



# 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  
Weekdays: 8:00am, St. Joseph Chapel

## Weekly Devotions and Prayers

### Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday 8:30am until Friday, 11:30am

### Rosary:

Following 8am Mass Monday thru Friday

### Perpetual Help Devotions:

Tuesdays following 8am Mass

### Respect Life Prayers:

Thursday following 8am Mass

### Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction:

Friday at 11:30am

### First Saturday of the Month Devotions

8am Mass, Rosary, 15 minutes of meditation

## Sacraments

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

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

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

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

## The Holy Family December 31, 2017



## God's Word Has Been Fulfilled

In this joyous Christmas time, it is fitting that we turn our attention from all the angels and shepherds and kings to take a look at the more intimate picture of the Holy Family in their ordinary life. They come with Jesus to consecrate him to the Lord, as is written in the law, and they come upon Simeon and Anna, prophets of the Lord, who have amazing things to say about this child and Mary, his mother. One can wonder what Mary must have thought when Simeon told her that "you yourself a sword will pierce." We interpret that in hindsight she would suffer greatly at the crucifixion of her beloved son. But what

must she have thought at the possible literal interpretation of this prophecy? And yet she was, as always, obedient to God and accepting of God's word for her.

### TWO PROPHETS

Simeon and Anna recognized in this infant the Messiah of God. Both were "righteous and devout" and prayed in the temple constantly. Simeon spoke at length to Mary and Joseph about this child, and Anna proclaimed to all the salvation of Israel in Jesus. Throughout the centuries, God had made use of many prophets to proclaim the coming of Jesus, as Jesus

explained to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus after his death and resurrection. But people, being hard-hearted and somewhat clueless, did not recognize these prophecies as referring to the Messiah and later, to Jesus. Many in his time heeded the words of the prophets and believed, but many walked away. To those who believed, he gave the words of eternal life. They believed that "the one who had made the promise was trustworthy." These loving parents would protect and raise this miraculous child, and he "grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him."

### Parish Staff

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Event Coordinators:	Joan Marren-Slaughter	636-398-5270
	Mary Keune	636-398-5270

### Religious Education

*(Please contact Shawn Mueller,  
 Director of Religious Education  
 for more information)*

#### Parish School of Religion

(Grades 1 through 8)  
 September through May  
 Wednesdays from 6:00—7:30pm

#### Confirmation Preparation

(8th Grade)  
 September through May  
 Wednesdays from 6:00—7:30pm

#### Children's Liturgy of the Word

September through May  
 During the 9:30am Sunday Mass

#### Adult Education

Wednesdays at 8:45 and 6:10pm

## Quick Contacts Directory

### Prayer and Devotion

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Venture Crew: Steve Williams	314-486-4023
St. Vincent de Paul	
Teresa Waddington	314-440-7475
Welcoming Committee	
Teresa Berfanger	636-398-5565

## A Prayer to Begin the New Year

**G**od, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

## Simple Science Can Help You Keep Your New Year's Resolutions

It's no surprise more than half of all New Year resolutions end in failure. The reason this is the case, far from being rocket science, is pretty straightforward: When thinking and planning for the coming year, most of us choose the wrong resolution.

The good news is, wrong resolutions are easy to identify. It's often the case that we commit ourselves to changing something we really don't want to change, or to do something we really don't want to do, but we think we should commit to because it "seems right." If you prefer Tai-Chi over running, don't sign up for the next 10k race just because everyone else looks great in their jogging outfits.

But the real complications emerge, psychologists affirm, when we aim for ambiguous and non-realistic goals. Phrases like "I'll lose weight next year," "I'll make more money," "I'll be more active," "I'll travel more," "I'll be more kind," "I'll pay my debts" are simply too vague to be measurable. And if they're not measurable, there's really no way we can set up any kind of plans for achieving them.

This is a cliché, but it works: Just as specialists in personal finances recommend that you not set goals that are too big to achieve ("I'm going to invest \$1,000 a month on stocks this year!"), the same prin-

ciple applies to almost everything else. This is what economists and psychologists commonly refer to as the "snowball effect." Even if at first the goals you set might look insignificant ("I'm going to save an extra \$50 a month"), the process builds upon itself, and it becomes larger and larger ("Whoa, saving those \$50 was easy. I'll aim for \$100").

It's easy to see how the "snowball" works. A virtuous circle (just like a vicious one) implies the rolling of a snowball down a snow-covered hillside. You have seen this in cartoons a billion times. As it rolls downhill, the ball picks up more snow and momentum. By June, you find yourself already making your resolutions happen.

The key to get the (snow)ball rolling in the first place is simple: instead of only saying "I will be more kind," set a specific goal: "I will be kinder to this person in particular, and will make sure to say one nice thing to that person on a daily basis." Instead of saying "I will lose weight next year," aim for "I'll lose these many pounds in the next three months." That's more realistic, effective and, most importantly, frustration-free. Also, it works.

*Daniel Esparza, Contributing Editor  
Aleteia Worldwide Catholic Network*

## The Holy Family

*There lived in Jerusalem at the time a certain man named Simeon. He was just and pious, and awaited the consolation of Israel. Luke 2:25*

Union with Christ means that sin no longer can hold us hostage and that we long to be free of its grip of our lives. It does not mean necessarily, however, that sin vanishes totally from our lives. Emilie Griffin says of the Christian: "While he is a new man in Christ, he has brought over a good deal of the old man with him. His little sins and temptations begin to creep back into his life and catch him unawares. The new man and the old man... coexist throughout our lives in constant tension, so life becomes a spiritual battle." The mature Christian accepts this duality as part of the daily journey, always invoking the strength and consolation of the Lord who calls us to place our hope in him.

*I confess I am not what I ought to be, but I thank you, Lord, that I'm not what I used to be. Maxie Dunnam*

Mark Link S.J. "Mission"

## Next Week Ministry Schedule

**January 6**  
**4:00pm**

EM: Jan Jokisch-Messig, Judy Cova, Pat Barnard,  
Bryan Potter, Wally & Jan Karase, Et Etkorn,  
Pat Roche  
Lec: Jerry Knott, Chuck Kettler  
GB: Andy & Barb Pope  
Serv: Jorja Spivey, William Fredrick  
Ush: Larry Graves, Stan Nikonowicz, Jerry Braden,  
Dave Hendrix

**January 7**  
**7:30am**

EM: John Fiacco, Emily Cooksey, Kris Jenkins,  
Maureen Blondin, Dianne Dickherber, Jan Kardasz  
Lec: Lucy Smith, Peggy Dupree  
GB: Loretta Bruns, Rosemary Marquart  
Serv: Connor & Sydney Jaeckle  
Ush: Philip Thoman, Mike Stassi, Rich Molitor,  
Walt Reel

**9:30am**

EM: Lisa Murphy, Walter & Nancy Hollenstein,  
Mary Hannig, Judeen Kutsko, Laura Orf,  
Patrice Riley, Steve Williams  
Lec: Nancy Ast, Suzanne Michaelree  
GB: Bob & Irene Caldwell  
Serv: Brianna, Morgan, Jordan Dale  
Ush: Curt Eccardt, Alan Raymond, Terry Schneider,  
Gary Struckhoff, Chris & Adam Molitor

## Please pray for all the sick and suffering, including

Mary Karll

**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 are unable to get to Mass because of illness or disability but would like to receive Communion, please contact the parish office: 636-398-

**Prayer Chain:** We have a very active group of parishioners who pray for all those who have requested prayers, so your intentions are being remembered to God thru the **Prayer Chain**. If you have a prayer intention, or would like to join them in praying for others' intentions, please call Mary Jean Hartenbach at 636-398-4677 or email mjhartenbach@gmail.com.

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

## This Week at Home



**Sunday, December 31**

No vigil Mass this evening

**Monday, January 1**

Holy Day Mass at 8am

Church office closed

**Tuesday, January 2**

Legion of Mary, 9am

Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9-10am

Children's Choir, church, 6:45pm

KC officers, Founders Hall, 7pm

**Wednesday, January 3**

Sunday readings study, Weber Hall, 8:45am

PSR, Weber/Founders Hall, Trailer, 6pm

Reconciliation, 7pm

**Thursday, January 4**

Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9-10am

BLOOD DRIVE, Founders Hall, 2:30—6:30

Choir practice, church, 7pm

**Friday, January 5**

Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30—noon

**Saturday, January 6**

Reconciliation, 8:45am

SVDP Pantry open from 9-10:30am

Jonah Team will pray with you after 4pm Mass

**Sunday, January 7**

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

## ✠ Rest in Peace ✠

We offer our prayerful sympathy  
—to Laura Holstein on the death of her husband

**Tom Holstein**

son of Jane, father of Nicole and Mark Modica and  
Tommy and Tara Holstein; grandfather of 7

—to Jeff and Joni Marren-Slaughter  
on the death of his father

**Ray Slaughter**

—to Bob and Teresa Berfanger  
on the death of his brother-in-law

**Mark Katigbak**

—to Joyce and Joe Weber on the death of her father

**Ignatius Keeven**

—to Maria and Joe Schonlau on the death of her mother

**Pearl Zottarella**

May they rest in the eternal peace of Christ.

## Join the Holy Father's prayer intentions for December: For the Elderly

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generation.



Fr. Tom and the parish staff wish to thank everyone who sent cards, offered their good Christmas wishes, and generous gifts of goodies and other treasures to us this holiday season. We appreciate your thoughtfulness more than you know, and will hold each and every one of you in our prayers of thanks to our newborn King. God bless all of you!



- Monday, January 1  
8:00am intention of Mark & Teresa Gross family
- Tuesday, January 2  
8:00am living/deceased Wilbert Orf family
- Wednesday, January 3  
8:00am Randy & Lucas Schneider +
- Thursday, January 4  
8:00am All Souls
- Friday, January 5  
8:00am Vocations to Priesthood/Religious Life
- Saturday, January 6  
8:00am Br. Louis Ernst +  
4:00pm People of the Parish Jack & Pearl Hackett +
- Sunday, January 7  
7:30am Bart Natoli + Robert McEneny +  
9:30am Bernie Kulawiec + Mark Katigbak +

**Contributions: Christmas Weekend**

General Offertory:	\$27,153.00
Online – General Offertory:	<u>\$10,055.00</u>
<b>Total Offertory:</b>	<b>\$37,208.00</b>

*“...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive.”*  
COLOSSIANS 3:13

Forgiveness—one of the hardest things for people to do. It’s amazing how long we can hold a grudge or be angry with someone. As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, take this opportunity to give the gift of forgiveness to someone—maybe someone in your family, maybe a friend, maybe a co-worker or neighbor or, maybe yourself. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

*We pray that God will provide us the strength to forgive those that have hurt us.*



**Heavenly Duster Purificators**

Christmas break Jane Szostek

**Needed at the Pantry:**

*coffee, sugar, vegetable oil, canned fruit, canned chicken, paper goods, personal items, cleaning items*

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. During our New Year may our families “grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon them.”

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can bring peace to those who are hungry.

**BLOOD DRIVE** WILL YOU GIVE?

**Immaculate Heart of Mary**

Thursday, January 4 2:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Founders Hall #8 West Highway D

To schedule an appointment, call The Blood Center at 866.448.3253 or online at [www.bloodcenterIMPACT.org](http://www.bloodcenterIMPACT.org)

Use group sponsor code 9118 to schedule online. Please eat & hydrate well before donating. MUST bring photo ID to donate. Last date to donate elsewhere: 11/9/2017

Mississippi Valley REGIONAL BLOOD CENTER

[www.bloodcenter.org](http://www.bloodcenter.org)



Marian Council Is selling See’s Candy as a fundraiser. **New Year’s Sale!** Buy 5 of same size and get one free! Proceeds benefit local families, charities and the parish.

## What's your Catholic Catechism IQ?



It is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, under (now saint) Pope John Paul II, who wrote, "The Catechism is offered to every individual who asks us to give an account of the hope that is in us (cf. 1 Pet 3:15) and who wants to know what the Catholic Church believes." Every adult Catholic is asked to prayerfully "digest" the Catechism. These questions (which will cover the whole CCC during this year) can help break it down in small bites.

### HOLY TRINITY IN THE TEACHING OF THE FAITH

1. The revealed truth of the Holy Trinity finds its expression in the rule of \_\_\_\_\_ faith.
2. Paul wrote, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit be with you all." (2 cor 13:4)
3. The Trinity is one. We do not confess three gods, but one God in three \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The Divine Persons are really distinct from one another. "God is one but not \_\_\_\_\_."
5. The ultimate end is the entry of God's \_\_\_\_\_ into the perfect unity of the Blessed Trinity.

### THE ALMIGHTY

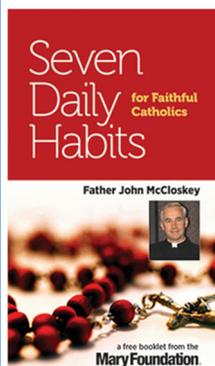
6. Of all the divine attributes, only God's omnipotence is named in the \_\_\_\_\_.
7. God who created everything also rules everything and can do \_\_\_\_\_.
8. God's almighty power is in no way arbitrary. Nothing therefore can be in God's \_\_\_\_\_ which could not be in His just will or His wise intellect.
9. Faith in God the Father almighty can be put to the test by the experience of evil and \_\_\_\_\_.
10. God mysteriously reveals His power in the face of evil through the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

## St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

*Note: With close to 3000 items, the **Parish Library** is located in the **Grand Hall** past the restrooms. It is open during the week-normal business hours-and works on an honor system.*

*Items from the **Lighthouse CD rack** are located and available in the **Narthex**.*

### *From the Lighthouse Catholic CD – Pamphlet Rack*

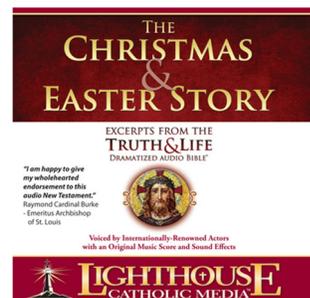


Already the most popular Catholic booklet of its kind in America, **Seven Daily Habits for Faithful Catholics** was adapted from a spectacularly successful article by Fr. John McCloskey (the "convert-maker" who helped notorious abortionist Bernard Nathanson convert to Catholicism). It provides seven traditional ways to spend more time on a daily basis with Jesus and His mother, along with practical advice on how to approach and implement spiritual habits amidst our distracting secular culture.

Its power to transform lives is profoundly simple. Any person who adopts one or more of these habits will grow closer to Jesus. Our Lord does the transforming. Even devout Catholics will discover habits they'll want to add to their daily lives.

Experience these beautiful excerpts from the Truth & Life Dramatized Audio Bible New Testament. Endorsed with an Imprimatur and voiced by internationally-renowned actors, this dramatized audio content is enhanced with sound effects and music that make the Christmas and Easter narratives come alive.

This is a nice intro for the Truth & Life audio bible that focuses on the Christmas and Easter Stories, but since the full version of the Truth & Life audio bible is also on FORMED you can listen to the entire New Testament now!



**PSR Corner**

There will be no classes on December 24<sup>th</sup> and January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you to all those who have been keeping up with all of the online work. This is meant to be a tool for you and your children to have “the faith” come first from the direction of the parents at home, and secondarily from the “parish school of religion” here at Church. We will be back on January 10<sup>th</sup>.



**Two opportunities coming up to strengthen our faith!**



**Pillar I: The Creed**

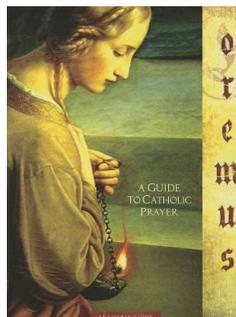
**Do You Really “Believe?”**

You say you “believe” every Sunday as you recite the Creed. But do you know what you’re saying you “believe” in? Do the truths of the faith—listed in the Creed—really permeate your life? Learn how these ancient truths contain the promise of peace, joy and happiness for our lives.

**Pillar I: The Creed** is a 12-Part program that will launch you on an amazing journey through the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Don’t miss this opportunity to take part in a compelling and inspiring learning experience that is sure to draw you closer to Christ through a deeper understanding of the teachings of His Church.

**Please join us for this 12-part series from January 10 through March 21 (skipping Ash Wednesday) Wednesday evening in the Grand Hall 6:10—7:25pm**

To sign up, please contact:  
Lisa Norton at [lnorton@centurytel.net](mailto:lnorton@centurytel.net) or  
Grant Smith at [grantsmith.usa@gmail.com](mailto:grantsmith.usa@gmail.com)



**Oremus:  
A Guide to  
Catholic Prayer**

**Please join us for this 8 week study from January 31 thru March 21, Wednesday evenings in the Grand Hall from 7:30—9:00pm**

Do you find it difficult to pray? Is prayer an integral part of your day? Do you hear God’s voice in your daily life, and know how to respond accordingly? For many of us, the answer to these questions is “no.” We all desire an intimate relationship with God. But, since learning to “say our prayers” as children, we never moved beyond rote recitation to an authentic conversation with God.

**Oremus—Let Us Pray**

The Oremus study program teaches you the essentials of an effective and fruitful prayer life. Over the course of 8 weeks you will discover how God speaks to you, even in the smallest encounters. Following the Tradition of the Catholic Church and the wisdom of the saints, you will learn how to express yourself to God in prayer, and how to hear His voice.

Please call Marilyn O’Neill 314-341-2622 or Kelly Meyer 636-828-4994 to sign up.

**AM 1460 KHOJ, Catholic radio: For inspiration and encouragement in your spiritual life**

**Invitation to Divorced and Separated Catholics**

The **Catholic’s Divorce Survival Guide** is a DVD program featuring Catholic experts, and lay men and women on the journey to healing. Topics include denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, the kids, the ex-spouse, spirituality, annulment and much more. Immaculate Conception/Dardenne will be hosting the program on Thursdays from 7-9pm beginning January 11 and ending April 5. Contact Debi at [debijo@att.net](mailto:debijo@att.net) or 314-276-3859 for more information.

## Roses for Life

The Knights of Columbus will be holding the annual Roses for Life campaign at all Masses the weekend of January 6/7. The Knights ask for your support by signing the roses you will find in the pews. These roses will then be collected and sent to our elected representatives in Washington DC to remind them that we support the right to life of the unborn, and that we expect them to vote in support of pro-life legislation.



The Knights also ask you to pray the Rosary to end abortion and to pray for safe travel for those people going to Washington DC to participate in the annual March for Life, which will take place on January 19. January 22 is the 45th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion on demand in the United States.

### Attention Ladies!

The **PRAYER WARRIORS FOR PRIESTS** will initiate their monthly Rosary in the following parishes, all at 10am:

- January 13: St. Patrick Adoration Chapel
- February 10: St. Gianna Church
- March 10: Immaculate Heart of Mary  
St. Joseph Chapel
- April 14: Immaculate Conception (ICD)  
Adoration Chapel
- May 12: St. Patrick Adoration Chapel
- June 9: St. Gianna Church



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## Catholic IQ Answers



CATHOLIC MEN FOR CHRIST CONFERENCE 2/3/2018

CATHOLIC WOMEN FOR CHRIST CONFERENCE 3/10/2018

PRAY ABOUT IT

catholicmenforchrist.org  
catholicwomenforchrist.org

### REGISTER NOW!

Limited Seating Available  
Touhill Performing Arts Center (UMSL)

#### Catholic Men for Christ Conference—February 3

*Featuring Curtis Martin, Fr. Godwin Olugbami,  
Dr. Scott Sullivan and Michael Cumbie*  
Visit [catholicmenforchrist.org](http://catholicmenforchrist.org) to register.

#### Catholic Women for Christ Conference—March 10

*Featuring Sr. Virginia Joy—Sisters of Life,  
Mary Beth Bonacci and Gloria Purvis*  
Visit [catholicwomenforchrist.org](http://catholicwomenforchrist.org) to register



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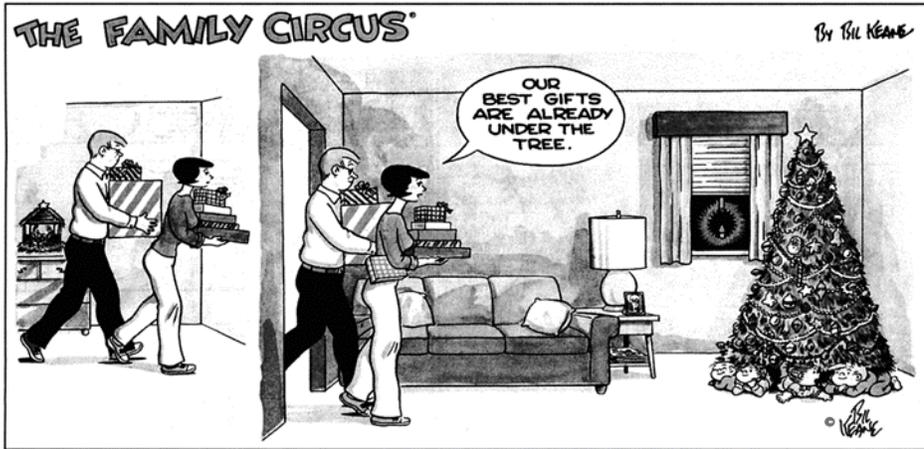


## Readings for the Week

- Mon: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
- Tue: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
- Wed: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
- Thu: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
- Fri: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
- Sat: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
- Sun: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

# The Holy Family with Family Circus

Here's some fun comics from "The Family Circus" for this Feast of the Holy Family.

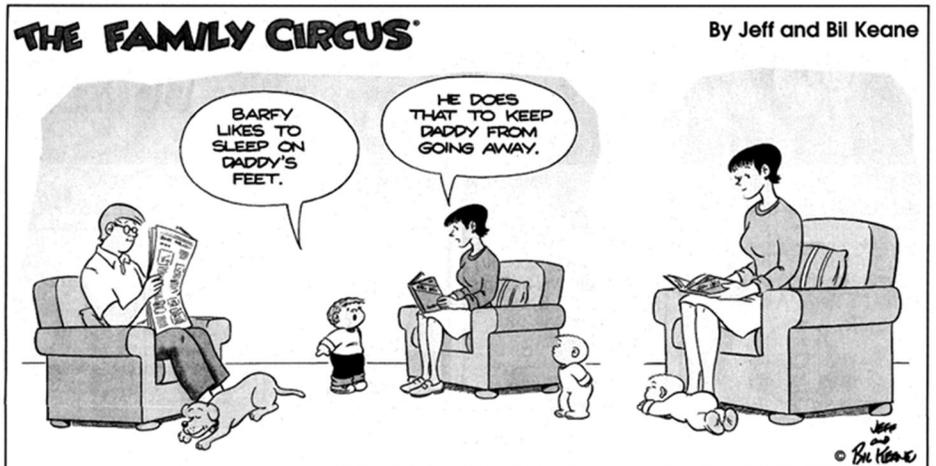


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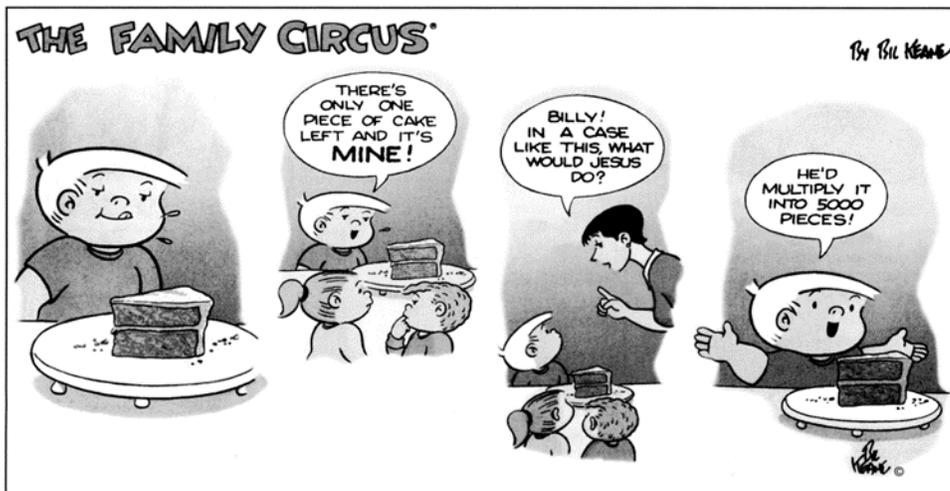
**THE FAMILY CIRCUS** By Bil Keane



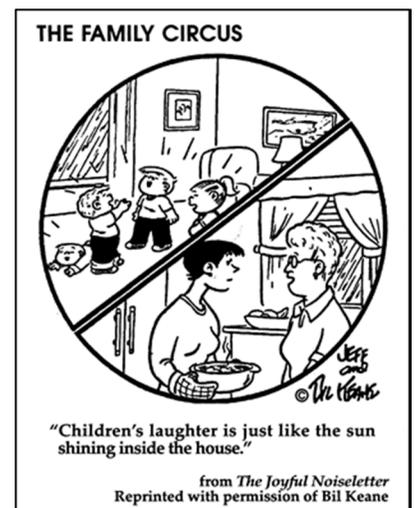
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## Pilgrimage to Ireland - Join Us!

Join the Archdiocese in Ireland for the 2018 World Meeting of Families! A priest of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, Fr. Brian Fallon, will lead us in a 10-day pilgrimage around this historically Catholic country. We will celebrate the beauty and joy of the family, in addition to exploring the Irish roots of our faith. Pilgrimage stops will include Our Lady of Knock, the Rock of Cashel, the Ring of Kerry and much more! Visit [catholicsindublin.com](http://catholicsindublin.com) to view the full itinerary (click on *Pilgrimages* from the menu, and then choose *Archdiocese of St. Louis*).

The total cost is \$4200, plus approximately \$100 for the World Meeting of Families once registration opens. Payment plans are available. For more information, please contact Melissa Keating at 314.792.7173 or [melissakeating@archstl.org](mailto:melissakeating@archstl.org). Registration: [catholicsindublin.com](http://catholicsindublin.com).

## Monthly Recollection for Women

Women's recollection on Wednesday, **January 4**, 7:30—9:30pm at St. Cletus Parish. A priest of Opus Dei will give two meditations, confession. For more information, please contact Mary Schlueter 314-517-1277 or Maureen Branson 314-322-9711.

## Let's Bring on the Holidays with St. Vincent School Trivia Night

At St. Vincent de Paul School, 13496 South Hwy. 94, Marthasville, MO—located in Dutzow, 4 miles north of Washington) on **Saturday, January 13, 2018** starting at 7:00pm. Doors open at 6:15pm. \$15 per person—tables for 8-10 persons available. First place = \$200, Second place = \$100, Third place = \$50. Attendance prizes, 50/50 raffles, Best Table theme. Bring your own snacks! Soda, beer and wine available for purchase. Must be 18 years of age to enter. Please...no carried in coolers or drinks allowed. Contact Angela Struckhoff for reservations at 636-221-1596 or [angrobowen@yahoo.com](mailto:angrobowen@yahoo.com).

## Our Lady's Inn Annual Trivia Night

Saturday, **January 20** at Chaminade College Prep School (425 S. Lindbergh). Doors open at 6:00pm and trivia begins at 7:00pm. Cost is \$25 per person and \$200 for a table of ten. For more information or to register, call Katrina at 314-736-1544 or visit [www.ourladyinn.org](http://www.ourladyinn.org). Our Lady's Inn provides a loving home and an array of service supporting pregnant women and their children suffering with homelessness.



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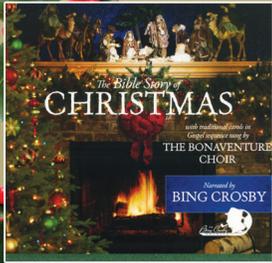


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