



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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Website: [www.ihm-newmelle.org](http://www.ihm-newmelle.org)

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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:

Following 8am Mass weekdays & before Sat. 4pm.

### Perpetual Help Devotions:

Tuesdays following 8am Mass

### Respect Life Prayers:

Thursday following 8am Mass

### First Saturday of the Month Devotions

8am Mass, Rosary, 15 minutes of meditation

## Sacraments

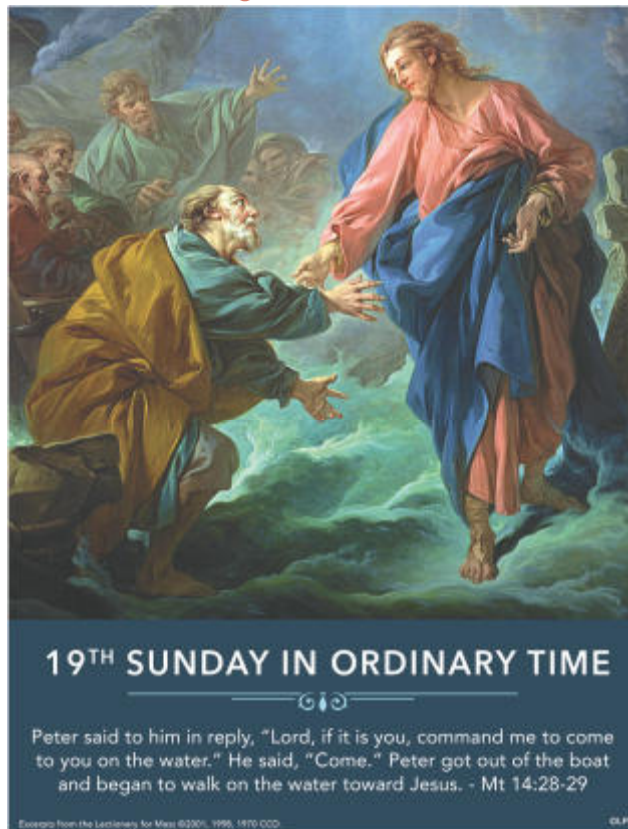
Reconciliation: Wednesday in church, 7pm  
 Saturday following 8am Mass

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

Baptism: Contact the parish office  
 to register for class and to arrange date

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:  
 Contact Shawn Mueller in the parish office

*August 9, 2020*



## Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Be still and know that I am God. Silence is sacred. Silence speaks the language of the soul and is the foundation of all life and eternity itself. Silence takes us beyond the limits of our minds and allows us to seek and to love the essence of all love, perfect love, and being. In silence, we can be non-verbally present to things and to God in ways that words cannot accomplish. We can discover, encounter, and be present to truths that our minds struggle to conceive and then set aside the boxes we put around things when comprehending them is challenging. We can know the unknowable and touch eternity when we encounter the core silence in our souls.

We can do this even on a noisy street and in the midst of the greatest distraction. Once we have made friends with silence,

the rambling noise of the world no longer seems to matter, and we can carry a deep forgiving peace within us, even when physical silence cannot be found. We know that we are loved, cared for, sustained, nourished, embraced, and carried. There is nothing to fear in silence, and I can be present to myself in the same way that God is present to me. I can see myself as God sees me. All of my faults, weaknesses, imperfections, failings, and sinfulness melt away in the abundance of God's mercy. All of the worldly things we see as being important no longer are.

It is in silence that all of the barriers that divide us disappear. There is no more "yours" and "mine" but only the oneness of "ours." There is no longer a need to "figure things out," and we tap into our

desire to simply let things be. Silence is creative and powerful and gives us hope. Silence is God's greatest blessing. God became one with humanity in silence. It allows us to be one with all of creation, with the moon and the stars and all of the creatures God has made. The smallest particle of creation radiates with beauty. Silence allows us to soar beyond ourselves and connect in ways that the mind can only imagine. When all is quiet, we begin to see that it is only our fear that keeps us from the Lord. It is our fear that causes us to sink and to fail. We can hear the gentle whisper that tells us to reach for God's hand. We discover that we yearn for the salvation and wholeness that only God can give to us. Be still my soul and be at peace.

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

### Parish Staff

Parish Office: 636-398-5270

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### Religious Education

Shawn Mueller, Director

636-398-5270, [smueller@ihm-newmelle.org](mailto:smueller@ihm-newmelle.org)

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

### Quick Contacts Directory

#### Weddings, Receptions, Events

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#### Prayer and Devotion

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#### Parish Organizations

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Cemetery Committee  
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Maria Romine-Kantor 314-614-0857  
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Pro Life  
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Quilters  
Vanita Joerling 636-544-0416  
Ruth Willis 636-398-4597  
Scouting  
Chuck Hinkle 636-544-6639  
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St. Vincent de Paul  
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Welcoming Committee  
Teresa Berfanger 636-398-5565

#### Youth and Young Adults

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

## *One simple way to eliminate most distractions during prayer*

Often we will find ourselves hoping to spend some quality time in prayer, only to find our mind racing through a number of random topics that have nothing to do with God. It can be frustrating, as we honestly want to pray, but are simply too distracted.

One of the most common errors we all commit is in thinking that prayer is similar to a phone call where we pick up the phone, dial a phone number and wait for God to pick up on the other side. With this conception, *we* are the ones who initiate prayer and *God* is the one who needs to respond.

If we don't hear God pick up the phone, our mind immediately starts to seek out entertainment and is bored with waiting for God to answer our prayer.

However, this mindset needs to be corrected as **we are never the initiators of prayer**. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains:

*God calls man first.* Man may forget his Creator or hide far from his face; he may run after idols or accuse the deity of having abandoned him; yet the living and true God tirelessly calls each person to that mysterious encounter known as prayer. In prayer ... God's initiative of love always comes first; our own first step is always a response. (CCC 2567)

What we often forget is that God is always knocking at our door. He wants us to pray and is already

there waiting for us. He revealed this same truth in the Gospel of John when Jesus said, "**You have not chosen me: but I have chosen you**" (John 15:16).

In reality, the phone analogy goes the other way. When we go to pray, it is like *picking up* a phone that has been ringing all day long. God has been calling us to prayer and is already there on the other side.

This is something we don't consider enough. It is too easy to think of prayer as our own initiative and expect God to respond to our needs. We fail to realize that our prayer is actually a *response* to God's love and that any petition we have is something that God has been waiting to hear.

The reason why changing our thoughts about prayer in this way can eliminate most distractions is because even before we enter into prayer, we recognize that God is waiting for us. When we enter into prayer with this mindset, we let God be in control and imagine him already there in the room with us, patiently waiting.

This gets our time of prayer off to a good start, recognizing God's presence and His desire to communicate His love for us. Instead of grasping for God's presence, we *receive* His presence and know that He is there and wants to tell us something that, day after day, will forever change our lives.

Philip Kosloski  
Catholic spiritual writer, featured in  
*The National Catholic Register* and EWTN radio

## *19th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A*

[After feeding the crowd miraculously,] Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side of the lake, while he sent the people away. After sending the people away, he went up a hill by himself to pray.  
Matthew 14:22-23

Nobel Prize winner Dr. Alexis Carrel wrote a book called *Man, the Unknown*. In it, he makes this striking statement: "Prayer is the most powerful form of energy we can generate. The influence of prayer on the human mind and body is as demonstrable as secreting glands. Only in prayer do we achieve that complete and harmonious assembly of body, mind, and spirit which gives the frail human reed its unshakable strength."

What is one effect that regular prayer has had on my life?

*Much prayer, much power! Little prayer, little power! No prayer, no power!*

Anonymous

From Mark Link S.J. *Vision 2000*

### Ministry Schedule

**August 8—4pm**

EM: Becky Wilson, Sharon Hagan, Chris Warren,  
Karen Wilson  
Lec: Joe Willis, Jerry Knott  
Serv: Izzy Scheer  
Music: Bryan & Mary Ann  
Ush: Bill & Bernie Pollihan, Andy Pope, Tim Wilson

**August 9—7:30am**

EM: Kris Jenkins, Dianne Dickherber,  
John Fiacco, Betty Tuepker  
Lec: Chuck Kettler, Dave London  
Serv: Sydney Jaeckle  
Music: Verdi & Elizabeth  
Ush: Bob & Teresa Berfanger, Gary Potter, Ron Jacob

**August 9—9:30am**

EM: Laura Orf, Pat Gentry, Janet Hespen, Irene Caldwell  
Lec: Michelle Greiwe, Patrice Riley  
Serv: Mary Becker  
Music: Bryan & Debbie  
Ush: Alan Raymond, Jerry Hespen, Chris Richter, Bill Riley

**August 9—11:30am**

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

### Ministry Schedule

**August 15—4pm**

EM: Becky Wilson, Karen Wilson, Et Etzkorn, Bryan Potter  
Lec: Larry Graves, Mike Greene  
Serv: Aiden Panus  
Music: Bryan & Amelia  
Ush: Wally & Jan Karase, Chris Cuddihee, Mike Rieker

**August 16—7:30**

EM: Deacon Chris, Mary Hardesty, Jan Kardasz, Kris Jenkins  
Lec: Nancy Ast, Chuck Kettler  
Serv: Mary Grace Becker  
Music: Verdi & Elizabeth  
Ush: Brenda Hutchcraft, Tom Meczowski,  
Frank Kardasz, Gary Potter

**August 16—9:30**

EM: Deacon Chris, Sharon Smith, Don & Susan Hladky  
Lec: Grant Smith, Joe Willis  
Serv: Izzy Czuchna  
Music: Bryan & Amelia  
Ush: Larry Smith, Bill Winters, Chris Molitor, Joe Weber

**August 16—11:30am**

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

### ✠ *Rest in Peace* ✠

Bill Houtzhauser  
father of Ken and Brooke Houtzhauser  
Jane Bazzle  
mother of Carol and John Grady  
Milton Barta  
father of Jane and Mike Vesel  
May they and all the faithful departed  
rest in the eternal peace of Christ.

### Heavenly Duster Schedule

Week of August 9:	Lisa Murphy
Week of August 16:	Carol Grady
Week of August 23:	Lois Cobleigh
Week of August 30:	Maureen Blondin

### Purificators

Month of August:	Mary Stassi
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### *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 Robins, 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)

**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

## Fall Sausage Dinner Cancelled

The Dinner Committee met to discuss the possibilities, and after much consideration have determined that it will be best to cancel for the fall, and gear up for Spring 2021. Questions? Please call the office.

## Mass Intentions

Monday, August 10	
8:00am	All Souls Danny Brokaw +
Tuesday, August 11	
8:00am	Moira Ryan +
Wednesday, August 12	
8:00am	Jerry Tajkowski +
Thursday, August 13	
8:00am	Esther Hardesty + Edith & Jim Jepsen +
Friday, August 14	
8:00am	Don & Anne Schmidt 50th Wedding Anniversary
Saturday, August 15	
8:00am	Steve Kettler +
4:00pm	Frank Modder + Joseph Sgroi +
Sunday, August 16	
7:30am	George Doyle + Jolene Molitor +
9:30am	the Schneider Family
11:30am	People of the Parish

## Contributions, August 1/2

General Offertory:	\$10,359.48
Online – General Offertory:	\$4,426.05
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,785.53</b>

*“He said, ‘Come,’ Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus.”  
(Matthew 14:29)*

When you hear Jesus calling, do you respond immediately and trust that He knows what He’s doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say “yes” to Jesus, we feel the power of His presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen to how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.

Let us pray . . . that we respond obediently to God’s call and have the confidence to walk on water.

## Needed at the Pantry

canned goods, corn, potatoes, spinach, peas, paper products, tuna, laundry detergent, Jell-O, regular and sugar free pudding



In this Gospel, Jesus immediately stretched out His hand and caught Peter, and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”

Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring respite and hope to the elderly who are not able to find relief from the summer heat, and you will bring them faith and hope!

## Update from Deacon Tony:

Just a quick update on my possible return to IHM.

I was taken by ambulance to St. Luke’s ER for back and hip problems. Diagnosed as back and given pain prescription, I went to walk in the clinic two days later for x-rays of my back and was told to see a pain doctor, which I did on July 21. Received a pain injection with follow up on August 10. My heart procedure has been rescheduled for August 13.

At this point in time I will most probably not be returning to IHM to serve at the altar until end of September. Please keep me in your prayers. I will continue to keep you in mine.

Blessings,

Deacon Tony



## Save the date

Be included in the new Immaculate Heart of Mary Church directory.

Photography dates: November 12/13/14

This is the link that will take you directly to our online reservations:

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

Lifetouch

## Helping Hearts Community Service Ministry



We are a group of IHM volunteers who wish to provide physical assistance to our neighbors who are unable to help themselves because of physical limitations. We can help with:

- ♥ Transportation to/from medical appointments, grocery stores and churches
- ♥ Install support bars for showers and tubs
- ♥ Install ramps for people having trouble with mobility
- ♥ Simple tasks: replacing lightbulbs and other simple household jobs
- ♥ Remove obstacles or debris: fallen tree limbs, etc.

Please pick up a brochure from our IHMformation Station for phone contacts and further information about what we can (and cannot) do. We want to help our parishioners and other community members within our parish boundaries in need of minor services that they are unable to do because of age or infirmity.



## Retrouvaille of St. Louis... A Lifeline for Married Couples

**Marriage Challenges?** Retrouvaille (a French word meaning rediscovery) is a program to help couples heal and renew their marriages that offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship.

It has helped thousands of couples with marital problems and crises, even couples who are separated and divorced.

The next program begins with the weekend of  
September 18-20, 2020.

Contacts: Kerry at 314-753-2022 or Tom at 314-409-4199.  
For further information, call 1-800-470-2230

## 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)

1. All Christians in any state or walk of life are called to the fullness of Christian life and to the perfection of charity. All are called to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. sin
  - b. violence
  - c. do evil
  - d. holiness
2. The holiness of the people of God is clearly shown in the history of the Church through the lives of so many \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. children
  - b. saints
  - c. couples
  - d. adults
3. God calls all to intimate union with Him, even if extraordinary signs of this \_\_\_\_\_ life are granted only to some.
  - a. natural
  - b. mystical
  - c. mundane
  - d. physical
4. The way of perfection passes by way of the cross; there is no holiness without renunciation and spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. reward
  - b. battle
  - c. consolation
  - d. experience
5. Spiritual progress entails the asceticism and \_\_\_\_\_ that gradually lead to living in the peace and joy of the beatitudes.
  - a. comfort
  - b. consolation
  - c. warm fuzzy
  - d. mortification
6. To the Church, the pillar and bulwark of truth, belongs the right always and everywhere to announce \_\_\_\_\_ principles.
  - a. commanding
  - b. school
  - c. church
  - d. moral
7. From generation to generation, the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christian moral teaching has been handed on.
  - a. bank
  - b. deposit
  - c. gold
  - d. treasury
8. The ordinary and universal \_\_\_\_\_ of the Pope and the bishops in communion with him teach the faithful the truth to believe.
  - a. following
  - b. magisterium
  - c. faith
  - d. obedience
9. The supreme degree of participation in the authority of Christ is ensured by the charism of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. infallibility
  - b. immateriality
  - c. morality
  - d. immutability
10. This infallibility extends as far as does the deposit of Divine revelation; it also extends to all those elements of doctrine, including \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. customs
  - b. future events
  - c. morals
  - d. sports events

Answer key:  
1. d (2013) 2. b (2013) 3. b (2014) 4. b (2015) 5. d (2015)  
6. d (2032) 7. b (2033) 8. b (2034) 9. a (2035) 10. c (2035)

## Save the Date!

Advent Prayer Breakfast—December 12



- 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.
- 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!



### Pope's Intentions for August: The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.



Janet Hespen, Youth Minister,  
314-369-6521

## All teens: The Youth Group has resumed meeting in person

...with necessary precautions in place. Meetings will take place outside the pavilion next to Founders Hall.

The next scheduled meeting is August 20 from 6:30—8pm.

Hope to see you there!

## Readings of the Week

Sun: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85]/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33  
Mon: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112/Jn 12:24-26  
Tue: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14  
Wed: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113/Mt 18:15-20  
Thu: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78/Mt 18:21—19:1  
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [1c]/Mt 19:3-12  
Sat: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

## PSR Corner

### PSR Registration for Fall of 2020

There have been questions about the Fall of 2020 and PSR Registration. Keep an eye out in the bulletin or for an email. Our start date is the first Wednesday after Labor day in September. This year that will be on September 9<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime, be sure to check out youth and adult resources on the online portal at FORMED at [www.ihm-newmelle.formed.org](http://www.ihm-newmelle.formed.org).



## Last month for Parishioner discounts on cemetery lots

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

Through August, the lot prices are \$750 each. The current price for a single niche (one urn) is \$1,500, a double niche (two urns) is \$1,750. In checking around, you will find other cemeteries are charging much more, some even more than double. If you are interested, please call the office and we'll be happy to answer any questions you might have. Payment plans available through Online Giving.

IHM Cemetery  
New Section



## Annual Catholic Appeal Progress Report

While our targeted goal is \$68,139, as of the end of July, our donation total is \$55,929, from 209 parishioners (34% of the parish), 27 of which were new donors. This represents a \$6,012 net increase from last year. Four of our parishioners were able to make matching gifts, which amounted to an additional \$1,250 over the general pledges. We are so thankful to all for your generosity!

## Authentic Catholic Radio: AM 1460

## 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 Man. The Myth?

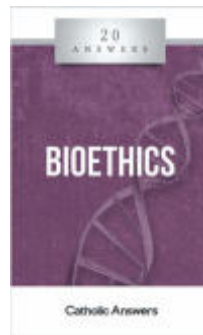
- ◇ Did Jesus even exist?
- ◇ How can we trust what the Bible says about him?
- ◇ Didn't Jesus' followers invent a lot of myths about him based on stories of pagan gods?
- ◇ Did the Catholic Church suppress biblical books that depicted Jesus as a simple wise man who was married and didn't die on a cross or rise from the dead?

In this booklet you'll find smart, solid answers to these questions and many more. **20 Answers: The Real Jesus** takes on the claims of modern skeptics about Jesus' life, his teaching, and his legacy, providing compelling evidence that the "historical Jesus" and the "Christ of faith" are one and the same.

#### Reverencing the Laws of Life

- ◇ Why do human persons have a right to life?
- ◇ What does the Church teach about the morality of in vitro fertilization?
- ◇ How can technologies like cloning, embryonic stem cells, fetal-tissue vaccines, and designer genetic screening be wrong if they help people?
- ◇ What can Catholics do to fight the rapidly advancing normalization of euthanasia, eugenics, transhumanism, and other offenses to the dignity of human life?

With biological technology moving forward at a dizzying—some would say terrifying—rate, it is more important than ever to have a firm grasp on the principles that will safeguard human worth in this brave new world. **20 Answers: Bioethics** tackles the topics where life, science, and morality meet, offering solid guidance that combines the wisdom of authentic Catholic anthropology with a shrewd understanding of the medical and political realities.



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.

## Card Shower for Joyce Brakensiek

Joyce has recently been in the hospital, and is on the road to recovery from her stroke. In order to lift her spirits, her family is asking for anyone who wishes to participate, to send her a get well card, mailed to her home. Her son will bring them to her. The family thanks you! Here's her address:

Joyce Brakensiek  
232 Foristell Rd.  
Wentzville, MO 63385



### Restore, Rekindle, Renew Enrichment (3RE)

#### 7-Session Virtual Enrichment Experience

Tue / Thur Evenings: Sept 15—Oct 6  
Starting at 7:00 p.m.

Apply online: <https://stl-wwme.org>

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/events/s/restore-rekindle-renew-enrichm/289517819094470/>

More Info Call: 314-649-7317



#### Marriage on Tap STL

Marriage on Tap will be going virtual for our next session on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 7:00pm—8:00 pm!

Marriage on Tap offers an evening of marriage enrichment rooted in the Catholic faith but is open to all married couples.

This evening is sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter and is offered at no cost. RSVP's are required: send your names to [marriageontapstl@gmail.com](mailto:marriageontapstl@gmail.com).

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### Faith

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## Prayer Shawls

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

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## Encounters with Jesus' Eucharistic Presence and Power

A Pew Research Center survey from August 2019 found that around two thirds of Catholics do not believe in the core Catholic teaching of Jesus' real (and supernatural) presence in the Eucharist. Instead they see it only as something symbolic. One could make the case that how this survey was worded may have impacted the results of which should both shock and sadden. But, in this case, there is a parallel support in the fact that this percentage lines up with actual Catholic Mass attendance --- which is at about 30% nationwide. One person stated, "People don't go to Mass because they don't believe in the Real Presence, and they don't believe in the Real Presence because if it were true, then wouldn't the churches be full?"

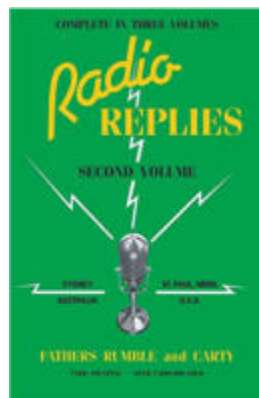
Here are two viewpoints on the Eucharist.  
What is your point of view? How do you "see it"?  
Lord, in this 2020 "Year of Vision" help us to see.

*"The true horror of religion is that it allows perfectly, sane, intelligent people to believe by the billions what only lunatics or imbeciles could believe on their own. If you think that saying a few Latin words over your pancakes is going to turn them into the body of Elvis Presley, you have lost your mind, but if you believe more or less the same thing about a cracker and the body of Jesus, you're just a Catholic."* (Atheist Sam Harris during 2015 debate with Evangelical Christian William Lane Craig)



**Question:** It is absurd to say that Christ's body and blood can be in a wafer.

**Reply:** God, Who is Omnipotent, can easily change the substance of bread... should He so desire. No one can deny this power to God. The only point is, does God do so? He Himself says that He does. For the Gospels clearly show that Christ left Himself under the appearances of bread and wine in the Eucharist.



I remember how a Wesleyan clergyman tried to convert a well-read agnostic. The agnostic asked him whether he believed in the Gospels and that God really did come to earth, and appear at Bethlehem under the outward appearance of a little wriggling baby in Mary's lap! "Of course, I do," replied the minister. "Then if I could believe that," said the agnostic, "I would at once join the Catholic Church. It is no more difficult to believe that God is present in the Eucharist as Catholics believe, and their doctrine is equally clearly taught in the Gospels you say you accept."

*(Radio Replies: Volume 2 Question 765) The entire set of Radio Replies can be found online at [radioreplies.info](http://radioreplies.info)*

**John 6:53-55** "So Jesus said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you; he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.'"

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## LITURGICAL LIFE

# RESPONDING *to the Call*

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

#### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

##### Being Human is to Doubt

Humans doubt. It's what we do. We doubt ourselves and we doubt others.

Before any of us say anything about Peter's doubting the words of Jesus that told him he could get out of his boat and walk on water, we need to get real with ourselves: How would I respond in the same situation? I remember when I was child taking swimming lessons. One day I simply tightened up my muscles and sank. The lifeguard pulled me up and asked what happened. I said I did not know. The truth is that I was sinking under the weight of my own doubt. I did not believe I could do what clearly, I was told I could. That was only in five feet of water in a pool! Now that I'm older, I can look back and laugh. But an adult, the swimming pool is life, and I would be lying if I said that there are no longer times I find myself sinking due to new doubts.

Much of our doubt comes about because of a lack of trust in God. We place our trust in material things, wealth, or imperfect people instead of the One who is worthy of our trust 100 percent of the time. Our stewardship is often hampered by our doubt that God will provide all that we need. If I give more, I may not have enough to survive! When we place all our trust in God, not only do we find that we have been given all we need – our doubt that cause us to sink in the pool of life fades away. We don't suddenly become perfect in our trust, and there will be times when we find ourselves with concerns again. However, it is in those moments we find that He is still there, speaking the words we need to hear: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

#### Catholic Life Explained:

##### Marian Feasts

#### Question:

Why does Mary have so many feast days and names?

#### Answer:

Christians first began celebrating feast days in honor of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in the fifth century. That celebration (originally called the Feast of the Dormition and now known by Roman Catholics as the Solemnity of the Assumption) was celebrated on August 15. Very soon, however, other special days dedicated to Mary began to appear in Jerusalem, Rome, and other major cities of the Christian world. These days of feasting became important parts of the life of the community. But, more importantly, each of these unique celebrations became an opportunity to focus on a different facet of the Christian faith, as believers focused their attention on specific events or mysteries of the lives of Mary and her Son.

Over the centuries, some of these celebrations became universal (such as the Assumption on August 15, the Immaculate Conception on December 8, and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1). Other celebrations were more closely tied to certain religious orders (such as the Carmelites celebration of "Our Lady of Mount Carmel" on July 16 or the Servite Friars feast of the "Seven Sorrows of Mary," which is now celebrated as the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15).

In more recent times, Marian apparitions (like Guadalupe, Lourdes, and Fatima) have inspired special liturgical celebrations. Pope Francis has added two new celebrations of Mary to the Church's calendar: The Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church (on the Monday after Pentecost) and the Commemoration of Our Lady of Loreto (on December 10). The various titles of Mary (like those we find in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary) help us to reflect on different aspects of Mary's faith and the ways that the Holy Spirit is at work in her and through her, especially as the Mother of Jesus.

In the end, whatever the event or mystery being celebrated in a particular liturgy or the title of Mary being used, we are invited to always see Mary in connection with the saving work of her Son. She is, of course, a patroness and protector for every Christian, but she is also a model of discipleship and contemplation: "Having entered deeply into the history of salvation, Mary, in a way, unites in her person and re-echoes the most important doctrines of the faith: and when she is the subject of preaching and worship she prompts the faithful to come to her Son, to his sacrifice and to the love of the Father" (Lumen Gentium, 65).

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