



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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**Website: [www.ihm-newmelle.org](http://www.ihm-newmelle.org)**

**Office Phone: 636-398-5270**

**Deliveries only address: 8 West Highway D, New Melle, MO 63365**

## 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

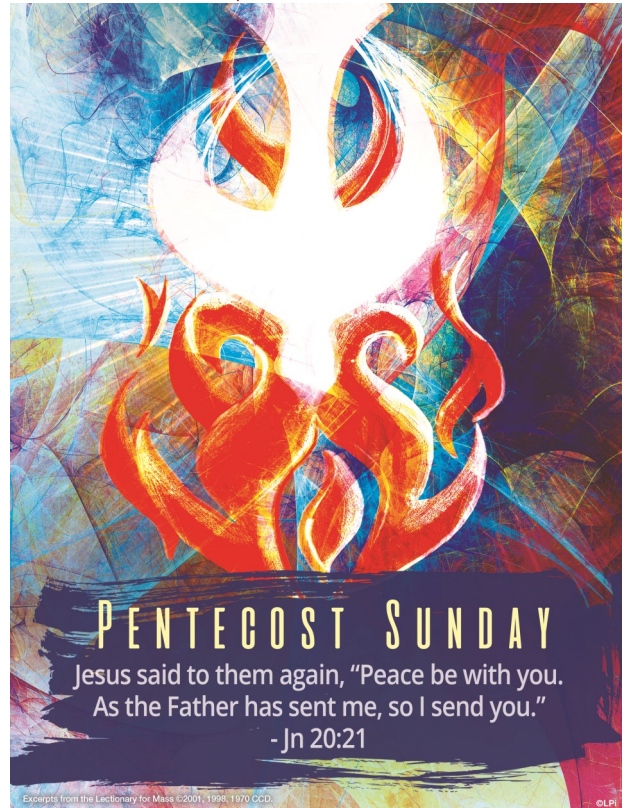
**Reconciliation:** Wednesday in church, 7pm  
 Saturday following 8am Mass

**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 31, 2020*



## Deeper Understanding of Scripture

You can feel so small standing by the seashore. The vastness of all that is before you expands much farther than your eye can see. What is happening on the other side? As tides continue to ebb and flow, what occurs as they come and go remains largely a mystery and the effects of their presence unknown in your sight. Yet, things are moving and changing as you gaze upon the water, as the thumbprint of their presence is left behind. The greater the wind and wave, the greater the effect. But even a gentle breeze leaves its humble mark upon the seashore on which you stand. The smallest pebble still makes a ripple in the great blue expanse of ocean waters. It doesn't need to be big.

You never know the full impact of your smallest gesture or simplest of words. A yes or no, agree or disagree, here or there, this

or that can influence time and history in ways you may never know. The Holy Spirit is like that: fierce and torrential, and then almost still and silent, creating and recreating nonetheless. Coming as a gentle breeze or a gusty wind, God's Holy Spirit continues to move over, around, and into the waters of our lives. The Spirit brings fruit and unknown possibilities to what we humbly bring with us and that same Spirit eventually brings all to fulfillment in Christ.

The first disciples didn't have much. They possessed simple faith and a willingness to go into uncharted territory with a love of their friend-God, humble offerings, and a knowledge that they were not alone. This allowed them to do amazing things with very little. Do you believe that you are being led and that you have a purposeful life? We often do not realize our value

because we do not think that the little we have is good enough. How wrong we are! A little flour mixed with water and embraced by a prayer of blessing transforms simple offerings into the magnificent Eucharistic presence of God. If the Holy Spirit can do such amazing things with these humble gifts of the earth, even more can happen with you. Don't underestimate the value of the smile you gave a stranger, the door held open for an elderly widow, the listening ear offered to one who was lonely, the tolerance given to the wounded soul who is angry, and the loving shoulder you offered as a cradle under the head of someone in pain. Modest gifts offered with love can be transformed by the Spirit into wondrous blessings you may never know. It's Pentecost. Trust. You are not alone.

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

### Parish Staff

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### Religious Education

Shawn Mueller, Director

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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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#### Youth and Young Adults

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Julie Lassiter 636-357-0121



## COME, HOLY SPIRIT!

Dear Parishioners,

What a long strange Easter it has been. The 2020 Lenten-Easter season will go down as one of the more memorable experiences in our lives when American life came to a halt in a face of a life threatening virus. We will look back on this time with many questions, assumptions and possible contradictions as we wonder how our choices affected our lives and livelihoods. I hope our future discussions on these months will involve more questions and ponderings rather than the all too familiar finger-pointing that is part of our divided American life.

While human life is filled with many division, God is all about unity. In these later days of Easter, the Gospel of St. John has repeatedly proclaimed the unity that Jesus shares with the Father. The Oneness of the Father and the Son is the person of the Holy Spirit. That Holy Spirit is sent by the Father to continue the work of Jesus until He returns in glory. For 50 days we have heard from the Acts of the Apostles how the infant church accomplished this reality. The Apostles and others proclaimed the Kingdom and the Resurrection, worked miracles and baptized new members into the Body of Christ.

To our Catechumens, Candidates and Confirmandi I offer our congratulations and welcome into the fullness of life in Jesus Christ. The three Sacraments of Initiation bring us from a life of the body to a life in the Spirit. The Holy Spirit comes upon you as it did the Apostles on that first Pentecost, the Spirit wants to lead you into a deeper experience of the Living Lord. That is awesome news! That is GOOD NEWS! That Good News is meant to change the world, one life at a time.

This transformation is not magical or instantaneous. It is the invitation to follow Jesus on the greatest adventure of your life. The exploration and appropriation of faith requires more attention that it does to feed the

body or fill our time with all the distractions of modern life. Because many of us swim at the surface of faith and never dive into the depths we may falsely assume that issues of faith are simply superficial. The faith is not superficial, you are. Because many of us fail to appreciate the invitation to become selfless in our celebration of the Liturgy and our daily living of the faith, we will assume the faith is boring. The faith is not boring, you are. All of us can ask ourselves how seriously we apply ourselves to the faith. The more we pour our time, interest and curiosity into the faith, the more we will reap its fruits.

I offer you the example for your guide and mentor, Shawn Mueller. Shawn is not a person of remarkable faith because he has some secret charism that we all admire and wish we possessed. Shawn is a remarkable person of faith because he is disciplined to embrace the study and living of the faith every single day. Shawn would be the first to confess that at times you have to wade through still periods and unremarkable chapters to arrive at the heights where you appreciate the beauty of our faith. Seemingly uninteresting work leads to deeper appreciation of the matters that remain superficial for too many of us. No one magically arrives there, it takes work and loving discipline. No one can be a disciple without discipline. Welcome to discipleship! If taken seriously, it will be the most challenging and rewarding experience in your life.

Peace,

Fr. Tom

*"All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it. Do you not know that the runners in the stadium all run in the race, but only one wins the prize? Run so as to win."*

## Pentecost Sunday— Year A

[Jesus breathed on his disciples and said,] "Receive the Holy Spirit." JOHN 20:22

The Cross and the Switchblade describes Rev. David Wilkerson's work with young derelicts in New York City. One firsthand report in the book comes from a heroin user named Joe. He says: "The Holy Spirit is called the Comforter, they told me. When I thought of comfort, I thought of a bottle of wine and a dozen goof balls. But these guys were talking about comfort from heaven where I could feel clean later. I got to wanting this.... I cried to God for help and that's when he [the Holy Spirit] came. . . I didn't want any more drugs. I loved everybody. For the first time in my life I felt clean."

What role does the Holy Spirit play in my life? Do I pray to the Holy Spirit?

*O come, O Holy Spirit, come! Come as holy light and lead us. Come as holy truth and teach us.*  
ANCIENT PRAYER (adapted)

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

## Ministry Schedule

### May 30—4pm

EM: Deacon Chris Ast, Jim & Chris Warren, Ann Zaleuke  
Lec: Joe Willis, Jerry Knott  
Serv: Izzy Scheer  
Music: Bryan and company  
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**

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, June 1

8:00am Audrey Hueffmeier +  
John Watts +

### Tuesday, June 2

8:00am Ed & Rose Reuther Family  
the Schneider Family

### Wednesday, June 3

8:00am All Souls  
intention of Roger & Vickie Brink

### Thursday, June 4

8:00am Charles Smith +  
Bob Keune +

### Friday, June 5

8:00am Holy Vocations  
Chuck Nour +

### Saturday, June 6

8:00am Agnes Benne +  
Tom Miller +  
Bob Cova +

### Sunday, June 7

7:30am Matthew Hewitt +  
People of the Parish  
9:30am Erma Guinn +  
Sherri Callahan +  
11:30am intention of Don Schmidt

## 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),  
Steve Wengerski (family friend of Mandy Daub),  
Jim Raymond (brother of Alan & Marsha Raymond),  
Sophia Hartsfield (granddaughter of Ed & Marcia Etzkorn)

## ✠ Rest in Peace ✠

We offer our prayerful sympathy on the passing of

**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.

**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



## *Pentecost Vigil ... May 30, 4pm*

We officially welcome and 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 (Baptism)  
Paula Minski (Profession of Faith)  
Trish Perkins, (Profession of Faith)  
Cindy Deter (Profession of Faith)  
Sherri Meyer (Profession 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. Let's welcome these folks in love.

## *Confirmation ... May 31, 11:30am*

Our 8th grade candidates 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. Being Confirmed this year are:

Mary Grace Becker	Hayden Bicknese
Lindsay Bouquet	Houston Brague
Madison Bright	Ian Cobb
Michael DiLorenzo	William Fredrick
Julia Joerling	Charles Kothe
Tyler Nobel	Lauren Opfer
Sofie Owens	Zoey Panus
Ava Postal	Sophia Simon

***Congratulations to all  
who receive the  
Sacraments of the Church  
this weekend!***

## *Contributions, May 23/24*

General Offertory:	\$11,573.00
Online – General Offertory:	\$3,558.05
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,131.05</b>

*"To each is given the manifestation of the  
Spirit for the common good."  
(I Corinthians 12:7)*

To receive the gift of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and invite Him in! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words and actions every day! Be grateful for all the gifts God has given you! Regardless of our individual circumstances, God has given all of us many blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God! By generously sharing everything we have and everything we are, we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered" and our lives truly reflect God's light, love and mercy.

**Let us pray . . . that through our gratitude  
and generosity, we learn to open our heart  
and invite the Holy Spirit into our life!**

## *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



Today as we celebrate Pentecost, Jesus says to His disciples: "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

**This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting 20 families, providing \$3,840 in food, \$4,942.48 for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank you!**

Marriage in Christ has been promised between  
**Alyssa Heinsohn and Matthew Doll**



We welcome to our parish family  
through the Sacrament of Baptism:  
**Layla Maria Halloran**  
daughter of Zachary & Nicole (Bax) Halloran

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



Thank You

Many thanks to my IHM family for the prayers, Masses, donations to St. Vincent de Paul, food and hugs that you blessed me with after the death of Dave. My whole family is in awe of your loving, caring spirit. I love you all.

Pat Gentry

### 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 illuminated 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)

- The root of sin is in the \_\_\_\_\_ of man, in his free will, according to the teaching of the Lord.
  - action
  - feeling
  - heart
  - emotions
- Corroborated by human experience, sins are rightly evaluated according to their \_\_\_\_\_.
  - mortality
  - veniality
  - gravity
  - work
- In scripture, 1 John chapter \_\_\_\_\_ verses 16-17 makes a distinction between mortal and venial sin.
  - two
  - three
  - four
  - five
- Mortal sin destroys \_\_\_\_\_ in the heart of man by a grave violation of God's law; it turns man away from God, by preferring an inferior good to Him.
  - suffering
  - hope
  - truth
  - charity
- Venial sin allows charity to subsist, even though it offends and \_\_\_\_\_ it.
  - wounds
  - annihilates
  - erases
  - destroys
- When the sinner's will is set upon something that of its nature involves a \_\_\_\_\_, but is not opposed to the love of God and neighbor, such sins are venial.
  - disorder
  - parent
  - death
  - friend
- Mortal sin is sin whose object is grave matter and which is also committed with full knowledge and deliberate \_\_\_\_\_.
  - consent
  - control
  - consistency
  - command
- Grave matter is specified by the \_\_\_\_\_, corresponding to the answer of Jesus to the rich young man.
  - church
  - conscience
  - church precepts
  - ten commandments
- Mortal sin presupposes knowledge of the sinful character of the act, of its opposition to God's \_\_\_\_\_.
  - intent
  - plan
  - providence
  - law
- Mortal sin also implies a consent sufficiently \_\_\_\_\_ to be a personal choice.
  - negligent
  - inclined
  - deliberate
  - opposite

Answer key

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### New Cemetery Section now open

Please call the church office to set up an appointment to reserve your final resting place in our cemetery. The price for the lots at this time is \$750, and we will keep this price until September. Appointments begin this week. Also, we still have many niches available in our columbariums for the repose of cremated remains.



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, Founders Hall pavilion, 6:30—8pm.

- ⇒ June 4th: Welcome Confirmation class night with water (like discussion on holy water and water balloon games). Loads of fun!
- ⇒ June 25th: 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



### 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.

## PSR Corner

## Sacrament Dates

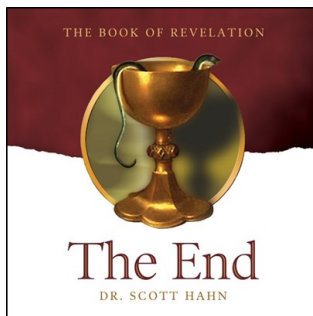
The Sacrament of Confirmation is taking place this weekend at the regularly scheduled Mass on Pentecost, Sunday May 31 at 11:30 am. Blessings to the students and parents of the 2019-2020 IHM Confirmation Class: Mary Becker, Hayden Bicknese, Lindsay Bouquet, Houston Brague, Madison Bright, Ian Cobb, Michael DiLorenzo, William Fredrick, Julia Joerling, Charles Kothe, Tyler Nobel, Lauren Opfer, Sofie Owens, Zoey Panus, Ava Postal, Sophia Simon



## 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)



### THE END - Dr. Scott Hahn

For many Catholics today, interpreting the Book of Revelation presents an almost insurmountable challenge. The dizzying array of exotic symbols and apocalyptic warnings can make St. John's glorious vision seem more like an incomprehensible nightmare, prompting us to ask, "What did he really see?" In this talk, Dr. Hahn explains what the Book of Revelation is really about.

**Dr. Scott Hahn** is a world-renowned speaker, author, and professor. His theological and biblical expertise has helped thousands of people embrace the Catholic faith.

## PRINCIPLES OF CATHOLIC BIOETHICS with Fr. Peter Fonseca



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## *Mary, Daughter of the Father, Mother of the Son, Spouse of the Holy Spirit*



Did you ever notice that some of “Our Lady of Fatima” statues are depicted with three white doves? The dove is a traditional symbol of the Holy Spirit (think of the Baptism of Jesus). With our Lady being the Spouse of the Holy Spirit, along with the number three representing the Persons of the Trinity, one might easily conclude that is the reason why the three doves.

In 1946, Portugal celebrated its 300th anniversary of her consecration to Our Lady. In order to manifest their love for her, the people wished to celebrate it with great pomp and grandeur. A great procession with the statue of Our Lady of Fatima was organized which began in Fatima at the Cova de Iria where she appeared to the three children, and ended at the Church of Our Lady of Fatima in Lisbon, 70 miles away. Men carried the statue on a platform the entire way on foot, with the changing of the “guard” in each city along the way. In every city, massive crowds came to show their devotion with different festivities including all night adoration and concluding with Holy Mass in the morning before she began her journey again.

As a mark of honor and thanksgiving, six white doves were released into the air on December 1st, 1946. Three of them flew down to Our Lady’s feet and remained at her feet during the whole journey to Lisbon. They refused to eat or drink and they ignored all the commotion and noise which attended the statue as she passed through the villages. Rose petals were tossed at Our Lady and brushed against the doves, lights and thunderous fireworks blazed in the night skies, crowds pressed all along the path of Our Lady. This remarkable

event became such a sensation that the local newspapers recorded all the details and aroused the interest of all of Portugal.



With the white doves still perched at Our Lady’s feet and still having refused to eat, the statue finally arrived in Lisbon at Our Lady of Fatima Church on December 5th, in time for the great Feast on the Immaculate Conception on December 8th. It seems as if all of Portugal was wondering what the doves would now do, since they had reached the destination of great import.

On December 7th at 3:00 p.m., thousands of children were consecrated to the Blessed Mother. There was an enormous evening candlelight procession at 9:30p.m. Masses were then offered throughout the night and the solemn High Mass was held in the morning. While this Mass was progressing, there was a sudden fluttering of wings. One of the doves flew to the Epistle side of the altar and the other to the gospel side. As the bishop straightened to elevate the Consecrated Host, they alighted and folded their wings, one on each side, as if they were adoring the Host.

The third dove was still at Our Lady’s feet. Then all of a sudden, at the

moment of Holy Communion, the third dove flew up to the top of the crown of the statue. As the bishop turned and held up Our Lord saying “Ecce Agnus Dei” (“Behold the Lamb of God”), astoundingly, the dove spread its white wings and held them open.

*It seems Our Lady held the doves at Her Feet, on this special occasion, so that they could give glory to God at Holy Mass Who, in turn, confirmed the glory that He has given to Our Lady – Our Lady of Fatima.*



This version was found online at the link below. It also is recorded in the excellent work, [Vision at Fatima](#) with first hand testimony by Fr. Thomas McGlynn, sculptor of a Fatima statue under the direction of Sr. Lucia herself.

<http://handmaidsoftheimmaculate.weebly.com/blog/the-miracle-of-our-lady-of-fatima-and-the-three-white-doves>

*Come Holy Spirit!  
Come by means of the  
powerful intercession of the  
Immaculate Heart of Mary*





## 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.

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.



## News of interest!

### IHM Rummage Sale Update!!!

The Rummage Sale will be rescheduled sometime in August, the date to be determined. Drop offs can begin the week of July 20th, if that date changes we will advise. Please do not bring your items up before July 20. I know you all have lots of "stuff" as most of us have used some of our "Free" time cleaning or organizing. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

### 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](http://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](mailto:tbonespack@sbcglobal.net) or 314-910-8670.

## Live the Liturgy

### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

With Pentecost, the disciples significantly changed. They were charged up and ready to go. They received the Holy Spirit and no longer harbored fear and apprehension. They knew who they were and what needed to be done. With the peace of the Lord and the power of the Spirit within them, they set out to do amazing things with simple means. We have received the Holy Spirit as well. What keeps us from truly understanding the mission of Christ and continuing the advancement of the Gospel? Some may think this was a work of the past and not relevant now. Others may believe that the work set before me is simply about doing what I need to do to merit heaven and has little to do with my brothers and sisters. Take a good look at the world. More are in need of hearing the Good News than there ever were. We have the power to get up and out and start doing life-changing things!



## Dear Beloved Mother,

Grant, if it is possible, that I may have no other spirit but yours to know Jesus and His Divine will; that I may have no other soul but yours to praise and glorify the Lord; that I may have no other heart but yours to love God with a love as pure and passionate as yours.

I do not ask you for visions, revelations, feelings of devotion, or spiritual pleasures.

It is your privilege to see God clearly; it's your privilege to enjoy heavenly bliss; it's your privilege to triumph gloriously in heaven at the right hand of your Son and to hold absolute sway over angels, men and demons; it is your privilege to dispose of all the gifts of God, just as you wish.

The only grace I beg you to obtain for me is that every day and every moment of my life I may say: Amen, so be it, to all that you did while on earth; amen, so be it, to all that you are now doing in heaven; amen, so be it, to all that you are doing in my soul, so that you alone may fully glorify Jesus in me for time and eternity.

St. Louis de Montfort

### Readings of the Week

Pentecost Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39.

Pentecost Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 87/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90/Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123/Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 4-5ab/Mk 12:28-34

Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17/Ps 119/Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/Ps 71/Mk 12:38-44

Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

### Heavenly Duster Schedule

Week of May 31:	Legion of Mary
Week of June 7:	Peggy Dupree
Week of June 14:	Pat Roche
Week of June 21:	Shirley Gassei
Week of June 28:	Dot Keune

Authentic Catholic Radio: AM 1460

## We Are Never Alone

My children want my help sometimes, and other times, not so much. I remember being a teenager and young adult myself. At times, I thought I knew everything. I didn't need help because I was just so darn smart. Truth is, I needed to find my own way. I needed to stretch my wings and prove to myself and my family I could fly. I assume that is what is happening with my own children as well. It just seems so different now that I'm the parent.

Human beings need help. We need community, and we need to rely on one another. At Pentecost, we reflect on Jesus sending to the Church a helper, the Holy Spirit. God interacting with us in this manner means we are never truly alone. We focus most of the time on the Spirit of God as the assistance we need, and we do need Him for sure. However, since it is that very same Spirit that turned us into "Church" from a band of people looking to carry on after Jesus' ascension, at Pentecost we gained more than divine help: we gained each other.

Today, the Church needs help in a profound way. We need to lean on the Holy Spirit to blow through the Church with a profound renewal. But we cannot forget that we have been given each other to lean on as well. We are a gift to each other, and together with the Spirit's help, we are the Body of Christ here on earth. We must be strong and stand for one another. If we do that, this Pentecost will bear fruit that will be with us for many Pentecosts to come.

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