



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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Website: www.ihm-newmelle.org

Office Phone: 636-398-5270

Deliveries only address: 8 West Highway D, New Melle, MO 63365

Schedule of Holy Mass

Saturday: 8:00am, 4:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
 Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am
 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: Mon/Tue/Wed in church, 7pm

Saturday following 8am Mass

Marriage: Contact the parish office

at least six months prior to the wedding

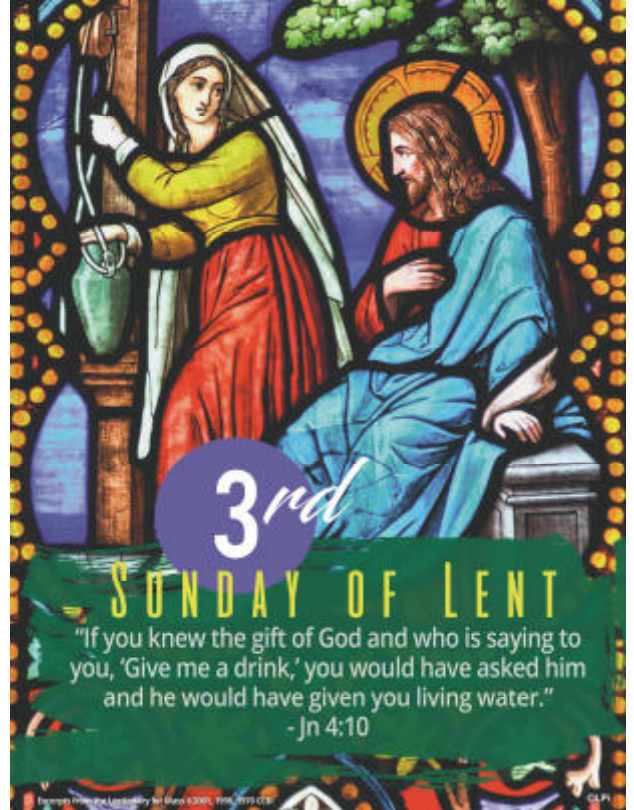
Baptism: Contact the parish office

to register for class and to arrange date

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:

Contact Shawn Mueller in the parish office

March 15, 2020



Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We give the definition of ourselves over to so many things. We allow our society, friends, family, work, social groups, ethnicity, and even institutions define, classify, and color how we perceive ourselves. When we listen predominantly to the voices of others, we lose touch with what is happening within our own inner voice. If we listen carefully within, we can easily discover that we are in want and need. We know our incompleteness and also know that loneliness, sadness, and self-images can propel us outward in attempts to fill those gaps. We can become not only victims of our own prejudices but can find ourselves overly self-indulgent in things that can only satisfy for a short time, if at all.

It is no wonder that money and power are things that are so fervently sought

after. As long as we can keep a steady supply going, the illusion of fulfillment and satisfaction can falsely persuade us as craftily as a master magician's act. We live with illusions not truth. It is no wonder, then, that some of the wealthiest folks are also really the unhappiest. Whether we admit it, the lies we live and pursue will ultimately expose our superficiality. We all have to wrestle with who we are and what gives our lives purpose and meaning. Learn to listen more deeply, not to what others are saying about you, but to what God is echoing in your heart.

We can easily get confused and misunderstand, not only about who we are but who God is. Even the disciples and the Samaritan woman at the well missed the point Jesus was trying to make. There is

only one Person who can satisfy the deepest yearnings and longings of our hearts — Jesus the Messiah. It is not the work of corporate America that will lead us to happiness or greatness but the work of the soul. We continue to resist acknowledging this and are happier in our world of misunderstanding and illusion. The life-giving water we truly need doesn't come from the source of a well but from the Source of Life. Only God can reveal the truth of our sinfulness, the superficiality of our pursuits, and the illusions we hold so dear. Only Jesus can save us from ourselves and give us what we really need. If only our heads can catch up with where our hearts know they need to be, then will we find real contentment and life!

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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St. Vincent de Paul
Joe Willis 636-398-2106
Welcoming Committee
Teresa Berfanger 636-398-5565

Praying Through Lent

Dear Parishioners,

With concerns about the flu and other potential health risks, you may choose to absent yourself from the attendance of Mass. If you choose not to go to Mass because of health concerns for yourself or worries about others as a source of infection you should strive for consistency of behavior. If you are not worshipping because of health concerns, you should not be attending other places of public gathering. Spiritual nourishment is every bit as important as bodily nourishment, and we rarely fail to take care of our body. The same serious attentiveness should be given to our soul. I do not say this in way of reprimand or to nag, but to serve as a reminder for how missing Mass should be a source of sadness for us. Worship is unique, and nowhere else will we receive the Living God into our bodies through His Mystical Body and Blood given to us in the humble forms of bread and wine. Below is a prayer of spiritual communion for those times you are unable to attend to Mass because of illness, emergency or travel.

Peace,

Fr. Tom

Spiritual Communion

The best way to receive Christ is in Holy Communion at Mass, but sometimes life gets in the way, preventing us from attending Mass as often as we would like. You can still reach out to Him by making a Spiritual Communion in prayer! St. Thomas Aquinas defined a Spiritual Communion as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and in lovingly embracing Him as if we had actually received Him." You can make a Spiritual Communion as often as you'd like and wherever you'd like. You should always make one on Sunday when you are unable to celebrate Mass.

**My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually
into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite
myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated. Amen**

The Book of Catholic Prayers

3rd Sunday of Lent: Year A

[Jesus and a woman were at a well, talking about water. After a while, Jesus said to her,]

"Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water that will give...will never be thirsty again."
JOHN 4:13-14

In Me and Other Advertising Geniuses, Charlie Brower alludes to the folly of trying to satisfy a spiritual thirst with a material object. He says, "My friend Bill is one of those guys who's still scoring touchdowns, even though the game's over and won. My friend Bill has done everything they've told him to do, but he's still thirsty and unhappy." Do I know anyone like Charlie's friend? What makes me think this person is like Charlie's friend? What might I do to help this person?

Our hearts were made for you, O Lord, and they will not rest until they rest in you. SAINT AUGUSTINE

(Mark Link S.J. Action 2000)

This Week at Home

Purificators: Pam DeBold
Heavenly Duster: Jan Wolf

Sunday, March 15

Anointings following all Masses
Stroke Scan registration this weekend

Monday, March 16

St. Vincent de Paul, 6pm
Scouts, Founders Hall/Trailer, 6:30pm
Choir practice, 7pm
Reconciliation, 7-8:30pm

Tuesday, March 17

Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, 9am
Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am
Knights of Columbus, Founders Hall, 7m
Children's Choir, 7-8pm
Reconciliation, 7-8:30pm

Wednesday, March 18

Sunday readings study, Weber Hall, 8:45am
No PSR or Bible Study tonight
ADORE, 6:30—8pm
Reconciliation, 7-8:30pm

Thursday, March 19

Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am
Youth Group, meet at church 5pm
Yoga, Founders Hall, 7pm
Choir practice, 7pm

Friday, March 20

Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30—noon
Stoke Scans, Grand Hall, 10am-7pm
Kids' Stations, St. Joseph chapel, noon
Fish Fry, Founders Hall, 4:30—7pm
Stations of the Cross, chapel, 7pm

Saturday, March 21

Lenten Prayer Breakfast, 8am Mass then to Grand Hall
Reconciliation, 8:45am
SVDP Food Pantry open 9-10:30am

Sunday, March 22

Children's Choir sings at 9:30 Mass
Events in Grand Hall and Weber Hall this afternoon



Next Week Ministries

March 21—4pm

EM: Ed Etzkorn, Jennifer Fredrick
Lec: Mike Greene, Ed Taylor
Music: Bryan Beams & Mary Ann Boenker
GB: Bill & Bernie Pollihan
Serv: Emilia Petrik, Morgan Molitor
Ush: Bryan Potter, Joe Spiess, Tim Wilson, Tom Zaleuke

March 22—7:30am

EM: Rich Molitor, Carol Rabbitt
Lec: Bob Leeker, Elizabeth Vehige
Music: Elizabeth Jaeckle & Verdi Morley
GB: Frank & Jan Kardasz
Serv: Bridget & Samuel Goins
Ush: Gary Potter, Larry Koch, Ron Jacob, Dave London

March 22—9:30am

EM: Michelle Greiwe, Donna Wolff
Lec: Jackie Dunn, Ron Kutsko
Music: Children's Choir
GB: Steve & Trish Williams
Serv: Alex & Maria McCarthy, Isabella Czuchna
Ush: Tim Maher, Dave Karll, Bill Witners, Walt Hollenstein, Scott Evans, Bob Caldwell

March 22—11:30am

EM: Chris & Kat Menne
Lec: Mary Busby-Simpson, Marcy Pivin
Music: P&W Band
GB: Ron & Mary Simpson
Serv: Lannah Montgomery
Ush: Brian Nelson, Ron Simpson, Chuck Hinkle, Mark Thome

Information Station

March 21, 4pm	Ed & Marcia Etzkorn
March 22, 7:30am	Maureen Blondin
March 22, 9:30am	Michelle Greiwe
March 22, 11:30am	Chuck & Laurie Hinkle

A few appointments are still available for our upcoming pictorial directory

Please call the church office to grab one of the remaining photo sessions on April 4.

For everyone who couldn't make a photo session, please send a vertical, high resolution digital photo to the parish office. We want all parish families to be pictured in our directory, including those who might be out of town for a while, or family members in the military. We already have a few folks who have sent pictures, and have room for everyone!



Rest in Peace

We offer our prayerful sympathy on the passing of
Rachel Lozano
granddaughter-in-law of Mary & Mike Stassi
Bob Cova
wife of Judy Cova

May they 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: Brenda Hutchcraft at 636-248-8493 or email brhutchcraft@centurytel.net

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 16

8:00am

Larry Chiodini +
Fe Bitera +

Tuesday, March 17

8:00am

intention of Roger & Vickie Brink
intention of Don Schmidt

Wednesday, March 18

8:00am

parents of Jeff & Chris Comotto +

Thursday, March 19

8:00am

All Souls

Friday, March 20

8:00am

Jack Roderick

Saturday, March 21

8:00am

Marjorie Hatfield +

4:00pm

Capt. John V. Taylor Jr. +

Sunday, March 15

7:30am

Mary Fine +

9:30am

Audrey Hueffmeier +

11:30am

People of the Parish



Pope's Intentions for March: Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Please pray for all the sick and suffering:

Mark Hanna, Phyllis Zerr, Vickie Brink, Sandy Knott, Mike & Pat Ryan, Carol Rabbitt, Fran Bussen, Dave Betlach, Karla Sitzes, Vicky Monroe, Nancy Hollenstein, Walt Reel, Jean Bamert, Amy Robbins, Don Schmidt, Loretta Bruns, Dave Gentry, Betty Heppermann, Kathy Feldewerth, Frank Marquart, Dan Brothers, Cindy White, Janie Roth,

David & Lisa Debold and Ratha Beymer
(Dave & Pam DeBold's children and Pam's mother),
Dave Asinger (brother-in-law of Larry & Rita Bendel),
Bob Holland (friend of Shirley Augustine),
Sherri Callahan (daughter of Vickie & Paul Grunz),
Peter Gray (son-in-law of Adrienne Collins),
Fred Brown (son-in-law of Bill & Bernie Pollihan),
Leon Burkemper (son of Carol Rabbitt),
Doris Eisenbath (mother of Judy Molitor),
Loretta Nolan (sister of Kathy Lalonde),
Janet Piel (sister of Joni Marren-Slaughter),
Sueanne Jaeger Fry (niece of Bob & Alvina Fry),
Loren & Evelyn Brandon (parents of Marty & Peggy Dupree)
Audrey Molitor (sister of Flo Joerling),
Pat Finan (Fran Bussen's daughter)
Jim Raymond (brother of Alan & Marsha Raymond)

Contributions, March 7/8

General Offertory:	\$10,584.00
Online – General Offertory:	<u>\$4,934.91</u>
TOTAL	\$15,518.91

*"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again."
(John 4: 13)*

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions, we always want more. True Joy and Peace only comes when we follow Jesus; when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

We pray ... that we may become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered" in our daily actions and decisions.

Needed at the Pantry

mayonnaise, cold cereal, fruit juice, sugar, jelly, mustard, sloppy joe sauce, gravy packets, canned fruit: pears, peaches, fruit cocktail, mandarin oranges, applesauce, canned potatoes, chicken broth, cake & brownie mixes, icing, Bisquick, syrup, saltines, laundry detergent, toilet paper, shampoo, coffee



During Lent, we think about all the different ways we can give back to our communities. That can include donating, volunteering, or shopping in SVDP thrift stores.

"Planned gifts" create win-win solutions for you and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Explore these options to discover how you can make a gift that costs nothing during your lifetime, give stock and realize larger tax savings, or even designate your life insurance policy.

To learn more call Ryan Carney at 314-881-6003 or email ryanc@svdpstlouis.org.



Immaculate Heart of Mary Lenten Prayer Breakfast

(Open to Men & Women 16 and Older)

Invite Your Friends and Neighbors!
SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST

Begins With 8:00am Mass, then to the Grand Hall for breakfast, fellowship, speaker and book signing

Please sign up in the narthex.
Everyone is asked to bring a breakfast item to share

Lenten Offerings at Immaculate Heart of Mary

Holy Mass

- 8:00am Monday thru Friday in St. Joseph Chapel
- 8:00am Saturday in Church
- Weekend schedule: Saturday 4:00pm, Sundays 7:30, 9:30, 11:30am

Eucharistic Adoration

In St. Joseph Chapel beginning 8:30 Monday morning thru Friday at noon

Lenten Reflections

- Free video-based emails delivered daily from Dynamic Catholic. Visit BestLentEver.com.
- Visit our parish library for books and videos to enhance your prayer life.
- Bible Study on the upcoming Sunday readings, every Wednesday in Weber Hall, 9:00am.
- Join other parishioners in the Grand Hall after Friday morning Mass for a video series on healing
- Visit nextlevelcatholicacademy.com and sign up for the Lenten video series "Catholic Mysticism and the Beautiful Life of Grace." It is a free series that promises to take you to a deeper level of the spiritual life.
- Go to LentReflections.com for free daily Lenten reflections from Bishop Robert Barron.
- Check out what is available for free at www.ihm-newmelle.formed.org.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday mornings following 8:00am Mass, Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday evenings 7:00—8:30pm

Stations of the Cross

Friday evenings 7:00pm in St. Joseph Chapel
Good Friday Stations in church at 1:00pm

Kids Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 20 in St. Joseph Chapel at noon
Saturday, March 27 in Chapel at 5:30pm

Fish Fries

Every Friday of Lent (not Good Friday) from 4:30—7:00pm in Founders Hall

Lenten Prayer Requests—Lord, Hear Our Prayer

Prayer intention slips are in the Narthex - put your intention in the basket. They will help light the Easter Fire.

ADORE Healing Service

Join us on **March 18** beginning at 6:30 for Eucharistic Adoration, musical praise, meditation, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. There will also be three or four prayer teams in place to pray with, over and for any who would like prayers for whatever is "ailing" in body or soul.

Lenten Prayer Breakfast

On Saturday, **March 21**, all men and women of the parish age 16 and older are invited to Mass at 8am followed by breakfast, fellowship, and a presentation entitled "God's Transformational Grace: Understanding Human Trafficking Through a Survivor's Experience." This event is free, but please sign up in the narthex. We are asking everyone to bring a breakfast dish to share.



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

to register, and contact our parish Child Safety Coordinator Karen Wappelhorst with any questions or for further

IHM Youth Ministry

Janet Hespen, Youth Minister, 314-369-6521

Calendar of Events

All Youth Group meetings are 6:30—8pm, Grand Hall, unless noted otherwise below:

- March 18: ADORE/Healing Service, 6:30pm, church
March 19: YG meeting, Bowling, meet @ IHM 5pm
April 2: YG meeting, "God Can" & "Can Toss"
April 16: YG meeting, "Chocolate Night." If you gave up chocolate for Lent, you will love this meeting!
April 26: IHM Sausage Dinner and YG Games
April 30: YG meeting, "What's Up?" with the kindness pledge
May 10: Confirmation at the Cathedral Basilica
May 14: YG meeting, "Welcome Night." Everyone invited, YG and 8th graders. Bring your friends, too! Water activities, so bring a change of clothes. Lots of food!! Please RSVP for this one.
May 28: YG meeting, "The Holy Spirit is a 'He' not an 'It.'"

A Big Event Coming Up!

July 17 through 19 is a youth group event called Steubenville for 9th thru 12th grades. It is such a fun trip you won't want to miss it!! Our Youth Ministry office with the St. Louis Archdiocese has a great program set up for us. We stay on the Missouri State campus in Springfield, MO. We will do a fundraiser at the IHM Sausage Dinner in April to help with the costs. For more info, check out <https://steubystl.com> or just google Steubenville STL Mid-America. There are some really good YouTube videos you can check out, too. I need to send a deposit, so let me know ASAP.

Kid's Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 20 at noon
Friday, March 27 at 5:30pm

Kids will have a chance to lead stations, and follow along in prayer. Stations will take place in St. Joseph's Chapel.

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

IHM Lenten Fish Fries



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

New Melle, MO

February 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3
Serving from 4:30—7:00pm

DINE IN OR CARRY OUT

Adults: \$12
Kids 12 and under: \$6
6 and under: free

Menu Includes:

Haddock (baked or fried)—Cod—Catfish
French Fries, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Hush Puppies,
Mac & Cheese, Applesauce, Pasta con Broccoli,
Tea, Coffee, Lemonade

Beer and soda available for purchase
thanks to our Knights of Columbus

We need your help! Please sign up in the Narthex

A cause you can really get behind.

Diaper Drive

Weekends of March 21-22 through Palm Sunday, April 5th
Drop off during the weekend Masses at your Parish

Sponsored by the Permanent Deacons of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, in conjunction with the Respect Life Office.

Diapers collected will be delivered to those in need in the local area. Please be generous.

Diaper Drive

During the weekends of March 21-22 through Palm Sunday, April 5th, the Permanent Deacons in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, in conjunction with the Respect Life office, will be collecting diapers for infants, toddlers and adults as part of our fourth annual diocesan-wide Pro-Life service project to assist families in need. We would ask that you please consider placing the purchasing of infant, toddler or adults diapers on your shopping list and bring them to church. All diapers collected will be donated to assist families in our parish community. For more information, speak to our permanent deacons, Deacon Chris Ast or Deacon Tony Falbo or give the office a call. We would like to stress the need for the larger size diapers, 3's, 4's and 5's.

What's Your Catholic Catechism IQ?

1. A solemn or a major exorcism can be performed only by a priest and with the permission of the _____.
a. bishop b. magisterium
c. diocesan cardinal d. pope
2. Before an exorcism is performed, it is important to ascertain that one is dealing with the presence of the evil one, and not an _____.
a. illness b. angelic trick
c. apparition d. angelic disorder
3. Catechesis must take into account the forms of piety and popular _____ among the faithful.
a. devotions b. persons
c. preaching d. songs
4. Such forms of piety include veneration of relics, pilgrimages, processions, the stations of the _____, the rosary, medals, etc.
a. road b. railway
c. Mass d. cross
5. These expressions of piety extend the _____ life of the Church, but do not replace it, since the liturgy by its very nature is far superior to any of them.
a. rubrical b. liturgical
c. private d. extended
6. Expressions of piety should harmonize with the liturgical _____.
a. hymns b. seasons
c. prayers d. practices
7. Pastoral discernment is needed to sustain and support popular piety and, if necessary, to purify and correct the religious sense which underlies these _____.
a. liturgies b. devotions
c. customs d. prayers
8. For the Christian the day of death inaugurates, at the end of his sacramental life, the fulfillment of his new birth begun at _____.
a. baptism b. the womb
c. the hospital d. the marital embrace
9. The Church who, as Mother, has borne the Christian sacramentally in her womb, accompanies him at his journey's end, in order to surrender him into the _____, hands.
a. father's b. mother's
c. world's d. church's
10. A funeral is an event beyond the perspectives of this world and should draw the faithful into the true perspective of faith in the _____ Christ.
a. risen b. passion of
c. holy d. fabulous

BLOOD DRIVE

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Monday, March 23

2:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Founders Hall

#8 West Highway D

To schedule an appointment,
call The Blood Center at 866.448.3253
or go to www.bloodcenter.org

Use sponsor code 9118 to schedule online.

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THE WORLD
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www.bloodcenter.org



2020

New Melle Community
Passion Play

New Melle Sports and Recreation

4700 Hwy Z New Melle, MO 63365

Saturday March 28

7:00 PM

Sunday March 29

2:00 PM & 4:30 PM

Saturday April 4

7:00 PM

Sunday April 5

2:00 PM & 4:30 PM

Admission Free

Seating is on First-come

First-seated basis

For groups or

more information

Call 636-634-1150

Or Email

nmpassion@gmail.com

Check us out:

Facebook us at:

New Melle Community Passion Play



A Vocation Journey

Join us for the 17th Annual Priests and Religious Appreciation Dinner, on Monday, April 27th. The evening begins with a Mass for Vocations at St. Joseph – Cottleville at 5:30 PM, followed immediately with the banquet in the New Parish Hall. Sister Virginia Herbers, ASCJ will be our speaker. Sister is the Director of Spiritual Formation for the Office of Mission and Identity at SLU. All are welcome to join our priests, religious and our seminarians for the Mass. Tickets for the banquet are required at \$50 each and reservations are required. The proceeds from the banquet help support the educational needs of the 23 diocesan seminarians from parishes in the St. Charles Deanery. For tickets contact: Tom Lacey (636-447-0363), Mimi McDonough (636-926-9311) or Geoff Waldron (636-578-7011)



Forty Days for Life Campaign

... is a program of peaceful, prayerful presence at abortion clinics and has been responsible saving babies from abortion and closing down numerous abortion clinics across the nation. The inspiration for this program was the 40 days that Christ spent in the desert fasting and praying, and it seemed logical to have it coincide with the 40 days of Lent.

Thanks to the 40 days for life campaign lives are being saved, hearts are being changed, and people are witnessing the tremendous impact that prayer can provide in the quest to end abortion

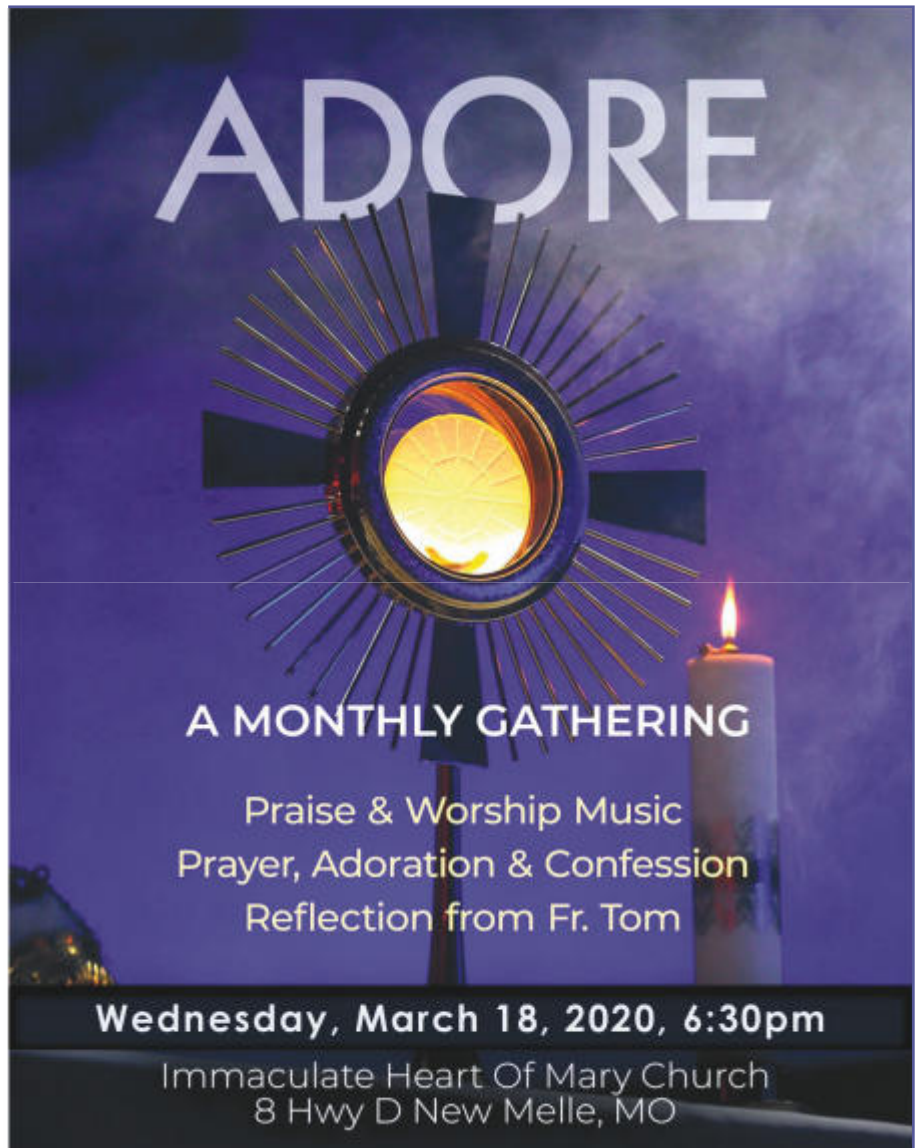
A couple members of IHM will be participating in Forty Days for Life at the Planned Parenthood Abortion Clinic, located at 4251 Forest Park Ave, on March 20th. If you like to join us and car pool, we will be leaving the church parking lot approximate 10am and returning approximately 1pm. For more information call Bill Winters (636-828-4133).

Tax Refunds and Tithing

Are you receiving a tax refund this year? Have you considered giving a percentage of it back to your parish? Even if you are not yet able to give a full 5% or 10% tithe to your parish on a regular basis, many Catholics find that tithing on unexpected income—a tax refund, winnings at the Casino, or an inheritance—is a great first step to experiencing the joy and contentment that come when we really do give as God has asked us to give. Try it yourself and feel the joy.

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A poster for the 'ADORE' monthly gathering. The background is a dark, cloudy sky. In the center is a large, glowing sunburst or halo-like symbol with many thin rays emanating from a central circular core that is bright yellow and orange. To the right of the central symbol is a single lit candle with a flame. The text 'ADORE' is at the top in large, white, sans-serif capital letters. Below it, 'A MONTHLY GATHERING' is in smaller white capital letters. Underneath that, the text 'Praise & Worship Music', 'Prayer, Adoration & Confession', and 'Reflection from Fr. Tom' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the date and time 'Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 6:30pm' are in white, followed by the location 'Immaculate Heart Of Mary Church' and '8 Hwy D New Melle, MO'.

"What do you want Me to do for you?"...

"Lord, that I might see."

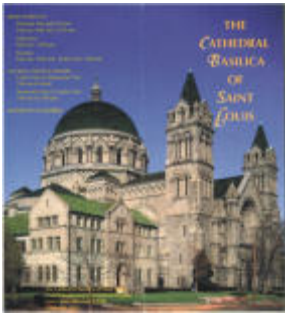
Luke 18:41

This month's ADORE will reflect the Lenten theme of the healing of body, mind and soul by bringing a strong charism of healing and forgiveness to the evening, and featuring more prominently our Jonah Prayer Ministry Teams, testimonies, Reconciliation and a prayer of forgiveness. Let us come before the Lord together and ask the Holy Spirit to work among us. May the Lord Jesus, our Healer, be praised!

2020 U. S. Census Quick Facts

Census Day 2020 is approaching! By April 1, every home in the U.S. will receive information from the U.S. Census Bureau on how to respond to the U.S. Census. It is important that all Missourians are counted in the census so that our state may have accurate representation in Congress and adequate funding for local hospitals, first responders, and critical social programs. Your responses will be kept anonymous. The Missouri Catholic Conference has put together a one-page fact sheet on the 2020 U.S. Census that you can find at mocatholic.org. For even more info on what to expect and how to respond, visit www.2020census.gov.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)



On the First Sunday of Lent those in the RCIA at Immaculate Heart of Mary attended the 11:30 am Mass together here at IHM. Fr. Tom called them up to be prayed for by those gathered at Mass. It was a “Rite of Sending” as they were “sent” later that afternoon to the Cathedral Basilica to meet Archbishop Robert Carlson and to pray with others throughout the Archdiocese preparing for Easter Sacraments. This event’s official name is the “Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion.”

For those preparing for Baptism, (catechumens) it was an acknowledgement of their “election” into Christ as they prepare for this great sacrament, thus the “Rite of Election.” For those already baptized but preparing for other sacraments, it was a “Call to Continuing Conversion.”



Here is a photo of the folks preparing at IHM. Please offer a prayer of intercession right now for them as you read their names. Consider keeping this photo handy throughout the season of Lent (maybe put on the fridge?) to remember to pray for these folks who will soon be “joining the family.”

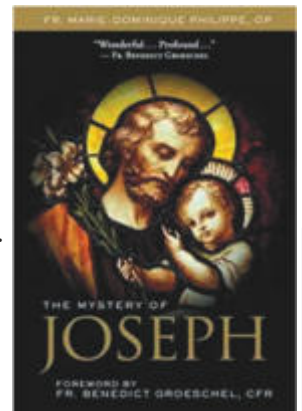


Left to Right:

Trish Perkins (Candidate), Elicia Schoenberger (Catechumen)
Shawn Mueller, Archbishop Robert Carlson
Paula Minski (Candidate), Sherri Meyer (Candidate),
Cindy Deters (Candidate) (not pictured)

PSR Corner

The Month of March is Traditionally-Devotionally dedicated to St. Joseph. March 19th is the Feast of St. Joseph. Let’s entrust a special, seemingly impossible petition to St. Joseph this month, (why not?) following the example of two great devotees of him. First, St. Teresa of Avila. She wrote, “It seems that to other saints our Lord has given power to help us in only one kind of necessity; but this glorious saint, I know by my own experience, assists us in all kinds of necessities....I only request, for the love of God, that whoever will not believe me will test the truth of what I say, for he will see by experience how great a blessing it is to recommend oneself to this glorious Patriarch and to be devout to him.” Second, St. Andre Bessette. The Lord worked thousands of miracles of healing through this humble man of Canada. St. Andre would always attribute such wonders through the workings of the intercession of St. Joseph. Let’s seek the help of the Foster-Father of our Lord, the patron of the Universal Church. We pray in a particular way for his intercession for all those seeking healing at the March 18th prayer service.



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| 1. bishop 1673 | 5. liturgical 1675 |
| 2. illness 1673 | 4. cross 1674 |
| 3. devotions 1674 | 9. father's 1683 |
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Catholic IQ Answers

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Readings of the Week

- Sun: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/
Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
- Mon: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf. Ps 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30
- Tue: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35
- Wed: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 5:17-19
- Thu: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Fri: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34
- Sat: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14

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