



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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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

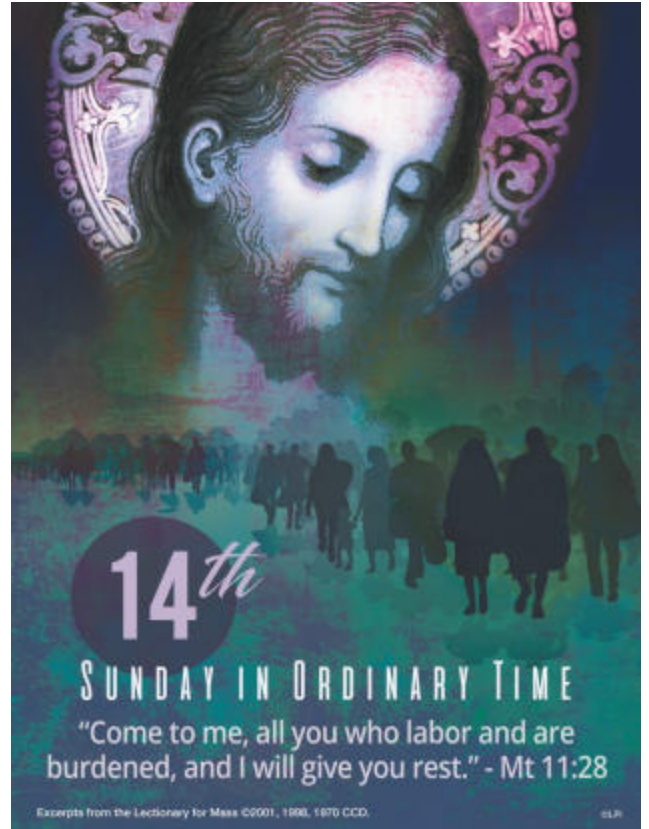
Reconciliation: Wednesday in church, 7pm
 Saturday following 8am Mass

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 5, 2020



Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We are all familiar with the refrain, "You have put on Christ. In him you have been baptized. Alleluia, alleluia!" In Baptism, we "put on" Christ. In putting on Christ, we put on all that Christ is and represents: hope, faith, and love. We are no longer bound to the sins and failures of the flesh, that part of us that resists God and relies exclusively on human means. It also means that we are not in debt to our past, complete with its sins, failures, regrets, fears, and unfulfilled dreams. There is always hope. In putting on Christ, we put on God's vision for the world, for all of His children and for us. We have been given a road map to guide our paths and a blueprint to follow for our life's journey.

There is no need for regret, and we are not tethered to our past. Is there anything

in your past that you regret? Any decision or memory that continues to haunt you? We have all made mistakes, and we have this uncanny ability to continue beating ourselves up over things we can no longer do anything about, except learn from them. To put on Christ means that I can now bring God's unconditional love to my hurtful memories and sinful choices. With each new moment and every new choice, I can start clean and live in freedom.

Imagine adults when the disciples were preaching and baptizing. They came to baptism not really knowing who they were, with pasts that were broken, seeking to live the joy of the Gospel they heard spoken to them and wanting the love they saw witnessed in the lives of those who believed. What tremendous celebrations

their baptisms must have been! They could now have the support of a community, full participation in the sacraments of the church, focus for their disordered lives, consolation, healing, and an understanding of what life is really all about.

Our lives are meant to be celebrations of the Spirit we have received in Baptism. How does that joy get expressed in and through you? When we truly understand that we have put on Christ, our burdens can become much lighter. It is odd that so many Christians look like they are carrying the weight of the world on their shoulders. Wouldn't it be wonderful if those weights could be lifted and joy experienced!

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

Parish Staff

Parish Office: 636-398-5270

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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

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Boy Scouts: Chad Peters 314-807-7177
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Janet Hespen 314-369-6521
Young Adults
Julie Lassiter 636-357-0121

Ten Catholic Novels to Read This Summer

Fr. Patrick Briscoe, OP

While sitting around a campfire recently with parishioners and friends, we assembled the following list of recommendations for some Catholic summer reading. There are many extraordinary Catholic novels, but sometimes people recommend 1,000-page volumes that are impossible to carry anywhere, and that don't really fit the spirit of summer vacation. These novels are truly summer reading. Take your bag, a cold drink, and lounge in the sun with one of the following great Catholic novels!

1. *Brideshead Revisited* – Evelyn Waugh

Back Bay Books. 432 pages. \$16.99

Why not lead a list with the best thing on it? All cards on the table: this is one of my very favorite Catholic novels. Waugh is a master of the human condition and seamlessly traces the threads of grace sewn through the life of Mr. Charles Ryder. The throes of religion and romance, family drama and *haute* culture drive the story of Ryder's love for the Flyte family. Nostalgia for Oxford university days, strawberries, Venice and steamships punctuate this extraordinary account of friendship and divine grace.

2. *In this House of Brede* – Rumer Godden

Loyola Classics. 368. \$13.95.

Being myself a professed religious, I can be fiercely critical of depictions of religious life, finding many of them saccharine, or worse, boring. *In this House of Brede* is one novel of monastic life that does not disappoint. Attentive to the details of religious observance, Rumer Godden has bottled life in a monastery and poured it out on these pages. Her protagonist Philippa Talbot abandons her successful London-based career to join the nuns of the fictional Benedictine Brede Abbey. Capturing the conflicts and tension of community life, this story of Brede leaves readers longing for a share of the monastery's charity and peace.

3. *Mariette in Ecstasy* – Ron Hansen

Harper Perennial. 192 pages, \$13.00.

Part saintly legend, part detective story, Ron Hansen's novel invites his readers to ask a question as pious as it is horrific: is Mariette Baptiste a stigmatic? Mariette, a postulant, has longed to enter the monastery her whole life. When she does, she begins to receive ecstasies, including the stigmata. The nuns of the monastery must deduce, however, if Mariette's pieties are real. But be warned: bold and fleshy writing make this novel not for the faint of heart.

4. *The Violent Bear It Away* – Flannery O'Connor

Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 256 pages, \$15.00.

Many readers come to know Flannery O'Connor through her short stories. Don't miss the opportunity during the dog days of summer to spend more time with her, by reading her novels. Of the two, I prefer *The Violent Bear It Away*. Satirical, ironic, and compassionate, O'Connor tells the story of a young boy who refuses his call to mission, promoting the reader to meditate on religious authenticity, faith, and fate.

5. *Under the Sun of Satan* – George Bernanos

Cluny Media, 344 pages. \$18.95.

Hans Urs Von Balthasar dubbed Bernanos, "The minstrel of grace." Bernanos' debut novel trumpets his theme. The parish priest of a French village (a man fervent but not especially bright) detects the Evil One at work among his flock. Through Fr. Donissan and his ministry, Bernanos fearlessly leads his readers straight into the mystery of redemption.

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A

[Jesus said,] "Learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in spirit; and you will find rest. For the yoke I will give you is easy, and the load I will put on you is light." Matthew 11:29-30

Roger Bolduc died in Waterville, Maine, after a long bout with cancer. He saw his illness as a gift from God. Shortly before dying, he wrote: "Many things upon which I placed importance in the past seem so trivial now. God has become so real. I have always felt close to God, but I feel even closer now. I feel that he loves me more than ever. I can feel his power—it's always there. I feel that God has answered my prayers. . . . I feel loved."

What are some "loads" or "crosses" I have had to carry in my lifetime? Did any of these turn into a blessing?

You may not realize it when it happens, but a kick in the teeth may be the best thing in the world for you. Walt Disney

Mark Link S.J. Vision 2000

Ministry Schedule

July 4—4pm

EM: Deacon Tony Falbo, Becky Wilson,
Chris Warren, Pat Roche
Lec: Kathy & Richard Lalonde
Serv: Zoey Panus
Music: Mary Ann & Bryan
Ush: Mike Rieker, Andy Pope, Chris Cuddihee,
Bill & Bernie Pollihan, **volunteer please**

July 5—7:30

EM: Mary Hardesty, John Fiacco,
Jan Kardasz, Bob Brossette
Lec: Yvonne Brossette, Kris Jenkins
Serv: Natalie Jaeckle
Music: Elizabeth & Verdi
Ush: Chris Molitor, Gary Potter, Ron Jacob,
Larry Smith, Frank Kardasz, Dave Dondon

July 5—9:30

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

July 5—11:30am

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

Heavenly Duster Schedule

Week of July 5: Karen Wilson
Week of July 12: Elizabeth Jaeckle

Purificators

Month of July: Carol Ostermeyer



Pope's Intentions for July: Our Families

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

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**

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.

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!

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 6

8:00am Tom Miller +
Frank Modder +

Tuesday, July 7

8:00am All Souls
Jolene Molitor +

Wednesday, July 8

8:00am Bob Keune +
Sonny Molitor +

Thursday, July 9

8:00am Dick & Betty Meier +
Ralph & Cindy Biddy 60th Wedding Ann.

Friday, July 10

8:00am Audrey Hueffmeier +
Rosemarie Chott +

Saturday, July 11

8:00am Rachel Lozano +
Moira Ryan +
4:00pm People of the Parish
Pete & Joan Schepis Wedding Ann.

Sunday, July 12

7:30am Dalton Curran +
Jolene Molitor +
9:30am Erma Guinn +
11:30am Ed Haas +

Contributions, June 27/28

General Offertory: \$
Online – General Offertory: \$
TOTAL \$

*"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 to help build His kingdom on earth.

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.

Thank you, St. Jude, for your intercession. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. St. Jude, Worker of Miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, Help of the Hopeless, pray for us.



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)

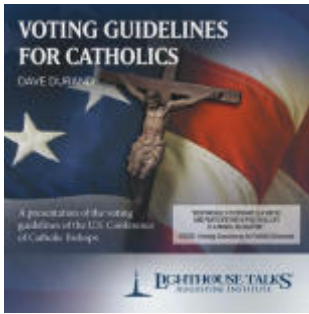
Hospitalization: If you are hospitalized, please let us know. Please call the office or ask a friend to call for you if necessary.

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

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)

Dave Durand is an internationally recognized best-selling author, motivational speaker, sales consultant, corporate executive, television guest, host of a nationally syndicated weekly segment on Relevant Radio, faithful Catholic, husband and father.

Did you know that the Catholic Church teaches that there are numerous considerations that can affect how a faithful Catholic can vote in good conscience? Responsible citizenship is a duty, but the topic can be confusing. In this presentation, Dave Durand concisely presents the guidelines produced by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to clearly advise and direct Catholics to help them vote.

When I heard the words "don't vote a particular party or a person, but vote Catholic", it really resonated with me. I've voted many times haphazardly in the past, but from this point forward I will vote by my conscience for what is right and just and from a Catholic viewpoint.

Elizabeth - El Segundo, CA

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)

- Created in the image of the one God and equally endowed with rational souls, all men enjoy an equal _____.
a. equation b. situation c. dignity d. chance
- Discrimination in fundamental personal _____ on the grounds of sex, race, color, social conditions, language, or religion are incompatible with God's design.
a. hygiene b. tact c. rights d. intuition
- The various _____ given to man are not distributed equally; the differences belong to God's plan, who wills that each receive what he needs from others.
a. chances b. talents c. friends d. opportunities
- In a revelation to St. Catherine, God said, "I have not given everything to one single person, so that you may be constrained to practice _____ towards one another."
a. hospitality b. faith c. lying d. charity
- God further said, "I have willed that one should _____ another and that all should be my ministers in distributing the graces and gifts they have received from me."
a. need b. abuse c. use d. excuse
- The principle of solidarity is also articulated in terms of friendship or social _____.
a. justice b. good c. system d. charity
- The law of human solidarity and charity is dictated and imposed both by our common origin and by the equality in rational _____ of all men, whatever nation they belong to.
a. discourse b. nature c. logic d. intellect
- Solidarity is manifested in the first place by the distribution of goods and remuneration for _____.
a. trading b. work c. begging d. bartering
- International solidarity is a requirement of the moral order; world _____ depends in part upon this.
a. happiness b. morality c. joy d. peace
- Throughout the centuries has the Lord's saying been verified: "Seek first his _____ and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."
a. kingdom b. commands c. face d. will

Answer key:

1. c (1934) 2. c (1935) 3. b (1936) 4. d (1937) 5. a (1937) 6. d (1939) 7. b (1939) 8. b (1940) 9. d (1941) 10. a (1942)

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

Authentic Catholic Radio: AM 1460

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 intellect-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.



Helping Hearts Community Service Ministry



We are a group of IHM volunteers who wish to provide physical assistance to our neighbors who are unable to help themselves because of physical limitations. We can help with:

- ♥ Transportation to/from medical appointments, grocery stores and churches
- ♥ Install support bars for showers and tubs
- ♥ Install ramps for people having trouble with mobility
- ♥ Simple tasks: replacing lightbulbs and other simple household jobs
- ♥ Remove obstacles or debris: fallen tree limbs, etc.

Please pick up a brochure from our IHMformation Station for phone contacts and further information about what we can (and cannot) do. We want to help our parishioners and other community members within our parish boundaries in need of minor services that they are unable to do because of age or infirmity.



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!!

Name _____

Phone # _____

Size(s) & Quantity _____

Total: _____ @ \$17

_____ @ \$19

Total enclosed \$ _____

Only \$17

XXL \$19

Youth Sizes	Adult Sizes
YS 6	AS 34
YM 10	AM 38
YL 14	AL 42
	AXL 46
	AXXL 50



In doubt, order next size up

July 4th - Prayers for our Nation

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for authentic freedom and merciful justice, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

1. For the [President](#) of the United States

O Father Almighty, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation to your merciful care, that, being guided by your Providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace. Grant to the President of the United States wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill him with the love of truth and righteousness, and make him ever mindful of his calling to serve this people in holy fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

All: Give grace to your servant, O Lord.

2. For [Congress](#)

O God, the fountain of wisdom, whose will is good and gracious, and whose law is truth: We ask that you would guide and bless our Senators and Representatives in Congress, that they may enact such laws as shall please you, to the glory of your Name and the welfare of this people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All: Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

3. For others in authority

Lord, bless all the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth. For Governors, Mayors, and to all who make our laws in states, cities, and towns, give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations. To the Judges and officers of our Courts give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served. *Amen.*

All: Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

4. For those in the [Armed Forces of our Country](#)

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All: Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

5. For our [Enemies](#)

O God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth; deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

All: Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

6. For our [Country](#)

Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly ask that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable work, sound learning, and pure manners, respect and mutual regard. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought here out of many lands and tongues. *Amen.*

All: Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

7. For individuals

And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name. *Amen.*

All: Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

✠ Rest in Peace ✠

We offer our prayerful sympathy on the passing of

Kathleen Giesmann

sister of Mary Ann & David Brakensiek

Marjorie Sudbrock

mom of Leonard & Elaine Sudbrock, Wanda & Bill Schellert

Roger & Dianne Sudbrock

Matthew Bourneuf

nephew of Carole & Tom Baker

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

The Rummage Sale will be
rescheduled sometime in
August (as long as the

Archdiocese allows activities to resume), the date to be determined. Drop offs can begin the week of July 20th, if that date changes we will advise. Please do not bring your items up before July 20. I know you all have lots of "stuff" as most of us have used some of our "Free" time cleaning or organizing. Your donations are greatly appreciated.



Looking for some answers? The Bible can help!

Do you want to experience the love, joy, and peace that comes from living a God-centered life? Are you trying to figure out what God is calling you to do with your life? If so, read the Bible, every day. All of the teachings on being a good steward of our gifts come directly from the Gospels, the Old Testament, and the letters of the New Testament.

Stewardship is not a new fad invented by the Church or a word just used by environmentalists. Stewardship is the way God has intended for all of us to live since the beginning of time. The Bible has always been the play-book for living a grateful and generous lifestyle.

The world is filled with many self-improvement books. Fortunately, as Christians, we have the best-selling "self-improvement" book of all-time, the Bible. (Current estimate is five billion sold and counting).

Here's the best part about reading the Bible, not only do you learn about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, but you actually grow in love and friend-

ship with the Holy Trinity. The Bible is the living Word of God that speaks to each of us directly in our current circumstances.

Talk to daily Bible readers about their experiences, and they will frequently say that what they read in the Bible pertained to exactly what was going on in their lives at that particular moment. This is not a coincidence. God loves us and knows what we need when we need it.

In any good, loving relationship, it takes two committed parties. God's commitment is well known: He created us, He gave us an abundance of gifts, He gave us His only Son for our redemption, and He sent the Holy Spirit to guide us today. What about our commitment? All God asks is that we invite Him into our hearts and clear a little space for Him to operate in our lives.

A good, loving relationship also requires balance - the appropriate amount of time spent on the appropriate things. During this time of pandemic, social injustice and civil unrest,

it is not good to fill up on all the bad news fed to us around the clock. It is also not good to kill time by binge watching your favorite shows or reading gossip on social media. If you want to live a virtuous life in a close relationship with our Lord, then balance your day by reading the Bible.

What we put in our minds and hearts affects our thoughts and our actions. If you want good outputs, you need good inputs. If we want a good loving relationship with the Holy Trinity and with each other, then start with the daily reading of God's Living Word.

Faith is personal, but it is not meant to be private - we are all part of the Body of Christ. If you are unsure or uncomfortable with how to start reading the Bible, ask a family member or friend who is a daily Scripture reader for help. Or, join a small Bible study group or start one yourself. Your local pastor or parish priest would be happy to get you started. All we have to do is take the first step.

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True Kingship

Jesus is a walking contradiction in many ways. He is the lion and the lamb, the victor and the victim, God's son and the carpenter's son. The nature of His kingship is also perplexing. He is the gentle and meek one who takes all of our sins, problems, afflictions, and weaknesses upon Himself as the suffering servant (Isaiah 53). Yet he is also the almighty God who has authority over the wind and the sea (Mark 4:39). Jesus shows us that we are never as powerful as He is but that we can share in His power by surrendering to His grace. Jesus gently invites us to follow Him and to cast all of our cares and burdens upon Him so that He may help us to bear them successfully.

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It's Vacation Time—Are You Prepared?

Many people spend more time planning their vacations than they do planning their estates. Summer is the perfect time to make sure your will and estate plans are in order. In fact, just before a vacation is a great time to sign a new or updated will. Proper planning can help you protect your family and your estate.

To leave a gift to Immaculate Heart of Mary in your estate plans, please contact the planned giving experts at the Roman Catholic Foundation. 314-918-2890 or giftplanning@rcfstl.org.

Ten Catholic Novels to Read This Summer

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6. *The Innocence of Father Brown* – G.K. Chesterton
Createspace; Centennial edition. 174 pages. \$9.99.

The first collection of Chesterton's legendary short stories offers the first twelve mystery stories of the innocent but perceptive Father Brown. An amusing, ingenious, and unconventional detective, Father Brown challenges the legacy of every sleuth before or since. These light-hearted stories reveal keen psychological insight the reader rarely suspects.

7. *Death Comes for the Archbishop* – Willa Cather
Vintage. 297 pages. \$15.00.

Okay, okay. I know Willa Cather is not a Catholic. But she gets a pass and makes this list anyhow, because this novel is so profoundly Catholic. Set in the emerging American Southwest, Cather's novel narrates the arrival of New Mexico's first Catholic bishop. Cather tells the lucid and spiritual tale of saintly and vicious clergy, based on two historical figures, Jean-Baptiste Lamy and Joseph Projectus Machebeuf, animated by the region's tradition and lore.

8. *A Printer's Choice* – W.L. Patenaude
Izzard Ink. 334 pages. \$22.95.

A morality tale worthy of the name, Patenaude's debut sci-fi novel explores the contest of religious faith and free will

as outer space is rocked by its first homicide. Set in 2088, boasting ecological and technological themes dear to the author, Patenaude's novel can't resist asking the biggest questions about the nature and meaning of life in the engaging context of his murder mystery.

9. *The Moviegoer* – Walker Percy
Farrar, Straus and Giroux. 272 pages. \$16.00.

Even though the action of this novel unfolds during the week leading to Ash Wednesday, Percy's *Moviegoer* is an excellent summer read. Absurd and humorous, Binx Bolling's search for an authentic experience is enough to fend off the malaise of any summer day. More philosopher than stockbroker, Bolling experiences a New Orleans-based adventure that ends in a triumphant finale, with an homage worthy of Percy's beloved Dostoevsky.

10. *Mr. Blue* – Myles Connolly
Cluny Media. 246 pages. \$17.95

A modern day Francis of Assisi, J. Blue passes from rags to riches, only to divest himself of his wealth in pursuit of Lady Poverty. Set in the Roaring Twenties, *Mr. Blue* is the antithesis of *The Great Gatsby*. Any open-minded reader will find that Blue's discovery of joy in self-giving is as rare as it is courageous.



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

As you remember, a few months ago a number of deacons and their wives, and family members and friends, were scheduled to join me and participate in a life-changing pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Several of the members of our IHM family expressed interest in joining us. Unfortunately that trip was put on hold, but it is now ready to be rescheduled. Please consider joining Nancy and myself and others for an 8-day Holy Land Pilgrimage, September 8-15, 2020. See Deacon Chris for info.

Readings of the Week

Sun: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 [cf. 1]/Rom 8:9, 11-13/
Mt 11:25-30
Mon: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/
Mt 9:18-26
Tue: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10 [9a]/Mt 9:32-38
Wed: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [4b]/Mt 10:1-7
Thu: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16 [4b]/Mt 10:7-15
Fri: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17 [17b]/
Mt 10:16-23
Sat: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday: 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

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