



# 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

## 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 17, 2019



## YOUR REWARD WILL BE GREAT IN HEAVEN

Today's Gospel from Luke is the Sermon on the Plain with the Beatitudes, what we usually think of as the Sermon on the Mount. It seems as though Jesus is congratulating those who would have been considered unfortunate, doesn't it? The Beatitude statements overturn the concept of "fortunate" in Jesus' time, naming those who are poor, hungry, mourning, or marginalized as those who should rejoice.

Jesus continues with prophetic and startling "Woe to you!" statements, directed to those usually thought of as blessed. Heavenly reward is not a privilege of the rich and comfortable but a blessing for all who trust in God, whose reward will be great in heaven.

The first reading and the psalm take a somewhat different focus: trust in God, not people or things of this world. One who trusts in God is fortunate, like a plant that produces good fruit, sustained by living waters and currents of grace. "Not so the wicked," who wither and vanish, blowing away like the illusions of their self-absorption.

Paul, in the second reading, confronts members of the early Christian community of Corinth who were doubting, or devaluing, belief in Jesus' resurrection and the general resurrection of the dead. Depending on the material world in their spiritual pride, they believed that their righteousness was something they had achieved on their own. They

felt self-sufficient, "rich," not in need of the ongoing saving power of Christ's resurrection that completes the sacrifice of Good Friday through Easter, which is our true blessing.

So, congratulations! Acknowledging our need for God, we are rich in the Kingdom love of our Father. Our hunger is satisfied by the sustaining nourishment of the Spirit. Our weeping is "turned into dancing" knowing that Jesus is with us in our sorrows, in fact knew them when he walked upon earth. Reasons enough for us to rejoice, always, even when people treat us badly. God's reward to us is the Kingdom, now and always.

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

## Parish Staff

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## Religious Education

Shawn Mueller, Director

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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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Eucharistic Adoration  
Shawn Mueller 636-398-5270  
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Funeral Lunches  
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Ruth Willis 636-398-4597  
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Chuck Hinkle 636-544-6639  
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Boy Scouts: Chad Peters 314-807-7177  
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Teresa Berfanger 636-398-5565

## MATURING DISCIPLESHIP

Dear Parishioners,

I have mentioned this numerous times in homilies and want to reiterate that one can be a good person without ever going to church or even professing a private or personal faith. While the source of all goodness is from God, it is possible for people to be good without ever acknowledging the source of goodness in this life. We should thank God for all the good people we know who are part of our community and contribute to the overall goodness of society.

One cannot be a disciple without an active and practiced faith. If you were baptized you were called to be a disciple. A life of discipleship is rooted in the Sacraments, and seeks service and study. We want to embrace and advocate an active and living faith in Jesus Christ. Passive faith often leads to a lack of practice and little desire to serve or study what should be our greatest love. Boredom with God, faith or the life of the church is really a confession of a lazy and/or bored person.

One of the first things a maturing disciple should strive to practice is self-awareness. We want to heed the words of the ancient Greeks and "know thyself." As I mentioned in the January Year of Life homily we want to move beyond expressions of "how I feel" to statements of "what I believe." Statements of belief incorporate feelings, thoughts, and reflection on knowledge and experience. We want to deepen our self-awareness through prayer and reflection on our own pilgrimage of life. One of Our Lord's promises is

that we will have greater self-awareness by losing ourselves in discipleship to Him.

One of the first things you will discover when you seriously reflect upon your life and what you believe is your own sinfulness. Self-awareness leads to self-accusation. This is not bad news. This is actually GREAT news. We want to know our sinfulness so we can approach the Divine Healer and Font of Mercy with full confidence and complete contrition. The great souls that have gone before us know this truth. Our saints testify to the mercy of God because they have pulled off the blinders on their own sinfulness and have embraced self-accusation.

These topics are much easier to write about than to practice. Anyone serious about self-awareness and self-accusation knows that once you set on the path of maturing discipleship it never ends. If we seriously and intentionally embrace the pursuit of these habits of the soul it will open the door to greater humility and patience.

Peace,

*Fr. Tom*

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it. What profit is there for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?"

- The Gospel of Mark 8: 34 – 36

## 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[Jesus said,] "Happy are you who are hungry now; you will be filled!" LUKE 6:21

Lee Atwater died at age 40 of a brain tumor. He had acquired wealth and honor, but felt a deep inner emptiness, saying, "My illness helped me to see that what was missing in society is what is missing in me—a little heart, a lot of brotherhood." He concluded, "We must... speak to this spiritual vacuum at the heart of American society."

How well can I relate to Lee Atwater's remarks? What can just one person do when it comes to speaking to the spiritual vacuum in American society?

*Who loseth wealth loseth much. . but who loseth the spirit loseth all.*

ELBERT HUBBARD (slightly adapted)

Mark Link S.J. *Action 2000*



## NEXT WEEK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**February 23—4:00pm**

EM: Bob Brossette, Joan Falbo, Ed Taylor,  
Judy Cova, Donna Cuddihee, Jan Jokisch-Messig,  
Jim & Chris Warren

Lec: Larry Graves, Celina Genta

GB: Bob & Cheryl Gray

Serv: Alex & Maria McCarthy

Ush: Bryan Potter, Joe Spiess, Jerry Braden, Tim Wilson

**February 24—7:30am**

EM: Kris Jenkins, Rich Molitor, John Fiacco,  
Bob Leeker, Julia Kettler, Jan Kardasz

Lec: Peggy Dupree, Elizabeth Vehige

GB: Bill & Jean Reed Bammann

Serv: Andy, Daniel, David Vehige

Ush: Hanh Nguyen, Tom Meczowski, Rick Scharf,  
Frank Kardasz

**February 24—9:30am**

EM: Alvina Fry, Laura Holstein, Patrice Riley,  
Mary Hannig, Clara Haas, Chris Aulbach,  
Mary Keune, Joni Marren-Slaughter

Lec: Nancy Meyers, Michelle Greiwe

GB: Adam & Lindsey Molitor

Serv: Maggie & Morgan Molitor, Sophia Hake

Ush: Stan Kostecki, George Stark, Joe Weber,  
Chris & Adam Molitor, Brian Corrigan

## IHMformation Station

February 23, 4:00 Joe & Debbie Willis

February 24, 7:30 Peggy Dupree

February 24, 9:30 Michelle Greiwe

## VOCATION PRAYER BAG:

February 23, 4:00 Rich & Ruth Neske

## THIS WEEK AT HOME

**Heavenly Duster: Therese Hussey**

**Purificators: Mary Stassi**



**Sunday, February 17**

Contemporary group at 9:30 Mass

7 Steps to Becoming Financially Free, Weber Hall, 11a

**Monday, February 18—President's Day**

Church office closed

Scouts, Founders Hall/Trailer, 6:30pm

Bell practice, church, 7pm

**Tuesday, February 19**

Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am

Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, 9am

Protecting God's Children class, Weber Hall, 6:30pm

Children's Choir, church, 7pm

Knights of Columbus, Founders Hall, 7pm

**Wednesday, February 20**

Bible Study, Weber Hall, 8:45am

Outreach, Weber Hall, 1pm

Contemporary group practice, church, 5:30pm

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

Bible Study, Grand Hall, 6pm

Reconciliation, 7pm

**Thursday, February 21**

Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am

Dinner Committee, Grand Hall, 6:30pm

RCIA, Weber Hall, 6:30pm

Choir practice, church, 7pm

**Friday, February 22**

Early Birds Bible Study, Weber Hall, 6:30am

Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30am

Event in Grand Hall this evening

**Saturday, February 23**

Reconciliation, 8:45am

Event in Grand Hall this evening

**Sunday, February 24**

7 Steps to Becoming Financially Free, Weber Hall, 11a

Cub Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet, Grand Hall, 3-8pm



**Janet Hespen, Youth Minister,**  
**314-369-6521**

Youth Group Meetings in the Grand Hall from 6-8pm:

**February 28,**

**March 14, 28**

**March 6:** Ash Wednesday Mass at 7pm. 8th graders and Youth Group will help with ministries. Sign up at PSR or Youth Group meetings.

**March 13:** Sacrament of Reconciliation, 6-7:30pm



Marriage in Christ  
has been promised between:  
**Sherri Sellini and Zachary Meyer**

**Pope's Intentions for February:**  
**Human Trafficking**

For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.



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Parish access code:  
**04c2dc**

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday, February 18</b>	
8:00am	Jack Hitt (4th ann.) +
<b>Tuesday, February 19</b>	
8:00am	Caesar & Sadie Rashid +
<b>Wednesday, February 20</b>	
8:00am	Jackie Konieczny +
<b>Thursday, February 21</b>	
8:00am	All Souls
<b>Friday, February 22</b>	
8:00am	Tom Miller +
<b>Saturday, February 23</b>	
8:00am	John Bamert +
4:00pm	Gerard Wehrle +
<b>Sunday, February 24</b>	
7:30am	People of the Parish
9:30am	Bob Keune +

## Please pray for all the sick and suffering:

Ed Haas, Mark Hanna, Dee Schipper, Phyllis Zerr,  
 Vickie Brink, Sandy Knott, Mike & Pat Ryan,  
 Mary Conover, Audrey Hueffmeier, Jolene Molitor,  
 Karla Sitzes, Stan Nikonowicz, Vickie Rellergert,  
 Vicky Monroe,  
 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),  
 Avery Presker (granddaughter of Bob & Yvonne Brossette),  
 Dave Asinger (brother-in-law of Larry & Rita Bendel),  
 Bob Holland (friend of Shirley Augustine),  
 Sherri Callahan (daughter of Vickie & Paul Grunz)

**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](mailto:ritalangford4@gmail.com).

## CONTRIBUTIONS, FEB. 9/10

General Offertory:	\$5,404.84
Online – General Offertory:	\$3,149.32
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,554.16</b>

*"Blessed are you when people hate you, ...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man." (LUKE 6:22)*

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time, the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

*We pray ... that we have the strength and courage to joyfully proclaim our faith, especially in uncomfortable situations*

## NEEDED AT THE PANTRY:

*Paper towels, toilet paper and all purpose cleaning supplies*

In the Gospel today, Jesus gives us the blessings of serving the poor, hungry and weeping people, for you will then rejoice and leap for joy. But Jesus also teaches us the decisiveness of choice: blessing or woe.

**Choosing to help those who are suffering will fill your heart with the blessing of Jesus and indeed your reward will be great in heaven.**

## ✠ REST IN PEACE ✠

We offer our prayerful sympathy to  
 Barb and Ken Keene on the death of her sister  
**Jane Eggering**  
 Steve and Trish Williams on the death of his father  
**Tom Williams**  
 Gary and Wanda Bax on the death of their daughter-in-law  
**Jaime Bax**  
 Vicki and Scott Boschert on the death of her mother  
**Sharron Cudney**

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

**ATTENTION: All volunteers of IHM—Protecting God's Children class:**  
 Tuesday, February 19, 6:30pm in Weber Hall.

To register: logon to [www.ihm-newmelle.org](http://www.ihm-newmelle.org) and click on "Virtus—Protecting God's Children"  
 Call the office if you need help.

### What's Your Catholic IQ?

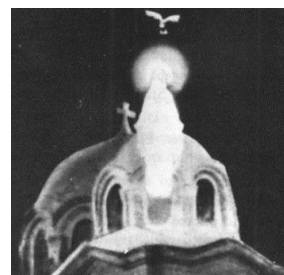


1. Sacred Scripture sees the water of creation as being overshadowed by the \_\_\_\_ of God.  
a. shadow                      b. presence                      c. spirit                      d. feeling
2. The Church has seen in this a prefiguring of salvation, for by it a few, that is eight persons, were saved through water.  
a. parting of the Red Sea      b. the voyage of the Titanic      c. leagues under the sea      d. Noah's Ark
3. Water of the \_\_\_\_ is also a symbol of death by this symbolism Baptism signifies.  
a. earth sea                      b. spring                      c. font                      d. communion with Christ's death
4. The crossing of the Red Sea, the liberation of Israel from the \_\_\_\_ of Egypt, announces the liberation wrought by Baptism.  
a. clutches                      b. slavery                      c. people                      d. riches
5. Baptism is prefigured in the crossing of the Jordan River by which the people of God received the gift of the \_\_\_\_ land, an image of eternal life.  
a. watered                      b. fruitful                      c. milk                      d. promised
6. All the old covenant \_\_\_\_ find their fulfillment in Christ Jesus.  
a. prefigurations                      b. prophecies                      c. writers                      d. texts
7. Our Lord voluntarily submitted Himself to the baptism of \_\_\_\_, intended for sinners.  
a. St. John                      b. St. Paul                      c. river water                      St. Peter
8. The Spirit who had hovered over the waters of the first \_\_\_\_ descended then on the Christ as a prelude to the new creation.  
a. creation                      b. moon                      c. Jordan                      d. sun
9. At the baptism of Christ, the Father revealed Jesus as His \_\_\_\_.  
a. alpha and omega                      b. favorite                      c. beloved son                      d. representative
10. The blood and water that flowed from the pierced side of the crucified Jesus are types of Baptism and the \_\_\_\_, the Sacraments of new life.  
a. spirit                      b. blood                      c. Eucharist                      d. robe

Thank you for all the prayers, cards and meals that I received while laid up with my broken arm/shoulder. Prayers are being answered in that the doctor says the bone is healing with the pegs, screws and plate holding tight. It still needs a couple of more weeks of non-weight bearing, but I can start light therapy soon! It has been a long 7 weeks since my Christmas "break" but am so grateful for the love and support from my IHM church family. *Betsy Struckhoff*

### PSR Corner

In the Traditional- Devotional Dedication of the Months of the Year, February is traditionally dedicated to The Holy Family. Have you heard of the apparitions at Zeitoun, Egypt in the 1960s, over the Church where tradition has held to be one of the sites the Holy Family stayed during their journey to Egypt? Do a google search on "Zeitoun, Marian Apparitions of the 20<sup>th</sup> century" and see the very interesting photos (such as the actual photo posted here) and film footage.



### Dynamic Catholic® *Alive!* Trust in the Lord

Most of us are concerned and troubled about many things in our lives. Today's readings share a message of trust and hope in the Lord despite our suffering, and sadness. In the Gospel, Jesus provides a foreshadowing of the joy and glory we will experience in heaven. We hear a reminder that we must be vigilant not to trust in the things of this world because that can lead us astray. Jesus reminds us that our main focus and the center of our lives should be Him. In today's culture we are surrounded by the "noise" of this world and it is so easy to get distracted away from our focus. "Jesus, please help us to stay focused on You and help us to truly trust in Your Love and Mercy. Amen."

[www.archstl.org/live-the-faith](http://www.archstl.org/live-the-faith)

**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

## OFFERING MASS INTENTIONS

Pope Paul VI said, "The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer!" It has immense power and countless miracles and conversions have occurred through the centuries by offering Masses for a specific intention or person. Mass intentions are a great treasure of the Church and have a spiritual weight that is incalculable. When the priest offers the celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person or intention, he applies special graces from God upon that person or intention.

**We have several dates upcoming that are available for your intentions!**

**Please call or come by the parish office to schedule.**

## 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 Lighthouse Catholic CD Rack: Narthex



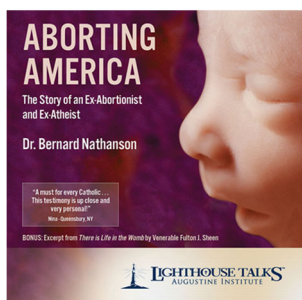
Lila Rose is the president of Live Action, a non-profit organization dedicated to ending abortion and building a culture of life through new media. Although she is only in her early 20s, she is a regular guest on The O'Reilly Factor, Hannity, and several other TV programs. In this talk, Lila describes her daring undercover investigations into America's most notorious abortion facilities, shedding light on the greatest human rights abuses of our time.

*The most inspiring pro-life talk I have heard to date. Way to go Lila!*

Norm - Biloxi, MS

*This dynamic young speaker has a story that everyone needs to hear: going undercover to expose abortion and the culture of death.*

Julie - St. Petersburg, FL



Bernard Nathanson was an American medical doctor from New York who helped to found the National Abortion Rights Action League, but then later became an acclaimed pro-life activist. He gained national attention by becoming one of the founding members of the National Abortion Rights Action League, now known as NARAL Pro-Choice America. He worked with Betty Friedan and others for the legalization of abortion in the United States. He was also for a time the director of the Center for Reproductive and Sexual Health New York's largest abortion clinic. Nathanson has written that he was responsible for more than 75,000 abortions throughout his pro-choice career.

*Learning the other side of the story and how those who worked in this field, recognized the true meaning of life thru technology and Christianity.*

Lesley - Park City, KS

*Raw truth/Passionate speaker. Repentance. LOVE*

Jesus - San Fernando, CA

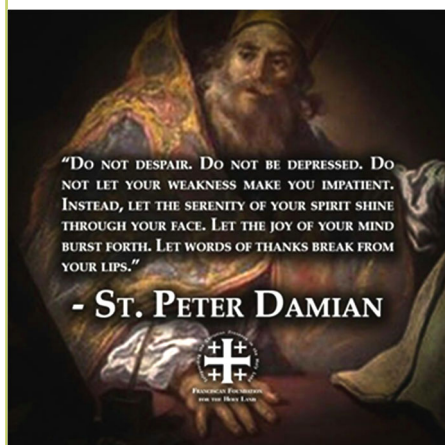
## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-26;  
Mk 8:11-13
- Tue: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b,  
9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
- Wed: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19;  
Mk 8:22-26
- Thu: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
- Fri: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
- Sat: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
- Sun: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8,  
10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

## Archbishop Carlson Comments on State legislatures extreme abortion laws

"The recent actions by some state governments to advocate for the murder of children in the womb is representative of the loss of conscience by those leaders in government who are responsible for passing this legislation, no matter their faith. What is at stake is the ability to legally act to defend the innocents who are unable to defend themselves. The Archdiocese of St. Louis condemns these recent actions and appeals to those leaders who are in good conscience to act in defense of the unborn."

## MYSTERIES, MARVELS AND MIRACLES IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST AND THE CHURCH. ST. PETER DAMIAN (FEAST: FEBRUARY 21)



Peter Damian (1007- 1073 AD) was a reforming Benedictine monk and cardinal in the circle of Pope Leo IX. Dante placed him in one of the highest circles of Paradise as a great predecessor of Saint Francis of Assisi and he was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1828. (Wikipedia)

St. Peter Damian didn't mince words. Take a look on the internet regarding his words on homosexual practices, the vice of sodomy, the need of correction of lust, evil bishops, etc. In our PC culture of today, St. Peter Damian would probably be locked up by the state or chastised by fellow clergy for such "insensitivity" or "hate speech." In all things, however, love is the motive. He has been declared a saint, after all. If one is concerned for the salvation of others, both in time and in eternity, then one can see that there is "a time for everything" and sometimes there is a time to call sin out. St. Peter Damian may be noted for his strong words, but as a Doctor of the Church, there is more than just critique. Here are two quotes:

*"Do not be depressed. Do not let your weakness make you impatient. Instead, let the serenity of your spirit shine through your face. Let the joy of your mind burst forth."*




*"Receive the Body and Blood of Christ very frequently. The sight of a Christian's lips red with the Blood of Christ terrifies the enemy. He immediately recognizes the sign of his own ruin. He cannot stand the instrument of divine victory by which he was taken captive and cast down."*

St. Peter Damian describes an important Eucharistic miracle of which he was a direct witness. In his own words, Damian writes: "This is a Eucharistic event of great importance. It took place in 1050. Giving in to a horrible temptation, a woman was about to take the Eucharistic Bread home to use the Sacred Species for sorcery. But a priest noticed what she had done and ran after her, taking away from her the Host she had sacrilegiously stolen. Then he unfolded the white linen cloth in which the sacred Host had been wrapped and found that the Host had been transformed in such a way that Half had become visibly the Body of Christ, while the other Half preserved the normal look of a Host. With such a clear testimony, God wanted to win over unbelievers and heretics who refused to accept the Real Presence of the Eucharistic mystery: in one half of the consecrated bread the Body of Christ was visible, while in the other the natural form, thus highlighting the reality of the sacramental transubstantiation taking place at the Consecration."

This event is depicted on one of the "Eucharistic Miracle Displays" that have been here at our parish and beyond. The full set of displays regarding Eucharistic Miracles can be seen at [http://www.therealpresence.org/eucharst/mir/engl\\_mir.htm](http://www.therealpresence.org/eucharst/mir/engl_mir.htm)

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**I**n his *Opusculi*, XXXIV, *Paral. Lat.*, tom. CXLV, col. 573, St. Peter Damian, a Doctor of the Church, describes an important Eucharistic miracle of which he was a direct witness. We present the Italian translation of the episode as the Saint himself describes it: "This is a Eucharistic event of great importance. It took place in 1050. Giving in to a horrible temptation, a woman was about to take the Eucharistic Bread home to use the Sacred Species for sorcery. But a priest noticed what she had done and ran after her, taking away from her the Host she had sacrilegiously stolen. Then he unfolded the white linen cloth in which the sacred Host had been wrapped and found that the Host had been transformed in such a way that Half had become visibly the Body of Christ, while the other Half preserved the normal look of a Host. With such a clear testimony, God wanted to win over unbelievers and heretics who refused to accept the Real Presence of the Eucharistic mystery: in one half of the consecrated bread the Body of Christ was visible, while in the other the natural form, thus highlighting the reality of the sacramental transubstantiation taking place at the Consecration."

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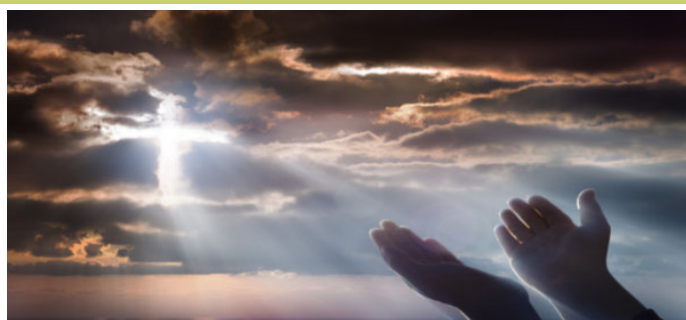
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### A Dialogue/Conversation on the Subtleties and In-sensitivities of Racism—February 21

Archbishop Carlson has requested that parishes throughout the Archdiocese address racism which is still very much a part of life in the United States. Fr. Steve Giljum, pastor of St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist Parish in North City, along with the Social Justice Committee of his parish, will be at **St. Joseph—Cottleville** at 7pm on February 21 to help us learn how racism still permeates our society. This presentation is open to all the parishes of the St. Charles Deanery. Our hope is that this will be a positive learning experience for everyone who is present.

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### "Come As You Are" Parish Mission—February 24-28

**St. Robert Bellarmine**, located near the intersection of Hwy. 70 and 94 in St. Charles, is hosting a 5-night parish mission with Fr. Peter Schavitz, C.Ss.R. on the topics of Baptism, Confirmation, Healing & Forgiveness, Kingdom of God and Eucharist. For more info: Jan at [jmcarthur@strbellarmine.com](mailto:jmcarthur@strbellarmine.com) or the parish website [strbellarmine.com](http://strbellarmine.com).

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