



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

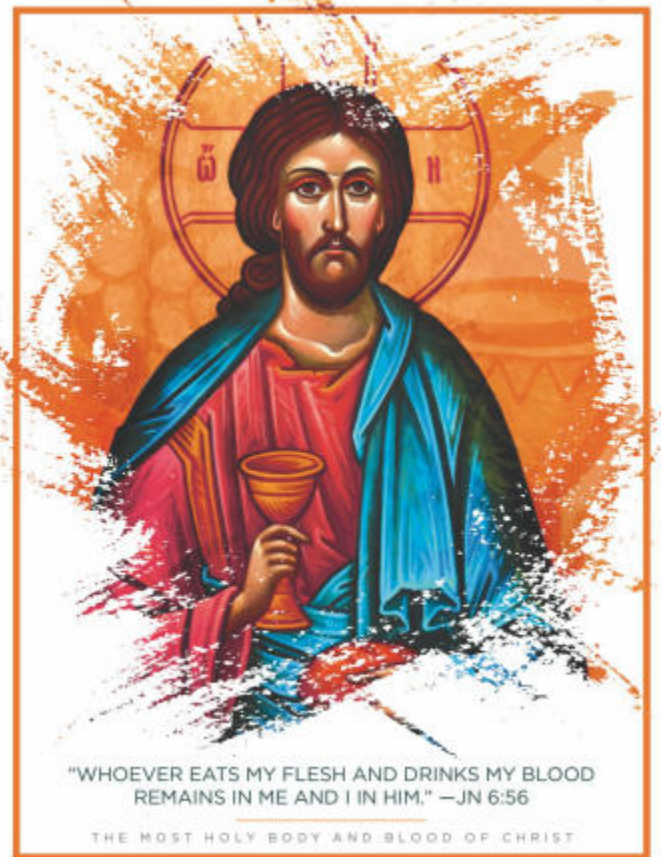
Reconciliation: Wednesday in church, 7pm
 Saturday following 8am Mass

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

June 7, 2020



Deeper Understanding of Scripture

It is no wonder that followers of Christ are called the Body of Christ. After all, sharing in the same spiritual food and sacred meal, they become what they eat and reveal the Divine Image. There is so much power for healing in the community of believers. Through the Eucharist, Christ becomes as present in those who have partaken of his Body and Blood as he has the elements themselves. The very presence of God touches the depths of the human soul and visits a part of us that no human being can ever hope to explore. We are God's. The sacred Eucharistic meal is a celebration of intimacy, the reunion of two loves in constant search of and longing for the other.

The community of believers receives the

power and the presence to touch and heal in the name of the One they have welcomed within. It is now within their grasp to change the way life is lived and to more intentionally put into practice the Beatitudes that the Divine Guest has revealed. We are asked to be like Christ and work to create a world of sufficiency, where the greed of some no longer creates the want of others but where all of God's children can find a home and a place at the table of life. The One who makes a home within calls us to live a life that transforms. We are changed ourselves and now become agents of change for others. We are the Body of Christ. God is with us. We have been nourished.

Sadly, many are afraid to try. We know what we are called to do, but we struggle with feelings of doubt as to whether God really is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Do our systems have to change? Is it possible that we somehow missed the mark when we put all of our social networks in place and established the business of our lives? Perhaps we have to radically rethink our approach and that can scare us. We might have to give something up or change, and we don't want to. As long as want, injustice, division, prejudice, and scarcity still exist, there is tremendous work for the Body of Christ.

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

Parish Staff

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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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Youth and Young Adults

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Janet Hespen 314-369-6521
Young Adults
Julie Lassiter 636-357-0121

There Is No Greater Love

Dear parishioners,

A few years ago I shared this prayer with you as part of our Eucharistic devotion. As we celebrate the Mystery of Our Lord's Body & Blood, may this Sacrament truly be the source and summit of our lives as disciples of Jesus.

Come, O Jesus of the Eucharist

Jesus of the Eucharist! Come to us and be our Ruler!
All that we have and are is Yours to command, for all that we have is Yours.
If our hearts are poor, enrich them with Your grace.
If they have been sinful and soiled, accept them pure and cleansed
through the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Suffering Heart of Jesus!
To You we confide all the trials of our souls.

Sweet Heart of Jesus!
To Your care we confide our weaknesses and ask You to accept our sincere repentance.

Compassionate Heart of Jesus!
To You we confide our souls tormented by our suffering conscience.

Gentle heart of Jesus!
We confide to You the peace and salvation of our families.

Eucharistic Heart of Jesus!
The world, worried unto death, finds a refuge in Your Heart,
where the lance once opened for us the source of Life.

Come, O Jesus! Be our brother in the pure joy of Christian love!
Come, O Jesus! Be our friend in the depths of this world's sorrows.

**This is Jesus, Emmanuel.
God is with us in this sacrament.
Come receive Him, adore Him.
This is Jesus Christ our Lord.**

AMEN.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ—Year A

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" Mark 14:12

On the night of the Last Supper, as in the embrace following a wedding feast, Jesus gave His Bride, the Church, Himself—"This is My Body." Fulfilling all the "types" of the Old Testament, particularly the Passover meal, our Lord united Himself to us by way of a Communion meal, leading us out of the slavery from sin. Think of these "types" of the Eucharist in the OT and how Jesus has fulfilled them. The tree of life. The offering of Abel. The offering of Isaac. The offering of Melchizedek. The offering of the Firstborn / Passover Lamb. The Manna in the Desert.

If someone charted all my words and actions over a period of a month, would their report give much evidence that I truly believed in the Eucharist?

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Ministry Schedule

June 13—4pm

EM: Deacon Tony Falbo, Karen Wilson,
Pat Roche, Ann Zaleuke
Lec: Mike Greene, Sharon Hagan
Serv: Zara Panus
Music: Bryan & Amelia
Ush: Ed Etzkorn, Larry Graves, Tom Zaleuke,
Mike Rieker, Tim Wilson, Andy Pope

June 14—7:30am

EM: Deacon Chris Ast, Mary Hardesty,
Jan Kardasz, John Fiacco
Lec: Kris Jenkins, Nancy Ast
Serv: Sydney Jaeckle
Music: Verdi & Brooke
Ush: Tom Meczowski, Chris Molitor, Frank Kardasz,
Larry Smith, Gary Potter, Ron Jacob

June 14—9:30am

EM: Deacon Chris Ast, Don & Susan Hladky,
Janet Hespen, Pat Gentry, Chris Richter
Lec: Patrice Riley, Joe Willis
Serv: Janie Becker
Music: Bryan, Amelia & Betsy
Ush: Brenda Hutchcraft, Joe Weber, Jerry Hespen,
Alan Raymond, Gary Struckhoff, Michelle Greiwe

Corpus Christi Procession begins at 11am

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

Ministry Schedule

June 20—4pm

EM: Deacon Chris Ast, Bob Brossette,
Ed Etzkorn, Sharon Hagan
Lec: Jerry Knott, Yvonne Brossette
Serv: Zara Panus
Music: Maya & Bryan
Ush: Wally & Jan Karase, Chris Cuddihee,
Bill & Bernadine Pollihan, Mike Rieker

June 21—7:30

EM: Deacon Tony Falbo, Dianne Dickherber,
Maureen Blondin, Betty Tuepker
Lec: Mary Hardesty, Kris Jenkins
Serv: **need a volunteer**
Music: Brooke & Verdi
Ush: Tom Meczowski, Dave London, Gary Potter,
Brenda Hutchcraft, **need 2 more please**

June 21—9:30

EM: Deacon Tony Falbo, Laura Orf,
Don & Susan Hladky
Lec: Pat Gentry, Michelle Greiwe
Serv: Janie Becker
Music: Mary Ann & Bryan
Ush: Larry Smith, Alan Raymond, Gary Struckhoff,
Chris Molitor, Joe Weber, Jerry Hespen

June 21—11:30am

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

*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

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

✠ *Rest in Peace* ✠

We offer our prayerful sympathy on the passing of
Robert "Bobby" Eisenbath
father of Judy and Chris Molitor

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

Marriage in Christ has been promised between
Alyssa Heinsohn and Matthew Doll
Megan Preuss and Russell Hooch



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

Mass Intentions

Monday, June 15

8:00am Jack Roderick +
Tom+ & Maria Miller 65th wedding anniv.

Tuesday, June 16

8:00am parents of Jeff & Chris Comotto +
Rose Reuther +

Wednesday, June 17

8:00am intention of Roger & Vicki Brink

Thursday, June 18

8:00am Marjorie Hatfield +
Jean Reel +

Friday, June 19

8:00am All Souls
Dave Gentry +

Saturday, June 20

8:00am Dick Meier (27th anniv.) +
Matthew Hewitt +

4:00pm Dr. Maurice Lonsway (1st anniv.) +

Sunday, June 21

7:30am Josephine Seper +
parents of John & Karen Wappelhorst +

9:30am Steve Kettler +
living/deceased Bader & Wolff Families

11:30am People of the Parish

Contributions, May 30/31

General Offertory:	\$10,935.05
Online – General Offertory:	<u>\$5,440.82</u>
TOTAL	\$16,375.87

*"Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread."
(1 Corinthians 10:17)*

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to lead holy lives and invite others to join us. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, serves a twofold purpose. One, it helps build God's kingdom here on earth. Two, it helps us strengthen each other's relationship with God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. It becomes our road map to Heaven. Let's help each other get there!

Let us pray . . . that we answer God's call to build His kingdom on earth and help each other get to Heaven!

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



Have you been wanting to become more active in your community? Vincentians with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul make home visits and interact face-to-face with their Neighbors in Need. Not only do they give relief to those in need, but they also grow in their own spiritual journeys.

For more information about becoming a Vincentian with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, call 636-398-5270 x225.

Prayer to the Sacred Heart (St. Alphonsus Liguori):

*"O Sacred Heart of Jesus,
living and life-giving fountain of eternal life,
infinite treasure of the Divinity,
and glowing furnace of love,
You are my sanctuary.
O adorable and glorious Savior,
consume my heart with that burning fire
that ever inflames Your Heart.
Pour down on my soul
those graces which flow from Your Love.
Let my heart be one with,
and in all things conformed to,
Yours.
May Your Will be the rule
of both my desires and my actions.
Amen."*



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

Arrival of a new baby
Military deployment
Condolences

Injuries/Surgeries
Extended illnesses
Group events

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



Pope's Intentions for June: The Way of the Heart

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

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)

- While sin is a personal act, we have a _____ for the sins committed by others when we cooperate in them.
 - chance
 - responsibility
 - response
 - challenge
- There is a resemblance between the union of the Divine Persons and the _____ that men are to establish among themselves in truth and love.
 - faculty
 - groups
 - fraternity
 - contracts
- The human person needs to live in society. Society is not for him an extraneous addition but a requirement of his _____.
 - job
 - career
 - nature
 - culture
- This principle holds that a community of a higher order should not interfere in the internal life of a community of a lower order, but rather support it.
 - interference
 - subsidiarity
 - subdivision
 - introspection
- God has not reserved to Himself all exercise of power. He entrusts to creatures the functions it is capable of _____, according to the capacities of its own nature.
 - thinking
 - performing
 - believing
 - dreaming
- The way God acts in governing the world bears witness to such great regard for human freedom it should inspire the wisdom of those who _____ human communities.
 - govern
 - build up
 - transform
 - inspire
- Respect must be accorded to the just hierarchy of _____ which subordinates physical and instinctual dimensions to interior and spiritual ones:
 - values
 - streams
 - religions
 - truths
- Human society must primarily be considered something pertaining to the _____.
 - financial
 - spiritual
 - moral
 - physical
- The inversion of means and ends results in giving the value of ultimate end to what is only a means for attaining it, or in viewing _____ as mere means to that end.
 - television
 - persons
 - the faith
 - life
- To obtain social change that really serves man, one must appeal to the spiritual and moral capacities of the human person and to the permanent need for his inner _____.
 - peace
 - conversion
 - joy
 - happiness

1-b, 2-c, 3-c, 4-b, 5-b, 6-a, 7-a, 8-b, 9-b, 10-b
Answer key:

New Cemetery Section now open

Please call the church office to set up an appointment to reserve your final resting place in our cemetery. The price for the lots at this time is \$750, and we will keep this price until September. Also, we still have many niches available in our columbariums for the repose of cremated remains. Give us a call if you are interested in either option!



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.

Also, call me any time if you need to talk. I have been praying for each of you and I know this is not how you wanted to end your school year. I am here for you any time!!

We have another meeting at church lined up in June, Founders Hall pavilion, 6:30—8pm.

⇒ June 25th: Finding treasures in new friendships and chocolate night (what are our treasures?? treasure hunts and chocolate guessing).

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



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.

Due to the circumstances of the Covid-19 Pandemic we will not be hosting our Heart of the Parish Dinner or Recognition this year.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Boundary Eucharistic Consecration and Blessing

Join other parishioners to ask for God's Blessing and Protection on our parish
and on all the people's and lands within our parish boundaries



On the Feast of Corpus Christi, June 14th at 11 am (there will be no 11:30 am Mass) we will be forming a car pool “procession” with Fr. Tom and Jesus in the Eucharist leading the way. We will travel the parish boundaries and stop at 4 stations, marking the north, south, east and west boundaries of the parish. These will be

1. Lake Sherwood (west)
2. Daniel Boone Home (south)
3. Busch Wildlife (east)
4. St. Gianna Church (north).

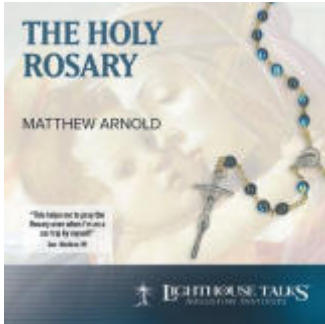
At each of these stops we will offer brief prayers for God's blessing and protection on our lands and lives as Fr. Tom blesses the area with the Eucharistic Lord present in the monstrance.



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)

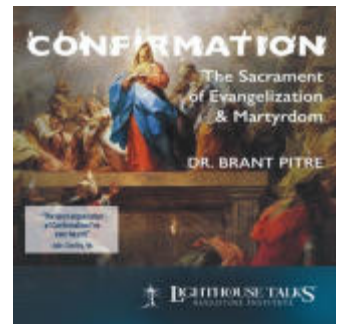


Rooted in Sacred Scripture, the Rosary has been called the Gospel in miniature. Beautiful music is blended with subtle voices as the symphony of prayers of this timeless treasure is presented by Matthew Arnold so that all can participate. The recitation of this traditional Catholic prayer honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary is perfect for personal use in private meditation or for family devotions.

Thank you for the most beautiful rosary CD I have ever heard! It is so well done, peaceful, and very powerful.

Mary Ann - Steubenville, OH

Today there is oftentimes a misconception of what the Sacrament of Confirmation is actually for or how it affects our lives. In this talk, Dr. Brant Pitre invites us to better understand the tremendous graces and calling received through this sacrament. He points to various passages in scripture which provide a historical foundation and, through bold witness, challenges us to willingly surrender our lives to Christ. Dr. Brant Pitre is a professor of Sacred Scripture at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, LA.



Until this talk by Brant Pitre, I have not really understood what Confirmation is all about. I wish I had this talk when I was confirmed so I can live up to this great sacrament!

Daniel - Vancouver, Canada

Absolutely the best explanation of the Sacrament of Confirmation I have ever heard!

Julie - Sterling, VA

PSR Corner

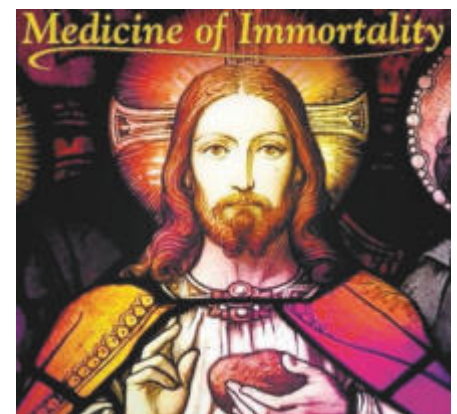
Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist

In these days of “viruses” – imagine a vaccine that was created which would be a “medicine of immortality.” This is in fact what Christ offered His life to give in the Eucharist. The term *medicine of immortality* was used to describe the Eucharist by St. Ignatius of Antioch at the turn of the first century. Prayers and Blessings to all those who will be making their first communion this year.

Elaina Buescher
Sofia Cruz
Claire Fredric,
Natalie Jaekle
Bennett Kuebler
Clayton Mottert
Evangeline Schulte
Amelia Wood

Riley Carlstrom
Sophia Czuchna
Zoey Goertz
Addyson Katzfey
Aidan Lyons
Garrett Mottert
Kensington Sellenriek

Kelsey Cobb
Emma Clifton
Jenrose Hespen
Avery Kleekamp
Cameron Meadows
Zachary Scheer
Tate Stafford



Heavenly Duster Schedule

Week of June 14:	Pat Roche
Week of June 21:	Shirley Gassei
Week of June 28:	Dot Keune
Week of July 5:	Karen Wilson

INTERESTED IN MEMORIALIZING A FRIEND OR LOVED ONE?

To learn more, contact the planned giving experts at the Roman Catholic Foundation. 314-918-2890 | giftplanning@rcfstl.org



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

This weekend as we look forward to returning to a more normal schedule of activities and sacramental celebrations, you are invited once again to participate in the *Annual Catholic Appeal* by making a gift. If your circumstances permit and your family is blessed with good health and employment, please consider increasing your gift to make up for those who are unable to make a gift at this time.

If you did not receive your pledge card in the mail, please contact our parish office.

More information can be found at aca.archstl.org. Your gift will help many who have been impacted by the Covid-19 outbreak in our Archdiocese. As we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, we acknowledge that we are one Body in Christ, that we make sacrifices for others, not because they are Catholic, but because *we are Catholic!*

BLOOD DRIVE

Immaculate heart of Mary
New Melle

MUST MAKE A DONOR APPOINTMENT TO ENSURE SOCIAL DISTANCING

Tuesday June 23rd

Hours 2:30 pm-6:30 pm

Founders Hall

\$5 gift card voucher for all donors

To schedule an appointment, call 866-448-3253 or
online at bloodcenter.org to make an appointment.
Use sponsor code 9118

www.bloodcenter.org



MISSISSIPPI VALLEY
REGIONAL BLOOD CENTER

Readings of the Week

Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12]/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58
Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7 [2b]/Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16 [cf. 3a]/Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24 [25]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7 [12a]/Mt 6:7-15
Friday: Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10 [cf. 17]/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30
Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Lk 2:41-51
Next Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 [14c]/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

Monthly Outdoor Mass

Wednesday, June 17, 7pm at Our Lady Queen of Peace Shrine in O'Fallon, MO. Please bring a lawn chair as we will be spreading out. Our celebrant will be Fr. Nick Kastesholz. Come pray for an end to COVID-19 and rioting. Please call Ruth at 636-233-1082 with any questions.



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.

Both prayer and Bible reading are ways of listening to God. They should blend: our prayer should be biblical and our Bible reading prayerful.

—Peter Kreeft, from *You Can Understand the Bible*

Leaning Into Thin Places

By: Dr. Ed Hogan

Academic Dean, Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, Kenrick-Glennon Seminary

I was one of 6 children growing up, and my father read to us all the time.

One of our favorites was The Hibernian Nights. Think of them as an Irish version of the Arabian Nights: they relate amusing incidents, portray character strengths and weaknesses, and reveal some of the underlying beliefs of Irish culture.

One of those underlying beliefs is the concept of “thin places” – locations and times and people that make the veil between the natural and supernatural worlds easy to see through. Think of places like the Grand Canyon, or the ocean, where it feels like God is present. Think of people whose holiness is almost palpable, who help us be closer to God by becoming wiser, more attentive, more forgiving.

These stories helped form our imagination in the recognition that the visible world isn’t the whole of reality. Irish culture reflects the Catholic faith on this point: there’s a spiritual world that surrounds the visible world and, occasionally, breaks through.

The concept of “thin places” has helped me deal with the crisis of the past two months, and I think it can help all of us. How so?

One of the central features of Catholic life during the COVID-19 shutdown has been a long Eucharistic fast. We’ve needed to learn how to make a spiritual communion. Once upon a time such a communion would have been common. For most of us it’s been a new thing. But I think there’s an invitation from Jesus in it – an invitation to something that our culture needs far beyond the present crisis.

The words to the act of spiritual communion are easy. But knowing how to receive Jesus this way requires knowing how the invisible reality of

Jesus breaks through into our lives. That’s more than a new set of words to memorize. It’s an invitation to discover the landscape of a thin place, and dwell there more readily and more often.

There’s more than one way to develop our knowledge of that landscape. There are as many different ways as there are forms of prayer! (Music has always been an important one for me. So has time in the kitchen, baking. I sense God’s presence more readily in those concrete activities. What are they for you?) But let me describe one example and invite you to think of your own.

I try to pray with the Scriptures every day. One of the things I’ve become keenly aware of, as I do so, is the truth of these words of the Catechism: “Through all the words of Sacred Scripture, God speaks only one single Word.” (#102) The words of Scripture are a divinely inspired “thin place.” They’re human words; we take them in with our eyes and ears. But in and through them the one Word – Jesus Christ – breaks into our lives and speaks to our hearts.

Several years ago, I started reading the Bible out loud – even if quietly, to myself. I wasn’t satisfied to let the words of the Bible be a thin place where I could encounter Jesus. I wanted the Word of God to move so habitually from my mind to my mouth that it would shape all the words I speak, letting my words become a “thin place” where others could encounter Jesus.

Sadly, I can’t say I’m perfect on that score! But I can report: the practice has changed me. I more readily receive the Word of Jesus into my heart through the visible and audible words of the Bible. I more quickly and deeply let my words be an instrument of the Word for others. I’ve tried my

best to lean into that thin place on a daily basis, and it’s transforming me.

I think the current crisis is an invitation to all of us to be transformed.

Here’s the thing: Jesus wants us to dwell in the “thin places” where he breaks into our lives all the time. As we go through the various concrete tasks of our daily life, he wants us to be in constant spiritual communion with him.

If we make a spiritual communion once a week, that’s good! But if we don’t return to the thin place where Jesus comes into our heart more than once a week, we won’t be able to sustain our ability to dwell there.

So the experience of making a spiritual communion once a week is also an invitation to develop the discipline of making a spiritual communion in every moment.

If we take some time every day to dwell in the thin places where God is intersecting with the visible and concrete world of our lives, then our spiritual communion won’t be an isolated act. It will become the pattern of our lives.

So, my sense is that this spiritual discipline could be more than just a short-term response to the present health crisis. It could be a long-term response to a cultural crisis of faith which came before and will persist after, and to which the only adequate response is a massive growth in holiness on the part of the Church.

The COVID-19 shutdown of 2020 has been a hard time, and a scary time. I don’t know that those will ever go away. But it’s also providing us with a great opportunity to deepen the life we share with Jesus. Let’s take him up on the invitation.

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