



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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Weekday Masses  
resume Monday, May 18

Weekend Masses  
resume May 23/24

More info found  
in this bulletin

May 17, 2020



## 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

## Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We hope for many things: passing an exam, finding our true love, securing sustainable work, or surviving an illness. We often seek to have God be a part of what we hope for and desire, almost trying to convince Him that our agenda is what is ultimately important. While our particular hopes may appear to be what needs to be achieved in order for us to be happy, they really are not. Our lesser, more personal hopes can distract us from true hope.

When God became a human being, a powerful message was sent: all that is authentically human is found in the divine. As the human Jesus lived and died in order to show us that he truly is the universal Christ, we have to keep our sight focused on our eternal truth

and destiny and who we truly are. We have to be careful when we allow our earthly concerns to distract us. True hope is found when we place our trust in Christ's promises and don't rely on our own strength. True hope focuses on striving toward the fulfillment of God's promises and not simply on achieving what we think we need in this life. Hope always travels with two friends — faith and love. In this trio of virtues, we find the very presence of God born in every human being. These are God's greatest gifts, and they lead us to the fullness of His presence.

As with faith and love, we cannot see hope with just our human eyes. We don't carry this virtue within us to use solely for our own personal agenda.

Hope is not something that simply comes with the human package. As with faith and love, hope is a gift that is given to us to draw us closer to our eternal truth. Faith, hope, and love are signs that there is something far greater going on in us and something greater to persevere in obtaining. The true divine gift of hope is what will endure any hardship we encounter, especially those that will come from authentically living the Gospel. With all that is happening in our lives, in our church, and in our world, what is the reason for our hope? Ask God for the fortitude to see His eternal gift as the reason we get up in the morning and do the things we do.

## With Gratitude and Appreciation

Dear Parishioners,

Please join me in offering thanks to God for the work and devotion of two members of our parish family. Pat Noack and Bud Guinn have both retired this Spring. These two individuals have worked under three pastors in service to our parish. A few notes about each.



Pat Noack has been the house keeper for more than 20 years and has done an excellent job tending to the needs of keeping my home and my laundry in order. I am very appreciative of her work around the house and especially her care of my mother. Pat has been a real blessing in my life and to the pastors that preceded me.

Bud Guinn has also worked for three pastors at IHM as part of our maintenance staff. I first met Bud & Erma when I was transferred to IHM in 2012. They were among the first people I met when I came to visit the parish in December of 2011 before my assignment had begun. Both of them are characters. I laughed so much with Bud & Erma in those early years of my assignment here. Erma's passing in 2014 was one of my saddest days in this assignment. She was such a joyful gift to all of us. If you knew Bud & Erma, you always thought of them as Bud'n'Erma, there were inseparable. Bud has continued to work for the parish as part of our cleaning crew for church and our parish grounds for the last 6 years. He is a blessing to our parish staff and to those who have enjoyed his friendship.



Please keep both of them in your prayers. Transitions in life are rarely easy, even when you are ready for them. Change in one of the hardest aspects of being an adult. We are so easy with change as children because our lives are constantly changing. By the time we hit our adult years and a life of employment and possible family life, things change relatively slowly and under our direction. One of the most stressful things in our senior years is how difficult change can be because we begin to lose control over our health, time and other decisions. Easy as a child, often frustrating as a senior who has handled everything in life for decades. God bless both of them for their service and the gift that they continue to be for our parish family.

Blessed Easter!

Fr. Tom

## 6th Sunday of Easter—Year A

[Jesus said to his disciples,] "Whoever accepts my commandments and obeys them is the one who loves me... I too will love him and reveal myself to him." JOHN 14:21

An old legend tells about an angel walking down the street, carrying a torch in one hand and a pail of water in the other. "What are you going to do with those?" someone asked. The angel replied, "With the torch I'm going to burn down the mansions of heaven and with the pail of water, I'm going to put out the fires of hell. Then we shall see who really loves God." The angel's point is that many people keep the commandments more out of fear of punishment or hope of reward than out of love for God. What is the biggest reason I keep the commandment: fear of punishment, hope of reward, or love of God?

*The hand will not reach out for what the heart does not long for. (German Proverb)*

Fr. Mark Link S.J. (Action 2000)

PSR Corner

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We are fortunate that for years now we have already have a system in place for “home-schooling” as part of our regular PSR program. The Faith and Life textbooks that are used have an online counterpart at



[www.MyCatholicFaithDelivered.com](http://www.MyCatholicFaithDelivered.com). Along with all the prayers and works of home/spiritual life/climate that parents strive to set for their children, they also have a user-friendly, easily accessible tool in their homes to exercise their role as “first teachers” of their children in the way of faith. PSR catechists and the program at the parish is that “vitamin supplement” to the “meal” that is home life. With this “imposed monasticism” via the coronavirus, we hope all parents will have their sons and daughters finish out the year via the online program. The Sacrament of Confirmation is tentatively scheduled to take place on Pentecost, Sunday May 31 at 11:30 am. First Communion is tentatively scheduled to take place on Corpus Christ, Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. As soon as we know for sure, we will let everyone know.

IHM Youth Ministry

Janet Hespen, Youth Minister, 314-369-6521

All teens: join us for IHM Youth Group

Zoom meetings every Thursday evening at 6:30pm. It lasts 1 hour and is lots of fun. Yes, we play lots of games.

Also, call me any time if you need to talk. I have been praying for each of you and I know this is not how you wanted to end your school year. I am here for you any time!!

We have 2 meetings at church lined up in June but will keep you updated if we are able to have them or not. Grand Hall 6:30—8pm.

- ⇒ June 4th: Welcome Confirmation class night with water (like discussion on holy water and water balloon games). Loads of fun!
- ⇒ June 18th: Finding treasures in new friendships and chocolate night (what are our treasures?? treasure hunts and chocolate guessing).

Download Zoom app on your phone or get your computer and use this information for Thursday night meetings: meeting ID is 636-268-5487, pw 099612

Contributions, May 10

General Offertory:	\$7,954.58
Online – General Offertory:	\$5,715.92
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,670.50</b>

*“For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God’s will, than for doing evil.”*  
(1 Peter 3:17)

The old line says “if you want to make God laugh, tell Him your plans.” Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don’t get the result that was intended or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, “Why me? I did everything right!” Here’s the thing—adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for you.

**Let us pray . . . that we recognize that things don’t always go the way we plan, and God has a better plan in store for us.**

Needed at the Pantry

sugar, jelly, fruit juices, canned fruit, peaches, fruit cocktail, pineapple, pears, chicken broth, laundry detergent, dish soap, shaving lotion, saltines, cake mixes, icing, bar soap, toothpaste and paper products



In 2020, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul celebrates its 175th anniversary of the founding of its first American chapter, which was right here in St. Louis! Since our founding, we’ve helped millions of Neighbors in Need with rent, food, clothing, furniture, utility, disaster, medical, and transportation assistance.

Help us help others in St. Louis for the next 175 years by calling 636-398-5270 ext. 225 or visiting [svdpstlouis.org](http://svdpstlouis.org) for more information.

✝ Rest in Peace ✝

We offer our prayerful sympathy on the passing of

**Rose Lumia**

mother of Doris & Richard Berhorst

**Brett Varady**

grandson of Art & Sandy Varady

**Jane Walters**

daughter of Jane Holstein, sister-in-law of Laura Holstein

**Tim Schares**

brother-in-law of Pat and Meade Foster

May they and all the faithful departed rest in the eternal peace of Christ.

## Parishioner Guidelines for Observing Social Distancing for the Celebration of Mass

Public Masses at Immaculate Heart of Mary will resume on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

The normal weekend Mass schedule will resume beginning the weekend of May 23/24:  
4pm Vigil Mass, 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am Sunday Mass.

Daily Mass at 8am and Sunday Mass at 9:30am will continue to be live streamed.

Daily Mass will be held at 8am in the main church.

All Catholics will continue to have dispensation from their obligation to attend Mass until further notice.

If you are symptomatic or have been exposed to another with the virus within two weeks, you are not permitted to enter the church.

Please check your temperature before coming to Mass.

If you are at risk because of an underlying health condition or advanced age, you are strongly encouraged to continue to stay home and take advantage of our live stream or a televised Mass: KPLR Channel 11 at 8:30am Cathedral Basilica Sunday Mass on TV.

In compliance with the guidelines issued by Archbishop Carlson, no more than 200 people will be allowed in the sanctuary by our ushers. There are no exceptions.

Please do not touch any doors when entering or leaving church. Hand sanitizer will be available at all entrances.

There will be two options for overflow at the 9:30am Sunday Mass:

Weber Hall: Appropriately distanced chairs will be set up in Weber Hall and our live stream will be shown. Ministers of Communion will be sent there; please do not come into church.

The parking lot between church and Founder's Hall will be marked off for Mass viewing in your cars. Cars will be allowed to park in every other space. Ministers of Communion will be sent to you; please do not come into church.

Family units, liturgical ministers, and clergy should always maintain social distancing\*\*. Pews and aisles will be marked. Adult Choir and Children's Choir are still suspended until further notice.

Parishioners are obliged to wear a mask upon entering church. Masks may be removed when you are seated in the pew and for the brief moment of receiving Holy Communion. Children under two should not wear masks per CDC guidelines.

The cry room will be unavailable until further notice. Please use the Narthex if you need to step out with a child. There should be no congregation in the Narthex for any other reason.

All Holy Water receptacles will remain empty until further notice.

Hymnals have been removed from the pews. You may purchase our hymnals (\$5.00 each) for personal use by contacting the parish office. Worship aids with readings will be available online only.

There will be no offertory procession. Stationary baskets for offertory will be available at the doors. Online or mail-in giving is encouraged.

There will be no sign of peace.

Distribution of Holy Communion from the chalice is prohibited to the assembly until further notice. Communicants are to receive the host in the hand.

Communion lines should be single file, and one way. Ushers will help to direct this.

No other receptions or social gatherings are to resume until further notice.

*\*Social Distancing means, to the extent possible, maintaining at least six-foot distancing from other individuals; washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer with at least 60% ethanol or 70% isopropyl alcohol; covering coughs and sneezes with something other than hands; and not shaking hands.*

*Social gatherings will be allowed as soon as possible. Currently social gatherings are still forbidden to help ensure the health and safety of all parishioners.*

The Center for Disease Control offers these general guidelines for us to keep ourselves and each other healthy:

- ◇ If you feel sick, you should stay home.
- ◇ Continue to practice good hygiene, including:
  - ◇ Washing hands with soap and water, or using hand sanitizer.
  - ◇ Avoid touching your face.
  - ◇ Sneezing or coughing into a tissue or the inside of your elbow.
- ◇ Avoid socializing in groups that do not allow for appropriate social distancing.
- ◇ Minimize travel to the extent possible.



**Pope's Intentions for May: For Deacons**  
We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

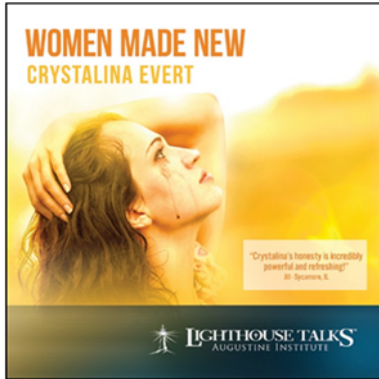
## Heavenly Duster Schedule

Week of May 17:	Patrice Riley
Week of May 24:	Teresa Berfanger
Week of May 31:	Legion of Mary

## St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

(Note: With close to 4000 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 CD Rack (Narthex)



Is it ever too late to start over? In this inspiring talk, Crystalina Evert explains that it doesn't matter what you've done or where you've been; all that matters now is where you go from here. Crystalina has spoken about chastity to hundreds of thousands of people on four continents and is the author of several books including *Pure Womanhood* and *How to Find Your Soulmate Without Losing Your Soul*. She runs the website *WomenMadeNew.com*, a site dedicated to encouraging women in need of personal healing by empowering them to become the women God created them to be.

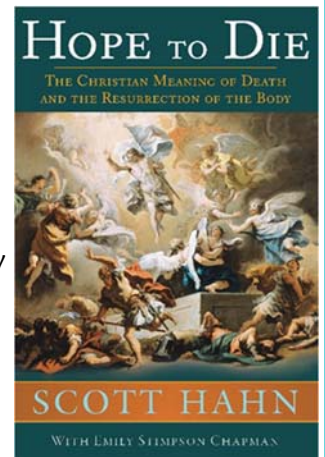
*Crystalina's honesty is incredibly powerful and refreshing! This talk brought about the conviction in my heart that the Lord truly does make all things new. Gillian - Batavia, IL*  
*A better female chastity talk does not exist. Every women needs to hear this testimony. Norm - Biloxi, MS*

### From the Parish Library (Grand Hall)

(Latest book by Dr. Scott Hahn) As Catholics, we believe in the resurrection of the body. We profess it in our creed. We're taught that to bury and pray for the dead are corporal and spiritual works of mercy. We honor the dead in our Liturgy through the Rite of Christian burial. We do all of this, and more, because when Jesus Christ took on flesh for the salvation of our souls he also bestowed great dignity on our bodies.

In *Hope to Die: The Christian Meaning of Death and the Resurrection of the Body*, Scott Hahn explores the significance of death and burial from a Catholic perspective. The promise of the bodily resurrection brings into focus the need for the dignified care of our bodies at the hour of death. Unpacking both Scripture and Catholic teaching, *Hope to Die* reminds us that we are destined for glorification on the last day.

Our bodies have been made by a God who loves us. Even in death, those bodies point to the mystery of our salvation.



## Please pray for all the sick and suffering:

Mark Hanna, Phyllis Zerr, Vickie Brink, Sandy Knott, Mike & Pat Ryan, Carol Rabbitt, Fran Bussen, Karla Sitzes, Vicky Monroe, Nancy Hollenstein, Walt Reel, Jean Bamert, Amy Robbins, Don Schmidt, Loretta Bruns, Betty Heppermann, Kathy Feldewerth, Frank Marquart, Dan Brothers, Cindy White, Janie Roth,

David & Lisa Debold (Dave & Pam DeBold's children), Dave Asinger (brother-in-law of Larry & Rita Bendel), Bob Holland (friend of Shirley Augustine), Fred Brown (son-in-law of Bill & Bernie Pollihan), Leon Burkemper (son of Carol Rabbitt), Doris Eisenbath (mother of Judy Molitor), Loretta Nolan (sister of Kathy Lalonde), Janet Piel (sister of Joni Marren-Slaughter), Loren & Evelyn Brandon (parents of Marty & Peggy Dupree), Audrey Molitor (sister of Flo Joerling), Pat Finan (daughter of Fran Bussen), Jim Raymond (brother of Alan & Marsha Raymond), Sophia Hartsfield (granddaughter of Ed & Marcia Etkorn)

**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](mailto:brhutchcraft@centurytel.net)



When SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital opened its doors as the nation’s first free-standing Catholic pediatric hospital, a promise was made to the community that any child in need of care would be welcomed, whether their parents could afford to pay for care or not. That promise still holds true today.

St. Louis has a long tradition of responding generously in times of crisis, coming together in solidarity to give hope to those in need. SSM Health Cardinal Glennon is a proud part of that tradition, and we need you now more than ever.

In this extraordinary time of crisis, our costs to deliver care are extraordinary as well. Now is the time for our dear friends in the faith community to come together and partner with us as we uphold a commitment to our mission of faith-filled health care services, delivered by some of the region’s best caregivers: *Through our exceptional health care services, we reveal the healing presence of God.*

Please join us by making a gift during Glennon Sunday weekend, June 6/7, online at [glennon.org](http://glennon.org). Together we will continue to make miracles possible bringing God’s love and joy into the lives of our young patients. On behalf of our patients and families, may God bless you for providing hope, healing, faith and compassion to every child who walks through the doors at SSM Health Cardinal Glennon.

**Mass watching t-shirts are still available: \$10 each (\$12 for 2X-4X). Call the church office if you’d like to place an order!**

**Readings of the Week**

- Sun: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/ 1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21
- Mon: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/ Jn 15:26—16:4a
- Tue: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11
- Wed: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
- Thu: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20
- Fri: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Jn 16:20-23
- Sat: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28
- Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/ Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

**What’s Your Catholic Catechism IQ?**

“The Catechism of the Catholic Church is a statement of the Church’s faith and of Catholic doctrine, attested to or illumined by Sacred Scripture, the Apostolic Tradition and the Church’s Magisterium. I declare it to be a sure norm for teaching the faith.” (Pope St. John Paul II)

1. The moral virtue that moderates the attraction of pleasures and provides balance in the use of created goods.
  - a. prudence
  - b. fortitude
  - c. justice
  - d. temperance
2. Theological virtues are \_\_\_\_\_ by God into the souls of the faithful to make them capable of acting as His children.
  - a. injected
  - b. diffused
  - c. stirred
  - d. infused
3. Theological virtues are the pledge of the presence and action of the \_\_\_\_\_ in the faculties of the human being.
  - a. conscience
  - b. promptings
  - c. Eucharist
  - d. Holy Spirit
4. The Theological virtue by which we believe in God and believe all that He has said and revealed to us, and that Holy Church proposes for our belief.
  - a. belief
  - b. assent
  - c. will
  - d. faith
5. The Theological virtue by which we desire eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ’s promises and relying not on our own strength.
  - a. joy
  - b. patience
  - c. hope
  - d. faith
6. The Theological virtue by which we love God above all things for His own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God.
  - a. goodness
  - b. joy
  - c. charity
  - d. truth
7. The moral life of Christians is sustained by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit.
  - a. movement
  - b. feelings
  - c. motivation
  - d. gifts
8. The gifts of the Spirit are permanent dispositions which make man docile in following the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit.
  - a. promptings
  - b. thoughts
  - c. exhortation
  - d. feelings
9. The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are taken from the list in chapter 11 of this biblical book.
  - a. Isaiah
  - b. Jeremiah
  - c. Malachi
  - d. Ezekiel
10. There are seven traditional gifts of the Spirit which are mentioned in the book of Isaiah, Here are four: wisdom, piety, understanding, fear of the Lord. Name the other three.
  - a. knowledge, faith, courage
  - b. knowledge, fear, counsel
  - c. knowledge, faith, counsel
  - d. knowledge, fortitude, counsel

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Parish School of Religion  
 Grades 1 thru 8, September thru May, 6-7:30pm, Wednesdays  
 Confirmation Preparation  
 8th Grade—September thru May, 6-7:30pm, Wednesdays  
 Children’s Liturgy of the Word  
 September thru May, during the 9:30am Sunday Mass  
 Adult Education  
 Wednesdays at 8:45am and 6:10pm, September thru May  
 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—contact Shawn for schedule

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