



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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## Schedule of Holy Mass

Saturday: 8:00am, 4:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday  
 Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am  
 Weekdays: 8:00am, in church

## Weekly Devotions and Prayers

### Eucharistic Adoration:

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

### Rosary:

Prior to Saturday evening 4pm Mass

### Perpetual Help Devotions:

Tuesdays following 8am Mass

### Respect Life Prayers:

Thursday following 8am Mass

### First Saturday of the Month Devotions

8am Mass, Rosary, 15 minutes of meditation

## Sacraments

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

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

Baptism: Contact the parish office  
 to register for class and to arrange date

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:

Contact Shawn Mueller in the parish office

September 13, 2020



## Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What right do we have to limit the amount and degree of forgiveness we show to others when we are so desperately in need of it ourselves? In not wanting someone who hurt us to downplay or forget the gravity of their wrong, we cling to anger, resentment, and wrath as a way of maintaining control. It is a way to acknowledge and express our deep hurt. We fail to realize that in doing so we hold ourselves hostage to these destructive feelings and actually become mired in the bondage of sin. All we gain is further alienation from ourselves, others, and especially God. We are no longer free but tethered to all of this unresolved negativity. Don't we really want to let it go? The fact is that we need to.

A good self-reflective posture will quickly show us that when the shoe is on the other foot and we are the ones in need of forgiveness, we desire it above anything else. This is especially true with our relationship with God. It is hypocritical to want one thing

for ourselves and something else for another. Yet, many act in precisely this way.

Perhaps we think that in offering forgiveness, even for the most grievous of wrongs, somehow excuses the person of their wrong and makes it almost acceptable. This is what makes revenge, retaliation, and punishment so attractive. We see forgiveness as being an eraser that easily wipes away the offense without consequence. Or, we may believe that in offering forgiveness I must somehow forget the wrong and open myself as a victim of even greater possible hurts in the future. In fact, forgiving my sister or brother of their wrongful actions or attitudes involves none of this. It does not erase anything or position me vulnerably as a doormat to be walked on.

Forgiveness is an act of freedom that restores honest dialogue, shares true, and heartfelt feelings and acknowledges the consequences of an action. It admits that the wrong has caused a hurt that must be healed and square-

ly positions responsibility on the offender. The act of forgiveness recognizes our sinfulness and brokenness. It also admits that the most saintly among us is capable of doing very grave and deep harm to another person. It sees that we all can be victims of our passions and works in progress that deserve unlimited chances to get it right. With forgiveness, I release myself from the bonds of negativity and pursue a path of restoration, wholeness, and healing. I do not forget the wrong nor do I dismiss it. Sometimes, we have to stay far away from the one who hurt us. But we can still heal internally and be free.

For the one who wants to be forgiven and the one who needs offer forgiveness, the journey can be an adventure in learning what brought us to this place and what is needed to move forward. This is exactly how God treats us. Why would we not want to do the same for others?

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

### Parish Staff

Parish Office: 636-398-5270

Fr. Tom Miller, Pastor *askpadre@aol.com*  
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### Religious Education

Shawn Mueller, Director

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Parish School of Religion  
Grades 1 thru 8, September thru May, 6-7:30pm, Wednesdays  
Confirmation Preparation  
8th Grade—September thru May, 6-7:30pm, Wednesdays  
Children's Liturgy of the Word  
September thru May, during the 9:30am Sunday Mass  
Adult Education  
Wednesdays at 8:45am and 6:10pm, September thru May  
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—contact Shawn for schedule

### Quick Contacts Directory

#### Weddings, Receptions, Events

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#### Prayer and Devotion

Eucharistic Adoration  
Shawn Mueller 636-398-5270  
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Steve Farber 636-751-3567

#### Parish Organizations

Budget & Finance  
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Scouting  
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Boy Scouts: Chad Peters 314-807-7177  
St. Vincent de Paul  
Joe Willis 636-398-2106  
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#### Youth and Young Adults

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

## Community Life in our Parish

Dear parishioners,

Looking towards this Autumn, there are some things that will be familiar and other things that will be adjusted because of the concerns about the virus and our potential exposure to it.. Many of our meetings are resuming their normal course of action with appropriate distancing and practices to mitigate the impact of the virus. There is no guarantee of lack of exposure except for the practice of remaining sheltered in place. Since we are people of faith and courage, venturing out into the world is part of our calling. Now we do so with a little more mindfulness than we have previously.

Here is a list of groups/functions returning to some sense of normalcy with appropriate adjustments. Each group can decide for itself if and how they want to gather. Some groups have come back already with the changes that occurred in late May.

- The Marian Council
- Knights of Columbus
- St. Vincent de Paul
- Wednesday Morning Bible Study
- Wednesday Evening Adult Formation
- Legion Of Mary
- Youth Group
- Finance Committee
- Quilters
- Scouting

Two things that will not be occurring this Autumn.

- Our Fall Sausage Dinner is canceled for October 11th. While this will be a loss for our parish as a means of community building, expression of hospitality and fund raising, the Dinner Committee discussed the difficulties of providing a quality experience.
- PSR – We did a survey of parents and the majority of them expressed a desire to limit classes to the on-line experience. Shawn will be working with the Catechists to help provide the best possible experience for our students.

Choirs and other liturgical ministries have been left off the list since many of them have returned in limited function. Clarifications about liturgical ministries will come from myself or Bryan Beams.

With my recent potential exposure to the virus, I have made the decision to wear a mask when distributing Communion. I received a clean bill of health this week. **NEGATIVE!** Now back to our regularly scheduled life.

Peace,

*Fr. Tom*

## 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A

*Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, if my brother keeps on sinning against me, how many times do I have to forgive him? Seven times?" "No, not seven times," answered Jesus, "but seventy times seven." Matthew 18: 21-22*

Whenever we forgive from the heart, we build a bridge over which we must pass on our way from earth to heaven. For each of us is a sinner. And the only way we can pass from earth to heaven is over the bridge of God's forgiveness. "If you forgive others ...," Jesus said, "your Father in heaven will also forgive you" (Mt 6:14). In other words, the surest insurance policy against the loss of heaven is to forgive others from the heart. Jesus' words invite me to recall someone who has hurt me and to consciously forgive that person now.

To err is human, to forgive divine.

*Alexander Pope*

From Mark Link S.J. *Vision 2000*



## Ministry Schedule

### September 12—4pm

EM: Josh Deters, Karen Wilson, Bryan Potter, Ed Etzkorn  
Lec: Richard & Kathy Lalonde  
Serv: Zoey Panus  
Music: Bryan & cantor  
Ush: Larry Graves, Mike Rieker, Wally & Jan Karase

### September 13—7:30am

EM: John Fiacco, Betty Tuepker,  
Dianne Dickherber, Kris Jenkins  
Lec: Mary Hardesty, Dave London  
Serv: Mary Grace Becker  
Music: Verdi & Elizabeth  
Ush: Brenda Hutchcraft, Gary Potter,  
Ron Jacob, Tom Meczkowski

### September 13—9:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Josh Deters, Michelle Greiwe, Laura Orf  
Lec: Nancy Ast, Joe Willis  
Serv: Izzy Czuchna  
Music: Bryan & cantor  
Ush: Jerry Hespen, Gary Struckhoff, Joe Weber, Alan Raymond

### September 13—11:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Josh Deters  
Lec: Kat & Chris Menne  
Serv: Thomas Kokker  
Music: P&W Band  
Ush: Chuck Hinkle, Dave Karll, Tim Maher, Ron Simpson

## Ministry Schedule

### September 19—4pm

EM: Josh Deters, Wally & Jan Karase, Sharon Hagan  
Lec: Jerry Knott, Mike Greene  
Serv: Aiden Panus  
Music: Bryan & cantor  
Ush: Bill Pollihan, Chris Cuddihee, Andy Pope, Mike Rieker

### September 20—7:30am

EM: Josh Deters, Maureen Blondin, Dianne Dickherber,  
John Fiacco  
Lec: Mary Hardesty, Chuck Kettler  
Serv: Natalie Jaeckle  
Music: Verdi & Elizabeth  
Ush: Larry Smith, Bob & Teresa Berfanger, Chris Molitor

### September 20—9:30am

EM: Don & Susan Hladky, Sharon Smith, Chris Richter  
Lec: Grant Smith, Pat Gentry  
Serv: Janie Becker  
Music: Bryan & cantor  
Ush: Bill Riley, Joe Weber, Michelle Greiwe, Gary Struckhoff

### September 20—11:30am

EM: Josh Deters, Donna Hecht  
Lec: Mary Busby-Simpson, Marcy Pivin  
Serv: Thomas Kokker  
Music: P&W Band  
Ush: Ron Simpson, Dave Karll, Tim Maher, Brenda Hutchcraft

*Save these 2 Dates!*

**America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally  
October 10**

**Advent Prayer Breakfast—December 12**

## Heavenly Duster Schedule

Week of September 13	Jackie Barclay
Week of September 20	Agnes Meixner
Week of September 27	Cindy Biddy

## Purificators

Month of September	Pam DeBold
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*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

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.

**Prayer Requests:** Brenda Hutchcraft at 636-248-8493 or email brhutchcraft@centurytel.net

## Mass Intentions

Monday, September 14	
8:00am	Chuck Nour +
Tuesday, September 15	
8:00am	Audrey Hueffmeier +
Wednesday, September 16	
8:00am	Jean Reel + living/deceased Jokisch Family
Thursday, September 17	
8:00am	Ed Rabbitt +
Friday, September 18	
8:00am	Dave Gentry +
Saturday, September 19	
8:00am	Charles & Lucille Smith +
4:00pm	Frank Modder +
Sunday, September 20	
7:30am	Katie Gardner +
9:30am	Steve Kettler + Louise Seper +
11:30am	People of the Parish



Marriage in Christ has been promised between  
**Samantha Bax and Brendan Maher**

## Contributions, Sept. 5/6

General Offertory:	\$8,581.50
Online – General Offertory:	\$4,570.92
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,152.42</b>

*"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." (Romans 14:8)*

This is the essence of stewardship—everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God daily and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.

Let us pray . . . that we recognize  
everything we have and everything we are  
is a gift from God, including our very own lives.

## Needed at the Pantry



canned goods: corn, baked beans, chicken, chili, sloppy joe, spaghetti sauce, fruit (peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, Mandarin oranges), pasta, tuna, potatoes, spinach, peas; paper products, laundry detergent, Jell-O, regular and sugar free pudding, mac & cheese, regular tea bags, fruit juice, sugar, cooking oil

The challenge in today's Gospel is to forget how others have behaved toward us and to look to God's way of living and forgiving. Our focus must be on God.

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!

Dear Parishioners:

We truly appreciate your continued support. Please know that SVDP cannot accept any non-perishable items, open or expired items. We greatly appreciate your cooperation. God bless and thank you so much for all you do to help us do what we do.



**Pope's Intentions for September:**  
**Respect for the Planet's Resources**

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

**God is not the god of a particular place, or a deity linked to a specific sacred time, but the God of a person, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, capable of interacting with man and establishing a covenant with him. Faith is our response to a word which engages us personally, to a "Thou" who calls us by name.** —Pope Francis

## PSR Corner

### PSR Has Begun!

We had an initial gathering on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

1. Their log in information from [www.MyCatholicFaithDelivered.com](http://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.

[smueller@ihm-newmelle.org](mailto:smueller@ihm-newmelle.org)  
636-398-5270



## St. Paul Library /Lighthouse CD Resources

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

### From the Lighthouse CD Rack (Narthex)



#### Upon this Rock

- ◇ *Where is a “pope” mentioned in the Bible?*
- ◇ *Why do we need a mere man to lead the Church—can’t we all just follow Jesus?*
- ◇ *Did the early Christians recognize that Peter and his successors possessed special authority?*
- ◇ *What do Catholics mean when they say the pope is “infallible”?*
- ◇ *Haven’t there been many bad and sinful popes throughout history?*

**20 Answers: The Papacy** examines the evidence for the Petrine office found in Scripture, early Christian writings, and the Church’s long practice. It explains in clear and friendly language how the papacy is not only biblical and historical, but essential for preserving Christian unity of belief.

#### "I Am Who I Am"

- ◇ *Who...or What...is God?*
- ◇ *Does the universe provide clues to God's existence?*
- ◇ *Why would a loving all-powerful God permit suffering in the world?*
- ◇ *What are some reasons to believe in the Trinitarian God of the Christian Bible?*



In this booklet you'll find smart, solid answers to these questions and many more. **20 Answers: God** guides you down a path of rational inquiry and understanding toward an encounter with the central mystery of the universe.

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

## Cremation and The Church

### Question:

Can Catholics be cremated?

### Answer:

As the practice of cremation becomes more and more common, it's important to know what the Church asks of families who have chosen this for a loved one who has died.

As the US Bishops observe on their website, “Ideally, if a family chooses cremation, the cremation would take place some time after the Funeral Mass, so that there can be an opportunity for the Vigil for the Deceased in the presence of the body.” However, if cremation takes place before the Funeral Mass, the cremated remains can be present at the Funeral Mass and the appendix to the *Order of Christian Funerals* provides adaptations for the texts and rituals that are part of the Funeral Mass and the Committal.

The primary concern is that the cremated remains should be treated with the same respect given to any human remains. The *Order of Christian Funerals* instructs, “This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, and the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains on the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires” (no. 417).

It is becoming more and more common for parishes or diocese-sponsored cemeteries to include columbaria to house cremated remains in a way that respects Church teaching, allowing family and friends the opportunity to honor the remains of the one they have lost with dignity, reverence, and care. Please contact the parish if you are interested in a niche in our cemetery.



Janet Hespen, Youth Minister,  
314-369-6521

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

Sep 24:	Where is Heaven and Hell plus Haribo Night
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
Nov 12:	Advent begins soon.....
Dec 3:	Wise Men and Trivia (making good choices)

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](http://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.



## 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)

- The first commandment forbids honoring gods other than the one Lord who has revealed Himself to His people. It proscribes \_\_\_\_ and irreligion.
  - rationality
  - superstition
  - will
  - intellect
- To attribute the efficacy of prayers or of sacramental signs to their mere external performance, apart from the \_\_\_\_ dispositions they demand, is to fall into superstition.
  - exterior
  - outstanding
  - unbelieving
  - interior
- Man commits \_\_\_\_ whenever he honors and reveres a creature in place of God, whether this be gods or demons, power, pleasure, race, ancestors, the state, money, etc.
  - statuary
  - revelry
  - blasphemy
  - idolatry
- All forms of \_\_\_\_ are to be rejected, including horoscopes, astrology, palm readings, and recourse to mediums.
  - thinking
  - divination
  - knowledge
  - inquiry
- All practices of magic or sorcery, by which one attempts to tame \_\_\_\_ powers are gravely contrary to the virtue of religion.
  - human
  - occult
  - intellectual
  - rational
- Tempting God consists in putting His goodness and almighty power to the \_\_\_\_ by word or deed; it wounds the respect and trust we owe our Creator and Lord.
  - work
  - test
  - sky
  - truth
- \_\_\_\_ consists in profaning or treating unworthily the sacraments, as well as persons, things, or places consecrated to God.
  - sacristy
  - sacrament
  - sacrilege
  - sacrifice
- This is defined as the buying or selling of spiritual things.
  - papacy
  - legacy
  - simony
  - consumerism
- \_\_\_\_ is often based on a false conception of human autonomy, exaggerated to the point of refusing any dependence on God.
  - religion
  - spirituality
  - atheism
  - divinity
- \_\_\_\_ can sometimes include a certain search for God, but it can equally express indifferentism and can be the equivalent to practical atheism.
  - openness
  - agnosticism
  - blasphemy
  - heresy

Answer key:  
1. b (2110) 2. d (2111) 3. d (2113) 4. b (2116) 5. b (2117) 6. b (2119) 7. c (2120) 8. c (2121) 9. c (2126) 10. b (2128)



## St. Vincent de Paul Greeting Card Forms

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has greeting cards available. These cards are sent by the Society to a person you designate. You can have the cards sent to let them know that you have made a contribution to the local Society either **in memory** of their deceased loved one, as a **tribute** in their honor or **for healing prayers** prayed by members of the Society. Directions for each type of card request are on the request form, found on the bulletin board (to the right as you enter church) in the narthex. Please take a form, fill it out, and return it in the envelopes provided either in the Sunday collection or the mail.



Prayers for Healing



In Loving Memory



In Tribute

### Archdiocesan Pro Life Video Challenge

Are you age 13-39? Are you pro-life? Then enter the 2020 Respect Life Apostolate's Pro-Life Video Challenge and you could win a cash prize! Create a 1-5 minute video on the theme "Walking with Moms." Winners will be invited to our 44th Annual Convention on Sunday, October 18 at the Ritz Carlton, St. Louis. The winning video will be announced and played during the Convention luncheon and earn a \$500 prize.

The 2020 contest runs through Friday, September 18.

Questions? Visit online: <https://www.archstl.org/programs/education/pro-life-video-challenge>  
or email us at [prolife@archstl.org](mailto:prolife@archstl.org).

### The Benefits of Gift Planning

Creating a will is an important way to define what matters most to you. the Roman Catholic Foundation can help you understand the advantages of establishing a will and assist you in structuring your will to sustain Immaculate Heart of Mary parish for future generations. What better way to leave your legacy than in the love of Jesus Christ!

**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.

## Should I Stay or Should I Go?

Life is not always easy on us and it can be hard to figure out the next step to take in our journey. We can even become immobilized by indecisiveness and fear about making the wrong move or choosing the incorrect path. I think of the song, *Should I Stay, or Should I Go*, as a mantra for many times in my life. Should I stay in this house, this job, or this car? Should I go here or there? When those times of decision surface, I usually turn to my wife, my friends, or even my children. Talking it out can help, and their perspectives give me more data to consider. When I lean on others to help me make a decision, it helps me become more confident in my choices.

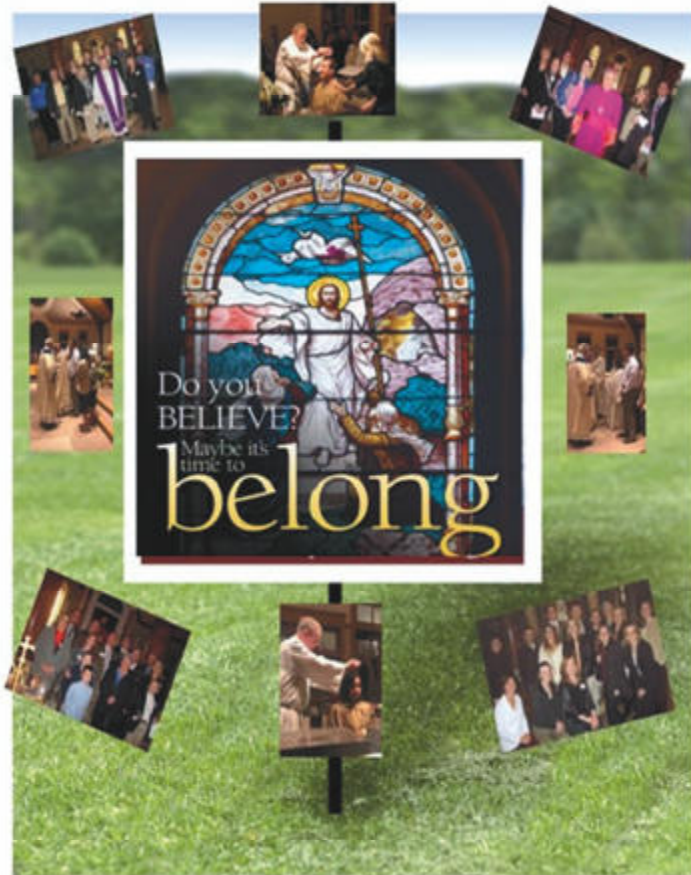
Discerning the will of God is not easy either. Rarely do we understand God's calling clearly at first. God's calling is always more easily discerned within a community of faithful disciples. Our stewardship way of life can suffer greatly if we refuse to allow others to assist us in the process of discernment. What gifts or talents are needed for the task at hand? Where do I fit best into God's plan? Where is God leading me? No one should have to decide the answers to these questions alone. We need to always lean on the Body of Christ to help us see the path that God has laid before us. Without a little help along the journey, over time we might find ourselves stuck in the same place where we started.

— Tracy Earl Welliver



*Ever thought about being Catholic?  
Know someone who might consider Catholicism?*

**Looking for a sign to inquire into  
the Catholic Faith?**



**Here's a Sign!**

## RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

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?

Are you or do you know someone who doesn't profess a specific 'belief system' who might be interested in the Catholic faith?

Are you or do you know someone who is non-Catholic who might be interested in the Catholic faith?

Are you or do you know someone who was baptized Catholic but never received the other Sacraments?

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*There will be an RCIA introductory gathering on  
Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in Weber Hall.  
Please contact us ahead of time if you are interest-  
ed or have any initial questions.*

## WEEKLY PRAYER

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

<b>SUN 9/13</b>	Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/ Mt 18:21-35
<b>MON 9/14</b>	Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/ Jn 3:13-17
<b>TUE 9/15</b>	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 31:2 and 3b, 3cd-4, 5-6, 15-16, 20 [17]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
<b>WED 9/16</b>	1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 [12]/Lk 7:31-35
<b>THR 9/17</b>	1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/Lk 7:36-50
<b>FRI 9/18</b>	1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 8:1-3
<b>SAT 9/19</b>	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15
<b>SUN 9/20</b>	Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/ Mt 20:1-16a

### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

<b>Sunday:</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day
<b>Monday:</b>	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Our Lady of Sorrows
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
<b>Thursday:</b>	St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
<b>Saturday:</b>	St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

### LIVE THE LITURGY

#### Inspiration for the week

Deciding to travel the challenging road of forgiveness is choosing a journey toward greater freedom. Resentment, anger, and clinging to past hurts not only keep open wounds that long for healing but bring us down paths that are eventually self-destructive. Harboring grudges and withholding forgiveness not only shut down relationships with others, but with God and myself as well. To choose to forgive another person, regardless of how grave the wrong, is a choice to be released from bondage to past wounds and scars and to pursue the gift of life and love again. Who among us has not wrong or sinned against another? We certainly would want God to understand, forgive, and show mercy upon us. It is hypocritical of us to not extend that same grace to our neighbor.



*Speak,  
for your  
servant is  
listening.*

— 1 SM 3:10 —



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