

### **Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church**

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#### **Schedule of Holy Mass**

Saturday:

Sunday: Weekdays:

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

#### Weekly Devotions and Prayers

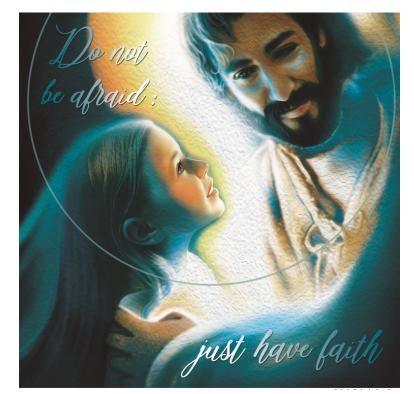
**Eucharistic Adoration:** Monday 8:30am until Friday, 11:30am **Rosary:** Following 8am Mass Monday thru Friday Perpetual Help Devotions: Tuesdays following 8am Mass **Respect Life Prayers:** Thursday following 8am Mass Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction: Friday at 11:30am First Saturday of the Month Devotions 8am Mass, Rosary, 15 minutes of meditation

#### **Sacraments**

Reconciliation	on: 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					

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### 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 1, 2018



### Who's More Generous?

Does the Christian duty to help the poor seem to be overwhelming? We hear more and more are out of work, more and more are homeless. and we see more and more pictures of starving children. Even in St. Paul's time there was more than enough poverty to go around. He was trying to build interest (in our second reading) in a project to help the Christians in Jerusalem. We see two of his reasons here.

First he tells what fine Christians they are, and hopes that they will be just as good in giving to his collection. (Reminds me of letters from the bishop, telling parishioners how good and generous they have been in the past.) But Paul isn't just flattering the Corin-

thians; he is challenging them to continue to show their love for God in their support for fellow Christians. The second reason was to show a good example: By helping the church in Jerusalem, they would show that Christians were united in faith and love for each other. He also doesn't make a competition out of who could be most generous. He expects them to be more interested in love for each other than in outdoing each other.

The main example he uses is Jesus, who made himself poor (i.e., human) so that we could be rich in grace and forgiveness. Paul challenges them, and us, to follow that example in giving from our wealth so that others can survive. Note that he doesn't expect

them to live in poverty, just to share what they have out of love for Christ. Perhaps they may need help themselves sometime, and could count on the other church to do the same for them.

Today, we can ask ourselves, "Do I give to the poor because I feel guilty about all that I have? Or do I want to show my love for Jesus when I see him in the poor? Do I give because I want the parish to look more generous than the neighboring parish, or to show that we are all united in concern for each other?" By looking at why we give to charities, we may find ourselves being even more generous than we expected.

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#### **Parish Staff**

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#### Weddings, Receptions, Events

Hall Rental Information:	Pat Gentry	636-398-5270
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Event Coordinators:	Joan Marren-Slaughter	636-398-5270
	Mary Keune	636-398-5270

#### **Religious Education**

(Please contact Shawn Mueller, Director of Religious Education for more information)

#### Parish School of Religion

(Grades 1 through 8) September through May Wednesdays from 6:00—7:30pm

Confirmation Preparation (8th Grade) September through May Wednesdays from 6:00—7:30pm

#### **Children's Liturgy of the Word** September through May

During the 9:30am Sunday Mass

#### Adult Education

Wednesdays at 8:45 and 6:10pm

### **Quick Contacts Directory**

#### Prayer and Devotion

**Eucharistic Adoration** 

#### Parish Organizations

Shawn Mueller	636-398-5270
Legion of Mary	
Maria Romine-Kantor	314-614-0857
Prayer Chain	
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Prayer Intercession/Jonah Team	
Debbie Gillespie	636-398-4971
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Liturgical Ministries	
Extraordinary Ministers	
Irene Caldwell	636-398-4311
Gift Bearers	
Peggy Dupree	636-398-5270
Lectors	
Ed Taylor	636-561-7099
Ushers	
Gary Struckhoff	636-828-6067
Altar Society	
Pam DeBold	636-482-4765
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High School Youth Leader	636-398-5270
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Mark Keune	314-220-7075
Dinner Committee	
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Gary Potter	636-228-4755
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### Consecration of America

Immaculate Mary,

most Holy Mother of God and of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we the people of the United States of America at this historic moment stand before you in a humbled condition of love, loyalty, affection, and thankfulness.

#### To your Immaculate Heart

we recommit and dedicate ourselves throughout the entire American nation.

To your Son Jesus Christ we pledge to serve His teaching,

His church, and to work for His kingdom on earth.

O Mary, to you do we flee for protection.

Surround the American family with your maternal care; enfold us in your arms. Give to this American land, built on the blood and tears of so many faithful forebears, a peaceful and praiseworthy existence in truth, love, justice, and freedom.

O Mary, we submit to you as the Patroness of our beloved country.

O Mary, Help of Christians, enfold the Holy Father and the Catholic Church

within your protective cloak; be our shield in the days ahead.

Give to the Church true holiness and freedom.

Obtain for our leaders holy zeal, the ability to face the truth, and the courage to correct all abuses. Stop the flood of atheism, greed, heresy, impurity,

lukewarmness, materialism, and selfishness that threaten o<mark>ur nation.</mark> Show to those who have strayed from the Church the way to Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mother of God,

accept our personal consecration to you and, through you, bind us forever to the Holy Trinity. Gather us all into your Immaculate Heart and unite us forever with Jesus.

O Mary, we love you.

Amen.

#### **Congratulations Deacon Tony**

Thirty-two years ago, on June 21, 1986, Tony Falbo was ordained to the Sacred Order of the Diaconate in the Archdiocese of Hartford, CT. Deacon Tony says: "Since then I've been blest to be able to be a servant of God and His Church." We are blessed that he is here with us at IHM. God bless you, Deacon Tony!



#### PSALM 34: I WILL ALWAYS THANK THE LORD



Welcome to Immaculate Heart of Mary: Informed-Hospitable-Motivated



During the month of July there will be no evening Confessions on Wednesday nights. Fr. Tom <u>will</u> be available for the Sacrament on Saturday morning after the 8:30am Mass.

### Next Week Ministry Schedule

July 7 4:00pm

- EM: Marcy Pivin, Ed Taylor, Carole Baker, Ed Etzkorn, Jackie Barclay, Vanita Joerling, Jennifer Fredrick, Donna Cuddihee
- Lec: Karen Wilson, Joe Willis
- GB: Larry & Amy Molitor
- Serv: Colten, Camden, Celina Genta
- Ush: Chris Cuddihee, Bill Pollihan, Tim Wilson, Larry Graves

July 8

7:30am

- EM: Maureen Blondin, Dianne Dickherber, Jean Reel, Emily Cooksey, Julia Kettler, Bob Leeker
- Lec: Karen Wappelhorst, Kris Jenkins
- GB: Frank & Jan Kardasz
- Serv: Alex McCarthy, Maybelle Hahn
- Ush: Mike Hardesty, Mike Stassi, Larry Koch, Gary Potter

#### 9:30am

- EM: Sharon Watts-Smith, Walt Hollenstein, Lisa Murphy, Walter & Nancy Hollenstein, Patrice Riley, Terry & Marcia Schneider
- Lec: Grant Smith, Bill Winters
- GB: Bob & Cheryl Gray
- Serv: Brianna, Morgan, Jordan Dale
- Ush: Stan Kostecki, Dave DeBold, Brian Corrigan, George Stark, Joe Weber, Curt Eccardt

### **HMformation** Station

July 7 4:00pm:	Joe & Debbie Willis
July 8, 7:30am:	Maureen Blondin
July 8, 9:30am:	Ralph & Janice Britton

### This Week at Home

Sunday, July 1 Jonah Team will pray with you after 9:30am Mass Monday, July 2 SVDP. 6pm Scouts, Founders Hall/Trailer, 6:30pm Tuesday, July 3 Legion of Mary, 9am Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am KC Officers, Founders Hall, 7pm Wednesday, July 4-8am Mass in the Chapel Office closed No reconciliation tonight Thursday, July 5 Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am Friday, July 6 Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30—noon MOPS, Founders Hall, 7:50-9:30am Saturday, July 7 Reconciliation, 8:30am SVDP Pantry open 9-10:30am Sunday, July 8 KC Breakfast, Founders Hall, 8-11am



Join the Holy Father's prayer intentions for July: Priests and their Pastoral Ministry That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.

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[A woman with a 12-year-long ailment came up behind Jesus and said] to herself, "If I just touch his clothes, I will get well." She touched his cloak, and... was healed. MARK 5:28-29

Sandra Hook, a Canadian teacher, was doing volunteer summer work for Mother Teresa in the slums of India. One day she was asked to bathe a woman covered with sores. She shuddered at the thought. Then she recalled what Mother Teresa had said: "When you touch the poor, touch them as though you are touching the loving Jesus." At that moment Sandra saw the woman through the eyes of faith and had no difficulty bathing her. It was this kind of childlike faith, also, that healed the woman in today's gospel.

What is a childlike faith? How is it acquired and deepened? What keeps me from being more childlike in my faith? Faith is the eye that sees Him, the hand that clings to Him, the receiving power that appropriates Him.

-Frederick James Woodbridge

Mark Link S.J. Mission



#### 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 1, 2018

### Mass Intentions

Monday, July 2	
8:00am	All Souls
Tuesday, July 3	
8:00am	Scott Martin +
	Wilbert & Catherine Orf +
Wednesday, July 4	
8:00am	Jewel Kostecki +
Thursday, July 5	
8:00am	Shirley McDonald +
Friday, July 6	
8:00am	Holy Vocations
	Jerome Horne +
Saturday, July 7	
8:00am	Catherine Bamert +
4:00pm	Jack & Pearl Hackett +
Sunday, July 8	
7:30am	Jerome Kluge Sr. +
	Mimi Ferguson +
9:30am	People of the Parish
	intention of the Aulbach family

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

Ed Haas, Bill Tate, Mark Klemme, Mary Jean Hartenbach, Jolene Molitor, Roger Brink. Ed Langford Bob Fritz (Michelle Greiwe's dad)

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

### Contributions: June 23/24

General Offertory:	\$6,170.90
Online – General Offertory:	\$2,535.84
Total Offertory:	\$8,706.74

"...as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their want, so that their abundance may supply your want, that there may be equality." 1 CORINTHIANS 8:14

We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of those around us. It is important that we not only grow, nurture and share our gifts, but that we also teach our children and encourage others to do the same. This is the communal aspect of our Catholic faith. We are the "Body of Christ." We are called to be dependent on each other and not live in isolation.

> We pray ... that we generously share our gifts and teach our children and encourage others to do the same.

### Heavenly Puster Purificators

Dot Keune

Jane Szostek

### Needed at the Pantry:

vegetarian vegetable soup, chicken noodle, cream soups; corn and green beans; cold cereal; peanut butter; canned fruit; pineapple, mandarin oranges, peaches, fruit cocktail, apple sauce; tuna helper, hamburger helper; canned chicken; ketchup; sugar; vegetable oil; bbq sauce; Bisquick; jello; and all purpose cleaning supplies.

In today's Gospel we see how in faith, Jairus asked Jesus to heal his daughter and how Jesus then answered his prayer. In prayer we also come to know that we are loved by God, and in that trust we ask for healing for ourselves, our loved ones and all those who are suffering.

Through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and healing of Jesus to our suffering neighbors.

Please return the registrations that were emailed to you recently (if you had a son or daughter registered last year in grades 1-7). If you are a family or have a new student, please have had a son or daughter registered last year in grades 1-7). If you are a new family or have a new student, please be sure to contact the parish office and we will send you a registration for the 2018-2019 school year.

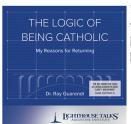
**Now Enrolling** 

Questions: Please call Shawn in the parish office: 636-398-5270

### St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

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

#### From the Lighthouse Catholic CD Rack: Narthex



Dr. Ray Guarendi shares his story of how logic led him home to the Catholic Church. He found out that, contrary to his Protestant misunderstandings, the Church is coherent and never contradicts herself. Dr. Ray explains how the answers to his objections to Catholicism were both Biblical and believed by the earliest Christians. Explore the logic that led him to the fullness of truth.

This may be the most convincing talk I've ever heard about the truths of the Catholic Faith! Emmi - Arcata, CA

As a Catholic revert from Evangelical Protestantism, this talk really resonated with me. With humor, clarity, and the precision of a scientist, Ray exposes the logical inconsistencies of the non-Catholic approach to Christianity. Nancy - Union City, TN



Fr. Mike Schmitz is one of the leading speakers to young people in the Church today. In this presentation, he explains how Christians truly become sons and daughters of God the Father for all eternity through the sacrament of Baptism.

Following the presentation, Lighthouse Catholic Youth has provided a bonus segment from Fr. Mike that explains the topics of "Infant Baptism" and "No Salvation Outside the Church".

LICHTHOUSE TALKS

This is a talk for the New Evangelization. Father Mike packs it full of new expressions that open up everything, and powerfully draws us into the great mysteries of our faith. Wow!

Seth - Laconia, NH

Every new mom and dad needs to hear this talk. You will never think of Baptism in the same way again! Theresa - Ridge, NY

### What's your Catholic Catechism IQ?

#### MARY AND THE SPIRIT

- 1. Mary, the all-holy ever-virgin mother of God, is the of the mission of the Son and the Spirit.
  - b. Focus a. Culmination
  - c. Masterwork d. Icon
- 2. Because His Spirit had prepared her, the Father found the where His Son and His Spirit could dwell among men.
  - a. Chosen One b. Favored One
  - Dwelling Place d. Key c.
- 3. It was fitting that the mother of Him in Whom "the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily" should herself be "full of \_\_\_\_.'
  - a. Grace b. Lie
  - c. House d. Jesus
- 4. Mary is the burning \_\_\_\_\_ of the definitive theophany.
  - a. Fire b. Bush
  - c. Love d. Ring
- 5. At the end of this mission of the Spirit, Mary became the women, the new ("Mother of the living"), the Mother of the "Whole Christ."
  - b. Creature a. Paradise
  - c. Garden d. Eve

#### JESUS AND THE SPIRIT

- 6. Christ's whole work is in fact a joint of the Son and the Holy Spirit.
  - a. Repair b. Work
  - c. Mission d. Conjunction
- 7. Jesus does not reveal the Holy Spirit fully, until He Himself has been glorified through His death and
  - a. Life
    - b. Resurrection
  - c. Ascension d. Coming back
- 8. Only when the hour has arrived for His glorification does Jesus promise the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit.
  - a. Flying b. Swooning
  - c. Cooing d. Coming
- 9. The Spirit of truth, the other Paraclete, will be given by the in answer to Jesus' prayer.
  - a. Father b. Mother
  - c. Son d. Cloud
- 10. "Raised from the dead by the glory of the Father," Jesus immediately gives the Holy Spirit by \_\_\_\_\_ on His disciples.
  - a. Laying hands b. Blowing
  - c. Pushing d. Breathing

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# Dynamic Catholic Alive!

There is undoubtedly a culture of death around us in the realm of sexuality and interactions with our fellow human beings. Abortion claims more than 50 million lives each year. Human trafficking and pornography are extraordinarily lucrative industries. Acts of violence and terrorism are constantly seen in the news wherever we look. The good news is that God is a God of life who is able to help us see these problems as radically opposed to His eternal designs. God desires families to flourish and parents to have many children when it is prudent. God calls spouses to be open to life and to cherish the dignity of all human life. God is able to heal those who have been broken by the culture of death and remind them of their beauty and splendor as creatures made in His image and likeness. From an evangelization perspective, seize opportunities to talk about God's healing powers and the gift of life. With patience and charity, let us remind others that God desires His creatures to live in love and to preserve life at all times. archstl.org/dynamic



Janet Hespen, Youth Minister 314-369-6521

Hi IHM teenagers.

Please save these summer dates for fun, July 12: Slam dunk night July 20-22: Steubenville Retreat in Springfield, MO July 26: Syran wrap night Hope to see you soon! Call me any time.

NAR-ANON SUPPORT GROUP: Weekly meetings on Saturdays, 10:00 am in the Trailer at IHM.

10. "Breathing" 730

- 9. Father 729
- 8. Coming 729
- 6. Mission 727 7. Resurrection 728
  - Masterwork 721 6
  - Catholic IQ Answers



Congratulations to Pat Gentry who received the Heart of the Parish Award at our Parish Appreciation Dinner on June 9. Thanks, Pat, for all you do!

### Welcome to our Newest Parishioners

Russ Hoock Jeff & Cindy Deters Kyle & Courtney Lambert, Cole & Karsyn Dan & Kim Smith Kevin Indelicato Donald Shimer Elizabeth Cyr Rebecca Schaub & Etta Gregory & Deborah Hake Doug & Elisha Busby, Jacob & Grace Amy Judd Mark & Mary Ann Hatfield Scott & Barb Wilcox and Allison

#### Are you interested in receiving CPR training?



If so, please call the parish office at 398-5270 as we will soon set up a training date if we have sufficient interest. Maximum class size is 12 persons, which takes place at the Fire Station, typically a 2hour session in the evening.

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### Invite Our Lady to Your Home

Having celebrated 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima's appearances, this is a reminder to everyone in the parish that we have a small statue of Our Lady of Fatima that can visit your house for a week. Nancy Hollenstein is the keeper of the statue. To request a visit, contact Nancy: 636-699-6920 or nhollenstein22@gmail.com

### Readings for the Week

Mon:	Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Ps 50:16bc-23; Mt 8:18-22
Tue:	Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 10:24-29
Wed:	Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Ps 50:7-13, 16bc-17;
	Mt 8:28-34
Thu:	Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8
Fri:	Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131;
	Mt 9:9-13
Sat:	Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17
Sun:	Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a

### Mysteries, Marvels and Miracles in the Life of the Church: St. Thomas the Apostle (Feast: July 3)



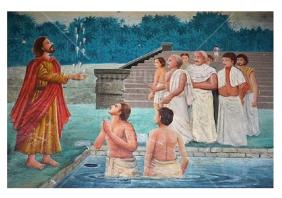
When people think of St. Thomas the Apostle, probably one of the first things that comes to mind is the phrase "doubting Thomas" along with a possible image of something like the artwork piece to the left, where he has to be shown proof by the Lord. In an age of doubt, skepticism and the desire for evidence to back up claims of faith, maybe one should look again to Thomas. Not just in the scene in which he is shown proof by probing the Lord's wounds, but by the evidence that still exists today because of his influence. St. Thomas the Apostle traveled to India to bring the Gospel. There is a solid historical tradition of his founding the Church there. One of the accounts of a sign and wonder worked by the Lord through St. Thomas is the following.

There is a beautiful story vividly recounted among the local Christians and invoked in many books about the foundation of the Palayoor church in India, not far from Cranganore where Saint Thomas is believed to have landed, and close to the famous center of Krishna worship. According to this tradition, the Apostle arrived there and found several Brahmins bathing in a tank and throwing up handfuls of water as an offering to their sun-god. He asked them whether they were able to throw the water up so that it could stay suspended in the air without falling back down, as a proof that their god had accepted it. The Brahmins replied this was impossible; the Apostle



St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Church, Palayoor

performed a miracle and the water remained in the air, proving that Christ had accepted the offering. This convinced the Brahmins, who accept-



ed baptism from the Apostle in the same tank. Their temple was transformed into a Christian church, while those who stuck to their Hindu faith fled from the place. Later the Apostle went to the eastern coast, where he also converted people, and finally died on the Little Mount in Mylapore. Saint Thomas died a martyr's death. His tomb is venerated in Mylapore up to the present day, and pilgrimage to the tomb has always been an important element in the religious life of the St. Thomas Christian community.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The 18th Annual Tee Off For the Kids Golf tournament will be held September 15, 2018 at the Missouri Bluffs Golf Club, 18 Research Park Circle, St. Charles, MO. Proceeds benefit SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital. \$165 individual golfers, \$660 per foursome. Includes lunch, golf, beverages, dinner, silent and live auctions. To register call Bob Maryas 636-458-8481 or email bmaryas@charter.net.

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"We can renounce everything, but not our faith. Pray for us, and we will pray for you!"

This is the message we receive every day from the Christians of Iraq, Syria, and other Middle Eastern countries, who have been persecuted in recent years for committing one crime: that of being Christians.

To awaken the world from its indifference, **Pope Francis has convoked an ecumenical prayer meeting on July 7** with the participation of the patriarchs and leaders of the Churches and Christian communities of the Middle East. The gathering will take place at St. Nicholas Basilica in Bari, an Adriatic port city, which is a popular pilgrimage destination for both Catholics and Orthodox Christians.

Pope Francis has called for this "ecumenical encounter for peace" in view of the "dramatic situation" facing many Christians in the Middle East.

The pope has frequently decried violence targeting Christians in parts of the Middle East, many of whom have fled their homelands to seek safety.

The Vatican said Francis is calling for prayers to help prepare for the daylong event. Join us:

O God of all the nations, the One God who is and was and always will be, in Your providence You willed that Your Church be united to the suffering of Your Son.

Look with mercy on your servants who are persecuted for their faith in You. Grant them perseverance and courage to be worthy imitators of Christ.

Bring your wisdom upon leaders of nations to work for peace among all peoples. May Your Spirit open conversion for those who contradict your will, that we may live in harmony.

Give us the grace to be united in truth and freedom, and to always seek your will in our lives. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. **Monetary Support Needed** 

Mary Queen of Angels, a pro-life organization located in O'Fallon that helps mothers and their babies in our community, is in need of financial assistance. If you would like to make a donation, the check should be made payable to "Mary Queen of Angels" and mailed to 827 W. Terra Ln., O'Fallon, MO 63366. Any amount would be appreciated. We are a 501(c)3 organization and will mail a receipt to all donors. We are also a recipient of the Missouri Pregnancy Resource Center Tax Credit. If you would like to receive the tax credit please note that with your donation. Tax credits may take up to 60 days to receive. They can be used up to five years after issued. It is a great way to give and receive something in return. For a donation you receive half of what you donate back as a Missouri tax credit to be used to pay if you owe on your state tax. A minimum donation of \$100 is required. If you would like more information on the tax credit feel free to call Sue Cooke at 636-634-7243. Thank you in advance. God bless!

### Evil Deception or Genocide?

Recently Iceland announced that it had basically eliminated Down syndrome. While this sounded like a medical



miracle, the truth came out that they accomplished this by encouraging pregnant women to undergo prenatal testing to determine if their unborn baby had Down syndrome. Over 85% of pregnant women opt for prenatal testing and nearly 100% of women who receive a positive test for Down syndrome choose to terminate their pregnancy. This is also happening in Denmark. Of course, this is not eliminating Down syndrome, it is eliminating human life with Down syndrome. It is a form of genocide, i.e. the deliberate killing of a specific category of people.

Unfortunately, Ireland seems to be on the same path as Iceland and Denmark. Now that Ireland has repealed its constitutional amendment prohibiting abortion, Irish lawmakers are considering legislation that could allow deadly discrimination of unborn babies with disabilities, like Down syndrome.

Please pray for the worldwide elimination of abortion.

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Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.

### Something of Interest for High School Students

Registration is now open for the **14th Annual Allsup Entrepreneurship Academy** which will be held July 23-27 at Saint Louis University. The academy is open to all high school students. This camp provides the opportunity for students to develop their own business idea, meet and receive guidance from local entrepreneurs, and get a taste for the entrepreneurship scene in St. Louis. The 2018 teen keynote is nationally-recognized entrepreneur, Joshua Williams, founder of Joshua's Heart Foundation. For more information, please visit www.slu.edu/entrepreneurship or call 314-977-3850 or email laura.gardner@slu.edu. Generous scholarships are available.

### Opportunity for Graduating College Students

Do you happen to know of any graduating college seniors that are looking for a gap year where they can deepen their faith, connect with other young adults of faith and volunteer a year of service?

Beginning this August, we offer a 10 month long internship program at the Catholic Student Center at Washington University dedicated to serving students in faith formation and to creating a community of hospitality to students of all faiths. As an intern, a young adult would have a myriad of opportunities for leadership, ministry, service and community building. Interns live in community in their own intern house, have free room and board and receive a monthly stipend.

Much more information about the internship can be found on our website at www.washucsc.org. "Get Involved," Intern -in-service.

If you know of any college graduates who might be a good fit for this kind of ministry, or if YOU are a college graduate who might be interested, please contact Troy Woytek for further information at woytek@washucsc.org or call 314-935-9191, ext. 222.

### And for the younger crowd:



Summer Snack

You will need:

- 1 4 oz. package instant pudding mix
- 2 1/2 cups milk
- 10 wooden craft sticks
- 10 3 oz. paper cups

small colored candies (or crunched M&M's will work)

- 1. Sprinkle some candies on the bottom of each cup.
- 2. Combine the pudding mix and the milk in a small mixing bowl with a wire whisk.
- 3. Spoon pudding into each cup and cover with aluminum foil.
- 4. Use a knife to make a small hole in the middle of the foil and slide a wooden stick into the hole.
- 5. Place the cups in the freezer for 4-6 hours. Remove from freezer, tear foil and paper cup off the pudding pops and enjoy!

## GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

A synagogue official fell to his knees begging Jesus to lay His hands on his daughter so she may get well and live.

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