



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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Schedule of Holy Mass

Saturday: 8:00am, 4:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
 Sunday: 7:30am, 10:00am
 Weekdays: 8:00am, in church, Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Weekly Devotions and Prayers

Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday 8:30am until Friday 11:00am, St. Joseph Chapel

Rosary: Prior to Saturday evening 4pm Mass

Weekday devotions after morning Mass:

Tuesday: Mother of Perpetual Help
 Wednesday: Litany to St. Joseph
 Thursday: Celebrating the Sanctity of Life
 First Friday: Litany of the Sacred Heart

First Saturday of the Month Devotions

8am Mass, Rosary, 15 minutes of meditation

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Wednesday in church, 7pm
 Saturday following 8am Mass

Marriage: Contact the parish office
 at least six months prior to the wedding

Baptism: Contact the parish office
 to register for class and to arrange date

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:

Contact Shawn Mueller in the parish office

October 17, 2021



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." - Mk 10:43-45

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GLR

Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"What do you wish me to do for you?"

Whether we realize it, this is a question God is always asking. It's an important question because the answer we provide will reveal a great deal about where our hearts lie. Our requests of God can often appear very noble and altruistic. They consist of requests for healing for someone in need of prayers, successful resolution of a personal conflict, assistance in overcoming a disease and myriad other desires for both ourselves and others. We are especially concerned about those we love and can easily find ourselves bringing their struggles to God for a hearing in our prayer.

Is that really all that prayer is about? The woman in today's Gospel, having been put in her place by Jesus, was only looking out for the wellbeing of her sons. She was doing

what mothers do, protecting and securing the livelihood of her children. But she was sadly mistaken, her request was not granted. We all make this same misguided mistake from time to time. The goal of prayer is not to convince God of the worthiness of our agenda or to gain a hearing. Sometimes we believe that the more we multiply our prayers or discover the right combination of supplications that we will receive more of God's attention. That's not how it works. Even though God desires to hear, know, and be an intimate part of what is on our minds, it goes much deeper.

What we need from God is a relationship. It's a relationship that guides and immerses us in the very stuff of life and in the direction of the Gospel. This relationship sees God's kingdom and agenda, not our own, as what is most important. It builds the

strength of character necessary to bring God's Gospel into a world that may not receive it with open arms. It may cause us discomfort and suffering. We are asked to heroically journey with God through suffering, hardship, ridicule, and even death! Ultimately, our desire from God must become our desire for God. It is only when this happens that the powerful words "thy will be done" will be found with sincerity and humility on our lips. Whatever God wishes becomes what we wish as we see this glorious union of wills. Our humble lives will then become powerful witnesses, and what happens to us in God's eternal kingdom is the result of his mercy. We become true servants and find ourselves discovering God's definition of success. That definition has nothing at all to do with status, income, or privilege.

Welcome! Immaculate Heart of Mary: *Informed—Hospitable—Missionary*

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Grades 1 thru 8, September thru May, 8:45-9:45am, Sundays
Confirmation Preparation
8th Grade—September thru May, 8:45-9:45am, Sundays
Children's Liturgy of the Word
September thru May, during the 10am Sunday Mass
Adult Education
Sundays 8:45—9:45am Grand Hall, Wednesdays 7:10pm Weber Hall
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—contact Shawn for schedule

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The Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist—October 18

His life

- + According to ancient tradition, Luke was born in Syria and was a physician.
- + A companion of Saint Paul the Apostle, he was in Rome with Paul at the time of his martyrdom. It is said that after Paul's death, Luke traveled to Greece where he wrote his gospel and the *Acts of the Apostles*.
- + In his writings, Saint Luke presents a Christian community of equals where all things are held in common and shows us a Jesus who is a friend of sinners and outcasts (cf. Acts 2:42-44).
- + Saint Luke is believed to have died of natural causes around the year 84.
- + Honored as the patron of doctors and pharmacists, he is also celebrated as a patron of artists because of an ancient tradition that he painted the first icon of the Madonna and Child.

Spiritual bonus

Although there are various icons that are attributed to Saint Luke, the most well-known is, arguably, the famed "Black Madonna" of Czestochowa, Poland. Although art historians hypothesize that the image dates from sometime between the sixth and ninth centuries, traditions related to the icon relate that

Saint Luke painted the image on a cedar table top from the house of the Holy Family.

Quote

"Saint Luke kept a certain historical order and revealed to us more miracles of the Lord, yet so that the history of his Gospel embraced the virtue of all wisdom. For what more excellent truth did he reveal concerning natural wisdom than that the Holy Spirit also gave rise to the divine Incarnation?"

— Saint Ambrose of Milan

Prayer

Lord God, who chose Saint Luke to reveal by his preaching and writings the mystery of your love for the poor, grant that those who already glory in your name may persevere as one heart and one soul and that all nations may merit to see your salvation.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
(from *The Roman Missal*)

— Brother Silas Henderson, S.D.S.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B

[Jesus said,] "The Son of Man did not come to be served; he came to serve." MARK 10:45

Dr. Lloyd Judd practiced medicine in rural Oklahoma. Many of his patients were poor and had no transportation. So he often had to drive to their homes to treat them. One day Dr. Judd took sick. He checked into a hospital and discovered that he had terminal cancer. His thoughts turned to his young children. He had much to tell them, but they were too little to understand. So he recorded a set of tapes for them. One dealt with practicing medicine. He said to his children: "Are you willing to get out of a warm bed on a cold night and drive 20 miles to see a sick person, knowing that they can't pay you and that they could wait until morning to be treated? If you can say yes to that question, you are ready to study medicine."

Could I say yes to Dr. Judd's question?

Mark Link S.J. *Vision*

Ministry Schedule

EM: Becky Wilson, Donna Cuddihee, volunteer please
Lec: Jim & Theresa Risch
Music: Bryan & cantor
Serv: Chase Spurgeon
Ush: Bryan Potter, Tim Wilson, Chris Cuddihee, Bill Pollihan

October 17—7:30am

EM: Peggy Dupree, Mary Keune, Kris Jenkins
Lec: Chuck Kettler, Mary Hardesty
Music: Verdi & Elizabeth
Serv: Sydney Jaeckle, Emma Clifton
Ush: Joe Weber, Terry Schneider, Mark Thome, Rick Scharf

October 17—10am

EM: Bob Brossette, Sharon Smith, Patrice Riley
Lec: Grant Smith, Yvonne Brossette
Music: Adult Choir
Serv: Mary Grace & Janie Becker
Ush: Michelle Greiwe, Bob Hutchcraft, Bill Riley, Alan Raymond

IHMformation Station

4:00: Brian & Becky Wilson
7:30: Mark & Terri Thome
10:00: Bob & Yvonne Brossette



Marriage in Christ has been promised between:
Erin Auger and Daniel O'Connell

The next Baptismal preparation classes are scheduled for November 21 and December 19. Please call the parish office to reserve your spot!

Ministry Schedule

October 23—4pm

EM: Deacon Chris, Vanita Joerling, Wilma Zurweller
Lec: Kathy & Richard Lalonde
Music: Bryan & Mary Ann
Serv: Zoey Panus
Ush: Andy Pope, Bryan Potter, Mike Rieker, Chris Cuddihee

October 24—7:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Jan Kardasz, Emily Cooksey
Lec: Karen Wappelhorst, Dave London
Music: Verdi & Brooke
Serv: David Vehige, KaBella Bruno
Ush: Chris Molitor, Tom Meczowski, Ron Jacob, Gary Potter

October 24—10am

EM: Deacon Chris, Don & Susan Hladky
Lec: Pat Gentry, Jackie Dunn
Music: Children Choir
Serv: Jack Lyons, Thomas Kokker
Ush: Bill Winters, Larry Smith, Ron Simpson, Gary Struckhoff

IHMformation Station

4:00: Andy & Barb Pope
7:30: Peggy Dupree
10:00: Pat Gentry

Heavenly Duster Schedule

Week of October 17: Laura Cuccio
Week of October 24: Clara Haas
Week of October 31: Yvonne Brossette

Purificators

Month of October: Pat Roche



Pope's Intentions for October: **Missionary Disciples**

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

Please pray for all the sick and suffering:

Phyllis Zerr, Fran Bussen, Betty Boyd, Deacon Tony, Amy Robbins, Don Schmidt, Carl Wolff, George Stark, Loretta Bruns, Betty Heppermann, Joyce Brakensiek, Tom Hartenbach, Richard & Doris Berhorst, Terry Hagan, Larry Gassei, Pat Foster, Pat Ryan, Pete Schepis, Justin Wehmeier, Jeff Bollman, Frank Kardasz, Tom Baker, Jim Hall, Mike Vesel

Steve Wengerski and Kathy Schuckman (friends of Mandy Daub), Keith Langford (son of Rita & brother of Valerie Langford), Red Brockmeyer (cousin of Kay & Ray Cherry), Karla Sitzes (daughter of Sophia Bax), Kelly Taylor (friend of Kat Brittingham), Michael Speir (son-in-law of Jackie & Steve Dunn), Peyton Newman (grandson of Mike & Mary Hardesty), Loren Brandon (father of Marty & Peggy Dupree), Charlie Grady (grandson of John & Carol Grady), Pat Finan (daughter of Fran Bussen), Marlene Hagemeier (sister of Pat Roche), Michael Molitor (brother of Richard Molitor), Sal Polisi (brother of Nancy and Walter Hollenstein), Janet Piel and Jordan Keene (sister and friend of Joni Marren-Slaughter), Rosemary Bell (sister of Janet & Jerry Hespen), Rodney Marquart (son of Frank & Rosemary Marquart)

Hospitalization: If you are hospitalized, please let us know. Please call the office or ask a friend to call for you if necessary.

Communion Calls: If you would like to receive Communion but are unable to get to Mass because of illness or disability, please contact the parish office: 636-398-5270.

Prayer Requests: Brenda Hutchcraft at 636-248-8493 or email brhutchcraft@centurytel.net

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 18	
8:00am	Mary Karll +
Tuesday, October 19	
8:00am	GenRose Dudenhoeffer +
Wednesday, October 20	
8:00am	George & Dolores McElfresh +
6:30pm	Jennifer Markovich +
Thursday, October 21	
8:00am	Jameo Klemme + Charles Jokisch Jr. +
Friday, October 22	
8:00am	All Souls
Saturday, October 23	
8:00am	Ben Bader +
4:00pm	Bob Cova +
Sunday, October 24	
7:30am	Chris Lehman +
10:00am	Ann Seper + People of the Parish

Activities this Week

Sunday, October 17	PSR, Weber/Founders Halls, Trailer, 8:45—9:45am Faith Formation, Grand Hall, 8:45—9:45 Baptismal prep, Weber Hall, 11am ACTS Picnic, 12—6pm, Founders Hall
Monday, October 18	St. Vincent de Paul, Grand Hall, 6pm Scouts, Founders Hall/Trailer, 6:30pm
Tuesday, October 19	Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, following 8am Mass Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am Children's choir practice, 6:30pm KofC, Founders Hall, 7pm Rosary, 7:30 meeting
Wednesday, October 20	Sunday readings study, Weber Hall, 8:45am Evening Mass at 6:30pm / Reconciliation, 7pm Adult choir practice, church, 7pm
Thursday, October 21	Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am SVDP Regional meeting, Grand Hall, 5:30pm RCIA, Weber Hall, 6:30pm
Friday, October 22	Quilting in Weber Hall, 8:30—noon
Saturday, October 23	Reconciliation after 8am Mass
Sunday, October 24	PSR, Weber/Founders Halls, Trailer, 8:45—9:45am Faith Formation, Grand Hall, 8:45—9:45 <i>Catholicism</i> , episode 5

Contributions October 9/10

General offertory:	\$11,369.00
Online giving:	\$6,216.99
	\$17,585.99

"For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

~~Mark 10:45~~

If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God's love and mercy? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from "I want more" to "thank you God for everything You have given me, I have enough to share." This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others. Pray daily to become less self-centered and to become more God-centered.

We pray: that we may change our attitude of wanting more to being grateful and sharing more generously.

Have You Tried Online Giving?

Are you tired of putting checks in your envelope each week? Do you wish you could give more, but when the weekend rolls around you just don't have as much cash as you'd like? Welcome to ONLINE GIVING! Done this way, your financial offering to the parish is made electronically (and securely) through the parish website. You specify the amount of the gift and how often, and on those dates the funds are automatically transferred from your account to the parish account. **We now offer credit card giving options!** You have access to your account 24/7 and flexibility to change your financial offering at any time. Simply go to the parish website, click [Online Giving](#), and follow the easy instructions.

Needed at the Pantry

Laundry detergent, sugar, coffee, paper towels, fruit juices, canned fruit, razors, all purpose cleaner



We cannot accept expired or previously opened items

Please hold your plastic bags—we have plenty!!

In the Gospel today Jesus tells His disciples: "Anyone among you who aspires to greatness must serve the rest; whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all."

When you give the furniture, household items and clothing you no longer use to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you give hope to your neighbors who have nothing.

Recycling bins are located on the gravel lot behind Fr. Tom's house for paper, cardboard and clothes



Janet Hespen,
Youth Minister,
314-369-6521

- 10/28: Halloween Fun/Bonfire. Dress up maybe as a favorite Saint? Parents welcome. 6:30—8:30pm
- 11/11: Youth Group Giving Back. 7-8:30pm, Grand Hall
- 11/20: Help with St. Vincent de Paul Scouting for Food food drive. 9am, Founders Hall
- 11/25: Have a blessed Thanksgiving and give thanks for all you have. #1 is your faith!
- 12/2: Youth Group to set up manger scene on parish grounds. How can we be Jesus to others? 7-8:30pm, Grand Hall
- 12/16: For King and Country Christmas Drummer Boy Concert at the Enterprise Center. Meet at IHM to carpool, 5:15 sharp
- 12/25: Merry Christmas and God bless our teens
- 12/30: Youth Group Christmas Party at Janet and Jerry Hespen's home, 7 Hobie Cat Court. 5pm.



Many thanks to all who have made a donation towards our new Steinway piano. Through your extraordinary generosity, we have collected **\$84,088** and have now paid it off! The funds over and above the purchase price will be reserved for various liturgical needs, such as piano or organ tuning, replacing altar linens, etc. Your generosity is so very evident and much appreciated!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sun: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45
- Mon: 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9
- Tue: Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17 [8 and 9]/Lk 12:35-38
- Wed: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8]/Lk 12:39-48
- Thu: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53
- Fri: Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68]/Lk 12:54-59
- Sat: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9

PSR Corner

October: The Month of the Rosary

The Month of October is traditionally dedicated to the Rosary. Members of the Legion of Mary recently visited the various classes to encourage students in the praying of the Rosary.

St. Pope John Paul II wrote a beautiful and instructive Apostolic Letter on the Rosary in 2002, one of his last letters before his death entitled *Rosarium Virginis Mariae* (English: Rosary of the Virgin Mary). It was in this document that the Luminous Mysteries were introduced to the faithful. Consider prayerfully reading this letter of the late great saint John Paul II. It can be found online.

"The Rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christocentric prayer. In the sobriety of its elements, it has all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety, of which it can be said to be a compendium. ...Through the Rosary the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer."

John Paul II



Rosarium
Virginis Mariae

APOSTOLIC LETTER
ON THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

WHAT IS THE CHURCH'S POSITION ON CREMATION?

Attend *The Conversation: A Catholic Perspective on End-of-Life Issues* to ensure your final plans are aligned with Catholic teaching.

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 6, 2021

10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

St. Joseph Church • Parish Hall
1355 Motherhead Road • St. Charles, MO 63304

To register, visit
rcfstl.org/conversation-fall2021/
or call 314.918.2892



Roman Catholic
Foundation



PLEASE HELP US!

Meals on Wheels may restart delivering in late October. If interested in volunteering as a bi-weekly volunteer or substitute, please contact Jean Reed Bammann 636-798-2718.

What's Your Catholic IQ?

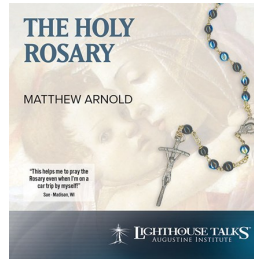
- The Paschal Mystery refers to Jesus' blessed Passion, _____ and Ascension.
 - preaching
 - faithfulness
 - prayerfulness
 - Resurrection
- _____ is the gift of the Holy Spirit whereby the pope is preserved from error when proclaiming a doctrine related to Christian faith or morals.
 - discernment
 - infallibility
 - prayerfulness
 - holiness
- The Holy Spirit is also called the _____.
 - Paraclete
 - bird
 - Morning Star
 - Redeemer
- _____ was born in 1869 in Sudan and was kidnapped and sold into slavery at age nine.
 - St. Monica
 - St. Josephine Bakhita
 - St. Rose of Lima
 - St. Angela Merici
- "Rich and poor have a common bond; the Lord is the _____ of them all" (Proverbs 22:2).
 - maker
 - ruler
 - guardian
 - boss
- The _____ is called the "quintessential prayer of the Church."
 - Glory Be
 - Memorial Acclamation
 - Our Father
 - Great Amen
- Tradition has given us _____ as the name of the Good Thief.
 - Dismas
 - Doomas
 - Dominic
 - Francis
- Theotokos, which means "God Bearer." is a title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary.
 - True
 - False
- The Sunday readings are arranged in a _____-year cycle while the weekday readings are arranged in a two-year cycle.
 - five
 - four
 - three
 - one
- _____ 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).
 - tongues of fire
 - doves
 - heavy winds
 - clouds



There is much evil in the world. It divides and scatters the members of the Body of Christ. Uniting in prayer and in good works informed by our Catholic Faith is an excellent way to combat evil. I strongly urge the men of our parish to unite themselves and their families with the men and families of the Knights of Columbus. Simply go to www.kofc.org/joinus and follow the prompts. Use promo code MCGIVNEY2020 and your first year's dues are free! When asked for our IHM council number, enter 11656. Don't delay! Do it today! You will be glad you did.

St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

From the Parish Lighthouse rack in the Narthex



Rooted in Sacred Scripture, the Rosary has been called the Gospel in miniature. Beautiful music is blended with subtle voices as the symphony of prayers of this timeless treasure is presented by Matthew Arnold so that all can participate. The recitation of this traditional Catholic prayer honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary is perfect for personal use in private meditation or for family devotions.

Thank you for the most beautiful rosary CD I have ever heard! It is so well done, peaceful, and very powerful.

Mary Ann - Steubenville, OH

Live the
Gospel of *Life*

"Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child ... Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life—especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities:
A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life
respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph

We pray that the life of every person, from conception to natural death, will be protected in our laws and cherished in our hearts.

Vitae Foundation's St. Charles Pro-Life Event

Vitae Foundation is hosting their Annual Pro-Life Event on Thursday, October 28 at the St. Charles Convention Center, 1 Convention Center Plaza in St. Charles. The featured speaker is Jason Chaffetz, a Fox News Contributor and former Congressman! Dinner and Program begin at 7pm. Reservations are \$75 per person (\$45 is tax deductible) and may be made online at vitaefoundation.org or by calling 573-634-4316.

For questions, or to become a sponsor, please contact Nick Johnson by calling 314-660-8872 or emailing him at nick.johnson@vitaefoundation.org.

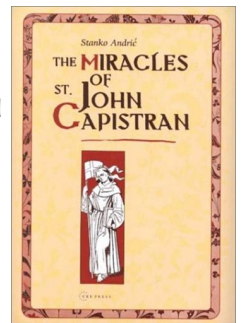
Mysteries, Marvels and Miracles in the Life of the Church: St. John of Capistrano: Feast October 23

Many people in the United States might recognize the term “Capistrano” more so than the “St. John of” that precedes it through the Mission San Juan Capistrano and what has become known as the miracle of the swallows. The Mission San Juan Capistrano is a Spanish mission Church located in present-day San Juan Capistrano, Orange County, California. The ‘miracle of swallows’ takes place each year at Mission San Juan Capistrano on March 19th, St. Joseph’s Day. Swallows migrate 6,000 miles from Goya, Argentina to San Juan Capistrano in large groups. The town of San Juan Capistrano welcomes visitors from all parts of the world to witness the return of the swallows, a tradition that has been celebrated since the early 1930s. There is information and videos all over the internet about this natural-(supernatural?) occurrence. Even singers the likes of Bing Crosby have sung songs about “When the Swallows Come Back to Capistrano.”



While this phenomena inspires wonder of God and the natural world, the life of St. John of Capistrano himself should inspire even more wonder. What an amazing life, history and impact of the soldier saint, St. John of Capistrano.

In terms of this “mysteries, marvels and miracles” that this article seeks to highlight, we mention a recent book that has been published about the 15th century saint. The *Miracles of St. John Capistran* is the title of a book that was published in the year 2000. A synopsis states, “The author analyses the miracle collections promoting the canonization of the popular fifteenth-century Observant Franciscan preacher, St. John of Capistran, who was a victorious Crusader at Belgrade in 1456, and died thereafter in Ilok (a city located on the periphery of western Christianity in Croatia). Based on a thorough study of the widely scattered manuscripts on Capistranean miracles (in Naples, Rome, Venice and Paris) and with the help of a microscopic philological analysis, the author has managed to reconstruct, for the first time, one of the most complex miracle collections in the history of medieval hagiography. The accounts provide an unparalleled insight into the history of everyday life and into the various hardships, illnesses, hopes, dreams and anxieties during the late medieval and early modern period.” The author synthesizes six collections of works covering an estimated 500 accounts! of miracles surrounding the life of St. John of Capistrano.



Answers to Catholic IQ

- 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).
- b “The infallibility promised to the Church is also present in the body of bishops ... above all in an Ecumenical Council” (CCC, n. 891).
- a. Jesus calls the Holy Spirit the “Paraclete,” literally, “he who is called to one’s side” (ad-vocatus). “Paraclete” is commonly translated to “consoler” (CCC, n. 692).
- 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.
- 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.
- c “The Lord’s Prayer ‘is truly the summary of the whole gospel;’ (CCC, n. 2761; also see nos. 2762-2776).
- 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).
- 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).
- 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.
- 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*)



Wine & Cheese Social for New Parishioners

If you have joined the parish since January 2020 and have not yet had an opportunity to attend the New Parishioner Wine and Cheese social at Fr. Tom's home please join us for the next one on Friday, November 5 at 6:30pm. RSVP by November 2nd to Teresa Berfanger via email at berfanger@gmail.com or text/call 636-219-2824.

Some Early Dinner Stats

41 hogs provided us with roughly 2,700 pounds of sausage

We SOLD OUT of every bit of sausage and pork products

2,919 dinners were served, both dining in and carry out

We will share more information after all the bills are paid and all reporting is in. Thanks to all our volunteers for being flexible with the changes and so willing to help!

Attention Employees & Volunteers

The Archdiocese of St. Louis has developed a new system for safe environment compliance called Prevent and Protect STL. Everyone ministering to minors and vulnerable adults (clergy, employees and volunteers) in the Archdiocese are required and asked to register in the new system before December 31, 2020. This includes those new to service and those who are currently in service. For those who have already attended a Protecting God's Children workshop, your previous training date will transfer to this new system. In addition to attending a live Protecting God's Children workshop, all clergy, volunteers and employees will register for an updated background screening, view two new online training modules on abuse reporting and the Code of Ethical Conduct, and agree to the updated Code of Ethical Conduct. Please go to:

www.preventandprotectstl.org

to register, and contact our parish Child Safety Coordinator Karen Wappelhorst with any questions or for further assistance. Karen's email: childsafety@ihm-newmelle.org, or call her at 636-398-5270.

HALLOWEEN MOVIE NIGHT FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29 AT SUNDOWN

Get the family out for a double-feature outdoor Halloween movie night! It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown will be shown followed by another short child-friendly film. Finally, we will show a movie for the adults, something from the horror or other Halloween-related genre.



Please send in suggestions for either slot!



Children are encouraged to come dressed in their Halloween costumes. We will have a couple of fire pits, and candy and hot chocolate to hand out.

Movies will be shown behind Grand Hall on a large projector and sound system. Bring lawn chairs and blankets. BYOB

Our New Listening System



There are **three** methods by which one can make use of the system:

1. The traditional body pack receiver with headphones are available on the shelf to the right just before you enter the sanctuary. There are 4 units there along with the chargers, so if you return the unit to the charger they will be ready for the next person.

Side note: We will be providing alcohol wipes at that station for cleaning before and after use if desired.

2. This system also has the capability to connect to T-Coil equipped Hearing Aids. We currently have two of the neckloops that convert the body pack receiver to enable linking to your own hearing aids.
3. The third option is not ready yet, but the system will connect through an App on your cellular device and you will use your own earbuds to listen in. The app is available through your app store. We will post more detailed information in the bulletin when we have it ready.

We will have 4 body packs and 2 of the neckloops for each Mass. You would also have the option to order your own devices if you desire. Estimated cost for the bodypack is \$100 each and the neckloop for hearing aids runs \$50 each.

We expect to have the WIFI connection for the Cellular devices soon.

It is a dangerous thing to be satisfied
with ourselves. ~~St. Teresa of Avila



This is what Scouting is all about...

The following letter was written by Chad Peters, who recently stepped down as the Boy Scout Committee Chair for Troop 856 here at IHM. He faithfully served in this capacity for over 13 years and sent this farewell message to the scouts and their families upon his retirement. This is what Scouting is all about. He will be missed.

Hi Troop.

We had a great Court of Honor last night with lots of awards and recognitions. I am really excited about the direction of the troop and the excitement from both our youth and adults. Let's keep it going! Given we had a much longer program, I didn't want to keep extending the meeting with another long speech. So instead I will give you something that you typically got from me on a weekly basis...a long email!

First, I wanted to say thank you again for all the kind words, cards, and gifts from everyone over the course of the evening. It was great to see everyone and some old familiar faces that I hadn't seen in some time.

I have had a great scouting journey over the past 13 years from cub scouts all the way thru to getting 2 sons thru the Eagle journey. Hopefully, in some fashion we have touched the 100+ families and their sons who came to the Troop in a significant way during this time...even if it was only for a short period of time. For those scouts who wanted to get to Eagle...it's been a great (and sometimes challenging) ride...but I have really enjoyed supporting those scouts in any way possible. Today we have 44 eagle scouts in the history of the Troop and I have been fortunate enough to be involved in 33 of those since 2010.

I have had the pleasure of working with and being supported by many great adult leaders: 4 scoutmasters (Steve Williams, Tom Kothe, Chuck Hinkle, Tony Williams), 4 treasurers, 3 advancement chairs, and numerous great assistant scoutmasters/committee members over the years. All people who just gave of their time to support their sons but also for the betterment of all of the youth in the troop. Thank you!

My words of wisdom for you...

- - **Utilize this narrow window of time in your life to enjoy activities with your son.** At times scouting can seem like a lot of work but enjoy it and embrace the opportunity. You only get 6 years or so in the Troop (~5% of your lifetime) with your son. So make the best use of your

time together and plan some great outings for your son and for the others in the troop. For me, summer camp trips (to Colorado, Michigan, Wisconsin) and High Adventure Trips (to Philmont in New Mexico and the Boundary Waters in Minnesota) were life-changing event.

- - **Find your own spiritual scouting journey.** There are so many opportunities in scouting available to you. So find something that is interesting to you as a youth or as an adult. Find some new spiritual journey, embrace it, and bring those learnings and your leadership back to the troop. You will get rewarded many times over from your investment. IO had the opportunity to develop some great relationships in scouting and I tried to bring the skills that I thought could be useful to the troop in my committee chair role. I never expected to go to Wilderness First Aid Training, Paddle Craft Safety, PLC training for the youth, or work on the Eagle scout advancement process. All things that have made me a better person and kept me motivated.

- - **Make sure you do something to support others and the community.** I personally always enjoyed putting the flags out at the cemeteries over the Memorial Day weekend with the VFW members as they were always deeply touched by our support. Seeing families come out to the Christmas Tree Lot and pick out the tree that their family would gather around was always special. Then getting to participate in many Eagle scout projects that supported the broader community was always rewarding.

Looking forward, I won't be as involved in the day-to-day details of the Troop, but still plan to help on the Eagle scout process and looking towards developing the next chapter of my scouting journey. You are in great hands with Adam McCarthy as Scoutmaster, Chris Williams as Committee Chair, and a great group of motivated adult leaders moving forward. Thank you again for all of the support that you have provided me over the years.

Yours in Scouting,

Chad Peters

IS YOUR CHILD OR A STUDENT YOU KNOW STAYING IN ST. LOUIS TO ATTEND COLLEGE?

The University of Missouri St. Louis-Catholic Newman Center (CNC) offers a warm and welcoming place to study, relax, pray, play and hand out. We have student-centered evening Masses, socials, faith sharing groups, service and leadership opportunities **open to all college students and young adults**. We have everything from barbeques, service trips, retreats, a stocked kitchen, a student computer lab, spiritual direction, and free WiFi.

If you can't make it to Sunday Morning Mass the **Catholic Newman Center at UMSL has a Mass Sunday evenings at 6pm on the south campus** of UMSL during the school year. Visitors welcome! For more information see: cncumsl.org. Know a Catholic UMSL or local community college student, send a note to frnick@cncumsl.org so we can personally invite them to Mass.