



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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Parish Office: 636-398-5270 Fax: 636-398-5577

Schedule of Holy Mass

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

Weekly Devotions and Prayers

Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday 8:30am until Friday, 11:00am

Rosary:

Following 8am Mass weekdays & before Sat. 4pm.

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

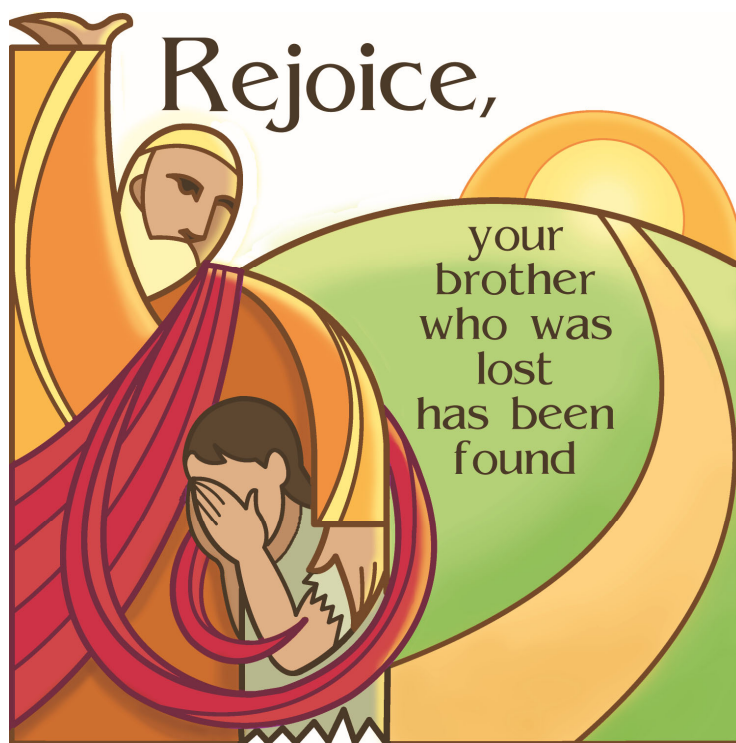
Baptism:

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

September 15, 2019
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Just Look at the Cross

The common theme of today's readings is forgiveness. The Gospel is one familiar to us all, and in the second reading Paul highlights his story of receiving God's mercy. But the first reading might cause us to wonder if God was always so forgiving. God and Moses come across like a couple of parents deciding whether they should punish their children. (Notice how the Lord says "your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt" [Exodus 32:7] and Moses says "your own people" in verse 11.) One, the Lord, points out how bad Israel has been. The other, Moses, points out how good God is, in the promise to make them a great nation. The important point is that God relented and forgave the people.

In each case, great sins are forgiven. The people of Israel were guilty of idolatry, worshiping the golden calf. Paul was guilty of blasphemy and persecuting Christians. The prodigal son insulted his father by asking for his inheritance while the man was still alive and then squandered it all. Each was forgiven, not because they deserved it, but because they were loved.

My favorite line in the second reading is "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Timothy 1:15)—not to find the wealthiest people to build his kingdom, or the nicest, or the holiest; he came to save sinners. The Pharisees and scribes did not get this. They thought God wanted them to avoid sinners and to cast

them out of the community. So they were scandalized when Jesus would associate with sinners. That was one of the reasons they wanted to kill Jesus. And yet, when they did just that, Jesus' death on the cross brought forgiveness for us all.

Remember the story in Genesis 18, of Abraham bargaining with God not to destroy Sodom if he could find a few good people? Maybe he should have "reminded" God of that divine mercy instead of hoping to find enough good people to spare the town. Sometimes we can't believe that God would love us so much as to forgive any sin. Just look at the cross if you need a reminder.

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

Parish Staff

Parish Office: 636-398-5270

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Religious Education

Shawn Mueller, Director

636-398-5270, *smueller@ihm-newmelle.org*

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, Reception, Events

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Shawn Mueller 636-398-5270
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Contemporary Music Group
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St. Vincent de Paul
Joe Willis 636-398-2106
Welcoming Committee
Teresa Berfanger 636-398-5565

With Great Appreciation

Dear parishioners,

Please take some time to review our stewardship report contained within this bulletin. The report is a window into the life of our parish family. Many thanks to all who pray, serve and support our family of faith. Your generosity supports all of the various ministries and services that make IHM a community bound together by the Holy Spirit and united in faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus is the very heart of our community and our reason for being. At the center of our faith is our celebration of the Sacraments with Him. Through Him we offer our gratitude to God the Father and in Him we carry out our call to discipleship. Our stewardship is a response to all that God has done for us.

Peace,

Fr. Tom

Altar Server Training

...for 3rd graders and above, will take place on **Thursday** evening **September 19** at 6:30pm in the church. You can select which date you would like to attend. At least one parent for each child must be in attendance. Depending on the number of children attending, the training should take about one hour. Written directions will be provided for each child. I look forward to meeting you and thanking you for volunteering for this special ministry.

Deacon Tony



Is God Calling YOU?

IHM is in need of both **Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist** and **Ushers** for weekend Masses.

For **Extraordinary Ministers** please contact Irene Caldwell at rw Caldwell@centurytel.net

For **Ushers** please contact Gary Struckhoff at elkcreek2003@yahoo.com

You can also contact our Director of Liturgy, Bryan Beams, in the parish office: bryanbeams@ihm-newmelle.org

Additionally, the 4pm Saturday Vigil Mass will be in need of a **sound technician**. If you are excellent with technology and have an ear for music, please consider this unique ministry opportunity. For details, contact Bryan in the parish office.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C

[Jesus said,] “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one... what does he do? He leaves the other ninety-nine sheep... and goes looking. When he finds it, he is so happy that he... carries it back home.”
(Luke 15: 4-5)

The parable of the good shepherd reveals three amazing things about God's love for us. First, God's love is personal. God doesn't love us globally, but individually—each of us in a special, personal way. Second, God's love is unconditional. God doesn't love us only on the condition that we stay good and do not stray into sin. God loves us even when we stray—and to the point of going in search of us. Finally, God's love is a rejoicing love. God's response upon finding us is total joy—with no admixture of rebuke.

What dimension of God's love do I, personally, think is most amazing? Why?

When I go forth to find You, I find You seeking me.

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Mark Link S.J. Vision 2000 (Year C)

This Week at Home

Heavenly Duster: Jackie Barclay
Purificators: Pat Roche



Sunday, September 15

Anointings after both Masses

Monday, September 16

St. Vincent de Paul, 6pm
Scouts, Founders Hall/Trailer, 6:30pm
Choir practice, church, 7pm
Pro Life Committee, Weber Hall, 7pm

Tuesday, September 17

Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, 9am
Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am
CPR class, Weber Hall, 6:30pm
Knights of Columbus, Founders Hall, 7pm
Children's Choir practice, Church, 7pm

Wednesday, September 18

Sunday readings study, Weber Hall, 8:45am
PSR, Founders Hall/Weber Hall/Trailer, 6pm
Exodus Bible Study, Grand Hall, 6pm
ADORE, 6:30pm
Reconciliation, 7pm

Thursday, September 19

Fitness, Grand Hall foyer, 9am
Yoga, Grand Hall foyer, 7pm
Altar Server practice, church, 7pm

Friday, September 20

Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30-noon

Saturday, September 21

Reconciliation, 8:45am

Nest Weekend after all Masses:

Footprints for Friends of the Poor Walk/Run on sale

Sunday, September 15

Anointings after both Masses
Financial Freedom, Weber Hall, 6pm

Next Week Ministries

September 21—4pm

EM: Vanita Joerling, Pat Roche, Jan Jokisch-Messig, Ann Zaleuke, Sharon Hagan, Bernie Pollihan, Judy Cova, Bryan Potter
Lec: Jackie Dunn, Ed Taylor
Music: Contemporary Group
GB: Larry & Amy Molitor
Serv: Alex & Maria McCarthy
Ush: Bill Pollihan, Tom Zaleuke, Larry Graves, Dave Hendrix

September 22—7:30am

EM: Rich Molitor, Dianne Dickherber, Julia Kettler, John Fiacco, Bob Leeker, Kris Jenkins
Lec: Peggy Dupree, Chuck Kettler
Music: Elizabeth Jaeckle & Verdi Morley
GB: Carol Rabbitt, Rosemary Marquart
Serv: Connor & Sydney Jaeckle
Ush: Mike Stassi, Frank Kardasz, Larry Koch, Tom Meczowski

September 22—9:30am

EM: Donna Hecht, Patrice Riley, Bob Brossette, Cheryl Gray, Walter & Nancy Hollenstein, Terry & Marcia Schneider
Lec: Joe Willis, Chuck Hinkle
Music: Children's Choir
GB: Jerry & Janet Hespen
Serv: Brianna, Morgan, Jordan Dale
Ush: Bob Gray, Curt Eccardt, Gary Struckhoff, Brian Corrigan, Alan Raymond, Dave DeBold

IHMformation Station

September 21, 4:00: Pat Roche
September 22, 7:30: Peggy Dupree
September 22, 9:30: Joe & Debbie Willis

Vocation Prayer Bag

September 22, 9:30 Dave & Pat Gentry



**Tuesday, September 17
6:30pm, Weber Hall**

*Please call the office
to reserve your spot*

Marriage in Christ
has been promised between:
**Gabriella O'Connor & Jacob Hasty
Jamie Preis & Brian Herbert**



Readings of the Week

Mon: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
Tue: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17
Wed: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35
Thu: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50
Fri: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
Sat: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Sun: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]

Quotes from Dr. Peter Kreeft, coming to IHM on November 24

Being a Catholic can save you a lot of money. Confession is free, psychiatrists are expensive.

We can't believe what we believe to be untrue, and we can't love what we believe to be unreal.

Violence is spiritual junk food, and boredom is spiritual anorexia.

Immaculate Heart of Mary

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2019 Stewardship Report

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

GRATEFUL & GENEROUS

A Note From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

When we hear the term stewardship many of us think solely of monetary contributions. While treasure is certainly an important pillar for consideration, stewardship is much more than just a means of raising more money for the parish. Stewardship is a manifestation of our discipleship to Jesus Christ. When we were baptized, Jesus made a promise to us as our Savior and Spiritual Master. We made a promise to Him as grateful disciples.

As grateful and joyful disciples we are called to respond to Jesus with prayer, participation, and generosity. These three elements of stewardship are given many names, but they are the same reality for every disciple. Please prayerfully review the contents of this report. All of the ministries, organizations, and activities detailed in this report are signs of our discipleship. We are blessed to be gathered by Our Lord and formed as His disciples. May the Sacred Communion we celebrate at Mass be the foundation of the friendships we form within our parish family. May the Holy Spirit deepen those bonds of faith and friendship so that others will be drawn to our Lord. May we come together in prayer, service and generosity as beloved daughters and sons of Our Father in Heaven.



Your time is precious. Thank you for all that you give to our parish family. To those who have given generously of their prayer, participation, and generosity you have my gratitude for your concrete love of your faith and this parish family. I pray that you are as enriched by your giving as we are.

Your Spiritual Father,

Tom

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish . . . In Action



Informed — about our faith and our world
Hospitable — to all who want to join our community and share our life in Christ
Missionary — by serving our neighbor, community and nation in the name of Jesus

Prayer and Participation

- 474 Masses celebrated in our two churches
- 5,148 hours devoted to Eucharistic Adoration
- 893 registered parish families
- 37 new Families registered in the past year
- 17 Baptisms
- 24 First Holy Communions
- 21 Confirmations
- 10 Marriages
- 17 Funerals
- Countless volunteer hours to clean and decorate Church for liturgical seasons and holy days
- 11 Children attend local Catholic Elementary Schools
- 1,300 Rosaries offered following weekday Masses, plus those prayed at funeral visitations and before meetings
- 32 attended weekly Bible Study
- 38 families assisted with food, helped 3 families with car repairs, helped 1 family acquire a car, a few helped with rent/utilities
- 10 ladies volunteered 1,575 hours to make 9 quilts
- 842 nursing home, hospital and homebound visits made by the Legion of Mary
- Over 208 staff and volunteers compliant with the Safe Environment Program
- 450 volunteer hours for funeral luncheons
- 85 people donated blood, which saved 255 lives
- Anointing of the Sick offered at all Masses every three months
- 435 angels on the Giving Tree, receiving gifts and gift cards
- 231 Families log in to FORMED
- 2,196 hours donated to the Rummage Sale by 23 people
- Nearly 80 youth involved in Scouts
- Many participated in the St. Charles County Life Chain, the Pro Life Vigil in Washington DC and Missouri Right to Life Action Day
- 113 members are part of the ACTS Community, with IHM members as Directors for 6 of the past 8 retreats
- ... and much, much more!

Living Our Faith

- Over 170 parishioners serve in liturgical ministries as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Servers, Gift Bearers, and Ushers
- Over 60 parishioners contribute their musical talents to our liturgies as Cantors and Vocal Choirs
- There are 14 catechists in our PSR program and Liturgy of the Word for Children who teach the faith to 116 students.
- 15 young people made the Luke 18 retreat with 7 high schoolers as helpers
- Over 200 parishioners pray for the needs of our world, our country and our parish through Eucharistic Adoration, the Prayer Chain and Jonah Team.
- In the first year of Helping Hearts, we responded to 63 requests for assistance with 35 volunteers participating. The biggest undertaking was a ramp and sidewalk project taking 30 days with a total of 170 man hours. Funding provided by Knights of Columbus, Marian Council and St. Vincent de Paul.
- A group of parishioners pray through every stitch in making prayer shawls which are blessed and available for those struggling physically, emotionally or spiritually.



Some Interesting Highlights from the Past Year

- We celebrated with Fr. Tom for his 25th Anniversary
- Quilt of the Month program began
- Helping Hearts Community Service Program was initiated
- We obtained a life-size cloth image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, appearing much like the original tilma worn by St. Juan Diego.
- Two very successful Sausage Dinners were held with over 700 parish volunteers involved for each
- Men For Christ, men's faith group, began monthly meetings
- The women of the parish were encouraged with Advent and a Lenten Prayer Breakfasts
- Over 60 people gathered for our first candlelight Rorate Coeli Mass on a very early Advent morning
- Two ACTS Retreats were offered with many IHM parishioners participating
- The Knights of Columbus sponsored a Car Show, monthly breakfasts and a night of Horse Races
- Christmas Dinners were held for men, women and youth
- Several parishioners took part in the New Melle Passion Play
- We welcomed 3 new Catholics at the Easter Vigil
- Three blood drives were held, resulting in many lives saved
- After many long months of planning, three new Columbariums are now in our cemetery
- We bid farewell to Marilyn O'Neill after 17 years as our Music Director, and welcomed Bryan Beams
- The Rummage Sale was a lot of work with many hours from a lot of people, but a huge success
- Parishioners dressed up as Toy Story characters for the New Melle Festival Parade, handing out 200 pounds of cooked hot sausage to the bystanders

Giving Generously

Our sincere thanks to all for your generosity in word and deed during the past year.

PARISH GIFTS

Number of parishioner families receiving envelopes	485
Number of parishioner families who give electronically	123
Average offertory gift per week	\$47.62
New donors in the past year	72

Some Interesting Giving Statistics

80% of total giving by parishioners age 55+
10 families contribute 10% of total received
11% of parish families contribute 1/2 of the total
66% of parishioners gave \$1 or more in the past year

Fundraising Activities

Sausage Dinners	\$22,349.55
Fish Fries	\$7,394.44
Knights of Columbus	\$7,219.60
Marian Council	\$17,358.09
Scouts Various Fundraisers	\$10,231.77
Youth Group	\$750.00

“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
In all circumstances give thanks.”

(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Statement of Revenues and Expenses

	Fiscal Year Ended <u>June 30, 2019</u>	Prior Year Actual <u>2017/2018</u>	Next Year Budget <u>2019/2020</u>
ORDINARY INCOME/EXPENSE			
Income			
Offering/Unrestricted Gifts	711,068.15	703,957.83	716,040.00
Restricted Gifts	23,834.25	60,506.67	20,000.00
Program Fees	58,413.73	37,721.31	152,324.00
Investment Income	3,105.49	1,475.26	2,353.00
Grant Revenue	26,797.70	32,616.66	2,000.00
Other Revenues	61,268.21	102,209.29	80,750.00
Total Income	884,487.53	938,487.02	973,467.00
Expense			
Personnel Costs	327,169.12	315,435.78	383,268.00
Supplies	62,701.88	84,822.31	76,066.00
Fees & Services	42,652.20	35,780.45	32,842.00
Occupancy	137,984.81	147,494.89	134,494.00
Tfrs Other Parishes/Diocese	193,891.99	179,912.76	174,693.00
Total Expense	764,400.00	763,446.19	801,364.00
NET ORDINARY INCOME	120,087.53	175,040.83	172,103.00
Other Income/Expense			
Other Expense			
Capital Expenditures	103,028.39	38,556.82	145,000.00
Non-cash Expenditures	0.00	1,110.92	0.00
Total Other Expense	103,028.39	39,667.74	145,000.00
Net Other Income	-103,028.39	-39,667.74	-145,000.00
NET INCOME	17,059.14	135,373.09	27,103.00

Our Financial Position

	<u>Year Ended June 30, 2019</u>	<u>Prior Year 2018</u>
ASSETS		
Checking	126,130.00	120,416.47
Accounts Receivable	712.15	-736.12
Undeposited Funds	0.00	2,052.50
Due from Depositors Fund	453,926.16	453,012.46
Prepaid Expenses	2,183.33	2,183.33
TOTAL ASSETS	582,951.64	576,928.64
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	3,079.63	8,133.86
Credit Cards	2,701.08	2,210.96
Payroll Liabilities	5,418.26	4,902.19
Special Collections Payable	1,709.42	8,373.50
Other Liabilities	75.58	400.00
Total Liabilities	12,983.97	24,020.51
Equity		
Fund Balance	552,908.13	417,535.04
Net Income	17,059.54	135,373.09
Total Equity	569,967.67	552,908.13
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	582,951.64	576,928.64

*Lord, what do You want me to do
with the gifts You have given me?*



Financial Notes and Highlights

Total Assets increase over last year	6,023
Total Liabilities decrease over last year	11,037
Total received from Beyond Sunday gifts (our 40%)	73,531
Total on Reserve for future expansion	261,162

Cemetery expansion project almost complete and under budget

Have budgeted for the following improvements:
sound system upgrade, parking lot resurfacing, painting interior of church



*Contact Us! If you have questions or comments about our Annual Stewardship Report,
or want to get involved, please contact one of the people listed below:*

Pastor:

Rev. Tom Miller, 636-398-5270, askpadre@aol.com

Business Manager:

Laura Orf, 636-398-5270, lorf@ihm-newmelle.org

Finance Committee

Larry Graves, 314-799-9804, ljgraves70@yahoo.com

Secretary:

Peggy Dupree, 636-398-5270, secretary@ihm-newmelle.org

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 16

8:00am living/deceased Jokisch Family

Tuesday, September 17

8:00am Patricia Buehrig +
Megan Gross (1st ann.) +

Wednesday, September 18

8:00am intention of Roger & Vickie Brink
Ed Rabbitt +

Thursday, September 19

8:00am All Souls
Charles & Lucille Smith +

Friday, September 20

8:00am Maury Lonsway +

Saturday, September 21

8:00am Jim Elfrink +
4:00pm People of the Parish +
Stan Nikonowicz +

Sunday, September 15

7:30am Charles Vehige +
9:30am Betty Meier +
Leroy Farwig (28th ann. on Sep. 13) +

Please pray for all the sick and suffering:

Ed Haas, Mark Hanna, Dee Schipper, Phyllis Zerr,
Vickie Brink, Sandy Knott, Mike & Pat Ryan,
Carol Rabbitt, Audrey Hueffmeier, Karla Sitzes,
Fran Bussen, Vicky Monroe, Nancy Hollenstein,
Jean Bamert, Amy Robbins, Betty Heppermann,
Yvonne Brossette, John Wappelhorst

Zina Riley (mom of Andrew Riley),
David & Lisa Debold (Dave & Pam DeBold's children),
Dave Asinger (brother-in-law of Larry & Rita Bendel),
Bob Holland (friend of Shirley Augustine),
Sherri Callahan (daughter of Vickie & Paul Grunz),
Steve Ditch (brother of Dennis & Kathleen Ditch),
Peter Gray (son-in-law of Adrienne Collins),
Fred Brown (son-in-law of Bill & Bernie Pollihan),
Mary Keeven (mom of Joyce Weber),
Tammy Cherry (daughter-in-law of Ray & Kay Cherry),
Pam Knott (sister-in-law of Jerry & Sandy Knott)
Doris Eisenbath (mother of Judy Molitor)

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: Rita Langford at 636-398-4654 or email
ritalangford4@gmail.com.

Contributions, September 7/8

General Offertory:	\$8,648.58
Online – General Offertory:	<u>\$3,723.49</u>
TOTAL	\$12,372.07

“Everything I have is yours.” (Luke 15:31)

Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son, we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do we really want to turn our backs on all that God offers in exchange for a material wealth that has no lasting value?

We pray ... that we understand each of us has a unique role in building God's kingdom and to share our gifts beyond our parish boundaries.

Needed at the Pantry (new list)

tuna, Tuna Helper, canned Fruits (pears, peaches, mandarin oranges and fruit cocktail), assorted gravy packets, can chili, sloppy joe in can, brownie mixes, fruit juices, instant rice, Jell-O and pudding regular and sugar free, can whited beans and pork & beans. Snacks for kid's lunches.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that the shepherd rejoices when he finds one lost sheep. The story tells us that nothing and no one is insignificant to God who is compassionate and loving to all.

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!

NAR-ANON SUPPORT GROUP: Weekly meetings on Saturdays, 10:00 am in the Trailer at IHM. This group is for Family and Friend of Addicts. For questions, please call Ann at 314-578-4737.

Formed & PSR Corner

Students in the PSR-HSR Program here at IHM which began on September 4th should have all received their login information from

www.MyCatholicFaithDelivered.com

This online portal hosts the **Faith and Life** text digitally so that families and students can access this from home – giving parents a tool in the toolbox to be the “first teachers” in the ways of faith. If anyone needs or would like more information, please contact us at the parish office.

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Janet Hespen, Youth Minister, 314-369-6521

Hey teens! Looking forward to hanging out and getting to know you this year. I know God has great plans for you and with the help of others we become closer to Him. I have a different theme for each gathering but promise it's pretty laid back and fun!!

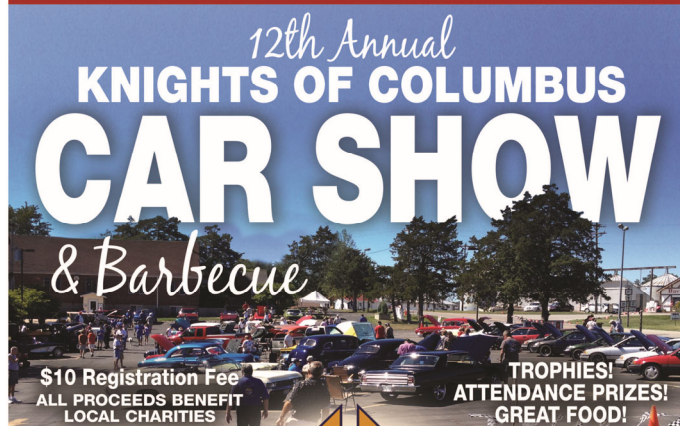
- ♦ We'll again sell beautiful Mums beginning Sept. 22.
- ♦ Sept. 18: ADORE (Teens, you will really enjoy this. I went to the one in August and it is very powerful!)
- ♦ Sept. 19: Dancing in the Rain
- ♦ Oct. 3: God Can
- ♦ Oct. 16: ADORE
- ♦ Oct. 17: Beyond the Rainbow
- ♦ Oct. 30: Halloween event

Call, text or email Janet anytime: janethspn@outlook.com



Marian Council is sponsoring a "Sisters in Christ" Bunco evening on **Thursday, October 3**. Doors open at 6:30 and dice roll at 7pm. All ladies 21 and older are welcome! \$10 includes two (2) wine tickets, heavy snacks, light appetizers and dessert. Cash, attendance prizes, a 50/50 raffle and an Entertainment Basket raffle will keep the evening fun and rolling right along! Reservations will only be accepted with payment. A box with reservation forms and an envelope for payment is available at the IHM Information Station. Questions, call Marcy 314-610-6488 or Mary Jo 314-713-2094. Space is limited so invite your friends and make your reservations today!

SUNDAY SEPT. 29th • 11AM - 4PM



43rd Annual Respect Life Convention

The Respect Life Apostolate (RLA) will be hosting the 43rd Annual Respect Life Convention on Sunday, **October 13 at the St. Charles Convention Center**. The event includes Mass with Bishop Rivituso, inspiring workshops, exhibits, and a keynote address by **Abby Johnson**, national pro-life advocate and author.

As a convert to both the Catholic faith and the pro-life movement, her story was featured in the 2019 film **Unplanned**. Abby is also the founder of *And Then There Were None*, a ministry designed to assist abortion clinic workers who wish to leave the industry, and the author of two books, *Unplanned* and *The Walls are Talking*.

Cost for the keynote presentation and luncheon is \$50 per seat, \$500 per table of 10, and \$25 for students, seminarians, and religious in formation. Online pre-registration for the keynote luncheon is required on or by October 1 at <https://prolifestl.regfox.com/2019-respect-life-convention>.

For questions or online registration help, please contact the RLA at prolife@archstl.org or 314-792-5555.

IHM Pro-Life Meeting

The IHM Pro-Life Committee will have a meeting at 7 pm on Monday, 16 September in Weber Hall. All members of the parish who have a passion for the protection of human life are invited to attend. For those who can make it, prior to the meeting, we will say the rosary at 6:30 pm in St. Joseph's Chapel.

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