



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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Schedule of Holy Mass

Saturday: 8:00am, 4:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am

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

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

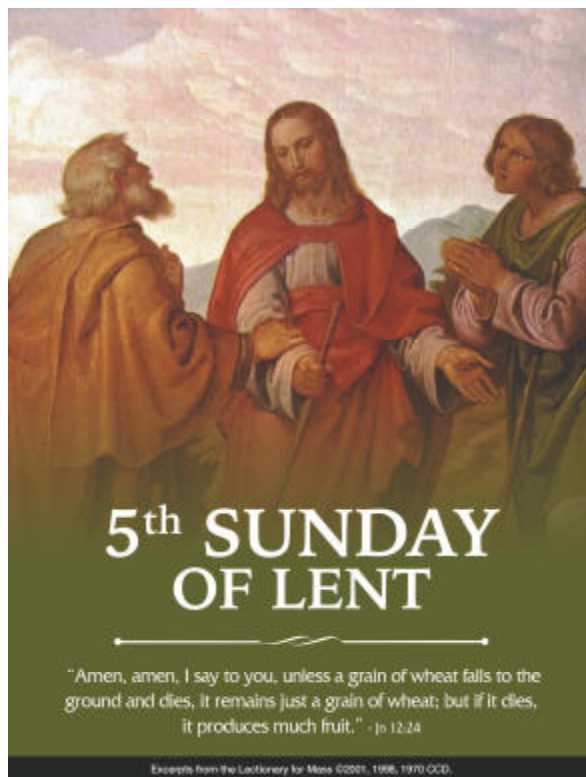
Marriage: Contact the parish office
at least six months prior to the wedding

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

March 21, 2021



Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Any good teacher or parent will tell you that once a lesson is really learned it doesn't need to be taught again. When we internalize things we have learned, they become a part of who we are and influence how we perceive and interact with our world. The same is true for the law God has written upon our hearts. Once humanity learns this lesson, we will simply know it to be true and act accordingly. Sometimes, it is hard to get people to learn the lessons they need to learn. They are often distracted, disinterested, conflicted, misdirected, or just too stubborn and unable or unwilling to see what is right before their eyes. Understanding that God is in a loving and committed relationship with those fashioned and formed in God's own image, seems like such a simple lesson to learn. But history and experience has proven that it is not.

We struggle with faith, especially when

that faith asks us to learn something very particular about ourselves. We must, like a grain of wheat, fall to the ground and die. Because God's DNA is at the very core of who we are, there are specific pearls of wisdom that must be acquired before we can live a full life. One very powerful lesson is that it is not the task of the world to tell us who we are and what has meaning, but God. For many, death is not an opportunity for greater life but a permanent ending to the life they have known. Jesus knew every dimension to what it means to be fully human because he was! He knows the joys, limitations, sorrows, frustrations, wonders, suffering, opportunities, and joys of the human experience. Jesus can teach us a wealth of knowledge and life's lessons from his example, especially obedience.

When we accept the law God has placed in our hearts and gain wisdom from it, then when we suffer we learn to listen

more attentively to the Voice behind that law. We naturally flee to our Creator for inspiration, consolation, hope, direction, and comfort as we navigate through this time of darkness. We will not need to run from it, subdue it, fight it, or be overcome by it because we will know, having internalized this profound lesson before, that God will bring new life. God's law is love and love never fails. Even in the moments of Jesus' deepest despair, he glorified the name of his Father. What he learned allowed him to put everything in perspective and be obedient to the tender, loving Voice that echoed within. As Lent quickly winds down, may we learn the same! Then, may we gain the fortitude and wisdom to help others see what is right before their eyes.

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Children's Liturgy of the Word
September thru May, during the 9:30am Sunday Mass
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Who Invented the Stations of the Cross?

Throughout the centuries, one of the most popular devotions that has stood the test of time has been the **Stations of the Cross** (also known as the **Way of the Cross**, or, in Latin, the *Via Crucis*). It consists of a number of “stations” along which an individual can retrace the footsteps of Jesus Christ during His Passion and death.



access to the shrines of Jesus' Passion. As a result, Franciscans and others throughout Europe began building chapels and shrines that replicated these sites in Jerusalem. In particular, Dominican priest Blessed Álvaro of Córdoba spread the devotion in Europe, beginning in Cordoba, where he erected small oratories similar in style to modern day stations.

According to an ancient tradition, the **Blessed Virgin Mary** visited the sites of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection on a daily basis after His ascension into Heaven. Many other traditions also claim that **Mary followed Jesus along the road to Calvary**.

However, in performing this practice, the Blessed Mother did not create a popular devotion with prayers and specific “stations” to follow. She simply was trying to relive the powerful events of Jesus' passion and hold them “in her heart,” contemplating the great sacrifice He made.

It wasn't until a few centuries later, according to the *Catholic Encyclopedia*, that “a group of connected chapels were constructed as early as the fifth century, by St. Petronius, Bishop of Bologna, which were intended to represent the more important shrines of Jerusalem ... These may perhaps be regarded as the germ from which the Stations afterwards developed, though it is tolerably certain that nothing that we have before about the fifteenth century can strictly be called a Way of the Cross in the modern sense.”

By the Middle Ages, the Holy Land became a volatile area and pilgrims were not given easy

According to Fr. William Saunders, “William Wey, an English pilgrim, visited the Holy Land in 1462, and is credited with the term ‘stations.’ He described the manner in which a pilgrim followed the steps of Christ.” The term became popular in the English language and eventually was applied to those scenes that were set up in churches.

By the 17th century the Franciscans wanted to begin erecting these “stations” within the church walls and asked Rome for permission. Additionally, they wanted the faithful to be granted the same indulgences that would have been given to those who traveled to Jerusalem. Pope Innocent XI recognized the need and granted their request, paving the way for the Stations of the Cross as we know them today.

As a result, historians can't say there was one person in particular who was responsible for the Stations of the Cross. **Various holy individuals throughout the centuries, beginning with the Blessed Virgin Mary, walked in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, contemplating His Passion and Death.** It is a beautiful tradition, one that has grown organically over the years.

LENTEN CONFESSIONS
Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday 7-8:30pm
Saturday 8:45am

Ministry Schedule

March 20—4pm

EM: Josh Deters, Ann Zaleuke, Pat Roche, Ed Etzkorn
 Lec: Theresa & Jim Risch
 Serv: Izzy Scheer
 Music: Bryan & Mary Ann
 Ush: Tom Zaleuke, Andy Pope, Bryan Potter
 Proj: Kathy Lalonde

March 21—7:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Aaron Waldeck, Kris Jenkins, Maureen Blondin
 Lec: Dave London, Chuck Kettler
 Serv: Janie Becker
 Music: Verdi & Brooke
 Ush: Tom Meczowski, Bob Hutchcraft, Terry Schneider
 Proj: Nancy Neske

March 21—9:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Aaron Waldeck, Janet Hespen, Sharon Smith,
 Lec: Grant Smith, Donna Hecht
 Serv: William Lassiter
 Music: Bryan, Amelia, Betsy, Mary
 Ush: Bill Winters, Gary Struckhoff, Joe Weber
 Proj: Tom Shea

Ministry Schedule—PALM SUNDAY

March 27—4pm

EM: Deacon Chris, Josh Deters, Jim & Chris Warren
 Lec: Joe Willis, Karen Wilson, Josh Deters (“Voice”)
 Serv: Zoey Panus
 Music: Bryan & Mary Ann
 Ush: Tim Wilson, Chris Cuddihee, Mike Rieker
 Proj: Lucy Smith

March 28—7:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Jan Kardasz, Bob Brossette, Betty Tuepker
 Lec: Yvonne Brossette, Kris Jenkins (also “Voice”)
 Serv: Sydney Jaekle
 Music: Verdi & Elizabeth
 Ush: Gary Potter, Tom Meczowski, Ron Jacob
 Proj: Dawn Strohbach

March 28—9:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Josh Deters, Chris Richter, Chris Menne
 Lec: Kat Menne, Nancy Ast, Josh Deters (“Voice”)
 Serv: Mary Becker
 Music: Bryan, Debbie, Betsy, Mary
 Ush: Chris Molitor, Bill Riley, Chuck Hinkle
 Proj: Sophia Simon

This Week at Home

social distancing recommended at all events

Anointings after all Masses

Monday, March 22

BLOOD DRIVE, Fndrs. Hall, 2:30-6:30
 Youth Group, Weber Hall, 6:30pm
 Scouts, Founders Hall, 6:30pm
 Men For Christ, Grand Hall, 7pm
 Reconciliation, 7-8:30pm

Tuesday, March 23

Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am
 Reconciliation, 7-8:30pm

Wednesday, March 24

Sunday readings study, Weber Hall, 8:45am
 Bible Study, Grand Hall, 6:15pm
 ADORE, 6:30pm with Reconciliation

Thursday, March 25

Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am
 RCIA, Weber Hall, 6:30pm
 Event in Grand Hall 6:30pm

Friday, March 26

Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30am—noon
 Fish Fry, carryouts & inside dining 3:30—7:30pm
 Stations of the Cross, church, 7pm

Saturday, March 27

Reconciliation, 8:45am
 Youth Group event, Grand Hall, 5pm
 Events in Grand Hall and Founders Hall this afternoon

Sunday, March 28—Holy Week begins



Heavenly Duster Schedule

Week of March 21: Ann Biddy
 Week of March 28: Alice Faron

Purificators

Month of March: Pam DeBold

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 22

8:00am Leo Partl +

Tuesday, March 23

8:00am Dennis Britton +

Wednesday, March 24

8:00am Ed Haas +

Thursday, March 25

8:00am Ed Orf +

Friday, March 26

8:00am All Souls

Saturday, March 27

8:00am Jolene Molitor +

4:00pm Bob Cova +

Sunday, March 28

7:30am Todd Jackson +
 People of IHM

9:30am Mary Glissman +
 Raymond & Jewel Kostecki +

Triduum and Easter Ministry Schedule

Holy Thursday—April 1—7pm

EM: Deacon Chris, Josh Deters, Kathy Lalonde,
Maureen Blondin
Lec: Sharon Hagan, Joe Willis
Serv: Sydney Jaeckle
Ush: **need 3 volunteers**

Good Friday—April 2—3pm

EM: Deacon Chris, Josh Deters
Lec: Dave London, Chuck Hinkle, Josh Deters ("Voice")
Serv: Sydney Jaeckle
Ush: **need 3 volunteers**

Easter Vigil—April 3—8pm

EM: Deacon Chris, Josh Deters, Pat Roche, Kathy Lalonde
Lec: Rdg. 1: Chuck Hinkle
Rdg. 2: Chuck Kettler
Rdg. 3: Patrice Riley
Rdg. 4: Dave London
Rdg. 5: Pat Gentry
Rdg. 6: Richard Lalonde
Rdg. 7: Kathy Lalonde
Epistle: Peggy Dupree
Serv: Sydney Jaeckle
Ush: Bill Riley, **need 2 more volunteers**

Easter Sunday—April 4—7:30

EM: Maureen Blondin, Kris Jenkins, Bob Brossette,
Jan Kardasz
Lec: Bob Leeker, Dave London
Serv: **need a volunteer**
Ush: Frank Kardasz, **need 2 more volunteers**

Easter Sunday—April 4—9:30

EM: Janet Hespen, Mary Busby, **need 2 more volunteers**
Lec: Joe Willis, Mary Busby
Serv: Izzy Scheer, Izzy Czuchna
Ush: Chuck Hinkle, Alan Raymond, **need 1 more volunteer**

Contributions, March 13/14

General Offertory:	\$9,779.50
Online – General Offertory:	<u>\$4,616.93</u>
TOTAL:	\$14,396.43

"I will be their God and they shall be my people."

~~ Jeremiah 31:33 ~~

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors, and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

We pray: that as God's chosen people, we may accept and follow God's plan to generously share our time, talent and treasure with others.

Needed at the Pantry



UPDATED LIST:

Assorted salad dressing flavors, body wash, lotion, shaving lotion (men's and ladies), razors, dish soap, all purpose cleaner, coffee, tea, beef stew, shampoo and conditioner, brownie mixes, fruit juices.

Please hold your plastic bags—we have plenty!!

In the Gospel today, Jesus says, "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me." When we help the poor, we are truly followers of Jesus, servant of the poor.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul collection, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them Easter hope and joy.

Please check our bulletin board for various dinners and other activities in the area.

Please pray for all the sick and suffering:

Phyllis Zerr, Mike & Pat Ryan, Fran Bussen, Betty Boyd, Deacon Tony, Amy Robbins,
Don Schmidt, Betty Heppermann, Joyce Brakensiek, Carl Wolff, Terry Hagan, Richard & Doris Berhorst

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)

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

Lenten Fish Fries are back!

Immaculate Heart of Mary

New Melle, MO



Join us on

February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26

Adults: \$13 / ages 6—12: \$7 / 5 and under free

Offering Carry-outs from 3:30—7:30pm

Dine in by reservation—please call the church office

5th Sunday of Lent—Year B

[Jesus said of his approaching death,] “My heart is troubled. But that is why I came—so that I might go through this hour of suffering.... When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to me.” (John 12:27,32)

British poet Francis Thompson wrote, “Nothing begins and nothing ends ...that is not paid with moan; For we are born in others' pain, And perish in our own.” Many people blame God for the suffering on earth. The Bible, however, tells us that suffering began with the first sin. It was this suffering, caused by sin, that Jesus accepted on the cross and made into a vehicle of salvation. “We know that in all things [suffering included] God works for good with those who love him” (ROMANS 8:28).

What is one suffering that brought good into my life in the long run?

Jesus did not come to do away with suffering or remove it. He came to fill it with His presence. —Paul Claudell

Mark Link S.J. *Mission*

Pope's Intentions for March: Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33
Mon: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23/Jn 8:1-11
Tue: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102/Jn 8:21-30
Wed: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42
Thu: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40/
Fri: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18/Jn 10:31-42
Sat: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

BLOOD DRIVE

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Masks and appointments required!

Monday, March 22

2:30pm - 6:30pm

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



All donors will receive SOCKS OR A GIFT CARD!

BLOODCENTER.ORG

Iron Youth Ministry

Janet Hespen, Youth Minister,
314-369-6521

- March 22: Our faith and the media. Come with your favorite Christian song or YouTube video.
March 29: Youth Group, 6:30-8pm, Weber Hall
April 4: Easter Sunday
April 5: Youth Group, 6:30-8pm, Weber Hall
April 9: Set up Luke 18
April 10/11: Luke 18
April 19: Youth Group, 6:30-8pm, Weber Hall

Respect Life

“To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ” (*The Gospel of Life* 84).

✠ Rest in Peace ✠

Marilyn Farber

mother of Steve and Rebecca Farber

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



Reconciliation

Mon/Tue/Wed 7-8:30pm
Saturdays, 8:30am
Last opportunity before Easter:
March 31

Stations of the Cross

Friday, 7pm

Anointing of the Sick

after Masses this weekend

ADORE

Wednesday, March 24, 6:30pm



Holy Week begins March 28

Holy Thursday—April 1

Morning Prayer, 8am
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm

Good Friday—April 2

Morning Prayer, 8am
Stations of the Cross 1pm
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3pm

Holy Saturday—April 3

Morning Prayer, 8am
Easter Vigil at 8pm

Easter Sunday April 4—

Masses at 7:30 & 9:30



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. The last day to bring them to Weber is **Sunday, March 21**. We would like to stress the need for the larger size diapers, 3's, 4's and 5's. We ask you to pray for the success of this project and to please be as generous as possible. For more information, speak to our permanent deacon, Deacon Chris.

ADORE

A MONTHLY GATHERING
Praise & Worship Music
Prayer, Adoration & Confession
Reflection from Seminarian Aaron Waldeck

6:30pm Wednesday, March 24, 2021
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
8 Hwy D * New Melle, MO

PSR Corner

Did you know that the months of the year have been given a devotional "focus" in Church tradition? March is dedicated to St. Joseph, whose Feast Day is March 19th. Be sure to pick up a copy of the booklet we've put together with Prayers and Devotions to St. Joseph.



He Made His Dwelling Among Us

The Annunciation and the Gospel of Life

The Annunciation celebrates the visit of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to inform her that she was to be the mother of Jesus. On this great feast day, we not only recall Mary's courageous "yes" to God, we also celebrate the Incarnation of Christ, our Savior. For it was there, in the womb of a woman, nine months before the celebration of the manger, that "the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (John 1:14).

The celebration of the Annunciation coincides with the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*). This prophetic document on the dignity and inviolability of every human life was put forth by Pope John Paul II on the Solemnity of the Annunciation in 1995. The intimate connection of these two events highlights a profound reality about the identity and value of every human person.

Luke's Gospel tells us that by the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ would be conceived within the womb of Mary. It was there, in the womb of the Blessed Mother, that Christ first took on human flesh and made his dwelling among us. Like us, the unborn child Jesus grew and developed beneath the shelter of his mother's loving heart. Through Christ's Incarnation, God chose to share fully and intimately in our humanity and bridge all distance between God and man, so that we may dwell together.

The Church teaches us that "by His incarnation the Son of God has united Himself in some fashion with every man." God desired to dwell among us, as one of us, in order to bring us salvation. This truth "reveals to humanity not only the boundless love of God... but also the incomparable value of every human person."

Each of us is made in the image and likeness of our Creator, to share in the very life of God himself. This reality "reveals the greatness and the inestimable value of human life." The human person is "a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory." Created through the love of the Father, each one of us bears "an indelible imprint of God." By sharing in our humanity, Christ invites us to share in his divinity, that we might dwell with him for eternity.

Therefore, "the Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel." Through Christ's descent to earth God desires to raise each one of us to the heights of heaven. May we recognize that to proclaim the Gospel of Life is to proclaim Christ, the one who *made his dwelling among us*.



1. Pope Paul VI, *Gaudium et spes: Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1965), 22.
2. Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1995), 2.
3. *Ibid.*

4. Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 34.
5. Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 35.
6. Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 2.

Year of St. Joseph

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

One of the Titles in the Litany of St. Joseph, is "Terror of Demons." Recently, folks from the parish and beyond sponsored a billboard in the St. Charles County area with an image of "St. Joseph, Terror of Demons." We were given permission by Fr. Don Calloway, author of the book "Consecration to St. Joseph" to use it. (Fr. Calloway commissioned its painting).



One of Fr. Calloway's brother priests from his order wrote an article on why St. Joseph is called "Terror of Demons." While much more could be said about this title, the response of the priest below offers some good food for thought.

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/articles/terror-demons-explanation>

Firstly, what is terror? I prefer to define terror as the "opposite of hope," a condition that stems from lack of trust that God loves you and wills what's best for you.

In her Diary, St. Faustina writes of terror - the terror of dying souls as well as her own brief moments of terror. In one instance, Jesus asks her to help Him to save souls by praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for dying sinners. She records, "I found myself in a strange cottage where an elderly man was dying amidst great torments. All about the bed was a multitude of demons and the family, who were crying. When I began to pray, the spirits of darkness fled, with hissing and threats directed at me. The soul became calm and, filled with trust, rested in the Lord" (1798).

The demons knew they didn't stand a chance against St. Faustina and the Chaplet. Yet St. Faustina, too, experienced moments of terror. Jesus rebukes her for this at one point, saying: I am displeased when a soul yields to vain terrors. Who will dare to touch you when you are with Me? Most dear to Me is the soul that strongly believes in My goodness and has complete trust in Me (453). Saint Faustina would eventually learn to whom she can turn in order to allay her fears and unite her to Jesus. It was none other than Jesus' foster father, St. Joseph.

The famous Litany of St. Joseph identifies him under the title Terror of Demons, and it's no wonder. Surely, this man entrusted by God with the singular mission of caring for and protecting the Holy Family was endowed with graces enough to strike fear in the forces of darkness. The demons don't stand a chance against St. Joseph. Saint Faustina writes: Saint Joseph urged me to have a constant devotion to him. ... He has promised me this special help and protection (1203).

When you find yourself feeling overcome by the trials of life, turn to St. Joseph. He was a man who, in his earthly life, never succumbed to "vain terrors." He remained ever grounded in faith, ever attuned to the will of God in his life. From Heaven, he stands as a go-to saint to help you when forces beyond your control - including demonic forces - seek to unsettle you and pull you toward despair and ruin.

At the end of our lives, many people are susceptible to despair. Saint Joseph, Terror of Demons, will squash such despair and all things that stand in opposition to the hope found in the Risen Christ. From Heaven, this humble, quiet man of strength will lead us to the peace found in Jesus.

Saint Joseph, Terror of Demons, protect us.

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)

- Everyone should observe an appropriate reserve concerning persons' _____ lives.
a. daily b. work
c. multiple d. private
- Within modern society the _____ media play a major role in information, cultural promotion, and formation.
a. biased b. communications
c. conservative d. liberal
- Society has a right to _____ based on truth, freedom, justice, and solidarity.
a. privacy b. information
c. worship d. liberty
- Information provided by the media should be communicated _____ and properly.
a. negatively b. honestly
c. swiftly d. quietly
- Users should practice moderation and _____ in their approach to the mass media.
a. diversity b. meditation
c. mediation d. discipline
- Public authorities should ensure that public morality and social progress are not gravely endangered through _____ of the media.
a. barrage b. use
c. misuse d. communication
- Even before revealing Himself to man in words of truth, God reveals Himself to him through the universal language of _____.
a. sign b. Hebrew
c. creation d. Greek
- From the greatness and beauty of created things comes a corresponding perception of their _____, for the Author of beauty created them.
a. artist b. creator
c. uniqueness d. intelligence
- Created in the image of God, man also expresses the truth of his relationship with God the Creator by the beauty of his _____ works.
a. painted b. artistic
c. drawn d. written
- To the extent that it is inspired by truth and love of beings, art bears a certain likeness to God's activity in what He has _____.
a. created b. scolded
c. sculpted d. molded

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6. c (2498) 6. c (2500) 8. b (2500) 9. b (2501) 10. a (2501)

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Dear Father Tom:

I truly do not know where to start or what to say, because no matter what I say, my words will fall too short of my thankfulness and gratitude. While most of the world turned their back to us, you opened your door and heart to our needs. Therefore, and on behalf of the Christian families in the Bethlehem area, my family, and the sick and needy in our hospital, we wish to express our sincere appreciation for your cooperation with Blest Art and our Hospital. You and your parishioners were very generous to us and to our families. Because of your wonderful support, Blest Art has donated \$3000 to our hospital, which was used to buy new greatly needed oxygen machines, which will help us save many lives.

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