



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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Parish Office: 636-398-5270 Fax: 636-398-5577

## 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 21, 2019**

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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## The Better Part

The Gospel for this Sunday can sometimes give the impression that Jesus favored Mary over Martha. But if they had both sat down to listen, there would have been no dinner to serve to Jesus. He wasn't just saying, "Sit down and listen." He meant that just as Mary was content to listen to him, so Martha could have been content to prepare the meal for him. Instead of thinking of her work as a gift to Jesus, she was more concerned with why Mary was not helping her. Remember the first reading, in which Abraham insisted on serving the visitors, whom he came to recognize as the Lord and two angels. He was rewarded with the assurance that he would soon have a son.

So simple acts of hospitality can also be how people can welcome the Lord into their homes. Paul reminds us in the second reading that Christ is in us; the church is the body of Christ. When we welcome someone into our homes as a visitor, or into our lives as a friend, we are also welcoming Christ. When we get to know someone better, we are also getting to know Christ. When we are respectful to people who help us, like the maintenance staff, the mail carrier, the waiter, we are also showing respect for the Lord.

And what about that "better part" that Mary had chosen? Are we sometimes like Martha, with too many things on our minds to be aware of the

Lord? Sometimes we can't avoid the distractions that are part of life. But if we keep the Lord on our minds, we may be able to see which are distractions to be put aside and which are opportunities to serve the Lord in a different way. Sometimes kids interrupt when we're fixing dinner—maybe they need to be taught how to take care of things by themselves, or maybe they just need a few moments of attention. We can certainly ask the Lord to help us handle distractions. And as we spend more time with the Lord in prayer, we begin to experience God's peace, which gives us the ability to choose the better part.

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

## Parish Staff

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## Religious Education

Shawn Mueller, Director

636-398-5270, *smueller@ihm-newmelle.org*

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

### Weddings, Reception, Events

Pat Gentry, Hall Rental 636-398-5270  
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### Prayer and Devotion

Eucharistic Adoration  
Shawn Mueller 636-398-5270  
Legion of Mary  
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Debbie Gillespie 636-398-4971

### Youth and Young Adults

High School Youth Leader  
Janet Hespen 314-369-6521  
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### Parish Organizations

Art & Environment  
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Boy Scouts: Chad Peters 314-807-7177  
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Teresa Berfanger 636-398-5565

## *This Saint could rival Spider-Man*

*Many miraculous events are connected to St. Felix, patron saint of spiders.*

Spider-Man is well known in popular culture for his extraordinary abilities that are linked to a radioactive spider-bite.

He can climb walls, shoot webs and use his “spider sense” to get out of a bad situation.

One saint who could rival Spider-Man is St. Felix of Nola, commonly known as the patron saint of spiders.

He lived in the 3rd century and much of his life is steeped in legend.

According to the *Golden Legend*, St. Felix had a strong faith in God that protected him from some sticky situations. For example, “Whenever Felix was led before an idol to force him to sacrifice to it, he blew on it and it fell to pieces.”

Furthermore, his pagan enemies often fled in the sight of Felix as his presence brought them physical pain.



*Some pagans came to seize Felix but were stricken with intolerable pain in their hands. They howled with the pain, and Felix said to them: “Say ‘Christ is God’ and the pain will leave you.” They said the words and were cured.*

Felix could also sneak by undetected because of a few “spider friends.”

*One day when he was preaching and his persecutors were looking for him, he slipped through a narrow opening in the wall of a ruined house and hid there. In a trice, by God’s command, spiders spun a web across the space. The pursuers, seeing the web, thought that no one could have gone through the opening, and went on their way.*

With all of this in mind, the faith of St. Felix could certainly rival the radioactive abilities of Spider-Man, who at times is more reliant on his special suit than anything else.

If you ever find yourself in a tough spot, pray to St. Felix!

*Philip Kosloski*

## *Quote from Dr. Peter Kreeft, coming to JHM in November*

In his book *Symbol or Substance*, Dr. Kreeft writes a fictional conversation between J.R.R. Tolkien, a deeply faithful Roman Catholic, and Billy Graham, a famous Southern Baptist evangelist, discussing (among other things) the Eucharist. This is an excerpt from that book:

**TOLKIEN:** Imagine Jesus Christ is standing here before you, really here, just as literally as He was two thousand years ago, twenty feet in front of you. Let’s say it’s His Second Coming. He has descended from Heaven and landed directly in front of you, and He is about to judge you and take you to Heaven with Him. He smiles at you and tells you He loves you, in spite of all your stupid, silly, shallow, selfish sins. He shows you the scars on His hands and feet, as He did to “Doubting Thomas”. What do you do? What do you say?

**GRAHAM:** I would say exactly what Thomas did: I would say, “My Lord and my God!”, and I would fall down at His feet and worship Him.

**TOLKIEN:** Good. Now imagine that after you do that, He holds up a six-foot-high piece of plywood in front of Him like a shield and stands behind it. You can no longer see Him, but you know He is there. How does that change your reaction to Him?

**GRAHAM:** It doesn’t. I would say and do the same thing.

**TOLKIEN:** Well, that what you *would* do, but that’s what I *do* do.



## Next Week Ministries

July 27—4:00pm

EM: Bryan Potter, Wally & Jan Karase, Pat Roche,  
Donna Cuddihee, Jennifer Fredrick, Ann Zaleuke,  
Karen Wilson

Lec: Nancy Ast, Sharon Hagan

GB: Carol Harvell, Rita Langford

Serv: Isabelle Scheer, Sophia Hake

Ush: Larry Graves, Dave Hendrix, Tom Zaleuke,  
Bill Pollihan

July 28—7:30am

EM: John & Karen Wappelhorst, Julia Kettler,  
Emily Cooksey, Rich Molitor, Dianne Dickherber

Lec: Bob Leeker, Mary Hardesty

GB: Tim & Kathy Feldewerth

Serv: Maybelle Hahn, Bridget Goins

Ush: Gary Potter, Mike Hardesty, Larry Smith,  
Terry Schneider

July 28—9:30am

EM: Cheryl Gray, Walter & Nancy Hollenstein,  
Michelle Greiwe, Terry & Marcia Schneider,  
Joni Marren-Slaughter, Chris Richter

Lec: Chuck Hinkle, Bill Winters

GB: Mary Keune & Lisa Nadler

Serv: Maggie & Morgan Molitor, William Fredrick

Ush: Bob Gray, George Stark, Joe Weber,  
Alan Raymond, Brian Corrigan, Curt Eccardt

## IHMformation Station

July 27, 4:00: Pat Roche

July 28, 7:30: Peggy Dupree

July 28, 9:30: Lois Cobleigh

## Vocation Prayer Bag:

July 28, 9:30 Phil & Angie Reise

## Youth Ministry

Janet Hespen, Youth Minister, 314-369-6521

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

Meetings are in the Grand Hall from 6-8pm

August 1 . . . . . Love You # Selfie

August 15 . . . . . Bowling Night  
meet at IHM at 5pm

August 29 . . . . . One Direction / Game Night

## This Week at Home

Heavenly Duster: Judy Cova

Purificators: Jane Szostek



Saturday/Sunday, July 20/21

2nd Collection for victims of flooding

Monday, July 22

ACTS Women Retreat Reunion, Grand Hall, 6:30p

Baptismal prep, Weber Hall, 7pm (preregister please)

Tuesday, July 23

Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, 9am

Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am

Helping Hearts, Weber Hall, 7pm

Wednesday, July 24

No Wednesday evening Reconciliation during July

Thursday, July 25

Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am

Protecting God's Children, Weber Hall, 6pm

Yoga, Grand Hall foyer, 7pm

Friday, July 26

Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30-noon

Saturday, July 27

Reconciliation, 8:45am

Sunday, July 28

Event in Grand Hall early afternoon

## 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, Barb Pope,  
Yvonne Brossette

Zina Riley (mom of Andrew Riley),  
David & Lisa Debold (Dave & Pam DeBolt'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)  
Tammy Cherry (daughter-in-law of Ray & Kay Cherry)

**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.

## Mass Intentions

<b>Monday, July 22</b>	
8:00am	Maury Lonsway +
<b>Tuesday, July 23</b>	
8:00am	Jim Blondin (2nd ann.) +
<b>Wednesday, July 24</b>	
8:00am	All Souls
<b>Thursday, July 25</b>	
8:00am	Doris Maddock +
<b>Friday, July 26</b>	
8:00am	Stan Nikonowicz +
<b>Saturday, July 27</b>	
8:00am	Jolene Molitor +
4:00pm	Aaron Strunk +
<b>Sunday, July 28</b>	
7:30am	People of the Parish
9:30am	Betty Meier + Billy Dean Galloway +

## Contributions, July 13/14

General Offertory:	\$9,379.25
Online — General Offertory:	\$2,163.39
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,542.64</b>

*"...I am a minister in accordance with  
God's stewardship given to me  
to bring to completion for you the word of God."  
(Colossians 1:25)*

We are all called to evangelize—to continuously grow in our relationship with Jesus and to share it with others. We may not be called to evangelize like St. Paul, but we should look for opportunities to share our faith with those closest to us, like our family, friends and neighbors. Pray for the courage to share your faith the next time the opportunity arises.

*We pray ... that we have the courage  
to share our faith with those closest to us.*

## 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 this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus affirms that to be a disciple we must also sit at His feet and listen to Him. St. Vincent de Paul taught that it is only in prayer that we can give selfless loving service to those who are poor.

**This week, please say a special prayer each day for the poor and forgotten in our parish.**

## ✠ Rest in Peace ✠

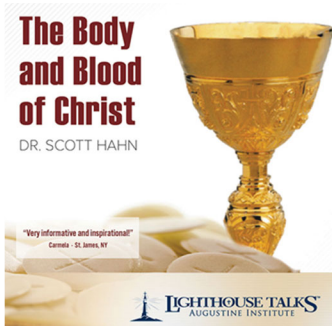
We offer our prayerful sympathy to:  
Chris & Jeff Comotto on the death of her mother  
**Doris Maddock**  
Vince & Denise Reuther on the death of his mother  
**Rose Reuther**

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

## 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. Listen to some powerful audios on the Eucharist like this one, free at [www.ihm-newmelle.formed.org](http://www.ihm-newmelle.formed.org)



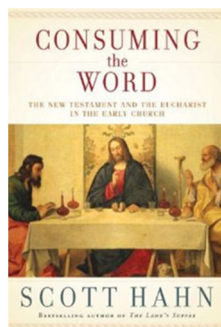
Our IHM/SVDP Conference made donations for the flooding in June. \$1,000 was sent to our SVDP/St. Louis Council earmarked for Jefferson City, and \$2.00 was sent to our NW District earmarked for Lincoln County. We also had members volunteer their time at the MARC (Multi Agency Resource Center) in St. Charles and Lincoln counties (picture below), Robert Lees, Joe and Debbie Willis, on June 29, July 1 and 2, coordinated by the Red Cross, assisting families affected by flooding. Resulting from the MARC meeting, 117 families were served in St. Charles County and another 100 families in Lincoln County. \$12,500 in gift cards were distributed as well as significant amounts in food vouchers. Over 200 families will need follow up for a long time. Your gifts DO matter! Thank you for every penny.



## 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



**Consuming the Word:** From the bestselling author of The Lamb's Supper and Signs of Life comes an illuminating work that unlocks the many mysteries of the Catholic sacrament of the Eucharist.

Long before the New Testament was a document, it was a sacrament. Jesus called the Eucharist by the name Christians subsequently gave to the latter books of the Holy Bible. It was the "New Covenant," the "New Testament," in his blood. Christians later extended the phrase to cover the books produced by the apostles and their companions; but they did so because these were the books that could be read at Mass.

This simple and demonstrable historical fact has enormous implications for the way we read the Bible. In *Consuming the Word: The New Testament and the Eucharist in the Early Church*, Dr. Scott Hahn undertakes an examination of some of Christianity's most basic terms to discover what they meant to the sacred authors, the apostolic preachers, and their first hearers. Moreover, at a time when the Church is embarking on a New Evangelization he draws lessons for Christians today to help solidify their understanding of why it is Catholics do what Catholics do.

### You're a Better Parent Than You Think!

This is the best parenting book I've read, and I've read a bunch. It's completely free of psychobabble, and his approach is straightforward, practical, and sensible. Guarendi doesn't get into the usual controversies about whether or not to spank, attachment parenting, or the like. Instead, he gives parents practical ways to apply whatever their particular philosophies are. I can't recommend this book highly enough!

(Review from Amazon.com)

[www.drray.com](http://www.drray.com)



### 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.

## 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year C

[Martha complained to Jesus because Mary visited with him while she worked. Jesus replied,] "Martha, Martha!...Mary has chosen the right thing, and it will not be taken away from her." LUKE 10:41-42

A young monk had questions about his order's motto: "Pray and Work." So one day the abbot invited him to row across the lake with him. The abbot rowed first—but with one oar. As a result the boat went in circles, and they made no progress. The young monk said, "Abbot, unless you row with both oars, you won't get anywhere." The abbot replied, "You're so right, son! The right oar is prayer; the left is work. Unless you use them together, you just go in circles."

What balance do I try to keep between work and prayer? How do I know when the balance is correct?

*Each Christian needs half an hour of prayer each day, except when we are busy; then we need an hour.*

SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES

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





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.

### What's Your Catholic Catechism IQ?

1. Anyone conscious of a \_\_\_\_\_ sin must receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before coming to Communion.  
a. massive                      b. grave  
c. original                      d. venial
2. To prepare for worthy reception of this Sacrament, the faithful should observe the \_\_\_\_\_ required in their Church.  
a. rule                              b. fast  
c. dress code                      d. customs
3. The principal fruit of receiving the Eucharist in Holy Communion is an intimate \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ Jesus.  
a. longing                      b. experience  
c. union                              d. desire
4. The Eucharist strengthens our charity, which tends to be weakened in daily life; and this living charity wipes away \_\_\_\_\_ sins.  
a. all                                      b. each and every one of our  
c. venial                              d. original
5. It is called the Sacrament of \_\_\_\_\_ because it makes sacramentally present Jesus' call to conversion.  
a. presence                      b. conversion  
c. change                              d. Sacraments
6. It is called the Sacrament of \_\_\_\_\_ because it involves steps of conversion, penance, and satisfaction.  
a. change                              b. penance  
c. purpose                              d. hope
7. It is called the Sacrament of \_\_\_\_\_. since the disclosure or confession of sins to a priest is an essential element of this Sacrament.  
a. release                              b. confession  
c. telling                              d. accusation
8. It is called the Sacrament of \_\_\_\_\_, since by the priest's sacramental absolution God grants the penitent pardon and peace.  
a. wiping                              b. cleansing  
c. forgiveness                      d. pardon
9. It is called the Sacrament of \_\_\_\_\_ because it imparts to the sinner the love of God who reconciles.  
a. unity                                      b. the sinner  
c. reconciliation                      d. love
10. Jesus calls to conversion. "The kingdom of God is at hand; \_\_\_\_\_ and believe in the Gospel."  
a. come forth                      b. spread  
c. repent                              d. trust



Many thanks to the donors of Immaculate Heart of Mary for the blood drive you recently held with Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center. Donation rates may fluctuate depending on the season, but the demand for blood products at the hospitals we serve is constant.

Staff members in our component production are able to produce as many as four different blood components from every whole blood donation. We collected 26 units on the day of the blood drive, which will serve up to 104 patients at local hospitals. With the help of partnering organizations like yours, blood is on the shelves when patients need it. Please know of our appreciation to all who participated for their commitment to our mission.

*Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center*



Last weekend we heard from Paul Wessel, who serves as a missionary at Columbia University with the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS). FOCUS missionaries depend on a team of mission partners for financial and spiritual support. Paul will be home until August 15 and will be meeting with people who are interested in supporting his mission. To schedule a meeting with Paul, please email him at [paul.wessel@focus.org](mailto:paul.wessel@focus.org) or support him at <https://www.focus.org/missionaries/paul-wessel>.

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

**Attention: All Volunteers!!**  
**Safe Environment Program Compliance**

**WE HAVE A PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN CLASS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, JULY 25**

Anyone who works with or volunteers with children must be compliant with the Safe Environment Program of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis set forth by the USCCB. (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) Compliance includes attending a Protecting God's Children Workshop, completing a Worker Registration Form to obtain a background check, and reading and signing a Code of Ethical Conduct. Each location must have copies of individual background checks & code of ethics forms on file for all active volunteers and employees. Additional background checks may be necessary if you have lived out of state in previous years.

To register online for a Protecting God's Children Workshop, please visit [www.archstl.org](http://www.archstl.org) and click on the Protecting God's Children link. You will be redirected to the VIRTUSonline.org site to complete the registration process. The Code of Ethical Conduct and worker registration forms are available from your parish Child Safety Coordinator and may also be located on your parish website. If you have questions or need assistance with this process please contact the parish office or the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Program at 314-792-7272.

*Missouri Background Checks are obtained when you begin your ministry and are updated every even-numbered year. Please let the parish office know if you would like to be removed from the list of active volunteers. You must also contact the Missouri Family Care Safety Registry at 1-866-422-6872 with address changes.*

## Here's some happenings that you might find interesting!!

### **St. Theodore Parish Picnic, Flint Hill**

Sunday, July 21 from 11:30am—7pm. All you can eat Fried Chicken and Kettle Beef Dinner. Family style serving or carry out. Adults \$14, children 5-12 \$7. Open air dining—shady picnic grove—ample parking—amusements—quilts—live music—dancing. 3 miles north of Wentzville: Hwy. 61 north to Hwy. P to Grothe Road.

### **Missouri Right to Life Education Fund 2019 Fore Life Golf Tournament**

Friday, July 26 at The Links at Dardenne, 7000 Brassel Dr., O'Fallon, MO. Registration 11am, shotgun start 12:30pm. \$125/person, includes lunch & dinner. Sponsorship donations are 100% deductible, senior tees, putting contest and more. For more info and to register, go to: <https://www.easternregionmrl.org/golf/> or contact us at [mrl.eastern@yahoo.com](mailto:mrl.eastern@yahoo.com) or 314-434-4900.

### **SPECIAL CHOIR CONCERT**

**The Notre Dame Elementary School Choir from Kyoto, Japan** under the direction of Toru Terashita will present a short concert (45 minutes to 60 minutes) at 6:45 on Saturday, July 27 at Holy Infant Church, 627 Dennison Drive, Ballwin, MO 63021. There are 18 girls in the choir, grades 4-8. They will sing in Latin, Japanese, and English, including the Ave Maria and some Japanese folk songs. They have been touring Notre Dame houses in Milwaukee, Chicago, Minnesota and St. Louis. Their accompanist is Hirohiko Hohokabe. They will be touring a little of St. Louis before coming to Holy Infant and will return to Japan after their visit here. Please mark your calendars and join us for this unique concert!

### ***Readings for the Week***

Mon: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18  
Tue: Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50  
Wed: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9  
Thu: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28  
Fri: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23  
Sat: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30  
Sun: Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

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**Mary Karll: 314-550-4351**

**To forgive is to set a prisoner free and to discover that the prisoner is me. --Anonymous**





## The Precious Blood of Jesus Why is Christianity such a bloody religion?

With July being dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus, a theological question to ponder is in regard to  
“Why all the animal blood sacrifices in the Old Testament and ultimately of Jesus?”  
An article on the internet gives the answer to the question above.  
<https://www.gotquestions.org/Christianity-bloody.html>

**Answer:** To understand why Christianity is a “bloody religion,” we must go back to God’s declarations regarding blood in the Old Testament: “the life of the flesh is in the blood” (Leviticus 17:11, 14). Here God tells us that life and blood are essentially one and the same. The blood carries life-sustaining nutrients to all parts of the body. It represents the essence of life. In contrast, the shedding of blood represents the shedding of life, i.e. death.

Blood is also used in the Bible to represent spiritual life. When Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden by disobeying God and eating fruit of the forbidden tree, they experienced spiritual death immediately, and physical death years later. God’s warning, “You shall not eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. For in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die” (Genesis 2:17) was fulfilled. Their blood—their lives—were now tainted by sin. In His gracious plan, however, God provided a “way out” of their dilemma by declaring that sacrifices of blood, first the blood of animals and finally the blood of the Lamb of God (Jesus Christ) would be sufficient to cover the sin of fallen mankind and restore us to spiritual life. He instituted the sacrificial system, beginning with the animals He himself killed to provide the first garments, thereby “covering” the sin of Adam and Eve (Genesis 3:21). All the Old Testament sacrifices which followed from then on were temporary ones, needing to be repeated over and over. These continual sacrifices were a foreshadowing of the one true and final sacrifice, Christ, whose blood shed on the cross would pay the penalty of sin forever. His death made any further bloodshed unnecessary (Hebrews 10:1-10).

As far as Christianity being a bloody religion, it is. But it is uniquely a bloody religion. Contrary to bloodless religions, it takes sin seriously, indicating that God takes sin seriously and gives a death penalty for it. Sin is not a small matter. It is the simple sin of pride that turned Lucifer into a demon. It was the simple sin of jealousy that caused Cain to slay Abel, etc. And in Adam and Eve eating the forbidden fruit, they believed the deceiver over a good and loving God, choosing to rebel against His love and denying the goodness of His character. Christianity is a bloody religion because it views sin as a holy God views it—seriously.

Also, because God is just, sin requires a penalty. God cannot merely forgive in mercy until the demands of justice have been met. Thus the need for a sacrifice before forgiveness is possible. The shedding of the blood of animals, as Hebrews points out, could only “cover” sin for a time (Hebrews 10:4) until the intended and sufficient sacrifice was made in Christ’s atoning death. Thus, Christianity is different from other bloody religions in that it alone provides a sufficient sacrifice to take care of the sin problem.

Last, although Christianity presents a bloody sacrifice in these regards, it is the only religion that is bloodless in the end. The opposite of death is life. In Jesus’ death, He brought life as is shown in so many verses. And in trusting Christ and His atoning sacrifice for one’s sins, one is saved from death and has passed into life (John 5:24; 1 John 3:14). In Him is life. All other paths lead to death (Acts 4:16; John 14:6).

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To the Faithful of the Archdiocese of St. Louis,

We must all be deeply saddened by the devastation our brothers and sisters living along flooded rivers in our community are realizing, now that the near all-time historic high waters are receding. After an initial assessment, several hundred households mostly in St. Charles and Lincoln Counties have been affected with major damage or a complete loss. I ask the Lord to carry those who are suffering and who have lost so much.

To help provide immediate and long-term aid to those impacted by this most recent natural disaster, I am asking our nearly 200 parishes in 11 counties to participate in a second collection at all Masses this weekend—July 20-21. Funds raised will go directly to relief efforts provided by Catholic Charities of St. Louis and Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service.

Donations can also be made directly to Catholic Charities of St. Louis via mail at P.O. Box 952393, St. Louis, MO 63195-2393 (please note *Disaster Relief Fund*) or online at [www.ccstl.org/donate](http://www.ccstl.org/donate) (select Disaster Relief Fund in the giving menu). Donations can be made directly to Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service via mail at 4116 McClay Road, St. Charles, MO 63304 (please note *Flood Recovery*) or online at <https://donorbox.org/jacares-donation> (select Flood Recovery in the giving menu).

I will be offering Mass for those who have been impacted in this natural disaster. I ask you to please join your prayers to mine for our neighbors who must now rebuild their lives.

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