



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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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



## Loving Obedience

One theme common to all three readings today is obedience. Sirach commends the son who obeys his father. St. Paul tells children to obey their parents "in everything." And the Gospel shows Joseph obedient to the warnings of the angel. Yet all three put obedience in terms of a larger relationship.

Sirach says that obedience is part of what makes a happy family. As we saw last Sunday, it shows trust in the one who is obeyed. Children trust that their parents have good reason for telling them to do something. Children also learn both discipline and how to contribute to family life. Spouses trust each other not to ask them to do something harmful. Obedience is also a sign of respect for an older family

member. Americans tend to look at older people as if they were useless, but Sirach reminds us of the wisdom they can share with us.

St. Paul continues this theme in the second reading. He shows how love of Christ transforms a family. When he talks about wives being subordinate and husbands loving them, he means that husbands and wives should defer to each other and love each other. Children and parents have duties to each other: Children are to obey parents and parents are to be reasonable ("do not provoke") and loving.

Parents might look at the Gospel for support in encouraging obedience. Joseph obeyed the messages from the angel and saved the life of the infant Jesus. So families can learn that stress-

ing obedience can protect the child as well as teach. Parents can also remind children that God asks for obedience for our good, not on a whim. When we obey God's law, we learn to trust God more deeply and to appreciate that God's law enables us to live more freely. As children we think that rules restrict us, but as we mature, we learn that we are more restricted by our misguided desires and beliefs. We learn to adjust those desires to be in line with God's plan for us. We grow by replacing misguided beliefs (i.e., that material things bring true happiness, that revenge is sweet, etc.) with faith in a loving God who wants the best for us and who doesn't magically take away our sufferings, but supports us through them.

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# 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

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Pat Gentry, Hall Rental                  | 636-398-5270 |
| Kelly Meyer, Wedding Coordinator         | 636-828-4994 |
| 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

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| Extraordinary Ministers  |  |
| Irene Caldwell           | 636-398-4311   |
| Gift Bearers             |  |
| Peggy Dupree             | 636-398-5270   |
| Lectors                  |  |
| Ed Taylor                | 636-561-7099   |
| Ushers                   |  |
| Gary Struckhoff          | 636-828-6067   |
| Altar Servers            |  |
| Deacon Tony Falbo        | <a href="mailto:tony.2011@centurylink.net">tony.2011@centurylink.net</a> |
| Altar Society            |  |
| Pam DeBold               | 636-482-4765   |
| Music Ministry           |  |
| 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             |              |
| Julie Lassiter           | 636-357-0121 |

### Parish Organizations

|                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| Art & Environment         |  |
| Mary Karll                | 636-433-5049   |
| Budget & Finance          |  |
| Larry Graves              | 314-799-9804   |
| 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   |
| Vicki Grunz               | 636-497-5230   |
| Golden Hearts             |  |
| Dave London               | 636-398-8665   |
| Helping Hearts            |  |
| IHM Parish                | 636-398-5270   |
| John Grady                | 314-662-2138   |
| Mary Fischer              | 636-561-7747   |
| Bob Hutchcraft            | 636-346-3471   |
| Maria Romine-Kantor       | 314-614-0857   |
| Knights of Columbus       |  |
| Bob Hutchcraft            | 636-346-3471   |
| Marian Council            |  |
| Barb Pope                 | 773-383-8602   |
| Meal Train                |  |
| Kelly Meyer               | <a href="mailto:meyer5853@qmcinc.org">meyer5853@qmcinc.org</a>               |
| Meals on Wheels           |  |
| Jean Bammann              | 636-798-2718   |
| Outreach                  |  |
| Steve Farber              | <a href="mailto:sfarber@farbermarketing.com">sfarber@farbermarketing.com</a> |
| Pro Life                  |  |
| Bill Winters              | 636-828-4133   |
| Quilters                  |  |
| Mary Ann Brakensiek       | 636-828-5776   |
| Ruth Willis               | 636-398-4597   |
| Scouting                  |  |
| 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   |

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The angel said to Joseph,  
“Rise, take the child and  
his mother, flee to Egypt,  
and stay there until I tell you.”

Matthew 2:13

## *Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year*

Dear parishioners,

As we prepare for the New Year and continue our Christmas celebration I thought I would share a reprint of the prayer from last year. It is a modification of a daily offering I had written years ago. While I don't pray it every day I do pray it often and it helps me get centered on what really matters each and every day. In this Year of Vision we do not want to lose perspective on what really matters and how we ought to live as disciples of Christ.

### **A Prayer for the New Day and the New Year**

Almighty God and Father,  
I come before You on this new day to offer You my prayers, my hopes and my dreams.  
I lift up to Your grace all those who have asked for my prayers.

Be with those who now are in danger of dying;  
shepherd them at this dark hour to see and trust in Your light.  
May Your Holy Spirit comfort their loved ones and give them peace and renewed faith.

Be with those who are hospitalized or homebound.  
Be their strength as they struggle against illness and infirmity.  
Make me more sensitive to their needs and more willing to give of myself.  
Shepherd all those who will travel to work this day, guard their coming and going.  
May their day be an offering pleasing in Your sight.

Watch over our students and children today.  
Protect them from the dangers of the world, help us to love and treasure them.  
Be with our work today; make us gracious and understanding, considerate and patient with others.  
May the little things that inconvenience us be put in their proper perspective  
so that we may laugh rather than complain.

Help us together to work for the good before us,  
the transformation of our lives and to use our gifts and talents for Your glory.  
Lastly be with me, may I never rely only upon my personal talents and abilities,  
but more completely realize that all I do is through your Son and with His Spirit.  
Keep me from falling into the traps and pitfalls that accompany our pilgrimage of life.  
Give me the humility and courage to strive for genuine holiness and joy in all that I do.

Thank you for this day—may I recognize that it is your gift and spend it well.

AMEN

Christmas Blessings in this New Year!

*Fr. Tom*

## *Feast of the Epiphany—Year A*

Early Christians followed Jewish custom of believing that the patriarchs died on the day they were born. March 25 was Pascha; therefore nine months later was Christmas. Early Church Fathers attest to this reckoning. But in the East, the Church believed that Pascha (and therefore the conception of Jesus) was on April 6; therefore the birth date was January 6. Sometime around the Fourth Century, East and West exchanged feasts. Thus came about the "twelve days of Christmas." Epiphany in the West still celebrated the three events, but Germanic and Latin countries concentrated on the coming of the Magi. In those parts of the world, the feast is still called "Three Kings."

Following the three kings, the Little Drummer Boy did not have much to offer the Lord. But he did what he could. He played his drum. What gift do I return to the Lord? Lord, what do you want me to do with all the gifts you have given me?



## *This Week at Home*

**Purificators:** June Spiess

### **Monday, December 30**

Scouts Lock In from 6:30 Monday thru 8am Tuesday

### **Tuesday, December 31**

Vigil Mass for Holy Family, 4pm

### **Wednesday, January 1—Happy New Year!**

Mass at 10am

### **Thursday, January 2**

Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am

Blood Drive, Founders Hall, 2:30—6:30pm

Youth Ministry, Grand Hall, 6:30pm

### **Friday, January 3**

Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30—noon

### **Saturday, January 4**

Reconciliation, 8:45am

Food Pantry open 9-10:30am

Jonah Team will pray with you after 4pm Mass

### **Sunday, January 5**

Jonah Team will pray with you after Masses

## *Next Week Ministries*

### **January 4—4pm**

EM: Carole Baker, Jackie Barclay, Judy Cova,  
Ed Etzkorn, Donna Cuddihee, Joan Falbo,  
Jennifer Fredrick, Sharon Hagan

Lec: Nancy Ast, Pat Barnard

GB: Pat Clayton, Ann Fitzgerald

Serv: William Fredrick, Emilia Petrik

Ush: Jerry Braden, Chris Cuddihee, Larry Graves,  
Dave Hendrix

### **January 5—7:30am**

EM: Maureen Blondin, Bob Brossette, Emily Cooksey,  
Dianne Dickherber, Peggy Dupree, John Fiocco

Lec: Theresa Gross, Lucy Smith

GB: Bill & Jean Reed Bammann

Serv: Clara Nguyen, Nate Buescher

Ush: Hanh Nguyen, Mark Gross, Mark Thome, Ron Jacob

### **January 5—9:30am**

EM: Chris Aulbach, Mary Simpson, Alvina Fry, Mary Han-  
nig,

Bob & Irene Caldwell, Don & Susan Hladky

Lec: Michelle Greiwe, Donna Hecht

GB: Jeff & Amy Brinkmann Family

Serv: Mary Grace & Janie Becker, Isabella Czuchna

Ush: Brian Corrigan, Dave DeBold, Lisa DeBold,  
Curt Eccardt, Walt Hollenstein, Bob Hutchcraft

### **January 5—11:30am**

EM: Cheryl Gray, Amanda Angarita, Janet Hespen,  
Kathy Lalonde, Chris & Kat Menne

Lec: Jackie Dunn, Chuck Hinkle

GB: Ron & Mary Simpson

Serv: Thomas Kokker

Ush: Bob Gray, Brian Nelson, Randy Gust, John Hofman

## *Information Station*

**January 4, 4pm**

Andy & Barb Pope

**January 5, 7:30am**

Bob & Yvonne Brossette

**January 5, 9:30am**

Ralph & Janice Britton

**January 5, 11:30am**

Chuck & Laurie Hinkle

## **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, Walt Reel,  
Betty Heppermann, Loretta Bruns, Cassie Potter, Kathy Feldewerth, Frank Marquart, Dan Brothers, 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

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, December 30

8:00am Michael Zurweller +

### Tuesday, December 31

8:00am Randy Stroder +

4pm Jolene Molitor +

### Wednesday, January 1

10:00am intention of Fr. Tom Miller

### Thursday, January 2

8:00am Bob Burke +

### Friday, January 3

8:00am Holy Vocations

### Saturday, January 4

8:00am All Souls

4:00pm People of the Parish

Ed Langford +

### Sunday, January 5

7:30am Tom Miller +

9:30am Erma Guinn +

11:30am Rose Reuther +

## Scheduling Mass Intentions

Having a Mass said for the needs of a special person, for a special request, remembering the deceased (especially on the anniversary of their death), or in thanksgiving has a long history in the Catholic Church. The Church considers the Mass as the greatest possible prayer of intercession insofar as it is the perfect offering of Christ to the Father by making present the paschal mystery of his death and resurrection.

Because of the particular role of the priest as mediator between God and man, acting "in persona Christi" when offering the holy sacrifice of the Mass, it is usually considered that special graces may be obtained when he applies the Mass to a particular intention.

It's easy to schedule a Mass intention for a relative, friend or loved one—simply call the church office, send a note, put a request in the collection basket, make the request at the IHMformation Station, or send us an email. Fr. Tom mentions the intention for the day during the Prayers of the Faithful at every Mass.

Mass intentions are now \$10, and we have many open dates in 2020. Contact us with your request!

## Contributions, December 14/15

|                             |                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| General Offertory:          | \$18,990.60        |
| Online — General Offertory: | <u>\$3,014.71</u>  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                | <b>\$22,005.31</b> |

### December 21/22 will be reported next week

*"Wives, be subordinate to your husbands...Husbands, love your wives...Children, obey your parents in everything...Fathers, do not provoke your children..."*  
(Colossians 3: 18-21)

Pope Francis said that families, through their life of prayer and love, become "schools of true human growth." Being credible witnesses of Christian love, especially that of family members, exerts the most positive influence on our children. We are all children of God, let us pray and love each other as God, Our Father, does for us.

*We pray ... that through prayer and love, our family relationships put us on the path to holiness.*

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## HORSE RACES

Raising funds for local charities

Tickets are \$15 at the door

**Saturday, February 29, 2020**

in the Stoltz Grand Hall

Doors open at 6:00 pm

Races begin at 6:30 pm

**Total of 14 races**

Admission includes chili, hot dogs, chicken wings, chips, snacks, Bud Light, Amber Bock, Margaritas, wine, soda, and ice for set-ups.

Each horse in each race can be named and sponsored for \$50.  
60% of the money waged on each race will be returned to those who wager on the horses.

40% supports the Knights of Columbus charitable programs.



**Sponsor a race for \$100**



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

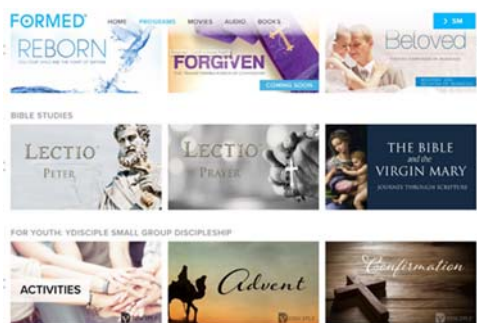
That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

## 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 PAMPHLET RACK (Narthex)

Here's a free tract to read the Bible and the Catechism in a Year. Go to the Pamphlet rack for a free copy, or you can download the pamphlet here: <https://chnetwork.org/free-resource-updated-version-of-our-read-the-bible-and-the-catechism-in-a-year-guide/>



Formed.org Offers Great Programs for all the members of the family. Make a New Year's resolution to take advantage of this gift.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish has purchased a subscription for every person in the parish boundaries. Go to [www.ihm-newmelle.formed.org](http://www.ihm-newmelle.formed.org)

### A Gift to Members of IHM Parish and Beyond this Christmas.

IHM Parish has purchased 300 copies of the book Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary by Dr. Brant Pitre. As a means to both enlighten and inspire, we offered this gift at the Christmas liturgy Masses to all who came to celebrate with us. Please read and pass this on to others.

"This book is vintage Brant Pitre: clear, persuasive, readable, and above all, inspiring. It causes us not only to know more about the Mother of God, but also to love her more."

—Robert Barron, Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles, author of To Light a Fire on the Earth

"Mystified by the way Catholics speak about Mary? Join the club! But if you – like me – have longed for a book that makes a good biblical case for Catholic teachings relating to Mary, then look no further! Brant Pitre has produced an absolutely riveting, page-turning read, surely the most thought-provoking and stimulating I have ever read on the subject."

—Chris Tilling, Graduate Tutor and Senior Lecturer in New Testament Studies

"I did not think a single book could be written about Mary that would excite and unite Catholic and Protestant readers - scholars, clergy and laity alike. What Pitre does with the Bible and Marian typology is clear and compelling. A joy to read, this is the best biblical study of Mary I have ever read. A true masterpiece."

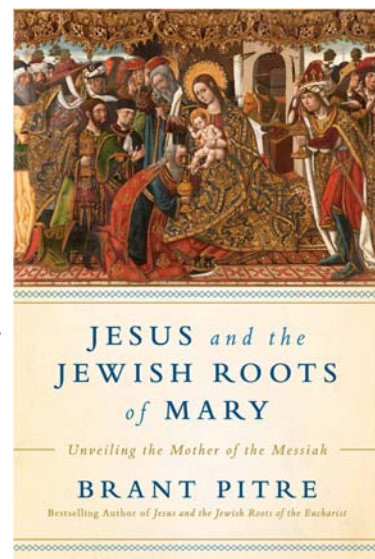
—Scott Hahn, internationally known speaker, teacher and author of The Lamb's Supper and The Fourth Cup

"Brant Pitre takes important theological truths and makes them not only interesting, but exciting. This book will revolutionize your understanding of the most important woman in history."

—Jennifer Fulwiler, atheist convert to Catholicism and author of One Beautiful Dream

"Combining rich Biblical scholarship with an engaging, easy-to-read style, this highly accessible book offers a fresh look at Mary in the Bible. Pitre clearly and convincingly shows that the Bible reveals much more about Jesus' mother than is commonly appreciated today. A must read for every Christian who takes the Bible seriously and is open to what God's Word has to say about Mary."

—Edward Sri, theologian, speaker, and author of Walking with Mary





## PSR Corner

We resume PSR classes here at the parish. Parents, please keep on top of the students and their online work, as often the beginning of the year (which is the halfway point of the school year) this tends to drop off a little. Here's a practical plan for staying on top of things that one family is doing: Sunday afternoon is the time set for "Faith and Life." The father takes the text and reviews it with the child, either reading it directly or offering a summary, and then having fun quizzing or speaking about it. On Monday, the mother makes sure the child has their online homework done and is ready to go for class on Wednesday. On Wednesday, the catechist reviews the lesson and builds upon it using the acronym PALMS (Prayer, Activity, Lesson, Media, Scripture). This 1-2-3 combo isn't a guarantee of success, but if utilized well, can be a good step towards the goal of each year, growing in faith and mastering the content covered for each grade level.



## Help us strengthen our community

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church invites you to be a part of our Parish directory so everyone will know your name.



### What to expect

Your photographer will have a variety of ideas for your session. Once photography is complete, your photographer will show you your images and an assortment of products we offer. Plan on 60 minutes for your session.

### You will receive:

- ♦ One FREE 8x10 standard print
- ♦ Free printed church directory
- ♦ Bonus! FREE Shutterfly gift with purchase

### Photography dates

Tues, Feb 18th - Sat, Feb 21st  
Wed, Feb 26 - Sat, Feb 29th

Weekdays 2—9pm  
Saturdays 9am - 3:30pm

### Reserve your photography session

- ♦ Go to [ihm-newmelle.org](http://ihm-newmelle.org)
- ♦ Call Lifetouch at 1-866-756-0281  
Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm
- ♦ Visit sign up table after weekend Masses starting Jan 4th - 5th

**Lifetouch**

[churchdirectories.lifetouch.com](http://churchdirectories.lifetouch.com)

**See's  
CANDIES**

Marian Council is selling See's Candy (until it's all gone) as a fundraiser: \$21/lb for Milk or Dark Chocolate, Assorted Chocolate, Nuts and Chews,

Toffee-ettes and 1½ pound box of peanut brittle. Contact Jackie at 314-761-6127 to place your order, or after weekend Masses. Proceeds benefit local families' charities and the Parish.

**Youth Ministry**

Janet Hespen, Youth Minister, 314-369-6521

### CALENDAR

- 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

### *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

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We hear the words: "The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him." During this New Year may we also grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon us by remembering to take care of our suffering brothers and sisters.

**In the month of December, through your generosity, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the spirit of Christmas to those who are suffering, by assisting families with food, rent and utility bills.**

**Never underestimate the joy that comes from finding gifts under the tree at Christmas. This year's Giving Tree was filled with requests from those who could not afford to bring Christmas to their homes, and you responded with such generosity that we were overwhelmed. Over 400 angel tags were taken, bringing Christmas joy to 44 children from 17 families, plus needs of the Missionaries of Charity. God bless each and every one who participated in this year's Giving Tree.**



### **What's Your Catholic Catechism IQ?**

1. The beautiful vocation of man and woman to be fruitful, multiply, and subdue the earth was burdened by the \_\_\_\_ of childbirth and the toil of work.  
a. pain                      b. excitement                      c. screams                      d. joy
2. Without the help of the \_\_\_\_ of God, man and woman cannot achieve the union of their lives for which God created them in the beginning.  
a. miracle                      b. teaching                      c. parables                      d. grace
3. The punishment consequent upon sin, pain and toil also embody remedies that limit the damaging \_\_\_\_ of sin.  
a. dangers                      b. effects                      c. disease                      d. application
4. Moral conscience concerning the unity and indissolubility of \_\_\_\_ developed under the old Law.  
a. salt in water                      b. marriage                      c. baptismal promises                      d. oil in water
5. In the Old Testament the \_\_\_\_ of patriarchs and kings is not yet explicitly rejected.  
a. concubines                      b. polygamy                      c. weakness                      d. lust
6. Man's hardness of heart, said the Lord, was the reason \_\_\_\_ permitted men to divorce their wives.  
a. David                      b. Isaiah                      c. Abraham                      d. Moses
7. The \_\_\_\_ prepared the Chosen People's conscience for a deepened understanding of the unity and indissolubility of marriage.  
a. pharisees                      b. scribes                      c. kings                      d. prophets
8. Jesus unequivocally taught the original meaning of the union of man and woman as the Creator willed it from the \_\_\_\_.  
a. beginning                      b. last days                      c. end                      d. mid point of salvation
9. The matrimonial union is indissoluble: God Himself has determined it: What therefore God has joined together, let no man put \_\_\_\_.  
a. asunder                      b. against him                      c. his spouse                      d. out before him
10. Jesus has not placed on spouses a burden impossible to bear, or too heavy—heavier than the law of \_\_\_\_.  
a. creation                      b. cultures                      c. pagans                      d. Moses



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Mon: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40  
Tue: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18  
Wed: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;  
Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21  
Thu: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28  
Fri: 1 Jn 2:29- 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34  
Sat: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42  
Sun: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;  
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| 5. polygamy 1610 | 10. Moses 1615    |

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# January 2020 - Immaculate Heart of Mary

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue   | Wed   | Thu   | Fri  | Sat   |
|--|---|---|---|---|--|---|
|  |   |   | 1<br>Mass at 10am<br>  | 2<br>Fitness, GHf, 9a<br>Blood Drive<br>WH, 2:30-6:30p<br>YM, GH, 6:30p | 3<br>Quilting,<br>WH, 8:30-noon  | 4<br>Reconciliation,<br>8:45a<br>Food Pantry open<br>9-10:30a<br>Jonah Team, 4p |
| 5<br>Jonah Team<br>After Masses  | 6<br>SVDp, 6p<br>Scouts,<br>FH/Tr, 6:30p<br>Choir, ch, 7p                                     | 7<br>Legion of Mary<br>WH, 9a<br>Fitness, GHf, 9a<br>Children's Choir,<br>Ch, 7p  | 8<br>Sunday readings<br>Study, WH, 8:45<br>Contemp, 5:30p<br>PSR,<br>WH/FH/Tr, 6p<br>Bible Study,<br>GH, 6:15p<br>P&W, ch, 7p<br>Reconciliation, 7p                       | 9<br>Fitness, GHf, 9a<br>RCIA, WH, 6:30p                                | 10<br>Quilting,<br>WH, 8:30-noon   | 11<br>Reconciliation,<br>8:45a  |
| Fr. Tom with Seminarians for a retreat Monday thru Thursday  |   |   |   |   |  |   |
| 12<br>KC Breakfast<br>WH, 8:30—11<br> | 13<br>Scouts,<br>FH/Tr, 6:30p<br>Choir, ch, 7p  | 14<br>Legion of Mary,<br>WH, 9a<br>Fitness, GHf, 9a<br>Marian Council,<br>WH, 6:30p<br>KC officers,<br>FH, 7p<br>Children's Choir,<br>CH, 7p                            | 15<br>Sunday readings<br>Study, WH, 8:45<br>Outreach, WH, 1p<br>Contemp, 5:30p<br>PSR,<br>WH/FH/Tr, 6p<br>Bible Study,<br>GH, 6:15p<br>ADORE, 6:30p<br>Reconciliation, 7p | 16<br>Fitness, GHf, 9a<br>YM, GH, 6:30p<br>RCIA, WH, 6:30p              | 17<br>Quilting,<br>WH, 8:30-noon   | 18<br>Reconciliation,<br>8:45a<br>Food Pantry open<br>9-10:30a                  |
| 19   | 20<br>Office closed for<br>MLKing Day<br>SVDp, 6p<br>Scouts,<br>FH/Tr, 6:30p<br>Choir, ch, 7p | 21<br>Legion of Mary<br>WH, 9a<br>Fitness, GHf, 9a<br>Children's Choir,<br>Ch, 7p<br>KC mtg., FH, 7p  | 22<br>Sunday readings<br>Study, WH, 8:45<br>Contemp, 5:30p<br>PSR,<br>WH/FH/Tr, 6p<br>Bible Study,<br>GH, 6:15p<br>P&W, ch, 7p<br>Reconciliation, 7p                      | 23<br>Fitness, GHf, 9a<br>RCIA, WH, 6:30p                               | 24<br>Quilting,<br>WH, 8:30-noon<br>Pinewood Derby<br>Setup, GH, pm<br> | 25<br>Reconciliation,<br>8:45a<br>Pinewood Derby,<br>GH til 2p                  |
| 26   | 27<br>Scouts,<br>FH/Tr, 6:30p<br>Choir, ch, 7p  | 28<br>Legion of Mary<br>WH, 9a<br>Fitness, GHf, 9a<br>Finance Council,<br>WH, 7p<br> | 29<br>Sunday readings<br>Study, WH, 8:45<br>Contemp, 5:30p<br>PSR,<br>WH/FH/Tr, 6p<br>Bible Study,<br>GH, 6:15p<br>P&W, ch, 7p<br>Reconciliation, 7p                      | 30<br>Fitness, GHf, 9a<br>YM, GH, 6:30p<br>RCIA, WH, 6:30p              | 31<br>Quilting,<br>WH, 8:30-noon   |   |

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