



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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Schedule of Holy Mass

Saturday: 8:00am, 4:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am

Weekdays: 8:00am, 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

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

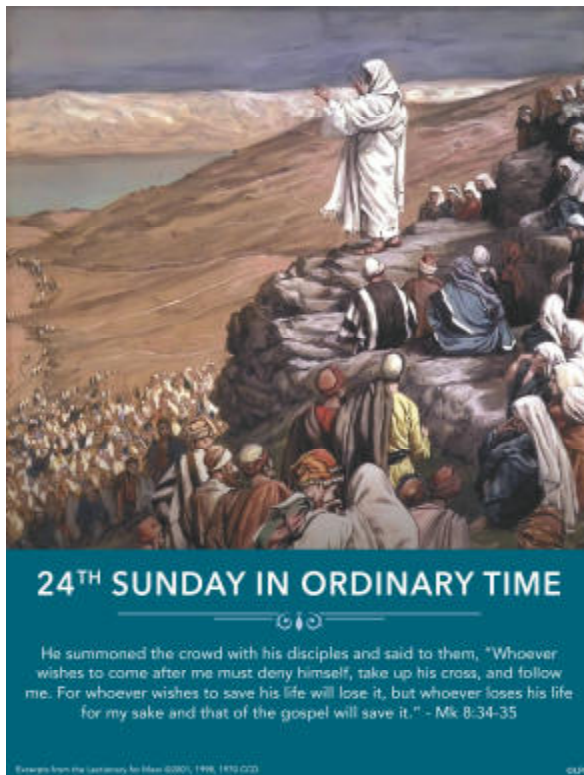
Reconciliation: Wednesday in church, 7pm
Saturday following 8am Mass

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

September 12, 2021



Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends, struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming

difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them.

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

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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

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A Generous Faith

Dear Parishioners,

As we mature as Disciples of Jesus one of the attributes we want to make our own is a generous faith. The next two points in our Top 10 List help us to move towards living a generous faith.

#5 Pray the Rosary frequently

Few things identify a Catholic more easily and readily than a Rosary. How often do we see them in the hands of our Beloved Dead when we attend a wake? If we arrive early enough at Mass we see others or occasionally join them in praying a Rosary. While some may dismiss the Rosary as a series of meaningless prayers, those who have become more familiar with the meaning of Rosary know that it is a mediation on the life of Our Lord and His relationship with His Mother. Praying the Rosary cultivates in our own hearts the same love of Jesus that the Blessed Mother held in her heart. We join Her in meditating on the most important events in the life of Jesus and applying them to our own life. The more we grow in our appreciation and understanding of the life of Jesus, the more we grow in gratitude for His sacrifice and love for us. The deeper the prayer, the greater the love.

Where prayer is in our schedule, there is God in our heart. Ok, it probably isn't that simple, but if you don't pray, God becomes a stranger and unwelcome guest in our life. God is present even if we don't pray, but when we do, we continue to enrich that loving relationship with Him and become more receptive to His life and love. We make time for what we love, we take time for who we love. The more the mysteries of the Rosary – the mysteries at the heart of our faith – permeate our heart and rest in our thoughts, the more gratitude we

have for Jesus' boundless and generous love. Those who are aware of being forgiven much, have greater gratitude than those with less awareness. This gratitude is the fuel that brings us before His altar and encourages us to join our lives to His in one sacrifice of praise to the Father.

#6 Be generous with your blessings through charities and tithing.

Awareness of such generous, unmerited love should motivate us to be generous in our faith. If we are living a generous faith we should strive to be people of tithing. The ideal mix is 5% to a faith community and another 5% to other charities that you want to support. Most people are not at the tithing level of generosity, but it is something we should strive to embrace. Looking at our spending habits is as essential as looking at our habits of spending time and seeking entertainment. If we don't pay attention, we will one day be shocked with how much we spend on ourselves without ever thinking about our generous giving.

I don't make it a point to see what individuals contribute to the parish, but I do pay attention to our weekly collection. I see your generosity to our various special fund raising activities, second collections or other expenses in parish life. I am always amazed and deeply humbled by your generosity. I pray that more people will be inspired to share their blessings with the our parish family, the universal Church and with other charities in need. We make time for what we love, we give our support to what matters to us.

Peace,



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B

[Jesus said,] "If anyone wants to come with me, he must forget himself, carry his cross, and follow me." MARK 8:34

Wilfred Funk writes: "Lord Byron had a clubfoot; Robert Louis Stevenson and John Keats had tuberculosis. Charles Steinmetz and Alexander Pope were hunchbacks; Admiral Nelson had only one eye; Edgar Allan Poe was a psychoneurotic; Charles Darwin was an invalid; Julius Caesar was an epileptic; Thomas Edison and Ludwig von Beethoven were deaf, and Peter Stuyvesant had a wooden leg." The significant thing about each of these is that they achieved mightily in the face of what most would have considered to be a cross.

If God asked me to carry one of the above crosses, which would I choose?

If you bear the cross gladly, it will bear you. THOMAS A KEMPIS

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Servers are needed for 4pm Mass. If interested, please contact the office. Thanks!

Ministry Schedule

September 11—4pm

EM: Deacon Chris, Bob Brossette, Donna Cuddihee
Lec: Yvonne Brossette, Jackie Dunn
Zerv: Izzy Scheer
Music: Bryan & cantor
Ush: Mike Rieker, Andy Pope, Ed Etzkorn, Tim Wilson

September 12—7:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Mary Keune, Emily Cooksey
Lec: Chuck Kettler, Dave Dondon
Serv: Mary Grace & Janie Becker
Music: Brooke & Verdi
Ush: Chris Molitor, Tom Meczowski, Ron Jacob, Mark Thome

September 12—10am

EM: Deacon Chris, Chris & Kat Menne
Lec: Michelle Greiwe, Patrice Riley
Serv: Thomas Kokker, KaBella Bruno
Music: Choir
Ush: Ron Simpson, Joe Weber, Larry Smith, Chuck Hinkle

IHMformation Station

4:00: Andy & Barb Pope
7:30: Mark & Terri Thome
10:00: Michelle Greiwe

Ministry Schedule

September 18—4pm

EM: Jim & Theresa Risch, Becky Wilson
Lec: Sharon Hagan, Mike Greene
Serv: Zoey Panus
Music: Bryan & cantor
Ush: Bill Pollihan, Mike Rieker, Larry Graves, Andy Pope

September 19—7:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Dianne Dickherber, Jan Kardasz
Lec: Dave London, Karen Wappelhorst
Serv: Sydney & Natalie Jaeckle
Music: Elizabeth & Verdi
Ush: Terry Schneider, Gary Potter, Rick Scharf, Ron Neske

September 19—10am

EM: Deacon Chris, Bob Brossette, Sharon Smith
Lec: Grant Smith, Yvonne Brossette
Serv: Mary Grace & Janie Becker
Music: Choir
Ush: Bill Winters, Gary Struckhoff, Michelle Greiwe, Bill Riley

IHMformation Station

4:00: Brian & Becky Wilson
7:30: volunteers needed
10:00: Bob & Yvonne Brossette

Please pray for all the sick and suffering:

Phyllis Zerr, Fran Bussen, Betty Boyd, Deacon Tony, Amy Robbins, Don Schmidt, Carl Wolff, George Stark, 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

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),

Michael Speir (son-in-law of Jackie & Steve Dunn),
Peyton Newman (grandson of Mike & Mary Hardesty),
Loren & Evelyn Brandon (parents of Marty & Peggy Dupree),
Charlie Grady (grandson of John & Carol Grady),
Pat Finan (daughter of Fran Bussen),
Marlene Hagemeyer (sister of Pat Roche),
Janet Piel and Jordan Keene
(sister and friend of Joni Marren-Slaughter), Karen Richardson
(sister of Kathy & Dick Lalonde),
Karen Richardson (sister of Kathy & Dick Lalonde),
Carol Fague (sister of Bob Woodford),
Rosemary Bell (sister of Janet & Jerry Hespen),
Sal Polisi (brother of Nancy and Walter Hollenstein),

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

Heavenly Duster Schedule

Week of September 12: Jackie Barclay
Week of September 19: Agnes Meixner
Week of September 26: Lois Cobleigh

Purificators

Month of September: Pam DeBold



Friends of the Poor Walk/Run
Saturday, September 25, 2021
at Quail Ridge Park in Wentzville.
560 Interstate Dr., 63385.
9am registration, Walk starts at 10am.

This event can be found at <https://www.fopwalk.org/eventlisting/eventdetail/?eventid=2591> If you wish, you can register to join our IHM Team, and find all the information you need. If you register online, **you MUST select IHM/New Melle as beneficiary** to direct your donation to our Parish.

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.

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 13	
8:00am	Adrian Gober + Gerrie Bader +
Tuesday, September 14	
8:00am	in thanksgiving (EO) Bud Messig +
Wednesday, September 15	
8:00am	All Souls Wes Forrester +
6:30pm	Sandy Sebree +
Thursday, September 16	
8:00am	Ed Orf + living/deceased Jokisch Family
Friday, September 17	
8:00am	Generose Dudenhoeffer + John Roche Sr. (8th ann.) +
Saturday, September 18	
8:00am	Mary Karll +
4:00pm	intention of Don & Anne Schmidt
Sunday, September 19	
7:30am	Ed Rabbitt +
10:00am	People of the Parish Charles & Lucille Smith +

Contributions September 4/5

will be reported next week

*"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow me."*

~~Mark 8:34

Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for my own life, but for the lives of others as well. We realize that our gifts are not intended for ourselves, rather they are meant to be shared with others. "Taking up my cross" means doing things when someone else needs me and not when it's convenient for me.

We pray: remembering that absolutely everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God.

Needed at the Pantry

laundry detergent, oil, beef stew, men's and ladies' shaving lotion, body wash, all purpose cleaner, coffee, paper towels, fruit juices, mayonnaise, sugar



We cannot accept expired or previously opened items

Please hold your plastic bags—we have plenty!!

In today's Gospel Jesus says, "If a man wishes to come after me, he must deny his very self, take up his cross, and follow in my steps." The cross of Jesus and the crosses of His members can evangelize us: the sick, who bear illness with courage; the grieving, who hope against hope; the dying, who clearly trust in the resurrection; the suffering of our poor brothers and sisters who are hungry and homeless, but who still trust in God's love.

Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul...we want to help! Call us at 636-398-5270, ext. 225

Activities this Week

Sunday, September 12:	NEW MASS TIME @ 10am
	First day for PSR, parents and students meet in the Grand Hall at 8:45am, then to their classrooms
Monday, September 13	
	Scouts, 6:30pm
	ACTS Core Team, Weber Hall, 6:30pm
Tuesday, September 14	
	Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, following 8am Mass
	Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am
	Marian Council, Grand Hall, 6:30pm
	Children Choir practice, 6:30pm
Wednesday, September 15	
	Sunday readings study, Weber Hall, 8:45am
	Evening Mass at 6:30pm, followed by Reconciliation
	Adult choir practice, church, 7-9pm
Thursday, September 16	
	Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am
	Youth Ministry, Weber Hall, 7pm
Friday, September 17	
	Quilting in Weber Hall, 8:30—noon
	Breakfast for Dinner, Founders Hall, 4:30—7pm
	See flier later in this bulletin for more details

Activities this Week (continued)

Saturday, September 18	
	Reconciliation, 8:45am
	SVDP Food Pantry open 9-10:30am
	Anointing of the Sick following 4pm Mass
Sunday, September 19:	
	Anointing of the Sick following 7:45 and 10am Masses
	Parish School of Religion, 8:45—9:45am
	Family Faith Formation, Grand Hall, 8:45—9:45am
	featuring <i>Catholicism</i> by Bp. Robert Barron, ep. 1
	Please note new Mass time at 10am
	Baptismal prep, Weber Hall, 11am (please contact parish office to register for class)

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 (Saint) John Paul II)

- This petition is so important that it is the only one to which the Lord returns and which He develops explicitly in the _____ on the Mount.
a. Parable b. Sermon c. Transfiguration d. Preaching
- This crucial requirement of the covenant mystery is _____ for man, but with God all things are possible.
a. impossible b. possible c. easy d. no problem
- The parable of the merciless servant ends with these words: "So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your _____."
a. heart b. feelings c. anger d. emotions
- The heart that offers itself to the Holy Spirit turns injury into compassion and purifies the memory in transforming the hurt into _____.
a. intercession b. revenge c. avoidance d. anger
- Christian prayer extends to the forgiveness of _____, transfiguring the disciple by configuring him to his Master.
a. friends b. angels c. evil spirits d. enemies
- Forgiveness bears witness that, in our world, love is stronger than _____.
a. fear b. goodness c. mercy d. sin
- The Greek word "lead" means both do not allow us to enter into temptation and do not let us _____ to temptation.
a. run b. yield c. have occasion d. rise
- The Holy Spirit makes us discern between _____, which are necessary for the growth of the inner man, and temptation, which leads to sin and death.
a. fates b. trials c. grave sins d. laws
- There is a certain usefulness to _____, in order to teach us to know ourselves, and in this way we discover our evil inclinations.
a. sin b. temptation c. fear of death d. capital sins
- God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your _____.
a. desires b. lusts c. greed d. strength

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Answer Key



Janet Hespen,
Youth Minister,
314-369-6521

Hi Teens,

Looking for a night out and build some great Friendships along the way? Then come join the awesome teens that we have right here in our Parish!!! We meet every other Thursday with a different topic plus fun activities and refreshments. Times are 7 to 8:30, Grand Hall.

Sept 16: Good Friendships

Sept 30: Build a Disciple

Spirit Alive Youth Conference 2021—St. Joseph Parish, Wentzville—October 15/16

Early bird registration has officially opened for Spirit Alive See spiritaliveyouthconference.com for more information or to register.



Roe v Wade The Roe v Wade movie will be shown at Immaculate Conception Dardenne on Monday, September 20 at 6:30pm. The movie is a dramatization of the legal maneuvering and court intrigue that led to the Supreme Court's 1973 landmark decision legalizing abortion. All are welcome to attend!

Next baptismal prep classes:
September 19 and October 17,
11am, Weber Hall.
Please call the office at 636-398-5270
to reserve your spot! Thank you!

October 10th Sausage Dinner News!



We will need fun little treasures, jewelry, books, knick-knacks, houseplants and trinkets to sell. Please look through your house for possible donations. Small baked goods are also a good choice and sell quickly: cupcakes, cookies, caramel corn, fudge, brownies, nut breads, rolls.

Homemade Bread and Desserts

We have a tradition here at IHM where our parishioners bring homemade bread and desserts, especially cakes and pies, to our dinners. "No sugar added" also requested, Bake and freeze now to be ready for dinner!



Applications are now being accepted. Spaces are 9' x 6' and include two chairs. Tables are 8' long. All crafts are to be handmade or handcrafted. Space rental is \$35, additional tables are \$5 each. Questions? Terri Thome 314-616-7472 or territhome@gmail.com.

Volunteers needed! Signup in the narthex. Thanks!

Our New Listening System

There are **three** methods by which one can make use of the system:



1. The traditional body pack receiver with headphones are available on the shelf to the right just before you enter the sanctuary. There are 4 units there along with the chargers, so if you return the unit to the charger they will be ready for the next person.

Side note: We will be providing alcohol wipes at that station for cleaning before and after use if desired.

2. This system also has the capability to connect to T-Coil equipped Hearing Aids. We currently have two of the neckloops that convert the body pack receiver to enable linking to your own hearing aids.
3. The third option is not ready yet, but the system will connect through an App on your cellular device and you will use your own earbuds to listen in. The app is available through your app store. We will post more detailed information in the bulletin when we have it ready.

We will have 4 body packs and 2 of the neckloops for each Mass. You would also have the option to order your own devices if you desire. Estimated cost for the bodypack is \$100 each and the neckloop for hearing aids runs \$50 each.

We expect to have the WIFI connection for the Cellular devices in the next week or two.

CHOIRS NOW RECRUITING FOR THIS SEPTEMBER!



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CHILDREN'S CHOIR

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PSR Corner

PSR Begins Sunday, September 12—this weekend!

Sunday, September 12th we are having our first gathering, meet and greet in the Grand Hall at 8:45 am

Parish School of Religion Parent Meeting



1st Paula Minski



2nd Barb Nikonowicz



3rd Leah Becker



4th Jean Hitt



IHM PSR Catechists 2021-2022

5th Stacey Thaler



6th Julie-Peter Lassiter



7th Adam-June McCarthy



8th Jennifer Spurgeon

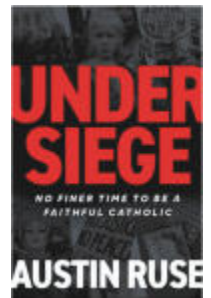


St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

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

From the Parish Library—Grand Hall

Decades as a Christian leader, most notably at the U.N. as president of the Center for Family & Human Rights, have earned writer Austin Ruse (once a Washington liberal with little faith) his share of defeats and triumphs. Perhaps most valuably, he has intuited keen tactical insights from his confrontations with the dark side of human nature. You come away from this groundbreaking book with the sense that Ruse knows the enemy better than the enemy knows himself.



Ruse carefully examines how the anti-Christian forces gained power over every elite institution in America. He exposes their most deviant plans for the future. He then issues his authoritative call to arms, brilliantly arguing that there is no finer time to be a faithful Catholic. God Himself called each of us to live in this time and place, to contribute to the renewal of society and the Church, and to vanquish the enemies of civilization. Ruse argues that each of us is called specifically to this battle and he provides a roadmap for fighting the major challenges American Christians now face. He identifies the vulnerabilities of the Leftists who appear so dominant today, and he pinpoints Catholicism's most potent sources of resistance. More than anything, Ruse argues that, as dark as these days seem to be, future generations will look upon this generation with envy that they could not have been here with us in these dangerous times when everything seems so lost. Ruse lays it all out in these simple, balanced pages. The best days could be ahead for us, but only if we accept and stick to this plan to rebuild Christendom.



Like a modern-day St. Paul, in perhaps the most astounding conversion of our times, Roy Schoeman, former Jew turned atheist, shares how God directly intervened to change everything. You will never be the same. After three decades of producing the most effective and popular Catholic talks in the world we can assure you that there has never been anything quite like this amazing talk. Now a bestselling author and Catholic Radio host, we believe Roy is a modern day St. Paul and once you hear him you'll understand why. We promise this talk will deeply influence how you view eternity itself. With God's grace, Roy's story will do just that for you, your family and friends, and

fellow parishioners. Order a CD for free or download the talk for free at www.catholicity.com/cds/schoeman.html (Note: Mr. Schoeman was here at IHM to share his conversion story a few years back).



Upcoming Events Beginning in September

Call Shawn Mueller in the parish office for more information: 636-398-5270

Wednesday Evening Mass

Beginning
Wednesday,
September 1st,
Fr. Tom will be
offering an additional
Mass, Wednesday
evenings at 6:30 pm.



The Wednesday evening Mass will be at 6:30pm each week. Fr. Tom also makes himself available for the Sacrament of Confession beginning around 7pm.

Three Important Notes about this Wednesday Mass

1. There is an evening Bible Study group that will meet in Weber Hall each week after the 6:30pm Mass. This is another opportunity for you to consider (see description to the right).
2. With the PSR time change to Sundays (see article on previous page) we also plan to invite various grades to come to these Wednesday evening Masses on several occasions throughout the year. Sometimes we may have a time for Adoration for the children after the Mass. The schedule for these opportunities will be given to PSR families.
3. Every Fourth Wednesday there will be "Prayers for Healing" teams available after the 6:30pm Mass. All are invited to be prayed with and prayed over. Bryan Beams will also be here to offer music meditations during that time.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

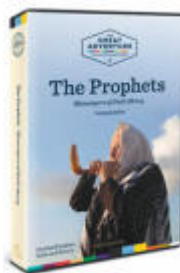
There will be an RCIA
introductory gathering on
Thursday, September 23rd
at 6:30pm in Weber Hall.
Please contact us ahead of time
if you are interested or
have any initial questions.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

The Wednesday evening Bible Study is facilitated by Grant Smith, Tim Maher and Lisa Norton. This year's study of "The Prophets" will begin on **Wednesday, September 15th in Weber Hall**. It will take place after the 6:30 pm evening Mass, so around **7:15 pm or so, lasting till around 8:30 pm**. Call the parish office for more details or questions if you'd like to join the group.

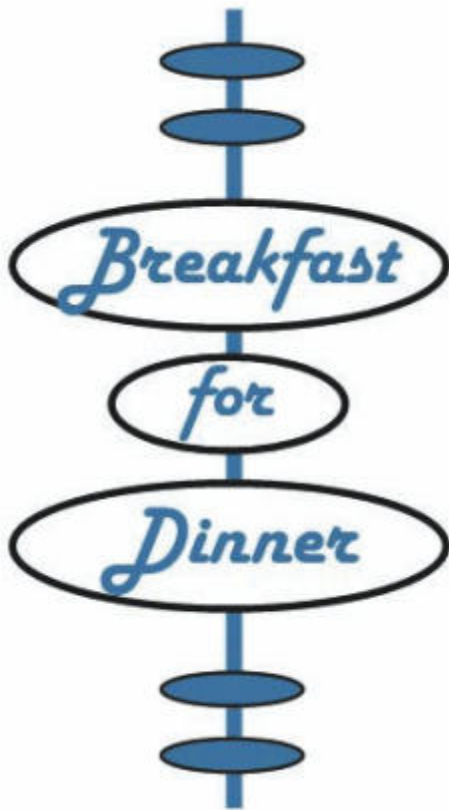
On Wednesday evenings a DVD-led Bible study, facilitated by members of the parish, is offered covering a particular book of Scripture or some Scripture-related theme. This fall we begin with **"The Prophets—Messengers of God's Mercy."**

In these ten videos Thomas Smith provides an overview and explanation of the prophets.



1. Introduction to the Prophets
2. Hosea: Living God's Love Story
3. Jonah: God's Reluctant Messenger
4. Isaiah Part 1: Prophet of Woe
5. Isaiah Part 2: Prophet of Consolation
6. Jeremiah: The Broken-Hearted Prophet
7. Ezekiel: God's Watchman on the Wall
8. Daniel: Faithful to the End
9. Haggai and Malachi: Messengers of Hope
10. New Testament and Modern Prophets: Messengers of the New Covenant

<p>Looking for a sign to inquire into the Catholic Faith?</p>  <p>Here's a Sign!</p>	<p>RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)</p> <p>Have you thought lately about where you might spend eternity? The meaning of death? How to overcome guilt and sin? The need for God's grace and power to live a life of true happiness? What God wants me to know, to do – how to live?</p> <p>Are you or do you know someone who doesn't profess a specific "belief system" who might be interested in the Catholic faith?</p> <p>Are you or do you know someone who is non-Catholic who might be interested in the Catholic faith?</p> <p>Are you or do you know someone who was baptized Catholic but never received the other Sacraments?</p> <p>Write a name, email and / or number below to inquire and we'll follow up to see how we can help.</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p><small>(Place in collection basket or turn in at office) One can also mail to: Church of WM PO Box 100 New Melle, MO 63363</small></p>
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Here's something new for our parish!

Mark your calendars for

Friday, September 17

when we will serve our traditional breakfast
from 4:30 to 7pm in Founders Hall

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If you can't make it to Sunday Morning Mass the Catholic Newman Center at UMSL has a Mass Sunday evenings at 6pm on the south campus of UMSL during the school year. Visitors welcome! For more information see: cncumsl.org. Know a Catholic UMSL or local community college student, send a note to frnick@cncumsl.org so we can personally invite them to Mass.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
Mon: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10
Tue: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Wed: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Thu: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50
Fri: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
Sat: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk 8:4-15

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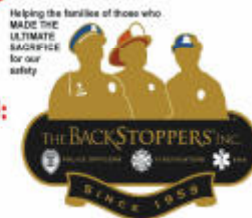
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Pope's Intentions for September:

An environmentally sustainable lifestyle

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