



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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Schedule of Holy Mass

Saturday: 8:00am, 4:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
 Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am
 Weekdays: 8:00am, in church

Weekly Devotions and Prayers

Eucharistic Adoration:

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

Rosary:

Prior to Saturday evening 4pm Mass

Perpetual Help Devotions:

Tuesdays following 8am Mass

Respect Life Prayers:

Thursday following 8am Mass

First Saturday of the Month Devotions

8am Mass, Rosary, 15 minutes of meditation

Sacraments

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

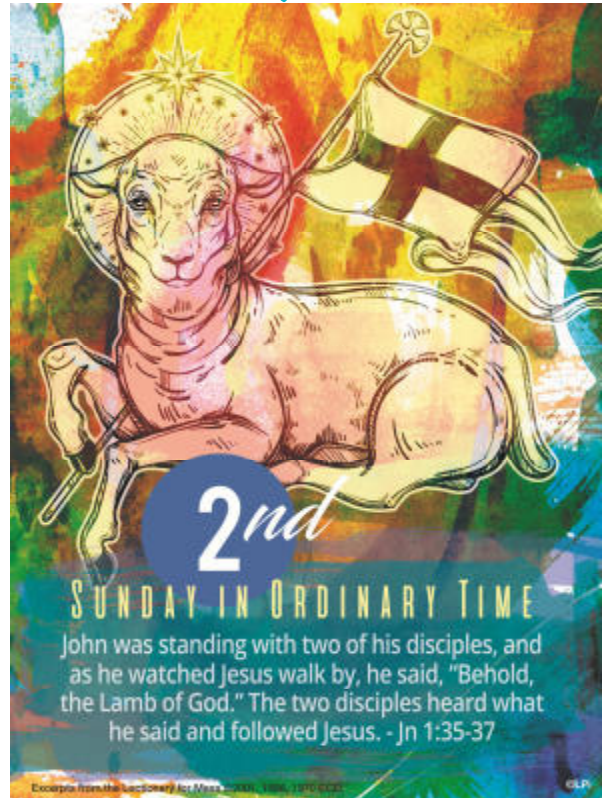
Marriage: Contact the parish office
 at least six months prior to the wedding

Baptism: Contact the parish office
 to register for class and to arrange date

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:

Contact Shawn Mueller in the parish office

January 17, 2021



Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and

repeat the sins of our past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from

them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so?

Welcome! 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

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Janet Hespen 314-369-6521
Young Adults
Julie Lassiter 636-357-0121

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Dear Parishioners,

Early on in my assignment here I decided to place my cell phone number in the bulletin. I hope all of you add it to your cell phone or place the number somewhere handy should you need to contact me. Originally I wanted the number to be used for only emergencies. My concern was that people may use that number for parish business that is best handled through the parish office. If there are questions about things in the parish, you are best serviced by calling Peggy or Laura in the office for questions about things in the calendar or events in the parish. You will be disappointed if you were to call or text me and hope I might know the answer off the top of my head. I might, but chances aren't I won't remember in the moment.

I absolutely want you to be able to reach me in an emergency. The number is primarily for emergency situations. I may not be able to answer the phone immediately, but I will try to call you back ASAP. I will try my best, but managing my distractions and momentary preoccupations often put things unintentionally on a back burner. It is of the utmost importance to be to be present to your loved one when they are dying, and visiting them when they are sick is something that is vital to my ministry. I have been so blessed to be with parishioners and their families in those moments of grace.

Please use the number if you want to contact me for more ordinary things or questions that pertain to myself or ministry. Fr. Tom questions can be answered fairly readily by the holder of that name, but I still can't promise you 100% accuracy about a response. For instance, sometimes someone will ask me about something I said or they thought I said in a homily 3 months ago. Are you kidding? I cannot remember something I preached about two days later without effort. It is in my mental filing cabinet somewhere, but it is a randomly organized mess. As often stated, no pedestals for the living: be surprised by my competency, not expectant of it. It is the way I manage myself as the days run their course without losing my mind (more than I have) or allowing stress to own and poison my heart.

Peace,

Fr. Tom

Coming Soon - I will be opening an online "Locals Community" for use in ministry. It will not necessarily pertain to the parish although it will certainly reference things in the parish from time to time. I hope to make it a free platform, but I have found that paying a nominal fee to the Locals communities I have joined already keeps the jerk from joining. On-line jerks abound on Facebook & Twitter. More to come later.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B

[Andrew was deeply moved when he met Jesus.] At once he found his brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah." John 1:41

An elderly man had just been admitted to a hospital for treatment. After the nurse made him comfortable, she asked him a few routine questions. One was, "What is your religious preference?" The man looked at her and said, "I'm awfully glad you asked me that. I've always wanted to be a Catholic, but nobody ever asked me before."

Andrew's sharing of his faith in Jesus and the old man's response to the nurse invite me to ask, What answer would I give Jesus if he asked me why I don't share my faith with others more than I do?

[Jesus said,] *"What I am telling you in the dark you must repeat in broad daylight, and what you have heard in private you must announce from the housetops."* Matthew 10:27

Mark Link S.J. *Mission*

Ministry Schedule

January 16—4pm

EM: Dcn Chris, Josh Deters, Chris Warren, Pat Roche
Lec: Pat Barnard, Nancy Ast
Music: Bryan & cantor
Serv: Zara Panus
Ush: Larry Graves, Chris Cuddihee, Bryan Potter
Proj: Kathy Lalonde

January 17—7:30am

EM: Josh Deters, Jan Kardasz, Dianne Dickherber, Maureen Blondin
Lec: Kris Jenkins, Chuck Kettler
Music: Verdi & cantor
Serv: Janie Becker
Ush: Gary Potter, Bob & Teresa Berfanger
Proj: Nancy Neske

January 17—9:30am

EM: Laura Orf, Janet Hespen, Pat Gentry, Michelle Greiwe
Lec: Don & Susan Hladky
Music: Bryan & cantor
Serv: Janie Becker
Ush: Bill Winters, Chuck Hinkle, Gary Struckhoff
Proj: Tom Shea

Pope's Intentions for January: Human Fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.



Ministry Schedule

January 23—4pm

EM: Deacon Chris, Josh Deters, Karen Wilson, Bryan Potter
Lec: Sharon Hagan, Jackie Dunn
Music: Bryan & cantor
Serv: Zoey Panus
Ush: Bill Pollihan, Tim Wilson, Ed Etzkorn
Proj: Lucy Smith

January 24—7:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Aaron Waldeck, Dianne Dickherber, Kris Jenkins
Lec: Bob Leeker, Chuck Kettler
Music: Verdi & cantor
Serv: Sydney Jaeckle
Ush: Ron Jacob, Tom Meczowski, Dave London
Proj: Dawn Strohbach

January 24—9:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Chris Richter, Aaron Waldeck, Donna Hecht
Lec: Joe Willis, Mary Busby-Simpson
Music: Bryan & cantor
Serv: Izzy Czuchna
Ush: Bill Riley, Chris Molitor, Ron Simpson
Proj: Sophia Simon

Heavenly Duster Schedule

Week of January 17:	Rita Langford
Week of January 24:	Betsy Struckhoff
Week of January 31:	Carolyn Schellert

Purificators

Month of January:	Carol Ostermeyer
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Please contact Bryan in the church office if you are willing to be put on a schedule to advance the projection at Mass: 636-398-5270 or bryanbeams@ihm-newmelle.org

Please pray for all the sick and suffering:

Phyllis Zerr, Mike & Pat Ryan, Fran Bussen, Nancy Hollenstein, Deacon Tony, Amy Robbins, Betty Boyd, Don Schmidt, Janie Roth, Betty Heppermann, Joyce Brakensiek, Carl Wolff, Gary Potter, Terry Hagan, Jerry Knott

Lisa Debold (daughter of Dave & Pam DeBold), Leon Burkemper (son of Carol Rabbitt), Doris Eisenbath (mother of Judy Molitor), Janet Piel (sister of Joni Marren-Slaughter),

John Stringer (friend of Larry & Rita Bendel), Loren & Evelyn Brandon (parents of Marty & Peggy Dupree), Audrey Molitor (sister of Flo Joerling), Pat Finan (daughter of Fran Bussen), Charlie Grady (grandson of John & Carol Grady), Marlene Hegemeier (sister of Pat Roche), Steve Wengerski (family friend of Mandy Daub), Sophia Hartsfield (granddaughter of Ed & Marcia Etzkorn), Keith Langford (son of Rita & brother of Valerie Langford), Red Brockmeyer (cousin of Kay & Ray Cherry), Karla Sitzes (daughter of Sophia Bax), Karen Windler (sister of John Wappelhorst), Michael Speir (son-in-law of Jackie & Steve Dunn)

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

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

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 18	
8:00am	intention of Carl & Donna Wolff
Tuesday, January 19	
8:00am	Dave Gentry +
Wednesday, January 20	
8:00am	Msgr. Raymond Orf
Thursday, January 21	
8:00am	Don Quamby + John Sprock +
Friday, January 22	
10:00am	Larry Stahlschmidt + Vickie Brink +
Saturday, January 23	
8:00am	All Souls
4:00pm	People of IHM
Sunday, January 24	
7:30am	Steve Kettler +
9:30am	Lucille Smith + Josephine Seper +

Needed at the Pantry

UPDATED LIST:

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

Please hold your plastic bags—we have plenty!!

In the Gospel today, Jesus asks, "What are you looking for?" Often, we are looking for happiness in very selfish ways, but we find that when we look for ways to make others happy, it is then that we truly become happy.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul collection, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and to trust.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun:	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40/Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Jn 1:35-42
Mon:	Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110/Mk 2:18-22
Tue:	Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111/Mk 2:23-28
Wed:	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110/Mk 3:1-6
Thu:	Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40/Mk 3:7-12
Fri:	Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85/Mk 3:13-19
Sat:	Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47/Mk 3:20-21:63c/Mk 2:13-17

Contributions, Jan. 9/10

General Offertory:	\$9,334.75
Online—General Offertory:	\$5,792.88
TOTAL:	\$15,127.63

"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'"
John 1:38

What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, in silence and ask the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.

We pray: that we take time, every day, talking to God—praising Him, thanking Him and asking for His guidance.

This Week at Home

social distancing recommended at all events



Monday, January 18	Church office closed for national holiday St. Vincent de Paul, 6pm Scouts, Founders Hall, 6:30pm
Tuesday, January 19	Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am KC meeting, Founders Hall, 7pm
Wednesday, January 20	Sunday readings study, Weber Hall, 8:45am ADORE, 6:30pm Bible Study, Grand Hall, 6:15pm Reconciliation, 7pm
Thursday, January 21	Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am Youth Group meeting, Founders Hall, 6:30pm
Friday, January 22	Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30am—noon
Saturday, January 23	Reconciliation, 8:45am

✠ Rest in Peace ✠

Ed Reuther Jr.
brother of Vince & Denise Reuther
Sandy Knott
wife of Jerry Knott
Msgr. Raymond Orf
frequent visiting priest for IHM
Jameo Klemme
son of Greg & Pam Klemme
Adrian Gober-Barstow
granddaughter of Ray and Janice Gober
May they and all the faithful departed
rest in the eternal peace of Christ.

Attention Employees & Volunteers

The Archdiocese of St. Louis has developed a new system for safe environment compliance called Prevent and Protect STL. Everyone ministering to minors and vulnerable adults (clergy, employees and volunteers) in the Archdiocese are required and asked to register in the new system before December 31, 2020. This includes those new to service and those who are currently in service. For those who have already attended a Protecting God's Children workshop, your previous training date will transfer to this new system. In addition to attending a live Protecting God's Children workshop, all clergy, volunteers and employees will register for an updated background screening, view two new online training modules on abuse reporting and the Code of Ethical Conduct, and agree to the updated Code of Ethical Conduct. Please go to:

www.preventandprotectstl.org

to register, and contact our parish Child Safety Coordinator Karen Wappelhorst with any questions or for further assistance.

What's Your Catholic Catechism IQ?

"The Catechism of the Catholic Church is a statement of the Church's faith and of Catholic doctrine, attested to or illumined by Sacred Scripture, the Apostolic Tradition and the Church's Magisterium. I declare it to be a sure norm for teaching the faith." (Pope St. John Paul II)

- Through fidelity and conjugal chastity, the couple bear witness to the mystery of Christ's fidelity for His Church before the _____.
 - world
 - church's minister
 - family members
 - state
- Fecundity is a gift, an end of marriage, for conjugal love naturally tends to be _____.
 - fruitful
 - labor intensive
 - frustrating
 - expensive
- A child does not come from outside as something added on to the mutual love of the spouses, but springs from the very heart of that mutual _____.
 - fear
 - withholding
 - giving
 - selfishness
- The Church, which is on the side of life, teaches that each and every marriage act must remain open to the transmission of _____.
 - triplets
 - sterility
 - life
 - pain
- There is an inseparable connection, established by God, which man on his own may not break, between the _____ and _____ significance which are both inherent to the marriage act.
 - life, death
 - good, evil
 - true, false
 - unitive, procreative
- Married couples should realize that they are cooperating with the love of God the _____ and are, in a certain sense, its interpreters.
 - Father
 - Son
 - Creator
 - Holy Spirit
- A particular aspect of this responsibility concerns the regulation of _____ for just reasons, spouses may wish to space the births of their children.
 - sleeping
 - nursing
 - procreation
 - travel
- Couples are to be certain that a desire to space births is not motivated by selfishness but is in conformity with the _____ appropriate to responsible parenthood.
 - fear
 - generosity
 - financial security
 - anxiety
- Methods of birth regulation based on self-observation and the use of _____ periods is inconformity with the objective criteria of morality.
 - calculated
 - infertile
 - regular
 - fertile
- Such methods respect the bodies of the spouses, encourage tenderness between them, and favor the education of an authentic _____.
 - freedom
 - couple
 - embrace
 - child

Answer Key:

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Recycling bins are located on the gravel lot behind Fr. Tom's house.



Janet Hespen, Youth Minister,
314-369-6521

- Jan 21: Building Discipleship
- Jan. 28: Luke 18 planning and practice skit. Practice stocks 1 through 4.
- Feb. 4: Luke 18 discussions and practice talks 5 thru 8
- Feb. 11: Luke 18 final preparations
- Feb. 12: Luke 18 setup
- Feb. 13: Luke 18 lock-in Retreat for all IHM 8th graders. Check in at 9am. Ends after Mass on Feb. 14

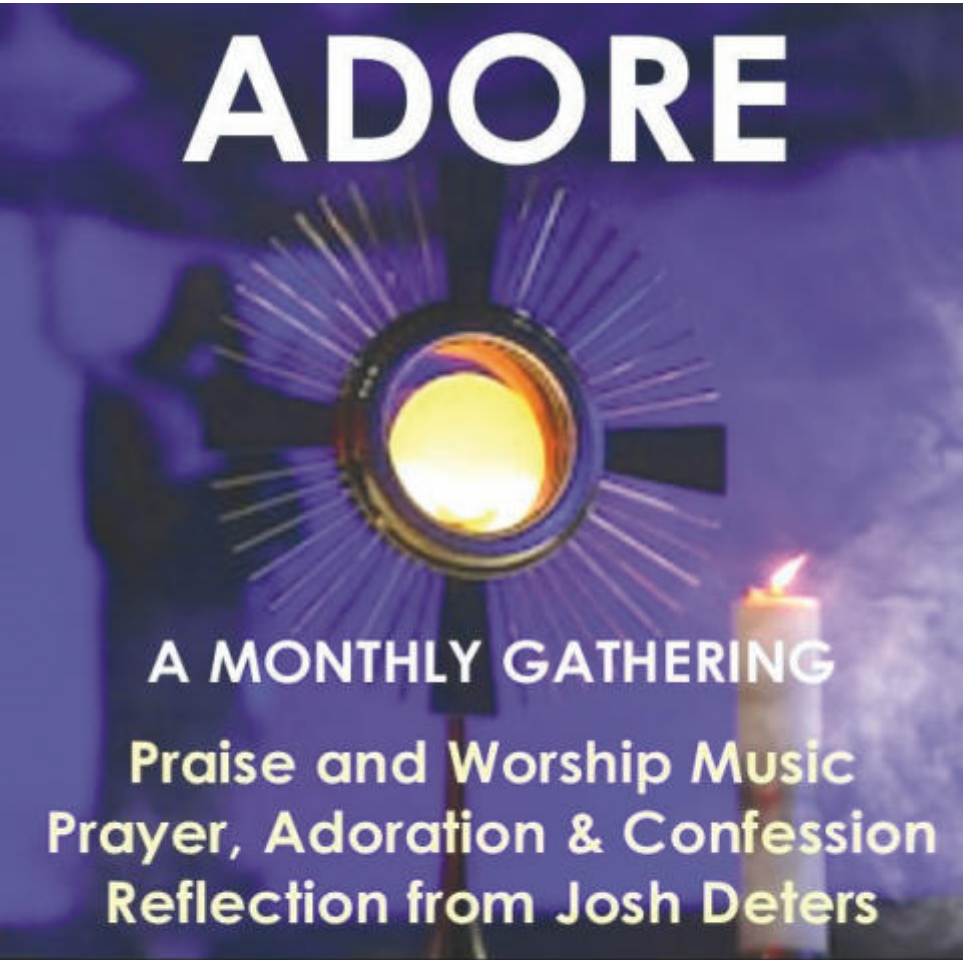
Please pray for our troops:

Ian Bagby—U.S. Army
Randy Brittingham—U.S. Air Force
Gregory Conners—U.S. Army
Luke Cwiklowski—U.S. Navy
Joseph Gardner—U.S. Navy
Austin Gilliam—U.S. Marines
Nicholas Hitt—U.S. Army
Jacob Holstein—U.S. Marines
Nicholas Hussey—U.S. Air Force
Connor Jaeckle—U.S. Navy
Emily Jaeckle—U.S. Marines
Courtney Kelley (Swoboda) - U.S. Air Force
Angela Kettler—U.S. Navy
Alexandra McIntosh—U.S. Navy
Danielle McIntosh—U.S. Marines
Richard Ostermeyer—U.S. Marines
Matthew Rison—U.S. Navy
Molly Rison—U.S. Navy
Eric Roethler—U.S. Marines
Andrew Salmo—U.S. Army
Matthew Stovall—U.S. Marines
Blake Varady—U.S. Army
Alexander Vesel—U.S. Navy

and all U.S. military men and women
who have dedicated their lives
to preserve and protect our country

*(if you would like your loved one listed,
please contact the church office)*

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ADORE

A MONTHLY GATHERING

**Praise and Worship Music
Prayer, Adoration & Confession
Reflection from Josh Deters**

Wednesday, January 20, 2021, 6:30pm

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8 W. Hwy. D - New Melle, MO

When God Whispers

“You don’t need to shout. My hearing works just fine.”

Are you a parent that has used that one on your kids? I’m not sure at what age they realize that the volume of their voice doesn’t correlate to the likelihood of receiving a favorable reply — it might be sometime in the teenage years, when the talking slows down altogether.

But I’ve got to admit, it would be nice if God always gave us a loud and dramatic sign when He wanted something — the booming voice and the torn-open heavens (“This is my beloved Son!”) really get the message across. Sometimes I find myself envious of the Apostles, who were able to witness such things in person.

The fact of the matter is, in the year 2021, God is more likely to speak in a whisper than in a shout. The prophet Isaiah forewarns that Christ himself will not be a noisemaker — for all his preaching, he will not cry out or shout to bring forth justice to the nations. His way is altogether different than that.

We are not the Apostles, and we do not have the privilege of seeing the Holy Spirit descend on Christ like a dove. But here’s the good news: God doesn’t need to shout. Our spiritual hearing works just fine. We just have to be listening.

Let’s wake up each morning ready to hear God’s whispers throughout the day. Let’s make a conscious effort to invite those whispers into our hearts, where they can become a catalyst for grace in this world.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Seats Still Available...

MISSOURI LIFE CARAVAN still has some seats available for our 2021 MARCH FOR LIFE in Washington, DC, from January 28 thru 30, Thursday thru Saturday. For Ages 7-107. Buses depart from several areas throughout St. Louis, including Hobby Lobby in St. Charles. Cost is \$230. January 22 is the registration deadline. Register online or download the form:

www.MissouriLifeCaravan.org
314-434-4900 / mrl.eastern@yahoo.com

Our Lady's Inn Maternity Homes is having their Virtual Trivia Night—**Saturday, January 23rd**. Trivia begins at 7pm on Zoom. Cost is \$25 per person and \$200 for a team of 8. For more information or to register, visit www.ourladysinn.org or call Katrina at 314-736-1544. Join the fun from the comfort of your own home.

Guided by our Mission, Our Lady's Inn provides pregnant women and their children shelter and hope for a new life through humble acts of love.

Archdiocesan LifeLine Coalition Campaign

LifeLine Coalition provides assistance to women experiencing a crisis pregnancy, helping with medical expenses, food, clothing, housing, educational counseling, adoption services, and spiritual guidance. All donations go directly to the LifeLine Coalition agencies that serve these women and families, the area Birthrights, Our Lady's Inn, Good Shepherd Children & Family Services, and our own Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Fund.

Envelopes for making donations are available in the Narthex. Donations can be sent directly to:

Respect Life Apostolate, Mail Stop 340001, PO Box 953745, St. Louis, MO 63195-3745.



2021 Archdiocesan Young Adult Pro-Life Holy Hour

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 28** at 7pm at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. We'll begin with a talk by Brian Westbrook (Coalition for Life St. Louis) followed by Adoration, the Rosary, and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For more information contact: stlya@archstl.org or 314-792-7555.

Visit online:

<https://stlyounmgadults.com/calendar/young-adult-pro-life-holy-hour/>

Visit our Facebook event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/867594807338869>

"There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: *We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem.* In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is *always and radically incompatible* with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image."

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
"Living the Gospel of Life," © 1998 USCCB.

Pro-Life Events to Commemorate the 48th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade

Friday, Jan. 22nd, is the 48th 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.

Candlelight Vigil in Washington MO. The East Central Area-Missouri Right to Life Chapter is holding its annual candlelight vigil from 5 to 6pm on Friday, Jan. 22nd, 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.

St. Patrick Holy Hour. A holy hour will be held at St. Patrick's Church in the Adoration Chapel on Friday, Jan. 22nd from 8:30 to 9:30am. It will be live streamed as well. You will be able to find the live stream on the St. Patrick's web site <https://www.stpatrickwentzville.org> or at www.youtube.com/c/StPatrickWentzville

PSR Corner

Did you know that the months of the year have been given a devotional “focus” in Church tradition. January is dedicated to **the Holy Name of Jesus**. Consider speaking about the name of Jesus with your children, how it should be spoken of as a blessing, not as a swear word. Consider how one ought to reverence the name of Jesus, especially during Mass, when the Church asks that we give a small head bow when the Lord’s name is said.



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 25 and ending on Sunday, March 28. Please contact Ken Birk at 636-398-5301 if you would like to be put on the wait list.

2020 Contribution Statements

For those of our parishioners who do not have email, contribution statements are available for mailing. If you need your statement in paper form, please let the office know.

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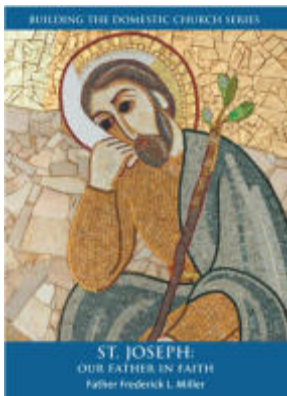
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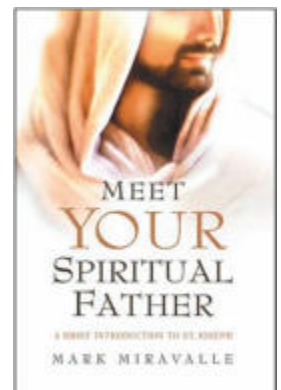
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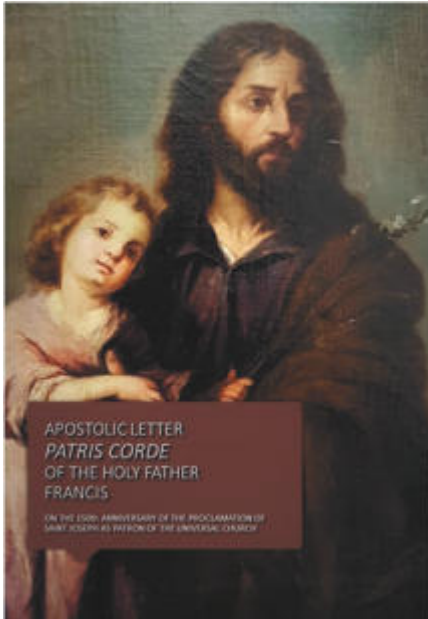
St. Joseph: Our Father in Faith (Knights of Columbus – Building the Domestic Church Series) Even though the Evangelists do not record one word spoken by Joseph of Nazareth, the Holy Spirit has inspired Christians throughout the ages to love the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and foster father of the Son of God. Because of Saint Joseph’s relationship with Jesus and Mary, he enjoys a relationship with the Church that is foundational. Pope John Paul II has noted that Saint Joseph’s example “transcends all individual states of life and serves as a model for the entire Christian community, whatever the condition and duties of each of its members may be.” Note: This booklet can also be read online.

Meet the man who raised the Son of God and discover the role he wants to play in our life. With down-to-earth practical wisdom and sublime insights, Dr.

Mark Miravalle lifts the veil that has shrouded this glorious patriarch for centuries, revealing the treasures and benefits of having an intimate relationship with the virginal father of the Son of God. Those who read *Meet Your Spiritual Father* will find priceless treasures not only in this easy-to-read book but also in having St. Joseph as their spiritual father.



Year of St. Joseph



Pope Francis declared a “Year of St. Joseph” from December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021 with His Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde* “A Father’s Heart.” It is the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the Proclamation of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church by Pius IX. This is a special moment in history to grow in friendship and devotion to the earthly father of Jesus. Throughout this year we will be presenting various resources and opportunities to cultivate this relationship through books, talks, pilgrimages, speakers and more. Although not a single spoken word *by* St. Joseph in Scripture is recorded, what is said *of* St. Joseph speaks volumes. In fact, there are many volumes of books on the life and person of St. Joseph, such that there is a whole branch of theology called “Josephology.” In light of January being devoted to the Holy Name of Jesus, we can begin this “Year of Joseph” highlighting that St. Joseph was the one chosen by God and charged by his angel (probably Gabriel) to give our Blessed Lord this Holy Name.

Matthew 1:20 *An angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David... she (Mary) will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.*

Luke 2:21 *And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.*

Entrusted with naming the child, the infant son is publicly, legally brought by Joseph into the family line of the house of David. Jesus, the name above all names (Phil 2:9) means God saves. The Holy Name of Jesus, the name first spoken aloud by the angel, and then brought forth from the lips of Joseph, declares what we all treasure ---Jesus our Savior.

Every now and then as you pray the name of Jesus, think of the word of this angel that announced His birth and His mission. Think about St. Joseph uttering this word on the day of the Lord’s first shedding of blood, the day of His circumcision. Consider ways to reverence the name this month, whether through being more conscious of it being said at Mass, making a small bow of the head when the name is spoken, (as the Church recommends), praying the Litany of the Holy Name, during the Rosary, pausing slightly when the name Jesus is said during the Hail Mary. Here is a picture of a billboard that a group of folks from the parish and beyond recently put up to help passers-by treasure the gift of Jesus and His Holy Name during this month.



Helping Hearts Community Service Ministry

We are a group of IHM volunteers who wish to provide physical assistance to our neighbors who are unable to help themselves because of physical limitations. We can help with:

- ♥ Transportation to/from medical appointments, grocery stores and churches
- ♥ Install support bars for showers and tubs
- ♥ Install ramps for people having trouble with mobility
- ♥ Simple tasks: replacing lightbulbs and other simple household jobs
- ♥ Remove obstacles or debris: fallen tree limbs, etc.

Please pick up a brochure from our IHMformation Station for phone contacts and further information about what we can (and cannot) do. We want to help our parishioners and other community members within our parish boundaries in need of minor services that they are unable to do because of age or infirmity.

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