



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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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

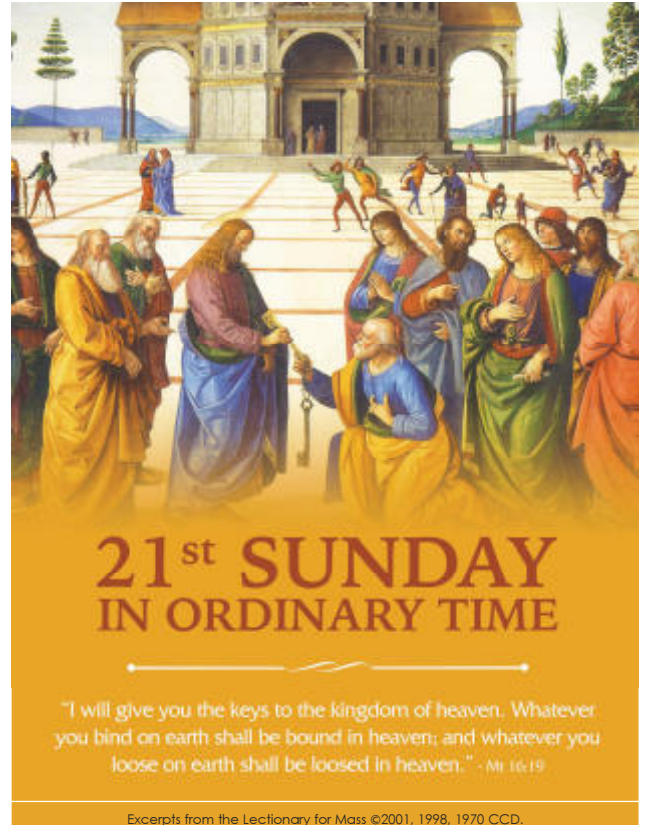
Reconciliation: Wednesday in church, 7pm
 Saturday following 8am Mass

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 23, 2020



Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The only way to know God is to love God. Our minds will never fully grasp the mystery of God, but our hearts and souls can learn to love the mystery. Years ago, when life had a more innocent quality to it, we believed what we were told or witnessed, unless there was direct evidence otherwise. This was especially true if the information came from someone in authority. In a sense, we were a bit more gullible on one hand but also more trusting on the other. The latter is an admirable quality that sadly can be eroded when we realize we have been duped. With education and technological advances, we find ourselves more skeptical and less likely to too quickly accept and believe what we see and hear.

For all of the good that social media can do, it can also easily distort reality and truth. Photoshop and a myriad other technological truths can add to, fabricate, and make even

the non-existent seem real. It is amazing. How far do we allow this obviously justifiable skepticism to take us? Questioning and doubting are healthy elements of any good relationship as long as we don't allow them to turn us away from a deeper experience of love and encounter. If we cannot get our minds around something or empirically justify or prove it, we tend to declare it a hoax, untrue, or unauthentic and walk away. The very same trust that can quickly be eroded is exactly what is essential for all of our relationships, especially our relationship with God. With all things and people that make a profound claim on us, we have to trust in the absence of knowledge. Full self-investment involves plunging completely into the unknown!

Simon Peter said to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Peter came to this knowledge, which is not "head knowledge"

because of the relationship he shared with Jesus and what God was able to reveal in and through that relationship. Peter simply "knew" because of love that this is who Jesus really is. The silent exchange of love between friends, and not an intellectual exercise of the mind, brought Peter to this place. When we stop and think about it, there are many things in life that we simply know but do not completely understand. When someone sacrifices their own well-being for another, it may not make intellectual sense when examined. But it makes a world of sense when it is carried out. The vastness of reality and an encounter with incomprehensible mystery all lead us to profound silence where we simply know something to be true. Have you trusted enough to allow your relationship with God to bring you to this place or are you still too skeptical?

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Welcome to 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
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

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Mary Keune, Event Coordinator 636-398-5270

Prayer and Devotion

Eucharistic Adoration
Shawn Mueller 636-398-5270
Legion of Mary
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Prayer Intercession/Jonah Team
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Prayer Shawl Ministry
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Liturgical Ministries

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Contemporary Music Group
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Praise & Worship Band
Steve Farber 636-751-3567

Parish Organizations

Budget & Finance
Larry Graves 314-799-9804
Cemetery Committee
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Jeff Comotto 314-570-6972
Funeral Lunches
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Helping Hearts
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Pro Life
Bill Winters 636-828-4133
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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
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Joe Willis 636-398-2106
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Teresa Berfanger 636-398-5565

Youth and Young Adults

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

With heartfelt appreciation —

Dear parishioners,

Many thanks to our Knights of Columbus for all of their work on the ramp to our chapel! The ramp will make the chapel more accessible to those who have difficulties with the steps. I was skeptical about its completion because of the pause caused by winter and then the Covid-19 pandemic. I am very thankful for Gary Potter and all the men who helped him bring the ramp to completion.

The completion of the ramp allows us to return to the chapel for Adoration and hopefully one day we will resume having daily Mass there. We are blessed in our parish community with these two houses of worship and praise. The beauty of our big church is complemented by the simplicity and intimacy of the chapel. While the place of worship is not essential to the Sacrifice of the Mass, having a fitting place makes an immense differ-

ence. A beautiful place of prayer can help facilitate our prayer and draw us into the liturgy in ways that a very stark or functional building rarely do. Beauty is for God's glory and for our edification. The beauty we feebly produce is nothing compared to the grandeur of God that awaits us in His kingdom. The beauty we see in the manufactured things of human production should lead us to ponder God's created beauty in the world around us and deepen our longing for the uncreated glory of God's beauty in His kingdom.

**Begin with the beautiful,
which leads you to the good,
which leads you to the truth.**

—Bishop Robert Barr

Peace,

Fr. Tom

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time— Year A

[One day Jesus asked his disciples,] "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."
Matthew 16:15-16

A poem describes six blind people wondering what an elephant looks like. One feels the animal's side and says, "It looks like a wall." Another feels the elephant's leg and says, "It looks like a tree trunk"; and so on. Some people say, "When it comes to God, the various religions of the world are like the blind people in the poem. Each is partly in the right; each is partly in the wrong." *What convinces me that Christianity is different from other religions and is right about God?*

Muhammad said he was a sinner. Buddha said he wasn't God. Jesus said, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father" (John 14:9). If Jesus was who he said he was, then Christianity does, indeed, possess a privileged, personal knowledge of God and God's will.

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**

Heavenly Duster Schedule

Week of August 23: Lois Cobleigh
Week of August 30: Maureen Blondin

Purificators

Month of August: Mary Stassi

Authentic Catholic Radio: AM 1460

Ministry Schedule

August 29—4pm

EM: Wally & Jan Karase, Pat Roche, Chris Warren
Lec: Sharon Hagan, Karen Wilson
Serv: Zoey Panus
Music: Bryan & Betsy
Ush: Chris Cuddihee, Ed Etzkorn, Mike Rieker, Bryan Potter

August 30—7:30

EM: Deacon Chris, Betty Tuepker,
Dianne Dickherber, John Fiacco
Lec: Chuck Kettler, Kris Jenkins
Serv: Janie Becker
Music: Verdi & Elizabeth
Ush: Ron Jacob, Tom Meczowski,
Dave London, Gary Potter

August 30—9:30

EM: Deacon Chris, Irene Caldwell,
Janet Hespen, Pat Gentry
Lec: Bill Winters, Nancy Ast
Serv: William Lassiter
Music: Bryan & Betsy
Ush: Jerry Hespen, Larry Smith, Joe Weber, Chris Molitor

August 30—11:30am

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



Rest in Peace

Daniel Silver

father of Tim and Erin Silver

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

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),
Michael Speir (son-in-law of Jackie & Steve Dunn)

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 24	
8:00am	Gene Gehrin (4th ann.) + Verdie Mae Mills +
Tuesday, August 25	
8:00am	Carolyn Heff +
Wednesday, August 26	
8:00am	Freda & Omer Wolff +
Thursday, August 27	
8:00am	All Souls
Friday, August 28	
8:00am	intention of Maria & Michael Gerritzen
Saturday, August 29	
8:00am	Dennis Schipper (8th ann.) +
4:00pm	Jack Laramie +
Sunday, August 30	
7:30am	People of the Parish
9:30am	Mary Fine +
11:30am	Joseph Michael Orf +



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

Contributions, August 15/16

General Offertory:	\$6,756.00
Online—General Offertory:	<u>\$2,511.52</u>
TOTAL	\$9,267.52

*“Or who has given the Lord anything
that he may be repaid?”
(Romans 11:35)*

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give the Lord anything—God already owns it all. God made everything. All we can do is return a portion of God’s many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity! Through your generous sharing, you just may be the answer to someone’s prayer.

Let us pray . . . that in gratitude for our gifts,
we may grow them and give back with increase.

Needed at the Pantry

UPDATED LIST: canned goods: corn, baked beans, chicken, chili, sloppy joe, spaghetti sauce, fruit (peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, Mandarin oranges), pasta, tuna, potatoes, spinach, peas, paper products, laundry detergent, Jell-O, regular and sugar free pudding, mac & cheese, regular tea bags, fruit juice, sugar, cooking oil



Like Peter in today’s Gospel, we can find that when we open our eyes to see, our ears to hear and our hearts to experience Jesus’ presence in our daily lives, God reveals himself to us.

Have you considered answering the call to help serve the Poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

Have YOU signed up yet?



Our New Directory will:

- ◆ Put names with faces
- ◆ Help us connect with each other
- ◆ Help us reach out to new families

Lifetouch

It’s not too late to sign up for our upcoming photography event! Photography session times are still available for
November 12/13/14

Did you know? Every participating family receives a free 8x10 portrait and a printed and electronic copy of our directory. Be a part of it. Sign up today. If you have internet, book online:

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

or call the church office and we can help you!



☞ 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.

Save the Date! Advent Prayer Breakfast— December 12

Prayer Shawls

If you or someone you know needs to be wrapped in prayer, please pick a prayer shawl! We have a good supply in church of shawls that have been hand-crafted by parish members who offer a prayer with each stitch.

Fish Fry at St. Joseph/Josephville, 1410 Josephville Rd., Wentzville, MO on Friday, **September 11** from 4:30pm – 7:00pm. **DRIVE THRU ONLY!** \$10 meals include three pieces of fish, chips, slaw, and applesauce. Cash only. For more info call 636-332-6676.

Readings of the Week

Sun: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 [8bc]/Rom 11:33-36/
Mt 16:13-20
Mon: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51
Tue: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/
Mt 23:23-26
Wed: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 [1]/Mt 23:27-32
Thu: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [1]/Mt 24:42-51
Fri: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 [5]/Mt 25:1-13
Sat: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/
Mk 6:17-29

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)



The End of All Things

- ◇ What happens to us after death?
- ◇ Does Catholic belief in purgatory contradict Scripture?
- ◇ Why would an all-loving God condemn people to eternity in hell?
- ◇ What do the Church and the Bible say I have to do to be saved and go to heaven?

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

The one certainty in life... is death. Whether it's tomorrow or in a hundred years, all of us are going to pass from this world and go to meet our Maker and Judge. **20 Answers: Death and Judgment** looks at the last things that await us, including purgatory, heaven and hell, and the resurrection of our body, as well as the end times and the renewal of all creation.

- ◇ 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 **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.

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.

What's Your Catholic Catechism IQ?

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

- The word Decalogue means literally ten _____. God revealed these to His people on the holy mountain.
 - times
 - words
 - signs
 - sayings
- The ten words point out the conditions of a life freed from the slavery of _____.
 - Egypt
 - sin
 - masters
 - bondage
- The ten words sum up and proclaim God's law. God wrote them upon two tablets of _____.
 - wood
 - vellum
 - papyrus
 - stone
- The gift of the Ten Commandments is the gift of God Himself and His holy will in making His will known, God _____ Himself to His people.
 - relates
 - draws
 - fulfills
 - reveals
- The gift of the Ten Commandments and of the Law is part of the _____ God sealed with His own.
 - time
 - space
 - covenant
 - creation
- The Catechisms of the Church (in history) have often expounded Christian _____ by following the order of the Ten Commandments.
 - creeds
 - councils
 - morality
 - codes
- The present Catechism follows the division and numbering of the Ten Commandments established by _____.
 - St. Jerome
 - The Council of Trent
 - St. Augustine
 - Vatican II
- The Ten Commandments state what is required in the love of God and love of neighbor, the first _____ concern love of God, and the other _____ love of neighbor.
 - seven, three
 - two, eight
 - five, five
 - three, seven
- Irenaeus wrote, "From the beginning, God implanted in the heart of man the precepts of the natural law, then He was content to remind him of them. This was the _____."
 - unveiling
 - decade
 - top ten
 - Decalogue
- The Commandments are fundamentally immutable, and they oblige always and everywhere, no one can dispense from them; they are _____ by God in the human heart.
 - engraved
 - enabled
 - entrusted
 - enriched

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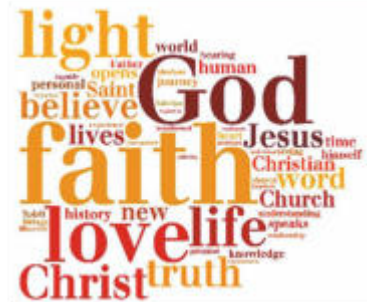
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PSR Corner



*PSR Registration
for Fall of 2020*

A majority of the parents who had children enrolled last year in PSR have communicated with us their intent to have their son or daughter be "in seat" or "online only" for this year's session. As of this writing a majority of parents have stated they will be choosing the "online only" option. Because of this we are in the midst of making decisions about the program in general as regard to catechists and classrooms. We will be sending out an email and / or phone call to all parents this week to give them an update. If you are new to the program and are not currently part of the email chain, please give us a call at the parish office.



*Final week for Parishioner
discounts on cemetery lots*

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

Through August 31, 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.

IHM Cemetery
New Section



We can send you the record forms to get started, then simply come in to the office to pick your spot and arrange for payment, by cash, check, credit card, or through Online Giving.

Visit a St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store for your next bargain!

At our stores, families can find a nice table for the kitchen, and books, toys, and clothes for the children. Men and women can select a good suit and shoes for a job interview. Thrifters dig for treasures. College students outfit their apartment. Green shoppers find goods to reuse, recycle, and upcycle. When you're ready to clean out your basement or attic, we'll be ready to pick up your donation. And we're always looking for friendly volunteers who enjoy the retail environment. Whether you're shopping, donating, or volunteering, you're helping! With nine stores in the St. Louis area, there is a St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store near you—find one!

The Mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul: "A network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need."

BLOOD DRIVE

All donors will receive a voucher for a gift card!

Immaculate Hart of Mary

Appointment needed to ensure social distancing
\$10 Gift Card Voucher for all donors

Thursday, September 10th
2:30 pm - 6:30 pm


Founders Hall
8 West Highway D New Melle

To schedule an appointment,
Call 1-800-747-5401
or go to bloodcenter.org

Use sponsor code 9118 to schedule online

WWW.BLOODCENTER.ORG

CHANGE THE WORLD WITH US



DR. TANSEY

"I am a general surgeon who occasionally has to give blood to patients. I can't prevent a car accident, but I can help people live by donating blood. I don't take anything for granted. If we did not have donors, I would be witness to many people that would not survive their injuries."

Archdiocesan Pro Life Video Challenge

Are you age 13-39? Are you pro-life? Then enter the 2020 Respect Life Apostolate's Pro-Life Video Challenge and you could win a cash prize! Create a 1-5 minute video on the theme "Walking with Moms." Winners will be invited to our 44th Annual Convention on Sunday, October 18 at the Ritz Carlton, St. Louis. The winning video will be announced and played during the Convention luncheon and earn a \$500 prize. The 2020 contest runs through Friday, September 18. Questions? Visit online:

<https://www.archstl.org/programs/education/pro-life-video-challenge>
or email us at prolife@archstl.org.

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



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.

Knights of Columbus Carry Out Chicken Dinner

Fridays from 4-7pm at St. Patrick

September 18

October 16

November 6

For more info, visit

www.stpatrickwentzville.org/chicken



Thank you, St. Jude, for your intercession. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred

Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. St. Jude, Worker of Miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, Help of the Hopeless, pray for us.



Covenant Network
Catholic Radio

The summer is flying by quickly. Do you have a plan to keep you on the right path in this ever-changing world? Listening to Catholic programming on Covenant Network will help keep you focused on faith in your life. Our daily schedule includes the Mass, the Rosary, the Angelus at noon, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and other prayers to remind you of saints and feasts during the day. Call-in shows that answer questions about Church history, Scripture, the lives of the saints and current events will keep you grounded in the Faith. Tune in to AM 1460 or FM 102.9, or listen on our Covenant Network app on your mobile device or at OurCatholicRadio.org

St. Gianna's Daughter to help "Focus on the Family"

By Shawn Mueller

My wife Lynette and I are part of a prayer group with friends and acquaintances that meet regularly to pray a couple of scriptural rosaries along with open and other devotional prayers. With chaos and disorder around us and in us on multiple levels, it is a gift to share a moment of peace and order through conversation with God in personal prayer and with others in personal conversation.

Recently, one of the couples that is part of the group brought a surprise guest with them, none other than Gianna Emmanuella Molla, the daughter of St. Gianna and Pietro Molla. (Her presence takes a "first

class relic" to a whole new level). Gianna Emmanuella is from Italy. She has been in the United States for some time, arriving just before the coronavirus pandemic hit. Having visited Wentzville, MO (2016) for an anniversary celebration of St. Gianna Church, she made friends with these folks who were glad to host her for a repeat visit. It was a privilege to be in her presence, pray the rosary with her and then listen to her speak to us about why she is in the U.S. at present. For those who may not be familiar with the story of her saint mother, a parish dedicated to her is five minutes away. One might visit the parish website from our neigh-

bors up the road at stgiannaparish.org. Here's a brief excerpt found from another website: www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-gianna-beretta-molla/



In less than 40 years, Gianna Beretta Molla became a pediatric physician, a wife, a mother and a saint!

She was born in Magenta near Milano, the 10th of Alberto and Maria Beretta's 13 children. An active member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and a leader in the Catholic Action movement, Gianna also enjoyed skiing and mountain climbing. She earned degrees in medicine and surgery from the University of Pavia, eventually specializing in pediatrics.

In 1952, Gianna opened a clinic in the small town of Mesero, where



Pietro Molla and Gianna Emanuela Molla meet Pope John Paul II at the canonization of Gianna Beretta Molla

she met engineer Pietro Molla. Shortly before their 1955 marriage, Gianna wrote to Pietro: "Love is the most beautiful sentiment that the Lord has put into the soul of men and women."

In the next four years the Mollas had three children: Pierluigi, Mariolina, and Laura. Early in her fourth pregnancy, doctors discovered that Gianna had both a child and a tumor in her uterus. She allowed the surgeons to remove the tumor but not to perform the complete hysterectomy that they recommended, which would have killed the child. Seven months later in April 1962, Gianna Emanuela Molla was born at the hospital in Monza, but post-operative complications resulted in an infection for her mother. The following week Gianna Molla died at home, and was buried in the cemetery of Mesero.

Gianna Emanuela went on to become a physician herself. Gianna Beretta Molla was beatified in

1994 and canonized 10 years later. Her Liturgical Feast Day is April 28.

Gianna Emmanuela shared with us that she is in the U.S. to seek a place for a "family center" (my words) to spread word and devotion about her mother and to help aid in the building up of the family. I'm guessing that her potential saint father (d. 2010) may have something to do with this as well.

While she initially was hoping to have her parent's home and surroundings restored and centered in Italy, she believes that the United States is where it is to happen. She said that several key factors are causing Italy to lose much of its Catholic identity, and there is great hope that the U.S. is to be where this light can shine. We hope to soon have more details on where this might take place. Word is that the land of Lincoln may be it. More to follow.

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The Choice of Stewardship

What does it mean to be a good steward? Does it mean to be an active parishioner, or something more? Are we better stewards because we give more in terms of our money and time to our parish, or are we called to do even more than that?

The truth is that stewardship is a way of life. We are not simply called to be active parishioners, but instead be active disciples all the time. In fact, what we learn to do in our parish should serve as preparation for the mission field of the world. What have we really done if we only act like disciples of Jesus Christ while we are assembled with others who claim to be the same?

The choice before us is to give of ourselves in all aspects of our day and life. The call of Jesus will come in our everyday lives with our co-workers, family, and friends more often than it will within our parish community. First, if we can't become good stewards when we are among those who proclaim Jesus as Lord, how will we be able to do so when we are with those who are non-believers? Second, when our muscles of gratitude, generosity, and graciousness are strengthened within our parish community, we are more able to meet the challenges of this world. However, we do not become good stewards by accident. We must always choose to live this way. What will you choose?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Priestly Ordination of Men

Question:

Why are only men allowed to be priests or deacons in the Church?

Answer:

One of the most debated and — in some circles — contentious teachings of the Church is that only men can be ordained as priests and deacons. Critics see it as a way of strengthening a patriarchal system in which women have little or no voice. Those who support this teaching look to New Testament teaching (where we read of Jesus choosing only men to be apostles) and the long-standing practice of the Church. This was certainly the perspective of St. John Paul II who, in his 1994 apostolic letter, *Ordinatio Sacerdotalis*, closed the discussion on the possibility of ordaining women as priests.

In the letter, he reflected on the dignity of women and their call to share in the life and mission of the Church, but he concluded by solemnly declaring that “the Church has no authority whatsoever to confer priestly ordination on women and that this judgement is to be definitely held by all the Church’s faithful” (no. 4).

This position has been upheld by Pope Francis in interviews, most notably as he returned from his 2016 visit to Sweden.

The ordination of women to the diaconate is another question and one which is being studied. In 2016, Pope Francis created a 12-member commission to study the question from several perspectives (theological, liturgical, historical, etc.). The commission issued an initial report for Pope Francis who later said that the commission had not yet produced a “definite response” to the question because of a lack of agreement on the role of female deacons in the Early Church.

For now, however, regardless of what changes might come from ongoing study and debate, the Church continues to reserve ordination to the diaconate to men only, recognizing a vital link between the diaconate and the priesthood and the lack of certainty about the presence and function of female deacons throughout history.

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