



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, 11:30am
 Weekdays: 8:00am, in church

Weekly Devotions and Prayers

Eucharistic Adoration:

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

Rosary:

Prior to Saturday evening 4pm Mass

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

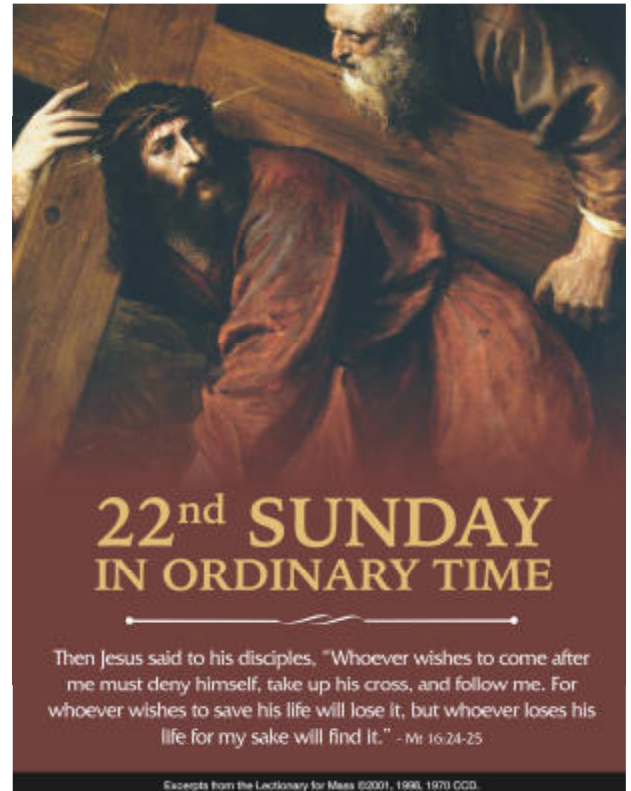
Marriage: Contact the parish office
 at least six months prior to the wedding

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 30, 2020



Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Secular pursuits only bring a temporary amount of satisfaction and fulfillment. As much as we may think that achieving worldly success, economic security, personal well-being, and self-fulfillment are worthy goals to obtain, they all are dependent on external variables and can lead to emptiness. We are trained to be very pragmatic and productive. Unless we are able to check off all of the boxes or comply with specific measurable requirements, our value and worth becomes questionable. Corporations, educational institutions, systems, structures, and secular ideology rarely consider deeper, more spiritual, and human contributions a person can and needs to make.

To the secular mind, the wisdom and ideals of the Gospel are making less and less sense. Consider for a moment this question: "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his

life?" While Jesus is asking this very challenging question to people who are considering his message, many in our world are in a quite different place. Whether we realize it, many folks are asking a much different question. Why would you not want to gain the whole world and secure your life? If you look at where a lot of folks are investing their time, energy, and resources, it becomes obvious where current priorities rest.

Modern day comforts and possibilities are backing us out of our relationship with God. The fire burning in every human heart is trying to find its satisfaction in the things that humans have created and not God. Being altruistic and offering compassion for those most in need becomes a political responsibility or responsible gesture. We realize that our hearts need to be centered on something and someone who calls us out of ourselves, but we struggle

and battle with naming the source of that call. God places the desire to seek, find, and love Him in the core of every soul. We are not abandoned and left to fend for ourselves. But we can easily get confused. We know that when we extend ourselves to another self-sacrificially, we are doing what is just and right. We know that we can work through suffering and loss and come out better and more whole on the other side.

Our minds need to be renewed so that they can begin to understand that there is much more to who we are, and that faith plays a pivotal role in achieving our true and everlasting goals. It is when we see that it is only faith that can bring us to this heightened awareness of ourselves and God that it will begin to make sense. Then, we can put things in proper perspective and consider being a disciple.

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

Parish Staff

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Shawn Mueller, Director

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

Quick Contacts Directory

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Joe Willis 636-398-2106
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High School Youth Leader
Janet Hespen 314-369-6521
Young Adults
Julie Lassiter 636-357-0121

With heartfelt appreciation —

Dear parishioners,

Many thanks to all who supported our efforts to upgrade our camera and projection system in Church. We raised a total of \$20,000 to replace the system and are currently moving ahead with it as I write this article. The broadcasting of Mass has been a tremendous blessing during these days of the pandemic. It has allowed us to communicate with and connect to each of you during a time when the virus prevented our gathering. The upgraded system will continue to be a blessing for those who are homebound, or away from our parish family, as a means of connection.

Spiritual Communion is a great thing. We should be striving to practice it at all times, not just when given the opportunity to watch a broadcast Mass. During the broadcast Mass it bears a particular importance because it allows us in real time to celebrate the communion we desire with God and one another. Spiritual Communion, like Sacramental Communion, is meant to change our hearts and minds through a life of conversion and spiritual renewal so that we may more faithfully serve God in the world and give witness to our faith.

God does all the heavy lifting in our life of faith. Our works are a small, but appreciated return that we can give to God. As Jesus reminds us, when people see our works they will give glory to God! We don't seek the glory for ourselves, but for God, then neighbor and finally to receive the blessing of coming to know ourselves as God's beloved daughters and sons. Sanctification is the second half of salvation. We cannot save ourselves, we are dependent upon the Sacrifice of Christ and God's amazing grace. God cannot sanctify us against our will. Only by cooperation with grace and living the life of discipleship can we hope to grow in holiness and be prepared to receive all that God has promised us.

Again, thank you to the generosity of those who supported our desire to upgrade and improve our system at IHM. I pray it helps all those who are homebound or away to connect with our parish family and the celebration of our faith.

Peace,



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A

[Jesus said to his disciples,] "I must... be put to death, but three days later I will be raised." Matthew 16:21

A woods surrounds a retreat house in Barrington, Illinois. Tucked away among the trees is a life-sized stone crucifix. It is especially striking at night, because it is floodlighted dramatically. It is even more striking on rainy nights, because then water trickles down the face and the body of Jesus. One rainy night a retreatant came upon the crucifix and was deeply moved. Going up to it and touching it, the retreatant prayed for a long time. Later, the retreatant said, "I touched only the cross because I wasn't worthy to touch the body of Jesus."

The retreatant's story invites me to ask: Why did Jesus die as he did? The cross is a sign, an invitation, and a revelation: a sign of Jesus' love, an invitation to love as Jesus loved, a revelation that love entails suffering.

From Mark Link S.J. *Vision 2000*

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**

Authentic Catholic Radio: AM 1460

Ministry Schedule

September 5—4pm

EM: Chris Warren, Becky Wilson, Ann Zaleuke, Sharon Hagan
Lec: Mike Greene, Jerry Knott
Serv: Izzy Scheer
Music: Bryan & Brooke
Ush: Tom Zaleuke, Andy Pope, Bill Pollihan, Chris Cuddihee

September 6—7:30am

EM: Jan Kardasz, Dianne Dickherber,
Mary Hardesty, Betty Tuepker
Lec: Dave London, Chuck Kettler
Serv: Sydney Jaeckle
Music: Verdi & Elizabeth
Ush: Frank Kardasz, Mike Hardesty, Bob & Teresa Berfanger

September 6—9:30am

EM: Sharon Smith, Chris Richter,
Maureen Blondin, Patrice Riley
Lec: Susan & Don Hladky
Serv: Mary Grace Becker
Music: Bryan & Brooke
Ush: Gary Struckhoff, Bill Riley, Bill Winters, Alan Raymond

September 6—11:30am

EM: Chris & Kat Menne
Lec: Donna Hecht, Chuck Hinkle
Serv: Thomas Kokker
Music: P&W Band
Ush: Ron Simpson, Dave Karll, Tim Maher, **volunteer please**

Heavenly Duster Schedule

Week of August 30	Maureen Blondin
Week of September 6	Nola Roderick
Week of September 13	Jackie Barclay
Week of September 20	Agnes Meixner
Week of September 27	Cindy Biddy

Purificators

Month of August:	Mary Stassi
Month of September	Pam DeBold

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)

✠ 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.

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 31	
8:00am	Steve Kettler +
Tuesday, September 1	
8:00am	All Souls Milton Barta +
Wednesday, September 2	
8:00am	Jack Hitt + Stan Nikonowicz +
Thursday, September 3	
8:00am	Roy Miller + Ed & Rose Reuther Family
Friday, September 4	
8:00am	Holy Vocations
Saturday, September 5	
8:00am	Mark Bellanca +
4:00pm	Agnes Benne +
Sunday, September 6	
7:30am	Tom Miller + Joseph Sgroi +
9:30am	Robert & Bob Keune + People of the Parish
11:30am	Raymond & Jewel Kostecki +

Contributions, August 22/23

General Offertory:	\$8,299.00
Online – General Offertory:	\$6,279.89
TOTAL	\$14,578.89

“What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” (Matthew 16:26)

St. Francis of Assisi once said, “Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else.” We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent, and treasure to gain more of the world’s riches. We need to set our priorities based on God’s values and not the values of the material world.

Let us pray . . . that each of us may have the strength and courage to put Jesus first above worldly ways and material gains,

Needed at the Pantry



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

Today, we hear Jesus say to us, “For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” The challenge is to let go so God can lead us.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul enabled the poor to experience Jesus' presence by assisting 8 families, providing \$3,270 in food, \$5,513 for utility, rent bills, etc.

In the past year (7/1/2019 thru 6/30/2020), the IHM St. Vincent de Paul conference dispersed over \$45,000 to our Neighbors in Need. Assistance was provided for gas, auto repair and purchase, home repair, mortgage and rent, appliances, utilities, homeless program and twinning (supporting other conferences).

We also assisted 26 families with food.

Our conference Members are most grateful for the generosity and support provided by our IHM family. Your generosity has provided many blessings to our Neighbors in Need. May God continue to bless you and your families.

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.



Parish Women!

- ☞ 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.



Janet Hespen, Youth Minister,
314-369-6521

All teens: YM meetings will be in
Founders Hall from 6:30-8pm
with the following schedule:

- Sep 3: Self Esteem and Slam Dunk Night
- Sep 24: Where is Heaven and Hell plus Haribo Night
- Oct 1: Miracle and Messy Night
- Oct 15: Confidence in Christ and Clever evening
- Oct 29: Saints and Mummies (discussion on chastity)
- Nov 1: All Saints Day—11:30 Mass
- Nov 12: Advent begins soon.....
- Dec 3: Wise Men and Trivia (making good choices)

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,

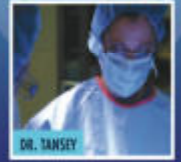
Call 1-800-747-5401

or go to bloodcenter.org

Use sponsor code 9118 to schedule online

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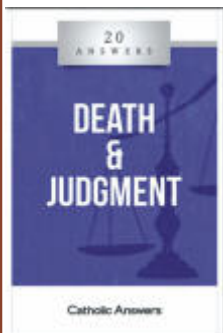
"I am a general surgeon who occasionally has to give blood to patients. I can't prevent it or accident. But I can help people feel by donating blood. I don't take anything for granted. If we did not have donors, I would be witness to many people that would not survive their injuries."

Save the Date!
Advent Prayer Breakfast—
December 12

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,

- ◇ What God Had Joined...
- ◇ What is the meaning of marriage?
- ◇ What conditions can make a marriage invalid?
- ◇ Is a divorced Catholic allowed to receive Holy Communion?
- ◇ Why is it necessary to go through the annulment process before I can be remarried?



The sacrament of marriage is one of the holiest things instituted by Christ—a lifelong sign of the love between the Church and Himself. But although marriage is by its nature a faithful and permanent union, because of human sin it sometimes fails to live up to that sign. *20 Answers: Divorce & Remarriage* explains Church teaching on the indissolubility of marriage, and examines the pastoral and canonical realities for Catholics who wish to end their common life and marry another.

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.



Has it been a while since your last photograph was taken?

It's not too late to sign up for our upcoming photography event! Photography session times are still available for Thursday/Friday/Saturday, 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!

FYI, all photos will be taken in the Grand Hall. You will have a variety of poses taken, with one selected for the directory. Give it about an hour from start to finish.

Lifetouch

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 first commandment of the Law: You shall fear the Lord your God; you shall serve Him, you shall not go after other _____.
a. gods b. tribes c. nations d. women
- St. Paul speaks of the obedience of faith as our first obligation. He shows that _____ of God is the principle and explanation of all moral deviations.
a. ignorance b. avoidance c. fear d. neglect
- The first commandment requires us to nourish and protect our faith with prudence and vigilance, and to _____ everything is opposed to it.
a. suspect b. reject c. disconnect d. connect
- Various ways of sinning against faith include voluntary doubt, incredulity, heresy, schism and this, meaning a total repudiation of the Christian faith.
a. apostasy b. agnosticism c. apathy d. idolatry
- The first commandment is also concerned with sins against hope, namely, despair and _____.
a. fear b. despondence c. presumption d. indifference
- The first commandment enjoins us to love God above _____ and all creatures for Him and because of Him.
a. father b. mother c. everything d. children
- One can sin against God's love, such as by indifference, ingratitude, lukewarmness, spiritual sloth and even _____ of God which comes from pride.
a. neglect b. fear c. hatred d. envy
- Charity leads us to render to God what we as creatures owe Him in all justice. The virtue of _____ disposes us to have this attitude.
a. faith b. hope c. religion d. love
- This is the first act of the virtue of religion which acknowledges God as God, as the Creator and Savior the Lord and Master of everything that exists.
a. adoration b. idolatry c. thanksgiving d. apostasy
- To adore God is to acknowledge, in respect and absolute _____, the nothingness of the creature who would not exist but for God.
a. submission b. honor c. wonder d. secrecy

Answer key:

1. a (2084) 2. a (2087) 3. b (2088) 4. a (2089) 5. c (2091) 6. c (2093) 7. c (2094) 8. c (2095) 9. a (2096) 10. a (2097)

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.

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

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.

Dynamic Catholic[®] *Alive!* Self Denial and Sacrifice

One of the most beneficial sources of inspiration in our Catholic Faith is the lives of the saints. The saints, like Christ, offer us a vast number of ways in which we can deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow the Lord. The penances that saints have taken on through the centuries are excellent models for us and give us ideas for denying ourselves and thus surrendering our lives to Christ. Extra prayer, fasting, sleeping on the ground, waking up in the middle of the night to pray, abstaining from alcohol, etc. are just a few of the many actions we can take to grow closer to Christ. What is essential to remember is that these practices must not become a source of pride for us. We must focus on how the actions draw us closer to Christ and allow us to participate in His divine life. We must remember that God must be the source and goal of all of our thoughts, words, and actions. He is worth the sacrifices that we make.

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The Vision of Stewardship

I love the original movie *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*. All the way through while I watch the film I still laugh and feel like a child. It is only the last line with which I have an issue. Wonka by now has chosen Charlie to succeed him as head of the chocolate factory. They board an elevator that proceeds to crash through the roof and begins to fly. Wonka then asks Charlie if he ever heard of what happened to the boy who got everything he ever wanted. After Charlie says no, Wonka explains, "He lived happily ever after." As I get older, I can say I have met several people who got all or most of all they have ever wanted, but unlike Charlie, it did not lead to endless bliss. In fact, as a Christian I know that that statement of Wonka's is a lie. The secret to living happily ever after lies in not getting all you ever wanted, but instead in giving all you ever wanted away.

A person can't have any sense of that reality until they begin to see his or her life transformed by Jesus. When we have accepted the challenge placed before us and made a choice to live a certain way daily, we can find ourselves transformed. Following Jesus is not easy, but it is the only true way to find authentic joy. When we have emptied ourselves and allowed him to fill the open spaces in us, we become different. We are transformed and, if enough of us in a parish community experience the same journey, our parish is transformed as well. Then we begin to transform the world around us. Don't be fooled: A flying elevator is cool, but it pales in comparison to what can happen when we find a new life in Jesus Christ.

— Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPi



Pope's Intentions for September: Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.



See today's news stories without the secular spin

Get the news you need from a Catholic perspective you want by tuning in for two of EWTN's news programs: "The World Over" and "EWTN News Nightly!" Each weeknight at 6pm ET, Brian Patrick and the EWTN News Nightly team bring you up to date information on the news from a Catholic perspective. Then on Thursdays at 8pm ET, Raymond Arroyo features exclusive interviews, and in-depth discussions with expert guests on "The World Over!" Get updates on the struggle for Religious Freedom and other important issues by watching these shows and more by finding EWTN on a channel near you by using www.ewtn.com/channelfinder.

Nature's Call Catholic Campout

Young adults, join fellow Catholics from around the Midwest for the 27th annual Nature's Call Campout at Pomme de Terre Lake in Missouri! Spend Labor Day weekend camping, make new friendships, enjoy swimming, live music, dancing, hiking, a cooking competition, sports, and more! Holy Mass and Confessions will be available during the weekend. Bring your own camping equipment, food and beverages. Visit naturescallcampouts.org to learn more and purchase tickets (\$25 online or \$30 at the campground). We look forward to seeing you!

Archbishop-designate Mitchell Rozanski gave thanks at a press conference announcing his appointment as the new archbishop of St. Louis at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis in St. Louis June 10. "Mindful of God's goodness, I wish to express my gratitude to our Holy Father for his trust that he has placed in me," Archbishop-designate Rozanski said. He also thanked Archbishop Carlson for his 11 years of service as shepherd of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, and for "his steady leadership and living out the Gospel message in such a beautiful, humble way."

Prior to being named an auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Baltimore in 2004, Archbishop-designate Rozanski had 20 years of experience serving in various parishes in the archdiocese. When he was named an auxiliary bishop, he recalled telling Cardinal William Keeler that he had no experience working for the chancery. Cardinal Keeler told him: "Well, that's not a bad thing."

Being a parish priest brought its challenges and joys, but what was important was building relationships and maintaining communication with the people he served. As a bishop, he sees himself still having the heart of a parish priest, but now his parish territory is a little big larger. "Parish priests are graced to be with people in such moments of their lives — weddings, baptisms, funerals, and that really establishes a relationship," he said. "I miss those relationships I had as a parish priest ... but it's also taught me that being a bishop does not mean being removed from that sort of interaction of ministry, of being involved in the lives of people and reaching out."



Archbishop-designate Rozanski also spoke about his episcopal motto, "Serve the Lord with Gladness," which he chose after reading from Psalm 100. He wanted something with an action word, that would serve as a reminder of living the faith in concrete ways. "If we do live our faith concretely in serving the Lord, then we will certainly have hearts that are joyful," he said. "It means that if we put our faith into action, and we live the Lord's words, then we're joyful."

"Jesus has entrusted to us His Church to be His presence in our world," Archbishop-designate Rozanski said. But Jesus did not avoid situations that were uncomfortable, he said, but rather faced them head-on, bringing the healing presence of God to others. "It is my hope that, called to lead this Church of St. Louis, God's grace will be in abundance in helping me to be part of that healing process and resolution to all of the daunting issues that we face," he said. "No leader, though, can do this alone. We must work together if we truly want to realize the mandate of Jesus to bring justice and peace to our families, our communities, our nation and world."

Archbishop-designate Rozanski said he looks forward to getting to know the people of the archdiocese, including the many priests, deacons, women and men religious and laypeople. He said the people of the archdiocese should expect to see him spending much of his time learning about the Archdiocese of St. Louis. "I need to be out amongst the people meeting them," he said. "My first months here will be a lot of learning. I don't want to make any decisions or have any preconceived notions" right away. "It's a very relational time, because people share their thoughts and their feelings, their insights with me. I am looking forward to that."

Excerpted from article in St. Louis Review at

<https://www.archstl.org/archbishops-elect-rozanski-looks-forward-to-serve-the-lord-with-gladness-in-st-louis-5400>

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August 25, 2020, 2:00 pm at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis
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Mass was also carried by CatholicTV and EWTN.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2020

SUN 8/30	Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
MON 8/31	1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 [97]/Lk 4:16-30
TUE 9/1	1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 [17]/Lk 4:31-37
WED 9/2	1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 [12]/Lk 4:38-44
THR 9/3	1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [1]/Lk 5:1-11
FRI 9/4	1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Lk 5:33-39
SAT 9/5	1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21 [18]/Lk 6:1-5
SUN 9/7	Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

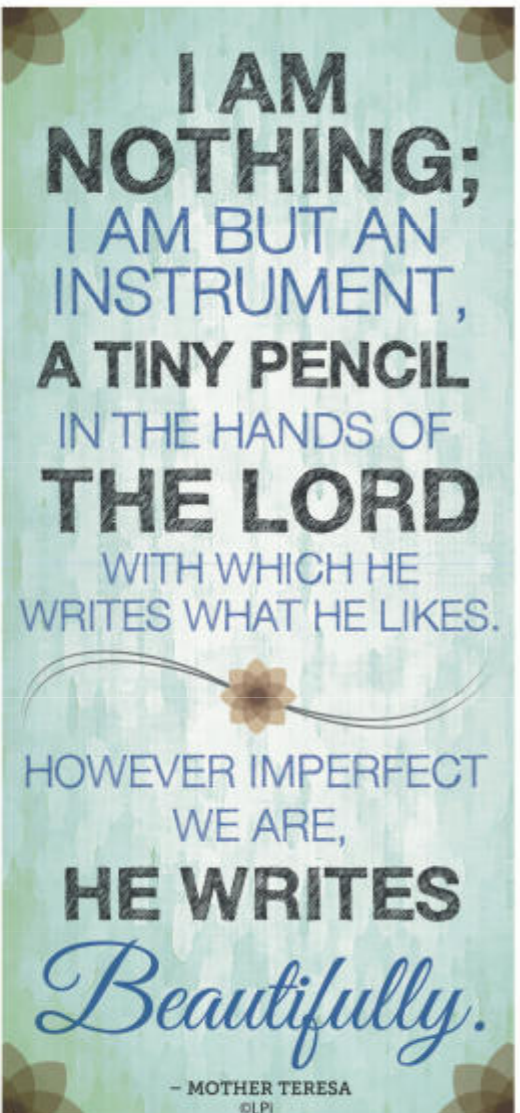
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2020

Sunday:	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Thursday:	St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday:	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Secular problems require savvy secular solutions. We are trained to solve problems, be successful and productive, and find our way through all that life presents to us. Corporations value those who can decipher the best avenue to take in order to resolve an issue. How do you train and renew your mind? Facts, figures, scientific tools, analytical processes, best practices, and models of varying kinds are at our disposal. If we don't know the full and proper course of action, we can easily find it. But there is a knowledge that goes far beyond all these things that makes a direct claim on the essence of our being. It satisfies a deeper thirst and hunger that keeps us restless until it is satisfied. Our minds, hearts, and souls cannot only be nurtured purely by secular and temporal things. We must seek the enlightenment that comes from God. This allows us to see the value of suffering in order to achieve a greater good and the losing of our very self in the service of something greater. Faith only makes sense if it can bring us to this heightened awareness.



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make us
turn to
you.*

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