



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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

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

## Schedule of Holy Mass

Saturday: 8:00am  
4:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday  
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am  
Weekdays: 8:00am, St. Joseph Chapel

## Weekly Devotions and Prayers

### Eucharistic Adoration:

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

### Rosary:

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

### Perpetual Help Devotions:

Tuesdays following 8am Mass

### Respect Life Prayers:

Thursday following 8am Mass

### Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction:

Friday at 11:30am

### First Saturday of the Month Devotions

8am Mass, Rosary, 15 minutes of meditation

## Sacraments

### Reconciliation:

Wednesday in church, 7pm  
Saturday following 8am Mass

### Marriage:

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

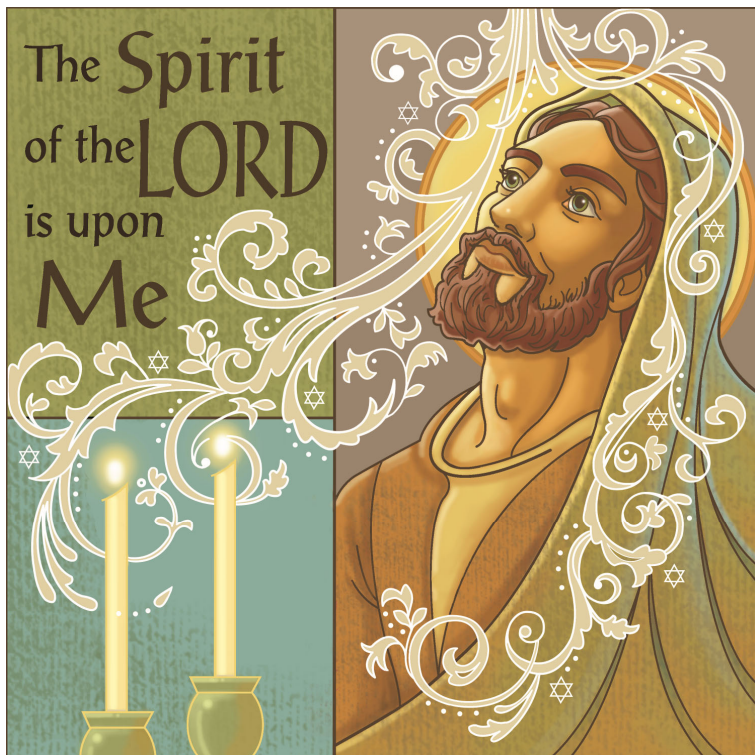
### Baptism:

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

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:

Contact Shawn Mueller in the parish office

## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 27, 2019



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## Rejoicing in the Lord

In the first reading, Ezra gets a strange reaction from the people to whom he reads the book of the law. First they lie down, with faces to the ground, and then they all are weeping. Remember the background of this reading. The people of Israel had returned from exile and needed to become a unified nation. Most had never heard the laws, so when they learned what was expected of them and realized how much of the Law they had broken, they wept from shame. Many probably didn't know that they had been breaking the law. Others might have been overwhelmed with all the requirements of the law.

Ezra and Nehemiah console the people by reminding them that their return makes this a day "holy to the LORD" (Nehemiah 8:10). He adds that they would draw strength from "rejoicing in the LORD." That may be good advice for us also.

We might find ourselves so trapped in sin that we think we could never be forgiven. We need to remember that Jesus loved sinners so much that he gave his life on the cross to free us from sin. No sin can be so bad that God's love cannot forgive it. In other words, God's forgiveness is only limited by our failure to ask for it. As the psalms say, God's mercy endures forever. In fact, the more I have to re-

pent, the more God wants to forgive. So we can rejoice in the Lord's forgiveness and the Spirit will give us the strength to change our lives.

And what about those who find the law overwhelming? That usually means a lack of faith in God's willingness to help us or in our ability to do the best we can to live as Christians. It can also be because we have forgotten Jesus' saying that all of God's laws are contained in the command to love God and love our neighbor as we love ourselves. The more we come to accept God's presence in our lives and see God in others, the easier it becomes to keep the law of love.

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

## Parish Staff

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## Religious Education

Shawn Mueller, Director

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

## Quick Contacts Directory

### Weddings, Receptions, Events

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## What's at the root of every other value we hold dear?

Prof. Javier Fiz Pérez, Ph.D., Psychotherapist and Full Professor at the European University of Rome

*We can discover it in ourselves and see it in others,  
but we can't grant it or take it away.*

From an ethical perspective, things have greater or lesser value to the extent that they contribute to the survival and advancement of human beings, helping them to achieve the peace, harmony, and independence they need and desire.

Consequently, it's essential that the values we pursue in our lives be aligned with the truth about human nature — that is to say, that they be true values. Only true values can lead people to the full development of their natural capacities. We can say that, in the area of morality, a value is true to the extent that it is able to make a person more human.

This is the root of universal values, which are based on the absolute dignity of every human being. It is a dignity that — as can be deduced from its origin — cannot be relativized, and cannot be said to depend on any particular circumstance (sex, age, health, quality of life, etc.).

What is a principle?

In the ethical or moral sense of the term, a principle is a practical judgment immediately derived from the acceptance of a value. From the most basic value (the value of every human life, of every human being), derives the first, fundamental principle on which all others are based: the attitude of respect that every person deserves for the very fact of belonging to the human species — that is to say, human dignity.

Human dignity, a fundamental value

In modern philosophy and contemporary ethics, values and what is good are portrayed as subjective.

Starting with David Hume, there is a current of thought that proposes the idea that it is impossible to derive any kind of duty from the way things are ("you cannot derive an 'ought' from an 'is.'"). The logical next step is to conclude that values are reducible to our own impressions, reactions, and judgments, thus converting duty into the fruit of our own will and decisions, not any objective criteria.

Juridical positivism of the kind proposed by Austrian jurist Hans Kelsen teaches that laws are the result of the will of state authorities,

who determine what is legally permitted — and licit — and what is not.

In the realm of ethics, positivism and empiricism state that "right" and "wrong" are merely irrational decisions, only the result of impressions and reactions — that is to say, entirely emotional. True, the idea of values continues to exist within the philosophical schools of positivism and empiricism, but only as a subjective idea or the object of consensus.

This leads to radical relativism, because for all of these theories, there is no foundation for value in the nature of things, and any point of view can vary from one epoch to another. There's no reliable barrier of values to protect against the arbitrary will of the state and the use of violence.

Nonetheless, our natural openness to others and our knowledge gained through experience allow us to recognize other people's power of intelligence and the greatness of their freedom. Through our intelligence, we are able to transcend ourselves and the world in which we live and of which we form a part; we are able to contemplate ourselves and the world as objects. On the other hand, the human heart has insatiable desires for love and happiness that drive it to give itself — more or less appropriately — to people and enterprises. All of this is an innate part of our very being, and it is always with us, even though at times it is hidden due to illness or lack of awareness.

To summarize: human beings are part of the world, but at the same time we transcend it through our unique capacity — due to our intelligence and freedom — to dominate it, feeling the impulse to action with that goal. Thus, we can accept that the value of every human being is of a higher order than that of all the other beings in the cosmos. And we call that value "human dignity."

The dignity of every human being is a unique value that is easy to recognize. We can discover it in ourselves and we can see it in others. But we cannot grant it, nor can we take it away from someone. It's something that is given to us by a higher power. It is independent of our will, and calls us to respond, recognizing it and accepting it with proportionate gratitude as a supreme value.

## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

On the Sabbath [Jesus] went as usual to the synagogue. He stood up to read the Scriptures... where it is written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has chosen me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free the oppressed and announce that the time has come when the Lord will save his people." LUKE 4:16-19

U.S. presidents give an inaugural speech right after being sworn into office. The speech usually provides an insight into what to expect from them. Today's gospel is like such a speech. Jesus has been chosen by the Father for the office of Messiah. Jesus begins by standing up in public and telling us what to expect from him during his messianic ministry.

What surprises me most/least about what Jesus says in his inaugural? Why?

Mark Link S.J. *Action 2000*



## Next Week Ministry Schedule

February 2—4:00pm

EM: Ann Zaleuke, Joan Falbo, Judy Cova,  
Karen Wilson, Jim & Chris Warren,  
Mary Hannig, Donna Cuddihee  
Lec: Jan Jokisch-Messig, Ed Taylor  
GB: Tom & Mary Jean Hartenbach  
Serv: Connor Kuebler, Sophia Hake  
Ush: Tom Zaleuke, Dave Hendrix, Bryan Potter  
*volunteer please*

February 3—7:30am

EM: Kris Jenkins, Emily Cooksey, Dianne Dickherber,  
Peggy Dupree, Bob Leeker, Rich Molitor  
Lec: Lucy Smith, Karen Wappelhorst  
GB: Loretta Bruns, Carol Rabbitt  
Serv: Maybelle Hahn, Bridget Goins  
Ush: Frank Kardasz, Rick Scharf, Tom Meczkowski,  
Gary Potter

February 3—9:30am

EM: Walter & Nancy Hollenstein, Bob Brossette,  
Terry & Marcia Schneider, Janet Hespen,  
Chris Richter, Joe Faron Sr.  
Lec: Scouts  
GB: Scouts  
Serv: Scouts  
Ush: Scouts

## IHMformation Station

February 2, 4:00 Andy & Barb Pope  
February 3, 7:30 Peggy Dupree  
February 3, 9:30 Lois Cobleigh

*More volunteers needed for the IHMformation Station  
at every Mass. It doesn't take much time out of your  
day, and it's not hard! Call the church office for info!*

## Vocation Prayer Bag:

February 3, 9:30 Lisa Murphy

## This Week at Home

Heavenly Duster: Judy Cova  
Purificators: Jane Szostek



### Monday, January 28

Baptismal prep, Weber Hall, 7pm (preregister please)  
Men for Christ, Grand Hall, 7pm  
Scouts, Founders Hall/Trailer, 6:30pm

### Tuesday, January 29

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

### Wednesday, January 30

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

### Thursday, January 31

Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am  
RCIA, Weber Hall, 6:30pm  
Choir practice, church, 7pm

### Friday, February 1

Early Birds Bible Study, Weber Hall, 6:30am  
Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30am  
Stroke Scans, Weber Hall, 10am-7pm  
New Parishioner Wine & Cheese, Frs. house, 6:30pm

### Saturday, February 2

Reconciliation, 8:45am  
SVDP Pantry open 9-10:30am  
Stroke Scans, Weber Hall, 9am-3:30pm  
Jonah Team will pray with you after 4pm Mass

### Sunday, February 3—Scout Sunday

Scouts will celebrate at 9:30 Mass  
Jonah Team will pray with you after 9:30 Mass  
7 Steps to Becoming Financially Free, Weber Hall, 11a

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### Please pray for all the sick and suffering, including:

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

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

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

**Prayer Requests:** Rita Langford at 636-398-4654 or email [ritalangford4@gmail.com](mailto:ritalangford4@gmail.com).

## Mass Intentions

|                              |                                 |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Monday, January 28</b>    |                                 |
| 8:00am                       | All Souls<br>David King +       |
| <b>Tuesday, January 29</b>   |                                 |
| 8:00am                       | intention of Pam Mayer          |
| <b>Wednesday, January 30</b> |                                 |
| 8:00am                       | Emily Sue Stroben +             |
| <b>Thursday, January 31</b>  |                                 |
| 8:00am                       | Kelley Johnson +                |
| <b>Friday, February 1</b>    |                                 |
| 8:00am                       | Holy Vocations                  |
| <b>Saturday, February 2</b>  |                                 |
| 8:00am                       | Tom Miller +                    |
| 4:00pm                       | Aaron Strunk +<br>Ed Langford + |
| <b>Sunday, February 3</b>    |                                 |
| 7:30am                       | People of the Parish            |
| 9:30am                       | Erma Guinn +                    |



**Pope's Intentions for January:**  
**Young People and the Example of Mary**  
 That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

## Readings for the Week

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|------|---|
| Mon: | Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30  |
| Tue: | Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11;<br>Mk 3:31-35                            |
| Wed: | Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20   |
| Thu: | Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25   |
| Fri: | Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40;<br>Mk 4:26-34                              |
| Sat: | Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18;<br>Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]                         |
| Sun: | Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17;<br>1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30 |

## Contributions, January 19/20

|                             |                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| General Offertory:          | \$16,100.35        |
| Online — General Offertory: | \$4,860.01         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                | <b>\$20,960.36</b> |

*"Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared..."*  
 (NEHEMIAH 8:10)

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need without expecting anything in return.

*We pray ... that we balance our lives by enjoying the gifts we have been given and generously sharing with those in need, without expecting anything in return.*

## Needed at the Pantry:

*Paper towels, toilet paper and all purpose cleaning supplies*

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reads the words of scripture: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."

**In the month of January, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist families in providing food and funds for utility and rent, bills, etc. Thank you!**

**Women's Prayer Group 2019:** This year's Women's Prayer Group will go for 6 sessions at Mary Jo Dazey's house at 11 Country Life, Defiance, 63341. The group meets once a week for 6 weeks on Thursday nights from 7-8:30pm. This year's group will meet on February 7, 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21. This Women's Prayer Group will follow Matthew Kelley's book "The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity." If you are interested in joining please call Lisa Murphy at 314-609-5491. This is a fun, faith-filled group whose mission is women empowering women to be the best-version-of-themselves and to achieve a deeper relationship with God. Hope you can join us!

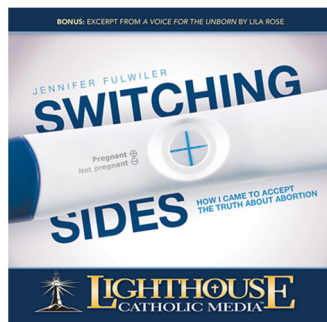
## Dynamic Catholic® *Alive!* Study

In today's Gospel we hear from St. Luke who explains to Theophilus that he is writing about Jesus and His teachings so that he can get to know Jesus better and help to share His message. We can't give what we don't have, and we can't grow closer in our relationship with Jesus unless we communicate with Him and study His teachings and His life. We can do this through Scripture, through the saints, and through each other. Please, Holy Spirit, inspire all of us to hunger for increased knowledge of Christ. Amen.

## St. Paul Library & Lighthouse CD's

(Note: With close to 3000 items, the Parish Library is located in the Grand Hall past the restrooms. It is open during the week-normal business hours-and works on an honor system. Items from the Lighthouse CD rack are located and available in the Narthex.

### From the Lighthouse Catholic CD Rack: Narthex



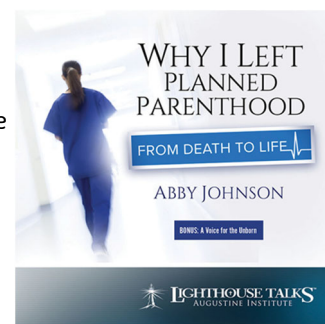
Jennifer Fulwiler is a popular writer and speaker from Austin, Texas, and frequently appears on Catholic radio and EWTN. In this eye-opening presentation, she explains how her original support for abortion was based on love (and lies). Through sound logic and scientific proof, Jennifer chronicles how she came to accept the truth about abortion..

*Jennifer speaks genuine truth straight from her heart...*

*an eye-opening reminder that the Church really is the right way to go! Julie - Sterling, VA*

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*



## 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 14 and ending on Sunday, March 17. There is a sign up in the back of church, or contact Ken Birk at 636-398-5301. Reservations due by February 15. I hope you can join us!

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

## Enkindle Ministry

Couples facing problems with fertility don't have to walk this journey alone. Faith tells us our lives are ultimately in God's hands. Along our way, he sends us help in carrying our burdens. As you work toward acceptance of this challenge, our Enkindle infertility counseling ministry is here to offer hope while seeking peace. Call 314.997.7576 for a free appointment to speak with a licensed counselor.

## Personal Care Assistant

The Precious Blood Sisters seek a part time (20 hours/week) Personal Care Assistant to support the personal needs of the Sisters living at their O'Fallon, MO campus and, on occasion, to help Sisters living elsewhere. Valid driver's license, basic computer skills, and excellent communication skills required. Experience in working with elders is preferred. Flexible to rotate on-call duty evenings, weekends and holidays. Submit resume, cover letter and references to Jane Freise, [jfreise@cpps-ofallon.org](mailto:jfreise@cpps-ofallon.org) or 204 North Main Street, O'Fallon, MO 63366.



## What's Your Catholic IQ?

- Beginning with the Easter Triduum as its source of light, the new age of the Resurrection fills the whole \_\_\_\_\_ year with its brilliance.
  - calendar
  - liturgical
  - new
  - cyclical
- This is not simply one feast among others, but the feast of feasts.
  - Feaster
  - Christmas
  - Easter
  - Pentecost
- In the liturgical year, the various aspects of the one paschal \_\_\_\_\_ unfold.
  - supper
  - feast
  - mystery
  - lamb
- In celebrating the annual cycle of the mysteries of Christ, Holy Church honors \_\_\_\_\_ with a special love.
  - John of the Cross
  - St. Thomas Aquinas
  - Mary, mother of God
  - St. Elizabeth
- Memorials of martyrs and other \_\_\_\_\_ during the annual cycle are proposed to the faithful as examples to draw all to the Father.
  - people
  - victims
  - heroes
  - saints
- A way to allow the mystery of Christ to permeate and transfigure the \_\_\_\_\_ of each day is through the Liturgy of the Hours.
  - start
  - time
  - beginning
  - end
- With the exhortation to pray \_\_\_\_\_, the Office is so devised that the whole course of the day and night is made holy by the praise of God.
  - until it hurts
  - until you fall asleep
  - until you lose interest
  - constantly
- The \_\_\_\_\_, too, are encouraged to recite the Divine Office, either with the priests, or among themselves, or even individually.
  - Jews
  - Muslims
  - Laity
  - Hindus
- The hymns and litanies of the Liturgy of the Hours integrate the prayer of the \_\_\_\_\_ into the age of the Church.
  - Proverbs
  - wisdom sayings
  - Psalms
  - canticles
- Readings from the Church \_\_\_\_\_ and spiritual masters are also read at certain hours.
  - sages
  - fathers
  - bells
  - prophets



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

## PSR Corner

In the Traditional- Devotional Dedication of the Months of the Year, January is typically dedicated to The Holy Name and Childhood of Jesus. Did you know that the Divine Praises were written as a means of reparation for blasphemy and foul language? Consider praying the Divine Praises or google the "Litany to the Holy Name of Jesus"

### THE DIVINE PRAISES

Blessed be God.  
 Blessed be His Holy Name.  
 Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.  
 Blessed be the Name of Jesus.  
 Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.  
 Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.  
 Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.  
 Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.  
 Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary Most Holy.  
 Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception.  
 Blessed be her Glorious Assumption.  
 Blessed be the Name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.  
 Blessed be Saint Joseph, her Most Chaste Spouse.  
 Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints.

**Youth Ministry**

Janet Hespen, Youth Minister

314-369-6521

Youth Group Meetings in the Grand Hall from 6-8pm:  
**February 7, 14, 28**  
**March 14, 28**

**February 16/17:** Luke 18 retreat, 9am Saturday until 9:30am Sunday in the Grand Hall

**March 6:** Ash Wednesday Mass at 7pm. 8th graders and Youth Group will help with ministries. Sign up at PSR or Youth Group meetings.

**March 13:** Sacrament of Reconciliation, 6-7:30pm

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- Easter 1169
- mystery 1171
- Mary, Mother of 1172
- Saints 1173
- time 1174
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- laity 1175
- Psalms 1177
- Fathers 1177
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Catholic IQ Answers

## Mysteries, Marvels and Miracles in the Life of Christ and the Church. St. Thomas Aquinas: Feast Day: January 28<sup>th</sup>

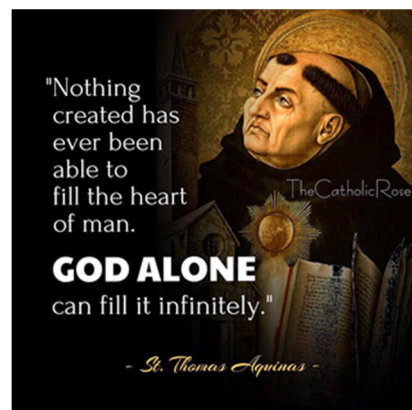


Considered the greatest theologian of all time, St. Thomas Aquinas is known for his amazing intellect and the heritage of writings he has left the church. Wedding philosophy and theology in a brilliant synthesis that impacts both heart and mind, his influence is alive and well today, 800 years since his death. Ask any articulate defender, promoter, champion of the faith today and more than likely they would say that it was, is St. Thomas Aquinas whose writings have impacted them in a particular way. One thinks of Bishop Robert Barron. In the *Catholicism* DVD series section on the Eucharist, Barron recounts the history of Aquinas being asked by the Pope at the time to write the office for the Corpus Christi liturgies following a personally witnessed Eucharistic miracle. Some time after this, Thomas is granted a vision of Christ in which the Lord speaks to him personally. Whether it was this vision or others, Thomas would look upon all his writings as straw compared to such an encounter with the living God. We're thankful that such "straw" was saved by his disciples to hand them on to us today. While one can marvel at such a force for good in the intellectual life of the Church, there is more to make one marvel. Raissa Maritain is quoted in the chapter "Miracles of St. Thomas" in a 2009 book St. Thomas Aquinas for Children and the Childlike (Sophia Press). Recounting a series of miracles associ-

ated with St. Thomas, Maritain speaks of the papal inquiry into such happenings.

Quoted from <https://www.catholiceducation.org/en/faith-and-character/faith-and-character/the-miracles-of-thomas-aquinas.html>

In ordering the inquiry upon the virtues and miracles of the great Doctor, Pope John XXII had said, "We believe that Brother Thomas is glorious in heaven, because his life was holy, and his doctrine alone is a miracle." Then, before an assembly of cardinals, casting from right to left "a look gentle as a ray of sun," he spoke in these terms: "Venerable Brethren, it would be a great glory for us and for the Church if we could inscribe this servant of God among the Saints. Because alone he has done more to enlighten the Church than all the other Doctors put together. And in a single year one may profit more from reading what he has written than by studying for a whole lifetime the other theologians." The inquiry was finished. Numerous miracles had been proven with certainty. The holiness of the life of Brother Thomas Aquinas was attested by many witnesses. The story of his life was written, and the inquiry regarding his miracles was conducted by William de Tocco, who in his youth had known Brother Thomas. Tocco, also, took the testimony of Reginald, the faithful companion of the saint. All was ready. It was for the Sovereign Pontiff to speak. Then, by a long letter, dated July 18, 1323, and addressed to the entire Church (such a letter, prescribing the cult of a new saint, is called a bull of canonization), Pope John XXII proclaimed the sainthood of Brother Thomas Aquinas.



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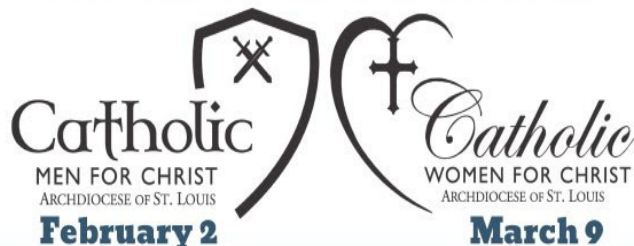
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## February 2019- Immaculate Heart of Mary

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue  | Wed  | Thu  | Fri  | Sat   |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|---|
|  |  |  |  |  | 1<br>Early Bird study<br>WH, 6:30a<br>Quilting<br>WH, 8:30a<br>Stroke Scan<br>FH, 10a-7p<br>Wine/Cheese<br>Fr.Tom's, 6:30p | 2<br>Reconciliation<br>8:45a<br>Food Pantry<br>9-10:30a<br>Stroke Scan<br>FH, 9a-3:30p<br>Jonah Team 4p<br>Contemporary gp.<br>4pm Mass |
| 3 Scout Sunday<br>Jonah Team 9:30                    | 4<br>Scouts<br>FH/Tr, 6:30p  | 5<br>Legion of Mary<br>WH, 9a<br>Fitness class<br>GH, 9a<br>Staff meeting<br>WH, 11:30a<br>Kid's Choir 7p<br>KC officers<br>FH, 7p | 6<br>Bible Study<br>WH, 8:45a<br>PSR<br>WH,FH/Tr, 6p<br>Bible Study<br>GH, 6:10p<br>Reconciliation 7p                      | 7<br>Fitness class<br>GH, 9a<br>YM, GH, 6p<br>Choir, 7p<br>RCIA, WH, 7p  | 8<br>Early Bird study<br>WH, 6:30a<br>Quilting<br>WH, 8:30a  | 9<br>Reconciliation<br>8:45a<br>Event in GH in pm   |
| 10<br>KC Breakfast<br>FH, 8-11a<br>Event, GH til 11a | 11<br>Scouts<br>FH/Tr, 6:30p<br>SVDP, 6p   | 12<br>Legion of Mary<br>WH, 9a<br>Fitness class<br>GH, 9a<br>Kid's Choir 7p  | 13<br>Bible Study<br>WH, 8:45a<br>PSR<br>WH,FH/Tr, 6p<br>Bible Study<br>GH, 6:10p<br>Reconciliation 7p                     | 14<br>Fitness class<br>GH, 9a<br>YM, GH, 6p<br>Choir, 7p<br>RCIA, WH, 7p | 15<br>Early Bird study<br>WH, 6:30a<br>Quilting<br>WH, 8:30a   | 16<br>Reconciliation<br>8:45a<br>Food Pantry<br>9-10:30a<br>Luke 18<br>GH, 9am til<br>9:30am Sunday<br>(o'night in FH)                  |
| 17<br>Contemporary gp.<br>9:30 Mass                  | 18<br>Office closed for<br>Presidents Day<br>Scouts<br>FH/Tr, 6:30p                  | 19<br>Legion of Mary<br>WH, 9a<br>Fitness class<br>GH, 9a<br>Kid's Choir 7p<br>KC, FH, 7p  | 20<br>Bible Study<br>WH, 8:45a<br>Outreach, WH, 1p<br>PSR<br>WH,FH/Tr, 6p<br>Bible Study<br>GH, 6:10p<br>Reconciliation 7p | 21<br>Fitness class<br>GH, 9a<br>Choir, 7p<br>RCIA, WH, 7p               | 22<br>Early Bird study<br>WH, 6:30a<br>Quilting<br>WH, 8:30a<br>Event in GH in pm  | 23<br>Reconciliation<br>8:45a<br>Event, GH in pm  |
| 24<br>Cub Scouts<br>Blue/Gold<br>GH,3-8p             | 25<br>Scouts<br>FH/Tr, 6:30p<br>Baptism prep,<br>WH, 7p<br>Men for Christ,<br>GH, 7p | 26<br>Legion of Mary<br>WH, 9a<br>Fitness class<br>GH, 9a<br>Kid's Choir 7p<br>Finance Cncl,<br>WH, 7p                             | 27<br>Bible Study<br>WH, 8:45a<br>PSR<br>WH,FH/Tr, 6p<br>Bible Study<br>GH, 6:10p<br>Reconciliation 7p                     | 28<br>Fitness class<br>GH, 9a<br>YM, GH, 6p<br>Choir, 7p<br>RCIA, WH, 7p |  |   |



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