



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, 10:00am
 Weekdays: 8:00am, in church, Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Weekly Devotions and Prayers

Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday 8:30am until Friday 11:00am, St. Joseph Chapel

Rosary: Prior to Saturday evening 4pm Mass

Weekday devotions after morning Mass:

Tuesday: Mother of Perpetual Help
 Wednesday: Litany to St. Joseph
 Thursday: Celebrating the Sanctity of Life
 First Friday: Litany of the Sacred Heart

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

January 16, 2022



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3

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Deeper Understanding of Scripture

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our

burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope,

and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

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

Parish Staff

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Grades 1 thru 8, September thru May, 8:45-9:45am, Sundays
Confirmation Preparation
8th Grade—September thru May, 8:45-9:45am, Sundays
Children's Liturgy of the Word
September thru May, during the 10am Sunday Mass
Adult Education
Sundays 8:45—9:45am Grand Hall, Wednesdays 7:10pm Weber Hall
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—contact Shawn for schedule

Quick Contacts Directory

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Jesus is waiting for us to let him know what we need: Find out how this Sunday

Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from – although the servers who had drawn the water knew – the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee as so revealed his glory.

– John 2: 6-11

John is reminding us that the great miracle at Cana is an invitation for us to enter more deeply into the mystery of who Jesus is and what His saving mission is really all about.

When we consider Sunday's Gospel in this light, we recognize how intimately connected the miracle at Cana is to the other Epiphany mysteries of the Magi's visit and the Baptism of Jesus. In fact, many of the passages from the gospels proclaimed on both Sundays and weekdays during the coming weeks of Ordinary Time will include accounts of miracles and references to historic prophecies, helping us explore Who it was we celebrated during the Christmas Season and Who it is who has come among us.

As Henri Nouwen observed, "His many miracles always serve to express His profound compassion

with suffering humanity; never are they attempts to call attention to Himself." Even in the account of the wedding at Cana, Jesus isn't inserting Himself into the narrative. Rather, He's responding to the needs of the wedding party, presented to Him by His interceding mother.

Perhaps one of the lessons of the miracle of Cana is that the Lord – whom we believe is with us – is waiting for us to let Him know what it is we need and to trust that He will provide for us with "good wine," exceeding what we might expect or imagine. This reminds us of the words of the Prophet Isaiah in our First Reading, "No more shall people call you 'Forsaken,' or your land 'Desolate,' but you shall be called 'My Delight,' and your land 'Espoused,' for the Lord delights in you."

As we continue our journey into Ordinary Time, we are being invited to reflect on what the Lord is offering to us and to look at the world around us and to lift up to the Lord those who have been forgotten, who are alone, and who have no one to pray for them, following the example of the Mother of Jesus.

Whom do you see who has "no wine?" What can you do to help relieve their suffering? Reread the story of the wedding at Cana. How do the many symbols in this story help you to see Jesus in new ways? When has the Lord provided "choice wines" in your life? With whom did you share those gifts?

– Brother Silas Henderson, SDS

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C

There was a wedding in the town of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there. When the wine had given out, Jesus' mother... told the servants, "Do whatever [Jesus] tells you."...Jesus said to the servants, "Fill these jars with water." [They did, and the water turned to wine.] JOHN 2:1,3-5,7

After college, University of Michigan quarterback and Heisman Trophy winner Tom Harmon became a pilot. One day his plane crashed deep in a South American jungle. Miraculously, he survived. Describing his experience, he wrote, "I said at least a million 'Hail Marys' during my trek out. In fact, as I walked through the jungle, trying to find my way out, I used to yell 'Hail Marys' at the top of my voice, hoping that someone would hear me and at the same time I would be praying."

How important a role does Mary, Jesus' mother, play in my spiritual life?

God could not be everywhere, so he made mothers.

JEWISH PROVERB

Mark Link S.J. *Action 2000*

Ministry Schedule

January 15—4pm

EM: Wally & Jan Karase, Kathy Lalonde
Lec: Larry Graves, Jackie Dunn
Serv: Chase Spurgeon
Music: Bryan & Mary Ann
Ush: Mike Rieker, Tim Wilson, Bill Pollihan, Andy Pope

January 16—7:30am

EM: Jan Kardasz, Kris Jenkins, Dianne Dickherber
Lec: Karen Wappelhorst, Peggy Dupree
Serv: Izzy Scheer, KaBella Bruno
Music: Verdi & cantor
Ush: Ron Neske, Rick Scharf, Chris Molitor, Terry Schneider

January 16—10am

EM: Patrice Riley, Maureen Blondin, Janet Hespen
Lec: Bill Winters, Joe Willis
Serv: William Lassiter, Jack Lyons
Music: Adult Choir
Ush: Bill Riley, Alan Raymond, Bob Hutchcraft, Ron Simpson

IHMformation Station

4:00pm Wally & Jan Karase
7:30am Peggy Dupree
10:00am Joe & Debbie Willis



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

Therese Marion Shoup

daughter of John Paul & Melanie (Daniel) Shoup

Danielle Erin Moore

daughter of Christopher and Erin (Jaeckle) Moore

Ministry Schedule

January 22—4pm

EM: Ann Zaleuke, Wilma Zurweller, Donna Cuddihee
Lec: Claire Holifield, Joe Willis
Serv: **volunteer please**
Music: Bryan & Mary Ann
Ush: Mike Rieker, Bryan Potter, Larry Graves, Chris Cuddihee

January 23—7:30am

EM: Peggy Dupree, Emily Cooksey, Mary Keune
Lec: Bob Leeker, Chuck Kettler
Serv: Emma Clifton, Izzy Scheer
Music: Verdi & cantor
Ush: Gary Potter, Ron Jacob, Tom Meczowski, Mark Thome

January 23—10am

EM: Pat Gentry, Chris & Kat Menne
Lec: Don & Susan Hladky
Serv: Izzy Czuchna, Thomas Kokker
Music: Children's Choir
Ush: Larry Smith, Bill Winters, Gary Struckhoff, Bill Riley

IHMformation Station

4:00pm Jim & Chris Warren
7:30am Mark & Terri Thome
10:00am Pat Gentry

Heavenly Dusters

Week of January 16: Rita Langford
Week of January 23: Betsy Struckhoff
Week of January 30: Carolyn Schellert

Purificators

Month of January: Carol Ostermeyer

Joy isn't what happens when life goes perfectly. It's what happens when you know you're loved perfectly, even when life's a mess.

Chris Stefanick Living Joy

Please pray for all the sick and suffering:

Phyllis Zerr, Fran Bussen, Betty Boyd, Deacon Tony, Amy Robbins, Don Schmidt, Carl Wolff, George Stark, Loretta Bruns, Betty Heppermann, Joyce Brakensiek, Pat Foster, Tom & Mary Jean Hartenbach, Terry Hagan, Richard & Doris Berhorst, Larry Gassei, Pat Ryan, Pete Schepis, Justin Wehmeier, Jeff Bollman, Frank Kardasz, Tom Baker, Jim Hall, Patricia Clayton

Steve Wengerski and Kathy Schuckman (friends of Mandy Daub), Keith Langford (son of Rita & brother of Valerie Langford), Red Brockmeyer (cousin of Kay & Ray Cherry), Karla Sitzes (daughter of Sophia Bax), David Gentry (grandson of Pat Gentry), Jennifer Fitzsimmons (cousin of Karen Fitzsimmons), Pat Finan (daughter of Fran Bussen), Kelly Taylor (friend of Kat Brittingham), Rodney Marquart (son of Frank & Rosemary Marquart), Michael Speir (son-in-law of Jackie & Steve Dunn), Sheila Birk (daughter-in-law of Ken & Mary Birk), Mary Ann Blaske (mother of Jeff Blaske), Peyton Newman (grandson of Mike & Mary Hardesty), Charlie Grady (grandson of John & Carol Grady), Marlene Hagemeyer (sister of Pat Roche), Carol Fague (sister of Bob Woodford), Michael Molitor (brother of Richard Molitor), Rosemary Bell (sister of Janet & Jerry Hespen), Sal Polisi (brother of Nancy and Walter Hollenstein), Janet Piel and Jordan Keene (sister & friend of Joni Marren-Slaughter), Malachi (newborn nephew of Kim and Tim Lebb), Jessica Anderson (daughter-in-law of Bill & Terri Anderson)

Hospitalization: If you are hospitalized, please let us know. Please call the office or ask a friend to call for you if necessary.

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

Prayer Requests: Brenda Hutchcraft at 636-248-8493 or email brhutchcraft@centurytel.net

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 17	
8:00am	Amy Gentry +
Tuesday, January 18	
8:00am	Mary Karll + Carl & Donna Wolff wedd. ann.
Wednesday, January 19	
8:00am	Norbert Haarmann +
6:30pm	All Souls
Thursday, January 20	
8:00am	Walt Reel +
Friday, January 21	
8:00am	Frank Modder +
Saturday, January 22	
8:00am	David Flavan +
4:00pm	People of IHM
Sunday, January 23	
7:30am	Cy & Al Bamert +
10:00am	Ann Seper + Maureen Everett +

Activities this Week

Sunday, January 16	PSR, Founders Hall/Weber Hall/Trailer 8:45—9:45 Faith Formation, Grand Hall, 8:45am Baptismal prep, Weber Hall, 11am (please call the parish office ASAP to register)
Monday, January 17—church office closed	St. Vincent de Paul, Grand Hall, 6pm Scouts, Founders Hall/Trailer, 6:30pm
Tuesday, January 18	Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, following 8am Mass Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am Den 2, Founders Hall basement, 6pm Choir practice: children 6pm, adults 7pm KofC, Founders Hall, 7pm Rosary, 7:30 meeting
Wednesday, January 19	Sunday readings study, Weber Hall, 8:45am Den 4, Founders Hall, 6pm 6:30pm Mass followed by Reconciliation Bible Study, Weber Hall, 7:15pm
Thursday, January 20	Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am RCIA, Weber Hall, 6:30pm Event in Grand Hall this evening
Friday, January 21	Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30—noon
Saturday, January 22	Reconciliation following 8am Mass SVDP Food Pantry open 9—10:30am
Sunday, January 16	PSR, Founders Hall/Weber Hall/Trailer 8:45—9:45 Faith Formation, Grand Hall, 8:45am

2021 Contribution Statements

The statements will be available for you to print next week. **PLEASE WATCH FOR THE EMAIL** that will explain how to access your account.

Contributions January 8/9

General contributions:	\$21,808.58
Online gifts:	<u>\$6,438.96</u>
Total offering:	\$28,247.54

"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." (1 Corinthians 12:7)

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping to build God's kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you. Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). Experience the supernatural Peace and Joy God desires for each of us.

We pray: that we open our hearts and allow the Holy Spirit to work through us the way God intended.

Needed at the Pantry

fruit juices, coffee, sugar, oil, facial tissue, paper towels, boxed cereal, saltines, canned fruit: mandarin oranges, pears, peaches, canned mixed vegetables used or previously opened items



In the Gospel today, at the wedding feast in Cana, Jesus reveals Himself to His disciples and they began to believe in Him. Every day, God also gives us signs of His love and so we also can respond in faith and trust.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul becomes a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and to trust.

SVDP 24-hour Helpline

St. Vincent dePaul has a 24 hour helpline for anyone in crisis, including the homeless, by dialing 2-1-1. Our coordinated entry team will respond to their needs. For our local SVDP Conference, please call 636-398-5270, ext. 225.

God bless you all for your continued support. Please join us in prayer for the homeless and all who are in crisis!

What's Your Catholic IQ?

1. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that “everyone should look upon his neighbor (without any exception) as ____.”
 - a. another self
 - b. an obstacle
 - c. an equal
 - d. more important than ourselves
2. The “interior Master of Christian prayer,” according to the Catechism, is
 - a. St. Francis of Assisi
 - b. St. John of the Cross
 - c. the Holy Spirit
 - d. the pope
3. “Our help is in the name of the Lord...”
 - a. let us rejoice and be glad”
 - b. now and forever”
 - c. have mercy on us”
 - d. who made heaven and earth”
4. No part of the season of Lent ever falls during this month.
 - a. February
 - b. January
 - c. March
 - d. April
5. In the fourth verse of the hymn “We Three Kings,” we sing, “Myrrh is mine; it’s bitter perfume, breathes a life of gathering”
 - a. gloom
 - b. doom
 - c. broom
 - d. groom
6. Medals, relics, blessings, and rosaries are examples of ____
 - a. incrementals
 - b. indulgences
 - c. sacramentals
 - d. monumentals
7. While it is proper to genuflect before a tabernacle, it is proper to bow before ____.
 - a. a baptismal font
 - b. an altar
 - c. a monsignor
 - d. a statue
8. The religious community formed by the teachings of St. Francis de Sales is known as the ____ of St. Francis de Sales.
 - a. Daughters
 - b. Oblates
 - c. Friars
 - d. Little Brothers
9. The Latin words *Deo gratias* mean ____.
 - a. The Mass is ended
 - b. Peace be with you
 - c. ...and with your spirit
 - d. Thanks be to God
10. The Eucharistic fast is to be ____.
 - a. one hour before Holy Communion
 - b. three hours before Mass
 - c. from midnight of that day
 - d. twenty-four hours before Mass



Janet Hespen,
Youth Minister,
314-369-6521

Wednesday, January 19:

Making a difference in the new year. 6:30 to 8pm, Grand Hall

Luke 18 8th Grade Retreat

This is a part of preparation for Confirmation and is a faith-filled fun weekend for the 8th graders and the Youth Group.

Registration forms were e-mailed out and will also be available at PSR classes.

Retreat dates and times are:

Saturday, February 19 at 8:45 am in the Grand Hall
ending on Sunday, February 20 after the 10am Mass



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. The 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.

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 Info

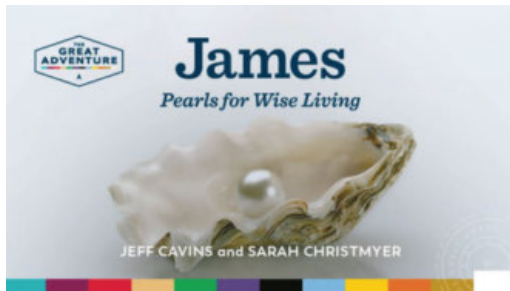
Does our church database have YOUR family membership record correct?

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 phone: 636-398-



James is one of the most practical books of the Bible. Its teachings speak loudly to those who feel torn between the competing demands of this world and their faith.

This study offers “pearls for wise living” by applying the wisdom of James to our current day. For anyone who has struggled to live a truly Christian life, James offers a wealth of practical solutions for handling and even sanctifying everyday circumstances.

IHM New Melle will begin an eleven-week Bible study *James: Pearls for Wise Living* on Wednesday, January 26 in Weber Hall from 7:15—8:30pm. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information call or text Grant Smith at 314-494-1899 or email to grantsmith.usa@gmail.com.

A preview of the study can be found here:
<https://ascensionpress.com/collections/james-pearls-for-wise-living>

During their Christmas party, the Knights of Columbus unveiled the acknowledgements reproduced below, in gratitude for the selfless time and energy it took to complete these projects.

This Handicap Ramp is dedicated
in Memory of
Knight Stan Nikonowicz
We are Grateful for the work of
Sir Knight Gary Potter
And
The Knights of Columbus
2019

In Gratitude for their time and skills donated
in completing the Rectory Porch Rehab Project
Knight Mark Smith
The Knights of Columbus
Marty Dupree
And
Mark and Joe Keune
2021

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH- NEW MELLE, MO
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

HORSE RACES

Raising funds for local charities
Tickets are \$15 at the door

Saturday, February 26, 2022
in the Stoltz Grand Hall
Doors open at 6:30pm
Races begin at 7pm
Total of 14 races

Free Food:
Chili, hot dogs,
nachos, chips, dips
Free Drinks:
Beer, Margaritas,
Tequila Sunrises,
soda, ice, bottled water

Each horse in each race can be named and sponsored for \$50.
60% of the money waged on each race will be returned to those who wager on the horses.
40% supports the Knights of Columbus charitable programs.



Sponsor a race for \$100

Become a Knight at IHM

We strongly urge the men of our parish to unite themselves and their families with the men and families of the **Knights of Columbus**. Simply go to www.kofc.org/joinus and follow the prompts. Use promo code MCGIVNEY2020 and your first year's dues are free! When asked for our IHM council number, enter 11656. Thanks!

Wentzville KofC

Free Throw Championship

Boys and Girls 9-14 years old as of January 1, 2022
Monday, January 17, St. Patrick Gym
6pm Registration, 7pm shooting

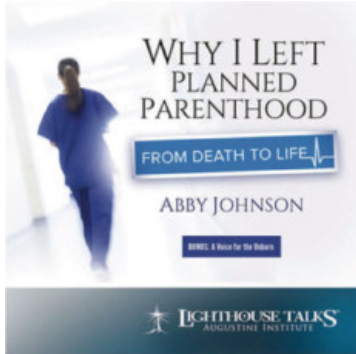
This event is sponsored by St. Patrick Knights of Columbus. There is no cost to participate, and you do not have to be a member of St. Patrick to complete. Please bring a copy of a birth certificate or other proof of age to the event. Three warm-up shots will precede 15 consecutive free throw attempts. Winners will receive a trophy and quality for the District K of C Free Throw Championship.

Entry forms will be filled out at the event. If you have questions, please contact Trevor Roe at 636-614-8267 or basketballplayer1551@yahoo.com or visit www.stpatrickwentzville.org/freethrow

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

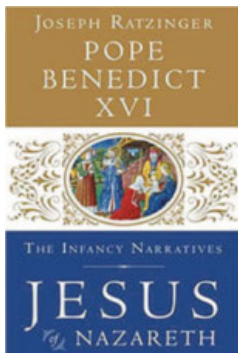


Abby Johnson is a widely recognized Catholic speaker who was once the director of one of Planned Parenthood's largest clinics where she came face to face with the reality of abortion. She shares an insider's perspective about the true motivations of the abortion industry, and her courageous journey away from it and towards life. Her story is a testament to God's grace and mercy, and the joy that comes from being an advocate for life

I was fully engaged in Abby's story and message. I find it so remarkable that someone so entrenched in the Planned Parenthood organization can now see the harm in its mission. Her personal story is a testament to prayer and God's work. I marvel at her remarkable conversion and her faithful dedication to not only live the faith but to evangelize. She clearly speaks the truth!
Katie, VA

From the Parish Library: Grand Hall

Jesus of Nazareth: Infancy Narratives: Pope Benedict



The momentous third and final volume in the Pope's international best-selling 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.



JANUARY 19-27, 2022

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Join today at www.9daysforlife.com!



3 WAYS TO JOIN



9DaysforLife.com

Image: A mosaic of Our Lady of Lourdes decorates a side altar in the Church of Santa Maria della Famiglia in the Vatican, Dec. 15. (CNS photo/Paul Haring.)



Save the Date! February 13, 2022, 2:30pm
Join Archbishop Rozanski at the Cathedral Basilica
to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony on
World Marriage Day

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
Mon: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
Tue: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/ Mk 2:23-28
Wed: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
Thu: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
Fri: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
Sat: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21



Please pray for all those individuals and families who will participate in the March For Life later this week. We all pray for a safe journey there and back, and that their witness for life will bear fruit.

Lifeline Coalition

The Archdiocesan Respect Life Coalition consists of a group of social service agencies and prolife caregivers who assist women and families in crisis pregnancies. They provide women with assistance for medical expenses, housing, food and clothing, and they offer educational and spiritual guidance, counseling and adoption services. Envelopes to provide financial assistance to the LifeLine Coalition are available on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Archdiocesan Young Adult Pro-Life Holy Hour, January 20

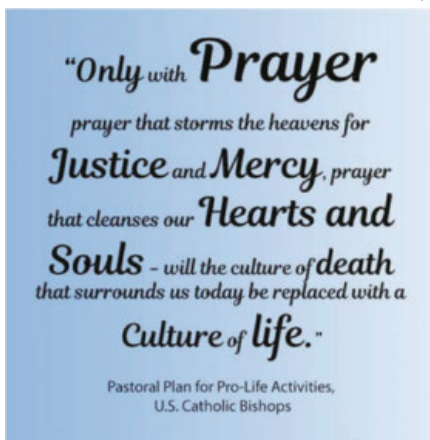
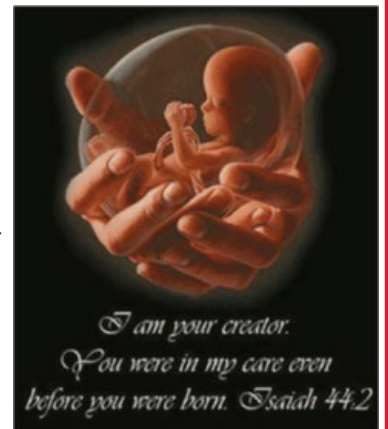
Join young adults (19-39) throughout the Archdiocese to pray for an end to abortion and promote a greater respect for all human life. This annual Archdiocesan event, co-sponsored by Anima Christi, the Office of Young Adult Ministry, and Respect Life Apostolate, will be held **Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 7pm at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis.**

Kathy Fowler will share her inspirational adoption journey as well as her professional work at Good Shepherd Children & Family Services as the executive director. After her talk, Eucharistic Adoration, the Rosary and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered.

For more information, contact stlya@archstl.org or 314-792-7008.

January 22 is the anniversary of the tragic 1973 Supreme Court Decision *Roe v. Wade* which legalized abortion. In the United States, the Bishops have made this date a "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children."

The over 60 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a "throwaway culture." However, we have great trust in God's providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord's help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children". "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion." As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms. Another way to take part is through participating in special events to observe the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. Call your local diocese or parish to find out what events might be taking place in your area.



What can I, my family do on January 22nd to call down grace on our nation and make reparation for the tragedy of abortion in our world?

Here is some info from the U.S. Bishop's website:
<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/resources/january-22-day-of-prayer.cfm>



Pope's Intentions for January: For True Human Fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



The next Baptismal preparation classes are scheduled for **February 20**. Please call the parish office ASAP to reserve your spot! 636-398-5270



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Answers to last week's Catholic IQ

1. c Read Matthew 2:9. The star did not stay stationary over the manger or the house. This verse makes it clear that the star moved "in front" of the Magi and guided them till it "stood over where the young child was."
2. b Read Matthew 2:2. They assumed Herod would know. I find it fascinating that although the scribes knew exactly where the Messiah was to be born (according to Micah 5:2), they were not interested enough to travel the four or five miles to Bethlehem to see for themselves.
3. e Isn't it amazing How God divinely inspired these two Gospel writers to write His exact words, but He used their interests and professions to recall different aspects of Jesus' birth. Matthew, a tax collector, records the genealogy of Jesus (used for taxation) and the "magi" - men of means from a foreign country. Luke, a physician, records the pregnancy and birth.
4. a "to show forth." The Greek components are epi- (meaning "on" or "to") and -phainein (meaning "to show").
5. c Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar.
6. d John Henry Hopkins Jr., an Episcopal priest, wrote the text of this hymn in 1857 for a Christmas pageant at the General Theological Seminary in New York City.
7. b The dried sap of an African tree used anciently in embalming ointments and burned at funerals.
8. c Herod. Caesar Augustus was the chief of the Roman state. Quirinius was the Roman governor of Syria. Flavius Josephus was the Jewish historian who chronicled Herod's reign.

Answers to this week's Catholic IQ

1. a See n. 1931 of the Catechism, which quotes *Gaudium et Spes* (Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, n. 27). See n. 2672
2. c This greeting and response is inspired by Psalm 124:8.
3. d The earliest that Lent can begin—Ash Wednesday—is February 4, with Easter being celebrated on March 22.
4. b The fourth verse of the hymn "We Three Kings" foretells the tragic death of the newborn king.
5. a Sacramentals are sacred signs instituted by the Church that prepare us to receive the fruits of the sacraments (Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 1677).
7. b In addition to bowing before the altar in church, Catholics bow their heads as a sign of reverence for the Eucharist when receiving Holy Communion.
8. b The Oblates of St. Francis de Sales were founded by Fr. Louis Brisson and Mother Marie de Sales Chappuis in 1875. An oblate is a person who is specifically dedicated to God's service.
9. d In the Latin Mass, the assembly responds to the words "*Tei! Missa Est!*" ("Go! You are sent!") with the phrase "*Deo gratias!*" - meaning "Thanks be to God!"
10. a According to the 1983 Code of Canon Law n. 919, Catholics are to fast "for at least one hour before Holy Communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine" (see n. 919).

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