



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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Website: www.ihm-newmelle.org

Deliveries only address: 8 West Highway D, New Melle, MO 63365

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, 11:00am

Rosary:

Following 8am Mass weekdays & before Sat. 4pm.

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:

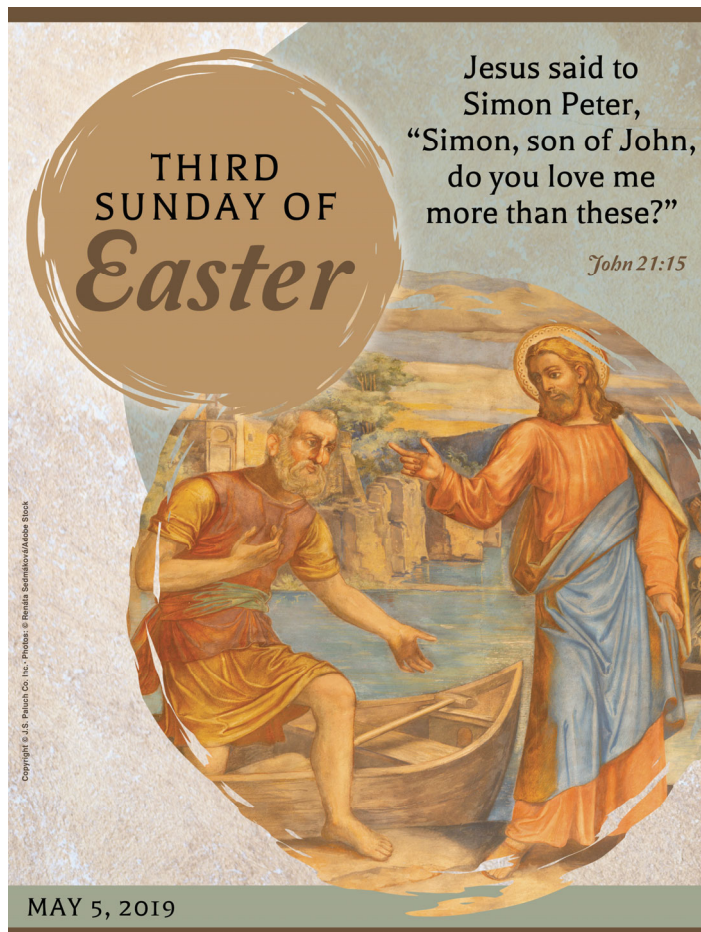
Contact the parish office
at least six months prior to the wedding

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



“Smoting” or Non-“smoting”?

Some times I get angry at things that frustrate me. I’m driving home and traffic slows to a crawl. The electricity goes out while I’m watching a favorite show. So I have to struggle with the line in our first reading, where the disciples were “rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name” (Acts 5:41). They weren’t just frustrated; they were flogged for believing in Jesus. And still they rejoiced.

Imagine rejoicing over pain and suffering. These disciples had seen Jesus on the cross. When he rose from the dead, they began to see that his suffering was not a tragic loss, but a sign of his glory. They loved him so much that they took to heart his command to take up the cross. And when they suffered because they

believed in him, as is recounted in today’s reading, they saw that as a way to imitate Jesus on the cross. Those who had followed him in life could also follow him to the cross—and many did that literally, by dying for their faith.

Most of us today rarely have the chance to die for our faith. We may wonder if we even have the courage it would take. Instead, we usually find ourselves suffering because we have done wrong. God does not use special interventions to smite sinners. Think of the times we were punished as a child. Think of the times we lost a friend because of a cruel remark. Think of the times we got a ticket for speeding. These are the result of our actions. These are sufferings that we would rather avoid.

Jesus, however, suffered for our sins when he was totally innocent. If he could do that, could we not accept suffering for our own sins when it comes? We may not be ready to rejoice in that suffering, but we can at least try to learn from it. If we behave differently because of it, if we can grow to be better persons, then that suffering can be our way of accepting the cross.

Of course, not all suffering is caused by the sins of the person suffering. The suffering of the innocent is a great mystery, a cause for sorrow and a challenge to help where we can. But like growing pains, all suffering is a step to new life in Christ. And that is what Easter is about.

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

Parish Staff

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Shawn Mueller, Director

636-398-5270, *smueller@ihm-newmelle.org*

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

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Tammy Swyers 636-398-5270
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Teresa Berfanger 636-398-5565

Jesus said to Simon Peter,
"Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?"

John 21:15

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THIRD SUNDAY OF *Easter*

MAY 5, 2019



I Will Praise You Lord, For You Have Rescued Me

Please pray for our children who make their First Communion this Sunday. May this be a first of many moments when they praise God our Father, receive Our Risen Lord and are sent out in the Spirit to witness to the truth of the Gospel. I thank their parents and Catechists for preparing them for today. We work together to form each generation and individuals of every age to know Jesus the Christ.

Our most important time together as a parish family is at the altar of the Lord. Celebrating His Paschal Mystery, praying for one another and lifting up the needs of our local community, nation and world is all part of our common priesthood in Jesus. He is the Head and we are blessed to be members of His Body. May our celebrations throughout this Easter season deepen our peace and joy.

Blessed Easter!

F. Tom

May God Bless our First Communicants!

Gavin Barrett
KaBella Bruno
Brody Burt
Trevor Hake
Gabby Hammack
Braden Ketts

Mason Klemme
Rolen Lukitsch
Jacob Markezich
Levi Montgomery
Clara Nguyen

William Postal
Victoria Rellergert
Camelia Richter
Ashton Simon
Grayson Williams
Samuel Wood



3rd Sunday of Easter

[The disciples had fished all night.] As the sun was rising, Jesus stood at the water's edge, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Then he asked them, "Children, haven't you caught anything?" "Not a thing," they answered. He said to them, "Throw your net out on the right side of the boat, and you will catch some." So they threw the net out and could not pull it back in, because they caught so many fish.

JOHN 21:4-6

Harry Lloyd once said, "I thank God that I live in a country where dreams can come true, where failure sometimes is the first step to success." We can say the same about our faith—as today's gospel story illustrates. Can I recall a time when some failure led me to discover Jesus and his help?

Make ready for the Christ, whose smile, like lightning, sets free the song of everlasting glory that now sleeps in your paper flesh, like dynamite.

THOMAS MERTON

Mark Link S.J. *Action 2000*

Next Week Ministries

May 11—4:00pm

EM: Bob Brossette, Bryan Potter, Wally & Jan Karase,
Ed Taylor, Karen Wilson, Bernadine Pollihan
Lec: Nancy Ast, Sharon Hagan
GB: Doug & Christine Scheer Family
Serv: William Fredrick, Connor Kuebler
Ush: Tim Wilson, Larry Graves, Bill Pollihan,
Chris Cuddihee

May 12—7:30am

EM: Mary Hardesty, Julia Kettler, Betty Tuepker,
Marcy Pivin, Jan Kardasz, Carol Rabbitt
Lec: Karen Wappelhorst, Elizabeth Vehige
GB: Tom & Carol Ostermeyer
Serv: Alex & Maria McCarthy
Ush: Hanh Nguyen, Tom Meczowski, Rick Scharf,
Frank Kardasz

May 12—9:30am

EM: Cheryl Gray, Bob Caldwell, Judeen Kutsko,
Mary Keune, Pat Gentry, Laura Orf, Kris Preuss,
Joe Faron
Lec: Ron Kutsko, Chuck Hinkle
GB: Ruth & Joshua Scott
Serv: Maggie & Morgan Molitor, Sophia Hake
Ush: Bob Gray, Chris & Adam Molitor, Alan Raymond,
Brian Corrigan, Curt Eccardt

IHMformation Station

May 11, 4:00: Wally & Jan Karase
May 12, 7:30: John & Karen Wappelhorst
May 12, 9:30: Dave & Pat Gentry

Vocation Prayer Bag:

May 11, 4:00pm Tom & Mary Jean Hartenbach

This Week at Home

Heavenly Duster: Cathy Thompson
Purificators: Clara Haas



Sunday, May 5

Jonah Team will pray with you after 9:30am Mass
First Communion, 11:15 Mass

Monday, May 6

St. Vincent dePaul, 6pm
Scouts, 6:30pm

Tuesday, May 7

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

Wednesday, May 8

Bible Study, Weber Hall, 8:45am
Contemporary group practice, church, 5:30pm
PSR, Weber Hall/Founders Hall/Trailer, 6pm (last day!)
Bible Study, Grand Hall, 6pm
Reconciliation, 7pm

Thursday, May 9

Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am
Choir practice, 7pm

Friday, May 10

Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30-noon

Saturday, May 11

Reconciliation, 8:45am

Roses for Mom's offered by Pro Life Committee

Sunday, May 12

KC Breakfast, Founder Hall, 8-11am

Items for Rummage Sale will be accepted
beginning May 13

EWTN CATHOLIC RADIO—AM 1460

Youth Ministry

Janet Hespen, Youth Minister, 314-369-6521

Now taking reservations for Steubenville-Mid America
Contact Janet at 314-369-6521
for more information about the Conference:
steubystl.com

Marriage in Christ
has been promised between
Elizabeth Cyr and Donald Shimer



✝ Rest in Peace ✝

We offer our prayerful sympathy to the family,
and pray for the repose of the soul of
Roger Collins
husband of Adrienne Collins
May he and all the faithful departed
rest in the eternal peace of Christ.

Mother's Day Roses

In order to honor mothers on Mother's Day, the Pro-Life Committee will be selling roses after all the Masses next weekend (\$2 for 1, \$5 for 3). When honoring mothers, we recall the words of Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty:

The most important person on earth is....a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral - a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body. The angels have not been blessed with such grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God, the Creator, than any other creature. God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation. What on God's good earth is more glorious than this: to be a mother?

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 6

8:00am Cy & Al Bamert +
John Bax +

Tuesday, May 7

8:00am Bob Keune +

Wednesday, May 8

8:00am Tom Miller +

Thursday, May 9

8:00am Jolene Molitor +

Friday, May 10

8:00am Nadine Odlum +
Audrey Miclow +

Saturday, May 11

8:00am Moira Ryan +
4:00pm Gerard Wehrle +
Bob Burke +

Sunday, May 12

7:30am People of the Parish
Audrey Miclow +
9:30am living/deceased Bader & Wolff
Families

Contributions, April 27/28

General Offertory: \$8,126.50
Online—General Offertory: \$2,351.69
TOTAL \$10,478.19

"Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'" (JOHN 21:17)

All of us are challenged to show our love for Jesus and others. Discern how God is calling you to use your time in prayer, your talent in charitable works and your treasure to assist those who are in need. Remember that giving is an act of worship and helps advance the mission of our parish and greater Church.

We pray ... that we discern how God is calling us to use all of our gifts.

Needed at the Pantry

ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard, BBQ sauce,
juice, coffee, tea, tuna helper

In this Sunday's Gospel, the disciples in their struggle finally recognize Jesus and proclaim "It is the Lord!"

Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor recognize the Lord in their life" by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

Ballerina Princess Camp

Ballerina Princess Camp is being offered again this summer at IHM. Girls ages 4-7 will enjoy ballet class, crafts, games, dances, and stories all in the theme of a new princess each day. This year, our princesses include Cinderella, Moana and Tiana. Camp will be June 3/4/5 from 9—11am in the Grand Hall. Camp fee is \$30 for all three days. Tuition goes directly to IHM. Sign up early! Enrollment is limited and camp sold out last year! This program is provided by Dance Time, LLC. Girls who have previously attended camp, but have aged out, are welcome to join us as helpers this year. For more information or to receive an enrollment form, contact Kathy Fowler at 636-262-5548 or dancetimellc@gmail.com.



Pope's Intentions for May: The Church in Africa, a Seed of Unity

That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

Free Paper Shredding Event St. Patrick School Parking Lot

May 11, 9am—noon or until trucks are full
(sponsored by Knights of Columbus)

Please pray for all the sick and suffering:

Ed Haas, Mark Hanna, Dee Schipper, Phyllis Zerr,
Vickie Brink, Sandy Knott, Mike & Pat Ryan,
Audrey Hueffmeier, Karla Sitzes, Stan Nikonowicz,
Vickie Rellergert, Vicky Monroe, Carol Rabbitt,
Gina McDonald, Ron Simpson, Jim Elfrink,
Don & Lin Reseck, Nancy Hollenstein

Christine Potter (Gary & Cassie's Potter's daughter-in-law),
Zina Riley (mom of Andrew Riley),

David & Lisa Debold (Dave & Pam DeBold's children),
Dave Asinger (brother-in-law of Larry & Rita Bendel),
Bob Holland (friend of Shirley Augustine), Sherri Callahan
(daughter of Vickie & Paul Grunz),

Steve Ditch (brother of Dennis & Kathleen Ditch),
Generose Dudenhoeffer (Janet Hespen's mom)

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

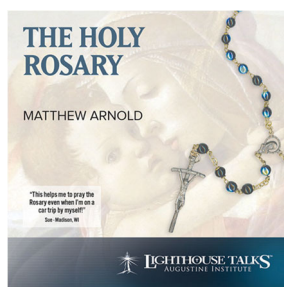
Communion Calls: If you would like to receive Communion but are unable to get to Mass because of illness or disability, please contact the parish office: 636-398-5270.

Prayer Requests: Rita Langford at 636-398-4654 or email ritalangford4@gmail.com.

St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

(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



Rooted in Sacred Scripture, the Rosary has been called the Gospel in miniature. Beautiful music is blended with subtle voices as the symphony of prayers of this timeless treasure is presented by Matthew Arnold so that all can participate. The recitation of this traditional Catholic prayer honoring the Blessed Virgin

Mary is perfect for personal use in private meditation or for family devotions.

Thank you for the most beautiful rosary CD I have ever heard! It is so well done, peaceful, and very powerful.

Mary Ann - Steubenville, OH

Provides my spiritual group with a lovely means of motivating us to pray the rosary frequently and effortlessly.

Jose - Santa Monica, CA

What's Your Catholic Catechism IQ?

- The descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus at His _____ by John was the sign that this was He who was to come, the Messiah.
a. preaching b. baptism
c. friendship d. knowledge
- This fullness of the Spirit was not to remain uniquely the Messiah's, but was to be communicated to the whole messianic _____.
a. charter b. crew
c. mission d. people
- Christ promised this outpouring of the Spirit, which He fulfilled on Easter Sunday and then more strikingly at _____.
a. Easter Monday b. the Ascension
c. Pentecost d. the Resurrection
- The Apostles, in fulfillment of Christ's will, imparted to the newly baptized by the laying on of hands the gift of the _____.
a. cross b. hands
c. Spirit d. Christmas
- In the letter to the _____, the doctrine concerning Baptism and the laying on of hands is listed among the first elements of Christian instruction.
a. Colossians b. Hebrews
c. Galatians d. Ephesians
- The imposition of hands is rightly recognized by the Catholic _____ as the origin of the Sacrament of Confirmation.
a. writers b. tradition
c. theologians d. bishops
- Confirmation in a certain way perpetuates the grace of _____ in the Church.
a. imposition b. Pentecost
c. unity d. transferral
- Early on, to better signify the gift of the Holy Spirit, an anointing with perfumed oil called _____ was added to the laying on of hands.
a. aroma b. Chanel 9
c. chrism d. eternity
- The name "Christian" means _____ and derives from that of Christ Himself whom God anointed with the Holy Spirit.
a. of Christ b. believer
c. anointed d. member
- In the West the desire to reserve the completion of Baptism to the _____ caused the temporal separation of the two Sacraments.
a. pope b. pastor
c. vicar general d. bishop

Paper and clothes recycling bins are located on the gravel lot behind Fr. Tom's house.

RUMMAGE SALE

Marian Council Rummage Sale Coming Soon!

Now is the time to clean out those closets, cabinets, chests and storage rooms to see what it is that you do not want or need. The Marian Council will **accept items** for the sale **beginning May 13**. Please put your donations in the pavilion.

Please—no computers, appliances or TVs.

SALE DATES:

June 5, 7, 8, 12, 14, 15
7am to 1pm each day

While you're looking for rummage sale items, look for books and videos that should be returned to the parish library, or donations for the library.



IMPACT REPORT SPRING 2019

\$110 MILLION PLEDGED!
THANK YOU!

Across the Archdiocese IMPACT TO DATE:

- ❖ **40% Parish Share Distributions**
 - \$29.7 million distributed to 184 parishes

IHM has received \$73,026
- ❖ **Beyond Sunday Scholarships**
 - \$7.2 million awarded to 1,778 unique students attending 135 Catholic elementary and High schools

IHM has been awarded \$23,000 to 5 students
- ❖ **Beyond Sunday School Grants**
 - \$1.8 million granted to 74 schools and PSR programs for academic capacity enhancement
 - \$529,000 granted to 16 schools and PSR programs, the Catholic Education Office and the Department of Special Education of the Archdiocese of St. Louis for transformational innovation.
- ❖ **Beyond Sunday Educational Endowment Fund**
 - \$26.6 million invested to provide sustained scholarship support.

The Roman Catholic Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity, independent from the Archdiocese of St. Louis. The Foundation has directed all Beyond Sunday funds (less campaign expenses) to support Catholic education and address local parish needs. No Beyond Sunday contributions have funded or will fund anything else.

Schedule an appointment to reserve your niche!

Immaculate Heart of Mary Columbariums in Newly Expanded



- A: MEMORIAL BENCHES**
Each bench holds 2 urns. Total of 4 benches numbered from back to front 1 thru 4 (special pricing)
- B. COLUMBARIUM 3**
Niches 33 thru 40 facing back field,
Niches 41 thru 48 facing church,
three rows each
- C. COLUMBARIUM 2**
Niches 17 thru 24 facing back field,
Niches 25 thru 32 facing church,
three rows each
- D. COLUMBARIUM 1**
Niches 1 thru 8 facing back field,
Niches 9 thru 16 facing church,
three rows each

Each Columbarium contains 72 niches, each side has three rows of 4 single niches and 4 double niches.

Interior dimensions of all niches are 10¼" in height and width, single niches are 10¼" in depth, double niches are 22" in depth.

Parishioners only may purchase niches until 12/31/19 at the following prices:

Single niche: \$1000
Double niche: \$1500

Please call to set up your appointment!
We accept cash, check or credit card!

The in-ground cemetery lots will be available in the near future, so keep watching the bulletin. Parishioner pricing until 12/31/19 will be \$750 per lot.

**Looking to spend a weekend with God
and faith-filled women?**

Need a good reason to take a day off work?

We have the answer!

**Join us for the 2019 WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT
June 20-23 at Pallottine Renewal Center.**



All transportation is provided.

**Cost \$250
(financial assistance available)**

For additional information call:

**Diane Meyer (Director)
314-608-5659**

**Brenda Hutchcraft (Co-Director)
636-248-8493**

**Karen Wiese (Co-Director)
314-920-9392.**

PSR corner

In the Traditional-Devotional Dedication of the Months of the Year, the month of May is the month of Mary. It is also fitting to have Mother's Day in May as Catholics take this time to recall and emulate Mary's role as mother. Devotion to Mary in the month of May focuses on Mary as a role model for Christian mothers, Mary's purity, along with her fidelity to God's will. Consider reading a book about Mary or one of the approved apparitions of our Lady. Question: If someone asks you why you have devotion to Mary, what would you say?



Readings for the Week

Mon: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tue: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wed: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thu: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Fri: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Sat: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sun: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

Register Now for Summer Bible Camps

This summer we will join forces with St. Patrick for our summer programs!



Catholic Kids Camp

for youth entering Pre-K and Kindergarten (ages 4-5) and meets from 9am—noon in St. Patrick School cafeteria. Cost is \$10 per child

Peggy Webb, Catholic Kids Camp Coordinator

636-332-9913 Ext 243 or psr@stpatsch.org

Totus Tuus

for youth entering 1st—6th grade and meets from 9am—3pm in St. Patrick School gym. Cost is \$30 per child, lunch included.



Jackie Steckel, Totus Tuus Coordinator

636-332-9225 Ext 227 or youth@stpatsch.org

Download registration forms at

www.stpatrickwentzville.org/bible-camps

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.

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:

May 11:	St. Patrick Adoration Chapel
June 8:	St. Gianna Church
July 13:	IHM—St. Joseph Chapel



1. baptism 1286	6. tradition 1288
2. people 1287	7. Pentecost 1288
3. Pentecost 1287	8. chrism 1289
4. spirit 1288	9. anointed 1289
5. Hebrews 1288	10. Bishop 1290

Our New Guidebook & Directory

Hopefully everyone has received their 2019 Guidebook and Directory. Please contact the church office if you haven't yet received yours in the mail.

The advertisers helped provide this service at no cost to our parish. We encourage you to think of them in the future as your needs arise. If you are interested in advertising next year, or for more information, contact:

amandavogt@guidebookpublishing.com

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NAR-ANON SUPPORT GROUP: Weekly meetings on Saturdays, 10:00 am in the Trailer at IHM.

Sleep Out Saturday

To create awareness of homelessness in our area and raise funds for the homeless, Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service will host Sleep Out Saturday (SOS) on June 1st on its campus located at 4116 McClay Road in St. Charles.

Participants will set up their camp on the Care Service grounds and sleep outside for one night to raise money for the homeless in our community. The **family-friendly** event will include face painting, balloon art, snow cones, music, games, popcorn and an outdoor movie. Campers can bring their own food, or find their way to the "Soup Kitchen" for a hot meal.

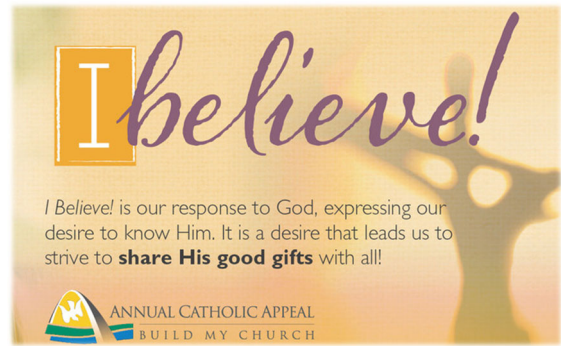
Cost is \$10/person, proceeds benefit J&A Care Service. For more info: 636-441-1302 x. 300 or email dtobin@jacares.org.



Heart of the Nation.
CATHOLIC MASS

KPLR ch. 11 (CW) at 8:30am
and KTVI channel 2.2 (antenna TV) at 9:00am

(Does not take the place of attending Mass for those who can)



Do You Love Me?

Have you ever asked this question of someone you love?

These are the words of Jesus to Peter after the resurrection. In this famous passage, Jesus asks him three times. Over and over again, Jesus persists. "Do you love me?" It must have hurt Peter to hear his Lord and Master repeat this penetrating question. Exasperated, Peter says, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you!"

Jesus knew Peter believed, but he also knew how fragile his faith was. Only a short time before did Peter deny Jesus and run away when Jesus was crucified. Jesus doesn't demand an expression of faith, so much as encourage us to be confident and sure when we say, *I Believe*. Jesus knows once Peter is confirmed in faith, he will do anything for the proclamation of the Gospel.

The *Annual Catholic Appeal* asks the question, "Will you give?" In some ways it is the same question as "Do you love me?" or even "Do you believe?" It is really one question, not three, to which the Christian is invited to make a response. *I Believe*, in short, means I love and I will give.

In 2018, IHM received these benefits from the Archdiocese and ACA:

- ◆ Tuition Subsidy for Paul VI Institute: \$480
- ◆ Tuition Subsidy for Paul VI Lay Formation: \$1,120
- ◆ Women from our parish attended the Catholic Women for Christ Conference.
- ◆ Couples from our parish participated in "God's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage," the Archdiocesan marriage preparation classes.
- ◆ Couples from our parish participated in the Silver/Golden Jubilee Anniversary Mass.
- ◆ Members of our parish participated in grief ministry programs.

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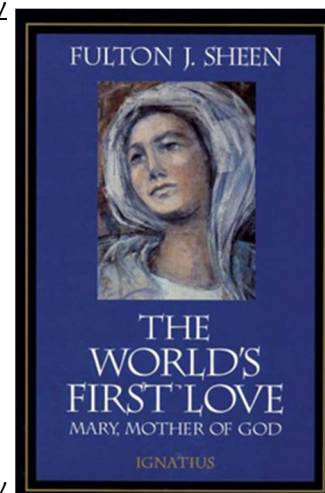
10 Reasons to Love and Honor Mary

By Patti Armstrong

Article excerpts from www.ncregister.com/blog/armstrong/10-reasons-to-love-and-honor-mary

You can't get too much of a good thing when it comes to loving our Blessed Mother. She wants nothing better to have us join her in heaven because that is what is pleasing to God. Here are 10 reasons to increase our love for the Mother of God.

- (1) Loving Mary is pleasing to God. We cannot outdo God and no one has ever loved and honored Mary more than God has. God the Father chose her to be the Mother of his only Son; she is the spouse of the Holy Spirit, and mother to God's only begotten Son.
- (2) She is nothing. Therefore, she is everything. "As the most humble handmaid of the Lord who is 'full of grace,' Mary was the perfect instrument of God because she was nothing else but his instrument," Thomas Merton.
- (3) It's a way to imitate Jesus. Jesus follows the Fourth Commandment and honors his mother so we should too.
- (4) It's a way to imitate the saints. I never met a saint who didn't love and honor Mary. Many of them were rarely without a rosary handy.
- (5) Mary has a proven track record. Jesus performed his first public miracle because his mother asked. He said it was not his time yet, but his mother asked for help. The Bible is clear—Mary influences her Son.
- (6) It's Scriptural to Include Mary. The Blessed Mother was part of the incarnation, birth, first miracle, passion, and the death of Jesus and with the apostles for the descent of the Holy Spirit. It is believed that she was present during Our Lord's Ascension. The first part of the Hail Mary is from Scripture and is centered on Jesus. Jesus and Mary go together.
- (7) It's historical. During Old Testament times, it was the Queen—the king's mother in those days—who people went to with their requests. The best chance at getting a good answer from the king was to run it by his mother. That's the way it was done during King David's time and Jesus is descended from the House of David.
- (8) God Continues to Give Us His Mother. A multitude of Church-approved Marian apparitions shows that God continues to send his mother to help us.
- (9) Her Rosary is a weapon. Padre Pio and a host of saints called it a weapon against evil and prayed it continually. There are many documented miracle stories and many personal stories attributed to praying the Rosary.
- (10) Mary is righteous. No one can argue that she must be the most righteous, therefore, the Bible attests to the power of her prayers. "The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effect" (James 5:16).



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