

## **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 Weekdays: 8:00am, in church

#### **Weekly Devotions and Prayers**

#### **Eucharistic Adoration:**

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

Rosary: Prior to Saturday evening 4pm Mass Weekday devotions after morning Mass: Tuesday: Mother of Perpetual Help Wednesday: Litany to St. Joseph

Thursday: Celebrating the Sanctity of Life First Friday: Litany of the Sacred Heart

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

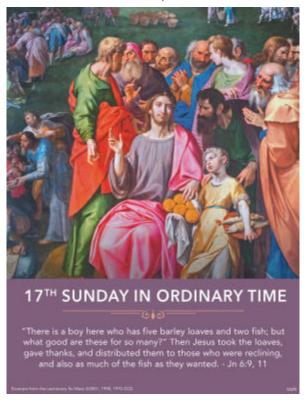
Baptism: Contact the parish office

to register for class and to arrange date

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:

Contact Shawn Mueller in the parish office

## July 25, 2021



## DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

St. Oscar Romero said, "We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is the beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest."

There were a group of ladies many years ago who made quilts. They were beautiful creations reflecting inspirational designs artfully composed from the simple scraps of fabric each woman would bring to their individual pieces. There was no plan for the finished project as each finished work became the combined creation of what each woman contributed. They abounded in vibrant colors and dazzled the beholder with intricate patterns and their myriad textures. They were so beautiful that they became coveted family treasures passed from generation to generation. Those wom-

en never realized the power of their work. Countless babies rested in the comfort of those quilts warmly nestled in the legacy of tradition they were fortunate to inherit. They adorned countless homes with their beauty and brought joy and solace to many faces.

We cannot do everything. We are not meant to. Our work in life is to contribute our individual piece, a piece that reflects the unique thumbprint I claim as my own. We only have to do small things well. Then, as St. Oscar Romero reminds us, the Lord's grace will enter and do the rest. We have to trust that this is true just as those women trusted in the eventual beauty of their final work.

Eucharistic blessings are blessings that start small and multiply. We all come to life with only a few loaves of bread and a few fish. Not any single one of us has all that it takes to transform our world. Who knows what God will do with the little we have and how many will benefit from our kindness, compassion, wisdom, courage, conviction, love, warmth, zeal, faith, and hope? That young lad never dreamed that his few leftovers would do all that they did. God shows up in unexpected ways! Where would life's adventure and fun be if it were any other way? Being able to be part of bringing God's creative, transforming, healing to the world opens us up to wonder, awe, and excitement! We can all bring our little piece to the bigger work of God that can result in being a coveted jewel passed generation to generation. This is good news indeed!

Bread and wine transform into Christ's Body and Blood and we become what we eat. Trust that.

### Welcome! Immaculate Heart of Mary: Informed—Hospitable—Missionary

#### **Parish Staff**

Parish Office: 636-398-5270

Fr. Tom Miller, Pastor askpadre@aol.com

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Deacon Chris Ast chrisast@archstl.org
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secretary@ihm-newmelle.org

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Karen Wappelhorst, Child Safety Coordinator

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#### **Religious Education**

#### **Shawn Mueller, Director**

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

Parish School of Religion (when restrictions are lifted)

Grades 1 thru 8, September thru May, 8:45-9:45am, Sundays

**Confirmation Preparation** 

8th Grade—September thru May, 8:45-9:45am, Sundays

Children's Liturgy of the Word (when restrictions are lifted)
September thru May, during the 10am 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**

| <u>Liturgical Videographer</u>                   |              | Parish Organizations                               |                      |                |
|--|--------------|--|----------------------|----------------|
| Stan Kostecki                                    | 314-397-5965 | Budget & Finance                                   |                      |                |
| Weddings, Receptions, Events                     |              | Larry Graves                                       |                      | 314-799-9804   |
| Pat Gentry, Hall Rental 636-398-5270             |              | Cemetery Committee                                 |                      |                |
| Kelly Meyer, Wedding Coordinator                 | 636-828-4994 | Mark Keune   |                      | 314-220-7075   |
| Jean Hitt, Wedding Coordinator                   | 636-987-2131 | Dinner Committee                                   |                      |                |
| Joan Marren-Slaughter, Event Coordinator         | 636-398-5270 | Jeff Comotto                                       |                      | 314-570-6972   |
| Mary Keune, Event Coordinator                    | 636-398-5270 | Funeral Lunches                                    |                      |                |
| •  |              | Ruth Neske   |                      | 636-398-5699   |
| <u>Prayer and Devotion</u> Eucharistic Adoration |              | Vicki Grunz  |                      | 636-497-5230   |
| Shawn Mueller                                    | 636-398-5270 | Helping Hearts                                     |                      |                |
| Legion of Mary                                   | 030-390-3270 | John Grady   |                      | 314-662-2138   |
| Maria Romine-Kantor                              | 314-614-0857 | Mary Hardesty                                      |                      | 636-398-5663   |
| Prayer Chain                                     | 314-014-0637 | Bob Hutchcraft                                     |                      | 636-346-3471   |
| Brenda Hutchcraft                                | 636-248-8493 | Maria Romine-Kantor                                |                      | 314-614-0857   |
| Prayer Intercession/Jonah Team                   | 030-240-0433 | Knights of Columbus                                |                      |                |
| Debbie Gillespie                                 | 636-398-4971 | Tim Lebb   |                      | 314-775-7717   |
| Prayer Shawl Ministry                            | 030 330 4371 | Marian Council                                     |                      |                |
| Julia Kettler                                    | 314-616-0096 | Barb Pope  |                      | 773-383-8602   |
|  |              | Meal Train   |                      |                |
| <u>Liturgical Ministries</u>                     |              | Kelly Meyer  | meyer5853@qmcinc.org | , 636-828-4994 |
| Extraordinary Ministers                          |              | Meals on Wheels                                    |                      |                |
| Irene Caldwell                                   | 636-398-4311 | Jean Bammann                                       |                      | 636-798-2718   |
| Lectors  |              | Pro Life   |                      |                |
| Joe Willis                                       | 636-398-2106 | Bill Winters                                       |                      | 636-828-4133   |
| Gift Bearers                                     |              | Quilters   |                      |                |
| Peggy Dupree                                     | 636-398-5270 | Vanita Joerling                                    |                      | 636-544-0416   |
| Ushers   |              |  |                      | 636-398-4597   |
| Gary Struckhoff                                  | 636-828-6067 | Scouting   |                      |                |
| Altar Servers                                    |              | Chuck Hinkle                                       |                      | 636-544-6639   |
| Deacon Tony Falbo tony.2011@centurylink.net      |              | Cub Scouts: John Lyons                             |                      | 217-778-3760   |
| Altar Society                                    |              | Boy Scouts: Chad Peters                            |                      | 314-807-7177   |
| Pam DeBold                                       | 636-482-4765 | St. Vincent de Paul                                |                      |                |
| Art & Environment                                |              | Joe Willis   |                      | 636-398-2106   |
| Ashley Czuchna                                   | 636-578-8774 | Welcoming Committee                                |                      |                |
| Music Ministry                                   |              | Teresa Berfanger                                   |                      | 636-398-5565   |
| Bryan Beams                                      | 636-398-5270 |  |                      |                |
| Adult Choir                                      |              | Youth and Young Adults                             |                      |                |
| Mary Sweeten                                     | 314-324-3249 | High School Youth Leader Janet Hespen 314-369-6521 |                      |                |
| Children's Choir                                 |              |  |                      |                |
| Elizabeth Jaeckle 636-828-4811 Young Adults      |              |  |                      |                |
|  |              | Julie Lassiter                                     |                      | 636-357-0121   |
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## "Jesus, you take care of it"

"I was called Dolindo, which means pain."

This is the first sentence of the autobiography in which Don Dolindo Ruotolo recounts the story of his soul and the work that God wanted to do through him.

Largely unknown in the English-speaking world, Don Dolindo is gaining notoriety. Along with Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, a contemporary of his, the two were sought after in the Church in Southern Italy for their mysticism and powerful spirituality.

The story is told of a group of pilgrims who traveled from Naples to San Giovanni Rotondo to see Padre Pio, the famous saint with stigmata.

When Padre Pio learned they were from Naples, he said, "Why did you come here to see me when you have Don Dolindo among you?"

Dolindo's name derives from the Latin word *dolor*, meaning pain. Indeed, as with Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, suffering marked much of Don Dolindo's priesthood, and much of his life.

And yet this is the calling of the priest, the *Alter Christus* to unite himself to Christ mystically, and sometimes physically. It is a response to Jesus' call to "Pick up your cross and follow me" and the words of St. Paul to "Fill up what is lacking." Don Dolindo did just that.

Dolindo was born on October 6, 1882 in Naples. He was one of 11 children born to Raffaele Ruotolo and Silvia Valle. Though the family was part of the Neapolitan upper class, the numerous children, limited income, and the frugality of Dolindo's father meant that they suffered a lack of basic needs. Adding to the difficulties, as a young child Dolindo underwent several operations.

In 1896 his parents separated and Dolindo was placed with his brother Elio, in the Apostolic School of Mission Priests founded by St. Vincent de Paul.

In 1899, at the age of 17, he was admitted to the novitiate and two years later to the seminary. On June 1, 1901, he made his vows and on June 25, 1905, he was ordained a priest. His brother was also ordained.

Dolindo was appointed teacher of Gregorian chant and theology at the Apostolic School. Soon after, his struggles with the order and with the Church began.

Don Dolindo was suspended from ministry and the sacraments on two separate occasions.

During the long period, he was eventually expelled from his order. He was called to the Holy Office where he was interrogated over long periods of time (he was rehabilitated both times). The details of the ordeal are openly shared at a website dedicated to his works and memoir.

And yet, all these tribulations and sufferings served to draw him closer to God, form him in the likeness of Christ, and deepen his spirituality profoundly.

Don Dolindo gained many followers – men and women of culture and education – and he wrote profusely. His writings have been collected, and they include numerous volumes on theology, asceticism, mysticism, and Christian doctrine.

Despite his erudition, however, he is known today for a simple prayer of surrender to Jesus: "*Gesù*, *pensaci tu*" (Jesus, you take care of it).

The prayer, striking for its childlike simplicity, begins like this:

Why do you confuse yourselves by worrying?

Leave the care of your affairs to me
and everything will be peaceful.

I say to you in truth that every act of true, blind,
complete surrender to me produces the effect
that you desire and resolves all difficult situations.

O Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything!
(say 10 times)

The prayer of surrender can be prayed in its entirety, or prayed over nine days as a novena.

Don Dolindo died on November 19, 1970. He has been declared a Servant of God, and his cause for beatification is underway.

—Bret Thoman, OFS

## 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year B

[Jesus said,] "Do not work for food that spoils; instead, work for the food that lasts for eternal life." JOHN 6:27

Publisher R. L. Sharpe will never forget this boyhood episode. He and his father had gone to Trussell's blacksmith shop to have a rake and a hoe repaired. After the repairs were made, his father gave Mr. Trussell a dollar. When the blacksmith wouldn't take it, his father insisted. "What happened next," said Sharpe, "I'll never forget. Mr. Trussell said to my father, 'Sid, can't you let a body do something now and then—just to stretch the soul?'

Why should "a body do something now and then—just to stretch the soul"? Why don't I stretch my soul more often?

Remember that what you possess in the world will be found at the day of your death to belong to another, but what you are will be yours forever. —HENRY VAN DYKE

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#### Ministry Schedule

July 24—4pm

EM: Deacon Chris, Donna Cuddihee, Becky Wilson

Lec: Jim & Theresa Risch Music: Debbie & Bryan

Serv: Zoey Panus, volunteer please

Ush: Tim Wilson, Chris Cuddihee, Bill Pollihan, vol. pls.

July 25—7:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Kris Jenkins, Betty Tuepker

Lec: Dave London, Karen Wappelhorst

Music: Brooke & Verdi

Serv: Mary Grace & Janie Becker

Ush: Mark Gross, Rick Scharf, Terry Schneider, Gary Potter

July 25—9:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Laura Orf, Donna Wolff

Lec: Susan & Don Hladky
Music: Amelia, Betsy, Mary, Bryan
Serv: Izzy Czuchna, William Lassiter

Ush: Gary Struckhoff, Chuck Hinkle, Bill Riley, Bob Hutchcraft

**IHMformation Station** 

4:00: Brian & Becky Wilson9:30: Randy & Angie Gust

## PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK AND SUFFERING:

Phyllis Zerr, Fran Bussen, Betty Boyd, Deacon Tony, Amy Robbins, Don Schmidt, Carl Wolff, George Stark, Betty Heppermann, Joyce Brakensiek, Tom Hartenbach, Richard & Doris Berhorst, Terry Hagan, Larry Gassei, Pat Foster, Chuck Speck, Pat Ryan, Frank Marquart

Steve Wengerski (family friend of Mandy Daub),
Keith Langford (son of Rita & brother of Valerie Langford),
Red Brockmeyer (cousin of Kay & Ray Cherry),
Karla Sitzes (daughter of Sophia Bax),
Karen Windler (sister of John Wappelhorst),
Michael Speir (son-in-law of Jackie & Steve Dunn),
Peyton Newman (grandson of Mike & Mary Hardesty),
Loren & Evelyn Brandon (parents of Marty & Peggy Dupree),
Charlie Grady (grandson of John & Carol Grady),

Pat Finan (daughter of Fran Bussen),
Marlene Hagemeier (sister of Pat Roche),
Janet Piel and Jordan Keene
(sister and friend of Joni Marren-Slaughter),
Carol Fague (sister of Bob Woodford),
Rosemary Bell (sister of Janet & Jerry Hespen)

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

#### Ministry Schedule

July 31—4pm

EM: Wilma Zurweller, Vanita Joerling, Ann Zaleuke

Lec Mike Greene, Clare Holifield

Music: Debbie & Bryan

Serv: Izzy Scheer, volunteer please

Ush: Andy Pope, Tim Wilson, Ed Etzkorn, Bill Pollihan

August 1—7:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Mary Hardesty, Jan Kardasz

Lec: Kris Jenkins, Karen Wappelhorst

Music: Elizabeth & Verdi

Serv: Sydney & Natalie Jaeckle

Ush: Frank Kardasz, Chris Molitor, Ron Neske, Ron Jacob

August 1—9:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Joni Marren-Slaughter, Laura Holstein

Lec: Chris & Kat Menne

Music: Amelia, Betsv. Marv. Brvan

Ush: Bill Winters, Larry Smith, Alan Raymond, Joe Weber

**IHMformation Station** 

4:00: to be determined 9:30: to be determined

#### Heavenly Duster Schedule

Week of July 25: Flo Joerling

Week of August 1: Jean Reed-Bammann
Week of August 8: volunteer please
Week of August 16: Carol Grady
Week of August 22: Lois Cobleigh
Week of August 29: Maureen Blondin

#### **Purificators**

Month of July: Carol Ostermeyer Month of August: Mary Satssi



Janet Hespen, Youth Minister, 314–369–6521

July 29: Trip to 6 Flags. Need more info, just call.



A great way to organize emergency meals for the people of our parish!

Arrival of a new baby
Military deployment
Condolences

Arrival of a new baby
Injuries/Surgeries
Extended illnesses
Group events

Please contact Kelly Meyer at <a href="meyer5853@qmcinc.org">meyer5853@qmcinc.org</a> if you have any questions or would like to become a part of this ministry.

### Mass Intentions

Monday, July 26

8:00am Stan Nikonowicz+ Alisha Gober+

Tuesday, July 27

8:00am Peggy Miller +

Wednesday, July 28

8:00am All Souls

special intention (JW)

Thursday, July 29

8:00am special intention (BSK)

intention of Jerry & Janet Hespen

Friday, July 30

8:00am Richard & Rosemary Ralls +

Saturday, July 31

8:00am intention of Erin & Chris Moore

4:00pm John & Grace Taylor +

Vanessa Boyer +

Sunday, August 1

7:30am Edith Jepsen (35th ann.) +

People of the Parish

9:30am Milton Barta +

Brett Varady +

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday, July 26

Scouts, 6:30pm

Tuesday, July 27

Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am

Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, 9am

Wednesday, July 28

No confessions during July on Wednesday nights

Thursday, July 29

Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am

Youth Ministry, Weber Hall, 6:30pm

Building Committee, Grand Hall, 7pm

Friday, July 30

Quilting in Weber Hall, 8:30—noon

Saturday, July 31

Reconciliation, 8:45am

Event in Grand Hall this evening

Jonah Team will pray with you after 4pm Mass

Sunday, August 1

Jonah Team will pray with you after 9:30 Mass Baptismal prep, Weber Hall, following 9:30 Mass



Marriage in Christ
has been promised between:
Travis Brenneke and Elizabeth Pivin

## CONTRIBUTIONS JULY 17/18

General offertory: \$7,150.50
Online Giving: \$4,970.77
Total contributions: \$12,121.27

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" ~~John 6:9~~

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. Nothing is impossible with God. All of our gifts, big or small, were given to us for a reason. No gift is too small or insignificant!

We pray: that regardless of our own individual circumstances, we all recognize that we have the ability to share.

## NEEDED AT THE PANTRY



laundry detergent, oil, beef stew, men's and ladies' shaving lotion, body wash, all purpose cleaner, coffee, paper towels, fruit juices, mayonnaise, sugar

We cannot accept expired or previously opened items

#### Please hold your plastic bags—we have plenty!!

In the Gospel, Jesus supersedes both the apostles' and the crowds' expectations: with little He feeds many...Jesus is the sign of God's lavish presence and love. Your donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is indeed a sign of God's extravagant love to the lonely and the poor.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist many families in providing food and funds for utility, rent and other bills. God bless you!



There is much evil in the world. It divides and scatters the members of the Body of Christ. Uniting in prayer and in good works informed by our Catholic Faith is an excellent way to combat evil. I strongly urge the men of our parish to unite themselves and their families with the men and families of the Knights of Columbus. Simply go to <a href="https://www.kofc.org/joinus">www.kofc.org/joinus</a> and follow the prompts. Use promo code MCGIVNEY2020 and your first year's dues are free! When asked for our IHM council number, enter 11656. Don't delay! Do it today! You will be glad you did.

## TOUR AND MASS AT THE SHRINE OF ST. JOSEPH







Since this is the year of St. Joseph, we are making a group Pilgrimage to the St. Joseph Shrine in downtown St. Louis on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>August 17th</u>. Everyone is invited (men/women/children/friends). If you would text or email Sharon Hagan (see contact information below) and how many people are coming <u>by August 1</u> we can determine the size of bus we need and what our cost per person would be. We will meet at 9am in the IHM parking lot. The tour will begin at 10am and take 45 to 60 minutes. After the tour at 11am Fr. Tom has graciously agreed to offer Mass for us at the Shrine. After Mass we board the bus and proceed to our lunch destination (to be determined) and return to IHM. See link for more information about the Shrine: <a href="https://www.shrineofstjoseph.org">https://www.shrineofstjoseph.org</a>

The tour is free, but donations are gratefully accepted. If you have questions or would like to sign up, please contact Sharon at 314-853-4994 or shagan2058@gmail.com

## Dynamic Catholic Alive!

#### Unity in the Body

In St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians we are called to live in "humility, gentleness, patience, love and unity with each other." Difficult to do in today's "cancel culture." We need to remember that all lives matter to God. God allows the good and the evil to live side by side because He respects the free will that He bestowed on all human beings. All individuals will have the chance to choose to serve God or Satan, and God will judge each of us at death accordingly, but not until that time. We should refrain from casting judgment upon our neighbors, for we too have neglected to serve God at times. Instead of judging others, let us seek to do the will of God and to transform division into unity. Let us share the Joy of Jesus with others and accompany them on their path to holiness.



"Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together. ... That power to create a new life with God is at the heart of what spouses share with each other."

## Men's ACTS Retreat August 19-22, 2021

Most say: "You can't explain what happens; you have to experience it."

This is your invitation to the experience

Registration is now open for the Men's ACTS Retreat to be held August 19-22 at the LaSalle Retreat Center. An ACTS retreat is a three-day, three-night Catholic lay retreat presented by men of St. Patrick, St. Gianna, and Immaculate Heart of



"Live In Love As Christ Loved Us"

Mary who have attended prior ACTS retreats, under the guidance of a Spiritual Director. Retreat activities focus on Adoration, Community, Theology and Service and is a dynamic experience that can change lives and enhance personal spirituality and parish involvement. All transportation will be provided. The cost is \$250. However, financial difficulties should not prevent anyone from attending the retreat. If you are unable to pay all or part of the fee or need further information regarding the retreat, please contact Bob Webb, Director, 636-445-4074 or Wayne Stoehner, Co-Director, 314-504-0112. Visit www.stpatrickwentzville.org/acts to download the registration form.

Next baptismal prep classes: August 1, 15 and September 19, 11am, Weber Hall. Please call the office at 636-398-5270 to reserve your spot! Thank you!



Some powerful Members of Congress want taxpayer dollars to pay for abortion for poor women.

To offer a woman a government-funded abortion, but not the resources she needs to care for her child, is not "choice" but coercion.

Government money would be better spent supporting women in crisis pregnancies and struggling new mothers than paying to end the lives of their children.

Tell Congress to save the Hyde amendment:

https://bit.ly/no-taxpayer-abortion-action

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/

Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/

Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-

13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46 Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/

Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-

11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12

### Please pray for our troops:

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

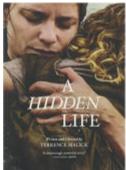
and all U.S. military men and women who have dedicated their lives to preserve and protect our country

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

## St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

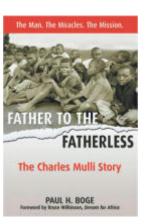
(Note: With close to 3000 items, the <u>Parish Library</u> is located in the Grand Hall past the restrooms. It is open during the week-normal business hours-and works on an honor system. Items from the <u>Lighthouse CD rack</u> are located and available in the Narthex.

## From the Parish Library: Grand Hall



(Recommended by Josh Deters) Terrence Malik's latest "A Hidden Life" is not only a return to form, it may be his best piece ever. The film (based on a true story) concerns an Austrian farmer Franz who lives with his family in an idyllic village/farm up in the Austrian hills in the late 30s. With the rise of Hitler, citizens are heavily leaned on to sign an oath to Hitler. When Franz refuses, the repercussions to him and his family slowly but palpably build both from the government and even the local villagers. The film is utterly heartbreaking and utterly beautiful at the same time. The cast is excellent though largely unknown to me except for Bruno Ganz in one of his last performances as a Nazi general on the tribunal formed to try Franz for his civil disobedience. The cinematography is breathtaking and the score is magnificent. I know that this is one that is going to stick with me all of my days.

Six year-old Charles Mulli wakes up in his Kenyan hut to discover his parents have abandoned him. Forced to beg from hut to hut in search of food, Charles scrapes out a meagre existence while trying to come to terms with his abusive past. Then, in a dramatic turn of events, Charles experiences unprecedented success. He finds a wonderful wife, raises a family, excels in business to such a degree that he creates an empire that is noticed by the President of Kenya, and he becomes a pinnacle in the church movement. Charles is on top of the world. And then his world changes. In spite of his tremendous achievements, the plight of the growing street children problem in his country remains strong in Charles' heart. He is unable to shut out their cries, the cries he understands so well, and he realizes he must respond. Father to the Fatherless tells the true story of a man who makes a decision to sell everything he has to help the poor. It's a decision that goes so counter-intuitive to those around him that he is soon completely ostracized, forcing him to carry out what seems like an impossible and unexplainable mission. Now, armed only with his relationship with God, Charles and his family struggle on physical, financial and spiritual fronts to rescue street children from the slums of Kenya and provide them with the hope of new life.



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

## PSR MOVING TO SUNDAY MORNINGS!

Fr. Tom has made a decision to help "Keep Holy the Lord's Day" (Sunday), amongst a variety of reasons, by also moving our PSR program to Sunday mornings. At present the plan is to schedule Mass times for 7:30 am and 10 am and have an opportunity for classes (Grades 1-8) in between, from 8:45 – 9:45 am. This way one can go to either Mass and conveniently take part in the pro-

gram. Opportunities for adult formation will be offered in Church during that time as well. PSR families who registered last year will be sent information. New families, please inquire at the office. We will begin September 12. More details to follow.





## Pope's Intentions for July: Social Friendship

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

## Thank You!

My heartfelt thanks to the Helping Hearts for all the help on Wednesday morning cutting and removing the large shade tree that I lost in the windstorm on July 9. God bless each one of you.

Pat Noack



## 2021 FALL SAUSAGE DINNER

Get ready for the return of our famous SAUSAGE DINNERS! If you were an Activity/Shift Chair at the last dinner (Fall 2019!) and you're unable to perform that duty for this upcoming dinner, please contact Jeff Comotto at 314-560-6972 or <a href="mailto:jcomotto@centurylink.net">jcomotto@centurylink.net</a> as soon as you can. I can smell that delicious sausage frying right now! Cold beer here!

### ZECHARIAH MEN'S PRAYER MORNING OR PRAYER BREAKFAST

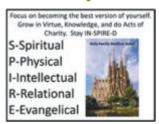
is about sharing the story of an encounter with Christ one man at a time. It involves fellowship, a great talk, and prayer. Recordings of prior Zechariah events are now routinely available with other great Catholic Renewal Center events on YouTube at <a href="http://stlrenewal.org/yt">http://stlrenewal.org/yt</a> and on Facebook at <a href="http://stlrenewal.org/fb">http://stlrenewal.org/yt</a> and on Facebook at <a href="http://stlrenewal.org/fb">http://stlrenewal.org/fb</a>. But our NEW Encore Zoom Zechariah is more than a recording of a prior event. It features enhanced online participation in faith-sharing, second only to live attendance. Your gifts and opinions are sought out and the interactive experience of Catholic community is made deeper. Register for free at <a href="maintenamerican-gary.whitlock@att.net">gary.whitlock@att.net</a> or 636-215-0973, or the online form at <a href="maintenamerican-stlrenewal.org/zpb">stlrenewal.org/zpb</a> to receive a Zoom invitation to the August 1, 2pm Archbishop Rozanski Encore Zoom Zechariah or the August 8, 2pm Dr. Ed Hogan Encore Zoom Zechariah.



Soprano, Dr. Maureen Carlson is a professional singer, member of the St. Louis Symphony Chorus, certified teacher in the state of Missouri, and owner of Carlson Studios LLC. Dr. Carlson teaches Music, Art and Culture in Bregenz, Austria as visiting professor through Michigan State University. She has taught at Michigan State University, The University of Missouri in Columbia, Lindenwood, and Truman State University. She received a Bachelor of Music in Education from Heidelberg University, Master of Music in Vocal Performance and a Doctorate of Music in Vocal Performance from Michigan State University. Dr. Carlson is a proud member of National Association of Teachers of Singing, the College Music Society, National Association for Music Education and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

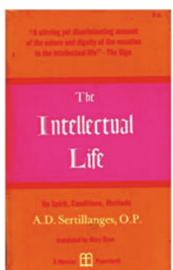
# SPIRE (Memory Aid) for a Catholic Plan of Life (Part 4 of 7)

How does one unpack and simplify in a plan of life all that God has revealed in Jesus, Scripture and Tradition, all the Church believes, teaches and proclaims to be revealed by God? And how does one strive to live it out faithfully in a daily duty as a Catholic Christian? Here is an attempt by way of a memory aid: (SPIRE – Spiritual, Physical, Intellectual, Relational, Evangelical).



## Here's a few tips for I-Intellectual

Following on last week's article on P-Physical, probably the best way to start is a quote from a classic book



called "The Intellectual Life" where the author recommends a simple diet to be more clear headed in thinking. He writes, "Look after your diet. Light food, plain, moderate in quantity and simply cooked, will enable you to work more freely and alertly. A thinker does not spend his life in the processes of digestion." I don't know if he intended that last line to be humorous or not, but it does seem rather funny. Jesus asks us to love God "with all our minds." We have to ask ourselves, are we using the God-given gift of our intellect and using it for the pursuit of truth? The object of the eye is light, the ear sound, the nose smell, the body touch......so what about the intellect? Truth. A good question to ask ourselves is how and where do we spend our time? If someone followed us around and documented how we spent time, what would they report? What is our highest good? What do we find of worth that we are willing to devote our free time to? How much of study, active reading, would be in the report? Why would God give a revelation to man if man never took the time to read it? Imagine saying, "God, I love you".....but never spending any time getting to know him. Frank Sheed wrote in his classic work, Theology and Sanity: If God was God how odd it would be not

to want to know everything available about Him.

Matthew Kelly wrote in his book, <u>Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic</u>, "If you read five pages of a great Catholic book every day, you will be amazed how your knowledge and enthusiasm for the faith will begin to grow. Five pages a day is 1,825 pages in a year, 18,250 pages in a decade, and 45,625 pages over twenty-five years. That's 228 books with an average length of two hundred pages." If you are looking for a tool to read more books and how to do it practically, get Brandon Vogt's "Read More Books Now" articles at ClaritasU.com

Consider this quote from St. John Henry Newman

"I want a laity, not arrogant, not rash in speech, not disputatious, but men who know their religion, who enter into it, who know just where they stand, who know what they hold and what they do not, who know their creed so well that they can give an account of it, who know so much of history that they can defend it. I want an intelligent, well-instructed laity – I wish [them] to enlarge [their] knowledge, to cultivate [their] reason, to get an insight into the relation of truth to truth, to learn to view things as they are, to understand how faith and reason stand to each other, what are the bases and principles of Catholicism."





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