



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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

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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, in church

## Weekly Devotions and Prayers

### Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday 8:30am until Friday 11:00am, St. Joseph Chapel

### Rosary:

Prior to Saturday evening 4pm Mass

### 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

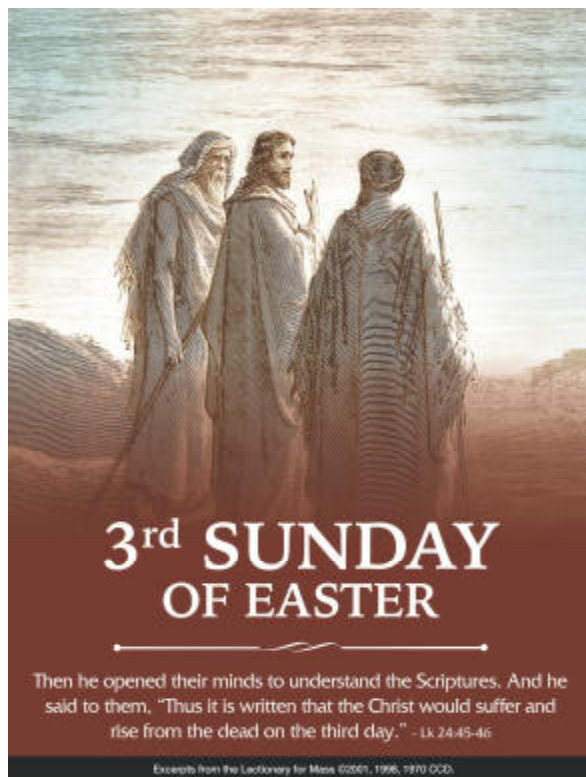
**Marriage:** Contact the parish office  
at least six months prior to the wedding

**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

*April 18, 2021*



## Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that

their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively, and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel

totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.

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

## Parish Staff

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## Religious Education

Shawn Mueller, Director

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

## Quick Contacts Directory

### Liturgical Videographer

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### Weddings, Receptions, Events

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Cub Scouts: John Lyons 217-778-3760  
Boy Scouts: Chad Peters 314-807-7177  
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Joe Willis 636-398-2106  
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Teresa Berfanger 636-398-5565

### Youth and Young Adults

High School Youth Leader  
Janet Hespen 314-369-6521  
Young Adults  
Julie Lassiter 636-357-0121

## *A Grateful Heart*

Dear Parishioners,

On March the 27th I received notice from Mother of Good Counsel Home that Mom had passed from this life to the next. Mom had been at the home for almost seven years and prior to that two years here at IHM. Mom also lived with me for six years at Epiphany of Our Lord and prior to that she lived by herself after Dad passed in 2000. She lived a long life and was still herself up until 4 year ago. The gradual creep of Alzheimer's/dementia slowly took her from us and the last few years she was away from life mentally and relationally. The Sisters and staff of MOGC took excellent care of Mom. I can never thank them enough for their loving care for her.

Many thanks to all of you for your prayers, cards, notes and expressions of kindness to myself after Mom's passing. My assignment here is a tremendous blessing for both of us, and Mom loved this parish family and the many kind and good people she met in the two years she



was here. Thank you all for the welcome you gave to us, and especially to her when we arrived. For those of you who got to know her personality and company, you experienced the treat of knowing and loving Peggy. She is one of a kind. We all are, but some REALLY are. Momma was one of a kind.

Please feel free to join us for a Memorial Mass on May the 1st at 11:00am if you like. I know we have all the concerns about Covid and seating might be an issue. Please know that I have no expectations on attendance, your love for myself and Mom is well known to me. She was aware of how blessed we were to be part of this parish family.

Love,

*Fr. Tom*

PS I am sure I will be writing more about Mom in the bulletins to come. There are many memories to share.

## *3rd Sunday of Easter: Year B*

Jesus appeared to His disciples, showed them His wounds, opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "This is what is written: the Messiah must suffer." —Luke 6:24:45-46

Many Jews expected a Messiah who would make them "number one" among the nations of the world. They dreamed of a Messiah who would catapult them into a position of wealth and power. When Jesus said that He would wear a crown of thorns, not a crown of gold, they were disenchanted. They had closed their minds to those parts of Scripture that spoke of a suffering Messiah. This didn't fit their idea of what the Messiah should be like.

To what degree do I sometimes behave like many of the Jews of Jesus' day?

*What seems to be God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. . . God purposely chose what the world considers nonsense in order to shame the wise.* —1 Corinthians 1:25, 27

Mark Link S.J. *Mission*

## Ministry Schedule

### April 17—4pm

EM: Deacon Chris, Josh Deters, Bob Brossette, Pat Roche  
Lec: Sharon Hagan, Yvonne Brossette  
Serv: Zara Panus  
Music: Mary Ann & Bryan  
Ush: Ed Etzkorn, Mike Rieker, Andy Pope  
Proj: Elizabeth Jaeckle

### April 18—7:30am

EM: Aaron Waldeck, Maureen Blondin, John Fiacco,  
Dianne Dickherber  
Lec: Chuck Kettler, Kris Jenkins  
Serv: Mary Grace Becker  
Music: Brooke & Verdi  
Ush: Ron Jacob, Frank Kardasz, Tom Mieczkowski  
Proj: Leah Becker

### April 18—9:30am

EM: Aaron Waldeck, Josh Deters, Pat Gentry, Don Hladky  
Lec: Patrice Riley, Susan Hladky  
Serv: Izzy Czuchna  
Music: Amelia, Betsy, Mary, Bryan  
Ush: Bob Hutchcraft, Alan Raymond, Michelle Greiwe  
Proj: Thomas Kokker

## Ministry Schedule

### April 24—4pm

EM: Deacon Chris, Josh Deters, Bryan Potter, Karen Wilson  
Lec: Mike Greene, Pat Barnard  
Serv: Izzy Scheer  
Music: Mary Ann & Bryan  
Ush: Tim Wilson, Wally & Jan Karase  
Proj: Lucy Smith

### April 25—7:30am

EM: Aaron Waldeck, Deacon Chris, Emily Cooksey,  
Betty Tuepker  
Lec: Chuck Kettler  
Serv: Janie Becker  
Music: Brooke & Verdi  
Ush: Ron Neske, Dave London, Terry Schneider  
Proj: Margie Vandeven

### April 25—9:30am

EM: Aaron Waldeck, Deacon Chris, Sharon Smith,  
Mary Busby-Simpson  
Lec: Bill Winters, Grant Smith  
Serv: Thomas Kokker  
Music: Amelia, Betsy, Mary, Bryan  
Ush: Joe Weber, Gary Struckhoff, Ron Simpson  
Proj: Kathy Lalonde



Tim O'Neill  
brother-in-law of Bill & Bernie Pollihan  
Lorene Hutchcraft  
mother of Bob & Brenda Hutchcraft  
May they and all the faithful departed  
rest in the eternal peace of Christ.

## Heavenly Duster Schedule

Week of April 18: Theresa McDaniel  
Week of April 25: Irene Caldwell

## Purificators

Month of April: Pat Roche

## *Please pray for all the sick and suffering:*

Phyllis Zerr, Mike & Pat Ryan, Fran Bussen, Betty Boyd, Deacon Tony, Amy Robbins, Don Schmidt, Betty Heppermann,  
Joyce Brakensiek, Carl Wolff, Terry Hagan, Richard & Doris Berhorst

Steve Wengerski (family friend of Mandy Daub), Keith Langford (son of Rita & brother of Valerie Langford),

Red Brockmeyer (cousin of Kay & Ray Cherry), Karla Sitzes (daughter of Sophia Bax),

Karen Windler (sister of John Wappelhorst), Michael Speir (son-in-law of Jackie & Steve Dunn),

Leon Burkemper (son of Carol Rabbitt), Peyton Newman (grandson of Mike & Mary Hardesty),

Loren & Evelyn Brandon (parents of Marty & Peggy Dupree), Charlie Grady (grandson of John & Carol Grady),

Pat Finan (daughter of Fran Bussen), Janet Piel (sister of Joni Marren-Slaughter), Marlene Hagemeier (sister of Pat Roche)

**Hospitalization:** If you are hospitalized, please let us know. Please call the office or ask a friend to call for you if necessary.

**Communion Calls:** If you would like to receive Communion but are unable to get to Mass because of illness or disability, please contact the parish office: 636-398-5270.

**Prayer Requests:** Brenda Hutchcraft at 636-248-8493 or email [brhutchcraft@centurytel.net](mailto:brhutchcraft@centurytel.net)

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

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



## Mass Intentions

Monday, April 19	
8:00am	Cy & Al Bamert +
Tuesday, April 20	
8:00am	Gertrude Windisch +
Wednesday, April 21	
8:00am	Bea Renna +
Thursday, April 22	
8:00am	Leo Partl +
Friday, April 23	
8:00am	Tom Holstein +
Saturday, April 24	
8:00am	All Souls
4:00pm	David Lamb +
Easter Sunday, April 25	
7:30am	People of the Parish
9:30am	Mary Glissman +

## Contributions, April 10/11

General Offertory:	\$7,837.50
Online – General Offertory:	\$5,439.77
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$13,277.27</b>

*“Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ But they were startled and frightened...”*  
~~ Luke 24:36-37 ~~

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to “see the face of Jesus” in others and to “be the face of Jesus” to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide “peace” to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a “God-centered” life and not a “self-centered” life.

We pray: that we have the courage  
to do the work God has sent us to do,  
knowing that this is the true path to peace and joy.

## Activities this Week

*social distancing recommended at all events*

Sunday, April 18	
Baptismal preparation class, Weber Hall, 11am	
Pre-registration is encouraged!	
Monday, April 19	
SVDP, 6pm	
Scouts, Founders Hall, 6:30pm	
Youth Group, Weber Hall, 6:30pm	
Tuesday, April 20	
Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am	
Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, 9am	
Knights of Columbus, Founders Hall, 7pm	
Wednesday, April 21	
Sunday readings study, Weber Hall, 8:45am	
Bible Study, Grand Hall, 6:15pm	
ADORE, 6:30pm (with Reconciliation at 7pm)	
Thursday, April 22	
Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am	
RCIA, Weber Hall, 6:30pm	
Friday, April 23	
Quilting in Weber Hall, 8:30—noon	
Saturday, April 24	
Reconciliation, 8:45am	
Sunday, April 25	
Today would have been our Sausage Dinner. Let's all pray that we be able to have it in October!!	

## Needed at the Pantry



Coffee, tea, paper products (Toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels), brownie mixes, cake icings, deodorant, shampoo & conditioner, canned fruit, sauerkraut & spinach. We have plenty of pasta sauces & salad dressing (thank you) .

**Please hold your plastic bags—we have plenty!!**

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus explains the meaning of the scriptures. Like the disciples, when we offer and receive forgiveness our hearts burn because we encounter the risen Christ within us.

Have you considered answering the call to “help the poor find forgiveness and healing in their life” by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? Contact the church office for more information.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun:	Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3
Mon:	Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2/Jn 3:1-8
Tue:	Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93/Jn 3:7b-15
Wed:	Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34/Jn 3:16-21
Thu:	Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34/Jn 3:31-36
Fri:	Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27/Jn 6:1-15
Sat:	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33/Jn 6:16-21

## Pope's Intentions for April: Fundamental rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.





Janet Hespen,  
Youth Minister,  
314-369-6521

### STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCE in Springfield, MO—July 16-18

This is a high energy youth conference in which teens encounter Jesus Christ through dynamic speakers, engaging music, the Sacraments, small group discussion and fellowship with other teens. Promises to be an awesome weekend!!

*Scholarships are available through IHM.  
More information in [steubystl.com](http://steubystl.com)*

#### Upcoming regular meeting dates (6:30—8pm )

April 19: Welcome 8th graders to Youth Group with water balloon challenges and pizza party.

Mondays in Weber Hall: May 3, 24, June 7, 21

Monday in Founders Hall: May 10

Thursdays in Weber Hall: July 1, 15, 29

### PSR Corner

Prayers and Blessings to the various 2<sup>nd</sup> grade children who will be making their First Holy Communion at Immaculate Heart of Mary during individual Masses over these weeks of Easter. Those preparing for Confirmation will be receiving the Sacrament at the Cathedral-Basilica on May 15. Please offer a Hail Mary for all of them.



## What's Your Catholic Catechism IQ?

"The Catechism of the Catholic Church is a statement of the Church's faith and of Catholic doctrine, attested to or illumined by Sacred Scripture, the Apostolic Tradition and the Church's Magisterium. I declare it to be a sure norm for teaching the faith." (Pope St. John Paul II)

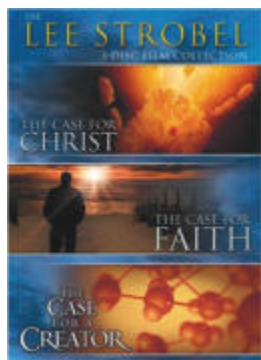
- The Lord grieves over the \_\_\_\_\_, because they find their consolation in the abundance of goods.
  - suffering
  - poor
  - meek
  - rich
- Desire for true \_\_\_\_\_ frees man from his immoderate attachment to the goods of this world.
  - patience
  - sadness
  - statements
  - happiness
- The promise [of seeing God] surpasses all beatitude in scripture, to see is to possess. Whoever sees God has obtained all the goods of which he can \_\_\_\_\_.
  - conceive
  - control
  - contain
  - consume
- It remains for the holy people to \_\_\_\_\_, with grace from on high, to obtain the good things God promises.
  - struggle
  - praise
  - boast
  - hide
- In order to possess and contemplate God, Christ's faithful mortify their cravings and, with the grace of God, prevail over the seductions of pleasure and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - power
  - envy
  - comfort
  - fear
- On this way of perfection, the Spirit and the Bride call whoever hears them to perfect \_\_\_\_\_ with God.
  - manipulation
  - communion
  - living
  - coercion
- Prayer is the \_\_\_\_\_ of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God.
  - shrinking
  - raising
  - feeling
  - abandoning
- He who humbles himself will be exalted; \_\_\_\_\_ is the foundation of prayer.
  - anger
  - humility
  - greed
  - wanting
- Only when we humbly acknowledge that we do not know how to pray as we ought, are we ready to receive freely the gift of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - money
  - gifts
  - blessing
  - prayer
- Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's \_\_\_\_\_ with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for Him.
  - experience
  - creation
  - thirst
  - revelation

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## St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

*From the Parish Library:  
Stoltz Grand Hall*



From Review on Amazon: It's rare when a DVD is as good as a book... In this case, it may even be better, depending on the end reader/viewer. The trio of DVD's is an excellent collection of information that can be share with believers and non-believers alike. Lee Strobel is so down to earth and relatable, that he is not offensive. The Lord is using this man in mighty ways, for all those who think they're too smart to be a Christian, it's a simple way to understand that being Christian does not merely need to be a leap of faith. There is so much intelligence involved in God's plan for us. Who better to prove God exists than a journalist, who enjoys research, but doesn't believe there is one God. A well known non-believer journalist ends up proving to himself that God does exist. It's a great series to watch, especially with a non-believer or someone new in their faith or anyone still questioning if God is watching over all of us. There are 3 discs and each makes a case that there is a Christ that Jesus died on the cross for our sins, that you must have blind faith, and that God is our Creator. It's much easier to understand than reading the bible, but still, read your bible.



## Altar Server Training to Begin Soon!

All students in grades 3 through 8 are invited to sign up for training that will be scheduled soon. Please contact the church office so we can get your phone and email information to let you know when training will be.

A poster for 'ADORE' featuring a large, glowing sunburst in the center. To the right is a lit candle. The background is a deep purple.

# ADORE

**A MONTHLY GATHERING**  
Praise & Worship Music  
Prayer, Adoration & Reflection  
Sacrament of Reconciliation

**6:30pm Wednesday, April 21, 2021**  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church  
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### Please pray for our troops:

Ian Bagby—U.S. Army  
Randy Brittingham—U.S. Air Force  
Gregory Conners—U.S. Army  
Luke Cwiklowski—U.S. Navy  
Joseph Gardner—U.S. Navy  
Austin Gilliam—U.S. Marines  
Nicholas Hitt—U.S. Army  
Jacob Holstein—U.S. Marines  
Nicholas Hussey—U.S. Air Force  
Connor Jaeckle—U.S. Navy  
Emily Jaeckle—U.S. Marines  
Courtney Kelley (Swoboda) - U.S. Air Force  
Angela Kettler—U.S. Navy  
Alexandra McIntosh—U.S. Navy  
Danielle McIntosh—U.S. Marines  
Richard Ostermeyer—U.S. Marines  
Matthew Rison—U.S. Navy  
Molly Rison—U.S. Navy  
Eric Roethler—U.S. Marines  
Andrew Salmo—U.S. Army  
Matthew Stovall—U.S. Marines  
Blake Varady—U.S. Army  
Alexander Vesel—U.S. Navy

and all U.S. military men and women who have dedicated  
their lives to preserve and protect our country

*(if you would like your loved one listed,  
please contact the church office)*

## Helping Hearts Community Service Ministry

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

- ♥ Transportation to/from medical appointments, grocery stores and churches
- ♥ Install support bars for showers and tubs
- ♥ Install ramps for people having trouble with mobility
- ♥ Simple tasks: replacing lightbulbs and other simple household jobs
- ♥ Remove obstacles or debris: fallen tree limbs, etc.

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



## Parish Guide Book & Directory Advertising Opportunity

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church has partnered with Guide Book Publishing to publish our annual Parish Guide Book & Directory for our congregation that will be updated and delivered directly to our parishioner's homes.

This book will be the who, what, when, where and how of our parish. The book is being provided at NO COST to our church. All costs are incurred through local advertising.

Local businesses are being contacted to advertise in the book. If you own or manage a business and would like information regarding advertising in our book, please contact Marianne Fuhrmann at 314-723-1982 or email her at mkfuhrmann4@gmail.com.

Survey results show that 92.1% of parishioners would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. Don't miss this unique opportunity to be a part of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church Guide Book & Directory.



"Christ invites us to trust in His invisible grace that prompts us to the generosity of supernatural charity, as we identify with everyone who is ill: 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me' (Mt 25:40)."

Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith  
"Samaritanus bonus: On the Care of Persons  
in Critical and Terminal Phases of Life".  
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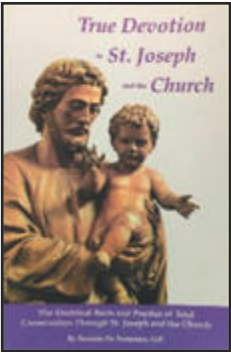
If you or someone you know has had an abortion, "be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation." Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is available through the Archdiocese for those who have been impacted by an abortion experience. Please call 314-792-7565 or

**Project Rachel** for women [stlprojectrachel@archstl.org](mailto:stlprojectrachel@archstl.org)  
**Project Joseph** for men [stlprojectjoseph@archstl.org](mailto:stlprojectjoseph@archstl.org).



## Year of St. Joseph

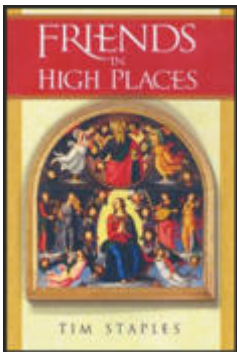
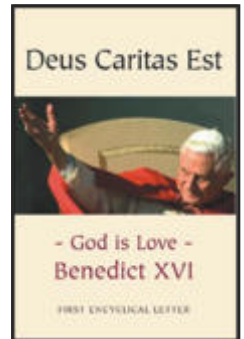
Pope Francis declared a Year of St. Joseph through December 8<sup>th</sup> 2021 on the occasion of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Joseph being proclaimed as Patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX in 1870. Throughout this special year we will include various insights, past and present about St. Joseph.



Why Devotion to St. Joseph? And this goes the same with devotion to our Blessed Mother. Jesus Himself founded devotion to these two saints by first entrusting Himself to them. Take this a step further and we can say that Jesus perfectly followed the law to “Honor Your Father and Mother.” For our part, we are simply called to imitate Christ, the heart of what it means to be a Christian. How can we not have devotion to St. Joseph?

In his encyclical *Deus Caritas Est*, Pope Benedict XVI pointed out that

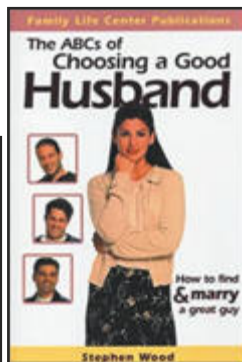
“the saints continue to do in heaven what they had done on earth: “The lives of the saints are not limited to their earthly biographies but also include their being and working in God after death. In the saints one thing becomes clear: those who draw near to God do not withdraw from men, but rather become truly close to them.” Believing in the communion of saints, one has every right to expect Saint Joseph in heaven to do for Christians all those things he did for Jesus and Mary when he was on earth.”



And on a very practical note: We all may have, like Garth Brooks sang, friends in low places. I don't know about you, but when it comes to the spiritual realm in particular, I want friends in high places. When it comes to heaven and eternal life, it is not about what you know but who you know.

We want friends in high places, friends who are close to Jesus. We think of the common go-to saints, Sts. Francis, Anthony, Jude, Padre Pio, etc. Or the apostles—Peter, Paul, Andrew, James, John. Fulton Sheen wrote, “Let those who think that the Church pays too much attention to Mary (and Joseph) give heed to the fact that Our Blessed Lord himself gave ten times as much of his life to (them) as he gave to the apostles.”

A young woman had prayed daily for ten years to St. Joseph for a good husband. She had never met any man who was anything close to what she hoped for. She was beginning to despair thinking there was no hope. She knelt down in front of the St. Joseph statue she had and prayed at length. She felt like God was deaf to prayers and so was St. Joseph. In a fit of anger she threw the statue out the window and hit a guy on the head, giving him a severe cut. He was mad and came knocking at the door. Six months later they were married.



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### Spiritual Heartburn and Typology

The disciples recounted how their hearts were burning within them when Jesus opened the Scriptures to them. One of the many beautiful elements of the Faith is Biblical typology, the fulfillment of elements of the Old Testament in the New Testament. Common examples are Noah's ark prefiguring the Church, the Flood prefiguring Baptism, and Moses prefiguring Jesus Christ. As we rejoice throughout this blessed Easter Season, let us pray with the Old Testament and see how Christ fulfills what is found in it. St. Augustine wrote, “In the Old Testament the New Testament is concealed; in the New Testament the Old Testament is revealed.” Through typology we can experience spiritual heartburn, the best kind, and more fully appreciate God's plan in salvation history.

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Some saints are privileged to extend to us their patronage with particular efficacy in certain needs, but not in others; but our holy patron St. Joseph has the power to assist us in all cases, in every necessity, in every undertaking.

—St. Thomas Aquinas

## *Scheduling Mass Intentions*

Having a Mass said for the needs of a special person, for a special request, remembering the deceased (especially on the anniversary of their death), birthdays, or in thanksgiving has a long history in the Catholic Church. The Church considers the Mass as the greatest possible prayer of intercession insofar as it is the perfect offering of Christ to the Father by making present the paschal mystery of His death and resurrection.

Because of the particular role of the priest as mediator between God and man, acting "in persona Christi" when offering the holy sacrifice of the Mass, it is usually considered that special graces may be obtained when he applies the Mass to a particular intention.

It's easy to schedule a Mass intention for a relative, friend or loved one—simply call the church office, send a note, put a request in the collection basket, or send us an email. Fr. Tom mentions the intention for the day during the Prayers of the Faithful at every Mass.

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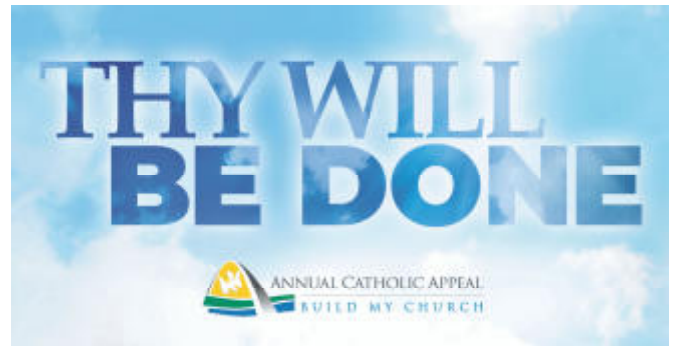
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## *Attention Employees & Volunteers*

The Archdiocese of St. Louis has developed a new system for safe environment compliance called Prevent and Protect STL. Everyone ministering to minors and vulnerable adults (clergy, employees and volunteers) in the Archdiocese are required and asked to register in the new system before December 31, 2020. This includes those new to service and those who are currently in service. For those who have already attended a Protecting God's Children workshop, your previous training date will transfer to this new system. In addition to attending a live Protecting God's Children workshop, all clergy, volunteers and employees will register for an updated background screening, view two new online training modules on abuse reporting and the Code of Ethical Conduct, and agree to the updated Code of Ethical Conduct. Please go to:

**[www.preventandprotectstl.org](http://www.preventandprotectstl.org)**

to register, and contact our parish Child Safety Coordinator Karen Wappelhorst with any questions or for further assistance. Karen's email: [childsafety@ihm-newmelle.org](mailto:childsafety@ihm-newmelle.org), or call her at 636-398-5270.



The world changes and generations pass, but God's wisdom is enduring, and His will guides us throughout the ages. He is the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob and the God of our fathers. And in His wisdom, His grace is boundless. Though we so often fall short of His will, He understands and forgives. Through His infinite perspective, He gave His Son to the world, knowing they would abandon Jesus to Pilate to be crucified. But this sacrifice was the ultimate act of forgiveness, demonstrating there is no end to His love and mercy.

God rewards us for trusting His guidance, both in His heavenly kingdom and in seeing the impact we can have on those on earth who need His love the most. When our brothers and sisters suffer or are in need, we follow God's will to serve as stewards of His many gifts. And through the Annual Catholic Appeal, we give of ourselves to serve the ministries that do such vital work in His name. Jesus said in John 10:11-18 that "A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." And following His example, we sacrifice of ourselves to honor God's ultimate sacrifice.

With the help of your generous support of the Appeal, we can come together as one Church and proclaim with one voice, Thy Will Be Done. Please visit [aca.archstl.org](http://aca.archstl.org) to learn more about how the Appeal impacts the lives of so many.

**Personally, for IHM,** we have been blessed to have with us **Josh Deters** and **Aaron Waldeck**, seminarians at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, which is supported by the ACA. Other ways in which the ACA has impacted our parish:

- \* Teens from our parish attend Catholic High Schools
- \* Young people attend programs sponsored by the Catholic Youth Apostolate
- \* College students may worship at a Newman Center
- \* Engaged couples are prepared for marriage through the Respect Life Office
- \* Married couples receive training in Natural Family Planning
- \* Future pastors are formed at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary
- \* ...and the list goes on!

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