



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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Parish Office: 636-398-5270 Fax: 636-398-5577

Schedule of Holy Mass

Saturday: 8:00am
4:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am
Weekdays: 8:00am, St. Joseph Chapel

Weekly Devotions and Prayers

Eucharistic Adoration:

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

Rosary:

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

Perpetual Help Devotions:

Tuesdays following 8am Mass

Respect Life Prayers:

Thursday following 8am Mass

First Saturday of the Month Devotions

8am Mass, Rosary, 15 minutes of meditation

Sacraments

Reconciliation:

Wednesday in church, 7pm
Saturday following 8am Mass

Marriage:

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

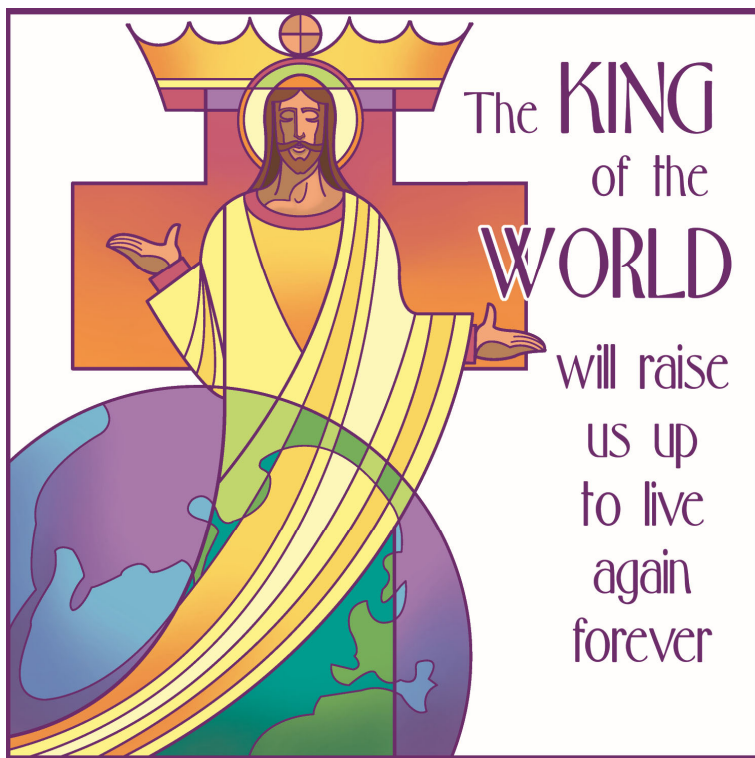
Baptism:

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:

Contact Shawn Mueller in the parish office

November 10, 2019 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Spread the Word

I used to take Jesus' saying at the end of today's Gospel (Luke 20:38) as a proof that God was outside of time, not limited or fixed in time as we are. When he says that all are alive to God, I took it to mean that God is just as present to me in the twenty-first century as the LORD was to Abraham thousands of years before the time of Christ. But people in Jesus' era had no conception of time as a dimension. The phrase "God of the living" means that the dead are alive again in the Resurrection. Why was it easier for the Sadducees to imagine the impossible—a woman wondering who her spouse is in heaven—than to imagine the Resurrection?

Even today, some people find it easier to imagine a romantic vampire than to believe in someone rising from the dead. Think about how much money and effort go into advertising one of those vampire movies. Do we see many people put that kind of enthusiasm into their faith? Maybe that's why St. Paul prays for the word of God to "speed forward and be glorified." So how do we help the word to speed forward?

Let's take a hint from advertising. I get very annoyed with ads that go on and on about how good their product is and how you can get two for \$10 (plus \$15 postage and handling). I'm more likely to buy a product a friend shows me that will do something use-

ful. Why not spread the word like that? Be "useful" for God. Offer to help someone carry in their groceries or fill out their income tax forms. Be generous with your time. Listen to someone's troubles, not with a bored look, but with concern and support. (Don't limit your generosity to friends only.) And if anyone asks why, you can tell them you are just grateful for what God has done for you. Many people out there are looking for a reason to believe in God. You could be that reason, but it won't be because you can debate the nature of time. People aren't looking to be bored by another commercial. They are looking for signs of God's love that will lead them to faith.

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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

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"Teach us to count our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart." Psalm 90: 12

Dear Parishioners,

One of the greatest things we struggle with as modern disciples of Jesus is the use of our time. Psalm 90, where the quote above appears, calls out to God to help us order our days aright. We want to exercise good use of our time by exercising deliberate choices with how we choose to spend our time. Just going with the flow of the day often opens the door to wasting time or spending it on things that distract but do not satisfy. In our prosperity, we have the ability to distract ourselves to death and reap the harvest of a life of boredom and ultimate emptiness. Entertainment and fun is healthy in moderation, but in excess our souls become as lethargic as our bodies do without proper exercise. We have been sold a false bill of goods that entertainment and distraction is what we most desire.

November affords us with opportunities to "count our days aright." The biggest event, one I dare say is once in a lifetime, is the visit by Dr. Peter Kreeft. Dr. Kreeft is one of the great converts of the last century who has blessed the Church with his passion for embracing the faith. As you have seen in this bulletin, Dr. Kreeft has written close to a hundred books on various dimensions of the faith; above all our ability to grasp the faith, live the faith and articulate it to others. Understanding the faith should be one of our greatest desires as disciples of Jesus. Noth-

ing will bring us greater satisfaction that exploring and embracing the depths of faith. We are capable of expanding our knowledge and articulation—we need only a good mentor and the desire to learn. We could not ask for a better mentor than Dr. Kreeft.

Let Dr. Kreeft's visit to IHM open the door to awakening a deeper desire for formation in the faith. His presentation will help us understand the spiritual and cultural malaise that seeks to rob of us of the joy of discipleship. His "prescription" will offer sage advice on how we might overcome this illness before it takes a lethal turn. God created us for greatness in this life and ultimate joy with Him in the next. Formation in the faith by deliberate acts of study and reflection will lead us to greater joy and lasting contentment. Three hours on a Sunday afternoon with an unparalleled mentor in the faith can be a springboard to the pursuit of wisdom of the heart. It is never too late to begin the great adventure of unearthing the treasures of faith and wisdom. Please make it a priority that you won't regret. Spiritual and personal engagement far surpasses entertainment.

Dr. Kreeft: November 24th 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Peace,



Thanksgiving Ecumenical Prayer Service
Tuesday, November 26th @ 7pm at New Melle Baptist Church

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C

[Asked about the afterlife, Jesus said,] "Moses clearly proves that the dead are raised. . . . He speaks of the Lord as. . . the God of the living." LUKE 20:37-38

A little girl bounced excitedly up the airport ramp to board a plane. "Where are you going?" her mother asked. Without missing a bounce, she said, "To Granny's! To Granny's! To Granny's!" The girl's answer helps to illustrate Jesus' point about the afterlife. We should think of it not so much as being in a place as being with a person. Jesus says to Mary Magdalene, "Tell them [the disciples] that I am returning to. . . my God and their God" (JOHN 20:17).

From strictly a natural point of view, why does an afterlife seem logical?

From the voiceless lips of the unreplying dead there comes no word. But in the night of Death, Hope sees a star, and listening Love can hear the rustle of a wing. ROBERT GREEN INGERSOLL

Mark Link S.J.

This Week at Home

Heavenly Duster: Donna Wolff
Purificators: Clara Haas



Sunday, November 10

KC Breakfast, Founders Hall, 8-11am

Monday, November 11

SVDP, 6pm

Scouts, 6:30pm

Choir practice, church, 7pm

Tuesday, November 12

Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, 9am

Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am

Marian Council, Weber Hall, 6:30pm

Children's Choir practice, church, 7pm

Wednesday, November 13

Sunday readings study, Weber Hall, 8:45am

Contemporary Group practice, church, 5:30pm

PSR, Founders Hall/Weber Hall/Trailer, 6pm

Exodus Bible Study, Grand Hall, 6pm

Praise & Worship group practice, church, 7pm

Pro Life info meeting, Weber Hall, 7:30pm

Reconciliation, 7pm

Thursday, November 14

Fitness, Grand Hall foyer, 9am

Yoga, Grand Hall foyer, 7pm

Liturgy Committee, Weber Hall, 7pm

Friday, November 15

Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30—noon

Saturday, November 16

Reconciliation, 8:45am

Food Pantry open 9-10:30am

Sunday, November 17

Next Week Ministries

November 16—4:00pm

EM: Jackie Barclay, Jim & Chris Warren, Pat Roche, Wilma Zurweller, Ed Etzkorn, Becky Wilson, Carole Baker

Lec: Donna Hecht, Mike Greene

Music: Bryan Beams and Cantor

GB: Flo Joerling, Joyce Brakensiek

Serv: Colten, Camden, Cienna Genta

Ush: Tim Wilson, Bill Pollihan, Bryan Potter, Chris Cuddihee

November 17—7:30am

EM: Jan Kardasz, Maureen Blondin, Bob Leeker, John Fiacco, Kris Jenkins, Betty Tuepker

Lec: Karen Wappelhorst, Elizabeth Vehige

Music: Elizabeth Jaeckle, Verdi Morley

GB: Dot Welge, Carol Rabbitt

Serv: Maybelle Hahn, Bridget Goins

Ush: Frank Kardasz, Larry Smith, Gary Potter, Ron Jacob

November 17—9:30am

EM: Michelle Greiwe, Dave & Pam DeBold, Cheryl Gray, Chris Richter, Patrice Riley, Lisa Murphy, Joni Marren-Slaughter

Lec: Pat Gentry, Nancy Meyers

Music: Choir

GB: Mary Keune & Lisa Nadler

Serv: Thomas Kokker, Maggie & Morgan Molitor

Ush: Bob Gray, Bob Hutchcraft, Curt Eccardt, Joe Weber, Brian Corrigan, Alan Raymond

IHM Information Station

November 16, 4pm Ed & Marcia Etzkorn

November 17, 7:30am Maureen Blondin

November 17, 9:30am Dave & Pam DeBold

Vocation Prayer Bag

November 17, 9:30am Chris & Judy Molitor



Needed at the Pantry

fruit juices (grape, apple, cran-something),
sugar, saltines, vegetable soup, creamed soup
(no tomato please), oil, tuna, canned chili,
beef stew, baked beans, hot cereal, coffee,
peanut butter, canned fruits, tea, dish soap, paper products,
dry pastas (all types), canned spaghetti sauce,
men's shaving lotion, women's disposable razors

In today's Gospel we find that God is a God of the living, and this is indeed the core of our hope. Jesus has risen and is with us, therefore, at no time should we be without hope for the future.

When you give the furniture, household items and clothing you no longer use to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you give hope to your neighbors who have nothing.



Janet Hespen, Youth Minister, 314-369-6521

CALENDAR

Nov. 14: YM meeting, Weber Hall, 5:30pm,
after short meeting, we head for Pizza Ranch

Nov. 20: ADORE Praise & Worship, 6:30pm
we will sit on the left side of church

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 11

8:00am Moira Ryan +
Rose Reuther +

Tuesday, November 12

8:00am Peter A. Shepis +
Gerald Bussen (3rd ann.) +

Wednesday, November 13

8:00am Vicki Rellergert +
parents of Jeff & Chris Comotto +

Thursday, November 14

8:00am intention of Roger & Vickie Brink
All Souls in Purgatory

Friday, November 15

8:00am All Souls
living/deceased Birk & Aufmuth Families

Saturday, November 16

8:00am Joseph Michael Orf +
Fran Heil +

4:00pm Ed Langford +
Gertrude Windisch +

Sunday, November 17

7:30am People of the Parish
Herbert O. Fine +

9:30am Charles Smith +

Attention Teens! 8th Grade and High School

Join the hundreds of other teens and adults who will be making the trip to Washington DC in January for

GENERATION ★ LIFE

Young Catholic proclaiming the Gospel of Life.

In the midst of the darkness, young people are rising up to lead a pro-life generation.

When: January 22—26, 2020

Where: Washington, DC

Cost: \$270/person, but funds from mum sales
will be available

To save your spot call or text Janet ASAP.

Check out Youtube "March for Life 2019"

Meeting for parents and teens on
November 13, 7:30pm in Weber Hall

Contributions, November 2/3

General Offertory:	\$11,222.08
Online – General Offertory:	\$4,672.79
TOTAL	\$15,894.87

*"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father,
Who has loved us and given us everlasting
encouragement and good hope through His grace,
encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every
good deed and word." (2 Thessalonians 2: 16-17)*

There are two important lessons here. First, we are called to be generous with our encouragement and hope. As God shows us mercy, we must be merciful to others. Second, joy is contagious! The joy we receive from doing good works not only strengthens us, it encourages others as well. Share the joy of living your faith whenever you can.

*We pray ... that just as God shows mercy on us,
we show mercy with each other.*

Please pray for all the sick and suffering:

Ed Haas, Mark Hanna, Dee Schipper, Phyllis Zerr,
Vickie Brink, Sandy Knott, Mike & Pat Ryan,
Carol Rabbitt, Audrey Hueffmeier, Karla Sitzes,
Fran Bussen, Vicky Monroe, Nancy Hollenstein,
Jean Bamert, Amy Robbins, Betty Heppermann,
Yvonne Brossette, Loretta Bruns, Cassie Potter,
Kathy Feldewerth, Frank Marquart

David & Lisa Debold (Dave & Pam DeBolt's children),
Dave Asinger (brother-in-law of Larry & Rita Bendel),
Bob Holland (friend of Shirley Augustine),
Sherri Callahan (daughter of Vickie & Paul Grunz),
Steve Ditch (brother of Dennis & Kathleen Ditch),
Peter Gray (son-in-law of Adrienne Collins),
Fred Brown (son-in-law of Bill & Bernie Pollihan),
Leon Burkemper (son of Carol Rabbitt),
Pam Knott (sister-in-law of Jerry & Sandy Knott),
Doris Eisenbath (mother of Judy Molitor),
Tammy Cherry & Macy Enderle
(daughter-in-law and niece of Ray & Kay Cherry),
Dorothy Day (mother of Pat Barnard),
Larry Williams (father of Lisa Murphy)

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

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

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

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



**March For Life 2020—
Registration Now Open**

MISSOURI LIFE CARAVAN is now accepting registrations for our bus trip to the annual March for Life in Washington DC on **Thursday thru Saturday, January 23-25, 2020**. Until all life is protected, we will travel to DC to meet with our representatives and peacefully protest against the Supreme Court's decision to legalize abortion. This trip is open to anyone ages 7 and up (chaperones not provided). We depart from several locations in the St. Louis area and we do not stay in hotels as we sleep on the buses. The cost if received by December 20 is \$205, after is \$220. For more information and to register go to www.missourilifecaravan.org. Contact us at 314-434-4900 or mrl.eastern@yahoo.com. Registration deadline is January 2, 2020.

✠ *Rest in Peace* ✠

We offer our prayerful sympathy to
Bill and Wilma Zurweller on the death of
their sister-in-law

Mary Ellen Renaud

and to Sophia Bax on the death of her brother-in-law
Raymond Bax

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

Birthright Christmas Cards

The Pro-Life Committee will be selling Birthright Christmas cards after all Masses the weekends of Nov. 23-24 and Nov. 30-Dec. 1. The cards come 10 in a package for \$3. Please consider supporting Birthright when planning your Christmas card purchases.

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

**ALL current Liturgical Ministers and those wishing to Minister
are asked to complete this form!!**

Name(s) _____
(please print)

Phone(s) _____

email(s) _____

☐ Please remove my name from this ministry list for the time being _____

	Saturday 4pm	Sunday 7:30am	Sunday 9:30am	Sunday, 11:30am
Lector				
Extraordinary Minister				
Usher				
Gift Bearer				
Altar Server				



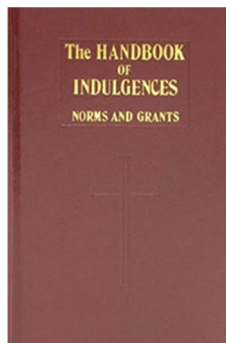
This week our parish will take a collection to benefit the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, a triennial collection approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Please prayerfully consider a contribution to this special collection to support active-duty military men and women, and their families—including those from our own parish.

Formed & PSR Corner

November is traditionally and devotionally dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory, whose feast is celebrated on November 2.

A question for all of us to consider is, “Are we continually praying for the faithful departed?” Are we living in an “out of sight, out of mind” mentality in regard to these “prisoners of war”? How often do we visit a cemetery to pray for loved ones or for others buried there? Consider prayers or works of indulgences for the faithful departed. Google this article, “*Here’s How You Can Help the Holy Souls in Purgatory*” for a few good insights.



Pope’s Intentions for November: Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

Readings of the Week

Mon: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6
 Tue: Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10
 Wed: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19
 Thu: Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25
 Fri: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37
 Sat: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8
 Sun: Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

What’s Your Catholic Catechism IQ?

- Only priests (bishops and presbyters) are ____ of the anointing of the sick.
 - witnesses
 - ministers
 - preachers
 - receivers
- The faithful should encourage the sick to call for a ____ to receive this Sacrament.
 - deacon
 - priest
 - 911
 - parish staff member
- The grace of this Sacrament is one of strengthening, peace and courage to overcome the difficulties that go with the serious illness or frailty of _____.
 - bones
 - mind
 - old age
 - marriage
- As a grace of the Holy Spirit, it strengthens against the temptations of the evil one to discouragement and anguish in the face of _____.
 - health
 - life
 - worry
 - death
- This assistance is meant to lead the sick person to healing of the soul, but also of the ____ if such is God’s will.
 - feet
 - head
 - body
 - spouse
- Furthermore through the power and gift of the Spirit, if he has committed sins, he will be _____.
 - lucky
 - forgiven
 - not healed
 - punished
- The sick person received through the grace of Anointing the strength and the gift of uniting himself more closely to Christ’s _____.
 - church
 - passion
 - vision
 - teaching
- Suffering, a consequence of _____ sin, acquires a new meaning; it becomes a participation in the saving work of Jesus.
 - original
 - venial
 - actual
 - grave
- The sick, by freely uniting themselves to the passion and death of Christ, contribute to the _____ of the people of God.
 - good
 - health care
 - treasury
 - finances
- The Anointing of the Sick completes our conformity to the death and resurrection of Christ, just as _____ began it.
 - prayer
 - fasting
 - baptism
 - almsgiving

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Quote from Dr. Peter Kreeft, coming to IHM on November 24

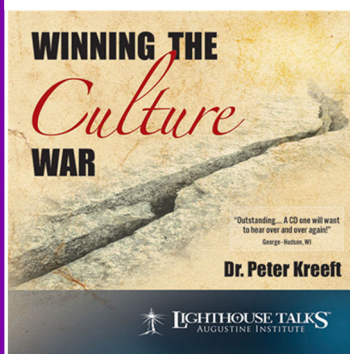
“Reading the Bible should be a form of prayer. The Bible should be read in God’s presence and as the unfolding of His mind. It is not just a book, but God’s love letter to you. It is God’s revelation, God’s mind, operating through your mind and your reading, so your reading is your response to His mind and will.”

from *You Can Understand the Bible*

St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources: Dr. Kreeft

We will be featuring works by Dr. Peter Kreeft who is coming to IHM on November 24th, 2019 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. After his presence here at the parish, we hope to start various book groups to read and discuss some of Dr. Kreeft’s writings. He has written close to 100 books and countless articles. To get a taste of some of his writing and works visit www.PeterKreeft.com

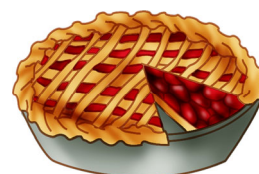
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To win any war, there are three things that you must know: that you are at war, who your enemy is, and what weapons or strategies can defeat him. Acknowledging that our culture is clearly in crisis, Dr. Peter Kreeft shows us that the only weapon strong enough to defeat the demons of this age is saints. Above all, Dr. Kreeft assures us that victory is assured for those who hope in Christ, because good always triumphs over evil.

Dr. Kreeft's talk is very engaging and interesting to listen to. He is very articulate and direct in his approach to provide the correct assessment of a moral bankrupt society we live in today. It has benefited me significantly in looking at new ways to combat this culture war and become a better servant and soldier for Christ and His Church.

Please consider sharing the gift of **Thanksgiving Pie** with the people of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Food Pantry in the city of St. Louis. The pantry volunteers provide Thanksgiving dinner for many people and need some help. Last year they served 1500 Thanksgiving meals! Please bring your pies (nothing that needs to be refrigerated) to the narthex on **Monday, November 25**. The pantry also accepts monetary donations—they had to replace the roof at a cost of \$30,000. The pies and donations will be picked up early Tuesday, November 26. Thank you for your generosity!



Visit a St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store for your next bargain!



At our stores, families can find a nice table for the kitchen, and books, toys, and clothes for the children. Men and women can select a good suit and shoes for a job interview. Thrifters dig for treasures. College students outfit their apartment. Green shoppers find goods to re-use, recycle, and upcycle. When you’re ready to clean out your basement or attic, we’ll be ready to pick up your donation. And we’re always looking for friendly volunteers who enjoy the retail environment. Whether you’re shopping, donating, or volunteering, you’re helping! With nine stores in the St. Louis area, there is a St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store near you—find one!

The Mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul: “A network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need.”

November 24: **Conscious Self-Care** at Mercy Conference and Retreat Center, 2039 N. Geyer Rd., 63131. Come experience how your energetic presence affects those around you and why it’s important to take care of yourself, especially as you care for others. You’ll walk away empowered with simple ways to support yourself throughout your day. Presenter: Amy Camie, CCM Certified clinical musician, spiritual harpist, conscious self-care advocate. For more information please go to mercycenterstl.org.

Dr. Peter Kreeft is coming to Immaculate Heart of Mary on the Feast of Christ the King, Sunday, November 24th from 1pm to 4pm

Members of the parish are helping to distribute tickets and they are also available in the office for a nominal fee of \$5. If you would be willing to invite a few others and help with tickets please let us know, as a personal invite is what helps make an event a success while also being an easy way to help share the faith. **Dr. Kreeft is one of the most prolific Catholic authors in our time, and it is a gift to have him come here to IHM.** His presence on the Feast of Christ the King is fitting as he will address how believers can respond in faith in the midst of this current cultural climate. It is also intended to culminate Fr. Tom's "Year of Life" sermons and lead us into the year 2020 as a "Year of Vision."

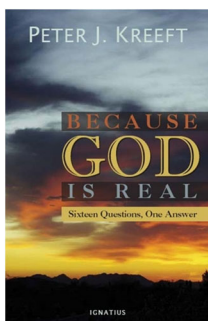
A basic format for the day will be a diagnosis and a prescription (fitting for a "Doctor" helping us to "see"):

Talk 1: Diagnosing the Culture in the Light of Faith: What are we up against?

Talk 2: A Prescription for the Culture in the light of Faith: What are we to do?

The third session will be an opportunity for an open Q & A with Dr. Kreeft for over an hour – which is also Kreeft's favorite part of any time he is asked to speak. He has called a lecture "like purgatory" and a Q & A like "heaven".

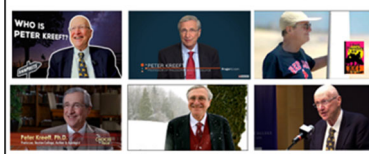
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Who is Dr. Peter Kreeft?

Peter John Kreeft Ph.D. is a professor of philosophy at Boston College and The King's College. Called the "C.S. Lewis of our times," Kreeft is the author of close to one hundred books on Christian philosophy, theology and apologetics. He loves his four children, five grandchildren, one wife, one cat, and one God (and he also likes to surf).



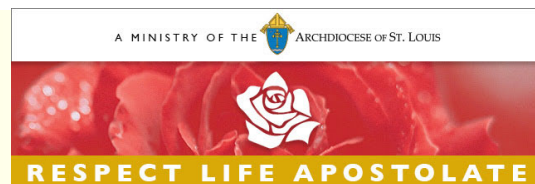
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