



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 31, 2021



31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.'" And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:32, 34ab

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Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Centuries of God's devoted people have found this prayer on their lips: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" The fundamental prayer has been laid as the cornerstone of many spiritual lives. Where did you learn how to pray or did you? Maybe there is a wisdom figure in your life who inspired and guided you by the genuine, holy simplicity of their lives. His or her example may have led you to God and taught you how to pray. Or perhaps you discovered this art on your own after stumbling over yourself enough times and finally realizing it was time to reach out to Someone greater than yourself. There is a timeless truth that we not only tend to forget, but may have never learned. There is only one God, the Lord alone! As a result, we often worship other gods rather than the One true God. Everything in our life gets distorted and we find ourselves lost and

off center.

If we haven't learned it yet, there is a life lesson at the top of all of the possible lessons to be learned. There is One True and Eternal God who alone has a solitary claim on us and must be loved with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Until we learn this primary lesson, we run the risk of getting distracted and sidetracked. We will also never really figure out what is at the heart of the relationships we share with the other human beings on this planet with whom we share life. That one primary lesson will teach us the second most valuable lesson: that we must love our neighbor as ourselves. You cannot have one without the other. The presence of God in the core soul of each one of us requires that all of our relationships work together. This truth is at the heart of the Gospel.

If every human being, each in their own way, could stumble upon and genuinely embrace this truth, look how different life would be! Our priorities will immediately shift from "I and me" to "us and we" and we will develop a more inclusive vision for our brothers and sisters. Concerned not only about my own wellbeing and happiness but also that of our brothers and sisters, humanity stands a chance at succeeding in the struggle with injustice, abuse, inequity, violence, war, entitlement, and privilege. It seems that getting to this point has been at the heart of the Gospel and the kingdom of God from the moment Jesus first started to preach. It's a wonder why, then, why so many centuries later, we have still failed to achieve his vision. Maybe we just haven't learned our primary lessons yet.

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

Parish Staff

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Parish School of Religion
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

Quick Contacts Directory

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The Solemnity of All Saints

The meaning of the celebration

- + Originally celebrated as a feast commemorating all the martyrs, on All Saints Day, the Church remembers that “great multitude which no one can count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb” (cf. Revelation 7:9).
- + All Saints Day is a celebration of the fulfillment of Pentecost, recognizing that the message of the Gospel that was entrusted to the Apostles on that holy day has borne fruit in the lives of countless women, men, and children from every corner of the earth who are now with God in heaven.
- + This special feast reminds that the call to holiness is for everyone. Not only are we called to be saints, holiness is possible whatever our age, race, economic status, or vocation.

Spiritual bonus

Every day of the Church Year includes a celebration of several saints and blessed and the names of the saints honored on a given day are listed in a liturgical book called *The Roman Martyrology*. Although November 1 is the Solemnity of All the Saints, the Church still remembers certain individuals on this day, including Saint Harold.

Born around the year 935, Harold was the son of King Gorm “the Old” and is known as Harold “Bluetooth.” Harold later converted to Christianity and is honored as the first Christian king of Den-

mark. Harold was later murdered in a rebellion led by his son Swein. Honored as a martyr, he is honored as a patron saint of Denmark.

Bluetooth software is named for Saint Harold, presumably because of his ability to make diverse factions communicate with one another. The Bluetooth logo is a made up of Nordic runes for the initials of Saint Harold “Bluetooth.”

For reflection

“Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”—Matthew 5:8-10; communion antiphon for the Solemnity of All the Saints

Prayer

Almighty ever-living God,
by whose gifts we venerate in one celebration
the merits of all the Saints,
bestow on us, we pray,
through the prayers of so many intercessors,
an abundance of the reconciliation with You
for which we earnestly long.
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)

Saint profiles prepared by
Brother Silas Henderson, S.D.S.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time— Year B

[Jesus said of the commandments,] “The most important one is this: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’” —MARK 12:29-30

In the movie *The Soloist*, based upon a true story, Steve Lopez (Robert Downey Jr) is enthralled by Nathaniel Ayers (Jamie Foxx), a homeless man, once a trained student at the famous Julliard school of music. Ayers’ love and passion for music stands as a stark contrast to his plight and living conditions, accompanied by severe mental limitations. In one scene, Lopez raves about witnessing Ayers’ entrance into a transcendent experience upon listening to a symphony rehearsal. In a fit of both heightened awe and jealousy, Lopez raves, “I have never in my life even come close to loving anything like his (Ayers’) love of music.” (paraphrased)

What would people say about my love for the Lord? Do I witness to any passion for things divine?

Mark Link S.J. *Vision*

Ministry Schedule

October 30—4pm

EM: Wally & Jan Karase, Pat Roche
Lec: Clare Holifield, Donna Hecht
Music: Bryan & cantor
Serv: Izzy Scheer
Ush: Larry Graves, Bill Pollihan, Tim Wilson, Andy Pope

October 31—7:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Emily Cooksey, Dianne Dickherber
Lec: Kris Jenkins, Peggy Dupree
Music: Verdi & Brooke
Serv: Emma Clifton, Sydney Jaeckle
Ush: Ron Neske, Joe Weber, Mike Hardesty, Mark Thome

October 31—10am

EM: Deacon Chris, Chris Richter, Janet Hespen
Lec: Chuck Hinkle, Grant Smith
Music: Adult Choir
Serv: William Lassiter, Izzy Czuchna
Ush: Bill Riley, Alan Raymond, Bob Hutchcraft, Bill Winters

IHMformation Station

4:00: Wally & Jan Karase
7:30: Mark & Terri Thome
10:00: Chuck & Laurie Hinkle



We welcome to our parish through the
Sacrament of Baptism:

Amelia Elaine Ahlert

daughter of Patrick and Jessica (Ennis) Ahlert

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

Ministry Schedule

November 6—4pm

EM: Deacon Chris, Ann Zaleuke, Ed Etzkorn
Lec: Karen Wilson, Chuck Kettler
Serv: Chase Spurgeon
Music: Bryan & Mary Ann
Ush: Larry Graves, Chris Cuddihee, Mike Rieker, Bill Pollihan

November 7—7:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, John Fiacco, Mary Hardesty
Lec: Bob Leeker, Karen Wappelhorst
Serv: Mary Grace & Janie Becker
Music: Verdi & Brooke
Ush: Terry Schneider, Chris Molitor, Rick Scharf, Ron Jacob

November 7—10am

EM: Deacon Chris, Laura Orf, Maureen Blondin
Lec: Chris & Kat Menne
Serv: Thomas Kokker, Izzy Czuchna
Music: Adult Choir
Ush: Ron Simpson, Gary Struckhoff, Larry Smith, Chuck Hinkle

IHMformation Station

4:00: Karen Wilson
7:30: Mark & Terri Thome
10:00: Maureen Blondin

Heavenly Duster Schedule

Week of October 31: Yvonne Brossette
Week of November 7: Donna Wolff
Week of November 14: Mary Hardesty
Week of November 21: Judy Jacob
Week of November 28: Sharon Hagan

Purificators

Month of October: Pat Roche
Month of November: Nancy Hollenstein



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, Pat Foster, Tom Hartenbach, Richard & Doris Berhorst, Terry Hagan, Larry Gassei, 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), Pat Finan (daughter of Fran Bussen), 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), Marlene Hagemeyer (sister of Pat Roche), Carol Fague (sister of Bob Woodford), 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), Jennifer Fitzsimmons (cousin of Karen Fitzsimmons)

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, November 1	
8:00am	Brett Varady +
Tuesday, November 2	
8:00am	the Schneider Family
7:00pm	Elizabeth Meier + All Souls
Wednesday, November 3	
8:00am	Ed Langford +
6:30pm	Lorraine DuPont +
Thursday, November 4	
8:00am	Lucille Smith + Carollee Lang +
Friday, November 5	
8:00am	Lester Lang + Holy Vocations
Saturday, November 6	
8:00am	Lester & Audrey Lang + Thomas Miller +
4:00pm	People of IHM Don Iffrig +
Sunday, November 7	
7:30am	Charley & Dorothy Fendler + Karen Windler +
10:00am	Jameo Klemme +

Needed at the Pantry

Peanut butter, jelly, coffee, ketchup, mustard, sugar, canned fruit, fruit juices, saltines crackers, paper towels, plastic bags (please double-bag)

We cannot accept expired or previously opened items

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells us: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength...and you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you can show your love for our Lord and your love of your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless, alone and frightened.



Pope's Intentions for November: People who suffer from depression

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

Contributions October 23/24

General offertory:	\$6,334.60
Online giving:	<u>\$5,968.59</u>
	\$12,303.19

"And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices."

~~Mark 12:33~~

Of all the gifts that God gives us, the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of our love for Him, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it's more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness.

We pray: that we are generous with our visible gifts of charitable works and generous giving, but that we are more generous with our invisible gifts of love, mercy and forgiveness.

Activities this Week

Sunday, October 31

PSR, Weber/Founders Halls, Trailer, 8:45—9:45am
Faith Formation, Grand Hall, 8:45—9:45
Catholicism, episode 6

Monday, November 1 (church office closed today)

Scouts, Founders Hall/Trailer, 6:30pm
St. Vincent de Paul, Grand Hall, 6pm

Tuesday, November 2

Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, following 8am Mass
Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am
KofC officers, Founders Hall, 6:30pm
Mass of Remembrance, 7pm

Wednesday, November 3

Sunday readings study, Weber Hall, 8:45am
St. Dominic HS retreat, Grand Hall, all day
Evening Mass 6:30pm / Reconciliation, 7pm
Scripture Study, Grand Hall, 7pm

Thursday, November 4

Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am
RCIA, Weber Hall, 6:30pm

Friday, November 5

Quilting in Weber Hall, 8:30—noon
New Parishioner Wine & Cheese, rectory, 6:30pm

Saturday, November 6

Reconciliation after 8am Mass
SVDP Food Pantry open 9-10:30am
Jonah Team will pray with you after 4pm Mass
Event in Grand Hall this evening

Sunday, November 7

PSR, Weber/Founders Halls, Trailer, 8:45—9:45am
Faith Formation, Grand Hall, 8:45—9:45
Catholicism, episode 7
Jonah Team will pray with you after 10am Mass
SVDP, Grand Hall, 4-6pm

What's Your Catholic IQ?

1. What holy day of obligation is the day after Halloween?
 - a. All Souls Day
 - b. Ash Wednesday
 - c. All Saints Day
 - d. the Immaculate Conception
2. At Mass, we begin by saying "In the name of the _____, and of the _____, and of the _____."
 - a. Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier
 - b. pope, bishops, priests
 - c. Church, saints, Mother of God
 - d. Father, Son, Holy Spirit
3. Jesus said that His disciples would do greater things than He did because (see John 14:12)
 - a. Jesus was going to the Father and would send the Holy Spirit to help them.
 - b. they were good guys.
 - c. the Apostles worked really hard at being holy.
 - d. the Church would eventually become a world religion.
4. Which saint is known for his love of animals?
 - a. St. Patrick
 - b. St. Anthony of Padua
 - c. Dr. Doolittle
 - d. St. Francis of Assisi
5. The word *eschatology* refers to the study of
 - a. sainthood
 - b. the end times
 - c. the importance of candles in the Latin church
 - d. the early Church
6. In the Garden of Eden, God created all of the _____ for Adam and Eve to eat.
 - a. fruits
 - b. dairy products
 - c. salads
 - d. animals
7. In Matthew 6:9-13, Jesus taught His disciples the
 - a. Sign of the Cross
 - b. Hail Mary
 - c. Our Father
 - d. Prayer of the Mass
8. At Mass, we shake hands with our Christian brothers and sisters during the
 - a. Sign of the Cross
 - b. blessing of holy water
 - c. Sign of Peace
 - d. greet-your-neighbor part
9. The Church teaches that all life is sacred and to be protected
 - a. from the moment of conception until natural death
 - b. unless the person kills someone
 - c. once the fetus is viable in the womb
 - d. if the person can contribute to society and the economy
10. Who was the first non-martyred U.S. citizen to be canonized a saint?
 - a. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
 - b. Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini
 - c. St. John Neumann
 - d. St. Isaac Jogues

answers later in bulletin

St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

From the Parish Lighthouse CD Rack—Narthex



This OSV pamphlet answers the questions most on people's minds:

- Does the Church tell me who should I vote for?
- What are the key principles that should be guiding me as I enter the voting booth?
- How does my Catholic Faith help me to make these choices?
- What about the separation of Church and State?
- If no single party or candidate in a given election conforms to our important Catholic principles, what am I to do?

Here is a tool to help you make informed choices in the voting booth. [In the Voting Booth: A Catholic Perspective](#) walks you through the important responsibility of voting in light of your Catholic conscience.

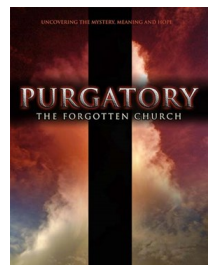
Document: Here is a link to a brief user friendly "voter's guide" (potential bulletin insert) which explains some of the "non-negotiables" in a little more detail.

http://www.catholic.com/sites/default/files/voters_guide_insert.pdf

From the Parish Library—Grand Hall

Purgatory is real, but what is it like? Could the Afterlife require suffering? Can the living help alleviate the anguish of the dead? This groundbreaking documentary investigates these compelling life-after-death questions through spiritual, scientific, and cultural perspectives.

From the award-winning producer of "Ocean of Mercy" this film uncovers new research offering fresh insights unavailable just a generation ago. Now for the first time top scholars, scientists, historians, and church leaders revisit age-old questions and embark on a spiritual quest to unlock the controversy and consolation of Purgatory.



— *Rest in Peace* —

We offer our prayerful sympathy to:

Cathy Meece on the death of her husband

James Meece

Joni Marren & Jeff Slaughter on the death of her brother

John Marren

Richard & Doris Berhorst on the death of their son

Tony Berhorst

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



Janet Hespen,
Youth Minister,
314-369-6521

- 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

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



**Mass of
Remembrance
November 2, 2021
7:00pm**



ALL are invited to this evening Mass on All Souls Day, to remember our loved ones who have gone before us, whether recently or some time ago. A special invitation has been extended to those who have lost a loved one in the past year and whose funeral was at IHM. Join us in remembering loved ones, and offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for them. Please pray with us Tuesday, November 2 in the big church.



***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.



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

Let us always keep it before our eyes that here on earth is a place of combat and the crown is received in heaven; that here is the proving ground and the prize is given up there; that here we are in a land of exile and our true homeland is heaven, to which we must continually aspire.

—St. Pio of Pietrelcina

Prayer Shawls:

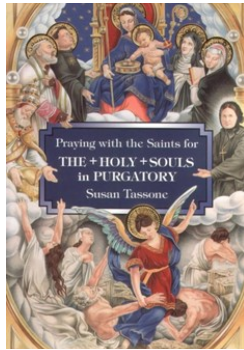
If you or someone you know needs to be wrapped in prayer, please pick a prayer shawl! We have a good supply in church of shawls that have been hand-crafted by parish members who offer a prayer with each stitch, and each one has been blessed by Fr. Tom.

PSR corner
of November

Sanctifying Time
in the Month

November is traditionally dedicated to the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

What are ways that we can help intercede for the souls of the faithful departed?

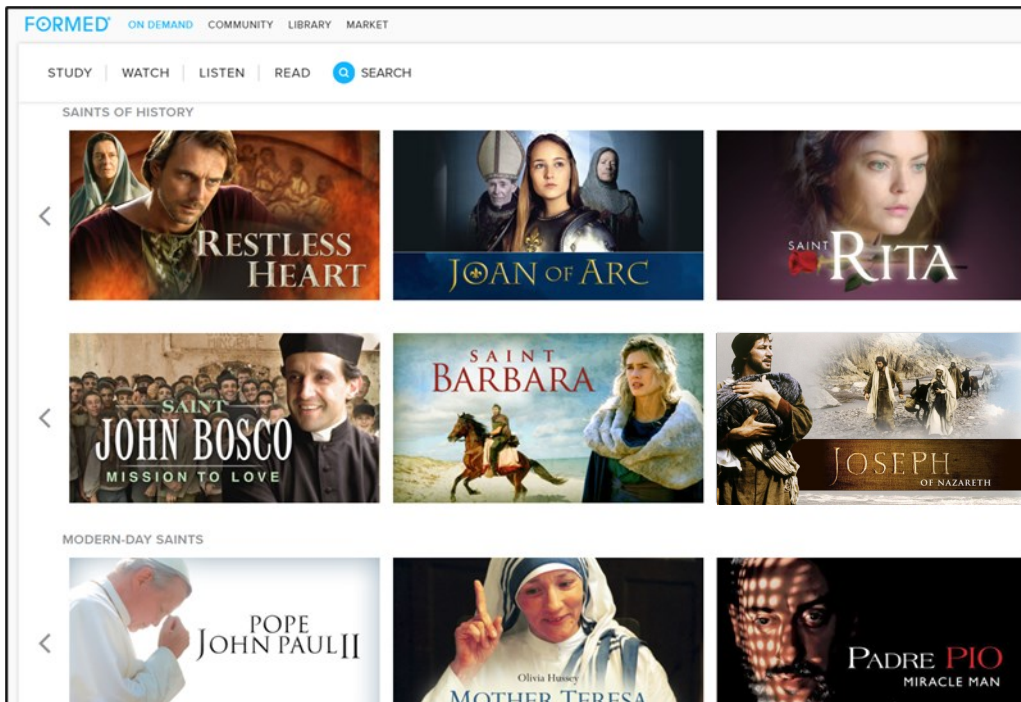
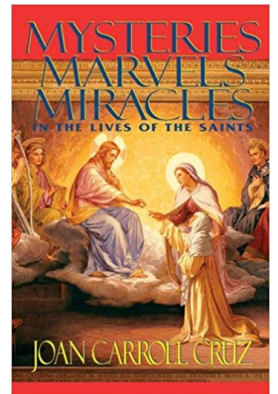


Congratulations to the most recent Quilt Raffle winner: Robert Diermann of Marthasville. YOU have a chance to win one of our beautiful quilts, too! Simply return the quilt raffle tickets that you received in the mail, along with the suggested offering, and your name will be in the drawing each month! Our quilters thank you!

Authentic Catholic Radio:
AM 1460 EWTN Global Catholic Network:
www.ewtn.com/radio and on Dish Network Channel 261

*Mysteries, Marvels and Miracles in the Life of the Saints:
The Feast of All Saints: November 1*

In the bulletin we often highlight some of the “mysteries, marvels and miracles” in the lives of the saints and beyond. The phrase is borrowed from Joan Carroll Cruz’s book. In such a book Cruz chronicles some of the miraculous and mysterious phenomena associated with the saints. This week we celebrate the feast of All Saints. Halloween or “All Hallows Eve” gets its name from this feast day, as the vigil of this celebration in which all the faithful are called to look to heaven and praise God for the holy hall of fame that have left their mark on the world for us to see. In a world that needs role models, we invite everyone to read more of the lives of the saints, to seek their intercession, to get to know more of one’s patron or name saint. At Mass, we can strive to use our mind’s eye to see the saints gathered around the altar during the Eucharistic Prayer when the priest or bishop calls out their name.....Peter, Andrew, James, John, Perpetua, Cecelia, Linus, Clement.....



One of the riches of the online portal of FORMED is the number of resources related to the lives of the saints. If you have yet to watch one of the movies on FORMED.org consider checking it out. IHM has purchased a subscription for each member of the parish. Go to www.ihm-newmelle.formed.org.



Journey to the Permanent Diaconate

Greetings.

My name is Chuck Hinkle. I and my family have been parishioners at IHM since 1993. I have been active in our parish for many years with things like ushering, lecturing, being an Assistant Scoutmaster, and later Scoutmaster, and currently am the IHM Chartered Organization Representative for Pack and Troup 856.

Over the years I have felt a calling to somehow be more involved in both my Catholic Faith, our parish, and the community at large. About 5 years ago a thought struck me (or perhaps it was the Holy Spirit pushing me) to think about entering the Permanent Diaconate for the Archdiocese of St Louis. It was a fleeting thought at the beginning but seemed to be something that kept coming back more and more frequently.

I had some tough times in my professional career where the only place I found meaning to it was within my Catholic Faith. Then I finally made the decision to attend the men's ACTS Retreat, first as a retreatant and then again on the team that helped provide that wonderful experience to other new retreatants. I believe it was the men's ACTS retreat that really set me on the path to the Permanent Diaconate. I began talking with my wife and family about it and they all seemed thrilled. My wife then mentioned that, oh by the way... the Deacon Information Night was the following week, which seemed to be too much of a coincidence. So, my wife and I attended the information night and that started my journey. A wise deacon at the information night told me "You have nothing to lose and everything to gain". That's been an inspiration for me ever since.

It's a long journey. There was a lot of up-front paperwork and reviews to be done. But with the help of my wife, I completed it in 2018 and officially began my journey in the fall of 2019. My first year in the program was known as my Aspirancy year in which you begin your studies and spend the rest of the year reflecting if the Diaconate is really a path you want to take. With the Lord's assistance, I completed that year and moved into my second year of study.

It's a lot of work but also the most rewarding work I've ever done. There are a lot of activities that put you out of your comfort zone but once you complete them you look back and it becomes obvious why they were included, and you begin understanding what the word "formation" really means. I completed my second year of studies and am now in the beginning of my third year. This year started out with the official Rite of Candidacy on September 30 where Archbishop Rozanski officially accepts you as a candidate for Holy Orders. That was an amazing experience.

I've still got a long way to go, there are more official Rites coming up, The Rite of Lector, The Rite of Acolyte, and finally Ordination into the Catholic Church as a Permanent Deacon. God willing, if I stay the course, I'll become an Ordained Deacon of the Catholic Church in June of 2024. There are more challenges ahead, each pushing me, or "forming" me into the kind of person I need to be to properly serve the community and the Archdiocese of St Louis. I ask for your prayers as I continue down this path.

Thank you and God Bless.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/
Mk 12:28b-34
Mon: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/
Mt 5:1-12a
Tue: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/Rom 5:5-11 or
Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40a
Wed: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/Lk 14:25-33
Thu: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcd, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 15:1-10
Fri: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8
Sat: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [1b]/
Lk 16:9-15

Marian Council Christmas Party

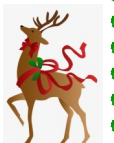
Tuesday, December 7

Grand Hall doors open at 6pm

All women are invited!

**\$5 pay in advance,
reservation deadline December 3**

*In the spirit of the season,
please donate a personal
or paper product for
St. Vincent de Paul*



Local Happenings this Fall

Halloween Haunted House and Graveyard on Saturday & Sunday, October 30 & 31. This is a fundraiser for the Adopt-a-Family Foundation. This charity helps the underprivileged in our local community with food, social services, and the ability to provide children a great Christmas with some presents! Location: 4404 Spotted Fawn Ct., Wentzville, starting at dusk.

41st Annual All Saints Craft Bazaar on Saturday, November 6. Each year crafters from the area come and showcase their many talents. It's a great opportunity to shop local and support small businesses just in time for the holidays! Save the date and be sure to stop by and check out the beautiful holiday décor, unique handmade gifts, and so much more! The All Saints Craft Bazaar is excited to announce the return of our FAMOUS Turkey Sandwiches—be sure to stop by early and get yours while supplies last!

Friends Foundation (formerly Friends of Emmaus) upcoming Online Auction. It will be held **October 30 thru November 4** with pick up on November 9, lower level KC Hall in Washington. Auction features hand made quilts, holiday items and lots more! Soups, sandwiches, available at pickup. Auction at Dunkerauction.com. More info at friendsfoundation.net or call Sharon Holtmeyer at 314-960-1042.

Helping Hearts Community Service Ministry

We are a group of IHM volunteers who wish to provide physical assistance to our neighbors who are unable to help themselves because of physical limitations. We can help with:

Transportation to/from medical appointments, grocery stores and churches

- ♥ Install support bars for showers and tubs
- ♥ Install ramps for people having trouble with mobility
- ♥ Simple tasks: replacing lightbulbs and other simple household jobs
- ♥ Remove obstacles or debris: fallen tree limbs, etc.

Please pick up a brochure from our IHMformation Station for phone contacts and further information about what we can (and cannot) do. We want to help our parishioners and other community members within our parish boundaries in need of minor services that they are unable to do because of age or infirmity.



Answers to Catholic IQ (adapted from *Catechist Magazine*)

1. c All Saints Day celebrates those saints, canonized or not, known or unknown, who were faithful to Christ and are with God in heaven now.
2. d The Sign of the Cross reminds us of our Baptism, when we were brought into the Christian community in the name of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit (see Matthew 28:19).
3. a Through Christ's intercession to the Father and the power of the Holy Spirit given at Baptism and Confirmation, all Christians are empowered to do all that Jesus did and more.
4. d Saint Francis (1182-1226) is often depicted with animals. According to his first biographer, Thomas of Celano, Francis preached to birds and fish, tamed the murderous wolf of Gubbio, and even carried worms to safety because Christ was referred to as a "worm, not a man" (see Psalm 22:7).
5. b Catholics look forward to the eschaton because Christ will return to fully establish God's kingdom.
6. a In Genesis 1:29-30, God gave fruit (vegetables included) to the people to eat and plants to the animals to eat.
7. c The Our Father is the only prayer Jesus taught His disciples. Considered by the Church the perfect prayer and a "summary of the whole gospel" (see CCC, nos. 2761—2865), the Lord's Prayer teaches us what to pray for and how to pray.
8. c The Sign of Peace, also referred to as the Kiss of Peace, dates back to the earliest Eucharistic gatherings in the Church (see 1 Corinthians 16:20). Justin Martyr (d. 164), in his First Apology, mentions the Kiss of Peace in his description of Mass.
9. a Catholics advocate for the life and dignity of all human life, whether unborn, disabled, infirmed, or compromised by serious sin, as in the case of those on death row (see CCC, nos. 2258—2283).
10. b Mother Cabrini (1850—1917) founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart and is known for her work among Italian immigrants. Her feast day is November 13.