



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

Mailing Address: P. O. Box 100 \* New Melle, MO 63365

Website: [www.ihm-newmelle.org](http://www.ihm-newmelle.org)

Office Phone: 636-398-5270

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## Schedule of Holy Mass

Saturday: 8:00am, 4:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday  
 Sunday: 7:30am, 10:00am  
 Weekdays: 8:00am, in church, Wednesdays at 6:30pm

## Weekly Devotions and Prayers

### Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday 8:30am until Friday 11:00am, St. Joseph Chapel

Rosary: Prior to Saturday evening 4pm Mass

### Weekday devotions after morning Mass:

Tuesday: Mother of Perpetual Help  
 Wednesday: Litany to St. Joseph  
 Thursday: Celebrating the Sanctity of Life  
 First Friday: Litany of the Sacred Heart

### First Saturday of the Month Devotions

8am Mass, Rosary, 15 minutes of meditation

## Sacraments

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

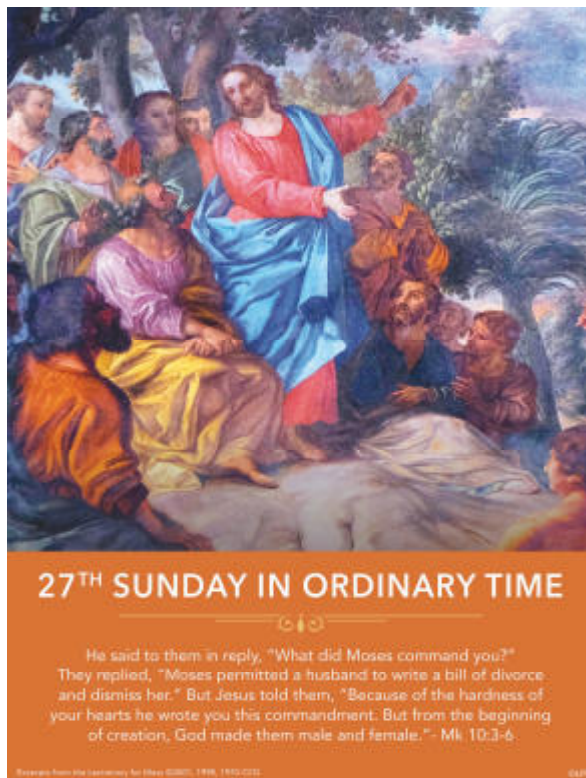
Marriage: Contact the parish office  
 at least six months prior to the wedding

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 3, 2021



## Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God." Apart from the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, nothing speaks better of God's incarnate love than marriage. God designed it this way. We place great value on love and rightly so. What we fail to realize, however, is that love, its very presence and place in our lives, is not simply part of the human package deal. Love comes from God. It is one of God's greatest gifts to human beings. When we begin to realize that our very ability to love is sacred, it changes up how we see the essence of life, and purpose and sanctity of marriage.

God is love. It stands to reason then that if we follow the path of unconditional, self-emptying love we will then stumble upon God. It is precisely this intimate wedding of God with love that gives such eloquence

and honor to the love between husband and wife. As a living sign of Christ's love for the Church and for humanity, husbands and wives speak volumes of God's unconditional incarnate love for all of his children! The Divine power that brings unity and life to marriage is so strong that once joined, it really cannot be separated.

Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. God's perfect divinity always meets our broken and imperfect humanity. God is okay with this setup as he created it this way. Our loving is never as unconditional as God's and often tainted by our own imperfections, needs, memories, hurts, sinfulness, and weakness. All of this baggage negatively impacts even the most well-intentioned marriages, causing them to be hurtful and empty. We are love works in progress.

God can succeed in perfecting our love only if we keep our eyes fixed on him as the source of that love. That's why marriage is always about three and not just two.

The Divine intimacy at the heart of marriage is what can make them celebrations of great union and happiness. Couples who are still madly in love with each other after many years, still looking at each other with that timeless twinkle in their eyes, best tell the story of God's oneness with humanity. Honor, celebrate, and support those who have accepted a vocation to marriage. Living in a world that easily pulls relationships apart, may they find hope and inspiration from their faith companions who are on the same journey!

# Welcome! Immaculate Heart of Mary: *Informed—Hospitable—Missionary*

## Parish Staff

Parish Office: 636-398-5270

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## Religious Education

Shawn Mueller, Director

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Parish School of Religion (when restrictions are lifted)  
Grades 1 thru 8, September thru May, 8:45-9:45am, Sundays  
Confirmation Preparation  
8th Grade—September thru May, 8:45-9:45am, Sundays  
Children's Liturgy of the Word (when restrictions are lifted)  
September thru May, during the 10am 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

### Liturgical Videographer

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

## Social Media

Dear Parishioners,

I have been aware and engaged with the internet since the early 1990's. A friend and classmate of mine was very tech oriented and gifted. My first experience of on-line discussion was the forums and bulletin boards that universities would create for various classes or communities. I was always on the sidelines, more of a spectator than a participant.

All that changed in 1995 when I joined AOL and started exploring their services. The main reason to join was e-mail and instant messaging to chat with my friends from high school that were still in my life. Much to my surprise were the chatrooms, which were the first real experience of social media for me. It was amazing to chat with people all over the nation and all over the world.

Chatrooms were an opportunity to connect with people you knew in real life as well as people you may never meet in real life but came to know through these conversations. The semi-anonymous nature of screennames exposed people's attitudes real quick. Some people came in with good attitudes and behaviors, others became trolls. Trolls only come to disrupt, to argue and often to attack others. Some fragile souls I knew were marred by the pettiness of their fellow

visitors to AOL. I was pretty active on AOL from 1995 until 2003.

In 2003 various other "Social Medias" came into my life, MySpace, Facebook and Twitter. MySpace was a flash in the pan, and Facebook became my main experience of social media. I'm still on Facebook and Twitter, but those are not places of engagement for me anymore.

If you want to ever connect with me on-line, I have started a community on **Locals**. I will provide the link at the bottom. Locals has a format similar to Facebook without all the adds, management of data and promotion or censorship of things that matter or don't matter to me. My Locals community is free at the moment, but may be subject to a monthly fee. If that comes to pass, I will make it as minimum as possible and any proceeds will go to the St. Vincent de Paul Society or some other charity. I am not there for additional income, but rather other opportunities to connect with parishioners, neighbors and anyone who might wander onto the community.

Peace,



<https://atpadres.locals.com/>

## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B

Some people brought children to Jesus, but the disciples scolded the people. [Jesus said,] "Let the children come." Then he . . . placed his hands on each of them and blessed them. MARK 10:13-14, 16

*Children's Letters to God* was compiled by Stuart Hample and Eric Marshall. The book reveals how at ease children are when they converse with God. For example, Jane asks God, "Instead of letting people die or having to make new ones, why don't you keep the ones you got?" Larry suggests to God, "Maybe Cain and Abel would not kill each other... if they had their own rooms. It works with my brother." Finally, Mickey confides to God, "If you watch in church on Sunday, I will show you my new shoes."

What might I learn from Children's Letters to God about how I approach God in prayer?

*"Whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it."* MARK 10:15

Mark Link S.J. *Vision*



### Ministry Schedule

October 2—4pm

EM: Donna Hecht, Ann Zaleuke, Vanita Joerling  
Lec: Chuck Kettler, Clare Holifield  
Serv: Chase Spurgeon  
Music: Bryan & cantor  
Ush: Chris Cuddihee, Tim Wilson, Mike Rieker, Bill Pollihan

October 3—7:30am

EM: Mary Hardesty, Emily Cooksey, Jan Kardasz  
Lec: Michelle Greiwe, Kris Jenkins  
Serv: KaBella Bruno, Izzy Scheer  
Music: Verdi & Brooke  
Ush: Joe Weber, Terry Schneider, Mark Thome, Rick Scharf

October 3—10am

EM: Chris Richter, Laura Orf, Mary Busby-Simpson  
Lec: Kat & Chris Menne  
Serv: Jack Lyons, Thomas Kokker  
Music: Adult Choir  
Ush: Gary Struckhoff, Bob Hutchcraft, Bill Riley, Alan Raymond

### IHMformation Station

4:00: Larry & Donna Hecht  
7:30: Michelle Greiwe  
10:00: Randy & Angie Gust

### —Rest in Peace—

We offer our prayerful sympathy to:

Marty and Peggy Dupree on the death of his mother  
**Evelyn Brandon**

Kathy and Richard Lalonde on the death of her sister  
**Karen Richardson**

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

**10am Mass will be moved to 9:30 today!**

### Ministry Schedule

October 9—4pm

EM: Bryan Potter, Pat Roche, Karen Wilson  
Lec: Mike Greene, Sharon Hagan  
Music: Bryan & Mary Ann  
Serv: Izzy Scheer  
Ush: Ed Etzkorn, Andy Pope, Larry Graves, Mike Rieker

October 10—7:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Maureen Blondin, Mary Keune  
Lec: Peggy Dupree, Karen Wappelhorst  
Music: Verdi & Brooke  
Serv: Mary Grace & Janie Becker  
Ush: Gary Potter, Dave London, Ron Neske, Mike Hardesty

October 10—9:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Joni Marren-Slaughter, Donna Wolff  
Lec: Mary Busby-Simpson, Bill Winters  
Music: Adult Choir  
Serv: William Lassiter, Izzy Czuchna  
Ush: Ron Simpson, Chuck Hinkle, Larry Smith, Gary Struckhoff

### IHMformation Station

4:00: Ed & Marcia Etzkorn  
7:30: Peggy Dupree  
10:00: Ralph & Janice Britton

### Heavenly Duster Schedule

Week of October 3: Elaine Sweeten  
Week of October 10: Joyce Caruthers  
Week of October 17: Laura Cuccio  
Week of October 24: Clara Haas  
Week of October 31: Yvonne Brossette

### Purificators

Month of October: Pat Roche

## Please pray for all the sick and suffering:

Phyllis Zerr, Fran Bussen, Betty Boyd, Deacon Tony, Amy Robbins, Don Schmidt, Carl Wolff, George Stark, Loretta Bruns, Betty Heppermann, Joyce Brakensiek, Tom Hartenbach, Richard & Doris Berhorst, Terry Hagan, Larry Gassei, Pat Foster, Pat Ryan, Frank Marquart, Pete Schepis, Justin Wehmeier, Jeff Bollman, Frank Kardasz, Tom Baker, Jim Hall

Steve Wengerski and Kathy Schuckman (friends of Mandy Daub), Keith Langford (son of Rita & brother of Valerie Langford), Red Brockmeyer (cousin of Kay & Ray Cherry), Karla Sitzes (daughter of Sophia Bax), Kelly Taylor (friend of Kat Brittingham), Michael Speir (son-in-law of Jackie & Steve Dunn), Peyton Newman (grandson of Mike & Mary Hardesty), Loren Brandon (father of Marty & Peggy Dupree), Charlie Grady (grandson of John & Carol Grady), Pat Finan (daughter of Fran Bussen), Marlene Hagemeyer (sister of Pat Roche), Sal Polisi (brother of Nancy and Walter Hollenstein), Carol Fague (sister of Bob Woodford), Janet Piel and Jordan Keene (sister and friend of Joni Marren-Slaughter), Michael Molitor (brother of Richard Molitor), Rosemary Bell (sister of Janet & Jerry Hespen),

**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

## Mass Intentions

Monday, October 4	
8:00am	Sandy Sebree + Jack Roderick (4th ann.) +
Tuesday, October 5	
8:00am	Arno & Freida Fleischer + Dan & Karen Windler +
Wednesday, October 6	
8:00am	Thomas Miller +
6:30pm	Walt Reel +
Thursday, October 7	
8:00am	All Souls James Korynta +
Friday, October 8	
8:00am	the Schneider family
Saturday, October 9	
8:00am	Lorraine DuPont +
4:00pm	intention of Don & Anne Schmidt
Sunday, October 10	
7:30am	People of the Parish Norma & Gordie Colbert +
9:30am	Mary Fine +

## Activities this Week

Sunday, October 3	
	PSR classes, 8:45—9:45 Faith formation, Grand Hall, 8:45—9:45 Jonah Team will pray with you after 10am Mass
Monday, October 4	
	Event in Grand Hall this morning St. Vincent de Paul, Grand Hall, 6pm <i>Sausage Dinner setup Founders Hall—all week !!!</i>
Tuesday, October 5	
	Event in Weber Hall 8-8:45am Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, following 8am Mass Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am Children's choir practice, 6:30pm
Wednesday, October 6	
	Sunday readings study, Weber Hall, 8:45am Evening Mass at 6:30pm / Reconciliation, 7pm Adult choir practice, church, 7pm
Thursday, October 7	
	Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am RCIA, Weber Hall, 6:30pm Event in Grand Hall 7pm
Friday, October 8	
	Quilting in Weber Hall, 8:30—noon
Saturday, October 9	
	Reconciliation after 8am Mass
Sunday, October 10	
	<b>Sausage Dinner!</b>

## Contributions Sept. 25/26

General offertory:	\$18,331.55
Online giving:	<u>\$3,884.02</u>
	<b>\$22,215.57</b>

*"So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name."  
~~Genesis 2:19~~*

The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second, stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn't something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations built our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.

**We pray:** That we may care for the planet and be better stewards of the earth's resources.

## Needed at the Pantry

Laundry detergent, sugar, coffee, paper towels, fruit juices, canned fruit, razors, all purpose cleaner



*We cannot accept expired or previously opened items*

***Please hold your plastic bags—we have plenty!!***

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples, "Let the children come to me ... for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

This week, please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to children who are hungry and cold.

## SVDP 24-hour Helpline

St. Vincent dePaul has a 24 hour helpline for anyone in crisis, including the homeless, by dialing 2-1-1. Our coordinated entry team will respond to their needs. For our local SVDP Conference, please call 636-398-5270, ext. 225.

God bless you all for your continued support. Please join us in prayer for the homeless and all who are in crisis!



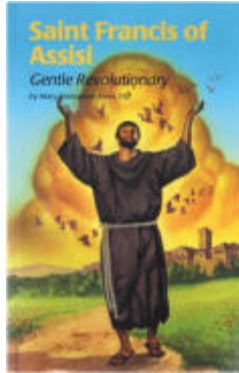
We welcome to our parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism  
**Eleanor Grace Bruns**  
daughter of Larry & Lindsey (Full) Bruns

The next Baptismal preparation classes are scheduled for **October 17** and **November 21**. Please call the parish office to reserve your spot!

## Special Collection for the Permanent Diaconate today!

### PSR Corner

All parents and students grades 1-7 should have received their login information from MyCatholicFaithDelivered.com. You should also have received your Faith and Life Family Guides. Lastly, hopefully all have made contact with the catechist. Consider praying for your son or daughter's catechist throughout the year.



### Save the Date

Halloween Movie Night  
for kids and adults

Friday, October 29 at sundown

Halloween costumes encouraged!

More info to come

### Rummage Sale Stats

- ⇒ 53 women and men worked 1024¾ hours
- ⇒ We made \$13,058.83
- ⇒ We donated \$6500 of that figure to the following:
  - ◆ IHM St. Vincent de Paul \$500
  - ◆ Love Serving God \$1,000
  - ◆ Holy Name of Jesus SVDP \$900
  - ◆ Missionaries of Charity \$500
  - ◆ St. Robert Bellarmine SVDP \$500
  - ◆ Sparrow's Nest \$500
  - ◆ Mary Queen of Angels SVDP \$500
  - ◆ SVDP-USA Disaster Services \$1,000
  - ◆ Happiness for Harper \$1,000
  - ◆ Mark Pries ("thank you" gift card) \$100
- ⇒ All remaining funds went to IHM General Fund

Again, a word of thanks to all who donated, helped in any way, or bought "treasures". We appreciate all of you!

### IHM Youth Ministry

Janet Hespen,  
Youth Minister,  
314-369-6521

10/14: Game Night: Bring your favorites. 7-8:30pm, Grand Hall

10/15: 6:30—10pm

10/16: 8:30am—11pm

**BE NOT afraid.**  
Catholic Youth Conference

St. Joseph/Josephville

for 8th thru 12th grades. Lots of fun with other Youth Groups. You can come and go throughout the day. Check this link:

[spiritaliveyouthconference.com](http://spiritaliveyouthconference.com)

10/28: Halloween Fun/Bonfire. Dress up maybe as a favorite Saint? Parents welcome. 6:30—8:30pm

11/11: Youth Group Giving Back. 7-8:30pm, Grand Hall

11/20: Help with St. Vincent de Paul Scouting for Food food drive. 9am, Founders Hall

11/25: Have a blessed Thanksgiving and give thanks for all you have. #1 is your faith!

12/2: Youth Group to set up manger scene on parish grounds. How can we be Jesus to others? 7-8:30pm, Grand Hall

12/16: For King and Country Christmas Drummer Boy Concert at the Enterprise Center. Meet at IHM to carpool, 5:15 sharp

12/25: Merry Christmas and God bless our teens

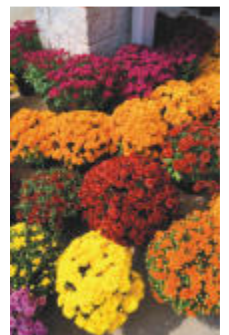
12/30: Youth Group Christmas Party at Janet and Jerry Hespen's home, 7 Hobie Cat Court. 5pm.

### Youth Group has mums

Big, beautiful mums in many colors. \$17 each or 2 for \$30

Available before or after all Masses - order ahead or pick up (recommend pre-ordering for specific color)

You may deposit \$\$ in the box at the IHMformation Station or call Janet at 314-369-6521.



### Prayer Shawls:

If you or someone you know needs to be wrapped in prayer, please pick a prayer shawl! We have a good supply in church of shawls that have been hand-crafted by parish members who offer a prayer with each stitch, and each one has been blessed by Fr. Tom.



# Fall Sausage Dinner

## Immaculate Heart of Mary

### New Melle, MO

**October 10, 2021 (next Sunday!)**

serving from 11am to 6pm



Adult dinners: \$14

(\$13 if ordered and paid by Thursday, October 7)

Children ages 6 to 12: \$7 \* Ages 5 and under eat FREE

*Dinner served with sauerkraut, applesauce, green beans, corn, mashed potatoes & gravy,  
featuring Homemade Bread and Desserts*

Handicap parking and free shuttle service



Craft Fair and Country Store

Pull tabs & Quilt Raffle

Express Dining under the Pavilion (weather permitting)

Live Music

Pork, Blood & Liver Sausage for sale

Wine & Beer Garden



## Bonanza Extravaganza and 50/50 Raffles



See raffle tickets for prize details; you need not be present to win

## We still need Workers!!

If you haven't signed up for a particular spot, we can still find a place for you!  
We always have fun, meet new people, and serve the best sausage around!

*We will begin setting up next week—all hands on deck!!!*

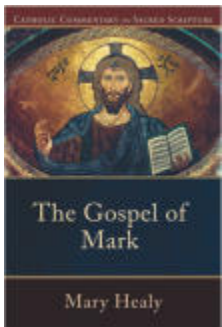
## What's Your Catholic IQ?

- The term "early Church" refers to
  - people who go to the 7am Sunday Mass
  - the years before any churches were built
  - 50 a.d. to 100 a.d.
  - the time between Jesus' Resurrection and the First Council of Nicaea in 325
- St. Angela Merici taught the faith to young girls and founded the
  - Ursuline Sisters
  - Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity
  - Sisters of the Good Shepherd
  - Sisters of the Living Word
- Which order of religious sisters does not teach in Catholic schools?
  - the Sisters of Christian Charity
  - the Ursulines
  - the Poor Clares
  - the Dominican Sisters
- Which of the following is not one of the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit given to us at Baptism and sealed in us at Confirmation?
  - knowledge
  - understanding
  - fortitude (courage)
  - gentleness
- Jesus said, "For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the \_\_\_\_." (John 18:37)
  - truth
  - Church
  - Knights of Columbus
  - love of God
- The \_\_\_\_ is the official teaching office of the Catholic Church.
  - principal's office
  - superintendent's office
  - pope's office
  - Magisterium
- In the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) n. 89, \_\_\_\_ are described as "lights along the path of faith, they illuminate it and make it secure."
  - votive candles
  - dogmas
  - catechists
  - the saints
- The bishops are successors of the
  - cardinals
  - Apostles
  - saints
  - martyrs
- Paul studied under the famous Jewish teacher
  - Abraham Heschel
  - Moses Malone
  - Gamaliel
  - Elie Wiesel
- The first American-born saint established an order of religious women to teach and care for the poor.
  - St. Katherine Drexel
  - St. Theodore Guerin
  - St. Frances Cabrine
  - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

*answers on last page*

## St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

*From the Parish Library—Grand Hall*



There is an increasing hunger among Catholics to study the Bible in depth and in a way that integrates Scripture with Catholic doctrine, worship, and daily life. In October 2008, a meeting of the world Synod of Bishops scheduled by Pope Benedict XVI focused on "The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church." Coinciding with that meeting was the launch of the Catholic Com-

mentary on Sacred Scripture (C.C.S.S.), a series that responds to the desire of Catholics to access the living Word of God. The Gospel of Mark is the first of seventeen volumes, which will cover the entire New Testament. Written by trusted Catholic biblical scholars, these commentaries interpret Scripture in the light of Catholic tradition. Accessibly written yet substantive, the C.C.S.S. fills a gap in the available literature by offering commentaries that cover more than brief study guides but are less daunting than scholarly commentaries.

## 2021 Public Square Rosary Crusade



AMERICA NEEDS  
**FATIMA**

Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother.

Please join us in praying for our nation on  
**October 16, 2021 at 12 Noon here at IHM**

The local Public Square Rosary Rally will take place at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in front of our grotto next to the St Joseph Chapel.

Please contact Sharon at 314-853-4994 for more info.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sun: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12  
Mon: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37  
Tue: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42  
Wed: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4  
Thu: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13  
Fri: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26  
Sat: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28



## Today, October 3, is Respect Life Sunday

“St. Joseph’s ‘yes’ to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph’s devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
Respect Life Reflection: St. Joseph, Defender of Life  
[respectlife.org/reflection-joseph](https://respectlife.org/reflection-joseph)

## Pro-Life Witness

The Annual St. Charles County [Life Chain](#) will take place on Sunday, October 3 from 2-3pm. Unite with other area pro-life supporters in a peaceful, powerful, prayerful public witness to the tragedy of abortion. St. Patrick Catholic Church in Wentzville will be the closest location hosting the Life Chain.

All are welcome to just show up and participate. Life Chain signs will be available after 1:15pm. For safety reasons, participants should remain on the sidewalk while witnessing to the sanctity of life. For more information, contact Bill Winters, 636-828-4133.

## Statement of U.S. Bishops on 2021 Respect Life Month

“The month of October brings with it our annual observance of [Respect Life Month](#). As part of the Year of St. Joseph declared by Pope Francis, this year’s celebration highlights the example of that great saint.

“As the faithful protector of both Jesus and Mary, we find in St. Joseph a profound reminder of our own call to welcome, safeguard, and defend God’s precious gift of human life.

“Despite the mysterious circumstances surrounding Mary’s pregnancy, St. Joseph took her into his home at the word of the angel. He guided their journey to Bethlehem, found shelter, and welcomed the infant Jesus as his son. When Herod threatened the life of the Christ Child, St. Joseph left his homeland behind and fled with Jesus and Mary to Egypt.

“Like St. Joseph, we are also called to care for those God has entrusted to us—especially vulnerable mothers and children. We can follow in the footsteps of St. Joseph as protector by advocating against taxpayer-funded abortion, which targets the lives of millions of poor children and their mothers here in the United States. We can imitate his care and provision by helping to start *Walking with Moms in Need* at our parishes, ‘walking in the shoes’ of mothers experiencing a difficult pregnancy, especially low-income mothers in our communities.

“At times, we may feel uncertain of our ability to answer the Lord’s call. But He invites us to faithfully respond, despite our own fears of weaknesses: ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness’ (2 Cor 12:9).

“May we imitate St. Joseph’s faithful trust and courage as we work to uphold the dignity of every human life. St. Joseph, defender of life, pray for us!”

## Vitae Foundation's St. Charles Pro-Life Event

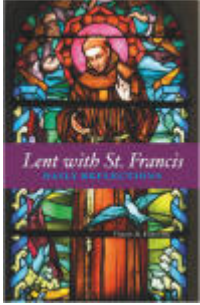
Vitae Foundation is hosting their Annual Pro-Life Event on Thursday, October 28 at the St. Charles Convention Center, 1 Convention Center Plaza in St. Charles. The featured speaker is Jason Chaffetz, a Fox News Contributor and former Congressman! Dinner and Program begin at 7pm. Reservations are \$75 per person (\$45 is tax deductible) and may be made online at [vitaefoundation.org](https://vitaefoundation.org) or by calling 573-634-4316.

For questions, or to become a sponsor, please contact Nick Johnson by calling 314-660-8872 or emailing him at [nick.johnson@vitaefoundation.org](mailto:nick.johnson@vitaefoundation.org).

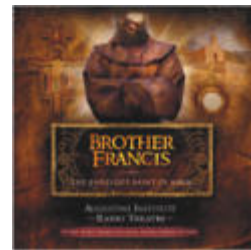
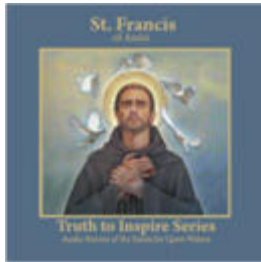
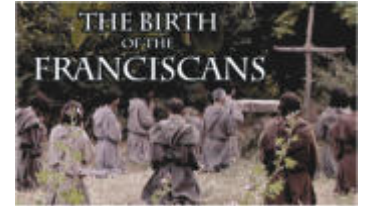
**We pray for all Catholics on this Respect Life Sunday,  
that we may resolve anew to protect the gift of every human life.**

St. Francis Borgia in Washington is hosting a FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY on October 8 from 4:30—8:30pm featuring (among other things) hot dogs, coffee, desserts, and live music! You are invited to join them.

## Mysteries, Marvels and Miracles in the Life of the Church: St. Francis of Assisi (Feast: October 4<sup>th</sup>)



Apart from Jesus Himself, few saints have had such an impact on the life of the Church as St. Francis of Assisi. Where does one begin to highlight, summarize his influence on the life of the Church or the mysteries, marvels and miracles associated with his life? Why not “walk with Francis” for a time by reading a good book or devotional on his life? Check out the parish library downstairs. There is a special section of books and videos on St. Francis. For more convenience, check out the resources on Formed.org listed below. Remember that every person in the parish has been gifted a free subscription to this resource. Visit [www.ihm-newmelle.formed.org](http://www.ihm-newmelle.formed.org)



### Answers to Catholic IQ

- d) The early Church experienced persecutions until Constantine legalized Christianity in 313. Constantine called the Council of Nicaea in 325 to settle debates about Jesus' nature. The Nicene Creed we say at Mass comes from this Council.
- a) The Ursuline Sisters, named after St. Ursula, were the first teaching order of women established in the Church. They received papal approval in 1544.
- c) The Poor Clare Sisters were started by St. Clare of Assisi (1194-1253). They live in an enclosed monastery, embracing a life of community, contemplation, poverty, and joy.
- d) The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. These gifts are heroic virtues exhibited by Jesus. He shares them with us through the Holy Spirit so that we can live heroic Christian lives.
- a) Jesus also says in John 14:6: “I am the way, the truth and the life.” Catechesis promotes the truth that Christ teaches in His words and in His person.
- d) The Magisterium teaches through creeds, laws, dogmas, and the doctrines. These teachings build up the Church, govern the administration of the Sacraments, and correctly proclaim the gospel in every age.
- b) Dogmas, revealed by God and taught by the Magisterium, hold the highest authority and are the central truths of the faith. For example, the Resurrection of Jesus is a dogma. Catholics adhere to dogmatic teachings.
- b) The bishops, together with the pope, make up the Magisterium and share the authority to teach in Jesus' name. “...[T]he Apostles left bishops as their successors” (see CCC, n. 77).
- c) Paul studied “at the feet of Gamaliel” (Acts 22:3), a celebrated scholar of the Jewish law. Elsewhere, Gamaliel counsels the Sanhedrin to stay away from the Apostles, who were arrested for proclaiming the Risen Christ (see Acts 5:34).
- d) Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton founded the Sisters of Charity of Saint Joseph and established a network of schools that became a model for parochial schools throughout the U.S.





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