



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

August 4, 2019
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Robbing A Bank

The second reading from the Letter to the Colossians goes well with the first reading and the Gospel. Those passages warn how useless material wealth will be when we die. St. Paul continues this warning by reminding us that we have already died with Christ in baptism and risen to new life. To live this new life we must put to death whatever tendencies keep us from Christ.

Wealth can be a gift from God. The abuse is not necessarily in the possession of wealth. More likely, we abuse wealth either in the ways we attain it or use it—or both. How do we abuse the attainment of wealth? I can give an obvious answer, such as

robbing a bank, but this makes it too easy to justify myself. Do I work a full day for my pay, or do I spend a lot of time visiting with other employees, surfing the Web, taking extra-long breaks, or texting my friends? Am I honest with my customers, charging only for work I have done?

As for using our wealth, we usually think of family first. Do we spoil our kids, so they can “have the things I couldn’t afford when I was young”? Or do we teach them to work for what they get? Do we also think of the poor and homeless? Do we teach our children to be generous to others?

Notice that Paul does not mention wealth. Instead he goes deeper, point-

ing out the thoughts and desires that lead to a life centered in wealth. In baptism, we put to death passion and greed, tendencies that push us to own more or to control another person. Paul uses the image of taking off these vices as if they were clothing and putting on a new self that shows Christ in us. When we have been renewed that way, then Christ becomes visible in all people. We no longer have reason to look down on anyone for being poor or sickly or of another race. We begin to see Christ in them, for as Paul says, “Christ is all and in all” (Colossians 3:11).

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

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Shawn Mueller, Director

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Parish School of Religion
Grades 1 thru 8, September thru May, 6-7:30pm, Wednesdays
Confirmation Preparation
8th Grade—September thru May, 6-7:30pm, Wednesdays
Children's Liturgy of the Word
September thru May, during the 9:30am Sunday Mass
Adult Education
Wednesdays at 8:45am and 6:10pm, September thru May
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—contact Shawn for schedule

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Music at Immaculate Heart of Mary

Dear IHM Parish Family,

I would first like to thank Fr. Tom, the staff at IHM, and all of you for the warm welcome into your parish family. During these first two months of serving you all, it has become clear that my journey to Immaculate Heart of Mary was led by the Holy Spirit. My experience here so far has been of a parish that is faith-filled, fun-loving, and dedicated to making disciples. The Steinway grand piano and Wicks pipe organ aren't too shabby either!

During the month of August, just before the business of the liturgical year increases, I'll be taking over Fr. Tom's column here to share with you all about some of our work/goals/hopes for music and liturgy at IHM. Over the next three weeks, I'll be providing updates on the activities of our Adult Choir, Children's Choir, Praise and Worship music at IHM, some new programs, and more!

To start, I'd like to talk a bit about the importance of quality music for Mass; music which is fitting of what we celebrate, spiritually stirring, prayer invoking, and most crucially, conducive to congregational participation (that means you). Sing to the Lord, a document published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops offers the following, which speaks to why singing at Mass is so critical to our worship as Christians:

"Within the gathered assembly, the role of the congregation is especially important. The full and active participation by all the people is the aim to be considered before all else, for it is the primary and indispensable source from which the faithful are to derive the true Christian spirit... God has bestowed upon his people the gift of song. God dwells within each human person, in the place where music takes its source. Indeed, God, the giver of song, is present whenever his people sing his praises. A cry from deep within our being, music is a way for God to lead us to the realm of higher things. As St. Augustine says, "Singing is for the one who loves." Music is therefore a sign of God's love for us and of our love for Him. In this sense, it is very personal. But unless music sounds, it is not music, and whenever it sounds, it is accessible to others. By its very nature song has both an individual and a communal dimension. Thus, it is no wonder that singing together in church expresses so

well the sacramental presence of God to his people."

As Catholics, we believe that our immense, awe-inspiring universe was created by a mind - the source and ground of all being, who is the logos, who is God. But it doesn't stop there. The one who spoke us into existence also entered creation through the incarnation of Jesus Christ. He is the focal point at which the transcendent eternal source of everything that is became available to our senses. He is the moment at which heaven collides with this pale blue dot. And just before he was arrested and crucified, he gave us a formula and a format that would provide for the continual manifestation of this collision of heaven and earth. He gave us his body, blood, soul, and divinity; his incarnation, in the form of bread and wine consecrated on the altar of every Mass celebrated every day throughout the world.

If one had never been to a Catholic Mass, with all of that context in mind, that person might think, "If that's true, it must be an incredibly powerful and epic moment to witness." Indeed it is. And if we want to convince others this is true, why would we simultaneously garnish that moment with anything less than our best? We might also ask ourselves, "Why don't people believe, or why is the faith in decline?" Think about what we're asking people to believe and then consider how we present it to them.

There have been - and continue to be - instances where artistic and cultural expression find their stride in the context of the Mass. We can get glimpses of it, for instance in the way our Eastern Orthodox brothers and sisters practice their liturgy. To watch or participate is to know that the gravity of that moment is significant. Let us reclaim a sense of patronage of good music and art made by sincere, faithful, Catholics who appreciate the subject matter that they are communicating.

Now, I'm not suggesting we need to go back to the way things were or only use a particular style or particular instrument. We need quality, appropriate art and liturgy. Let us not chase cultural relevance only to drive our Church into a deeper state of cultural irrelevance. We must match the world in her beauty. Doing something entirely unique and set apart from everything else is how you capture people's interest, and I thank you for allowing me to join our parish's mission to reclaim it!

Your continued prayers are appreciated.

In Christ,
Bryan

This Week at Home

Heavenly Duster: Jean Reed Bammann
Purificators: Mary Stassi



Sunday, August 4

Jonah Team will pray with you after 9:30 Mass

Monday, August 5

St. Vincent de Paul, 6pm

Scouts, Founders Hall/Trailer, 6:30pm

Tuesday, August 6

Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, 9am

Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am

Knights of Columbus officers, Founders Hall, 7pm

Wednesday, August 7

Reconciliation, 7pm

Thursday, August 8

Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am

Yoga, Grand Hall foyer, 7pm

Stewardship, Weber Hall, 7pm

Friday, August 9

Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30-noon

Saturday, August 10

Reconciliation, 8:45am

Event in Grand Hall early afternoon

Saturday/Sunday, August 10/11

Guest priest to speak re: Cross Catholic Outreach

Sunday, August 11

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

August 15: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day Masses at 8am and 7pm in Church

Next Week Ministries

August 10—4:00pm

EM: Joan Falbo, Jan Jokisch-Messig, Ann Zaleuke,
Wally & Jan Karase, Judy Cova, Ed Etzkorn,
Ed Taylor

Lec: Joe Willis, Mike Greene

GB: Bill & Bernadine Pollihan

Serv: Maggie & Morgan Molitor

Ush: Larry Graves, Dave Hendrix, Tom Zaleuke,
Bryan Potter

August 11—7:30am

EM: Bob Brossette, John & Karen Wappelhorst,
Carol Rabbitt, Emily Cooksey, Julia Kettler

Lec: Chuck Kettler, Kris Jenkins

GB: Rosemary Marquart, Dot Welge

Serv: Alex & Maria McCarthy

Ush: Ron Neske, Frank Kardasz, Larry Koch,
Tom Meczowski

August 11—9:30am

EM: Maureen Blondin, Donna Wolff, Steve Williams,
Mary Busby Simpson, Walt Hollenstein,
Alvina Fry, Don & Susan Hladky

Lec: Kat & Chris Menne

GB: Bob & Cheryl Gray

Serv: Genny Greiwe, Will Lassiter, Thomas Kokker

Ush: Michelle Greiwe, Joe Weber, Curt Eccardt,
George Stark, Brian Corrigan, Alan Raymond

IHM Information Station

August 10, 4:00: Ed & Marcia Etzkorn

August 11, 7:30: John & Karen Wappelhorst

August 11, 9:30: Mike & Kelly Meyer

Vocation Prayer Bag

August 11: 9:30 Bob & Yvonne Brossette

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 15 Bowling Night
meet at IHM at 5pm

August 29 One Direction / Game Night



Pope's Intentions for August: Families, Schools of Human Growth

That families, through their life of prayer and
love, become ever more clearly "schools of
true human growth."



Paul Wessel 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 or support him at <https://www.focus.org/missionaries/paul-wessel>.

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 5	
8:00am	Randy & Lucas Schneider +
Tuesday, August 6	
8:00am	Elizabeth Meier +
Wednesday, August 7	
8:00am	Bob Keune (1st ann.) +
Thursday, August 8	
8:00am	Terry Daub + Jim Wolf +
Friday, August 9	
8:00am	All Souls Janis Riebling +
Saturday, August 10	
8:00am	Jim Elfrink +
4:00pm	People of the Parish Bob Barnard +
Sunday, August 11	
7:30am	Moira Ryan + Vicki Rellergert +
9:30am	Erma Guinn + intention of Barb Pope

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, Irene Caldwell

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)
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.

Contributions, July 27/28

General Offertory:	\$9,692.50
Online – General Offertory:	<u>\$2,477.34</u>
TOTAL	\$12,169.84

*"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."
(Luke 12:15)*

The Gospel message today is contrary to our modern culture where advertising continually tries to convince us that our value lies in the things we possess. Jesus showed us that our true value lies in the way we live our lives. He challenges us to not hoard material possessions, but rather to live a grateful and generous lifestyle and become more "other-centered" and less "self-centered."

***We pray ... that we may remember that
the many possessions we strive to acquire
are worthless in the eyes of the Lord.***

Needed at the Pantry

chicken broth, canned ravioli, coffee, oil, jello and pudding
regular and sugar free, tea bags - regular and decaf,
hamburger helper (not tuna as we have plenty), fruit juices,
jelly, cold and hot cereal, canned spaghetti sauce, Bisquick

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable about the rich man who selfishly stored all his grain and goods only to die and not enjoy his abundance anyway. What we struggle all our lives to learn is that life does not consist of possessions nor our perceived security, but of being possessed by God.

This week, as you give your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you are realizing that in giving you indeed receive.

✠ Rest in Peace ✠

We offer our prayerful sympathy to:

Mella Strunk on the death of her husband
Glen Strunk
father of Brad & Carrie Strunk,
brother-in-law of Christine Strunk

Kathleen Kutsko
sister of Ron & Judy Kutsko

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

**Hand-made Rosaries and Rosary Repair:
Mary Karll: 314-550-4351**

What's Your Catholic Catechism IQ?

1. The season of Lent, and each _____ in memory of the death of the Lord are intense moments of the Church's penitential practice.
 - a. Saturday
 - b. Friday
 - c. Sunday
 - d. Thursday
2. The season of Lent and Fridays are particularly appropriate for voluntary self-_____ such as fasting and almsgiving.
 - a. denial
 - b. absorption
 - c. donation
 - d. giving
3. The process of conversion and repentance was described by Jesus in the _____ of the Prodigal Son.
 - a. parable
 - b. writing
 - c. meeting
 - d. text
4. In the parable of the Prodigal Son, Jesus reveals to us the abyss of his _____ in so simple and beautiful a way.
 - a. goodness
 - b. joy
 - c. truth
 - d. mercy
5. Sin is an offense against God and at the same time it damages communion with the _____.
 - a. truth
 - b. faith
 - c. church
 - d. body
6. Only God can forgive sin; the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins and exercised this _____ power.
 - a. amazing
 - b. outstanding
 - c. divine
 - d. absolute
7. By virtue of His divine _____ Jesus gives this power to men to exercise in His name.
 - a. name
 - b. authority
 - c. commission
 - d. birth
8. Christ has willed that His whole Church should be the sign and instrument of forgiveness and _____.
 - a. reconciliation
 - b. penance
 - c. emotional
 - d. joy
9. But He (Jesus) entrusted the exercise of the power of absolution to the _____ ministry.
 - a. human
 - b. apostolic
 - c. teaching
 - d. charism
10. In imparting to His apostles His own power to forgive sins the Lord also gives them the authority to reconcile sinners with the _____.
 - a. church
 - b. parish
 - c. parents
 - d. person they sinned against

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.

Clarification of St. Louis Review Announcement about Deacon Tony

To all parishioners that wished me well or asked about my upcoming retirement as announced in the St. Louis Review, allow me to clarify that announcement.

The retirement part is from Hartford, Connecticut where I was ordained and incardinated. I never requested any change to the incardination because of all the relocation made by me and my family. As a result, the rules of the Archdiocese needed to be followed. Their rule states that active Deacons incardinated in Hartford, but serving outside the Archdiocese of Hartford, must retire at age 75.

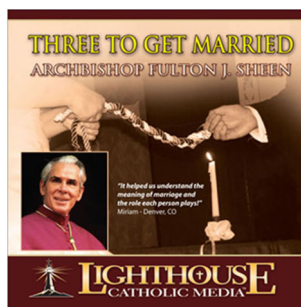
Fortunately, Archbishop Carlson has agreed to the rule of the Archdiocese of Hartford and has granted retirement will full faculties. That allows me to continue as an active here in St. Louis, which means I can continue to be active, with Father Tom's approval, at IHM.

Thanks to all of you for your support and concern.
Deacon Tony

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 LIGHTHOUSE CD RACK (NARTHEX)



In this classic on love and marriage, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen places sex in the context of human love, and human love in the context of Divine Love. One of the greatest and best-loved spokesmen for the Catholic Faith, he beautifully presents the Catholic concept of marriage, emphasizing that

our Blessed Lord must be at the center of every successful and loving marriage.

This talk is great for married couples and also for those discerning a married vocation. I am single and yet found it deeply informative as it looked at the spiritual dimensions of man and woman exclusively. I will be handing it over to my sister and her husband so they may listen to it.
Joseph - Sydney, NSW

ST. LOUIS MISSIONARIES IN LATIN AMERICA

Since 1956 the Archdiocese of St. Louis has sent its own priests as missionaries to Bolivia, one of the poorest countries in South America. As missionaries of our Latin America Apostolate, Father Patrick Hayden and Father James Michler have been serving the people of Maria Reina (Mary Queen) Parish for more than 25 years. Comprised of 14 neighborhoods with approximately 70,000 people who live on the steep hillsides of La Paz, Maria Reina Parish evangelizes, celebrates the Sacraments, and provides pastoral attention to those most in need. The parish Health Clinic also tends to the needs of more than 5,000 people annually. Please support our Archdiocesan Mission, **The Latin America Apostolate**, with your prayers and sacrificial generosity. If you would like more information, or to inquire about our upcoming mission immersion trip to Maria Reina Parish, please visit stlmissions.org or call 314-792-7655.



Our Missionaries can only do what we make possible through our prayers and sacrifices. Please be generous in the collection for the Latin America Apostolate of the Archdiocese of St. Louis this weekend, August 3/4.

Quote from Dr. Peter Kreeft, coming to JHFM in November

"If spouses were as polite to each other as they are to strangers . . . if we were as good to each other as our own dogs are to each other . . . if we were as good to each other as we are to our dogs . . . if we were as careful for our souls as we are for our bodies . . . if we were as careful to our bodies as we are for our money . . . why, then, we would be almost sane."

Before I Go: Letters to Our Children About What Really Matters

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year C

[Jesus told a story about a person who was using his life to acquire wealth, so that he could enjoy his life later. Then a voice said,] "You fool! This very night you will have to give up your life." LUKE 12:20

In the 1960s all-pro star Jerry Kramer wrote a best-seller called Instant Replay. In it he asks this provocative question: "What's my purpose here on earth besides playing the silly game I play every Sunday?" In the 1980s Kramer wrote a sequel called Distant Replay. It opens with this provocative question: "What have I done in my life?" Kramer answers, regretfully, that he failed to do the one thing that he should have done: pass on "proper values" to his kids. He writes, "I hadn't done for my children what my father had done for me." The story of Kramer invites us to ask, "How well am I doing for my children what my parents did for me?"

The best use of life is to spend it for something that outlasts life. WILLIAM JAMES

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Catholic IQ Answers

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**:


August 10:	ICD—Adoration Chapel
September 14:	St. Patrick Adoration Chapel
October 12:	St. Gianna Church



Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

**The Five First Saturdays
Request at Fatima**


*Have you responded
to the call?*



I promise to assist at the hour of death with all the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the First Saturday of five consecutive months shall: Receive the Sacrament of Confession, Receive Holy Communion, Recite Five decades of the Rosary and Keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, all with the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart.

On the First Saturday during Five Consecutive Months, our Lady has asked her children to:

1. Make a good Confession
2. Receive Holy Communion
3. Pray five decades of the Rosary
4. Keep Our Lady company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary
5. All of the above is to be done with the intention of making reparation for the sins of blasphemy and ingratitude committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



'Have compassion on the Heart of your Most Holy Mother, covered with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce It at every moment, and there is no one to make an act of reparation to remove them.'
*The Child Jesus to St. Lucia,
December 10, 1925*

A great website that gives tips for families to live out the great days and feasts of the liturgical year is www.catholicculture.org. An excerpt from the site is below.

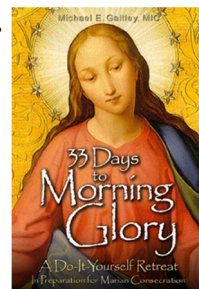
August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart. Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love (especially for her divine Son), virtue, and inner life. Such devotion is an incentive to a similar love and virtue.

This devotion has received new emphasis in this century from the visions given to Lucy Dos Santos, oldest of the visionaries of Fatima, in her convent in Tuy, in Spain, in 1925 and 1926. In the visions Our Lady asked for the practice of the Five First Saturdays to help make amends for the offenses committed against her heart by the blasphemies and ingratitude of men. The practice parallels the devotion of the Nine First Fridays in honor of the Sacred Heart.

On October 31, 1942, Pope Pius XII made a solemn Act of Consecration of the Church and the whole world to the Immaculate Heart. (Pope John Paul II also did this in union with the bishops of the world on March 25, 1984) Let us remember this devotion year-round, but particularly through the month of August.

Consider the book 33 Days to Morning Glory. From Fr. Michael E. Gaitley, MIC, author of the bestselling book Consoling the Heart of Jesus.

It is an extraordinary 33-day journey to Marian consecration with four giants of Marian spirituality: St. Louis de Montfort
St. Maximilian Kolbe
St. Teresa of Calcutta
St. John Paul II.



Fr. Michael masterfully summarizes their teaching, making it easy to grasp and simple enough to put into practice. More specifically, he weaves their thought into a user-friendly, do-it-yourself retreat that will bless even the busiest of people. So, if you've been thinking about entrusting yourself to Mary for the first time or if you're simply looking to deepen and renew your devotion to her, 33 Days to Morning Glory is the right book to read and the perfect retreat to make.

A SPECIAL REQUEST FROM OUR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

First of all, we want to thank everyone for your very generous donations to our Food Pantry. There are many underfed families in our area, and they are so grateful for the food items they receive, through your care and concern.

Recently someone dropped off some fresh fruit and vegetables in the bin in church. We don't check the bin on a daily basis, so the food sat there for some days, and we found it full of maggots. PLEASE—we can only accept donated food that is still in its original, unopened, sealed container, and only non-perishables. It's so very thoughtful to drop off fresh foods, but in reality we cannot keep them refrigerated, and thus they go bad before anyone can consume them.

We still want to express our humble gratitude for all the help our parish gives us in feeding the poor in our area. We couldn't do it without your generosity.



Please mark your calendar for this year's **Friends of the Poor Walk/Run** to be held on **Saturday, September 28** to be held at Quail Ridge Park in Wentzville. This event can be found at <https://www.fopwalk.org/eventlisting/eventdetail/?eventid=2308> where you can register your team(s), your walkers, and find all the information you need. More info as the event gets closer.

SEXUAL ABUSE SURVIVOR GROUPS

FOR ADULT VICTIMS OF
CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

This ministry will be offered **at no cost** to the participant. The closed groups will meet at the Crestwood location of **Saint Louis Counseling** on Wednesday evenings beginning **September 4**.



Adult survivors of child sexual abuse who have previously participated in individual therapy may inquire at **314-544-3800**.

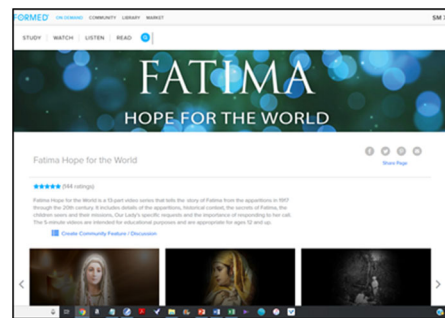
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As part of our promise to protect and pledge to heal, the Archdiocese of St. Louis invites adult survivors of child sexual abuse to participate in a support group program to begin Wednesday, September 4. Sponsored by the Archdiocese, this expanded ministry will be offered at the Watson Road location of Saint Louis Counseling in Crestwood and is available to adult survivors at no cost. The closed groups will meet for six consecutive Wednesday evenings from 5:30pm until 7pm. Adult survivors of child sexual abuse may inquire by calling 314-544-3800. Registration is required and space is limited.

EWTN CATHOLIC RADIO—AM 1460
Informative Catholic programming.

Formed & PSR Corner

In the Traditional- Devotional Dedication of the Months of the Year, the month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. A good way to understand such a devotion is through the eyes of the apparitions at Fatima, Portugal. Go to Formed.org to watch “Fatima Hope for the World,” a 13-part video series that tells the story of Fatima from the apparitions in 1917 through the 20th century. The 5-minute videos are intended for educational purposes and are appropriate for ages 12 and up. Watch online for free at www.ihm-newmelle.formed.org



Readings for the Week

Mon: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21
Tue: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9;
2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36
Wed: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35;
Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28
Thu: Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Mt 16:13-23
Fri: Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28
Sat: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
Sun: Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22; Heb 11:1-2,
8-19 [1-2, 8-12]; Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]

7 Steps to Becoming Financially Free—a Catholic Group Study

If you are interested in:

- ♦ Reducing the financial stress in your life
- ♦ Building a support network for achieving your financial freedom
- ♦ Strengthening your marriage and family life
- ♦ Breaking free from the bondage of consumer debt
- ♦ Creating a realistic faith-based financial plan for the future

then this work group is for you! This will be a 6-7 session study utilizing the concepts of Christian based finances in achieving the objectives listed above. The sessions will be limited in size to achieve the benefits and dynamics that are gleaned from a small study group. Kick-off for this study group will be in September 2019. If you are interested contact Bob Brossette at rabyt6175@att.net or 636-312-4554.

We are not selling any products or services and the only cost to you is the Participant Study Kit for \$46.95. Due to limited space, call now to assure your place in this study group.

This 'n That

Monthly Recollection for Women

Wednesday, August 7, 7:30pm at St. Cletus in St. Charles. A priest of Opus Dei will give two meditations and hear confessions. Questions or more info: Mary 314-517-1277 or Maureen 314-322-9711.

Mamma Mia!

August 23-25 at St. Dominic High School. Don't miss the Crusader Alumni Community Theatre Company's debut production. Alumni and friends will perform this hit musical, which features songs by Swedish rock group ABBA. Purchase tickets online: www.stdominichs.org/MammaMia. Questions? 636-240-8303 ext. 110

Programs at Mercy Conference and Retreat Center (www.mercycenterstl.org)

- **Journey to Inner Peace for Families: Making Calm our Superpower!** Sunday afternoons, August 11, 18, September 8 and 15. Relieve stress and feel more joy. Build stronger families. Journey to Inner Peace and let's take the mystery out of mindfulness, meditation, and visualization. Join us for all four sessions or pick and choose which to attend. Some sessions are for parents, grandparents, caregivers and children; others are for adults only. This group experience is also geared for those who work with children and teens.
- **Neuroscience, Contemplative Practices & Well Being: How Spirituality Affects Our Health and DNA** Friday and Saturday, August 23/24. We'll explore recent findings in neuroscience and positive psychology, showing how practices such as Mindfulness, Meditation, Gratitude and Compassion slow aging in our cells, keep our brains healthy and nimble, reduce stress, and bring more health and happiness into our lives.
- **Digital Distraction: Technology, Our Brains and Spiritual Practices** Sunday, August 25, 1:30—3:30pm. We will explore the ramifications of tech overuse and how several spiritual practices have been shown to help thwart those detrimental effects. Helpful strategies to limit the pitfalls of online use, and suggested activities to nurture our journeys will be offered.

Cookies for KAIROS

"For I was hungry and you gave me food...in prison, and you visited me." (Mt. 25: 35-36)

Ever wonder how YOU could answer this request from Jesus? Well, here's a chance to do your part, as you support a fellow parishioner who will bring the "Kairos Inside" retreat to the Menard maximum security prison in Chester, IL from October 17—20. Bob Brossette, serving on the Kairos team, will be joining forty other men from many different Christian communities across the region to present the message of peace, love and forgiveness to the residents at the Menard State Prison in Chester, IL.

How can you help? Make Cookies!

Homemade cookies are an important "Kairos Inside" tradition—tangible examples of the depth of God's love, poured out by His family. To ensure a "bottomless bowl," each team member is asked to provide **40 dozen cookies**. Due to prison requirements, cookies MUST be made according to a few simple guidelines (for example: no fruit, no nuts, no icing, no sprinkles). Cookies should be about 3" in size, packed in quart-sized Ziploc bags, one dozen per bag. Contact Bob Brossette, rabylt6174@att.net or 636-312-4554, for recipes and packaging guidelines, or for cookie pickup/delivery. All cookies must be ready by **Friday, October 11** for the Kairos Weekend.

Consider making a contribution ... to help defray the cost of the ministry. (It costs about \$6,500 to put on each Kairos Weekend inside the prison.) Your tax-deductible donation of any amount will help bring the light of Christ's love into a very dark place. (Make checks payable to "KPMI" and send to Bob Brossette, PO Box 413, Marthasville, MO 63357.)

Thank you...for all your prayers and support!

Paper and clothes recycling bins are located on the gravel lot behind Fr. Tom's house.



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CATHOLIC MASS

KPLR ch. 11 (CW) at 8:30am
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