



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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Parish Office: 636-398-5270 Fax: 636-398-5577

## Schedule of Holy Mass

Saturday: 8:00am  
4:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday  
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am  
Weekdays: 8:00am, St. Joseph Chapel

## 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 30, 2019

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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## Laws of Love

St. Paul has a unique vision of freedom. We often think that freedom means I can do what I want without interference from an outside source, such as a bureaucracy or a dictator. For most Americans, it means being able to take care of myself and my family, hopefully without having to pay too much in taxes. We usually associate that with the "pursuit of happiness" without thinking too much about what happiness is. What makes Paul's idea unique is that his vision of happiness means serving one another in love. For Paul, freedom is not so much being free from oppression as being free to love and serve those around us.

What would stop us from loving others? It could be fear: "I'm not sure I

would be able to do any good. I'm afraid of going into a bad neighborhood to help the homeless. I fear that if I were more generous to the poor (church, Red Cross, life issues, etc.), I would not have enough for my family." Or it could be attachment to possessions or even to our family—the man in the Gospel wasn't free to follow Jesus because he thought it meant leaving his family behind.

Paul talks about another kind of freedom when he says that following the Spirit means freedom from the Law (Galatians 5:18). He was not talking about ignoring the speed limit or pirating DVDs. He meant people who were obsessed with keeping all the laws and customs that were part of the Jewish

tradition. It would be like someone who goes to Mass on Sunday only because he doesn't want to break a Church law, or someone who drives the speed limit only because he doesn't want to pay a fine. Taken to an extreme, you would have to memorize every law on the books to be sure you did not break one. The freedom of the Spirit is a life lived out of love. A person would go to Mass out of love for God; a driver would obey the speed limit to protect other drivers. As long as we love one another, we wouldn't have to worry about breaking the law, for God's laws are all examples of how to love one another.

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

## Parish Staff

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## Religious Education

Shawn Mueller, Director

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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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## *A Prayer for Independence Day*

Lord, we stand today as our forefathers have stood before You in times gone by, celebrating our history and reveling in all the great things that our country has achieved. On this day we rejoice in the favor You have graciously given us. We thank You for the blessings of liberty, for this generation and for the generations to come. We thank You for our independence, peace, and for all those who have bravely given their lives in the defense of freedom and justice. We thank You that Your gracious and provident hand has given us so much.

Yet as a nation and people we have not always chosen the right way. We ask You to forgive us for these times. On this day we commit ourselves to wholeheartedly honoring and serving You. With everything that we are, we lay our lives before You. Make us a generous people, a holy nation, a people set aside to love You forever. For the sake of the land of the brave and free, and the peoples and nations of this world.

Today, we do not presume Your grace for our country. Our land is in need of You, our people are in need of You, our industry and business is in need of You. May we look only to You this Independence Day, dependent on You.

Please come now by Your glorious Holy Spirit, breathe new life into the sinews of this nation. May justice flow like rivers, and righteousness like a never failing stream, until the whole of our country is covered with Your glory, as the waters cover the sea.

We ask all this in the wonderful name of Jesus, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. One God, now and for all eternity. Amen.

### *Quote from Dr. Peter Kreeft, coming to JHM in November*

"But if He had come down from the Cross, He would have made it *impossible* for them to believe in Him, for He would have substituted sight for faith. That is why He does not take us down from our crosses: so that we do not substitute feelings and experiences for faith. He wants the very best for us, the strongest and most precious gift, and that is faith."

*from his book Prayer for Beginners*

**Mass Stipends are now \$10, after many, many decades at \$5.  
Please remember this as you plan your Masses during the year.**

## Next Week Ministries

July 6—4:00pm

EM: Donna Hecht, Wally & Jan Karase, Pat Roche,  
Bob Brossette, Jennifer Fredrick, Karen Wilson,  
Donna Cuddihee  
Lec: Jan Jokisch-Messig, Larry Graves  
GB: Bob & Cheryl Gray  
Serv: Sophia Hake, William Fredrick  
Ush: Chris Cuddihee, Joe Spiess, Bryan Potter,  
Tim Wilson

July 7—7:30am

EM: Jan Kardasz, Carol Rabbitt, Emily Cooksey,  
Betty Tuepker, John & Karen Wappelhorst  
Lec: Mary Hardesty, Lucy Smith  
GB: Dot Welge, usher  
Serv: Maybelle Hahn, Bridget Goins  
Ush: Larry Smith, Terry Schneider, Mike Hardesty,  
Rich Molitor

July 7—9:30am

EM: Janet Hespen, Bob Caldwell, Judeen Kutsko,  
Maureen Blondin, Pat Gentry, Laura Orf,  
Mary Keune, Kris Preuss  
Lec: Nancy Ast, Michelle Greiwe  
GB: Adam & Lindsey Molitor  
Serv: Brianna, Morgan, Jordan Dale  
Ush: Chris & Adam Molitor, Alan Raymond,  
Gary Struckhoff, Dave DeBold, Chuck Hinkle

## IHMformation Station

July 6, 4:00: Wally & Jan Karase  
July 7, 7:30: John & Karen Wappelhorst  
July 7, 9:30: Dee Schipper

## Vocation Prayer Bag:

July 7, 9:30pm Grant & Sharon Smith

EWTN CATHOLIC RADIO—AM 1460 with daily Mass,  
teaching the Faith, call-in programs.

## This Week at Home



Heavenly Duster: Dot Keune  
Purificators: June Spiess

### Monday, July 1

Scouts, 6:30pm  
St. Vincent de Paul, 6pm

### Tuesday, July 2

Legion of Mary, 9a  
Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am  
Knights of Columbus officers, Founders Hall, 7pm

### Wednesday, July 3

Youth Group, Grand Hall, 6pm  
No Wednesday evening Reconciliation during July

### Thursday, July 4

Happy Independence Day! 8am Mass in the Chapel

### Friday, July 5

Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30-noon

### Saturday, July 6

Reconciliation, 8:45am  
SVDP Food Pantry open 9-10:30am  
Jonah Team will pray with you after 4pm Mass

### Sunday, July 7

Jonah Team will pray with you after 9:30 Mass

Please welcome Fr. John Hopkinson on July 6/7  
as he speaks about the Missionary Cooperation Plan

## Readings for the Week

Mon: Gn 18:16-33; Ps 103:1b-4, 8-11; Mt 8:18-22  
Tue: Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27  
Wed: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29  
Thu: Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8;  
Fri: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 9:9-13  
Sat: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-6; Mt 9:14-17  
Sun: Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20;  
Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 [10:1-9]

## Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ: Year C

[Jesus said,] "Anyone who... keeps looking back is of no use for the Kingdom of God." LUKE 9:62

Bela Karolyi was a gymnastics coach for Rumania in the days of Communism and the Iron Curtain. He developed such Olympic stars as gold medalist Nadia Comenici. His international fame won him special government favors, including such things as a Mercedes-- unheard of in Communist countries. Then in 1981 he decided to turn his back on Communism and seek a free life in the West. When the "zero hour" for leaving came, Bela did not look back at his state favors, his Mercedes, and his celebrity status. He simply walked straight ahead, carrying only a small suitcase. Bela Karolyi is a fitting image of the kind of follower Jesus had in mind. How closely do I mirror that image?

*Strong lives are motivated by dynamic purposes.* Kenneth Hildebrand

Fr. Mark Link S.J. (*Action 2000*)



## Mass Intentions

Monday, July 1	
8:00am	All Souls Leo Lazarz +
Tuesday, July 2	
8:00am	Tom Miller + Rick Tajkowski +
Wednesday, July 3	
8:00am	Cy & Al Bamert + Kelly Pilgrim +
Thursday, July 4	
8:00am	Ed Langford (1st ann.) + Jim Elfrink +
Friday, July 5	
8:00am	Holy Vocations Teresa Lozano-Hams (1st ann.) +
Saturday, July 6	
8:00am	Thomas Filla +
4:00pm	People of the Parish Bob Burke +
Sunday, July 7	
7:30am	Jolene Molitor + Mary Fine +
9:30am	All Souls

**NAR-ANON SUPPORT GROUP:** Weekly meetings on Saturdays, 10:00 am in the Trailer at IHM. This group is for Family and Friends of Addicts. For questions, please call Ann at 314-578-4737.

## Please pray for all the sick and suffering:

Ed Haas, Mark Hanna, Dee Schipper, Phyllis Zerr, Vickie Brink, Sandy Knott, Mike & Pat Ryan, Audrey Hueffmeier, Karla Sitzes, Fran Bussen, Vickie Rellergert, Vicky Monroe, Carol Rabbitt, Ron Simpson, Don & Lin Reseck, Nancy Hollenstein, Jean Bamert, Amy Robbins, Betty Heppermann

Zina Riley (mom of Andrew Riley),  
David & Lisa Debold (Dave & Pam DeBold's children),  
Dave Asinger (brother-in-law of Larry & Rita Bendel),  
Bob Holland (friend of Shirley Augustine),  
Sherri Callahan (daughter of Vickie & Paul Grunz),  
Steve Ditch (brother of Dennis & Kathleen Ditch),  
Generose Dudenhoefter (Janet Hespen's mom),  
Peter Gray (son-in-law of Adrienne Collins)  
Fred Brown (son-in-law of Bill & Bernie Pollihan),  
Mary Keeven (mom of Joyce Weber)

## Contributions, June 22/23

General Offertory:	\$7,257.50
Online – General Offertory:	\$4,953.38
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,210.88</b>

*"For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather serve one another through love."*  
(GALATIANS 5:13)

We like to celebrate the fact that we are free to "live the good life." But Jesus calls us to a different kind of freedom. St. Paul reminds us that Jesus sets us free so that we can serve one another, share our gifts and promote God's work here on earth to glorify His name and not honor ourselves.

*We pray ... that we build God's Church to glorify His name and not look for prestige and honor for ourselves.*

## Needed at the Pantry

men's shaving cream, paper towels, all purpose cleaner, dish soap, coffee, sugar, Hamburger Helper, canned chicken, assorted dry pastas, saltines, chicken broth, gravy packets, & fruit juices

In today's Gospel we see how Jesus, on His way to Jerusalem, sent "messengers on ahead of Him." To be the messengers of God, we must know well what it is God wants to say and do through us, as He sends us out to bring His love to others.

In the month of June, you were the "messenger of God" in bringing hope to the poor. Your gifts enabled the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to assist 17 families, provide \$2000 in food, and \$1867 for utility and rent bills.

## ✠ Rest in Peace ✠

We offer our prayerful sympathy to:  
Ernesta Lonsway on the death of her husband  
**Maurice Lonsway, M.D.**

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

**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:** Rita Langford at 636-398-4654 or email [ritalangford4@gmail.com](mailto:ritalangford4@gmail.com).

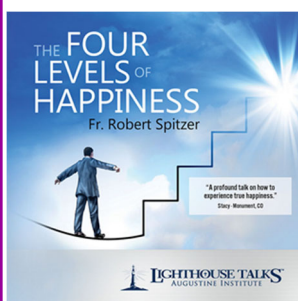


During the month of July there will be no evening Confessions on Wednesday nights. Fr. Tom will be available for the Sacrament on Saturday morning after the 8:30am Mass.

## St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

(Note: With close to 3000 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. Other CDs are located in St. Joseph's Chapel, and in Founder's Hall (upper and lower levels)

### From the Lighthouse CD Rack in the Narthex



Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ, a highly a renowned philosopher and the founder of the Magis Center, provides a truly enlightening and practical discussion on how to achieve deep and enduring happiness. Referencing the wisdom of the ages, including that of Aristotle and Plato, this talk provides the keys to achieving the universal desire for happiness given to every person by God himself.

*I found this talk to be so insightful on how to achieve the highest levels of happiness.*

Alex from Plainfield, IL

*This talk really helped me to understand that the greatest happiness is found when we focus on doing the Lord's work and not on ourselves.*

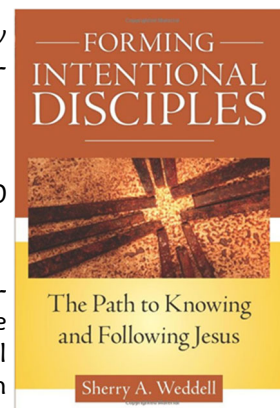
Mary in Poplar Grove, IL

### From the Parish Library in the Grand Hall

How can we transmit a living, personal Catholic faith to future generations? By coming to know Jesus Christ, and following him as his disciples. These are times of immense challenge and immense opportunity for the Catholic Church. Consider these statistics for the United States.

- Only 30 percent of Americans who were raised Catholic are still practicing.
- Fully 10 percent of all adults in America are ex-Catholics.
- The number of marriages celebrated in the Church decreased dramatically, by nearly 60 percent, between 1972 and 2010.
- Only 60 percent of Catholics believe in a personal God.

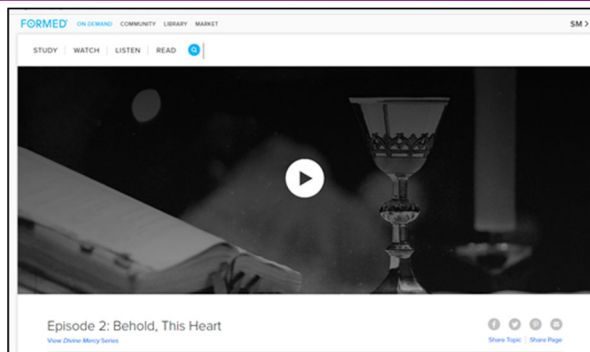
If the Church is to reverse these trends, the evangelizers must first be evangelized. In other words, Catholics-in-the-pew must make a conscious choice to know and follow Jesus before they can draw others to Him. This work of discipleship lies at the heart of Forming Intentional Disciples, a book designed to help Church leaders, parish staff and all Catholics transform parish life from within. Drawing upon her fifteen years of experience with the Catherine of Siena Institute, Sherry Weddell leads readers through steps that will help Catholics enter more deeply into a relationship with God and the river of apostolic creativity, charisms, and vocation that flow from that relationship for the sake of the Church and the world. Learn about the five thresholds of postmodern conversion, how to open a conversation about faith and belief, how to ask thought-provoking questions and establish an atmosphere of trust, when to tell the Great Story of Jesus, how to help someone respond to God's call to intentional discipleship, and much more.



**Are You Going on Vacation?** Many of our parish families are planning to get away for some summer fun and relaxation in the next few months. We pray that your vacation time will be safe and a source of many happy memories. However, please don't take your parish offering with you. Each summer our parish office struggles to juggle the bills as Sunday offerings decrease significantly. If you find that you tend to forget your envelope more often during the less structured weeks of summer, please consider our electronic giving program. Go to [www.ihm-newmelle.org](http://www.ihm-newmelle.org) and click on the **Online Giving** bar. It's simple! It's safe! And it keeps God at the top of your giving list even when you are away!

## Formed & PSR Corner

In the Traditional-Devotional Dedication of the Months of the Year, the month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Check out some of the free resources on FORMED.ORG that speak of the Sacred Heart such as the one pictured here. (From the Divine Mercy Series: Episode 2: Behold, This Heart) Visit [www.ihm-newmelle.formed.org](http://www.ihm-newmelle.formed.org)



## What's Your Catholic Catechism IQ?

- Our Lord's command is directed at the \_\_\_\_ celebration, by the apostles and their successors, of the memorial of Christ.
  - final
  - ultimate
  - liturgical
  - extended
- From the beginning the Church has been faithful to the Lord's command as recorded in this book which follows the Gospels.
  - Romans 2:42
  - Colossians 2:42
  - 1 Corinthians 2:42
  - Acts of the Apostles 2:42
- It was above all on the first day of the week, Sunday, the day of Jesus' \_\_\_\_, that the Christians met to break bread.
  - sign
  - last supper
  - death
  - resurrection
- Today we encounter it everywhere in the Church with the same fundamental structure; it remains the \_\_\_\_ of the Church's life.
  - center
  - inner
  - exception
  - outer
- The Liturgy of the Word includes the Old Testament, and the memoirs of the apostles (their letters) and the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - gospels
  - scrolls
  - papyrus
  - Didache
- The \_\_\_\_ commits the Creator's gifts into the hands of Christ who, in His sacrifice, brings to perfection all human attempts to offer sacrifices.
  - lifting
  - Presentation of the Gifts, or Offertory
  - servers
  - intercessions
- In the \_\_\_\_, the Church asks the Father to send His Holy Spirit on the bread and wine, so that by His power they may become the body and blood of Jesus Christ.
  - offering
  - epiclesis
  - collect
  - kyrie
- In the reception of Holy \_\_\_\_ the faithful receive the body and blood of Christ who offered Himself for the life of the world.
  - Spirit
  - Communion
  - Bread
  - Offering
- St. Justin wrote, "No one may take part in it unless he believed that what we teach is true, has received \_\_\_\_ and lives in keeping with what Christ taught."
  - faith
  - the Holy Spirit
  - Baptism
  - Confirmation
- As early as the second century we have the witness of St. \_\_\_\_ for the basic lines of the order of the Eucharistic celebration.
  - Augustine
  - Ignatius
  - Justin Martyr
  - Clement

## Visit a St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store for your next bargain!

At our stores, families can find a nice table for the kitchen, and books, toys, and clothes for the children. Men and women can select a good suit and shoes for a job interview. Thrifters dig for treasures. College students outfit their apartment. Green shoppers find goods to reuse, recycle, and upcycle. When you're ready to clean out your basement or attic, we'll be ready to pick up your donation. And we're always looking for friendly volunteers who enjoy the retail environment. Whether you're shopping, donating, or volunteering, you're helping! With nine stores in the St. Louis area, there is a St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store near you—find one!



**The Mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul:** "A network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need."





## Prayer Shawls

Several IHM parishioners participate in the Corporal Acts of Mercy by creating prayer shawls. These prayer shawls are blessed and stored in the sacristy. If you have a friend or family member in need of tangible emotional or spiritual support because of whatever is going on in their life—grief, a difficult diagnosis, chronic pain, a caregiver, or struggling with spiritual or emotional pain—consider giving them a prayer shawl. You just have to stop by the parish office to request one and they can let you into the sacristy to select one. We do not charge for these shawls, but if you are in a position to make a donation, that would be appreciated.

If you knit or crochet and would like to contribute to this ministry, we welcome your interest and the gifts of your time, talent and treasure! Currently, we all work independently from home and no longer meet to work on our shawls as a group. You are welcome to call me if you are interested in participating in this ministry.

Because we no longer meet as a group, I have no idea who is contributing to this ministry. Please let me know if you are making shawls. I and the parish office would like to have an idea how many are contributing to this ministry.

Your sister in Christ, Julia Kettler 314-616-0096

Paper and clothes recycling bins are located on the gravel lot behind Fr. Tom's house.

## Our Dual Role as Disciples and Americans: The Call to Participate

from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

As disciples of Christ, and as Americans, the call to participate in public life is an important way of assisting God's work to transform the world around us.

Pope Francis reminds us:

An authentic faith...always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it. We love this magnificent planet on which God has put us, and we love the human family which dwells here, with all its tragedies and struggles, its hopes and aspirations, its strengths and weaknesses. The earth is our common home and all of us are brothers and sisters. If indeed *"the just ordering of society and of the state is a central responsibility of politics,"* the Church *"cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice"* (Joy of the Gospel, no. 183).

In their statement on political responsibility, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the U.S. Catholic bishops point to Pope Francis' words to remind us that working to transform the world around us is part of "our



baptismal commitment to follow Jesus Christ and to bear Christian witness in all we do" (no. 13).

An important way to do this is through our participation in the public square. The bishops give a number of examples of how we can participate:

- ◆ "running for office"
- ◆ "working within political parties"
- ◆ "communicating [our] concerns and positions to elected officials"
- ◆ "joining diocesan social mission or advocacy networks [and] state Catholic conference initiatives"
- ◆ "joining...community organizations," and
- ◆ "other efforts to apply authentic moral teaching in the public square" (no 16).

This Fourth of July, let's celebrate our dual roles—as disciples of Christ, and as Americans. Then let's work to change the world.





Janet Hespen, Youth Minister, 314-369-6521

Now taking reservations for Steubenville-Mid America

Contact Janet at 314-369-6521

for more information about the Conference:  
steubystl.com

Mark those calendars for lots of summer  
faith, fun and fellowship together!!!

Meetings are in the Grand Hall from 6-8pm

June 30 . . 9:30 Mass with Contemporary Music Choir

July 3 . . . . . Firecracker Christians

July 18 . . . . . Sport Fusion Night

July 19,20,21 . . . Steubenville Conference (Springfield)

August 1 . . . . . Love You # Selfie

August 15 . . . . . Bowling Night  
meet at IHM at 5pm

August 29 . . . . . One Direction / Game Night

Let's plan to be a part of the Mass and help out at the  
Masses listed. If you can attend please help pass out  
song sheets to everyone as they walk in (song sheets will  
be on the baptismal font). Let's all sit together, too!

## Please pray for our troops:

Randy Brittingham—U.S. Air Force  
Gregory Conners—U.S. Army  
Luke Cwiklowski—U.S. Navy  
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## July 2019—Immaculate Heart of Mary

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE WILL NOT HAVE RECONCILIATION ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 SVDP, 6p Scouts, FH/Tr, 6:30p	2 Legion of Mary, WH, 9a Fitness Class, GHf, 9a KC officers, FH, 7p	3 Youth Group, GH, 6p	4 Office closed 	5 Quilting, WH, 8:30-noon	6 Reconciliation, 8:45 Food Pantry open 9-10:30am Jonah Team, 4p
7 Jonah Team, 9:30a	8 Scouts, FH/Tr, 6:30p	9 Legion of Mary, WH, 9a Fitness Class, GHf, 9a Marian Council, WH, 6:30p	10	11 Yoga, GHf, 7p	12 Quilting, WH, 8:30-noon	13 Reconciliation, 8:45
14 KC Bkfst, 8-11a	15 SVDP, 6p Scouts, FH/Tr, 6:30p	16 Legion of Mary, WH, 9a Fitness Class, GHf, 9a KC meeting, FH, 7p	17	18 Fitness Class, GHf, 9a Youth Group, WH, 6-8p Yoga, GHf, 7p	19 Quilting, WH, 8:30-noon	20 Reconciliation, 8:45 Food Pantry open 9-10:30am
21 <b>Please pray for the Youth who are attending the Steubenville Conference</b>	22 ACTS Women, GH, 6:30p Baptismal prep, WH, 7p	23 Legion of Mary, WH, 9a Fitness Class, GHf, 9a	24	25 Fitness Class, GHf, 9a Yoga, GHf, 7p	26 Quilting, WH, 8:30-noon	27 Reconciliation, 8:34
28 Donuts after Masses in WH	29 Scouts, FH/Tr, 6:30p POP mtg., GH, 7p	30 Legion of Mary, WH, 9a Fitness Class, GHf, 9a Finance Council, WH, 7p	31			

Please pray for the Youth who are attending the Steubenville Conference

### THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

#### An in-home group retreat for you over the summer

As mentioned throughout the bulletin during the month of June in the FORMED-PSR corner, June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Consider doing an in-home retreat as an individual, couple or family with Fr. Michael Gaitley. His retreat “Consoling the Heart of Jesus” is a ten part series in which he invites us to go deeper into knowing who Jesus is and to look at what obstacles might hold us back from uniting ourselves to him. The series is available for free at [www.ihm-newmelle.formed.org](http://www.ihm-newmelle.formed.org). If you feel the call, challenge yourself to plan this retreat over a period of days this summer. Consider inviting others to do the same.

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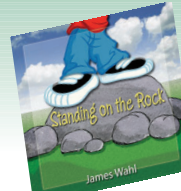


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