

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 (St. Joseph Chapel)

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

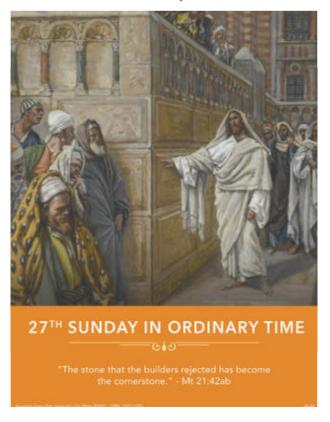
Baptism: Contact the parish office

to register for class and to arrange date

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:

Contact Shawn Mueller in the parish office

October 4, 2020



Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Do you ever wonder why things never seem to come together? We see glimpses of consistency, equity, justice, peace, harmony, and wellbeing, but it always falls short. Human life is still expendable and manipulated, people are used for personal advancement, countries are at war, the economy continues to face turbulence, anger and frustration are widespread, and happiness is the possession of just a few and not the many. Could it be that we are serving the wrong kingdom? We keep trying to make our kingdom work and find ourselves still scratching our heads after repeatedly failed attempts to do so. It is almost as if people are saying, "we'll get it right this time if we do ...," as if some new and secret innovation has yet to be tried.

We serve God's kingdom. We may not like hearing that, but it is true. God did not make only a few of us. God made all of humanity and all of humanity is called into service. How often do we defer any of our decision making to God? Secular leaders enjoy winking at the Sacred Scriptures and using them when they advance a cause, but are they really listened to? Even those who consider themselves believers tend to sift through God's Word, taking what seems to fit and apply and discarding the rest. After all, if we were really serving God's kingdom, we would see an abundance of fruit testifying to this fact. But what's growing on the vine is anything other than good Gospel-centered fruit.

Nothing in this world or the next belongs to us. We have such a hard time believing this and live our lives as if everything belongs to us. And, the fruit does not lie. Trees that are neglected and not properly fertilized reveal that fact. They cannot keep these deep secrets from being discovered. If God's kingdom was really being

served, then life would have looked much differently after the crucifixion. By now, there would be plenty of fantastic fruit to harvest in abundance: faith, hope, love, prudence, temperance, justice, and fortitude. Do we see these in abundance around us? Why not?

Still we grapple with ownership, privilege, status, and the protection of our rights. It's all about us and what we want, think we need, and expect to acquire. When did this change of focus occur? We may be struggling with this since humanity's day in the garden and have never understood that the focus cannot be on us and the apple but on God and God's justice. Maybe the only answer is that the Kingdom be taken from us and given to someone who is willing to do a better job. Is that the fate we really want?

Welcome to Immaculate Heart of Mary: Informed—Hospitable—Missionary

Parish Staff

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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

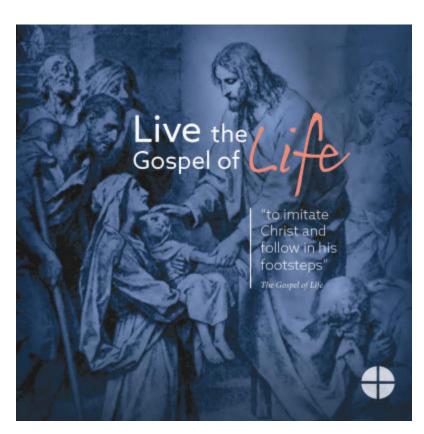
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Today is Respect Life Sunday!

Join Catholics nationwide in celebrating throughout October. Learn more about upholding the sanctity of every human life at *respectlife.org/respect-life-month*.

A Prayer for Life

Father and maker of all, you adorn all creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in your image and likeness. Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.



Prayer taken from the Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers, Revised Edition (Washington, DC: USCCB, 2007), 365. Copyright © 2007, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC



Deacons are called to serve

Please Support This Weekend's Deacon Formation Collection - October 3/4
Since 1977, 487 men have been ordained as permanent deacons in the Archdiocese. There are 211 active deacons ordained for the Archdiocese and 102 retired deacons. There are 44 men in formation at this time—this collection relieves some of their financial burden for studies to become a deacon, including five years of formation plus three more years of post-ordination formation.

Deacons serve in parishes, hospitals, archdiocesan agencies, and other organizations. They offer their time, talent and energy to strengthen our church in St. Louis and do not receive compensation for their work. Their service extends into many areas of parish life, including the proclamation of the Gospel, liturgical functions, administration, and charitable works. Many active deacons continue to be employed full time, requiring them to balance family lives and professions with their ministry as deacon.

Please support this special collection for the Formation of Permanent Deacons this weekend. Thank you!

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Ministry Schedule

October 3-4pm

EM: Josh Deters, Ann Zaleuke, Ed Etzkorn, Bryan Potter

Lec: Pat Barnard, Larry Graves

Serv: none available Music: Bryan & Maya

Ush: Andy Pope, Chris Cuddihee, Tom Zaleuke, Mike Rieker

October 4-7:30am

EM: Aaron Waldeck, Dianne Dickherber,

Josh Deters, Betty Tuepker Kris Jenkins, Chuck Kettler

Serv: Sydney Jaeckle Music: Verdi & Elizabeth

Lec:

Ush: Dave London, Ron Jacob, Bob & Teresa Berfanger

October 4—9:30am

EM: Josh Deters, Deacon Chris, Aaron Waldeck, Chris Richter

Lec: Michelle Greiwe, Nancy Ast

Serv: Mary Becker Music: Bryan & Maya

Ush: Bill Riley, Gary Struckhoff, Joe Weber, Bill Winters

October 4-11:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Aaron Waldeck

Lec: Chris & Kat Menne Serv: Thomas Kokker Music: P&W Band

Ush: Chuck Hinkle, Tim Maher, Dave Karll

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	

Ministry Schedule

October 10-4pm

EM: Josh Deters, Karen Wilson, Bob Brossette, Pat Roche

Lec: Mike Greene, Yvonne Brossette

Serv: none scheduled Music: Bryan & Amelia

Ush: Tim Wilson, Ed Etzkorn, Bill Pollihan, Larry Graves

October 11-7:30am

EM: Josh Deters, Jan Kardasz, Deacon Chris, John Fiacco

Lec: Dave London, Mary Hardesty

Serv: Mary Grace Becker Music: Verdi & Elizabeth

Ush: Frank Kardasz, Mike Hardesty, Tom Meczkowski, Larry Smith

October 11—9:30am

EM: Aaron Waldeck, Patrice Riley, Deacon Chris, Laura Orf

Lec: Don & Susan Hladky
Serv: Izzy Czuchna
Music: Bryan & Amelia

Ush: Brenda Hutchcraft, Bill Riley,

Alan Raymond, Michelle Greiwe

October 11—11:30am

EM: Josh Deters, Aaron Waldeck

Lec: Donna Hecht, Mary Busby-Simpson

Serv: Thomas Kokker Music: P&W Band

Ush: Ron Simpson, Chuck Hinkle, Dave Karll

Heavenly Duster Schedule

Week of October 4 Elaine Sweeten
Week of October 11 Joyce Caruthers
Week of October 18 Laura Cuccio
Week of October 25 Clara Haas

Purificators

Month of October Pat Roche

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, Lucy Smith, Joyce Brakensiek, Carl Wolff, Gary Potter

Lisa Debold (daughter of Dave & Pam DeBold), Leon Burkemper (son of Carol Rabbitt),
Doris Eisenbath (mother of Judy Molitor), Janet Piel (sister of Joni Marren-Slaughter),
Loren & Evelyn Brandon (parents of Marty & Peggy Dupree), Audrey Molitor (sister of Flo Joerling),
Pat Finan (daughter of Fran Bussen), Steve Wengerski (family friend of Mandy Daub),
Sophia Hartsfield (granddaughter of Ed & Marcia Etzkorn), Keith Langford (son of Rita & brother of Valerie Langford),
Red Brockmeyer (cousin of Kay & Ray Cherry), Karla Sitzes (daughter of Sophia Bax),

Michael Speir (son-in-law of Jackie & Steve Dunn), Karen Windler (sister of John Wappelhorst)

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.

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 5

Agnes Benne + 8:00am

Tuesday, October 6

Tom Miller (2nd ann.) + 8:00am

Wednesday, October 7

All Souls 8:00am

Elmer & Mary Mittler 70th Wedd. Ann.

Thursday, October 8

Bob Keune + 8:00am

Friday, October 9

the Schneider Family 8:00am

Saturday, October 10

Dave Gentry + 8:00am

Joseph & Antoinette Bamert + 4:00pm

Sunday, October 11

Moira Ryan + 7:30am

Steve Kettler + 9:30am

People of the Parish 11:30am

This Week at Home

proper safety guidelines for all events



Monday, October 5

St. Vincent de Paul, Grand Hall, 7pm Scouts, pavilion, 6:30pm

Tuesday, October 6

Fitness class, Grand Hall, 9-10am KC officers, Founders Hall, 6:30pm

Wednesday, October 7

Sunday Mass readings study, Weber Hall, 8:30am Psalms Bible Study, Grand Hall, 6pm

Reconciliation, 7pm

Thursday, October 8

Fitness class, Grand Hall, 9-10am RCIA, Weber Hall, 6:30pm

Friday, October 9

Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30am

Saturday, October 10

Reconciliation, 8:45am till all are heard KofC Car Show, parking lot, 9am—3pm Rosary Rally, noon, IHM grotto

Sunday, October 11

This would have been the date for the Sausage Dinner. We'll miss it. but look forward to next year!

Knights of Columbus Carry Out Chicken Dinner Fridays from 4-7pm at St. Patrick

October 16 - November 6

For more info, visit www.stpatrickwentzville.org/chicken

Contributions, Sept. 26/27

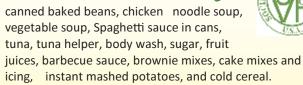
General Offertory: \$14,448.50 Online – General Offertory: \$3,049.29 TOTAL \$17,497,79

> "The stone the builders rejected has become the corner stone..." (Matthew 21:42)

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of His day, as well as ordinary citizens. Living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others in today's society. For example, saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is sign that God is alive and well!

Let us pray . . . that we are not afraid of living our Faith because of fear of being "rejected" by others.

Needed at the Pantry



The good news of this Gospel is that all we need to do is let God tend us and bring us to produce good fruit. All we need do is be faithful; God will take care of the rest.

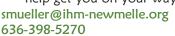
Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to those who feel left out and abandoned.

PSR Has Begun!

PSR corner We had an initial gathering on Wednesday, September 9th for all families who were able to join us for a brief welcome, meet and greet and for the picking up of textbooks or other notes from the catechist. At this point, along with the textbooks, all families who have registered should have received at least three things.

- Their log in information from www.MyCatholicFaithDelivered.com and
- 2. A welcome, introduction note from the grade level catechist and
- 3. A Faith and Life Family Guide for each particular grade level. If you have not received all these things, please contact Shawn

at the parish office and he will help get you on your way.

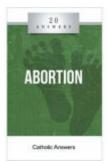




St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

(Note: With close to 4000 items, the <u>Parish Library</u> is located in the <u>Grand Hall</u> past the restrooms. It is open during the week-normal business hoursand works on an honor system. Items from the <u>Lighthouse CD rack</u> are located and available in the <u>Narthex</u>

From the Lighthouse CD Rack (Narthex)



The Human Rights Issue of our Age?

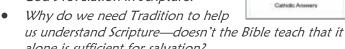
- Is it possible to know when life begins?
- Shouldn't women be able to control their own bodies?
- What if a pregnant woman's life is in danger?
- Why don't pro-lifers spend their energy making life better for people who are already born?

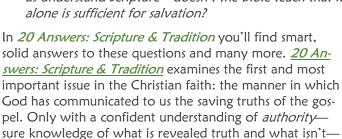
In this booklet you'll find smart, solid answers to these questions and many more. <u>20 Answers: Abortion</u> will deepen your understanding of this critical moral issue, and give you the knowledge you need to explain it to others.

The 20 Answers series from Catholic Answers offers hard facts, powerful arguments, and clear explanations of the most important topics facing the Church and the world—all in a compact, easy-to-read package.

A Twinfold Source of Truth

- In what forms does the word of God come to us?
- How do we know that the Bible is inspired, inerrant, and complete?
- Did the Catholic Church add extra books and "traditions of men" to God's revelation in Scripture?





can we be certain that we are truly following Christ.

Please pray for our troops:

Ian Bagby—U.S. Army Randy Brittingham—U.S. Air Force Gregory Conners—U.S. Army Luke Cwiklowski—U.S. Navy Joseph Gardner—U.S. Navy Nicholas Hitt—U.S. Army Jacob Holstein—U.S. Marines Courtney Kelley (Swoboda) - U.S. Air Force Angela Kettler—U.S. Navy Alexandra McIntosh—U.S. Navy Danielle McIntosh—U.S. Marines Richard Ostermeyer—U.S. Marines Matthew Rison—U.S. Navy Molly Rison—U.S. Navy Eric Roethler—U.S. Marines Andrew Salmo—U.S. Army Matthew Stovall—U.S. Marines Blake Varady—U.S. Army Alexander Vesel—U.S. Navy

and all U.S. military men and women who have dedicated their lives to preserve and protect our country

(if you would like your loved one listed, please contact the church office)

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

Jesus told this parable. "An owner leased his vineyard to tenants for a share of the crops. At harvest time, he sent his servants to collect the share due him. But the tenants abused and killed them. Then the owner sent other servants, but the tenants did the same thing. Finally, the owner] sent his son. When the tenants saw the son... they grabbed him. . . and killed him. [The owner then punished the tenants.]" Matthew 21:37-39

In Jesus' parable, the vineyard owner stands for God; the vineyard, Israel; the tenants, Israel's leaders; the servants, the prophets; the son, Jesus. The parable illustrates both God's patience and God's justice. God dealt patiently with Israel's leaders. But when they refused to respond, God passed judgment on them.

In what area of my life, especially, has God dealt very patiently with me?

All of us must appear before Christ, to be judged by him. Each one will receive what he deserves. 2 COR 5:10

From Mark Link S.J. Vision 2000

Recycling bins are located on the gravel lot behind Fr. Tom's house.

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)

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Get to know him a little better!

Everyone is welcome
to come to the Grand Hall on
Tuesday, October 20
when our seminarian
Josh Deters



will tell a little more of his journey to the priesthood. While he is with us during this year, he wishes to know us better, too, so please come. We thank the Marian Council for providing snacks for the evening.



Janet Hespen, Youth Minister, 314-369-6521

All teens: YM meetings will be in Founders Hall from 6:30-8pm with the following schedule:

Oct 1: Miracle and Messy Night

Oct 15: Confidence in Christ and Clever evening
Oct 29: Saints and Mummies (discussion on chastity)

Nov 1: All Saints Day—11:30 Mass

Be a Pro Life Witness Today

The Annual St. Charles County Life Chain will take place on Sunday, October 4 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 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 info, contact Bill Winters, 636-828-4133

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

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



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b. Hebrews

d. Philippians

encourage one another.

a. Thessalonians

c. Ephesians

A Comparison of the Republican and Democratic Platforms

A non-partisan guide on issues of concern to the electorate Quotes taken from platforms in effect 2020-2024

REPUBLICAN

before birth." (p.13)

KEY

DEMOCRATIC

PLATFORM

"The Constitution's guarantee that no one can "be deprived of life, liberty or property" deliberately echoes the Declaration of Independence's proclamation that "all" are "endowed by their Creator" with the inalienable right to life. Accordingly, we assert the sanctity of human life and affirm that the unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed. We support a human life amendment to the Constitution and legislation to make clear that the

Human Life

"Democrats believe every woman should be able to access ... abortion. We oppose and will fight to overturn federal and state laws that create barriers to women's reproductive health and rights, including by repealing the Hyde Amendment and protecting and codifying the right to reproductive freedom." (p.42)

"We oppose the use of public funds to perform or promote abortion or to fund organizations, like Planned Parenthood, so long as they provide or refer for elective abortions or sell fetal body parts rather than provide healthcare." (p.13)

Fourteenth Amendment's protections apply to children

"We support the appointment of judges who respect traditional family values and the sanctity of innocent human life." (p.13)

"We support options for learning, including home-schooling, career and technical education, private or parochial schools, magnet schools, charter schools, online learning, and early-college high schools. We especially support the innovative financing mechanisms that make options available to all children: education savings accounts (ESAs), vouchers, and tuition tax credits." (p.34)

"We renew our call for replacing "family planning" programs for teens with sexual risk avoidance education that sets abstinence until marriage as the responsible and respected standard of behavior." (p.34)

"The integrity of our country's foreign assistance program has been compromised by the ...[Obama] Administration's attempt to impose on foreign recipients, especially the peoples of Africa, its own radical social agenda while excluding faith-based groups — the sector with the best track record in promoting development — because they will not conform to that agenda. We pledge to reverse this course...." (p.52)

Planned Parenthood

"We will repeal the Title X domestic gag rule and restore federal funding for Planned Parenthood" (p.32)

Judges

"We will appoint U.S. Supreme Court justices and federal judges who look like America ... and will respect and enforce foundational precedents, including ... Roe v. Wade."(p.39)

Education/ School Choice

"Democrats oppose private school vouchers and other policies that divert taxpayer-funded resources away from the public school system." (p. 67)

Sex Education

"We recognize that quality, affordable comprehensive health care; medically accurate, LGBTQ+ inclusive, ageappropriate sex education; and the full range of family planning services are all essential to ensuring that people can decide if, when, and how to start a family." (p.32)

Foreign Assistance

"We will support the repeal of the global gag rule (also known as the Mexico City Policy) and measures like the Helms Amendment, which limit safe access to abortion. We will also restore and expand American contributions to the United Nations Population Fund" (pp. 82-83)

This flier and the full texts of the party platforms may be found at www.VotingInfo.net.

This guide has been legally approved for distribution by Churches and 501-(c)-3 organizations.

Legal letter and online version at VotingInfo.net. The Republican Party reaffirmed their 2016 platform without change.

More election resources at ProLifeVote.com

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Save the Date!

Advent Prayer Breakfast—December 12

Awaiting Christ our Hope

Encountering our Incarnate Lord in Advent and Christmas

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 [Is 5:7a]/Phil

4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Mon: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c [5]/Lk 10:25-37

Tue: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 [24b]/

Lk 10:38-42

Wed: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4

Thu: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [68]/Lk 11:5-13 Fri: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [5]/Lk 11:15-26 Sat: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 11:27-28

Presidential Election 2020

God cares how we act. Voting is a moral act. God cares how we vote.

As we approach election day, it is fitting to offer resources for Catholics to read and pass on to others regarding the election. When one votes for a president, they are not simply voting for one person (or personality), but for a party, a platform, for policies that affect the country long after a president is out of office. It is essential to know a party's core platform. A non-partisan comparison of party platforms like the one at left can be found at

https://www.priestsforlife.org/candidates/comparison.aspx

The full texts of the party platforms may be found at <u>www.VotingInfo.net</u>

Protecting the Right to Life of the Unborn is a pre-eminent issue amongst Catholics. This was made clear recently by Pope Francis and the U.S. Bishops in their document to inform voters called "Faithful Citizenship." (More on that next week).

Even though Catholics form the majority religious electorate in the US, this "pre-eminence" does not

seem to have taken a cumulative root in the lives of Catholics, as polls show a large percentage of Catholics not voting with protecting the right of the unborn as a priority.

In regard to abortion, many state that while they are "personally opposed" they do not feel it is their right to impose their moral views on another. "I'm personally opposed to abortion, but who am I to tell a woman what to do with her body." "I don't know her situation. I don't know what she is up against." This may initially sound like something in the order of respect and charity, but apply this to any other grave issue past or present and one can easily see the fallacy, "I am personally opposed to slavery but who am I to tell someone they can't own one." "I'm personally opposed to child abuse, but who am I to tell you, you can't abuse yours."

Some issues, especially in regards to children, one can't simply look the other way and say, "Who am I to judge?" Today, we live in a country that aborts a million children a year, one of only 7 in the world that allows abortions through all nine months of pregnancy.

This is the civil rights issue of our times. We have to keep this issue at the forefront and do what we can at all levels, political, legal, moral, personal, prayerful, etc. This is especially the case at a time when minorities are targeted by the abortion industry, black children in particular. We need to stop the genocide, offer hope and alternatives to women in crisis pregnancies, support the family (and fathers in particular) and promote and foster a culture of life in society.





There is much evil in the world. It divides and scatters the members of the Body of Christ. Uniting in prayer and in good works informed by our Catholic Faith is an excellent way to combat evil. I strongly urge the men of our parish to unite themselves and their families with the men and families of the Knights of Columbus. Simply go to www.kofc.org/joinus and follow the prompts. Use promo code MCGIVNEY2020 and your first year's dues are free! When asked for our council number, enter 11656. Don't delay! Do it today! You will be glad you did.



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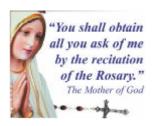
Prayer Warriors for Priests

Prayer Warriors for Priests is a group of women that meets monthly to pray for priests, deacons, and seminarians of the St. Charles Deanery and surrounding areas.

All women are invited to join us for the Rosary. Any questions, please contact Mary Stassi: 636-357-1387 or pinegrovefarm76@yahoo.com. Here is the prayer schedule for the next few months, all beginning at 10am.

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October 8: St. Gianna Church November 12: IHM/St. Joseph Chapel December 10: ICD/Adoration Chapel



Public Square Rosary Rally

October 10, 12:00 noon, **IHM Grotto**

Our Annual Rosary Rally for Our Lady of Fatima will be Saturday, October 10 at noon in front of our Grotto here at IHM (between Father's house and the chapel).

Each year, beginning in 2007, America Needs Fatima holds the Public Square Rosary Crusade, with thousands of rosary rallies in cities all across the country. These Public Square Rosary Rallies take place on the closest Saturday to October 13, feast of the last apparition of Our Lady of Fatima and the Miracle of the Sun.

America urgently needs the prophetic messages of Our Lady at Fatima. America needs a clear direction, a great purpose, and the means to achieve it. The admonitions, requests, and warnings of Mary Most Holy can rightly be called a heaven-sent survival manual.

Please come and join us! If you have any questions please call Sharon at 314-853-4994. Since we will be outside we can social distance very easily.

Google "Public Square Rosary Rallies" and you'll find lots of information.

44TH ANNUAL

Archdiocese of St. Louis 44th Annual Respect Life Convention: Live from the Ritz, Carlton!

Beginning at 10 a.m. on Sunday, October 18, join the Respect Life Apostolate (RLA) virtually for an inspirational and educational day of prayer, dynamic speakers on the Gospel of Life, awards and Walking with Moms ministry partners – all live from the Ritz-Carlton, St. Louis. Watch the Convention live-stream with your family, parish, school, youth group or pro-life organization!

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- •Dr. James Sherley (Charlotte Lozier Institute & Asymmetrex LLC)
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- •Cynthia Haehnel JD (Respect Life Director, Archdiocese of St. Louis)
- •Sr. Sue Ann Hall & Sr. Delores Vogt (Our Lady of Guadalupe Pro-Life Convent)

The Convention also includes a special complimentary Teen Track Pre-Release which will be made available to archdiocesan parish youth groups and schools in early October with presentations by Jacinta Florence (Regional Coordinator, Students for Life of America) and Brian Westbrook (Executive Director, Coalition for Life St. Louis).

Sign-up online today now through October 14! Registration, pricing, sponsorship opportunities, limited live-seating options, video challenge contest, and other details available at: https://prolifestl.regfox.com/2020-respect-lifeconvention

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