



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

Mailing Address: P. O. Box 100 \* New Melle, MO 63365

Website: [www.ihm-newmelle.org](http://www.ihm-newmelle.org)

Office Phone: 636-398-5270

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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

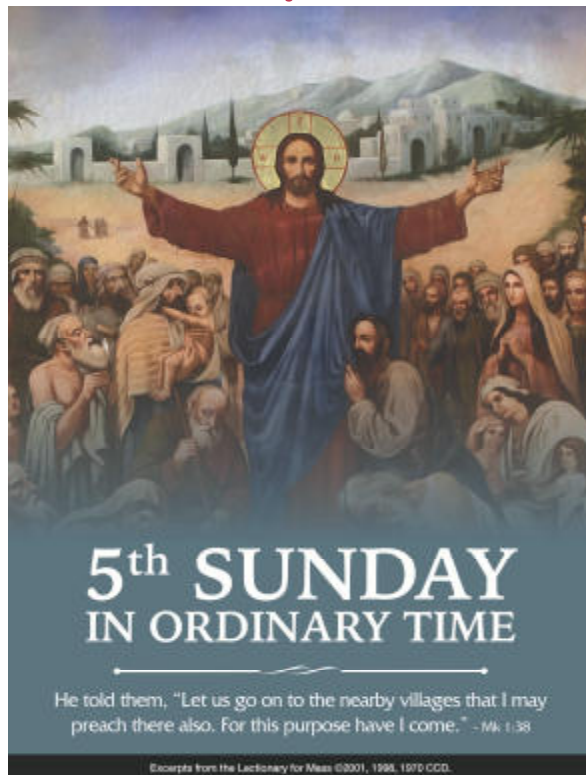
**Reconciliation:** Wednesday in church, 7pm  
Saturday following 8am Mass

**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 7, 2021



## Deeper Understanding of Scripture

If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all of this misery!

Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we don't make the mistake of wallowing in the mire of self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises, and soul-searching graces we can surely miss. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and more life-giving options. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet.

We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories,

agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would end or trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities. When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be.

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

## Parish Staff

Parish Office: 636-398-5270

Fr. Tom Miller, Pastor *askpadre@aol.com*  
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Deacon Chris Ast *chrisast@archstl.org*  
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Michael McDonald, Plant Manager *macmcd1123@gmail.com*

## 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

Stan Kostecki 314-397-5965

### Weddings, Receptions, Events

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### Prayer and Devotion

Eucharistic Adoration  
Shawn Mueller 636-398-5270  
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Prayer Chain  
Brenda Hutchcraft 636-248-8493  
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Julia Kettler 314-616-0096

### Liturgical Ministries

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### Parish Organizations

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Mark Keune 314-220-7075  
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Meals on Wheels  
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Quilters  
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Scouting  
Chuck Hinkle 636-544-6639  
Cub Scouts: John Lyons 217-778-3760  
Boy Scouts: Chad Peters 314-807-7177  
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Joe Willis 636-398-2106  
Welcoming Committee  
Teresa Berfanger 636-398-5565

### Youth and Young Adults

High School Youth Leader  
Janet Hespen 314-369-6521  
Young Adults  
Julie Lassiter 636-357-0121

## Take 48

A reprint from happier times in 2019

Dear Parishioners,

Take 48 is not a confession of age, a secret code or a new diet plan. 48 has become a sort of symbol for me of the needed patience that is in short supply these days. As I mentioned in a recent homily, the greatest aggravation many people face on a regular basis is the experience of inconvenience. Not that our lives are plagued with inconvenience, but rather that we come to expect things to be convenient, fast and efficient. We are so blessed in our daily lives, we can forget that life is actually difficult and demanding.

People who experience profound illness know that life is demanding. Those struggling with mental or emotional illness know the struggle. Any who have had periods of unemployment or financial trials don't take the convenience of life as a given. Those who have vocations of service and sacrifice know that life is demanding. But I suspect if we are not in the midst of our own trial, we become very accustomed to things go smoothly. Because of technology, we expect that things not only go smoothly, but quickly.

While technology can move at an incredibly fast pace, our thoughts and feelings are not designed to move at such a pace if one wants to exercise patience. Our 24 hours news cycle creates further demands for immediate information and snap decisions. It is difficult to keep things

fresh when they are repeated endlessly. All of this contributes to an atmosphere of impatience that effects our daily lives and adds more stress to our relationships. There are no short cuts for growing in patience, it is something that only increases by its use.

Take 48 is a short aid for trying to interject more patience into daily life. I can't say that I practice it well, but I try to become more conscious of it.

- \* Take 48 seconds to wait to respond while in a conversation
- \* Take 48 minutes to return to a difficult conversation or situation
- \* Take 48 hours to process news—be it TV, internet or face to face
- \* Take 48 days to discern major changes in life.

Obviously I could have picked a different number, but 48 hours is where it all began for me and what I decided to use. The key is practicing patience in that time, be it seconds, minutes, hours or days. We will be happier with more patience in our lives and those around us will be happier as well.

Peace,

*Fr. Tom*

## 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B

Very early the next morning, long before daylight, Jesus got up and left the house.  
He went out of town to a lonely place, where he prayed. MARK 1:35

One day a friend visited Henri Matisse, the French artist. Noticing how filled with stress his friend seemed to be, Matisse said, "Andre, you must find the artichokes in your life." Then he led his friend to a patch of artichokes in his garden and said, "Each morning, after I have worked a while, I come here to be still and meditate. This simple ritual inspires me and gives me a new perspective toward my work."

To what extent does quiet meditation relax me and give me a new perspective toward my work?

Mark Link S.J. *Mission*

### Ministry Schedule

#### February 6—4pm

EM: Deacon Chris, Josh Deters, Pat Roche, Ed Etzkorn  
Lec: Larry Graves, Joe Willis  
Serv: Aiden Panus  
Music: Bryan & Mary Ann  
Ush: Bill Pollihan, Andy Pope, Bryan Potter  
Proj: Kathy Lalonde

#### February 7—7:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Josh Deters, Jan Kardasz, Kris Jenkins  
Lec: Bob Leeker, Nancy Ast  
Serv: Mary Grace Becker  
Music: Verdi & Brooke  
Ush: Bob & Teresa Berfanger, Bob Hutchcraft  
Proj: Nancy Neske

#### February 7—9:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Aaron Waldeck, Laura Orf, Patrice Riley  
Lec: Scouts  
Serv: Scouts  
Music: Bryan & Betsy  
Ush: Scouts  
Proj: Thomas Kokker

### 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

### ✠ Rest in Peace ✠

Dennis Britton  
brother of Ralph and Janice Britton  
John Anderson  
brother of Bill & Terri Anderson  
May they and all the faithful departed  
rest in the eternal peace of Christ.

### Heavenly Duster Schedule

Week of February 7:	Vicky Grunz
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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### 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.



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

### *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), Audrey Molitor (sister of Flo Joerling),  
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)

## Mass Intentions

Monday, February 8	
8:00am	Msgr. Raymond Orf +
Tuesday, February 9	
8:00am	Bob Miller +
Wednesday, February 10	
8:00am	Jackie Konieczny + Corey Bruer +
Thursday, February 11	
8:00am	Moiria Ryan +
Friday, February 12	
8:00am	in thanksgiving (EO) Bill & Bernie Pollihan 55th anniv.
Saturday, February 13	
8:00am	Bobby Eisenbath +
4:00pm	Msgr. Michael P. Owens +
Sunday, February 14	
7:30am	All Souls People of the Parish
9:30am	Richard Winters + Ignatius & Mary Keeven +

## This Week at Home

*social distancing recommended at all events*



Monday, February 8	Scouts, Founders Hall, 6:30pm
Tuesday, February 9	Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am
Wednesday, February 10	Sunday readings study, Weber Hall, 8:45am Bible Study, Grand Hall, 6:15pm Reconciliation, 7pm
Thursday, February 11	Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am
Friday, February 12	Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30am—noon Trial run FISH FRY—volunteers/reservations needed
Saturday, February 13	Reconciliation, 8:45am Valentine Dinner & FATIMA Movie, Grand Hall see more information later in bulletin reservation deadline <u>February 8</u>

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
Mon:	Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104/Mk 6:53-56
Tue:	Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8/Mk 7:1-13
Wed:	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104/Mk 7:14-23
Thu:	Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128/Mk 7:24-30
Fri:	Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32/Mk 7:31-37
Sat:	Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90/Mk 8:1-10

## Contributions, January 30/31

General Offertory:	\$11,673.00
Online—General Offertory:	\$5,388.98
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$17,061.98</b>

*"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed ... He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'"*  
Mark 1: 35, 38

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes—healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.

We pray: that—just as Jesus rose early to pray—we, too, may find time in our day to be with God and to receive strength and nourishment from Him.

## Needed at the Pantry



Laundry detergent, coffee, pancake syrup, grape jelly, canned fruit, canned corn, men's deodorant, shaving lotion, body wash, body lotion, bisquick, canned mixed vegetables, oil, sugar, all purpose cleaner, cold and hot cereal, sugar. Please no glass jars of pasta sauce.

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

In the Gospel today, we find that Jesus would rise very early before dawn and go to a deserted place to pray and then he went out to preach and to heal.

Please pray for the poor and suffering, knowing that you are bringing the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.



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

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

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?

St. Patrick School in Wentzville welcomes you! Open enrollment for Preschool-8th grade for the 2021-22 school year begins February 10! Visit [www.stpatrickwentzville.org/school](http://www.stpatrickwentzville.org/school) or call 636-332-9913 for more information.

Lighthouse Catholic  
CD – Pamphlet Rack:

Narthex: Year of St. Joseph

Items from the Lighthouse CD rack are located in the Narthex



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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)

- It can happen that one of the spouses is the \_\_\_\_\_ victim of a divorce decreed by civil law; this spouse therefore has not contravened the moral law.
  - guilty
  - at-fault
  - innocent
  - just
- \_\_\_\_\_ is contrary to the equal personal dignity of men and women who in matrimony give themselves with a love that is total and therefore unique and exclusive.
  - teen marriage
  - bi-racial marriage
  - polygamy
  - marrying from another country
- Concubinage is a situation that offends against the \_\_\_\_\_ of marriage; it destroys the very idea of the family and weakens the sense of fidelity.
  - dignity
  - children
  - culture
  - pleasure
- The sexual act must take place exclusively within marriage. Outside of marriage it always constitutes a grave sin and excludes one from sacramental \_\_\_\_\_.
  - communion
  - confirmation
  - reconciliation
  - baptism
- A \_\_\_\_\_ marriage with premature sexual relations can scarcely ensure mutual sincerity and fidelity, nor can it be protected from inconstancy of desires or whim.
  - trial
  - planned
  - false
  - mock
- Human love does not tolerate trial marriages. It demands a \_\_\_\_\_ and definitive gift of persons to one another.
  - half-hearted
  - lack of commitment
  - total
  - useful
- In his use of things man should regard the external goods he legitimately owns not merely as \_\_\_\_\_ to himself but common to others also.
  - inclusive
  - offensive
  - exclusive
  - defensive
- Any form of unjustly taking and keeping the \_\_\_\_\_ of others is against the seventh commandment.
  - secrets
  - property
  - reputation
  - souls
- Various offenses of the seventh command include business fraud, paying unjust \_\_\_\_\_, work poorly done, tax evasion, forgery, excessive expenses and waste.
  - violence
  - wages
  - laborers
  - immigrants
- A significant part of economic and social life depends on the honoring of \_\_\_\_\_ agreed to and executed in good faith.
  - contracts
  - children
  - broken promises
  - parents

Answer Key:

1. c (2386) 2. c (2387) 3. a (2390) 4. a (2390) 5. a (2391) 6. c (2391) 7. c (2404) 8. b (2409) 9. b (2409) 10. a (2410)

# Valentine Dinner & Movie Night in the Grand Hall

(Limited Seating with Social Distancing)  
Sponsored by the IHM Youth Group

## Saturday, February 13

Dinner served at 5:30pm  
(Parishioners welcome after 4pm Mass)

### Dinner Includes:

Chicken Alfredo from West Allen Grill  
salad, garlic bread, dessert & beverages  
~~Youth Group Entertainment~~



In keeping with the “Year of St. Joseph” our movie presentation of  
FATIMA (released 2020) will begin at 7pm.

St. Joseph and the Child Jesus  
appeared to the children on October 13, 1917.

## \$15 Per Person

Recommended for ages 10 and older  
sign-up sheet in the narthex

Please pay at the church office or deposit in the  
Youth Group drop box at the IHMformation Station

Reservations due by Monday, February 8

Questions? Call Janet: 314-369-6521

# Lenten Fish Fries are back!

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Join us on  
February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26

Adults: \$13 / ages 6—12: \$7 / 5 and under free

Offering Carry-outs from 3:30—7:30pm

Dine in by Reservation only with 80 available seats at  
3:30, 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30pm

Please call 636-398-5270 or email [secretary@ihm-newmelle.org](mailto:secretary@ihm-newmelle.org)  
Reservation cutoff is the day prior, Thursday until 3pm

Menu includes:

Haddock (baked or fried)—Cod—Catfish  
French Fries, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Hush Puppies,  
Mac & Cheese, Applesauce, Pasta con Broccoli,  
Tea, Coffee, Lemonade



Beer and soda available for purchase  
thanks to our Knights of Columbus

Social Distancing and CDC Guidelines will be in effect

# Iron Out the Bugs Fish Fry

**For Parishioners Only**

Not open to the public



**February 12: 3:30 to 7:30pm**

**We want to go thru our procedures  
before beginning next Friday**

**Same delicious menu!**

**We will need volunteers for two shifts:  
2:30 to 5:30 / 5:30 to 8:30 (more or less)  
—Volunteers can eat for \$5—**

**Adults \$13/ ages 6-12 \$7 / 5 and under free  
Need your reservation by Thursday 3pm**

Journée Mondiale Du Mariage  
**World Marriage Day**  
세계 결혼의 날



**February 14, 2021**

Celebrate your Sacrament by applying for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. For more information on encounter experiences being held around the globe, go to [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) to find one in your area. For more information about experiences in the St. Louis area, contact Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

**Authentic Catholic Radio: AM 1460**

## A Lenten Journey with St. Joseph

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

### Guidebook Book & Directory Advertising Opportunity

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for our parish. This book will contain everything pertinent to our parish: 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 advertised. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the church office by February 15.

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.



### 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.

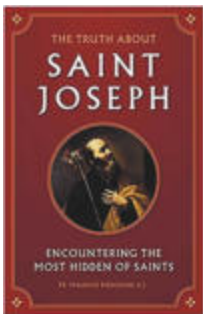


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A mom and dad brought their two little boys to a Catholic gift store to browse some religious items and to pick up a few gifts for family and friends. The boys were checking out some of the holy cards when one of them said, “Hey, how come you hardly ever see Joseph in these pictures— they are always just of Jesus and Mary .” While the mom and dad were thinking of a response, the other brother chimed in and said, “You doofus, who do you think was the one taking all the photos?”



St. Joseph might be said to be the “hidden member” of the Holy Family, just as the Holy Spirit has been called the hidden member of the Holy Trinity. They are the ones “behind the scenes” if you will. In recent times in the history of the Church, really only in the last 200 years, however, we see the Polaroid Picture of the Holy Family developing, and in particular, we see the father of Jesus, St. Joseph, coming into clearer focus.



## 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](http://www.preventandprotectstl.org)

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