



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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## Schedule of Holy Mass

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

## Weekly Devotions and Prayers

### Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday 8:30am until Friday 11:00am, St. Joseph Chapel

### Rosary:

Prior to Saturday evening 4pm Mass

### Perpetual Help Devotions:

Tuesdays following 8am Mass

### Respect Life Prayers:

Thursday following 8am Mass

### First Saturday of the Month Devotions

8am Mass, Rosary, 15 minutes of meditation

## Sacraments

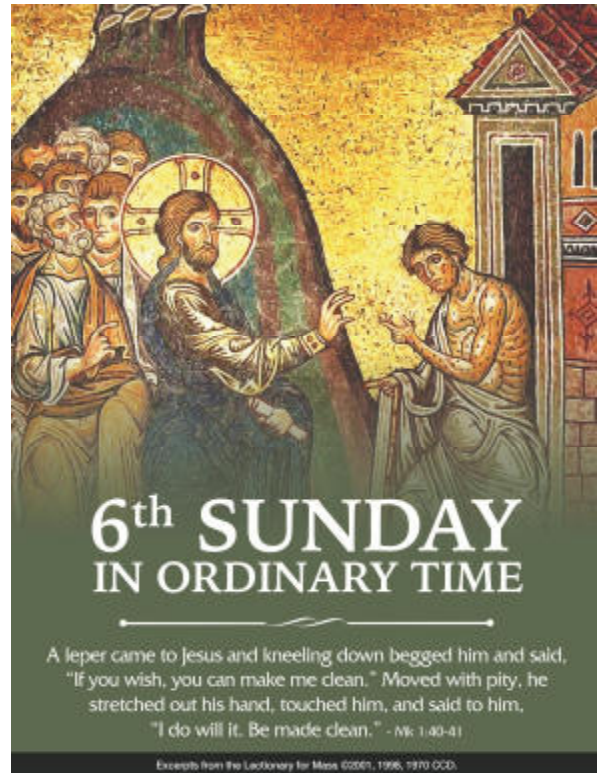
Reconciliation: Wednesday in church, 7pm  
 Saturday following 8am Mass

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

*February 14, 2021*



## Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The Church, as a voice of the Gospel, proclaims the sacredness of all human life. Everyone created by God is fashioned in God's image and has Divine DNA at the center of their soul. God never leaves what God creates but always remains intimately bound to what he has given form. Everyone has a place and because they have received the gift of Divine Blessing, nobody deserves to feel inferior, unworthy, unwanted, unclean or marginalized. Even the most broken of souls has a place. We, the Body of Christ, have the privilege and responsibility to give voice to the voiceless. The cries of the little one in his or her mother's womb are just as sacred as the cries of one who is homeless and hungry. The migrant deserves our attention as much as the forgotten elderly and even the prisoner, with a heart hardened by anger and resentment, deserves respect and dignity.

The Gospel of Life is often hard to swallow, and we would rather keep those we con-

sider unclean, different or unfixable in a place by themselves. It is hard to see them with us, but they deserve to be. There is far too much violence in this world and the result of that violence is the assault on human life. Many are forced to leave the place they call home in search of safer ground, finding few if any along the way who will help them. How different today's Gospel story would be if Jesus gave in to what was politically correct at that time. The leper would have been turned away and a soul, already beaten down by disease and fear, would have experienced an even deeper wound. Jesus wouldn't have captured much attention from anyone, nor would he have mirrored the Father's compassion and love.

Where do we stand with all of this? Do we at least understand that God's vision is often in conflict with the vision put forth in our world and even the one we advance ourselves? There is no doubt that it is incredibly

challenging to find a place for everyone at the table. This challenge is compounded when the systems of operation and structure that are so ingrained in us affirm power and privilege rather than inclusivity and justice. Everything really goes askew when the powerful begin to control who is entitled to wholeness and inclusion, and greed becomes a driving force. Prejudice and entitlement raise their ugly heads and we find ourselves with quite a mess. It's time to admit that things have been a mess for a very long time. The mess needs to be healed, not by erasing it but by allowing God to touch it and make it whole. We need to bring God back to the center of life where God belongs. There are no easy solutions to the world's dilemmas. But, knowing that wholeness, healing, and dignity are worthy pursuits, we can more confidently labor to achieve God's vision.

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

## Parish Staff

Parish Office: 636-398-5270

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## Religious Education

Shawn Mueller, Director

636-398-5270, *smueller@ihm-newmelle.org*

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

### Liturgical Videographer

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### Weddings, Receptions, Events

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### Youth and Young Adults

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Janet Hespen 314-369-6521  
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Julie Lassiter 636-357-0121

## *Lenten Habits*

Dear Parishioners,

This coming Wednesday we begin our annual Lenten preparation for Easter. There are a number of things I want to make you aware of as we enter this new liturgical season. Many of these are just a personal choice and are not mandated by the Church, but rather chosen by me as a way of enhancing our celebration of the season.

**Simple Entrance:** Since my early days as a priest I have liked the idea of processing into church by the sound of a simple chime or bell. My hope was that it would provide a more reflective state of mind as we enter the liturgy.

**Confiteor:** This form of the penitential rite can be done anytime, but it is especially fitting for Lent as we examine our sins in preparation for receiving the Lord. The penitential rite itself does not forgive sin, but rather calls to mind that we can approach God with confidence because He is merciful.

**Apostle's Creed:** During Lent we have the option to say the Apostle's Creed instead of the Nicene Creed. While the Apostle's Creed is older than the Nicene Creed it is not as complete in its explanation of the theological elements professed in a creed.

**Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation:** The last few Lent's I have made it a point to pray these Eucharistic Prayers as part of our celebration. They tend to emphasize the themes of mercy and reconciliation.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** During the Lenten season I will be offering additional times to celebrate the Sacrament. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday I will be in my Confessional from 7:00pm until 8:30pm or until the last confession is heard. Please know that if you have some hesitation about celebrating the Sacrament, I am more than happy to walk you through the Sacrament. Nobody wants you to be reconciled to God more than He does.

**Stations of the Cross:** While not part of Mass, the Stations invite us to reflect upon the last hours of Our Lord's life. This year we have a few different varieties to experience. Hopefully I can talk with the Deacons and will be able to let you know what version we are praying on a given Friday of Lent.

Peace,

*Fr. Tom*



*February 17*  
*Masses at 8am & 7pm*

## *6th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B*

A diseased man came to Jesus, knelt down, and begged him for help...  
Jesus was filled with pity, and reached out and touched him. At once the disease left the man.  
The man went away and began to spread the news everywhere. Mark 1:40-42,45

Jesus' miracles made people take notice. They were "signs," proclaiming that something historic was happening. They were "signs," proclaiming that Jesus was setting in motion the long-awaited Kingdom of God. And what was this Kingdom of God? It was a new world order in which love would replace hate, concern would replace apathy, light would replace darkness, and life would replace death. It was a new world order in which God's will is to be done "on earth as it is in heaven." What is one way my personal life reflects to those around me the new world order that Jesus began?

I alone control the inner switch that can make a light in our world.

Mark Link S.J. *Mission*



### Ministry Schedule

#### February 13—4pm

EM: Deacon Chris, Josh Deters, Karen Wilson, Chris Warren  
Lec: Jim & Theresa Risch  
Serv: Zara Panus  
Music: Bryan & Betsy  
Ush: Tim Wilson, Chris Cuddihee, Mike Rieker  
Proj: Lucy Smith

#### February 14—7:30am

EM: Aaron Waldeck, Jan Kardasz, Dianne Dickherber, Kris Jenkins  
Lec: Teens  
Serv: Natalie Jaeckle  
Music: Verdi & Elizabeth  
Ush: Teens  
Proj: Dawn Strohbach

#### February 14—9:30am

EM: Josh Deters, Don & Susan Hladky, Maureen Blondin  
Lec: Pat Gentry, Patrice Riley  
Serv: Mary Becker  
Music: P&W Band  
Ush: Chuck Hinkle, Michelle Greiwe, Bill Riley  
Proj: Tom Shea

### *Please pray for all the sick and suffering:*

Phyllis Zerr, Mike & Pat Ryan, Fran Bussen,  
Nancy Hollenstein, Deacon Tony, Amy Robbins,  
Betty Boyd, Don Schmidt, Betty Heppermann,  
Joyce Brakensiek, Carl Wolff, Gary Potter, Terry Hagan,  
Richard & Doris Berhorst

Lisa Debold (daughter of Dave & Pam DeBold),  
Leon Burkemper (son of Carol Rabbitt),  
Doris Eisenbath (mother of Judy Molitor),  
Janet Piel (sister of Joni Marren-Slaughter),  
Loren & Evelyn Brandon (parents of Marty & Peggy Dupree),  
Pat Finan (daughter of Fran Bussen),  
Charlie Grady (grandson of John & Carol Grady),  
Marlene Hegemeier (sister of Pat Roche),  
Steve Wengerski (family friend of Mandy Daub),  
Sophia Hartsfield (granddaughter of Ed & Marcia Etzkorn),  
Keith Langford (son of Rita & brother of Valerie Langford),  
Red Brockmeyer (cousin of Kay & Ray Cherry),  
Karla Sitzes (daughter of Sophia Bax),  
Karen Windler (sister of John Wappelhorst),  
Michael Speir (son-in-law of Jackie & Steve Dunn)

**Hospitalization:** If you are hospitalized, please let us know. Please call the office or ask a friend to call for you if necessary.

**Communion Calls:** If you would like to receive Communion but are unable to get to Mass because of illness or disability, please contact the parish office: 636-398-5270.

**Prayer Requests:** Brenda Hutchcraft at 636-248-8493 or email [brhutchcraft@centurytel.net](mailto:brhutchcraft@centurytel.net)

### Ministry Schedule

#### February 20—4pm

EM: Deacon Chris, Josh Deters, Ann Zaleuke, Pat Roche  
Lec: Richard & Kathy Lalonde  
Serv: Izzy Scheer  
Music: Bryan & cantor  
Ush: Wally & Jan Karase, Tom Zaleuke  
Proj: Elizabeth Jaeckle

#### February 21—7:30am

EM: Josh Deters, Jan Kardasz, Dianne Dickherber, Kris Jenkins  
Lec: Chuck Kettler, Bob Leeker  
Serv: Janie Becker  
Music: Verdi & cantor  
Ush: Ron Jacob, Gary Potter, Tom Meczowski  
Proj: Leah Becker

#### February 21—9:30am

EM: Aaron Waldeck, Janet Hespen, Sharon Smith, Chris Richter  
Lec: Grant Smith, Bill Winters  
Serv: William Lassiter  
Music: Bryan & cantor  
Ush: Larry Smith, Alan Raymond, Ron Simpson  
Proj: Sophia Simon

### Heavenly Duster Schedule

Week of February 14:	Therese Hussey
Week of February 21:	Nancy Neske
Week of February 28:	Ann Zaleuke

### Purificators

Month of February:	Mary Stassi
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### PSR Corner

Did you know that the months of the year have been given a devotional “focus” in Church tradition? February is dedicated to the Holy Family. In light of the “Year of St. Joseph” think of Joseph’s role in the Holy Family. How do you think he led the family, particularly in light of the grace and virtues of Mary and Jesus? Ponder what the life of a holy family is to look like in our time. What would people say about your own family? How can we strive to become a family of prayer?



**To live well is nothing other than to love God with all one’s heart, with all one’s soul, and with all one’s effort.**  
—St. Augustine

## Mass Intentions

Monday, February 15	
8:00am	Jerry & Sandy Knott +
Tuesday, February 16	
8:00am	Ruth S. Kettler +
Wednesday, February 17—ASH WEDNESDAY	
8:00am	Dave Gentry +
7:00pm	Frank Modder +
Thursday, February 18	
8:00am	Jack Hitt +
Friday, February 19	
8:00am	Charles S. Kettler +
Saturday, February 20	
8:00am	Jack Anderson +
4:00pm	Donald Graveman + Bob Barnard +
Sunday, February 14	
7:30am	People of the Parish
9:30am	Ann Seper +

## This Week at Home

*social distancing recommended at all events*

Monday, February 15	
Church Office closed today	
St. Vincent de Paul, 6pm	
Scouts, Founders Hall, 6:30pm	
possible St. Joseph study, Grand Hall, 6:30pm	
Tuesday, February 16	
Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am	
KofC, Founders Hall, Rosary @ 7pm, meeting 7:30pm	
Wednesday, February 17—ASH WEDNESDAY	
Sunday readings study, Weber Hall, 8:45am	
Bible Study, Grand Hall, 6:15pm	
Thursday, February 18	
Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am	
RCIA, Weber Hall, 6:30pm	
Youth Ministry, Founders Hall, 6:30pm	
Event in Grand Hall 6:30pm	
Friday, February 19	
Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30am—noon	
Fish Fry, carryouts & inside dining 3:30—7:30pm	
Stations of the Cross, church, 7pm	
Saturday, February 20	
Reconciliation, 8:45am	
SVDP Food Pantry open 9-10:30am	



**Please call Peggy in the parish office  
if you need help in obtaining your  
2020 Contribution Statement**

## Contributions, February 6/7

General Offertory:	\$11,491.50
Online—General Offertory:	<u>\$5,617.31</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$17,108.81</b>

*"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink,  
or whatever you do,  
do everything for the glory of God."  
~~ 1 Corinthians 10:31 ~~*

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, "Am I doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?"

We pray: that everything we do is for the glory of God.

## Needed at the Pantry

UPDATED LIST:

Ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, assorted salad dressing flavors, body wash, lotion, shaving lotion (men's and ladies) razors, dish soap, all purpose cleaner



**Please hold your plastic bags—we have plenty!!**

In the Gospel today Jesus moved with pity touched the leper and healed him. Let us pray today for the grace to be generous with our gifts to help those who are suffering.

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you indeed put your faith into action as you bring healing to the poor, hungry and weeping.

**Pope's Intentions for February:  
Violence Against Women**

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.



## ✠ Rest in Peace ✠

Jim Brittingham  
uncle of Al & Kat Brittingham  
John Anderson  
brother of Bill & Terri Anderson  
Lee Margaret Hannig  
mother of Norm & Mary Hannig  
Arthur Aguado  
brother of Adrienne Collins  
Chris Wilson  
son-in-law of Larry & Rita Bendel  
Ken Miller  
husband of Becky Miller  
May they and all the faithful departed  
rest in the eternal peace of Christ.

## What's Your Catholic Catechism IQ?

"The Catechism of the Catholic Church is a statement of the Church's faith and of Catholic doctrine, attested to or illumined by Sacred Scripture, the Apostolic Tradition and the Church's Magisterium. I declare it to be a sure norm for teaching the faith." (Pope St. John Paul II)

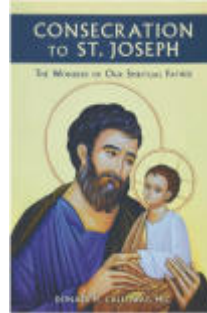
- All who have taken part in a theft or who have knowingly benefited from it are obliged to make \_\_\_\_\_ in proportion to their responsibility and to their share of what was stolen.
  - restitution
  - rewards
  - revenge
  - repentance
- Games of chance can become morally \_\_\_\_\_ when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for his needs and those of others. The passion for gambling risks become an enslavement.
  - acceptable
  - neutral
  - indifferent
  - unacceptable
- Forbidden are acts or enterprises that for any reason lead to the \_\_\_\_\_ of human beings, to their being bought, sold and exchanged like merchandise.
  - prosperity
  - enslavement
  - pilgrimage
  - travel
- The 7th commandment enjoins respect for the integrity of creation. Man's \_\_\_\_\_ over inanimate and other living beings granted by the Creator is not absolute.
  - desires
  - dominion
  - duty
  - dreams
- Medical and scientific \_\_\_\_\_ on animals is a morally acceptable practice, if it remains within reasonable limits and contributes to caring for or saving human lives.
  - feeding
  - riding
  - torture
  - experimentation
- It is unworthy to spend money on animals that should as a priority go to relief of human misery. One can love animals; one should not direct to them the affection due only to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - pets
  - homes
  - persons
  - animal charities
- The church makes a \_\_\_\_\_ judgment about economic and social matters, when the fundamental rights of the person or the salvation of souls requires it.
  - negative
  - judgmental
  - moral
  - poor
- The church strives to inspire right attitudes with respect to earthly \_\_\_\_\_ and in socio-economic relationships.
  - goods
  - lands
  - climate
  - waters
- Any system in which social relationships are determined entirely by \_\_\_\_\_ factors is contrary to the nature of the human person and his acts.
  - economic
  - human
  - relational
  - moral
- A system that subordinates the basic rights of individuals and of groups to the collective organization of \_\_\_\_\_ is contrary to human dignity.
  - production
  - workers
  - laborers
  - unions

Answer Key:

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6. c (2418) 7. c (2420) 8. a (2420) 9. a (2423) 10. a (2424)

## St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

Items from the Lighthouse CD rack are located in the Narthex



Drawing on the wealth of the Church's living tradition, Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, calls on all of us to turn to St. Joseph, entrust ourselves, our Church, and our world to our spiritual father's loving care, and then watch for wonders when the Universal Patron of the Church opens the floodgates of Heaven to pour out graces into our lives today. Definitely a book for our time, Consecration to St. Joseph is dedicated to meeting the challenges of the present moment and restoring order to our Church and our world, all through the potent paternal intercession and care of St. Joseph. This book has everything you need to take your love and devotion to St. Joseph to a whole different level: the first comprehensive 33-day program of consecration to St. Joseph; information on the 10 wonders of St. Joseph; and prayers and devotions to St. Joseph. Accessible, motivating, this book will kick off a great movement of consecration to our spiritual father and change the world.



Pope Francis Declared a "Year of St. Joseph" from December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021 with His Apostolic Letter Patris Corde "A Father's Heart." It is the occasion of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Proclamation of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church by Pius IX. Every day for 40 years, Pope Francis has challenged St Joseph. After saying Morning Prayer, Pope Francis writes in Patris corde, he recites a nineteenth century prayer from a French prayerbook. Through this prayer, the Pope entrusts both "serious and troubling situations" to St Joseph. The prayer ends thus: "Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain".

### Ash Wednesday, February 17

Masses at 8am and 7pm

### Reconciliation

Mon/Tue/Wed 7-8:30pm

Saturdays, 8:30am

### Stations of the Cross

Fridays, 7pm

### Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, March 13, Grand Hall, 8:30am

### Anointing of the Sick

after Masses March 20/21

### Holy Week begins March 28

### Easter Sunday April 4





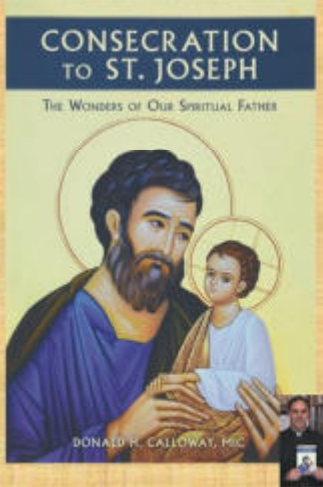
## Year of St. Joseph

33-day Consecration starts this week

All those who have obtained the “Consecration to St. Joseph” book by Fr. Don Calloway and have given us their email should have been contacted by someone here in the office or in the parish about a “game plan.” We have been trying to set up various groups, whether in person or virtual. We are also encouraging folks, whether they want to be a part of a group or not, to still join along with many people throughout the world (not just in the parish) in making this 33 day consecration to St. Joseph.

### The Year of St. Joseph

Pope Francis has declared 2021 as the “Year of St. Joseph” on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the proclamation of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church by Pius IX in 1870.



Learn more about the great husband and father in the Holy Family through the book *Consecration to St. Joseph*

**The book consists of 3 Parts:**

1. Insights into the person of St. Joseph
2. Devotions and Prayers to St. Joseph
3. A 33-day set of short readings and prayers leading up to an “Act of Consecration”

Join others as we begin (whether as individuals or in groups) on February 15<sup>th</sup> and end (33 days later) on March 19<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of St. Joseph. More details at the end of Mass. (Books available in Narthex)

The reason we are beginning on February 15<sup>th</sup> is because 33 days later it is March 19<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of St. Joseph. There is no rigid formula here, however. If you’d like to be a part of this local, worldwide movement, here at the parish and beyond, please let us know.

## Archdiocesan Lenten Regulations

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.”*

*(John 3:16-17)*

The Church has always helped us fulfill these words of Jesus by prescribing very definite penance for all Catholics, so that we too might have Eternal life. Accordingly, the Pope and the American Bishops have outlined obligatory fast and abstinence as follows:

Ash Wednesday (February 17), all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday (April 2) are days of *abstinence* (refraining from meat) for all Catholics *from age 14 onwards*. On these two days, *fast*, as well as

*abstinence* is also obligatory for those *from the ages of 18-59*. Abstinence means refraining from meat. Fast means one full meal a day, with two smaller meals and nothing between meals (liquids are permitted). No Catholic will lightly excuse himself or herself from this obligation.

We should strive to make all days of Lent a time of prayer and penance. Following are several resources that can aid in finding different forms of prayer and penance.

- Augustine Institute Formed: <https://formed.org/>
- Best Lent Ever daily reflections: <https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever>
- Bishop Barron Word on Fire Lenten Reflections: <https://www.lentreflections.com/>

## A Lenten Journey with St. Joseph

Please mark your calendars for our  
Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, March 13



### Oremus:

#### A Guide to Catholic Prayer

The *Oremus* study program teaches participants the essentials of an effective and fruitful prayer life. Over the course of the study, participants will discover how God speaks to them, even in the smallest encounters. We have a group that meets

Tuesday mornings after Mass. Contact the parish office or Kelly Meyer (636) 634-1577 to register or for more info.



Janet Hespen, Youth Minister,  
314-369-6521

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| Feb. 17:    | Ash Wednesday, 7pm Mass   |
| Feb. 18:    | Fish and fisherman party, 6:30-8pm  |
| Mar. 11:    | 40 Day Decisions  |
| Mar. 18:    | Youth Group, 6:30-8pm   |
| Mar. 25:    | Our faith and the media. Come with your favorite Christian song or YouTube video. |
| Apr. 10/11: | Luke 18   |



A great way to organize emergency meals for the people of our parish!

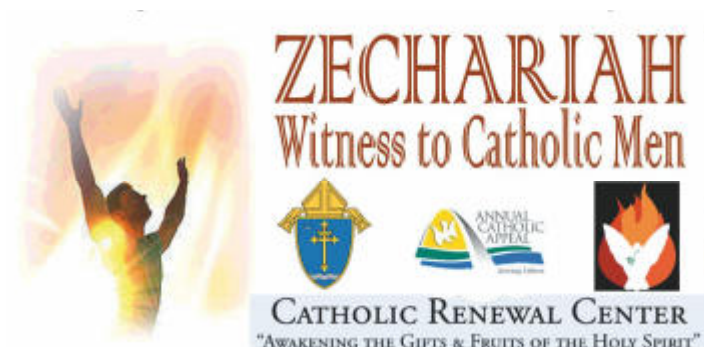
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| Arrival of a new baby | Injuries/Surgeries |
| Military deployment   | Extended illnesses |
| Condolences           | Group events       |

Please contact Kelly Meyer at [meyer5853@qmcinc.org](mailto:meyer5853@qmcinc.org) if you have any questions or would like to become a part of this ministry.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Sun:    | Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45 |
| Mon:    | Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50/Mk 8:11-13                     |
| Tue:    | Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29/Mk 8:14-21               |
| Wed:    | Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18    |
| Thu:    | Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1/Lk 9:22-25                        |
| Friday: | Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51/Mt 9:14-15                        |
| Sat:    | Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86/Lk 5:27-32                       |

**Prayer Shawls:** If you or someone you know needs to be wrapped in prayer, please pick a prayer shawl! We have a good supply in church of shawls that have been hand-crafted by parish members who offer a prayer with each stitch, and each one has been blessed by Fr. Tom.



Zechariah Men's Prayer Morning is about sharing the story of an encounter with Christ one man at a time. It involves fellowship, a great talk, and prayer. Due to COVID precautions there is no breakfast but also no charge for a Facebook online community meeting at [www.facebook.com/stlrenewal](https://www.facebook.com/stlrenewal). Limited in-person seating is available at the Fleur de Lis Room, Cardinal Rigali Center, by first-come first-served reservations to [gary.whitlock@att.net](mailto:gary.whitlock@att.net), phone 636-215-0973, or fill out the form at



[StlRenewal.org/ZPB](http://StlRenewal.org/ZPB). Details are at the CRC website, [Archstl.org/renewal](http://Archstl.org/renewal).

Our special speaker February 27, 2021 9am is Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski.



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## Update Member 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.

## Attention Ministry & Organization Heads:

If there are any changes to your group description or contact information in the Guidebook, please let us know ASAP!

## Scheduling Mass Intentions

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

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

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

Mass intentions are now \$10, and we have many open dates in 2021. Contact us with your request!



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