



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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Website: www.ihm-newmelle.org

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

Parish Office: 636-398-5270 Fax: 636-398-5577

Schedule of Holy Mass

Saturday: 8:00am
4:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am
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:

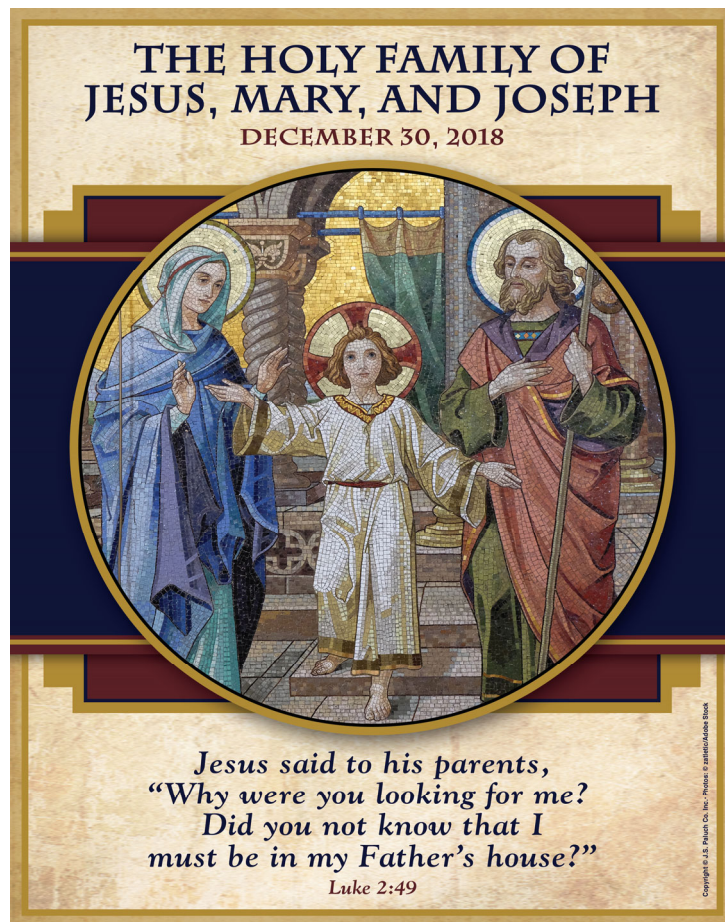
Contact the parish office
at least six months prior to the wedding

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



We Are Family

On the feast of the Holy Family, it is tempting to compare our own families to the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. If your parish used the year A readings that were traditionally used for this feast, the second reading from Colossians has much practical advice for our families. However, while living as a family today is challenging enough, the Gospel for year C reaches a lot farther.

Luke's narrative of the twelve year old Jesus in the temple is not a warning for parents to watch their children closely while travelling. The story looks forward to the time Jesus would be "lost" in the tomb after his crucifixion. Just as his parents found him on the

third day, so Jesus would rise from the dead on the third day. And Jesus' remark, "I must be in my Father's house" (Lk 2:49) gives us a hint at who is Jesus' family.

Luke was well aware that the Temple was considered God's dwelling place. So to call it his Father's house showed that Jesus was the Son of God. Keep that in mind as you look at the second reading from the First Letter of John: "we may be called children of God." (1 Jn 3:1) Like Jesus, we call God our father, and like Jesus, we are part of a larger family than the one we live with. That family of all God's children is the one we are called to serve.

But remember Jesus was 12 in this part of the gospel. So his duty to God included being obedient to his parents. We too have a tension between obedience to our parents and following God's call, a tension between taking care of our children and giving time to God's children in the church and the community. At election time we have the tension of voting for candidates who will keep our family safe, or for those that help the poor or the aged. Just remember that, while we have a warm, cozy picture of the Holy Family, Jesus' ultimate duty was to give his life for all, especially sinners. Let us ask God to help us appreciate what our family obligations really are.

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

Parish Staff

Parish Office: 636-398-5270

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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

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Prayer and Devotion

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Shawn Mueller 636-398-5270
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Boy Scouts: Chad Peters 314-807-7177
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Teresa Waddington 314-440-7475
Welcoming Committee
Teresa Berfanger 636-398-5565

Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

Dear parishioners,

As we prepare for the New Year and continue our Christmas celebration I thought it would be great to share a prayer for the coming year of grace. As we learned from the four years of reflecting upon our faith as an invitation to become dynamic Catholics, prayer is the foundation of our relationship with God and our greatest hope for personal conversion and redemption. Here are a few prayers as we venture into this coming year.

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

Happy New Year & Merry Christmas!
Your Spiritual Father,

Fa. Tom

Feast of the Holy Family

The first and fundamental structure ... is the family, in which man receives his first formative ideas about truth and goodness, and learns what it means to love and to be loved, and thus what it actually means to be a person. Here we mean the family founded on marriage, in which the mutual gift of self by husband and wife creates an environment in which children can be born and develop their potentialities, become aware of their dignity and prepare to face their unique and individual destiny... It is necessary to go back to seeing the family as the sanctuary of life. The family is indeed sacred: it is the place in which life — the gift of God — can be properly welcomed and protected against the many attacks to which it is exposed, and can develop in accordance with what constitutes authentic human growth. In the face of the so-called culture of death, the family is the heart of the culture of life.

PLEASE NOTE:

8am Daily Masses will be in Church until January 2

HOLY DAY MASSSES:

Monday, December 31 at 4pm

Tuesday, January 1 at 10am



Next Week Ministry Schedule

January 5—4:00pm

EM: Wally & Jan Karase, Jennifer Fredrick, Pat Roche, Carole Baker, Mary Jean Hartenbach, Sharon Hagan, Pat Barnard
Lec: Jackie Dunn, Chuck Kettler
GB: Bill & Bernadine Pollihan
Serv: Brody & Ashlyn Stafford
Ush: Jerry Braden, Tim Wilson, Joe Spiess, Larry Graves

January 6—7:30am

EM: Kris Jenkins, Peggy Dupree, Rich Molitor, Bob Leeker, Emily Cooksey, Dianne Dickherber
Lec: Karen Wappelhorst, Lucy Smith
GB: Bill & Jean Reed Bammann
Serv: Connor & Sydney Jaeckle
Ush: Ron Neske, Larry Koch, Hanh Nguyen, Frank Kardasz

January 6—9:30am

EM: Cheryl Gray, Michelle Greiwe, Sharon Smith, Bob Brossette, Terry & Marcia Schneider, Janet Hespen, Chris Richter
Lec: Walt Hollenstein, Grant Smith
GB: Larry & Amy Molitor
Serv: Genny Greiwe, Sophia Hake, Maggie Thater
Ush: Bob Gray, Chris & Adam Molitor, Joe Weber, Brian Corrigan, Curt Eccardt

IHMformation Station

January 5, 4:00	Wally & Jan Karase
January 6, 7:30	Peggy Dupree
January 6, 9:30	Mike & Kelly Meyer

This Week at Home

Monday, December 31

Vigil Mass for Mary, Mother of God, 4pm

Tuesday, January 1

Holy Day Mass at 10am

Office closed

Wednesday, January 2

Morning Mass back in the chapel

No Reconciliation this evening

Thursday, January 3

Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am

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

Choir practice, church, 7pm

Friday, January 4

Quilters, Weber Hall, 8:30am

Saturday, January 5

Reconciliation, 8:45am

Food Pantry open 9-10:30am

Jonah Team will pray with you after 4pm Mass

Sunday, January 6

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

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.

EWTN CATHOLIC RADIO: AM 1460
with daily Mass, teaching the Faith, call-in programs .

2019 Guide Book & Directory Advertising Opportunity

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the parish. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the church office: 636-398-5270.

Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It "will pay" to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 31

8:00am Cole Watson (1st ann.) +

4:00pm Elizabeth Meier +

Tuesday, January 1

10:00am Ray Weidenburner +

Wednesday, January 2

8:00am All Souls

Thursday, January 3

8:00am Dennis Fitch +

Friday, January 4

8:00am Holy Vocations

Randy & Lukas Schneider +

Saturday, January 5

8:00am Tom Miller +

4:00pm People of the Parish

Ed Langford +

Sunday, January 6

7:30am Olivia Smith +

Larry Hanna +

9:30am Gerard Wehrle +

Contributions—December 15/16

General Offertory: \$10,545.00

Online—General Offertory: \$2,574.32

TOTAL \$13,119.32

**Contributions for December 22/23 and Christmas
will be recorded next week**

*"See what love the Father has given us, that we
should be called children of God; and so we are."*

1 JOHN 3:1

During this season of giving, let us remember the most important gift we have received—being children of God. As God's children, it's important that we express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children and other family members and friends that you love them, frequently.

*We pray ... that as grateful children of God,
we remember to tell family and friends
that we love them every day.*

Heavenly Duster

Christmas Break

Purification

June Spiess

Needed at the Pottery:

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

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and so we can celebrate that we all belong to the holy family of God which makes us brothers and sisters to each other.

At Christmas this year, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the joy and hope to our "brothers and sisters" who are poor by assisting families in providing food, gifts, and funds for utility and rent bills. Thank you!

2019 March for Life: 46th Annual National
March for Life will be Thursday thru Saturday, January 17/18/19. The trip is open to anyone ages 7 and up (chaperones not provided). Buses depart from various locations, one being Hobby Lobby in St. Charles. Hotels not provided—we sleep on the bus. Cost = \$230. Registration deadline is January 2. Info at www.easternregionmrl.org or call 314-434-4900.

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Update Membership Information

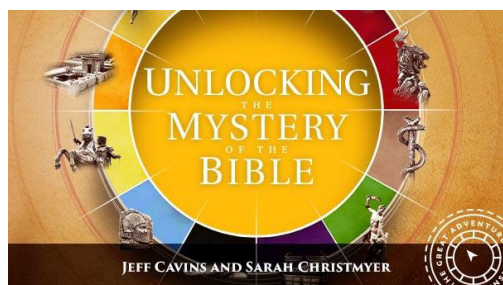
Does our parish database have YOUR family membership record correct?

Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so).

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year.

Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published?

If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct. The Church Office number is 636-398-5270.



What is it?

An 8-week study to help you get the “big picture” of the Bible and understand what it’s all about.

Why should I come?

It will help you know the Bible better, which will give you a deeper relationship with God by better understanding our faith.

When does it start?

Friday, January 11 at 6:30am in Weber Hall.

Is there a cost?

An optional (but very helpful) workbook is available for \$20 online at AscensionPress.com.

How do I sign up?

Call Peggy in the church office: 636-398-5270.

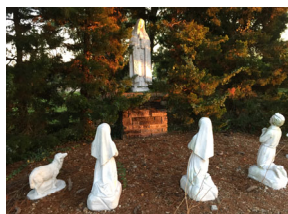
Please pray for all the sick and suffering, including:

Ed Haas, Mark Hanna, John Fiocco, Dee Schipper,
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),

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.



The Legion of Mary has purchased a bench so that people can pray in front of the Our Lady of Fatima grotto. The bench seat flips up and you will be able to put in prayer requests, acquire flyers on how to pray and how to pray the Rosary specifically, and if you need a rosary to pray with, you will be able to acquire a rosary, too. We hope that our parish family will enjoy this bench even more in the coming year as the weather gets warmer.

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

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.

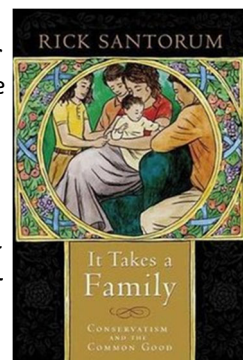
From the Parish Library: Grand Hall (lower level of church)



When asked to name the most important things in our lives, many of us put family near the top of our list. But what is the purpose, what is the meaning, of family? How can the family practice the Catholic faith at home, in its parish, and in today's society? In Mission of the Family, Jon Leonetti explains that evangelization, compassion, and changing the world starts with the members of our family. Discover God's important mission and purpose for you, your spouse, and your children.

(From a review at Amazon.com) It doesn't really matter if you consider yourself a right-winged conservative or a free-thinking liberal; this book remains a very compelling explanation of the family-centered conservative position. The author represents a large portion of our American population and, therefore, cannot be lightly dismissed. This is an important book to read at this difficult time in our nation's history.

Conservatives will find this book absolutely inspiring and liberals may discover in it a marvelous opportunity to exercise their tolerance for diversity. I'm buying more copies of this book to share with my adult children because of the practical advice the author provides for raising a culturally rich family. I really encourage everyone to read this book.



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

PSR Corner

Christmas Break



Parents should have received report cards given to students at class on December 19th. If you still need to pick up, please contact the parish office. No PSR on Wednesday, December 26th or January 2nd for Christmas Break.

Readings for the Week

Mon: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
 Tue: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
 Wed: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
 Thu: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
 Fri: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
 Sat: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
 Sun: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Please pray for our troops:

Randy Brittingham—U.S. Air Force
 Gregory Conners—U.S. Army
 Luke Cwiklowski—U.S. Navy
 Nicholas Hitt—U.S. Army
 Jacob Holstein—U.S. Marines
 Keaton Jenkins—U.S. Navy
 Courtney Kelley (Swoboda) - U.S. Air Force
 Angela Kettler—U.S. Navy
 Alexandra McIntosh—U.S. Navy
 Danielle McIntosh—U.S. Marines
 Richard Ostermeyer—U.S. Marines
 Matthew Rison—U.S. Navy
 Eric Roethler—U.S. Marines
 Alexander Vesel—U.S. Navy

and all U.S. military men and women who have dedicated their lives to preserve and protect our country
 (if you would like your loved one listed, please contact the church office)

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.



Drop off your clothes and shoes here!

We keep the community green and give you an easy option to repurpose clothes, shoes and other household textiles. Just drop off your items in USAgain's green & white bin outside!

We're proud to support rewear, reuse and recycling by providing this convenient collection bin.



Textile recycling services provided by USAgain.
Deposits are not tax deductible.

How it Works

1. Go through your closet and **bag up all clothing, shoes and household textiles** like sheets, drapes, towels etc that you no longer use. We accept clothing, footwear, accessories and linens of all styles, sizes and colors. Put them in a bag and tie it up.
2. Bring your bagged items and **drop them off** at the green and white USAgain bin any time of the day. Voila! It's that simple.
3. Celebrate your good environmental deed!

Every time the bin is full, we plant one tree.
 More than 860,000 planted so far.



The average American trashes 68 pounds of clothing every year. This adds up to over 11 million tons of perfectly re-wearable or re-useable textiles wasted. When you recycle textiles, you're keeping valuable resources in use, limiting waste and landfill space, and creating jobs in the U.S. and abroad. Learn more at www.usagain.com



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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.

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

What's Your Catholic IQ?

1. What is frankincense?
 - a. a precious metal
 - b. a precious fabric
 - c. a precious perfume
 - d. none of the above
2. What is myrrh?
 - a. Middle Eastern money
 - b. a drink
 - c. An easily shaped metal
 - d. a spice used for burying people
 - e. none of the above
3. How many wise men came to see Jesus?
 - a. 3
 - b. 6
 - c. 9
 - d. 12
 - e. we don't know
4. Where did the wise men find Jesus? (Mt. 2:11)
 - a. in a manger
 - b. in a stable
 - c. in Nazareth
 - d. in Saudi Arabia
 - e. in a house
 - f. none of the above
5. When the wise men found Jesus he was... (Mt. 2:11)
 - a. a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes
 - b. a young child
 - c. a boy in the temple
 - d. a grown man
6. In a response to stand firm against the assault of violence and filth in the media, in 1933 Archbishop John McNicholas composed a membership pledge for families to promote the Legion of _____.
 - a. Doom
 - b. Decency
 - c. Decay
 - d. Destruction



Roses for Life

The Knights of Columbus will be holding the annual Roses for Life campaign at all Masses next weekend, January 5/6. 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 D.C. 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 going to Washington D.C. to participate in the annual March for Life, which will take place on January 18. January 22 is the 46th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion on demand in the U.S.



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 your place in this study group.

NAR-ANON SUPPORT GROUP: Weekly meetings on Saturdays, 10:00 am in the Trailer at IHM.
This group is for Family and Friends of Addicts.
For questions, please call Ann at 314-578-4737

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.

Working Towards a Happy and Holy Family

The Five Love Languages by Gary Chapman

Unhappiness in marriage often has a simple root cause: we speak different love languages, believes Dr. Gary Chapman. While working as a marriage counselor for more than 30 years, he identified five love languages: words of affirmation, quality time, receiving gifts, acts of service, and physical touch. In a friendly, often humorous style, he unpacks each one. Some husbands or wives may crave focused attention; another needs regular praise. Gifts are highly important to one spouse, while another sees fixing a leaky faucet, ironing a shirt, or cooking a meal as filling their "love tank." Some partners might find physical touch makes them feel valued: holding hands, giving back rubs. Chapman illustrates each love language with real-life examples from his counseling practice. Are you and your spouse speaking the same language? Learn to speak and understand your mate's love language, and in no time you will be surprised how your relationships can be transformed.

<http://www.5lovelanguages.com/>

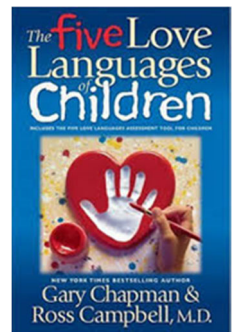
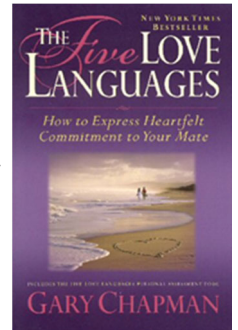
Which of these is your primary love language? What about your spouse? **Your children?** Friends? It can be fun to discuss or try to guess one another's language.



Below is an easy memory aid for the various languages

Gift giving
Relational Touch
Encouraging Words
Acts of Service
Time together

These languages are Gr-r-reat! to know





Catholic IQ Answers



1. c. Frankincense was used in the temple worship of the Lord. It represents His deity because He is truly God born in human flesh.
2. d. Herod was buried with over 150 lbs. of myrrh wrapped in his burial clothes. Myrrh was used in embalming in those days. John 19:39 tells us that Jesus' body was bound in linen wrappings along with 75 pounds of myrrh and aloes. The gift of myrrh pictures His suffering and death.
3. e. We don't know. They were magi, not wise men—but the Bible doesn't give the number. Many people assume that there were three because of the three gifts. However, in ancient times these men usually traveled in caravans of ten to twelve, along with a full entourage for protection.
4. e. Read Matthew 2:11 (see next answer).
5. b. Read Matthew 2:11. When the shepherds found Jesus (Luke 2), he was a "babe" in a manger. The Greek word used in Luke 2 is for a "newborn baby". However, by the time the Magi appeared, Jesus had been moved from the manger to a house (verse 11) and the Greek word used in Matthew is for "toddler or young child." He was probably somewhere between 12-24 months old. In many of our Christmas programs, we bring the Magi and the shepherds to worship Jesus together at the manger. Nice thought and it makes for a beautiful scene, but it didn't happen that way. The shepherds were there the night Jesus was born. The Magi came months later.
6. b. The pledge reads as follows: I condemn all indecent and immoral motion pictures, and those which glorify crime or criminals. I promise to do all that I can to strengthen public opinion against the production of indecent and immoral films, and to unite with all who protest against them. I acknowledge my obligation to form a right conscience about pictures that are dangerous to my moral life. I pledge myself to remain away from them. I promise, further, to stay away altogether from places of amusement which show them as a matter of policy.

(Wikipedia Online Encyclopedia)

January 2019 - Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	31 Vigil Mass 4p 	1 Holy Day Mass 10a Church office closed	2	3 Fitness class, GH, 9a Blood Drive, FH, 2:30—6:30p RCIA, WH, 6:30p Choir, church, 7p	4 Quilting, WH, 8:30a	5 Reconciliation 8:45a Food Pantry 9-10:30a Jonah Team 4p
6 Jonah Team 9:30	7 Scouts, FH/Tr, 6:30p	8 Fitness class, GH, 9a Legion of Mary, WH, 9a Marian Council, WH, 6:30p Children's Choir, Ch, 7p	9 Bible Study, WH, 8:45 PSR, FH/WH/Tr, 6p Bible Study, GH, 6p Reconciliation 7p	10 Fitness class, GH, 9a RCIA, WH, 6:30p Choir, church, 7p Event in FH 7p	11 Bible Study, (1 of 8) WH, 6:45a Quilting, WH, 8:30a	12 Reconciliation 8:45a
13 KofC Breakfast 8-11a	14 SVDP, 6:30p Scouts, FH/Tr, 6:30p	15 Fitness class, GH, 9a Legion of Mary, WH, 9a Children's Choir, Ch, 7p KofC Memorial Mass, Chapel, 7p	16 Bible Study, WH, 8:45 Outreach, WH, 1p Bible Study, GH, 6p Reconciliation, 7p	17 Fitness class, GH, 9a Pinewood Derby Setup, GH, evening RCIA, WH, 6:30p Choir, church, 7p	18 Bible Study, (2 of 8) WH, 6:45a Quilting, WH, 8:30a Pinewood Derby, GH, afternoon	19 Reconciliation 8:45a Food Pantry 9-10:30a
20	21 Church office closed Scouts, FH/Tr, 6:30p 	22 Fitness class, GH, 9a Legion of Mary, WH, 9a Children's Choir, CH, 7p Finance Council, WH, 7p	23 Bible Study, WH, 8:45 PSR, FH/WH/Tr, 6p Bible Study, GH, 6p Reconciliation 7p	24 Fitness class, GH, 9a RCIA, WH, 6:30p Choir, church, 7p	25 Bible Study, (3 of 8) WH, 6:45a Quilting, WH, 8:30a	26 Reconciliation 8:45a
27	28 Scouts, FH/Tr, 6:30p Men 4 Christ, GH, 7p Baptismal prep, WH, 7p	29 Fitness class, GH, 9a Legion of Mary, WH, 9a Children's Choir, Ch, 7p	30 Bible Study, WH, 8:45 PSR, FH/WH/Tr, 6p Bible Study, GH, 6p Reconciliation 7p	31 Fitness class, GH, 9a RCIA, WH, 6:30p Choir, church, 7p		

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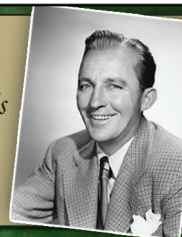


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