



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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

Schedule of Holy Mass

Saturday: 8:00am
4:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am
Weekdays: 8:00am, St. Joseph Chapel

Weekly Devotions and Prayers

Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday 8:30am until Friday, 11:30am

Rosary:

Following 8am Mass weekdays & before Sat. 4pm.

Perpetual Help Devotions:

Tuesdays following 8am Mass

Respect Life Prayers:

Thursday following 8am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction:

Friday at 11:30am

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

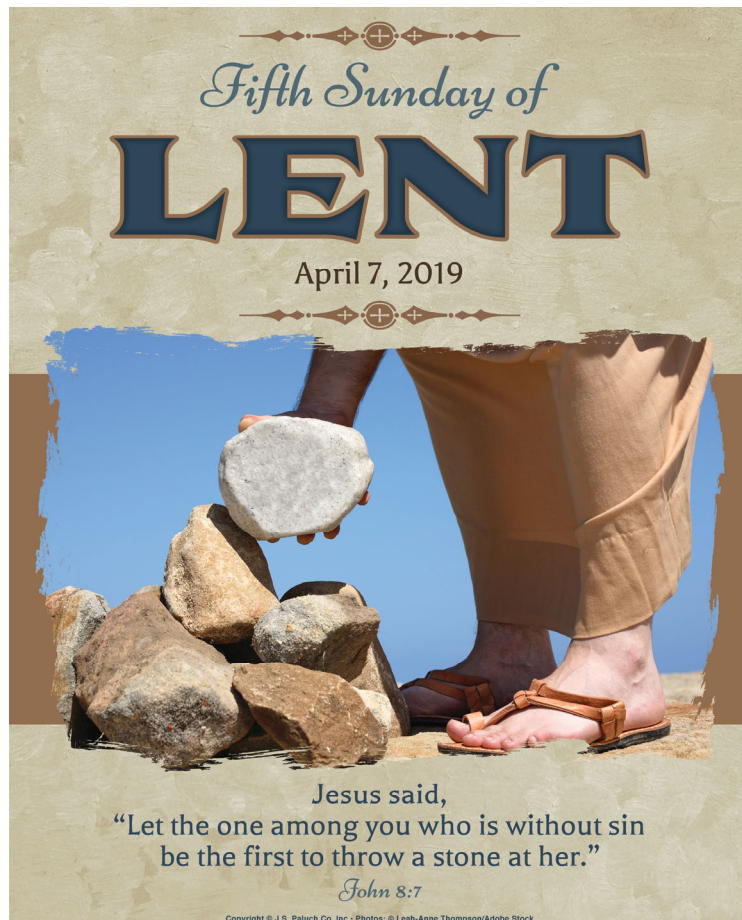
Baptism:

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



God's Justice

The story of Jesus and the woman caught in adultery is sometimes considered as a put-down of the scribes and Pharisees. While their motive for bringing the woman to Jesus was to test him, they were technically trying to uphold the law. But they were hoping to get Jesus to cause a scandal by refuting the law, or, if he upheld the law, the woman would be killed with Jesus' approval. Jesus had a better idea. He shows that God's justice is mercy and forgiveness. When he told them that the one without sin could be first to throw a stone, he knew that they all were sinners one way or another. And a sinner could not judge another sinner. He also knew that someone whose sins were forgiven would be willing to forgive the woman.

That's what St. Paul means in the second reading when he says he did not

have "any righteousness of my own based on the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ" (Philippians 3:9). He says he has given up the idea of making himself righteous (right with God) by keeping the laws of his people. Now he depends on his faith in Christ and Christ's forgiveness, which was shown in his death and resurrection. He is even willing to follow Christ in suffering and eventually death, so that he too can share the Resurrection. Why did Paul come to this kind of faith? Because he had been forgiven for persecuting Christians. And he had persecuted them, not because he was evil, but because he thought he was keeping the law.

Jesus probably surprised the woman when he let her go. He was the only one who could have judged her, but he chose to forgive. Just as the woman was

changed by the mercy of Christ, Paul too was affected by being forgiven by the One whom he was persecuting (Acts 9:4).

So is keeping the law a bad thing? No, but the important thing is why we keep the law. We can do it like the Pharisees—keeping the law as a status symbol: "I'm too good (or too important) to break the law." Or we can choose to follow Jesus' way of love. Then we still keep the laws and commandments, only because they are examples of how to love God and love each other. For we too have been forgiven by Jesus on the cross. As we approach Holy Week, let us remember how much Jesus has done for us.

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

Parish Staff

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

Quick Contacts Directory

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Teresa Berfanger 636-398-5565

Jesus said,
“Let the one among you who is without sin
be the first to throw a stone at her.”

John 8:7



Fifth Sunday of LENT

April 7, 2019

Prayers for the Lenten Season

Dear Parishioners,

Just another simple Lenten prayer as we pass the midway point in preparation for Easter. I pray that all of your Lenten plans are bearing fruit in your lives. If you haven't done so, take another look at St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians chapter 13 to do a self-examination on the fruitfulness of your resolutions. If we are not becoming more loving as a result of them, we should be prompted to ask ourselves, why not?

Simple Lenten Prayer

God of all compassion, Father of all goodness,
to heal the wounds our sins and selfishness bring upon us
You bid us turn to fasting, prayer, and sharing with our brothers and sisters.
We acknowledge our sinfulness, our guilt is ever before us:
when our weakness causes discouragement,
let your compassion fill us with hope
and lead us through a Lent of repentance to the beauty of Easter joy.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Peace,

Fr. Tom

**LENTEN CONFESSIONS: MONDAY-TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY, 7:00—8:30pm
SATURDAY 8:45am**

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5th Sunday of Lent

Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. (John 8:6)

This is the only passage in scripture where Jesus is said to have written anything. Patristic authors suggest that Jesus was invoking Jeremiah 17:13 “*Lord, on whom Israel's hope is fixed, all who reject you will be inscribed in the dust, for they have rejected the source of living water, the Lord.*” A later manuscript, the Armenian, translates the passage this way: “He himself, bowing his head, was writing with his finger on the earth to declare their sins; and they were seeing their several sins on the stones.” The suggestion is that Jesus was writing in the dust the sins of the very men who were accusing the woman. There may be something in that. The normal Greek word for “to write” is *graphein*, but here the word used is *katagraphein*, which can mean to write down a record against someone.

Mark Link S.J. *Action 2000*

Next Week Ministry Schedule

(the 3rd Lector will be 'VOICE' in the Passion reading)

April 13—4:00pm

EM: Joan Falbo, Karen Wilson, Jennifer Fredrick,
Sharon Hagan, Wally & Jan Karase, Pat Roche,
Ed Etzkorn
Lec: Jan Jokisch-Messig, Larry Graves, Jerry Knott
GB: Carol Harvell, Rita Langford
Serv: Colten, Camden, Cienna Genta
Ush: Bryan Potter, Joe Spiess, Jerry Braden, Tim Wilson

April 14—7:30am

EM: Bob Brossette, John & Karen Wappelhorst,
Julia Kettler, John Fiacco, Jan Kardasz
Lec: Kris Jenkins, Peggy Dupree, Bob Leeker
GB: Mike & Mary Hardesty
Serv: Mary Grace & Janie Becker
Ush: Tom Meczkowski, Gary Potter, Rick Scharf,
Larry Smith

April 14—9:30am

EM: Mary Busby, Don & Susan Hladky, Kat Menne,
Donna Wolff, Steve Williams, Alvina Fry,
Walt Hollenstein
Lec: Drew Smith, Nancy Ast, Joe Willis
GB: Bob & Cheryl Gray
Serv: Genny Greiwe, Lannah Montgomery, Ellen Aulbach
Ush: Michelle Greiwe, Dave DeBold, Stan Kostecki,
Gary Struckhoff, Chuck Hinkle, George Stark

IHMformation Station

April 13, 4:00 Wally & Jan Karase
April 14, 7:30 Bob & Yvonne Brossette
April 14, 9:30 Joe & Debbie Willis

Vocation Prayer Bag:

April 13, 4:00 Don & Anne Schmidt

Sacred Triduum



Holy Thursday, April 18

Leave for Chrism Mass at 7:30am
Morning Prayer 8am (church)
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm

Good Friday, April 19

Morning Prayer 8am (church)
Stations of the Cross 1pm (church)
The Passion of the Lord 7pm

Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer 8am (church)
Easter Vigil 8pm

This Week at Home

Heavenly Duster: Bernie Pollihan
Purificators: Pat Roche



Sunday, April 7

Drop off diapers in Weber Hall
Donut Sunday, Weber Hall after Masses
Jonah Team will pray with you after 9:30am Mass
Daughters of St. Paul visiting today

Monday, April 8

Scouts, Founders Hall/Trailer, 6:30pm
Reconciliation, 7pm

Tuesday, April 9

Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am
Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, 9am
Children's Choir, church, 7pm
Reconciliation, 7pm

Wednesday, April 10

Bible Study, Weber Hall, 8:45am
Contemporary group practice, church, 5:30pm
PSR, Weber Hall/Founders Hall/Trailer, 6pm
Bible Study, Grand Hall, 6pm
Reconciliation, 7pm

Thursday, April 11

Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am
RCIA, Weber Hall, 6:30pm
Choir practice, church, 7pm

Friday, April 12

Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30am
FISH FRY, Founders Hall, 4:30—7pm
Stations of the Cross, chapel, 7pm

Saturday, April 13

Reconciliation, 8:45am

Sunday, April 14—PALM SUNDAY

Drop off diapers in Weber Hall
KC Breakfast, Founders Hall, 8-11am
Children singing at 9:30 Mass



Friends,

I have been very happy and privileged to work here at IHM for the past seventeen years, but just as all good things must pass, I feel it is time to leave. Please know that New Melle has been a true blessing in my life, and that I loved working with the choirs and cantors. I plan to keep in touch with my friends here, and there are many, and will see you at Mass, study groups, quilting, and elsewhere. Thank you for your many kindnesses and love through the years. God bless you.

Love always,

Marilyn

Marilyn will be with us through Pentecost, June 9



Mass Intentions

Monday, April 8

8:00am Bob Keune +
Gertrude Windisch +

Tuesday, April 9

8:00am Dennis Fitch +
intention of Dee Schipper

Wednesday, April 10

8:00am Betty Meier +

Thursday, April 11

8:00am All Souls
Moira Ryan +

Friday, April 12

8:00am Caesar Rashid +

Saturday, April 13

8:00am Jennie Garavaglia +
4:00pm Frank Modder +
intention of J & G Connors

Sunday, April 14

7:30am Louise Seper +
9:30am People of the Parish
Bill Schroeder +

Contributions, March 30/31

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| General Offertory: | \$10,178.19 |
| Online – General Offertory: | <u>\$3,930.41</u> |
| TOTAL | \$14,108.60 |

*"For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things
and I consider them so much rubbish,
that I may gain Christ..." (PHILIPPIANS 3:8)*

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts, our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support Church needs helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for our own honor.

***We pray ... that we keep God first in everything
and not put other gods before God.***

Needed at the Pantry:

*razors, shaving cream, deodorant (men & women),
hair conditioner, crackers, brownie mix, juice, plastic bags*

In today's Gospel, Jesus is the model of compassion and kindness. He shows us how to be merciful and nonjudgmental.

**When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his
love, peace and mercy into our hearts and into the
hearts of those suffering in poverty.**

Road Trip to the Chrism Mass

On Holy Thursday morning the Archbishop, joined by the priests of the Archdiocese, gather at the Cathedral to celebrate the Chrism Mass. This Mass manifests the unity of the priests with their bishop. Here the Archbishop blesses three oils — the oil of catechumens, the oil of the infirm and holy chrism — which will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the Archdiocese for the year. As our Archbishop blesses these three oils at the Chrism Mass this year, our hearts turn to our gracious Lord who bestows His infinite love and mercy to us through these sacraments. Let us also pray for our bishops and the priests who are the ministers of the sacraments in the parish, that they may be the humble and generous servants of the Lord.

Holy Thursday Morning at the Cathedral

Mass at 10:00am, concludes about 11:30am

**We will leave from IHM at roughly 7:30 to
find a good parking spot (Mass is crowded!)**

If you would like to join us, please call Peggy at the church office (636-398-5270) so we will know how many will be going, and who would be willing to drive. For some of us who have never gone, we've heard it's a quite beautiful Mass. Come with us!

✠ Rest in Peace ✠

We offer our prayerful sympathy
to Marcy and Dennis Pivin on the death of her mother
Audrey Midlow

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

Deacon Diaper Drive

Please drop off your donated diapers (infant, toddler, adult) in Weber Hall by next weekend. All diapers collected will be donated to assist families in our parish community through St. Vincent de Paul.



Marriage in Christ
has been promised between
Julia Gust and Daniel Kelley

Youth Ministry

Janet Hespen, Youth Minister, 314-369-6521

Youth Group Meetings (usually held in the Grand Hall)

- April 11, 6-8pm: Chocolate Night
April 25, 5:30—7:30pm: Bubble Soccer
April 28: IHM Sausage Dinner
including Bubble Soccer fundraiser.
Give service to your parish!
Pick a shift: 11am—2:30pm and 2:30—5:30pm

Now taking reservations for Steubenville-Mid America

Contact Janet at 314-369-6521
for more information about the Conference:
steubystl.com



Steubenville STL Mid-America is a high-energy youth conference where thousands of teens are invited to encounter Jesus Christ through dynamic speakers, engaging music, the Sacraments, small group discussions, and fellowship with other teens.

This summer the conference will be held on July 19-22 in Springfield, MO. The conference theme this year is "BELONG" and the accompanying scripture is "See what love the Father has bestowed on us, that we may be called children of God." (1 John 3:1)

What's Your Catholic Catechism IQ?



- By Baptism one shares in the priesthood of _____, in his prophetic and royal mission.
a. Melchizedek b. Christ c. Apostles d. Aaron
- Baptism gives a share in the common _____ of all believers.
a. sense b. good c. priesthood d. field
- Having become a member of the _____, the person baptized belongs no longer to himself, but to Him who died and rose for us.
a. parish b. diocese c. church d. city of God
- The baptized are called to be subject to the Church's _____, holding them in respect and affection.
a. followers b. mission statement c. leaders d. theologians
- Baptism seals the Christian with the _____ spiritual mark (character) of his belonging to Christ.
a. waxed b. anointed c. indelible d. perfumed
- No sin can _____ this mark, even if sin prevents Baptism from bearing the fruits of salvation.
a. improve b. expand c. dry erase d. erase
- Given once for all, Baptism cannot be _____ again.
a. expanded b. repeated c. intruded d. deleted
- Baptism indeed is the _____ of eternal life.
a. wheel b. seal c. real d. feel
- One who has remained faithful to the demands of his Baptism will be able to depart this life in expectation of the blessed _____ of God.
a. meal b. company c. fruit d. vision
- Christian initiation is accomplished by these three Sacraments together:
a. Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist b. Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation
c. Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist d. Baptism, Confirmation, Matrimony

Spring Sausage Dinner—April 28

Mark your calendars! Your help will be needed to fill the 400+ volunteer spots! **The sign-up sheets are in the narthex!** Save the date and plan to donate some time—and pies—to help your parish. Start looking for trinkets and treasures for the Country Store, too. Everyone should have received their letter and raffle tickets in the mail. If you need more tickets, we have a supply of them in the church office and in the narthex.

FREE T-SHIRTS FOR VOLUNTEERS!

The shirts are “electric green” and have the parish logo on the front with ‘VOLUNTEER’ on the back along with “Informed—Hospitable—Missionary.” Please call the church office and let us know your size preference, or stop by the table in the narthex.

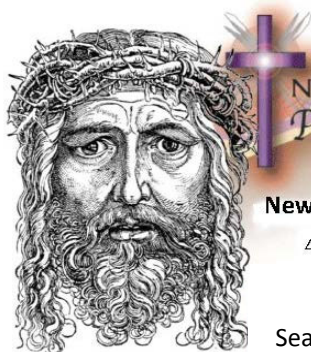


PSR corner

In the Traditional- Devotional Dedication of the Months of the Year, the month of April is dedicated both to devotion to the Eucharist and devotion to the Holy Spirit. This tradition has developed because Easter Sunday often falls in April. In essence, April is a month of Easter, and during the Easter celebration we remember the Eucharistic sacrifice Christ gave us and the baptism in the Holy Spirit, which would come after Jesus's resurrection. Question – If you were asked what Catholics believe about the Eucharist, what would you say? If asked, “What does the Eucharist mean to you, what would you say?”

Every time I hear a televangelist emphasize a personal relationship with Christ, I thank God that I'm Catholic. For only here can I receive the Lord — body, blood, soul and divinity. It doesn't get much more personal than that.

Fr. William Casey



2019

New Melle Community
Passion Play

New Melle Sports and Recreation

4700 Hwy Z New Melle, MO 63365

Admission FREE

Seating is first-come, first seated

Saturdays, April 6 and 13
7:00pm

Sundays, April 7 and 14
2:00pm and 4:30pm

For groups or more info:
Call 636-634-1150
or email
nmpassion@gmail.com

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Suggestions to watch or study:
“St. John Baptist de la Salle: Patron Saint of Teachers
“Opening the Word: Palm Sunday”

Please pray for all the sick and suffering:

Ed Haas, Mark Hanna, Dee Schipper, Phyllis Zerr,
Vickie Brink, Sandy Knott, Mike & Pat Ryan,
Mary Conover, Audrey Hueffmeier, Karla Sitzes,
Stan Nikonowicz, Vickie Rellergert, Vicky Monroe,
Carol Rabbitt, Gina McDonald, Ron Simpson,
Don & Lin Reseck
Christine Potter (Gary & Cassie's Potter's daughter-in-law),
Zina Riley (mom of Andrew Riley),
David & Lisa Debold (Dave & Pam DeBold's children),
Avery Presker (granddaughter of Bob & Yvonne Brossette),
Dave Asinger (brother-in-law of Larry & Rita Bendel),
Bob Holland (friend of Shirley Augustine),
Sherri Callahan (daughter of Vickie & Paul Grunz),
Bob Burke (Sharon Hagan's dad),
Steve Ditch (brother of Dennis & Kathleen Ditch)

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.



HOW DO I MAKE A GOOD CONFESSION?

So you've decided you want to go to Confession. But how exactly do you make a good Confession? The basic requirements for a good confession is to have the intention of returning to God with your whole heart, like the "prodigal son," and to acknowledge your sins with true sorrow before the priest.

Modern society has lost a sense of sin. As Catholic followers of Christ, we must make an effort to recognize sin in our daily actions, words and omissions.

The Gospels show us the importance of the forgiveness of our sins. The lives of the saints prove that a person who grows in holiness has a stronger sense of sin, sorrow for sins and a need for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. No wonder the saints are filled with joy! They have realized the key to handing over their burdens to Christ through the Sacrament of Confession, so they can be free to serve Him with love and energy.

IHM Lenten Fish Fries



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Last Dinner of the Season—April 12
Serving from 4:30—7:00pm

- \$12: Adults Dine in**
- \$10: Adults Carry out**
- \$6: Kids 12 and under Dine in**
- \$5: Kids 12 and under Carry out**

Menu Includes:

Haddock (baked or fried)—Cod—Catfish
French Fries, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Hush Puppies,
Mac & Cheese, Applesauce, Surprise Pasta each week
Tea, Coffee, Lemonade

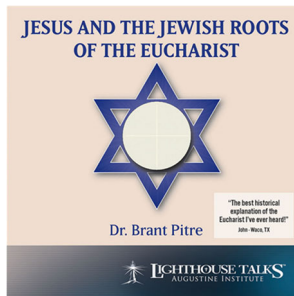
Beer and soda available for purchase
thanks to our Knights of Columbus

We need your help! Please sign up in the Narthex

St. Paul Library & Lighthouse CDs

(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.

Lighthouse Catholic CD Rack: Narthex



(Go to Catholic Lighthouse to download a free study guide) Dr. Brant Pitre uses the Hebrew Scriptures and Jewish tradition to frame the actions of Jesus at the Last Supper, and to provide a fresh look at the heart of Catholic practice — the Eucharist. By taking us back to the Jewish roots of our faith, Dr. Pitre gives us a powerful lens through which to see anew the bread of the presence, the manna, the Last Supper, and ultimately the meaning of the Eucharist.

Amazing teaching on the Eucharist!! Such fullness; so rich in history... The more I learn, the more I love our Faith!

Lydia - Windham, NH

Brilliant!! Very clearly shows the foreshadowing of the Eucharist in the Old Testament.

Helene - Peachtree City, GA

Dr. Pitre helps us to think like a first century Jew to better understand the most Holy Eucharist! This CD is very insightful and practical... a must-have for the serious Catholic!

Joshua - Covina, CA



**Looking to spend a weekend with God
and faith-filled women?**

**Need a good reason
to take a day off work?**

We have the answer!

**Join us for the 2019
WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT
June 20-23 at Pallottine Renewal Center.**

All transportation is provided.

Cost \$250 (financial assistance available)

For additional information call:

Diane Meyer (Director) 314-608-5659

Brenda Hutchcraft (Co-Director) 636-248-8493

Karen Wiese (Co-Director) 314-920-9392.

Readings for the Week

Mon: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];
Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20
Tue: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wed: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thu: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Fri: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Sat: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sun: Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7;
Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11;
Lk 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]



Pope's Intentions for April:

Doctors and their Collaborators in War Zones
For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

Join us EASTER SUNDAY

April 21

**Easter Egg Hunt in the
Grand Hall
following 9:30 Mass**

**Story * Craft * Game
Egg Hunt**



Candy donations are being accepted currently.

Contact Julie Lassiter if you have any questions:
Julie.r.lassiter@gmail.com or 636-357-0121

Volunteers can sign up at church or by contacting Julie.



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.

Women get together on the second Saturday of each month at area churches. As they pray the Rosary, the name of a priest, deacon or seminarian is announced at the beginning of each Hail Mary. (History: This group is a spin-off of the Apostolate of the Spiritual Motherhood for the Sanctification of Priests.)

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:**

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| April 13: | ICD—Adoration Chapel |
| May 11: | St. Patrick Adoration Chapel |
| June 8: | St. Gianna Church |
| July 13: | IHM—St. Joseph Chapel |

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

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| 1. Christ 1268 | 6. erase 1272 |
| 2. priesthood 1268 | 7. repeated 1272 |
| 3. Church 1269 | 8. seal 1274 |
| 4. leaders 1269 | 9. vision 1274 |
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Catholic IQ Answers

Where Can I Go to Learn and Grow in my relationship, head and heart with Jesus in his Miraculous, Real and Personal Presence in the Eucharist?

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Here is an excerpt from an article by the great Eucharistic writer,
Fr. John Hardon, S.J. from www.therealpresence.org

How Does one express their Catholic Belief concerning the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist?

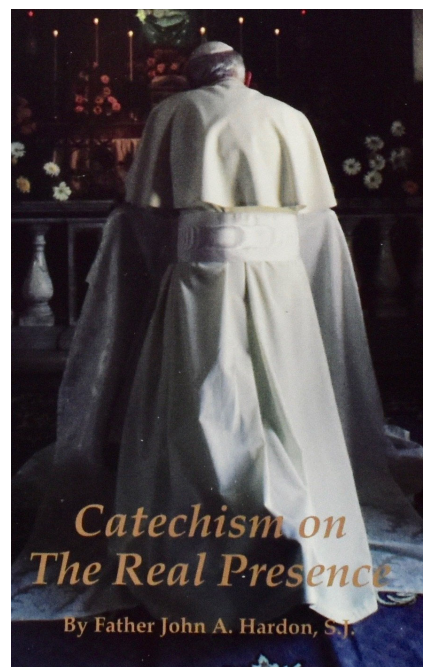
We are to express our belief by doing on our part what Christ does on His part. He comes to us. So we must come to Him, and this is not locomotion through space. He comes down to us. We must come up to Him. He is present in the Eucharist in order to be near to us. We must be present – change the accent – we must be present to the Eucharist in order to be near to Him.

He went to the superhuman length of becoming man, then changing bread and wine into Himself, then giving His Apostles the power to do the same, then giving them the power to pass on this power to others to do the same. And in virtue of that power, He is now here with us. He wants us, in turn, also now, here, to be with Him.

And here nobody cheats. It is impossible in human terms to exaggerate the importance of being in a church or chapel before the Blessed Sacrament as often and for as long as our duties and state of life allow. I very seldom repeat what I say. Let me repeat this sentence. It is impossible in human language to exaggerate the importance of being in a chapel or church before the Blessed Sacrament as often and for as long as our duties and state of life allow. That sentence is the talisman of the highest sanctity.

What I am expressing is not a pious practice or a luxury of the spiritual life. I am talking about its essence. Those who believe what I am saying and act on their belief are in possession of the greatest treasure available to man in this valley of tears. As by now thousands of saintly men and women have testified from experience, this is somewhere near the key to holiness. For this reason, I strongly recommend that each of us make a resolution – no matter how much the decision may cost us – to make a holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved at least once a month or, if possible, once a week, and if we have the grace and our vocation in life permits it, even several times a week. Think of the empty hours that people spend weekly before the television screen... God help America!

Someone may object, "But you are talking about mystics or saints, and I am neither. I am just an ordinary Catholic trying to save my soul." My reply: there can be no ordinary Catholics today, not with the revolution through which society is passing and the convulsion in the Church on every level. The Church today needs strong Catholics, wise Catholics, Catholics who are not swayed by public opinion or afraid to stand up for the truth. She



needs Catholics who are willing to suffer for their convictions and, if need be, shed their blood for the Faith.

Where, we ask, can they obtain this strength and wisdom, this patience and conviction and this loyal love of God that is faithful unto death? They can obtain it from the one who said, "Have courage, I have overcome the world." He is not two thousand years away, or absent from the earth in a distant heaven that cannot be spanned. No, He is right here in the Eucharist. And He wants nothing more than that we also be with Him as much as we can. If we are, and the more we are—as the great Eucharistic saints tell us—He will not only make us holy, but He will use us as He used those in Palestine who, when He first made the promise of the Eucharist, did not walk away. He will use us as channels of His grace even to the ends of the earth and until the end of time.



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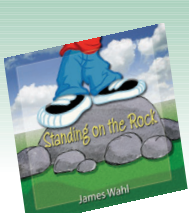
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