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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

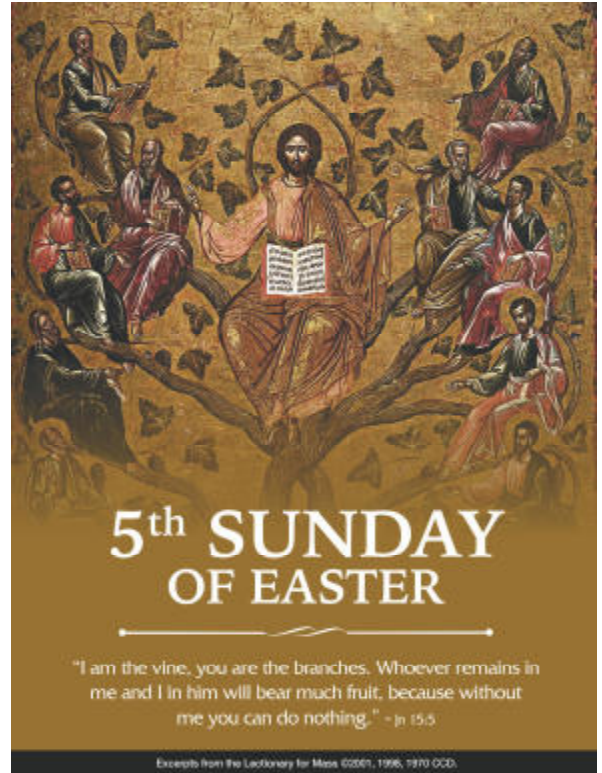
Reconciliation: Wednesday in church, 7pm
 Saturday following 8am Mass

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

May 2, 2021



Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"Spiraling out of control," is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that "feelings" have become a "new god" and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checked past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the

perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branch-

es that flow from the source of God's life.

Giving up our will to God's can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. God's commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be "human freedom." They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace.



Only united with the vine can its branches bear fruit

Jesus uses the image of the vine and the branches to describe our relationship with him. The image is rich in meaning. Anyone who has visited a vineyard can readily grasp the richness of this image. If you go as harvest approaches you will see vast lines of carefully tended vines full of grapes. Rows and rows of deep green vines riddled with clusters of fruit ready to be picked.

If you go in the months following harvest you will see large numbers of laborers cutting the vines down to their core. It is pruning time, a necessary step in the cycle of growth. The pruning process allows the vines to mature so to bear a better quality fruit in the following season.

If you go in the winter the vines will have been pruned and the stumps protrude from the earth like gnarly stumps or dead trees. The vines look barren but they are alive. At this time of year the old vines are clearly distinct from the newer ones. Grape vines can live up to 150 years. As they grow the base becomes large and the branches look like those of trees. The younger ones look fragile and delicate.

What we don't see is the growth below the earth, roots that can get to be as long as 15 feet. These roots hold the plant firmly in the earth from which they draw water and nutrients for the vine.

"I am the vine, you are the branches," Jesus says to his disciples past and present. The image captures the reality we celebrate, in a special way, during the Easter season. We have become one with Christ through our union with him in baptism.

Looking at the vine in full growth we can distinguish branches from stem but cannot think of them apart. We see it as one unit, one plant. Indeed if the branch is somehow severed from the vine it will wither up and die. The

branches going forth from the vine will grow and bear much fruit precisely because they are connected with the vine. It is through the vine that that plant is hydrated and fed. A cut in the connection will damage the flow of nutrients. A break of the connection will lead to death.

The image brings to mind the union we share with Christ Jesus and the life that flows from him to us. The relationship is life giving.

Jesus further says: "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." The life that flows from Christ to us is one that in addition to giving us life produces something in us. The relationship is not only sustained through this union but can grow.

Just as the vine grows strong and great over the many years of its life, our relationship with Jesus can grow and develop. One of the amazing things is that in this relationship the fruit that is borne will become a source of nourishment and help for others. When Jesus speaks of this fruit he is speaking of qualities such as compassion, mercy, faithfulness, kindness, hopefulness, charity and love.

Jesus also speaks of the pruning process. He says: "You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you." His word and commands do the pruning. The pruning begins when we hear his word and allow it to penetrate our lives. When we ask him to take away those things that either stunt growth or cause harm we open ourselves to new growth and better quality fruit.

Jesus' image of the vine and branches is a powerful reminder to us of the love that binds us together with him, and each other. In union with him we have life. In union with him we are nourished for the journey of life. In union with him we bear fruit. And so he exhorts us: "Remain in me, as I remain in you."

Msgr. Joseph Prior
St. John the Evangelist Parish, Morrisville, PA

5th Sunday of Easter—Year B

[Jesus said,] "Whoever does not remain in me is thrown out like a branch and dries up; such branches are. . . thrown into the fire, where they are burned." JOHN 15:6

The movie *La Dolce Vita* opens with a statue of Jesus being towed across the Italian sky by a helicopter. Behind it is a second helicopter carrying a writer named Marcello. Marcello grew up in a small village in a religious family. As a young man he moved to the city, where he lost his religious faith. Instead of finding fulfillment, however, Marcello finds emptiness. The movie ends with Marcello studying a decaying fish on the beach. Cut off from the sea, it has died, as a branch cut off from a vine dies, as Marcello cut off from Jesus is dying.

To what extent can I relate to Marcello? How can I firm up my bond with Jesus?

Unless there is within us that which is above us, we shall soon yield to that which is about us.

Peter Taylor Forsyth

Ministry Schedule

May 1—4pm

EM: Josh Deters, Donna Cuddihee, Jim & Chris Warren
Lec: Clare Holifield, Larry Graves
Serv: Zoey Panus
Music: Mary Ann & Bryan
Ush: Chris Cuddihee, Andy Pope, Bill Pollihan
Proj: Kathy Lalonde

May 2—7:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Aaron Waldeck, John Fiacco, Dianne Dickherber
Lec: Kris Jenkins, Dave London
Serv: Sydney Jaeckle
Music: Elizabeth & Verdi
Ush: Larry Smith, Rick Scharf, Chris Molitor
Proj: Lucy Smith

May 2—9:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Aaron Waldeck, Janet Hespen, Maureen Blondin
Lec: Jackie Dunn, Chuck Hinkle
Serv: Janie Becker
Music: Amelia, Betsy, Mary, Bryan
Ush: Pill Riley, Joe Weber, Alan Raymond
Proj: Brooke Houlthausen

IHMformation Station

4:00: Jim & Chris Warren
9:30: Maureen Blondin

Heavenly Duster Schedule

Week of May 2: Cathy Thompson
Week of May 9: Mary Ann Boenker
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

Ministry Schedule

May 8—4pm

EM: Deacon Chris, Pat Roche, Ann Zaleuke, Ed Etzkorn
Lec: Jim & Theresa Risch
Serv: Aiden Panus
Music: Mary Ann & Bryan
Ush: Andy Pope, Larry Graves, Bryan Potter
Proj: Stafford Family

May 9—7:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Josh Deters, Mary Hardesty, John Fiacco
Lec: Chuck Kettler, Bob Leeker
Serv: Natalie Jaeckle
Music: Elizabeth & Verdi
Ush: Mike Hardesty, Gary Potter, Bob Hutchcraft
Proj: Dawn Strohbach

May 9—9:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Josh Deters, Donna Hecht, Chris Richter
Lec: Chris & Kat Menne
Serv: William Lassiter
Music: Amelia, Betsy, Mary, Bryan
Ush: Gary Struckhoff, Bill Riley, Chuck Hinkle
Proj: Tom Shea

IHMformation Station

4:00: Ed & Marcia Etzkorn
9:30: Chuck & Laurie Hinkle

✠ Rest in Peace ✠

Bonnie Woerner

sister of Bill and Wilma Zurweller

Dennis Hanna

brother-in-law of Mary Ellen Hanna

Maryann Caldwell

sister-in-law of Bob & Irene Caldwell

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

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, Betty Heppermann, Joyce Brakensiek, Tom Hartenbach, Terry Hagan, Richard & Doris Berhorst, Larry Gassei, Mary Karl

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 Hagebauer (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 3	
8:00am	All Souls
Tuesday, May 4	
8:00am	Jerry & Sandy Knott + intention of Stan Kostecki
Wednesday, May 5	
8:00am	Jameo Klemme + intention of Pat Gentry
Thursday, May 6	
8:00am	Jack Anderson + John Bax +
Friday, May 7	
8:00am	Holy Vocations
Saturday, May 8	
8:00am	Dennis Britton +
4:00pm	People of IHM
Sunday, May 9	
7:30am	Peggy Miller +
9:30am	liv/dec Bader & Wolff families Herbert O. Fine +

Activities this week

social distancing recommended at all events

Sunday, May 2	
	Jonah Team will pray with you after 9:30am Mass.
Monday, May 3	
	SVDP, 6pm
	Scouts, Founders Hall/Trailer, 6:30pm
	Youth Ministry, Weber Hall, 6:30pm
Tuesday, May 4	
	Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am
	Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, 9am
	Knights of Columbus officers, Founders Hall, 6:30pm
Wednesday, May 5	
	Sunday readings study, Weber Hall, 8:45am
	Bible Study, Grand Hall, 6:15pm
	Reconciliation at 7pm
Thursday, May 6	
	Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am
	RCIA, Weber Hall, 6:30pm
Friday, May 7	
	Quilting in Weber Hall, 8:30—noon
Saturday, May 8	
	Reconciliation, 8:45am
	ACTS team retreat, Grand Hall, 8:30am-noon

Contributions, April 24/25

General Offertory:	\$7,478.50
Online—General Offertory:	\$3,233.20
TOTAL:	\$10,711.70

*“Children, let us love not in word or speech
but in deed and truth.”*
~~ 1 John 3:18 ~~

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you “walk the talk?” Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it’s not too late to start!

We pray: that our daily actions
reflect our goal of good discipleship.

Needed at the Pantry



Coffee, tea, paper products (Toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels), brownie mixes, cake icings, deodorant, shampoo & conditioner, canned fruit, sauerkraut & spinach. We have plenty of pasta sauces & salad dressing (thank you) .

Please hold your plastic bags—we have plenty!!

In the Gospel today, Jesus says “Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Indeed, by helping the poor we can “bear much fruit” and we find that with Jesus we can do everything.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will show that you are indeed the disciple of Jesus as it will bring your love to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

SVDP 24-hour Helpline

St. Vincent dePaul has a 24 hour helpline for anyone in crisis, including the homeless, by dialing 2-1-1. Our coordinated entry team will respond to their needs.

God bless you all for your continued support. Please join us in prayer for the homeless and all who are in crisis!

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.





Altar Server Training to Begin Soon!

All students in grades 3 through 8 are invited to sign up for training that will be scheduled soon. Please contact the church office so we can get your phone and email information to let you know when training will be.

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)

- At times, the prophet's prayer is an argument or a complaint, but it is always an _____ that awaits and prepares for the intervention of the savior God.
 - attitude
 - argument
 - intercession
 - awareness
- The Psalms were gradually collected into the five books of the Psalter, the masterwork of _____ in the Old Testament.
 - wisdom
 - righteousness
 - art
 - prayer
- The Psalms commemorate the promises God has already kept, and awaits the _____ who will fulfill them definitively.
 - king
 - prophet
 - high priest
 - messiah
- Prayed by Christ and fulfilled in Him, the Psalms remain essential to the prayer of the _____.
 - church
 - divine office
 - priests
 - laity
- The words of the psalmist, sung for God, both express and acclaim the Lord's saving works; the same Spirit inspires both God's work and man's _____.
 - response
 - rejection
 - indifference
 - neglect
- Though a given psalm may reflect an event of the past, it still possesses such direct simplicity that it can be prayed in truth by men of all _____ and conditions.
 - times
 - faiths
 - persuasions
 - religions
- The Son of God who became son of the Virgin learned to pray in His human _____.
 - home
 - heart
 - longing
 - feeling
- Jesus prays before the decisive moments of His _____.
 - passion
 - mission
 - struggles
 - career
- Jesus often draws apart to pray in solitude, on a mountain, preferably at _____.
 - morning
 - noontime
 - dusk
 - night
- The evangelists have preserved two more explicit prayers offered by Christ during His public ministry, each begins with _____.
 - petition
 - praise
 - supplication
 - thanksgiving

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ANSWER KEY:



When we seek to follow God's calling, to answer His divine will, many might believe they must wait for a dramatic, earth-shaking sign. But in fact, the Good Shepherd leads His flock naturally to where they are needed most. Opportunities surround us, and "we have confidence in God and receive from Him whatever we ask, because we keep His commandments and do what pleases Him...and love one another just as He commanded us." (*1 John 3:18-24*)

We do not have to worry that God will provide. He always does. We must simply surrender to His will and open our eyes to what He guides us to. Every single day we find opportunities to serve His will and to grow in our faith. As the first letter of John tells us, "Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." God nourishes us with His abundant love so that we can share it with others by bringing His many blessings to those in need.

In this past year, we have all experienced great hardship.. Many have lost loved ones, and we faced challenges in seeking worship and fellowship opportunities. But your generous support of the *Annual Catholic Appeal* provided opportunities for our parishes to reopen, allowing the faithful to stay united during a time when so many have had to remain distant from one another. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the *Appeal*, as it has been proof that giving of ourselves provides a greater reward than we could ever imagine, bringing God's mercy to all those who seek it as we proclaim with one voice, *Thy Will Be Done*.

If you have misplaced your mailing from the ACA office, please contact the parish office—we have everyone's pledge cards as well. If you have your card, please return directly to the ACA office in the enveloped they provided.



We welcome to our parish family
through the Sacrament of Baptism
Aela and Luka Reichenbach
children of Mark and Moeko (Takagi)
Reichenbach



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 3, 24, June 7, 21

Monday in Founders Hall: May 10

Thursdays in Weber Hall: July 1, 15, 29



God Bless You, Josh

We have been blessed during the past year to have Josh Deters with us during his fifth year in seminary. He has been a joy for all of us, and we will miss him as he moves on to the next phase of his preparation for the priesthood.

The weekend of May 15/16 will be Josh's official last weekend with us, and we want to send him off with a special gathering **after 9:30 Mass on May 16** 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 that weekend.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Mon: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19/Jn 14:6-14

Tue: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Wed:
Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8

Thu: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96/Jn 15:9-11

Fri: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57/Jn 15:12-17

Sat: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

PSR Corner

Prayers and Blessings to the various 2nd grade children who will be making their First Holy Communion at Immaculate

Heart of Mary during individual Masses over these weeks

of Easter. Those preparing for Confirmation will be receiving the Sacrament at the Cathedral-Basilica on May 15. Please offer a Hail Mary for all of them.



"Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in His own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect."

USCCB Respect Life flyer
quoting Pope Francis' "Day for Life Greeting"
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Arrival of a new baby

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Extended illnesses

Group events

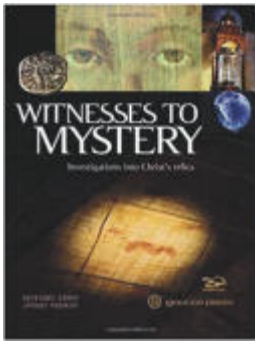
Please contact Kelly Meyer at meyer5853@qmcinc.org if you have any questions or would like to become a part of this ministry.

Missouri Pro Life Bills

The Pro-Life Committee would like to thank all the parishioners who took the time to sign the petitions in support of the Missouri pro-life bills that hopefully will be voted on before the legislative session ends the middle of May. The signed petitions were taken to Jefferson City and personally delivered to the appropriate legislators. Although it is unlikely that all of the bills will get passed, please pray for their passage. God bless you for your support.

St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

From the Parish Library: Grand Hall

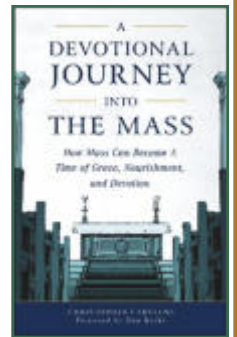


In this lavishly illustrated large coffee-table volume, writer Gorny and photographer Rosikon embarked on a two year investigative journey to seek the truth behind all the relics associated with the passion of Christ. The authors investigated a rich body of documentary evidence found in various museums, archives and churches surrounding sacred objects believed to have been preserved since Jesus' lifetime, exploring and collaborating with historians and scientists in their attempt to verify the relics' authenticity. They reach their conclusions not so much on the basis of faith as on the evidence supplied by historical sources and expert scientific opinion. The relics associated with the Passion - the suffering, death and burial of Christ - have long proved something of an enigma for the scientific community. Relics investigated, and photographed, for this glorious volume include: the Cross, nails, crown of thorns, pillar of scourging, Christ's tunic, the Veil of Manoppello, the Sudarium of Oviedo, the famous Shroud of Turin burial cloth and more.

If you're unhappy because the Mass has become for you routine or even boring and tedious these pages are for you. They teach you eight simple ways to make your every Mass a joyful time of piety and intense devotion.

Explaining the spiritual meanings behind the signs and symbols, words and actions of the Mass, author Christopher Carstens teaches you spiritually-enriching ways to enter the church building, make the Sign of the Cross, pray the Opening Prayer, listen to the Readings, prepare your soul at the Offertory, participate in the Eucharistic Prayer, receive Communion, and even respond to the Dismissal.

Soon with the help of author Carstens wise suggestions you will be surprised to find each Eucharistic Celebration a fountain of peace for you, a profound refreshment for your soul.



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The Way, the Truth, and the Life

How do we know the way to God the Father? Only because Jesus has shown it to us by His life on earth, His Passion, death, and Resurrection. How do we know that Jesus is the Truth? Because all He said and prophesied came to pass. He is faithful to His promises. How is Jesus the Life? Because we can truly live only by obeying His commandments and walking with Him in humility. In the world today, in which philosophies, ideologies, and political agendas do everything but lead us to the truth and show us how to live, Jesus gives us the simple solution. How do we know what to do and how to live our lives in a fallen world? Because Jesus has shown us and told us that the one who trusts in Him shall not be put to shame (Isaiah 28:16, Romand 10:11). archstl.org/dynamic



Thank you, St. Jude, for your intercession. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. St. Jude, Worker of Miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, Help of the Hopeless, pray for us.

Parish Guide Book & Directory Advertising Opportunity

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This book will be the who, what, when, where and how of our parish. The book is being provided at NO COST to our church. All costs are incurred through local advertising.

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Survey results show that 92.1% of parishioners would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. Don't miss this unique opportunity to be a part of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church Guide Book & Directory.

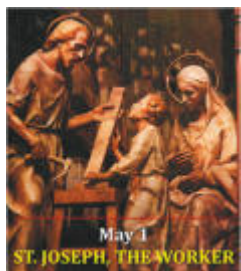
Recycling bins are located on the gravel lot behind Fr. Tom's house.



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. Start sorting!

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.



Pope Pius XII declared a feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1, 1955 to highlight the dignity of work. Work is a means of participating in the work of God. We are called to sanctify work and see it as a means of co-creating with God.

There are several key Church documents addressing work and labor. Here's one. *Laborem Exercens*, meaning “Through Work” by Pope John Paul in 1981. He highlights, in particular, the “Spirituality of Work.”

St. Josemaría Escrivá, founder of Opus Dei, promoted Saint Joseph as the model of the sanctification of ordinary, daily work. He wrote of a threefold meaning of work:

- 1). That we are called to the *sanctification of work*, being excellent in what we do.
- 2). The second is *sanctifying oneself in work*, becoming personally holy through our work.
- 3). The third is *sanctifying others through work*, helping others to become holy through our influence and shared collaboration with them in work.



How many of us even have it on our radar, in our thought process, on our mental landscape, that one's work, one's workplace, one's co-workers put us on holy ground. We can't be schizophrenic with our “church life” and our work life. They go hand in hand. Work is regarded not merely as a means of earning a living but as a daily expression of love. It is a daily

expression of co-working, co-creating with God. And this includes all work, as we say in our family, whether it is perceived as above or below the neck, intellectual labor or manual labor.

St. John Chrysostom in the 4th century said that “Mary was wedded to a carpenter because Christ the bridegroom of the Church wished to accomplish the salvation of all mankind and to fulfill all His work by means of the wood of the cross.”

John Paul II



Laborem Exercens

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 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.

Employment Opportunities

At St. Joseph/Cottleville (contact info on bulletin board)

- School Counselor: full time, degree in School Counseling or a related field.
- Kindergarten Teacher: full time, degree in education
- Science Teacher grades 7 & 8 and 8th grade Home-room: full time, degree in education and/or science
- Spanish Teacher: full time, degree in education and fluency in Spanish language
- Primary School Aides: part time, preference given to candidates with enthusiasm for supporting teachers and students, ability to supervise and manage groups of children, organization and clerical skills

At St. Dominic/O'Fallon

- Temporary cleaning position, June and July, Monday thru Thursday from 6:30am to 4:30pm. Contact Facilities Manager Steve Wing @ 314-704-1439.

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