



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, 11:30am
Weekdays: 8:00am, St. Joseph Chapel

Weekly Devotions and Prayers

Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday 8:30am until Friday, 11:00am

Rosary:

Following 8am Mass weekdays & before Sat. 4pm.

Perpetual Help Devotions:

Tuesdays following 8am Mass

Respect Life Prayers:

Thursday following 8am Mass

First Saturday of the Month Devotions

8am Mass, Rosary, 15 minutes of meditation

Sacraments

Reconciliation:

Mon/Tue/Wed in church, 7pm
Saturday following 8am Mass

Marriage:

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

Baptism:

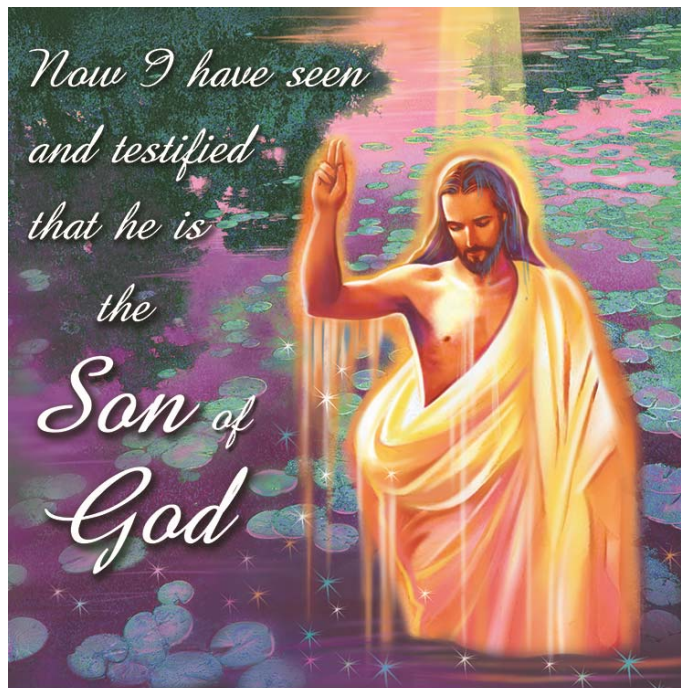
Contact the parish office
to register for class and to arrange date

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:

Contact Shawn Mueller in the parish office

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 19, 2020



Behold the Lamb of God

I wonder if anyone understood John the Baptist when he called Jesus the Lamb of God. Did they associate that name with the paschal lamb whose blood protected the Israelites from the Angel of Death? After Jesus' death and resurrection, the apostles began to understand that Jesus' blood, shed on the cross, freed us all from sin and death. Yet here is the Baptizer already acting like a disciple before Jesus has gathered any disciples or even begun to preach. In today's Gospel, John the Baptist gives us some hints about discipleship.

First, John trusts God with things he does not understand. He says twice that he did not know Jesus, yet he trusts God's revelation that Jesus

would "baptize with the Holy Spirit" (John 1:33). We also may not always understand where God is leading us. If you have lost a loved one, are looking for work when no one is hiring, or are dealing with serious illness, this is the time to trust that God still loves and cares for you.

John also knew that doing God's work meant that God was working through him. Originally John baptized others as sign of repentance, but he soon came to see that his real work was to make Jesus "known to Israel" (John 1:31). When we try to do what God wants, it is good to remember that God is the one in control and who decides what the result will be.

What looks like failure to us can be success in God's eyes.

John's third hint teaches us that a disciple shares his or her faith in God. So John testifies that Jesus is the Son of God. While that sounds obvious to us, it took courage to say that to people who would have thought it blasphemy. Even today, when Jesus is known throughout the world, we still need to share our faith experiences so those without faith may be attracted to it, and even those with faith can be encouraged by our sharing. You may be surprised to find that your own faith deepens the more you share it with others. As we point out the Lamb of God to those who don't know him, we get to know him better ourselves.

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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

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Prayer and Devotion

Eucharistic Adoration	
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Legion of Mary	
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Young Adults	
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Dinner Committee	
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Funeral Lunches	
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Pro Life	
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Quilters	
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St. Vincent de Paul	
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Year of Vision: Clarity of Thought Resignation or Acceptance

Dear Parishioners,

During this Year of Vision I want to invite you to consider some distinctions that can make a real difference in our understanding of faith and life. To discern the difference it is essential to maintain an attitude that is Christ-like instead of letting the spirit of the world oppress us.

Resignation and acceptance look very similar at the beginning. Something dramatic or traumatic happens to us and we typically respond with either resignation or acceptance.

When we become resigned to a situation we often see it as something that is so certain that we are doomed. We feel the weight of the problem as well as a sense of hopelessness. The spirit of resignation overshadows our thoughts and feelings to such a degree that we often become depressed. The fruit of resignation is despair. We cannot escape our situation, it will never get better and nothing good will come of it. This is truly unfortunate and it is a dire state of mind.

Acceptance begins exactly the same as resignation. Something dramatic or traumatic has happened and we feel the weight of the situation. The situation can be dire and seemingly hopeless. The first reactions can be identical to resignation, but at some point in our reacting, we turn to God and pray for His help and grace. We often pray for deliverance and strength to face the situation. There is nothing wrong with praying for deliver-

ance, and yet we don't want to limit God to only a path of deliverance. We want the Lord to open our hearts and give Him freedom to act. The opening of our hearts to God can allow the Holy Spirit to guide us to acceptance.

The fruit of acceptance is trust. Acceptance does not sugar-coat the situation or pretend that things are going to be resolved in a way ideally pleasing to us. Acceptance gives God the freedom to act in a way that He sees as fitting and we believe that God will bring good out of any situation. God is waiting to surprise us with the power of His grace and the peace that He alone can give. This is not a situation of ignoring the circumstances that affect our life, but rather an expression of faith in the hidden and humble movements of God.

Our spiritual growth is two-fold. We have to overcome our sinfulness as part of our on-going battle for holiness. The other part of our spiritual growth is to trust God in all circumstances. God promises to be with us in all things, not to spare us of any trials in life. We possess faith so that we can weather the proverbial storms rather than being spared of them. We possess faith so that we can see the bigger picture of reality rather than being overwhelmed by the limitations of our current circumstances.

Peace,



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A

[One day John the Baptist was talking with some people. Seeing Jesus in the distance, he said,] "There is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I was talking about." John 1:29

John the Baptist touched people's hearts for two reasons: he helped them to see they were sinners who needed a savior; and he helped them to open their hearts to Jesus, who came to save them. This raises two questions for me.

To what extent do I see myself as a sinner who needs a savior? And to what extent am I opening my heart to Jesus, who came to save me?

Many people do not recognize Christ because they do not recognize themselves as sinners. If I am not a sinner, I have no need of Christ. I won't celebrate the mystery of Christ in joy if I don't realize in sorrow that I am a sinner who needs a savior. The focus, however is not on sin, but on Christ who saves. —Killian McDonnell

Mark Link S.J (Action 2000)

This Week at Home

Purificators: Carol Ostermeyer
Heavenly Duster: Rita Langford



Sunday, January 19

St. Louis Review subscription weekend
Eagle ceremony, Grand Hall, 2pm

Monday, January 20

Church office closed for the holiday
St. Vincent de Paul, 6pm
Scouts, Founders Hall/Trailer, 6:30pm
Choir practice, church, 7pm

Tuesday, January 21

Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, 9am
Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am
KC meeting, Founders Hall, 7pm
Children's Choir practice, church, 7pm

Wednesday, January 22

Sunday readings study, Weber Hall, 8:45am
Contemporary practice, church, 5:30pm
PSR, Weber Hall/Founders Hall/Trailer, 6pm
Bible Study, Grand Hall, 6:15pm
P&W band practice, church, 7pm
Reconciliation, church, 7pm

Thursday, January 23

Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am
Event in Founders Hall this evening
New server training, church, 6:30pm
Baptismal prep, Weber Hall, 7pm

Friday, January 24

Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30—noon
Pinewood Derby setup, Grand Hall, this evening

Saturday, January 25

Reconciliation, 8:45am
Pinewood Derby, Grand Hall, until 2pm

Sunday, January 26

Children's Choir singing at 9am Mass

The Church Office will be closed Monday, Jan. 20

Next Week Ministries

January 25—4pm

EM: Richard & Kathy Lalonde, Pat Roche, Et Etzkorn,
Jackie Barclay, Donna Cuddihee, Judy Cova, Joan Falbo
Lec: Jan Jokisch-Messig, Mike Greene
GB: Tom & Mary Jean Hartenbach
Serv: Maggie & Morgan Molitor
Ush: Larry Graves, Dave Hendrix, Bill Pollihan, Bryan Potter
Music: Bryan Beams and cantor

January 26—7:30am

EM: John Fiacco, Julia Kettler, Bob Leeker, Rich Molitor,
Carol Rabbitt, Becky Wilson
Lec: Kris Jenkins, Peggy Dupree
GB: Tom & Carol Ostermeyer
Serv: Bridget & Samuel Goins
Ush: Rick Scharf, Terry Schneider, Larry Smith, Mike Stassi
Music: Verdi Morley and Elizabeth Jaeckle

January 26—9:30am

EM: Michelle Greiwe, Walter & Nancy Hollenstein,
Steve Williams, Chris Aulbach, Alvina Fry,
Bob & Irene Caldwell
Lec: Sue & Don Hladky
GB: Jerry & Janet Hespen
Serv: Emilia Petrik, Brody & Ashlyn Stafford
Ush: Mark Thome, Brian Corrigan, Dave DeBold,
Lisa DeBold, Curt Eccardt, Walt Hollenstein
Music: Children's Choir

January 26—11:30am

EM: Donna Hecht, Marcy Pivin, Mary Simpson,
Elaine Sudbrock, Katie Wibbenmeyer, Donna Wolff
Lec: Chris & Kat Menne
GB: Bob & Cheryl Gray
Serv: Thomas Kokker
Ush: John Hofman, Chuck Hinkle, Dave Karll, Tim Maher
Music: P&W Band

IHM Information Station

January 25, 4pm	Ed & Marcia Etzkorn
January 26, 7:30am	Peggy Dupree
January 26, 9:30am	Michelle Greiwe
January 26, 11:30am	Donna Hecht



Janet Hespen, Youth Minister, 314-369-6521

CALENDAR

Jan. 22-26: Generation Pro Life Trip to Washington DC.
Jan. 30: Luke 18 skit practice, 6:30—8pm
Feb. 6 & 13: Final Luke 18 prep 6:30—8pm
Feb. 22: Luke 18 Lock-In Retreat put on by
Youth Group for all IHM 8th Grade
students. 8:30am check-in, Grand Hall
Feb. 23: Retreat ends after 11:30 Mass

2019 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.

For our parishioners who have online access, you should have received an email invitation from “no-reply” with the subject “Immaculate Heart of Mary Member Portal Access”. From there, it will give you instructions to access your personal contribution statement which you can print from home. If you have difficulties there, please just call the church office and we will email your statement.

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 20

8:00am living/deceased
Mueller-Ziegemeier family

Tuesday, January 21

8:00am All Souls

Wednesday, January 22

8:00am Rose Reuther +

Thursday, January 23

8:00am the Schneider family

Friday, January 24

8:00am Lucille Smith +

Saturday, January 25

8:00am intention of Roger & Vickie Brink

4:00pm People of the Parish

Sunday, January 26

7:30am Kathy Reininger +

9:30am Joseph Michael Orf +

11:30am Cy & Al Bamert +

Please pray for all the sick and suffering:

Mark Hanna, Phyllis Zerr, Vickie Brink, Sandy Knott,
Mike & Pat Ryan, Carol Rabbitt, Fran Bussen, Walt Reel,
Audrey Hueffmeier, Karla Sitzes, Vicky Monroe,
Nancy Hollenstein, Jean Bamert, Amy Robbins,
Don Schmidt, Betty Heppermann, Loretta Bruns,
Cassie Potter, Kathy Feldewerth, Frank Marquart,
Dan Brothers, Cindy White

David & Lisa Debold (Dave & Pam DeBold's children),
Dave Asinger (brother-in-law of Larry & Rita Bendel),
Bob Holland (friend of Shirley Augustine),
Sherri Callahan (daughter of Vickie & Paul Grunz),
Peter Gray (son-in-law of Adrienne Collins),
Fred Brown (son-in-law of Bill & Bernie Pollihan),
Leon Burkemper (son of Carol Rabbitt),
Pam Knott (sister-in-law of Jerry & Sandy Knott),
Doris Eisenbath (mother of Judy Molitor),
Macy Enderle (niece of Ray & Kay Cherry),
Mary Louise Ricciotti (mom of Donna Cattoor),
Loretta Nolan (sister of Kathy Lalonde)

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

Contributions, January 11/12

General Offertory:	\$7,775.58
Online – General Offertory:	\$2,733.46
TOTAL	\$10,509.04

*"Now the Lord has spoken
who formed me as his servant from the womb."
(Isaiah 49:5)*

God has given each of us different gifts. In order for
God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling
you to do, and I have to do what God is calling me to
do. And guess what? God has given each of us a differ-
ent plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't
let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the
gifts God has given you and generously share them with
others.

*We pray ... that we may faithfully live as God's stewards,
fulfilling the plan He had for each of us
as He formed us in the womb.*

Needed at the Pantry

fruit juices (grape, apple, cran-something),
saltines, oil, canned chili, beef stew,
hot and cold cereal, coffee, sugar, tea,
canned fruits, dish soap, paper products, toilet paper,
canned spaghetti sauce, men's shaving lotion,
men/women disposable razors



Have you ever considered donating a vehicle to the Soci-
ety of St. Vincent de Paul? Car donations help our
Neighbors in Need on the path toward stability. Pickup
is free and your donation is tax deductible.

To learn more, call or visit online.
800-322-8284, or 636-398-5270 ext. 225
www.svdpusacars.com

† Rest in Peace †

We offer our prayerful sympathy on the passing of

John DeBold

nephew of Dave and Pam DeBold

Mary Ann Mueller

sister of Ruth and Rich Neske

Mary Link

aunt of Jeff & Chris Comotto

Janice Shea

wife of Tom Shea

Audrey Hueffmeier

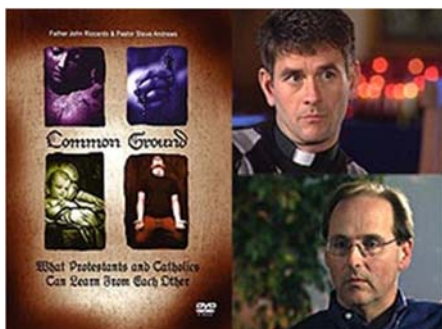
mother of Greg and Pam Klemme

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

St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

(Note: With close to 4000 items, the Parish Library is located in the Grand Hall past the restrooms. It is open during the week-normal business hours-and works on an honor system. Items from the Lighthouse CD rack are located and available in the Narthex.

From the Parish Library (Grand Hall)

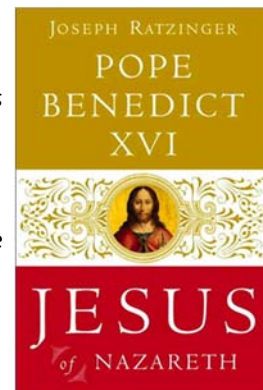


COMMON GROUND: What Protestants and Catholics Can Learn From Each Other.

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

(From a review on Amazon.com) As someone who has studied theology for a number of years and been exposed to every screwball theology out there, I found this book to be a corrective lens to refocus and correct my vision of who Jesus is and what following him means. What impresses me (and I'm not easily impressed) is that the Pope takes on the "screwball" (my term, not his) theologies in such a way as to making them seem silly (although he is incredibly charitable in his approach). This book will have a great effect on renewing the Church and centering it on an image of Christ that is Biblical and credible, erasing years of poor and faulty preaching and teaching.

If you are not Catholic, but a Christian you will love this book too. In fact I predict you will become a big fan of Joseph Ratzinger and will want to read his many published works to encounter someone rooted in Scripture and conversant with modern attacks on it. If you are a non Christian I think you will find in the book an excellent introduction to what Christians believe about the God-man from Nazareth. To all you parents out there who sent your kids to Catholic schools and now wish they would practice their faith, give them this book and reintroduce them to Jesus of Nazareth.



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

All parishioners who have contributed at least \$100 are to receive the St. Louis Review. Please consider helping the parish with the cost of subscriptions with a special collection this weekend, using your envelope or online giving. **If you do not wish to receive the Review, please let us know in the parish office.**

If you have added or changed your email, please contact us. We send out periodic "Constant Contact Mass Emails" with IHM News and beyond. It is a simple and easy way to stay informed. Please email secretary@ihm-newmelle.org with your updated info. Thanks!

Pope's Intentions for January: Promotion of World Peace

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



Pro-life Events to Commemorate the 47th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade

Wednesday, Jan. 22nd, is the 47th 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.

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

This Wednesday, January 22, the Church in the United States observes the annual “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.” This day is set aside to pray for the legal protection of human life and to do penance for the violations to human dignity through abortion. We are called to observe this day through prayer and penance. More information: respectlife.org/January-22.

Candlelight Vigil in Washington MO—January 22

The East Central Area-Missouri Right to Life Chapter is holding its annual candlelight vigil from 5 to 6pm on Wednesday, Jan. 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—January 22

A holy hour will be held at St. Patrick’s Church in the Adoration Chapel on Wednesday, Jan. 22nd at 7pm.

2020 Young Adult Pro-Life Holy Hour—January 23 at the Cathedral

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

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

Email stlya@archstl.org or call 314-792-7555 for more information.

<p>IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH- NEW MELLE, MO</p> <p>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS</p> <h1>HORSE RACES</h1> <p>Raising funds for local charities Tickets are \$15 at the door</p> <p>Saturday, February 29, 2020</p> <p>in the Stoltz Grand Hall</p> <p>Doors open at 6:00 pm Races begin at 6:30 pm Total of 14 races</p>	<p>Admission includes chili, hot dogs, chicken wings, chips, snacks, Bud Light, Amber Bock, Margaritas, wine, soda, and ice for set-ups.</p> <p>Each horse in each race can be named and sponsored for \$50.</p> <p>60% of the money waged on each race will be returned to those who wager on the horses.</p> <p>40% supports the Knights of Columbus charitable programs.</p>	 <p>Sponsor a race for \$100</p>
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What's Your Catholic Catechism IQ?

1. Virginity for the sake of the kingdom of heaven is a sign which also recalls that marriage is a reality of this present age which is ____ away.
a. passing b. taking c. going d. wasting
2. Esteem of virginity for the sake of the kingdom and the Christian understanding of marriage are inseparable, and they ____ each other.
a. reinforce b. separate c. compete against d. divide
3. It is fitting that spouses seal their consent to give themselves to each other by uniting it to the offering of Christ for His church in the ____.
a. world b. intercessions c. Eucharist d. presentation of the gifts
4. It is appropriate for the bride and groom to prepare themselves for the celebration of their marriage by receiving the sacrament of ____.
a. matrimony b. penance c. holy orders d. baptism
5. In the Latin Church, it is ordinarily understood that in marriage the ____ are the ministers of Christ's grace.
a. priests b. spouses c. parents d. bishops
6. The spouses mutually confer upon each other the sacrament of Matrimony by expressing their ____ before the Church.
a. hopes b. feelings c. desires d. consent
7. The ____ is the seal of the marital covenant, the ever available source of their love and the strength to renew their fidelity.
a. ring b. Holy Spirit c. Eucharistic Prayer d. priestly prayer
8. The exchange of consent between spouses is the indispensable element that makes the ____; if consent is lacking there is no marriage.
a. deal b. bond c. day d. marriage
9. The consent consists in a human act by which the partners mutually ____ themselves to each other.
a. hand b. withhold c. deny d. give
10. The consent must be an act of the will of each of the contracting parties, free of ____ or grave external fear.
a. anxiety b. cost c. worry d. coercion

More information from our St. Vincent de Paul Society



At our last meeting, Vicki Grunz was presented an award, recognizing her efforts with our Angel Tree program. **Congratulations Vicki, and thanks from the entire parish!**

During the meeting, this question came up: How do we bring the light to others? Several commented on our amazing parishioners! Through your generosity as well as that of our greater community we are enabled to be the face of Christ to those in need whom we serve.

On behalf of the IHM/St. Vincent de Paul conference, please know we hold you in our thoughts and prayers, and are overwhelmed by your love, support and generosity! That very support makes it possible for all of us to continue serving our neighbors in need. God bless you all!



Pictured here are members of our St. Vincent de Paul at our meeting. Do you see anyone you know? Here's an invitation to join us and be part of our growing SVPD community. For information, please contact Joe Willis, servant leader: (618) 806-6684.

★ ★ **Altar Server training: Thursday, January 23, 6:30 in church** ★ ★

PSR Corner

How many parents would like to read more? How many would like their sons or daughters to read more? What is the #1 objection to not doing so? "Not enough time." Get some tips from Brandon Vogt in his "Read More Books Now" course at www.claritas.com/read



Readings of the Week

Mon: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22
Tue: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 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, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12
Fri: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19
Sat: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Sun: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

Signup sheet in the narthex for the men's
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Catholic IQ Answers

2020 Guide Book & Directory Advertising Opportunity

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the parish. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the church office: 636-398-5270.

Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It "will pay" to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.

Update Membership Information

Does our parish database have YOUR family membership record correct?

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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.



Passion, Purpose and “A Plan” for 2020

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

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

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

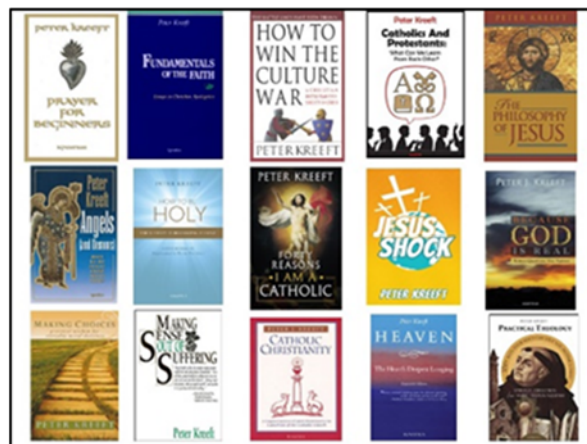
I = Intellectual: Read a good book for at least 10 minutes every day. Books are our friends. Consider the works of Dr. Peter Kreeft as a guide.

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

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

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

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



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

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We are also in need of financial assistance in order to afford our operating expenses. If you would like to make a donation, the check should be made payable to “Mary Queen of Angels” and mailed to the address above. Any amount would be appreciated. For a minimum donation of \$100 you are eligible to receive a tax credit. Contact us for more information: Susan at 636-634-7243.

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