



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 Friday: Litany of the Sacred Heart

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 23, 2021



Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Begin by taking a moment to calm yourself, focus on your breathing and become aware of the life force that flows through your veins. Center yourself in the words and affections of St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit, "Breath in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy." Sanctifying, bringing things to wholeness, blessing, restoring and creating are just some of the fruits of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not always about proclaiming loud cries of praise or singing alleluia from a roof top. It is about unfolding and encountering the ordinary in an extraordinary way. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It's about becoming holy.

It is not just for saints or people who have a religious vocation. Holiness is for the ordinary, simple run-of-the-mill person who desires to love God, others, and all of creation. When an ordinary, humble person becomes connected with life and the wondrous power of God's love, they begin to live life more deeply, a bit more reverently, desire a simple fare and find themselves relishing in ordinary beauty. Their senses become attuned to the Author of life and they realize that they are not alone. The Holy Spirit connects all of the dots of human experience and existence, bringing everyone to center on the Divine Presence. The Holy Spirit does not just breathe "on me" but "in me" and is the force behind every breath I take. Take a moment to soak that thought in. There is the Divine Presence of the Holy Spirit in me, right now. When a person becomes in touch with truth, they know that when inspired by the Holy Spirit, his or her actions are not solely their own. They realize that they are moved by Divine Grace and drawn to things not found in secular affairs.

We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. Real truth is veiled by so many imposters that it is hard to find, especially for those who are young. It is easy to get fooled and duped and often, without full conscious awareness of doing so, we choose to walk down a path of self-absorption and destruction. It is only the Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church most especially, who guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced and holy human beings God made us to be. The wonders and inspirations of today's Feast of Pentecost are necessary to share with both those we love and those who only casually cross our paths. The first disciples, touched by the Holy Spirit, brought the Gospel to the ends of the earth one step at a time. Is it unrealistic to ask that we assist in that same mission by helping people understand who they are and who God is one at a time? Ask the Holy Spirit to alleviate the fear in your heart that prevents you from doing so.

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

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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

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Julie Lassiter 636-357-0121

Come Holy Spirit!

Dear Parishioners,

Blessed Pentecost! For Almost 100 days we have been invited to pray with Holy Mother Church about the life, death and Resurrection of Her Spouse and Lord, Jesus the Christ. Today's feast is the capstone of our Easter Celebration as we rejoice in the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit continues the ministry of Jesus in the lives of His disciples. The Holy Spirit equips us for a life a holiness and service to the Gospel. Please pray for our newly Confirmed students, that they will allow the Holy Spirit to stir their hearts and enflame them with a hunger to grow in faith.

As we return to normal I think there are a few things to remember as we come together at Mass and other gatherings of the parish. These points are in no priority, but rather things that I consider as I reflect on this most recent chapter of life.

- The dispensation is still in effect. If you are concerned about potential exposure, you are still free to remain at home and make a spiritual communion on Sundays.
- The Communion Cups will be made available for those desiring His Precious Blood, but remember that you receive the fullness of Christ in the Host. The Sacred bread and wine are both full expressions of His Body and Blood. We don't receive the sacred wine because it tastes good, but rather that we might contemplate His blood poured out for us.
- Offering the Sign of Peace is another voluntary expression. If you are concerned about the virus, you need not shake hands with your pew neighbors who are non-family. It is a good thing for us to build the bonds of peace and love within our parish family,

but this is a time of transition so it will require more patience and understanding from all of us.

- In our goings about we will run into people who are not vaccinated, we will run into people who may be hosting the virus without their knowledge and ours. I don't lose sleep over such a reality. It is part of the risk of leaving our homes each day. We face countless dangers that we rarely contemplate. I hear the sirens from ambulances and fire trucks multiple times a week since I have been assigned here. I know something bad has happened, a fire, an accident, injury or even death. We are fortunate that we will develop more treatments and vaccinations for Covid so that it is less of a threat to our wellbeing.
- When there are reports of a surge or breakout in Covid, I would recommend you put that into perspective. The cultural narrative will immediately shift to one of blame and fault-finding. I don't think such things help us respond to the illness, but rather encourages us to think ill of others and feel justified in pointing fingers. There has been massive divisions caused by the pandemic, and Disciples of Christ are called to bring communion to a world in need of spiritual healing more than medical treatment. Sin divides, Grace unites. We want to be children of grace and citizens of the kingdom.

The Holy Spirit is the Eternal Person that is the love of the Father and the Son for each other and that same Spirit has been given to us to draw us into the very life of God.

Love,



Pentecost Sunday—Year B

It was late that Sunday evening, and the disciples were gathered. Jesus came and stood among them.

"Peace be with you," he said. "As the Father sent me, so I send you."

JOHN 20:19, 21

An insurance company held a cornerstone-laying ceremony for its new building. Among the items sealed in a capsule to be opened fifty years hence were predictions by civic leaders. Before they placed them in the capsule, the leaders read them to the crowd. One prediction surprised everyone: "Fifty years from now..., men and women will still struggle for happiness—which will continue to lie within themselves." That happiness, of course, is the peace that Christ gave to His disciples almost 2,000 years ago today. Happy are those who open their hearts to the peace of Christ.

How might I open my heart more fully to Christ's peace?

Five great enemies of peace inhabit us: avarice, ambition, envy, anger, and pride. Petrarch

Mark Link S.J. *Mission*

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

✠ Mass Ministries ✠

As announced last week, we will resume Holy Communion with the Precious Blood, and will need Gift Bearers again. With that in mind, we are inviting any of our parishioners to volunteer for any of our Mass ministries: **Extraordinary Minister of Communion, Lector, Gift Bearer, Server and Usher.**

Please complete the form below and return via the weekend collection basket or simply return it to the parish office. You may also call the office at 636-398-5270 and we'll get your information.

If you come to daily Mass, we will need Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers, so please use this form for daily Mass as well. Thanks!

IHM MASS MINISTRIES

I/we are interested in volunteering for Mass Ministries at weekend and/or weekday Masses:

Name _____

Phone/email _____

Mass preferences _____
(Weekend Mass times and/or weekdays)

Ministries _____

Ministry Schedule

May 29—4pm

EM: Jim & Chris Warren, Pat Roche, Donna Cuddihee
Lec: Karen Wilson, Sharon Hagan
Serv: Zoey Panus
Music: Mary Ann & Bryan
Ush: Tim Wilson, Bill Pollihan, Chris Cuddihee
Proj: Kathy Lalonde

May 30—7:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Betty Tuepker, Bob Brossette, Dianne Dickherber
Lec: Yvonne Brossette, Bob Leeker
Serv: Janie Becker
Music: Brooke & Verdi
Ush: Dave London, Ron Neske, Gary Potter
Proj: Nancy Neske

May 30—9:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Janet Hespen, Chris Richter, Laura Orf
Lec: Kat & Chris Menne
Serv: Thomas Kokker
Music: Amelia, Betsy, Mary, Bryan
Ush: Joe Weber, Bill Riley, Gary Struckhoff
Proj: Josephine Simon

IHMformation Station

4:00: Andy & Barb Pope
9:30: Ralph & Janice Britton

Heavenly Duster Schedule

Week of May 23: Teresa Berfanger
Week of May 30: Legion of Mary

Purificators

Month of May: Nancy Hollenstein

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



✠ Rest in Peace ✠

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.

The heads of the ministries will contact you within the month, and if training is needed, it will be scheduled at a mutually workable time. Thanks!

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 24	
8:00am	Cliff Nash +
Tuesday, May 25	
8:00am	Bill & Teresa Price +
Wednesday, May 26	
8:00am	John Wallace +
Thursday, May 27	
8:00am	All Souls Leonhard Bauer +
Friday, May 28	
8:00am	John Corbett +
Saturday, May 29	
8:00am	Dave Gentry +
4:00pm	Rick Cobleigh +
Sunday, May 30	
7:30am	Audrey Lang +
9:30am	People of IHM Martha Almeling +

Activities this Week

social distancing recommended at all events

Sunday, May 23—Pentecost Sunday
Monday, May 24
Scouts, Founders Hall/Trailer, 6:30pm
Youth Ministry, Weber Hall, 6:30pm
Men for Christ, Grand Hall, 7pm
Tuesday, May 25
Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am
Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, 9am
Wednesday, May 26
Reconciliation at 7pm
Thursday, May 27
Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am
Finance Council, Weber Hall, 7pm
Friday, May 28
Quilting in Weber Hall, 8:30—noon
Saturday, May 29
Reconciliation, 8:45am
Sunday, May 30—The Most Holy Trinity
Monday, May 31 = Memorial Day (office closed)



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.

Contributions, May 15/16

General Offertory:	\$7,335.00
Online — General Offertory:	<u>\$3,403.44</u>
TOTAL:	\$10,738.44

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone."

~~ 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 ~~

All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances. God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God's plan to work, each must do what we are called to do. Guess what? We are not all called to do the same thing! For God's plan to work you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do.

We pray: that we may generously share our unique gifts in our parish community to carry on the work of Jesus Christ.

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 Pentecost, the Holy Spirit wants to make us advocates of God's presence to bring new life to others, especially those who do not know the love of God in their lives.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the love of God to the poor by assisting families in providing food, and help with utility and rent bills, etc. Thank you!

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.



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)

- By _____ every baptized person works for the coming of the kingdom.
 - thinking
 - trial
 - neglect
 - prayer
- _____ is a prayer of petition which leads us to pray as Jesus did. He is the one intercessor with the Father on behalf of all men, especially sinners.
 - praise
 - thanksgiving
 - adoration
 - intercession
- Since Abraham, intercession—asking on behalf of _____—has been characteristic of a heart attuned to God's mercy.
 - beggars
 - grandparents
 - another
 - the community
- In intercession, he who prays looks not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others, even to the point of praying for those who do him _____.
 - right
 - good
 - harm
 - a favor
- Thanksgiving characterizes the prayer of the Church which, in celebrating the _____ reveals and becomes more fully what she is.
 - stations
 - psalms
 - eucharist
 - liturgical year
- As in the prayer of petition, every event and need can become an offering of _____.
 - thanksgiving
 - hope
 - peace
 - money
- Praise is the form of prayer that lauds God for His own sake and gives Him glory, quite beyond what He _____, but simply because He is.
 - thinks
 - does
 - feels
 - worships
- Praise shares in the blessed happiness of the pure of heart who love God in faith before seeing Him in _____.
 - mystery
 - glory
 - others
 - creation
- St. Paul wrote: [address] one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your _____.
 - voice
 - heart
 - passion
 - might
- The first Christian communities composed _____ and canticles in light of the unheard—the event that God accomplished in His Son.
 - writings
 - drawings
 - hymns
 - artistry

ANSWER KEY:

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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

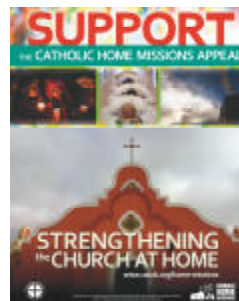
Spirit of ACTS Women's ACTS Retreat June 17-20



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 team members ackie Barclay at 636-299-3717 or Janet Hespen at 314-369-6521.



Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territory, because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions

Our Old and Tired Grand Piano

Dear IHM Parish Family,

I'd like to update you on the state of our piano in church, and allude to exciting upcoming opportunities to help sustain our liturgical music ministry. Our piano in church is currently in need of extensive repairs. In my two years at IHM, Verdi and I have both noticed increasingly compromised function and sound: the piano no longer holds a tune very well, keys are sunken/stick, bass notes are weak, etc.

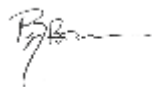


Based on these observations, I consulted both our regular piano technician and connections I have at Steinway & Sons. After a complete evaluation of the piano, evidence of previous, less than professional work done on the piano (in 1960s or 1970s, based on materials used) was found. Other significant findings include very loose tuning pins (cannot hold tune well), sunken keys, soundboard with filler repair, even parts repaired with masking tape. Most surprising to myself and everyone on staff was the age of the piano. During the aforementioned work done on our current piano, the serial and model number were painted over. Steinway was able to confirm the serial number of the piano, a Steinway Model O (6ft) built in 1910. It was acquired by Fr. Stoltz in 2002 for about \$22k.

Following their assessment, Steinway has discerned they are not willing to repair our piano, and recommended the purchase of a new or rebuilt piano. At 111 years old, rebuilding is not cost effective. Both Steinway and our regular piano technician have now submitted proposals for the purchase of a different piano, and I have had the privilege of presenting all of the details to our finance committee. Options presented range from \$35k-\$80k. Their initial reaction seemed quite positive, and in agreement that the purchase of a new or rebuilt piano makes more sense than an extensive rebuild of our current piano.

The committee is now in the process of discerning an exact fundraising goal and investigating specific pianos. But we also need your help: we would like to gauge the parish's enthusiasm about this project and willingness to give. If you are interested in this project, have questions, or would like to contribute to the piano fund, please contact Laura or myself in the office.

In Christ,

 Bryan

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 Karll, 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)

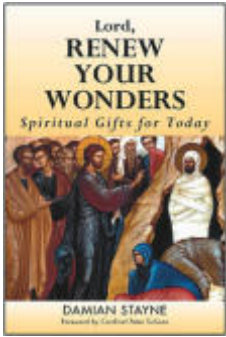
Hospitalization: If you are hospitalized, please let us know. Please call the office or ask a friend to call for you if necessary.

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

St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

From the Parish Library: Grand Hall



At the beginning of the Second Vatican Council, St. Pope John XXIII offered a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to "Renew your wonders in our time, as though for a new Pentecost." The rediscovery of the charismatic gifts by ordinary Catholics throughout the world was an answer to that prayer. Damian Stayne is known internationally for his preaching with healings, signs and wonders as well as training conferences in spiritual gifts. Here he shows readers how the spiritual gifts such as prophecy and healing were used by Jesus, the early Church, the saints—and why we need them operating in the Church today. He provides not only amazing stories of God's presence and work in our time but also a host of practical instructions on how to grow in these gifts. Damian writes as a committed Catholic, but this book is of value to all Christians seeking to "earnestly desire the spiritual gifts" (1 Corinthians 12:1) to build up the Church and lead others to Christ. *Lord, Renew Your Wonders* by Damian Stayne is an addition to the multitude of witnesses of the abiding presence of the Lord's Spirit in his Church and a useful contribution to the discussion of the charisms of the Spirit in the Church in our day.

From the foreword by Cardinal Peter Turkson.

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.



Dynamic Catholic *Alive!*

Pentecost—Gifts of the Holy Spirit

What an extraordinary event the first Pentecost was! Fortunately, it continues today as we experience the continued action of the Holy Spirit in prayer and the moments of daily life. We often refer to Pentecost as the birthday of the Church because it is the first moment when the Apostles formed a community of believers and, led by the Holy Spirit, began to invite others to become followers of Jesus Christ. How often we forget the power of the Sacrament of Confirmation that we have received. The Lord sends the gifts of the Holy Spirit into our hearts, giving us wisdom, knowledge, understanding, counsel, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord. These gifts are necessary for our salvation as they strengthen our virtues and facilitate our cooperation with the grace of God in our lives amid the trials we face daily. Saint John Paul II prayed daily for a greater outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit,

archstl.org/dynamic



"The Lord says to us, 'Do not fear: I am with you' (Isaiah 41:10). He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to His suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God. Reflecting on the healed wounds of the risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests His victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Be Not Afraid"

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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). 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

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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.



It might be said that St. Joseph “evangelized” whenever he took Jesus with him, anywhere. Jokingly, if someone wanted proof for God, he could simply ask Jesus to speak with them. For our part, we are to share the Gospel, communicate the message of Jesus to others. Here is something to consider. Pentecost is a fitting time to speak of the “legend of the sand dollar”, an amazing created reflection that can help teach of the sacrifice of Christ and the sending of the Spirit. It can be difficult to try to present the Gospel in a “nutshell,” well, here’s a way to present the Gospel “in a seashell.”

Legend of the Sand Dollar ... The “Gospel in a seashell”

One of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water

—John 19:34



There's a pretty little legend that I would like to tell of the birth and death of Jesus found in this lowly shell.

If you examine closely, you'll see that you find here four nail holes and a fifth one made by a Roman's spear.

On one side the Easter lily, its center is the star that appeared unto the shepherds and led them from afar.

The Christmas poinsettia, etched on the other side reminds us of His birthday, our happy Christmastide.

Now break the center open, and here you will release the five white doves awaiting to spread good will and peace.

This simple little symbol Christ left for you and me to help us spread His Gospel through all eternity.



Each day with our free choice, we mark a path towards a heaven or a hell, and in this small sign we see a path to His mercy, the Gospel in a seashell.

(Baptism of the Lord) “The Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form, as a dove, and a voice came from heaven” “Thou are my beloved Son.” — Luke 3:22

“God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.” — Romans 5:5

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.” --John 3:16

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104/Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23
Mon: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87/Jn 19:25-34
Tue: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50/Mk 10:28-31
Wed: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Ps 79/Mk 10:32-45
Thu: Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33/Mk 10:46-52
Fri: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 149/Mk 11:11-26
Sat: Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19/Mk 11:27-33

Next baptismal prep classes:

June 20 and July 18

11:00am in Weber Hall

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

Please pray for our troops:

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and all U.S. military men and women who have dedicated their lives to preserve and protect our country

*(if you would like your loved one listed,
please contact the church office)*

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- ♥ 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.



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