



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, St. Joseph Chapel

Weekly Devotions and Prayers

Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday 8:30am until Friday, 11:30am

Rosary:

Following 8am Mass Monday thru Friday

Perpetual Help Devotions:

Tuesdays following 8am Mass

Respect Life Prayers:

Thursday following 8am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction:

Friday at 11:30am

First Saturday of the Month Devotions

8am Mass, Rosary, 15 minutes of meditation

Sacraments

Reconciliation:

Wednesday in church, 7pm

Saturday following 8am Mass

Marriage:

Contact the parish office

at least six months prior to the wedding

Baptism:

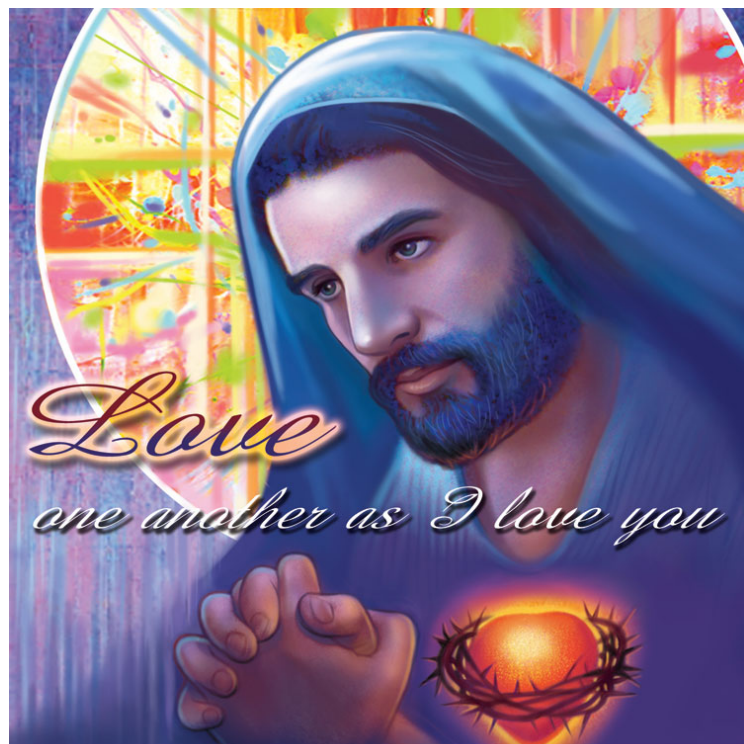
Contact the parish office

to register for class and to arrange date

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:

Contact Shawn Mueller in the parish office

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 6, 2018



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Who Needs Love?

Part of the first reading from Acts that we don't hear is a vision Peter has, in which God tells him that all foods are OK to eat; no longer are some unclean. He later realizes that the vision was a symbol that all people are "clean," Gentiles as well as Jews. All are called to have faith in Jesus. Not all of the early Christians understood. The Jewish Christians were shocked that the Holy Spirit would give gifts, such as speaking in tongues, to Gentiles. Especially Gentiles who had not been baptized.

Now the distinction between Gentile and Jewish Christians doesn't seem very important today. But we still need to follow St. Peter's example of sharing our faith in Jesus. We seem to be more interested in converting other Christians than

in bringing non-Christians to the faith. Does that mean we should drag any non-believers we meet to church on Sunday? Should we brag about how much we love God?

Today's gospel gives us a hint at what we can do to bring others to Christ. Jesus makes it sound simple: Love one another as I love you. (Jn 15:12) Remember that God's love for us comes first. That's why the Gentiles in the first reading received the gifts of the Spirit before they were baptized. The second reading from John tells us that love is not people loving God; it's that God loved us first, enough to send his Son to die for us. We may think that we have chosen to love and follow Jesus, but as the gospel tells us, Jesus chose us

before we ever chose him. So maybe that part about loving others as Jesus loves us is not so much about being willing to die for those you love. It may just be our willingness to love others without requiring that they love us first.

How can we do that? I can introduce myself to someone new to the parish that I see in church. I can offer to help the poor without waiting for the pastor to beg. I can be courteous to other drivers, letting them go in front of me in heavy traffic. I can make a priority of seeing what I can do for others, instead of what they can do for me. Perhaps part of our daily prayer can be asking God to show us who needs our love today.

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 Director of Religious Education
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Parish School of Religion

(Grades 1 through 8)
 September through May
 Wednesdays from 6:00—7:30pm

Confirmation Preparation

(8th Grade)
 September through May
 Wednesdays from 6:00—7:30pm

Children's Liturgy of the Word

September through May
 During the 9:30am Sunday Mass

Adult Education

Wednesdays at 8:45 and 6:10pm

Quick Contacts Directory

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No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one's life for one's friends.

John 15:13

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF

Easter

MAY 6, 2018



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Informed ~ Hospitable ~ Motivated

Dear Parishioners,

A few years ago I mentioned that our abbreviated name could provide us with a focus for understanding our community calling and charisms. Here's just a brief reminder, since forgetfulness is so much a part of our busy disordered lives these days.

Informed ~ We want to take responsibility for being informed about our faith and about our world. We want to become people of desire and discipline in our efforts to grow in our appreciation and appropriation of the faith. The fruits of this joyful struggle will be greater consolation in this life and eternal joy in the next.

Hospitable ~ We are a community that welcome others. While we may not be able to welcome everyone to join us at the altar, we do welcome any who want to worship with us. We want to welcome any who come to us seeking fellowship in our varied and many communities and activities of our family of faith. Last weekend was one of the greatest examples of hospitality. While people may like our sausage, they love our hospitality and kind welcome. Leaving our grounds with a good taste in their mouths is about more than sausage and applesauce. Thank you all for making hospitality one of our shining charisms.

Motivated ~ The real fruit of desire and discipline is constant and sustained motivation. We are not proclaiming perfect motivation, we all grow tired and struggle against our personal sinfulness, but we are striving to be motivated in our love for God and neighbor. We should constantly ask the Holy Spirit to grant us greater clarity in our motivation. Life is full of distractions and our feelings are often prone to distortions. Only the grace of God can help us untangle the web of confusion that is constantly being woven in our lives. When those moments of clarity arrive, they can empower us to make great changes in our lives or motivate us to fulfill desires that we previously lacked the discipline to complete. Our God has an immense desire to pour His very life and love into our hearts. When we allow that to happen the miraculous and amazing has the possibility of unfolding in our very midst. Moments of clarity are great, but they are not meant to be rare and seldom experienced. Moments of clarity are meant to lead to a lifetime of deepening clarity and joyful commitment to the Gospel.

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Confirmed in Faith – Please pray for our young people who are being Confirmed this morning. May the Sacrament of Confirmation help them to embrace their faith more completely. Pray that they understand this Sacrament as an occasion of personal empowerment and spiritual responsibility and not graduation from a curriculum. Few things are more exciting than young people alive in the Holy Spirit, and few things are more distressing than young people shelving a faith they have barely explored or understood. I pray they strive to be informed, hospitable and motivated in their maturing faith.

Blessed Easter,

Fr. Tom

SAUSAGE DINNER VOLUNTEERS: winning tickets—call the office if you won!

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Next Week Ministry Schedule

**May 12
4:00pm**

EM: Ed Taylor, Donna Cuddihee, Jan Jokisch-Messig,
Pat Noack, Vanita Joerling, Ann Zaleuke,
Carole Baker, Mary Jean Hartenbach
Lec: Pat Barnard, Larry Graves
GB: Jerry & Sandy Knott
Serv: Maggie & Morgan Molitor
Ush: Dave Hendrix, Bryan Potter, Chris Cuddihee,
Jerry Braden

**May 13
7:30am**

EM: Julia Kettler, Mary Hardesty, Jan Kardasz,
Rich Molitor, Walt & Jean Reel
Lec: Chuck Kettler, Karen Wappelhorst
GB: Carol Rabbitt, Loretta Bruns
Serv: Maybelle Hahn, Bridget Goins
Ush: Frank Marquart, Gary Potter, Mike Stassi,
Larry Koch

9:30am

EM: Walt Hollenstein, Patrice Riley, Donna Wolff,
Bob Leeker, Terry & Marcia Schneider,
Kris Jenkins, Cheryl Gray
Lec: Nancy Hollenstein, Drew Smith
GB: Mary Keune, Lisa Nadler
Serv: Thomas Kokker, Sophia Hake, **VOLUNTEER PLS.**
Ush: Gary Struckhoff, Chris & Adam Molitor,
Charles Hinkle, Bob Gray, Stan Kostecki

IHMformation Station

May 12, 4pm: Wally & Jan Karase
May 13, 7:30am: John & Karen Wappelhorst
May 13, 9:30am: Lois Cobleigh



We welcome these newly baptized:

Grayson Edward Kunz
son of Jaron and Lauren (Day) Kunz

Quinn Gregory Branstetter
son of Steven & Jamie (Dollar) Branstetter

Charlotte Rose Logush
daughter of Mark and Sarah (Dollar) Logush

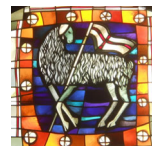
Karsyn Grace Lambert
daughter of Kyle and Courtney (Roettger) Lambert



**Join the Holy Father's prayer intentions for
May: The Mission of the Laity**

That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

This Week at Home



Sunday, May 6

ACA Cards available in Weber Hall
Jonah Team will pray with you after 9:30am Mass
Confirmation, 11:15am

Monday, May 7

Boy Scouts, Founders Hall/Trailer, 6:30pm
SVDP, 6pm

Tuesday, May 8

Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, 9am
Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am
Children's Choir, church, 6:45pm
Marian Council, Weber Hall, 6:30pm

Wednesday, May 9

Sunday readings study, Weber Hall, 8:45am
Reconciliation, 7pm

Thursday, May 10

Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am
Youth Group, Grand Hall foyer, 6:30pm
Choir practice, 7pm

Friday, May 11

A Biblical Walk Thru The Mass, Weber Hall, 6:30am
Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30—noon

Saturday, May 12

Reconciliation, 8:45am

Sunday, May 13

KC Breakfast, Founders Hall, 8-11am
ACA Cards available in Weber Hall

**Please pray for all the sick and suffering,
including:**

Steve Dunn, Barb Nikonowicz,
Kathy Lalonde, Carl Erdmann

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.



Rest in Peace



We offer our prayerful sympathy
—to Steve Meyer on the death of his wife

Pamela Meyer

—to Mary (Dave) Karll on the death of her brother

Mark Strunk

—to Glennon (Mella) Strunk on the death of his brother

Aaron Strunk

—to Mike and Pat Ryan on the death of their son

Michael Ryan

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

Mass Intentions

Please note corrections for Saturday and Sunday, May 5/6

Saturday, May 5

8:00am Connie Mathers +
Aaron Strunk +

4:00pm William Zvanut +

Sunday, May 6

7:30am People of the Parish
Louise Seper +

9:30am intention of Roger/Vickie Brink
John Bax +

Monday, May 7

8:00am Cy Bamert +
Scott Martin +

Tuesday, May 8

8:00am Jack Tersteeg +
living/deceased Wilbert Orf Family

Wednesday, May 9

8:00am Cindy Fitzler +
intention of Frank Granicke

Thursday, May 10

8:00am All Souls
Wehrle Family

Friday, May 11

8:00am Moira Ryan +
Adele Behlman +

Saturday, May 12

8:00am Randy & Lukas Schneider +
4:00pm Jerome Kluge Sr. +

Sunday, May 13

7:30am Ed Rabbitt +
Mimi Ferguson +

9:30am People of the Parish
living/deceased Bader & Wolff Families

Contributions: April 29/30

General Offertory: \$9,056.75

Online – General Offertory: \$2,214.00

Total Offertory: \$12,707.50

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" JOHN 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

We pray that we may show our love for God by the way we use our time, talent and treasure.



Heavenly Dust

Cathy Thompson

Purificators

Clara Haas

Needed at the Pantry:

recycled plastic grocery bags; vegetable, chicken noodle, cream soups; corn and green beans; cold cereal; peanut butter; canned fruit: pineapple, mandarin oranges, peaches, fruit cocktail, apple sauce; tuna helper, hamburger helper; canned chicken; ketchup; sugar; vegetable oil; bbq sauce; Bisquick; and toilet paper

In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us, "This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you... You are my friends if you do what I command you."

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you fulfill the commandment to love one another as Jesus has loved you.

May 6—6th Sunday of Easter

"The greatest love a person can have for his friends is to give his life for them." JOHN 15:18

D-Day with the Screaming Eagles details the courage of the paratroopers who launched the invasion of Europe on D-Day, June 6, 1944. They gave their lives that their comrades might land safely. In one company alone, 219 men jumped and only 73 survived. These brave men lived out the meaning of Jesus' words in today's gospel. They died that their friends might live. The sacrifice of the paratroopers and Jesus' words in today's reading invite me to inventory my own spirit of sacrifice. How willing am I to sacrifice—if not to the point of sacrificing my life, at least to the point of sacrificing my comfort and my time?

That man may last, but never lives, Who much receives, but nothing gives; Whom none can love, none can thank, Creation's blot, creation's Blank. Thomas Gibbons

Mark Link S.J. Mission

PSR Corner



On Sunday, May 6th at the 11:15 am Mass, IHM welcomes Archdiocesan Vicar General Msgr. Dennis Stehly, delegated to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on our 8th grade students. All the parish is invited. Come Holy Spirit, fan into flame your gifts in these young believers. Show them the way and how to be your witnesses in the world.



Gifts - Charisms of the Spirit

With our Confirmation Candidates getting confirmed in the Spirit, it is fitting to review some of the workings of the Spirit by way of charisms and spiritual gifts. Below are excerpts from a helpful pamphlet by Fr. Bob Hogan

What is a Charism or Spiritual Gift?

- a) Charism is the Greek word for “gratuitous gift”
- b) Charisms are special abilities given to Christians by the Holy Spirit to enable them to be powerful channels of God’s love, manifesting God’s presence in the world.
- c) They are “manifestations of the Spirit” (*1 Cor. 12: 7*) for some benefit; for building up the Church, encouragement, and solace (*1 Cor. 14: 3*).
- d) They are to be used in charity or service to build up the Church (Catechism 2003).

Lists of Charismatic Gifts in St. Paul’s Letters

- a) *Romans 12: 4-8*: Prophecy, Ministry (Service), Teaching, Exhortation/Preaching, Almsgiving (contributing financially), Works (or acts) of Mercy.
- b) *1 Corinthians 12: 4-11*: Word (or expression) of Wisdom, Word (or expression) of Knowledge, Faith, Gifts of Healing, Mighty Deeds (Miracles), Prophecy, Discernment of Spirits, Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues.
- c) *Ephesians 4: 7-16*: Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, Teacher.

Understanding the Lists:

Since the lists differ, Paul does not seem to imply that these are the only gifts or the only ways that the Spirit works. These are not intended to be exhaustive lists of the charisms. They are intended to show examples of the variety of ways the Holy Spirit manifests his presence in the Church.

Charisms are not inherited from parents or achieved through education and practice. They are given to us by the Holy Spirit, are supernaturally empowered and focused outward toward service of others.

The traditional “seven gifts of the Holy Spirit”

(*Isaiah 11*) are the gifts we receive in union with Jesus, the messianic King. They enable us to have Godly characteristics in the ways we are called to be leaders. We are servant leaders with: wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge and fear of the Lord, enabling us to make Spirit-inspired judgments, and to bring peace and reconciliation to enemies.

The fruit of the Spirit: Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control (*Galatians 5: 16-26*) are the Spirit-inspired, Christ-like qualities that enable us to relate with others in an other-centered, unselfish way. The charisms are gifts to be given away. They are focused outward for serving others and manifesting God’s presence to others.

A List of Charisms: Administration, Celibacy, Craftsmanship, Discernment of spirits, Encouragement, Evangelization, Faith, Giving, Healing, Helper, Hospitality, Intercessory Prayer, Leadership, Mercy, Missionary, Music, Pastoring, Preaching, Prophecy, Service, Teaching, Tongues, Voluntary Poverty, Word of Knowledge, Word of Wisdom, Writing, Other?

Attitude Toward Charisms:

Paul describes charisms as part of the normal experience of the Church, and integral to the functioning of the Church. Paul exhorts his readers four times to: - “strive eagerly” for the gifts (*1 Cor. 12: 31; 14: 1, 12, 39*), and not to “forbid” them (*1 Cor. 14:39*) or “despise” them (*2 Thess. 5: 20*), but “test” them (*1 Thess. 5: 21*) and use them “properly and in order” (*1 Cor. 14: 40*).

Take a sample “spiritual gifts inventory” to learn more:

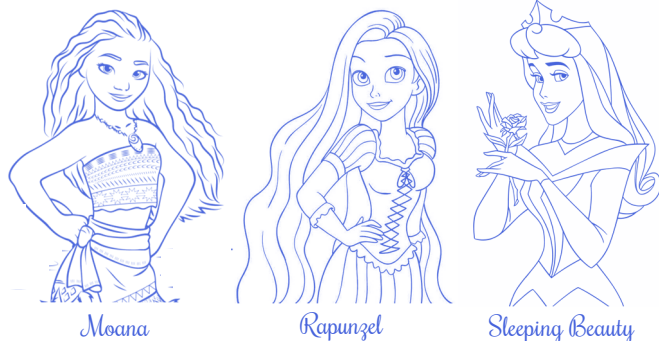
<http://www.stsjohnandpaul.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/spiritual-gifts-inventory.pdf>

Congratulations to our 2018 Confirmation Class

Jackson Betlach—St. Sebastian
 Kyra Blondin—St. Joan
 Cole Boston—St. Sebastian
 Savannah Bright—St. Francis of Assisi
 Jaclyn Brinkmann—St. Anne
 Gabriel Cruz—St. Hubertus

Abigail Ekstrom—St. Ann
 Dylan Jaegers—St. John the Baptist
 Daniel Kothe—St. Sebastian
 Isabella Kuper—St. Sebastian
 Ian Nobel—St. Isidore of Seville
 Olivia Pinzke—St. Anthony
 Paige Prade—St. Michael

Carter Randell—St. Patrick
 Kaydence Riley—St. Joseph
 Drew Schellert—St. Hubert
 Colby Schulte—St. Francis of Assisi
 Joshua Scott—St. Hubert
 Megan Winkler—St. Jane



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 Moana, Rapunzel and Sleeping Beauty. Camp will be June 4/5/6 from 9-11am in the Grand Hall. Cost 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. For more information or to receive an enrollment form, contact Kathy Fowler at dancetimellc@gmail.com or 636-262-5548.

EWTN CATHOLIC RADIO: AM 1460 - daily Mass, teaching the Faith, call-in programs

What's your Catholic Catechism IQ?

JESUS AND THE LAW

1. Jesus did not come to abolish the law or the prophets, but to ____ them.
 - a. Ignore
 - b. Fulfill
 - c. Add to
 - d. Annihilate
2. Every year on the day of ____ the children of Israel would ask God's forgiveness for their transgressions of the law.
 - a. Atonement
 - b. Passover
 - c. Tabernacles
 - d. Purim
3. Jesus fulfills the law to the point of taking upon Himself "the ____ of the law" by His death as Redeemer.
 - a. Weight
 - b. Letter
 - c. Curse
 - d. Spirit
4. In Jesus, the same word of God that had resounded on Mount Sinai to give the written law to Moses, made itself heard anew on the Mount of the _____.
 - a. Beatitudes
 - b. Transfiguration
 - c. Olives
 - d. Cross
5. Jesus presented with Divine authority the definitive ____ of the law.
 - a. Translation
 - b. Writing
 - c. Preaching
 - d. Interpretation

JESUS AND THE TEMPLE

6. At the age of ____ Jesus decided to remain in the Temple to remind His parents that He must be about His Father's business.
 - a. 8
 - b. 12
 - c. 13
 - d. 30
7. For Jesus, the Temple was the dwelling of His Father, a house of _____.
 - a. Zeal
 - b. Cards
 - c. Prayer
 - d. the Rising Son
8. He once drove ____ out of the Temple saying "You shall not make my Father's house a house of trade."
 - a. Doves
 - b. Pigeons
 - c. Turtle-doves
 - d. Merchants
9. Jesus announced the coming ____ of the Temple, of which there would not remain "one stone upon another."
 - a. Destruction
 - b. Lifting
 - c. Transformation
 - d. Cleansing
10. Jesus identified Himself with the Temple by presenting Himself as God's definitive ____ among men.
 - a. Teaching
 - b. Witness
 - c. Dwelling place
 - d. Letter



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 7**. Please put your donations in the pavilion.

Please—no computers, appliances or TVs.

SALE DATES:

May 30/June 1-2 and June 6-8-9
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.



Pretty Simple

The message of Jesus is not really complicated. Not always easy, but not complicated: Love God and one another. And in this love you will find joy, and that joyful giving will bear much fruit.

The 2018 *Annual Catholic Appeal*, *Tell Your Story*, features story after story of the bold witness of generosity and mercy, sacrifice and charity, love and joy.

Please take a moment and go online to see the stories of love and joy. You can also tell your story, using #catholicstl. And please consider a gift to the *Appeal* when asked.

Attention Ladies!

PRAYER WARRIORS FOR PRIESTS

will pray their monthly Rosary
in the following parishes at 10am . . .

May 12: St. Patrick Adoration Chapel



SAVE THE DATE!!

ACTS Women's Retreat June 21-24, 2018

"He Has Called Me By Name"

Pallottine Renewal Center

Contact: Janet Hespen 314-369-6521
Laura Orf 314-660-2011
Joyce Hunsel 636-448-5117

It's a great opportunity to get away
with friends old and new
to re-visit your spiritual journey.

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Loving Communion and Evangelization

God is a communion of persons, a communion of love. God invites us to share in this communion, calling us to form communities of love in our own lives. One of the most integral things we can do to evangelize is forming loving communities of joy. Do you want to evangelize more effectively? Form a community—at work, at your parish, among your friends. The fruit of this loving community, as Jesus tells us in the Gospel, is joy. A community, united in purpose and love, is one of joy, and this joy attracts others to seek what you possess. Therefore, let us seek to form loving communities of joy that lead people to Jesus Christ. archstl.org/dynamic

Readings for the Week

Mon: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
Tue: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wed: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14;
Jn 16:12-15
Thu: Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
Fri: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
Sat: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10;
Jn 16:23b-28
Sun: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23, Mk 16:15-20

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Catholic IQ Answers

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?



A campaign led by the Roman Catholic Foundation of Eastern Missouri

Across the Archdiocese

IMPACT TO DATE:

- **40% Parish Share Distributions**
\$20 million distributed to 184 parishes
- **Beyond Sunday Scholarships**
\$5.5 million in scholarships awarded to 1,579 unique students attending 133 Catholic elementary and secondary schools
- **Academic Capacity Enhancement Grants**
\$1.3 million granted to 48 schools and PSR programs
- **Transformational Innovation Grants**
\$521,000 granted to schools and the Catholic Education Office of the Archdiocese of St. Louis

IMPACT REPORT—Spring 2018

\$107 million pledged, exceeding our \$100 million goal

Thank you for your support!

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

\$260,370 raised in gifts and pledges

IMPACT TO DATE:

- **40% Parish Share Distributions**
\$48,959 received
- **Beyond Sunday Scholarships**
\$16,250 in scholarships awarded to student(s) in our parish



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Opportunity for Graduating College Students

Do you happen to know of any graduating college seniors that are looking for a gap year where they can deepen their faith, connect with other young adults of faith and volunteer a year of service?

Beginning this August, we offer a 10 month long internship program at the Catholic Student Center at Washington University dedicated to serving students in faith formation and to creating a community of hospitality to students of all faiths. As an intern, a young adult would have a myriad of opportunities for leadership, ministry, service and community building. Interns live in community in their own intern house, have free room and board and receive a monthly stipend.

Much more information about the internship can be found on our website at www.washucsc.org. "Get Involved," Intern-in-service.

The St. Patrick Knights of Columbus will sponsor a **FREE Shredding Event** for our community on **Saturday, May 19** (after Mother's Day this year) from 9am to noon or until the truck is full at the **St. Patrick School parking lot** (701 S. Church St., Wentzville), rain or shine. This is an opportunity for you to clean out your files and help prevent identity theft of your secure documents by shredding them. You can watch your documents disappear from your vehicle to the truck shredder without anyone seeing your document contents, including the employees of SHRED-IT, who are contracted by the Knights to do the shredding. There is a limit of approximately 150 pounds or eight paper boxes to allow more people to participate. Knights of Columbus members are available to assist when you arrive at the parking lot in front of the school.

St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

(Note: With over 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 Parish Library: Stoltz Grand Hall



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 lifelong impact on their children. Protecting the streets is second nature to these men. Raising their children in a God-honoring way? That's courageous.

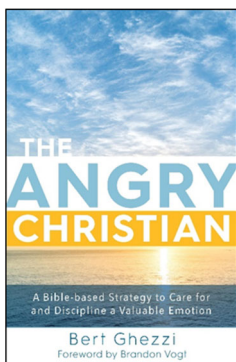
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-Dr. Ray Guarendi, clinical psychologist and author of *Fighting Mad*



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

2018 Pentecost Novena

Please join us for the Pentecost Novena, which will be held simultaneously at 7:00 p.m. at the Cardinal Rigali Center and Immaculate Conception—Dardenne Prairie.



2018 Pentecost Vigil Mass

Bishop Hermann will celebrate the Vigil Mass on Saturday, May 19, 7:00 p.m. at Holy Redeemer, 17 Joy Avenue in Webster Groves.

Date/Gift

May 11—All the Gifts of the Spirit
May 12—Gift of Wonder and Awe
May 13—Gift of Piety
May 14—Gift of Fortitude
May 15—Gift of Knowledge
May 16—Gift of Understanding
May 17—Gift of Counsel
May 18—Gift of Wisdom

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