



# 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

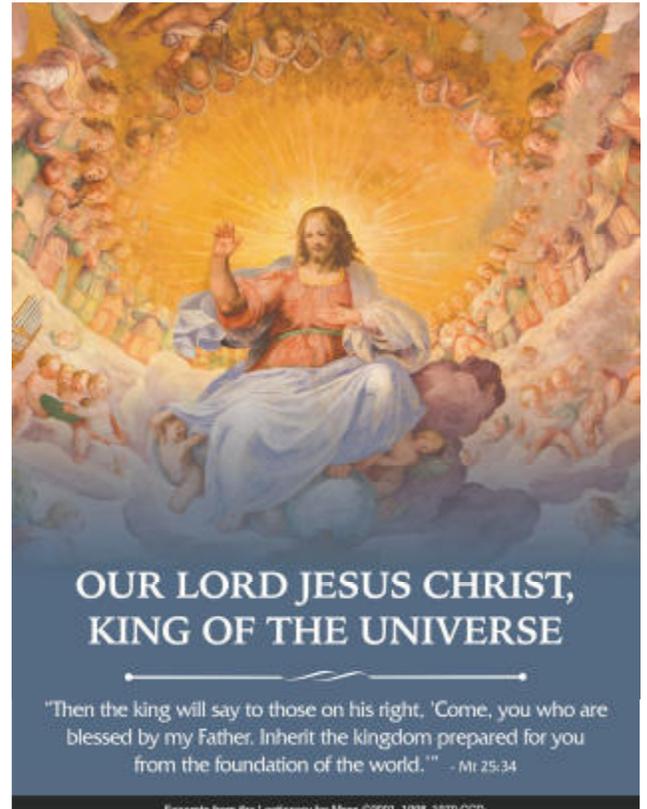
### Baptism:

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 22, 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.

**Parish Staff**

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**Religious Education**

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**

Weddings, Receptions, Events

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Julie Lassiter 636-357-0121

## An Attitude of Gratitude

Dear Parishioners:

As we approach Thanksgiving there are many opportunities and occasions to celebrate our thanks. I hope you will be able to participate in some of them.

- ✘ This weekend we celebrate the Solemn Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This feast day ends our Sunday celebrations in Ordinary Time and prepares us for the coming Advent Season. The Church invites us to ponder the simple Kingship of Christ in our lives. How does our manner of living, our way of relating and our interior attitude reflect the heart of our Crucified King?
- ✘ 42nd Annual Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service: Tuesday, November 24 at 7pm here at IHM. There will be a collection to support our SVDP food pantry. Let us gather with our neighbors to praise and thank the Lord for all the blessings He has bestowed on our New Melle community. Gathering together with fellow believers in prayer, song and fellowship is a real grace.
- ✘ **Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be 9am in church.** I hope you can attend. My reasons for giving thanks grow each day and I pray that you too have experienced the blessings of God's providential and attentive love.



The most natural expression for a mature disciple of Christ ought to be gratitude. The attitude of one who has reflected upon the great sacrifice of Jesus is one of thanksgiving for the unmerited gift of redemption. In all things we should thank the Lord for His goodness to us.

Filled with thanksgiving,

Fr. Tom

## Our Lord Jesus Christ the King—Dear A

[At the Last Judgment the King will say,] *"I was a stranger and you received me.... The righteous will then answer... 'When, Lord, did we... welcome you.....' The King will reply, 'I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important, you did it for me!'"* Matthew 25:35-48

On the wall was a big target and on a nearby table were many darts. Dr. Smith told the students to draw a picture of someone that they disliked or someone who had made them angry, and he would allow them to throw darts at the person's picture. Many images were drawn and with great enthusiasm. The class lined up and began throwing darts. Some of the students threw their darts with such force that their targets were ripping apart. After everyone had their turn, Dr. Smith removed the target from the wall. Underneath the target was a picture of Jesus. A hush fell over the room as each student viewed the mangled picture of Jesus; holes and jagged marks covered His face and His eyes were pierced. Dr. Smith said only these words... "In as much as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

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

## 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

## 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 Boyd,  
Don Schmidt, Janie Roth, Betty Heppermann,  
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

## Ministry Schedule

### November 28—4pm

EM: Deacon Chris, Josh Deters, Chris Warren, Bryan Potter  
Lec: Nancy Ast, Jerry Knott  
Serv: Zoey Panus  
Music: Bryan & cantor  
Ush: Mike Rieker, Andy Pope, Bill Pollihan

### November 29—7:30am

EM: Dcn. Tony, Josh Deters, Aaron Waldeck, Maureen Blondin  
Lec: Bob Leeker, Kris Jenkins  
Serv: Sydney Jaeckle  
Music: Verdi & Elizabeth  
Ush: Ron Jacob, Frank Kardasz, Tom Meczowski

### November 29—9:30am

EM: Deacon Tony, Aaron Waldeck, Janet Hespén, Chris Richter  
Lec: Pat Gentry, Michelle Greiwe  
Serv: Mary Becker  
Music: Bryan & cantor  
Ush: Brenda Hutchcraft, Joe Weber, Larry Smith

## Heavenly Duster Schedule

Week of November 22: Judy Jacob  
Week of November 29: volunteer needed

## Purificators

Month of November: Pam DeBold

## This Week at Home

*social distancing is recommended at all events*



### Saturday, November 21

Reconciliation, 8:45am

Look for Scouting for Food bags on your door

Food Pantry open 9-10:30am

### Monday, November 23

Scouts, Founders Hall, 6:30pm

Men for Christ, Grand Hall, 7pm

### Tuesday, November 24

Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service, church, 7pm

### Wednesday, November 25

Sunday Mass readings study, Weber Hall, 8:30am

Bible Study, Grand Hall, 6pm

Reconciliation, 7pm

### Thursday, November 26—Thanksgiving Day

Mass at 9am

Office closed Thursday and Friday

### Friday, November 27

Christmas Tree Lot opens today (pavilion)

### Saturday, November 28

Reconciliation, 8:45am

### Sunday, November 29—1st Sunday of Advent

*During Advent, Fr. Tom has extra hours for Confession:  
Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday at 7pm*

## Mass Intentions

Monday, November 23 8:00am	David Flavan +
Tuesday, November 24 8:00am	Michael Zurweller + Jerry Mayhew (4th ann.) +
Wednesday, November 25 8:00am	All Souls Joseph Schweitzer +
Thursday, November 26 9:00am ***	Matthew Bourneuf +
Friday, November 27 8:00am	Ed Rabbitt +
Saturday, November 28 8:00am	Jean Reel +
	Bob Cova +
Sunday, November 29 7:30am	Kathy Reininger (1st ann.) +
8:30am	Herbert O. Fine + People of the Parish

## Contributions, Nov. 14/15

Will be reported next week

*"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me." —Matthew 25:40*

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving on one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient; when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's schedule.

Let us pray . . . that we are generous with our gifts of time, talent and treasure especially when it's not always convenient for us.

## 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,



Today as we celebrate Christ the King, we hear Jesus say: "...whatever you did for one of the least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Knowing that we find the face of Christ in the poor, this month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul assisted 14 families, providing them food worth approximately \$1344.00 We also provided assistance to our Neighbors in need with utilities, twinning with other sister SVDP conferences etc.. This additional assistance totaled \$2847.98

## † Rest in Peace †

Jim Adams  
nephew of Wally & Jan Karase

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



## Candlelight Rorate Caeli Mass

6:45am Monday, December 14, Church

The Rorate Caeli Mass is a traditional Advent devotion in which a Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Advent is offered just before dawn, with no lighting other than candles on the altar, windowsills, and handheld. Those who attend can expect to be rewarded with a uniquely beautiful Mass.

The Mass takes its title, *Rorate Caeli* ("Drop down dew, ye heavens") from the initial Latin words of Isaiah 45:8. In the dimly lit setting, priest and faithful prepare to honor the Light of the world, Who is soon to be born, and offer praise to God for the gift of Our Lady. As the Mass proceeds and sunrise approaches, the church becomes progressively brighter, illumined by the sun as our Faith is illumined by Christ.

*We will have weekday Mass at 8am as usual.*



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.*

## 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)

- Since it must be treated from conception as a person, the \_\_\_\_\_ must be defended in its integrity, cared for, and healed, as far as possible, like any other human being.
  - embryo
  - law
  - court
  - mother
- Whatever its motives and means, direct \_\_\_\_\_ consists in putting an end to the lives of handicapped, sick, or dying persons. It is morally unacceptable.
  - health care
  - euthanasia
  - amputation
  - court order
- An act or omission which, of itself or by intention, causes death in order to eliminate \_\_\_\_\_ constitutes a murder gravely contrary to the dignity of the human person.
  - suffering
  - hope
  - healing
  - recovery
- The error of judgment into which one can fall in good faith does not change the nature of this murderous act, which must always be forbidden and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - sought after
  - promoted
  - excluded
  - legalized
- Discontinuing medical procedures that are burdensome, dangerous, extraordinary, or disproportionate to the expected outcome can be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - never allowed
  - impossible
  - never considered
  - legitimate
- Even if death is thought imminent, the ordinary \_\_\_\_\_ owed to a sick person cannot be legitimately interrupted.
  - termination
  - burden
  - cared.
  - suffering
- Suicide contradicts the natural inclination of the human being to \_\_\_\_\_ and perpetuate his life.
  - terminate
  - preserve
  - shorten
  - interrupt
- Suicide likewise offends love of neighbor because it unjustly breaks the ties of solidarity with family, nation, and other human societies to which we continue to have \_\_\_\_\_.
  - financial expectations
  - obligations
  - desire to avoid
  - indifference to
- Grave psychological disturbances, anguish, or grave fear of hardship, suffering, or torture can diminish the \_\_\_\_\_ of the one committing suicide.
  - pain
  - responsibility
  - expectation
  - fear
- We should not despair of the eternal \_\_\_\_\_ of persons who have taken their own lives.
  - punishment
  - suffering
  - salvation
  - consequences

Answer Key:  
 1. a (2274) 2. b (2277) 3. a (2277) 4. c (2277) 5. d (2278)  
 6. c (2279) 7. b (2281) 8. b (2281) 9. b (2282) 10. c (2283)



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.



## Birtright Christmas Cards



Inside Verse:

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

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

Simply believing in the existence of God is not exactly what I would call a commitment. After all, even the devil believes that God exists! Believing has to change the way we live.  
—Mother Angelica



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



### 4th Annual Hunt for Hunger

Bring your field dressed deer to Josephville Meat Market, 1363 Josephville Road, Wentzville, for FREE processing as you donate it to Share the Harvest/Hunt for Hunger. Or, ask your local processor if they are participating in the program. Non-hunters can also contribute by donating some ground beef to the program. Contact David or Cathy at 636-299-3291 or [cathyneier@aol.com](mailto:cathyneier@aol.com).



### 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.

**NAR-ANON SUPPORT GROUP:** Weekly meetings on Saturdays, 10:00 am in the Trailer at IHM. This group is for Family and Friends of Addicts. For questions, please call Ann at 314-578-4737.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46  
Mon: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 21:1-4  
Tue: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 21:5-11  
Wed: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 [Rev 15:3b]/Lk 21:12-19  
Thu: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100/Lk 21:20-28  
Fri: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a /Lk 21:29-33  
Sat: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab [1 Cor 16:22b]/Lk 21:34-36



### 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

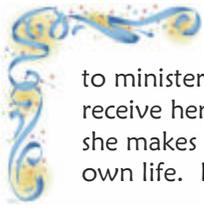
*I wish to place a wreath on the grave of the veteran(s) listed below*

Veteran(s) buried in IHM cemetery: \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran(s) buried in another cemetery: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name and contact info: \_\_\_\_\_

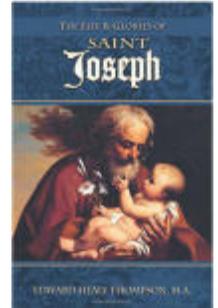
# Wreaths \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed (please make checks payable to New Melle VFW)



**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 7th grade patron—St. Joseph. A few verses in Matthew and Luke tell us all we know about St. Joseph. They provide just enough information to demonstrate why he was the divine choice to become the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus. Joseph was genealogically perfect for these roles. A distant descendant of King David, he gave Christ the King his royal lineage. Joseph also came from the right hometown. He was from Bethlehem, the city that Scripture predicted would produce the messiah (see Micah 5:1). And as a carpenter (see Matthew 13:55), Joseph was poor—Christ's condition of preference.



Scripture portrays Joseph as open to God, obedient, upright, and, above all, kind. The saint displayed all of these qualities in his handling of Mary's pregnancy. Joseph was open to God, and in a dream a divine messenger told him to take Mary home as his wife. Joseph did exactly as he was told. Joseph's wise dealing with Mary is a model for us when we face complex moral and personal issues. He subordinated his feelings to do what God required. He was open to whatever God wanted, and when he sensed the divine will, he obeyed. St. Joseph is patron of the universal Church.



*Awaiting Christ  
our Hope*

## *Encountering our Incarnate Lord in Advent and Christmas*

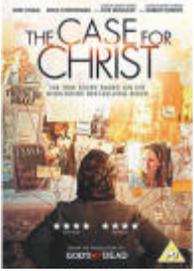
Please join us **Saturday, December 12**, beginning with 8am Mass followed by FREE breakfast and presentation in the Grand Hall

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

## St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

(Note: With close to 4000 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: Downstairs Grand Hall



Wow what can I say, this movie was realistic, practical, believable and yet also supernatural. Unlike many Christian films that often have cheesy plots, ideas, or delivery, this movie was the kind of movie that can rock someone, even an unbeliever, to the core. I pray regularly for God to portray His truth on the Big Screen in Hollywood, and lately some gems like this movie have come forth. Such an upgrade from what we have seen many "Christian" movies be in the past. Sure it's based on a true story so that may have helped, but really I believe the execution of the movie was captivating, inspiring and very moving emotionally. It confronts the reality that an "unbeliever" may think they are basing their beliefs on facts, but the reality is they are still having "faith" in many things that they cannot see or prove. So the idea that a believer is the only one having "faith" is a lie. Even someone who believes in God wholeheartedly, and has ministered the gospel to 1000s of lives, I was incredibly inspired, encouraged and motivated to more adequately share the love of Jesus with others after watching this movie. The fact that there is simply so much hard evidence of Christ's death, burial and resurrection, more so than any other major event in history, should speak volumes to any person who doubt Jesus even existed, let alone was God in the flesh.

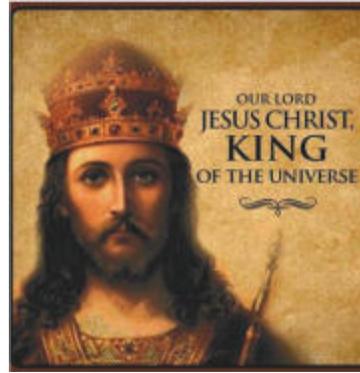
*"Lee Strobel probes with bulldog-like tenacity the evidence for the truth of biblical Christianity."*-Bruce M. Metzger, Ph.D., Professor of New Testament, Emeritus, Princeton Theological Seminary

*"Lee Strobel asks the questions a tough-minded skeptic would ask. His book is so good I read it out loud to my wife evenings after dinner. Every inquirer should have it."*-Phillip E. Johnson, Law Professor, University of California at Berkeley

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## Act of Dedication of the Human Race to Jesus Christ the King

Most Sweet Jesus, Redeemer of the human race,  
look down upon us humbly prostrate before You.

We are Yours, and Yours we wish to be;

but to be more surely united with You,

behold each one of us freely consecrates himself  
today to Your Most Sacred Heart.

Many indeed have never known You;

many, too, despising Your precepts,  
have rejected You.

Have mercy on them all, most merciful Jesus,  
and draw them to Your Sacred Heart.

Be King, O Lord, not only of the faithful

who have never forsaken You,

but also of the prodigal children

who have abandoned You;

grant that they may quickly return

to their Father's house,

lest they die of wretchedness and hunger.

Be King of those who are deceived

by erroneous opinions,

or whom discord keeps aloof, and call them back

to the harbor of Truth and the unity of Faith,

so that soon there may be

but one flock and one Shepherd.

Grant, O Lord, to Your Church

assurance of freedom and immunity from harm;

give tranquility of order to all nations;

make the earth resound from pole to pole

with one cry:

Praise to the Divine Heart

that wrought our salvation;

to It be glory and honor forever. Amen.

#27. A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful, who piously recite the Act of Dedication of the Human Race to Jesus Christ the King, if it is recited publicly on the feast of our Lord Jesus Christ the King, and piously carry out the precepts in Norm #23 listed below. - Say one "Our Father" and one "Hail Mary" for the intentions of the Pope - Make a Sacramental Confession within a week of (before or after) the Feast of Christ the King - Worthily receive Holy Communion (ideally on the Feast of Christ the King)- that one be free from all attachment to sin, even venial sin.

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Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8  
Holy Day Masses at 8:00am and 7:00pm

Advent Concert: Friday, December 11, 7:00pm, Church

Advent Prayer Breakfast:  
Saturday, December 12, 8:45am, Grand Hall

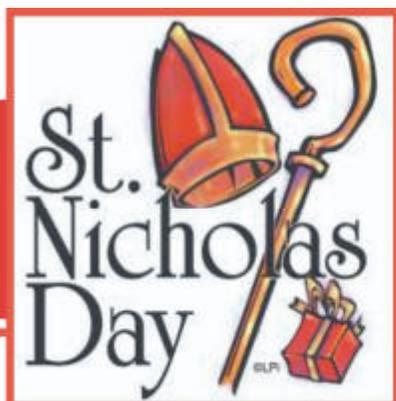
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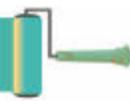
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