



# 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

*October 25, 2020*



30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." - Mt 22:37

## Deeper Understanding of Scripture

For some reason, it is easier to genuflect in reverence to the presence of Christ in the tabernacle of a church, than to genuflect in reverence to the same presence of Christ in another person's soul. We wrongly believe that God divides himself, placing himself in one place in preference to another. It doesn't work that way. Love of God and love of neighbor are intimately and inseparably connected because the essence and spark of God's very presence is in all creation. God's presence is just as real in the one who is good, as in the one who is bad, and the one who is just, and the one who is unjust.

Our brains get in the way of truly contemplating the awesomeness of this truth. We like to separate things into boxes, the sheep from the goats and the deserving from the undeserving. But, with God there

are no distinctions such as this. Our human classifications, subdivisions, and definitions hold no power or have any weight in God's eyes. Sadly, we relate to God and to each other as if they do.

We cannot be deaf to the world's pain. It is not about having, hoarding, accumulating, acquiring, securing, storing, protecting, owning, claiming, or any of the other human terms we use to distinguish mine from yours. We put so much power in these words and that power, even though we may not always realize it, can cause those words and the distinctions they carry to wound and hurt others. We have the whole order of things wrong, but we are so set on preserving this order that we are absolutely afraid to do it any other way. We go through hoops trying to convince ourselves why the perils of the person

seeking a new place to call home are not our perils that we turn our back and justify closing our doors. It makes perfect sense to us. Yet, it makes no sense in terms of our faith. It doesn't square with any of the words found in Sacred Scripture or in any time-tested teaching of the church.

We have it all reversed. We know that we do because when Jesus speaks about such things and the words of the Old Testament prophets ring out again, we start to feel uncomfortable and anxious. What we do, directly or by omission, to one of the least of these little ones we do to God. It is quite possible that some of what we are doing personally, economically, politically, globally, and even religiously is doing more harm than good. Let's ponder that a bit.

### Parish Staff

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### Religious Education

Shawn Mueller, Director

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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

#### Weddings, Receptions, Events

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Helping Hearts  
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St. Vincent de Paul  
Joe Willis 636-398-2106  
Welcoming Committee  
Teresa Berfanger 636-398-5565

#### Youth and Young Adults

High School Youth Leader  
Janet Hespen 314-369-6521  
Young Adults  
Julie Lassiter 636-357-0121

## Prayer for Autumn Days

God of the seasons, there is a time for everything;  
there is a time for dying and a time for rising.

We need courage to enter into the transformation process.

God of autumn, the trees are saying goodbye to their green,  
letting go of what has been. We, too, have our moments of surrender,  
with all their insecurity and risk. Help us to let go when we need to do so.

God of fallen leaves lying in colored patterns on the ground,  
our lives have their own patterns.  
As we see the patterns of our own growth, may we learn from them.

God of misty days and harvest moon nights,  
there is always the dimension of mystery and wonder in our lives.  
We always need to recognize your power-filled presence.  
May we gain strength from this.

God of harvest wagons and fields of ripened grain,  
many gifts of growth lie within the season of our surrender.  
We must wait for harvest in faith and hope.  
Grant us patience when we do not see the blessings.

God of geese going south for another season,  
your wisdom enables us to know what needs to be left behind  
and what needs to be carried into the future. We yearn for insight and vision.

God of flowers touched with frost and windows wearing white designs,  
may your love keep our hearts from growing cold in the empty seasons.

God of life, you believe in us, you enrich us,  
you entrust us with the freedom to choose life. For all this, we are grateful.

## *30th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A*

Jesus said, “Love your neighbor as.....yourself,” (Matthew 22:39)

A TV documentary “The Civil War” took audiences by storm in 1990. One program in the eleven part series featured a letter by Sullivan Ballou to his wife, Sarah, just before the first battle of Bull Run. Realizing he might be killed, he wrote: “How hard it is to...burn to ashes the hopes of future years when, God willing, we might still have lived and loved together to see our boys grown to honorable manhood around us. If I do not return, my dear Sarah, never forget how much I loved you, nor that when my last breath escapes me on the battlefield, it will whisper your name. Forgive....the many pains I have caused you. How thoughtless....I have sometimes been.” Sullivan was killed at Bull Run.

How readily do I express my feelings to my loved ones?

*I shall always be with you in the brightest day and in the darkest night.* Sullivan Ballou to Sarah

from Mark Link S.J. *Vision 2000*

## Ministry Schedule

October 24—4pm

EM: Josh Deters, Sharon Hagan, Becky Wilson, Chris Warren  
Lec: Karen Wilson, Mike Greene  
Serv: none scheduled  
Music: Bryan & Mary Ann  
Ush: Tim Wilson, Andy Pope, Bill Pollihan, Chris Cuddihee

October 25—7:30am

EM: Aaron Waldeck, Betty Tuepker, Dianne Dickherber, Kris Jenkins  
Lec: Chuck Kettler, Mary Hardesty  
Serv: Janie Becker  
Music: Verdi & Brooke  
Ush: Ron Jacob, Dave London, Tom Meczowski, Mike Hardesty

October 25—9:30am

EM: Josh Deters, Deacon Chris, Aaron Waldeck, Sharon Smith  
Lec: Bill Winters, Grant Smith  
Serv: William Lassiter  
Music: Bryan & Debbie  
Ush: Bill Riley, Brenda Hutchcraft, Chris Molitor, Joe Weber

October 25—11:30am

EM: Josh Deters, Deacon Chris  
Lec: Nancy Ast, Mary Busby-Simpson  
Serv: Thomas Kokker  
Music: Contemporary Group  
Ush: Ron Simpson, Dave Karll, Tim Maher

## *Please pray for all the sick and suffering:*

Mark Hanna, Phyllis Zerr, Vickie Brink, Sandy Knott,  
Mike & Pat Ryan, Fran Bussen, Nancy Hollenstein,  
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 Etkorn),  
Keith Langford (son of Rita & brother of Valerie Langford),  
Red Brockmeyer (cousin of Kay & Ray Cherry),  
Karla Sitzes (daughter of Sophia Bax),  
Michael Speir (son-in-law of Jackie & Steve Dunn),  
Karen Windler (sister of John Wappelhorst)  
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

October 31—4pm

EM: Deacon Chris, Josh Deters, Ann Zaleuke, Bryan Potter  
Lec: Larry Graves, Pat Barnard  
Serv: Izzy Scheer  
Music: Bryan & Elizabeth  
Ush: Tom Zaleuke, Ed Etkorn, Mike Rieker

November 1—7:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Josh Deters, Jan Kardasz, Dianne Dickherber  
Lec: Bob Leeker, Kris Jenkins  
Serv: Sydney Jaeckle  
Music: Verdi & Elizabeth  
Ush: Gary Potter, Frank Kardasz, Larry Smith

November 1—9:30am

EM: Bob Brossette, Laura Orf, Don & Susan Hladky  
Lec: Yvonne Brossette, Patrice Riley  
Serv: Mary Becker  
Music: Bryan & Elizabeth  
Ush: Gary Struckhoff, Bill Winters, Bill Riley

November 1—11:30am

EM: Josh Deters, Donna Hecht  
Lec: Kat & Chris Menne  
Serv: Thomas Kokker  
Music: Praise & Worship  
Ush: Chuck Hinkle, Ron Simpson, Tim Maher

## Heavenly Duster Schedule

Week of October 25:	Clara Haas
Week of November 1:	Yvonne Brossette
Week of November 8:	Donna Wolff
Week of November 15:	Mary Hardesty
Week of November 22:	Judy Jacob
Week of November 29:	Judy Hendrix

## Purificators

Month of October:	Pat Roche
Month of November:	Clara Haas

## ✠ *Rest in Peace* ✠

**Tina Young**

sister of Marcia & Fred Elkins

**Trini Hutson**

sister of Adrienne Collins

**Geraldine Zieger**

mother of Jeannie & Chris Smith

**Gary Maher**

brother of Tim & Donna Maher

**Ed Orf**

father of Steve & Laura Orf

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

*Mass Intentions*

<b>Monday, October 26</b>	
8:00am	All Souls
<b>Tuesday, October 27</b>	
8:00am	David Flavan +
<b>Wednesday, October 28</b>	
8:00am	Joseph Schweitzer +
<b>Thursday, October 29</b>	
8:00am	Alfons Birk +
<b>Friday, October 30</b>	
8:00am	Trini Hutson +
<b>Saturday, October 31</b>	
8:00am	Jim Elfrink +
4:00pm	Bamert Family
<b>Sunday, November 1</b>	
7:30am	People of the Parish Milton Barta +
9:30am	Erma Guinn +
11:30am	Gary Maher +

*This Week at Home*

*social distancing is recommended at all events*

- Monday, October 26**  
Scouts, pavilion, 6:30pm  
Men For Christ, Grand Hall, 7pm
- Tuesday, October 27**  
Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am  
Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, 9am
- Wednesday, October 28**  
Sunday Mass readings study, Weber Hall, 8:30am  
Reconciliation, 7pm
- Thursday, October 29**  
Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am  
RCIA, Weber Hall, 6:30pm  
Youth Ministry, Founders Hall, 6:30pm
- Friday, October 30**  
Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30am
- Saturday, October 31**  
Reconciliation, 8:45am



Daylight Savings Time ends November 1  
Set clock back one hour and get some extra sleep!



Marriage in Christ has been promised between  
**Chelsea VanZee and Glenn Wilson**  
(in Des Moines, IA)

*Contributions, October 17/18*

General Offertory:	\$8,376.58
Online – General Offertory:	<u>\$6,715.76</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,092.34</b>

*“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,  
with all your soul and with all your mind.”  
(Matthew 22:37)*

Do you put other “gods” before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you really recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? The good news—it’s not too late to put God first in all things in your life.

**Let us pray . . . that we recognize everything we have  
and everything we are is a gift from God**

*Needed at the Pantry*



**UPDATE:** 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 chili, saltines, canned ravioli or spaghetti, hot chocolate and Mac and cheese, snacks for kids lunch's, men's and ladies deodorant, shaving lotion, shampoo

In this Sunday’s Gospel we find the truth that loving God isn’t merely a matter of fervor in our hearts, but that it must be expressed in doing good for the sake of others.

**This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to show that we indeed love our neighbors by assisting 20 families, providing \$2472 in food, \$3055 for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank you!**

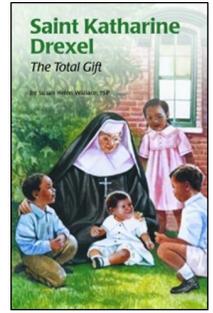
**Mass of  
Remembrance  
Monday, 7pm  
November 2, 2020**



ALL are invited to this evening Mass on All Souls Day, to remember our loved ones who have gone before us, whether recently or some time ago. A special invitation has been extended to those who have lost a loved one in the past year and whose funeral was at IHM. Join us in remembering loved ones, and offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for them. Please pray with us Monday, November 2 in the big church.

## 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 4th grade patron. St. Katherine Drexel Katharine Drexel was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on November 26, 1858. When Katharine grew up, she was a very active Catholic. She directed her energies and her fortune to helping the poor and forgotten. Her work for Jesus would be among the African American and Native American people. In 1891, Katharine began a new religious community of missionaries. They were called the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. Katharine became known as Mother Katharine. Mother Katharine inherited her family's great fortune. She used the money for wonderful works of charity. She and her sisters built schools, convents, and churches. In 1915, they established Xavier University in New Orleans. Mother Katharine died on March 3, 1955, at the age of ninety-seven. She was declared "blessed" by Pope John Paul II on November 20, 1988, and canonized on October 1, 2000. She is the second native-born United States citizen to be declared a saint. The story of Saint Katharine will help children rethink the value of money and how it is best used, and value treating people with compassion.



## Calling All Hunters :

Process your deer for FREE and help your community by donating it to "4th Annual Hunt for Hunger" in cooperation with Share the Harvest/Operation Food Search.

Last year, Hunt for Hunger donations provided 7,000 pounds of processed venison to local food pantries. However, this year Covid-19 has created an even greater demand on our local pantries. With your help we can set our goal even higher! Please bring your field dressed deer to : **Josephville Meat Market, 1363 Josephville Road, Wentzville.**

Simply let the processor know you are donating it to the "Hunt for Hunger/Share the Harvest" program. **THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR PROCESSING THE DEER.** Or you can contact your local processor and ask if they are participating in the Share the Harvest/Hunt for Hunger program.

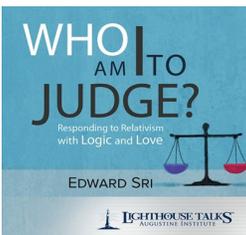
One deer can provide many meals! This year let others benefit from the sport you love, and hunt with a purpose to put food on the plates of local friends and neighbors.

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.

## St. Paul Library // Lighthouse CD Resources

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 Lighthouse Catholic CD – Pamphlet Rack: Narthex



Discussing moral issues with family and friends can be a challenge in a culture that strongly promotes the idea that there is no objective truth. Speaking from a wealth of personal experience, renowned author and theologian Dr. Edward Sri provides 5 "keys" to enable Christians to oppose

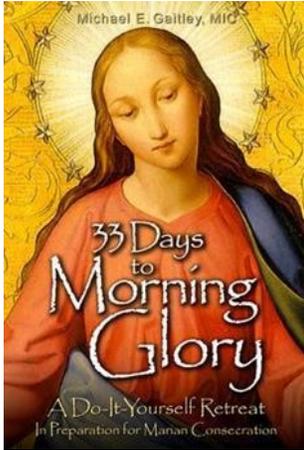
with logic and love what Pope Benedict XVI called the "dictatorship of relativism." He also clarifies the proper understanding of what it means to judge, and the importance of making good judgments.

*This talk not only helped me understand what relativism is, but more importantly it gave me simple, practical ways to defend against it. Rowena - NSW, Australia*

## Youth Ministry

Janet Hespren, Youth Minister,  
314-369-6521

- Oct 29: **YM Meeting, 6:30pm, Founders Hall**  
Saints and Mummies (discussion on chastity)
- Nov 1: All Saints Day—11:30 Mass
- Nov 12: Advent begins soon.....
- 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



## The Legion of Mary would like to invite our parish family to take part in the consecration to Jesus through Mary, beginning November 9

What is the consecration? It is a devotion in which the person sets aside time each day for 33 days to pray certain prayers and read devotional reading all focused on how Mary leads us closer to Jesus.

How much time do I need to devote to this each day? It is advised to set aside a least 15 minutes a day for this devotion.

What do I read and pray? We will be using 33 Days to Morning Glory by Fr. Michael Gaitley as our guidebook.

Why do I need to sign-up to do this? It is always good to have prayer warriors by your side when you are trying a new devotion with the purpose of growing your relationship with Christ. We are your prayer warriors, cheer leaders and trail guides for this devotion. We are praying for you every

step of the way. Maria Romine, the President of IHM Legion of Mary, will be sending you about 4 emails just to touch base throughout this devotion.

December 12<sup>th</sup> (12-12-2020) the Legion will be attending Mass and then saying the consecration prayer silently to ourselves after mass. This is the time we would encourage those of you who made the journey to join us. Afterwards, there will be an Advent Breakfast that we hope you register for so that you can be fed spiritually on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

If you wish to sign up for the consecration and/or the Advent Breakfast. There will be sign-up sheets on the table in the Narthex.

*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

## 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)

- In the family, one can learn moral values, begin to honor God, and make good use of freedom. Family life is an initiation into life in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - society
  - hell
  - purgatory
  - heaven
- The family should live in such a way that its members learn to care and take \_\_\_\_\_ for the young, the old, the sick, the handicapped, and the poor.
  - responsibility
  - polls
  - surveys
  - from others
- Where families cannot fulfill their responsibilities, other \_\_\_\_\_ bodies have the duty of helping them and of supporting the institution of the family.
  - heavenly
  - social
  - angered
  - angelic
- The importance of the family for the life and wellbeing of \_\_\_\_\_ entails a particular responsibility for society to support and strengthen marriage and the family.
  - the climate
  - society
  - carbon footprints
  - the environment
- Civil authority should consider it a grave duty to acknowledge the true nature of \_\_\_\_\_ and the family, to protect and foster them.
  - climate
  - feelings
  - hospitality
  - marriage
- The respect of children, whether minors or \_\_\_\_\_, for their father and mother is required by God's commandment.
  - majors
  - sopranos
  - tenors
  - adults
- As long as a child lives at home with his parents, the child should obey his parents in all that they ask of him when it is for the his good or that of the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - school
  - college
  - family
  - university
- If a child is convinced in \_\_\_\_\_ that it would be morally wrong to obey a particular order, he must not do so.
  - the mind of a friend
  - the persuasion of a sibling
  - conscience
  - anger
- Obedience toward parents ceases with the emancipation of the children; not so \_\_\_\_\_ which is always owed to them.
  - respect
  - revenge
  - rebellion
  - regret
- As much as they can, grown children must give parents material and moral support in \_\_\_\_\_ and in times of illness, loneliness, or distress.
  - old age
  - games of chance
  - watching television
  - their career

Answer key:

1. a (2207) 2. a (2208) 3. b (2209) 4. b (2210) 5. d (2210)  
6. d (2214) 7. c (2217) 8. c (2217) 9. a (2217) 10. a (2218)

The Archbishop Robert J. Carlson Adoption Grant has awarded thousands of dollars to couples who have chosen to build their families through the loving choice of adoption. The funds help adoptive parents offset the growing costs of the adoption process and of adding a new child to their home.

The Office of NFP is proud to sponsor this award, which is primarily funded through private donations and fundraising. The annual application deadline is **NOVEMBER 1st** and recipients will be notified in January 2021. To apply contact Melissa Barnason at [melissabarnason@archstl.org](mailto:melissabarnason@archstl.org) or 314-997-7576.

This year we will be relying even more heavily upon private donations to fund this grant. Please consider how your family can donate to this wonderful and life-changing cause.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40  
 Mon: Eph 4:32—5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Eph 5:1]/Lk 13:10-17  
 Tue: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [1a]/Lk 13:18-21  
 Wed: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16  
 Thu: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 13:31-35  
 Fri: Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 14:1-6  
 Sat: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11



### Pope's Intentions for October: The Laity's Mission in the Church

We pray that by the virtue of our baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

### *Veterans in our Cemetery*

We would like to know the individuals in our parish cemetery who are military veterans.

If you have a relative, or know of a veteran, buried in our cemetery, please let us know. Thanks!

Veteran's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact info \_\_\_\_\_

## The Patriotic Rosary for the United States

### Sign of the Cross

*For the Conversion of our  
Nation's Capital*

### The Apostle's Creed

*For the Holy Father*

### Our Father

*For Bishops, Priests, Religious*

### Three Hail Mary's

*For the Conversion of our Country*

### Glory Be

## 1st LUMINOUS MYSTERY

### The Baptism in the Jordan

*For the Presidency of the United  
States of America*

### Our Father

*"We plead the Blood of Jesus over  
Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas,  
Arizona, California, Colorado,  
Connecticut, Delaware, Florida,  
Georgia and every soul in these  
states."*

### Ten Hail Mary's

*For the Conversion of our Country*

### Glory Be

### Fatima Prayer

## 2nd LUMINOUS MYSTERY

### The Wedding at Cana

*For the Supreme Court of the  
United States of America*

### Our Father

*"We plead the Blood of Jesus over  
Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana,  
Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky,  
Louisiana, Maine, Maryland and  
every soul in these states."*

### Ten Hail Mary's

*For the Conversion of our Country*

### Glory Be

### Fatima Prayer

## 3rd LUMINOUS MYSTERY

### Proclamation of the Kingdom

*For the Senate and the House of  
Representatives of the United*

*States of America*

### Our Father

*"We plead the Blood of Jesus over  
Massachusetts, Michigan,  
Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri,  
Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New  
Hampshire, New Jersey and every  
soul in these states."*

### Ten Hail Mary's

*For the Conversion of our Country*

### Glory Be

### Fatima Prayer

## 4th LUMINOUS MYSTERY

### The Transfiguration

*For the office of the Governors of  
the United States of America*

### Our Father

*"We plead the Blood of Jesus over  
New Mexico, New York, North  
Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio,  
Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania,  
Rhode Island, South Carolina and  
every soul in these states."*

### Ten Hail Mary's

*For the Conversion of our Country*

### Glory Be

### Fatima Prayer

## 5th LUMINOUS MYSTERY

### Institution of the Eucharist

*For all County and Municipal  
Offices of the United States of  
America*

### Our Father

*"We plead the Blood of Jesus over  
South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas,  
Utah, Vermont, Virginia,  
Washington, West Virginia,  
Wisconsin, Wyoming and every  
soul in these states."*

### Ten Hail Mary's

*For the Conversion of our Country*

### Glory Be

### Fatima Prayer

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of  
Mercy, our life, our sweetness  
and our hope! To thee do we  
cry, poor banished children of  
Eve; to thee do we send up our  
sighs, mourning and weeping  
in this vale of tears.

Turn then, most gracious advo-  
cate, thine eyes of mercy to-  
ward us, and after this our ex-  
ile, show unto us the blessed  
fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

O clement, O loving, O sweet  
Virgin Mary!

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother  
of God.

R. That we may be made wor-  
thy of the promises of  
Christ.

Let us pray. O GOD, whose  
only begotten Son, by His life,  
death, and resurrection, has  
purchased for us the rewards of  
eternal life, grant, we beseech  
Thee, that meditating upon  
these mysteries of the Most Ho-  
ly Rosary of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary, we may imitate what  
they contain and obtain what  
they promise, through the same  
Christ our Lord. Amen.

V. May the Divine Assistance  
remain always with us.

R. May the souls of the faithful  
departed, through the mer-  
cy of God, rest in peace.  
Amen.





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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Numerous Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests past age 70 benefit from the Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Donations to this special collection provide funding that helps religious communities care for their aging members.

On the weekend of **November 1**, all parishes in the Archdiocese of St. Louis will take up the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Senior religious were influential in establishing Catholic parishes, schools, hospitals, and charitable agencies through the our archdiocese and the United States. They initiated programs to promote social justice and ministered to the neediest among us. Many of our senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little to no pay.

Today, many religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for a growing number of elder members. Increasing health care costs and decreased income make it difficult to provide necessary medical care, costly medications and basic services. Covid-19 has only increased the challenge to provide adequate care.

Please consider making a financial gift to assist with the care of our senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Many thanks for considering this request.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Mitchell T. Rozanski  
Archbishop of St. Louis



**Question:**

Is Halloween a pagan holiday or a Catholic one?

**Answer:**

The short answer nowadays, a little bit of both. But it wasn't always that way. Halloween and All Saints' Day are closely connected. In the 800s, the Catholic Church began celebrating All Saints' Day. It was originally called All Hallows' Day or Halloween. The celebration began early on All Hallows' Eve. But if Halloween is really about the saints in all their victorious glory, where do we get haunted houses, costumes, and pranks?

All Saints' Day became associated with the other deceased rather quickly. November 2nd is All Souls Day, where we pray for the souls in purgatory. Throughout the European world, especially with the Celtic and Germanic peoples, the dead were honored in the autumn months. The Celtic pagan celebration of Samhain had its own folk rituals and occurred around the same time as these Catholic feast days.

Within the last few hundred years, this included dressing in disguise and going door to door, asking for food in exchange for a rhyme or poem. Some people masqueraded as "dark" spirits and pulled pranks on others. Today's celebration of Halloween tends to take on these later practices, rather than the original meaning of celebrating the saints. But remember ... this feast was Catholic first!

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