



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

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

June 13, 2021



11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants." - Mk 4:30-32b

Illustration from the Lectionary for Mass (©2001, 1988, 1983 CEB)

Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A favorite motto of St. Teresa of Calcutta was, "do small things with great love." This is how it works in the kingdom of God. God can do tremendous things with the smallest gesture, especially when it is done in love. We can clearly see that our world is suffering greatly. People are struggling to find peace, navigate through conflicts, earn a sustainable living, find security and enough food to eat, and work through political tensions and conflicts. In the light of the magnitude of the difficulties that exist around us and even within us, we can find ourselves floundering to discover practical, effective solutions. How can something so large be helped by someone as small and seemingly insignificant as me? While whole systems and structures may be out of the league of our personal influence, are we really that helpless in the midst of all of the turmoil, sadness, and suffering?

If we believe that God is with us and that God is still working to bring about the glory of God's kingdom, then the answer is no. We are never helpless or without hope. Armed with a strong life of prayer, we can always flee to God and ask for inspiration, wisdom, and especially love. We are all blessed with unique gifts and talents and it often seems that considering all that the world lacks, love and charity remain at the top of the list. Life can easily become a battleground of hostility. Because life is challenging and difficult, anger is not far away. We see it on people's faces and hear it in their voices. There is a measure of frustration that permeates all avenues of life. It is even felt in the air.

As people of faith, we know that what we see here is not the end but only a part of something far greater to come. We know

that God's kingdom is where we are ultimately meant to be, and the Gospel is the way to get there. If love and charity can prevail in us, then God will be able to do what God does best. God will use us to scatter the seeds of his kingdom. Through our small gestures, those seeds can receive the nurturing attention that is necessary for them to bear great fruit. We cannot fall victim to the strife that is around us. We have to keep ourselves refreshed and focused so that even in small ways, we can become part of the solution, not the problem. Love and charity, which come from God, can help to heal the ills of the world. May we bring these simple gifts to the everyday simple tasks of our lives! Watch how big the plant grows!

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

Parish Staff

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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

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Young Adults
Julie Lassiter 636-357-0121

Photos from our Corpus Christi Procession June 6

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi was celebrated in our parish last Sunday in a procession with the Blessed Sacrament, celebrating the Sacrament and signifying God's presence in our world and in our lives, and reminding us of our common pilgrimage to Heaven. On this feast, we express our gratitude for the opportunity to receive our Lord every Sunday in the Eucharist, to adore Him in prayer, and to show Him to the rest of the world in our little community of New Melle.

Three altars were prepared – in church, at the cemetery, and in the chapel. Pictured below are several moments of incense and blessing, Fr. Tom carrying the monstrance beneath the canopy, and those parishioners who accompanied the Blessed Sacrament in procession. Thanks to all who prepared and participated!



11th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B

[Jesus said,] "A man takes a mustard seed, the smallest seed in the world, and plants it in the ground. . . . It grows up and becomes the biggest of all plants. It puts out such large branches that the birds come and make their nests in its shade." —MARK 4:31-32

Rosa Parks was a black seamstress. One day in Alabama in 1955, she was arrested, handcuffed, and jailed for refusing to vacate a bus seat reserved for whites. That episode turned out to be the seed out of which grew the Civil Rights Movement.

Ten years later, at the Freedom Festival, Rosa was given the title "the First Lady of the Civil Rights Movement."

Why do/don't I believe that one person can make a difference in today's world?

(Mark Link SJ Vision 2000)

Ministry Schedule

June 12—4pm

EM: Deacon Chris, Karen Wilson, Jim or Theresa Risch
Lec: Jackie Dunn, Clare Holifield
Serv: Zara & Zoey Panus
Music: Debbie & Bryan
Ush: Mike Rieker, Tim Wilson, Bryan Potter

June 13—7:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Maureen Blondin, Jan Kardasz
Lec: Bob Leeker, Mary Hardesty
Serv: Mary Grace Becker, Nate Buescher
Music: Brooke & Verdi
Ush: Terry Schneider, Frank Kardasz, Chris Molitor

June 13—9:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Chris & Kat Menne
Lec: Michelle Greiwe, Grant Smith
Serv: William Lassiter, Thomas Kokker
Music: Amelia, Betsy, Mary, Bryan
Ush: Joe Weber, Bill Riley, Gary Struckhoff

IHMformation Station

4:00: Jim & Chris Warren
9:30: Michelle Greiwe

✠ Rest in Peace ✠

Larry Williams
father of Lisa & Mark Murphy

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

Ministry Schedule

June 19—4pm

EM: Becky Wilson, Donna Cuddihee, Kathy Lalonde
Lec: Theresa & Jim Risch
Serv: Izzy Scheer, Zara Panus
Music: Debbie & Bryan
Ush: Chris Cuddihee, Andy Pope, Bill Pollihan

June 20—7:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, John Fiacco, Betty Tuepker
Lec: Chuck Kettler, Kris Jenkins
Serv: Sydney & Natalie Jaeckle
Music: Elizabeth & Verdi
Ush: Rich Scharf, Gary Potter, Larry Smith

June 20—9:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Patrice Riley, Janet Hespen
Lec: Don & Susan Hladky
Serv: Izzy Czuchna, William Lassiter
Music: Amelia, Betsy, Mary, Bryan
Ush: Chris Molitor, Bob Hutchcraft, Chuck Hinkle

IHMformation Station

4:00: Brian & Becky Wilson
9:30: Maureen Blondin

Heavenly Duster Schedule

Week of June 13: Pat Roche
Week of June 20: Shirley Gassei
Week of June 27: Dot Keune

Purificators

Month of June: June Spiess

Please pray for all the sick and suffering:

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

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 Hagebauer (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



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.

Mass Intentions

Monday, June 14	
8:00am	Communion Service
Tuesday, June 15	
8:00am	Jameo Klemme + int. of Tom & Maria Miller Family
Wednesday, June 16	
8:00am	Ed Orf + Jerry & Sandy Knott +
Thursday, June 17	
8:00am	Nancy W. O'Keefe + Florian & Roselia Gober +
Friday, June 18	
8:00am	Lorene Hutchcraft +
Saturday, June 19	
8:00am	Dave Gentry +
4:00pm	All Souls Rick Cobleigh +
Sunday, June 20	
7:30am	People of IHM Alan & Kat Brittingham 31st wedd. Ann.
9:30am	liv/dec Bader & Wolff Families Mary Glissman +

Activities this Week

Monday, June 14	
	Communion Service at 8am this morning Scouts, Founders Hall/trailer, 6:30pm
Tuesday, June 15	
	Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, 9am KofC, Founders Hall, 7pm Rosary, 7:30 meeting
Wednesday, June 16	
	Reconciliation at 7pm
Thursday, June 17	
	Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am
Friday, June 18	
	Quilting in Weber Hall, 8:30—noon <u>Chicken & Fish Dinner, see ad later in bulletin</u>
Saturday, June 19	
	Reconciliation, 8:45am SVDP Food Pantry open 9-10:30am Anointings after 4pm Mass
Sunday, June 20	
	Anointings after 7:30 and 9:30 Masses Event in Grand Hall this afternoon

Rummage Sale setup
begins June 23—help please!

Contributions, May 29/30

General Offertory:	\$9,837.50
Online Giving:	\$5,712.76
TOTAL:	\$15,550.26

Contributions, June 5/6

General Offertory:	\$11,216.00
Online Giving:	\$4,689.20
TOTAL:	\$15,905.20

*"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil."
~~ 2 Corinthians 5:10 ~~*

We are all accountable for all of the gifts God has given us—our time, our talent and our treasure; everything we have and everything we are. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask each of us what did we do with the gifts we were given. How will you respond?

We pray: that all of our parish ministries work together for the glory of God's name and not for our own pride and ego.

Needed at the Pantry

pork and beans, sugar, oil, saltines, spinach, sauerkraut, fruit juices, BBQ sauce, applesauce in plastic jars, any snack for children lunches.



Please hold your plastic bags—we have plenty!!

In the Gospel, Jesus says: "This is how it is with the reign of God. A man scatters seed on the ground. He goes to bed and gets up day after day. Through it all the seed sprouts and grows without his knowing how it happens."

Through your almsgiving you are sowing seeds that grow far greater than you know. The coins placed in the St. Vincent de Paul collection bring Christ's love and compassion to the poor.



Marriage in Christ
has been promised between:
Paul Kassebaum and Emily Brinkmann

It is part of the discipline of God to make His loved ones perfect through Trial and Suffering. Only by carrying the Cross can one reach the Resurrection.
—Bp. Fulton Sheen from the book *The Life of Christ*

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. The Holy Spirit, whose _____ permeates our whole being, is the interior Master of Christian prayer.
a. perfume b. anointing
c. feeling d. aroma
2. The Holy Spirit unites us to the Person of the only Son, in His glorious humanity, through which and in which our filial prayer unites us in the Church with the _____ of Jesus.
a. prayer b. mother
c. cross d. agony
3. Because she gives us Jesus, her Son, Mary is mother of God and our mother; we can _____ all our cares and petitions to her.
a. avoid b. neglect
c. write d. entrust
4. Medieval piety in the West developed the prayer of the _____ as a popular substitute for the Liturgy of the Hours.
a. office b. quiet
c. home d. rosary
5. Like the beloved disciple we welcome Jesus' mother into our _____ for she has become the mother of all the living.
a. faults b. sins
c. homes d. failings
6. We can pray with and to her. The prayer of the _____ is sustained by the prayer of Mary and united with it in hope.
a. Breviary b. Divine Office
c. Church d. praise
7. The witnesses who have preceded us into the Kingdom, especially those whom the Church recognizes as _____, share in the living tradition of prayer.
a. saints b. the lost
c. fallen d. condemned
8. The (saints') intercession is their most exalted service to God's plan. We can and should ask them to _____ for us and for the whole world.
a. intercede b. look
c. make excuses d. sin
9. In the Communion of Saints, many and varied _____ have been developed throughout the history of the Church.
a. churches b. flowers
c. abuses d. spiritualities
10. The different _____ of Christian spirituality share in the living tradition of prayer and are essential guides for the faithful.
a. universities b. angels
c. waves d. schools

ANSWER KEY:
1. b (2672) 2. b (2673) 3. d (2677) 4. d (2678) 5. c (2679) 6. c (2679) 7. a (2683) 8. a (2683) 9. d (26845) 10. d (2684)

Our Old and Tired Grand Piano

Dear IHM Parish Family,

Our piano in church is currently in need of extensive repairs, which prompted consultations with our piano technician and connections I have at Steinway & Sons. At 111 years old, rebuilding is not cost effective. Both Steinway and our regular piano technician have now submitted proposals for the purchase of a different piano, and I have had the privilege of presenting all of the details to our finance committee. Options presented range from \$35k-\$80k.

The committee is now in the process of discerning an exact fundraising goal and investigating specific pianos. We would like to gauge the parish's enthusiasm about this project and willingness to give. If you are interested in this project, have questions, or would like to contribute to the piano fund, please contact Laura or Bryan in the office.



PSR Corner

The Month of June is traditionally, devotionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Have you ever considered making an "Enthronement to the Sacred Heart" in your home or at your business? Jesus promised St. Margaret Mary Alacoque that He "will bless the home in which the image of my Sacred Heart shall be exposed and honored." Take a look at this website to find out more. <https://sacredheartapostolate.com/enthronements/>



Pope's Intentions for June: The beauty of marriage

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.



LAST CALL! Spirit of ACTS Women's ACTS Retreat June 17-20

We invite you to "come away for a while" and experience the presence of God's Son bringing anew the light of the Holy Spirit into your life.

Check-in begins at 6pm at St. Patrick Wentzville. Transportation to and from the retreat center is provided, as well as a private room and all meals for the weekend. Cost is \$255 for each retreatant, with a \$50 registration fee to accompany the registration form, balance due at check-in. BUT financial difficulties should not prevent anyone from attending, as scholarships are available.

Registration forms are available in the narthex, or contact team members ackie Barclay at 636-299-3717 or Janet Hespen at 314-369-6521.



Sponsored by the Marian Council

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church
New Melle, MO

6 Days Only, from 8:00am to 1:00pm

Wednesdays, July 7 and 14

Fridays, July 9 and 19

Saturdays, July 10 and 17

Founders Hall and the Pavilion
will be filled, jammed and overflowing with treasures,
trinkets, clothing, toys, furniture and decorative items.

Don't Miss It!

Donated items may be brought to the pavilion beginning June 21.

WE NEED WORKERS PLEASE!! beginning June 23 to sort & set up

Reserve your seat NOW!
(Proceeds benefit our Building Fund)

Chicken & Fish DINNER



**Friday
June 18**



Serving from 5-7:30pm
Live music from 6-9pm by the Homesteaders

**Immaculate Heart of Mary
Founders Hall, 26 W. Hwy. D
New Melle, MO**

Fried Chicken and/or Fried Fish, pasta con broccoli,
mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, coleslaw, rolls, dessert,
tea/lemonade/water
(beer & soda available for purchase)

Meal prices if reserved by June 17:
Adults: \$13 / ages 6—12: \$7 / 5 and under free

Walk-in prices:
Adults: \$15 / Ages 6-12: \$9

**For reservations: 636-398-5270
or secretary@ihm-newmelle.org**



Janet Hespen,
Youth Minister,
314-369-6521

**STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCE in
Springfield, MO—July 16-18**

This is a high energy youth conference in which teens encounter Jesus Christ through dynamic speakers, engaging music, the Sacraments, small group discussion and fellowship with other teens. Promises to be an awesome weekend!!

Scholarships are available through IHM.

More information in steubystl.com

Upcoming regular meeting dates (6:30—8pm)

Monday in Weber Hall: June 21

Thursdays in Weber Hall: July 1, 15, 29



**Save \$2 per meal ...
make your reservation
by June 17!!**

call/email the Parish office

636-398-5270/secretary@ihm-newmelle.org



Year of St. Joseph

Pope Francis declared a Year of St. Joseph through December 8th 2021 on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being proclaimed as Patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX in 1870. Throughout this special year we will include various insights, past and present about St. Joseph.

The Lord loves when we make a devotional pilgrimage. He came to us. Why not make a pilgrimage this month or over the summer to a shrine or location that involves St. Joseph? Here's a few to consider.

The Shrine of St. Joseph: St. Louis, MO <https://www.shrineofstjoseph.org/>



This beautiful old church, at the corner of 11th Street and Biddle in St. Louis has a vast and interesting history beginning in 1844. Read about parishioner Ignatius Strecker who was miraculously healed in 1864 through the intercession of Peter Claver, SJ. This miracle became one of two miracles needed for the canonization of Saint Peter Claver. Then in 1866, learn how a solemn vow to Saint Joseph saved the lives of parishioners during a cholera outbreak in St. Louis, which claimed the lives of 20 people a day from the parish. (Go to their website for a virtual tour)

**Consideration of pilgrimages to local churches and shrines dedicated to St. Joseph
What about getting something together at the parish level and make a day out of it?**



**St. Joseph/
Josephville**



**St. Joseph/
Cottleville**



**Pilgrimage to the Holy Family Shrine in Foristell:
<https://cedarlakefoundation.org/shrine-holy-family>**

The Shrine was built in 2010 after more than 18 months of planning and was dedicated on October 9, 2010, by the Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson, Archbishop of St. Louis. Located near the center of the property overlooking a small lake, the Shrine promotes personal devotion to the Holy Family as a model of human virtue and love—human and divine—by providing a quiet place for families and people of all ages to pray and meditate on the life of the Holy Family.



Sometime during the Year of St. Joseph, why not plan a trip to New Mexico?

The Staircase St. Joseph built in New Mexico

The Chapel of Loretto in Santa Fe, New Mexico, is home to an exceptional work of carpentry

Three mysteries surround the spiral staircase in the Loretto Chapel: the identity of its builder, the type of wood used, and the physics of its construction.

When the Loretto Chapel was completed in 1878, there was no way to access the choir loft twenty-two feet above. Carpenters were called in to address the problem, but they all concluded access to the loft would have to be via ladder as a staircase would interfere with the interior space of the small Chapel.

Legend says that to find a solution to the seating problem, the Sisters of the Chapel made a novena to St. Joseph, the patron saint of carpenters. On the ninth and final day of prayer, a man appeared at the Chapel with a donkey and a toolbox looking for work. Months later, the elegant circular staircase was completed, and the carpenter disappeared without pay or thanks. After searching for the man (an ad even ran in the local newspaper) and finding no trace of him, some concluded that he was St. Joseph himself, having come in answer to the sisters' prayers.

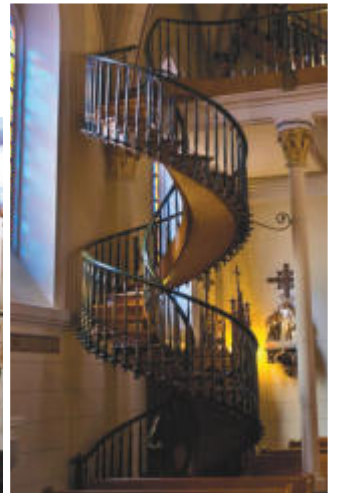
The stairway's carpenter, whoever he was, built a magnificent structure. The design was innovative for the time and some of the design considerations still perplex experts today.

The staircase has two 360 degree turns and no visible means of support. It is said that the staircase was built without nails—only wooden pegs. Questions also surround the number of stair risers relative to the height of the choir loft and about the types of wood and other materials used in the stairway's construction.



Over the years many have flocked to the Loretto Chapel to see the Miraculous Staircase. The staircase has been the subject of many articles, TV specials, and movies including "Unsolved Mysteries" and the full-length movie titled "The Staircase", starring William Petersen and Barbara Hershey.

<https://www.lorettochapel.com/info/our-story>



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun:	Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34
Mon:	2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Mt 5:38-42
Tue:	2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
Wed:	2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thu:	2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 [7a]/Mt 6:7-15
Fri:	2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]/Mt 6:19-23
Sat:	2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]/Mt 6:24-34

Next baptismal prep classes:

June 20 and July 18, 11:00am in Weber Hall

Please call the office at 636-398-5270
to pre-register. Thank you!

Dynamic Catholic *Alive!*

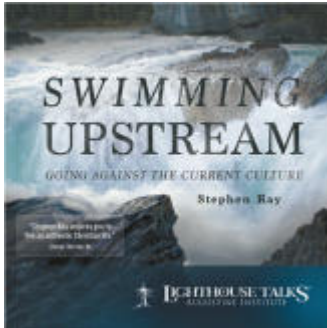
The Mustard Seed

The smallest seed becomes one of the biggest plants that many creatures can dwell in. So how does that relate to me? We all have received many gifts from God. All these gifts are critical in God's salvation plan. No gift is too small or insignificant! With God's grace, even the smallest of our gifts just may be the answer to someone's prayer. The seed also relates to our daily life because a seed must break or die before it can develop into a mature plant. The same is true for our life. We must renounce our sins before we can mature as disciples of Jesus. And, as the mustard seed plant became a home for many creatures, as we grow in our discipleship, we help others find their true home as disciples.

archstl.org/dynamic

St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

From the Lighthouse Catholic CD Rack: Narthex



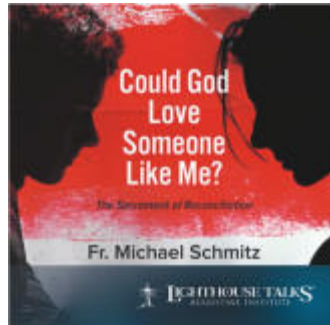
In this empowering talk, Steve Ray shares what it means to be a Christian in today's world. By examining the lives and martyrdoms of the early Christians and understanding how they transformed the pagan Greco-Roman culture, Steve gives us a blueprint for the New Evangelization. Learn from early Christians how to

swim upstream against the current culture and become a witness for Christ.

I have really enjoyed the CD's from Lighthouse but Swimming Upstream blew me away! I was not familiar with Stephen Ray but will now seek to hear as many of his lectures as possible! Wow, what an amazing, thought-provoking topic! Ordinarily once I listen to a CD, I send it along to my sister who lives across the country. But she isn't getting my copy of this! I will keep it on hand and listen to it again and again! I am also going to look into purchasing several copies to hand out! Please include Mr. Ray in future monthly offerings. Thanks and God Bless!

Marti - Saint Gabriel, LA

Fr. Mike Schmitz, one of the leading presenters in the Church today, speaks powerfully about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. He makes clear the truth that Christ deeply loves and wants to encounter each of us as we are, with all our imperfections. Fr. Mike debunks the lies we often believe about not being good enough to approach Jesus, and he draws upon Scripture to explain rationally why we go to priests to encounter God's mercy and forgiveness in Confession.



Fr. Mike gives a powerful and motivating message that will bless young and old alike!

John - Silver City, NM

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