



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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Website: www.ihm-newmelle.org

Deliveries only address: 8 West Highway D, New Melle, MO 63365

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:

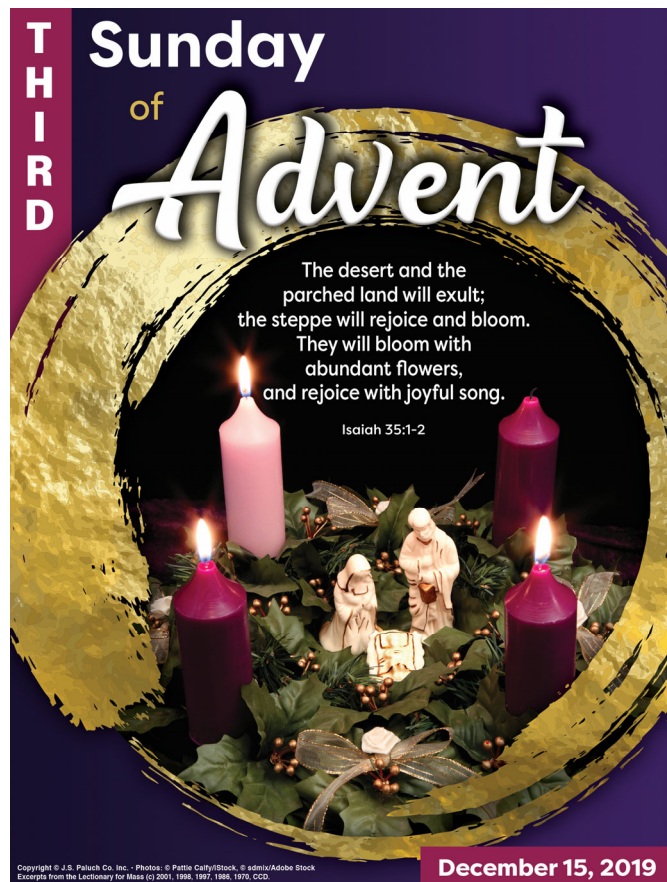
Contact the parish office
at least six months prior to the wedding

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



The Prophet's Profit

If you read the books of the prophets in the Old Testament, you might notice that prophets were not very popular. Most were killed or exiled because they challenged people (especially the rulers of the people) to follow the commands of God. John the Baptist, who could be called the last Old Testament prophet and the first prophet of the New Testament, suffered in the same way. So what kept the prophets going?

First of all, they had faith in God. They believed that God spoke through them, and they believed that the people must obey God's commandments faithfully and love the Lord above all things. They had faith that God would protect them and support them, and that God's promises would always be kept.

Second, they had patience. They kept going when people rejected their

preaching. They patiently waited for God to keep those promises, sometimes for the rest of their lives. Some prophets had to be patient with their own weaknesses or their failure to change the behavior of the people of Israel.

The third gift of the prophets was hope, hope that by keeping God's commands, God's people would be renewed, along with all of creation. Our first reading is an example of such hope, with its descriptions of deserts becoming gardens and the sick and disabled being healed and strengthened.

So what do we learn from those prophets? First, we need to keep our faith in God strong. If you go to church once a week, the bare minimum, it would be like exercising only once a week and thinking that will keep you in shape. Prayer, for our spiritual health, is

an exercise just as important as aerobics for physical health.

Second, we need patience, and not just with our kids. We need to be patient with ourselves and with God. Some people stop going to church because they don't see any spiritual growth in themselves. So be patient; don't expect to become a saint right away. Sometimes even saints could not see their own spiritual growth.

Finally, the gift of hope helps us be patient because we trust that God's promises will be kept and God will give us whatever we need. The reading from Isaiah gives us hope that God will open our eyes of faith, clear our ears to hear God's word (Isaiah 35:5), and "meet him with joy and gladness" (Isaiah 35:10).

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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

Weddings, Receptions, Events

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Prayer and Devotion

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Legion of Mary	
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Liturgical Ministries

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Cemetery Committee	
Mark Keune	314-220-7075
Dinner Committee	
Jeff Comotto	314-570-6972
Funeral Lunches	
Carol Grady	314-662-2281
Ruth Neske	636-398-5699
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Ruth Willis	636-398-4597
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Chuck Hinkle	636-544-6639
Cub Scouts: Adam McCarthy	636-634-7622
Boy Scouts: Chad Peters	314-807-7177
St. Vincent de Paul	
Joe Willis	636-398-2106
Welcoming Committee	
Teresa Berfanger	636-398-5565

The desert and the parched land will exult;
the steppe will rejoice and bloom.
They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song.

Isaiah 35:1-2

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THIRD

Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019

Rejoice With Joyful Song!

Dear Parishioners,

Rejoice! I say it again rejoice! Those words from St. Paul set the tone for this Sunday and the remaining days of Advent. We are called to rejoice in God's providential goodness revealed in the flesh in Jesus Christ. While we long for His coming in glory, we now turn our hearts to remembering His first coming in the flesh.

Taking our cues from the rose colored vestments, Gaudete Sunday invites us to rejoice that our redemption is near at hand. While the 3rd Sunday of Advent marks this change in focus, it becomes more evident on the 17th of December when we begin using the "O Antiphons" at Mass. As Advent approaches

Jesus Christ, and the Church constantly invites and exhorts us to make Jesus the center of our lives.

The importance of "O Antiphons" is twofold: Each one highlights a title for the Messiah: O Sapientia (O Wisdom), O Adonai (O Lord), O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse), O Clavis David (O Key of David), O Oriens (O Rising Sun), O Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations), and O Emmanuel. Also, each one refers to the prophecy of Isaiah of the coming of the Messiah. If one starts with the last title and takes the first letter of each one - Emmanuel, Rex, Oriens, Clavis, Radix, Adonai, Sapientia - the Latin words **ero cras** are formed, meaning, "**Tomorrow, I will come.**" Therefore, the Lord Jesus, whose coming we have prepared for in Advent and whom we have addressed in these seven Messianic titles, now speaks to us. In speaking to us, He is preparing us to receive Him with hearts enlarged by gratitude and emptied of selfish concerns.

Blessed Advent,

Fr. Tom

its final days we are invited each day to prayerfully reflect upon specific titles of the Messiah. Salvation history is centered on the person of

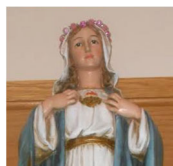
As we prepare for Christmas, please join me in thanking our Marian Council for our beautiful Nativity set at the entrance to our grounds. This beautiful arrangement of the Nativity can deepen our meditation in the mystery of Our Lord's Incarnation. As a devotional act, the church invites us to be filled with wonder and awe at the coming of her Savior and Lord.

May thanks to the members of our Youth Group for arranging the Nativity scene. We are thankful for their service and dedication to our parish family. Christmas is a time for all ages to explore the beauty and fullness of our faith.



This Week at Home

Heavenly Duster: Carolyn Schellert
Purificators: June Spiess



Please welcome Seminarian Bryce Weindel
who will speak at all the Masses
to promote the Christmas Collection

Sunday, December 15—3rd Sunday of Advent

Anointings after all Masses.

SVDP, Weber Hall, 4pm

All Giving Tree gifts to be returned

Monday, December 16

Rorate Caeli Candlelight Mass, 6:45am

SVDP, 6pm

Scouts, 6:30pm

Choir practice, church, 7pm

Reconciliation, 7pm

Tuesday, December 17

Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, 9am

Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am

Children's Choir practice, church, 7pm

KC Men's Christmas Party, Grand Hall, 6pm

Wednesday, December 18

Sunday readings study, Weber Hall, 8:45am

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

Bible Study, Grand Hall, 6:15pm

ADORE, Church, 6:30pm

Reconciliation, 7pm

Thursday, December 19

Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am

Youth Ministry, Grand Hall, 5:30pm

Choir practice, church, 7pm

Friday, December 20

Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30—noon

Saturday, December 21

Reconciliation, 8:45am

Food Pantry open from 9-10:30am

Sunday, December 22

Please help us decorate church at 12:45am

Thanks to all who come to help!



Warm Clothing Collection

IHM will collect blankets, winter coats, sweaters, sweat-shirts, hats, gloves, scarves or any warm clothing until December 22. Please put your new or gently used clothing donations in the container by Weber Hall. Thanks in advance for your care and consideration.

Next Week Ministries

December 21—4pm

EM: Karen Wilson, Bryan Potter, Ann Zaleuke, Judy Cova, Ed Etzkorn, Joan Falbo, Jim & Chris Warren

Lec: Mike Greene, Nancy Ast

Music: Bryan Beams & Cantor

GB: Larry & Amy Molitor

Serv: Colten, Camden, Cienna Genta

Ush: Bill Pollihan, Tom Zaleuke, Chris Cuddihee, Dave Hendrix

December 22—7:30am

EM: Peggy Dupree, Bob Brossette, Julia Kettler, Becky Wilson, Maureen Blondin, Mary Hardesty

Lec: Chuck Kettler, Yvonne Brossette

Music: Elizabeth Jaeckle & Verdi Morley

GB: Rosemary Marquart, Dot Welge

Serv: Daniel & David Vehige

Ush: Mike Hardesty, Mike Stassi, Rich Molitor, Larry Koch

December 22—9:30am

EM: Mary Simpson, Terry & Marcia Schneider, Patrice Riley, Walter, Nancy & Walt Hollenstein, Lisa Murphy, Janet Hespen

Lec: Jackie Dunn, Bill Winters

Music: Contemporary Choir

GB: Michelle, Paige, Genny Greiwe

Serv: Mary Grace & Janie Becker, Jack Lyons

Ush: Bob Gray, Brian Corrigan, Alan Raymond, Bob Hutchcraft, Curt Eccardt, Gary Struckhoff

December 22—11:30am

Volunteers for all ministries please

IHM Information Station

December 21, 4pm Ed & Marcia Etzkorn

December 22, 7:30am Maureen Blondin

December 22 9:30am Michelle Greiwe

December 22, 11:30am volunteers please

✠ *Rest in Peace* ✠

We offer our prayerful sympathy on the passing of

Jack Maschmeyer

dear friend of Ed Etzkorn

Kathy Reininger

daughter of Mary Ann Vehige
and sister of Tom and Kelly Vehiges

Frank Wolinski

husband of Marie Wolinski

Margie Scholle

aunt of Sue and Paul McNeill

Jerry Schmitz

brother of Jim and Barb Schmitz

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



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 other 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 honor 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.

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 16

6:45am int. of Peggy Miller
8:00am Jim Elfrink +
int. of Tina Meyer

Tuesday, December 17

8:00am int. of Roger & Vickie Brink

Wednesday, December 18

8:00am Tom Holstein +

Thursday, December 19

8:00am All Souls
Ed Langford

Friday, December 20

8:00am Roy Miller +

Saturday, December 21

8:00am Frank Cherry +
4:00pm People of the Parish
Bud Kellems +

Sunday, December 22

7:30am All Souls
Josephine Seper +
9:30am Ignatius & Mary Keeven +
11:30am Cy & Al Bamert +

Contributions, December 7/8

General Offertory:	\$25,098.61
Online – General Offertory:	\$4,961.19
TOTAL	\$30,059.80

*"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand."
(James 5:8)*

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer we better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

We pray ... that through daily prayer we gain patience and align ourselves with God and His plan for us.



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.

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

ADVENT EVENTS AT IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH

Mass:

Daily 8:00am, Chapel
Saturday 4:00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am

Reconciliation:

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

Bible Study:

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

Anointing of the Sick:

After Masses on December 14/15

Rorate Caeli Mass:

Monday, December 16, 6:45am, Chapel

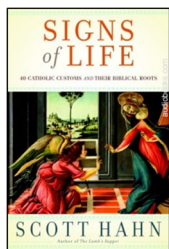
ADORE—Adoration, Reconciliation, Praise & Worship
Wednesday, December 18, 6:30pm

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.

Formed.org Offers Great Programs for Advent and Beyond

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish has purchased a subscription for every person in the parish boundaries. Go to www.ihm-newmelle.formed.org

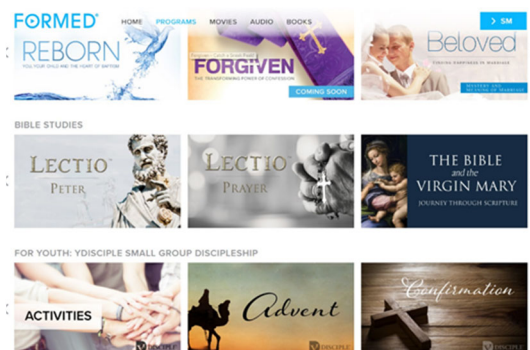


FROM THE PARISH LIBRARY (GRAND HALL)

(From a review on Amazon) I don't know who would benefit most from this book: cradle Catholics who have become stagnant in their worship practices or non-Catholics seeking to understand why Catholics do what they do. No matter which group you might fit into, there's plenty of enriching information for everyone in this book.

Hahn is able to take 40 of the most common Catholic traditions and explain the Biblical foundation for the practice. He also includes information from leading theologians and first-hand accounts from his own experience. As a life-long Catholic and participant in numerous Catechism classes and Bible studies, I thought I knew it all. But Hahn opened my eyes and heart to the symbols of my Faith in ways I had never considered.

Some of the customs he discusses are: Holy Water, the Sign of the Cross, Baptism, the Mass, Guardian Angels, the Liturgical Calendar, Novenas, posture, Morning Offering, the Angelus, Examination of Conscience, Bible Study, Spiritual Reading, Retreat, Confirmation, Marriage, Priesthood, Anointing of the Sick, Incense, Candles, Fasting, Confession, Indulgences, Intercession of the Saints, Pilgrimages, Almsgiving, The Trinity, the Rosary, Scapulars and Medals, the Tabernacle, Preparation for Death, and Prayers for the Dead.

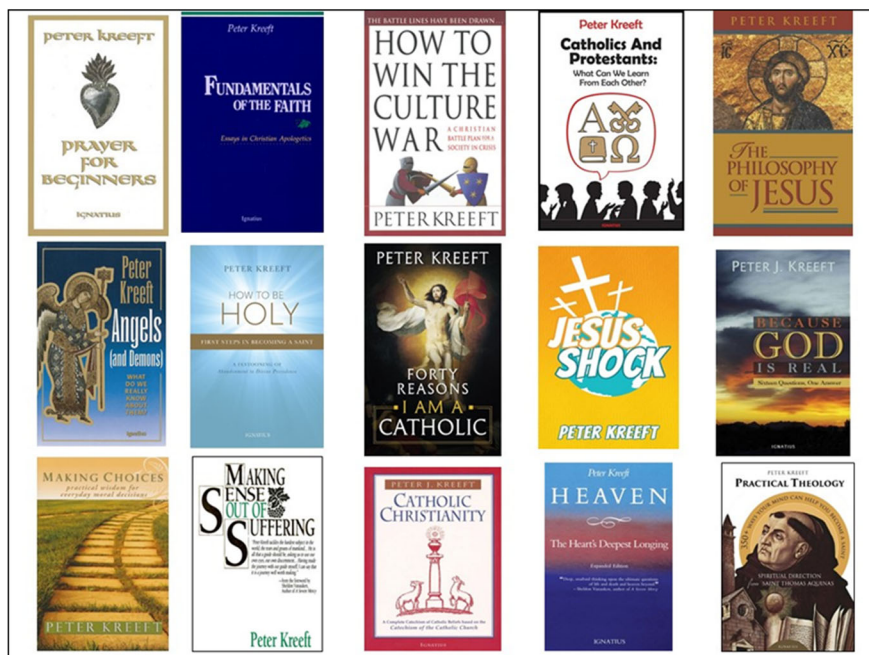


Dr. Peter Kreeft,

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.

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



In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that the good news can be seen, touched, felt and heard through the lives of God's people. We are now charged to take up the ministry of Jesus, but we can't just ask people to take our word for it; our actions must speak for us.

Since Christmas is a time of love and gift giving, please share in Jesus' ministry by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who are poor can know the good news of Jesus.

The IHM/SVDP Conference has a wooden Prayer Intention box available for your prayer intentions, 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.

Please pray for all the sick and suffering:

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

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), Mary Louise Ricciotti (mom of Donna Cattoor)

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 ritalangford4@gmail.com.



Janet Hespen, Youth Minister, 314-369-6521

CALENDAR

- 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.
- Dec. 25: Merry Christmas! Happy Birthday Jesus! Everyone enjoy your loved ones!
- Jan. 2: Youth Group meeting 6:30pm in the Grand Hall. Luke 18 planning info. New beginnings theme.
- Jan. 9: Pro Life chaperone meeting, 7pm, Rigali Center
- Jan. 16: Youth Group meeting, 6:30—8pm
Pizza Night

Dear IHM Parishioners:

Your support of our youth is overwhelming! Between the Marian Council, Knights of Columbus and the Christmas fundraiser we did on December 8, we have reached our goals to get to Washington DC for the pro-life March. We thank you all for your help. We had lots of parishioners who gave nice donations and asked for nothing in return. That says a lot about the wonderful Parish family we have. All we ask now are prayers for safe travels to and from DC. With much appreciation we thank you all.

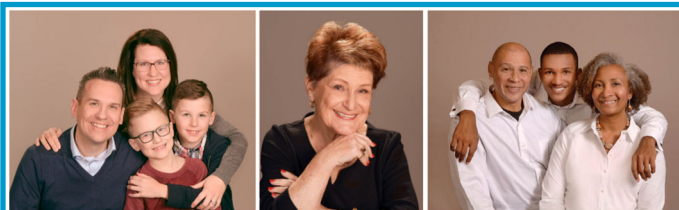
Mary Becker
Julia Joerling
Sophia and Jessica Simon
Sophia Owens
Janet Hespen

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

Readings of the Week

Mon: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tue: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Wed: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Thu: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17;
Lk 1:5-25
Fri: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Sat: Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Sun: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

NAR-ANON SUPPORT GROUP: Weekly meetings on
Saturdays, 10:00 am in the Trailer at IHM.



Save the date

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

Photography dates: February 18—22
February 26—29

Lifetouch

Reminder—2020 March for Life in Washington, DC

with Missouri Life Caravan - ages 7 to 107

January 23/24/25, 2020—Thursday/Friday/Saturday

Discounted pricing (\$205) through December 20

After December 20 the cost is \$220

Buses depart from several areas throughout St. Louis.

Registration deadline; January 2, 2020

Register online or download the form: www.MissouriLifeCaravan.org

314-434-4900 / mrl.eastern@yahoo.com



What's Your Catholic Catechism IQ?

- Deacons also assist at blessing marriages, in proclaiming the Gospel and in _____, and in presiding over funerals.
a. preaching b. parish dinners c. fund raisers d. stations of the cross
- The _____ diaconate, which can be conferred on married men, constitutes an important enrichment for the Church's mission.
a. local b. permanent c. transitional d. universal
- The essential rite of the sacrament of Holy Orders consists in the bishop's imposition of hands on the _____ of the ordinand.
a. hands b. head c. feet d. shoulders
- The rite also consists in the bishop's specific consecratory prayer asking God for the outpouring of the _____ and His gifts proper to the ministry.
a. oil container b. treasury c. heavenly rain d. Holy Spirit
- Christ has not forsaken His flock but guides it still through these same pastors who _____ His work today.
a. stifle b. obstruct c. continue d. inhibit
- It is for the bishops as the _____ of the Apostles to hand on the gift of the Spirit, the Apostolic line.
a. friends b. keepers c. successors d. followers
- Validly ordained bishops in the line of _____ succession validly confer the sacrament of Holy Orders.
a. Catholic b. one c. apostolic d. holy
- Only a baptized _____ validly receives sacred Ordination.
a. celibate b. man c. seminarian d. deacon
- The Lord Jesus chose men to form the college of _____, and they did the same when they chose collaborators to succeed them.
a. cardinals b. apostles c. priests d. bishops
- The Church recognizes herself to be bound by this choice made by the Lord Himself. For this reason for the ordination of _____ is not possible.
a. married men b. women c. older men d. young men



One of the highlights of the Dr. Kreeft visit was that we arranged it for some of the seminarians of the Archdiocese to meet and have dinner with him in the Grand Hall after the event. These gents were very thankful for the opportunity as expressed in a thank you card that was sent to us back at the parish. The card read:

Thank you so much for hosting the Peter Kreeft talk at IHM and for your great hospitality to all of us through the whole time! Thank you especially for providing the dinner and giving each of us the opportunity to ask Dr. Kreeft ques-

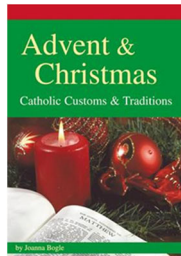
tions. I know each of us was impressed and quite touched by the attention shown to us by yourself and the members of the parish community. Please also know the deep impact that speaking with Dr. Kreeft had on each of us. We drove home with hearts burning with desire and motivation to be holy priests. We will certainly treasure this experience for years to come. Once again, be assured of our immense gratitude and of our prayers for you and for your parish.

(They each personally signed their names)



Formed & PSR Corner

December is traditionally and devotionally dedicated to the Immaculate Conception. The first 24 days of December fall during the liturgical season known as 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. How will your family celebrate Advent?



3rd Sunday of Advent - Year A

[Jesus said of John the Baptist,] "John is the one of whom the scripture says: 'God said, I will send my messenger ahead of you to open the way for you.'" Matthew 11:10

The prophet Malachi foretold that God would send a forerunner "like the prophet Elijah" (Luke 1:17) to prepare for the Messiah's coming. John is that forerunner. His instructions to people are simple: "Turn away from your sins" (Luke 3:3).

John's words still apply today. The first step in preparing for the coming of Jesus into my life is to turn away from my sins. If I turn away from them, Jesus will begin to enter into my life in a way that I never dreamed to be possible.

Jesus said, "Listen! I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come into his house and eat with him."

(Revelation 3:20)

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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.

Invitation to Surviving Divorce

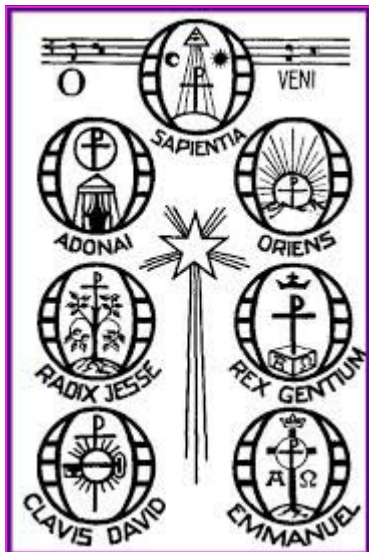
The holidays can be difficult for divorced and separated families. Make your healing a priority in the new year by attending **Surviving Divorce**. The 12-week program follows lay men and women on the journey to true healing, along with Catholic experts who address denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, the kids, the ex-spouse, spirituality, annulment and much more. Immaculate Conception—Dardenne is hosting the program beginning January 8. There is a \$25 fee which will cover all materials needed. (*Scholarships are available for anyone.*) Contact Debi at debijo@att.net.

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Catholic IQ Answers

The "O" Antiphons

The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the *Magnificat* canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Com!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.



December 17 (Sapientia)—O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18 (Adonai)—O leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19 (Radix Jesse)—O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!

December 20 (Clavis David) - O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21 (Oriens) - O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death!

December 22 (Rex Gentium) - O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and same man, whom you formed from the dust!

December 23 (Emmanuel) - O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!

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.

Please pray for our troops:

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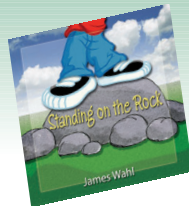
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