



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
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

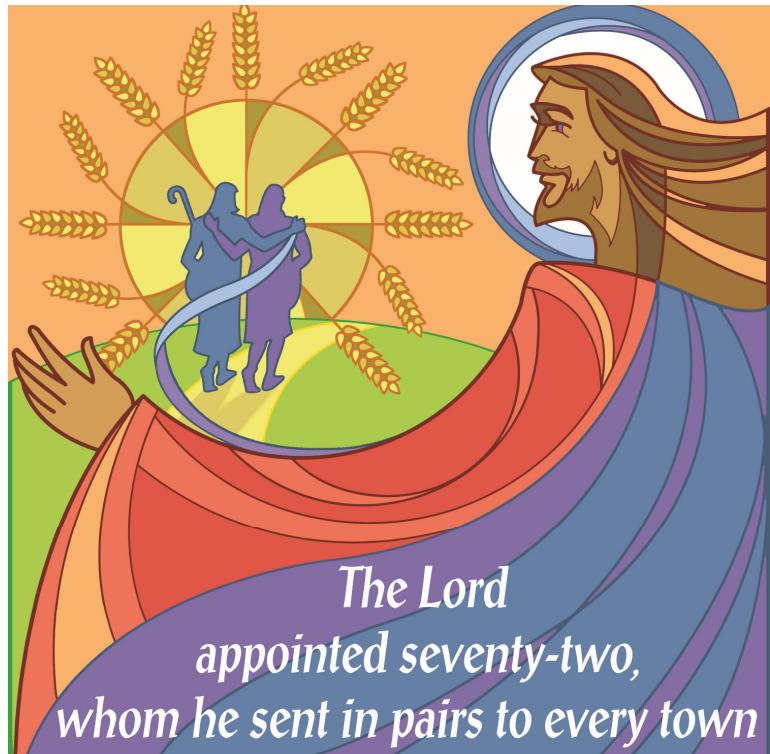
Marriage: Contact the parish office
at least six months prior to the wedding

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

JULY 7, 2019

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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LAWS OF LOVE

It's been months since Easter and it's a long way to Christmas, but there seems to be a lot of rejoicing in today's readings. Isaiah talks about rejoicing with Jerusalem. The Gospel shows the disciples rejoicing when they came back from visiting towns to tell about the Kingdom. St. Paul is happy to be suffering for Christ. So what is the reason for such joy?

The readings make clear that it is not because of what the people of Jerusalem did, or even what miracles Jesus' disciples performed. Isaiah talks about what God will do for the people, how "the LORD's power shall be known to his servants" (Isaiah 66:14). Jesus tells his disciples not to rejoice that they cast out demons; no, they should "rejoice be-

cause your names are written in heaven" (Luke 10:20). In other words, we are to rejoice over all the Lord has done for us, not what we have done for him.

Does that sound like false humility? Like someone receiving an Oscar who says, "I wasn't that good—it was all that my director, my producers, my wife and children, and my dog Snoopy did." No, when we do anything for others, we can honestly say that God does the real work. Knowing that frees us from expecting everyone to be happy, everything we do for others to be successful. When our offer of help is rejected, our prayers for a sick friend don't seem to be working, or our good advice is ridiculed, we can be confident that God has something else planned. Instead of being

discouraged, we can trust that God's plan is working in ways we just can't see.

Paul has a similar theme in the second reading. You would think he would be proud of all the converts he made or the people he cured. He boasts only about his suffering because that is how he is most like Jesus. He sees all of his accomplishments as the work of God, and he knows that the greatest thing Jesus did was to die for us. All three readings remind us that what changes our lives and changes the world is not how hard we work or how holy we are; what really makes the difference is how much God loves us. That is the real reason to rejoice.

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

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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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Boy Scouts: Chad Peters	314-807-7177
St. Vincent de Paul	
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PRAYERS FOR OUR NATION

Lord God Almighty,

**You have made all the peoples of the earth
for Your glory, to serve You in freedom and in peace:**

**Give to the people of our country a zeal
for authentic freedom and merciful justice,
that we may use our liberty
in accordance with Your gracious will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

1. For the President of the United States

O Father Almighty, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation to Your merciful care that, being guided by Your Providence, we may dwell secure in Thy peace. Grant to the President of the United States wisdom and strength to know and to do Your will. Fill him with the love of truth and righteousness, and make him ever mindful of his calling to serve this people in holy fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

All: *Give grace to your servant, O Lord.*

2. For Congress

O God, the fountain of wisdom, whose will is good and gracious, and whose law is truth: We ask that You would guide and bless our Senators and Representatives in Congress, that they may enact such laws as shall please You, to the glory of Your Name and the welfare of this people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All: *Give grace to your servants, O Lord.*

3. For others in authority

Lord, bless all the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth. For Governors, Mayors, and to all who make our laws in states, cities, and towns, give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations. To the Judges and officers of our Courts give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served. *Amen.*

All: *Give grace to Your servants, O Lord.*

4. For those in the Armed Forces of our Country

Almighty God, we commend to Your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with Your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptation; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of Your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All: *Give grace to Your servants, O Lord.*

5. For our Enemies

O God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth; deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in Your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before You; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All: *Give grace to Your servants, O Lord.*

6. For our Country

Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly ask that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Your favor and glad to do Your will. Bless our land with honorable work, sound learning, and pure manners, respect and mutual regard. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought here out of many lands and tongues. *Amen.*

All: *Give grace to Your servants, O Lord.*

7. For individuals

And finally, teach our people to rely on Your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our society; that we may serve You faithfully in our generation and honor Your holy Name. *Amen.*

All: *Give grace to Your servants, O Lord.*

QUOTE FROM DR PETER KREEFT, COMING TO IHM IN NOVEMBER

"Trusting God's grace means trusting God's love for us rather than our love for God. [...] Therefore our prayers should consist mainly of rousing our awareness of God's love for us rather than trying to rouse God's awareness of our love for Him, like the priests of Baal on Mount Carmel (1 Kings 18: 26-29).
from his book Prayer for Beginners

NEXT WEEK MINISTRIES

July 13—4:00pm

- EM: Ann Zaleuke, Carole Baker, Mary Hannig,
Joan Falbo, Vanita Joerling, Jim & Chris Warren,
Mary Jean Hartenbach
Lec: Jerry Knott, Jackie Dunn
GB: Carrie Riley & Sharon Hagan
Serv: Colten, Camden, Cienna Genta
Ush: Bill Pollihan, Tom Zaleuke, Larry Graves,
Dave Hendrix

July 14—7:30am

- EM: Julia Kettler, Dianne Dickherber, Bob Leeker,
Rich Molitor, John Fiacco, Bob Brossette
Lec: Kris Jenkins, Theresa Gross
GB: Frank & Jan Kardasz
Serv: Mary Grace & Janie Becker
Ush: Mark Gross, Ron Neske, Mike Stassi, Larry Koch

July 14—9:30am

- EM: Lisa Murphy, Donna Wolff, Steve Williams,
Mary Busby Simpson, Walt Hollenstein,
Kat Menne, Don & Susan Hladky
Lec: Patrice Riley, Nancy Meyers
GB: Bob & Irene Caldwell
Serv: Alex & Maria McCarthy, Will Lassiter
Ush: Stan Kostecki, Joe Weber, Curt Eccardt,
George Stark, Brian Corrigan, Alan Raymond

IHMformation Station

- July 13, 4:00: Tom & Mary Jean Hartenbach
July 14, 7:30: Bob & Teresa Berfanger
July 14, 9:30: Michelle Greiwe

VOCATION PRAYER BAG:

- July 7, 9:30pm Maria Romine-Kantor

REST IN PEACE

We offer our prayerful sympathy to:
Ernesta Lonsway on the death of her husband
Maurice Lonsway, M.D.

Wayne Rellergert on the death of his wife
Vicki Rellergert

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

NAR-ANON SUPPORT GROUP: Weekly meetings on Saturdays, 10:00 am in the Trailer at IHM.
This group is for Family and Friends of Addicts. For questions, please call Ann at 314-578-4737.

This Week at Home

- Heavenly Duster:** Karen Wilson
Purifiers: Jane Szostek



Please welcome Fr. John Hopkinson this weekend as he speaks about the Missionary Cooperation Plan

Sunday, July 7

Jonah Team will pray with you after 9:30 Mass

Monday, July 8

Scouts, 6:30pm

Tuesday, July 9

Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, 9am
Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am
Marian Council, Weber Hall, 6:30pm

Wednesday, July 10

No Wednesday evening Reconciliation during July

Thursday, July 11

Yoga, Grand Hall, 7pm

Friday, July 12

Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30-noon

Saturday, July 13

Reconciliation, 8:45am

Sunday, July 14

Knights of Columbus Breakfast, Founders Hall, 8-11am

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[Jesus sent his disciples to preach the Good News to all, telling them,] "Whenever you go into a house, first say, `Peace be with this house.'"
LUKE 10:5

Helen Keller could neither see nor hear. Yet she became a great public speaker. One night after a lecture someone asked her this question: "If you could have one wish granted, what would it be?" The questioner thought Helen might say, "I'd wish for the ability to see and hear." But she said, "I'd wish for world peace."

Jesus would have applauded Helen Keller's beautiful response. For that is what he told his followers to be: instruments of peace. "Happy are those who work for peace," Jesus told the crowds on the mountain. "God will call them his children!"
MATTHEW 5:9.

How much of an instrument of God's peace am I in my workplace? My home? How might I become a better one?

"You can't shake hands with a clenched fist."
INDIRA GANDHI

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 8

8:00am

Shirley McDonald

Tuesday, July 9

8:00am

Bob Keune +

Dick & Betty Meier +

Wednesday, July 10

8:00am

Tom Holstein +

Thursday, July 11

8:00am

Moira Ryan +

Friday, July 12

8:00am

intention of Karla Bax Sitzes

Saturday, July 13

8:00am

Randy & Lucas Schneider +

4:00pm

Pete & Joan Schepis 19th ann.

Sunday, July 14

7:30am

Jolene Molitor +

Steve Seper +

9:30am

People of the Parish

Elizabeth Meier +

Please pray for all the sick and suffering:

Ed Haas, Mark Hanna, Dee Schipper, Phyllis Zerr,
 Vickie Brink, Sandy Knott, Mike & Pat Ryan,
 Audrey Hueffmeier, Karla Sitzes, Fran Bussen,
 Vicky Monroe, Carol Rabbitt, Ron Simpson,
 Don & Lin Reseck, Nancy Hollenstein, Jean Bamert,
 Amy Robbins, Betty Heppermann

Zina Riley (mom of Andrew Riley),
 David & Lisa Debold (Dave & Pam DeBold's children),
 Dave Asinger (brother-in-law of Larry & Rita Bendel),
 Bob Holland (friend of Shirley Augustine),
 Sherri Callahan (daughter of Vickie & Paul Grunz),
 Steve Ditch (brother of Dennis & Kathleen Ditch),
 Generose Dudenhoeffer (Janet Hespen's mom),
 Peter Gray (son-in-law of Adrienne Collins)
 Fred Brown (son-in-law of Bill & Bernie Pollihan),
 Mary Keeven (mom of Joyce Weber)

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: Rita Langford at 636-398-4654 or email ritalangford4@gmail.com.

CONTRIBUTIONS, JUNE 29/30

Will be reported next week

"He said to them, 'The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few...'"
 (LUKE 10:2)

As Catholics we are all called to serve. However, many of us are unsure of what our charisms or gifts from the Holy Spirit are to help build God's Church. Through prayer we are able to discern how God is calling us. The next time your pastor or fellow parishioner asks you to join a committee, ask God first, if that is what He wants you to do with your gifts.

We pray ... that we ask God how He wants us to use our gifts for the glory of His name and not our own self-interest

NEEDED AT THE PANTRY

men's shaving cream, paper towels, all purpose cleaner, dish soap, coffee, sugar, Hamburger Helper, canned chicken, assorted dry pastas, saltines, chicken broth, gravy packets, & fruit juices

In the Gospel today we see how Jesus sent His Apostles out two by two. In this spirit, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul members "go out two by two to visit those who are poor and needy in their homes." It is there, in the family setting, that Vincentians listen, offer humble advice, and render assistance.

Know that the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring your gift directly to the poor and suffering in our parish.

PRAYER WARRIORS FOR PRIESTS

Prayer Warriors for Priests is a group of women that meets monthly to pray for priests, deacons, and seminarians of the St. Charles Deanery and surrounding areas.

All women are invited to join us for the Rosary. Any questions, please contact Mary Stassi: 636-357-1387 or pinegrovefarm76@yahoo.com.

Here is the prayer schedule for the next few months, all beginning at 10am:

July 13:	IHM—St. Joseph Chapel
August 10:	ICD—Adoration Chapel
September 14:	St. Patrick Adoration Chapel



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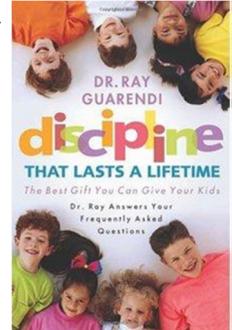
During the month of July there will be no evening Confessions on Wednesday nights. Fr. Tom will be available for the Sacrament on Saturday morning after the 8:30am Mass.

St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

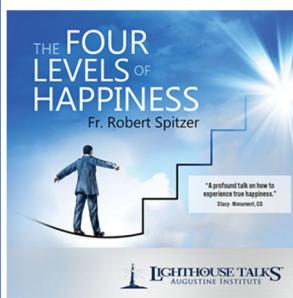
(Note: With close to 3000 items, the Parish Library is located in the Grand Hall past the restrooms. It is open during the week-normal business hours-and works on an honor system. Items from the Lighthouse CD rack are located and available in the Narthex. Other CDs are located in St. Joseph's Chapel, and in Founder's Hall (upper and lower levels)

From the Parish Library in the Grand Hall

Since I got my copy of Dr. Ray Guarendi's book, "Discipline That Lasts a Lifetime", I have mentioned it to many of my friends with children. They like what they see in my own pre-teen son. I have loaned it out to many of my friends. They are thrilled with the results they've had based on practicing the down-to-earth advice given by Dr. Guarendi. It's practical, humorous (to help take the edge off of stressful situations), and respectful towards the all-important job of parenting. God bless this man for NOT taking the road of modern psycho-babble and for actually using his own brain, spine and faith to give us REAL tools we need. This book helps me in many ways how to show my child that he is loved, and it gives me tools, based on actual situations Dr. Guarendi has dealt with, which I need to deal with my own son and our own life challenges. I would recommend this to parents with children of ALL AGES! (Review on Amazon.com)



From the Lighthouse CD Rack in the Narthex



Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ, a highly renowned philosopher and the founder of the Magis Center, provides a truly enlightening and practical discussion on how to achieve deep and enduring happiness. Referencing the wisdom of the ages, including that of Aristotle and Plato, this talk provides the keys to achieving the universal desire for happiness given to every person by God himself.

I found this talk to be so insightful on how to achieve the highest levels of happiness.

Alex from Plainfield, IL

This talk really helped me to understand that the greatest happiness is found when we focus on doing the Lord's work and not on ourselves.

Mary in Poplar Grove, IL

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

An in-home group retreat for you over the summer

As mentioned throughout the bulletin during the month of June in the FORMED-PSR corner, June was dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Consider doing an in-home retreat as an individual, couple or family with Fr. Michael Gaitley. His retreat "Consoling the Heart of Jesus" is a ten part series in which he invites us to go deeper into knowing who Jesus is and to look at what obstacles might hold us back from uniting ourselves to him. The series is available for free at www.ihm-newmelle.formed.org. If you feel the call, challenge yourself to plan this retreat over a period of days this summer. Consider inviting others to do the same.

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STUDY WATCH LISTEN READ

 GROUP RETREAT STAGE 1, PART 2: THE SACRED HEART

Consoling the Heart of Jesus

Consoling the Heart of Jesus

★★★★★ (82 ratings)

32 Days to Morning Glory led us to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Stage One, Part I. In Part II, Consoling the Heart of Jesus, we will learn about God's infinite mercy and how we can give him joy, consoling his heart, by accepting his love and trusting in him completely. We'll discover how suffering can actually help us grow spiritually closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Create Community Feature / Discussion Participant Packet \$19.95 Learn More

What's Your Catholic Catechism IQ?

1. The Liturgy of the ____ and the Liturgy of the ____ together form one single act of worship.
 - a. Word, Bible
 - b. Eucharist, Hours
 - c. Word, Hours
 - d. Word, Eucharist
2. As high priest of the new covenant, it is He who presides invisibly over every Eucharistic celebration.
 - a. the bishop
 - b. Christ
 - c. the pastor
 - d. the Holy Spirit
3. It is in representing Him that the bishop or priest acting in the ____ of Christ the head (*in persona Christi capitatis*) presides over the assembly.
 - a. Person
 - b. Center
 - c. Order
 - d. Knowledge
4. All have their own ____ parts to play in the celebration, each in his own way.
 - a. active
 - b. particular
 - c. personal
 - d. special
5. Sacred Scripture's sense of the memorial is not merely the ____ of past events.
 - a. acting
 - b. furthering
 - c. recollection
 - d. symbols
6. In the Eucharistic memorial the sacrifice Christ offered once for all on the cross is made ____.
 - a. to order
 - b. out of nothing
 - c. present
 - d. hopeful
7. The Eucharist is a sacrifice because it re-presents (makes present) the sacrifice of the ____, and because it applies its fruit.
 - a. day
 - b. father
 - c. cross
 - d. king
8. Because His priesthood was not to end with His death, at the ____ He (Jesus) wanted to leave to His beloved spouse the Church a visible sacrifice.
 - a. agony in the garden
 - b. foot of the cross
 - c. Last Supper
 - d. Holy Hour
9. In the Mass, the bloody ____ which He was to accomplish once for all on the cross would be represented to the end of the world.
 - a. offering
 - b. sacrifice
 - c. sweat
 - d. meal
10. The salutary power of the sacrifice of the cross through the Mass is ____ to the forgiveness of the sins we daily commit.
 - a. given
 - b. applied
 - c. directed
 - d. extended



Pope's Intentions for July: The Integrity of Justice

That those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.

Formed & PSR Corner

In the Traditional- Devotional Dedication of the Months of the Year, the month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus. Loving union-contact with the Precious Blood of Jesus is the greatest gift on earth. It is given to us in the sacraments, primarily in the Eucharist. Watch a great series which highlights this gift called Presence, free at www.ihm-newmelle.formed.org

The screenshot shows the 'Presence: THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST' study guide page. At the top, there are tabs for 'STUDY', 'WATCH', 'LISTEN', 'READ', and a video thumbnail. Below the title, there is a large image of a chalice and host. A brief description reads: 'What is it that is so special about the Eucharist? Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is the 'body and blood' of the Christian life. Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.' On the right, there is a 'Share Page' button and a small image of the book cover.

IHM Youth Ministry

Janet Hespen, Youth Minister, 314-369-6521

Now taking reservations for Steubenville-Mid America
 Contact Janet at 314-369-6521
 for more information about the Conference:
steubystl.com

**Mark those calendars for lots of summer
 faith, fun and fellowship together!!!**

Meetings are in the Grand Hall from 6-8pm

July 18 Sport Fusion Night
 July 19,20,21 . . . Steubenville Conference (Springfield)
 August 1 Love You # Selfie
 August 15 Bowling Night
 meet at IHM at 5pm

August 29 One Direction / Game Night

Let's plan to be a part of the Mass and help out at the Masses listed. If you can attend please help pass out song sheets to everyone as they walk in (song sheets will be on the baptismal font). Let's all sit together, too!

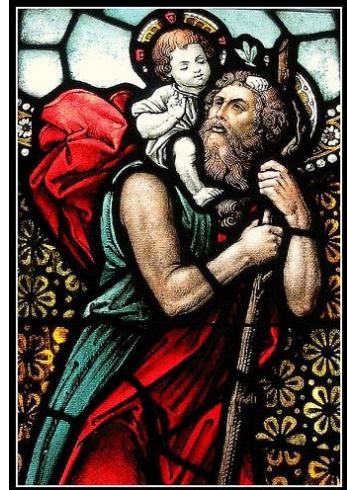
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St. Christopher has always been one of the most popular saints, and one of the most mysterious

With the summer travel season upon us, many Catholics will begin their journeys and pilgrimages with a prayer for the intercession and protection of St. Christopher, the traditional patron saint of travelers.

According to legend, Christopher was a tall Roman man, almost a giant. When he became a Christian, he sought out a saintly hermit to ask what to do with his life. The hermit suggested he go to a local river with a dangerous crossing and assist travelers across the swift current on his back. One day a small child asked to be carried across, and as Christopher carried him, he found him extraordinarily heavy. The child revealed himself to be Jesus Christ, who then baptized Christopher, and told him to plant his staff in the ground, where it became a fruit-bearing tree. When many people converted to Christianity because of this miracle, the local king had Christopher killed, and so he is venerated as a martyr. In Christian art and iconography, St. Christopher is depicted as a tall man, usually with a tree, branch, or staff, and carrying the Christ Child.



The difficulty with the legend of St. Christopher is that all we have is legend. There is no reliable historical verification of his existence. Even his name, which means “Christ-bearer” seems mythical. And his burial place is unknown, which is unusual for a time when the graves of martyrs were well marked and venerated.

In 1969, the Vatican removed Christopher’s feast day from the Church calendar. It never said he’s not a saint, since we don’t really have a process for such a declaration, but given his lack of historical attestation, his feast day and his cult have been suppressed.

If, while you’re traveling, you feel like a prayer to St. Christopher is appropriate, I wouldn’t worry about his status. I’m sure that in heaven there’s someone named Christopher, who would be happy to intercede for you.

Fr. Larry Rice, CSP, serves as director of the University Catholic Center at the University of Texas—Austin

Mass Stipends are now \$10, after many, many decades at \$5. Please remember this as you plan your Masses during the year.

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Catholic IQ Answers

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon: Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
 Tue: Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38
 Wed: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a;
 Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
 Thu: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15
 Fri: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28,
 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
 Sat: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33
 Sun: Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34,
 36, 37; or 19:8-11; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

The cafeteria at St. Francis Borgia Regional High School is seeking a **part time Fry Cook**. Hours would be 9:30—1:30 daily. If your child attends SFBRHS, some tuition benefits would apply. If interested, please contact Lori Johnson at lori.johnson@borgia.com, or call 636-239-7871 ext. 121.

The Sisters of the Most Precious Blood in O’Fallon are seeking a self-directed and organized person with 3 to 5 years experience as an **IT manager/Office Manager** and an **RN or LPN** to assist the Community’s Health and Wellness Coordinator. More info can be found at www.cpps-ofallon.org.

Marriage Ministry Coordinator in the Office of Marriage and Family Life at the Archdiocese. Visit the website link below for a job description

<https://www.archstl.org/marriage-family-life>

If you are interested please send your resume and cover letter to humanresources@archstl.org.

FATAL FLAWS

LEGALIZING ASSISTED DEATH

A Film by Kevin Dunn

A Must see Movie!

Tuesday, July 16, 7pm

St. Louis Priory Kevin Kline Theater

The Fatal Flaws documentary is a thought-provoking journey through Europe and North America to ask one of the most fundamental philosophical questions of our time: are euthanasia and assisted suicide leading society down a dangerous path?

The showing is being sponsored by the St. Anselm Cenacle for Life and the Archdiocesan Respect Life Apostolate. To RSVP, please contact St. Anselm Parish at 314-878-2130 or go to the website at <http://www.stanselmlstl.org>. Admission is free and the St. Louis Priory Theater is located at 500 S. Mason Rd., St. Louis, MO 63141

Are you thinking about your summer vacation? A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend, away from all the distractions and pressures in your life right now, would be the **BEST** vacation of your life. You and your spouse will always remember this WWME Weekend away as a great time together that strengthened your marriage. The next weekends are August 9-11 or September 27-29 at the Courtyard Marriott in St. Peters. If you would like to apply or get more information, go to <https://stl-wrg/schedule.php> or call 314-649-7317.

Needing help with **homeschooling** or want to meet other Catholic families who share your values? St. Gianna's Co-op offers a variety of classes for junior high and high school students. Classes are held at St. Gianna's Catholic Church, 450 East Hwy. N, Wentzville, MO 63385. The Co-op meets on Mondays at 9am to 3:15pm. For more information or to view classes for the 2019-2020 school year go to www.homeschool-life.com/mo/stgianna or call Cheri Hoeber 636-795-0693.

St. Vincent de Paul Society of Holy Rosary/Warrenton will have their annual **Gigantic Benefit Rummage Sale** on July 11-12-13. Thursday/Friday 8:30—6:30, Saturday 8:30-noon. All proceeds go to families in our area who

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GREETING CARD FORMS

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has greeting cards available. These cards are sent by the Society to a person you designate. You can have the cards sent to let them know that you have made a contribution to the local Society either **in memory** of their deceased loved one, as **a tribute** in their honor or **for healing prayers** prayed by members of the Society. Directions for each type of card request are on the request form, found on the bulletin board (to the right as you enter church) in the narthex. Please take a form, fill it out, and return it in the envelopes provided either in the Sunday collection or the mail.





Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



“ *Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.*

Today's Gospel acclamation: Colossians 3:15A;16A

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Prayer for the Journey

As Jesus sought the quiet of the desert, teach us to pray.

As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, teach us to love.

As Jesus promised paradise to the thief on the cross, teach us to hope.

As Jesus called Peter to walk to him across the water, teach us to believe.

As the child Jesus sat among the elders in the temple, teach us to seek answers.

As Jesus in the garden opened his mind and heart to God's will, teach us to listen.

As Jesus reflected on the Law and the prophets, teach us to learn.

As Jesus used parables to reveal the mysteries of the Kingdom, teach us to teach.

Saint of the Week

Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions

17th - 20th Centuries

Feast Day: July 9



Augustine Zhao Rong was a soldier in China who had guarded the prison cell of a Catholic bishop. He was so moved by the bishop's demeanor that he became a Christian and a priest. He died in 1815 after being tortured. He and 120 other martyrs from 400 years of Chinese history were canonized by Pope John Paul II in 2000.

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