



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, 11:30am

Rosary:

Following 8am Mass weekdays & before Sat. 4pm.

Perpetual Help Devotions:

Tuesdays following 8am Mass

Respect Life Prayers:

Thursday following 8am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction:

Friday at 11:30am

First Saturday of the Month Devotions

8am Mass, Rosary, 15 minutes of meditation

Sacraments

Reconciliation:

Wednesday in church, 7pm
Saturday following 8am Mass

Marriage:

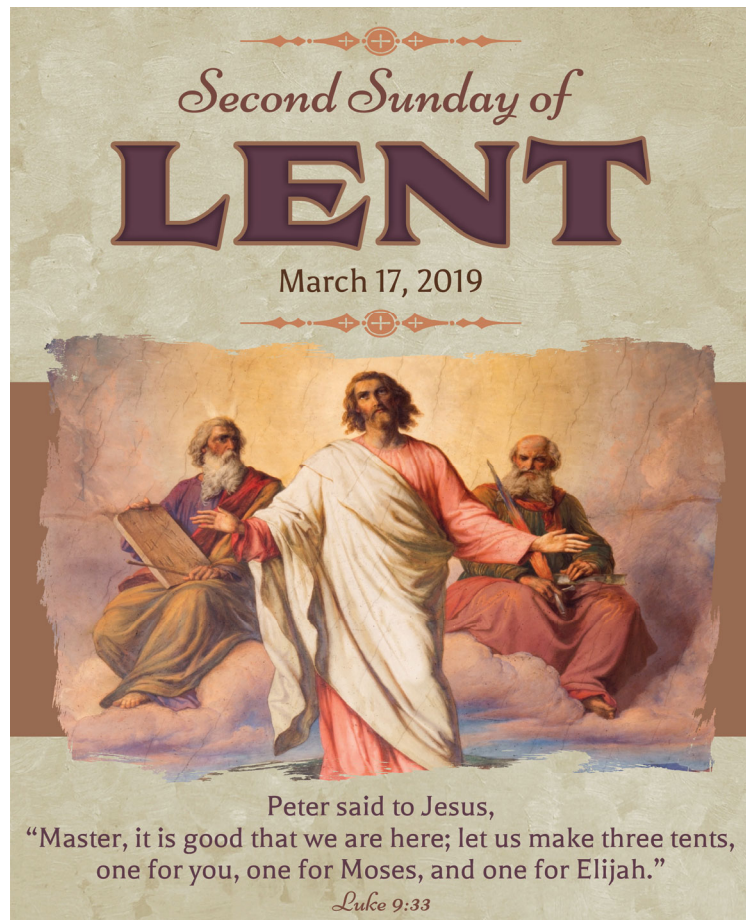
Contact the parish office
at least six months prior to the wedding

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



Have faith

The story of the Transfiguration of Jesus in the Luke's Gospel this week is similar to the ones in Matthew and Mark. One difference I noticed in Luke's version is that Jesus does not tell the three disciples to keep it secret. It seems they decided on their own not to tell anyone. Maybe Luke knew that Jesus had asked them to keep quiet, but wanted to show that the disciples were not about to tell what they had seen and heard. Why not?

One reason may be that the experience was so personal and overwhelming that they didn't have the words to express it fully. All three Gospels mention white clothing and Matthew says that Jesus' face shone like the sun (17:2). Perhaps they could not look at

Jesus directly without hurting their eyes. It brings to mind the Old Testament idea that if you looked at the face of God, you would die. So the disciples may not have wanted to talk about what they could not understand.

The other reason may be what they heard. While Matthew and Mark just say that Jesus spoke with Moses and Elijah, Luke is more specific: They "spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem" (9:31). Jesus had just said that he would suffer, die, and be raised from the dead in Luke 9:22. It was bad enough that Jesus was telling them this. They probably hoped he was just telling them the worst that could happen, not what really would happen. So hearing it

from Moses and Elijah as well as from Jesus was too much for them.

This is where we come in. The apostles were afraid to face the coming passion and death of Jesus. I think we are like them in that we suffer more in anticipating what would hurt us than we do going through it. Our fears are often worse than the reality. That is where faith can help. In faith, we hear Jesus tell us not to fear, as he often told his disciples. We know that Jesus suffered on the cross, so he knows what suffering is. And faith tells us that he is with us even when the suffering is the result of our own sins. After all, he himself suffered because of our sins. So have faith!

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

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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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Peter said to Jesus,
"Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents,
one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

Luke 9:33

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Second Sunday of **LENT**

March 17, 2019

Prayers for the Lenten Season

Dear Parishioners,

As mentioned last week, I want to share with you various prayers that I have discovered. My hope is that you might find them helpful in your own prayer life or know someone who might benefit from them. The key is finding prayers that appeal to you and making time to pray them. The nature of these written prayers is the selfless attitude they can generate, since we are not talking to God one on one in a personal way but rather considering/contemplating/pondering the message of the prayer for the transformation of our lives.

Country Prayer for Lent

Dear Lord, we are now in the holy season of Lent.

We begin to realize anew that these are the days of salvation, these are the acceptable days.

We know that we are all sinners. We know that in many things we have all offended Your infinite majesty. We know that sin destroys Your life in us as a drought withers the leaves and chokes the life from the land, leaving an arid, dusty desert. Help us now, Lord, in our feeble attempts to make up for past sin.

Bless our efforts with the rich blessing of Your grace. Make us realize ever more our need of penance and of mortification. Help us to see, in our ordinary difficulties and duties, in the trials and temptations of every day, the best opportunity of making up for past infidelities.

Every day we are so often reminded in field and wood, in sky and stream, of Your own boundless generosity to us. Help us to realize that You are never outdone in generosity, and that the least thing we do for You will be rewarded, full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and flowing over. Then we shall see, in our own souls, how the desert can blossom, and the dry and wasted land can bring forth the rich, useful fruit that was expected of it from the beginning.

Amen.

Peace,

Fr. Tom

LENTEN CONFESSIONS: MONDAY-TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY, 7:00—8:30 PM

Ladies: mark your calendar for the women's Prayer Breakfast on April 6 after 8am Mass.
Theme: Restless Heart **Presenter:** Kristina Radley

2nd Sunday of Lent

While [Jesus] was praying, his face changed its appearance, and his clothes became dazzling white.
Peter said to him, "Master, how good it is that we are here!" LUKE 9:29-33

Spiritual writers sometimes speak of a "moment of grace." It's a moment when the border between heaven and earth appears to fade for a brief second. It's a moment when, for a split second of time, God's presence touches our lives deeply. It's a moment when, for a split second of time, we are blessed with a faint glimpse of eternity and God's glory. Such a moment graced Peter, James, and John in today's reading. They were never the same after it. Can I recall a "moment of grace"- or something akin to it—in my life? What triggered it? Love? Prayer?

Mark Link S.J. *Action 2000*

Next Week Ministry Schedule

March 23—4:00pm

EM: Cheryl Gray, Karen Wilson, Jackie Barclay,
Wally & Jan Karase, Jennifer Fredrick,
Ann Zaleuke, Pat Roche
Lec: Ed Taylor, Nancy Ast
GB: Dave & Judy Hendrix
Serv: Connor Kuebler, Isabelle Scheer
Ush: Bob Gray, Dave Hendrix, Tom Zaleuke,
Bryan Potter

March 24—7:30am

EM: Bob Brossette, John & Karen Wappelhorst,
Kris Jenkins, Bob Leeker, Julia Kettler
Lec: Elizabeth Vehige, Peggy Dupree
GB: **volunteers please**
Serv: Mary Grace & Janie Becker
Ush: Rick Scharf, Larry Smith, Gary Potter,
Terry Schneider

March 24—9:30am

EM: Sharon Watts-Smith, Megan Preuss, Clara Haas,
Patrice Riley, Mary Hannig, Laura Holstein,
Dave & Pam DeBold
Lec: Grant Smith, Walt Hollenstein
GB: Michelle, Paige, Genny Greiwe
Serv: Alex & Maria McCarthy
Ush: Joe Weber, Curt Eccardt, George Stark,
Chris & Adam Molitor, Brian Corrigan

IHMformation Station

March 23, 4:00 Andy & Barb Pope
March 24, 7:30 Bob & Yvonne Brossette
March 24, 9:30 Michelle Greiwe

Vocation Prayer Bag:

March 24, 9:30 Stacey & Tara Thater

This Week at Home

Heavenly Duster: Jan Wolf
Purificators: Pam DeBold



Sunday, March 17

Anointings after both Masses
Children's Choir at 9:30 Mass



Monday, March 18

Scouts, Founders Hall/Trailer, 6:30pm
Bell practice, church, 7pm
Reconciliation, 7pm

Tuesday, March 19

Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am
Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, 9am
Knights of Columbus, Founders Hall, 7pm
Children's Choir, church, 7pm
Reconciliation, 7pm

Wednesday, March 20

Bible Study, Weber Hall, 8:45am
Outreach, Weber Hall, 1pm
Contemporary group practice, church, 5:30pm
PSR, Weber Hall/Founders Hall/Trailer, 6pm
Bible Study, Grand Hall, 6pm
Reconciliation, 7pm

Thursday, March 21

Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am
RCIA, Weber Hall, 6:30pm
Choir practice, church, 7pm

Friday, March 22

Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30am
FISH FRY, Founders Hall, 4:30—7pm
Stations of the Cross, chapel, 7pm



Saturday, March 23

Reconciliation, 8:45am

Sunday, March 24

Contemporary music at 9:30 Mass



Marriage in Christ
has been promised between:
Alexis O'Loughlin and Jason Dickherber



Janet Hespen, Youth Minister, 314-369-6521

Youth Group Meetings in the Grand Hall from 6-8pm:
March 28

✝ Rest in Peace ✝

We offer our prayerful sympathy
to Rich and Chris (Judy) Molitor on the death of their
wife and mother

Jolene Molitor

to Mike & Kris Preuss, Megan & Jennifer on the
death of their sister-in-law and aunt

Janice Preuss

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 18	
8:00am	All Souls
Tuesday, March 19	
8:00am	Sharron Cudney +
Wednesday, March 20	
8:00am	Shirley McDonald +
Thursday, March 21	
8:00am	intention of Roger & Vickie Brink
Friday, March 22	
8:00am	deceased of McMahon Family
Saturday, March 23	
8:00am	Jolene Molitor +
4:00pm	Capt. John V. Taylor Jr. +
Sunday, March 24	
7:30am	Mary Fine +
9:30am	People of the Parish

Looking for a Eucharistic Minister

to help bring Communion and do a rosary at Boulevard senior home in Wentzville on Mondays at 1:30pm once or twice a month. If interested please call Nancy Hollenstein 636-699-6920 cell or 636-798-2105 home.

Please pray for all the sick and suffering:

Ed Haas, Mark Hanna, Dee Schipper, Phyllis Zerr, Vickie Brink, Sandy Knott, Mike & Pat Ryan, Mary Conover, Audrey Hueffmeier, Karla Sitzes, Stan Nikonowicz, Vickie Rellergert, Vicky Monroe, Carol Rabbitt, Gina McDonald, Ron Simpson, Christine Potter (Gary & Cassie's Potter's daughter-in-law), Zina Riley (mom of Andrew Riley), David & Lisa Debold (Dave & Pam DeBold's children), Avery Presker (granddaughter of Bob & Yvonne Brossette), Dave Asinger (brother-in-law of Larry & Rita Bendel), Bob Holland (friend of Shirley Augustine), Sherri Callahan (daughter of Vickie & Paul Grunz), Bob Burke (Sharon Hagan's dad)

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.

Contributions, March 9/10

General Offertory:	\$10,870.79
Online – General Offertory:	<u>\$3,249.32</u>
TOTAL	\$14,120.11

*"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession."
(GENESIS 15:7)*

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

We pray ... that we invest equally in our heavenly home as we do in our earthly home

Needed at the Pantry:

razors, shaving cream, deodorant (men & women), hair conditioner, crackers, brownie mix, juice, plastic bags

Lent is a call not just to "give up something" but more important to "give something for the poor." Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they contact our St. Vincent de Paul Society. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor.

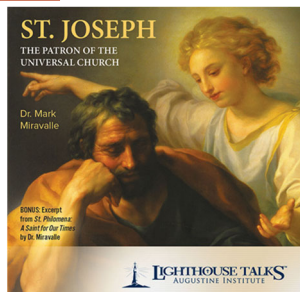


Lenten Prayer Requests

During the season of Lent we would like to emphasize this season of prayer and healing by inviting you to add your personal prayers to those of our entire community. Please look for a container on the table in the narthex where you can place your prayer requests. This Lent we ask everyone in our community to pray for all of them. Lent is a special time of the year for us as a community to pray for each other and to prepare ourselves for the Glorious Resurrection. At the Easter Vigil, we will burn all of your requests in the Easter fire, raising up your intentions to heaven, realizing that our Lord knows what's in your hearts. Have a blessed Lent.

PSR Corner

In the Traditional- Devotional Dedication of the Months of the Year, March is traditionally dedicated to St. Joseph. Scripture speaks of St. Joseph as a “just” man. Another translation is “righteous” man. What do you think being a just or righteous man means? How would your son or daughter describe such a man? What men do you see as just, as righteous?



WHY SHOULD I GO TO CONFESSION?

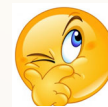
If you haven't been to Confession in a while, the Catholic Church wants to welcome you back, and invite you to participate in this beautiful sacrament of healing. Take a step in faith. You'll be surprised about how free you feel after taking part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. So many Catholics describe incredible feelings of peace, joy, relief, and love that they never expected. Jesus is calling you to experience His mercy in this way, too.

The Conversion of Mary Magdalene—Live and In Person

Actress and parishioner Maria Romine will be performing her one-woman show *Mary Magdalene* on Sunday, March 31 at 9:30am in the St. Gianna Parish Hall, 450 East Highway N. Listen to Mary's conversion story of how she went from a life of usury to becoming a faithful disciple of Jesus. Mary's story takes you from the foot of the Cross to the joy of the Resurrection. The story is delivered in a manner that is family-friendly and suitable for all ages. The show is FREE but please consider making a free will donation so Maria can bring it to outlying parishes. Maria has toured in many productions across the United States and has appeared on the EWTN television series *The Theater of the Word, Inc.*, *The Quest of Shakespeare* and *The Journey Home*.



What's Your Catholic Catechism IQ?



- The faith required for Baptism is not a perfect and mature faith, but a beginning that is called to _____.
 - original
 - develop
 - start
 - Holy Orders
- Faith must grow after Baptism for this reason the Church celebrates each year at _____.
 - Pentecost
 - Easter
 - baptismal day
 - Christmas
- For the grace of Baptism to unfold, the parents' help is important. So, too, is the role of the _____, who must be firm believers.
 - relatives
 - godparents
 - ushers
 - priests
- Godparents are to help the newly Baptized, child or adult, on the road of _____ life. Their task is a truly ecclesial function (officium).
 - Christian
 - conversion
 - parish
 - abundant
- The ordinary ministers of Baptism are the bishop and priest and, in the Latin Church, also the _____.
 - deacon
 - laity
 - greeters
 - staff
- In case of necessity, any _____, even someone not Baptized, can baptize, if he has the required intention.
 - nurse
 - doctor
 - person
 - midwife
- The intention required is to will to do what the Church does when she baptizes, and to apply the _____ baptismal formula.
 - ancient
 - apostolic
 - Trinitarian
 - water
- The reason why anyone can baptize in necessity is the universal saving will of God and the necessity of Baptism for _____.
 - citizenship
 - joining a parish
 - salvation
 - matrimony
- The Lord Himself affirms that Baptism is necessary for salvation as recorded in chapter 3 verse 5 of this Gospel.
 - Matthew
 - John
 - Luke
 - Mark
- Jesus commands His disciples to proclaim the gospel to all nations and to baptize them in chapter 28 verse 20 of this Gospel.
 - Mark
 - Luke
 - John
 - Matthew



Deacon Diaper Drive

Please mark your calendars!!! During the weekends of March 30/31 through Palm Sunday, April 14th, 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. Last year we collected over 277 thousand diapers for those in need and we'd like to exceed that total this year. We would ask that you please consider placing the purchasing of infant, toddler or adult diapers on your shopping list and bring them to IHM. All diapers collected will be donated to assist families in our parish community through St. Vincent de Paul. For more information, speak to our permanent deacons or give the office a call. Please place the packages in Weber Hall on the tables provided. We ask you to pray for the success of this project and to please be as generous as possible.

A note from Deacon Chris:

Over the last few months an increasing number of you have commented about not seeing me around IHM very much. And so

I thought that I would share with you why that is. As many of you may know, in addition to being assigned to support Fr. Tom here at IHM, I also serve the Archbishop as the Director, Office of the Permanent Diaconate, a job I truly love. Part of the job has me serving on a number of archdiocesan committees, and taskforces, frequently requiring attendance at dinners and evening meetings and weekend events. In addition to serving as the Director of the Diaconate, the Archbishop has recently appointed me to a temporary position I am very excited about, and that is as the Interim-Director of a new department, the Department of Parish Evangelization and Ministry Support. This is a combined ministry group that includes the Catholic Youth Office (Sports, Young Adult, Youth Ministry, and College Campus Ministry), Respect Life Office (pro-life advocacy and programming: conception to natural death), Stewardship Formation, and the Office of Marriage and Family Life (marriage prep, bereavement ministries, missionary discipleship programs, etc.). While I am really quite excited about this new assignment I want to assure you that I am still assigned to IHM, and I will continue to be involved in the life of our parish, but on a limited basis for right now.

IHM Lenten Fish Fries



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12

Serving from 4:30—7:00pm

- \$12: Adults Dine in**
- \$10: Adults Carry out**
- \$6: Kids 12 and under Dine in**
- \$5: Kids 12 and under Carry out**

Menu Includes:

Haddock (baked or fried)—Cod—Catfish
French Fries, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Hush Puppies,
Mac & Cheese, Applesauce, Surprise Pasta each week
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

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BLOOD DRIVE

All presenting donors will receive a voucher featuring these new items on sale for a limited time in the IMPACT store!

Limit 1 per donor; see store for more gift options.



NEW!

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Monday, March 25 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 online to www.bloodcenterIMPACT.org

Use sponsor code 9118 to schedule online



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www.bloodcenter.org

St. Paul Library & Lighthouse CDs

(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.

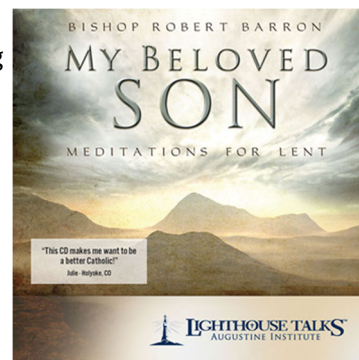
From the Lighthouse Catholic CD Rack: Narthex

Bishop Robert Barron offers five sermons on the spiritual discipline we must cultivate in the Lenten season, a discipline centered in Christ. These meditations cover topics such as finding our identity in God, prayer as the key to mission, our thirst for God, how to end our alienation from God, and how to joyfully embrace the way of happiness.

What wonderful talks to meditate on during the Lenten season. Fr Barron opens up the scripture in such easy to understand sermons.

Ann - Ha, MN

I listened to "My Beloved Son" It answered many questions I have had all my life about Jesus. I am a new Catholic and still feel that there is much that I need to understand, and your CD's which I now have 4 of have each in their own way enlightened me. I thank you for selecting the speakers of each CD and the subject which they spoke on.



Vivian - Modesto, CA Erika - Winnipeg, MB



Bullying 101



PARENT NETWORK
OF CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS IN SAINT LOUIS

How can parents help our teenagers?
Learn the types of bullying: physical, mental, verbal and cyber.
What is the impact on the bully and the person bullied?

Thursday, March 28, 7pm
Villa Duchesne - 801 South Spoeede Rd., St. Louis 63131

Presented by CHADS Coalition for Mental Health
COMMUNITIES HEALING ADOLESCENT DEPRESSION AND SUICIDE

The family of Jolene Molitor would like to express our gratitude to all the members of our parish family who have shared with us their sympathies and support. The outpouring of love for Jolene is treasured and appreciated by all of us.

Richard Molitor Family



Patrick Harney and Kaleb
Christine Strunk, Kelly, Jason & Krista
Joe Keune

Zach & Nicole Halloran and Kinsley
Jason & Rachel Meyer and Aria
Michael & Sue Davisson

Tim & Mari Peters
Jim & Chris Warren

Ryan & Alexis Jaegers, Annabelle & Benjamin
Rick & Debra Scharf

Robert & Julie Ketts, Braden & Lucas
Eric & Kaitlyn Kessler and Kallie

Jeremy & Kelly Barrett, Gavin & Rose
Troy & Meredith Bossler, Ashley, Hannah & Garrett

Roger & Heather Johns, Madison & Tyler
Frank Murray

Kris & Francesca Wood, Sam, Amelia & William
Mark & Ginny Smith, Michael & Kaitlyn

Scott Stiffler and Lindsey Heinssohn
Doug & Erin Koch and Evan

Jeff & Mary Bollmann, Cody & Sydney
Kyle & Katie Williams and Alaina

Justin & Abby Cox, Miller & Lucille
Paul & Jessica Simon, Sophia, Josephine, William & Peter

FORMED® Parish access code:
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Suggestions to watch or listen:
"Patrick: Brave Shepherd of the Emerald Isle"
"The Trials of Saint Patrick"

Dynamic Catholic® *Alive!*

Listen

The Apostles actually hear God speak to them in today's Gospel. The exciting part for us is that God's message is not just for the Apostles. It is for each and every one of us as well. We have been instructed by God, "This is My chosen Son, listen to Him." This was not framed in the form of a request. This was an instruction. Most of us have difficulty hearing Jesus' voice, and many would ask, "How do I even do that?" We will never hear the voice of Jesus if we don't listen for it or if we do all the talking during our prayer time. Prayer is meant to be a conversation and in a conversation we are challenged to balance the amount of time we speak with the amount of time we listen. The easiest way to hear Jesus speak to us is through the Scriptures, but we can also hear Him through others, through creation, through music, etc. The most important part of this is the actual listening. "Jesus, during this Lenten journey please help us to open our hearts and minds so that we can hear Your voice and listen to what You are saying to us. Then please give us the courage to follow any directions you give us. Amen.

www.archstl.org/live-the-faith

Readings for the Week

Mon: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tue: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Wed: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thu: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Fri: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sun: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11;
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

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Catholic IQ Answers

Pope's Intentions for March: Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.





New Melle Community Passion Play

I am reaching out to anyone in your church who would like to take part in the New Melle Community Passion Play. We are in dire need of Bases and Sopranos for the choir and people for speaking and nonspeaking roles as actors. This is the 39th season of this local production and in order for it to come together we need people of all ages. Those under 16 must come with an adult. We provide music and practice CDs as well as costumes so they just need to show up with a will to help spread the word of the last days in the life of Christ.

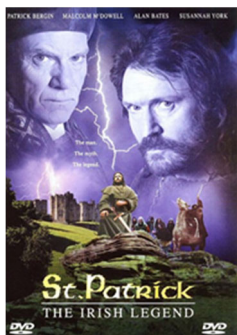
Choir meets at 3pm on Sundays at Friedens Peace UCC - Actors meet at 7:30 on Monday evenings also at Friedens
Any questions please call Donna at 636-634-1150.

St. Patrick Parish in Wentzville has held its annual kettle cooked **Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner** since 1947. This year's dinner is **Sunday, March 17**, dine-in from noon till 5pm all you care to eat, buffet style. Carry-outs available noon till 6pm in the school cafeteria. Glazed ham will also be served. Adult: Dine-in \$13, carry-out \$11 - children age 4-12 \$5.
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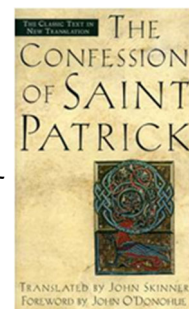


Mysteries, Marvels and Miracles in the Life of the Church.

St. Patrick: feast Day: March 17

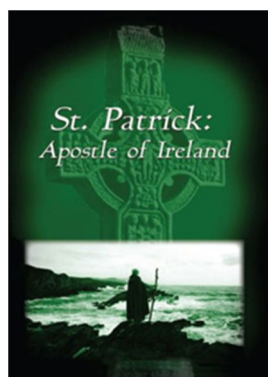


St. Patrick is one of the most popular saints in Church history, and rightly so. He died on March 17, 461 after an incredible life of suffering, prayer, preaching, fear, joy and conversion. Consider reading the treasure he left us in writing called "The Confession." It gives us a glimpse into the life and experiences of this man whom the Lord used to bring the Gospel to the people of Ireland. The big question that should be asked of Patrick's successful efforts among the Irish peoples, many of whom were sunk into pagan practices is this, "How did he do it? How did he convert an entire island of peoples?" Great preaching? Successful marketing? Billboards and positive messages on bumper stickers? A thriving youth ministry and Catholic school system? Only God knows how the grace was distributed to convert such a people, but as in most cases with missionaries, there was a dose of "Miracle-Grow" added into the mix to give the message of the Gospel power to wield an influence on the hearts and minds of those who heard.



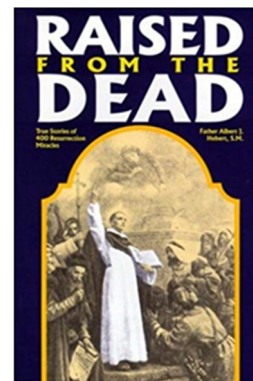
Raising People From the Dead: Few miracles are more dramatic than bringing dead people back to life again, and Patrick was credited with having done so for 33 different people! In the 12th century book *The Life and Acts of Saint Patrick: The Archbishop, Primate and Apostle of Ireland*, a Cistercian monk named Jocelin wrote: "Thirty and three dead men, some of whom had been many years buried, did this great reviver raise from the dead."

Patrick himself wrote in a letter about the resurrection miracles that God performed through him: "The Lord has given to me,



though humble, the power of working miracles among a barbarous people, such as are not recorded to have been worked by the great apostles; inasmuch as, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I have raised from the dead bodies that have been buried many years; but I beseech you, let no one believe that for these or the like works I am to be at all equaled to the apostles, or with any perfect man, since I am humble, and a sinner, and worthy only to be despised."

Historical accounts say that Patrick's resurrection miracles were witnessed by people who came to believe what he said about God after seeing God's power at work -- leading to many conversions to Christianity. But to those who weren't present and had trouble believing that such dramatic miracles could occur, Patrick wrote: "And let those who will, laugh and scorn, I shall not be silent; nor shall I hide the signs and wonders which the Lord has shown me."



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