



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

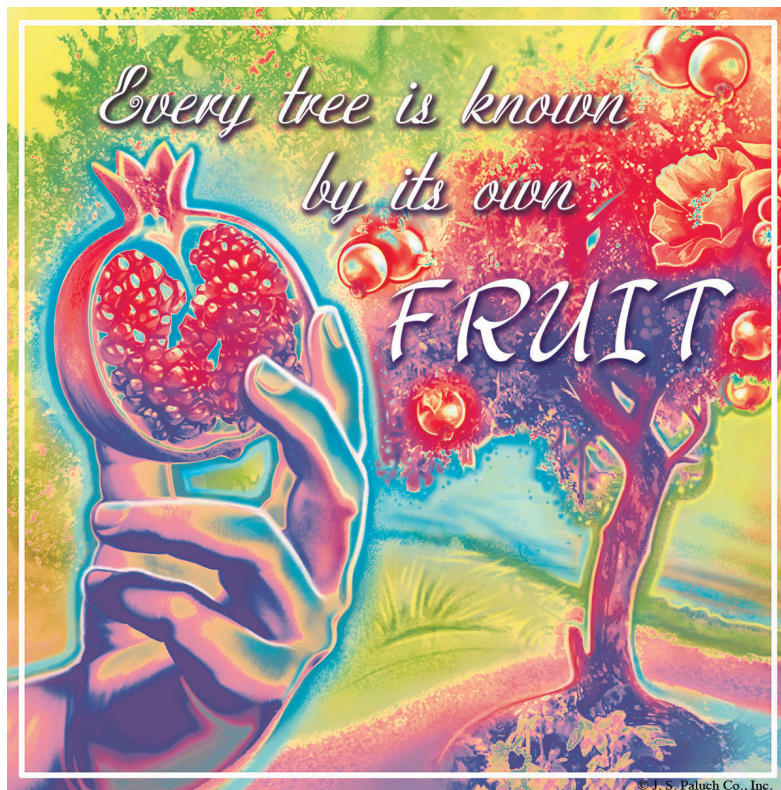
Baptism:

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

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
March 3, 2019



Words and Fruit

What do these two things have in common? In Luke's Gospel today, Jesus uses the image of a fruit tree to explain the importance of speaking with care. If the tree is healthy (that is, good), we expect to enjoy tasty fruit, but no one would pick the fruit of a tree that appears to be diseased. Good fruit is like good words that indicate one's spiritual growth and maturity—a person whose heart and words are filled with goodness. We will be known as good or evil by the qualities—of mercy and compassion, or pride and selfishness—that come from our hearts and enter the world through our mouth.

We hear similar advice from the book of Sirach in our first reading. Just as the fruit will indicate whether or not the tree from which it came was healthy, so too do our words indicate what we think, how we view the world and our neighbors. Words are important, indeed.

But what about our actions? These surely are also signs of goodness or the opposite, aren't they? Today's psalm sings about the just ones who will be like trees flourishing in the house of the Lord, bearing fruit throughout their lives. Justice implies action—mercy, compassion, love. In the second reading, Paul ad-

vises the Corinthians to devote themselves to the work of the Lord, that their labors would not be in vain, because the reward of acting with integrity is victory over sin and death. The person of justice and integrity acts and speaks from a new heart, made possible by Jesus' sacrifice.

Do actions speak louder than words? Maybe between this Gospel and last week's, when Jesus told us to love our enemies, Jesus is showing us that both are vital and essential aspects of following the life of discipleship. May our fruit always reflect the sweetness of living a good life.

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

Parish Staff

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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

Weddings, Receptions, Events

Pat Gentry, Hall Rental/Wedding Coordinator 636-398-5270
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Prayer and Devotion

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Shawn Mueller 636-398-5270
Legion of Mary
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Janet Hespen 314-369-6521
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Julie Lassiter 636-357-0121

Parish Organizations

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Cub Scouts: Adam McCarthy 636-634-7622
Boy Scouts: Chad Peters 314-807-7177
St. Vincent de Paul
Teresa Waddington 314-440-7475
Welcoming Committee
Teresa Berfanger 636-398-5565

Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving

Dear Parishioners,

As we enter into Lent the Church urges us to make it a season of service and sacrifice for God and neighbor. All of our Lenten disciplines should free us to love God and neighbor with greater joy and zeal. May our fasting and abstinence increase our hunger for God. May our prayer challenge and encourage us to seek God always. May our almsgiving makes us more aware of God's bountiful blessing to us. These common Lenten disciplines are meant to make God the center of our lives and the focal point of our desires.

One of the greatest things about being Catholic is the immense spiritual treasury that lies under our proverbial feet. In a world that is constantly inviting us to embrace the new and rush blindly onto the "next big thing" the Church humbly beckons us to pause, discern and receive from Her vast treasury of teaching and spirituality. Throughout the Lenten season I will be sharing various prayers that you may want to use during Lent or other times.

During Lent there will be a few changes in the way we celebrate Mass. Mass will begin with the simple ringing of a bell to call us to prayer. We will be using the Confiteor during the penitential rite of Mass. The absence of the Gloria and Alleluia will mark part of our liturgical fasting from our normal celebration. In recent years I have been praying the Eucharistic prayers for Reconciliation. You will not find them in your Sunday Missal, but they are in the weekday one. If you are interested in just getting a

copy of the Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation please e-mail me and I can provide you with a printed copy.

During Lent I will be offering additional opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please know that I am more than happy to help you make a good Confession if it has been years since you have celebrated the Sacrament. Good Confessions can be life changing. To really know the love of God and His healing mercy is a powerful experience in our lives. If you go on a regular basis, think of it as becoming steeped in the mercy and grace of Jesus. Jesus wants to wash us clean in His mercy. Jesus desires to affect a radical transformation in our attitude, behavior and life. We are all in the process of having the veil of sin and indifference lifted from our eyes and hearts so that we might see the beauty and glory of our faith with eyes wide open and hearts alive with the Spirit. The lifting of this veil equips us to serve God without fear or hesitation.

Peace,

Fr. Tom

**LENTEN CONFESSIONS:
MONDAY-TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY
7:00 – 8:30 PM**

Ash Wednesday Masses: 8:00am and 7:00pm, both in church

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said, "One blind man cannot lead another one; if he does, both will fall into a ditch." (LUKE 6:39)

Two men on a park bench were arguing about religion. "I'll bet that you don't even know the Lord's Prayer." The older man opened his wallet, put down ten dollars, and snapped, "This says I do." The younger man matched him, saying, "And this says you don't." The older man began, "Now I lay me down to sleep..." The younger man handed him the ten dollars, saying, "You fooled me. I didn't think you knew it."

How honest am I with other people? Do I sometimes try to give them the impression that I know more about something than I really do know?

We gain more by letting our real selves be seen, than by pretending to be what we are not. Francois Rochefoucauld
Mark Link S.J. Action 2000

Next Week Ministry Schedule

March 9—4:00pm

EM: Pat Roche, Sharon Hagan, Donna Cuddihee, Carole Baker, Jim & Chris Warren, Joan Falbo, Mary Jean Hartenbach

Lec: Pat Barnard, Jan Jokisch-Messig

GB: Judy Cova, Loretta Bruns

Serv: William Fredrick, Isabelle Scheer

Ush: Dave Hendrix, Jerry Braden, Bryan Potter, Joe Spiess

March 10—7:30am

EM: John & Karen Wappelhorst, Kris Jenkins, Bob Leeker, Julia Kettler, John Fiacco

Lec: Theresa Gross, Chuck Kettler

GB: Tim & Kathy Feldewerth

Serv: Alex & Maria McCarthy

Ush: Mark Gross, Mike Stassi, Rich Molitor, Ron Neske

March 10—9:30am

EM: Cheryl Gray, Michelle Greiwe, Mary Busby, Pat Gentry, Kris Preuss, Judeen Kutsko, Laura Orf, Lisa Murphy

Lec: Kat & Chris Menne

GB: Jerry & Janet Hespen

Serv: Maggie & Morgan Molitor, Sophia Hake

Ush: Bob Gray, Chris & Adam Molitor, George Stark, Joe Weber, Brian Corrigan

IHMformation Station

March 9, 4:00 Wally & Jan Karase

March 10, 7:30 John & Karen Wappelhorst

March 10, 9:30 Dave & Pat Gentry

Vocation Prayer Bag:

March 10, 9:30 Ralph & Janice Britton

This Week at Home

Heavenly Duster: Ann Zaleuke

Purificators: Pam DeBold



Sunday, March 3

Jonah Team will pray with you after 9:30am Mass
7 Steps to Becoming Financially Free, Weber Hall, 11a

Monday, March 4

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

Tuesday, March 5

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

Wednesday, March 6—ASH WEDNESDAY

Masses at 8am and 7pm (both in church)

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

Thursday, March 7

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

Friday, March 8

Early Birds Bible Study, Weber Hall, 6:30am
Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30am
FISH FRY, Founders Hall, 4:30—7pm
Stations of the Cross, chapel, 7pm

Saturday, March 9

Reconciliation, 8:45am
Contemporary Music Mass 4pm

Sunday, March 10

KC Breakfast, Founders Hall, 8-11am
7 Steps to Becoming Financially Free, Weber Hall, 11a



Youth Ministry

Janet Hespen, Youth Minister, 314-369-6521

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

March 14, 28

March 6: Ash Wednesday Mass at 7pm. 8th graders and Youth Group will help with ministries. Sign up at PSR or Youth Group meetings.

March 13: Sacrament of Reconciliation, 6-7:30pm

† Rest in Peace †

We offer our prayerful sympathy
to Jackie Hackett on the death of her life partner

Frank Modder

to Kay Cherry on the death of her mother

Betty Enderle

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

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 4	
8:00am	Cy & Al Bamert +
Tuesday, March 5	
8:00am	Rev. Ferdinand J. Wesloh +
Wednesday, March 6	
8:00am	Dennis Fitch +
7:00pm	Tom & Colleen Clayton +
Thursday, March 7	
8:00am	Bob Keune +
Friday, March 8	
8:00am	All Souls
Saturday, March 9	
8:00am	deceased of the Clayton Family
4:00pm	People of the Parrish
Sunday, March 10	
7:30am	All Souls
9:30am	Erma Guinn +

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, Jolene Molitor,
 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, February 23/24

General Offertory:	\$9,070.50
Online – General Offertory:	<u>\$2,591.22</u>
TOTAL	\$11,661.72

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." (LUKE 6:43)

Are you using your God-given gifts in the way God intended? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

We pray ... that we use God's gifts in the way He intended to bear good fruit and for the glory of His name.

Needed at the Pantry:

Paper towels, toilet paper and all purpose cleaning supplies

In the Gospel today, Jesus uses images in speaking to His disciples: "Can a blind man act as guide to a blind man? ... Why look at the speck in your brothers' eye when you miss the plank in your own? ... A good tree does not produce decayed fruit...."

It is true that donations come to the Society because a good person produces goodness from the good in their heart.



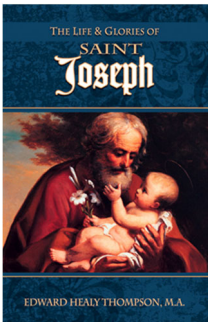
Voices Needed

The adult choir is currently in the odd position of having a lot of great male voices but fewer female voices. We are always open to anyone singing in the choir but this year we need women especially! If you are interested in singing for Holy Week, please contact Marilyn at 314-341-2622 or m.oneill@ihm-newmelle.org. Rehearsals are on Thursday nights from, 7 to 8:30. Hope to hear from you!

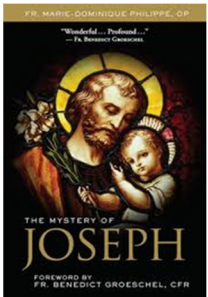
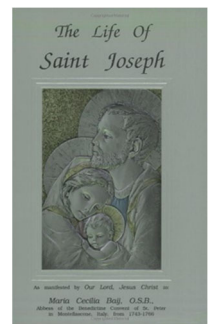
PSR Corner

In the Traditional- Devotional Dedication of the Months of the Year, March is traditionally dedicated to St. Joseph. In the Divine praises, after mention of God, Jesus the Spirt and Mary comes this: "Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse." Ask, "Do my children know what being chaste even means?" How can I help guide them to be chaste in thought, word and deed?"

Mysteries, Marvels and Miracles in the Life of the Church: St. Joseph: Feast March 19th

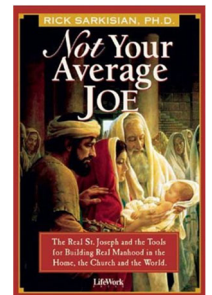


The month of March is devoted to St. Joseph. What can we know about this "mystery man" – chosen by God to fulfill one of the greatest roles in history, being the foster father of the "God-Child" - yet of whom there is no word of his recorded in Scripture? Here is a start. Recall the principal of typology, that various persons, places, things, events spoken of in the Old Covenant are fulfilled in the New. Do you recall another man named Joseph who happened to have dreams and who was led into Egypt, who protected his chastity and safeguarded the family of God? Of course. It is Joseph the Patriarch, one of the twelve sons of Jacob. What follows is some of the Scriptural links along with some books to consider. The question to ask, "If Joseph of Old was such a great man of faith, imagine the Joseph of the New Testament."



The Ignatius Study states how Matthew's portrait of Joseph recalls the Old Testament patriarch Joseph.

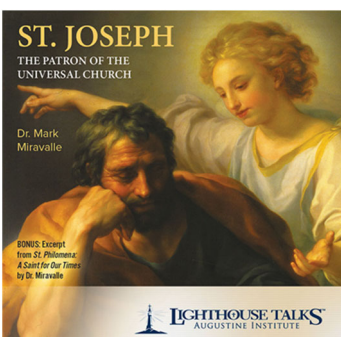
- (1) Both share the same name (Mt 1:18; Gen 30:24);
- (2) both have fathers named Jacob (Mt 1:16; Gen 30:19-24);
- (3) God spoke to both of them through dreams (Mt 1:20-21; 2:13, 19-20, 22; Gen 37:5-11);
- (4) both were righteous and chaste (Mt 1:19; Gen 39:7-18);
- (5) both would save their families by bringing them to Egypt (Mt 2:13; Gen 45:16-20) to safeguard the Bread of Life.



St. Paul Library & Lighthouse CD's

(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



The holy and hidden figure of St. Joseph comes to light in this captivating presentation by Dr. Mark Miravalle. What is the dignity of this great man, and how do we convey the wondrous power of his intercession? Listen now as Dr. Miravalle delves into the fascinating and hidden life of the man whom God chose to "substitute" for Himself when the Word became flesh to dwell among us.

I have a strong devotion to St. Joseph. However after this briefer than expected, but fascinating, talk by Dr. Miravalle, I was stunned. Dr. Miravalle is a wonderful theologian who I sense is very strong in his convictions, and the talk itself was outstanding. I now decided to further my devotion to St. Joseph even more as a result.

Ferenc - Rodney, ON



Prayer Warriors for Priests

Prayer Warriors for Priests is a group of women that meets monthly to pray for priests, deacons, and seminarians of the St. Charles Deanery and surrounding areas.

Women get together on the second Saturday of each month at area churches. As they pray the Rosary, the name of a priest, deacon or seminarian is announced at the beginning of each Hail Mary. (History: This group is a spin-off of the Apostolate of the Spiritual Motherhood for the Sanctification of Priests.)

All women are invited to join us for the Rosary. Any questions, please contact Mary Stassi: 636-357-1387 or pinegrovefarm76@yahoo.com. Here is the prayer schedule for the next few months, all **beginning at 10am:**

March 9:	IHM—St. Joseph Chapel
April 13:	ICD—Adoration Chapel
May 11:	St. Patrick Adoration Chapel
June 8:	St. Gianna Church
July 13:	IHM—St. Joseph Chapel
August 10:	ICD—Adoration Chapel

Trophies to be Claimed!

If you or your family had been part of the team that earned the following trophies, we would be so happy for you to claim them! They are currently on the cabinets in the entryway to Founders Hall. Any trophies not claimed in the next 3-4 weeks will be recycled, after we remove the plaques and place them together on a display board. Questions? Please contact Karen Williams.

- 95—boys soccer
- 96—6th and 7th grade girls basketball
- 97—7th and 8th grade girls basketball
- 98—6th grade basketball
- 98—7th grade boys and girls basketball
- 98—7th grade girls volleyball
- 98—8th grade girls basketball (we have 2)
- 99—5th and 7th grade girls basketball
- 99—8th grade girls volleyball
- 01—4th and 5th grade boys basketball
- 01—4th grade girls soccer
- 01—8th grade girls basketball
- 08—7th grade boys basketball
- 10—8th grade girls volleyball

What's Your Catholic IQ?



- The Second Vatican Council restored for the Latin Church the Catechumenate for _____.
 - the dying
 - adults
 - the leaving
 - the growing
- The Rites for these stages are to be found in the "RCIA" which stands for this:
 - Roman Catholic Intelligence Agency
 - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
 - Roman Catholic Information Awareness
 - Rite of Catholic Initiation of the Aged
- In the Eastern Rites the Christian initiation of infants begins with Baptism followed immediately by _____ and the Eucharist.
 - Mass
 - anointing
 - Confirmation
 - worship
- In the Roman Rite Christian initiation is followed by years of _____ before being completed later by Confirmation and the Eucharist.
 - silence
 - being untaught
 - catechesis
 - hoping something sticks
- The meaning and grace of the Sacrament of Baptism are clearly seen in the _____ of its celebration.
 - countries
 - languages
 - rites
 - lands
- Since Baptism signifies liberation from sin and from its instigator the devil, one or more _____ are pronounced over the candidate.
 - blessings
 - exorcisms
 - hymns
 - chants
- The power of the _____ is invoked upon the water, so that those who will be baptized in it may be born of water and the Spirit.
 - Lord
 - Holy Spirit
 - presider
 - earthen mystery
- Our entrance into the life of the Holy Trinity, Baptism is performed in the most expressive way by _____ immersion in the baptismal water.
 - double
 - triple
 - quadruple
 - single
- From ancient times Baptism has also been able to be conferred by pouring the water _____ times over the candidate's head.
 - two
 - three
 - some
 - one
- The anointing with sacred _____, perfumed oil consecrated by the Bishop, signifies the gift of the Holy Spirit.
 - soap
 - jelly
 - chrism
 - water

Helping Hearts Community Service Ministry



We are a group of IHM volunteers who wish to provide physical assistance to our neighbors who are unable to help themselves because of physical limitations. We can help with:

- ♥ Transportation to/from medical appointments, grocery stores and churches
- ♥ Install support bars for showers and tubs
- ♥ Install ramps for people having trouble with mobility
- ♥ Simple tasks: replacing lightbulbs and other simple household jobs
- ♥ Remove obstacles or debris: fallen tree limbs, etc.

Please pick up a brochure from our IHMformation Station for phone contacts and further information about what we can (and cannot) do. We want to help our parishioners and other community members within our parish boundaries in need of minor services that they are unable to do because of age or infirmity.

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.



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| 3. Confirmation 1233 | 10. chrism 1241 |
| 4. triple 1239 | 9. three 1239 |
| 5. Holy Spirit 1238 | 8. triple 1239 |
| 6. exorcisms 1237 | |

Catholic IQ Answers



Heat Up St. Louis Campaign

IHM St. Vincent dePaul and surrounding Conferences were on hand at various locations around the metro area accepting donations to help keep the poor in our area warm during these winter months. These "frozen chosen" from our parish were at the Wentzville Hardee's on the cold morning of February 15. Brrrrrr!

Dynamic Catholic *Alive!* Live our faith and practice what we believe

In the Gospel reading this week, Jesus warns us not to be hypocrites. It is often easy for us to fall into the trap of not seeing our own faults and failings but noticing those of everyone else. We also hear St. Paul's directive, "Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." How do we do this? We pray, study Scripture, and then pray some more. We need to view all of our thoughts, words, and actions, with authentic humility, and this takes constant vigilance.

www.archstl.org/live-the-faith

Readings for the Week

Mon: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
 Tue: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
 Wed: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thu: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
 Fri: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
 Sat: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
 Sun: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13



Advancing the Dignity of Christians in the Holy Land

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Blest Art will be visiting your parish on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine. Our mission is to support those families in the Holy Land. When Blest Art visits your parish, we will have hand-carved nativity sets, statues, crosses, rosaries, and many other pieces of beautiful olive wood art.

We gladly accept cash, checks, and all major credit cards.

Please visit our display in the narthex this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, March 2nd and 3rd, after each Mass.



Pro-Life Action Day 2019

Join pro-life forces from across the state for the annual Pro-Life Action Day in Jefferson City on **Tuesday, March 12** from 11am to 2pm. Sue Thayer, former Planned Parenthood Center Manager for 18 years, will be the featured speaker at a noon rally.

You will have the chance to speak to your elected representatives and encourage them to pass pro-life legislation, including a bill banning dismemberment abortions and defunding Planned Parenthood.

If you prefer to leave the driving to someone else, a bus, sponsored by Missouri Right to Life, will be leaving from the Wentzville Wal-Mart parking lot at approximately 8:30am. Buses will return at approximately 4:45pm. To reserve a seat on this bus call 314-434-4900 or email mrl.eastern@yahoo.com and give your name, address, phone number and number of seats you wish to reserve. There is no cost for the bus ride, but a donation to help offset the cost of the bus would be greatly appreciated. Since there will be other visitors at the Capitol on that day, you are asked to wear red to show you are there for pro-life. For more information, questions, or a ride to catch the bus, please contact Bill Winters 636-828-4133.

Each Lent, we are invited into a season of spiritual reflection and renewal. CRS Rice Bowl is one way for families and faith communities to experience the season of Lent. Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services and begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019. Catholic Relief Services is the official overseas relief and development agency of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and a member of Caritas Internationalis and the National Catholic Development Conference.

75 percent of your Rice Bowl donations support CRS's humanitarian relief programs in nearly 100 countries. Additionally, Catholic Relief Services allows each diocese that participates to keep 25% of the collection in the local community to be used for hunger and poverty alleviation programs. In the Archdiocese of St. Louis, these funds support food pantries and other programs.

ENCOUNTER LENT! Join our faith community—and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the narthex this weekend. During the 40 days of Lent, we will encounter the needs of the world. And don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app!



Beginning **March 14**, St. Patrick will host a new [grief support series, Seasons of Hope](#), for anyone 18 years or older. Meetings will be held at 7pm on Thursdays in the St. Patrick rectory conference room (405 S. Church St., Wentzville). A loved one's death is one of life's most significant losses and often painful beyond words. Those of us who have been through it have learned that grieving is "hard work," but effective grief work is not done alone. For info, call Sally Owens at 636-236-2573 or Chris Jubak, 314-306-1842.

Need Help with Winter Bills?

Up to \$1,125 in Energy Assistance is available. Your energy bills DO NOT need to be in threat of disconnection or off to qualify. LIHEAP Energy Assistance Day, **Tuesday, March 5** from 3-6pm at Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service located at 4116 McClay Road, St. Charles.

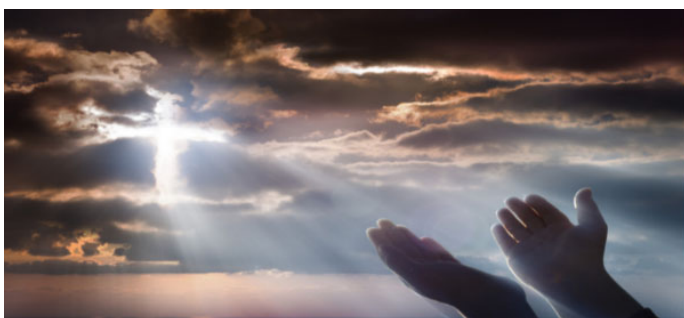
Monthly income guidelines are based on household size (1 person household = \$1,366, 2 person household = \$2,824, 3 person household = \$3,338, 4 person household = \$3,824.) Complete an application even if you think you may be over income; you may qualify for income deductions. Applying does not guarantee assistance.

Must bring the following documents with you: current heating bill and current electric bill and, if your household does not receive food stamps you will also need to submit copies of social security cards for all household members as well as prior month's paystubs, current award letters, current pension statements, etc.

LIHEAP Energy Assistance Day is hosted by Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service, NECAC, and Spire. For questions please contact Donna at dtobin@jacares.org or 636-441-1302 ext. 300.

Magnificat Women's Breakfast

Magnificat, a ministry to Catholic Women, is inviting you to a breakfast on **Saturday, March 30**. Amy Olson will be sharing the journey of her husband Dave's conversion from Judaism to Catholicism as well as her personal miracle of spiritual and physical healing. Please join us in this opportunity to praise, pray, and share with other women in the community as we journey together in faith. The breakfast will be held at the Cardinal Rigali Center, 20 Archbishop May Dr. Registration 8:30, breakfast and program 9am-noon. Reconciliation and prayer ministry available after breakfast. Register online www.archstl.org/renewal, email catholicrenewal@archstl.org, or call the Catholic Renewal Center at 314-731-6100.



An Evening for the Divorced/Separated: A Reflection on God's Mercy

Thursday, March 21, 2019

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For Information or to RSVP contact Julie Bostick
314.792.7180/JULIEBOSTICK@ARCHSTL.ORG

Monthly Recollection for Women

Women's recollection on Wednesday, March 13, 7:30—9:30 at St. Cletus Parish. Confessions available. For more info: Mary 314-517-1277 or Maureen 314-322-9711.



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