



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 weekdays & before Sat. 4pm.

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

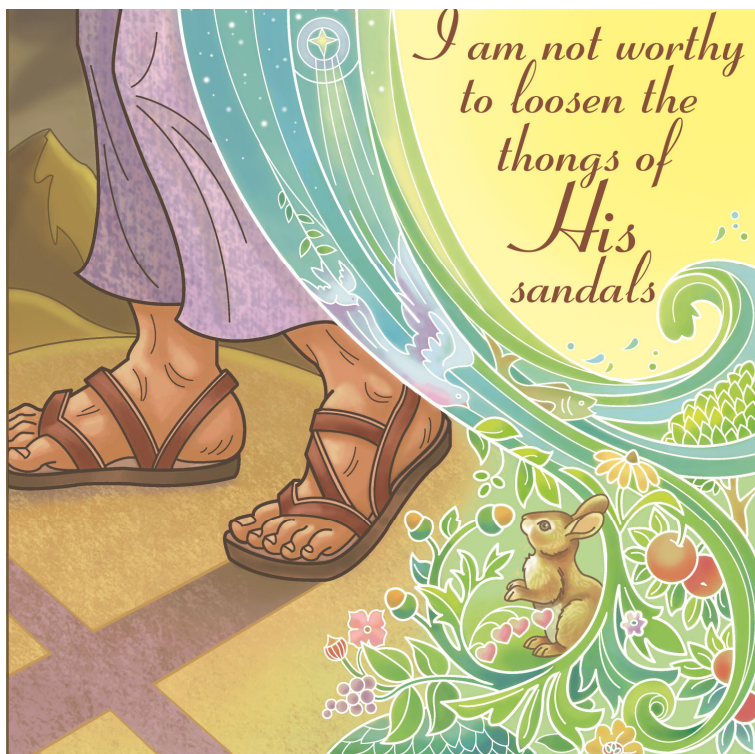
Baptism:

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

3rd Sunday of Advent December 16, 2018



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Not Ready? No Problem!

While Advent is a beautiful time to prepare for the coming of the Lord, we often get so caught up in all the things we do to prepare for Christmas that we forget Advent all together. The readings remind us that in spite of the stress we may feel thinking about how close Christmas is, we are called to rejoice for the Lord is near.

The stress we feel may be from fear: Fear that I won't get the shopping done by Christmas, fear that people won't like the gifts I bought, or fear that I forgot someone that should be on my list. But did you ever notice how much easier it is

when you have someone to shop with you, or write the Christmas cards, or decorate the tree? "Shout for joy...fear not!" says the prophet Zephaniah in the first reading. (Zeph 3:14) He tells us the Lord is not coming to punish us for waiting till the last minute to put up the tree. The prophet says the Lord is in our midst, we are not alone. "He has turned away your enemies" (Zeph 3:15), enemies like fear, doubts, and loneliness.

And as if that wasn't good enough, he says that the Lord rejoices over us! How many times have you wondered if you could ask the

Lord for help? Zephaniah reminds us that the Lord is happy to help. And St. Paul says the same thing in the second reading: "Have no anxiety at all...make your requests known to God." (Phil 4:6) That is where Advent comes in. We can look forward to the Lord's presence in our lives. We can be confident of his love for us. That is why faith and hope are central to the theme of Advent. Our faith in God's love for us gives us hope that he will support us in our weakness and fill us with the joy he has over us.

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

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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

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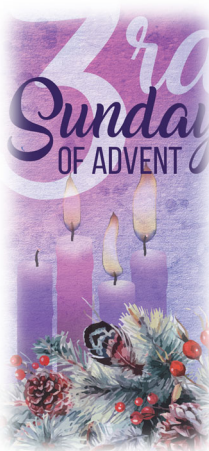
Holding on to Joy

Dear Parishioners,

We come together in prayer on this Gaudete Sunday to rejoice in God's abundant goodness. As people of faith it is at times hard to distinguish the difference between happiness and joy. Who doesn't like both happiness & joy? I know I often confuse/overlap the two because they share a lot of similarities. Both are good experiences in our life, but one is dependent upon the circumstances and the other is a gift from God and an awareness that can exist independent of those happenings.

Happiness comes and goes in our life depending upon the happenings in our life. We know that is not an enduring reality because of the ever-changing circumstances of life. We can be caught by surprise with the changes in life and our happiness can suddenly evaporate. Given time and patience, those circumstances will change again and happiness will return. God is good and wants to see us happy, but in an imperfect world happiness is not a permanent reality. Happiness can be cultivated in this life by an attitude of gratitude. Gratitude does more than just open the door for happiness, it makes clear the highway for real joy.

Joy comes from a fundamental awareness that God is victorious and that nothing can separate us from the love of God that comes to us in Jesus Christ. Joy is both a fruit of



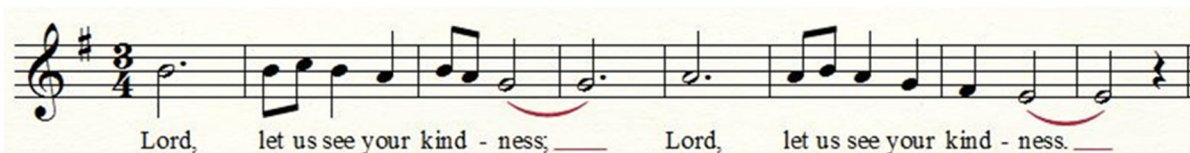
the Holy Spirit and an attitude of faith that springs from a trust in God's providential goodness. I pray daily to abide in that awareness. Holding on to joy is difficult because we often allow the happiness of the moment to become the determining factor in our awareness of our joy. While unhappiness can make it difficult to remember our reasons for embracing joy, it is possible to be joyful in your heart while experiencing sadness.

One can hold on to joy by remembering the deeper truths of faith that surpass the current experience of life. Feelings are not reality, but a response to experience. We pay attention to our feelings without letting them become the all encompassing means to interpreting experience. Our thoughts, feelings and faith combine to form an integrated response to experience. Joy draws life from remembered faith that places trust in God's enduring love. As St. Paul reminds us in his letter to the Philippians: "Rejoice in the Lord always! I shall say it again, rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near." In these remaining days of Advent, let us cling to joy with a fearless faith and cultivate happiness as we prepare to celebrate the beauty of Christmas.

Peace & Joy!

Your Spiritual Father,

Fr. Tom



Next Week Ministry Schedule

Saturday, December 22, 4:00pm

EM: Pat Barnard, Sharon Hagan, Bryan Potter,
Karen Wilson, Mary Hannig, Donna Cuddihee,
Ann Zaleuke, Ed Taylor
Lec: Jerry Knott, Nancy Ast
GB: Carol Harvell, Rita Langford
Serv: Lindsey & Madeline Bouquet
Ush: Tim Wilson, Chris Cuddihee, Larry Graves,
Tom Zaleuke

Sunday, December 23, 7:30am

EM: Emily Cooksey, Dianne Dickherber, Bob Leeker,
Julia Kettler, Bob Brossette, John Fiacco
Lec: Mary Hardesty, Peggy Dupree
GB: Tom & Carol Ostermeyer
Serv: Andy, Daniel, David Vehige
Ush: Rich Scharf, Larry Smith, Gary Potter,
Terry Schneider

Sunday, December 23, 9:30am

EM: Kat Menne, Steve Williams, Donna Wolff,
Dave & Pam DeBold, Megan Preuss,
Walter & Nancy Hollenstein
Lec: Michelle Greiwe, Patrice Riley
GB: Mary Keune & Lisa Nadler
Serv: Lannah Montgomery, Maggie & Morgan Molitor
Ush: Chris & Adam Molitor, Brian Corrigan,
Joe Weber, Curt Eccardt, Alan Raymond

IHMformation Station

December 22, 4:00	Joe & Debbie Willis
December 23, 7:30	Peggy Dupree
December 23, 9:30	Michelle Greiwe



PLEASE Come Decorate With Us!

During this week (December 16-21)
we will begin making decorations for church.
We'll be in Weber Hall and would be
so happy for you to help us!

Then on December 23, beginning about 11am,
we'll put up all the decorations including
the Nativity set, window garlands, altar flowers,
and all the rest to make our church beautiful.

We will certainly appreciate any time and energy
you have to help. Please call Mary Karll 314-550-4351
for questions, or just come!

This Week at Home



Sunday, Dec. 16—3rd Sunday of Advent

Anointings after both Masses

Monday, December 17

Rorate Caeli Mass, 6:45am in St. Joseph Chapel

Scouts, Founders Hall/Trailer, 6:30pm

Bell practice, church, 7pm

Reconciliation, church, 7pm-8:30pm

Tuesday, December 18

Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, 9am

Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am

Men of the Parish Christmas Party, Grand Hall, 6p

Children's Choir, church, 7pm

Reconciliation, church, 7pm-8:30pm

Wednesday, December 19

Bible Study, Weber Hall, 8:45am

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

Contemporary group, Church, 5:30pm

Bible Study, Grand Hall, 6p

Reconciliation, church, 7pm-8:30pm

Rejoice! Advent Meditations, Grand Hall, 7:30pm

Thursday, December 20

Rejoice! Advent Meditations, Grand Hall, 8:45am

Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am

RCIA, Weber Hall, 6:30pm

Choir practice, Church, 7p

Friday, December 21

Quilters, Weber Hall, 8:30am

Saturday, December 22

Reconciliation, 8:45am

Sunday, December 23—4th Sunday of Advent

Contemporary group sings at 9:30 Mass

Christmas Masses December 24/25:

Monday evening 4pm

Doors open at 11:30pm for Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 10am

Marriage in Christ
has been promised between:
Sydney Elaine Cornett
and
Kyle John Fuchs



Giving Tree

All gifts need to be returned to
church no later than December 19
(Wednesday of this week). Thanks
everyone!



Mass Intentions

Monday, December 17

6:45am intention of Dee Schipper
8:00am Shirley McDonald +
Gerard Wehrle +

Tuesday, December 18

8:00am Tom Holstein +
Theresa Holm & Cayetano Cazares +

Wednesday, December 19

8:00am Jack Hitt +

Thursday, December 20

8:00am Roy Miller +
John B. Long +

Friday, December 21

8:00am All Souls
Frank Cherry +

Saturday, December 22

8:00am intention of Roger & Vickie Brink
4:00pm Bill & Nadine Odlum +

Sunday, December 23

7:30am Ann Seper +
9:30am People of the Parish
Rick Hagan +



Marian Council is selling See's Candy as a fundraiser: \$20/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.

Contributions— Dec. 8/9

General Offertory:	\$13,091.08
Online—General Offertory:	\$4,215.01
Total Offertory:	\$17,306.09

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God."

PHILIPPIANS 4:6

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

We pray ... that we may take time to be grateful to God, who is the ultimate giver of all gifts.

Heavenly Duster

Carolyn Schellert

Purificators

June Spiess

Needed at the Pantry:

corn and green beans; pork and beans; peanut butter; canned fruit: mandarin oranges, peaches, fruit cocktail, apple sauce; tuna helper, hamburger helper; canned chicken; ketchup; sugar; vegetable oil; BBQ sauce; Bisquick; jello; all-purpose cleaning supplies, toilet paper

In today's Gospel John the Baptist says, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise..."

Christmas is a time of love and gift giving...please share your abundance by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessings of Christmas.

**Men's White House Retreat:
March 14-17 (mark your calendars!)**

3rd Sunday of Advent

[A man named John began preaching at the Jordan River.] People's hopes began to rise, and they began to wonder whether John perhaps might be the Messiah. LUKE 3:15

Viktor Frankl was a Jewish psychiatrist when the Nazis arrested him and sent him to a concentration camp. In his book *Man's Search for Meaning*, he describes some of the sufferings that Jews endured in those camps. One was the pain of waiting- waiting to learn the fate of loved ones, waiting to learn one's own fate, waiting to be rescued. The pain of waiting also plagued Jews in Jesus' time- waiting to be delivered from the Romans, waiting for the Messiah to come. This pain affected Jews in different ways. Some lost hope; some lost faith. Others simply watched and prayed. What is one thing I am waiting for in my life? How is this affecting me?

"Be strong and don't be afraid! God is coming to your rescue." ISAIAH 35:4

Fr. Mark Link S.J. *Vision*

Advent Schedule



Reconciliation:

Mondays/Tuesdays/Wednesdays, 7-8:30pm
Saturdays after morning Mass, 8:45am

Christmas Parties:

Men of the Parish, Dec, 18, 6:00pm, Grand Hall
Please sign up in the narthex

Rorate Coeli Mass

Monday, December 17, 6:45am
(see more information below)

Decorate Church

Preparations week of Dec. 16, decorate Dec. 23



Christmas Masses

Monday, December 24 at 4pm
Midnight Mass
(carols begin at 11:30pm)
Tuesday, December 25 at 10am

January 1 Holy Day

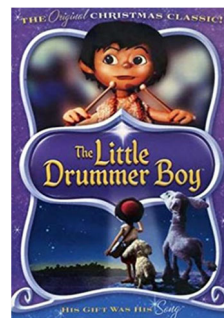
Monday, December 31 at 4pm
Tuesday, January 1 at 10am

St. Paul Library & Lighthouse CD's

(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 Parish Library: Grand Hall

This story has touched the hearts of families everywhere. In this holiday classic, the true spirit of Christmas is revealed when a lonely orphan stumbles upon the birth of the baby Jesus and affirms what the holidays are really about: giving and love. Featuring a beautiful soundtrack by the Vienna Boys Choir, this timeless tale of generosity makes a fitting preparation for the Christmas season.



Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message



Narrated by Jim Caviezel. The story told in this film is the story that happened to Juan Diego on December 9, 1531 at the hill of Tepeyac, Mexico, at the outskirts of what is now Mexico City. As a result of this encounter, and the image miraculously imprinted on Juan Diego's tilma (cloak), nine million Native Americans embraced the Catholic faith.

EWTN CATHOLIC RADIO: AM 1460

with daily Mass, teaching the Faith, call-in programs .
Informative Catholic programming.

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



Candlelight Rorate Caeli Mass Monday Morning

6:45am Monday, December 17, 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. This beautiful tradition helps us to enter more fully into the late Advent season.

The symbolism of the darkened church being lit by candlelight expresses the reality that darkness is dispelled by a unification of many individual lights—we are able to illuminate the world and easily destroy the darkness before us. As the Mass proceeds and sunrise approaches, the church becomes progressively brighter, illumined by the sun as our Faith is illumined by Christ. This speaks of the general theme of Advent, a time of expectation eagerly awaiting the arrival of the Son of God, the Light of the World.

We will have weekday Mass at 8am as usual.

PSR Corner

Christmas Tree

In the German Middle Ages, various plays at Christmas time within churches often featured as a prop an evergreen "Paradise tree" from which an apple was plucked. These plays were given on December 24, which as well as being Christmas Eve, is in some countries the religious feast day of Adam and Eve. To suggest the Garden of Eden, a tree decorated with apples (to represent the forbidden fruit) and wafers (to represent the Eucharist and redemption) was used as a setting for the play. The apples were replaced by round objects such as shiny red balls. In a later tradition, the wafers were replaced by cookies of various shapes. Candles, too, were often added as the symbol of Christ. Like the Christmas crib, the Paradise tree was later placed in homes.



Christmas Dinner for the Men of the Parish

Tuesday, December 18: Grand Hall

Doors open at 6:30pm,

Dinner served at 7:30pm

Open to all men of the parish.

RSVP by signing up in the Narthex

Readings for the Week

Mon: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Tue: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Wed: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17;
Lk 1:5-25
Thu: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
Fri: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Sat: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Sun: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;
Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Please pray for all the sick and suffering, including:

Ed Haas, Mark Hanna, John Fiacco, Dee Schipper,
Andy Pope, Phyllis Zerr, Vickie Brink, Sandy Knott,
Cindy Biddy, Mary Conover, Audrey Hueffmeier
Christine Potter (Gary & Cassie's Potter's daughter-in-law)
Zina Riley (mom of Andrew Riley),
David & Lisa Debold (Dave & Pam DeBold's children),
Betty Enderle (mom of Kay Cherry),
Audrey Miclow (Marcy Pivin's mom),

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.

BLOOD DRIVE

Everyone who comes to give blood will receive a voucher to redeem their choice of a \$10 Starbucks or Amazon Gift Card!

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Thursday, January 3

2:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Founders Hall

Blood supplies are greatly depleted during the holidays, so our Blood Drive in early January is vital to saving lives at the beginning of the year. Please put the date on your calendar and give the gift of life.

Did you know?

The new tax law made the *IRA Charitable Rollover* even more attractive for donors aged 70.5 or older!

With an increased standard tax deduction, fewer people will itemize, preventing many from deducting their charitable contributions. The IRA Charitable Rollover allows donors—even those who take the standard deduction—to enjoy tax benefits by contributing to our parish. If you are over age 70.5, you might still be able to receive tax benefits by giving to our parish with an IRA Charitable Rollover.

For more information, please contact Gift Planning Officer Michael Weisbrod or Carrie Brooks at the Roman Catholic Foundation: 314-918-2890 or giftplanning@rcfstl.org.

What's Your Catholic IQ?

During the third week of Advent, we rejoice, looking ahead to the Feast of Christmas. Since people often rejoice by singing, here's a few verses from religious hymns to see if you can identify.



1. He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love.
2. Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice. Heaven sings Alleluia, Alleluia the earth replies.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask You to say close by me forever and love me I pray.
4. Good Christian fear, for sinners here the silent word is pleading. Nails, spear shall pierce Him through; the cross be borne for me, for you.
5. "Fear not," then said the angel. "Let nothing you affright. This day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright, to free all those who trust in Him from Satan's power and might."

6. O Holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray. Cast out our sin and enter in. Be born in us today.

For numbers 7-10 find the right name for the hymn described.

7. 5pm to 6am without noise
8. Listen, aerial spirits harmonizing
9. Assemble, everyone who believes.
10. Hallowed post meridian.



Robert J. Carlson Adoption Grant Fundraiser Support the Adoption Grant and get the opportunity to win!

The winner will receive ten (10) seats in Suite 33 (along first-base line) at Busch Stadium for one 2019 Cardinals home game, as well as \$150 of food and drinks, plus one VIP parking pass for a negotiated date.



Aside from private donations, this is the largest fundraiser for the Adoption Grant. The more we raise, the more we can award to deserving families! **Tickets are \$20 or 6 for \$100.** They make great Christmas gifts, too!

Tickets made available through the generous donation of Mercy. For more information contact the Office of Natural Family Planning at 314-997-7576 or stlnfp@archstl.org or purchase at bit.ly/adoptiongrantraffle.

7 Steps to Becoming Financially Free Catholic Group Study

Are you interested in:

- ❖ Deepening your relationship with the Lord?
- ❖ Strengthening your marriage and family life?
- ❖ Breaking free from the bondage of consumer debt?
- ❖ Developing a realistic faith-based financial plan for the future?

If so, we are offering a 6-7 session study group utilizing the concepts of Christian-based finances in achieving the objectives listed above. The sessions will be limited in size to achieve the benefits and dynamics that are gleaned from a small study work group. Kick-off for this study will be in January 2019. If you are interested, contact Bob Brossette at 636-312-4554.

We are not selling any products or services and the only cost to you is the cost of the Book and Workbook, about \$40. Due to limited space call now to assure



Join the Holy Father's prayer intentions for December: In the Service of the Transmission of Faith

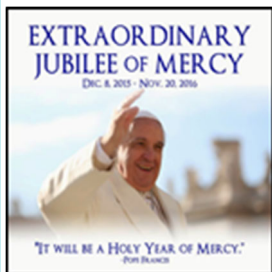
That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

6. O Little Town of Bethlehem
7. Silent Night
8. Hark, the Herald
9. Angels Sing
9. O Come All Ye Faithful
10. O Holy Night



- Catholic IQ Answers**
1. Joy to the World
 2. We Three Kings
 3. Away in a Manger
 4. What Child is This
 5. God Rest You Merry Gentlemen

Advent: A Time to Reflect on Love, Service and the Works of Mercy Present (or not present) in our lives



Recall that from 2015-2016 Pope Francis decreed a special year of mercy in which he directed the faithful to reflect and act on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. He wrote, "It is my burning desire that, during this Jubilee, the Christian people may reflect on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. It will be a way to reawaken our conscience, too often grown dull in the face of poverty. And let us enter more deeply into the heart of the Gospel where the poor have a special experience of God's mercy. Jesus introduces us to these works of mercy in his preaching so that we can know whether or not we are living as his disciples. Let us rediscover these corporal works of mercy: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. And let us not forget the spiritual works of mercy: to counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offenses, bear patiently those who do us ill, and pray for the living and the dead."

To DO the works of Mercy, it is helpful to first KNOW the works of mercy. Here are the Corporal Works with Scriptures, as well as a memory aid. (Next week we'll cover the Spiritual Works)

1. **Feed the hungry:** "For I was hungry and you gave me to eat." Mt. 25:35
2. **Give drink to the thirsty:** "...I was thirsty and you gave me to drink..." Mt. 25:35
3. **Clothe the naked:** "I was...naked and you clothed me..." Mt. 25:36
4. **Visit the imprisoned:** "I was in prison and you came to me." Mt. 25:36
5. **Shelter the homeless:** "...I was a stranger and you took me in..." Mt. 25:35
6. **Visit the sick:** "...I was sick and you cared for me..." Mt. 25:36
7. **Bury the dead:** "Amen, I say to you, insofar as you did it for one of these least of my brothers, you did it for me." Mt. 25:40



MEMORY AID: DH-THINS

DH = Designated Hitter, stands in for the pitcher

THINS = symbol for the impoverished.

We stand in for Christ.... Christ has no body now but ours.

D=Dead (Dead, Bury the)
H=Hungry (Hungry, Feed the)

T= Thirsty (Thirsty, Give Drink to)
H = Homeless (Homeless, Shelter)
I = Imprisoned (Imprisoned, Visit)
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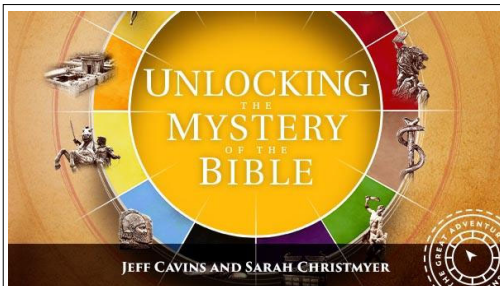


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If you want to know God's plan for your life and would like to have a deeper relationship with Him and a better understanding of your faith, then you are invited to join us for **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible**, beginning on **Friday, January 11** at 6:30am. *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, so you can get the “big picture” of the Bible and understand what it's all about. The complexity of the Bible is simplified through an easy-to-follow narrative approach and a color-coded chart that helps you follow the story that ties all of Scripture together and makes it easy to understand the Bible.

The study includes eight half-hour informative and engaging videos followed by group discussion. We are done by 7:30am which gives you time to get to work or to Mass. An optional (but very helpful) workbook is available for \$20. For more information or to register for the study, please call Peggy at the church office: 636-398-5270. We hope you can join us!



Invitation to Surviving Divorce . . . “I’m furious. What can I do with this anger?” “If God is good, why did He allow this divorce?” “Why does it hurt so much?” Find the answers to these questions and more in a new ministry to Catholics who have suffered from divorce: **The Catholic’s Divorce Survival Guide**. The 12-week DVD program features Catholic experts who present Church teaching along with lay men and women who share their challenges on the way to true healing. Immaculate Conception Parish—Dardenne is hosting the program beginning **January 10**. There is a \$25 fee which will cover all materials needed. (*Scholarships available for anyone*). Contact Debi at debijo@att.net for more information.

Want to give your spouse a gift that says you truly love them and want to make the most of your marriage! Give your spouse a gift certificate for a **Marriage Encounter Weekend** as a Christmas present! *You will BOTH appreciate this special gift to one another.* If that sounds good to you, just pick up the phone to find out more about a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on **February 8-10** at the Courtyard Marriott in St. Peters, MO. If you would like to apply or get more information, go to <https://stl-wwwme.org/schedule.pho> or call 314-649-7317.

Christmas Family Retreat at Marianist Retreat Center, 4000 Highway 109, Eureka, MO 63025. A family Christmas vacation and retreat with plenty of family and God time. Includes 6 meals, private rooms & bathrooms. **Friday, December 28 at 5pm until Sunday, December 30, 1pm**. Games, carols and festivities allow families to continue the spirit of the Christmas season! Enjoy crafts, faith sharing, Mass, prayer, nature walks, movies, and down time to just “be” with God and with your loved ones including grandparents and aunts and uncles! Costs: \$165 per adult, \$85 per child (4-18), 3 & under free. Contact www.mretreat.org or 636-938-5390.

The 20th Anniversary **St. Louis Marian Conference** will be held at the Renaissance Hotel **Friday thru Sunday, January 11/12/13**. Confirmed speakers are Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke, Dr. Gregory Thompson, Peggy Schneier, Fr. Vincent Lambert, Mary Lou McCall, Fr. Tom Sullivan, Bishop Robert Hermann, and Fr. Charles Becker. For additional information, call 314-401-1707 or visit website stlmarianconference.net

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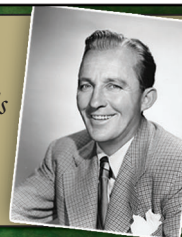


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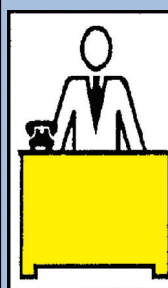


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