



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

Weekday devotions after morning Mass:

Tuesday: Mother of Perpetual Help
 Wednesday: Litany to St. Joseph
 Thursday: Celebrating the Sanctity of Life

First Saturday of the Month Devotions

8am Mass, Rosary, 15 minutes of meditation

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Wednesday in church, 7pm
 Saturday following 8am Mass

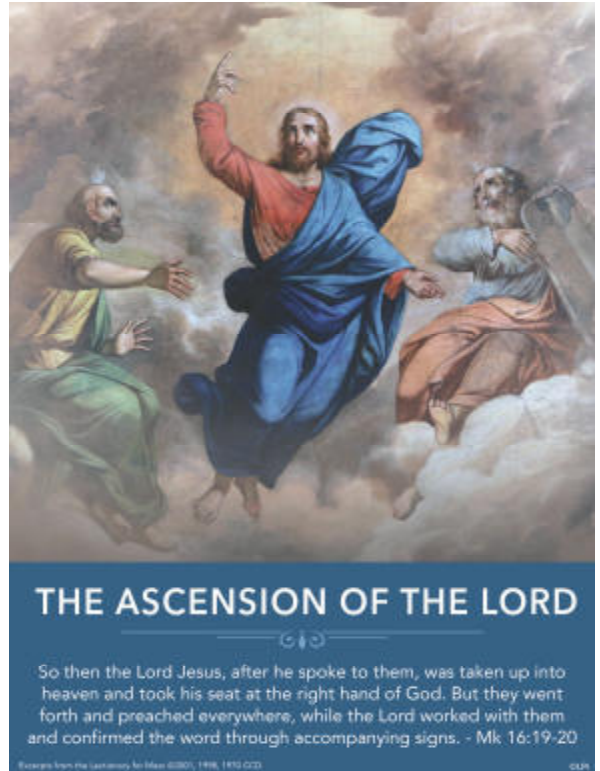
Marriage: Contact the parish office
 at least six months prior to the wedding

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

May 16, 2021



Deeper Understanding of Scripture

There is always something very tender and heartwarming about a kiss. When someone who loves us offers us a kiss, it sends a clear message that we are valued and special. We occupy a unique place in their lives and have a distinct purpose. Kissing celebrates the wonder and beauty of human life. In a very powerful way, we are connected, through intimate touch, with another human being. With the incarnation of Christ, God kissed humanity. God, revealed so perfectly in Jesus Christ, showed us that we have value and are made in God's image and likeness. Mortal human beings radiate with the presence of God and are worthy enough to reveal the intimacy of the Divine Mystery. The human race is not simply something God created from a distance but something special within

which God dwells.

It is no wonder then, why the poor hold such an honored place in Jesus' ministry. They speak of God's love and they cry out for the compassion that is due them as children of God. Justice is about setting relationships right because we are all filled with God's love and have dignity. The human story is understood as a partnership, a true and new covenant, celebrating a love relationship between all of creation and their Creator. It is a story that does not end with the Cross or even the Resurrection. The story finds its happy ending in the Ascension. Our human narrative is still evolving and moving ever more closely toward that day when all will be one in Christ.

Jesus now sits at the right hand of the Father as the Christ of God. In the ascended state, we see what we are all meant to become and have before us the transformed life that awaits all of creation. The disciples got a glimpse of what this transfiguration would be on the holy mountain and it is an essential part of the Good News we are called to proclaim! Christ, now ascended to the Father, sets our paths straight and gives us a look at what awaits us. The day-to-day challenges of life often find us struggling with our incompleteness. Today's celebration gives us the strength to persevere, knowing that we'll eventually be well. May our hearts be enlightened so that we can know this hope and the surpassing greatness of Christ's power!

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

Parish Staff

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Parish School of Religion (when restrictions are lifted)
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 (when restrictions are lifted)
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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High School Youth Leader
Janet Hespen 314-369-6521
Young Adults
Julie Lassiter 636-357-0121

The Lifeblood of the Parish

Dear Parishioners,

Families are the lifeblood of parish life. All households in our parish are meant to be families of faith, hope and love. My strongest desire as a pastor and spiritual father is to assist our families in pursuing that goal. I care greatly for our single person families as much as our families with children hanging off the rafters and everything in between. Families are the lifeblood, and the heart that makes that blood vital and alive are the Sacraments. At the center of our Sacramental life is the Eucharist. Nothing is more essential to our life as a Catholic than the Eucharist. Catholics without a Eucharistic heart become more and more lifeless and listless. You can be a very good person without the Eucharist in your life, but you cannot be a disciple.

One of the things I have noticed throughout my priesthood is the lack of that Eucharistic Heart in the lives of many of our families. I am so blessed to see so many of you— who read this bulletin every Sunday— here for our most important hour together. I focus on the good I see and try my best to build upon that foundation. At the same time, I am keenly aware of how many either struggle to obtain that heart of faith, or have simply shelved it for whatever reason. It is one of the most reoccurring sources of sadness in my ministry.

Of vital important to our parish family is the formation of our children in the faith and the continuing formation of adults. Our parish has vast resources at our disposal to help accomplish that goal of personal growth and formation. I have watched here, and at every parish I have served, efforts to help parents and individuals make faith the priority in their lives. With that in mind I am instituting a change in our parish life with the goal of making Sundays Sacred and the Eucharist the source and summit of our life as parishioners.

Starting in September PSR will be hosted on Sunday mornings between the 7:30 Mass and the 9:30 Mass— which will be moved forward a half hour to 10am. I know this change is not necessary, but it is greatly needed if we want to make faith a real part of our life. As I mentioned last week, change is something many of us loathe, and I imagine some of you will. I would ask that you pray about your reactions to this news. Feel free to come talk with me about it or send an e-mail to me. Your feedback is welcome and mostly appreciated. Concurrent with PSR will the addition of family formation that all parishioners are welcome to attend. My goal is to provide something for all families in the parish as a way to bring the life of Christ from church into your homes in a more concrete and discernible manner.

To our PRS families, please consider this change as an intentional effort to help you and your children embrace our faith. Seeing your children attend our classes but miss our worship is a very sad reality. Of even greater sadness is seeing our young people think that Catholicism and God are irrelevant realities in their life. 85% abandon their practice and connection with the faith within 5 years of Confirmation, many started well before Confirmation. We are not powerless to change this reality. We need but apply the effort and invest ourselves in the faith to reap the great treasure and the pearl beyond all price.

More details to come about the changes in PSR and the Mass schedule. Please check here in future bulletin articles or inserts.

Peace,



The Ascension of the Lord—Year B

“So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.”
(Mark 16:15-20)

The Ascension of Christ is His liberation from all restrictions of time and space. It does not represent His removal from earth, but His constant presence within the members of His Body. The Holy Spirit is the love of God poured into our hearts, offered as Gift by Christ, the Divine Pinata, if you will, whose being struck and pierced has opened up gifts for all.

Mark Link S.J. *Mission*

Ministry Schedule

May 15—4pm

EM: Deacon Chris, Josh Deters, Bryan Potter, Pat Roche
Lec: Kathy & Richard Lalonde
Serv: Zara Panus
Music: Mary Ann & Bryan
Ush: Chris Cuddihee, Mike Rieker, Bill Pollihan
Proj: Elizabeth Jaeckle

May 16—7:30am

EM: Josh Deters, Betty Tuepker, Dianne Dickherber, Kris Jenkins
Lec: Bob Leeker, Mary Hardesty
Serv: Mary Grace Becker
Music: Brooke & Verdi
Ush: Ron Neske, Tom Meczowski, Ron Jacob
Proj: Paul Dupont

May 16—9:30am

EM: Josh Deters, Patrice Riley, Laura Orf, Michelle Greiwe
Lec: Joe Willis, Pat Gentry
Serv: Izzy Czuchna
Music: Amelia, Betsy, Mary, Bryan
Ush: Chris Molitor, Ron Simpson, Bob Hutchcraft
Proj: Lucy Smith

IHMformation Station

4:00: Pat Roche
9:30: Joe & Debbie Willis

Pope's Intentions for May: The world of finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.



Ministry Schedule

May 22—4pm

EM: Deacon Chris, Wally & Jan Karase, Kathy Lalonde
Lec: Pat Barnard, Mike Greene
Serv: Izzy Scheer
Music: Mary Ann & Bryan
Ush: Ed Etzkorn, Larry Graves, Mike Rieker
Proj: Lucy Smith

May 23—7:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Betty Tuepker, Jan Kardasz, John Fiacco
Lec: Kris Jenkins, Chuck Kettler
Serv: Sydney Jaeckle
Music: Elizabeth & Verdi
Ush: Frank Kardasz, Terry Schneider, Rick Scharf
Proj: Kay Medley

May 23—9:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Sharon Smith, Don & Susan Hladky
Lec: Grant Smith, Donna Hecht
Serv: Mary Becker
Music: Amelia, Betsy, Mary, Bryan
Ush: Larry Smith, Alan Raymond, Bill Winters
Proj: Sophia Simon

IHMformation Station

4:00: Wally & Jan Karase
9:30: Randy & Angie Gust

Heavenly Duster Schedule

Week of May 16: Patrice Riley
Week of May 23: Teresa Berfanger
Week of May 30: Legion of Mary

Purificators

Month of May: Nancy Hollenstein

Recycling bins are located on the gravel lot behind Fr. Tom's house.

Please pray for all the sick and suffering:

Phyllis Zerr, Mike & Pat Ryan, Fran Bussen, Betty Boyd, Deacon Tony, Amy Robbins, Don Schmidt, Carl Wolff, Mary Karl, Betty Heppermann, Joyce Brakensiek, Tom Hartenbach, Richard & Doris Berhorst, Terry Hagan, Larry Gassei, Pat Foster

Steve 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), Leon Burkemper (son of Carol Rabbitt), Peyton Newman (grandson of Mike & Mary Hardesty), Loren & Evelyn Brandon (parents of Marty & Peggy Dupree), Charlie Grady (grandson of John & Carol Grady), Pat Finan (daughter of Fran Bussen), Marlene Hagemeyer (sister of Pat Roche), Janet Piel and Jordan Keene (sister and friend of Joni Marren-Slaughter)

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, May 17	
8:00am	Laura Pezold +
Tuesday, May 18	
8:00am	Jean Reel +
Wednesday, May 19	
8:00am	All Souls Rick Cobleigh +
Thursday, May 20	
8:00am	Leo Partl + Bea Renna +
Friday, May 21	
8:00am	Mike & Mary Hardesty 55th ann. intention of Josh Deters
Saturday, May 22	
8:00am	Mary Keeven
4:00pm	Deacon Chris ordination ann.
Sunday, May 23	
7:30am	Marie Kintgen +
9:30am	People of IHM Mary Glissman +

Activities this Week

social distancing recommended at all events

Sunday, May 16	God Bless Josh gathering, Grand Hall, 10:30am
Monday, May 17	Scouts, Founders Hall/Trailer, 6:30pm St. Vincent de Paul, 6pm
Tuesday, May 18	Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, 9am Knights of Columbus, Founders Hall, 7pm
Wednesday, May 19	Reconciliation at 7pm
Thursday, May 20	Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am
Friday, May 21	Quilting in Weber Hall, 8:30—noon New parishioner Wine & Cheese, 6:30
Saturday, May 22	Reconciliation, 8:45am Event in Grand Hall this evening
Sunday, May 23—Pentecost Sunday	



Marriage in Christ
has been promised between:
Elizabeth Vehige & Zachary Morley

Contributions, May 8/9

General Offertory:	\$10,694.08
Online—General Offertory:	\$6,076.21
TOTAL:	\$16,770.29

*"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God,
God abides in him, and he in God."*

~~ 1 John 4:15 ~~

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to joyfully share your witness with others.

We pray: that we have the courage to defend our faith and share our witness joyfully with others.

Needed at the Pantry

UPDATED LIST:

Pork and beans, sugar, oil, saltines, spinach, sauerkraut, fruit juices, BBQ sauce, applesauce in plastic jars, any snack for children lunches.



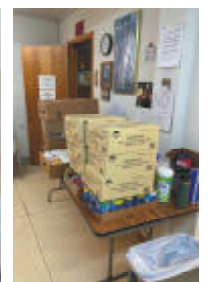
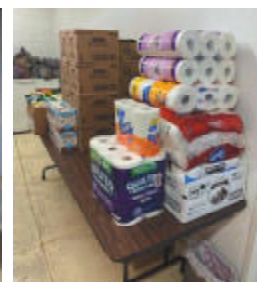
Please hold your plastic bags—we have plenty!!

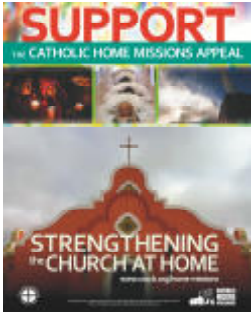
Today as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension we are reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through His disciples ... and now through us.

When we give to the poor, God indeed pours His love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives and into the hearts of those who are poor.

From time to time—due to your generosity, love and support and that of our surrounding community and Operation Food Search—we are so blessed. It allows us to share with other St. Vincent de Paul conferences that have greater needs during these times. One with the most need is Holy Name of Jesus SVDP Conference in north St. Louis. On behalf of their Conference members and ours, we send our heartfelt thanks, love and prayers to you and your families for the generous donation we were able to make to them recently (pictured below).

"All who believed were together and had all things in common. They would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need."
Acts 3:44-45





Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions



Janet Hespen,
Youth Minister,
314-369-6521

STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCE in Springfield, MO—July 16-18

This is a high energy youth conference in which teens encounter Jesus Christ through dynamic speakers, engaging music, the Sacraments, small group discussion and fellowship with other teens. Promises to be an awesome weekend!!

*Scholarships are available through IHM.
More information in steubystl.com*

Upcoming regular meeting dates (6:30—8pm)

Mondays in Weber Hall: May 24, June 7, 21
Thursdays in Weber Hall: July 1, 15, 29

Next baptismal prep classes:
May 16 and June 20
11:00am in Weber Hall

Please call the office at 636-398-5270
to pre-register. Thank you!

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

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)

- Mary's response of "let it be done to me according to your word" (known as her _____) is Christian prayer: to be wholly God's, because He is wholly ours."
 - summa
 - ultimatum
 - treatise
 - fiat
- The Spirit who teaches the Church and recalls for her everything that Jesus said was also to form her in the life of _____.
 - luxury
 - prayer
 - poverty
 - opulence
- In the first community of Jerusalem, believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and the _____.
 - works of charity
 - prayers
 - parish
 - creed
- The forms of prayer revealed in the apostolic and canonical scriptures remain normative for _____ prayer.
 - night
 - evening
 - morning
 - Christian
- The prayer of _____ is man's response to God's gifts: because God blesses, the human heart can in return bless the one who is the source of every blessing.
 - supplication
 - meditation
 - contemplation
 - blessing
- _____ is the first attitude of man acknowledging that he is a creature before his Creator; it exalts the greatness of the Lord who made us.
 - supplication
 - adoration
 - petitioning
 - begging
- The vocabulary of _____ in the New Testament is rich in shades of meaning: ask, beseech, plead, invoke, entreat, cry out, even struggle in prayer.
 - thirsting
 - supplication
 - thanksgiving
 - thinking
- The New Testament contains scarcely any prayers of _____, so frequent in the Old Testament.
 - peace
 - lamentation
 - petition
 - praise
- The first movement of the prayer of petition is asking _____, like the tax collector in the parable: "God, be merciful to me a sinner!"
 - forgiveness
 - for peace
 - hastily
 - for money
- Christian petition is centered on the desire and search for the _____ to come, in keeping with the teaching of Christ.
 - mercy
 - kingdom
 - trial
 - judgement

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ANSWER KEY:

God Bless You



These young people have recently received their First Holy Communion:

Trent Becker
Seth Maxwell

Adeline Schulte
Blake Albers

These young men and women have received the Sacrament of Confirmation



Garrett Bossler

Madelyn Bouquet

John Bright

Isabella Cruz

Cienna Genta

Lacie Hoffman

Lannah Montgomery

Hannah Mottert

Aiden Panus

Audrey Sellenriek

Theodore Wilmes

William Winkler

We pray that all of these members of our parish will continue to grow in their love for God and embrace their faith throughout their lives.

Congratulations

May God go with you, Josh

This weekend, as we bid a fond farewell to Josh, please join us for a special **gathering after 9:30 Mass** in the Grand Hall with light refreshments provided by the Welcoming Committee. He has his eyes on a cassock to call his own, so if you want to help him realize that dream, we will have a basket for your cards and gifts after all Masses this weekend.



✝ *Rest in Peace* ✝

Lee Meczowski

mom of Tom & Pat Meczowski

Trudy Smith

mom of Karen & Barry Galloway

April Lucas

sister-in-law of Mary & Shawn Sweetin

Imogene Dyn

mom of Denise & Don Hauser

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



Altar Server Training to Begin Soon!

All students in grades 3 through 8 are invited to sign up for training. Please complete and return this form



**Spirit of ACTS
Women's ACTS Retreat
June 17-20**

We invite you to "come away for a while" and experience the presence of God's Son bringing anew the light of the Holy Spirit into your life.

Check-in begins at 6pm at St. Patrick Wentzville. Transportation to and from the retreat center is provided, as well as a private room and all meals for the weekend. Cost is \$255 for each retreatant, with a \$50 registration fee to accompany the registration form, balance due at check-in. BUT financial difficulties should not prevent anyone from attending, as scholarships are available.

Registration forms are available in the narthex, or contact co-director Jackie Barclay at 636-299-3717.



**Altar Servers
Immaculate Heart of Mary**

Student Name _____

Birthdate _____ School Grade _____

Parents _____

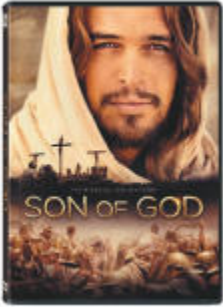
Phone/email _____

We will contact you when training is scheduled.

Authentic Catholic Radio: AM 1460
EWTN Global Catholic Network: www.ewtn.com/radio
and on Dish Network Channel 261

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From the Parish Library: Grand Hall



Now, the larger-than-life story of The New Testament gets a larger-than-life treatment in the stand-alone feature SON OF GOD. Told with the scope and scale of an action epic, the film features powerful performances, exotic locales, dazzling visual effects and a rich orchestral score from Oscar-winner Hans Zimmer. Portuguese actor Diogo Morgado portrays Jesus as the film spans from his humble birth through his teachings, crucifixion and ultimate resurrection. It marks the first motion picture about Jesus' life since Passion of the Christ, released ten years ago.

As law enforcement officers, Adam Mitchell, Nathan Hayes, David Thomson and Shane Fuller are confident and focused. Yet at the end of the day, they face a challenge that none of them are truly prepared to tackle: fatherhood. While they consistently give their best on the job, "good enough" seems to be all they can muster as dads. They quickly discover that their standard is missing the mark. When tragedy hits home, these men are left wrestling with their hopes, their fears, their faith, and their fathering. Can a newfound urgency help these dads draw closer to God...and to their children? Filled with action-packed police drama, *Courageous* is the fourth film from Sherwood Pictures, the moving-making ministry of Sherwood Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia. Riveted moviegoers will once again find themselves laughing, crying, and cheering as they are challenged and inspired by everyday heroes who long to be the type of dads that make a life-long impact on their children. Protecting the streets is second nature to these men. Raising their children in a God-honoring way? That's courageous.



Dynamic Catholic *Alive!*

The Ascension- Evangelization

All of the Christian faithful, by virtue of their Baptism, are called by God to spread the Good News. Evangelization is not some exclusive mission that God has entrusted to a select few. Today we celebrate Christ's Ascension to the right hand of the Father; Christ has made captive our captivity (Ephesians 4:8). He calls us to walk in the freedom of the children of God, who joyfully announce to others the salvation He has won for us. Evangelization does not have to entail mission trips to foreign lands. It starts within our own minds and hearts. We can seek to learn more about our Catholic Faith and seek opportunities for catechesis and instruction. We can pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit each day. We can share the beautiful encounter we have had with the Lord with others through simple acts of charity and kindness. God is with us always!

archstl.org/dynamic

"If you love me, our Lord says, you would be glad, because I am going to the Father. ... The truth is that this ascension of mine is a free gift to you; it is your lowly existence that is raised up in me to the Father's right hand. But I who share the Father's nature dwell with him inseparably; when I came to you I did not leave him, and now that I am returning to him I do not abandon you."

—St. Leo the Great, *Sermon on the Pentecost*



"Everyone is in need of reassurance, and if we, who have touched 'the Word of life' (1 John 1:1) do not give it, who will? How beautiful it is to be Christians who offer consolation, who bear the burdens of others and who offer encouragement: messengers of life in a time of death!"

Pope Francis, *2020 Ester Vigil Homily*. © 2020 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved

Wounded by Abortion?

Project Rachel for women stlprojectrachel@archstl.org

Project Joseph for men stlprojectjoseph@archstl.org

or call 314-792-7565



A new outdoor community market will be starting in New Melle on **Saturday, May 29** in the gravel parking lot at Hwys. D and Z (behind our IHM chapel).

Organizers Leslie Limberg and Wyatt Gober (grandson of Ray & Janice Gober) feel like they have a winning idea with all the right ingredients coming together to make this market a success: convenient location, community awareness and social media support, plus local residents and entrepreneurs selling farm-raised meat, poultry, cheese, eggs, fruit and vegetables, fresh flowers, plants, fresh baked goods, arts and crafts and more.

Limberg and Gober both have previous experience in most aspects of business, food, nature and the arts.

Market hours will be 8am to 12 noon every Saturday, May 29 through October 30. For more info or to sign up as a vendor, visit www.newmellecountrymarket.com, follow New Melle Country Market on Facebook, or call 636-398-8809.

For more detailed information please visit Boone Country Connection. Thanks Dianne!

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.

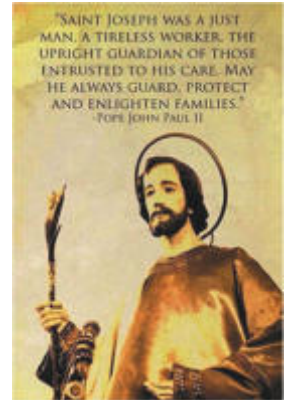
Saint Joseph is described with the word “just”. In different places the word for “just” is also translated as “righteous.” This title was one of the highest compliments a person could receive in first century Jewish society. St. Jerome described it as the perfect possession of all virtues. It was attributed to those who faithfully observe both divine and human laws, whose way of life was wholly conformed, united to the will of God.

We see this in chapter one of Luke’s Gospel when he applies the term to Zechariah and Elizabeth. (Luke 1:6)

“Both were righteous in the eyes of God, observing all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blamelessly.”

Pope Benedict XVI in his series on *Jesus of Nazareth* wrote, “Psalm 1 presents the classic image of the “just” man. We might well think of it as a portrait of the spiritual figure of St. Joseph.” Psalm 1: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners,² but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. ³ He is like a tree planted by streams of water, that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.⁶ for the Lord knows the way of the righteous (just), but the way of the wicked will perish.

Just Men Follow the Law. Saint Luke is especially concerned to tell us that Jesus’ parents observed all the prescriptions of the Law: the rites of the circumcision of Jesus, the purification of Mary after childbirth, the offering of the firstborn to God (cf. 2:21-24). In terms of secular obedience, journeying to Bethlehem for the census in obedience to the orders of legitimate authority, Joseph fulfilled for the child the significant task of officially inserting the name “Jesus, son of Joseph of Nazareth” (cf. Jn 1:45) in the registry of the Roman Empire. One of the laws, precepts of the Church is to attend weekly Mass and Holy Days. In fact, this is what Fr. Tom has emphasized that “If there is only one thing you do as a Catholic, go to Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation.” The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: *The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor.*



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sun: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47/Eph 1:17-23/
Mk 16:15-20
Mon: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68/Jn 16:29-33
Tue: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68/Jn 17:1-11a
Wed: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68/Jn 17:11b-19
Thu: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16/
Jn 17:20-26
Fri: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103/
Jn 21:15-19
Sat: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11/
Jn 21:20-25



Let’s make Sundays great again, not just to follow “the law”---but to live out the new law of love, to honor the Lord through participating in the Sacrifice of the Mass and to sanctify the day --- pray, play, read, rest.

PSR Corner

One of the gifts of the “Liturgical Year” is not

simply saints and seasons to celebrate but also, by extension, traditional, devotional recommendations. May is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Mother. One of the privileged ways to get to know our Lady is to read her “words from heaven” through various apparition sites throughout history. Visit MiracleHunter.com to learn more.



Pentecost Novena

Next week, the Archdiocesan Catholic Renewal Center begins its daily release of a Pentecost Novena, beginning Friday May 14 and ending on May 22, the Pentecost Vigil. They will be posted each day on the Archdiocesan Youtube page. You won't want to miss Fr. John Mayo's sharing on what the commonly known scripture 1 Corinthians 13 really means! Hope you join us continuing to desire the Holy Spirit to fall afresh on our Archdiocese.

<http://bit.ly/pentecost-novena-2021>



IHM's Pentecost window



At this point, we plan to have it this year. You may begin dropping off your “treasures” in the pavilion on June 21, sale begins July 7.

Golf Tournament

Friday, May 21

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