



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

Mailing Address: P. O. Box 100 \* New Melle, MO 63365

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

Office Phone: 636-398-5270

Deliveries only address: 8 West Highway D, New Melle, MO 63365

## Schedule of Holy Mass

Saturday: 8:00am, 4:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday  
 Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am  
 Weekdays: 8:00am, in church

## Weekly Devotions and Prayers

### Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday 8:30am until Friday, 11:00am

### Rosary:

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

### Perpetual Help Devotions:

Tuesdays following 8am Mass

### Respect Life Prayers:

Thursday following 8am Mass

### First Saturday of the Month Devotions

8am Mass, Rosary, 15 minutes of meditation

## Sacraments

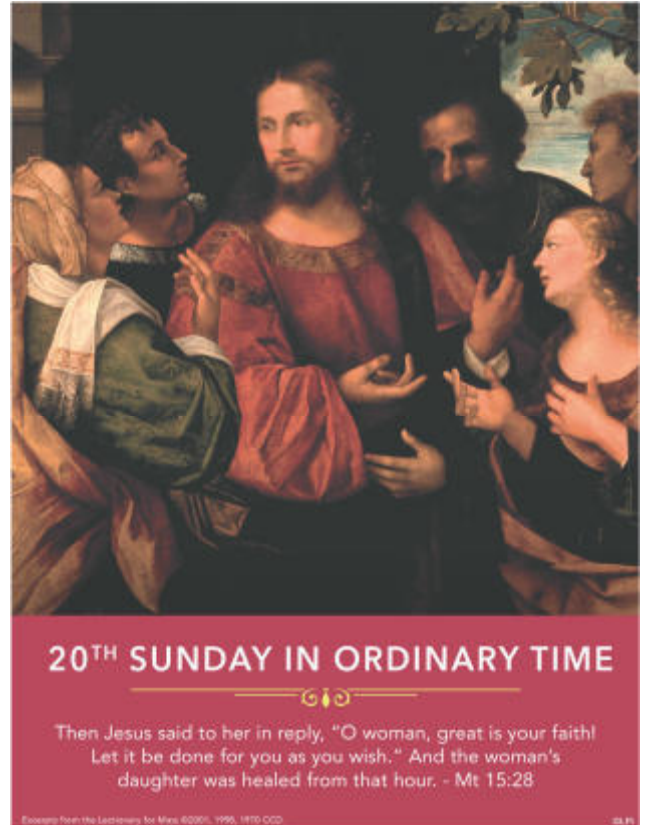
Reconciliation: Wednesday in church, 7pm  
 Saturday following 8am Mass

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

Baptism: Contact the parish office  
 to register for class and to arrange date

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:  
 Contact Shawn Mueller in the parish office

August 16, 2020



## Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We are hardwired for wholeness and crave it. When something is broken, we want it fixed. If a part of our body is not working properly, we want it healed. How often do we find ourselves saying, "I'm tired of struggling with this cold, I can't wait for my surgery to heal, or I want my treatments to make me better." Wholeness and healing restore our relationships and make us free to love as we desire. We know very well how our limitations, imperfections, and brokenness really limit us. They can easily prevent us from being and doing what we want to do.

Our physical and emotional wounds and maladies are easier to identify. If my back hurts, I feel it and know what part of my body needs attention. If I am feeling intense anger, I can identify the emotion and take necessary steps to uncover its cause.

Being persistent often brings greater and quicker results. But will pursuing and even achieving our physical and emotional healings really be enough? We forget that there is a deeper healing that we seek and desperately need. As we look around at humanity, there are some physical and emotional wounds and scars that cannot be made whole. They are limitations that must remain and, for one reason or another, cannot be rectified. Does this mean that the wholeness and healing that my being longs for is not possible for me? Must I settle with less than what God promises?

The answer is no. Ultimately, there is a desire that goes deeper than the physical and emotional. It is a desire that resides in our soul. What we really seek and thirst for is healing and wholeness for our soul. Inner strength, conviction, focus, ground-

ing, love, hope, faith, courage, determination, peace, and connectedness are all words that center us on eternity. They direct us to a presence we discover in our core, which is none other than the presence of God. In God, we are healed. When we are persistent in reaching out to and establishing our relationship with God, real healing and wholeness begin to happen.

There are some limitations and some of our brokenness with which we may simply have to live. This does not mean that we have to abandon our journey to wholeness and healing. If we have done our inner soul work, we have worked toward and acquired what and who we ultimately need and desire.

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

## Parish Staff

Parish Office: 636-398-5270

Fr. Tom Miller, Pastor *askpadre@aol.com*  
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Deacon Chris Ast *chrisast@archstl.org*  
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Bryan Beams, Director of Music and Liturgy  
*bryanbeams@ihm-newmelle.org*  
Janet Hespen, Youth Leader *janethspn@outlook.com*  
Karen Wappelhorst, Child Safety Coordinator  
*childsafety@ihm-newmelle.org*

## Religious Education

Shawn Mueller, Director

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

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

## Quick Contacts Directory

### Weddings, Receptions, Events

Pat Gentry, Hall Rental 636-398-5270  
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Jean Hitt, Wedding Coordinator 636-987-2131  
Joan Marren-Slaughter, Event Coordinator 636-398-5270  
Mary Keune, Event Coordinator 636-398-5270

### Prayer and Devotion

Eucharistic Adoration  
Shawn Mueller 636-398-5270  
Legion of Mary  
Maria Romine-Kantor 314-614-0857  
Prayer Chain  
Brenda Hutchcraft 636-248-8493  
Prayer Intercession/Jonah Team  
Debbie Gillespie 636-398-4971  
Prayer Shawl Ministry  
Julia Kettler 314-616-0096

### Liturgical Ministries

Extraordinary Ministers  
Irene Caldwell 636-398-4311  
Lectors  
Joe Willis 636-398-2106  
Gift Bearers  
Peggy Dupree 636-398-5270  
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Gary Struckhoff 636-828-6067  
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Deacon Tony Falbo *tony.2011@centurylink.net*  
Altar Society  
Pam DeBold 636-482-4765  
Art & Environment  
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Adult Choir  
Mary Sweeten 314-324-3249  
Children's Choir  
Elizabeth Jaeckle 636-828-4811  
Contemporary Music Group  
Debbie Gillespie 636-398-4971  
Praise & Worship Band  
Steve Farber 636-751-3567

### Parish Organizations

Budget & Finance  
Larry Graves 314-799-9804  
Cemetery Committee  
Mark Keune 314-220-7075  
Dinner Committee  
Jeff Comotto 314-570-6972  
Funeral Lunches  
Carol Grady 314-662-2281  
Ruth Neske 636-398-5699  
Vicki Grunz 636-497-5230  
Helping Hearts  
John Grady 314-662-2138  
Mary Fischer 636-561-7747  
Bob Hutchcraft 636-346-3471  
Maria Romine-Kantor 314-614-0857  
Knights of Columbus  
Bob Hutchcraft 636-346-3471  
Marian Council  
Barb Pope 773-383-8602  
Meal Train  
Kelly Meyer *meyer5853@qmcinc.org*, 636-828-4994  
Meals on Wheels  
Jean Bammann 636-798-2718  
Pro Life  
Bill Winters 636-828-4133  
Quilters  
Vanita Joerling 636-544-0416  
Ruth Willis 636-398-4597  
Scouting  
Chuck Hinkle 636-544-6639  
Cub Scouts: Adam McCarthy 636-634-7622  
Boy Scouts: Chad Peters 314-807-7177  
St. Vincent de Paul  
Joe Willis 636-398-2106  
Welcoming Committee  
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

## We welcome seminarian Josh Deters

Dear parishioners,

Please join me in welcoming Mr. Joshua Deters to Immaculate Heart of Mary. Josh is in the middle of his theology training and will have two more years of education and formation after he completes his time here. Josh will be living with me at the house (rectory). I stubbornly refuse to call it a rectory since there are no offices there, but that is what most people call it. It will be good to live and pray with someone again. It has been many years since I have had a seminarian live with me. The last time was one of my final years at Epiphany of Our Lord.

The goal of the internship year is to provide the seminarian with an experience of diocesan life, especially the life of a parish priest. I was fortunate that my internship was at St. Dismas in Florissant in 1991. It was a great assignment with Fr. Paul Anthony. Back then, it was only a semester long and was meant to give us a taste of parish life before we were ordained. I have many fond memories of my time at St. Dismas.

Josh will be involved in the life of the parish. You will see him at most if not all of our Masses during the week and on the weekend. He will be attending various meetings and gatherings as those happen during these strange days of Covid. Much of his time here will be the opportunity to meet with all of you at various gatherings and individually.

I feel very honored by the seminary that they see IHM as a place that could be instrumental in the formation of a young man discerning priesthood. We are very blessed in our parish family and I pray that Josh is able to discover that as much as I have in my time here. I believe he has already experienced some of the hospitality that is such a hallmark of our parish and I believe with time he will experience the gift of our little gem hidden away in New Melle.

Peace,



## 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A

[A woman, who was not a Jew, was calling to Jesus to heal her child. The disciples said to Jesus,] "Send her away! She is following us and making all this noise!" [After testing the woman, Jesus said,] "You are a woman of great faith! What you want will be done for you." And at that very moment her daughter was healed.

MATTHEW 15:23.28

USA Today showed a striking photo of a legless man, his arms upstretched in a "V for victory" sign. It was Bob Wieland, who lost his legs in a land-mine explosion. He had just finished the 26.2 mile New York City Marathon on his hands. It took him five days, but he did it. Bob's dogged spirit reflects the woman's dogged spirit in the Bible. In both cases it paid off dramatically. How ready am I to confront the odds to achieve something I esteem?

*What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight; it's the size of the fight in the dog.* Dwight Eisenhower

(From Mark Link S.J. *Vision 2000*)

## Ministry Schedule

### August 15—4pm

EM: Becky Wilson, Karen Wilson, Et Etzkorn, Bryan Potter  
Lec: Larry Graves, Mike Greene  
Serv: Aiden Panus  
Music: Bryan & Amelia  
Ush: Wally & Jan Karase, Chris Cuddihee, Mike Rieker

### August 16—7:30

EM: Deacon Chris, Mary Hardesty, Jan Kardasz, Kris Jenkins  
Lec: Nancy Ast, Chuck Kettler  
Serv: Mary Grace Becker  
Music: Verdi & Elizabeth  
Ush: Brenda Hutchcraft, Tom Meczowski, Frank Kardasz, Gary Potter

### August 16—9:30

EM: Deacon Chris, Sharon Smith, Don & Susan Hladky  
Lec: Grant Smith, Joe Willis  
Serv: Izzy Czuchna  
Music: Bryan & Amelia  
Ush: Larry Smith, Bill Winters, Chris Molitor, Joe Weber

### August 16—11:30am

EM: Donna Hecht, Chris Menne  
Lec: Kat Menne, Mary Busby-Simpson  
Serv: Thomas Kokker  
Music: P&W Band  
Ush: Dave Karll, Ron Simpson, Tim Maher, **volunteer pls**

## Ministry Schedule

### August 22—4pm

EM: Ann Zaleuke, Chris Warren, Pat Roche, Becky Wilson  
Lec: Jerry Knott, Joe Willis  
Serv: Zara Panus  
Music: Bryan & Elizabeth  
Ush: Tom Zaleuke, Andy Pope, Bill Pollihan, Larry Graves

### August 23—7:30am

EM: Donna Hecht, John Fiacco, Maureen Blondin, Jan Kardasz  
Lec: Kris Jenkins, Mary Hardesty  
Serv: Natalie Jaeckle  
Music: Verdi & Brooke  
Ush: Larry Smith, Bob & Teresa Berfanger, Chris Molitor

### August 23—9:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Patrice Riley, Chris Richter, Laura Orf  
Lec: Pat Gentry, Michelle Greiwe  
Serv: Janie Becker  
Music: Bryan & Elizabeth  
Ush: Alan Raymond, Gary Struckhoff, Bill Riley, **volun. pls.**

### August 23—11:30am

EM: Marcy Pivin, Deacon Chris  
Lec: Richard & Kathy Lalonde  
Serv: Thomas Kokker  
Music: P&W Band  
Ush: Chuck Hinkle, Tim Maher, Dave Karll, **volunteer please**

## Please pray for all the sick and suffering:

Mark Hanna, Phyllis Zerr, Vickie Brink, Sandy Knott, Mike & Pat Ryan, Fran Bussen, Nancy Hollenstein, Walt Reel, Amy Robbins, Kathy Feldewerth, Betty Heppermann, Don Schmidt, Janie Roth, Betty Boyd, Lucy Smith, Joyce Brakensiek

Lisa Debold (daughter of Dave & Pam DeBold),  
Leon Burkemper (son of Carol Rabbitt),  
Doris Eisenbath (mother of Judy Molitor),  
Janet Piel (sister of Joni Marren-Slaughter),  
Loren & Evelyn Brandon (parents of Marty & Peggy Dupree),  
Audrey Molitor (sister of Flo Joerling),  
Pat Finan (daughter of Fran Bussen),  
Steve Wengerski (family friend of Mandy Daub),  
Sophia Hartsfield (granddaughter of Ed & Marcia Etzkorn),  
Keith Langford (son of Rita & brother of Valerie Langford),  
Red Brockmeyer (cousin of Kay & Ray Cherry),  
Karla Sitzes (daughter of Sophia Bax)

**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

## Heavenly Duster Schedule

Week of August 16: Carol Grady  
Week of August 23: Lois Cobleigh  
Week of August 30: Maureen Blondin

## Purificators

Month of August: Mary Stassi



Janet Hespen, Youth Minister,  
314-369-6521

**All teens:  
The Youth Group has resumed  
meeting in person**

...with necessary precautions in place. Meetings will take place outside the pavilion next to Founders Hall.

The next scheduled meeting is **August 20** from 6:30—8pm.

Hope to see you there!

## Mass Intentions

Monday, August 17	
8:00am	Sarah Patrick Mullen Family Glen Dale Allen +
Tuesday, August 18	
8:00am	All Souls Jean Reel +
Wednesday, August 19	
8:00am	Dave Gentry +
Thursday, August 20	
8:00am	Jim Jepsen (29th anniv.) + Joe & Sophie Wolken +
Friday, August 21	
8:00am	Bob Cwiklowski (11th anniv.) +
Saturday, August 22	
8:00am	Carol S. Smith +
4:00pm	People of the Parish Norma & Gordy Colbert +
Sunday, August 23	
7:30am	Ann Seper +
9:30am	Ed Haas +
11:30am	Audrey Hueffmeier +

## † Rest in Peace †

Milton Barta  
father of Jane and Mike Vesel  
May he and all the faithful departed  
rest in the eternal peace of Christ.

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

## Contributions, August 8/9

General Offertory:	\$8,397.00
Online—General Offertory:	\$5,874.87
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,271.87</b>

*"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable."  
(Romans 11:29)*

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone.

Let us pray . . . that we may show our gratitude  
for God's great gifts through our active participation  
in the ministry of God's Church.

## Needed at the Pantry

**UPDATED LIST:** canned goods: corn, baked beans, chicken, chili, sloppy joe, spaghetti sauce, fruit, pasta, tuna, potatoes, spinach, peas, paper products, laundry detergent, Jell-O, regular and sugar free pudding, mac & cheese, regular tea bags, fruit juice,



The Gospel today announces that the kingdom and salvation are for all people. It is our persistent calling out to Jesus and our faith that count, for Jesus always responds.

With love for your neighbors who have nothing, look around your house to see what furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer use...and give it to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.



Marriage in Christ has been promised between  
**Annie Rehling and Jonathan Loos**



The additional photography dates for our upcoming directory event is November 12/13/14. With an ultimate goal of 100%, we need ALL families who haven't already had their photo taken to sign up! Our directory will allow us to connect names and faces and stay connected. Photography times are still available—This is the link that will take you directly to our online reservations:

<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/b60t1e46/>

Every family will receive a free 8x10 portrait and will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits. Receive a \$10 off coupon at check-in. Plan for around an hour.

For more information, call the church office. We can't wait to see you!

## Save the Date! Advent Prayer Breakfast—December 12

### 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. The obligatory character of the (precepts) is meant to guarantee to the faithful the \_\_\_\_\_ in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth in love of God and neighbor.  
a. maximum      b. positive      c. minimum      d. negative
2. The first precept is you shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. Easter      b. obligation      c. Christmas      d. Lent
3. The second precept is you shall confess your sins at least \_\_\_\_\_ a year.  
a. twice      b. once      c. four times      d. three times
4. The third precept is you shall humbly receive your Creator in Holy Communion at least during the \_\_\_\_\_ season.  
a. Lenten      b. Easter      c. Pentecostal      d. Christmas
5. The fourth precept you shall observe the days of fasting and \_\_\_\_\_ established by the Church.  
a. abstinence      b. precepts      c. regulations      d. allowance
6. To the young man who asked the question what good must I do to have eternal Life? Jesus tells him: If you would enter life, keep the \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. commandments      b. rules      c. faith      d. regulations
7. Following Jesus Christ involves keeping the commandments, the law has not been \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. rid of      b. abstained      c. followed      d. abolished
8. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind is the \_\_\_\_\_ and first commandment.  
a. only      b. worst      c. greatest      d. second
9. The second is like the first, you shall love your \_\_\_\_\_ and yourself.  
a. parent      b. spouse      c. neighbor      d. self
10. On the two great commandments hang all the law and the prophets; love is the fulfilling of \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. everything      b. the test      c. the law      d. the basket

**Answer key:** 1. c (2041) 2. b (2042) 3. b (2042) 4. b (2042) 5. a (2043)  
6. a (2052) 7. d (2053) 8. c (2055) 9. c (2055) 10. c (2055)

**Thank You!!** The quilters would like to thank Denny and Bessie Burt, Andy and Jenny Burt for the beautiful cabinet Andy built. It is beyond our expectations. Thank you for your time and work. The cabinet will be used for quilt storage.



**Pope's Intentions for August:  
The Maritime World**

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

### Have you been on vacation this summer?

Many have not, especially this year. But no matter. Faith never takes a vacation. Whether in town or out, Covenant Network can increase your awareness of faith in your life as we offer inspiring and informative programming throughout the day and night. In addition to the Mass and the Rosary, we pray The Angelus, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and other prayers daily. We feature call-in shows that answer questions about Scripture, Church history, lives of the Saints and current events.

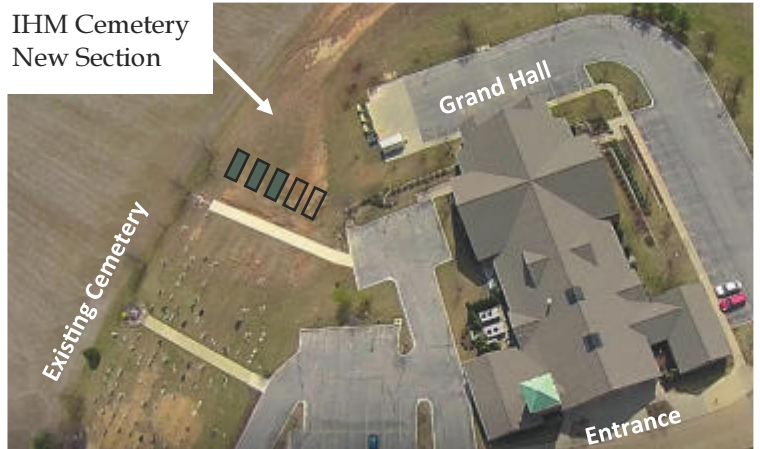
Stay in touch with your faith by listening to Catholic radio on KHOJ 1460 AM or 102.9 FM, our Covenant Network app on your mobile device or at [ourcatholicradio.org](http://ourcatholicradio.org).

## Last 2 weeks for Parishioner discounts on cemetery lots

Prices go up September 1 to \$1,000.

Through August, the lot prices are \$750 each. The current price for a single niche (one urn) is \$1,500, a double niche (two urns) is \$1,750. In checking around, you will find other cemeteries are charging much more, some even more than double. If you are interested, please call the office and we'll be happy to answer any questions you might have. Payment plans available through Online Giving.

IHM Cemetery  
New Section

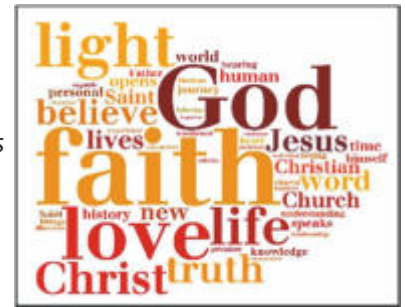


## PSR Corner

### PSR Registration for Fall of 2020

Registration for the Fall PSR is now open. An email from Fr. Tom has been sent to all parents who had students registered last year with details about this year's program. This email was accompanied by registration info. Peggy Dupree is handling registration and can be contacted at 636-398-5270 or [secretary@ihm-newmelle.org](mailto:secretary@ihm-newmelle.org).

Our start date is the first Wednesday after Labor Day, September 9th.



- ☞ The Pretty View Girls "Derby Party" will be on September 3rd at 11:30am at Sugar Creek Winery. Wear your Derby Hat, bring a snack. There will be horse races, hat judging and fun. Everyone is invited and welcome. We can social distance. Wear masks if you choose. We just want to get together and enjoy each other's company!
- ☞ Our next Solo's Dinner will be held on September 25th at Stone Summit Restaurant in Wentzville. Solo's are widows of our parish, plus some ladies from other churches, who get together for support and fun.

**Monthly Outdoor Mass** on Wednesday, August 26th, 7pm at Our Lady Queen of Peace Shrine in O'Fallon, MO. Fr. Alex Nord will be our celebrant. Rosary and chaplet after Mass. The next Mass is on September 2nd at 7pm with Fr. Mark Whitmann. Please bring a lawn chair for social distancing. Please call Ruth at 636-233-10825 with any questions.

## Readings of the Week

- Sun: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
- Mon: Ez 24:15-24/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 19:16-22
- Tue: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab [39c]/Mt 19:23-30
- Wed: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 20:1-16
- Thu: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [Ez 36:25]/Mt 22:1-14
- Fri: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Mt 22:34-40
- Sat: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 23:1-12

## Retrouvaille of St. Louis... A Lifeline for Married Couples

**Marriage Challenges?** Retrouvaille (a French word meaning rediscovery) is a program to help couples heal and renew their marriages that offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship.



It has helped thousands of couples with marital problems and crises, even couples who are separated and divorced.

The next program begins with the weekend of  
**September 18-20, 2020.**

Contacts: Kerry at 314-753-2022 or Tom at 314-409-4199.  
For further information, call 1-800-470-2230

## St. Paul Library /Lighthouse CD Resources

(Note: With close to 4000 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)

### From the Lighthouse CD Rack (Narthex)



- ◇ What powers do angels and demons have?
- ◇ How can I protect myself from demonic temptation and possession?
- ◇ What are the guardian angels, and how can I build a relationship with mine?

In *20 Answers: Angels and Demons* you'll find smart, solid answers to these questions and many more.

God created the angelic orders to worship Him, and to be models of His spiritual nature, ministers of His word, and agents of His actions throughout creation. *20 Answers: Angels and Demons* will help you understand these mysterious and powerful beings, as well as help you avoid the snares and harms of those angels who disobeyed God and fell from his favor—the demons.

#### The Man. The Myth?

- ◇ Did Jesus even exist?
- ◇ How can we trust what the Bible says about him?
- ◇ Didn't Jesus' followers invent a lot of myths about him based on stories of pagan gods?
- ◇ Did the Catholic Church suppress biblical books that depicted Jesus as a simple wise man who was married and didn't die on a cross or rise from the dead?



In this booklet you'll find smart, solid answers to these questions and many more. *20 Answers: The Real Jesus* takes on the claims of modern skeptics about Jesus' life, his teaching, and his legacy, providing compelling evidence that the "historical Jesus" and the "Christ of faith" are one and the same.

The *20 Answers* series from Catholic Answers offers hard facts, compelling arguments, and clear explanations of the most important topics facing the Church and the world—all in a compact, easy-to-read package.

## Dynamic Catholic<sup>®</sup> *Alive!*

### Perseverance in Prayer

I have always found today's Gospel passage challenging because Jesus does not seem just or kind to this woman who has such great faith in His power as God. However, I think that His purpose in acting and speaking the way He did was to show the woman how necessary it is to remain persistent and dedicated in prayers. He shows us the truth that our prayers often seem ignored or neglected. The truth is that God rewards us when we continue to ask for what we need in prayer. When we most want to give up on prayer and neglect our spiritual life, we must find the energy and strength to remain steadfast in it.

[archstl.org/dynamic](http://archstl.org/dynamic)

## Card Shower for Joyce Brakensiek

Joyce has recently been in the hospital, and is on the road to recovery from her stroke. In order to lift her spirits, her family is asking for anyone who wishes to participate, to send her a get well card, mailed to her home. Her son will bring them to her. The family thanks you! Here's her address:

Joyce Brakensiek  
232 Foristell Rd.  
Wentzville, MO 63385



## Restore, Rekindle, Renew Enrichment (3RE)

### 7-Session Virtual Enrichment Experience

Tue / Thur Evenings: Sept 15—Oct 6  
Starting at 7:00 p.m.

Apply online: <https://stl-wwme.org>

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/events/s/restore-rekindle-renew-enrichm/289517819094470/>

More Info Call: 314-649-7317



### Marriage on Tap STL

Marriage on Tap will be going virtual for our next session on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 7:00pm—8:00 pm!

Marriage on Tap offers an evening of marriage enrichment rooted in the Catholic faith but is open to all married couples.

This evening is sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter and is offered at no cost. RSVP's are required: send your names to [marriageontapstl@gmail.com](mailto:marriageontapstl@gmail.com).

## IHM's ACA results

2020 published goal:	\$68,139
New donor goal:	35
July 31 total:	\$55,929
Total parishioners:	598
Returned to date:	209
# New donors:	27
# Increased contributions:	97
Net increase	\$8,457
# Maintained contributions:	87
# Decreased contributions:	19
Net decrease	\$2,445
Signed refusals:	6
Pledges percent:	34%
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—Takashi Nagai,  
scientist, Catholic convert, and  
survivor of the atomic bomb

## Encounters with Jesus' Eucharistic Presence and Power

A Pew Research Center survey from August 2019 found that around two thirds of Catholics do not believe in the core Catholic teaching of Jesus' real (and supernatural) presence in the Eucharist. Instead they see it only as something symbolic. One could make the case that how this survey was worded may have impacted the results of which should both shock and sadden. But, in this case, there is a parallel support in the fact that this percentage lines up with actual Catholic Mass attendance --- which is at about 30% nationwide. One person stated, "People don't go to Mass because they don't believe in the Real Presence, and they don't believe in the Real Presence because if it were true, then wouldn't the churches be full?"

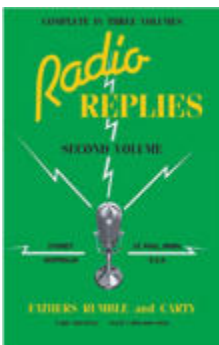
Here are two viewpoints on the Eucharist. What is your point of view? How do you "see it?" Lord, in this 2020 "Year of Vision" help us to see.

*"So when I meet somebody who claims to be religious, my first impulse is: 'I don't believe you. I don't believe you until you tell me do you really believe — for example, if they say they are Catholic — do you really believe that when a priest blesses a wafer it turns into the body of Christ? Are you seriously telling me you believe that? Are you seriously saying that wine turns into blood?' Mock them! Ridicule them! In public! Don't fall for the convention that we're all too polite to talk about religion. Religion is not off the table. Religion is not off limits. Religion makes specific claims about the universe which need to be substantiated and need to be challenged and, if necessary, need to be ridiculed with contempt."*  
(Atheist Richard Dawkins at 2012 Reason Rally)



**Question:** It is absurd to say that Christ's body and blood can be in a wafer?

**Reply:** God, Who is Omnipotent, can easily change the substance of bread... should He so desire. No one can deny this power to God. The only point is, does God do so? He Himself says that He does. For the Gospels clearly show that Christ left Himself under the appearances of bread and wine in the Eucharist. I remember how a Wesleyan clergyman tried to convert a well-read agnostic. The agnostic asked him whether he believed in the Gospels and that God really did come to earth, and appear at Bethlehem under the outward appearance of a little wriggling baby in Mary's lap! "Of course, I do," replied the minister. "Then if I could believe that," said the agnostic, "I would at once join the Catholic Church. It is no more difficult to believe that God is present in the Eucharist as Catholics believe, and their doctrine is equally clearly taught in the Gospels you say you accept."



The entire set of *Radio Replies* can be found online at [radioreplies.info](http://radioreplies.info)

**John 6:53** So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you; he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed."

## LITURGICAL LIFE

# RESPONDING *to the Call*

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

#### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

##### Being Human is to Doubt

Humans doubt. It's what we do. We doubt ourselves and we doubt others.

Before any of us say anything about Peter's doubting the words of Jesus that told him he could get out of his boat and walk on water, we need to get real with ourselves: How would I respond in the same situation? I remember when I was child taking swimming lessons. One day I simply tightened up my muscles and sank. The lifeguard pulled me up and asked what happened. I said I did not know. The truth is that I was sinking under the weight of my own doubt. I did not believe I could do what clearly, I was told I could. That was only in five feet of water in a pool! Now that I'm older, I can look back and laugh. But an adult, the swimming pool is life, and I would be lying if I said that there are no longer times I find myself sinking due to new doubts.

Much of our doubt comes about because of a lack of trust in God. We place our trust in material things, wealth, or imperfect people instead of the One who is worthy of our trust 100 percent of the time. Our stewardship is often hampered by our doubt that God will provide all that we need. If I give more, I may not have enough to survive! When we place all our trust in God, not only do we find that we have been given all we need – our doubt that cause us to sink in the pool of life fades away. We don't suddenly become perfect in our trust, and there will be times when we find ourselves with concerns again. However, it is in those moments we find that He is still there, speaking the words we need to hear: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

#### Catholic Life Explained:

##### Marian Feasts

#### Question:

Why does Mary have so many feast days and names?

#### Answer:

Christians first began celebrating feast days in honor of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in the fifth century. That celebration (originally called the Feast of the Dormition and now known by Roman Catholics as the Solemnity of the Assumption) was celebrated on August 15. Very soon, however, other special days dedicated to Mary began to appear in Jerusalem, Rome, and other major cities of the Christian world. These days of feasting became important parts of the life of the community. But, more importantly, each of these unique celebrations became an opportunity to focus on a different facet of the Christian faith, as believers focused their attention on specific events or mysteries of the lives of Mary and her Son.

Over the centuries, some of these celebrations became universal (such as the Assumption on August 15, the Immaculate Conception on December 8, and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1). Other celebrations were more closely tied to certain religious orders (such as the Carmelites celebration of "Our Lady of Mount Carmel" on July 16 or the Servite Friars feast of the "Seven Sorrows of Mary," which is now celebrated as the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15).

In more recent times, Marian apparitions (like Guadalupe, Lourdes, and Fatima) have inspired special liturgical celebrations. Pope Francis has added two new celebrations of Mary to the Church's calendar: The Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church (on the Monday after Pentecost) and the Commemoration of Our Lady of Loreto (on December 10). The various titles of Mary (like those we find in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary) help us to reflect on different aspects of Mary's faith and the ways that the Holy Spirit is at work in her and through her, especially as the Mother of Jesus.

In the end, whatever the event or mystery being celebrated in a particular liturgy or the title of Mary being used, we are invited to always see Mary in connection with the saving work of her Son. She is, of course, a patroness and protector for every Christian, but she is also a model of discipleship and contemplation: "Having entered deeply into the history of salvation, Mary, in a way, unites in her person and re-echoes the most important doctrines of the faith: and when she is the subject of preaching and worship she prompts the faithful to come to her Son, to his sacrifice and to the love of the Father" (Lumen Gentium, 65).

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