



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, St. Joseph Chapel

Weekly Devotions and Prayers

Eucharistic Adoration:

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

Rosary:

Following 8am Mass Monday thru Friday

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

Usually, the first reading has something in common with the gospel. Today's however, has more in common with the second reading from St. Peter. They both talk about Noah and the ark, where the few good people were saved by going through the water. Peter compares that to the waters of Baptism, in which we are saved by God. He also has an interesting image of Jesus "preaching to the spirits in prison." It refers to the fallen angels whose disobedience lead the rest of the population to turn away from God. Just as God washed away the evil of the world in the waters of the flood, so the waters of Baptism made us into a new people who have clear con-

sciences, both because God has forgiven our sins and because we promise to follow only Him.

That leads to the Gospel, where Jesus is tempted by Satan. But unlike the people of Noah's time, Jesus does not fall to the temptations. Instead, he comes out of the desert, proclaiming that the Kingdom of God is near. He tells us to repent and believe in the good news.

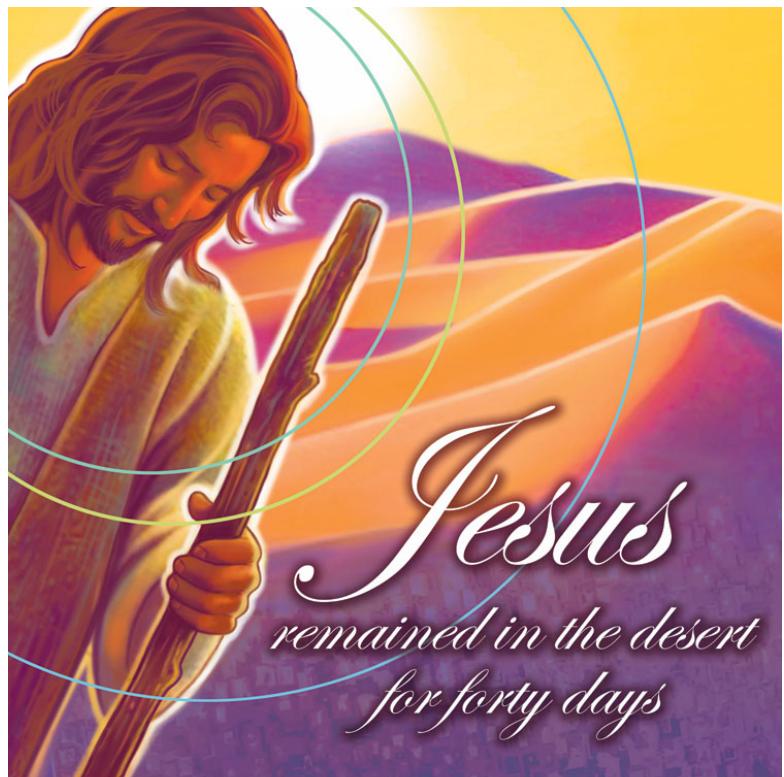
That means we have a choice to make: Do we accept this kingdom and repent, or do we ignore our baptism and do what we want? We may say that we are willing to repent, but do we do anything about it? Do we still have a clear conscience when we think of how much time we spend

getting to know Jesus? Ever pray or read the bible outside of church? Do we spend near as much on the poor, as we do for movies, hobbies, video games, or drinks? Do we ever tell anyone about the kingdom and what Jesus has done for us?

Next time you see a rainbow, think about the covenant that God made with Noah. Just as God's promises get better and better till the coming of Jesus, we are challenged to be more and more like Him. Are you satisfied with just a promise that God won't destroy us all in a flood? Or are you ready to live the New Covenant that Jesus promises to those who will follow him?

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Clear Conscience

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(Please contact Shawn Mueller,
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Parish School of Religion

(Grades 1 through 8)
September through May
Wednesdays from 6:00—7:30pm

Confirmation Preparation

(8th Grade)
September through May
Wednesdays from 6:00—7:30pm

Children's Liturgy of the Word

September through May
During the 9:30am Sunday Mass

Adult Education

Wednesdays at 8:45 and 6:10pm

Quick Contacts Directory

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The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert,
and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.
He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

Mark 1:12–13

Human Dignity and Race Relations Part 1

Dear Parishioners,

As we enter into Lent I want to take this time to invite you to reflect upon the relationship of human dignity and race relations. Too often our Lenten observances can become focused too much on what we are doing to improve our relationship with but not with neighbor. Love of God and neighbor leads us to holiness: the two are intimately intertwined in the person of Jesus Christ, who is both our God and neighbor. With that in mind here are some of Fr. Tom's points for reflection about race relations.

- No one has to earn our respect as a person. As Christians we should have an inherent respect for everyone. Attitudes and actions contrary to the faith and the truth of God can make us lose respect for individuals. But no one has to earn a basic level of respect and charity.
- Racism exists in our hearts because of a combination of bias, fear and lazy thinking. There may be other factors, but those are the main ones that come to my mind. We all have an inherent bias to trust those we are familiar with and to be cautious around those we are not. The US/THEM divide can strengthen our identity with our neighbors and separate us from those who are not. At its worst, it can make us hate our enemies. Bias starts as an awareness of differences but can be magnified into rejection and condemnation. That in turn leads to fear of our neighbor. Fearing a neighbor who means to harm us is good awareness; fearing all neighbors who don't share characteristics or similar culture with us is not. It is a failure to recognize the actions and intentions of individuals apart from whatever group with whom they share identity. This leads to lazy thinking that gives rise to racial stereotyping and the ability to feel justified in how we mistreat our neighbor.
- Anyone can be a racist. No race is more racist than another. Again, the bias, fear and lazy thinking that feeds racism can affect everyone. Being the victim of racist acts does not prevent you from holding racist attitudes. In fact I would argue that it tempts one to be more racist. Our minds work by association, and if we associate enough bad acts or attitudes with a given ethnic group we will probably form or be tempted to form racist attitudes. We are wise to sound out the attitudes of others, because attitudes are where malice and kindness are formed. Discerning another's attitudes helps us determine how much trust or caution we should give to an individual. All attitudes are not equal. I would welcome a million Mother Theresas and gladly fight one Hitler. One is good for humanity, the other is lethal. Discernment is essential, and it takes awareness, patience and good listening.
- Why would people be racists? Simply put, it allows us to treat others as beneath us and not feel bad about it. We justify our wrongdoing, and thus are free to continue engaging in it. Justified acts can lead to terrible injustice against our neighbors. Racism caters to our temptations toward pride, envy and anger. All three come into play in how poorly we can treat our neighbors and feel justified.

Peace,

Fr. Tom

NEXT WEEK: Particular issues in Race Relations.



Sacrament of Reconciliation
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday at 7pm,
Saturday at 8:45am

Mark your Calendars for our
Spring Sausage Dinner April 29



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Next Week Ministry Schedule

February 24

4:00pm

- EM: Carole Baker, Jackie Barclay, Ed Etzkorn,
Joan Falbo, Ed Taylor, Pat Roche, Mary Hannig,
Mary Jean Hartenbach
Lec: Jackie Dunn, Sharon Hagan
GB: Doug & Christine Scheer Family
Serv: Colton, Camden, Celina Genta
Ush: Bill Pollihan, Larry Graves, Tom Zaleuke,
Jerry Braden

February 25

7:30am

- EM: Kris Jenkins, Rich Molitor, Carol Rabbitt,
Dianne Dickherber, Bob Leeker, Jan Kardasz
Lec: Peggy Dupree, Elizabeth Vehige
GB: Dot Welge, Jolene Molitor
Serv: Bridget Goins, Maybelle Hahn
Ush: Frank Marquart, Larry Gassei, Gary Potter,
Larry Koch
9:30am
EM: Maureen Blondin, Joe Faron, Mary Keune,
Teresa Waddington, Chris Richter, Bob Caldwell,
Joni Marren-Slaughter, **volunteer please**
Lec: Pat Gentry, Joe Willis
GB: Brent & Mindy Dale
Serv: Lindsey & Madelyn Bouquet, Lannah Montgomery
Ush: Gary Struckhoff, Chris & Adam Molitor,
Charles Hinkle, Stan Kostecki, George Stark



Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent, 7pm

- Stations of the Cross for Kids
Friday, February 23, 11:30am
Friday, March 2, 5:30pm
Friday, March 9, 3pm

This Week at Home

Sunday, February 18

Donuts, Weber Hall, 8:30—11am

Thanks to the Welcoming Committee

Golden Hearts, Grand Hall, 1pm

Monday, February 19

Church office closed for President's Day

St. Vincent de Paul, 6pm

Scouts, Founders Hall/Trailer, 6:30pm

Reconciliation, 7pm

Tuesday, February 20

Legion of Mary, Eucharistic Chapel, 9am

Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9-10am

Children's Choir, church, 6:45pm

KofC, Founders Hall, 7pm

Reconciliation, 7pm

Wednesday, February 21

Sunday readings study, Weber Hall, 8:45am

PSR, Weber/Founders Hall, Trailer, 6pm

The Creed study, Grand Hall, 6pm

Reconciliation, 7pm

Oremus prayer study, Grand Hall, 7:30pm

Thursday, February 22

Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9-10am

RCIA, Weber Hall, 6:30pm

Youth Group, Grand Hall foyer, 6:30pm

Choir practice, church, 7pm

Friday, February 23

Whom Am I To Judge study, 6:30am, Weber Hall

Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30—noon

Fish Fry, Founders Hall, 4:40—7pm

Cub Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet, Grand Hall, 5pm

Stations of the Cross, St. Joseph Chapel, 7pm

Saturday, February 24

Reconciliation, 8:45am



Join the Holy Father's prayer intentions for February: Say "No" to Corruption

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

1st Sunday of Lent

Jesus went to Galilee and preached the Good News from God. "The right time has come," he said, "and the Kingdom of God is near! Turn from your sins and believe the Good News." Mark 1:14-15

The movie An Officer and a Gentleman concerns a selfish young man who wants to be a naval flight officer. He is totally self-centered. A tough drill sergeant sees through him and makes it a point to challenge him with every test and ordeal in the books. In the process of meeting these tests, the young man discovers his soul and undergoes a change of heart. He graduates from boot camp not only an officer but also a gentleman. It is this kind of discovery of soul and change of heart that Jesus invites people to make in today's reading. What does it mean to find one's soul?

Conscience is the walkie-talkie set by which God speaks to us.

JAMES J. METCALF

Mark Link S.J. Mission



Mass Intentions

**Monday, February 19**

8:00am

Cole Watson +

Tuesday, February 20

8:00am

All Souls

Wednesday, February 21

8:00am

Al Bamert +

Thursday, February 22

8:00am

intentions of Roger & Vickie Brink

Friday, February 23

8:00am

Rick Hagan +

Jim Blondin +

Saturday, February 24

8:00am

Louise Fischer +

Eugene Gehrin +

Mary Alice Dickherber +

Sunday, February 25

7:30am

special intention (VB)

Ann Septer +

9:30am

People of the Parish

Mary Barr +

† Rest in Peace †

We offer our prayerful sympathy
—to Angie and Phil Reise on the death of her mother
Ruth Whitworth

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



Golden Hearts News

Everyone 50 years or older are invited to come on **Saturday, February 18, 1pm in the Grand Hall** for fun and games. Bring your favorite games, snacks, and BYOB. Questions: Jackie Hackett at 314-761-6127 or Jackie Dunn at 314-640-1154.

Contributions: February 10/11

General Offertory:	\$10,276.50
Online — General Offertory:	\$2,380.00
Total Offertory:	\$12,656.50

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God. . . ."
MARK 1:14

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming? It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

We pray that we may place our lives in God's hands and have the strength to carry out His unique plan for each of us.



Heavenly Duster

Therese Hussey

Parificators

Mary Stassi

Needed at the Pantry:

Canned fruit: applesauce, mandarin oranges, peaches, pears, and fruit cocktail; cake and brownie mixes, hamburger helper, tuna helper, dry spaghetti, pasta sauce, sloppy joe sauce, cold cereal, toilet paper, bisquick

In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Your almsgiving in the St. Vincent de Paul collection will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.

Have You Tried Online Giving?

Are you tired of putting checks in your envelope each week? Do you wish you could give more, but when the weekend rolls around you just don't have as much cash as you'd like? Welcome to ONLINE GIVING! Done this way, your financial offering to the parish is made electronically (and securely) through the parish website. You specify the amount of the gift and how often, and on those dates the funds are automatically transferred from your account to the parish account. **We now offer credit card giving options!** You have access to your account 24/7 and flexibility to change your financial offering at any time. Simply go to the parish website, click Online Giving, and follow the easy instructions.

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Please pray for all the sick and suffering, including

Gerard Wehrle, Teresa Berfanger

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

Prayer Chain: We have a very active group of parishioners who pray for all those who have requested prayers, so your intentions are being remembered to God thru the Prayer Chain. If you have a prayer intention, or would like to join them in praying for others' intentions, please call Rita Langford at 636-398-4654 or email ritalangford4@gmail.com.



New Melle Sports and Recreation

Saturdays, March 17 & 24, 7pm

Sundays, March 18 & 25, 2pm and 4:30pm

Admission Free

Seating is on First-come First-seated basis

For groups or more information call 636-634-1150

or email nmpassion@gmail.com

Check us out:

Facebook us at: New Melle Community Passion Play

or

<https://aleephoto3.wixsite.com/nmpassionplay>



What's your Catholic Catechism IQ?

It is the 25th anniversary of the publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, under (now saint) Pope John Paul II, who wrote, "The Catechism is offered to every individual who asks us to give an account of the hope that is in us (cf. 1 Pet 3:15) and who wants to know what the Catholic Church believes." Every adult Catholic is asked to prayerfully "digest" the Catechism. These questions (which will cover the whole CCC during this year) can help break it down in small bites.

MAN'S FIRST SIN

1. Harmony with creation is broken and control of the soul's spiritual faculties over the _____ is shattered.
2. The union of man and woman becomes subject to tensions, their relations henceforth marked by _____ and domination.
3. The consequence explicitly foretold for this disobedience will come true: _____ makes its entrance into human history.
4. The inclination to evil brought about by original sin is called this.
5. The consequences for nature, weakened and inclined to evil, persist in man and summon him to spiritual _____.

YOU DID NOT ABANDON HIM TO THE POWER OF DEATH

6. After the fall, God announced a future battle between the serpent (Satan) and the offspring of the _____.
7. The Christian tradition sees in Genesis 3:15 an announcement of the new _____ who makes amends for the disobedience of the first man.
8. Many fathers and doctors of the Church have seen the woman foretold as the new Eve as _____.
9. The grace won by _____ gave blessings better than those that Satan's envy had taken away.
10. The Easter Vigil Exsultet sings "O happy fault ... which gained for us so great a _____."

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IHM Lenten Fish Fries



**February 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23
Serving from 4:30—7:00pm**

\$12: Adults Dine in

\$10: Adults Carry out

\$6: Kids 12 and under Dine in

\$5: Kids 12 and under Carry out

Menu Includes:

Haddock—Cod—Catfish

French Fries, Green Beans, Cole Slaw,

Mac & Cheese, Applesauce, Surprise Pasta each week

Tea, Coffee, Lemonade

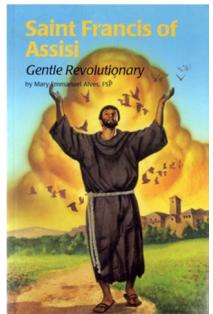
**Beer and soda available for purchase
thanks to our Knights of Columbus**

We need your help! Please sign up in the Narthex

PSR Corner

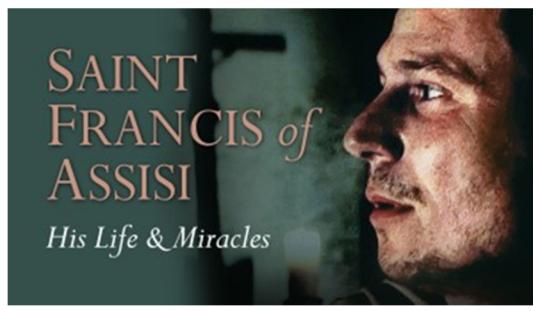
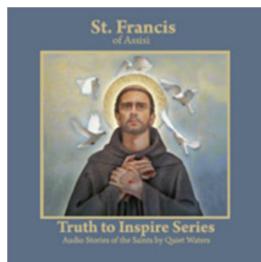
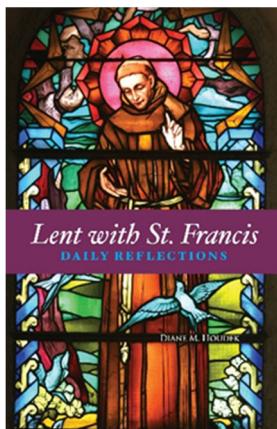
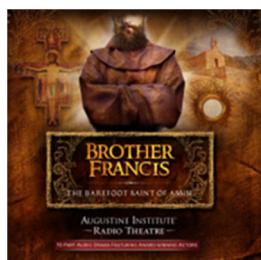
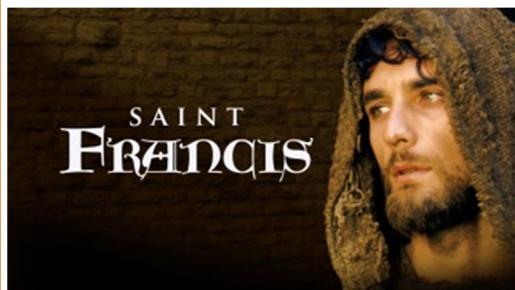
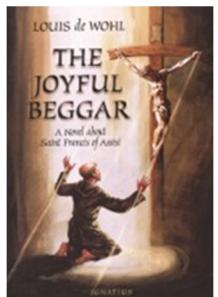
Every PSR class has a chosen patron saint which catechists help students learn about. After 8 years, students will have learned more about 8 folks in God's Holy Hall of Fame. Meet the 1st grade patron—St. Francis of Assisi.

St. Francis endured many struggles in his life, starting with the struggles with his family, followed by his struggle to rebuild the Church. The story includes his love for God and his desire to follow God's will in all he did from starting a community of Brothers, Sisters, and Preaching. The story not only includes St. Francis' spiritual acceptance of God's will but also his acceptance of the wounds Jesus suffered on the cross.



Mysteries, Marvels and Miracles in the Life of the Church: St. Francis of Assisi (Feast: October 4th)

Apart from the Lord Jesus Himself, few saints have had such an impact on the life of the Church as St. Francis of Assisi. Where does one begin to highlight, summarize his influence on the life of the Church or the mysteries, marvels and miracles associated with his life? Why not "walk with Francis" during Lent by reading a good book or devotional on his life? Check out the parish library downstairs. There is a special section of books and videos on St. Francis. For more convenience, check out the resources on [Formed.org](#) listed below. Remember that every person in the parish has been gifted a free subscription to this resource. Enter parish code **04c2dc**



7 STEPS TO BECOMING FINANCIALLY FREE CATHOLIC GROUP STUDY

Are you interested in:

- ☛ Deepening your relationship with the Lord?
- ☛ Building a support network for living your Catholic faith?
- ☛ Strengthening your marriage and family life?
- ☛ Breaking free from the bondage of consumer debt?
- ☛ Making a realistic faith-based financial plan for the future?

We are offering a 6-7 session study utilizing the concepts of Christian based finances in achieving the objectives listed above. The sessions will be limited in size to achieve the benefits and dynamics that are gleaned from a small study group. Kick-off for this study group will be in March, 2018. If you are interested contact Bob Brossette at 314-452-8918.

We are not selling any products or services, and the only cost to you is the Participant Study Kit for \$46.95. This includes the 7 Step Financially Free hardcover book, 2 copies of the workbook, 7 Steps magnet and Portfolio carrying case. Due to limited space call now to assure your place in this study group.



Lenten Prayer Requests

As we begin the season of Lent we would like to emphasize this season of prayer and healing by inviting you to add your personal prayers to those of our entire community. Please look for a container on the table in the narthex where you can place your prayer requests. This Lent we ask everyone in our community to pray for all of them. Lent is a special time of the year for us as a community to pray for each other and to prepare ourselves for the Glorious Resurrection. At the Easter Vigil, we will burn all of your requests in the Easter fire, raising up your intentions to heaven, realizing that our Lord knows what's in your hearts. Have a blessed Lent.

Readings for the Week

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| Mon: | Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46 |
| Tue: | Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15 |
| Wed: | Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32 |
| Thu: | 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19 |
| Fri: | Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26 |
| Sat: | Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48 |
| Sun: | Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10 |

St. Patrick Preschool, Pre-K and K-8

Registration has begun for all grade levels. Registration packets are available at www.stpatrickwentzville.org/school. To tour the school, or if you have questions, please call the St. Patrick School office: 636-332-9913.

NAR-ANON SUPPORT GROUP: Weekly meetings on Saturdays, 10:00 am in the Trailer at IHM.

St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

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

From a reviewer at Amazon. From start to finish, Courageous is loaded with various examples of courageous actions, and includes several other examples of how it's best not to put off good actions today. We loved this movie so much that we've shown it to our extended families and used it as a model to discuss several themes as they might pertain to daily life. One of the movie's great strengths was highlighting the importance of men providing strong male role models for their families. Some men were able to provide good, effective support to their families; some men failed; and some just had to try again, step by step. Taken as a whole, this is one of the best - perhaps THE best family movie ever made. Powerful, exciting, thought provoking, humorous, and filled with topics worth discussing at every level of life.

SUPPORT FOR MOTHERS AND THEIR BABIES

While it is well known that pro-life organizations spend a great deal of effort encouraging pregnant women to give birth and not abort their babies, some may not be aware of the wonderful variety of support activities that these organizations also provide for mothers and their babies after birth.

Locally there are quite a few organizations that provide considerable after-birth care for mothers and their babies. Some of those are:

- **Birthright—Wentzville:** provides education in parenting skills, including child care and safety, support for career development and continuing education for the mother, adoption support, and baby clothes.

- **Our Lady's Inn—Defiance:** provides a shelter for women during pregnancy and up to two years of after-birth support, including helping the mother attain education goals, gain employment, and secure stable housing.
- **The Sparrow's Nest—O'Fallon:** provides a shelter for pregnant teenagers and up to one year of after-birth support, including a wide range of services that empower the mother to make positive and healthy life decisions for themselves and their babies.
- **Mary Queen of Angels—O'Fallon:** provides up to two years of after-birth support, including numerous baby items,

such as furniture and clothing, and clothing for the mother's older children up to 8 years of age.

- **St. Vincent de Paul—IHM:** provides a community food pantry for people in need of all ages, including mothers and young children.

The IHM Knights of Columbus makes regular donations to Birthright and Our Ladies Inn, as does the parish Pro-Life Committee, which also makes donations to Mary Queen of Angels. Hopefully, this information will provide a better understanding of the wide range of services that pro-life organizations provide for mothers and their babies before and after birth.

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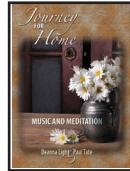
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