



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

Mailing Address: P. O. Box 100 * New Melle, MO 63365

Website: www.ihm-newmelle.org

Office Phone: 636-398-5270

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

Schedule of Holy Mass

Saturday: 8:00am, 4:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
 Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am
 Weekdays: 8:00am, in church

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

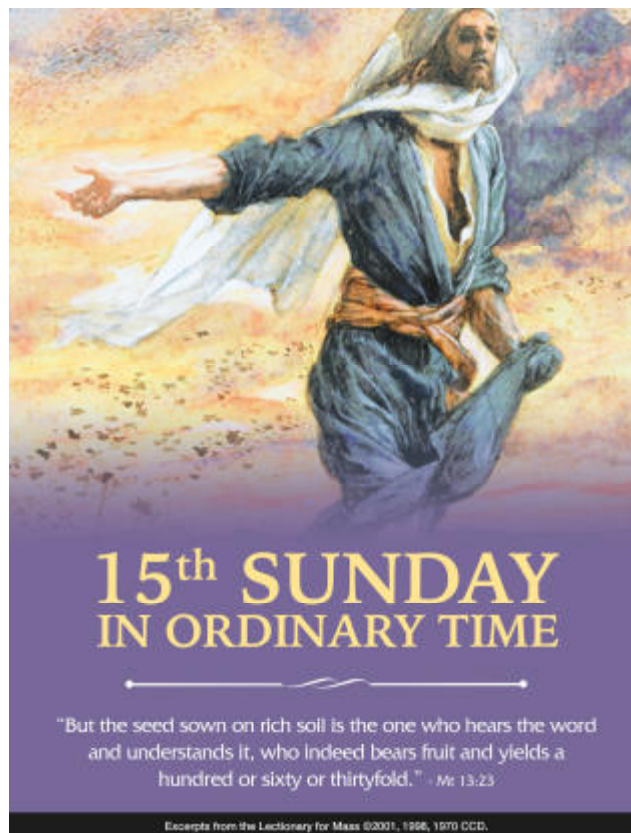
Reconciliation: Wednesday in church, 7pm
 Saturday following 8am Mass

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

July 12, 2020



Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Using the best seeds doesn't always guarantee the best plants. An older Italian gentleman straight from Italy gave me these amazing tomato seeds that he claimed produced the best tomatoes ever grown. Without doubt, the fruit he shared with me was a testament to that fact. These tomatoes were amazing! I couldn't wait until the next growing season to plant these seeds and harvest my own tomatoes. The whole experiment ended up a failure. I did everything the gentleman said, but my fruit didn't even come close. What happened? At first I was perplexed, then some years later the light dawned. The problem wasn't the seeds, it was the soil!

You cannot sow seeds in any old place and in a haphazard way and expect them to be at their best. It doesn't work that way. Planting the seeds is the easiest part. Pre-

paring the soil is the challenge. Tilling, mulching, enriching, and building up the nutrients are all required for good fruit. Then after the seeds are planted, more care is required in order to maintain that healthy, nutrient rich environment for those seeds to sprout, grow, and flourish. God happily sows the seeds of his Word. What do we do with them?

If we expect to be a passive bystander and have good fruit magically grow, we are mistaken. Bearing the good fruit of God's Word requires preparation and work. We have to cultivate the soil of our lives so that those seeds can find a proper home. This one thing alone takes a great deal of patience, time, and effort. What kind of preparation have we put into our lives so that we can be a recipient of God's seed? It takes a great deal of soul-searching and

ego-checking to properly prepare. God is the ever faithful and persistent sower. If the seeds do not bear fruit the first time, God will come back time and time again, giving it another try.

If we have created a suitable bed for sowing, then once the seed is sown, we must properly maintain them. What is our maintenance plan for the seeds of God's Word? We need not only a source for water but a watering schedule. We need to weed, aerate the soil, nurture the young plants, protect them, and provide proper nutrients. What does our spiritual maintenance plan look like? If we have done all things well, imagine what the seeds of God's Word could produce in us!

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

Parish Staff

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Religious Education

Shawn Mueller, Director

636-398-5270, *smueller@ihm-newmelle.org*

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

Pat Gentry, Hall Rental 636-398-5270
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Prayer and Devotion

Eucharistic Adoration
Shawn Mueller 636-398-5270
Legion of Mary
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Prayer Chain
Brenda Hutchcraft 636-248-8493
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Julia Kettler 314-616-0096

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Contemporary Music Group
Debbie Gillespie 636-398-4971
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Steve Farber 636-751-3567

Parish Organizations

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Cemetery Committee
Mark Keune 314-220-7075
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Scouting
Chuck Hinkle 636-544-6639
Cub Scouts: Adam McCarthy 636-634-7622
Boy Scouts: Chad Peters 314-807-7177
St. Vincent de Paul
Joe Willis 636-398-2106
Welcoming Committee
Teresa Berfanger 636-398-5565

Youth and Young Adults

High School Youth Leader
Janet Hespen 314-369-6521
Young Adults
Julie Lassiter 636-357-0121

Free Week-long Summer Camp Online and At Home

This summer many parishes around the world will be cancelling their summer camps on account of the COVID-19 outbreak. However, that doesn't mean children can't have a similar faith experience at home.

The Catholic company Holy Heroes is offering a free weeklong Summer Faith Adventure that can assist parents in conducting their own VBS at home.

They explain what is included in this free program on their website:

Looking for a 100% Catholic Vacation Bible School that you can run in your own back yard?

...that's FREE?

...and easy so your older kids can run it for your younger ones?

Well, here it is: *Holy Heroes Summer Faith Adventure -- The New Kingdom of David!*

Learn the Catholic Faith this summer -- and have a blast!

Here's what your children learn in *Holy Heroes Summer Faith Adventure*:

- The Old Testament Kingdom of David -- how it helps us understand the "New Kingdom of David" which Jesus rules over today!
- The Sacraments -- "then" (when they were instituted by Jesus) and "now" (when we celebrate them in the Church)!

- The roles Jesus gives to different people in His Kingdom -- His Blessed Mother, the saints in Heaven, the Pope, bishops and priests, me and you!
- How we got the Bible -- who wrote it, who preserved it, and how we use it in the Church!
- How to pray the rosary -- and meditate on the Scripture associated with each mystery!
- Great daily prayers -- for children of all ages to pray in the home!
- Daily online quizzes -- to see what you've learned at 3 levels of difficulty:
 - ◇ bronze-level for the youngest ones,
 - ◇ silver-level for the fast-learners, and
 - ◇ gold-level to challenge even the oldest.

And lots, lots more -- joyful catechesis for children of all ages!

Included in the program are videos, games, activities, coloring pages, and fun recipes.

You can access Summer Faith Adventure at any time: holymen.com, then scroll to the bottom of the page and click Summer Faith Adventure. Use one link each day for a week. Or you can spread out the activities for the whole summer. It's up to you to use it in whatever way works best with your family's schedule.

There are three weeks to choose from: June 15-19 June 22-26 July 20-25

Many families have already benefited from the resources that Holy Heroes delivers, and this at-home summer camp should help fill a need, especially in the current situation.

If you are looking for something to occupy your children's time this summer that is fun and Catholic, try the Summer Faith Adventure!

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A

[Jesus said to his disciples,] "How fortunate you are!... Many of God's people wanted very much to see what you see, but they could not, and to hear what you hear, but they did not."

MATTHEW 13:16-17

After fire destroyed his mansion, former basketball star Kareem Abdul Jabbar told reporters: "My whole perspective changed. . I think it's important now for me to spend time with my son Amir and appreciate other things besides basketball." Kareem was fortunate. He heard what many people have never heard: God's voice speaking to him through events. He saw what many have never seen: that life contains more important things than fame or money. Can I recall a time when God seemed to speak to me? What did God seem to say?

God often visits us, but most of the time we are not at home. Joseph Roux

From Mark Link S.J. *Vision 2000*

Ministry Schedule

July 11—4pm

EM: Deacon Tony Falbo, Sharon Hagan, Wally & Jan Karase
Lec: Karen Wilson, Mike Greene
Serv: Izzy Scheer
Music: Elizabeth & Bryan
Ush: Tim Wilson, Chris Cuddihee, Andy Pope,
Mike Rieker, Bill & Bernadine Pollihan

July 12—7:30am

EM: Deacon Chris Ast, Maureen Blondin,
Don & Susan Hladky
Lec: Dave London, Mary Hardesty
Serv: Sydney Jaeckle
Music: Elizabeth & Verdi
Ush: Brenda Hutchcraft, Tom Meczowski, Ron Jacob,
Bob & Teresa Berfanger, Gary Potter

July 12—9:30am

EM: Deacon Chris Ast, Pat Gentry,
Michelle Greiwe, Chris Richter
Lec: Joe Willis, Nancy Ast
Serv: Janie Becker
Music: Elizabeth & Bryan
Ush: Larry Smith, Jerry & Janet Hespen,
Chris Molitor, Alan Raymond, Joe Weber

July 12—11:30am

EM: Mary Busby-Simpson, **volunteer please**
Lec: Marcy Pivin, Chuck Hinkle
Serv: Thomas Kokker
Music: Contemporary Group
Ush: Ron Simpson, Tim Maher, **2 volunteers please**

Your Photos Wanted Please! *(and thank you!)*

Looking ahead to our new photo directory, we have had some interesting events happen during the year. We are asking any of our parishioners who may have photo-captured some of these events to consider sharing them with the parish office. Please send them to Peggy in the office with a short description. A few of the subjects that we would like to highlight in this year's directory are:

- Mass watching t-shirts
- Good Shepherd Sunday parade for Fr. Tom (47 cars!)
- Corpus Christi consecration of parish boundaries
- a full page devoted to relatives in the military
- other parish events, i.e. Fall Sausage Dinner, KC Car show, Christmas parties, etc.

We have a great story to tell—help us tell it!

Ministry Schedule

*Please note: We have changed
the number of ushers per Mass to 4*

July 18—4pm

EM: Deacon Chris Ast, Bob Brossette,
Ed Etzkorn, Becky Wilson
Lec: Yvonne Brossette, Larry Graves
Serv: Aiden Panus
Music: Verdi & Amelia
Ush: Tim Wilson, Wally & Jan Karase, Chris Cuddihee

July 19—7:30

EM: Maureen Blondin, Betty Tuepker,
Dianne Dickherber, Jan Kardasz
Lec: Chuck Kettler, Kris Jenkins
Serv: Mary Becker
Music: Verdi & Brooke
Ush: Chris Molitor, Frank Kardasz,
Larry Smith, Tom Meczowski

July 19—9:30

EM: Chris Richter, Laura Orf, Sharon Smith, Janet Hespen
Lec: Patrice Riley, Grant Smith
Serv: William Lassiter
Music: Bryan & Amelia
Ush: Brenda Hutchcraft, Gary Struckhoff,
Alan Raymond, Jerry Hespen

July 19—11:30am

EM: Marcy Pivin, Mary Busby-Simpson
Lec: Chris & Kat Menne
Serv: Thomas Kokker
Music: Contemporary Group
Ush: John Hofman, Tim Maher, Chuck Hinkle, Ron Simpson

Heavenly Duster Schedule

Week of July 12: Elizabeth Jaeckle
Week of July 19: Judy Cova
Week of July 26: Flo Joerling

Purificators

Month of July: Carol Ostermeyer

✠ *Rest in Peace* ✠

We offer our prayerful sympathy on the passing of
Marjorie Sudbrock
mom of Leonard & Elaine Sudbrock, Wanda & Bill Schellert
Roger & Dianne Sudbrock
Matthew Bourneuf
nephew of Carole & Tom Baker
Gordon Colbert
husband of Becky, son of Gordon & Beverly Colbert

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 13	
8:00am	Rose Reuther (1st ann.) + Teresa Hams (2nd ann.) +
Tuesday, July 14	
8:00am	Joseph Michael Orf (1st ann.) + Steve Kettler +
Wednesday, July 15	
8:00am	All Souls Joseph Windisch +
Thursday, July 16	
8:00am	Dalton Curran + Cy, Al & John Bamert +
Friday, July 17	
8:00am	Bob Cova + Agnes Benne +
Saturday, July 18	
8:00am	Ed & Rose Reuther + Chuck Nour +
4:00pm	Frank Modder + Bud & Mark Kellems +
Sunday, July 19	
7:30am	Jean Reel + Herbert O. Fine +
9:30am	Ed Haas +
11:30am	People of the Parish intention of Roger & Vickie Brink

Prayer Shawls

If you or someone you know needs to be wrapped in prayer, please pick a prayer shawl! We have a good supply in church.

Contributions, July 4/5

General Offertory:	\$8,198.00
Online – General Offertory:	<u>\$8,046.12</u>
TOTAL	\$16,244.12

Contributions, June 27/28

General Offertory:	\$23,385.00
Online – General Offertory:	<u>\$5,014.30</u>
TOTAL	\$28,399.30

“For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”
(Matthew 11:30)

When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent, and treasure. However, we must remember that we are not “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given us. All He is asking is that we give back a small portion, in gratitude, of what He has already given to us.

Let us pray . . . that in gratitude for all that God has given us, we joyfully return a portion of His gifts

Needed at the Pantry

sugar, jelly, fruit juices, chicken broth, dish soap, laundry detergent, shaving lotion, razors, hair conditioner, body wash, saltines, cake mixes, icing, brownie mixes, paper products, syrup, bisquick, jiffy mix, jello and pudding



In the Gospel today we hear Jesus say: “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings peace to those who are overwhelmed with life’s burdens.

Authentic Catholic Radio: AM 1460

New Cemetery Section now open.

Just in the first month we have sold 29 lots and 3 more niches! We still have many, many lots available at the reduced price (thru August) of \$750. Prices go up September 1 to \$1,000. The current price for a single niche (one urn) is \$1,500, a double niche (two urns) is \$1,750. In checking around, you will find other cemeteries are charging much more, some even more than double. If you are interested, please call the office and we’ll be happy to answer any questions you might have. Payment plans available through Online Giving.



Please pray for all the sick and suffering:

Mark Hanna, Phyllis Zerr, Vickie Brink, Sandy Knott, Mike & Pat Ryan, Carol Rabbitt, Fran Bussen, Karla Sitzes, Vicky Monroe, Nancy Hollenstein, Walt Reel, Jean Bamert, Amy Robbins, Kathy Feldewerth, Loretta Bruns, Betty Heppermann, Don Schmidt, Frank Marquart, Cindy White, Janie Roth, Jo Hailey, Betty Boyd

David & Lisa Debold (Dave & Pam DeBold's children), Dave Asinger (brother-in-law of Larry & Rita Bendel),

Fred Brown (son-in-law of Bill & Bernie Pollihan), Leon Burkemper (son of Carol Rabbitt),

Loretta Nolan (sister of Kathy Lalonde), Doris Eisenbath (mother of Judy Molitor),

Janet Piel (sister of Joni Marren-Slaughter), Loren & Evelyn Brandon (parents of Marty & Peggy Dupree),

Audrey Molitor (sister of Flo Joerling), Pat Finan (daughter of Fran Bussen),

Steve Wengerski (family friend of Mandy Daub), Jim Raymond (brother of Alan & Marsha Raymond), Sophia Hartsfield (granddaughter of Ed & Marcia Etzkorn), Keith Langford (son of Rita & brother of Valerie Langford)

Rich and Dan Winters (brothers of Bill and Suzanne Winters), Red Brockmeyer (cousin of Kay & Ray Cherry)

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

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)

1. Man stands in need of salvation from God. Divine help comes to him in Christ through the ____ that guides him and the ____ that sustains him.
a. law, grace b. love, joy
c. peace, justice d. faith, works
2. The Biblical meaning of the moral law can be defined as fatherly ____.
a. punishment b. fear
c. provoking d. instruction
3. The moral law prescribes for man the rules of conduct that lead to the promised beatitude; it proscribes the ways of ____ which turn him away from God and His love.
a. love b. charity
c. evil d. faith
4. All law finds its first and ultimate truth in the ____ law and is established by reason as a participation in the providence of the living God.
a. civil b. eternal
c. natural d. ecclesial
5. The moral law includes eternal law, natural law; revealed law, comprising the Old law the New law, or law of the Gospel; finally civil and ____ laws.
a. mature b. state
c. home d. ecclesiastical
6. The natural law is written and engraved in the ____ of each and every man, because it is human reason ordaining him to do good and forbidding him to sin.
a. soul b. feet
c. palms d. body
7. Natural law's principal precepts are expressed in the ____.
a. state law b. church law
c. county law d. Decalogue
8. Aquinas wrote that the natural law is nothing other than the light of ____ placed in us by God; through it we know what we must do and what we must avoid.
a. fear b. darkness
c. understanding d. inspiration
9. In the diversity of cultures, the natural law remains as a rule that binds men among themselves and imposes on them common ____.
a. commands b. principles
c. fears d. irritations
10. Precepts of natural law are not perceived by everyone clearly, which is why sinful man needs grace and ____ to know religious truths with firm certainty.
a. wake up calls b. inspirations
c. revelation d. mercy

Answer key: 1. a (1949) 2. d (1950) 3. c (1950) 4. b (1951) 5. d (1952) 6. a (1954) 7. d (1955) 8. c (1955) 9. b (1957) 10. c (1960)



Pope's Intentions for July: Our Families

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.



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

Vallen Steven Wengerski
son of Jake and Taylor (Daub) Wengerski



Janet Hespen, Youth Minister,
314-369-6521

All teens: join us for IHM Youth Group

Zoom meetings every Thursday evening at 6:30pm. It lasts 1 hour and is lots of fun. Yes, we play lots of games.

Download Zoom app on your phone or get your computer and use this information for Thursday night meetings:
meeting ID is 636-268-5487, pw 099612

IHM Youth Group Fundraiser T-Shirts

“I Took a DNA test and GOD is my Father”

Please support the teens of our parish as they are the future of our parish.
As always we appreciate your support!!

Only \$17

XXL \$19

Name _____

Phone # _____

Size(s) & Quantity _____

Total: _____ @ \$17

_____ @ \$19

Total enclosed \$ _____

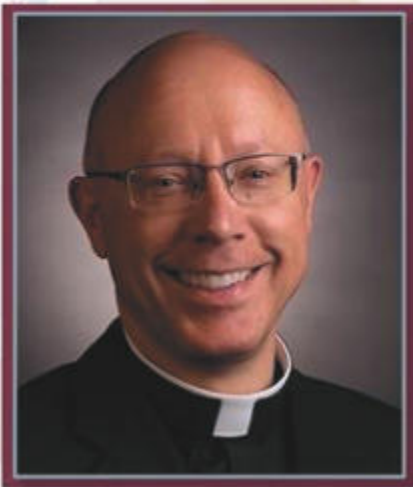
Youth Sizes	Adult Sizes
YS 6	XS 3-1
YM 10	AM 38
YL 14	AL 42
	AXL 46
	XXXL 50



In doubt, order next size up

CATHOLIC FUNERAL PLANNING

with Msgr. Henry Breier



LIVE WEBINAR
WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2020
AT 7:00 PM



presented by

Roman Catholic Foundation
of
EASTERN MISSOURI

On Wednesday, July 15, the Roman Catholic Foundation will host a free webinar on Catholic Funeral Planning. Monsignor Henry Breier, Rector of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis will discuss important issues related to the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, viaticum, the funeral Mass, the Rite of Committal and the disposition of the body, including the Church's teaching on cremation. The live webinar will begin at 7pm. You can register online at <https://rcfstl.org/evening-info/catholic-funeral-planning-webinar/> or by calling 314-918-2892.

PSR Corner

Registration for Fall of 2020

The Holy Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation have been received. Summer break is now open us. There was a question about the Fall of 2020 and Registration. Typically we send out notes regarding registration sometime in July. Keep an eye out in the bulletin or for an email. Our start date is the first Wednesday after Labor day in September. This year that will be on September 9th. Please consider having your son or daughter stay plugged in to some resource of intellectual-faith formation. In these days of massive confusion, skepticism, sifting through ideas of so-called 'smart' people who share completely different views, it can be hard to discern what is the truth or what is right or wrong. The end result is often indifference or relativism. One tool of light is the free gift subscription to FORMED at www.ihm-newmelle.formed.org. Consider taking another look at their expanding base of great Catholic, faithful, intellectual talks and programs.

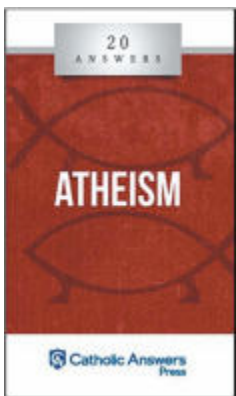


Marian Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 12, 6:30pm, Grand Hall
(bring face masks and observe social distance)

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 Lighthouse CD Rack (Narthex)



Life's Ultimate Questions -

- ◇ How can you know for sure that God exists?
- ◇ If God is good, why is there so much evil in the world?
- ◇ Doesn't evolution mean we don't need God to explain human life?
- ◇ Why should I believe in God when religion is the number-one cause of war, ignorance, and misery?

In this booklet you'll find smart, solid answers to these questions and many more. 20 Answers: Atheism will help you understand the main arguments for and against God's existence, and give you the knowledge you need to explain to others the reasonableness of belief.

The 20 Answers Series from Catholic Answers offers hard facts, powerful arguments, and clear explanations of the most important topics facing the Church and the world—all in a compact, easy-to-read package. Check out dozens of other topics in the 20 Answers Series of booklets published by Catholic Answers Press.



**We welcome these parishioner families
who have joined us since January....**

Mark Aldrich
Sarah Beams
Kaitlyn Blunt, Daniel & Kacey
Denise Boston
Doug & Niki Bricker, Bradley & Blake
Chris & Dawne Christy and Joey
Chris & Angie Cooper and Callan
Rob & Sis Graeler, Mitch, Paige & Kiersten
Matt & Vicky Gross and Ashley
Greg & Susan Holtsclaw and Ruby
Daniel & Teresa Joseph, Phillip & Elisabeth
Andrew & Darlene Lapin
Tony & Krista Mannino, Anthony & Adriana
Robert & Erica Meadows, Cameron, Andrew & Benjamin
Ken & Kay Medley
Dan & Julie Neumann
Trish Perkins
Justin & Elicia Schoenberger
David & Margie Vandeven
Nick & Sandy Wappelhorst
Rich & Lori West

Readings of the Week

Sun: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 [Lk 8:8]/Rom 8:18-23/
Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
Mon: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 10:34—11:1
Tue: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 9d]/Mt 11:20-24
Wed: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 11:25-27
Thu: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21 [20b]/
Mt 11:28-30
Fri: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 12:1-8
Sat: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 [12b]/Mt 12:14-21
Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/
Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30



Medicaid Expansion on August 4th Ballot

Statement of the Missouri Catholic Bishops on Amendment 2 to Expand Medicaid

We wish to express our support for the current effort to expand the Missouri Medicaid (MO HealthNet) program. MO HealthNet currently provides health coverage to Missouri's most vulnerable citizens, including the elderly, the disabled, pregnant women, and children. It plays a vital role in sustaining the healthcare delivery system in our state. In our Catholic ministries throughout the state, however, we find that there are still many Missouri citizens who lack access to affordable healthcare coverage that is so necessary for human flourishing. We, therefore, support expanding the program to cover low-income workers, since doing so will help lead to better health outcomes for them and enhance their ability to continue working to support themselves and their families.

We recognize that some may not agree with expanding Medicaid by way of a constitutional amendment or in a manner that bypasses the state legislative process. We offer our support for this effort because of the unmet healthcare needs of the working poor and to ensure the continued delivery of care to those who need it most through the Missouri healthcare system, including Missouri's Catholic hospitals. We offer this support understanding that current federal law includes pro-life protections in Medicaid through the Hyde Amendment. We encourage Catholics and others of goodwill to give serious consideration to supporting this effort to expand the Missouri Medicaid program.

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