



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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Schedule of Holy Mass

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

Weekly Devotions and Prayers

Eucharistic Adoration:

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

Rosary:

Following 8am Mass Monday thru Friday

Perpetual Help Devotions:

Tuesdays following 8am Mass

Respect Life Prayers:

Thursday following 8am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction:

Friday at 11:30am

First Saturday of the Month Devotions

8am Mass, Rosary, 15 minutes of meditation

Sacraments

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

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

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:
Contact Shawn Mueller in the parish office

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 19, 2017



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Use It or Lose It

When I hear the Gospel reading for this Sunday, I wonder what that third servant was doing all that time, after he buried the talent he was given. Probably nothing. What strikes me is that the word for money in this reading is "talent," which in our language is an ability or skill. So maybe this parable can remind us to use our abilities and not let them go to waste.

It is sad to see someone who is not very good at his job just because he never developed his inborn talents. But if you know what gifts or abilities God gave you, you can develop them to be much more than you expected. A person might be strong and fast, but if she exercises and practices, she could be a great athlete. The same with a spiritual gift. Just having one doesn't make you a

saint. So how do you know what gifts you have?

First, ask God in your prayers to show you what gifts you have been given. Find a spiritual director, or even your parish priest, and talk about your life, your strengths and weaknesses. Read about saints and how they used their gifts to serve the Lord. Read the scriptures, especially the Acts of the Apostles or the Letters of Paul (e.g., 1 Corinthians 12:1-11). Listen humbly to friends or loved ones who can tell you what strengths they see in you.

Second, look for ways to use your gifts. Check the parish bulletin or website or your diocesan newspaper for activities and organizations that you could take part in. Hospitals, schools, shelters, and nursing homes frequently offer op-

portunities for volunteers. If one kind of service seems attractive to you, that could be God's way of telling you to try it. On the other hand, a job that seems very challenging could be what you need to stretch your spiritual muscles. Or you may see a need for some service that you can get started in the parish or community.

Just remember that you are called to service by your baptism and confirmation. Don't bury that calling by procrastinating or being afraid to try. Remember the "useless servant" with the one talent who was fearful and lazy (Matthew 25:25-26). At least he can remind us to use it or lose it.

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(Please contact Shawn Mueller,
Director of Religious Education
for more information)

Parish School of Religion

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

Confirmation Preparation

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word

September through May
During the 9:30am Sunday Mass

Adult Education

Wednesdays at 8:45 and 6:10pm

Quick Contacts Directory

Prayer and Devotion

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Teresa Berfanger	636-398-5565

Thanksgiving—Stamped on our hearts

Dear Parishioners,

The two great movements of our liturgical year are Easter and Christmas. We celebrate the great mystery of Our Lord's Passion and Resurrection as the center of the liturgical year. Almost a quarter of our year is devoted to preparing for or rejoicing in our Crucified and Risen Lord. Nothing compares to the promise of eternal life and the power to be freed from sin and death.

All of this, of course, is possible because of Our Lord's Incarnation. As we move towards the coming feast of Christmas we want to keep our focus on Jesus. For our secular brothers and sisters who despise any connection of faith, even they can't mention the holiday without giving a nod to WHO is the reason. Some may argue that Christmas is more important than Easter, but it is really not a matter of competition. The two great seasons seek to draw us into a deeper union with Our Savior. Mass is a microcosm of Easter, specifically the Triduum, and a celebration of the Christmas reality that Jesus is Emmanuel, God is with us.

This coming week we celebrate our most natural holiday. We strive to be people of thanksgiving each and every day of our lives. We come together every week at the Eucharist to celebrate the mysteries



of the Lord's Incarnation, Passion and Resurrection. Our mini-Christmas-Easter hour is celebrated in the context of giving thanks to God. We seek greater awareness, deeper gratitude and earnest service to God and neighbor as a response to that change of heart. Eucharist — which means "thanksgiving," is the stamp we want placed upon our hearts as our primary sign of belonging to Jesus and uniting our lives more closely to His.

I pray as we enter this week we are more mindful of the abundant blessings that God has given to us. Our society barely gives nod to this foundational holiday in our culture, but we seek to embrace it every day of our lives. We are people of Thanksgiving because we are people so richly blessed in our lives.

Please consider joining us for our 39th Thanksgiving celebration with our neighboring Christians at **Shiloh United Methodist Church on 1515 Hwy T at 7:00 this Tuesday, November 21st**. Please remember to bring a covered dessert or snack to share with our neighbors. Join us Thanksgiving Morning at 9:00 to celebrate Mass with your parish family.

Peace,

Fr. Tom

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

[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 (Fr. Mark Link S.J.)

Save the date: **Thanksgiving Day Dinner** at **St. Ignatius in Marthasville**. Our all-you-can-eat buffet style Thanksgiving Day dinner will be served on **November 23** from 11am to 5pm (adults \$14, seniors—\$12, Children—\$5, under 5 free). Come and give thanks with your family and friends! We have a craft booth, a bake sale, a BIG raffle and games for everyone. Happy Thanksgiving! For more information please visit www.saintig.com or email: info@saintig.com.

Next Week Ministry Schedule

November 25

4:00pm

- EM: Pat Noack, Carole Baker, Mary Jean Hartenbach,
Ann Zaleuke, Judy Cova, Mary Hannig,
Donna Cuddihee, Joan Falbo
Lec: Karen Wilson, Larry Graves
GB: Doug & Christine Scheer & Family
Serv: Jorja Spivey, William Fredrick
Ush: Chris Cuddihee, Bill Pollihan, Joe Spiess,
Tom Zaleuke

November 26

7:30am

- EM: Kris Jenkins, Jan Kardasz, Walt & Jean Reel,
John Fiacco, Betty Tuepker
Lec: Peggy Dupree, Mary Hardesty
GB: Ed & Carol Rabbitt
Serv: Max & Maybelle Hahn
Ush: Larry Koch, Larry Gassei, Gary Potter,
Frank Marquart

9:30am

- EM: Sharon Watts-Smith, Janet Hespen, Clara Haas,
Don & Susan Hladky, Teresa Waddington,
Dave & Pam DeBold
Lec: John Grady, Grant Smith
GB: Steve & Trish Williams
Serv: Paige & Genny Greiwe, Ellen Aulbach
Ush: Michelle Greiwe, Alan Raymond, Gary Struckhoff,
Chris & Adam Molitor, Terry Schneider

This Week at Home



Sunday, November 19

Anointings after Masses
Community Christmas choir practice, 2pm in church
All are invited to participate in this choir!

Monday, November 20

Thanksgiving Pies to be returned today—narthex
Boy Scouts, Trailer, 6pm
Cub Scouts, Founders Hall, 6:30pm
Bell Choir, Church, 7pm

Tuesday, November 21

Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, 9am
Exercise, Grand Hall foyer, 9am
Contemporary Choir, church, 5:30pm
Marian Council, Weber Hall, 6:30pm
Children's Choir, church, 7pm
Knights of Columbus, Founders Hall, 7pm
Adult Choir practice, church, 7:30pm

Wednesday, November 22

Sunday readings study, Weber Hall, 8:45am
Reconciliation, 7pm
Community Choir practice, church, 7pm

Thursday, November 23—Thanksgiving Day

Mass at 9am in church
Office closed

Friday, November 24

Office closed

Saturday, November 25

Reconciliation following 8am Mass
Contemporary Choir sings at 4pm Mass

Christmas Quilt Chances on Sale

November 18/19
November 25/26
December 2/3

\$2 each or 3 for \$5

Marriage in Christ
has been promised between
Elaine Schoenberger and Timothy Brauss
Kayla Kennedy and Brad Songer



Our culture rushes frantically toward Christmas. Hustling, bustling . . . no time for rest, no time for quiet . . . and certainly no space for Holy. While the rest of the world hurls itself mindlessly toward 'the holidays', we as Christians are called to contemplative walking. Walking toward Christmas as we contemplate what is happening.

Please join with us on **Wednesday, December 17 at 7pm** in church to quietly journey through the Christmas season, as we prepare ourselves for the arrival of our Lord with **Stations of Advent.**



Rest in Peace



We offer our prayerful sympathy
—to JoAnn Cwiklowski on the death of her step-sister
Alice Gambill
—to Michael and Nancy DuBois on the death of their son
Brett DuBois
May they rest in the eternal peace of Christ.



Monday, November 20

8:00am Archie & Josephine Ferguson +
Maria Berger +

Tuesday, November 21

8:00am intention of Roger & Vickie Brink
St. Thomas Legal Staff & Clients

Wednesday, November 22

8:00am All Souls
Gregory Kettler +

Thursday, November 23

9:00am Jim Blondin +
Rick Karius +

Friday, November 24

8:00am Cindy Fitzler +
Michael Zurweller +

Saturday, November 25

8:00am Mary Barr +
Mimi Ferguson +
4:00pm People of the Parish
Intention of Bryan Potter

Sunday, November 26

7:30am Louise Seper +
9:30am Dolores Przybylski +
Jack Tersteeg +

Please pray for all the sick and suffering
In the hospital: Ann Fitzgerald

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

Prayer Chain: We have a very active group of parishioners who pray for all those who have requested prayers, so your intentions are being remembered to God thru the **Prayer Chain**. If you have a prayer intention, or would like to join them in praying for others' intentions, please call Mary Jean Hartenbach at 636-398-4677 or email mjhartench@gmail.com.

Contributions: November 11/12

General Offertory: \$9,150.50
Online—General Offertory: \$2,728.00
Total Offertory \$11,878.50

*"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 expects 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.

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



Heavenly Duster

Mary Hardesty

Purificators

Clara Haas

Needed at the Pantry:

*sugar, vegetable oil, brownie mix, jello, coffee,
pudding mix, canned fruit, tuna, canned chicken,
paper goods, personal items, cleaning items*

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.



Warm Clothing Collection

IHM will collect winter coats, sweaters, sweatshirts, hats, gloves, scarves or any warm clothing **until November 26**. Please put your new or gently used clothing donations in the container by Weber Hall. Thanks in advance for your care and consideration.

Please include your loved one's names in our Book of Remembrance on the table in the narthex.

What's your Catholic IQ?



It is the 25th anniversary of the publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, under (now saint) Pope John Paul II, who wrote, "The Catechism is offered to every individual who asks us to give an account of the hope that is in us (cf. 1 Pet 3:15) and who wants to know what the Catholic Church believes." Every adult Catholic is asked to prayerfully "digest" the Catechism. These questions (which will cover the whole CCC during this year) can help break it down in small bites.

SACRED SCRIPTURE

1. Just as Jesus was fully human in all things but sin, so Scripture is fully human language in all things but this.
2. The primary author of Scripture.
3. The secondary or instrumental authors of Scripture.
4. The Scriptures teach that truth which God wished to see confided to His people for the sake of this, their ____.
5. Christianity is the religion of the Word of God. It is not merely a religion of the ____.

THE HOLY SPIRIT INTERPRETER OF SCRIPTURE

6. To interpret Scripture correctly, the reader must be attentive to what the ____ authors truly wanted to affirm.
7. One rule for interpreting the Bible is to be attentive to the content and ____ of the Sacred Scripture.
8. According to an ancient tradition, one can distinguish between two senses of Scripture, the literal and the ____ senses.
9. An example of the spiritual sense is the crossing of the Red Sea which is a sign or type of our Christian ____.
10. In the 4th century Augustine said, "I would not believe in the Gospel had not the authority of the ____ already moved me."

Readings for the Week

- Mon: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43
- Tue: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10
- Wed: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15;
Lk 19:11-28
- Thu: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
- Fri: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12;
Lk 19:45-48
- Sat: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40
- Sun: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6;
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46



The Second Annual New Melle Country Christmas Community Choir

Plan to sing with New Melle's most fun group, the Community Choir, at our Christmas event.

Date: Saturday, November 25, from 5-7pm. Music begins around 4:30.

Practices: There are two, both at IHM in church:

Sunday, November 19 at 2pm

Wednesday, November 22 at 7pm

Costume: Wear something that reeks of the holiday season: Santa hats, reindeer antlers, or (my personal favorite) an angel's halo. Do you have battery operated lights to wear? Do it! This is a fun, casual event for all of New Melle!

Please call or email with your name so I'll make sure to have music for you!
Marilyn O'Neill: 636-398-5270 (IHM)
m.oneill@ihm-newmelle.org

The IHM Adult and Children's Choirs will sing in the Peace Chapel at the **Daniel Boone Home** on Saturday, December 2 from 8 to 9pm. Advance tickets are \$10 (free for children under 4); at the door \$15. This is part of the **Candlelight Christmas** event, now sponsored by St. Charles County Parks.



Our parish family joyfully welcomes
Hudson Matthew Thomas
son of Matthew & Margaret (Key) Thomas

November 25/26 after all Masses, Marian Council is selling See's Candy as a fundraiser: \$20 per pound for Milk Chocolate, Dark Chocolate, Assorted Chocolate, Nuts & Chews, Toffee-ettes or 1½ lb. peanut brittle. It's great for hostess gifts, Christmas gifts and corporate gifts. Contact Jackie 314-761-6127 or Michelle 314-614-1114 to place your order. Proceeds benefit local family charities and the parish.



Walking in Mary's Shoes

A Prayer Breakfast for Women
Saturday, December 2, 2017

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in New Melle, Missouri

Photo credit: Archpriest Igor Pchelintsev

IHM will host an Advent Prayer Breakfast for women on Saturday, December 2 starting after the 8:00 am Mass. Denise Bossert, an IHM parishioner who is also a syndicated columnist, author and expert on Sacred sites in the Holy Land, will be the guest speaker. Join us for an interesting and inspirational beginning to the Advent season. There is no charge for this event but please make a reservation by calling the parish office, 636-398-5270, or sign-up in the narthex.

Join us for a morning of listening, sharing, prayer and reflection.

The breakfast will take place in the Grand Hall, following Mass at 8:00 am

Congratulations to Jeff Comotto!

IHM parishioner Jeff Comotto recently received the "2017 Suzie Allen Volunteer of the Year" award at the Make-A-Wish of America's National Leadership Convention in Scottsdale, AZ.

Jeff has been involved with the Make-A-Wish Foundation for almost 32 years. The Metro St. Louis chapter began with a handful of dedicated volunteers with one vision in mind: bring the powerful mission of Make-A-Wish to local children in the St. Louis area. It was through Jeff's vision and leadership that 37 wishes were granted that first year—1986.

This past April he co-chaired the St. Louis Walk for Wishes which raised close to \$900,000 to grant the wishes of local children who have been diagnosed with life-threatening medical conditions. This is the largest Make-A-Wish Walk in the country.

In accepting the award, Jeff said, "Seeing first-hand the power of a wish is one of the strongest emotionally-charged experiences I have ever had. We all at Make-A-Wish believe we are transforming lives one wish at a time."

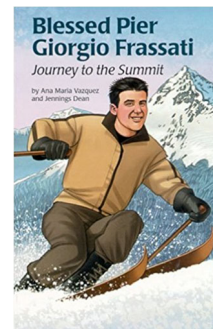
*Jeff (center) with Ned Allen (National Board Alumni)
and Tony Kreutz (Missouri Chapter Board Chair).*



PSR Corner

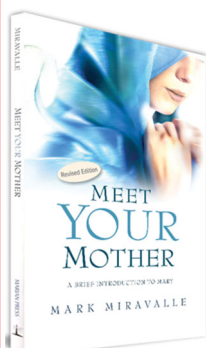
Every PSR class has a chosen patron saint which catechists help students learn about. After 8 years, students will have learned more about 8 folks in God's Holy Hall of Fame. Meet the 6th grade patron—Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati. Pier Giorgio Frassati was born on April 6, 1901, in Turin, Italy. His father, 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."



St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

*Note: With close to 3000 items, the **Parish Library** is located in the **Grand Hall** past the restrooms. It is open during the week-normal business hours-and works on an honor system. Items from the **Lighthouse CD rack** are located and available in the **Narthex**.*



MARIAN THEOLOGY MADE EASY! Ever wonder why so many people pay so much attention to Mary, the Mother of Jesus? From the most ancient traditions of Mary in Christianity to the "Hail Mary" pass in American football, the Mother of Jesus has pervaded most world cultures for the last two thousand years.

But could the Mother of Jesus also be your mother? That's the question explored in the exciting new book, Meet Your Mother. This easy-read pocket book on Mary which covers all the major teachings about the Mother of Jesus, but is particularly written for the person who has little or no background knowledge about her.

Authored by Dr. Mark Miravalle, a professor who has taught and written about Mary for over 25 years, Meet Your Mother is the perfect little book to introduce someone to the life and truth about Jesus' Mother, but also to renew a person's existing knowledge and love for the woman believed to have brought Jesus into the world, and who Jesus gave personally to every human being with his dying words, "This is your mother."



Peter Kreeft provides a look at the nature of Heaven that offers all readers a refreshingly clear, theologically sound, and always fascinating glimpse of that "undiscovered country." Kreeft's engaging and informative account thoughtfully answers such intriguing questions as: - How can we know what Heaven is like? - Will we all be equal in Heaven? - What will we do in Heaven? - Will we know everything in Heaven? - Can we know the joy of Heaven now? Kreeft combines solid scholarship with a lively ability to communicate his findings. He speaks to the heart and mind, blending contemporary thinking and classical views to give us an unexcelled look at one of the most popular, yet least understood, subjects in religion.

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.

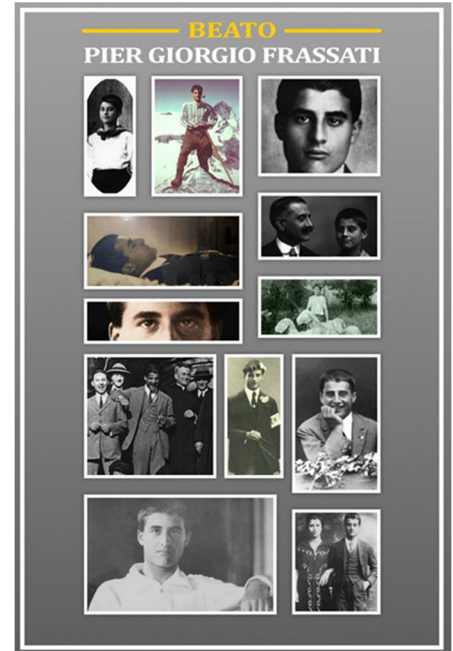
IF THERE ARE TWO MIRACLES NECESSARY FOR THE CANONIZATION PROCESS, ARE THERE ANY OTHERS "PENDING"?

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.

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.



Ladies!

Interested in helping our priests be successful in their ministry? If so, we need you! We are forming a group of prayer warriors from four parishes that are interested in meeting once a month for about an hour to pray the Rosary for the Sanctification of our priests. Parishes are ICD, St. Pat, St. Gianna and IHM. For more information please call Mary Stassi at 636-357-1387 or email pinegrovefarm76@yahoo.com.



1. Error (#101)
2. God: the Holy Spirit (#105)
3. The Human Authors (#106)
4. Salvation (#107)
5. Book (#108)
6. Human (#109)
7. Unity (#112)
8. Spiritual (#115)
9. Baptism (#117)
10. Catholic Church (#119)



An amazing testimony from one whom God has “Left to Tell” her story, Immaculee Ilibagiza is coming to Wentzville, MO, five minutes up the road at St. Gianna Church in December for a mini-retreat, entitled

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Witness to the life-saving power of faith and the Rosary, as she huddled with seven other women in a cramped bathroom for 91 days while killers lurked outside the door during the Rwandan Genocide. Don’t miss this rare opportunity to EXPERIENCE Immaculee’s powerful journey through remarkable personal testimony, inspirational music and prayer.

Visit www.Immaculee.com to register for this mini-retreat on Friday/Saturday, December 8/9, before it sells out. There are 125 people signed up. Cost for one is \$57, for two \$76. Capacity is around 400-450.

Birthright Christmas Cards

The Pro-Life Committee will be selling Birthright Christmas cards after all Masses the weekends of November 18/19 and 25/26. The cards come 10 in a package for \$5. Please consider supporting Birthright when planning your Christmas card purchases.

Ensure that your final plans and those of your loved ones are aligned with Catholic teaching. Attend the free seminar,

The Conversation: A Catholic Perspective On End-of-Life Issues

On Saturday, December 2 at All Saints Parish (Annex Auditorium) from 10am—2pm to learn about the Church’s stance on cremation, anatomical donation and more. To reserve your place today, please contact April Esenwah at april.esenwah@archstl.org.

Join the Holy Father’s prayer intentions for November: for Christians in Asia

That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.



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**Sunday, December 3 at 6pm at
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724 E. Booneslick Rd., Warrenton, MO 63383
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Get FREE music downloads and hear samples of Donna’s music at www.DonnaCoriGibson.com.

This is a FREE admission event so bring your family and tell your friends!

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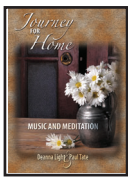
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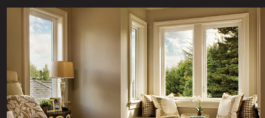
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