



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, 9:30am, 11:30am
 Weekdays: 8:00am, St. Joseph Chapel

Weekly Devotions and Prayers

Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday 8:30am until Friday, 11:00am

Rosary:

Following 8am Mass weekdays & before Sat. 4pm.

Perpetual Help Devotions:

Tuesdays following 8am Mass

Respect Life Prayers:

Thursday following 8am Mass

First Saturday of the Month Devotions

8am Mass, Rosary, 15 minutes of meditation

Sacraments

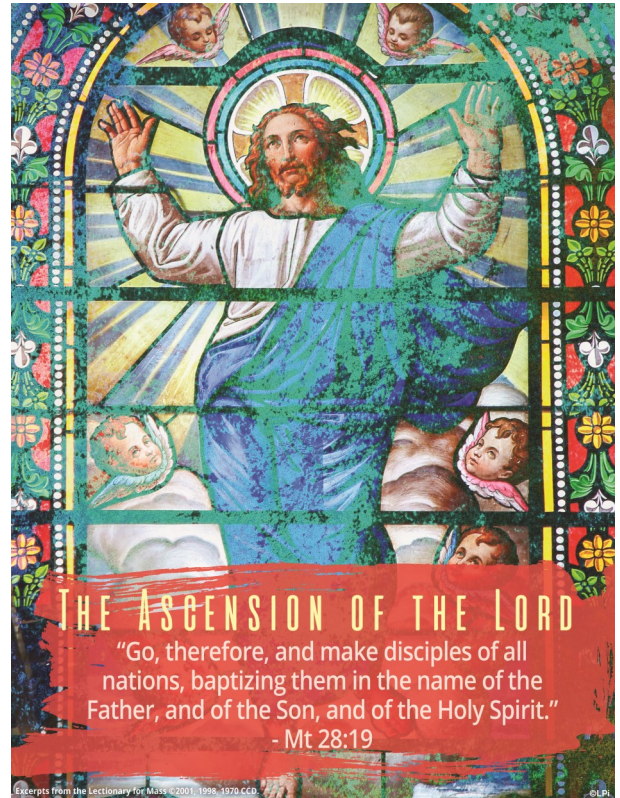
Reconciliation: Wednesday in church, 7pm
 Saturday following 8am Mass

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

May 24, 2020



Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A pair of ducks found their way to the same little corner of the property year after year. Sheltered by a little grove of trees, they quickly made their preparations to build a nest, lay eggs, and welcome in a new family. Then one year, only one of the ducks came to that little corner. She went about the business of building a nest, but this time, she was clearly unsettled. She would wander around, sometimes seemingly without purpose, almost hoping perhaps that her mate might come along. But, she remained alone. There were many times when we could hear her "crying", mourning her loneliness and lack of purpose, sitting on a batch of eggs that would never hatch. One day, she quietly left that little corner never to return again.

Many human beings approach life this way. We silently grieve our loneliness, lack of direction, and sense of purpose. Maybe

life once had meaning for us, but nothing seems to claim us and settle our restlessness any longer. We wander around looking and hoping for someone or something to come our way. We may even sob at times, wailing as we sit with the misery of our pain. Will happiness ever come our way again? Or will we simply leave where we are never to return again? Many are lost, wandering souls who are not quite sure where to settle or where to make a home.

We are meant to be in Christ. This glorious feast of the Ascension shows us, with clear vision, who Jesus really is! Understanding ourselves in Christ really changes things up and reorients us to our greater purpose, mission, and meaning. We are part of the cosmic wonder of creation and part of a bigger plan and mystery, destined to be much more than what we now know ourselves to be. Could Jesus' friends know

who he would become? If we can find the Christ present within and see the Christ bursting forth in all creation and beyond, then we can come to know our truth and understand where our home and life is meant to be.

Advancing upon the blessing of each new day with the certain knowledge that you are an unconditionally loved child of God gives you the axis and the safe harbor to cope with whatever comes your way. The gift of joy will be yours, and you can discover your true meaning and purpose. Look within, look without, look above, and look below. You are not alone. Trust that God will lead you where you need to be and transform you into who you really are.

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

Parish Staff

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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

Quick Contacts Directory

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HAVE WE SEEN WHERE CHRIST IS GOING?

May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory...

I've noticed this quarantine that many of my brother priests have used their time to take on long overdue cleaning and building projects. Whether they've been emptying old closets or applying fresh paint to worn rooms, these priests have been Marthas, "*busy about many things...*"

Every parish, for that matter, has been preparing to "open up." Every church has been sanitizing, hanging ropes, taping X's, clarifying protocol. These efforts and more have been in the name of safely welcoming parishioners back. Parishes have been working to offer as much protection and reasonable precaution as possible.

What is this work for? What is it really all about?

Our common worship, our gathering together is the proclamation to the ends of the earth that Christ is Our Lord. He is the Risen One, the true Son of the Father, who has defeated death.

Further, the same Jesus Christ has ascended to heaven, where he now reigns in glory at God's right hand.

We believe in these mysteries. We believe that this Jesus who has returned to the heavenly dwelling from whence he came has changed forever the horizon of our human existence. He gives our lives a new goal, a new end. He offers more than we could ever imagine.

I hope during this time that we have been reflecting on what is truly essential in our lives. I hope we have recognized the dignity and value of human life. That we have missed the worship which proclaims the most meaningful truths of our lives.

St. Paul prays for the Ephesians, "May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope

that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory." This should be our prayer as we "open up."

What is all this business for? It is for God. It is for His glory. It is for the richness of his triumphant Son who now sits in heaven above.

The COVID-19 pandemic interrupted our days. It has affected everyone. Some have known great loss and suffering. Others may have felt more deeply the challenges of loneliness during these days of quarantine. Perhaps we ourselves have come to know some share of the abandonment felt by the disciples in those early days, especially before the Holy Spirit was sent.

And yet what we saw was still not the end. Each of us will die. The world itself will come to an end. These are basic facts of life, basic facts of the Christian faith.

And yet Christ will be there through it all. Time and time again people have testified to me, naming ways that they have seen Christ during this time. Our Lord was with us. Abiding in tabernacles, present in his body the Church, and dwelling in our souls.

What Christ offers is more than memory. His presence is not mere nostalgia nor is it a list of teachings to live by. He, Christ, is with us. Though memory fade and time continues its ponderous march, Christ remains.

No matter the threat, weakness, failure, division, wound, or sorrow, He will sustain. Christ alone offers victory. He alone offers true joy and lasting happiness. He alone can lead us to our heavenly home. When all is lost, when all is fallen, He alone will remain.

Fr. Patrick Briscoe, OP

The Ascension of the Lord—Year A

[Jesus prayed to his Father,] "*Eternal life means to know you, the only true God, and to know Jesus Christ, whom you sent.*" JOHN 17:3

Mark Twain's wit and charm made him popular not only in America but also in Europe. On one European trip, he was invited to dine with a head of state. When Twain's little daughter learned of the invitation, she said, "Daddy, you know every big person there is to know, except God." She was referring to the fact that her daddy was not a religious man, at least in the formal sense. An example of Twain's irreligious wit is this sentence from his Notebook: "If Christ were here now, there is one thing he would not be.... a Christian."

What is Twain's point and to what extent might it be valid today?

Religion is not a way of looking at certain things. It is a certain way of looking at everything.

ROBERT E. SEGAL

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



Pentecost Vigil and Confirmation next weekend

(Note for the Saturday evening May 30th Mass at 4 pm) On Saturday evening, May 30th at the 4pm Pentecost Vigil Mass, we will officially welcome, initiate the RCIA Candidates through the profession of faith and the reception of Sacraments. These folks have had their Easter vigil reception delayed and Pentecost is a fitting time. They are Elicia Schoenberger, Paula Minski, Trish Perkins, Cindy Deter and Sherri Meyer. There will be one adult baptism (Elicia), followed by 4 other professions of faith and then all five will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. The liturgy will have some extra readings from the Scriptures. Along with the baptism and sacramental reception, we estimate that it will be close to a 2-hour celebration. So while we hope we will have a good showing of the faithful, (let's welcome these folks in love) we also want you to know of the time factor.

(Note for the Sunday May 31st 11:30 am Mass) On Sunday, May 31st at the 11:30 am Mass our 8th grade candidates will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Archbishop Robert Carlson has granted the faculties to Confirm to all parish priests during this time. As was mentioned above for the Saturday, 4 pm Mass, we hope we will have a good showing of the faithful, but we also want you to know of the time factor.

For anyone who is hesitant about attending the above Masses, the 7:30 am and 9:30 am Masses are still scheduled and available. Please keep all the above folks in your prayers.

Ministry Schedule

May 23—4pm

EM: Deacon Tony Falbo, Pat Roche, Karen Wilson, Sharon Hagan
Lec: Jerry Knott, Mike Greene
Serv: Zara Panus
Music: Bryan & Betsy
Ush: Wally & Jan Karase, Andy Pope, Bill & Bernadinie Pollihan, Chris Cuddihee

May 24—7:30

EM: Deacon Chris Ast, John Fiacco, Jan Kardasz, Maureen Blondin
Lec: Mary Hardesty, Dave London
Serv: Sydney Jaeckle
Music: Verdi & Elizabeth
Ush: Gary Potter, Bob & Teresa Berfanger, Frank Kardasz, Larry Smith, Chris Molitor

May 24—9:30

EM: Deacon Chris Ast, Sharon Smith, Laura Orf, Don & Susan Hladky, Pat Gentry
Lec: Grant Smith, Patrice Riley
Serv: William Lassiter
Music: Bryan & Betsy
Ush: Jerry Hespen, Michelle Greiwe, Gary Struckhoff, Brenda Hutchcraft **need 4 more**

May 24—11:30am

EM: Deacon Chris Ast, Mary Busby-Simpson, Chris & Kat Menne
Lec: Richard & Kathy Lalonde
Serv: Thomas Kokker
Music: Praise & Worship
Ush: Chuck Hinkle, Ron Simpson, Tim Maher, John Hofman **need 2 more**

Ministry Schedule

May 30—4pm

EM: Deacon Chris Ast, Jim & Chris Warren, Ann Zaleuke
Lec: Joe Willis, Jerry Knott
Serv: Izzy Scheer
Music: ?
Ush: Mike Rieker, Ed Etzkorn, Larry Graves, Tim Wilson, Tom Zaleuke **need 1 more**

May 31—7:30am

EM: Deacon Tony Falbo, Maureen Blondin, Dianne Dickherber, Betty Tuepker
Lec: Kris Jenkins, Mary Hardesty
Serv: Sydney Jaeckle
Music: Verdi & Elizabeth
Ush: Bob & Teresa Berfanger, Chris Molitor, Dave London, Ron Jacob, Tom Meczowski

May 31—9:30am

EM: Deacon Tony Falbo, Chris Richter, Janet Hespen, Laura Orf, Yvonne Brossette, Patrice Riley
Lec: Michelle Greiwe, Bob Brossette
Serv: William Lassiter
Music: Bryan & Debbie
Ush: Brenda Hutchcraft, Jerry Hespen, Gary Struckhoff **need 5 more**

May 31—11:30am—CONFIRMATION

EM: Chris & Kat Menne, Marcy Pivin, Mary Busby-Simpson
Lec: Chuck Hinkle, Mary Busby-Simpson
Serv: Thomas Kokker
Music: Praise & Worship
Ush: Ron Simpson, John Hofman, Tim Maher **need 3 more**



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 24:	Teresa Berfanger
Week of May 31:	Legion of Mary
Week of June 7:	Peggy Dupree

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 25

8:00am Bob Cwiklowski +
Jack Roderick +

Tuesday, May 26

8:00am Alfons & Regina Klotzbuecher +
Cy, Al & John Bamert +

Wednesday, May 27

8:00am All Souls
Ed Langford +

Thursday, May 28

8:00am Bob Cova +

Friday, May 29

8:00am Raymond & Jewel Kostecki +

Saturday, May 30

8:00am Dave Gentry +

4:00pm

People of the Parish

Sunday, March 31

7:30am Steve Seper +

9:30am Ed Haas +

11:30am Kathy Reininger +

✠ Rest in Peace ✠

We offer our prayerful sympathy on the passing of

Tim Schares

brother-in-law of Pat and Meade Foster

Steve Kettler

husband of Marcia Kettler

Jean Reel

wife of Walt Reel,

stepmom of Mike & Cathy Reel and Sue Roethler

Isabel M. Ziegemeier

grandmother of Shawn & Lynette Mueller

May they and all the faithful departed

rest in the eternal peace of Christ.

Readings of the Week

Sun: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
Mon: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33
Tue: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a
Wed: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19
Thu: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/
Jn 17:20-26
Fri: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19
Sat: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [cf. 7b]/
Jn 21:20-25
Sat: Extended Pentecost Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex
19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 55, 56 [52b] or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez
37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-
28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39.

Contributions, May 17

General Offertory: \$9,672.00
Online – General Offertory: \$6,001.16
TOTAL \$15,673.16

"I am praying for them . . . "
(John 17:9)

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Pray in good times and in bad. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation, not just the last resort. Pray for friends and family and for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you.

Let us pray . . . that we learn to pray not only in bad times, but also in good times. Pray for family, friends, and those that may not treat us well.

Needed at the Pantry

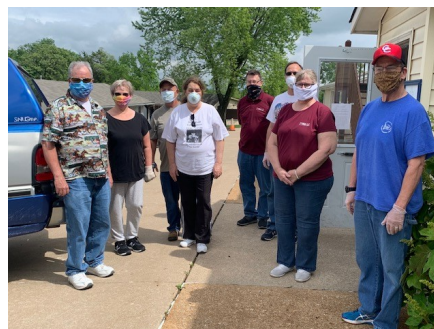
UPDATED LIST!

sugar, jelly, fruit juices, chicken broth, dish soap, laundry detergent, shaving lotion, razors, hair conditioner, body wash, saltines, cake mixes, icing, brownie mixes, paper products, syrup, bisquick, jiffy mix, jello and pudding



St. Vincent de Paul thrift stores are full of vintage finds and unique treasures. In addition, every time you shop at one of our thrift stores, you support programs that help our Neighbors in Need right here in St. Louis.

The nearest thrift store to this parish is in Cave Springs. Their shopping hours (for now) are 9am to 6pm, and drop-off hours are 10am-5pm. For more locations visit svdpstlouis.org/stores/locations.



Pictured here are members of Friedens (Peace) United Church of Christ who are always so generous with donations to our SVD Food Pantry, gratefully being accepted by members of our SVD Conference. Many thanks to our neighbors down the road!

Recycling bins are located on the gravel lot behind Fr. Tom's house.

PSR Corner

Sacrament Dates

—The Sacrament of Confirmation is scheduled to take place at the regularly scheduled Mass on Pentecost, Sunday May 31 at 11:30 am.
—First Communion is scheduled to take place on Saturday, June 13th at 10:00 am. (Note: For any second grade family that is unable to attend the Saturday, June 13th Mass, they are asked to pick a regularly scheduled Sunday Mass to receive the Sacrament, letting us know in advance so they can be acknowledged at that particular Mass.)



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



Janet Hespen, Youth Minister,
314-369-6521

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. There are 12 traditional fruits of the Spirit, stemming from Paul's list of them in chapter 5 of this letter he wrote.
a. Colossians b. Galatians c. Philippians d. Ephesians
2. Sin is an offense against reason, truth, and right conscience; it is failure in genuine love for God and neighbor caused by a perverse _____ to certain goods.
a. choice b. attachment c. affection d. attraction
3. Sin has been defined as an utterance, a deed, or a desire contrary to the _____ law.
a. natural b. eternal c. ecclesial d. civil
4. Like the first sin, sin is disobedience, a revolt against God through the will to become like gods, knowing and _____ good and evil.
a. liking b. feeling c. clinging to d. determining
5. Sin is love of oneself even to contempt of God; it is diametrically opposed to the obedience of _____.
a. children b. pastors c. angels d. Jesus
6. It is precisely in the _____, when the mercy of Christ is about to vanquish it, that sin most clearly manifests its violence and its many forms.
a. resurrection b. passion c. upper room d. ascension
7. There are a great many kinds of sins; _____ provides several lists of them.
a. the commandments b. scripture c. confessionals d. the Church
8. The letter to the Galatians contrasts the works of the _____ with the fruit of the Spirit.
a. law b. day c. Lord d. flesh
9. Which is not listed as a work of the flesh: fornication, impurity, idolatry, strife, jealousy, anger, selfishness, dissension, joy, envy, drunkenness, carousing.
a. strife b. envy c. impurity d. joy
10. Sin can be divided into spiritual and carnal sins, or again as sins in thought, word, deed, or _____.
a. malice b. grave c. omission d. venial

Answer key: 1. b (1832); 2. b (1849); 3. b (1849); 4. d (1850); 5. d. (1850); 6. a (1850); 7. b (1852); 8. d (1852); 9. d (1852); 10. c (1853)

PRINCIPLES OF CATHOLIC BIOETHICS

with Fr. Peter Fonseca



TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2020 AT 7:00 PM

The Church's teaching on medical end-of-life decision making

REGISTER FOR THIS
LIVE WEBINAR TODAY!



Many of us will be faced with difficult decisions for ourselves or a loved one regarding end-of-life medical care. Father Fonseca's presentation will give the Catholic Church's moral teaching on the quality of life and the dignity of the human person.

Please register for this free webinar now by completing the online registration here:
rcfstl.org/event-info/the-conversation/

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, Kathy Feldewerth, Loretta Bruns, Betty Heppermann, Don Schmidt, Frank Marquart, 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 Etzkorn)

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

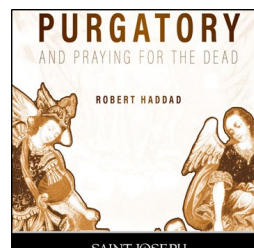
Communion Calls: If you would like to receive Communion but are unable to get to Mass because of illness or disability, please contact the parish office: 636-398-5270.

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

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 mat-

ters 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 woman needs to hear this testimony. Norm - Biloxi, MS

New Cemetery Section now open

Please call the church office to set up an appointment to reserve your eternal resting place in our cemetery. The price for the lots at this time is \$750, and we will keep this price until September. Appointments will begin in June.

**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: 636-398-5270**

The Gospel in a Seashell

The Feast of Pentecost (50 days after Easter) marks the coming of the Holy Spirit in power, releasing spiritual gifts in and upon the Body of Christ, the Church. With the coming of the Spirit the fullness of the revelation of God as a Trinity of Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit is made manifest. The Father is the Creator, the Son is the Redeemer, the Holy Spirit is the Sanctifier. A simpler way of understanding this is by stating that God the Father forms us (Creator), God the Son informs us (Revealer – Redeemer), God the Holy Spirit transforms us (Sanctifier). It is a progression of Divine Love, going from outside us, to beside us, to inside us.

This is how it works in the courtship of human love, (go figure) which is an echo of God's love. In courtship and marriage, the one become two, the two become one, and in the gift of a child the two become three in one, a family, a trinity, a communion of persons in a relationship of love.

All love tends toward an incarnation, even God's. The Father's love is made visible in Creation. The Word, the Son's love is made visible in the Person of Jesus. The Spirit's love is made visible in the Church, working through those who have become members of His Body through Baptism. St. Paul mentions that these members make God's love visible in the world through the gifts of the Spirit. He states in Galatians 5 what the "fruits" of this Spirit look like, virtues of "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." God's love in creation "outside us," progresses to Christ "beside us," going deeper within our conscience "inside us" through His Spirit. The Spirit is the "love of God poured into our hearts" (Romans 5:5).

A simple way to share this "amazing grace," this progression of God's love outside us, beside us, working inside us, is the "Legend of the Sand Dollar." There are various versions of this story, but this one below highlights this Trinitarian love of God. It is a simple way to present the Gospel "in a nutshell," or, shall one say more accurately, "in a seashell." :-D

The "Gospel in a Seashell" The Legend of the Sand Dollar

Note: There are various poems, versions of the Legend of the Sand Dollar. This is one of them, meant to be read slowly.

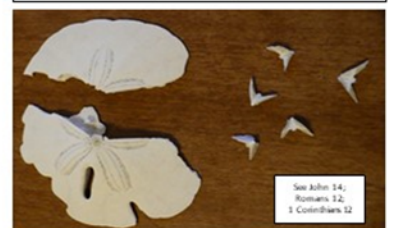
God is the Creator, of all things great and small,
and in a humble work of creation, He left a message for us all.
For in a simple little shell, there is an imprint to behold,
which recalls the birth and death of Jesus Christ,
the greatest story eve told.
For when you look at a shell closely, you'll notice at first glance,
five holes as of five wounds of One, whose body was struck with a lance.
On one side an Easter lily, in its center is a star,
a symbol of the light and truth, that the wise still follow from afar.
On the other a Christmas poinsettia, whose leaves are soaked in red,
to remind us both of His birth, and of the blood that He would shed.
Now break the center open, as He was broken for sin,
to see revealed the fruit of His wounds, divine gifts offered from within.
These are the signs of His Spirit, through the symbol of the dove,
which are means by which His grace, is poured out on us in love.
In freedom we have the power to choose, a path towards a heaven or a hell,
And in this small sign we see a path to His mercy, the Gospel in a seashell.

John 3:16: For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 19:34 One of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water.



Luke 3:22 (Baptism of Jesus) The Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form, as a dove, and a voice came from heaven, "Thou art my beloved Son"



Romans 5:5 God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

As you remember, a few months ago a number of deacons and their wives, and family members and friends, were scheduled to join me and participate in a life-changing pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Several of the members of our IHM family expressed interest in joining us. Unfortunately that trip was put on hold, but it is now ready to be rescheduled. Please consider joining Nancy and myself and others for an 8-day Holy Land Pilgrimage, September 8-15, 2020. See Deacon Chris for info.

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.

Please pray for our troops:

Ian Bagby—U.S. Army
Randy Brittingham—U.S. Air Force
Gregory Conners—U.S. Army
Luke Cwiklowski—U.S. Navy
Joseph Gardner—U.S. Navy
Nicholas Hitt—U.S. Army
Jacob Holstein—U.S. Marines
Courtney Kelley (Swoboda) - U.S. Air Force
Angela Kettler—U.S. Navy
Alexandra McIntosh—U.S. Navy
Danielle McIntosh—U.S. Marines
Richard Ostermeyer—U.S. Marines
Matthew Rison—U.S. Navy
Molly Rison—U.S. Navy
Eric Roethler—U.S. Marines
Andrew Salmo—U.S. Army
Matthew Stovall—U.S. Marines
Blake Varady—U.S. Army
Alexander Vesel—U.S. Navy

and all U.S. military men and women
who have dedicated their lives
to preserve and protect our country
(if you would like your loved one listed,
please contact the church office)

Prayer for Memorial Day



God of power and mercy,
you destroy war and put down earthly pride.
Banish violence from our midst
and wipe away our tears,
that we may all deserve to be called
your sons and daughters.

Keep in your mercy those men and women
who have died in the cause of freedom
and bring them safely
into your kingdom of justice and peace.
We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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. 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.



A great way to organize emergency meals for the people of our parish!

Arrival of a new baby
Military deployment
Condolences

Injuries/Surgeries
Extended illnesses
Group events

Please contact Kelly Meyer at meyer5853@qmcinc.org if you have any questions or would like to become a part of this ministry.

**It is not boring at all
to stay in the house.
But how come a bag
of rice has 7,456
pieces and the other
bag 7,398?**

Authentic Catholic Radio: AM 1460

This might interest you...

Rosary and Litany of Loretto

In Thanksgiving for the Reopening of Public Masses Saturday, May 30th at 11am

Front steps of the Cathedral Basilica, 4431 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108. Join us in Thanksgiving * To pray for wisdom and courage for our Archdiocesan leaders * To pray for healing for the clergy and religious of the Archdiocese impacted by illness. Sponsored by CREDO of the Catholic Laity—www.CREDOstlouis.org

Concert with Carrie Newcomer: Hope Thru Connection: Meaning in a Time of Pandemic

Livestreamed on Saturday, June 6 at 7pm

Carrie Newcomer is a performer, recording artist, and educator, described as a "prairie mystic" by the Boston Globe and one who "asks all the right questions" by Rolling Stone. She has attracted a devoted following with her warm voice, exquisite melodies, and an irreverent yet spiritual view of the world. Carrie Newcomer and Mercy Conference and Retreat Center have partnered to create a benefit concert online for an experience that will have professional audio and visuals, as well as an easy way for anyone to stream this experience from Carrie's home to yours. For information or to register: www.mercycenterstl.org

Harvester KofC 2020 Spring Washer Tournament

Saturday, June 13, 12noon, register at 11:30

Where: Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service, 4116 McClay Rd., St. Charles 63304 Cost: \$40 per 2-person team. All ages welcome. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place cash prizes awarded. Beverages sold at tournament. No food provided—please bring your own. Please contact Tim Plawski at tbonespack@sbcglobal.net or 314-910-8670.