

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

New Melle, Missouri



February 15, 2015

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me,
for the sake of your name.*
Entrance antiphon

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- Chaplet of
 Divine Mercy and Benediction

Reconciliation

Wednesday in church, 7:30 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**

Immaculate Heart of Mary

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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 6:00 pm.

This Week's Events:

Crossroads Pro-Life Group to speak at all Masses this weekend.

Sunday, February 15

8:30 am, 10:30 am

Doughnut Sunday in Weber Hall,
sponsored by the Welcoming Committee

Monday, February 16

4:00 pm

Girl Scouts, Weber Hall

6:30 pm

Scouts, Founders Hall

6:30 pm

CPR Class in Weber Hall

for those who have registered

Bell Choir Rehearsal, church

7:00 pm

Tuesday, February 17

**The Early Bird Drawing for the sausage dinner raffle tickets
will take place today!**

9:00 am and 5:30 pm

Exercise Classes, Grand Hall Foyer

6:30 pm

Children's Choir and Chimes, Church

7:00 pm

Crossroads

7:00 pm

Knights of Columbus, Founders Hall

Wednesday, February 18

Ash Wednesday

8:00 am

Mass, distribution of ashes; church

6:00 pm

PSR Classes, Founders Hall and Weber Hall

6:00 pm

Acts of the Apostles, Bible Study, Grand Hall

7:00 pm

Mass, distribution of ashes; church

Thursday, February 19

8:30 am

Legion of Mary, Founders Hall

9:00 am and 5:30 pm

Exercise Classes, Grand Hall Foyer

6:30 pm

Symbolon Group, Weber Hall

6:30 pm

Scouts, Founders Hall

7:00 pm

Choir rehearsal, Church

Friday, February 20

8:30 am

Quilters, Weber Hall

Saturday, February 21

8:00 am

Mass followed by confession, church

7:00 pm

Knights of Columbus Horse Races

Grand Hall; doors open at 6:00

Join the Holy Father's Prayer Intentions For February

Universal: That prisoners, especially the young may be able to rebuild lives of dignity. **Evangelization:** That married people who are separated may find welcome and support in the Christian community.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 14

8:00 am Mimi Ferguson +
4:00 pm Sadie and Caesar Rashid

Sunday, February 15

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Erma Guinn +
11:15 am James McGrath +

Monday, February 16

8:00 am Dan and Linda Smith
Caesar and Sadie Rashid

Tuesday, February 17

8:00 am Roger and Vicky Brink
Pat and Dave Gentry

Wednesday, February 18

8:00 am Helen Orf +
7:00 pm All Souls Intentions

Thursday, February 19

8:00 am Ed Szostek +

Friday, February 20

8:00 am Edward Reifsteck +

Saturday, February 21

8:00 am Joe Sinopole +
4:00 pm Special Intention

Sunday, February 22

7:30 am Steve Seper +
9:30 am Rosemary Ralls +
11:15 am People of the Parish
Bob Barnard +

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21;
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b,
9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22;
Mk 1:12-15



Saints and Special Observances

Tuesday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order;

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence;
Almsgiving

Friday: Abstinence

Saturday: St. Peter Damian

Parish Organizations

Scouting Units

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Quilters

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St. Vincent DePaul

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

MEDITATION ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

A diseased man came to Jesus, knelt down, and begged him for help...Jesus was filled with pity, and reached out and touched him. At once the disease left the man. The man went away and began to spread the news everywhere.

Mark 1:40-42,45

Jesus' miracles made people take notice. They were "signs," proclaiming that something historic was happening. They were "signs," proclaiming that Jesus was setting in motion the long-awaited Kingdom of God. And what was this Kingdom of God? It was a new world order in which love would replace hate, concern would replace apathy, light would replace darkness, and life would replace death. It was a new world order in which God's will is to be done "on earth as it is in heaven." What is one way my personal life reflects to those around me the new world order that Jesus began?

I alone control the inner switch that can make a light in our world.

Mark Link S.J. Mission

The Holy Season of Lent

Dear Parishioners,

As we approach the Holy Season of Lent I would like to share with you the various opportunities for personal growth that are available here at IHM. While I am tempted to say spiritual growth, it is more than that. We are all striving for personal growth and maturation as disciples of Jesus Christ. Much of that happens in the realm of our spiritual pursuits, but it is not limited to that. Personal growth embraces every aspect of our being, but it is fueled and focused by an awareness of the primacy of the spiritual in our lives. Here are some of the varied opportunities that Lent affords us.

- **Disciple Maker Index On-line Survey** I mentioned this earlier this year at the end of the Christmas season. It is exciting that we have been selected by the Archbishop to participate in this program. This study requires as many parishioners as possible completing a 10-15 minute survey online. The survey will only be available from February 17 to March 10 and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on what efforts the parish is doing to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation** I will be offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings throughout the Lenten season from 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM. If it's been a while, please know that I am happy to walk you through the Sacrament. It is not an easy Sacrament to celebrate for many, but it is the most humbling one for me to celebrate as a priest. Many are tempted to think that I see people only at their worst when they come to the Sacrament, but the opposite is true. I see you at your best as you seek God's mercy. His mercy far surpasses any of our sins, and His healing is greater than any of our wounds.
- **Daily Mass:** Prepare your hearts for the Risen Christ by celebrating the mystery of His Passion, Death and Resurrection with our daily Mass community. One of the best fruits of daily Mass is the deepening awareness of Our Lord's humble gift of Himself to each of us. God calls us to communion through Him, with Him and in Him. Jesus is our path to communion with Our Father, the Holy Spirit and our neighbors.
- **Eucharistic Adoration:** Monday morning through Friday at noon Our Lord is adored in our chapel. This is not something limited to Lent, but Lent is a good time to consider praying in our chapel once a week for a hour before His mysterious presence. While we can find Our Lord in a variety of ways because He is so present and available to us, the Eucharist is the only Sacrament where He abides with us. Every Sacrament is an encounter with Our Risen Lord, but in the Blessed Sacrament He is present to us in a way that surpasses all the rest. The combination to our chapel door is **145**.
- **Thursday Prayer Sessions:** On the Thursdays of Lent I will be hosting prayer sessions in Stoltz Grand Hall. The sessions will begin at 7:00 and run about an hour to an hour and a half. You need not attend all of them, though it might be helpful when I have some prayer experiences that may be covered over a few weeks. My plan is to make these times together informative and practical. More than anything else, encouraging and fostering your relationship with God is my greatest desire as a pastor.
- **Stations of the Cross:** Every Friday of Lent we will have Stations of the Cross in our chapel at 7:00 PM. This wonderful devotion given to us by God through the love of St. Francis of Assisi invites us to reflect on the Passion and Death of Jesus. We are called to walk with Jesus and witness His life offered up for our Redemption. On Good Friday the Stations will be in church and in the afternoon at 1:00 pm.
- **BestLentever.com:** Join Matthew Kelly, the best-selling Catholic author in America, on a life-changing journey through your Best Lent Ever. Each week, participants will receive short videos and inspiration from Matthew that explain the genius of Catholicism and empower them to become the best-version-of-themselves. It's simple and completely FREE, the only cost is your commitment to live better each day this Lent.

One note of caution- it's better to pick one thing to do well than to try and undertake too many things that are done poorly. The Lord is not looking for us to become spiritual busy-bodies during Lent, but to develop hearts that are more attentive and responsive to His grace. There are so many opportunities, pray and discern well as we enter into this season of grace.

Peace,
Fr. Tom

The month of February is devotionally dedicated to the Holy Family. As we strive to live out the Holy Father's dedication of the Year to Consecrated Life and the Archdiocesan focus on a Year of Prayer, consider ways that your personal or extended family can gather to pray, especially for vocations. There is a traveling icon in the parish for families that will help encourage this. Keep an eye out for details.



FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN REGULATIONS

Then to all, Christ said, "Whoever wishes to be my follower must deny his very self, take up his cross each day, and follow in my steps." (Lk 9:23)

The Church has always helped us fulfill these words of Jesus by prescribing very definite penance for all Catholics. Accordingly, the Pope and the American Bishops have outlined obligatory fast and abstinence as follows:

Ash Wednesday (February 18) and Good Friday (April 3) are days of abstinence for all Catholics over the age of 14. On these two days, fast, as well as abstinence, is also obligatory for those from the ages of 18-59. Abstinence means abstinence from meat. Fast means one full meal a day, with two smaller meals and nothing between meals (liquids are permitted). No Catholic will lightly excuse himself or herself from this obligation.

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Here again Catholics will not hold themselves lightly excused, but if there is a serious health problem, this obligation would not apply.

We should strive to make all days of Lent a time of prayer and penance.



Dynamic Catholic, Alive! - Liturgical Seasons

With the season of Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday, you may be wondering about the liturgical year. The liturgical year begins in Advent, and consists of six liturgical seasons:

Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time after Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time after Pentecost. "In the liturgical year the Church celebrates the whole mystery of Christ from his Incarnation to his return in glory." (*Compendium*, 242). Quiz: Do you know the liturgical colors that are worn for each season, as well as on Palm Sunday and Pentecost?

archstl.org/dynamic

Put these dates on your calendar:

Please see Fr. Tom's article for sacramental dates and times during Lent.

Holy Week (March 29 through April 5, 2015)

Palm Sunday Masses are scheduled as usual- 4:00 pm on Saturday night; 7:30, 9:30, 11:15 am on Sunday morning

The Seder Meal will take place on Palm Sunday evening; time to be determined

Thursday, Friday and Saturday of Holy Week- morning prayer in the church at 8:00 am

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper and foot washing - 7:00 PM in the church

Good Friday stations of the Cross- 1:00 pm in the church

Good Friday service and veneration of the Cross - 7:00 pm in the church

Easter Vigil- 8:00 pm in the church

Easter Sunday morning- Masses at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:15 am



NEWS FROM HOME



Stewardship

February 16, 2015

St. Joseph Chapel "Heavenly Dusters"

Therese Hussey

The "Heavenly Dusters" schedule needs to be updated. Please call the office if you have changed your information. We also have a few slots to fill so if you are able to help, please call the parish office.

Collection figures for Sunday, February 8

General Offertory: \$8058.00

Online-General Offering: \$2771.00

Total: \$10,829.00

Try Electronic Offertory

Those who are pledging for the "Many Gifts. One Heart" new debt reduction campaign should mark their envelopes with the correct 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.ihm-newmelle.org

St. Vincent DePaul Society

Items needed for the food pantry: Jelly, chili beans, canned meats, Coffee, sugar, oil, bleach, trash bags, Kleenex, paper towels, shave cream.

Memorial tribute and healing cards are available. The order forms can be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

St. Vincent dePaul meetings are held in the pantry on the second Thursday of each month.

CHECK IT OUT ..for youth and young adults

Crossroads- Feb. 17 at Culpepper's in O'Fallon; for anyone, married or single, in their 20's or 30's

YDisciple-YDinner- Wednesday, March 4 in the Grand Hall; 6:00 pm; for high school students and their families

What's Your Catholic IQ?

1. The Jewish holiday that celebrates events in the life of the Maccabees is

- (a) Hanukkah; (b) Macarena;
(c) Rosh Hashanah; (d) Passover

2. Which school did Father Tom Miller not attend?

- a) Elsberry Grade and High School
b) Truman State University
c) University of Minnesota Program of Mortuary Science
d) Saint Louis University
e) Kenrick Seminary

3. In the Bible, "Zion" is another word for

- (a) Eden; (b) hell; (c) the Old Testament; (d) Jerusalem

4. Of the names listed below, the one who is not acknowledged as an Old Testament prophet is

- (a) Jeremiah; (b) Isaiah; (c) Levi; (d) Ezekiel

5. Mary's freedom from sin from the moment she was conceived in her mother's womb is the dogma of the

- (a) Assumption; (b) Ascension;
(c) Annunciation; (d) Immaculate Conception

6. The Church celebrates the birthday of Mary on

- (a) September 8; (b) December 8; (c) March 25; (d) July 4

7. The famous statue of Jesus on top of a mountain 14,000 feet above sea level, between Argentina and Chile, is known as

- (a) Panis Angelicus; (b) Christ of the Andes;
(c) the Risen Lord; (d) Chi Rho

8. A ciborium is a

- (a) vessel used for hosts at Mass;
(b) goblet used for wine at Mass;
(c) distinctive hat worn by the pope;
(d) Muslim call to prayer

9. The Gospel writer whose symbol is a winged ox is

- (a) Luke; (b) Mark; (c) Peter; (d) Thomas

10. The last Sunday of the liturgical year is called the feast of

- (a) the Annunciation; (b) Thanksgiving;
(c) Advent; (d) Christ the King

Answers on the next page →

Ash Wednesday is this coming Wednesday, February 18, 2015. Ashes will be distributed at both Masses, 8:00 am and 7:00 pm.



Youth Conference: Steubenville Mid-America: July 17-19

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH:

Plans are underway to attend the Steubenville Mid-America Youth Conference in Springfield, Missouri on July 17-19.

The conference fills up / sells out quickly, so group registration comes early---
starting February 11.

If you are interested in joining the group from IHM, contact Janet Hespen ASAP at 636-398-6420.

Visit <http://stlyouth.org/steubenville> for more info.

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

...a time to die...

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Catherine Landolt,

former parishioner of IHM;

Sallie Bauer, daughter of Larry Ferguson;

Marie Kloppel, aunt of Jim and Barb Schmitz;

John B. Lafaver, husband of Clyola Lafaver;

James McGrath,

brother of Joan and Deacon Tony Falbo.

May they rest in the peace of Christ.



THANK YOU!

All too often we forget to express appreciation to those in service-oriented jobs, including priests, sisters and brothers. We forget because we think, "It's their job to help." Priests and religious aren't super-human. They need genuine support from those they serve. Let them know how you feel.



MUSICIAN WANTED:

The **Sisters of the Most Precious Blood of O'Fallon, MO** have an immediate opening for a **Minister of Music and Liturgy**. The position is part-time. Requirements include experience playing and accompanying parish liturgies, suitable voice for cantoring, basic keyboard, organ and instrumental skills and the ability to read music. Experience working with the elderly is a plus. Candidates must be able to work a flexible schedule due to job responsibilities. A full job description is available at www.cpps-ofallon.org. Please e-mail resume and references by **April 25, 2014**.

missionadvancement@cpps-ofallon.org or by mail to: Sisters of the Most Precious Blood, Attn: Mission Advancement, 204 North Main Street, O'Fallon, MO 63366.

LENTEN PRAYER

From Deacon Chris-

As we begin the season of Lent we would like to emphasize this season of prayer and healing by inviting you to add your personal prayers to those of the our entire community. Please look for a container on the table in the narthex where you can place your prayer requests. This Lent we ask everyone in our community to pray for all of them. Lent is a special time of the year for us as a community to pray for each other and to prepare ourselves for the Glorious Resurrection.



ANSWERS TO CATHOLIC IQ

1. (a) Celebrated in December, Hanukkah is an eight-day festival that commemorates the miracle of the multiplication of lamp oil after the Maccabees cleansed the Temple from defilement (see 1 Maccabees 4:36-59).
2. (c) While Fr. Tom is noted for his care and prayer for the dying and the deceased, and while he frequently works with funeral homes, mortician school was not on his resume as preparation for his priesthood.
3. (d) Zion, also known as the "city of David," is the name of the hill on which Jerusalem was built. The two words—Zion and Jerusalem—are often used interchangeably.
4. (c) Levi is one of the 12 sons of Jacob. He is the one for whom the priestly tribe of Levi is named.
5. (d) According to early tradition, Mary's mother's name was Anne (or Hannah). However, she is not named in the Scriptures. (Nor is the name of Mary's father mentioned in Scripture. According to tradition, he was called Joachim.) Many people erroneously confuse Mary's Immaculate Conception with the virgin birth of Jesus.
6. (a) Mary's birthday is celebrated on September 8, nine months after the celebration of her Immaculate Conception (December 8).
7. (b) The statue, dedicated in March 1904, commemorates the peaceful settlement of a nineteenth-century conflict between the two Latin American countries.
8. (a) The vessel is also used to hold the reserved hosts in the tabernacle.
9. (a) The winged ox is the symbol of St. Luke because of his emphasis on Jesus' sacrificial priesthood. The winged symbols for the four Evangelists—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John—are based on biblical visions recounted in Ezekiel 1:4-10 and Revelation 4:6-9.
10. (d) The glorious triumph of Christ's kingship is emphasized on the last Sunday of the Church year.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Marion Mueller

Patricia Rudolf

Shirley McDonald

Diane Bocklage

Jack Hitt

Steve Geldien

Dave Hendrix

Ted Feldewerth

Kenneth McCauley

Jolene Molitor

Mary Ann Brakensiek

Michael Candrl and his family

Linda Candrl and her family

Tom Miller

Sadie Rashid

John, who has had back surgery

Erin and her two kids, one of whom is very ill;

Mike who had a liver replacement

Keri and Jesse Knopp and their unborn baby

Patricia Prongue

Jack who is battling cancer

Janet Hespen's Dad
Walt, and his family

Ann Fitzgerald

Susan Van Booven

Terri Guernsey

Melissa Van Hoy

Al Bamert

Jo-nell Falcon

Nancy Hollenstein

Charlie Grady

John and his family

Ed Gray

Denny Steinmeyer

Mildred Riley

Ed Rabbit

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

February 21 4:00

EM: Mary Jean Hartenbach, Karen Wilson, Dave & Judy Hendrix, Walt & Jan Karase

L: Jan Messig, Derek Arnzen

GB: Loretta Bruns, Judy Cova

S: Jessica & Jorja Spivey

U: Larry Graves, Tom Zaleuke, Bryan Potter, Bill Pollihan

February 22 7:30

EM: Walt & Jean Reel, Rich Molitor, Michelle Greiwe, Ed & Carol Rabbitt

L: Karen Wappelhorst, Chuck Kettler

GB: Frank & Jan Kardasz

S: Paige & Genny Greiwe

U: Larry Gassei, Gary Potter, Frank Marquart,

volunteer please

February 22 9:30

EM: Tom & Laura Holstein, Terry & Marcia Schneider, Mary Keune, Debi Orf, Walter & Nancy Hollenstein

L: Joseph & Hannah Aulbach

GB: Ron Riley Family

S: Ellen Aulbach, **2 volunteers please**

U: Dave DeBold, Jim Blondin, Justin Molitor, Gary Struckhoff, John Bossert, Stan Kostecki

February 22 11:15

EM: Linda Ginther, Nancy Ast, Tim & Suzanne Michaelree, Jim & Theresa Risch

L: Tim Beerman, Patrice Riley

GB: Chris & Kat Menne

S: Maggie Molitor, Jordan Randell

U: Todd Neihouse, Glen Taylor, **volunteer please**

Annual Infertility Support Mass

If you or someone you know has experienced infertility, please join us for an evening of prayer and fellowship on Thursday, February 19, 2015 at the Cardinal Rigali Center. Mass will be celebrated in the chapel by Archbishop Robert J. Carlson, followed by refreshments in the Sister Ebo Room. Call the Office of Natural Family Planning [314-997-7576](tel:314-997-7576) or visit www.archstl.org/naturalfamilyplanning

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 Lighthouse Catholic CD – Pamphlet Rack: *Narthex*



A great video to watch as a family in which a true “pro-life” message stands out is Dr. Seuss’s “Horton Hears a Who.” The theme of the video is striking when compared to the cultural battles and questions we face today- “When is a person a person?” At what stage does a person acquire rights? What type of research can be undertaken on a human being in the embryonic stage? If a majority of contraceptive pills operate by not allowing a person in its earliest stages to attach to a woman’s womb, what does this entail morally? Knowing that it is a scientific fact (not a matter of faith) that human life begins at conception, what is our responsibility to safeguard this gift? *Horton Hears a Who* gives a resounding cry to life as only elephant Horton “who has the ears to hear” can recognize the teeming life in what seems to be but a little speck of dust. Several times throughout the show, a rhyme concludes..... “A person’s a person no matter how small.” This is a message everyone needs to be reminded of, if for any other reason than because all of us began as persons “as a person that small”.



From the Parish Library – Stoltz Grand Hall – Lower Level

The Exorcist of the 21st Century is a very well made documentary following the path of the only exorcist in the whole of Spain, Fr. Jose Antonio Fortea, who is a man of great wisdom and eloquence, presents to us the forgotten world of exorcisms and the continued battle that mankind faces with the invisible forces of darkness. We are taken in a step by step manner into the world of the demonic and taught the many ways, situations and events that can lead to a demonic influence i.e., primarily through occultism, neo-paganism and witchcraft. Captured in a compelling and dramatic fashion, the on-camera casting out of demons is every bit as disturbing as anything Hollywood could conjure up. And the bonus footage of a real-life exorcism is a must-view for anyone interested in this subject. The documentary is 80 minutes long with 114 minutes of bonus features.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



“There’ll always be prayer in schools as long as there are tests.”

from *Joyful Noiseletter.com*
Reprinted with permission of Bil Keane

Year of Prayer: Wisdom from *The Family Circus*

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



“...and, Lord, help me pray slower without rushing to get done amen.”

from *The Joyful Noiseletter*
Reprinted with permission of Bil Keane

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: The Sisters of the Most Precious Blood are preparing for their 170th Birthday Celebration Dinner Auction on March 28, 2015 at Old Hickory Golf Club in St. Peters, Missouri. Proceeds from the auction benefit the Sisters and their missions. To donate, call the Mission Advancement Office at [636-240-6010](tel:636-240-6010).

HEALING THROUGH FORGIVENESS; with Father Richard McAlear OMI; A healing service is included in the seminar. March 13 - 14, 2015 at the Cardinal Rigali Center. To register call 314-427-7786 or online at archstl.org/renewal

TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS Any Catholic family wishing to apply for tuition assistance through the Archdiocese for the 2015-2016 school year must submit a "FACTS" application. Applications may be obtained from the parish office or <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Online applications are encouraged! Students must attend an Archdiocesan or Parochial Elementary School or an Archdiocesan or Parochial High School to be eligible. The due date for the application is March 15, 2015 and must include a copy of your 2014 Income Tax Return and 2014 W2s. The Catholic Education Center appreciates the support of the ACA and all of its donors.

IHM PRO-LIFE MEETING

The IHM Pro-Life Committee will have a meeting at 7pm on Mon, Feb. 16 in the Grand Hall. All members of the parish are invited to attend. Prior to the meeting, we will say the rosary at 6:30 pm in St. Joseph's Chapel.

The Pro-Life Committee is looking for additional members, so, if you have a passion for the protection of human life, please prayerfully consider joining this ministry. If you would like any information about the pro-life ministry, please call Bill Winters at [636-828-4133](tel:636-828-4133).

CPR CLASS, free of charge; here at IHM. The class will take place on Monday, February 16 at 6:30 pm in Weber Hall. CPR for adults, children and infants will be covered. Please call the parish office to register at 636-398-5270 or email secretary@ihm-newmelle.org.

Parish Office: 636-398-5270

Future Events



Applebee's Restaurant will donate 15% of your check on the third Thursday of the month if you request it. Thursday, February 19.



Pro-Life Meeting; Monday, Feb. 16 at 7:00 pm in the Grand Hall.



CPR Class in Weber Hall on Monday, Feb. 16 starting at 6:30 pm; free of charge. Please call the parish office to register.



The next Knights of Columbus meeting will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 17 in Founders Hall.



K of C Horse Races; Saturday, Feb. 21 in the Grand Hall; see the bulletin insert for more information.



The next Baptism Class will take place in Weber Hall on Monday, Feb. 23 at 7:00 pm. Please call the parish office to register.



Week of Feb. 23: Founders Hall set-up for the Spring Sausage Dinner; see the sign up sheet in the narthex



Treasure Hunt; where? At your house! Why? Because they'll be needed for the Country Store on sausage dinner day! Don't forget to donate little treasures and trinkets the morning of March 1, Sausage Dinner Day! Possible items include jewelry, small baked goods, books, picture frames, houseplants, little crafts.



Pork Sausage Dinner, here at IHM; please see the flyer for information.

Catholic Women for Christ, 6th Annual Conference

Be who God meant you to be, and you will set the world on fire. St. Catherine of Siena
Saturday, March 21, 2015; St. Charles Convention Center

Doors open 7:45 am; Keynote 9:00 am; Mass 4:00 pm

Speakers include: **Teresa Tomeo**, Syndicated Catholic talk show host and motivational speaker and **Brenda Sharman**, Founding National Director of Pure Fashion

Registration Fees: \$45 during Jan. and Feb; \$50 after Feb. 28; High school and College Women \$15;

Lunch is included with all registrations

Call 314-792-7183

CatholicWomenforChrist.org

Out and About Breakfasts and Dinners

- **FRIED CHICKEN DINNER AT FRIEDENS PEACE UCC**; Sunday, Feb. 15 from noon to 6:00 pm; potatoes and gravy, green beans, cornbread, baked beans, coleslaw, dessert; country store and crafts; adults- \$10, children 6 to 11- \$5; all carry outs are \$10
- **SAUSAGE & PANCAKE BREAKFAST** at St. Pat's in Wentzville; on Sunday February 15 from 7:30 am – 12:30 pm. Also serving, biscuits, sausage gravy, scrambled eggs, juice & coffee. **Adults \$7, Children 5-12 \$3, Children under 5 Free.** Proceeds will benefit the Spirit of ACTS Men's and Women's Retreat Fund. [\(636\) 332-9225](tel:6363329225)

Just for fun

- **PATRIOTIC NIGHT OF TRIVIA** - St. Paul School Gym, St. Paul, MO; Saturday, February 28. Doors Open 6:30pm, Trivia starts at 7pm ; \$160 per table of 8, Complimentary beer, snacks, and soda; [314-800-5702](tel:3148005702)
- **ST. DOMINIC HIGH SCHOOL MARCH MADNESS ALUMNI BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT** Friday March 13 - Sunday , March 15, 2015 and Friday March 20 – Sunday March 22, 2015. Men's and Women's teams forming. **Participants must be 21. Classes may combine and team up but all players must be alumni.** NET PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP FUND. go to <http://www.stdominichs.org/alumni-basketball.html> to download the registration form.
- **EUCHRE TOURNAMENT** sponsored by St. Joseph Knights of Columbus will be held on Sat., Feb. 14 at 7pm at St. Joseph School, 1410 Josephville Rd., Wentzville. Cost is \$10. Keep your partner. For more info call Ralph Orf at [636-485-5306](tel:6364855306).

Opportunities

- **CARMELITE SISTERS- Lenten Holiness Retreat: "A Heart for Worship" - March 6-8, 2015** for young women ages 17-29 who desire to grow in holiness and spend time with Carmelite Sisters D.C.J. More information available at www.carmelitedcj.org/retreats.asp; To register contact Sr. Mary Michael, Carmel DCJ: [\(314\)-965-7616](tel:3149657616) or vocations@carmelitedcj.org; Location of both events: 10341 Manchester Rd. Kirkwood, MO 63122

PERMANENT DIACONATE INFORMATION NIGHT

Do you feel called to do something special for your Church? If so a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate might be for you. Towards that end, the Office of the Permanent Diaconate is asking that interested men attend one of two Information Nights to begin exploring a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate. The Information Nights will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 and Thursday, March 12. Wives of men considering this vocation are strongly encouraged to attend. For more information please contact Fr. Tom, Deacon Chris, the Diaconate web site at www.archstl.org/diaconateoffice or contact Deacon Dale Follen at the Office of the Permanent Diaconate at 314.792.7433 or by e-mail at dalefollen@archstl.org.

IHM FISH FRY, FEATURING DELICIOUS BREADED HADDOCK

On these Fridays in the spring: March 6, 13, 20, 27
Serving from 4:30 to 7:00 pm in Founders Hall

- Large Dinner (includes 4 sides)- \$11.00
- Fish sandwich dinner (includes 2 sides)- \$9.50
- Regular Dinner (includes 2 sides) - \$9.00
- A la carte fish sandwich- \$7.00
- A la carte fish- \$6.00
- Mac & Cheese dinner (with 2 sides)- \$5.00
- A la carte mac & cheese- \$3.00

All dinners include:

- a roll
 - dessert
 - beverage (choice of iced tea, lemonade or coffee)
- Beer, wine and soda will be available for purchase

And here's what we need from you- Please volunteer to help! The sign-up sheets are in the narthex now!



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