

## **Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church**

Mailing Address: P. O. Box 100 \* New Melle, MO 63365 Website: www.ihm-newmelle.org

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Parish Office: 636-398-5270 Fax: 636-398-5577

#### **Schedule of Holy Mass**

Saturday: 8:00am

4:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am

Weekdays: 8:00am, St. Joseph Chapel

### Weekly Devotions and Prayers

**Eucharistic Adoration:** 

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

Rosary:

Sunday:

Following 8am Mass Monday thru Friday

Perpetual Help Devotions:

Tuesdays following 8am Mass

Respect Life Prayers:

Thursday following 8am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction:

Friday at 11:30am

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

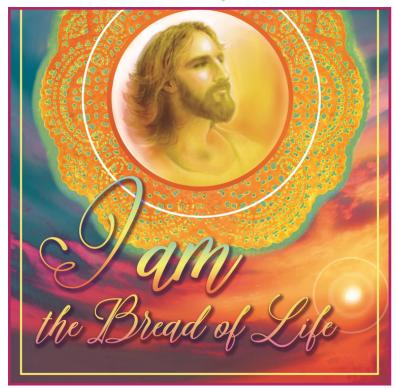
Baptism: Contact the parish office

to register for class and to arrange date

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:

Contact Shawn Mueller in the parish office

## 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 5, 2018



## DON'T LOOK BACK

It's bad enough that the Israelites were grumbling against their leaders. But they also complain to God that they were better off as slaves in Egypt. After all God did to bring them to freedom, now they want to go back to slavery. Before we judge them too harshly, we might ask ourselves if we ever act like that. For us, it might be looking back on our slavery to sin.

We would never sin if there wasn't something attractive about it. We might confess the sin and say we'll never do that again, but we often can't resist the memory of our past sins. As we hold on to the past, the temptations come back and draw us

to repeat our offenses. Even though we know we are better off putting it behind us, we sometimes find it difficult to move on. Notice that the Israelites look back to their time in Egypt, while the people of Jesus' time look back to the manna in the desert, yet none of them ever had manna!

So how do we free ourselves from the past? Should we look to the future instead? If we want to make the world, or just our community, a better place, we can make plans. If those plans are ever going to work, we have to begin now. Jesus doesn't say "Remember how good that manna was." Or "Don't worry; your chil-

dren will get it right." No, he keeps us focused on the present moment, telling us to believe in Him now. His Father gives us true bread today; Jesus is that bread of life.

Those words are just as true today. We may look fondly at Jesus' birth, his miracles, and his death on the cross, but if we don't let him be born again in us, if we don't trust him to do wonders today, and if we don't take up our crosses each day we are missing the chance to experience Jesus in us and in the people we live and work with each day.

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## Welcome to Immaculate Heart of Mary: Informed-Hospitable-Motivated

#### **Parish Staff**

Fr. Tom Miller, Pastor: askpadre@aol.com

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Mary Keune 636-398-5270

## **Religious Education**

(Please contact Shawn Mueller, Director of Religious Education for more information)

#### Parish School of Religion

(Grades 1 through 8) September through May

Wednesdays from 6:00—7:30pm

#### **Confirmation Preparation**

(8th Grade)

September through May

Wednesdays from 6:00—7:30pm

#### Children's Liturgy of the Word

September through May

During the 9:30am Sunday Mass

#### **Adult Education**

Wednesdays at 8:45 and 6:10pm

## **Quick Contacts Directory**

rayer and Devotion		Parish Organizations
	Art & Environment	

Eucharistic Adoration		ALL & LIMIOIIIICIL	
Shawn Mueller	636-398-5270	Mary Karll	636-433-5049
Legion of Mary		Budget & Finance	
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<u>Liturgical Ministries</u>		Jackie Hackett	636-398-5605
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Gift Bearers		Marian Council	
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Shawn Mueller	636-398-5270	Welcoming Committee	
Young Adults		Teresa Berfanger	636-398-5565
Julie Lassiter	636-357-0121		

## AWARENESS OF ANOTHER CREMATION METHOD

We have received a memo from Archbishop Robert Carlson and Auxiliary Bishop Mark Rivituso, concerning a method of cremation called Alkaline Hydrolysis. Please read their comments below and become aware.

Recently, we have received questions about a newer cremation process called Alkaline Hydrolysis. This cremation process uses a chemical solution, instead of heat, to reduce the human body to liquid and bones. After the body has been "bathed" in the chemical solution for a few hours, the process is completed leaving behind a sterile liquid and bone fragments. The liquid solution is disposed of through the sewer system while the bone fragments are then pulverized into ash and returned to the family.

In response to inquiries made to the Office of Sacred Worship and Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, we have studied this cremation process. In the course of our study we have concluded that since Alkaline Hydrolysis releases the remnants of the human body into the sewer system, this form of cremation in its current practice violates the dignity of the deceased human person.

The Archdiocese of St. Louis advises Catholics to avoid Alkaline Hydrolysis until another suitable means of disposing of the liquid remnant can be established.

If you would like to read a more in-depth explanation of Alkaline Hydrolysis, please read Father Peter Fonseca's pdf article which has been accepted for publication in *Homiletic & Pastoral Review* later this year, which can be found by searching the internet: "Peter Fonseca Alkaline Hydrolysis imprudent".

For further information, please consult the following links suggested by Monsignor Dennis Delaney, Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of St. Louis:

http://www.ncregister.com/site/article/chemical cremation

http://www.patheos.com/blogs/kathyschiffer/2014/06/melting-corpses-what-does-the-church-teach-about-burial-and-respect-for-the-dead/

https://www.catholicculture.org/news/headlines/index.cfm?storyid=904

Should you have questions, please direct all inquiries to <u>communications @archstl.org</u>.

#### **NO HARSHNESS**

Fight all error, but do it with good humor, patience, kindness, and love.

Harshness will damage your own soul and spoil the best cause.

-St. John Kanty

## 18<sup>™</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[Jesus said,] "Do not work for food that spoils; instead, work for the food that lasts for eternal life."

JOHN 6:27

Publisher R. L. Sharpe will never forget this boyhood episode. He and his father had gone to Trussell's blacksmith shop to have a rake and a hoe repaired. After the repairs were made, his father gave Mr. Trussell a dollar. When the blacksmith wouldn't take it, his father insisted. "What happened next," said Sharpe, "I'll never forget. Mr. Trussell said to my father, 'Sid, can't you let a body do something now and then—just to stretch the soul?'

Why should "a body do something now and then—just to stretch the soul"? Why don't I stretch my soul more often? Remember that "What you possess in the world will be found at the day of your death to belong to another, but what you are will be yours forever."

—HENRY VAN DYKE

(Fr. Mark Link S.J. Vision 2000)

## NEXT WEEK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 11 4:00pm

EM: Pat Barnard, Jennifer Fredrick, Carole Baker,

Brian Potter, Ed Taylor, Ed Etzkorn, Jackie Barclay, Vanita Joerling

Lec: Joe Willis, Jerry Knott GB: Andy & Barb Pope

Serv: Connor Kuebler, William Fredrick

Ush: Bill Pollihan, Dave Hendrix, Larry Graves,

Jerry Braden

August 12 7:30am

EM: Rich Molitor, Jean Reel, Carol Rabbitt,

Julia Kettler, Kris Jenkins, Betty Tuepker

Lec: Mary Hardesty, Chuck Kettler GB: Rosemary Marquart, Dot Welge Serv: Mary Grace & Janie Becker

Ush: Mike Stassi, Frank Marquart, Larry Koch,

volunteer please

9:30am

EM: Cheryl Gray, Don & Susan Hladky, Alvina Fry, Chris Aulbach, Mary Keune, Laura Holstein,

Clara Haas

Lec: Walt Hollenstein, Megan Preuss

GB: Jerry & Janet Hespen

Serv: Lannah Montgomery, Ellen Aulbach, Alex McCarthy

Ush: Dave DeBold, Brian Corrigan, Terry Schneider, Joe Weber, Curt Eccardt, Alan Raymond

IHMformation Station

August 11, 4:00 Wally & Jan Karase August 12, 7:30 Bob & Teresa Berfanger

August 12, 9:30 Dee Schipper

#### PLEASE NOTE:

We have a need for more <u>Ushers</u> at 7:30 Mass. If you could offer your time and energy for this ministry, or any other Mass ministry, please get in touch with the church office.



Marriage in Christ has been promised between:

Jessie Loos and Jack Bangert

Amanda Utt and Joseph Venetis

## THIS WEEK AT HOME



Sunday, August 5

Jonah Team will pray with you after 9:30am Mass

Monday, August 6

St. Vincent de Paul, 6pm

Scouts, Founders Hall/Trailer, 6:30pm

Tuesday, August 7

Legion of Mary, 9am

Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am

Knights of Columbus officers, Founders Hall, 7pm

Wednesday, August 8

Reconciliation, 7pm

Thursday, August 9

Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am Youth Group, Grand Hall foyer, 6:30pm

Friday, August 10

Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30—noon

Saturday, August 11

Reconciliation, 8:30am

Sunday, August 12

No KC Breakfast today

Fr. Tom's 25th anniversary celebration, 3pm Mass

Join the Holy Father's prayer intentions for August: The treasure of Families

That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.



## Please pray for all the sick and suffering, including:

Ed Haas, Bill Tate, Jolene Molitor, Mark Hanna, Larry Gassei, Bob Fritz (Michelle Greiwe's dad), Christine Potter, Audrey Hueffmeier, John Fiacco

**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 Chain Requests: Rita Langford at 636-398-4654 or email ritalangford4@gmail.com.

EWTN CATHOLIC RADIO: AM 1460 with daily Mass, teaching the Faith, call-in programs

Informative Catholic programming.

## Please help us with preparations for Father Tom's Anniversary party

We will need help setting up tables in the Grand Hall and under the outside tent on Friday, August 10. The tent is to arrive sometime Thursday.

Nancy Ast and Mary Karll are also looking for help with making centerpieces for the tables and decorating the church, after 8am Mass on Saturday, August 11.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, August 6

8:00am Catherine Bamert +

Tuesday, August 7

8:00am Cy Bamert +

Wednesday, August 8

8:00am Scott Martin +

Thursday, August 9

8:00am Al Bamert +

Friday, August 10

8:00am All Souls

intention of Philip Brink

Saturday, August 11

8:00am Moira Ryan +

4:00pm Jerome Kluge Sr. +

Deacon Chris & Nancy Ast wedding ann.

Sunday, August 12

7:30am Mary Fine +

Archie & Josie Ferguson +

9:30am Ralph Fischer +

People of the Parish

3:00pm intention of Fr. Tom's 25th

## Are you going on vacation?

Many of our parish families are planning to get away for some summer fun and relaxation in the next few weeks. We pray that your vacation time will be safe and a source of many happy memories. However, please don't take your parish offering with you. Each summer our parish office struggles to juggle the bills as Sunday offerings decrease significantly. If you find that you tend to forget your envelopes more often during the less structured weeks of summer, please consider our electronic giving program. Go to www.ihm-newmelle.org and click the "Online Giving" box. It's simple! It's safe! And it keeps God at the top of your giving list even when you are away!

## CONTRIBUTIONS: JULY 28/29

General Offertory: \$7,741.50
Online—General Offertory: \$2,497.52
Total Offertory: \$10,239.02

"Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not."

EXODUS 16:4

When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, self-reliance, pride and ego leads to hoarding and excessive surplus of goods and money. Living a stewardship lifestyle helps us discern our "wants" from our "needs." Living a generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we have plenty to share.

We pray ... that we recognize the difference between what we need and what we want and trust that God has provided us with enough to share.

## HEAVENLY DUSTER PURIFICATORS

Jean Reed-Bammann Mary Stassi

### NEEDED AT THE PANTRY:

corn and green beans; pork and beans; peanut butter; canned fruit: mandarin oranges, peaches, fruit cocktail, apple sauce; tuna helper, hamburger helper; canned chicken; ketchup; sugar; vegetable oil; BBQ sauce; Bisquick; jello; all-purpose cleaning supplies.

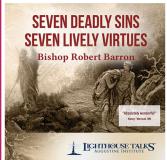
The Gospel tells us "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." By "listening" we are able to *live* the gospel. Gospel living is something so simple as taking the time to listen to those who need to spill out their hearts when seeking help.

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you enable the members of the Society to become a "listening heart" to the hungry, the homeless and the struggling poor.

## ST. PAUL LIBRARY / LIGHTHOUSE CD RESOURCES

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

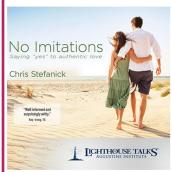
#### From the Lighthouse Catholic CD Rack: Narthex



Join noted Professor of Theology and author, Fr. (now Bishop) Robert Barron, in this revealing presentation as he sheds light on the Seven Deadly Sins - those great spiritual blocks that inhibit our relationship with God and others - and the antidote to them, the Seven Lively Virtues! Fr. Barron uses Dante's DIVINE COMEDY to expose these sinful patterns in our lives and show how they are effectively counteracted by the cultivation of virtue through the development of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. This fascinating journey shows the path that God has designed to lead us to health, happiness and holiness.

This talk was amazing in depth. It appealed to me initially as my undergraduate work is partly in literature, and it pulled from the Divine Comedy. Fr. Barron did a masterful job formulating his theses, and expounding them in a clear and concise manner so all could understand them and be inspired. This CD is a must for Lighthouse Catholic Media to keep producing!

Ira - Veneta, OR



Chris Stefanick discusses chastity beyond the usual fear tactics and "just say no's." Instead we are offered something to say "Yes" to: health, happiness, authentic relationships, and the love we were made for. Everything else is just an imitation.

Visit Chris' website at www.RealLifeCatholic.com

His talk explains how to choose the virtue of chastity instead of admonishing "just say no".

Julia-Mastic Beach, NY

Chris tells the truth about love, chastity, "protection" with no holds barred. This CD is well informed and surprisingly witty which makes it an easy listen.

Roy- Irving, TX



Janet Hespen, Youth Minister 314-369-6521

MESSY AND MIRACLE NIGHT: August 9, 6-8:30pm You won't want to miss this one!! Meet at pavilion by Founders Hall—wear old clothes and bring a set of clean cloths!

August 11/12 at all Masses: SPECIAL BLESSING AND FAREWELL to our parish teens headed off to college.



August 23: LIKE FOLLOW AND SHARE: Our Faith and the Media.

Come prepared to share your favorite Christian Voulube video under 10 minutes. Grand Hall, 6-8pm.



We welcome to our Parish Family thru the waters of Baptism

Lucas Michael Plaggenburg son of Jacob and Mary (Long) Plaggenburg

Please return the registrations that were emailed to you recently (if you had a son or daughter registered last year in grades 1-7). If you are a new

family or have a new student, please be sure to contact the parish office and we will send you a registration for the 2018-2019 school year.



## What's your Catholic Catechism IQ?

#### PEOPLE OF GOD

1.	1. One becomes a member of this people not by a			
	physical birth, but by a birth "of water and the Spi	ir.		
	it," that is			
	a. An altar call			

b. Accepting Christ as your Lord

c. Baptism

d. Saying the sinner's prayer

2. Its law is the new commandment to love as Christ loved us. This is the "new" law of the .

a. Constitution

b. Republic

c. Hierarchy

d. Holy Spirit

3. Its mission is to be \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth and \_\_\_\_\_ of the world.

a. Ground/on top

b. Salt/light

c. Salt/on top

d. Inside/outside

4. The whole people of God participates in the three offices of Christ: priest, prophet and .

a. Ruler

b. King

c. Servant

d. Patriot

5. As priests we offer ourselves, as prophets we witness, as kings we .

a. Servec. Govern

b. Rule

d. Guide

#### **CHURCH—BODY OF CHRIST**

6. Jesus spoke of an intimate communion between Him and those who would follow Him, He said He would \_\_\_\_\_ in us and we in Him.

a. Search

b. Look

c. Abide

d. Die

7. He spoke of this intimacy when He declared whoever \_\_\_\_ my flesh and \_\_\_\_ my blood abides in me, and I in him.

a. Seeks/nourishes

b. Devours/spills

c. Eats/drinks

d. Ignores/discards

8. When His visible presence was taken from them, Jesus did not leave His disciples \_\_\_\_\_.

a. Without money

b. Without writing a note

c. Without saying goodbye

d. Orphans

9. He promised to remain with them until the end of time; He sent them His

a. Mother

b. Bible

c. Spirit

d. Password

10. Not only is the Church gathered around Jesus; she is united \_\_\_\_\_ Him, in His body.

a. Through

b. With

c. In

d. Around



Catholic laymen present the ACTS weekend retreat. The retreat's goals are to allow an opportunity for men to focus on their faith and its application in their daily lives, to grow in their prayer life, to increase their presence at the Celebration of the Eucharist and to cultivate friendship among members of the church community. The retreat begins Thursday evening Aug. 23 with check-in at 6 PM at the gathering area of St. Patrick in Wentzville, and ends Sunday morning, Aug. 26 with 11:00 AM Mass at St. Patrick, followed by a luncheon for all. Round trip transportation to and from the retreat center will be provided for all retreatants.

Cost for each retreatant is \$250.00. A registration fee of \$50 must be submitted with the registration form in order to reserve your place. The remaining \$195 is due at the Thursday check-in. PLEASE NOTE: Financial difficulties should not prevent anyone from attending the retreat. If you are unable to pay all or part of the fee or need further information regarding the retreat, please contact: Bill Steckel, Director, 636-795-7908, Bob Webb, Co-Director, 636-445-4074, or Wayne Stoehner, Co-Director, 314-504-0112. The registration form can be found at www.stpatrickwentzville.org/acts.

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# MYSTERIES, MARVELS AND MIRACLES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH: ST. JOHN VIANNEY (FEAST: AUGUST 4)



Article excerpts from https://www.catholiceducation.org/en/faith-and-character/faith-and-character/miracles-in-ars.html

"God is always almighty," the Curé of Ars once told his sister. "He can at all times work miracles and he would work them now as in the days of old were it not that faith is wanting."

St. John Vianney (1786-1859) had a deep and total faith in God and hence it's unsurprising that God regularly began to work them in Ars during the time of the patron saint of priests as Jesus worked them in Capernaum, Chorazin, Bethsaida, and elsewhere during His public ministry.

As we see in so many of Jesus' wondrous deeds, miracles occur in response to faith and are meant to confirm and elicit deeper faith. They are never ends in themselves, or merely supernatural solutions to natural problems, but are meant ultimately to lead people through faith to salvation. Jesus often tried to prevent those who received miracles from speaking about them, lest everyone begin to look at Him more as healer of physical maladies, bread and fish multiplier, solver of irremediable problems, and even restorer of life to the dead

than as the Savior sent by God to heal them of their sins. When God began to answer in abundance St. John Vianney's prayers for physical cures, he likewise sought to downplay their significance lest Ars become known as a free clinic for the body rather than a priceless hospital for souls.

The greatest miracles of all that occurred in Ars, the Curé of Ars insisted, were the miracles of conversion. The conversion of someone from a state of mortal sin to grace, he said, is "a greater miracle than what the Lord did to raise Lazarus!" "The body is so very little" in comparison, he said, to the "sacrament that heals the wounds of our soul!" These were the types of miracles for which the patron saint of priests implored God the most, and, having witnessed so many of them as a confessor, it's somewhat predictable that he trusted totally in the Lord's ability to work the "lesser" miracles of the body. In the investigations for St. John Vianney's cause for canonization, which began just six years after his death, 30 documented physical cures were presented, but these were just a small sample of what occurred in Ars. The Mayor of Ars, after much commotion was made over the healing of a blind girl, straightforwardly replied to the astonished visitors, "Oh! Our holy Curé performs many such miracles!" These wondrous cures only continued after the priest returned to the Father's house, which the process of canonization also noted.

As with Jesus' miracles in the Gospel, those worked through St. John Vianney were of all types: young and old, the deaf, blind, mute, partially or totally paralyzed, those afflicted with tuberculosis or visible tumors, and maladies affecting almost every part of the body. He also worked prodigies like the multiplication of the loaves and fish. Once, when those at the orphanage and school told him in desperation that there was no longer had any food at all to eat, he bowed his head, prayed and sent one of the staffers up to the previously empty attic with a cup to bring down some corn. The confused

young woman went out of obedience, only to return seconds later saying that she couldn't open the door. When others went to help her, they discovered that the reason they door couldn't open was because the entire attic was now filled with corn to the very roof.

The same Lord who worked miracles in Palestine 2000 years ago and in France 150 years ago through the Curé of Ars' intercession is still all-powerful and does still work them in response to faith. As a reminder of that truth, St. John Vianney would undoubtedly want me to point every reader to the confessional, where the omnipotent Lord works His greatest of miracles every day.

Acknowledgement: Father Roger J. Landry. "Miracles in Ars." The Anchor (June 4, 2010).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9;

2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29,

22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13;

Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;

Mt 16:13-23

Friday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
Saturday: Hb 1:12 — 2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20
Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30 — 5:2;

Jn 6:41-51

# IHM Music Ministry Opportunities

Have you considered being part of the IHM music ministry? There are several ways to participate:



The IHM Adult Choir sings weekly at the 9:30 am Mass and also for special occasions: Christmas Midnight Mass, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil, Confirmation. We meet on Thursday evenings to rehearse from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the church. The ability to read music isn't necessary but the desire to make a joyful noise for the Lord absolutely is! Think about it, especially if you've sung in choirs before, maybe in school. I'd love to have you!

The Children's Choir practices every week on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 7:30 pm. The choir members should be second grade or older and able to read, but I absolutely will take younger siblings who want to sing. I usually ask them to sing once per season, or at least several weeks apart. For this year, that means they'll sing for maybe 6 Masses, including the First Communion Mass after Easter.

NEW AND IMPROVED: The Bell Choir will be a bit different this year. I've had both adults and younger folks ask if I could have a bell choir for beginners, people who cannot read music. I'm willing to try it, for this year at least. So—if you do NOT read music but would love to learn, this might be the group for you! Practices will take place on Monday evenings, from 7:00 to 8:00. This bell choir more than likely will NOT play for any Masses, at least not this first year. We might try to have a recital for family and friends but we can figure that out later. Members are limited to Grades 7 and 8, high school, and adults.

For more information about any of the above groups, or if you are interested in being a cantor or instrumentalist, contact Marilyn at 314-341-2622 (sending a text is ok, too) or email at m.oneill@ihm-newmelle.org



The Contemporary Group is a lot of fun and of course will welcome new members. Contact Debbie Gillespie at 636-398-4971 for information.

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## Standing Out

One of the challenges we face in evangelization is connecting with the culture in order to penetrate it and refine it with Gospel values. Many people have fallen prey to the culture in this process and have forgotten their goal. As Christians, we should stand out, especially in the hyper-secularized culture in which we find ourselves in the Western world in 2018. It is important for us to consider where we have come from and where we are going as disciples of Jesus Christ. Paul reminds us in his letter to the Ephesians that we must put away the old self and not live as the Gentiles do. We can certainly meet others on their terms, but we must avoid the trap of forgetting that our task is to help lead them away from a dull and sterile existence, consumed by evanescent pleasures. As baptized Christians, we are called to lead new and transformed lives in the power of the Holy Spirit. Let's stand out! We do not need to be pompous or attention-seeking, but authentic Christians will be recognized as different in this world.

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#### LATIN AMERICA COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND!

This weekend is the collection for the Latin America Apostolate! Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection, which strengthens our faith and community with our brothers and sisters in Bolivia through the work of our archdiocesan missionaries. Your support is bringing the Gospel and invaluable resources to people who might not otherwise have access to pastoral care or church programs. Our missionaries can only do what we make possible through our prayers and sacrifices. Please be generous in the collection for the Latin America Apostolate of the Archdiocese of St. Louis today.





## OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS-FEAST DAY AUGUST 5

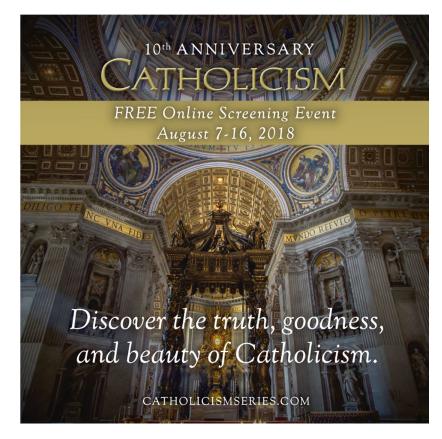
The next time you stop by the church office, take a look at our collection of Marian plates that are displayed on the wall. This one is entitled "Our Lady of the Snows" and we'd like to tell you a little about this Marian feast.

The story of Our Lady of the Snows dates back to the city of Rome in 352 A.D. A generous nobleman and his wife, blessed with much wealth but childless, chose to leave their wealth to the Mother of God. Though the sentiment of their heart was lively, their desire was difficult to achieve. How would they do

such a thing? They prayed to the Blessed Mother asking for her to make known to them some means by which they could leave their wealth to her. They even asked her for a sign so they could be certain she had heard their prayers. In answer to their petition, during the night of August 5, Our Lady appeared to the nobleman, his wife, and also to the Holy Father, Pope Liberius. She had a solution for their dilemma. She instructed them to build a church in her honor on the top of Esquiline Hill. As an extra means of confirmation, she told them snow would cover the hill's crest. And snow it did! Snow in Rome in August! Flakes fell steadily through the night covering the hill in a blanket of white. When the townspeople found out that the snow was a sign from the Blessed Mother, they named her "Our Lady of the Snows." Per Our Lady's instructions, the nobleman and his wife built the Church and it became known as the Basilica of Liberius as well as Our Lady of the Snows. In time, the basilica was given another name to distinguish it from the many other churches in Rome dedicated to the Mother of God which had been established. It became known as St. Mary Major, the first and greatest of all church's under the patronage of Our Lady.

## Annual Silver and Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass

Couples celebrating their 25th, 50th or 50-plus wedding anniversary during 2018 are invited to this annual Mass to be held Sunday, September 16, 2018, 2:30pm at the Cathedral Basilica (4431 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108), Archbishop Robert Carlson will be the celebrant. Family members and friends are invited to join the couples at this special celebration. Couples registered by August 24 will have their names and wedding date printed in the program and receive a certificate of congratulations. You may register online by visiting archstl.org/jubileemass. Questions: Office of Laity & Family Life, 314-792-7170.







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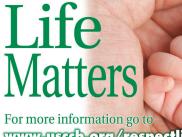
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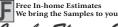
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