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*Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father. – Matthew 5:16*

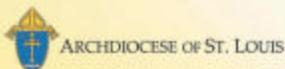
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# Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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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, 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

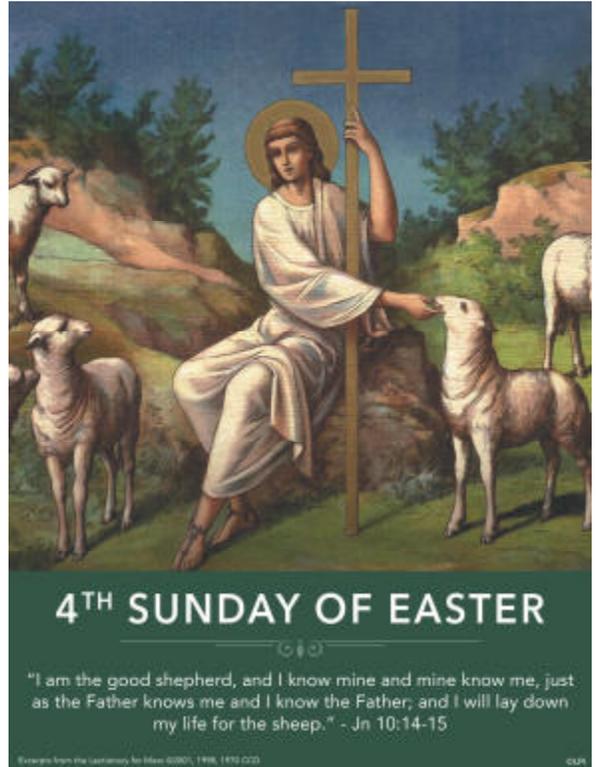
**Reconciliation:** Wednesday in church, 7pm  
Saturday following 8am Mass

**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 25, 2021



## Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Any builder worth his or her salt knows the value and importance of a cornerstone. Properly laying and securing this primary unit determines how the rest of the project unfolds and its success. Cornerstones are necessary elements not only of buildings but of lives as well. Many human beings conduct the business of their lives paying little attention to a grounding reference or starting point. Hence, what unfolds is a tapestry of relativism, with few anchors or guideposts and many impulsive choices. Some consider love to be their cornerstone. While this may sound attractive and useful, the pursuit of love without a simultaneous pursuit of its source can be shallow and self-focused. Just because a person chooses to do no harm and love others does not mean that they are living in truth and properly anchored to the real cornerstone.

Jesus is the true and authentic cornerstone

and shepherd. It is only in following the Risen One as the way, the truth, and the life that we can move from being well grounded ethical people to properly focused moral ones. Proper conduct, a true sense of justice, wisdom, virtue, moral principles, faith, hope, and love will be difficult to find unless we listen to the right Voice. It is when we learn to listen to the voice of God that we begin our journey on the road to salvation. It is only the Good Shepherd, the authentic and solid cornerstone, who can guide us through life's questions and challenges and bring us to the safe and proper pasture.

A person's life only has meaning when the cornerstone is properly selected and set. Understanding themselves only as random acts of creation, existing without intent or purpose, will color their choices and influence their decisions. The foundation of their lives will be simply a matter of prefer-

ence and choice, leaving benchmarks of growth and higher ideals optional to pursue. Whereas people who believe that they are fashioned and loved into existence by a God who purposely made them, have this incredible unconditional relationship at their source which has tremendous significance. Their allegiance is not to themselves but to their Creator. Life, then, is an adventure in search of this Creator God and a journey of self-discovery that seeks to unite their will to His. There is a cost. We have to give up our life in order to gain our life. As ironic as that sounds, it is true. It is only when we finally figure this out that the true cornerstone of our lives will be properly laid and we can, with God's help, get about the business of properly constructing a temple that endures. called to be witnesses to this Good News.

## How can you tell if you're really following the Good Shepherd?

*"The gatekeeper opens it for him,  
and the sheep hear his voice,  
as the shepherd calls his own sheep  
by name and leads them out.  
When he has driven out all his own,  
he walks ahead of them,  
and the sheep follow him,  
because they recognize his voice."  
— JOHN 10:3-4*



In his message for the 50th World Day of Prayer for Vocations (which is celebrated each year on the Fourth Sunday of Easter), Pope Benedict XVI observed, "Hope is the expectation of something positive in the future, yet at the same time it must sustain our present existence, which is often marked by dissatisfaction and failures ... To have hope, therefore, is the equivalent of trusting in God who is faithful, who keeps the promises of the covenant."

This sense of hope is at the heart of this Sunday's Gospel, which gives us the image of the Good Shepherd. John uses the image to illustrate the intimate way Christ knows each of us and how, like a faithful shepherd, He constantly watches over us and lifts us up. Eternal life is the Good Shepherd's gift. Through Jesus and because He has given His life for "his flock," we have an abundance of life.

But this Gospel also includes an unspoken invitation for us: listen to the Shepherd's voice. Accepting the gift of "abundant life" means that we listen to and follow the direction of our Shepherd.

We can see this lived out in the preaching and witness of Peter and the other Apostles (in the First Reading and elsewhere) as they remind the people that God is calling them to do and be more in Christ Jesus. It was through their service that the Holy Spirit blessed the Church with many new members. If we want to see the Church continue to grow in our time, we have to have the same obedi-

ence the Apostles did. On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we ask God to bless the Church with an increase in men and women willing to serve the Kingdom as priests, deacons, and religious brothers and sisters.

But the Readings also remind us that *each of us* (and not only our pastors and religious) has a vocation to follow the example of the Shepherd and listen to His commands by building up the Church as we promote what Henri Nouwen has called the "three spiritual qualities of the resurrected life": unity, intimacy, and integrity. " We are called to break through the boundaries of nationality, race, sexual orientation, age, and mental capacities and create a unity of love that allows the weakest among us to live well" (from *The Road to Daybreak*).

While we can (and should) take comfort in the Shepherd's provident care and protection – and the gift of abundant life that He offers us – we can only say we truly know this Good Shepherd if we are willing to listen to His voice and follow His commands in our daily lives.

As we continue our Easter celebrations we would do well to remember the words of St. Cyril of Alexandria: "The mark of Christ's sheep is their willingness to hear and obey ... People who hear God's voice are known by him."

*How is the Good Shepherd calling you to share in His work of caring for the "flock" of the Church?*

*What do you do to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life? How often do you pray for priests, deacons, and religious brothers and sisters?*

*As we continue to celebrate this Easter Season, how are you living "the resurrected life"?*

Bro. Silas Henderson, SDS  
Managing Editor of *Deacon Digest Magazine*

## 4th Sunday of Easter: Year B

[Jesus said,] "The Father loves me because I am willing to give up my life, in order to receive it back again. No one takes my life from me. I give it up of my own free will." JOHN 10:17-18

In March 1980 Archbishop Romero of San Salvador strongly protested the failure of the government to respect the human rights of the citizens. He realized that the protests might lead to his imprisonment, even death. But, like Jesus, he was willing to lay down his life for what he believed to be God's will. On March 24 a hired gunman assassinated Archbishop Romero as he stood at the altar celebrating the Lord's Supper with his flock.

How willing am I to speak out for what I believe to be God's will? How can I know what God's will is?

*Lord, teach me to be generous; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to labor and not to ask for reward, except to know that I am doing Your Will. ~Prayer of Saint Ignatius of Loyola*

Mark Link S.J. *Mission*

## 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

## Ministry Schedule

### May 1—4pm

EM: Josh Deters, Donna Cuddihee, Jim & Chris Warren  
Lec: Clare Holifield, Larry Graves  
Serv: Zoey Panus  
Music: Mary Ann & Bryan  
Ush: Chris Cuddihee, Andy Pope, Bill Pollihan  
Proj: Kathy Lalonde

### May 2—7:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Aaron Waldeck, John Fiacco, Dianne Dickherber  
Lec: Kris Jenkins, Dave London  
Serv: Sydney Jaeckle  
Music: Elizabeth & Verdi  
Ush: Larry Smith, Rick Scharf, Chris Molitor  
Proj: Lucy Smith

### May 2—9:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Aaron Waldeck, Janet Hespen, Maureen Blondin  
Lec: Jackie Dunn, Chuck Hinkle  
Serv: Janie Becker  
Music: Amelia, Betsy, Mary, Bryan  
Ush: Pill Riley, Joe Weber, Alan Raymond  
Proj: Brooke Houlthausner

## *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 Hagemeyer (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)

## Heavenly Duster Schedule

Week of April 25:	Irene Caldwell
Week of May 2:	Cathy Thompson
Week of May 9:	Mary Ann Boenker
Week of May 16:	Patrice Riley
Week of May 23:	Teresa Berfanger
Week of May 30:	Legion of Mary

## Purificators

Month of April:	Pat Roche
Month of May:	Nancy Hollenstein

## ✠ *Rest in Peace* ✠

Lorene Hutchcraft  
mother of Bob & Brenda Hutchcraft  
May she and all the faithful departed  
rest in the eternal peace of Christ.

## 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.



## Mass Intentions

Monday, April 26	
8:00am	Steve Kettler +
Tuesday, April 27	
8:00am	Alfons Birk +
Wednesday, April 28	
8:00am	Agnes Benne (1st Ann.) +
Thursday, April 29	
8:00am	Bob Burke +
Friday, April 30	
8:00am	Elsie & Louis Koerber +
Saturday, May 1	
8:00am	the Schneider Family
4:00pm	Brett Varady (1st Ann.) +
Sunday, May 2	
7:30am	Audrey Hueffmeier +
9:30am	Steve Kettler + Milton Barta +

## Activities this Week

*social distancing recommended at all events*

Sunday, April 25	<i>Today would have been our Sausage Dinner. Let's all pray that we'll be able to have it in October!!</i>
Monday, April 26	Scouts, Founders Hall, 6:30pm Men For Christ, Grand Hall, 7pm
Tuesday, April 27	Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, 9am
Wednesday, April 28	Sunday readings study, Weber Hall, 8:45am Bible Study, Grand Hall, 6:15pm Reconciliation at 7pm
Thursday, April 29	Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am RCIA, Weber Hall, 6:30pm Youth Group, Founders Hall, 6:30pm
Friday, April 30	Quilting in Weber Hall, 8:30—noon
Saturday, May 1	Reconciliation, 8:45am SVDP Food Pantry open 9-10:30am Memorial Mass for Peggy Miller at 11am Jonah Team will pray with you after 4pm Mass.
Sunday, May 2	Jonah Team will pray with you after 9:30am Mass.

**The IHMformation Station will be back in business beginning May 1/2 after 4 and 9:30 Masses. Come visit!**

## Contributions, April 17/18

General Offertory:	\$7,018.08
Online—General Offertory:	<u>\$5,794.86</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$12,812.94</b>

*"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice."*

~~ John 10:14-16 ~~

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

**We pray:** that we take time in daily silent prayer to talk and listen for Jesus' voice.

## 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!!**

Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' care and love of us.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting several families in providing food and funds for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank you!



**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 )**

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

Monday in Founders Hall: May 10

Thursdays in Weber Hall: July 1, 15, 29

## 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)

1. According to Scripture, it is the heart that prays. If our heart is far from God, the words of prayer are in \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. truth                      b. evil  
c. doubt                      d. vain
2. God has always called people to prayer but it is above all beginning with our father \_\_\_\_\_ that prayer is revealed in the Old Testament.  
a. Moses                      b. Abraham  
c. Noah                      d. Elijah
3. Abraham's heart is entirely submissive to the word and so he obeys such \_\_\_\_\_ of the heart, which is essential to prayer, while the words used count only in relation to it.  
a. attentiveness              b. distraction  
c. neglect                      d. indifference
4. From the account [of Jacob wrestling], the spiritual tradition of the Church has retained the symbol of prayer as a battle of faith and as the triumph of \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. war                      b. Israel  
c. the enemy                      d. perseverance
5. The prayer of Moses becomes the most striking example of \_\_\_\_\_ prayer, which will be fulfilled in Christ Jesus.  
a. unanswered              b. answered  
c. contemplative              d. intercessory
6. From this intimacy with the faithful God, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, Moses drew strength and determination for his \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. mission                      b. intercession  
c. family                      d. victory
7. David's submission to the will of God, his praise, and his \_\_\_\_\_, will be a model for the prayer of the people.  
a. adultery                      b. repentance  
c. stubbornness              d. murderous plot
8. For the people of God, the \_\_\_\_\_ was to be the place of their education in prayer.  
a. church                      b. temple  
c. mount                      d. tabernacle
9. Ritualism often encouraged an excessively external worship. The people needed education in faith and conversion of heart; this was the mission of the \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. kings                      b. priests  
c. Israelites                      d. prophets
10. St. James refers to \_\_\_\_\_ in order to encourage us to pray: the prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.  
a. Moses                      b. David  
c. Elijah                      d. Isaiah



## 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.

### 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.



## Dynamic Catholic *Alive!*

### Abundance of Life

How comforting it is to know that Jesus came that we may have life more abundantly. The spring is a wonderful time to observe the beauty of life present in God's creation. Plants are blooming, birds are singing, and people are more visible outdoors because of the warmer weather. What does it mean to live more abundantly though? It means living as a person whom God has destined for greatness. It means that Jesus has justified us by His precious blood and called us to be people of great sanctity to deposit the scent of holiness everywhere we go. The grace of justification transforms us to live more fully with hope, joy, and zealous charity for God and neighbor. Because of the life Christ gives us, we are a new creation destined for eternal glory in heaven with the Triune God. [archstl.org/dynamic](http://archstl.org/dynamic)

Leaves without flowers: these are they which have words without works.

—St. Thomas Aquinas

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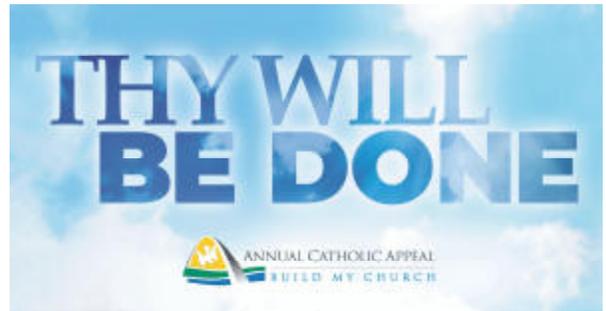
## ***Parish Guide Book & Directory Advertising Opportunity***

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.



We welcome Mr. Joseph Murphy to our parish this weekend. A teacher at All Saints Academy-St. Rose Philippine Duchesne Campus, Mr. Murphy will reflect on the good works of the Annual Catholic Appeal.

When those in the world see us, see the Church, what do they see? How do they define us? Through our deeds and our actions, through the impact we make on others lives. And so, when Jesus announces to the world that He is risen, He does not do it through pomp, through seeking attention. No, He does it through an act of charity: through the healing of someone in need, giving of Himself and His gifts so that those who need it most may receive God's grace and mercy.

That leads Peter to proclaim, "There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved." (*Acts 4:8-12*). When we show God's love to others, the joy is contagious. The Good Shepherd knows to lead His flock to where they will prosper, and all He asks is that we follow His holy will. We give of ourselves because He provided the ultimate sacrifice, we love others because His boundless love fills our cups until they are overflowing.

Through our collective support of the *Annual Catholic Appeal*, we can proclaim with one voice, *Thy Will Be Done*. The past year has brought considerable challenge and hardship to so many, but your generous support of the *Appeal* helped provide hope and support for our parishes and our entire community. Please, help our Church continue to make a positive impact in the lives of those who need it most. Please visit [aca.archstl.org](http://aca.archstl.org) to learn more about how the *Appeal* uplifts the lives of those we serve.

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.

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Sun: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18  
Mon: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42/Jn 10:1-10  
Tue: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87/Jn 10:22-30  
Wed: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67/Jn 12:44-50  
Thu: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89/Jn 13:16-20  
Fri: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2/Jn 14:1-6  
Sat: *St. Joseph the Worker*: Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90/Mt 13:54-58

## ***End of Life Planning***

The Roman Catholic Foundation will host a new series of three LIVE educational webinars about end-of-life planning.

This new series will once again be free to parishioners.

The dates and times for the webinars are:

- ◆ Principles of Catholic Bioethics—Tuesday, April 27
- ◆ Preparing Yourself and Your Family—Wed, April 28
- ◆ Legacy Planning—Thursday, April 29

Each live webinar will begin at 7pm. You can register online at <https://rcfstl.org/2021webinars> or by calling 314-918-2892



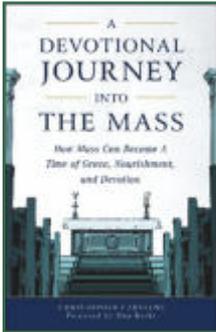
"Current laws in our country fail to protect the lives of unborn children. ... People of good will must boldly stand up against this intrinsic evil [of abortion], especially when it is occurring on a massive scale, implemented in law and funded, in some instances, by the government."

Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann  
Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities  
"Priorities at the Polls"

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## St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

From the Parish Library: Grand Hall



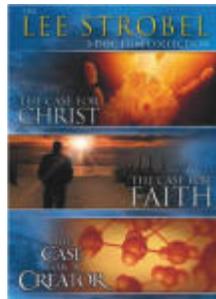
If you're unhappy because the Mass has become for you routine or even boring and tedious these pages are for you. They teach you eight simple ways to make your every Mass a joyful time of piety and intense devotion.

Explaining the spiritual meanings behind the signs and symbols, words and actions of the Mass, author Christopher Carstens teaches you spiritually-enriching ways to enter the church

building, make the Sign of the Cross, pray the Opening Prayer, listen to the Readings, prepare your soul at the Offertory, participate in the Eucharistic Prayer, receive Communion, and even respond to the Dismissal.

Soon with the help of author Carstens' wise suggestions you will be surprised to find each Eucharistic Celebration a fountain of peace for you, a profound refreshment for your soul.

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 shared 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.



## Intercession to St. Joseph on his Feast Day: a Witness

Dear Parishioners,

As many of you know, the staff, especially Shawn, have made great effort to celebrate the year of St. Joseph declared by Pope Francis. Recently, many of you participated in a 33-day consecration to St. Joseph, which culminated at a Mass on his feast day this past March 19<sup>th</sup>. Following the Mass, intercessory prayers for healing were facilitated by Jonah Team members, and the whole experience was powerful for many.

It is said that intercessions to St. Joseph are always heard and answered on his feast day. I was blessed to be a part of the Mass that Friday night. And while I did not have an opportunity to pray with the Jonah teams, as I was at the piano, in my own prayer, I made a plea to St. Joseph to intercede for me. Recently, my paternal grandfather, with whom I have always been close, was diagnosed with aggressive prostate cancer (Gleason Score of 9 for those who are familiar). That night, we were in the midst of waiting on results of a PET scan to determine the extent and stage of the cancer – whether or not it had metastasized. It could mean the difference between weeks and years.

The following Wednesday, we received the news that the cancer was still confined to the prostate and had not spread anywhere else in his body, despite its aggressive nature. Talk about the goal of treatment quickly turned from management to a cure. Recently, in the Gospel at Mass following Easter, we heard the story of “Doubting Thomas”. And the end of the passage says this: *“Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.”*

Need I say more? In the perpetual oscillation of our spirits that come with the life of faith, I was taught that it's important to journal or somehow keep a reminder of moments of consolation. It helps fan the flame when it may otherwise be snuffed out. I am humbled that God chose to work through me in this way, and I therefore felt obliged to share this witness with my faith community, so you might know again that God is alive and working through us at Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Bryan Beams



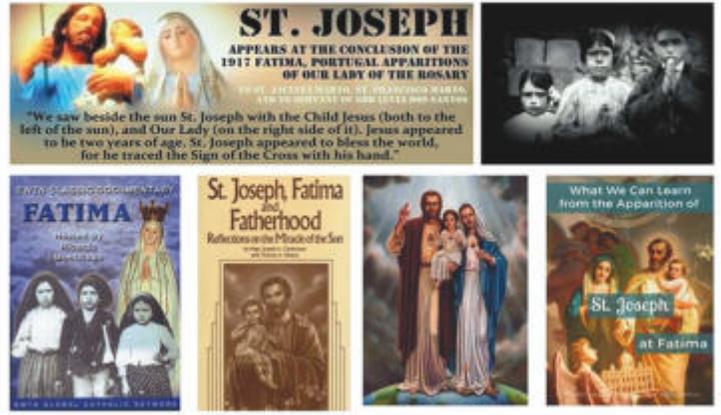
At this point, we plan to have it this year. You may begin dropping off your “treasures” in the pavilion on June 21, sale begins July 7. Start sorting!

## 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.

Beyond St. Teresa of Avila's powerful testimony, witness to the intercession of St. Joseph, she also records various visions of the heavenly saint. One was of our Lady in which Teresa wrote, "Our Lady seemed at once to take me by both hands. She said that I pleased her very much by being devoted to the glorious St. Joseph." On another occasion, St. Joseph appeared to her in a vision and assured her of his intercession for the funds needed for the building of her monasteries. She said, "Once when I was in one of my difficulties, not knowing what to do and unable to pay the workmen, my true father and lord, St. Joseph, appeared to me, and gave me to understand that money would not be wanting, and I must hire the workmen." Apparitions of St. Joseph have been rare in the history of the Church. Here are three well known apparitions in which St. Joseph made an appearance: Knock, Ireland, Fatima, Portugal and Zeitoun, Egypt.

Did you know that St. Joseph and the child Jesus appeared to the children at Fatima on October 13, 1917 during the Miracle of the Sun?



**Trivia: What are two other approved apparition sites in which St. Joseph has made an appearance as well?**

Go to the website links below for information, photos, video clips and other details

### Knock, Ireland (1879)



During a pouring rain, the figures of Mary, Joseph, John the Evangelist and a lamb on a plain altar appeared over the gable of the village chapel, enveloped in a bright light. None of them spoke. 15 people, between the ages of 5 and 75, saw the apparition.

[http://miraclehunter.com/marian\\_apparitions/approved\\_apparitions/knock/index.html](http://miraclehunter.com/marian_apparitions/approved_apparitions/knock/index.html)

### Zeitoun, Egypt (1968-1971)



Apparitions of Mary took place above Saint Mark's Coptic Church for a span of three years. The Church is dedicated to the Holy family, which according to tradition rested in that place during their stay in Egypt. Our Lady appeared on many occasions especially at night, and sometimes she was accompanied by white doves that would fly around her. The first two years she appeared about two to three times a week. These apparitions attracted large crowds by night, sometimes up to 250,000 people. Christians, Jews, Moslems, and unbelievers gathered to view the sight. The apparitions were photographed, filmed and broadcast on Egyptian TV. An estimated 40 million people witnessed the events.

[http://www.miraclehunter.com/marian\\_apparitions/approved\\_apparitions/zeitun/index.html](http://www.miraclehunter.com/marian_apparitions/approved_apparitions/zeitun/index.html)

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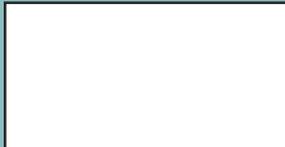
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