Code: 145**

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Welcome!

Religious Education

Parish School of Religion (Grades 1 through 8)

September through May on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:30 pm

Confirmation Preparation (8th grade)

September through May on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:30 pm

Children's Liturgy of the Word

September through May on Sundays during the 9:30 am Mass

Adult Education

Wednesdays at 8:45 am and 6:10 pm.

This Week's Events

Roses for Life at all weekend Masses

Sunday, January 3

9:30 am

Children's Liturgy of the Word

2:00 pm

Epiphany Concert, *The Cavalcade of Choirs*, Church
Reception following in the Grand Hall

Monday, January 4

6:30 pm

Scouts, Founders Hall

6:30 pm

Scouts, trailer

No bell choir practice tonight

Tuesday, January 5

9:00 am and 5:30 pm

Exercise class, Grand Hall foyer

6:30 pm

Legion of Mary, St. Gianna

No children's choir tonight

Venture Crew, trailer

6:30 pm

Wednesday, January 6

8:45 am

Scripture Study, Weber Hall

6:00 pm

PSR, Weber Hall and Founders Hall

6:10 pm

Bible Study, Grand Hall

7:00 pm

Reconciliation, church

Thursday, January 7

9:00 am and 5:30 pm

Exercise class, Grand Hall foyer

2:30 pm

Blood Drive, Founders Hall

6:30 pm

RCIA, Weber Hall

7:00 pm

Choir practice, church

Friday, January 8

8:30 am

Quilters, Weber Hall

Saturday, January 9

8:00 am

Mass followed by confessions, Church

Sunday, January 10

8:00 am

Knights of Columbus Breakfast, Founders Hall

JOIN THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY, 2016

Universal: Interreligious Dialogue That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.

Evangelization: Christian Unity That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 2

8:00 am Joe Sinopole +
4:00 pm People of the Parish

Sunday, January 3

7:30 am Herbert O. Fine +
9:30 am Helen Orf +
Erma Guinn +
11:15 am Edward Reifsteck +

Monday, January 4

8:00 am Fr. W.F. Klaric +

Tuesday, January 5

8:00 am All Souls Intentions

Wednesday, January 6

8:00 am Agnes Maness +

Thursday, January 7

8:00 am Joyce Stenger +

Friday, January 8

8:00 am Emily Linneman-Schroer +

Saturday, January 9

8:00 am The intentions of Vicky and Roger Brink
4:00 pm Tony and Tricia Sinopole

Sunday, January 10

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Sadie Rashid +
11:15 am Joe Sinopole +

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4,
3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Tuesday: St. John Neumann

Wednesday: St. André Bessette

Thursday: St. Raymond of Penyafort

Scouting Units

Parish Rep (All Units) Jerry Hespen; 636-236-1955
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636-398-5786

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314-220-7075

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636-798-2511

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314-581-6797

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636-798-2105

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314-614-1114

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636-398-5270

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636-828-4133

Quilters Eleanor Sadlo
636-398-5595

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636-828-5776

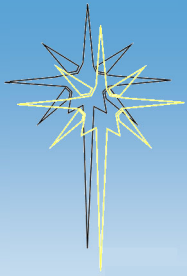
St. Vincent DePaul For information or assistance,
call 636-398-5270, ex. 225

MEDITATION ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

Some men who studied the stars came from the East to Jerusalem and asked, 'Where is the baby born to be king of the Jews? We saw his star... and we have come to worship him.' Matthew 2:1-2

A Michigan newspaper carried a story about a light bulb that had been burning day and night on a porch for 35 years. An electrical engineer speculated that early light bulbs had strong filaments, which may account for the bulb's longevity. Today's reading recalls another light that has been burning day and night for 2,000 years- the light of the star of Bethlehem that points to Jesus, the Light of the World. Does the light from the star of Bethlehem burn as brightly in my heart as it did five years ago? Ten years ago?

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, For all the benefits and blessings which you have given me, For all the pains and insults which you have borne for me. Merciful Friend, Brother and Redeemer, May I know you more clearly, Love you more dearly, And follow you more nearly, Day by day. **St. Richard of Chichester**
Mark Link S.J. "Mission"



SINGING OUR PRAISES TO THE KING

Dear Parishioners,

Today as we celebrate the Epiphany of Our Lord we rejoice in Our Savior's mission to reconcile all of humanity, beginning with our Jewish brothers and sisters, and extending to the ends of the earth. The Magi offer their gifts and reveal the hidden nature of the Babe in the manger. Here is our God, King and Brother, Jesus the Christ. They offer their gifts in homage to Him; we seek to offer our lives in prayer and service.

Many thanks to all who made this such a beautiful Christmas Season. I want to thank all of those who gave so generously of their time and gifts to make our worship so beautiful. Our liturgies radiated the joy we experience as Jesus comes to us. The music was outstanding. It elevated and opened our hearts to receive more from our Newborn Lord. Song has a way of opening the recesses of our hearts that words often alone fail to do. While we don't come just for the music, it enhances our worship in ways that nothing else does. We sing because we have found love, or rather Love has found us.

It is in many ways a tiring season with all of the extra celebrations, but it is the type of tired we can take satisfaction in feeling. We are tired by love and devotion to Our Lord. I can't think of a better reason to feel tired at the end of the day than for God and neighbor. All of the decorations in church are outstanding. There is a natural beauty present in our church, and our liturgical artwork and floral arrangements enhance that constant beauty. Thanks to all who made this Christmas season so beautiful and prayerful.

I love the joy of the Christmas season, and sharing it with all of you makes it all the more blessed. Thank you so much for your generosity during this Christmas. Your cards, notes, and gifts are deeply appreciated. I appreciate the beauty and joy that this season invites us to embrace. Joy and beauty are easy to embrace when all is well in life. The real challenge is when life is not easy and our recent experiences are touched by any sort of hardship, sorrow or suffering. The mystery of joy is that it comes to us independent of our circumstances. While good circumstances may make it easier to recognize joy, joy can come to us in the most dire of circumstances. May joy find us waiting and receptive.

Blessed Christmas,
Fr. Tom

PS Come today to celebrate the continuing joy of Christmas with our concert this afternoon. Love has found us and we have every reason to rejoice!

Today @ 2:00

**"The Cavalcade of Choirs, the Calliope of Praise, the Jamboree for Jesus,
the Christmas Extravaganza, the Festival of Song, the Feast of Gladness"**

THE EPIPHANY CONCERT

followed by a reception in the Grand Hall

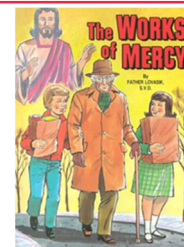
BE THERE!!!!

Please note: Eucharistic Adoration in the chapel will start up again tomorrow, Monday, January 4. Thanks to all who keep company with our Lord in the chapel!



PSR Corner

PSR resumes on Wednesday, January 6th. Consider a family devotion this year of learning about your classroom saint at home. Families are also encouraged to make a plan which incorporates the spiritual and corporal works of mercy in their lives. See below.



The Corporal Work of Mercy: Give Drink to the Thirsty

Pope Francis has decreed a special year of mercy (beginning December 8, 2015 – November 20, 2016) in which he is directing the faithful to reflect and act on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. He writes, "It is my burning desire that, during this Jubilee, the Christian people may reflect on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy." Here are some Scriptures and concrete ways or suggestions you or your family might reflect and act up this work of mercy.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

John 19:28 Jesus said, "I thirst."

Mt 25:35, 40 "I was thirsty and you gave me to drink." 40... 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.'

James 2:14 What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit? 17 So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

SUGGESTIONS

- Nearly 1-billion people lack access to a supply of safe water. More than 3.4 million people a year die from water-related diseases. Every 21 seconds a child in the world dies of such diseases. Nearly one-fifth of all childhood deaths are caused by diarrhea, which kills more young children than AIDS, TB, and malaria combined. (Source: water.org.) The US Conference of Catholic Bishops partners with Catholic Relief Services on several clean water initiatives around the world. <http://changingthepresent.org/nonprofits/show/55>
- Another way to help Catholic Relief Services is through the Rice Bowl Collections during Lent. <http://www.crsricebowl.org/>
- An American taking a five-minute shower uses more water than a typical person in a developing country slum uses in a whole day. Conserve more water in a variety of ways to unite in solidarity with those who lack. Be creative in ways to raise funds to help become part of the solution to give clean water to others.
- Become more involved with the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Consider volunteering, working with, donating to a local food pantry or soup kitchen.
- Donate to, get involved with Cross Catholic Outreach, an excellent organization which "delivers food, shelter and hope to the poorest of the poor." <http://www.crosscatholic.org/>
- Offer up times of fasting on bread and water (giving up pleasurable food and drink) on Fridays and other days.
- Say family meal prayers with more gratitude. Have members ask, in their own way, for God's protection and blessing for all those who will go to bed thirsty tonight or without having clean water.

"IF PRAYING ALIENATED YOU, took you away from your real life, beware: it would not be true prayer," Pope Benedict XVI said. "On the contrary, dialogue with God is the guarantee of truth, of truthfulness with oneself and with others and, therefore, of liberty."

Have you signed up to pray for vocations? The sign-up sheet is in the narthex. When it is your turn, Fr. Tom will give you the icon, a candle, and a load of information to ponder. When you return it the next week, another family will take it home and continue praying. **Let's keep it going!**

Dynamic Catholic, Alive! – Introducing the Year of Study

As part of Dynamic Catholic, Alive, 2016 will be devoted to study. Matthew Kelly talks about the Genius of Catholicism, the intellectual riches produced by centuries of saints and scholars. We encourage you to learn as much as possible about the faith this year. Do you have a Catholic study Bible and Catechism? The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church is a great starting resource. We have lists of recommended books at archstl.org/dynamic.



NEWS FROM HOME



Stewardship

January 3, 2015

St. Joseph Chapel "Heavenly Dusters"

Mary Ann Brakensiek

Please note: the Heavenly Dusters schedule will be updated this week. If you need your name removed or would like to be added to the list, call the parish office and let us know.

Thank you in advance for your generous donation of time!

The collection figures for Sunday, Dec. 20

General Offertory: \$8,681.00

Online-General Offering: \$2,934.00

Total: \$11,615.00

The collection figures for Christmas and Dec. 27 will be in the next bulletin.

Thank you for your generosity!

Try Electronic Offertory

Those who are pledging for the "Many Gifts. One Heart" new debt reduction campaign title. Pink debt reduction envelopes are included in the monthly envelope mailing.

There are options for giving. Use weekly envelopes or check out On-Line giving at www.ilm-newmelle.org

St. Vincent DePaul Society

Items needed for the pantry:

detergent, bleach, coffee, juice, oil, sugar, brownie mix

ROSES FOR LIFE

The Knights of Columbus will be holding its annual Roses for Life campaign next weekend. The Knights ask for your support by signing the roses you will find in the pews. These roses will then be collected and sent to our elected representatives in Washington D.C. to remind them that we support the right to life of the unborn, and that we expect them to vote in support of pro-life legislation.



The Knights also ask you to pray the Rosary to end abortion and to give your moral support to those people going to Washington D.C. to participate in the March for Life on Jan. 22nd, which is the 43rd anniversary of the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion on demand in the U.S.

Legion of Mary: Meetings will now take place every Tuesday at St. Gianna Church. Meetings will begin at 6:45 on Tuesday evenings. For more information call Nancy at 636-699-6920.

DON'T FORGET-

- ⇒ Call the parish office to register for the baptism class, normally held on the fourth Monday of the month.
- ⇒ Engaged couples should contact Fr. Tom as soon as possible to set their wedding date and arrange to meet.
- ⇒ Anyone who would like to request the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please contact Fr. Tom.

Parish office: 636-398-5270

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Marion Mueller	Michael Candrl and his family	Duckworth
Patricia Prongue	Linda Candrl and her family	Ed Hoeckelmann
Patricia Rudolf	Jackie Hackett	Gerald Hailey
Shirley McDonald	Virgil Gildehaus	Virginia Randolph
Ann Fitzgerald	Maxine Drinen	Barb Pope
Susan Van Booven	Tom Holstein	Bill Ulery
Terri Guernsey	Mary Meyer and her family	Sally Buck
Melissa Van Hoy	JoAnn Cwiklowski	Gerald Hailey
Dave Hendrix	Nancy	Pat Ryan
Al Bamert	Jewel Kostecki	Monsignor Mank
Ted Feldewerth	Shirley Sims	Kim F.
Jo-nell Falcon	Cy and Catherine	Sylvia
Nancy Hollenstein	Bamert	Antonette
Alexander Wilmes	Lisa Clark	Steven Albright
Charlie Grady	Tammy Boyd	Jennifer
Frank Modder	Larry Hanna	Frances Bussen
Denny Steinmeyer	Terry Hagan	Tim
Tom Miller	Dave Gentry	Bonnie
Mildred Riley	Elaine Klein	Yvonne Scott
Darryl and Clara	Mary Alice Dickherber	Bob Berfanger
Bockting	Sue Orlet	John Pellerito
Angel Owens	Bob Blackford	Gerald Bussen
Ted Pivin	Louise Fisher	Bernie Lears
Rita Elfrink	David and Mary Karll	Kathy
Bob Cova	Ken Donaghue	Walt Reel
Judy Jacobs' mom	Denny and Joan	Mary Edington
Rick Cobleigh	Duvall	Debbie
Tricia Woods	Jerry Schmitz	Norma Jean
Joan Allen	Bobbi Beeson	Maschmann
Joan Martin	Charles and Kathy	George Meyer
Chris Hanna		Georg Potthast
Rita Bendel's brother		Joan Martin
Tom		Ken Martin

Marian Council Meeting

Join in planning our activities for the coming year.

Meet on Tuesday, Jan 10 at 6:30 PM in Weber Hall.

As always, wine and fabulous refreshments will be served!



What's Your Catholic IQ?

1. The "star in the east" that the wise men followed... (Matthew 2:9)

- A. Stayed in the same place their entire journey
- B. Was another name for Haley's comet
- C. Moved ahead of them and stopped over the place where Jesus was
- D. Was just a mirage

2. The wise men stopped in Jerusalem... (Matthew 2:2)

- A. To inform Herod about Jesus
- B. To find out where Jesus was
- C. To ask about the star
- D. To buy presents
- E. None of the above

3. Where do we find the Christmas story?

- A. Matthew B. Mark C. Luke D. John E. A and C

4. What is the origin and meaning of the word "epiphany"?

- A. From the Greek, meaning "to show forth".
- B. From the Latin, meaning "astrologers or magicians".
- C. From the Greek, meaning "before Lent".
- D. From the German, meaning "after Christmas".

5. What are/were the three traditional names assigned to the Wise Men (Magi)?

- A. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego
- B. Huey, Dewey and Louie
- C. Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar
- D. Peter, Paul and James

6. Who wrote the text of the Epiphany carol "We Three Kings of Orient Are"?

- A. Phillips Brooks B. Father Josef Mohr
- C. Charles Wesley D. John Henry Hopkins Jr.

7. What is myrrh?

- A. The Arabic word for silver
- B. The dried sap of an African tree used anciently in embalming ointments and burned at funerals.
- C. Nutmeg
- D. A mercurial compound used to treat flesh wounds

8. Which King of Israel wanted to kill the baby who would grow to become the Messiah?

- A. Flavius Josephus B. Caesar Augustus C. Herod D. Quirinius

Answers on the next page



St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

(Note: With close to 3000 items, the Parish Library is located in the **Grand Hall** past the restrooms. It is open during the week-normal business hours-and works on an honor system.

Items from the Lighthouse CD rack are located and available in the **Narthex**.

From the Parish Library: Grand Hall (lower level Church)



(From reviews on Amazon.com) This is the best parenting book I've read, and I've read a bunch. It's completely free of psychobabble, and his approach is straightforward, practical, and sensible.

Guarendi doesn't get into the usual controversies about whether or not to spank, attachment parenting, or the like. Instead, he gives parents practical

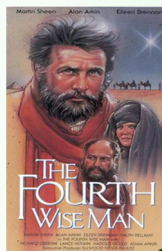
ways to apply whatever their particular philosophies are.

I can't recommend this book highly enough!

I first learned about Dr. Ray from a friend who read this book. Since then, I have purchased every one of Dr. Ray's books and even downloaded his wonderful 13-part audio series from the EWTN web site (...) This book has helped me more in my parenting than any other that I have read. Dr. Ray gives you a no-nonsense approach based on his premise that the one thing parents of today need the most is confidence (at least the parents who are willing to read a book about parenting, that is).

From the Parish Library: Grand Hall (lower level Church)

The Fourth Wise Man



Based on Henry van Dyke's classic, *The Story of the Other Wise Man*, this fictional story set in Biblical times is told in gently comic terms. A Magi named Artaban (Martin Sheen) sees a sign in the heavens that he hopes will lead him and his faithful servant to the Messiah. Artaban takes with him three precious gifts to present to the Messiah. For 33 years Artaban pursues Jesus, only to miss Him at every turn. Along the way, Artaban uses his gifts to help people in dire need. He now has nothing to present to the Messiah when he finds Him. The story culminates on Easter Sunday as Artaban, old and dying, finally encounters the new King, bringing peace to his life. A deeply moving experience examining what true faith really means. Starring Martin Sheen and Alan Arkin.

Check it out...for high school youth

IHM is starting a youth group for high school teens. It will meet on the second Wednesday of the month. The next one will take place on Wednesday, January 13. Meet at 7:00 PM in the Church.

For more information, contact Elizabeth at

636-828-4811.

Enkindle - Infertility Support

The journey of infertility and miscarriage is a difficult one and sometimes it becomes too challenging for you and your spouse to travel alone. The Archdiocesan Office of Natural Family is offering a **free half hour appointment to speak with a licensed professional counselor and a registered nurse** in person or over the phone. To find out more about this program or to set up a complimentary phone or face to face half hour appointment, please contact the Archdiocesan Office of Natural Family Planning at 314-997-7675. **The next date these are available is January 14th.** Through these conversations, we hope to offer education as well as compassion as you learn to live a balanced life with this cross. Faith tells us our life is ultimately in God's hands. Along our way, He sends us instruments to help us carry our burdens. As you work toward acceptance of this challenge, our ministry is to offer hope while seeking peace.

Catholic IQ Answers:

1. **C.** Read Matthew 2:9 The star did not stay stationary over the manger or the house. This verse makes it clear that the star moved "in front" of the magi and guided them till it "stood over where the young child was."
2. **B.** Read Matthew 2:2. They assumed Herod would know. I find it fascinating that although the scribes knew exactly where the Messiah was to be born (according to Micah 5:2), they were not interested enough to travel the four or five miles to Bethlehem to see for themselves.
3. **E.** Isn't it amazing how God divinely inspired these two gospel writers to write His exact words, but he used their interests and professions to recall different aspects of Jesus' birth. Matthew, a tax collector, records the genealogy of Jesus (used for taxation) and the "magi" – men of means from a foreign country. Luke, a physician, records the pregnancy and birth.
4. **"A. to show forth"**. The Greek components are epi- (meaning "on" or "to") and -phainein (meaning "to show").
5. **C.** Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar.
6. **D.** John Henry Hopkins Jr. an Episcopal priest, wrote the text of this hymn in 1857 for a Christmas pageant at the General Theological Seminary in New York City.
7. **B.** The dried sap of an African tree used anciently in embalming ointments and burned at funerals.
8. **C.** Herod. Caesar Augustus was the chief of the Roman state. Quirinius was the Roman governor of Syria. Flavius Josephus was the Jewish historian who chronicled Herod's reign.

Catholic Men for Christ Conference

The 2016 Catholic Men for Christ Conference is scheduled for Saturday, February 6, and will feature Tom Peterson, Steve Bollman, Msgr. Eugene Morris, and David Williams, along with emcee Zip Rzeppa. This year's conference will be held at the Peabody Opera House (1440 Market Street, St. Louis, MO 63103). For more information and to register, please visit the Catholic Men for Christ website catholicmenforchrist.org.



Catholic Women for Christ Conference

For information on the upcoming Catholic Women for Christ Conference, please visit the new website: catholic-womenforchrist.org

The 2016 Catholic Women for Christ Conference is scheduled for Saturday, February 27, and will feature Elizabeth Ficocelli, C. Vanessa White, and Sr. Elizabeth Beussink, along with emcee Elizabeth Westhoff.

This year's conference will be held at Lindenwood University's J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts (2300 W. Clay Street, St. Charles, MO 63301). To register, please visit catholicwomenforchrist.org.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

January 9

4:00 pm

- EM: Nancy Ast, Ruth Willis, Wilma Zurweller, Joan Falbo, Vanita Joerling, Carol Baker
L: Pat Barnard, Derek Arnzen
GB: Dave & Judy Hendrix
S: Jessica & Jorja Spivey
U: Tom Zaluke, Larry Graves, Jerry Braden, Bryan Potter

January 10

7:30 am

- EM: Denise Pool, John Fiocco, Carolyn Schellert, Rich Molitor, Janice Kardasz, Bill Key
L: Karen Wappelhorst, Peggy Dupree
GB: Phyllis Zerr, Dot Welge
S: Eleanor & Max Hahn, Mary Grace Becker
U: Ed Rabbitt, Walt Reel, Frank Marquart, Larry Gassei

January 10

9:30 am

- EM: Doug Norton, Chris Richter, Bob & Irene Caldwell, Laura Orf, Mary Keune, Chris Aulbach, Joe Faron Sr.
L: Don & Susan Hladky
GB: Alan & Marsha Raymond
S: Liam Grady, Daniel Mallinckrodt, Maggie Molitor
U: Chris & Justin Molitor, Shaun Sweetin, Terry Schneider, Dave DeBold, **one more please**

January 10

11:15 am

- EM: Tom & Christine Haun, Sharon Smith, Jim & Theresa Risch, Elaine Sudbrock
L: Grant Smith, Patrice Riley
GB: Meade & Pat Foster
S: Lindsay & Madelyn Bouquet
U: Todd Neihouse, Glen Taylor, **2 more please**

St. Louis Marian Conference

The 17th St. Louis Marian Conference will be held on Jan. 15, 16, 17, 2016 at the Renaissance Hotel, 9801 Natural Bridge, St. Louis, MO 63134. This spiritual weekend includes inspiring speakers, Holy Mass, Adoration Chapel and Confession. Scott Kennebeck, Executive Director of the St. Louis Cathedral Concerts will sing and lead the Liturgy.

Confirmed speakers are:

- Fr. Christopher Collins, SJ;
Fr. David Gunter, MIC; Judy Klein;
Fr. Mark Mary, Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ;
Fr. Tom Sullivan, CPM; Fr. Charles Becker;
Msgr. John J. Hickel; Fr. Mark Whelan, SOLT;
Community of Cenacolo America.

Enclose a copy of this bulletin notice for \$5.00 discount. Call [314 423-1075](tel:3144231075). Complete details may be found on our website: www.stlmarianconference.net With hotel reservation waive youth age 12-25 conference registration fee. Hotel [314 429-1100](tel:3144291100) for reservation at \$79.00.

The Amazon Smile Program

If you purchase gifts or other items online through Amazon, there is a way to send a kickback to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Please check out the website for more information, ihm-newmelle.org.

Please note: It is getting much more difficult to find a priest to cover Masses when Father Tom is away. **With that in mind, we have decided to adjust the time for the remaining Parish Missionary Disciples class dates. ONLY on the following dates we will have Mass at 7:30 instead of 8:00: Thursday, January 14; Thursday, February 11; Wednesday, March 9**

Venturing Crew Calendar Sales

IHM Venturing Crew 2856 would like to thank our parishioners for supporting our recent calendar sales. With your help, we were able to raise \$500 towards our goal! Thank you for your generosity! We still have a few calendars left which will be available until January 4, 2016. Send an email to ihmcrew2856@gmail.com if interested.

Venturing is a BSA youth-led program for male & female youth ages 14 -20. Activities are initiated by the crew members and supported by trained adult leaders. It is open to any youth from IHM or the surrounding area. If interested, please contact ihmcrew2856@gmail.com.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the next few weeks, if you were to stroll around Prague or Budapest or Kraków, you might see curious grafitti scratched in chalk over some doorways: "20 + C + M + B + 16." The families dwelling behind those doors have celebrated the Epiphany door blessing. They have gathered before the feast-day meal, probably after Mass, and the head of the family has traced the sign of the cross on the piece of chalk. Standing on a ladder, the leader traces the numbers for the new year, and the letters C M B for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, Latin for "May Christ bless this house." The letters also point to the names that tradition has assigned to the mysterious magi, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar—although scripture tells us nothing of their number, their country, or their names.

The blessing speaks of journeys ended and journeys begun at the doorway, and prays that all journeys be as satisfying as was the magi's. It prays that the house beyond the door have the quality of love and peace that the magi marveled at when they at last arrived in Bethlehem. In some countries where the Soviet Union

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Future Events

- ☒ Please make a note of the Mass schedule for the Christmas season on another page in this bulletin.
- ☒ The Ecumenical Epiphany Concert, The Cavalcade of Choirs, will take place at IHM on Sunday, Jan. 3 at 2:00 pm. A reception will follow in the Grand Hall. All are invited to attend this gathering of the New Melle area choirs, friends and families!
- ☒ Venture Crew will meet in the trailer on Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 4 and 5, at 6:30 pm.
- ☒ The Bible study groups and PSR will start their 2016 sessions on Wednesday Jan. 6.
- ☒ There will be a blood drive on Thursday, Jan. 7 at 2:30 in Founders Hall.
- ☒ The Knights of Columbus will sponsor their monthly breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 10 from 8:00 to 11:00 am in Founders Hall.
- ☒ The Marian Council will meet in Weber Hall on Tuesday Jan. 12.
- ☒ Choir rehearsals will start up again on Thursday, Jan. 7 at 7:00 pm. The bell choir will not meet again until Monday, Jan. 11, and the children's choir will start again on Tuesday, Jan. 12.
- ☒ The Contemporary Group will provide music for the 11:15 Mass on Sunday, January 31.

Sunday TV Mass For the Homebound

Is someone you love unable to join us at church during this holy time of Christmas? **Sunday Mass, KTVI channel 2.2 at 9:00 a.m.** Mass is also online at www.HearthoftheNation.org. For those who can get to church, the TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation.

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tried to impose a harsh atheism, the vigor of this household custom survived all efforts to erase Christian customs. In the years of struggle, the chalked blessings were a pervasive sign of defiance, and now in the light of new freedoms, they are a sign of the resilience of our tradition and the fulfillment of the magi's quest for meaning and peace.

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Out and About

Just for fun

- **Trivia night (Super Hero theme) to benefit Our Lady's Inn**, held at Chaminade College Prep School Atrium, 425 South Lindbergh, STL, MO 63131. **Saturday, January 16, 2016** - Doors open at 6:30 p.m., trivia starts at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person /\$200 per table of 8. Price includes 2 free drinks per person! Light snacks will be provided. Mulligans, raffle items and silent auction. For more information or to register visit: www.ourladysinn.org or call Amy Rager @ 314-736-1544. All proceeds from the event will benefit Our Lady's Inn, an emergency shelter for homeless pregnant women and their children.
- **MOUSE RACES** Knights of Columbus Bishop John Wurm Assembly are hosting their annual Mouse Races on Saturday, January 16, 2016 at St Rose Philippine Duchesne Hall. Doors open at 6 p.m., races start at 7 p.m. \$15 per person (\$20 at door) includes beer, soda and pretzels. Brats & dogs available at nominal prices. Chuck-a-luck, Rat Races and attendance prizes. For info or early bird tickets call Bob at [314-550-5878](tel:314-550-5878) or email ratpack6@att.net. Proceeds help support Knights of Columbus Charities.
- **Events at St. Theodore in Flint Hill: January 2: Co-ed Dartball Tournament** contact Jeff @ [314-560-4861](tel:314-560-4861); **Chicken Fry**, Jan.8, supporting St. Theodore School; **January 16- Euchre Tournament** starts at 7:00 KC Bar
- **Pro Life Square Dance** Be a square and support Pro Life. Gather your friends to have a good time dancing and laughing. Beer, soda, and snack mix provided. Feel free to bring your own drinks and snacks to enjoy with your friends. (You do **not** need to know how to square dance!) Come and swing your partner at the OLS Square Dance!!! **Saturday, February 6 Our Lady of Sorrows Parish "Faenger Hall" 5030 Rhodes Avenue, St. Louis, 63109** Doors will open at 7 pm. with dancing from 7:30 till 10:30. Cost: \$15.00/person Reservations are not required. Questions??? Contact Randy @ [314-651-8745](tel:314-651-8745) or John/Mary @ [314-832-0302](tel:314-832-0302) It will be the best time you have had being square!!!(Proceeds benefit local Pro-Life organizations)

Opportunities

- **Invitation to Divorced and Separated Catholics: Divorce Survival Guide.** The 12-week DVD program features Catholic experts and lay men and women who have struggled with these questions and share their journey to healing. Topics include denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, the kids, the ex-spouse, spirituality, annulment and much more. Immaculate Conception – Dardenne parish is hosting the program beginning January 7, 2016. Contact Debi at debijo@att.net or 314.276.3859 for more information.
- **Breaking the Chains of Human Trafficking Symposium**, free and open to the public, on Tues., Jan. 12th, 2016, from 8:15 to 1 pm, at the Spencer Branch Library, 427 Spencer Rd., St. Peters. Key note, 3 breakout sessions, free food, information and handouts. SAVE THE DATE! Sponsored by the St. Charles Coalition Against Human Trafficking (SCCAT) and paid for by a grant from AAUW. For more information, contact: ehogan@cpps-ofallon.org, [636-248-1117](tel:636-248-1117) or apatriciashores@att.net, [636-938-3958](tel:636-938-3958).

LOOKING IN THE RIGHT PLACES

"Appearances can be deceiving," as the saying goes. As we celebrate the *epiphania*, the "appearing" of the eternal Word of God on earth, this is still true.

What rapturous foresight must have filled Isaiah as he wrote the words we hear today. How, for four hundred years, they must have filled the hearts of the people of Israel with hope for the day when God's glory would shine on them. How deceived some must have felt when the glory of God came to them in the lowliest and humblest of human lives.

We have many expectations about how the divine presence will appear among us. But we can also set ourselves up, through these expectations, to miss the divine glory when it truly appears. We get caught up in looking for the star, forgetting that the star is not the divine sign, the babe is. It may take a persistent journey for us to come upon the true appearance of God's glory in our lives: Jesus Christ.

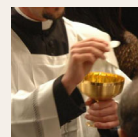


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Communion Calls

If you are unable to get to Mass because of illness or disability but would like to receive communion, please contact the parish office. **Hospitalization** If you are hospitalized, we would like to know. Please call the office or ask a friend to call for you if necessary. Parish office: 636-398-5270



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