



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

Mailing Address: P. O. Box 100 \* New Melle, MO 63365

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

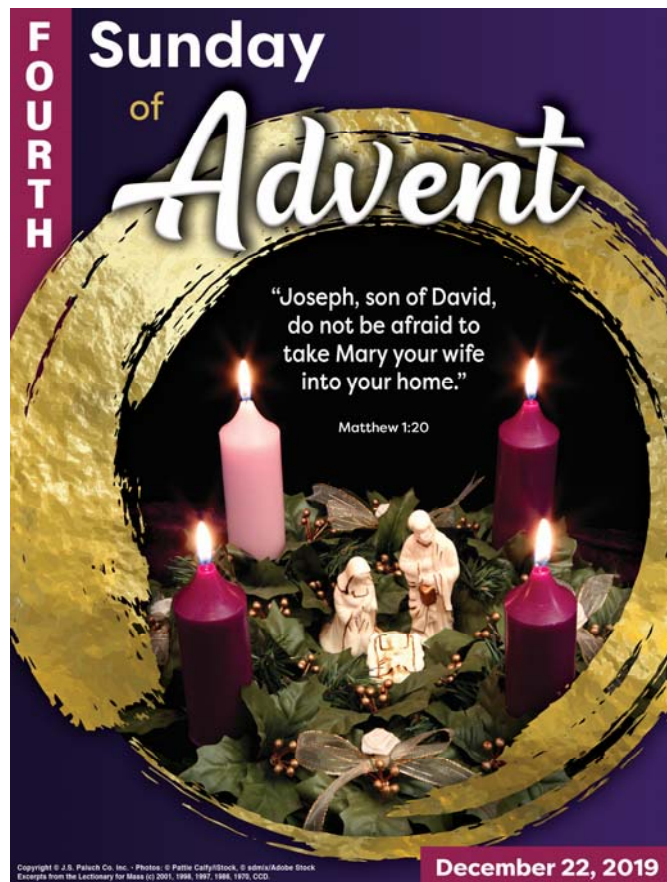
Contact the parish office  
at least six months prior to the wedding

### 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



## Emmanuel

On this last Sunday before Christmas, we see that Jesus' birth is the fulfillment of the promise of Emmanuel, "God is with us" (Matthew 1:23). The Gospel refers to the first reading from Isaiah. There we see the king of Judah, Ahaz, under attack by the kings of Aram and Israel. He wants to ask the Assyrians for help instead of relying on God. That's why he says, "I will not tempt the Lord" (Isaiah 7:12). He is afraid to admit his lack of faith. So the weakness of Ahaz gives us the wonderful prophecy of the birth of Jesus. Ahaz, of course, did not understand the full meaning of that prophecy. For him, the prophecy meant the destruction of Judah.

In the Gospel, Joseph also does not understand how Mary came to

be pregnant. But unlike Ahaz, Joseph did have faith in God and the message of the angel. He took Mary as his wife and helped her through her pregnancy and in raising Jesus afterwards. His faith in God kept Jesus from being murdered by Herod after the magi's visit.

So now we have to choose whom to rely on. Do I act like Ahaz, relying on worldly powers, or like Joseph, who trusted the Lord? I would like to say that I trust in the Lord only. But if I look at my actions and priorities, I might be more like Ahaz than I want to admit.

How much time do I spend watching television (especially now that it's in HD) compared to time in prayer? How much time do I spend

reading the scriptures compared to the newspaper or magazines? How much do I spend on Christmas decorations or gifts for my family, compared to what I give to the Church? If I really believe that "God is with us," which is what Christmas is all about, how much of God can people see in my actions?

Maybe if we kept in mind that promise that God *is* with us—in the baptism we received and the sacraments of the Church, and in the love of our spouse or parents—we could see how close God really is, and let others see in our actions that Jesus is Emmanuel.

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

## Parish Staff

Parish Office: 636-398-5270

Fr. Tom Miller, Pastor *askpadre@aol.com*  
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Janet Hespen, Youth Leader *janethspn@outlook.com*  
Karen Wappelhorst, Child Safety Coordinator  
*childsafety@ihm-newmelle.org*

## Religious Education

Shawn Mueller, Director

636-398-5270, *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

Pat Gentry, Hall Rental	636-398-5270
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Jean Hitt, Wedding Coordinator	636-987-2131
Joan Marren-Slaughter, Event Coordinator	636-398-5270
Mary Keune, Event Coordinator	636-398-5270

### Prayer and Devotion

Eucharistic Adoration	
Shawn Mueller	636-398-5270
Legion of Mary	
Maria Romine-Kantor	314-614-0857
Prayer Chain	
Brenda Hutchcraft	636-248-8493
Prayer Intercession/Jonah Team	
Debbie Gillespie	636-398-4971
Prayer Shawl Ministry	
Julia Kettler	314-616-0096

### Liturgical Ministries

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Altar Society	
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Bryan Beams	636-398-5270
Contemporary Music Group	
Debbie Gillespie	636-398-4971

### Youth and Young Adults

High School Youth Leader	
Janet Hespen	314-369-6521
Young Adults	
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### Parish Organizations

Art & Environment	
Mary Karll	636-433-5049
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Cemetery Committee	
Mark Keune	314-220-7075
Dinner Committee	
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Funeral Lunches	
Carol Grady	314-662-2281
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Golden Hearts	
Dave London	636-398-8665
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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

## *Blessed and Merry Christmas!*

Dear parishioners,

On behalf of all of the staff I wish you and your families a very Blessed and Merry Christmas! As we gather to celebrate Christmas let us reflect the uniqueness of our faith as Christians. We celebrate the mystery of God made flesh. While we joyfully reflect upon that first Christmas when the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph received the newborn Christ, we are reminded by the Gospel of St. John that Jesus is God's eternal Word. The Word was with God in the beginning and all that is came to be through God's Word and the working of the Holy Spirit.

Alone among the religions of the world, we as Christians celebrate the profound intimacy of our God who became like us in all things but sin. We celebrate our faith in one God who is a community of Persons that overflows with abundant creative life and love. Our creation is the fruit of that abundant creative love. No necessity, no hidden desire or motive, no need "caused" creation other than the overflowing nature of Trinitarian love. God creates us to share in His life, and gave us revelation and faith to form that life. It's hard to grasp or even begin to appreciate a love like that because all of our "loves" bear some weight of need and necessity. In God's



love there is no need or necessity but only desire for the beloved. Ever so slowly we pray that such love will transform us humbly and in subtle ways into the likeness of the One who loves us.

As Catholics we not only share in the profound intimacy of our God with our brothers and sisters of Christian belief, we also

acknowledge that God comes to us in the Eucharist. Few experiences are meant to be more intimate than holding the Lord in our hands, being fed by His Body and Blood, and experiencing the mystery of communion upon our reception of Him. May we accept the invitation to come to the altar, to open our ears to God's loving truth in Scripture, to praise the Father for the gift of His Son, to offer ourselves in union with Jesus, and to implore the Holy Spirit to give us the Body and Blood of Jesus while forming us into active members of the Body of Christ. Like the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph we are privileged to welcome, behold and receive the Son of God. We receive Him in humility and cradle Him in gratitude.

Oh come let us adore Him!

Merry Christmas!

*Fr. Tom*

## *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent: Year A*

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying: Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God; let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky! But Ahaz answered, "I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!" (Isaiah 7:10)

Ahaz is in fear and lacks hope. A prophet is sent to increase his faith and tells him to ask for a sign. Ahaz cops-out saying, "I will not tempt the Lord."

Have you ever asked for a sign in the midst of a crisis or situation in life? Do you have such faith, or do you think this goes against, "Thou shalt not put the Lord to the test?" Do you give God a pious nod but really think it's up man to make a change?

Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God; let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky!

## *This Week at Home*

Purificators: June Spiess

Sunday, December 22

Please help us decorate church at 12:45am

Warm Clothing Collection—last day

Monday, December 23

Scouts, 6:30pm

Choir practice, church, 7pm

**Reconciliation, 7pm—last chance before Christmas!**

Tuesday, December 24

Mass Schedule: 4pm and

Midnight (doors open at 11)

Wednesday, December 25

Mass at 10am

Thursday, December 26

Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am

Church office closed

Friday, December 27

Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30—noon

Saturday, December 28

Reconciliation, 8:45am



## *Christmas Ministries*

**December 24—4pm**

EM: Becky Wilson, Donna Cuddihee, Pat Roche, Michelle Greiwe, Janet Hespen, Steve Williams, Ed Etzkorn, Dianne Dickherber **need 4 more**

Lec: Sharon Hagan, Erin Jaeckle

GB: Vanita Joerling, Janna Joerling

Serv: Emilia Petrik, Isabella Czuchna, William Fredrick

Ush: Dave Hendrix, Chris Cuddihee, Joe Spiess, **need 3 more**

**December 24/25—Midnight**

EM: Peggy Dupree, Jan Kardasz, Mary Hannig, Pat Gentry, Kris Jenkins, Laura Orf, Donna Wolff

Lec: Emily Jaeckle, Joe Willis

GB: John & Denise Bossert

Serv: Connor Jaeckle, **need 3 more**

Ush: Gary Struckhoff, Larry Graves, **need 2 more**

**December 25—10:00**

EM: Marcy Pivin, Sharon Smith, Patrice Riley, Mary Busby-Simpson, Alvina Fry, Cheryl Gray

Lec: Grant Smith, Jackie Dunn

GB: Flo Joerling, Linda Stark

Serv: Nate Buescher, **need 2 more**

Ush: Bob Gray, George Stark, Dave London, Tim Maher

## *Next Week Ministries*

**December 28—4pm**

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

Lec: Jackie Dunn, Joe Willis

Music: Bryan Beams & Cantor

GB: Andy & Barb Pope

Serv: Alex & Maria McCarthy

Ush: Bryan Potter, Larry Graves, Joe Spiess, Jerry Braden

**December 29—7:30am**

EM: Rich Molitor, Karen Wappelhorst, Carol Rabbitt, Betty Tuepker, Bob Leeker, Becky Wilson

Lec: Teresa Gross, Kris Jenkins

Music: Elizabeth Jaeckle & Verdi Morley

GB: Mike & Mary Hardesty

Serv: Bridget Goins, Sydney Jaeckle

Ush: Tom Meczowski, Rick Scharf, Mark Gross, Frank Kardasz

**December 29—9:30am**

EM: Mary Keune, Laura Orf, Pat Gentry, Kris Preuss, Amy Brinkmann, Donna Wolff, Judeen Kutsko, Mary Hannig

Lec: Kat & Chris Menne

Music: Choir

GB: Steve & Trish Williams

Serv: Brody & Ashlyn Stafford, Emilia Petrik

Ush: Dave DeBold, Chuck Hinkle, Stan Kostecki, Bob Caldwell, Chris & Adam Molitor

**December 29**

*Volunteers for all ministries please*

## ✠ *Rest in Peace* ✠

We offer our prayerful sympathy on the passing of

**Margie Scholle**

aunt of Sue and Paul McNeill

**Jerry Schmitz**

brother of Jim and Barb Schmitz

**Ed Haas**

husband of Clara Haas

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

**EWTN CATHOLIC RADIO—AM 1460**  
*Informative Catholic programming.*

## **IHM** *Information Station*

**December 28, 4pm** Joe & Debbie Willis

**December 29, 7:30am** Larry & Donna Hecht

**December 29, 9:30am** Ralph & Janice Britton

**December 29, 11:30am** volunteers please

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, December 23

8:00am Caesar Rashid +  
John B. Long +

### Tuesday, December 24

8:00am Charles Vehige +  
Midnight Roy & Peggy Miller Family

### Wednesday, December 25

10:00am Randy Stroder +

### Thursday, December 26

8:00am Avelina Dalrymple +

### Friday, December 27

8:00am Ed & Rose Reuther Family

### Saturday, December 28

8:00am Kathy Reininger +  
4:00pm Joe Fitzgerald +  
Mark Kellems +

### Sunday, December 29

7:30am People of the Parish  
Sonny Molitor +  
9:30am Jim Elfrink +  
11:30am Frank Modder +

## Please pray for all the sick and suffering:

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:** Brenda Hutchcraft at 636-248-8493  
or email brhutchcraft@centurytel.net

## Contributions, December 14/15

will be reported next week

*"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel had  
commanded him and took his wife into his home."  
(Matthew 1:24)*

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting  
anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things  
and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we pre-  
pare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and  
courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

*We pray ... that we can put our complete trust in God  
and become a model of discipleship like Joseph.*

## 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, we hear that Jesus will be named Em-  
manuel, which means "God is with us." The mystery of  
the birth of Jesus is supremely a mystery of love. May  
each Christmas find us more and more like him: more  
humble, more holy, more happy and more full of God.

**Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
helped those who are poor and suffering to find  
Emmanuel and they also came to know that "God  
is with us."**

## St. Vincent de Paul Food Elves

Pictured below are members of our St. Vincent dePaul  
Conference with students and teachers from Daniel  
Boone Elementary who came to our Food Pantry with  
1,680 canned food items from their recent food drive  
conducted by students, faculty and parents. We are so  
very grateful for their enthusiasm and support!



## 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 PARISH LIBRARY (GRAND HALL)

In this inspiring talk, renowned preacher and retreat master Fr. Larry Richards illuminates how the true joy of Christmas is found in the greatest gift ever given – the gift of Jesus Christ to the whole world. With humor, compassion, and clarity, Fr. Larry gets to the heart of the true meaning of Christmas and helps us to better appreciate the immensity of God's love for us as His children.

*I like how the first speaker talked about engaging all the senses when praying the rosary, imagining the Christ child in your arms, and letting us know, through the symbol of the baby Jesus, that God is utterly powerless to do us any harm. I especially liked the bonus segment of Dr. Scott Hahn's talk at the end of the mp3, covering the visits of the shepherds and the Magi when Jesus was born -- who these people really were, how they were regarded by Jewish society, and what might have more realistically happened back then. I found it exciting, causing me want to buy his entire lecture, and explore your website further.* —Francesca - Stone Ridge, NY

### Formed.org Offers Great Programs for Advent and Beyond

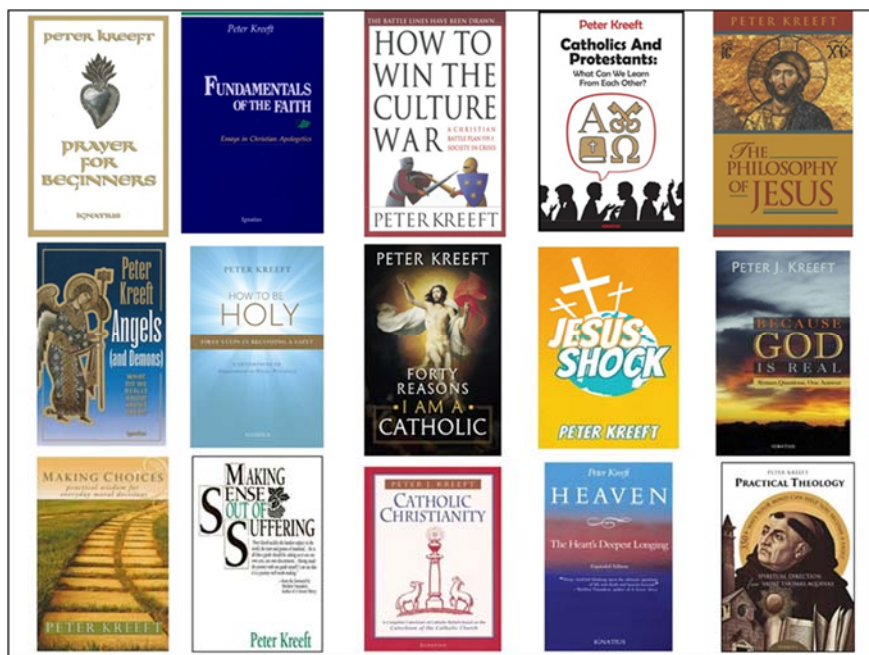
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish has purchased a subscription for every person in the parish boundaries.

*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.

Dear IHM Families and Friends:

We need YOU to make our directory complete! To celebrate our Parish family and strengthen the bonds within our Parish, we welcome you to be a part of our upcoming new pictorial directory.

We are partnering with Lifetouch for this important project. Lifetouch is providing the directory at no cost to our parish. Every family photographed receives a complimentary directory and an 8x10 portrait.

**Starting now, you can sign-up on the link on our website at [ihm-newmelle.org](http://ihm-newmelle.org) and you may also call Lifetouch at 1-866-756-0281, M-F 9am – 5pm and they will be happy to schedule your appointment. You will also be able to sign up after weekend Masses starting on January 4/5. After Mass Signups will be limited, so please sign up when you see the table.**

### PHOTOGRAPHY DATES

Tuesday, February 18 – Saturday, February 22

Wednesday, February 26 – Saturday, February 29

Photography Hours: Weekdays 2 – 9pm and Saturday 9am – 3:30pm

For your convenience, all photography and portrait viewing will take place at Immaculate Heart of Mary. There will be NO sitting fee and you will have a variety of poses taken. One pose will be selected for the directory. In addition to your complimentary 8x10, you will have an opportunity to purchase additional portraits on the day of your portrait session. Lifetouch's portrait price lists are available in the narthex for those who would like them prior to photography.

Any family placing an order will receive a special offer from Shutterfly.com.

*Fr. Tom*

P.S. Your photography session will take about an hour, during which time you will check-in, be photographed and view your portraits.



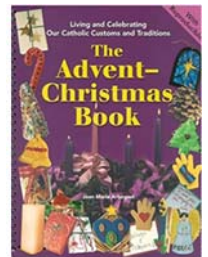
Janet Hespen, Youth Minister, 314-369-6521

### CALENDAR

- 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
- Jan. 22-26: Generation Pro Life Trip to Washington DC.
- Jan. 30: Luke 18 skit practice, 6:30—8pm
- Feb. 6: Final Luke 18 prep 6:30—8pm

### 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?



### 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.

## What's Your Catholic Catechism IQ?

- No one has a \_\_\_\_\_ to receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Indeed no one claims this office for himself; he is called to it by God.
  - right
  - commission
  - command
  - obligation
- Anyone who thinks he recognizes the signs of God's call to the ordained ministry must humbly submit his desire to the authority of the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - bible
  - church
  - conscience
  - Holy Spirit
- Ordained bishops and priests of the Latin Church are normally chosen from those who intend to remain celibate for the sake of the \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven. (Mt. 19:12)
  - right
  - vision
  - kingdom
  - blessedness
- Celibacy is a call to give themselves with \_\_\_\_\_ heart to the Lord, to give themselves entirely to God and to men.
  - divided
  - split
  - undivided
  - weak
- Accepted with a joyous heart celibacy radiantly proclaims the reign of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - the world
  - God
  - bachelorhood
  - Satan
- In the \_\_\_\_\_ churches a different discipline regarding celibacy has been in force for many centuries.
  - western
  - eastern
  - southern
  - northern
- In the East, while bishops are chosen solely from among celibates, \_\_\_\_\_ men can be ordained as deacons and priests.
  - apostate
  - heretical
  - older
  - married
- By ordination one is enabled to act as a representative of Christ, head of the Church, in his triple office of priest, prophet and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - miracle
  - candidate
  - servant
  - king
- The Sacrament of Holy Orders confers an \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual character and cannot be repeated or conferred temporarily.
  - erasable
  - honorable
  - undivided
  - indelible
- Someone validly ordained can, for a just reason, be discharged from the obligations and functions linked to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - his job
  - position
  - career
  - ordination



Niche prices going up January 1!

## Immaculate Heart of Mary Columbariums

Parishioner pricing through December 31:

Single niche: \$1000

Double niche: \$1500

Cash, check or credit cards accepted

Land lots will be available soon.

Watch the bulletin for details.

## Readings of the Week

Mon: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66  
 Tue: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79  
 Wed: 4pm: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;  
 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]  
 Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14  
 10am: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18  
 Thu: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17;  
 Mt 10:17-22  
 Fri: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
 Sat: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18  
 Sun: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17];  
 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

1. The Little Drummer Boy  
 2. Silent Night  
 3. Oh Little Town of Bethlehem  
 4. Away in a Manger  
 5. We Three Kings  
 6. Go tell it on the Mountain  
 7. Joy to the World  
 8. Do you hear what I hear?  
 9. Carol of the Bells  
 10. God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

**Christmas Carol Riddle Answers**



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Christmas 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Rejoice! The weeks of Advent waiting are over, and Christ is born!

We rejoice in our Savior's birth—remembering the great gift of faith He has given us through the mystery of His incarnation and the saving power of His death and resurrection.

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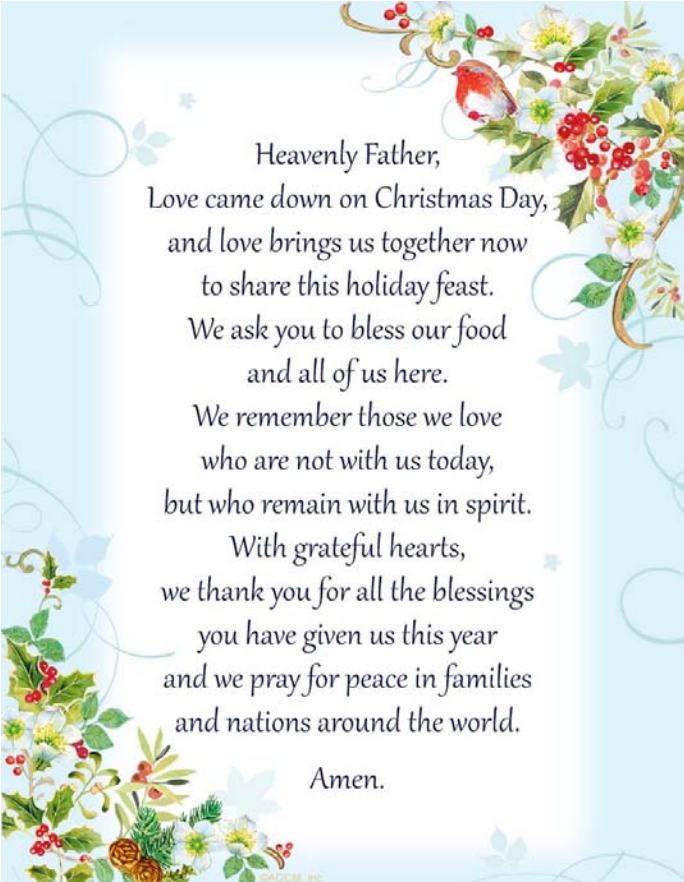
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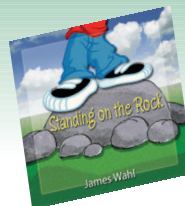
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