



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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Schedule of Holy Mass

Saturday: 8:00am, 4:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am

Weekdays: 8:00am, in church

Weekly Devotions and Prayers

Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday 8:30am until Friday 11:00am, St. Joseph Chapel

Rosary: Prior to Saturday evening 4pm Mass

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 29, 2021



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Albert Einstein said that the "true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination." Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God's children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God's com-

passion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure

of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God's word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn't just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That's why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It's risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That's why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling.

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

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

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Janet Hespen 314-369-6521
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Julie Lassiter 636-357-0121

Looking Toward the Future

Dear Parishioners,

When I announced the purchase of our new Steinway Piano I also mentioned that I had formed a Building Committee to help plan for the replacement of Founder's Hall. In the month in a half that we have been meeting I have been very impressed with the members of our committee. I believe that the talent and experience we have at the table will help guide this process. Our original time-line for communication with the parish was going to be right before or after the Christmas Holidays. Obviously we will need to raise the money, receive the approval and cooperation of the Archdiocese and then plan appropriately.

Last Thursday the Archbishop announced that he would be forming a Strategic Planning Process to look towards the future vibrancy of the Archdiocese. The following excerpts are from his letter to the priests of the Archdiocese. To quote the Archbishop:

"This strategic planning process will take two years and will involve a significant amount of listening and feedback from you and all the faithful before any decisions about structures will be made. While there are no preconceived notions or decisions that have been made, I know that this process will most likely result in the most dramatic recalibration of our Archdiocese in decades. Any changes that are made will be made in light of our ultimate goal – to enable missionary discipleship across our Archdiocese."

This announcement will change the planning process and timeline of our moving forward. The archbishop stated further in his letter:

"In light of this, at the beginning of this process, I am asking for your honest and direct feedback about where our Archdiocese is and where it can be. Additionally, I am announc-

ing a 2-year moratorium on priest assignments/transfers and capital improvements at all parishes which will better facilitate the strategic planning process."

Please pray for the Archbishop and those involved in the process during this time. There will be difficult decisions that will be made in the maintaining and staffing of parishes, schools and other agencies. Dramatic recalibration is a phrase that carries a lot of potential change, and no one likes change that they don't personally initiate. Life does not ask us about change, and I applaud the Archbishop in trying to plan for the future rather than just letting it unfold with no awareness of future trends and consequences.

In the meantime we will be doing our own planning as we look towards replacing Founders Hall. My door is always open and you can talk with any members of the committee if you have questions, hopes and concerns.

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Peace,

Fr. Tom

Ministry Schedule

August 28—4pm

EM: Vanita Joerling, Ann Zaleuke, Ed Etzkorn
Lec: Richard & Kathy Lalonde
Music: Mary Ann & Bryan
Serv: Izzy Scheer, volunteer please
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 Meczowski, 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

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, Tom Baker

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 Hagemeyer (sister of Pat Roche),
Janet Piel and Jordan Keene
(sister and friend of Joni Marren-Slaughter),
Karen Richardson (sister of Kathy & Dick Lalonde),
Carol Fague (sister of Bob Woodford),
Rosemary Bell (sister of Janet & Jerry Hespen),
Sal Polisi (brother of Nancy and Walter Hollenstein),
Karen Richardson (sister of Kathy & Dick Lalonde)

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

Servers needed for 4pm Mass!!

Ministry Schedule

September 4—4pm

EM: Wally & Jan Karase, Pat Roche
Lec: Chuck Kettler, Karen Wilson
Serv: Zoey Panus, volunteer please
Music: Bryan & cantor
Ush: Tim Wilson, Bill Pollihan, Chris Cuddihee, Larry Graves

September 5—7:30am

EM: Dianne Dickherber, Betty Tuepker, John Fiacco
Lec: Karen Wappelhorst, Mary Hardesty
Serv: Sydney & Natalie Jaeckle
Music: Elizabeth & Verdi
Ush: Terry Schneider, Gary Potter, Rick Scharf, Ron Neske

September 5—10am

EM: Joni Marren-Slaughter, Laura Holstein, Maureen Blondin
Lec: Don & Susan Hladky
Serv: William Lassiter, Izzy Czuchna
Music: Bryan & cantor
Ush: Gary Struckhoff, Bob Hutchcraft, Bill Riley,
Alan Raymond

IHMformation Station

4:00: TBD
7:30: TBD
10:00: TBD

Heavenly Duster Schedule

Week of August 29: Maureen Blondin
Week of September 5: Nola Roderick
Week of September 12: Jackie Barclay
Week of September 19: Agnes Meixner
Week of September 26: Lois Cobleigh

Purificators

Month of August: Mary Stassi
Month of September: Pam DeBold

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B

*"From the inside, from a person's heart, come the evil ideas
which lead him to do. . . all sorts of evil things...
deceit, indecency, jealousy, slander, pride." Mark 7:21-22*

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt got a lot of mileage
out of this story: Two Chinese coolies were arguing loud
and heatedly on a crowded street. After watching them for
a while, a tourist expressed surprise that no blows were
being struck. The tour guide explained why this was the
case, saying, "That's because he who strikes first admits that
he has run out of ideas. And both coolies are far too proud
to want to admit that."

What is one example of "good" pride in my personal life?
One example of "bad" pride?

*Like the moon, human pride has a bright side and a dark
side. The bright side consists in an honorable, honest recog-
nition of my self-worth. The dark side consists in a dishon-
orable, egotistic exaltation of my self-worth.*

Mark Link S.J. *Vision*

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 30	
8:00am	JRJ—in thanksgiving All Souls
Tuesday, August 31	
8:00am	intention of Bryan Beams Joseph Windisch +
Wednesday, September 1	
8:00am	Milton Barta + Brett Varady +
Thursday, September 2	
8:00am	Stan Nikonowicz +
Friday, September 3	
8:00am	Roy Miller + Holy Vocations
Saturday, September 4	
8:00am	Virginia Mossinghoff +
4:00pm	People of the Parish Madeline Jacob +
Sunday, September 5	
7:30am	All Souls Karen Windler +
10:00am	Jameo Klemme + Trudy Smith +

Activities this Week

Sunday, August 29	Cantor Workshop, church, 1-3pm
Monday, August 30	Scouts, 6:30pm Pulse of the Parish, Grand Hall, 7pm
Tuesday, August 31	Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, following 8am Mass Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am
Wednesday, September 1	Reconciliation, 7pm Adult choir practice, church, 7-9pm
Thursday, September 2	Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am RCIA, Weber Hall, 6:30pm Youth Ministry, Grand Hall, 7pm
Friday, September 3	Quilting in Weber Hall, 8:30—noon
Saturday, September 4	Reconciliation, 8:45am SVPD Pantry open 9-10:30am Jonah Team will pray with you after 4pm Mass
Sunday, September 5: NEW MASS TIME @ 10am	Jonah Team will pray with you after 10am Mass Church office closed September 6—Labor Day

Contributions August 21/22

General offertory:	\$9,621.50
Online Giving:	\$6,424.78
Total contributions:	\$16,046.28

"Be doers of the word and not hearers only..."
~~James 1:22~~

It's easy to understand the definition of stewardship—living a grateful and generous life. The hard part is doing it! How do your actions reflect God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

We pray: that we may not only hear God's word,
but also learn to live it every day of our lives.

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!!

The gospel today hits home closer than we may think. What traditions do we blindly cling to? Perhaps it is enough for us just to go to Mass on Sunday? Do we keep the letter of the law and miss entirely the spirit of the law? Interior righteousness means a heart turned to God. Purity of heart is expressed in righteous living: self-giving for the sake of others.

As you give your gift to the poor through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, in your heart you also will find the good news of God's love.

—Rest in Peace—

Madeline Jacob
mother of Susan & John Schleipman
May she and all the faithful departed
rest in the eternal peace of Christ.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun:	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Mon:	1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30
Tue:	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37
Wed:	Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44
Thu:	Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11
Fri:	Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39
Sat:	Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5

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.



Pope's Intentions for September: An environmentally sustainable lifestyle

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.



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.

Attention Boys and Girls grades Kindergarten to 5th

Night Out for Scouting

is September 9 at 7pm

in the Daniel Boone School Cafeteria
Get the information and get signed up.

Enjoy the adventure of Scouting.

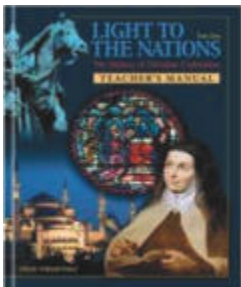
For more information call

Jerry and Janet Hespen 636-398-6420.

St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

(Note: With close to 3000 items, the Parish Library is located in the Grand Hall past the restrooms. It is open during the week-normal business hours-and works on an honor system. Items from the Lighthouse CD rack are located and available in the Narthex.

From the Parish Library—Grand Hall



An outstanding history book. From the coming of Jesus Christ to the achievements of medieval Christendom to the threshold of the Enlightenment projects of the 18th century, God's work in history reveals itself. This book combines narrative accounts with the necessary facts, dates, short biographies, and concept definitions needed for a Christian cultural understanding. The central focus of the volume is the effect on human civilization wrought by the Christian Faith. Drawing on the work of Catholic historians of the 20th century—Christopher Dawson, Hilaire Belloc, and Frederick Wilhelmsen—the authors have crafted a Catholic and accurate account of our Western heritage to convey our story to youth.

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



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)

- Man's vocation to eternal life actually reinforces his duty to put into action in this _____ the energies and means received from the Creator to serve justice and peace.
 - space
 - parish
 - world
 - diocese
- Our Father desires all men to be _____ and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
 - prosperous
 - wealthy
 - saved
 - friendly
- The Father has made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure that He set forth in _____.
 - sacred scrolls
 - Nazareth
 - Christ
 - Jerusalem
- We ask insistently for this loving plan (in Christ) to be fully _____ on earth as it is already in heaven.
 - ready
 - realized
 - redeemed
 - repeated
- We ask our Father to unite our will to His Son's, in order to fulfill His will, His plan of salvation for the life of the _____.
 - world
 - laity
 - baptized
 - spirit
- By _____ we can discern what is the will of God and obtain the endurance to do it.
 - creation
 - sloth
 - malice
 - prayer
- Give us:* The trust of children who look to their Father for everything is beautiful.
 - non-believers
 - children
 - wealthy
 - skeptics
- Give us* also recognizes Him as the Father of all men and we pray to Him for them all, in solidarity with their _____ and sufferings.
 - offerings
 - needs
 - penalties
 - thanksgivings
- The Father who gives us life cannot but give us the nourishment life requires—all appropriate goods and blessings, both _____ and spiritual.
 - mental
 - material
 - doubtful
 - emotional
- In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus insists on the filial _____ that cooperates with our Father's providence.
 - servitude
 - fear
 - command
 - trust

BONUS! Fr. Tom Trivia: Fr. Tom recently went on a month long fast in July, dropping this many pounds off of his torso so that he can now genuflect more easily.

- 8
- 18
- 28
- 38

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 terrihome@gmail.com.

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CHILDREN'S CHOIR

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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

Many thanks from Josh Deters

Hello everyone! It's been a few months now since I left the parish and so I'd like here to give you an update on what I've been doing since I left. My summer was spent living at St. Clement of Rome parish in Des Peres with the pastor Monsignor Butler. When I met Monsignor Butler and talked with him for the first time I found out that his first assignment as a priest was at St. Cletus in St. Charles, the parish where I was baptized 32 years ago. So, we did a little bit of research and found out that sure enough it was actually him who baptized me on June 24th 1989! So this summer on June 24th he and I celebrated at a restaurant nearby the parish, which was such a cool experience for us.

My summer assignment was as a Chaplain at Mercy hospital in St. Louis. I was there for six weeks and honestly it was my favorite summer assignment that I've had since I entered the seminary. It was just really special to be able to spend time with people, to talk to them, and to pray with them in the midst of their various suf-

ferings. The world is becoming more and more secular, but in the hospital nearly everyone was praying and asking others to pray for them. Whatever their situation I could see very clearly that Jesus was laboring to show them His presence and His love for them.

Now I've moved back into the seminary and am just about to start the school year. Being here for the past week has made me remember my favorite part of seminary life, which is that I'm living in a building with a hundred good friends. There's always someone to talk to, joke around with, play sports with, etc., and so I'm super glad to be here. I'm also remembering, however, that this can make it difficult to get anything done, so please pray for me!!

Finally, I want to say thank you to everyone who gave me a gift at the end of my time there at IHM. Thank you so much for your support, thank you for your friendship, and thank you for your prayers. God bless you!



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.



Next baptismal prep classes: September 19 and October 17, 11am, Weber Hall.
Please call the office at 636-398-5270 to reserve your spot! Thank you!

BLOOD DRIVE

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Masks and appointments required!

Donors get their choice of a performance pullover or a gift card AND the chance to win a \$500 Gift Card!

Thursday, September 9 2:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Founders Hall #8 West Highway D

To schedule an appointment,

call ImpactLife at 800.747.5401

or go to www.bloodcenter.org/group

Use group code 9118 to schedule online

or scan QR code ->



**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 8:30, Grand Hall

Sept 2:	Truth Revealed
Sept 16:	Good Friendships
Sept 30:	Build a Disciple

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

Over the last 6 weeks we've taken each one of the letters and tried to flesh it out a little bit in practical ways. This last article in the series will give a suggestion as to "How can I do all of these at once? What is something that I could do which involves all aspects of a plan of life in one setting—Spiritual, Physical, Intellectual, Relational, Evangelical?" Well, guess what? A group of us did it this past Tuesday. We went on a pilgrimage, a pilgrimage to St. Joseph's Shrine for the Year of St. Joseph. There is much one could say as to the value of making a pilgrimage whether close by or far away, but for those who've went somewhere on pilgrimage, and we're not talking vacation here, but pilgrimage, you know what we're talking about.

First, Spiritual. The whole point of a pilgrimage is striving to increase your spiritual friendship with the Lord, to deepen your relationship with God Almighty and / or members of His family, the saints.

Physical. Every pilgrimage long or short involves some level of physical "getting up." Christ has come to earth and touched some holy sites. We must go to Him for the encounter. We have to get off the perch and get to Church. We have to go on a journey. One thinks of the great pilgrimage site of St. James de Compostella in Spain and the walk of the pilgrims.



In terms of Intellectual, it is amazing to consider what one can learn on a pilgrimage before, during and after in reflection. The history of holy sites, the persons involved, the events that took place. On the St. Joseph shrine pilgrimage, it was of great interest to consider the history of St. Louis and the German immigrants who spent such time and money on building this sacred building. And also to ponder the miracle of Ignatius Strecker through St. Peter Claver, a miracle that was used by the Vatican for Claver's canonization.

In terms of Relational, it is always of interest who you find yourself sitting by or talking to on a pilgrimage, whether you are on a plane, train, bus, restaurant, at the site, walking to and from or wherever. We are all pilgrims on the journey and to ponder these immortal souls that God has put in our path for a time is always of interest to consider. If you've been on a pilgrimage of length, consider watching the movie "The Way" with Martin Sheen. You'll understand some of the hodgepodge of characters that one comes into contact with on a pilgrimage.

And then Evangelical. Whenever one goes on a pilgrimage, whether before, during or after, there are always conversations that fall into the evangelical category. Why are you going? What is your story? What did you experience? What did you discover? How has this affected your faith? Often times it can be difficult to share one's faith or experience with others. But when you go on a pilgrimage you have opened the door for this to happen naturally. It offers a great opportunity to speak of the wonders of the places that God has touched, marked out, set apart for our journey in this life.

As we pilgrimage through our daily life, God help us remain open to His promptings to "go out" and seek His faith and friendship through the gift and adventure (and often-times an accompanying cross :-)) of a pilgrimage.



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