



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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Schedule of Holy Mass

Saturday: 8:00am, 4:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am

Weekdays: 8:00am, in church

Weekly Devotions and Prayers

Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday 8:30am until Friday 11:00am, St. Joseph Chapel

Rosary:

Prior to Saturday evening 4pm Mass

Weekday devotions after morning Mass:

Tuesday: Mother of Perpetual Help

Wednesday: Litany to St. Joseph

Thursday: Celebrating the Sanctity of Life

First Saturday of the Month Devotions

8am Mass, Rosary, 15 minutes of meditation

Sacraments

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

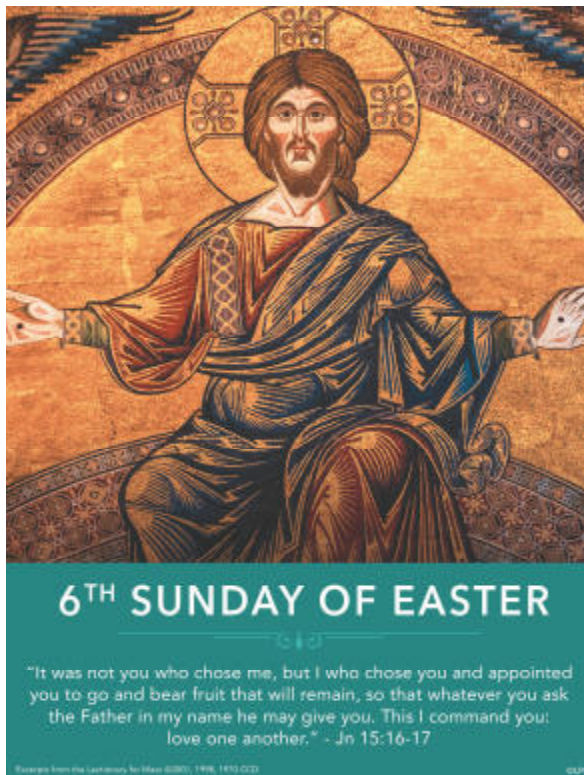
Marriage: Contact the parish office
at least six months prior to the wedding

Baptism: Contact the parish office
to register for class and to arrange date

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:

Contact Shawn Mueller in the parish office

May 9, 2021



Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"Remain in my love," and, "I call you friends," are powerful words that are found in John's Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.

Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeed-

ed and conclude that they were somehow due to our "failures in love." In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love's author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God

that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God's love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world's problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share.

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

Parish Staff

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Shawn Mueller, Director

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Parish School of Religion (when restrictions are lifted)
Grades 1 thru 8, September thru May, 6-7:30pm, Wednesdays
Confirmation Preparation
8th Grade—September thru May, 6-7:30pm, Wednesdays
Children's Liturgy of the Word (when restrictions are lifted)
September thru May, during the 9:30am Sunday Mass
Adult Education
Wednesdays at 8:45am and 6:10pm, September thru May
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—contact Shawn for schedule

Quick Contacts Directory

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Julie Lassiter 636-357-0121

Parishes—the Heart of Faith

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for so many expressions of kindness, faith and genuine concern as we marked the passing of Mom. All of your prayers and words of consolation are a real blessing in my life and a cause for constant gratitude to God for how blessed I am to be pastor of this parish family. I am so very thankful to our staff for all of their help in planning and celebrating Mom's life and marking her death. It was a great celebration. Sadly we are still trying to figure out the streaming issues, but hopefully they will be resolved soon enough.

Mom & Dad grew up in an era when the parish was the center of their lives. They loved their time at Notre Dame in Wellston. Their friendship began in kindergarten and continued through High School. They continued that experience of parish life at Sacred Heart in Florissant. That was their final experience of the parish being their life. Times changed and as we became busier and more free-ranging as Americans the parish really stopped being at the center of all things. While Sacred Heart in Elsberry was a good experience of church, it was not a community of belonging for my parents or family. I have fond memories of individuals from that parish, but as a whole it was one of being an outsider. I think Mom & Dad experienced more welcome from the non-Catholic neighbors than parishioners. I don't hold any resentment for that experience, various factors made it what it was. Shake the dust and move forward, but also learn so that such experiences can either be avoided or handled differently in the future.

As a pastor and spiritual father I strive to make our community one of welcome and belonging. It is not something that I can accomplish on my own, each of us in the parish family can be welcoming and hospitable in our own way. Not everyone that joins our parish may

find it to be a parish of belonging, or a place of welcome. Many factors can contribute to the lack of that sense of belonging. It is far too easy to blame others than look at ourselves when don't find the belonging we desire. Sometimes communities are actually closed off to others, and in parish life that is lethal to the future of the community. I believe we welcome and integrate others better than many places, and I am very thankful for that experience. No one or no place is perfect, but we strive to do our best. It is the gift of communion with God and one another.

At every parish I have served there is always the potential for tension between the long term members and the new members. We have a love-hate relationship with change and growth. We probably all say we are open to change, but in reality most of us are only open to the changes we desire. We all like to see the parish grow and prosper, but such growth usually brings change in unexpected and unanticipated ways. I am not a fan of change for the sake of change, nor a fan of embracing the "new" solely because it is new. I, and perhaps you, like to at least know reasons for changes that come our way or the anticipated good that something new will bring to our lives. I am just rambling, but I thought you might appreciate how I think.

While the parish is no longer the center of life, hopefully it is the heart of lived faith. God calls us to make faith first in our life, or it might as well be last. He is rather jealous that way. When we do make faith first, and celebrate it sacramentally, we can bear abundant fruit for God's glory, our neighbor's good and our maturity. Thank you for being a parish family that I love and know that I am blessed to serve.

Love,



6th Sunday of Easter—Year B

"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*

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

Ministry Schedule

May 15—4pm

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

May 16—7:30am

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

May 16—9:30am

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

IHMformation Station

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

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, Richard & Doris Berhorst,
Terry Hagan, Larry Gassei, Mary Karll, 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

Heavenly Duster Schedule

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

✠ 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
Lee Meczowski
mom of Tom & Pat Meczowski
Trudy Smith
mom of Karen & Barry Galloway

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



Mass Intentions

Monday, May 10	
8:00am	Bill & Nadine Odlum + Andrew & Pauline Chabak +
Tuesday, May 11	
8:00am	All Souls Moiria Ryan +
Wednesday, May 12	
8:00am	Bobby Eisenbath +
Thursday, May 13	
8:00am	Caroline Burkemper +
Friday, May 14	
8:00am	Dorothy L. Kettler +
Saturday, May 15	
8:00am	Lorene Hutchcraft +
4:00pm	Bob Manker +
Sunday, May 16	
7:30am	People of IHM
9:30am	Ed Orf + Ann Seper +

Activities this Week

social distancing recommended at all events

Sunday, May 9	KofC Mother's Day Breakfast, Founders Hall, 8-11am
Monday, May 10	Scouts, Founders Hall/Trailer, 6:30pm ACTS Core Team, Weber Hall, 6:30pm
Tuesday, May 11	Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, 9am Marian Council, Weber Hall, 6:30pm
Wednesday, May 12	Sunday readings study, Weber Hall, 8:45am Bible Study, Grand Hall, 6:15pm Reconciliation at 7pm
Thursday, May 13	Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am RCIA, Weber Hall, 6:30pm
Friday, May 14	Quilting in Weber Hall, 8:30—noon
Saturday, May 15	Reconciliation, 8:45am Confirmation at the Cathedral at 1:30

Contributions, May 1/2

General Offertory:	\$8,508.00
Online—General Offertory:	<u>\$5,456.28</u>
TOTAL:	\$13,964.28

*"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.

Have You Tried Online Giving?

Are you tired of putting checks in your envelope each week? Do you wish you could give more, but when the weekend rolls around you just don't have as much cash as you'd like? Welcome to ONLINE GIVING! Done this way, your financial offering to the parish is made electronically (and securely) through the parish website. You specify the amount of the gift and how often, and on those dates the funds are automatically transferred from your account to the parish account. **We now offer credit card giving options!** You have access to your account 24/7 and flexibility to change your financial offering at any time. Simply go to the parish website, click [Online Giving](#), and follow the easy instructions.

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!!

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 this commandment.

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. For our local SVDP Conference, please call 636-398-5270, ext. 225.

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)

- Before the raising of Lazarus, thanksgiving precedes the event: "Father, I thank You for having heard Me" implies that the Father always hears His _____.
 - cries
 - petitions
 - worries
 - tears
- When Jesus prays He is already _____ us how to pray.
 - beckoning
 - teaching
 - encouraging
 - reminding
- From the Sermon on the Mount onwards, Jesus insists on conversion of _____.
 - home
 - heart
 - parents
 - body
- Once committed to conversion, the heart learns to pray in _____.
 - fear
 - good times and bad
 - anger
 - faith
- Just as Jesus prays to the Father and gives thanks before receiving His gifts, so He teaches us filial _____.
 - openness
 - fear
 - worry
 - boldness
- The prayer of faith consists not only in saying Lord, Lord, but in disposing the heart to do the _____ of the Father.
 - spirit
 - conversion
 - will
 - wonder
- Jesus calls His hearers to conversion and faith, but also to _____.
 - doubt
 - wonder
 - watchfulness
 - give up
- In communion with their Master, the disciples' prayer is a battle; only by keeping watch in prayer can one avoid falling into _____.
 - temptation
 - atheism
 - unbelief
 - the pit
- Three principal parables on prayer are transmitted to us by St. Luke: the importunate friend, the importunate widow, the Pharisee and the _____.
 - tax collector
 - prodigal son
 - widow
 - republican
- Jesus openly entrusts to His disciples the mystery of prayer to the Father; what is new is to ask in His _____.
 - name
 - prayer
 - spirit
 - mind

ANSWER KEY:

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**Janet Hespen,
Youth Minister,
314-369-6521**

STEBENVILLE 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)

Monday in Founders Hall: May 10

Mondays in Weber Hall: May 24, June 7, 21

Thursdays in Weber Hall: July 1, 15, 29



We welcome to our parish family
through the Sacrament of Baptism

Charlotte Katherine Brauss

daughter of Timothy & Elaine

(Schoenberger) Brauss

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



"O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers"

Wounded by Abortion?

Project Rachel for women stlprojectrachel@archstl.org

Project Joseph for men stlprojectjoseph@archstl.org

or call 314-792-7565

Two and only two ways are open for us in this life: the way of obedience to God and the way of disobedience. These roads lead to two different destinations just as surely as two different physical roads lead to two different physical destinations.

—Peter Kreeft "You Can Understand the Bible"

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.



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.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
 Mon: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149/Jn 15:26—16:4a
 Tue: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138/Jn 16:5-11
 Wed: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148/Jn 16:12-15
 Thu: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98/Jn 16:16-20
 Fri: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113/Jn 15:9-17
 Sat: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47/Jn 16:23b-28

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 next weekend.

There is much evil in the world. It divides and scatters the members of the Body of Christ. Uniting in prayer and in good works informed by our Catholic Faith is an excellent way to combat evil. I strongly urge the men of our parish to unite themselves and their families with the men and families of the Knights of Columbus. Simply go to www.kofc.org/joinus and follow the prompts. Use promo code MCGIVNEY2020 and your first year's dues are free! When asked for our IHM council number, enter 11656. Don't delay! Do it today! You will be glad you did.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Prayer Shawls: If you or someone you know needs to be wrapped in prayer, please pick a prayer shawl! We have a good supply in church of shawls that have been hand-crafted by parish members who offer a prayer with each stitch, and each one has been blessed by Fr. Tom.



Altar Server Training to Begin Soon!

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



Altar Servers Immaculate Heart of Mary

Student Name _____

Birthdate _____ School Grade _____

Parents _____

Phone/email _____

We will contact you when training is scheduled.

St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

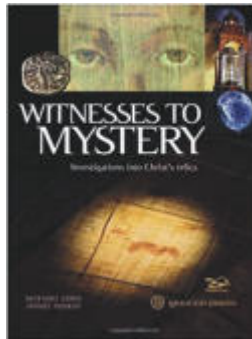
From the Parish Library: Grand Hall



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.

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.



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

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

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

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

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

Mid-Life Singles

Are you looking for a renewed sense of connection and purpose during this pandemic? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT Catholic weekend retreat at King's House Retreat Center, Belleville (20 minutes from downtown St. Louis) on **June 4-6**. Take a chance and get involved...you won't regret it! Cost is \$210 including meals and a single room. Call 314-283-0044, visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, or email reflect.stlouis@gmail.com for details.

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The Gift of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is called the Advocate, the Paraclete, and the Consoler in Scripture. He is the gift of the Father whom we received at Baptism and then more fully in Confirmation. The Holy Spirit is our defender, the one who stands by us in the midst of the attacks of Satan (the accuser). Constantly reminding us of what Jesus has taught us and guiding us into prayer, the Spirit leads us just as He led Jesus. "The Holy Spirit, whom Christ the head pours out on his members, builds, animates, and sanctifies the Church" (CCC 747). Praise God for the gift of the Holy Spirit, our anointing, our dove, our fire.

archstl.org/dynamic



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

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

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

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



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



The word matrimony literally means "at the service of motherhood." We think of the role of St. Joseph in serving the Mother of our Lord and Jesus Himself. Ponder the relationship Joseph had with Mary and Jesus, one human, one divine, both without sin. In his relationship with Mary we can say the old adage, behind every great man is a greater woman. True in Joseph's case to be sure. Any good father exercises his fatherhood by first of all loving the mother. By Mary and Joseph being united in love, Jesus is raised in a home filled with love. Joseph was the first one to

consecrate (dedicate) himself to Mary. Mary was the first one to consecrate herself to Joseph. Both were consecrated-dedicated to Jesus and had their lives and mission centered on Him. The human family is an icon of the Holy Trinity, a communion of persons in a relationship of love. Nowhere was this more evident than in the Holy Family. Pope John Paul II pointed out in *Familiaris Consortio* (a must read for parents) that "the prototype and example for all Christian families will be found in the home at Nazareth."



Golf Tournaments

Friday, May 21

Missouri Right to Life Education Fund at The Links at Dardenne in O'Fallon. 11am Registration, shotgun start 12:30. \$125/person includes lunch and dinner.

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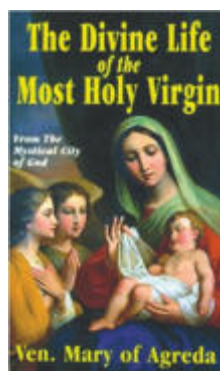
Monday, June 21

St. Patrick Knights of Columbus at Warrenton Golf Course. Four person scramble with 11am shotgun start. \$100/person includes everything!

www.stpatrickwentzville.org/kcggolf
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636-357-9219

St. Paul to the Romans 12:9-10

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor.



There is an interesting text in Venerable Mary of Agreda's mystical writings of the Holy Family. She tells us that there was almost like a holy contest between the two spouses as to which of them was to regard and treat the other as superior. Joseph in his humility esteemed himself as all unworthy of the treasure which had been committed to his care; and so great was his veneration for Mary that he would have desired to take the place of her servant, seeking only to know and obey her will in everything. She, however, in her humility was the victor in this loving strife; for the most holy Mary would not consent that, the man being the head, the natural order should be inverted, so that it was her will to obey in all things her spouse. It was a great sacrifice to Joseph to have thus to assume the place due to him as husband, and in doing so he, on his part, was practicing the virtue of obedience, even as Mary was on hers.

Employment Opportunities

At St. Joseph/Cottleville

- 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
stjoecot.org/school/school-job-opportunities

At St. Dominic/O'Fallon

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

At St. Francis Borgia Regional High School

- Science Teacher: full time. Masters in Biology and/or AP experience required.
- English Language Arts: full time. Masters in English required.
- Business/Digital Media Productions: full time.

Among the other recommendations:

- * Practicing Catholic or active faith life
- * Experience in dual/college credit or AP courses
- * Certification/ability to teach other subject material

Email resume and cover letter to
St. Francis Borgia Regional High School
Attn: Human Resources
1000 Borgia Dr., Washington, MO 63090
or humanresources@borgia.com

Monthly Outdoor Mass

Wednesday, May 12 at 7pm at Our Lady Queen of Peace Shrine in O'Fallon. Rosary and Divine Mercy chaplet after Mass. Please bring a lawn chair. Cancelled if raining. Please call Ruth with questions: 636-233-1082.

Prayer to the Mother of the Lord for all Mothers



Mary, on this day
when we honor all mothers, we turn to you.
We thank the Lord whom you serve
for the great gift of motherhood.
Never has it been known that anyone
who sought your intercession
was left unaided by grace.
Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes"
to the invitation of the angel
which brought heaven to earth
and changed human history.
You opened yourself to God's word
and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Dear mother,
intercede for all of our mothers.
Ask your Divine Son to give them
the grace of surrendered love
so that they could join with you
in giving their own "Fiat."
May they find daily strength
to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love—
the very heart of the vocation of motherhood.
May their love and witness
be a source of great inspiration
for all of us called to follow your Son.

On this Mothers day,
Mother of the Word Incarnate,
pray for us who have recourse to you...

In the Name of the Father,
the Son and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Open Enrollment at St. Pat

St. Patrick School in Wentzville welcomes you! Open enrollment for the 2021-22 school year is going on now. Visit www.stpatrickwentzville.org/school or call 636-332-9913 for more information about our preschool—8th grade programs, including our 3 year old two-day program and pre-kindergarten 4 year old three- or five-day program. Hurry, class sizes are limited and spaces are filling up fast.

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