



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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Deliveries only address: 8 West Highway D, New Melle, MO 63365

Parish Office: 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, 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

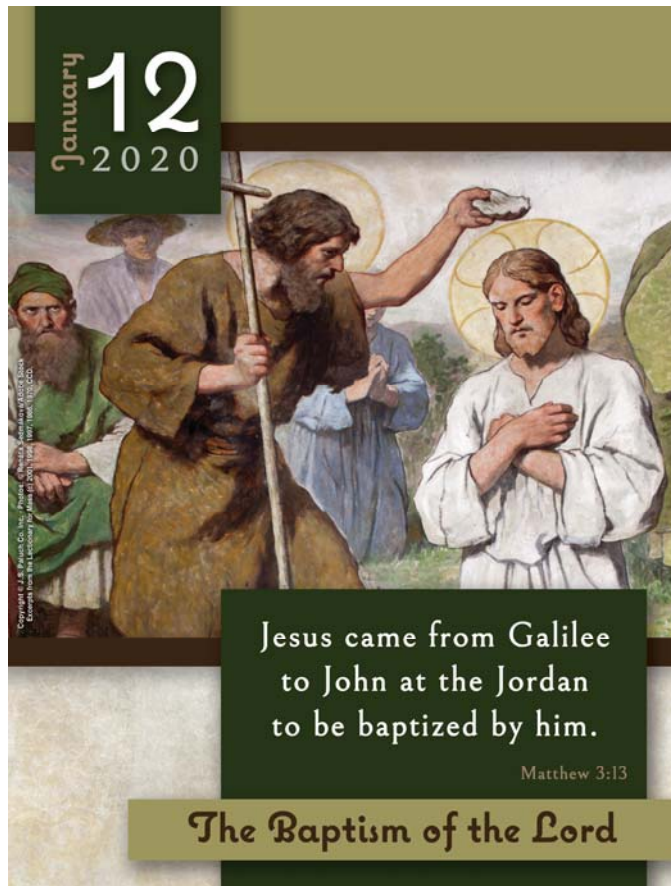
## Sacraments

**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:**  
Contact Shawn Mueller in the parish office



## Well Pleased

The first reading from Isaiah is a pretty good description of Jesus. It begins by describing the servant "with whom I am well pleased" (Isaiah 42:1). These are the words of the voice from the heavens that was heard at Jesus' baptism. The most significant difference is that the voice calls Jesus "beloved Son," not just servant. And Isaiah gives us more hints about who Jesus is.

The verses that say that he will not break the bruised reed or quench the smoldering wick (Isaiah 42:3) are descriptive of Jesus' mercy toward sinners. The reed and the wick were disposed of because they were useless. But God, out of love for us, never sees sinners as useless. God is al-

ways ready to forgive them and give them another chance, so God sent Jesus to forgive sinners, not reject them. In the Gospel, John at first refuses to baptize Jesus, because John's baptism was a sign of repentance for sin. He knew Jesus was not a sinner, so he had no need to repent. But Jesus identified himself with sinners and welcomed them back to God's love. We can ask God to help us see our sinfulness and bring it to God for healing.

Isaiah also says that the servant is a "covenant of the people." A covenant was an agreement between unequal partners, in which the stronger one agreed to protect or defend the weaker one, while the weaker agreed

to pay taxes or obey laws required by the stronger. God is offering a new covenant through Jesus, not just for the Jews, but for all peoples. In this covenant, God has forgiven our sins before we were even born, much less committed any sins. But we still have to live that covenant, by loving God and our neighbor. When we teach others about God's love and mercy, "we open the eyes of the blind", as Isaiah says. When we forgive each other, we are setting free prisoners of sin. When people see God's love acted out in our lives, we are a light to the world. As we learn to do these things, we will find that God is also well pleased with us.

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

## Parish Staff

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## Religious Education

Shawn Mueller, Director

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Parish School of Religion  
Grades 1 thru 8, September thru May, 6-7:30pm, Wednesdays  
Confirmation Preparation  
8th Grade—September thru May, 6-7:30pm, Wednesdays  
Children's Liturgy of the Word  
September thru May, during the 9:30am Sunday Mass  
Adult Education  
Wednesdays at 8:45am and 6:10pm, September thru May  
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—contact Shawn for schedule

## Quick Contacts Directory

### Weddings, Receptions, Events

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Prayer Shawl Ministry	
Julia Kettler	314-616-0096

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Cub Scouts: Adam McCarthy	636-634-7622
Boy Scouts: Chad Peters	314-807-7177
St. Vincent de Paul	
Joe Willis	636-398-2106
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Teresa Berfanger	636-398-5565

January  
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Jesus came from Galilee  
to John at the Jordan  
to be baptized by him.

Matthew 3:13

## The Baptism of the Lord

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### Why the Baptism of the Lord is a Christmas Feast

In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the Baptism of the Lord has been celebrated on a separate feast for many centuries. Originally it was the primary mystery celebrated on January 6 (Feast of Epiphany), but over time it was separated and assigned a different day.

In 1955 it was assigned the octave day of Epiphany, January 13, but soon after the Second Vatican Council was moved to the Sunday after Epiphany.

In this context it has always been a "Christmas" feast, celebrated within the Christmas cycle. However, it may seem a little strange to still have the baby Jesus in the manger and celebrate a moment during his adult life.

Yet, it is entirely fitting when reflecting on the central mystery being commemorated.

Both the feast of the Nativity and Baptism of the Lord highlight the humility of Jesus Christ. In both instances Jesus clearly displayed his desire to become one with us, so that he can raise us up with him.

Pope Benedict XVI explains this eloquently in his homily on the Baptism of the Lord in 2013.

Jesus shows his solidarity with us, with our efforts to convert and to be rid of our selfishness, to break away from our sins in order to tell us that if we accept him in our life he can uplift us and lead us to the heights of God the Father. And Jesus' solidarity is not, as it were, a mere exercise of mind and will. Jesus truly immersed himself in our human condition, lived it to the end, in all things save sin, and was able to understand our weakness and frailty. For this reason he was moved to compassion, he chose to "suffer with" men and women, to become a penitent with us. This is God's work which Jesus wanted to carry out: the divine mission to heal those who are wounded and give medicine to the sick, to take upon himself the sin of the world.

Jesus not only assumed our flesh at the Nativity, but became like us in all things except sin. He even was baptized by his cousin St. John the Baptist, even though he had no need for baptism.

The incarnation of Jesus is a marvelous mystery, one that reminds us of the love God has for humanity. St. Paul summarized it best in his letter to the Philippians.

Have this mind among yourselves, which was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. (Philippians 2:5-8)

Philip Kosloski  
spirituality writer, featured on EWTN

### The Baptism of the Lord—Year A

"Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which closes the period of Christmas." Jesus' Baptism was extremely important for the apostolic community, "not only because then, and for the first time in history, the mystery of the Trinity was made manifest clearly and completely, but also because with that event Jesus' public ministry began. ... The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan anticipates His Baptism of blood on the Cross and symbolizes the entire sacramental activity with which the Redeemer would achieve the salvation of humanity." Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI



## This Week at Home

**Purificators:** Jane Szostek  
**Heavenly Duster:** Pat Gentry



### Sunday, January 12

KC Breakfast, Founders Hall, 8:30—11am

### Monday, January 13

Scouts, Founders Hall/Trailer, 6:30pm

Choir practice, church, 7pm

### Tuesday, January 14

Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, 9am

Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am

Staff meeting, Weber Hall, 11:30am

Marian Council, Weber Hall, 6:30pm

KC Officers, Founders Hall, 7pm

Children's Choir practice, church, 7pm

### Wednesday, January 15

Sunday readings study, Weber Hall, 8:45am

Outreach, Weber Hall, 1pm

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

Bible Study, Grand Hall, 6:15pm

ADORE, church, 6:30pm

Reconciliation, church, 7pm

### Thursday, January 16

Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am

Youth Ministry, Grand Hall, 6:30pm

### Friday, January 17

Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30—noon

### Saturday, January 18

Reconciliation, 8:45am

Food Pantry open 9-10:30am

### Sunday, January 19

St. Louis Review subscription weekend

**The Church Office will be closed Monday, Jan. 20**

## Next Week Ministries

### January 18—4pm

EM: Ann Zaleuke, Jim & Chris Warren, Bryan Potter, Becky Wilson, Karen Wilson, Wilma Zurweller, Carole Baker

Lec: Sharon Hagan, Celina Genta

GB: Joyce Brakensiek, Judy Cova

Serv: Colten, Camden, Cienna Genta

Ush: Tim Wilson, Tom Zaleuke, Jerry Braden, Chris Cuddihee

### January 19—7:30am

EM: Jan Kardasz, John & Karen Wappelhorst, Maureen Blondin, Emily Cooksey, Dianne Dickherber

Lec: Bob Leeker, Elizabeth Vehige

GB: Rosemary Marquart, Carol Rabbitt

Serv: Mary Grace & Janie Becker

Ush: Frank Kardasz, Rich Molitor, Ron Neske, Gary Potter

### January 19—9:30am

EM: Pat Gentry, Mary Keune, Judeen Kutsko, Joni Marren-Slaughter, Lisa Murphy, Laura Orf, Chris Richter, Patrice Riley

Lec: Walt Hollenstein, Jackie Dunn

GB: Brent & Mindy Dale

Serv: Sophia & Travor Hake, Lannah Montgomery

Ush: Dave Karll, Larry Smith, George Stark, Joe Weber, Gary Struckhoff, Bill Winters

### January 19—11:30am

EM: Donna Wolff, Amanda Angarita, Janet Hespen, Kathy Lalonde, Kris Preuss, Pat Roche

Lec: Nancy Meyers, Marcy Pivin

GB: Menne Family

Serv: Emilia Petrik

Ush: Ron Simpson, Mark Thome, Lisa DeBold, Randy Gust

## IHM Information Station

January 18, 4pm

Jim & Chris Warren

January 19, 7:30am

Maureen Blondin

January 19, 9:30am

Dave & Pat Gentry

January 19, 11:30am

Randy & Angie Gust

## 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, Audrey Hueffmeier, Karla Sitzes, Vicky Monroe, Nancy Hollenstein, Jean Bamert, Amy Robbins, Don Schmidt, Betty Heppermann, Loretta Bruns, Cassie Potter, Kathy Feldewerth, Frank Marquart, Dan Brothers, Cindy White

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), Pam Knott (sister-in-law of Jerry & Sandy Knott), Doris Eisenbath (mother of Judy Molitor), Macy Enderle (niece of Ray & Kay Cherry), Mary Louise Ricciotti (mom of Donna Cattoor)

**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

<b>Monday, January 13</b>	
8:00am	Rev. Charles Burgoon +
<b>Tuesday, January 14</b>	
8:00am	Peggy Miller's birthday
<b>Wednesday, January 15</b>	
8:00am	All Souls Gerrie Bader +
<b>Thursday, January 16</b>	
8:00am	intention of Tina Meyer
<b>Friday, January 17</b>	
8:00am	Stan Nikonowicz +
<b>Saturday, January 18</b>	
8:00am	Carl & Donna Wolff Wedd. Ann.
4:00pm	Frank Modder +
<b>Sunday, January 12</b>	
7:30am	Jolene Molitor +
9:30am	People of the Parish
11:30am	Alfred Snyder

## Contributions, Dec. 28/29

General Offertory:	\$16,932.76
Online – General Offertory:	\$3,362.81
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,295.57</b>

## Contributions, January 4/5

General Offertory:	\$12,502.50
Online – General Offertory:	\$5,216.16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,718.66</b>

*And a voice from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."  
(Matthew 3:17)*

Two thoughts come to mind when reading this. First, God, Our Father, is so generous, that He gave His only Son, whom He really loves, to us so that we can have eternal life with Him in heaven. God, Our Creator, really loves us, too! Second, Jesus was obedient to His Father's will, even to the point of death. This is a reminder that our own lives are pure gifts from God and meant to serve God and others.

*We pray ... that, through our generous giving, we may show our gratitude to God for the great gift of sending His beloved Son to save us.*

## IHM Youth Ministry

Janet Hespen, Youth Minister, 314-369-6521

### CALENDAR

- Jan. 16: Youth Group meeting, 6:30—8pm  
Pizza Night
- Jan. 22-26: Generation Pro Life Trip to Washington DC.
- Jan. 30: Luke 18 skit practice, 6:30—8pm
- Feb. 6 & 13: Final Luke 18 prep 6:30—8pm
- 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

## Needed at the Pantry

fruit juices (grape, apple, cran-something), sugar, saltines, vegetable soup, creamed soup (no tomato please), oil, tuna, canned chili, beef stew, baked beans, hot and cold cereal, coffee, peanut butter, canned fruits, tea, dish soap, paper products, dry pastas (all types), canned spaghetti sauce, men's shaving lotion, men/women disposable razors

After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words.

**You can keep the promise of your Baptism by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to help your Neighbors in Need. Reach out to IHM's Conference president Joe Willis at 636-398-2106 to learn more.**



To everyone who helped decorate our church and chapel for Christmas, to everyone who helped with our Christmas season Masses in song, spoken word, or assisting others, to all who prayerfully participated in our liturgies, and to all who helped put it all away until next year, our heartfelt THANKS. May God bless you richly for your generous spirit!



### Pope's Intentions for January: Promotion of World Peace

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

## 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.

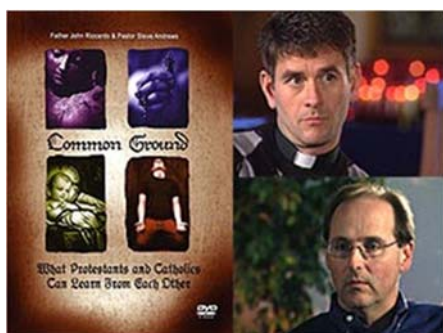
### From the Parish Library (Stoltz Hall)



Few have done a better portrayal of John the Baptist than Michael York in the video [Jesus of Nazareth](#). For those who want to see a visual of the Baptism of the Lord, this is the video to watch. Beginning before the Nativity and extending through the Crucifixion and Resurrection [Jesus Of Nazareth](#) brings to life all the majesty and sweeping drama of the life of Jesus (portrayed here by Robert Powell) as told in the Gospels. A star studded international cast featuring Michael York, Sir Laurence Olivier, James Earl Jones, Anne Bancroft, Olivia Hussey, Rod Steiger and Anthony Quinn adds depth and humanity to the roles of the saints, sinners and ordinary people who walked in the footsteps of the Lord. The film provides the setting and background for the birth, childhood, baptism, teaching and many miracles of the Messiah culminating in the Divine Resurrection. Directed by Oscar nominee Franco Zeffirelli and acclaimed by critics and religious leaders worldwide [Jesus of Nazareth](#) tells the greatest of all stories with tremendous emotion and splendor.



Running Time 382 minutes.

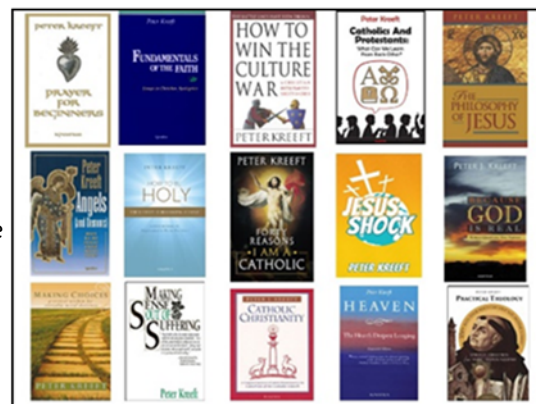


### COMMON GROUND: What Protestants and Catholics Can Learn From Each Other.

In January we mark a time of Prayer for Christian Unity. *Here is a DVD that helps build some Common Ground.* Pastor Steve Andrews is the founding pastor of Kensington Community Church in Troy, Michigan. Kensington is a large, non-denominational, evangelical-Protestant church modeled after the successful Willow Creek Church near Chicago. Several years ago, some Kensington members who had left the Catholic Church to become Protestants were giving Catholicism a bad rap. Pastor Andrews thought there was a need to set the record straight, since he and other leaders considered Catholicism to be a significant part of Christianity. This DVD presents Pastor Andrews' interview of Father John Riccardo, pastor of nearby Saint Anastasia Catholic Church. The interview took place at St. Anastasia's sanctuary, just in front of the tabernacle containing the Blessed Sacrament. Father Riccardo does an excellent job explaining Catholic beliefs and practices in a way that non-Catholics can understand. If you're looking for a video that you can share with non-Catholic friends who might be interested in learning what Catholics believe, this is an excellent resource.

**Last Call:** As a follow up to Dr. Kreeft's visit here and in line with the theme of 2020 as a "Year of Vision" we would like to invite members of the parish to take part in a study group, book club, faith group (whatever title works) taking a look at several of Dr. Kreeft's writings over the course of the year. We had asked him for suggestions for such groups and here is a list we have compiled.

Would you be willing to host or be a participant of a group? We would like to get groups organized for all over the parish boundaries and also have groups meet here at Church. We can talk details once we get a list of folks interested. Some of these books can be found for free on the FORMED.org website as well. More to follow on that. In the meantime, please contact the parish office if you would be willing to be part of a group.



This is the "last call" for interest in groups as only a few people have responded to the bulletin and email requests with a "yay." Let us know.



## Pro-Life Events to Commemorate the 47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Roe v. Wade

Wednesday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>, is the 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision, which legalized abortion on demand in the U.S. A number of local activities are scheduled to commemorate this tragic decision and assault on innocent human life.

### Archdiocesan Roe v. Wade Memorial Mass—January 18

This annual Mass, which honors the lives lost and harmed by abortion in the U.S., will be held Saturday, **January 18<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00 am at the Cathedral Basilica. Anyone interested in carpooling contact Bill Winters, 626-828-4133.

### 9 Days for Life—begins January 21

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, *9 Days for Life*, Tuesday, January 21 thru Wednesday, January 29. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)!

### Candlelight Vigil in Washington MO—January 22

The East Central Area-Missouri Right to Life Chapter is holding its annual candlelight vigil from 5 to 6pm on **Wednesday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>**, at the corner of Fifth and Jefferson in Washington Mo. Everyone is invited to participate. Those participating are asked to bring a flashlight or a candle.

### 2020 Young Adult Pro-Life Holy Hour Thursday, January 23 at 6pm Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis & Boland Hall

Can't make the DC March for Life this year but still want to take a stand for life?

Then join young adults (19-39) throughout the archdiocese to pray for an end to abortion and promote a greater respect for all human life. This annual archdiocesan event, co-sponsored by the Office of Young Adult Ministry and Respect Life Apostolate, will be held on Thursday, **January 23** at 6pm at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. Dinner and fellowship start in Boland Hall at 6pm followed by Adoration, the Rosary, and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the Cathedral. Then return to Boland Hall to enjoy coffee and dessert while listening to a dynamic pro-life speaker!

Email [stlya@archstl.org](mailto:stlya@archstl.org) or call 314-792-7555 for more information.



Each week the St. Louis Review delivers important news about the Archdiocese of St. Louis and universal Church and provides the Catholic perspective about news in our communities. The Review is the authoritative local source for information about the life and mission of the Church and tells stories about Catholics living the joy of the Gospel, our Catholic schools and parishes, and how the Church is called to engage in the public square.

All parishioners who have contributed at least \$100 are to receive the St. Louis Review. Please consider helping the parish with the cost of subscriptions with a special collection January 18/19, using your envelope or online giving.

### ✝ Rest in Peace ✝

We offer our prayerful sympathy on the passing of  
**John DeBold**  
nephew of Dave and Pam DeBold

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



February 1 at Touhill Performing Arts Center  
[catholicmenforchrist.org](http://catholicmenforchrist.org) or 314-516-4949

## What's Your Catholic Catechism IQ?

- By restoring the original order of creation disturbed by sin, Jesus gives the strength and \_\_\_\_\_ to live marriage in the new dimension of the reign of God.
  - feelings
  - emotions
  - desire
  - grace
- By renouncing themselves, and taking up their \_\_\_\_\_, spouses will be able to receive the original meaning of marriage and live it with the help of Christ.
  - daily duties
  - burdens
  - crosses
  - jobs
- The grace of Christian marriage is a fruit of Christ's \_\_\_\_\_, the source of all Christian life.
  - teaching
  - parables
  - cross
  - hope
- The apostle Paul wrote: Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her, that he might \_\_\_\_\_ her.
  - teach
  - reach
  - sanctify
  - care for
- Paul also wrote how the two shall become one, adding, "This is a great mystery, and I mean in reference to \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_."
  - head, body
  - God, people
  - flesh, blood
  - Christ, church
- Christian marriage is a sign of the sacrament of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ and the church.
  - land
  - body
  - teaching
  - covenant
- Since it signifies and communicates grace, marriage between baptized persons is a true \_\_\_\_\_ of the new covenant.
  - message
  - sacrament
  - witness
  - symbol
- Christ is the center of all Christian life; the bond with Him takes \_\_\_\_\_ over all other bonds, familial or social.
  - second place
  - precedence
  - last place
  - nothing
- From the beginning of the Church there have been men and women who have renounced the great good of \_\_\_\_\_ to follow the Lamb wherever he goes.
  - celibacy
  - marriage
  - vocation
  - life
- Virginity for the sake of the kingdom of heaven is an unfolding of baptismal grace, a powerful sign of the supremacy of the \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ.
  - link
  - religion
  - endurance
  - bond

## New Year's Email Favor Requested of all Parishioners



We are continually updating our parish email database and if you have added or changed your email, please contact us. We send out periodic "Constant Contact Mass Emails" with IHM News and beyond. It is a simple and easy way to stay informed.

Please email [secretary@ihm-newmelle.org](mailto:secretary@ihm-newmelle.org) with your updated info. It would be appreciated.

## 2020 Guide Book & Directory Advertising Opportunity

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the parish. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: 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 advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the church office: 636-398-5270.

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 Membership 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. The Church Office number is 636-398-5270.





## Men's Annual White House Retreat

This is an invitation to the men of IHM to attend the annual White House Retreat starting Thursday, March 26 and ending on Sunday, March 29. There is a sign up in the back of church, or contact Ken Birk at 636-398-5301. Reservations due by February 26. I hope you can join us!

**Women's Retreats also available.** Call the church office if you are interested or want more information.



Thank you, St. Jude, for your intercession. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. St. Jude, Worker of Miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, Help of the Hopeless, pray for us.

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## A MONTHLY GATHERING

Praise & Worship Music  
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Reflection from Fr. Tom

**Wednesday, January 15, 2020, 6:30pm**  
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## PSR Corner

The single most powerful thing Catholic parents can do for their children is teach them to pray. Depending on the child, this may be an easy or difficult task. By teaching your children to pray, you give them the opportunity for a close relationship with God and the achievement of the ultimate goal—getting to heaven. There are a variety of ways to teach your children to pray, and it's never too late. Here are some ideas to get you started:

1. Introduce common prayers. Start with a simple prayer like the Our Father and focus on just that one prayer for a couple of weeks or days, depending on your child's age. This prayer specifically teaches us how to show respect, request our daily needs, and ask for forgiveness and protection.
2. Teach gratitude. Jared Dees, catechetical minister and creator of The Religion Teacher, a website for religious educators says, "At dinnertime, ask kids to share one thing they are thankful for to teach spirit of gratitude. It's helpful in developing a spiritual life."
3. Teach your child to listen. Teach your child how to be still and recognize God's answers to her prayers. This involves follow-up. If your child prays for something, make sure you talk about whether or not she gets what she prayed for. If she does, teach her to say a prayer of thanks. If she doesn't, talk about how that can be an answer to her prayer, too. (Nancy Flanders [www.catholicdigest.com](http://www.catholicdigest.com))



## Passion, Purpose and “A Plan” for 2020

Author and speaker Matthew Kelly has a CD entitled “Becoming the Best Version of Yourself.” This CD offers wisdom on how to become the person that God has made us to be, how to become happy and holy. Amidst all the “resolutions” one hears about at this time of the year, Kelly offers an insightful “body and soul” plan to put in place for the New Year. It addresses the four areas of life: physical, intellectual, emotional and spiritual. Matthew Kelly encourages folks to write the plan down where one can see it often. Lives change when habits change. [www.matthewkelly.org](http://www.matthewkelly.org)

For easy recall, notes from the CD have been put in a memory aid called **P.I.E.S** (fitting for a New Year’s Resolution don’t you think?)

**P=Physical:** Exercise once a week every week for the entire year. You decide what the exercise is.

**I = Intellectual:** Read a good book for at least 10 minutes every day. Books are our friends. Consider the works of Dr. Peter Kreeft as a guide.

**E = Emotional:** Spend carefree timelessness with the most significant person in your life once a month. Plan it, schedule it. Do it.

**S = Spiritual:** Enter into the classroom of silence. When you go to Mass each Sunday, ask God to show you one word, one way in this Mass how to become a better version of yourself. Write this down.

### Trivia Night:

Our Lady’s Inn Maternity Homes is having their Annual Trivia Night on **Saturday, January 18** at **Chaminade College Prep** School (425 S. Lindbergh). Doors open at 6pm and trivia begins at 7pm. Cost is \$25 per person and \$200 for a table of eight. For more information or to register, call Katrina at 314-736-1544 or visit [www.ourladyinn.org](http://www.ourladyinn.org)

### Sex & Gender—in Light of Truth, Beauty and Goodness

Come and get all your questions answered. Internationally renowned expert Dr. Paul Hruz, M.D., Ph.D. will speak on the critical and timely issue of “Transgenderism” which directly impacts virtually every extended family. **Saturday, January 18**, 2pm at **St. Anselm Parish Center**, 530 Mason Rd, 63141. Tickets: \$25 by mail, \$35 at the door. Sponsored by CREDO of the Catholic Laity, 3835 Westminster Place, St. Louis, MO 63108. Questions: call or text 314-332-0337 or email [CREDOstLouis@gmail.com](mailto:CREDOstLouis@gmail.com). Among his many accomplishments, Dr. Hruz received certification in **Healthcare Ethics** from the **National Catholic Bioethics Center**.



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Condolences	Group events

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### Readings of the Week

Monday:	1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday:	Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

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