



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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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
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am
Weekdays: 8:00am, St. Joseph Chapel

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:

Mon/Tue/Wed in church, 7pm
Saturday following 8am Mass

Marriage:

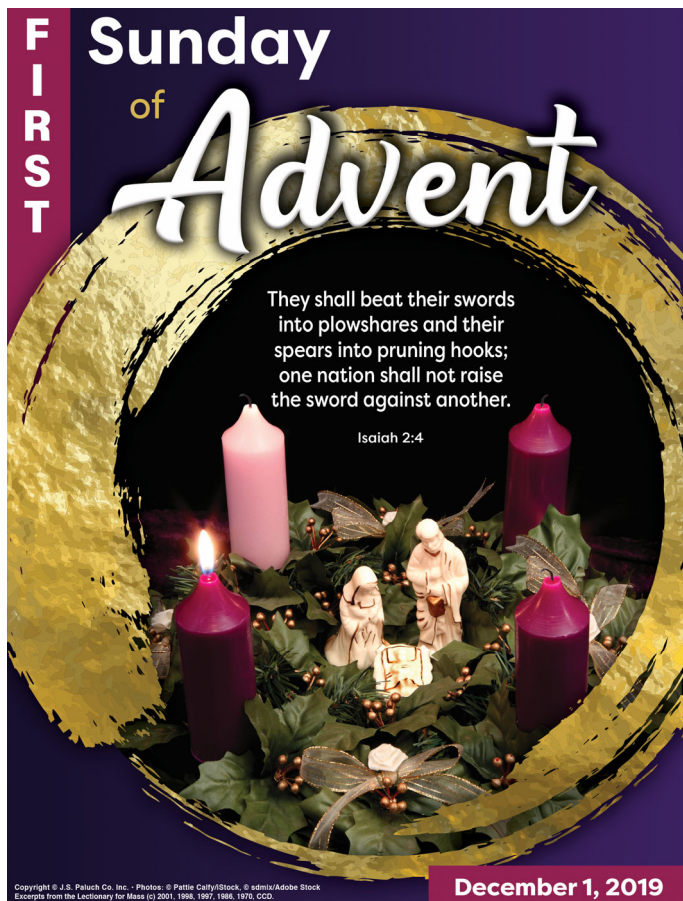
Contact the parish office
at least six months prior to the wedding

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



Do What You Can

The reading from the prophet Isaiah this Sunday contains a remarkable prediction—the end of war between nations (Isaiah 2:4). While most of the good predictions of the prophets were fulfilled in Jesus, we still await the end of all wars. So why hasn't that one been fulfilled? We can look to the second reading and the Gospel for some hints.

Both readings talk about being awake and ready for our salvation (Romans 13:12) or the coming of the Son of Man (Matthew 24:39). Being awake doesn't mean consuming lots of coffee or turning the music volume all the way up. Paul calls it "putting on the Lord Jesus Christ" as a soldier would put on armor before a battle. He even mentions rivalry and jealousy

as attitudes to avoid. Both of those vices have been the cause of many wars in our history. What if we not only avoided them, but also taught our children to avoid them? What if everyone eventually learned not to be jealous and hateful?

We are a long way from ending all wars. There are still people who teach hate to the poor instead of helping to feed them. There are still people who get rich selling the weapons of war. This brings us back to the first reading, in which Isaiah speaks of beating swords into plowshares. Do we have enough faith in God's love to stop building weapons and use those resources to feed the hungry or cure diseases in underprivileged countries? Until we convert everyone to following

Jesus, that's not likely. The Gospel calls us to be ready. Maybe we need to be ready to share our faith. Maybe we have to be awake to any opportunity to show God's love to those around us. Are we afraid to offer to pray for someone in need? Maybe we need to put on the "armor of light," as St. Paul calls it. Instead of trying to stop all wars, could we at least show forgiveness to someone who has hurt us?

Jesus never said to do the impossible. If we can be ready to see Jesus in those around us, to show his love to those who need it, or just be patient with other people's faults and weaknesses, we may not stop all wars, but we will be prepared for the coming of the Prince of Peace.

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

Parish Staff

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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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They shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
one nation shall not raise the sword against another.

Isaiah 2:4

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Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2019

Finding the Time

Dear Parishioners,

A few years ago I started a tradition of offering more hours for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. During the Advent Season I will be in the Confessional from 7-9pm Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. I will gladly stay longer any evening when there are people waiting to celebrate Reconciliation. While my primary reason for being in the Confessional is for the Sacrament, please know that if you would like to talk to me about anything I am there for you.

Finding the time to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation is an integral part of living a more complete life in Christ. Jesus waits for us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation to heal us of our sins and to strengthen us in our struggle to grow in holiness. It is very easy for us to delay celebrating the Sacrament because the experience of acknowledging our sins and then confessing them is uncomfortable.

The very fact that we sinned means we knew better and acted otherwise. While there is potential shame associated with sin, the good news is how much the Lord wants to free us. We will not find a greater advocate for our growth in holiness than Jesus Christ. He desires to help each of us recognize the

great gift of the Father's love. Reconciliation and Eucharist are the two lungs with which we breathe in the life of God, the Holy Spirit.

My hope is that the additional hours will provide you with a convenient time to celebrate the Sacrament. I also hope that if you have situations in your life that are more complicated, the additional times will provide you with the freedom to come in and not feel rushed. If you need 5 minutes or 50 to celebrate the Sacrament I am willing to make the time to be with you. More than anything is my desire to help you be more completely reconciled with God and confident in His love for you.

If it's been a while since you came to Confession, please know that I will do my best to walk you through the Sacrament. I pray and strive to remove any barriers and all excuses that prevent us from coming to God in this great gift of His healing grace. Eucharist is our most intimate experience of coming to Jesus. What can compare to receiving the Living God into our very bodies? Confession is our most personal response to His grace. What can compare to coming to God in our sorrow and leaving filled with joy?

Blessed Advent,

Fr. Tom

P.S. There will be nights where I am assisting at other parishes or attending Christmas celebrations and will not be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

1st Sunday of Advent-Year A

[Jesus said,] "If the owner of a house knew the time when the thief would come... he would stay awake. So then, you also must always be ready, because the Son of Man will come. when you are not expecting him."
Matthew 24:13-41

One day, while filing away papers, the secretary of President J. F. Kennedy found this note, written in the president's own hand. It read: "I know there is a God- and I see a storm coming. If he has a place for me, I believe that I am ready."

Jesus' warning to be ready and Kennedy's readiness to serve invite me to ask: How ready am I to put myself at God's service for whatever God may ask me to do?

I heard the Lord say, "Whom shall I send?". I answered, "I will go! Send me!" ISAIAH 6:8

Fr. Mark Link S.J. Action 2000

This Week at Home

Heavenly Duster: Judy Hendrix
Purificators: Clara Haas



Sunday, December 1—1st Sunday of Advent

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

Monday, December 2

St. Vincent de Paul, 6pm

Scouts, 6:30pm

Choir practice, church, 7pm

Tuesday, December 3

Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, 9am

Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am

Children's Choir practice, church, 7pm

Knights of Columbus officers, Founders Hall, 7pm

Wednesday, December 4

Contemporary practice, church, 5:30pm

PSR, Founders Hall/Weber Hall/Trailer, 6pm

Bible Study, Grand Hall, 6:15pm

Praise & Worship practice, church, 7pm

Reconciliation, 7pm

Thursday, December 5

Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9a,

Grand Hall being decorated for holidays

Youth Ministry, Founders Hall, 6:30pm

Yoga, Grand Hall foyer, 7pm

Friday, December 6

Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30—noon

Grand Hall being decorated for holidays

Saturday, December 7

Reconciliation, 8:45am

SVDP Food Pantry open 9-10:30am

Grand Hall being decorated for holidays

In His Hands Benefit, Grand Hall, 6pm

Sunday, December 8—2nd Sunday of Advent

Knights of Columbus Breakfast serving 8-11am

Immaculate Conception

Holy Day, Monday December 9

Masses at 8am and 7pm in Church



Gift Angels will be on the tree beginning this weekend, November 30/December 1. All gifts need to be returned to church no later than December 18 (some are marked for return before that date). Thanks to everyone who will participate in this yearly effort—your generosity helps give to others the joy of the Christmas season. God bless all of you!

Next Week Ministries

Ministry Schedule

December 7—4pm

EM: Ann Zaleuke, Wilma Zurweller, Sharon Hagan, Pat Roche, Wally & Jan Karase, Jan Jokisch-Messig, Bernie Pollihan

Lec: Pat Barnard, Jerry Knott

Music: Bryan Beams & cantor

GB: Scott & Barb Wilcox

Serv: Maggie & Morgan Molitor

Ush: Chris Cuddihee, Dave Hendrix, Tom Zaleuke, Bryan Potter

December 8—7:30am

EM: Julia Kettler, Kris Jenkins, Karen Wappelhorst, Joan Falbo, Betty Tuepker, Carol Rabbitt

Lec: Bob Leeker, Theresa Gross

Music: Elizabeth Jaeckle & Verdi Morley

GB: Bill & Jean Reed Bammann

Serv: Mary Grace & Janie Becker

Ush: Mark Gross, Frank Kardasz, Rich Scharf, Gary Potter

December 8—9:30am

EM: Bob Brossette, Steve Williams, Laura Holstein, Maureen Blondin, Kat Menne, Clara Haas, Donna Wolff, Alvina Fry

Lec: Chuck Hinkle, Ron Kutsko

Music: Choir

GB: Don & Susan Hladky

Serv: Sophia, Joe, Billy Simon

Ush: Curt Eccardt, Gary Struckhoff, Bob Caldwell, Alan Raymond, Dave Debold, Chuck Hinkle

December 8—11:30am

Volunteers for all ministries please

IHMformation Station

December 7, 4pm

Pat Roche

December 8, 7:30am

Bob & Teresa Berfanger

December 8, 9:30am

Bob & Yvonne Brossette

December 8, 11:30am

volunteers please

Youth Ministry

Janet Hespen, Youth Minister, 314-369-6521

CALENDAR

- Dec. 5: Youth Group meeting 6:30-8pm.
Christmas game night in Founders Hall
Come to fully understand the true meaning of Christmas
- Dec. 9: Holy Day 7pm Mass
- Dec. 19: Youth Group Christmas Party 5:30pm
and later to Fort Zumwalt Park to see the Christmas lights. RSVP to Janet by 12/10.

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 2	
8:00am	Parents of Jeff & Chris Comotto +
Tuesday, December 3	
8:00am	All Souls Patricio Ferronato
Wednesday, December 4	
8:00am	Frank Modder +
Thursday, December 5	
8:00am	Stan Nikonowicz +
Friday, December 6	
8:00am	Holy Vocations
Saturday, December 7	
8:00am	Bob Keune +
4:00pm	Ed Langford + Frank Modder +
Sunday, December 8	
7:30am	People of the Parish Steve Seper +
9:30am	Elizabeth Meier +
11:30am	Stanley Rozmirsky +

Contributions, November 23/24

will be reported next week

*"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."
(Matthew 24:42)*

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given. You begin to see God's active presence in your life.

We pray ... that we don't take each day for granted and see the little miracles that occur in our lives every day.

Christmas Quilt Sales

November 30/December 1 . . . December 7/8

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

Faith Formation
Opportunities at IHM

ADVENT EVENTS AT IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH

Mass:

Daily 8:00 am, Chapel
Saturday 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am (beginning 12/1/19)

Reconciliation:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 7-8:30 pm
Saturday after morning Mass, 8:45 am

Guest Speaker Dr. Tom Madden:

Professor of History at St. Louis University
Wednesday, December 4, 6:00 pm, Grand Hall

Bible Study

Weekly Readings Study with Shawn Mueller
Wednesdays after daily Mass (8:45 am), Weber Hall

Anointing of the Sick

After Masses on December 14/15

Rorate Caeli Mass

Monday, December 16, 6:45 am, Chapel

Adore - Adoration, Reconciliation, Praise & Worship

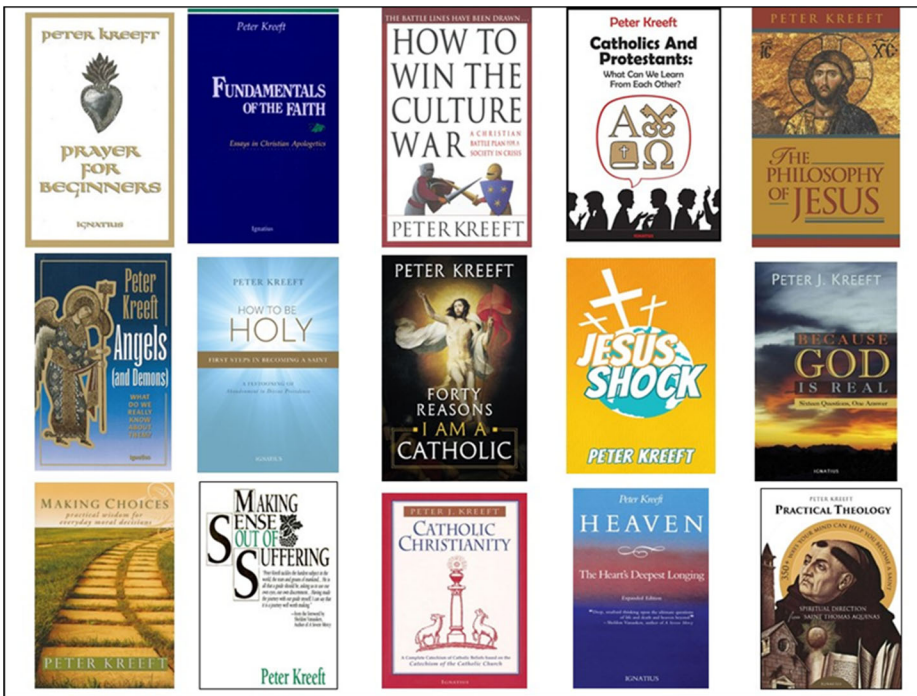
Wednesday, December 18, 6:30 pm



Dr. Peter Kreeft, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, and a 2020 Year of Vision

As a follow up to Dr. Kreeft's visit here and in line with the theme of 2020 as a "Year of Vision" we would like to invite members of the parish to take part in a study group, book club, faith group (whatever title works) taking a look at several of Dr. Kreeft's writings over the course of the year. We had asked him for suggestions for such groups and here is a list we have compiled. The plan is to start in January.

1. Prayer for Beginners
2. Catholics and Protestants: What Can We Learn from Each other
3. Fundamentals of the Faith
4. How to Be Holy
5. Jesus Shock
6. The Philosophy of Jesus
7. How to Win the Culture War
8. Heaven: The Heart's Deepest Longing
9. Because God is Real
10. Angels and Demons
11. Catholic Christianity
12. Making Choices
13. Forty Reasons I am Catholic
14. Practical Theology
15. How to Make Sense Out of Suffering



Would you be willing to host or be a participant of a group? We would like to get groups organized for all over the parish boundaries and also have groups meet here at Church. We can talk details once we get a list of folks interested. Some of these books can be found for free on the FORMED.org website as well. More to follow on that. In the meantime, please contact the parish office if you would be willing to be part of a group.



Formed & PSR Corner

December is traditionally and devotionally dedicated to the Immaculate Conception, which is ordinarily celebrated on December 8 but since it falls on a Sunday, the feast has been transferred to December 9. The first 24 days of December fall during the liturgical season known as of Advent and are represented by the liturgical color purple. The remaining days of December mark the beginning of the Christmas season. The liturgical color changes to white or gold — a symbol of joy, purity and innocence.



We welcome to our parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Samuel Richard Jackson
son of Ryan and Meghan (Barclay) Jackson

Carolyn Lucille Flaughter
daughter of Joseph and Lauren (Brohammer) Flaughter

Logan James Kohler
son of Tony and Hannah (Musket) Kohler

Ellis Lorraine Howton
daughter of Brad and Kayla (Schoenberger) Howton

Eloise Mae Karrenbrock
daughter of Greg and Becky (Coulter) Karrenbrock

Kennedy Grace Brauss
daughter of Tim and Elaine (Schoenberger) Brauss

Mabel Ella Payne-Loyd
daughter of Ben Loyd and Kara Dettmer

Kane Avery Vermette
son of Justil and Sarah (Tomaro) Vermette

Marian Council Christmas Celebration

Tickets on sale in the narthex

Tuesday, December 10

Grand Hall, doors open at 6pm

Festivities commence 6:30pm

\$5 pay in advance, reservation deadline Dec. 8



Featuring:

2 wine tickets per person
(additional tickets \$2 each)

50/50 raffle

Snacks, Salad & Dessert

Dinner: Cuisine by the Knights of Columbus



*In the spirit of the season, please donate a personal
or paper product for St. Vincent de Paul*

Needed at the Pantry

fruit juices (grape, apple, cran-something),
sugar, saltines, vegetable soup, creamed soup
(no tomato please), oil, tuna, canned chili,

beef stew, baked beans, hot and cold cereal, coffee,
peanut butter, canned fruits, tea, dish soap, paper products,
dry pastas (all types), canned spaghetti sauce, men's shaving
lotion, men/women disposable razors

There is an Advent spirit in the heart of every human
person. It is one of longing, of yearning for a fulfillment
that somehow lies beyond ourselves; for we long for the
coming of the Lord.

As you put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul collec-
tion, your heart will discover the true meaning of
Christmas as you help those who are suffering and
poor to long for the coming of the Lord.

The IHM/SVDP Conference has a wooden Prayer
Intention box available for your prayer inten-
tions, which is located in our narthex. The cards
and pen are in the side pocket of the box. By
leaving a prayer request, our SVDP members will
be praying for all who submit intentions. May
God Bless you and your families.



Candlelight Rorate Caeli Mass

6:45am Monday, December 16, St. Joseph Chapel

The **Rorate Caeli Mass** is a traditional Advent devotion in
which a Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary for
Advent is offered just before dawn, with no lighting oth-
er than candles on the altar, windowsills, and handheld.
Those who attend can expect to be rewarded with a
uniquely beautiful Mass.

The Mass takes its title, *Rorate Caeli* ("Drop down dew,
ye heavens") from the initial Latin words of Isaiah 45:8.
In the dimly lit setting, priest and faithful prepare to hon-
or the Light of the world, Who is soon to be born, and
offer praise to God for the gift of Our Lady. As the Mass
proceeds and sunrise approaches, the church becomes
progressively brighter, illumined by the sun as our Faith is
illumined by Christ.

We will have weekday Mass at 8am as usual.

Please pray for all the sick and suffering:

Ed Haas, Mark Hanna, Phyllis Zerr, Vickie Brink,
Sandy Knott, Mike & Pat Ryan, Carol Rabbitt,
Audrey Hueffmeier, Karla Sitzes, Fran Bussen, Vicky
Monroe, Nancy Hollenstein, Jean Bamert, Amy Robbins,
Betty Heppermann, Loretta Bruns, Cassie Potter, Kathy
Feldewerth, Frank Marquart

David & Lisa Debold (Dave & Pam DeBold's children),
Dave Asinger (brother-in-law of Larry & Rita Bendel),
Bob Holland (friend of Shirley Augustine),
Sherri Callahan (daughter of Vickie & Paul Grunz),
Peter Gray (son-in-law of Adrienne Collins),
Fred Brown (son-in-law of Bill & Bernie Pollihan),
Leon Burkemper (son of Carol Rabbitt),
Pam Knott (sister-in-law of Jerry & Sandy Knott),
Doris Eisenbath (mother of Judy Molitor),
Macy Enderle (niece of Ray & Kay Cherry),

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: Rita Langford at 636-398-4654 or email ri-
talangford4@gmail.com.

St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

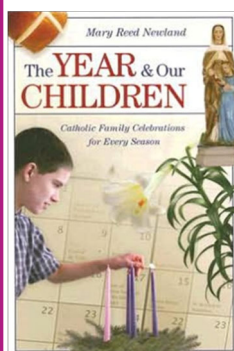
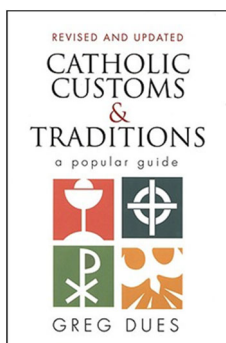
(Note: With close to 4000 items, the Parish Library is located in the Grand Hall past the restrooms. It is open during the week-normal business hours-and works on an honor system. Items from the Lighthouse CD rack are located and available in the Narthex.)

When did Advent originate?

What about all the other feasts of the liturgical year, the Catholic Customs and devotions.

Here's a helpful guide.

This newly revised, expanded edition answers the questions most commonly asked by both Catholics and non-Catholics. Dues outlines traditional Catholic religious history, gives an engaging overview of the rich variety of customs associated with Advent, Christmas, Holy Week, and Lent, and provides a thorough understanding of why Catholics practice their faith the way they do.



Does your family celebrate Advent? Looking for ideas on How to Celebrate Advent and the Liturgical Year at Home? Read *The Year and our Children* by Mary Reed Newland: For over half a century, Catholic families have treasured the practical piety and homespun wisdom of this book, which has become classic of domestic spirituality. With this new edition, you can again enjoy Mary Reed Newland's faithful insights,

gentle lessons, and delightful stories. They're all here, and ready to be shared with your family or homeschooling group. Here, too, you'll find prayers, crafts, family activities, litanies, and recipes that will help make your children ever-mindful of the beautiful rhythm of the Church calendar.

**See's
CANDIES**

Marian Council is selling See's Candy as a fundraiser: \$21/lb for Milk or Dark Chocolate, Assorted Chocolate, Nuts and Chews, Toffee-ettes and 1½ pound box of peanut brittle. It's great for holiday hostess gifts, Christmas gifts, corporate gifts. Contact Jackie at 314-761-6127 to place your order, or after weekend Masses. Proceeds benefit local families' charities and the Parish.



Birthright Christmas Cards

The Pro-Life Committee will be selling Birthright Christmas cards after all Masses this weekend.

The cards come 10 in a package for \$3.

Please consider supporting Birthright when planning your Christmas card purchases.



Celebration of Life Banquet

sponsored by Missouri Right to Life

Sunday, December 8

Orlando's Event Center

2050 Dorsett Village Plaza, Maryland Heights

**Champion for Life Award:
United States Senator Roy Blunt**

Guest Speaker: Claire Culwell

Claire is an abortion survivor. her twin did not survive. She's a mom, adoptive daughter, daughter, and pro-life advocate. Her story is full of hope, forgiveness, and love!

**Reservations may be made at
www.easternregionmrl.org/dinner**

Tickets to attend Celebration of Life 2019 are complimentary, however guests will have an opportunity to make a gift at the event. If you would like to sit at a parish table, contact Bill Winters, 636-828-4133.

March For Life 2020- Registration Now Open

MISSOURI LIFE CARAVAN is now accepting registrations for our bus trip to the annual March for Life in Washington DC on **Thursday thru Saturday, January 23-25, 2020.** Until all life is protected, we will travel to DC to meet with our representatives and peacefully protest against the Supreme Court's decision to legalize abortion. This trip is open to anyone ages 7 and up (chaperones not provided). We depart from several locations in the St. Louis area and we do not stay in hotels as we sleep on the buses. The cost if received by December 20 is \$205, after is \$220. For more information and to register:

www.missourilifecaravan.org.

Contact us at 314-434-4900 or

mrl.eastern@yahoo.com.

Registration deadline; January 2, 2020.





*Benefit
Christmas Celebration
for Orphans
Saturday, December 7,
6pm in the Grand Hall*

Please join us for an evening of Christmas music and dinner. All funds will benefit "In His Hands Orphans" Charity. Tickets: \$50 per person or \$400/table of 8. To register, contact Linda at inhishandsorphans.org or 636-399-6259.

In His Hands is committed to creating lasting change for vulnerable children in communities around the world. We are a ministry desiring to serve as His hands here on earth; sharing the heart of Christ with the unloved, unwanted and forgotten.



**Pope's Intentions for December:
The Future of the Very Young**

That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

✝ *Rest in Peace* ✝

We offer our prayerful sympathy to rest in the eternal peace of Christ.

Leander Bax

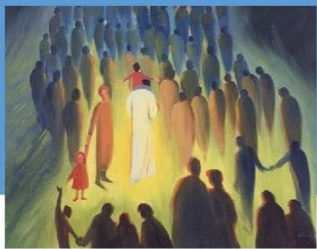
brother-in-law of Sophia Bax

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

Readings of the Week

Mon: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tue: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wed: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thu: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Fri: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Sat: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Jonah Team 9:30 Giving Tree: Return gifts 	2 SVDP, 6p Scouts, FH/Tr, 6:30p Choir, Ch, 7p	3 Legion of Mary, WH, 9a Fitness class, GHf, 9a KC officers, FH, 7p Children's Choir, Ch, 7p	4 Bible Study, WH, 8:45a Contemporary Gp, Church, 5:30p PSR, FH/WH/Tr, 6p Bible Study, GH, 6:15p P&W, Ch, 7p	5 Fitness class, GHf, 9a Youth Ministry, FH, 6:30p Decorate GH	6 Quilting, WH, 8:30a Decorate GH	7 Reconciliation, 8:45 Food Pantry open 9-10:30a Orphan Benefit, GH, 6p
Reconciliation, 7p						
8 KC Breakfast, FH, 8-11a 	9 Scouts, FH/Tr, 6:30p	10 Legion of Mary, WH, 9a Fitness class, GHf, 9a Marian Council Christmas Party, 6p Children's Choir, Ch, 7p	11 Bible Study, WH, 8:45a Contemporary Gp, Church, 5:30p PSR, FH/WH/Tr, 6p Bible Study, GH, 6:15p P&W, Ch, 7p	12 Fitness class, GHf, 9a Choir, Ch, 7p	13 Quilting, WH, 8:30a	14 Reconciliation, 8:45 Anointing 4p
Reconciliation, 7p						
15 Anointings after Masses SVDP Christmas Party, WH, 4p 	16 Rorate Caeli Mass, 6:45 in the chapel SVDP, 6p Scouts, FH/Tr, 6:30p Choir, Ch, 7p	17 Legion of Mary WH, 9a Fitness class, GHf, 9a KC Christmas Party, GH, 6p Children's Choir, Ch, 7p	18 Bible Study, WH, 8:45a Outreach, WH, 1p PSR, FH/WH/Tr, 6p Bible Study, GH, 6:15pm ADORE, 6:30p	19 Fitness class, GHf, 9a Youth Ministry Christmas Party, GH, 5:30p Choir, Ch, 7p	20 Quilting, WH, 8:30a	21 Reconciliation, 8:45 Food Pantry open 9-10:30a
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22 	23 Scouts, FH/Tr, 6:30p Choir, Ch, 7p Baptismal Prep, WH, 7p Reconciliation, 7p	24 Masses: 4pm, Midnight 	25 Mass: 10am	26 Church office closed Fitness class, GHf, 9a	27 Quilting, WH, 8:30a	28 Reconciliation, 8:45
29 	30 Scouts, FH/Tr, 6:30p	31 Holy Day Masses watch for times				

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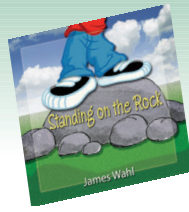
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