



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, 11:30am
 Weekdays: 8:00am, in church

Weekly Devotions and Prayers

Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday 8:30am until Friday, 11:00am

Rosary:

Prior to Saturday evening 4pm Mass

Perpetual Help Devotions:

Tuesdays following 8am Mass

Respect Life Prayers:

Thursday following 8am Mass

First Saturday of the Month Devotions

8am Mass, Rosary, 15 minutes of meditation

Sacraments

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

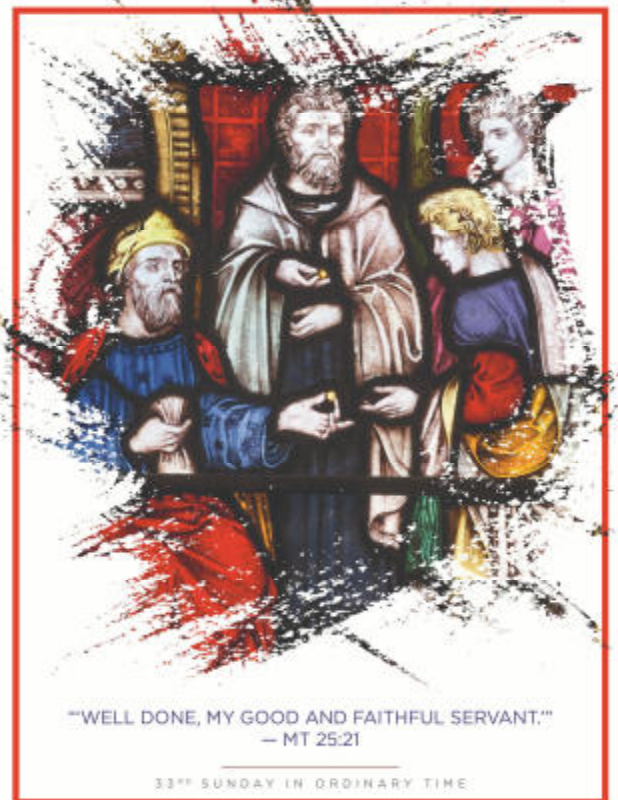
Marriage: Contact the parish office
 at least six months prior to the wedding

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:

Contact Shawn Mueller in the parish office

November 15, 2020



Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When doing student report cards, there was a comment the teacher could choose that read: inattentive and easily distracted. Could that comment describe your spiritual life? We can become so consumed with myriad distractions and preoccupations and lose our connection to what is really significant and important. We can become dull. This happens in our human relationships, too. We can easily take the love of others for granted, whether it be a parent, spouse, friend, or a child. We assume and presume that their love will always be there and do very little to cultivate, rejuvenate, and deepen it. Presumption can become a great sin.

We do the same thing with God and our spiritual lives. We presume that God

will be merciful. Because we believe that in the end God is going to forgive us anyway, then why put a lot of effort into things now? What's the point? It's far easier to find a comfortable spot, curl up and take a nap! There is no immediate urgency to staying awake and attentive, so we think, and we simply fly by the seat of our pants. Assuming and presuming too much about our relationships, especially our relationship with God, can lead to neglect and abuse. It can even lead to a sense of entitlement, where we actually believe that something is due us without much effort on our part.

Folks who are distracted and preoccupied can find their relationships, especially the primary ones, drifting away.

You can actually be married to someone for many years and wake up one morning realizing that you really do not know them or truly recognize them. We have to desire God in order to recognize God. We have to open our hearts, minds, and souls to His Presence so that we can be rejuvenated and refreshed. But we cannot do this if we are distracted or napping. We have to be awake and alert! As a young child eagerly watches for and anticipates that arrival of their parent home, so too we must watch for God's presence. If the anticipation of God's arrival does not excite us and rouse us, then we need to ask why. The wise person keeps vigilant watch, knowing that in the end they will not be disappointed.

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

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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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Prayer to entrust the United States to God's protection

*The prayer asks God to protect the United States
and "touch the hearts of our nation's leaders."*

God looks tenderly upon us, as He allows us to freely choose our political leaders. He does not interrupt our political process, but gently inspires each one of us to make decisions according to our conscience.

Here is a prayer from the Archdiocese of Boston that asks God to shower His graces upon all those within the United States, **especially those leaders that are elected**, penetrating their hearts and leading them to fulfill His most holy will.

God our Father, giver of life,
we entrust the United States of America to Your loving care.
You are the rock on which this nation was founded.
You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
Reclaim this land for Your glory and dwell among Your people.
Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders.
Open their minds to the great worth of human life
and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.
Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing Your will.
Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, patroness of our land,
grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death."
Lead us into a new millennium of life.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

One effective way to set your heart at ease is to remember God's presence and place your trust in His will. It is a simple act of abandonment to God, knowing that He has everything under control.

Lord, send me forth to do Thy will,
But let me feel Thee present still.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A

[A master gave money to some servants to invest. He praised those who made a profit, saying,] "*You have been faithful in managing small amounts, so I will put you in charge of large amounts.*" MATTHEW 25:21

Booker T. Washington was a black American slave. At the age of sixteen, he walked almost five hundred miles from his slave home to Hampton Institute in Virginia. When he got there, he was told that classes were filled. Undaunted, he took a job at the school doing menial jobs: sweeping floors and making beds. He did these so well that the faculty found room for him as a student. He worked his way up at the school, became a famed teacher, and eventually founded Tuskegee Institute in Alabama.

What were some small jobs I did well, before I was given larger jobs?

Do not let what you can't do interfere with what you can do. Basketball coach John Wooden

From Fr. Mark Link S.J. *Vision 2000*

Ministry Schedule

November 14—4pm

EM: Pat Roche, Ed Etzkorn, Chris Warren, Sharon Hagan
Lec: Mike Greene, Pat Barnard
Serv: Zara Panus
Music: Bryan & Amelia
Ush: Mike Rieker, Bill Pollihan, Bryan Potter

November 15—7:30am

EM: Josh Deters, John Fiacco, Dianne Dickherber, Kris Jenkins
Lec: Dave London, Bob Leeker
Serv: Natalie Jaeckle
Music: Verdi & Elizabeth
Ush: Chris Molitor, Gary Potter, Brenda Hutchcraft

November 15—9:30am

EM: Josh Deters, Aaron Waldeck, Laura Orf, Pat Gentry
Lec: Susan & Don Hladky
Serv: Janie Becker
Music: Bryan & Amelia
Ush: Bill Winters, Gary Struckhoff, Joe Weber

November 15—11:30am

EM: Josh Deters, Aaron Waldeck
Lec: Chris & Kat Menne
Serv: Thomas Kokker
Music: Praise & Worship
Ush: Ron Simpson, Chuck Hinkle, Dave Karll

Ministry Schedule

November 21—4pm

EM: Deacon Chris, Josh Deters, Karen Wilson, Pat Roche
Lec: Kathy & Richard Lalonde
Serv: Izzy Scheer
Music: Bryan & Betsy
Ush: Tim Wilson, Chris Cuddihee, Andy Pope

November 22—7:30am

EM: Dcn. Chris, Aaron Waldeck, Becky Wilson, Dianne Dickherber
Lec: Mary Hardesty, Chuck Kettler
Serv: Janie Becker
Music: Verdi & Elizabeth
Ush: Mike Hardesty, Bob & Teresa Berfanger

November 22—9:30am

EM: Josh Deters, Aaron Waldeck, Bob Brossette, Patrice Riley
Lec: Yvonne Brossette, Joe Willis
Serv: William Lassiter
Music: Bryan & Betsy
Ush: Alan Raymond, Chris Molitor, Bill Riley

November 22—11:30am

EM: Josh Deters, Donna Hecht
Lec: Mary Busby-Simpson, Marcy Pivin
Serv: Thomas Kokker
Music: Contemporary
Ush: Tim Maher, Dave Karll, Ron Simpson



A great way to organize emergency meals for the people of our parish!

Arrival of a new baby Injuries/Surgeries
Military deployment Extended illnesses
Condolences Group events

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

Heavenly Duster Schedule

Week of November 15: Mary Hardesty
Week of November 22: Judy Jacob
Week of November 29: volunteer needed

Purificators

Month of November: Pam DeBold

God is truth, and whoever seeks the truth
is seeking God, whether he knows it or not.

—St. Edith Stein

Please pray for all the sick and suffering:

Mark Hanna, Phyllis Zerr, Vickie Brink, Sandy Knott, Mike & Pat Ryan, Fran Bussen, Nancy Hollenstein, Deacon Tony, Walt Reel, Amy Robbins, Betty Heppermann, Don Schmidt, Janie Roth, Betty Boyd, Joyce Brakensiek, Carl Wolff, Gary Potter

Lisa Debold (daughter of Dave & Pam DeBold), Leon Burkemper (son of Carol Rabbitt),

Doris Eisenbath (mother of Judy Molitor), Janet Piel (sister of Joni Marren-Slaughter),

Loren & Evelyn Brandon (parents of Marty & Peggy Dupree), Audrey Molitor (sister of Flo Joerling),

Pat Finan (daughter of Fran Bussen), Steve Wengerski (family friend of Mandy Daub),

Sophia Hartsfield (granddaughter of Ed & Marcia Etzkorn), 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), John Stringer (dear friend of Larry & Rita Bendel)

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

Please pray for Fr. Tom as he goes on retreat from Sunday afternoon until Thursday afternoon. He will offer the scheduled Mass intentions while he is away, while we have Communion Services.

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 16	
8:00am	All Souls
Tuesday, November 17	
8:00am	Charles Smith +
Wednesday, November 18	
8:00am	Dave Gentry +
Thursday, November 19	
8:00am	Audrey Hueffmeier + Jerry Mayhew +
Friday, November 20	
8:00am	Brett Varady +
Saturday, November 21	
8:00am	Tommy Locke + Rosemary Marx +
4:00pm	Frank Modder +
Sunday, November 22	
7:30am	People of the Parish
9:30am	Robert & Bob Keune +
11:30am	Joseph Michael Orf +

this Week at Home

social distancing is recommended at all events

Monday, November 16
Scouts, Founders Hall, 6:30pm
St. Vincent de Paul, Grand Hall, 7pm
Tuesday, November 17
Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am
Knights of Columbus, Founders Hall, 7pm
Wednesday, November 18
Sunday Mass readings study, Weber Hall, 8:30am
Bible Study, Grand Hall, 6pm
Reconciliation, 7pm
Thursday, November 19
Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am
RCIA, Weber Hall, 6:30pm
Friday, November 20
Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30am
Saturday, November 21
Reconciliation, 8:45am
Food Pantry open 9-10:30am



Tuesday, November 24
Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service, here, 7pm
Thursday, November 26—Thanksgiving Day
Mass at 9am
Office closed Thursday and Friday

Contributions, November 7/8

General Offertory:	\$7,467.25
Online—General Offertory:	\$5,963.40
TOTAL	\$13,430.65

*"Well done, my good and faithful servant.
Since you have been faithful in small matters,
I will give you great responsibilities." (Matthew 25:21)*

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, use them wisely and be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us.

Let us pray . . . that we answer God's call to nurture and develop our gifts and return them with increase.

Needed at the Pantry

RECENTLY UPDATED:

Chili beans, vegetable soup, spaghetti sauce in a can, tuna, sugar, fruit juice, brownie mixes, cake mixes and icing, cold cereal, sugar, canned corn, canned chicken, canned chili, saltines, canned ravioli or spaghetti, hot chocolate, mac and cheese, snacks for kids' lunch's, men's/ladies deodorant, shaving lotion, shampoo, body wash, toothpaste and brushes, canned fruit (peaches, pears, fruit cocktail), tea bags, oil,

The good news of today's Gospel is the extravagance of what is being given us. All we need do is be faithful in "small matters." The cost of fidelity has no comparison to the reward given.

When you give the furniture, household items and clothing you no longer use to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you are sharing God's extravagant love.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun:	Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/ 1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21
Mon:	Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Rev 2:17]/Lk 18:35-43
Tue:	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 19:1-10
Wed:	Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Lk 19:11-28
Thu:	Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 19:41-44
Fri:	Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/ Lk 19:45-48
Sat:	Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 20:27-40



Thanksgiving Ecumenical Prayer Service Tuesday, November 24th @ 7pm Immaculate Heart of Mary Church



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)

- Legitimate public authority has the right and duty to inflict penalties commensurate with the gravity of the _____.
a. crime b. lawyer c. earth d. thoughts of the guilty
- Punishment, in addition to preserving public order and the safety of persons, has a medicinal scope: it should contribute to the correction of the _____.
a. society b. offender c. victim d. one harmed
- Recourse to the death penalty on the part of legitimate authority, following a fair trial, was long considered an appropriate response to the gravity of certain crimes and an acceptable, albeit extreme, means of safeguarding the _____.
a. law b. common good c. perpetrator d. victim
- Today, however, there is an increasing awareness that the _____ of the person is not lost even after the commission of very serious crimes.
a. soul b. mind c. life d. dignity
- More effective systems of detention have been developed, which ensure the due protection of citizens but, at the same time, do not definitively deprive the guilty of the possibility of _____.
a. parole b. freedom c. redemption d. an education
- The Church teaches, in the light of the Gospel, that "the death penalty is _____ because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person," and she works with determination for its abolition worldwide
a. acceptable b. impossible c. inadmissible d. inconsistent
- The Fifth Commandment forbids doing anything with the intention of indirectly bringing about a person's _____.
a. thoughts b. death c. confession d. tears
- Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of _____.
a. birth b. conception c. feeling of pain d. the age of reason
- Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion; this teaching has not changed and remains _____.
a. unchangeable b. reversible c. open to change d. open to Supreme Court revision
- When a law deprives a category of human beings the protection which civil legislation ought to accord them, the state is denying the _____ of all before the law.
a. equality b. right to trial c. inequality d. defense of a lawyer

Answer Key: 1. a (2266) 2. b (2266) 3. b (2267) 4. d (2267) 5. c (2267) 6. c (2267) 7. b (2269) 8. b (2270) 9. a (2271) 10. a (2273)



Gift Angels will be on the tree beginning the weekend of November 28/29. All gifts need to be returned to church no later than December 13 (some will be marked for return before that date). Thanks to everyone who will participate in this yearly effort (especially important this year!)—your generosity helps give to others the joy of the Christmas season. God bless all of you!

P.S. The church is open during the week if you care to pick up a gift angel then.

✠ *Rest in Peace* ✠

Jim Adams
nephew of Wally & Jan Karase

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

Warm Clothing Collection



IHM will collect blankets, winter coats, sweaters, sweatshirts, hats, gloves, scarves or any warm clothing until December 6. Please put your new or gently used clothing donations in the container by Weber Hall. Thanks in advance for your care and consideration.

Birtheright Christmas Cards



Inside Verse:

Wishing you joy, peace, and God's Many blessings

The Pro-Life Committee will be selling Birtheright Christmas cards after all Masses the weekends of November 28/29 and December 5/6. Please consider supporting Birtheright when planning your Christmas card purchases. Cost is \$7 for a box of 10 cards.



Janet Hespen, Youth Minister,
314-369-6521

- Dec 3: YM Meeting, 6:30pm, Founders Hall
Wise Men and Trivia (making good choices)
- Dec. 8: Immaculate Conception (Holy Day)
7pm Mass, refreshments after
- Dec. 17: YM Christmas Party, 6:30pm, Founders Hall
Dinner provided, bring your favorite cookies for cookie contest
- Dec. 25: Have a blessed Christmas
- Jan. 1: Mary, Mother of God, Holy Day Mass 10am

Pope's Intentions for November:
Artificial intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.



REMEMBER the Fallen
HONOR those who Serve
TEACH our children the value of freedom

The New Melle VFW and VFW Auxiliary is a proud sponsor of Wreaths Across America at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery and other National Cemeteries across the country. We are also involved in placing wreaths at local cemeteries, **including veterans buried at Immaculate Heart of Mary cemetery.**

New Melle VFW and VFW Auxiliary has made it our mission to honor and remember as many heroes as possible with a remembrance wreath. You can help by sponsoring a wreath, getting your employer involved to sponsor wreaths or raising money in our community or circle of peers to help place a wreath on a loved one's resting place.

Our parishioners are invited to place a wreath on the grave of their loved one who is a veteran. Wreaths cost \$15, a portion of which goes towards care packages for active military members serving overseas. Please complete and return the information below by December 6. Orders will then be forwarded to VFW. **Wreaths will be delivered to IHM on December 18.**

If you would like to sponsor and place a wreath for a loved one buried in another cemetery, please use the form below.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

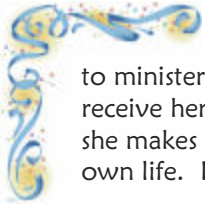
I wish to place a wreath on the grave of the veteran(s) listed below

Veteran(s) buried in IHM cemetery: _____

Veteran(s) buried in another cemetery: _____

Your name and contact info: _____

Wreaths _____ @ \$15 each = \$ _____ enclosed (please make checks payable to New Melle VFW)

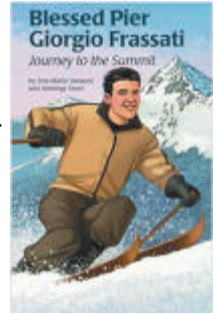


Congratulations to Nancy Ast, who has recently completed her year long journey and training to minister to and be of service to others as a Spiritual Director. In a ceremony on November 30th, Nancy will receive her formal certificate in Spiritual Direction from Archbishop Rozanski. Please keep her in your prayers as she makes herself available to minister and journey with others as she embarks upon this new phase of her own life. If you would like to speak to Nancy she can be reached at 636-357-3457.



PSR Corner

Every PSR class has a chosen patron saint which catechists help students learn about. After 8 years, students will have learned more about 8 folks in God's Holy Hall of Fame. Meet the 6th grade patron—Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati. Pier Giorgio Frassati was born on April 6, 1901, in Turin, Italy. His father, Alfredo, was the founder and director of an Italian newspaper and a politician. His mother, Adelaide, was a painter. Mr. and Mrs. Frassati were not exactly ideal parents. Alfredo antagonized his children, and Adelaide was high-strung and critical. They attended Mass because it was an obligation. From his early childhood, Pier Giorgio was sensitive to the needs of others. At the age of fourteen, he began attending Mass and receiving Communion almost every day. Later Pier Giorgio joined the Dominican Third Order. Pier Giorgio's ministry was to the poor. Pier Giorgio's friends knew him as a lively prankster who enjoyed mountain climbing and skiing. He was also a social justice activist, taking part in religious demonstrations against fascism. In 1925, he contracted polio from one of his patients. Giorgio would soon be close to death. His last hours were spent in quiet prayer and in giving last minute instructions for helping the poor, who were always on his mind. Then, early in the morning of July 4, 1925, he died quietly after receiving the Sacrament of Anointing. He was twenty-four.



Pier Giorgio was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1990. The life of Pier Giorgio will impress kids more than many other saints because they will be able to relate to this athletic, adventurous youth and young adult. They will learn one of his principles of life: "Life must be lived well, following true and sound principles. It's never enough to simply get along."



*Awaiting Christ
our Hope*

Encountering our Incarnate Lord in Advent and Christmas

Please join us **Saturday, December 12**, beginning with 8am Mass followed by FREE breakfast and presentation in the Grand Hall

ALL are welcome! Registration required—please sign up in Narthex

Miracles and Phenomena associated through Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati's intercession

Excerpts below from the THE OFFICIAL USA WEBSITE FOR
BLESSED PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI: "THE MAN OF THE EIGHT BEATITUDES"
<https://frassatiusa.org/first-miracle>

WHAT WAS THE FIRST MIRACLE ATTRIBUTED TO BLESSED FRASSATI'S INTERCESSION?

Although many miracles may perhaps be attributed to the intercession of Blessed Frassati, the Church officially recognized the healing of Domenico Sellan in 1933. At the time, Domenico was 40 years old and suffering from a tubercular disease of the spine, paralyzed and nearing death. A priest visited him on December 28, 1933, and brought him a small prayer card of Pier Giorgio (whose cause for canonization was opened soon after his death.) Domenico was miraculously cured and lived another 35 years.

It wasn't until 1989 that the documentation of this miracle received final approval. Pier Giorgio Frassati was declared "Blessed" the following year on May 20, 1990. Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati...pray for us!

IF PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI'S BODY WAS FOUND INCORRUPT WHEN HIS TOMB WAS OPENED, WOULDN'T THAT BE CONSIDERED HIS SECOND MIRACLE?

A second miracle must be attributed to the intercession of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati in order for his cause of canonization to proceed. However, the mere fact that his body was found to be incorrupt is not sufficient. In rare cases, incorruptibility may be considered miraculous. Generally, however, incorruptibility is only considered to be evidence of the holiness of the person. Why then is the tomb opened during the canonization process? This is normal procedure for identifying the mortal remains of the holy person.

IF THERE ARE TWO MIRACLES NECESSARY FOR THE CANONIZATION PROCESS, ARE THERE ANY OTHERS "PENDING"?

Below is a recent miraculous recovery from 2011. The full story can be found at: <https://aleteia.org/2016/11/03/miraculous-recovery-attributed-to-blessed-pier-giorgio-frassati/>

A young man's unexplained recovery may be the miracle that leads to the future saint's canonization

In 2011, Kevin Becker fell from the second floor of a house he shared with a couple of college roommates, fracturing his skull in five places and damaging every lobe of his brain. After an emergency operation he lay stable but unresponsive for nine days. The doctors thought he wouldn't live; and if he did he would suffer from gross cognitive deficits.

A picture of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati had been sent to his mother by a cousin, who suggested she ask for Frassati's intercession. Becker's mother did so, and placed the picture at his side.

During his coma, Kevin remembers waking up in the house he shared with his friends, and hearing someone downstairs. That was odd; he says he's always the first one up. He investigated, and in the living room he found a young man he didn't know.

"Who are you?"

"I'm George, your new roommate."

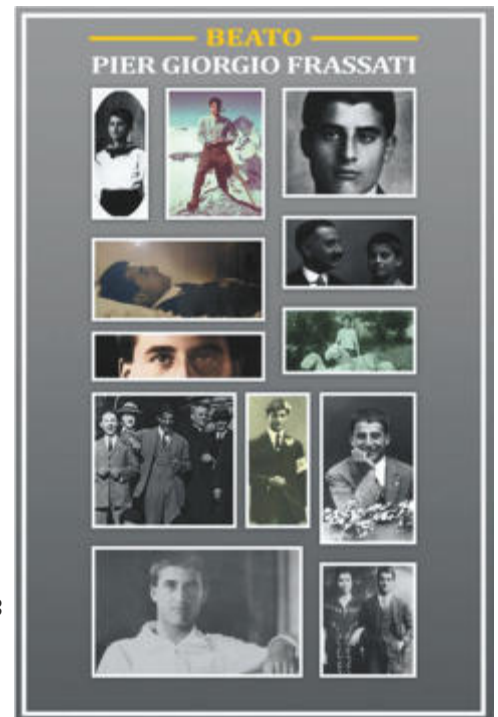
"That can't be. I already have two roommates."

"They aren't around anymore."

"Oh."

He then spent a long timeless day with George. An ardent soccer player who hates staying indoors, Kevin kept trying to leave the house but George wouldn't let him go. They fought about it, as if they were brothers, but George was adamant. He encouraged him to be patient, passing the time by sitting on the couch [with Kevin] playing a soccer video game called "FIFA."

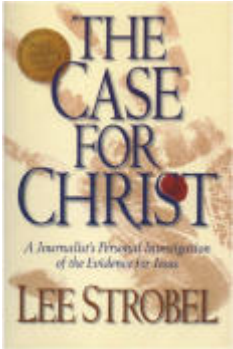
Eventually he awoke in the hospital. Less than three weeks after his injury he was wheeled to the door of the hospital, where he stood up, slung his bag over his shoulder, and walked to the car ... tossing a football with his brother. The records of Kevin's case have been sent to the Vatican; and his recovery may well be the miracle that leads to Frassati's canonization.



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