



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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Website: [www.ihm-newmelle.org](http://www.ihm-newmelle.org)

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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 20, 2021



## Deeper Understanding of Scripture

As we look at our lives and world events, do we ever find ourselves wondering if God is sleeping? After all, maybe God's patient, unconditional love has run its course and He is finally fed up with humanity's reluctance to accept the truth about who we are. God really can't be that patient! All throughout human history, many have prayed to God for intervention or for particular needs. Because their prayers were not answered in the way they wanted or anticipated, they felt that God may have abandoned them. Were they right? It seems that we are continuing, at a rapid rate, down a path of destruction. Do you not care, God, that we may be perishing? When the boats of our lives are rocking and the seas tumultuous, we want to know that we have God's attention. Even more so, we want God's intervention.

Maybe the storms and the waves are necessary. If we listen, they can teach us valuable lessons. Without them, we would never learn that we have the strength to endure, understand the uselessness of fear and worry, or develop the ability to really trust. If God immediately rushed in and simply calmed things down before they got difficult, what good would that really be? We would miss opportunities to learn how to drink more deeply of life, treasure its complexity, irony, and beauty and fully engage ourselves in surrendering to the love of our Creator. It is easy to walk on the surface of life without immersing ourselves in its messiness. Life has to burn its way through us in order to bring us to a place of secure trust. It's unfortunate that some prefer a shallower journey.

That's the balancing act that comes with faith. It is not God's job to prevent us from encountering the torrential rains and winds of life. Many believe that if faith is done the right way, that God will provide for smooth sailing. That's not how it works. God permits us to ride out the difficult stuff knowing that the storm will eventually be calmed. Do we not have faith that God will do this? True faith trusts in the steadfastness of God's love when the seas are calm and when they are choppy. God's unconditional loving presence shines through all of it and endures forever. Knowing this allows us to put our boats out into uncharted waters without hesitation. Knowing that we prefer the comfort and safety of what we know to be still waters, how do we feel when Jesus says, "Let us cross to the other side"?

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

## Parish Staff

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## Religious Education

Shawn Mueller, Director

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

Parish School of Religion (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

### Liturgical Videographer

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### Youth and Young Adults

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

## In Praise of the Father, and Our Fathers

The fundamental Christian claim on reality is that the world did not come from nothing. Creation is not a mistake or a coincidence. All that is, was made by God. The Catechism begins with these words which every Catholic should know:

God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness, freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life.

The beauty, order, and harmony of the world we see and study all point to the greatness and love of the one who made it. Today, the Scriptures remind us that, "Even all the hairs of our heads are counted." The Father knows things from the inside, because he has made them.

Our own fathers hint at the kind of knowledge that our heavenly Father has. Some seem to have a supernatural knowledge of the thermostat for example. The care a father takes in tending a year and ordering a home are reflections of God our Heavenly Father who sends rains to water the fields and orders our worship.

But God has not left His creation to its own devices. God, our Heavenly Father, sustains all that is, at every instance. By caring for his creation He continues to be the author of life who ennoble every human soul with the rank of his own image and likeness. This likeness cannot be erased. Even our own moral failures do not render us orphans. The mechanisms of grace and the Father's love assure us, that, as Pope John Paul II teaches,

We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures, we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of His Son Jesus.



By sending his grace, particularly through the means of regular confession and worthy Holy Communion, the Father sustains us with His love.

Human beings were made in the image of God, but the constant temptation of our culture is to efface that image. We must not let it be stamped out. Fathers, in particular, have a duty to their family, to protect this image, by availing themselves of the graces of prayer and the sacraments.

As the Scriptures say, we were made for life in the Father's house. A life of seeing God, being united with every glory he intends. Pope Francis declares,

A good father knows how to wait and knows how to forgive from the depths of his heart. Certainly, he also knows how to correct with firmness: he is not a weak father, submissive and sentimental. The father who knows how to correct without humiliating is the one who knows how to protect without sparing himself.

To stay on this path, fathers must direct their families. Children need to be pressed to worship well. Fathers have to declare to them right ways of life, without shying away from any of the difficulties of Gospel living. A father, who with his wife, is the first teacher of the faith, can offer a child the way to holiness, the way to live with the Heavenly Father.

On this Father's Day, let us rejoice in the gift of our fathers. They, like all of creation, are as different and unique as only God Himself could have imagined. And they are ours. Praise Him.

Fr. Patrick Briscoe, OP

## 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B

[Jesus and his disciples got caught in a violent storm at sea. When all seemed lost, Jesus stood up and commanded the wind, "Be quiet!" and he said to the waves, "Be still!" The wind died down, and there was a great calm. [The disciples said] to one another, "Who is this man? Even the wind and the waves obey him!" MARK 4:39, 41]

The novel *Legion* by William Blatty contains a moving scene. A Jewish detective is alone in a church, checking out the murder of a priest. Overwhelmed by the inhumanity of it all, he sits down and shakes his head. Then, slowly, he lifts his eyes to a crucifix hanging on the wall. As he gazes at the face of Jesus, his eyes soften and he says out loud, "Who are you? God's Son? No, you know I don't believe that. I just asked to be polite. . . . Who are you?" ... Why do I believe Jesus is God's Son?

The strange thing about Jesus is that you can never get away from him. Anonymous



### 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

## 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, Chuck Speck, Pat Ryan

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 Hagemeyer (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](mailto:brhutchcraft@centurytel.net)

### Ministry Schedule

#### June 26—4pm

EM: Deacon Chris, Karen Wilson, Bryan Potter  
Lec: Mike Greene, Larry Graves  
Serv: Zoey Panus, Izzy Scheer  
Music: Mary Ann & Bryan  
Ush: Mike Rieker, Tim Wilson, *volunteer please*

#### June 27—7:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Betty Tuepker, Mary Hardesty  
Lec: Bob Leeker, Chuck Kettler  
Serv: David Vehige, Mary Grace Becker  
Music: Brooke & Verdi  
Ush: Ron Neske, Tom Meczowski, Ron Jacob

#### June 27—9:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Laura Orf, Chris Richter  
Lec: Pat Gentry, Bill Winters  
Serv: Thomas Kokker, Izzy Czuchna  
Music: Amelia, Betsy, Mary, Bryan  
Ush: Larry Smith, Michelle Greiwe, Alan Raymond

### IHMformation Station

4:00: Andy & Barb Pope  
9:30: Pat Gentry

### Heavenly Duster Schedule

Week of June 20: Shirley Gassei  
Week of June 27: Dot Keune

### Purificators

Month of June: June Spiess



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

**Attention Marian Council:  
Our July meeting will be on July 6,  
not July 13.**



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

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 [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus) 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.

## Mass Intentions

Monday, June 21	
8:00am	Dennis Schipper + Bea Renna +
Tuesday, June 22	
8:00am	Leo Partl + Deacon Tony Ordination Anniv.
Wednesday, June 23	
8:00am	Imogene Dyn +
Thursday, June 24	
8:00am	Anna Tevlin +
Friday, June 25	
8:00am	intention of Wilma Zurweller
Saturday, June 26	
8:00am	Helen Schulte +
4:00pm	Alfred Snyder (20th) + Br. Bob Aug +
Sunday, June 27	
7:30am	Peggy Miller + People of IHM
9:30am	All Souls Martha Almeling +

## Activities this Week

Sunday, June 20	Anointings after 7:30 and 9:30 Masses Event in Grand Hall this afternoon
Monday, June 21	SVDP, Grand Hall, 6pm Scouts, Founders Hall/Trailer, 6:30pm Youth Ministry, Weber Hall, 6:30pm <i>Drop offs begin for Rummage Sale</i>
Tuesday, June 22	Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, 9am BLOOD DRIVE, Founders Hall, 2:30—6:30pm
Wednesday, June 23	<i>Begin setup for Rummage Sale, then every day</i> Reconciliation at 7pm
Thursday, June 24	Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am Finance Council, Weber Hall, 7pm
Friday, June 25	Quilting in Weber Hall, 8:30—noon Event in Grand Hall this evening
Saturday, June 26	Reconciliation, 8:45am Event in Grand Hall this evening
Sunday, June 27	Event in Weber Hall this afternoon

## Contributions June 12/13

General Offertory:	\$12,305.50
Online Giving:	<u>\$5,245.24</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$17,550.74</b>

*"He asked them, 'Why are you terrified?  
Do you not yet have faith?'"  
~~Mark 4:40~~*

Do you really trust God? Is God your first choice or last resort? Is your faith something you just do on Sunday or do you live the Gospel message every day of the week? Many of us know about God. How many of us have a personal relationship with Him? Start now, open your heart to receive our Lord. Talk and listen to Him throughout the day, in all circumstances.

We pray: that we not only know about Jesus but that we take time to start a personal relationship with Him.

## Needed at the Pantry

oil, sugar, fruit juices, laundry detergent, mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard, BBQ sauce, peanut butter.



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

In the Gospel today, Jesus calms the sea and then asks the disciples "Why are you lacking in faith." In our life's journey, we also must learn to believe in God's presence and to trust in His care.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to continue showing God's love and care to others by assisting families in providing food and funds for utility and rent bills.



**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](http://steubystl.com)*

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

Monday in Weber Hall: June 21  
Thursdays in Weber Hall: July 1, 15, 29

## 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)

- The rich diversity (of the schools of spirituality) are refractions of the one pure \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit
  - feeling
  - darkness
  - shadow
  - light
- The Christian \_\_\_\_\_ is the first place of education in prayer.
  - religion
  - creed
  - dogma
  - family
- Based on the Sacrament of Marriage, the family is the \_\_\_\_\_ church where God's children learn to pray as the Church and to persevere in prayer.
  - lower
  - high
  - apostate
  - domestic
- \_\_\_\_\_ ministers are also responsible for the formation in prayer of their brothers and sisters in Christ.
  - extraordinary
  - teen
  - excommunicated
  - ordained
- The catechesis of children, young people, and adults aims at teaching them to \_\_\_\_\_ on the word of God.
  - meditate
  - construct
  - exalt
  - build
- Catechesis is also a time for the discernment and education of popular \_\_\_\_\_.
  - hymns
  - culture
  - music
  - piety
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of basic prayers offers an essential support to the life of prayer, but it is important to help learners savor their meaning.
  - neglect
  - writing
  - drama
  - memorization
- The Holy Spirit gives to certain of the faithful the gifts of wisdom, faith and discernment for the sake of this common good which is prayer (spiritual \_\_\_\_\_).
  - brotherhood
  - direction
  - exclusion
  - commonality
- The choice of a favorable \_\_\_\_\_ is not a matter of indifference for true prayer.
  - city
  - place
  - church
  - country
- Favorable places for personal prayer can be a prayer \_\_\_\_\_ with the sacred scriptures and icons, in order to be there, in secret, before our Father.
  - charm
  - direction
  - posture
  - corner

ANSWER KEY:

Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which is a way to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis with the funds to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit [www.peterspence.va/en.html](http://www.peterspence.va/en.html).



### 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.

### 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/>



We welcome to our parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism

**Emma Jean Koch**

daughter of Douglas & Erin (Beagen) Koch

**Parker Helene Sieckmann**

daughter of Michael and Trisha (Beckett) Sieckmann

Don't despair over your shortcomings. Start over each day. You make spiritual progress by beginning again and again.

~~St. Francis



## Dynamic Catholic<sup>®</sup> *Alive!*

### 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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**6 Days Only, from 8:00am to 1:00pm**  
**Wednesdays, July 7 and 14**  
**Fridays, July 9 and 16**  
**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.

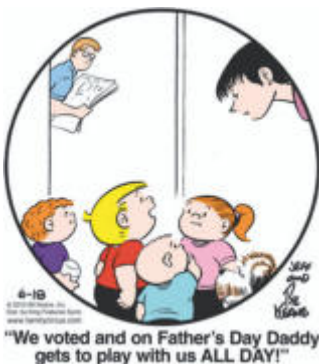
**WE NEED WORKERS PLEASE!!**  
**beginning June 23 to sort & set up**



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

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

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



## Attention Employees & Volunteers

The Archdiocese of St. Louis has developed a new system for safe environment compliance called Prevent and Protect STL. Everyone ministering to minors and vulnerable adults (clergy, employees and volunteers) in the Archdiocese are required and asked to register in the new system before December 31, 2020. This includes those new to service and those who are currently in service. For those who have already attended a Protecting God's Children workshop, your previous training date will transfer to this new system. In addition to attending a live Protecting God's Children workshop, all clergy, volunteers and employees will register for an updated background screening, view two new online training modules on abuse reporting and the Code of Ethical Conduct, and agree to the updated Code of Ethical Conduct. Please go to:

[www.preventandprotectstl.org](http://www.preventandprotectstl.org)

to register, and contact our parish Child Safety Coordinator Karen Wappelhorst with any questions or for further assistance. Karen's email: [childsafety@ihm-newmelle.org](mailto:childsafety@ihm-newmelle.org), or call her at 636-398-5270.

## Year of St. Joseph

Pope Francis declared a Year of St. Joseph through December 8<sup>th</sup> 2021 on the occasion of the 150<sup>th</sup> 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.

**St. Joseph and Fatherhood.** There has been various lines of thought as to why St. Joseph had decided to “dismiss Mary” once he realized she was with child of the Holy Spirit. Of all the theories, the one that seems most consistent and probable in light of all the details is the reverence theory ... that Joseph felt unworthy to be a part of this Divine action. Like St. Peter who said, “Depart from me Lord, I am a sinful man” or the centurion who said, “Lord, I am not worthy,” one can only imagine what Joseph’s soul was wrestling with in consideration of being the earthly father of “Immanuel—God with us.” It was the visitation of the angel that confirmed Joseph in faith to bear this responsibility. This is said by way of preface in light of Father’s Day. Men and fathers need grace, strength and encouragement to take on the responsibility that comes with being part of something greater than ourselves, especially when it comes to being a provider and protector of one’s family. Fatherhood is an amazing gift and responsibility. Today, we need men to rise up to father their families, to be open to life, to God’s plan.



St. Joseph, you know what men go through. You know how we often flee from responsibility with our state in life. You know our weak and sinful hearts. You know how selfish we can be, how we want to escape into trivial pursuits, in the noise and the toys that distract us from our mission. St. Joseph, pray for us.



Every man and father should watch the movie Courageous. It does an excellent job in helping men to ask what it means to be a man, to discover their role as husbands, as fathers, as workers, as providers, as protectors. At the end of the movie, a man is speaking to a Church congregation about the role of fathers. One has to watch the movie to get the full emotional impact, but here are the words to consider.

- ◆ You don’t have to ask who will guide my family, because by God’s grace, I will.
- ◆ You don’t have to ask who will teach my son to follow Christ, because I will.
- ◆ Who will accept the responsibility of providing and protecting my family? I will.
- ◆ Who will ask God to break the chain of destructive patterns in my family’s history? I will.
- ◆ Who will pray for and bless my children to boldly pursue whatever God calls them to do? I am their father, I will.
- ◆ I accept this responsibility and it is my privilege to embrace it. I want the favor of God and His blessing on my home. Any good man does.
- ◆ So where are you men of courage? Where are you fathers who fear the Lord? It’s time to rise up and answer the call that God has given to you. And to say I will. I will. I will.



“Summer time, when the livin’ is easy.” The schedule may look different, but the goal remains the same. Stay connected to the faith-nourishing programming that Covenant Network provides daily and throughout the night by tuning into KHOJ radio 1460 AM or 102.9 FM. Or listen on the Covenant Network app on your mobile device or on our website [OurCatholicRadio.org](http://OurCatholicRadio.org).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun:	Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41
Mon:	Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22 [12]/Mt 7:1-5
Tue:	Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wed:	Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 7:15-20
Thu:	Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
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Next baptismal prep classes: June 20 and July 18, 11:00am in Weber Hall

Please call the office at 636-398-5270 to reserve your spot!



## St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

From the Parish Library—Grand Hall



Matt Walsh of The Daily Wire exposes the pitiful state of Christianity in America today, lays out the stakes for us, our families, and our eternal salvation, and invites us to a faith that's a lot less easy and comfortable—but that's more real and actually worth something.

The spiritual junk food we're stuffing ourselves with is never going to satisfy. As St. Augustine said over a millennium ago, our hearts are restless until

they rest in Him. Only God Himself can make our lives anything but ultimately meaningless and empty. And we will never get anywhere near Him if we refuse to take up our cross and follow Jesus.

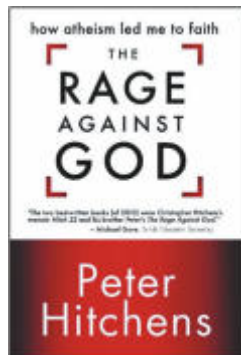
This rousing call to the real adventure of a living faith is a wake-up call to complacent Christians and a rallying cry for anyone dissatisfied with a lukewarm faith.

What if notorious atheist Christopher Hitchens, bestselling author of *God Is Not Great*, had a Christian brother? He does.

Peter Hitchens details a very personal story of how he left the faith but dramatically returned. And like many of the Old Testament saints whose personal lives were intertwined with the life of their nation, so Peter's story is also the story of modern England and its sad spiritual decline.

Peter brings his work as an international journalist to bear as he documents firsthand accounts of atheistic societies, specifically in Communist Russia, where he lived in Moscow during the collapse of the Soviet Union. He shows that the world's bloodiest century, the 20th, entailed nothing short of atheism's own version of the Crusades and the Inquisition. The path to a secular utopia, pursued by numerous modern tyrants, is truly paved with more violence than has been witnessed in any era in history.

Hitchens provides hope for all believers whose friends or family members have left Christianity or who are enchanted by the arguments of the anti-religious intellectuals of our age.



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- ♥ Install support bars for showers and tubs
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- ♥ 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.



## Golf Tournament

St. Patrick Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament **Monday, June 21**, Warrenton Golf Course. Four-person scramble with 11am shotgun start. \$100 per person entry fee includes everything! Hole sponsorships available. Visit [www.stpatrickwentzville.org/kcgolf](http://www.stpatrickwentzville.org/kcgolf) for registration form or contact Frank Klaas, 636-357-9219 or [fklaas@centurytel.net](mailto:fklaas@centurytel.net)

## St. Gerald Country Picnic

Old Fashioned Country Picnic at St. Gerald Catholic Church in Gerald on Hwy. 50 in Franklin County on **Saturday, June 26** from 2-10pm. Family-style dinner of Fried Chicken and Kettle Beef dinners are served from 2-7pm. Adults \$12, children \$6. Come on over for a great afternoon of fun and fellowship, games, rides, music and much more.

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