



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, 11:30am
Weekdays: 8:00am, St. Joseph Chapel

Weekly Devotions and Prayers

Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday 8:30am until Friday, 11:00am

Rosary:

Following 8am Mass weekdays & before Sat. 4pm.

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: Mon/Tue/Wed 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:



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors,
Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all
that you vow." - Mt 5:33

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 82301, 1968, 1970 CCD

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Deeper Understanding of Scripture

People are not property. We cannot exchange them at will or simply use them for our own designs and purposes. What does the word "commitment" mean to you? We can begin to understand its meaning by looking at some synonyms: dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, fidelity, and bond. Commitment is primarily about relationships: how our lives affect others, how we treat our brothers and sisters, how we resolve conflict, and how we view the vows of marriage. Jesus' teachings on obeying the commandments, murder, reconciliation, marriage, divorce, and adultery all stem from the sacredness of commitment.

All of this has a God connection.

We can easily see one another as interchangeable and dispensable. We treat so much of our lives this way. What works today may not be what I want tomorrow. We search and search for the right thing only to find our hearts still restless in the end. Is real happiness achievable this side of the grave? Sometimes we expect too much out of others and want our relationships to fill a hole that we must figure out how to fill ourselves. Any seasoned married couple will tell you that their love for one another changes as time passes. Even though the understanding of romance changes as life changes, the dedication, devotion,

allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, and fidelity all remain and even deepen.

Some relationships can be hurtful, and God does not want us to live with abuse or pain. Also, how a relationship develops is sometimes out of our control, and we become the victim of someone else's decision. But we can't be self-focused in our relationships and see them exclusively as self-fulfilling ends. We are companions on life's journey with varying depths of relationships being enjoyed by all who are with us along the way. We have the freedom to choose. God asks us to do so wisely, with right judgment and thinking.

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

Parish Staff

Parish Office: 636-398-5270

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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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Joe Willis 636-398-2106
Welcoming Committee
Teresa Berfanger 636-398-5565

*Year of Vision:
Fighting Fraud of E-mails & Text Messages*

Dear Parishioners,

A year or two ago my AOL e-mail account was hacked and in the period of 24 hours they sent out tons of e-mails and used the information to also hack my Microsoft and Amazon accounts. I was fortunate that I caught it early in the morning and was able to regain control of my accounts by the end of the day. Only e-mails coming from **Askpadre@aol.com** or **revtcm@aol.com** are from me. The **revtcm** account is the main account, but I don't use it for personal communication. It was the account that I originally made with AOL back in the 90's. **Askpadre** is the one you will find in the bulletin and is my primary means of e-mail communication.

I have been made aware that someone is texting and creating fake email accounts

using my name asking parishioners for donations in the form of gift cards/PayPal. If you receive a text or an email allegedly from me or a parish staff member, originating from an email address with a domain other than the parish's domain, which is ihm-newmelle.org, or my own accounts, please ensure the authenticity of the email before responding. No action should be taken and please contact the parish office. My cell phone # is in the bulletin, and it is the only number I possess. If you get a text from me that is not from **314-303-2428** it is not from me. Please also note that I don't sign messages with *Rev. Fr. Tom Miller, Pastor* as a conclusion to a message.

Peace,

Fr. Tom

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A

[Jesus gave this example to illustrate that our worship on Sunday should reflect what we seek to be during the week. He said,] "If you are about to offer your gift to God at the altar and there you remember that your brother [or sister] has something against you, leave your gift . . . and make peace. Then come back and offer your gift." MATTHEW 5:23-24

In his autobiography, Mahatma Gandhi tells how in his student days in South Africa he was drawn to Jesus. One Sunday, Gandhi writes, he went to a Christian church. He was stopped at the entrance and told that if he desired to attend services, he was welcome to do so in a church reserved for black people. Gandhi did not pursue the matter further. What is one way that my daily behavior might better reflect what I profess on Sunday: we are one family under God?

People look at us the rest of the week to see what we really meant by our worship together on Sunday.

ANONYMOUS

Mark Link S.J (Action 2000)

Lenten Fish Fries...

...are just around the corner. The first of six will be **February 28**. Fish fries are a great way to visit with fellow parishioners and neighbors while eating some excellent food. Another benefit of our annual Fish Fries is the chance to give back to our parish by volunteering to work at one or more of these Friday night events. There are signup sheets in the narthex, and we still need lots of help for each week. Please consider how you might help, and thanks!



This Week at Home

Purificators: Mary Stassi
Heavenly Duster: Therese Hussey



Monday, February 17

Church office closed for President's Day
St. Vincent de Paul, 6pm
Scouts, Founders Hall/Trailer, 6:30pm
Choir practice, church, 7pm

Tuesday, February 18

Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, 9am
Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am
Parishioner photos in Grand Hall, 2—9pm
Children's Choir, church, 7pm

Wednesday, February 19

Sunday readings study, Weber Hall, 8:45am
Parishioner photos in Grand Hall, 2—9pm
PSR, Weber Hall/Founders Hall/Trailer, 6pm
Bible Study, Grand Hall, 6:15pm
ADORE, 6:30—8pm
Reconciliation, church, 7pm

Thursday, February 20

Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am
Parishioner photos in Grand Hall, 2—9pm
RCIA, Weber Hall, 6:30pm
Yoga, Founders Hall, 7pm

Friday, February 21

Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30—noon
Parishioner photos in Grand Hall, 2—9pm

Saturday, February 22

Reconciliation, 8:45am
Parishioner photos in Grand Hall, 2—9pm
Luke 18, begins 9am, Founders Hall/ Grand Hall
until 11:30 Mass tomorrow

Next Week Ministries

February 22—4pm

EM: Ann Zaleuke, Joan Falbo, Sharon Hagan, Mary Hannig,
Pat Barnard, Mary Jean Hartenbach, Jan Jokisch-Messig,
Bernie Pollihan
Lec: Joe Willis, Larry Graves
GB: Barb Nikonowicz, Rita Langford
Serv: Sophia & Trevor Hake
Ush: Tom Zaleuke, Jerry Braden, Chris Cuddihee, Mark Thome
Music: Bryan Beams & cantor

February 23—7:30am

EM: Jan Kardasz, Emily Cooksey, John Fiacco, Julia Kettler,
Maureen Blondin, Dianne Dickherber
Lec: Peggy Dupree, Bob Leeker
GB: Rosemary Marquart, Carol Rabbitt
Serv: Daniel & David Vehige
Ush: Terry Schneider, Ron Jacob, Mike Stassi, Larry Koch
Music: Elizabeth Jaeckle & Verdi Morley

February 23—9:30am

EM: Walter, Nancy & Walt Hollenstein, Janet Hespen,
Donna Wolff, Alvina Fry, Amy Brinkmann, Laura Holstein
Lec: Chris & Kat Menne
GB: Larry & Amy Molitor Family
Serv: Mary Grace & Janie Becker, Connor Jaeckle
Ush: Chris & Adam Molitor, Mark Thome, Dave & Lisa Debold,
Scott Evans
Music: Children's Choir

February 23—11:30am

EM: Marcy Pivin, Cheryl Gray, Donna Hecht, Kris Preuss,
Elaine Sudbrock, Katie Wibbenmeyer
Lec: Youth
GB: Youth
Serv: Youth
Ush: Youth
Music: Contemporary Choir

IHM Information Station

February 22, 4pm	Joe & Debbie Willis
February 23, 7:30am	Maureen Blondin
February 23, 9:30am	Dee Schipper
February 23, 11:30am	Dennis & Marcy Pivin

Recycling bins are located on the gravel lot
behind Fr. Tom's house.

Please pray for all the sick and suffering:

Mark Hanna, Phyllis Zerr, Vickie Brink, Sandy Knott, Mike & Pat Ryan, Carol Rabbitt, Fran Bussen, Walt Reel, Karla Sitzes,
Vicky Monroe, Nancy Hollenstein, Jean Bamert, Amy Robbins, Don Schmidt, Loretta Bruns, Betty Heppermann,
Kathy Feldewerth, Frank Marquart, Dan Brothers, Cindy White, Janie Roth

David & Lisa Debold (Dave & Pam DeBold's children), Dave Asinger (brother-in-law of Larry & Rita Bendel),
Bob Holland (friend of Shirley Augustine), Sherri Callahan (daughter of Vickie & Paul Grunz),
Peter Gray (son-in-law of Adrienne Collins), Fred Brown (son-in-law of Bill & Bernie Pollihan),
Leon Burkemper (son of Carol Rabbitt), Doris Eisenbath (mother of Judy Molitor), Loretta Nolan (sister of Kathy Lalonde),
Macy Enderle (niece of Ray & Kay Cherry), Janet Piel (sister of Joni Marren-Slaughter), Sueanne Jaeger Fry (niece of Bob & Alvina Fry)

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 17	
8:00am	The Schneider Family
Tuesday, February 18	
8:00am	Rose Reuther +
Wednesday, February 19	
8:00am	Jackie Konieczny +
Thursday, February 20	
8:00am	Shirley Watts +
Friday, February 21	
8:00am	Audrey Hueffmeyer +
Saturday, February 22	
8:00am	Cy, Al & John Bamert +
4:00pm	Mary Ann Mueller +
Sunday, February 23	
7:30am	Stan Nikonowicz +
9:30am	Dr. William Hoffman +
11:30am	People of the Parish



Marriage in Christ has been promised between
Ashley Sommer and Elliott Burkemper
Allison Boyce and Jonathan Rennard

Contributions, February 8/9

General Offertory:	\$9,667.08
Online—General Offertory:	\$4,517.86
TOTAL	\$14,184.94

"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:20)

The scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law, and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear—it's the love that you have in your heart that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules out of obligation, not love, does not put you on the path to heaven. Attending Mass on Sunday and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of a modern day Pharisee.

We pray ... that our faith grows, and we generously share out of love and not out of obligation.

Needed at the Pantry



mayonnaise, cold cereal, fruit juice, sugar, jelly, mustard, sloppy joe sauce, gravy packets, canned fruit: pears, peaches, fruit cocktail, mandarin oranges, applesauce, canned potatoes, chicken broth, cake & brownie mixes, icing, Bisquick, syrup, saltines, laundry detergent, toilet paper, shampoo, coffee

Who is the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the St. Louis Archdiocese is a Catholic lay organization and serves those in need through the Greater St. Louis area. The Society consists of more than 3,400 volunteer members belonging to 142 parish-based conferences. In fact, there is a Conference right here at IHM Parish! We make home visits to those in need to provide person-to-person services, including arranging utility and prescription drug assistance and assisting with housing and transportation needs. The Society also operates nine Thrift Stores in the St. Louis area.

Last year, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of St. Louis assisted over 344,000 people and provided more than \$8.4 million in direct aid to those in need in the St. Louis metropolitan area.

You can help Neighbors in Need right here in our Parish by donating to our St. Vincent de Paul Conference. Consider serving with us. Call Joe Willis at 636-398-2106 to learn more.

PSR Corner

In the Traditional-Devotional Dedication of the Months of the Year, February is traditionally dedicated to The Holy Family. The Home is the "Domestic Church." What part of your house can you better "set up" as a chapel, prayer area, corner? Do a search for "How to set up a Catholic prayer corner, altar area" in your home. Remember, a family altar can alter a family. For a personal "corner" idea, watch the video **War Room**.



The funeral luncheon committee is seeking 2 volunteers to be luncheon coordinators. Our funeral luncheons are a wonderful blessing to grieving families. If you are able to help in this ministry, please call one of these ladies for details: Carol Grady 314-662-2281, Ruth Neske 636-398-5699, Vicki Grunz 636-497-5230.

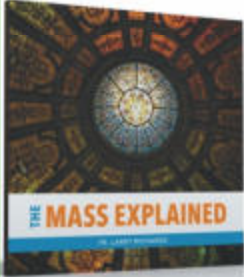
HAVE YOU REVISED YOUR ESTATE DOCUMENTS LATELY? SHOULD YOU?

To learn more, contact the planned giving experts at the Roman Catholic Foundation.
314-918-2890 / giftplanning@rcfstl.org.

St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

(Note: With close to 4000 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



This is one of the best explanations on the Mass ever recorded. Fr. Larry Richards explains the True Presence in the Eucharist, the amazing untold history of the Mass, and a nuts-and-bolts “walk-through” of the parts of the Mass. After listening to this presentation, the next time you attend Mass, your sacramental life will be enriched immeasurably. This is a powerful, proven tool for parish education programs, from First Communion prep to RCIA and beyond. You'll discover exciting and powerful new insights about the history, spirituality, and Biblical foundations of the Catholic Mass. “The Mass Explained” will have a deep impact on how you, your loved ones, your fellow parishioners, and your friends experience this Sacred Mystery.

MEN! COME TO THE ZECHARIAH PRAYER BREAKFAST

Zechariah Men's Prayer Breakfast is focused on sharing the story of an encounter with Christ, one man at a time. Come to breakfast **Saturday, February 22** at the May Room, Cardinal Rigali Center, 20 Archbishop May Drive in Shrewsbury (63119), 9am—11:30am. Our Speaker **Fr. William Dotson** has been the pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in St. Charles since 2017. He also serves as a member of the Public Policy Committee of the Missouri Catholic Conference and as a chaplain for the St. Charles City Police Department.

Come to breakfast! It's \$15, payable at the door. Advance reservation of a breakfast is required, 636-296-2903 or online at StlRenewal.org/ZPB. For more information please email gary.whitlock@att.net, or archstl.org/renewal.



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

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

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


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

CALENDAR

- Feb. 22: Luke 18 Lock-In Retreat put on by Youth Group for all IHM 8th Grade students. 8:30am check-in, Grand Hall
- Feb. 23: Retreat ends after 11:30 Mass



We offer our prayerful sympathy on the passing of
Mary Louise Ricciotti
mother of Donna & Gilbert Cattoor

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



We welcome to our parish family
through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Jack Henry Militello

son of John and Stephanie (Joellenbeck) Militello

Charlotte Jo Scheiderer

daughter of Nathan and Alexandra (Lewis) Scheiderer

Has it been a while since your last photograph was taken?

It's not too late to sign up for our upcoming photography event! Photography session times are still available. There's three ways to sign up:

1. Go to the parish website www.ihm-newmelle.org and click on the Lifetouch photo and follow the easy directions.
2. See one of our friendly parishioners after weekend Masses at the IHMformation Station as they will have a printout of available times.
3. Call the church office and we can help schedule a time that works for you.

Did you know? Every participating family receives a free 8x10 portrait and a printed and electronic copy of our directory. Be a part of it! Sign up today.

FYI, all photos will be taken in the Grand Hall. You will have a variety of poses taken, with one selected for the directory. Give it about an hour from start to finish.



We really need your help! During the photo sessions, two parishioners are needed to be friendly faces to those coming in for their photographs. If you can help for a 2-hour shift on any of the photography days, please stop by the IHMformation Station or call the church office. If you're having your own photo taken, consider staying before or after.

And for those of you who fly south for the winter, you can be included too!



Our directory won't be complete without you! Lifetouch will assist you in scheduling a photography session at a nearby location. Once photographed, your image will be provided back to us and included in our directory. To schedule your photography session call Lifetouch at 1-866-756-0281 (9am-5pm EST) and be sure to give them our unique parish number: 411236.

OR...you can also provide a vertical high resolution digital photo. Just send it to "secretary@ihm-newmelle.org" and you'll be part of our photo directory.

ATTENTION Families with Active Military

We certainly want to include your loved ones in our directory also. We'd like to have a full page dedicated to our family members in the military, deployed overseas or not. Just send us a high resolution vertical photo of him or her, preferably in their uniform, email it to Peggy at "secretary@ihm-newmelle.org." We're proud of them, too!



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH- NEW MELLE, MO

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

HORSE RACES

Raising funds for local charities

Tickets are \$15 at the door

Saturday, February 29, 2020

In the Stoltz Grand Hall

Doors open at 6:00 pm

Races begin at 6:30 pm

Total of 14 races

Admission includes chili, hot dogs, chicken wings, chips, snacks, Bud Light, Amber Bock, Margaritas, wine, soda, and ice for set-ups.

Each horse in each race can be named and sponsored for \$50.

60% of the money waged on each race will be returned to those who wager on the horses.

40% supports the Knights of Columbus charitable programs.



Sponsor a race for \$100

What's Your Catholic Catechism IQ?

1. Polygamy is contrary to conjugal love which is undivided and _____.
a. inclusive b. exclusive
c. sealed d. reclusive
2. By its very nature conjugal love requires the inviolable _____ of the spouses.
a. hope b. fidelity
c. openness d. confidence
3. Love seeks to be ____; it cannot be an arrangement until further notice.
a. open to change b. emotional based
c. perpetually happy d. definitive
4. The intimate union of marriage, as a mutual giving of two persons, and the good of the _____, demand total fidelity from the spouses.
a. consent b. parents
c. community d. children
5. It requires an _____ union between them.
a. opposing b. outstanding
c. unbreakable d. open
6. The deepest reason is found in the fidelity of God to His _____, in that of Christ to His church.
a. command b. creation
c. covenant d. counsel
7. Through the _____ of matrimony the spouses are enabled to represent this fidelity and witness to it.
a. meeting b. sacrament
c. preparation d. teaching
8. It can seem difficult, even impossible, to bind oneself for _____ to another human being.
a. a time b. life
c. 50 years d. a year
9. With God's _____ spouses can give witness to faithfulness.
a. teaching b. grace
c. sacramental d. word
10. Yet there are some situations in which _____ together becomes practically impossible for a variety of reasons.
a. loving b. praying
c. staying d. living

Save the Date!

Saturday, March 21
Lenten Prayer Breakfast
for Men and Women of the Parish

Begins with 8am Mass
Breakfast and speaker following
in the Grand Hall



Meals on Wheels **HELP NEEDED!**

Need substitutes and one full time rotation for Fridays. For more information, please call

Jean Reed Bammann
636-798-2718

Protecting Member Privacy

In order to help us all know more about our Church and to have an annually updated Church directory, we have contracted with Guide Book Publishing to produce a "Guide Book and Directory." The book will be direct mailed to every household in our Church and is being provided at no cost to our parish. This Guide Book and Directory is and shall remain the property of this congregation only. Use of this book by anyone for a business purpose or for the telephone or mail solicitation is strictly forbidden. If you do not want your phone number and/or your address listed in this publication, please contact the church office at 636-398-5270 by **February 16**. The Guide Book will go to press at the end of February.

Tickets On Sale Now!



catholicwomenforchrist.org
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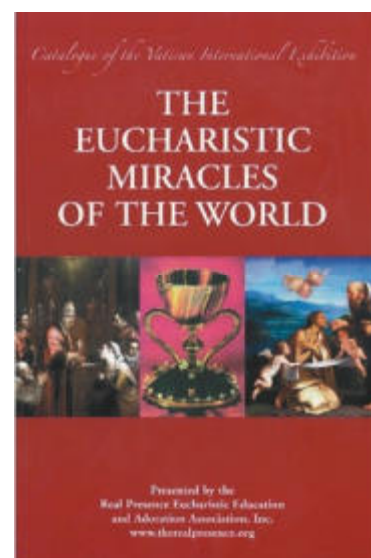
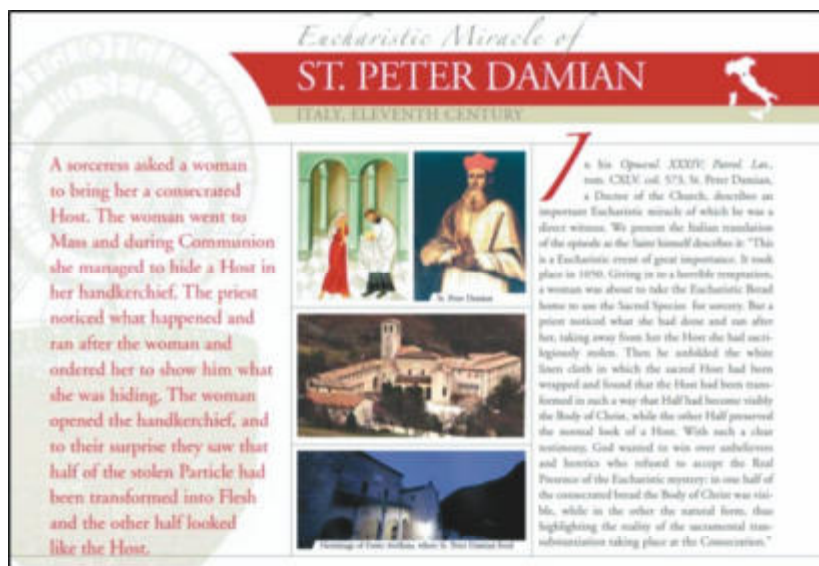
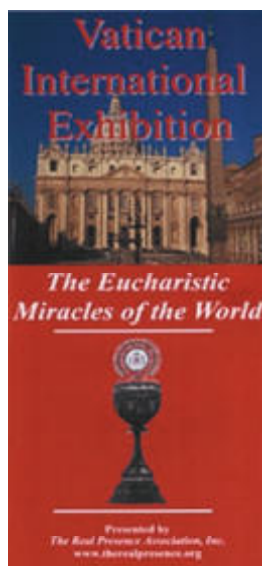
Does your faith influence the way you live your life? The year 2020 is a great time to focus on the purpose of your life. Resolve to listen to Catholic radio in the new year to be reminded of the importance of faith in your daily journey. Listen to the Holy Mass, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Rosary daily. Participate in live call-in shows such as Call to Communion, Open Line and Catholic Answers Live. Tune in to AM1460 or 102.9FM, download the free Covenant Network App, or listen on OurCatholicRadio.org.

Mysteries, Marvels and Miracles in the Life of Christ and the Church

St. Peter Damian: Feast Day February 21

St. Peter Damian is one of the close to 40 “doctors” of the Church. Doctor of the Church is a title given by the Catholic Church to saints recognized as having made a significant contribution to theology or doctrine through their research, study, or writing. One interesting work of St. Peter Damian was called “the Book of Gomorrah”, a letter he wrote to Pope St. Leo IX in 1049 in response to an epidemic of sexual perversion, moral laxity and other abuses both in the priesthood and in the laity of the Church. As it has been said, history may not repeat itself, but it certainly does rhyme.

Here this powerful testimony from this doctor of the Church, taken from one of the Eucharistic Miracle display panels as described in the Vatican Exhibit booklet, “Eucharistic Miracles of the World.” 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 a consecrated Eucharistic host 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 transformed in such a way that half had become visible 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.”



Readings of the Week

Sun: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 [1b]/
1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
Mon: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 [77a]/Mk 8:11-13
Tue: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Mk 8:14-21
Wed: Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mk 8:22-26
Thu: Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [7a]/Mk 8:27-33
Fri: Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 1b]/Mk 8:34—9:1
Sat: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
Next Sun: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/
1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

Pope's Intentions for February: Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.



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Attention Employees & Volunteers

The Archdiocese of St. Louis has developed a new system for safe environment compliance called Prevent and Protect STL. Everyone ministering to minors and vulnerable adults (clergy, employees and volunteers) in the Archdiocese are required and asked to register in the new system before December 31, 2020. This includes those new to service and those who are currently in service. For those who have already attended a Protecting God's Children workshop, your previous training date will transfer to this new system. In addition to attending a live Protecting God's Children workshop, all clergy, volunteers and employees will register for an updated background screening, view two new online training modules on abuse reporting and the Code of Ethical Conduct, and agree to the updated Code of Ethical Conduct. Please go to:

www.preventandprotectstl.org

to register, and contact our parish Child Safety Coordinator Karen Wappelhorst with any questions or for further assistance. Karen's email: childsafety@ihm-newmelle.org, or call her at 636-398-5270.

The Catholic Newman Center at the University of Missouri St. Louis is having an alumni reunion on Friday, February 21 (on St. John Newman's birthday). We will have Mass at 6pm in the living room of the Newman House like the old days, followed by drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Come for a casual evening with old friends. This event is free of charge. RSVP to Kay@cncumsl.org by February 18, or call Kay at 314-385-3455. Hope to see you at the Newman House, 8200 Natural Bridge, St. Louis 63121.

St. Ann's Sodality Quilt Social Bingo on Saturday, February 22 at Holy Rosary Activity Center, 716 E. Booneslick Rd., Warrenton. Doors open at 11:30am, bingo starts at 12:30pm. Lunch will be available. For more information contact Barb Schneider at 636-456-3567 or Debbie at the parish office 636-456-3698, ext. 221.

St. Gianna Bingo on Saturday, February 22. Bingo will be held in the St. Gianna Parish Hall, 450 E. Hwy. N, Wentzville. Doors open at 10:30am, Bingo starts at 11:30am. A Hawaiian style applique quilt will be raffled. Lunch will be served.

All You Can Eat Breakfast will be held at Immaculate Conception Parish in Augusta on February 23, 2020, 8am till noon. \$8 for adults and \$3 for ages 6-12. Menu includes: pork sausage, baked ham, "real" scrambled eggs, regular and potato pancakes, baked apples, juice and coffee.

St. Dominic High School Shadow Visits Seventh graders: come experience St. Dominic! Schedule your spring shadow visit and personal tour today: www.stdominichs.org/visit or rimming@stdominichs.org.

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

Mother Daughter and Father Son Programs

You are invited to an event that provides an atmosphere of love and learning to discuss fertility and to promote communication between parent and child. The programs are presented by a parent, a physician and joined a teen on a panel for questions and answers. The programs emphasize respect, understanding and appreciation for God's gift of sexuality, as well as age-appropriate information on the function of the male or female reproductive system.

2/23/20: 10-12 year old girls and their moms/guardians
3/15/20: 11-12 year old boys and their dads/guardians

3/29/20: 13-17 year old girls and their moms/guardians
(13-17 year old boys and their dads/guardians will be held in the Fall of 2020)

All of the programs run from 1pm to 3:30pm at the von Gontard Conference Center, 621 N. W. Ballas Road, St. Louis, 63141. Cost is \$50 per family. Reservations are required. Go to: <http://mercy.net/fertilitycare> to register. Questions: 314-991-0327 or jeanne.stoll@mercy.net

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


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