

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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Schedule of Holy Mass

Saturday: Sunday: Weekdays: 8:00am, 4:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am 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 Weekday devotions after morning Mass: Tuesday: Mother of Perpetual Help Wednesday: Litany to St. Joseph Thursday: Celebrating the Sanctity of Life First Friday: Litany of the Sacred Heart

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 22, 2021



21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of aternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods." We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these "gods" because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with "who is God" and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.

The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised "more." But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost. and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only "feels" true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us His flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who

may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods.

But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to Him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It's a choice we all have to make.

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

Parish Staff

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Religious Education

Shawn Mueller, Director 636-398-5270, smueller@ihm-newmelle.org Parish School of Religion (when restrictions are lifted)

Grades 1 thru 8, September thru May, 8:45-9:45am, Sundays Confirmation Preparation

8th Grade—September thru May, 8:45-9:45am, Sundays

Children's Liturgy of the Word (when restrictions are lifted) September thru May, during the 10am Sunday Mass

Adult Education

Young Adults

Julie Lassiter

Wednesdays at 8:45am and 6:10pm, September thru May Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—contact Shawn for schedule

Parish Organizations

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The Lungs of Discipleship

Dear Parishioners,

Many years ago when I shared my top ten lists for Catholics it was topped by the two Sacraments we can celebrate on a regular basis. The celebration of Eucharist and Reconciliation gives us the lungs that will allow us to breathe in the Presence of God. Without the realities of communion and honest reconciliation, the Presence of God will be unbearable for us. We will see God as the Fallen Angles see Him, a being of terror and punishment rather than the source of communion and mercy. The Fallen see no goodness in God, no truth, no beauty. Sin has warped them in the worst imaginable ways and we would be like them apart from the grace and mercy of God.

The lungs of discipleship form in us two of the most fundamental and basic realities in our relationship with God. First we are sinners in need of mercy and reconciliation. The Fundamental Sacrament of Mercy is Baptism. Our sins are washed away in the saving Death and Resurrection of Jesus. The Holy Trinity makes a promise of fidelity, mercy and life to us at Baptism. God will be with us on our pilgrimage of life, God will forgive us sins when we turn to Him, and ultimately He will prepare us for eternal life with Him. While Baptism is the primary Sacrament of Reconciliation with God, the ordinary course of our life often leads us into sin. We promised fidelity to God at baptism and we fail to keep it. If we love God, we keep His commandments. It is as simple as that. The living out of that simple truth proves to be one of the more difficult things in our life. We need continual growth and renewal of our faithful promise to God.

Just as Jesus gave us Baptism, He also gave us the Sacrament of Reconciliation to help us be honest about our sins, trust in His mercy and be converted as disciples. Few things are more important in relationships than the ability to say "I am sorry." Many people are incapable of admitting their fault, taking responsibility and changing attitudes or behaviors. God knows change is difficult for us ... that is why frequent reconciliation is encouraged by the Church. God does not want scrupulous children, nor does He want indifferent ones. God desires honest children, hopeful children, children who know His mercy and want to embrace His covenant. Mercy opens the most important door, mercy becomes the first lung in our breathing in the very life of God.

Mercy opens the door to communion with God, neighbor and self. People bathed in mercy can seek out God in hope. People bathed in mercy long for communion. The greatest expression of communion is the Eucharist. When we are bathed in mercy, we are ready to celebrate the call to communion and enter the mystery of our Paschal Savior. We remember and re-experience the events that save and define our lives in a spirit of praise and gratitude. Few things matter more in relationships than the ability to say "Thank you." Gratitude shows appreciation for all that we have received from the kindness and generosity of others.

No one is more generous to us than God. Those bathed in mercy and reflective of their faith know that everything good they possess is from God. God has blessed us more than we will ever conceive in this life, and much of our life is cultivating greater and greater gratitude for God's immeasurable blessings. The lungs of mercy and gratitude will allow us to say with conviction and confidence to God what He most longs to hear from His children: "I love you," not merely with words, but with the thoughts and actions of our life. The living out of love is what God most desires for His children in this life and in the eternal life He is preparing for us.





21st Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B

[Jesus began to teach that His body was real food and His blood, real drink.] Because of this, many. . . followers. would not go with him anymore. So he asked the twelve disciples, "And you—would you also like to leave?" JOHN 6:66

The film Lady Sings the Blues portrays the life story of singer Billie Holliday. Diana Ross spent months preparing for her role as Billie. She read miles of print about Billie's life and listened to hours of Billie's songs. "I was committed to doing a good job," Diana said. "I tried very hard to know her as much as I could." Diana's commitment to make Billie live again on the screen is a model for my commitment to make Jesus live again in our world.

It invites me to ask, Am I as loyal and faithful to Jesus as Diana was to Billie? As the twelve disciples were to Jesus?

Never let go of loyalty and faithfulness. Tie them around your neck; write them on your heart. Proverbs 3:3

Ministry Schedule

August 21-4pm

EM:	Deacon Chris, Becky Wilson, Wilma Zurweller Theresa & Jim Risch Mary Ann & Bryan
Lec:	Theresa & Jim Risch
Music:	Mary Ann & Bryan
Serv:	Zoey Panus, <u>volunteer please</u>
Ush:	Andy Pope, Bryan Potter, Tim Wilson, Bill Pollihan
	August 22—7:30am
EM:	Deacon Chris, Mary Keune, Emily Cooksey
Lec:	Mary Hardesty, Chuck Kettler
Music:	Brooke & Verdi
Serv:	Emma Clifton, Izzy Scheer
Ush:	Ron Neske, Ron Jacob, Chris Molitor, Mark Gross
	August 22—9:30am
EM:	Deacon Chris, Laura Orf, Donna Wolff
Lec:	Bill Winters, Chuck Hinkle
Music:	Amelia, Betsy, Mary, Bryan
Serv:	Thomas Kokker, KaBella Bruno

Ush: Gary Struckhoff, Bob Hutchcraft, Bill Riley, Alan Raymond

IHMformation Station

4:00:	Jim & Chris Warren
7:30:	Maureen Blondin
9:30:	Chuck & Laurie Hinkle



There is much evil in the world. It divides and scatters the members of the Body of Christ. Uniting in prayer and in good works informed by our Catholic Faith is an excellent way to combat evil. I strongly urge the men of our parish to unite themselves and their families with the men and families of the Knights of Columbus. Simply go to www.kofc.org/joinus and follow the prompts. Use promo code MCGIVNEY2020 and your first year's dues are free! When asked for our IHM council number, enter 11656. Don't delay! Do it today! You will be glad you did.

Ministry Schedule

	4pm Mass EM:	Ministry Schedule
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010	EM:	Vanita Joerling, Ann Zaleuke, Ed Etzkorn
	Lec:	Richard & Kathy Lalonde
	Music:	Mary Ann & Bryan
	Serv:	Izzy Scheer, <u>volunteer please</u>
	Ush:	Larry Graves, Andy Pope, Mike Rieker, Bryan Potter
		August 29—7:30am
	EM:	Deacon Chris, Jan Kardasz, Kris Jenkins
	Lec:	Dave London, Karen Wappelhorst
	Music:	Elizabeth & Verdi
	Serv:	Sydney & Natalie Jaeckle
	Ush:	Frank Kardasz, Mark Thome, Tom Meczkowski, Dave London
		August 29—9:30am
	EM:	Deacon Chris, Don & Susan Hladky
	Lec:	Joe Willis, Donna Hecht

- Music: Amelia, Betsy, Mary, Bryan
- Serv: Mary & Janie Becker
- Ush: Larry Smith, Chuck Hinkle, Joe Weber, Bill Winters

IHMformation Station

4:00:	Ed & Marcia Etzkorn
7:30:	Mark & Terri Thome
9:30:	Larry & Donna Hecht

Heavenly Duster Schedule

Week of August 22: Week of August 29:

Lois Cobleigh Maureen Blondin

Purificators

Month of August:

Mary Stassi

-Rest in Peace—

Madeline Jacob mother of Susan & John Schleipman

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

Please pray for all the sick and suffering:

Phyllis Zerr, Fran Bussen, Betty Boyd, Deacon Tony, Amy Robbins, Don Schmidt, Carl Wolff, George Stark, Betty Heppermann, Joyce Brakensiek, Tom Hartenbach, Richard & Doris Berhorst, Terry Hagan, Larry Gassei, Pat Foster, Pat Ryan, Frank Marquart, Pete Schepis, Justin Wehmeier, Jeff Bollman, Frank Kardasz

Steve Wengerski and Kathy Schuckman (friends 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),

Michael Speir (son-in-law of Jackie & Steve Dunn), 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), Marlene Hagemeier (sister of Pat Roche),

Janet Piel and Jordan Keene (sister and friend of Joni Marren-Slaughter),

Carol Fague (sister of Bob Woodford), Rosemary Bell (sister of Janet & Jerry Hespen)

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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 22, 2021

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 23	
8:00am	Holstein & Modica Families
Tuesday, August 24	
8:00am	Eugene Gehrin +
	int. of Karen Wappelhorst
Wednesday, August 2	5
8:00am	All Souls
Thursday, August 26	
8:00am	Freda & Omer Wolff +
Friday, August 27	
8:00am	Peggy Miller +
Saturday, August 28	
8:00am	Ed Langford +
4:00pm	intention of John Bax Family
Sunday, August 29	
7:30am	People of the Parish
	Martha Almeling +
9:30am	Dennis Schipper +

activities this Week

Sunday, August 22

Cantor Workshop, church, 1-3pm Monday, August 23 Scouts, 6:30pm Pro Life, Weber Hall, 6:30pm Building Committee, Grand Hall, 6:30pm Tuesday, August 24 Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am Wednesday, August 25 Reconciliation, 7pm Thursday, August 26 Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am Finance Council, Weber Hall, 7pm Friday, August 27 Quilting in Weber Hall, 8:30—noon Saturday, August 28 Reconciliation, 8:45am Monday, August 29 Cantor Workshop, church, 1-3pm

Attention heads of Ministries & Organizations

Our next POP meeting will be Monday, August 30, 7pm in the Grand Hall Please plan to attend

Contributions August 14/15

General offertory:	\$13,107.08
Online Giving:	<u>\$5,085.60</u>
Total contributions:	\$18,192.68

"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." ~~ Joshua 24:15~~

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a disciple in the work of the Lord. A disciple is a person who spends time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports their local parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!

We pray: that we experience the peace and joy God wants for us in serving Him and others.

Needed at the Pantry



laundry detergent, oil, beef stew, men's and ladies' shaving lotion, body wash, all purpose

cleaner, coffee, paper towels, fruit juices, mayonnaise, sugar We cannot accept expired or previously opened items

Please hold your plastic bags—we have plenty!!

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks, "Do you also want to leave?" We must ask ourselves if we really want to hear the good news of His love for us and for others. Is the work of God able to break into our consciousness, change us and call us to hear the cries of the poor?

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to hear the cries of the poor by assisting families in providing food and funds for utility, rent and other bills. God bless you!



Please mark your calendar for this year's Friends of the Poor Walk/Run to be held on Saturday, September 25, 2021 at Quail Ridge Park in Wentzville. 560 Interstate Dr., 63385. 9am registration, Walk starts at 10am.

This event can be found at https://www.fopwalk.org/ eventlisting/eventdetail/?eventid=2591 If you wish, you can register to join our IHM Team, and find all the information you need. If you register online, you MUST select IHM/New Melle as beneficiary to direct your donation to our Parish.

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



Marriage in Christ has been promised between: John Hagan and Kelsey Russell

PSR corner PSR Registration is open!

PSR Registration is now open. Recall that PSR will now be taking place on Sunday mornings instead of Wednesday evenings. The plan is to schedule Mass times for 7:30am and 10am and have an opportunity for classes (Grades 1-8) in between, from 8:45 – 9:45 am. This way one can go to either Mass and conveniently take

part in the program. Opportunities for adult formation will be offered in Church during that time as well. Registration is open through the month of August. PSR families who registered last year have been sent updated information. New families, please inquire at the office. We will begin September 12.



Dynamic Catholic Alive!

We Will Serve the Lord

In the last chapter of the Book of Joshua we read, "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." How many of us wish that we could go back in time and be better spiritual leaders for our families when our children were younger. Too many of us think that it is too late to start. But, all is not lost! Start now, be the spiritual leader that you are called to be! Matthew Kelly says, "Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do." We've all heard the statement that your life may be the only Gospel someone else sees. Start today, share the joy of your Catholic faith with others, especially your family members. Soon you will notice that they will begin asking you questions about the Catholic faith and the dialogue will begin. The seeds of faith will be sown and will lead others back on the path of holiness.

archstl.org/dynamic



Pope's Intentions for August: The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

Is your child or a student you know staying in **St. L**ouis to attend college?

The University of Missouri St. Louis-Catholic Newman Center (CNC) offers a warm and welcoming place to study, relax, pray, play and hand out. We have studentcentered evening Masses, socials, faith sharing groups, service and leadership opportunities **open to all college students and young adults**. We have everything from barbeques, service trips, retreats, a stocked kitchen, a student computer lab, spiritual direction, and free WiFi.

If you can't make it to Sunday Morning Mass the Catholic Newman Center at UMSL has a Mass Sunday evenings at 6pm on the south campus of UMSL during the school year. Visitors welcome! For more information see: cncumsl.org. Know a Catholic UMSL or local community college student, send a note to <u>frnick@cncumsl.org</u> so we can personally invite them to Mass.

St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

(Note: With close to 3000 items, the <u>Parish Library</u> 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 <u>Lighthouse CD rack</u> are located and available in the Narthex.

From the Lighthouse Catholic CD Rack—Narthex



Dr. Scott Hahn presents the historical and biblical origins of the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation). He provides an important guide for new Catholics, a source of renewal for "old hands", and a challenge to all of us to deepen our relationship with Christ through regular use of the Sacrament of Penance.

This is an outstanding talk on Confession that cuts to the heart of this great Sacrament of Mercy.

Father Joseph - Baltic, CT

This helped me to better understand scripturally why confession is so important, and it gave me a desire to go to confession more often. I want to pass this information on to others.

Steven - Jasper, IN

Answer Key: 1. a (2796) 2. d (2807) 3. b (2807) 4. c (2809) 5. d (2812) 6. b (2814) 7. b (2816) 8. b (2818) 9. d (2818) 10. d (2820) Bonus: J 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 22, 2021

...... Fall Sausage Dinner October 10 (mark your calendars)



Applications are now being accepted for our October 10, 2021 Craft Show. Spaces are 9' x 6' and include two chairs. Tables are 8' long. All crafts are to be handmade or handcrafted. Space rental is \$35, additional tables are \$5 each. Please contact Terri Thome for more information: 314-616-7472 or territhome@gmail.com.

Attention Boys and Girls grades K to 5

Night Out for Scouting is September 9 in the Daniel Boone School Cafeteria at 7pm. Get the information and get signed up. Enjoy the adventure of Scouting. For more information call Jerry and Janet Hespen 636-398-6420.

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 (Saint) John Paul II)

- 1. Our lives are already hidden with Christ in God; yet at the same time, here indeed we groan, and long to put on our dwelling.
 - a. heavenly b. mortal
 - c. fleshly d. earthly
- 2. To say "hallowed be thy name" is to recognize as holy, to treat in a holy way and so, in adoration, this invocation is sometimes understood as praise and .
 - a. mercy b. presence
 - c. elevation d. thanksgiving
- 3. Asking the Father that His Name be made holy draws us into His plan of loving kindness, that in Christ we might be holy and _____ before Him in love.
 - a. sinful b. blameless
 - c. little d. ignorant
- 4. From that time on (after man fell in sin), God was to manifest His holiness by revealing and giving His Name, in order to restore man to the _____ of his Creator.
 - b. time a. age
 - d. face c. image
- 5. In Jesus the Name of the holy God is revealed and given to us, in the flesh, as , revealed by what He is, by His word, and by His sacrifice.

a.	king	b.	ruler
с.	sanctifier	d.	savior

- 6. We ask that this Name of God should be hallowed in us through our actions, for God's name is when we live well, but is blasphemed when we live wickedly.
 - a. revealed b. blessed
 - c. followed d. admonished
- 7. The kingdom has been coming since the Last Supper and, in the Eucharist, it is in our midst; the kingdom will come in when Christ hands it over to His Father.
 - a. time b. glory
 - c. destruction d. space
- 8. In the Lord's Prayer, "thy kingdom come" refers primarily to the final coming of the reign of God through Christ's
 - a. death
 - d. passion c. preaching
- 9. Since _____, the coming of that reign (kingdom) is the work of the Spirit of the Lord who complete[s] His work on earth and brings us the fullness of grace.
 - a. Christmas b. the Resurrection
 - c. Passover d. Pentecost
- 10. Christians have to distinguish between the growth of the reign of God and the progress of the culture and _ in which they are involved.
 - a. area b. government c. county
 - d. society

b. return

Bonus Fr. Tom Trivia: Fr. Tom is the only child in his family whose name begins with a T. All the other siblings' names begin with this letter: Μ J R С

Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Presents

CELEBRATE AMERICA

AN EVENING OF PRAYER AND MUSIC IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE **20th ANNIVERSARY** of September 11, 2001

WHEN: Saturday, September 11 • 7:00 PM

WHERE: Immaculate Heart of Mary 8 West Highway D New Melle, MO 63365

Admission is free and open to the public



Fr. Tom Miller Pastor



Bryan Beams Pianist



Mary Sweetin Violinist

ALSO FEATURING Immaculate Heart of Mary's Adult Choir soloist Maya Bryant





PLEASE HELP US! Meals on Wheels may restart delivering in late October. If interested in volunteering as a bi-weekly volunteer or substitute, please contact Jean Reed Bammann 636-798-2718.





A great way to organize emergency meals for the people of our parish!

Arrival of a new baby Military deployment Condolences Injuries/Surgeries Extended illnesses Group events

Please contact Kelly Meyer at <u>meyer5853@qmcinc.org</u> if you have any questions or would like to become a part of this ministry.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sun: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20 21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
- Mon: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/ Mt 23:13-22
- Tue: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51
- Wed: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23: 2-32
- Thu: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51
- Fri: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13
- Sat: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30



Janet Hespen, Youth Minister, 314-369-6521

Hi Teens,

Looking for a night out and build some great Friendships along the way? Then come join the awesome teens that we have right here in our Parish!!!

We meet every other Thursday with a different topic plus fun activities and refreshments.

Times are 7 to 830pm

September 2:	Truth Revealed	Grand Hall
September 16:	Good Friendships	Grand Hall
September 30:	Build a Disciple	Grand Hall

Ask of God a lively fear of the pains of hell, so that if ever you have the misfortune to lose the feeling of Divine love, at least the fear of torments may deter you from sin. --St. Ignatius of Loyola

ANNUAL PATRIOT DAY RUN

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"God's love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because His love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Build a Culture of Life"

SPIRE (Memory Aid) for A Catholic Plan of Life (Part 6 of 7)

How does one unpack and simplify in a plan of life all that God has revealed in Jesus, Scripture and Tradition, all the Church believes, teaches and proclaims to be revealed by God? And how does one strive to live it out faithfully in a daily duty as a Catholic Christian? Here is an attempt by way of a memory aid: SPIRE – Spiritual, Physical, Intellectual, Relational, Evangelical. Here's a few tips for E-Evangelical

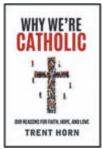


First the objective, in summary quotes:

"When the Church does not come out of itself to evangelize it becomes self-referential and then gets sick." - Pope Francis "The Church exists to evangelize." (Pope Benedict XVI).

"The Church's mission, simply put, is to help as many people on earth to get to heaven as possible before the world is shut down and Jesus comes in glory to judge the living and the dead." Fr. John McCloskey.

"If it took Almighty God to become man and to choose to suffer and die an incomprehensible and horrible death in order to save us from something, then that 'something' must have been incomprehensibly horrible."



Trent Horn shares a story about Penn Jillette, a noted fallen-away Christian and non-believer. A few years ago, Jillette recorded a short video about someone who came to talk to him after one of his magic shows. He said the guy was about his age and had participated in one of the acts as an audience member. The man complimented Jillette on the show, then said, "I brought this for you." The man held up a small book. It was a New Testament with the Psalms, something that could fit in a person's pocket. "I wrote in the front of it," the man said, "and I wanted you to have this." The man explained he was a businessman and not crazy. Jillette, moved by the man's gesture, recalled: "He was kind, and nice, and sane, and looked me in the eyes, and talked to me, and then gave me this Bible."

"I've always said," Jillette explained, "I don't respect people who don't proselytize. I don't respect that at all. If you believe there is a heaven and hell, and people could be going to hell or not getting eternal life or

whatever, and you think it's not really worth telling them this because it would make it socially awkward.

"How much do you have to hate somebody to not proselytize? How much do you have to hate someone to believe everlasting life is possible and not tell them that?"

Jillette then offered this example to illustrate his point: "If I believed, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that a truck was coming at you, and you didn't believe it, that that truck was bearing down on you, there's a certain point that I tackle you, and this is more important than that."

Here's some thoughts from Matthew Kelly on evangelization in his book, <u>Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic</u>. The research surrounding the fourth sign of a Dynamic Catholic unveiled some interesting findings. Even among highly engaged Catholics, Evangelization is the weakest link in the chain. Astoundingly, when asked if anyone had ever taught them how to evangelize, 99.4 percent of respondents said no. Yet, Evangelization is to the Church what breathing is to a person. When asked to rate themselves between 1 and 10 for each of the four signs, the 7% rated themselves at 6.8 or higher for Prayer, Study, and Generosity, but at just 4.9 for Evangelization.

THE FOUR SIGNS OF A DY NAMIC CATHOLIC

When Dynamic Catholics were asked what they did to try to share the faith with others, their top six answers were:

- Pass books and CDs around.
- Invite people to Catholic events.
- Bring a godly perspective to conversations.
- Learn the Catholic teachings on certain issues and be able to articulate them when the Church is attacked over those issues in social settings.
- Help people discover answers to the questions that cause them to doubt the Catholic faith.
- Demonstrate the love of God through faithful and generous friendship.

Friendship is the most natural and effective way to share the faith with others. Try to do one thing each week to share the faith with someone who crosses your path. If I was put on trial for being a Catholic, would here be enough evidence to convict me? Lord, show us how to witness to You in word and in action.



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