

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

New Melle, Missouri



November 30, 2014
First Sunday of Advent

Be watchful!
Be alert!
You do not know
when the time will come.

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

Sunday, November 30

9:30 am

10:30 am

Children's liturgy during Mass
Children's Choir after Mass,
in the church by the piano
Reconciliation, church

7:00 pm

Monday, December 1

6:30 pm

Protecting God's Children Class,
Weber Hall

6:30 pm

7:00 pm

7:00 pm

Scouts, Founders Hall
Bell choir rehearsal, church

No reconciliation this evening

Tuesday, December 2

9:00 am and 5:30 pm

Exercise classes, Grand Hall Foyer
Reconciliation, church

7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 3

6:00 pm

PSR Classes, Founders Hall and Weber Hall
Acts of the Apostles, Bible Study, Grand Hall
Reconciliation, church

6:00 pm

7:00 pm

Thursday, December 4

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

7:00 pm

Choir rehearsal, Church

7:00 pm

Venturing Crew, trailer

Friday, December 5

8:30 am

Quilters, Weber Hall

Saturday, December 6

8:00 am

Mass followed by confession, church

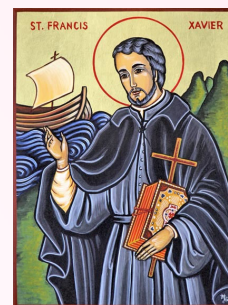
Saints for the week:

Wednesday: St. Francis Xavier

Thursday: St. John Damascene

Friday: First Friday of the month

Saturday: St. Nicholas; First Saturday



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 29

8:00 am Carol Simon +
Joseph Sinopole +
4:00 pm Judy Ulery +
Ed Szostek +

Sunday, November 30

7:30 am Herbert O. Fine +
9:30 am Shawn Grady +
Shirley Watts +
11:15 am People of the Parish

Monday, December 1

8:00 am Thomas W. Brown +
Dalton Prager

Tuesday, December 2

8:00 am Leonard Ferguson +

Wednesday, December 3

8:00 am All Souls Intentions

Thursday, December 4

8:00 am Norma B. Meyer +
Ed Szostek +

Friday, December 5

8:00 am Holy Vocations

Saturday, December 6

8:00 am Mimi Ferguson +
4:00 pm Pearl Hackett +

Sunday, December 7

7:30 am Mary Fine +
9:30 am People of the Parish
11:15 am Fr. Klaric +

Join the Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for November

Lonely people. That all who suffer loneliness may experience the closeness of God and the support of others.

Mentors of seminarians and religious. That young seminarians and religious may have wise and well-formed mentors.



Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;
Mt 9:35 – 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14;
Mk 1:1-8

Parish Organizations

Scouting Units

Parish Rep (All Units) Jerry Hespen; 636-236-1955
Cub Pack Karen Williams; 636-699-7517
Scout Troop Chad Peters; 314-807-7177
Venture Crew Dana Hoffman; 636-734-8423

Budget and Finance

John Wappelhorst
636-398-5786

Cemetery Committee

Mark Keune
314-220-7075

Dinner Committee

Richard Lalonde
636-798-2511

Knights of Columbus

Mike Reel, Grand Knight
314-581-6797

Legion of Mary

Nancy Hollenstein
636-798-2105

Marian Council

Carolyn Schellert, President
314-232-2042

Meals on Wheels

Bob Rapp
636-398-4776

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Julia Kettler
314-616-0096

Pro-Life Committee

Bill Winters
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Quilters

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St. Vincent DePaul

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

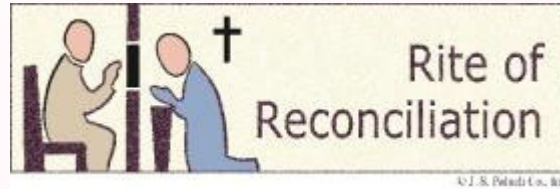
MEDITATION ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

[Jesus says of his Second Coming,] "Be on watch, be alert, for you do not know when the time will come."

MARK 13:33

Arthur Tonne recalls an interesting footnote of history that occurred in the fifth century. It concerns a group of monks popularly known as the Sleepless Ones. A holy man, known simply as Alexander, recruited 300 monks and divided them into six groups. Each group took turns keeping "watch" for the Second Coming of Jesus. Day and night a group was always awake and praying, so as to be ready for the Second Coming of Jesus, the bridegroom and the final judge. The story of the Sleepless Ones invites me to ask, If Jesus came ten minutes from now, how ready would I be? It is by design that Jesus hid the last day from us, so that we'd be on the lookout for him every day of our lives. SAINT AUGUSTINE

Healed and Made Whole



Dear Parishioners,

A few years ago I started a tradition of offering more hours for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. During the Advent Season I will be in the Confessional from 7:00 until 8:30 pm, Sunday through Wednesday. I will gladly stay longer any evening when there are people waiting to celebrate Reconciliation. While my primary reason for being in the Confessional is for the Sacrament, please know that if you would like to talk to me or pray with me about anything I am there for you.

Finding the time to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation is an integral part of living a more complete life in Christ. Jesus waits for us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation to heal us of our sins and to strengthen us in our struggle to grow in holiness. It is very easy for us to delay celebrating the Sacrament because the experience of acknowledging our sins and then confessing them is uncomfortable. The very fact that we sinned means we knew better and acted otherwise. While there is potential shame associated with sin, the good news is how much the Lord wants to free us. We will not find a greater advocate for our growth in holiness than Jesus Christ. He desires to help each of us recognize the great gift of the Father's love. Reconciliation and Eucharist are the two lungs with which we breathe in the life of God, the Holy Spirit.

Life is complicated and often in our journey of faith we find it difficult to make sense of our experiences. If there are things in your life that you have a difficult time wrapping your mind or heart around, please consider coming to talk to me in the Confessional. You don't need to celebrate the Sacrament. Just let me know that you would like to talk with me and I will be more than happy to listen to you. If you need 5 minutes or 50 to make sense of things I am willing to make the time to be with you. Like Our Lord, if there is one thing I desire for all of us, is the gift of being healed and made whole.

Our time in the Sacrament of Reconciliation or chatting about life is not a quick fix for complicated issues that may have affected you for years or your whole lifetime. Rather, it is a new and hopeful beginning. It is never easy to change the habits, attitudes and behaviors that have often perpetuated the problems in our life, but if we never begin it will never happen. If we don't strive to make daily, intentional changes, we will hinder and inhibit real healing and growth. Just like our bodies, our souls often need surgery to correct major health issues and then follow-up therapy to restore us to the best health possible. Without the therapy, the surgery is far less effective. Jesus longs to heal us and make us whole. There is so much He wants to give us in this life and prepare us for in the next.

Blessed Advent,

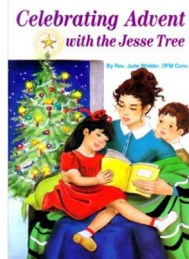
Fr. Tom

**On Monday, December 1, I will not be in the Confessional.
I will be in Pacific helping at St. Bridget's that evening.**



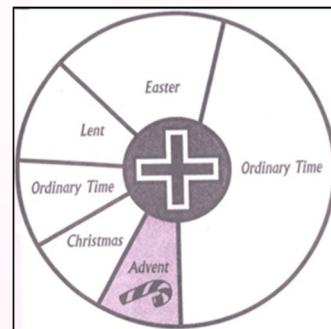
PSR dates

Note: Today is the First Sunday of Advent (keep an eye out for a parish wide Jesse Tree activity – one of the best devotional ways to celebrate Advent in preparation for Christmas).



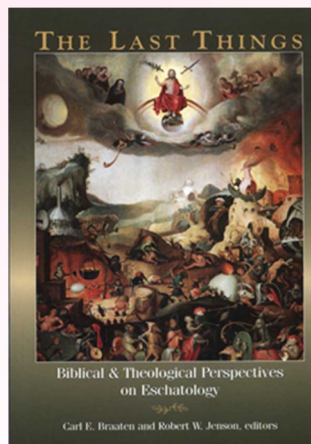
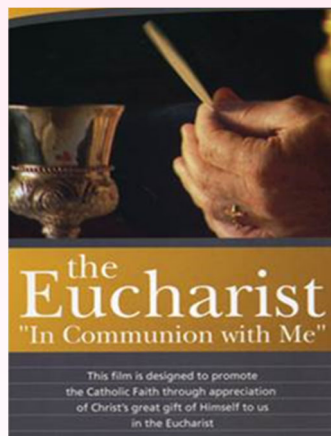
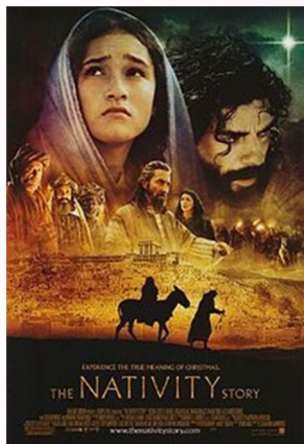
The Season of Advent

CCC 524 When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: "He must increase, but I must decrease."



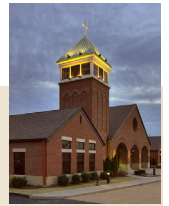
Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus* which means coming. Advent then, is a time of preparation and expectation for the Church, not only for the coming of Christ-mas, (Christ's Mass), but also for the Second Coming of Christ, whether this coming takes place during our life, or for certain, at the time of our death. The themes followed by the church during the season of Advent are often called "The Last Things"--mainly, Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell. The color of the season is typically violet as during Lent, signifying both royalty and penance. During this season of "coming" the Church emphasizes different ways or dimensions of the Coming of Christ. These are often called his coming in history, in mystery, and in majesty. In history, the Lord became incarnate in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary; the Word was made flesh; he was born at Bethlehem as one of us. In mystery, Christ comes to us each day by his grace. He lives in our souls. He is present in every sacrament. In majesty, Christ will come at the end of our lives and at the end of the world; he will raise the dead and judge the world.

The classic book or video based on Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" is a fitting book to read or movie to watch during the season of Advent. It highlights similar themes that the Church presents to the believer about the comings of Christ mentioned above. In the case of the movie, the focus is on the coming of Christmas "past, present, and future."





NEWS FROM HOME



Stewardship

November 23, 2014

St. Joseph Chapel "Heavenly Dusters"

Judy Jacob

The "Heavenly Dusters" schedule can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex.

The "Heavenly Dusters" schedule needs to be updated. Please see the bulletin insert for more information.

Collection figures for Sunday, Nov. 23, 2014 will be published next week.

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.

WITH APPRECIATION

The family of Helen Orf would like to thank all of you for your kindness and prayers during Helen's illness and following her death. I would especially like to thank Fr Tom, Marilyn, Betsy and all of the parish staff for their love and care in so many ways. A special thanks to all parishioners who have been so kind during this difficult time. All of the prayers, cards, Masses and other acts of sympathy are greatly appreciated.

Gratefully,

Laura, Steve, Ed and family

SAVE THE DATES:

Catholic Women for Christ
6th Annual Conference
Saturday, March 21, 2015
St. Charles Convention Center

Catholic Men for Christ,
8th Annual Conference;
Saturday, February 7, 2015
Peabody Opera House
in St. Louis

BIRTHRIGHT CHRISTMAS CARDS

Birthright
Christmas Cards
will be sold after
all Masses the
weekends of
Nov. 29-30
and Dec. 6-7.

What's your Catholic IQ?

1. The Paschal Mystery refers to Jesus' blessed Passion, ____, and Ascension.

- a) preaching
- b) faithfulness
- c) prayerfulness
- d) Resurrection

2. ____ is the gift of the Holy Spirit whereby the pope is preserved from error when proclaiming a doctrine related to Christian faith or morals.

- a) Inability
- b) Infallibility
- c) Inflammability
- d) Impeccability

3. The Holy Spirit is also called the

- a) Paraclete
- b) Giant Cloud
- c) Morning Star
- d) Big Bird

4. ____ was born in 1869 in Sudan and was kidnapped and sold into slavery at age nine.

- a) St. Monica
- b) St. Josephine Bakhita
- c) St. Rose of Lima
- d) St. Angela Merici

5. "Rich and poor have a common bond; the LORD is the ____ of them all" (Proverbs 22:2).

- a) maker
- b) ruler
- c) guardian
- d) boss

6. The ____ is called the "quintessential prayer of the Church."

- a) Glory Be
- b) Memorial Acclamation
- c) Our Father
- d) Great Amen

7. Tradition has given us ____ as the name of the Good Thief.

- a) Dismas
- b) Dumas Walker
- c) Steely Dan
- d) Francis

8. *Theotokos*, which means "God-bearer," is a title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

True False

9. The Sunday readings are arranged in a ____-year cycle while the weekday readings are arranged in a two-year cycle.

- a) five
- b) four
- c) three
- d) one

10. ____ signify the presence of the Holy Spirit at Jesus' Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-10) and his Ascension (Acts 1:6-11).

- a) Tongues of fire
- b) Doves
- c. Heavy winds
- d. Clouds

answers on the next page →

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 soul of
Dannie Norton, brother of Doug and Lisa Norton.
May he rest in the peace of Christ.

Invitation: Divorced and Separated Catholics

The holidays can be difficult for divorced and separated families.

Make your healing a priority in the new year by attending **The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide**. The 12-week DVD program follows lay men and women on the journey to true healing, along with Catholic Experts. Immaculate Conception Parish – Dardenne; beginning January 8, 2015. There is a \$25 fee. debijo@att.net or 314-276-3859

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Dave Hendrix
Al Bamert
Ted Feldewerth
Charlie Grady
John, who has had back surgery
Walt Ketts and family
Janet Hespen's Dad
Jane Holstein's sister
Shirley McDonald
Terri Guernsey
Steve Geldien
Jack Hitt
Maria Miller
Keri and Jesse Knopp
and their unborn baby



CHECK IT OUT

...for youth and young adults

YDinner—YDisciple Group

Meeting- in the Grand Hall on Wednesday, December 3, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

CROSSROADS AT

CULPEPPER'S on Highway K in O'Fallon (close to hwy 40); 7:00 pm for anyone, married or single, in their 20's or 30's; Tuesday, December 2.



ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's
WOMEN'S ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT
Join us for an evening of relaxation and revitalization
as we prepare for this blessed season.
Punch and coffee provided;
bring your own dessert or snack.
Decorate your table for the Advent season.
Syndicate Columnist and IHM parishioner
Denise Bossert will speak on journeying with the Blessed Mother during this Advent Season. Her column called *Catholic by Grace* has been published in 58 diocesan newspapers including the St. Louis Review. Please come to hear her story and share in her enthusiasm for our faith. Thursday, December 4 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Doors open at 6:00
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall
2 Seton Ct. ST. Charles, Mo 63303
\$5 per person or \$40 for a table of 8.
Call Linda for more information at [636-293-1386](tel:636-293-1386)

PRO-LIFE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE NEEDED

Mary Queen of Angels is in desperate need of financial assistance. Checks must be made out to "Mary Queen of Angels" and mailed to 827 West Terra Ln., O'Fallon, MO 63366. We can be reached at [636-379-5070](tel:636-379-5070) or [636-634-7243](tel:636-634-7243).

Answers to Catholic IQ

1. **d)** Christ redeemed humankind by the Paschal Mystery—his Passion, Resurrection, and Ascension—whereby “dying he destroyed our death, rising he restored our life” (CCC, n. 1067).
2. **b)** “The infallibility promised to the Church is also present in the body of bishops...above all in an Ecumenical Council” (CCC, n. 891).
3. **a)** Jesus calls the Holy Spirit the “Paraclete,” literally, “he who is called to one’s side” (*ad-vocatus*). “Paraclete is commonly translated ‘consoler’” (CCC, n. 692).
4. **b)** After a wretched life as a slave, Josephine converted to Christianity. She later recounted that “seeing the sun, the moon and the stars, I said to myself: Who could be the Master of these beautiful things? And I felt a great desire to see him, to know him and to pay him homage....” Her feast is celebrated on February 8.
5. **a)** Throughout the Book of Proverbs, which follows the Book of Psalms in the Old Testament, we find concrete and practical wisdom for relationships, families, and matters of business.
6. **c)** “The Lord’s Prayer ‘is truly the summary of the whole gospel’” (CCC, n. 2761; also see nos. 2762-2776).
7. **a)** Saint Dismas is an example of God’s unfailing mercy, that even on death’s doorstep, God will forgive those who repent and bring them to paradise (Luke 23:39-43).
8. **True.** The title *Theotokos*, which means God-bearer, caused great controversy in the early Church when some protested that a human being could not be the mother of the eternal God. The Church, however, insisted that “the One whom she conceived as man by the Holy Spirit, who truly became her Son according to the flesh, was none other than the Father’s eternal Son, the second person of the Holy Trinity. Hence the Church confesses that Mary is truly ‘Mother of God’” (CCC, n. 495).
9. **c)** After the Second Vatican Council, the percentage of Scripture read at Mass increased from 1% of the Old Testament and 16.5% of the New Testament to 13.5% of the Old Testament and 71.5% of the New Testament.
10. **d)** Cloud and light “occur together in the manifestations of the Holy Spirit” (CCC, n. 697). “The Holy Spirit is the ‘principle of every vital and truly saving action in each part of the Body’” (CCC, n. 798). (Adapted from Catechist Magazine)

THE GIVING TREE will be in the Narthex on the weekend

of November 29 -30, and the "angels" on the tree will have the families' Christmas wishes. Please take an angel and return that gift to the narthex by December

14. Attach the paper angel to the gift so it will be delivered to the correct person. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Please try to return your gifts to the narthex by December 14.

The deadline helps the SVdP society deliver the gifts in time for Christmas!



AN INVITATION The Legion meets every Thursday after Mass in Founders Hall except on the 4th week of the month. Then we meet on Tuesdays, at St. Gianna Church at 6pm. **ALSO-** Please join us on the first Friday of each month at IHOP in Wentzville at 9:00 am. Dutch Treat! What a wonderful way to catch up with other parish members. This is not a meeting of anything just a nice way to talk with your church family. Hope to see you there. Please call Nancy Hollenstein at [636-798-2105](tel:636-798-2105).

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

December 6 4:00

EM: Dave & Judy Hendrix, Karen Wilson, Bryan Potter, Jackie Barclay, Mary Jane Hartenbach

L: Gerard Knott, Derek Arnzen

GB: Jim & Louise Wood

S: Janna Joerling, Maggie Molitor

U: Chris Cuddihee, Larry Graves, John Bossert

December 7 7:30

EM: John Fiacco, Jan Kardasz, Mary Hardesty, Ed & Carol Rabbitt, Denise Pool

L: Michelle Greiwe, Lucy Smith

GB: Bill & Jean Reed-Bammann

S: Mary Grace Becker, Anna & Connor Jaeckle

U: Rich Molitor, Walt Reel, Gary Potter, Mike

Hardesty

December 7 9:30

EM: Craig Hoel, Bill & Irene Caldwell, Chris Aulbach, Laura Orf, Dave & Pam DeBold, Chris Richter

L: Bill Winters, Nancy Hollenstein

GB: Brent & Mindy Dale

S: Ellen, Hannah, Joseph Aulbach

U: Ben Wappelhorst, Curt Eccardt, George Stark, Nick Wappelhorst, Charles Hinkle, Chris

Molitor

December 7 11:15

EM: Tim & Suzanne Michaelree, Pat Foster, Nancy Ast, Mary Keune, Kat Menne

L: Tim Beerman, Chris Menne

GB: Dianne & Alicia Dickherber

S: Jordan Randell, Madison Skambraks

U: Todd Neihouse, Glen Taylor, Ron Riley

LITURGICAL MINISTERS, PLEASE NOTE:

THE NEW LECTOR WORKBOOKS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX. THE SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR THANKSGIVING, CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S ARE ALSO IN THE NARTHEX.

CATHOLICS COME HOME

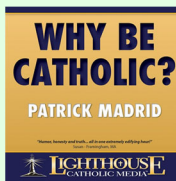
Do you know anyone, a family member or friend, who has fallen away from the Church? Do you wish and pray they would return? During the season of Advent we are asking you to identify them by placing their FIRST names or INITIALS on the printed copy of praying hands located on the table in the narthex. Place the paper in the basket. Please commit to praying one "Our Father", one "Hail Mary" and one "Glory Be" each day of Advent. We will join you in praying for them to return to church. Prayer is powerful and God hears each of us. Let's ask the Holy Spirit to inspire them to return to Church and God during this Holy time of the year.



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.

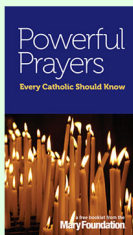
From the Lighthouse Catholic CD – Pamphlet Rack: Narthex



For those who aren't Catholic, it may not be apparent why one should embrace the Catholic Faith. In this inspiring presentation, bestselling author Patrick Madrid gives compelling biblical and historical reasons for why he embraces the faith as a lifelong Catholic.

He shares valuable insights into the beauty of the Catholic Church and its claim to contain the fullness of the deposit of faith given by Christ. This talk was previously titled *Why I Am Catholic When I Could Be Anything Else*. This is the **same talk** with a **new title**. *I am a deacon in the Catholic Church and I am very interested in Catholic apologetics as a means to pass on the One True Faith. I am always looking for inspiration in this area. Although I'll probably never have the intellectual knowledge of Patrick, I love the Church and the Lord Jesus. Patrick is very plain-spoken, sure of himself, and convincing.* **Tom - Evansville, IN**

From the Lighthouse Catholic CD – Pamphlet Rack: Narthex



Includes: Traditional Morning Offering - Guardian Angel Prayer - Saint Michael Prayer- Act of Contrition-Hail Holy Queen-Memorare-The Fatima Prayer-The Jesus Prayer-Apostles Creed-Miraculous Medal Prayer-Prayer to the Holy Spirit-The Angelus-Regina Coeli-Spiritual Communion Prayer-Prayer Before Mass (by Saint Thomas Aquinas)-Prayer After Communion (by Saint Thomas Aquinas)-Anima Christi-Intercessory Prayer After Communion-

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PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT



Lord God, only you can see into my heart and know that under all the busy-ness of my life, there is a deep longing to make this Advent one that welcomes you more deeply into my own life. My heart desires the warmth of your love and my mind searches for your Light in the midst of the darkness.

Help me to be a peacemaker this Advent

and to give special love to those who disagree with me.

Give me the strength and courage to forgive those who have hurt me. Help me to free my heart from the prison of my anger and hurt. <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent/Daily-prayers.html>

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

DONATIONS FROM RESTAURANT-

Bob Evans Restaurant in Wentzville will donate 15% of their proceeds to hospitalized children and the Special Olympics on the second Thursday of the month. **The next date for this generous donation will be December 18.** If you have a meal at Bob Evans that day mention the Knights of Columbus and the restaurant's generosity and they will make the donation.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 14 in Founders Hall.

Breakfast will be served from 8:00 to 11:00 with Santa arriving at about 9:00, depending on the speed of his reindeer. See you there!



The Knights of Columbus Christmas Dinner for the men of the parish will be held on Tuesday, December 16 in the Grand Hall.

ST. PATRICK'S CENTER CHRISTMAS WISHES

St. Patrick Center is in need of people to adopt clients through our Christmas Wishes sponsorship program. Sponsors are asked to purchase a minimum of two gifts, usually in the \$15 to \$20 range, per person. If you would like to sponsor a family, contact Katie Joseph at [314-802-1976](tel:314-802-1976) or kjoseph@stpatrikcenter.org.

Parish Office: 636-398-5270

Future Events

- ☒ **Protecting God's Children Class**; fulfills the Archdiocesan mandatory obligation for all adults who deal with children of any age; Monday, Dec. 1 at 6:30 in Weber Hall
- ☒ **The Immaculate Conception** of the Blessed Virgin Mary; a holy day of obligation on Monday, Dec. 8; Masses at 8:00 am and 7:00 pm.
- ☒ **Marian Council Holiday Party**, Tuesday, Dec. 9; in the Grand Hall
- ☒ **Children's Chimes rehearsal**; Friday, December 12 at 6:30 pm in the church
- ☒ **Breakfast with Santa**, Sunday, Dec. 14 in Founders Hall; The K of C will host their usual breakfast from 8:00 to 11:00 am and Santa will arrive at 9:00 am.
- ☒ **Knights of Columbus December meeting**, Tuesday, Dec. 16 in the Grand Hall; the location has been corrected from last week.
- ☒ **Crossroads**, Tuesday, Dec. 16, 7:00 pm at Culpeppers in O'Fallon
- ☒ **Children's Chimes rehearsal**; Friday, December 19 at 6:30 in the church
- ☒ **Baptism class**, Monday, Dec. 22 at 7:00 ; register by calling the parish office

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NEEDED:

GENTLY USED BICYCLES

Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service would like to provide bicycles for the Adopt-A-Family program this Christmas. The Loyal Order of the Squirrels has offered to repair any used bikes.

[636-441-1302](tel:636-441-1302), ext. 224.



Marian Council Annual Holiday Dinner Tuesday, December 9th

Doors to the Grand Hall will open at 6:00 PM.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM.

\$5.00 to be paid at time of registering.

Please consider bring personal items for the St. Vincent DePaul Society.



Out and About Breakfasts and Dinners

- **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA;** Sat., Dec. 6 from 8:30am-11:00am at St. Joseph School, 1410 Josephville Rd, Wentzville, MO. Includes the pancake breakfast, a visit with Santa, a craft corner where children can make holiday gifts and write a letter to Santa, and story time. Cost is \$10 per child and \$7 per adult. Registration forms can be found at www.stjojo.net. For questions call [636-332-5672](tel:636-332-5672). Proceeds will benefit the Eighth Grade Pro-Life Trip to DC
- **SPAGHETTI DINNER** at St. Frances Cabrini Academy in St. Louis; December 6 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm; pesto or meat sauce, salad, bread, dessert; \$8 for adults and \$5 for children; 776-4033

Opportunities

- **WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS;** Please join Fr. Bill Debo from Hermann, Mo. on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land Feb. 3 - Feb. 12, 2015. We will visit Nazareth, Cana, Mt. Carmel, Mt Beatitudes, Capernaum, Sea of Galilee, Jordan River, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Mt. of Olives and much more. All accommodations are in first class hotels. Please call Travel Tyme [636-391-1000](tel:636-391-1000)

Benefits and Faith Events

- **ST. LOUIS FAITH JOURNEYS,** a radio show on Covenant Network, features St. Louis-area converts and reverts to Catholicism who are now doing important work for Christ and His Church. Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. on 1460 AM or 1080 AM.
- **LADIES EVENING OF RECOLLECTION;** There will be a recollection for ladies on December 3 at St Elizabeth Ann Seton. The activity begins at 7:30-9:30pm. For more information, please contact Mary Schlueter [314-517-1277](tel:314-517-1277)

Just for Fun

- **EUCHRE TOURNAMENT** sponsored by St. Joseph Knights of Columbus will be held on Sat., Dec. 13 at 7pm at St. Joseph School, 1410 Josephville Rd., Wentzville. Cost is \$10. Keep your partner. The Tournaments will be held on the second Saturday of each month thru MAR. For more info call Ralph Orf at [636-485-5306](tel:636-485-5306).
- **THE CAVALCADE OF CHOIRS: THE NEW MELLE EPIPHANY CONCERT** will take place on Sunday, January 4 at 2:00 pm here at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Free of charge; open to all

FOR FUTURE REFERENCE:

Confessions during Advent– from 7:00 to 8:30 pm on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday; see the weekly bulletin for any changes.

Christmas Eve Mass – 5:00 pm

Midnight Mass will begin at midnight; prelude music will begin at 11:30 pm

Christmas Day Mass – 10:00 am

New Year's Eve Mass – 5:00 pm

New Year's Day Mass – 10:00 am

New Melle Epiphany Concert – 2:00 pm on Jan. 4, 2015

UPDATE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct?

Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so).

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year.

- ♦ Have you changed your phone number?
- ♦ Have you moved?
- ♦ Are you preparing to move soon?
- ♦ Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record?
- ♦ Do you want your record published?

If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct.

The Church Office number is

636-398-5270

Thank you for your help!

IMPORTANT!

Do you know that our weekly bulletin is published on the parish website, along with a weekly homily and photos of recent events? The parish calendar is also on the website and soon we hope to have a long-term schedule for liturgical ministers.

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Check it out!

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