



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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Parish Office: 636-398-5270 Fax: 636-398-5577

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 weekdays & before Sat. 4pm.

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:

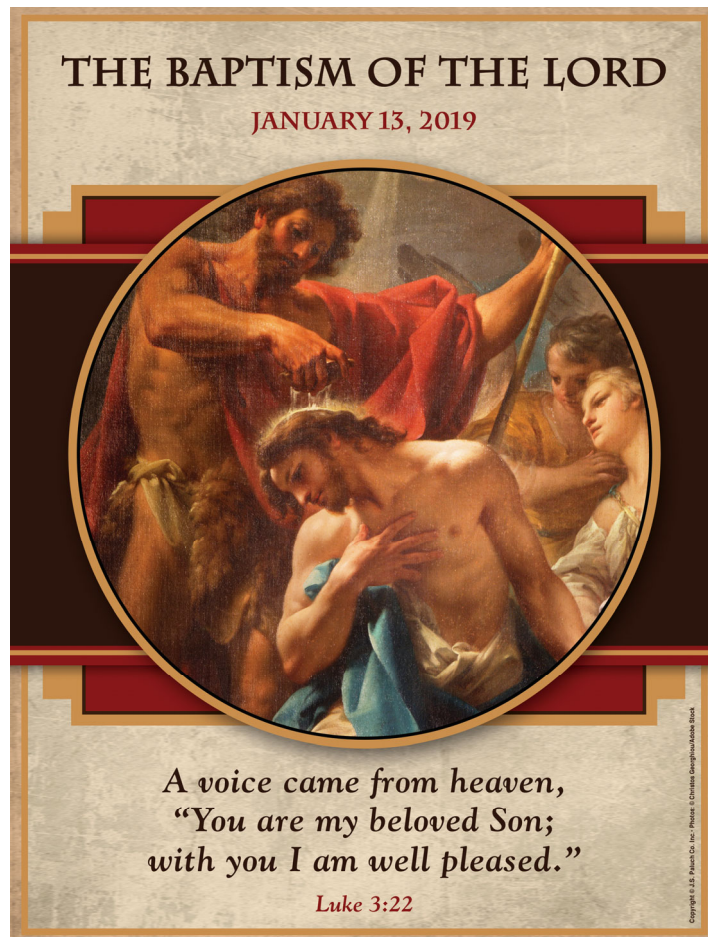
Contact the parish office
at least six months prior to the wedding

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



Fear Not

Did the first reading from Isaiah sound familiar? It was also heard on the First Sunday of Advent in December of 2018. I suppose it could be a reminder that John the Baptist appears at the beginning of the Advent/Christmas season and at the end. In Advent we were preparing for Jesus' coming at Christmas. Now we are preparing for his coming at any time.

The reading from Isaiah talks about the Lord coming in mercy to the people whose "guilt is expiated" (Isaiah 40:2). The mountains and hills will be leveled, symbolic of making an easy way to the Lord. In other words, the Lord is approachable. With our sins forgiven we need not fear asking God for help: "Fear not to cry out" (Isaiah

40:9). The Lord comes in power, not to strike sinners down but to shepherd them and lead them.

In the second reading, St. Paul has a similar theme. Jesus gave his life for us on the cross so that we could be free from sin and able to reject evil desires. We are free to give ourselves in love as he did. And he does this, not because we did anything to deserve it, but from his own love and mercy for us. Think about that. No matter how bad I was in the past, the Lord loves me enough to forgive it all, and even better, to give the Spirit to help me stay close to God.

How do we prepare for this? We can start by hearing the words of the readings today, letting them sink into

our hearts and minds. Read them again at home, and remind yourself that you have been forgiven, that you can live as a person "eager to do what is good" (Titus 2:14). Ask the Spirit to help you see what things are keeping you from being like Jesus and to give you the strength to say no. And look for ways you can be more loving with your family, then with your friends, and eventually with anyone who needs your help. When we let that Spirit guide us, we become like Jesus in that we can listen for God to say, "You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased" (see Luke 3:22).

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

Parish Staff

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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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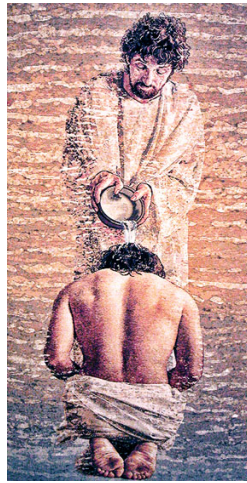
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Cub Scouts: Adam McCarthy 636-634-7622
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Teresa Berfanger 636-398-5565

O Come Let Us Adore Him!

Dear Parishioners,

I pray I am not the last to wish all of you a blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year as we celebrate this solemn feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Many of our neighbors, even fellow Christians, put Christmas behind them once the day is done. I guess to each his own, but we as Catholics can rejoice that we have a whole season to celebrate the birth, childhood and beginning ministry of Our Savior. There is nothing wrong with celebrating Christmas in the weeks prior to the holy day itself, but the Church invites us to savor the season as it unfolds rather than living a life of consumeristic anticipation followed by an abrupt abandonment of the season. Christmas was perfectly timed this year, our Christmas season has lasted as long as it possibly could. Epiphany actually fell on Sunday and the Feast of Baptism is celebrated the following Sunday to bring our Advent-Christmas cycle of liturgies to wonderful completion. These are such beautiful seasons of prayer and wor-



ship. Christmas is by far the most singable of all of our seasons, with the wonderful blending of many sacred hymns that are still sung in public.

I want to thank all of you for your kind words, cards and gifts this Christmas season. Your kindness is overwhelming and very humbling. One of the traditions I have kept for a number of years is to open most if not all of my cards Christmas evening. I find it a very fitting end to the day as I read your thoughtful expressions of love and kindness. I am most thankful for all of your prayers for my health, well-being and continued pastoring of IHM. I am profoundly blessed to pastor Immaculate Heart of Mary and pray that 2019 blesses all of us with a deepening desire for communion with God and one another.

Blessings!

Fa. Tom

Baptism of the Lord, Year C

"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." Pope Benedict XVI

The Legion of Mary has purchased a bench so that people can pray in front of the Our Lady of Fatima grotto. The bench seat flips up and you will be able to put in prayer requests, acquire flyers on how to pray and how to pray the Rosary specifically, and if you need a rosary to pray with, you will be able to acquire a rosary, too. We hope that our parish family will enjoy this bench even more in the coming year as the weather gets warmer.

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!



Next Week Ministry Schedule

January 19—4:00pm

EM: Cheryl Gray, Joan Falbo, Ed Taylor, Judy Cova,
Bob Brossette, Jackie Barclay, Ed Etzkorn,
Jan Jokisch-Messig
Lec: Joe Willis, Pat Barnard
GB: Dave & Judy Hendrix
Serv: William Fredrick, Isabelle Scheer
Ush: Bob Gray, Bryan Potter, Stan Nikonowicz,
Jerry Braden

January 20—7:30am

EM: John & Karen Wappelhorst, Peggy Dupree,
Emily Cooksey, Bob Leeker, Dianne Dickherber
Lec: Peggy Dupree, Kris Jenkins
GB: Frank & Jan Kardasz
Serv: Andy, Daniel, David Vehige
Ush: Terry Schneider, Jim Elfrink, Mark Gross,
Rich Molitor

January 20—9:30am

EM: Walt Hollenstein, Megan Preuss, Steve Williams,
Dave & Pam DeBold, Donna Wolff,
Don & Susan Hladky
Lec: Jackie Dunn, Drew Smith
GB: Michelle, Paige & Genny Greiwe
Serv: Brody & Ashlyn Stafford, Lannah Montgomery
Ush: George Stark, Joe Weber, Brian Corrigan,
Chris & Adam Molitor, Curt Eccardt

Vocation Prayer Bag:

January 19, 4:00 Andy & Barb Pope

Information Station

January 19, 4:00 Ed & Marcia Etzkorn
January 20, 7:30 John & Karen Wappelhorst
January 20, 9:30 Michelle Greiwe

✠ Rest in Peace ✠

We offer our prayerful sympathy to
John & Susan Schleipman on the death of their nephew
Johnny Schleipman
to Scott & Kim Udell-Koziatek on the death of her father
Lawrence "Bud" Getz
to Trish & Steve Williams on the death of her brother
Rick Kimberling

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

This Week at Home



Sunday, January 13

KofC Breakfast, Founders Hall, 8-11am

Monday, January 14

Scouts, Founders Hall/trailer, 6:30pm
St. Vincent de Paul, 6:30pm

Tuesday, January 15

Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am
Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, 9am
Knights of Columbus, Memorial Mass, chapel, 7pm
Children's Choir, church, 7pm

Wednesday, January 16

Bible Study, Weber Hall, 8:45am
PSR, Weber Hall/Founders Hall/Trailer, 6pm
Bible Study, Grand Hall, 6pm
Reconciliation, 7pm

Thursday, January 17

Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am
RCIA, Weber Hall, 6:30pm
Choir practice, church, 7pm
Pinewood Derby setup, Grand Hall, this evening

Friday, January 18

Early Birds Bible Study, Weber Hall, 6:45am
Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30am
Pinewood Derby, Grand Hall, til 3:30pm

Saturday, January 19

Reconciliation, 8:45am
Food Pantry open 9-10:30am

Please pray for all the sick and suffering, including:

Ed Haas, Mark Hanna, Dee Schipper, Phyllis Zerr,
Vickie Brink, Sandy Knott, Mike & Pat Ryan,
Mary Conover, Audrey Hueffmeier
Christine Potter (Gary & Cassie's Potter's daughter-in-law)
Zina Riley (mom of Andrew Riley),
David & Lisa Debold (Dave & Pam DeBold's children),
Betty Enderle (mom of Kay Cherry)
Avery Presker (granddaughter of Bob & Yvonne Brossette)
Dave Asinger (brother-in-law of Larry & Rita Bendel)

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: Rita Langford at 636-398-4654 or email ritalangford4@gmail.com.



Pope's Intentions for January: Young People and the Example of Mary

That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 14	
8:00am	intention of Peggy Miller
Tuesday, January 15	
8:00am	Cy & Al Bamert + Gerrie Bader +
Wednesday, January 16	
8:00am	Ernie & Josephine Yates +
Thursday, January 17	
8:00am	All Souls
Friday, January 18	
8:00am	Carl & Donna Wolff 55th
Saturday, January 19	
8:00am	Klaus Meier +
4:00pm	Bill & Nadine Odlum +
Sunday, January 20	
7:30am	Souls in Purgatory
9:30am	Rick Hagan + People of the Parish

Readings for the Week

Mon:	Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20
Tue:	Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
Wed:	Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thu:	Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Fri:	Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Sat:	Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sun:	Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Young Adult Pro-Life Holy Hour

In collaboration with the Office of Young Adult Ministry, the Respect Life Apostolate is hosting a Pro-Life Holy Hour on Thursday, January 17 for young adults 19-39 throughout the archdiocese.

Starting at 6 p.m. in Boland Hall at the Cathedral Basilica, the event includes dinner, fellowship, Eucharistic Adoration, the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and a dynamic pro-life speaker!

For more information, email stlya@archstl.org or call 314-792-7555.



Contributions— December 29/30

General Offertory:	\$26,937.08
Online—General Offertory:	\$7,552.23
TOTAL	\$24,489.31

Contributions—January 5/6

General Offertory:	\$11,482.75
Online—General Offertory:	\$3,655.01
TOTAL	\$15,137.76

“John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming... he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...’”
(LUKE 3:16)

The Catholic Catechism states that *“Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.”* In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus—the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

We pray ... that we may fulfill our own Baptismal call by giving ourselves entirely to God and answer His call to holiness

Heavenly Duster

Jolene Molitor

Purificators

Jane Szostek

Needed at the Pantry:

Paper towels, toilet paper and all purpose cleaning supplies

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.

As you help those who are suffering, know in your heart the truth of the words “you are my beloved in whom I am well pleased.”

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank everyone for your generous donations in 2018, and most especially for your prayers. God bless you all!

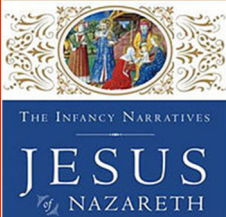
4th Annual Shorty’s Shoot Out Euchre & Texas Hold Em Tournament on Sunday, January. 20 at St. Joseph School Cafeteria, Josephville, MO. Doors open at 1pm. Cards start at 2pm. \$20 fee includes lunch and refreshments. For more info contact Roger Orf at 636-327-4530.

St. Paul Library & Lighthouse CD's

(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 Parish Library: Grand Hall (lower level of church)

JOSEPH RATZINGER
POPE
BENEDICT
XVI



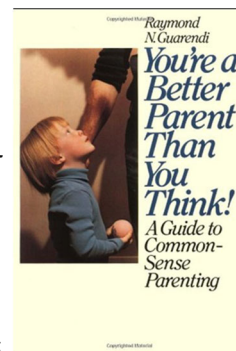
Jesus of Nazareth: Infancy Narratives

The momentous third and final volume in the Pope's international bestselling Jesus of Nazareth series, detailing how the stories of Jesus' infancy and childhood are as relevant today as they were two thousand years ago.

In 2007, Joseph Ratzinger published his first book as Pope Benedict XVI in order "to make known the figure and message of Jesus." Now, the Pope focuses exclusively on the Gospel accounts of Jesus' life as a child. The root of these stories is the experience of hope found in the birth of Jesus and the affirmations of surrender and service embodied in his parents, Joseph and Mary. This is a story of longing and seeking, as demonstrated by the Magi searching for the redemption offered by the birth of a new king. It is a story of sacrifice and trusting completely in the wisdom of God as seen in the faith of Simeon, the just and devout man of Jerusalem, when he is in the presence of the Christ child. Ultimately, Jesus' life and message is a story for today, one that speaks to the restlessness of the human heart searching for the sole truth which alone leads to profound joy.

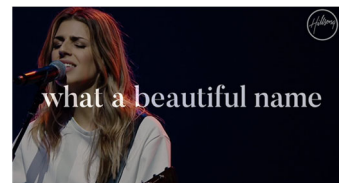
You're a Better Parent Than You Think!

(From reviews on Amazon.com) This is the best parenting book I've read, and I've read a bunch. It's completely free of psychobabble, and his approach is straightforward, practical, and sensible. Guarendi doesn't get into the usual controversies about whether or not to spank, attachment parenting, or the like. Instead, he gives parents practical ways to apply whatever their particular philosophies are. I can't recommend this book highly enough! I first learned about Dr. Ray from a friend who read this book. Since then, I have purchased every one of Dr. Ray's books and even downloaded his wonderful 13-part audio series from the EWTN web site (...) This book has helped me more in my parenting than any other that I have read. Dr. Ray gives you a no-nonsense approach based on his premise that the one thing parents of today need the most is confidence (at least the parents who are willing to read a book about parenting, that is). What makes this book stand out is that not only will it help you in rearing your child, it will also give you a new perspective when reading other parenting books.



PSR Corner

In the Traditional-Devotional Dedication of the Months of the Year, January is typically dedicated to The Holy Name and Childhood of Jesus. Gather the family around the computer and google the worship song "What a Beautiful Name" by Hillsong. Enter into the spirit of worship of the Lord's name.

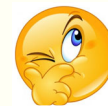


Dynamic Catholic *Alive!*

Prayer

We hear in this week's Gospel about how Jesus visited John the Baptist and was baptized with water. We also hear that after His baptism, Jesus took time to pray. Jesus was commissioned by God for a large and vital mission, and He knew that He only had three short years to accomplish it! His example shows us that no matter how busy we are or how much we have to do, it is vital that we take time to pray. In fact, the examples shown by Jesus and many of the saints teach us that the need to take time to pray grows with the busyness of our lives. Please, Jesus, instill in all of us the desire to build a deeper relationship with you through prayer. Amen. archstl.org/dynamic

What's Your Catholic IQ?



- Sacramental grace is the grace of the Holy Spirit, given by Christ and proper to each _____.
a. sacrament b. person c. charism d. individual
- With this grace the Spirit heals and transforms those who receive Him by _____ them to the Son of God.
a. lifting b. transforming c. conforming d. raising
- The fruit of the sacramental life is that the Spirit makes the faithful _____ in the Divine Nature.
a. soaked b. relish c. partakers d. sing
- Those who even now celebrate it without signs are already in the _____ liturgy, where celebration is wholly communion and feast.
a. earthly b. heavenly c. post d. past
- The Spirit enables us to participate in this eternal _____ whenever we celebrate the sacraments.
a. banquet b. liturgy c. gift d. feast
- It is the whole community, the Body of Christ united with its _____, that celebrates.
a. heart b. head c. Spirit d. mind
- All the faithful should be led to that full, conscious, and active _____ in liturgical celebrations.
a. attention b. participation c. awareness d. focus
- The whole assembly is called to this participation, each according to his _____.
a. ability b. gift c. function d. charism
- The Liturgy integrates and sanctifies elements from creation and human culture, conferring on them the dignity of _____ of grace.
a. hints b. means c. channels d. signs
- The Church sees in various signs of the Old Covenant a _____ of the Sacraments of the New Covenant.
a. window b. telling c. prefiguring d. grasp
- Among liturgical signs from the _____ are circumcision, anointings, laying on of hands, sacrifices, and above all the Passover.
a. Old Yeller b. Old Covenant c. Dead Sea Scrolls d. Ancient wisdom

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

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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?

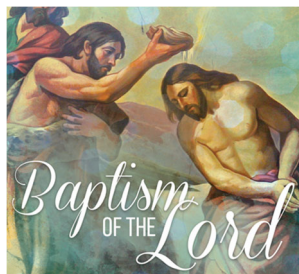
If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct. The Church Office number is 636-398-5270.

The Baptism of the Lord: What does it mean?

By Fr. Hezekias Carnazzo: <https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/baptism-of-the-lord/>

It was not uncommon for the Jews of Jesus' day and the early Church to see in baptism a correlation with certain Old Testament events. Saint Peter, in his second epistle, explains that our baptism corresponds to the flood of Noah. Just as in those ancient days when all evil men perished under the waters of the great deluge, so in our baptism, the sinful man is destroyed (2 Pet 2:5). Further, our baptism can be seen as a new crossing of the Red Sea. As Saint Paul explains, the Israelites underwent a baptism when Pharaoh and the Egyptians were buried under the waters of the sea and the people of God were saved and called to walk in the new life which God had bestowed upon them (1 Cor 10:2). Also, we may see our baptism as a type of Israel's crossing of the Jordan River after forty years of wandering in the desert. Just as Joshua led Israel into the Promised Land through the waters of the Jordan, so each of us who is baptized is led by Jesus into the promised land of the Church. These Old Testament prefigurements of Christian Baptism receive their full meaning, however, at the Baptism of the Lord. What happened when Jesus was baptized? The Fathers of the Church give three answers.

First, by entering into the water of the Jordan River, Jesus sanctified it and made the water of baptism a place for the working of the Holy Spirit. Second, because baptism among the Jews was seen as a ritual act of death and burial of the old man, Jesus confronted the Ruler of Death in the baptismal waters of the Jordan, that he might defeat death and bestow life upon all of creation. It was at the Baptism of Christ that Our Lord met his adversary of old, the Devil, and struck a decisive blow against him. By his baptism into death, the giver of life destroyed the power of death: "Death no longer has dominion over him" (Rom. 6:9).



Finally, in his baptism, Jesus met all of us who were bound to death through the sin of our first parents, and taking us by the hand through the instrumentality of the priest, each one of us was raised from the dead, out of the baptismal waters. Through the resurrection of Christ, the tomb of the baptismal font becomes the womb of the Church, which gives new life to all who approach this Holy Sacrament.

Saint Paul, in his epistle to the Romans, gives the following catechesis,

"Are you not aware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Through baptism into his death we were buried with him, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. If we have been united with him though likeness to his death, so shall we be through a like resurrection" (1 Cor. 6: 3-4).

Therefore, as Saint Paul explains, baptism is a sacramental act whereby we are mystically joined to the death and resurrection of Christ.

In his baptism, Jesus has reversed the curse of the fall. In his baptism, Christ has opened for the faithful that garden of delight closed by sin. In his baptism, Christ has restored Adam to all that he lost through disobedience. Let us who have been baptized into Christ see the ancient deceiver conquered. Let us who have been baptized into Christ see the baptismal waters as the place of sanctification for our souls. Let us who have been baptized into Christ see man once more enter into Paradise and hear the Father's words of mercy, "Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased" (Lk 3:22).

Be a Volunteer with SSM Hospice: Volunteers are a vital and valuable part of our SSM Hospice program and are a key member of the Hospice Circle of Care team! **SSM Hospice is in critical need of volunteers** that can support our patients and families by providing service in a number of ways, such as

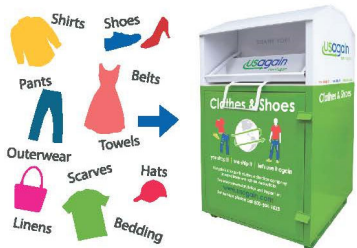
- ✧ Companionship and support to the Hospice patient and family
- ✧ Needed non-medical services such as respite time for caregivers, letter writing, errands, and more
- ✧ Support for bereavement follow-up which can include scheduled phone calls/visits to the bereaved and support group assistance
- ✧ Administrative/Office support to ensure a smooth continuum of care for our patients and their families

All needed training will be provided and completion is required prior to beginning work as an SSM Hospice Volunteer. For more information about this challenging and deeply rewarding opportunity please contact **Mary Rosen**, Volunteer Coordinator at 636-695-2050 or Mary.Rosen@ssmhealth.com

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Words of Wisdom

Trying to do the Lord's work in your own strength is the most confusing, exhausting, and tedious of all work.

But when you are filled with the Holy Spirit, then the ministry of Jesus just flows out of you.

Corrie Ten Boom

St. Vincent de Paul Greeting Card Forms

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has greeting cards available. These cards are sent by the Society to a person you designate. You can have the cards sent to let them know that you have made a contribution to the local Society either **in memory** of their deceased loved one, as **a tribute** in their honor or **for healing prayers** prayed by members of the Society. Directions for each type of card request are on the request form, found on the bulletin board (to the right as you enter church) in the narthex. Please take a form, fill it out, and return it in the envelopes provided either in the Sunday collection or the mail.

Thank you for supporting the SVdP Society of Immaculate Heart of Mary.



Prayers for Healing



In Loving Memory



In Tribute

Calendar of Activities at Immaculate Heart of Mary

As we prepare our calendar for the year, the following activities are used as a starting point. Many of our parishioners are involved in several of these events, so you can mark your calendars, too! If any of these dates are incorrect, or if something else needs to be noted, please let us know. Thanks to all for your gifts of time and talent to our parish!

Sundays

- 1st Jonah Team after 4pm and 9:30am Masses
- 2nd Knights of Columbus (K of C) Breakfast
- 2nd Sausage Dinner in October
- 3rd Anointings after Masses in Mar/Jun/Sept/Dec
- 3rd Golden Hearts meet, 1pm, Grand Hall
- 4th K of C Car Show in September
- Last Sausage Dinner in April

Mondays

- Every Cub Scouts meet in Founders Hall
- Every Boy Scouts meet in Trailer
- 2nd St. Vincent de Paul meeting
- 4th Baptismal preparation, 7pm, Weber Hall
- 4th Men For Christ, 7pm, Grand Hall
- 5th POP (Pulse of the Parish), 7pm, Grand Hall

Tuesdays

- Every Children's Choir, 7pm (during school year)
- Every Legion of March, 9am, Weber Hall
- Every Fitness Class, 9:30am, Grand Hall foyer
- 1st K of C officers, 7pm, Founders Hall
- 2nd Marian Council meets Feb/Apr/Jun/Sep/Nov
- 2nd Marian Council Bunco in June
- 2nd Marian Council Christmas Party in December
- 3rd K of C meetings (Christmas Party in December)
- 4th Finance Council, 7pm, Weber Hall

Wednesdays

- Every Reconciliation, 7pm
- Every PSR, 6-7:30 (during the school year)
- Every Bible Study, AM session in Weber Hall
PM session in Grand Hall (school year)
- 3rd Outreach Committee, 1pm, Weber Hall

Thursdays

- Every Choir practice (during school year)
- Every RCIA classes (during school year)
- Every Fitness Class, 9:30am, Grand Hall foyer

Fridays

- Every Quilters arrive at 8:30 in Weber Hall
- 1st New parishioner Wine & Cheese party
(February/June/November)

Saturdays

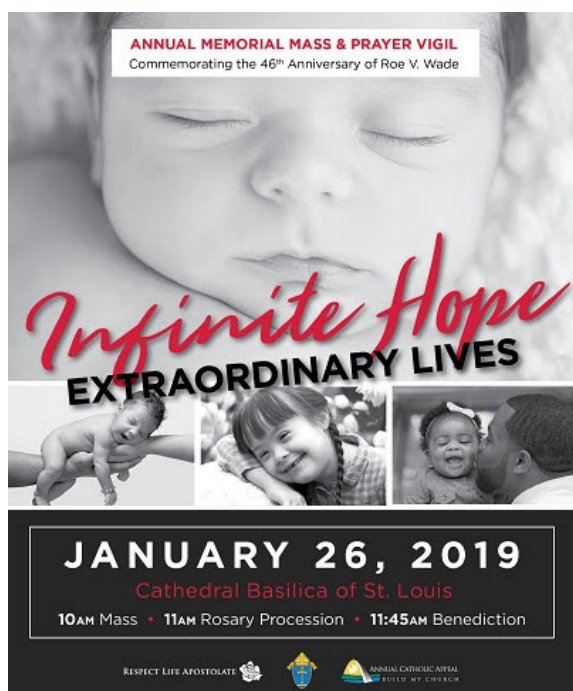
- Every Reconciliation, 8:45am
- 1st/3rd St. Vincent de Paul Pantry open 9-10:30

Rummage Sale : After PSR is done for the year, setup takes place, sale begins near the end of May

Blood Drives in 2019

March 25, June 25, plus 1 or 2 more will be scheduled

Occasional changes will be noted in the bulletin



ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS & PRAYER VIGIL
Commemorating the 46th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade

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RESPECT LIFE APOSTOLATE

Dear Friend of Life,

Continue your March for Life pilgrimage with our Annual Roe v. Wade Memorial Mass the very next weekend on Saturday, January 26 at 10am at the Cathedral Basilica.

This January marks 46 years since the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion which has ended over 60 million unborn lives and harmed countless more women, men, and families. Please join the St. Louis Respect Life Community in praying for an end to abortion, healing and forgiveness for those involved in abortion, and an increased respect for all human life.

This special Mass features a Pro-Life Generation rose procession and a collection to benefit the Lifeline Coalition, a group of local Catholic and pro-life social service agencies who help more than 10,000 annually. Following Mass, a peaceful and prayerful Rosary Walk to and from Planned Parenthood will take place. The event concludes with Benediction back at the Cathedral.

For more information, contact the Respect Life Apostolate at prolife@archstl.org or 314-792-7555.

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