



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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**Office Phone: 636-398-5270**

**Deliveries only address: 8 West Highway D, New Melle, MO 63365**

## 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 20, 2020



## Deeper Understanding of Scripture

If I work for five hours, I expect to get paid for five hours. If I work for two, I expect to get paid for two. What if we worked for a company that paid everyone the same amount regardless of how long they worked? How would we feel going home with the same pay for working eight hours as my co-worker did for working only two hours? Secular wisdom would have a huge problem with this and a visit to the Labor Board would quickly pursue. But this is God's wisdom and God's ways.

We sometimes think that if we pray more, better, or more fervently and go over and above with the practice of our faith, God will somehow reward us and present us with some kind of merit badge. We are so wrong. Spiritual practices have only one true purpose: to deepen our love for God. In deepening our love for God, we also increase our ability to see God's presence

around us, living life more purposefully and contemplatively. What if God chooses to treat someone who has come on the scene of faith later in life the same as someone who has devoted their whole lives to it? Does it really matter? If we have the merit badge notion of faith, we can find ourselves feeling a little arrogant and even jealous of folks who have not followed the same path that we have. We can even see ourselves as the privileged few who have a corner on the faith and fully possess it.

That thinking doesn't square with God. God is all about mercy in abundance and is ready to take anyone to himself regardless of when they come. He is only happy that they have come home and delights in their return. After all, if you really and truly love someone, does it matter what they will give you in return or what you

receive as a benefit? If relationships were assessed based upon productivity, they would lack authentic love. We invest too much self interest in our prayer and neglect to see it as an opportunity to pursue our Lover and deepen the intimate bond we have with God.

When we breathe our last, all that is of consequence is union with God. If my love for God is real, I am going to want to live the Gospel, abide by the commandments, practice my faith, forgive and love my neighbor, and care for the environment, regardless of how much time it takes or benefits me. We want God to think and behave as we do, and in doing so, we set ourselves up for disappointment. God has a totally different agenda and that's okay.

## 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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Karen Wappelhorst, Child Safety Coordinator  
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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, Receptions, Events

Pat Gentry, Hall Rental 636-398-5270  
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#### Prayer and Devotion

Eucharistic Adoration  
Shawn Mueller 636-398-5270  
Legion of Mary  
Maria Romine-Kantor 314-614-0857  
Prayer Chain  
Brenda Hutchcraft 636-248-8493  
Prayer Intercession/Jonah Team  
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Julia Kettler 314-616-0096

#### Liturgical Ministries

Extraordinary Ministers  
Irene Caldwell 636-398-4311  
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Joe Willis 636-398-2106  
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Altar Servers  
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Altar Society  
Pam DeBold 636-482-4765  
Art & Environment  
Mary Karll 636-433-5049  
Music Ministry  
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Adult Choir  
Mary Sweeten 314-324-3249  
Children's Choir  
Elizabeth Jaeckle 636-828-4811  
Contemporary Music Group  
Debbie Gillespie 636-398-4971  
Praise & Worship Band  
Steve Farber 636-751-3567

#### Parish Organizations

Budget & Finance  
Larry Graves 314-799-9804  
Cemetery Committee  
Mark Keune 314-220-7075  
Dinner Committee  
Jeff Comotto 314-570-6972  
Funeral Lunches  
Carol Grady 314-662-2281  
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Helping Hearts  
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Knights of Columbus  
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Marian Council  
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Meal Train  
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Meals on Wheels  
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Pro Life  
Bill Winters 636-828-4133  
Quilters  
Vanita Joerling 636-544-0416  
Ruth Willis 636-398-4597  
Scouting  
Chuck Hinkle 636-544-6639  
Cub Scouts: Adam McCarthy 636-634-7622  
Boy Scouts: Chad Peters 314-807-7177  
St. Vincent de Paul  
Joe Willis 636-398-2106  
Welcoming Committee  
Teresa Berfanger 636-398-5565

#### Youth and Young Adults

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

## Annual Report to the Parish

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*

God of the seasons, there is a time for everything; there is a time for dying and a time for rising. We need courage to enter into the transformation process.

God of autumn, the trees are saying goodbye to their green, letting go of what has been. We, too, have our moments of surrender, with all their insecurity and risk. Help us to let go when we need to do so.

God of fallen leaves lying in colored patterns on the ground, our lives have their own patterns. As we see the patterns of our own growth, may we learn from them.

God of misty days and harvest moon nights, there is always the dimension of mystery and wonder in our lives. We always need to recognize your power-filled presence. May we gain strength from this.

God of harvest wagons and fields of ripened grain, many gifts of growth lie within the season of our surrender. We must wait for harvest in faith and hope. Grant us patience when we do not see the blessings.

God of geese going south for another season, your wisdom enables us to know what needs to be left behind and what needs to be carried into the future. We yearn for insight and vision.

God of flowers touched with frost and windows wearing white designs, may your love keep our hearts from growing cold in the empty seasons.

God of life, you believe in us, you enrich us, you entrust us with the freedom to choose life. For all this, we are grateful.

## 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A

[Jesus told a story about a father who said to his son,] *“Go and work in the vineyard today.” “I don’t want to,” he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.* Matthew 21:28-29

A man turned to drink. He also turned from God and his family. One day while walking along, repenting how his life turned out, he saw a bent, rusty nail in the gutter. It reminded him of himself and his life. So he picked it up and took it home. Placing the nail on an anvil, he began to straighten it out and clean it up. An hour later, it looked almost new again. Then it occurred to him. He could straighten out and clean up his own life in the same way. That thought triggered his conversion. He turned away from drink and back to God and to his family. Today, he keeps that nail, straightened and cleaned, in his wallet.

Was there a time when I was almost like that bent, rusty nail? What changed me?

from Mark Link S.J. *Vision 2000*



## 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

## Ministry Schedule

### September 26—4pm

EM: Deacon Chris, Josh Deters, Pat Roche, Becky Wilson  
Lec: Joe Willis, Karen Wilson  
Serv: Zara Panus  
Music: Bryan & cantor  
Ush: Tim Wilson, Bryan Potter, Ed Etzkorn, Bill Pollihan

### September 27—7:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Josh Deters, John Fiacco, Jan Kardasz  
Lec: Mary Hardesty, Chuck Kettler  
Serv: Janie Becker  
Music: Verdi & Elizabeth  
Ush: Brenda Hutchcraft, Ron Jacob, Frank Kardasz, Tom Meczowski

### September 27—9:30am

EM: Josh Deters, Maureen Blondin, Janet Hespen, Pat Gentry  
Lec: Patrice Riley, Bill Winters  
Serv: William Lassiter  
Music: Bryan & cantor  
Ush: Jerry Hespen, Larry Smith, Alan Raymond, Chris Molitor

### September 27—11:30am

EM: Kat & Chris Menne  
Lec: Chuck Hinkle, Donna Hecht  
Serv: Thomas Kokker  
Music: Contemporary Group  
Ush: Dave Karll, Ron Simpson, Tim Maher, **volunteer please**

## Heavenly Duster Schedule

Week of September 20 Agnes Meixner  
Week of September 27 Cindy Biddy

## Purificators

Month of September Pam DeBold

## 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

## Save these 2 Dates!

America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally  
October 10

Advent Prayer Breakfast—December 12

## Parish Women!

Our next Solo's Dinner will be held on September 25th at Stone Summit Restaurant in Wentzville. Solo's are widows of our parish, plus some ladies from other churches, who get together for support and fun.





# Immaculate Heart of Mary 2020 Stewardship Report



## A note from Fr. Tom

September 2020

Dear Friends and Families of our Parish,

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 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.

Fr. Tom



# GRATEFUL & GENEROUS

## Meet the 42 new families in our Parish...

Eva Burke  
Shane & Ashley Czuchna family  
Rich & Gretchen Stephenson family  
Art & Cindy Wilke family  
Brad & Kayla Howton family  
Tim & Elaine Brauss family  
Toby & Sarah Hayek family  
Cas Koziat  
Gerry & Roberta Cecil  
Lisa DeBold  
Josh & Jen Ellis family  
Rich & Doris Berhorst  
Robert & Terri Williams  
Bryan Beams and Sarah Beams

Kyle & Ashley Hoberg family  
Doug & Linda Dawkins  
Paul & Marianne DuPont family  
Tommy & Tara Holstein family  
Brendan Maher  
David & Margie Vandeven  
Doug & Niki Bricker family  
Rich & Lori West  
Dan & Julie Neumann  
Josh & Molly Schneider  
Chris & Dawne Christy family  
Greg & Susan Holtsclaw family  
Andrew & Darlene Lapin  
Nick & Sandy Wappelhorst

Rob & Sis Graeler family  
Matt & Vicky Gross family  
Chris & Angie Cooper family  
Kaitlyn Blunt family  
Robert & Erica Meadows family  
Mark Aldrich  
Denise Boston  
Ken & Kay Medley  
Dan & Teresa Joseph family  
Tony & Krista Mannino family  
Trish Perkins  
Justin & Elicia Schoenberger  
Jim & Theresa Risch  
Zach & Melissa Boucher

### Prayer & Participation

- 902 registered families in our parish
- 34 babies were welcomed to the faith through Baptism
- 12 couples were joined in Holy Matrimony
- 17 funerals were held for our deceased loved ones
- 22 were Confirmed with the Holy Spirit
- 29 received Holy Communion for the first time
- 246 families logged on to FORMED
- 5,148 hours devoted to Eucharistic Adoration
- 20 children attend local Catholic Elementary Schools
- 14 Catechists are in our PSR program and Liturgy of the Word for Children who teach the faith to 112 students
- 26 families assisted with food, over \$45,000 dispersed for gas, auto repair/purchase, mortgage/rent, utilities, etc.
- 41 staff and volunteers are compliant with the Safe Environment Program, with another 14 pending
- 454 gifts from the Giving Tree were given to 17 families with 45 kids plus the Missionaries of Charity
- 100 people donated blood, impacting at least 300 lives
- 55 IHM youth are involved with Scouts
- 113 members are part of the ACTS Community, with IHM members as Directors for 6 of the past 8 retreats

### Did you know?

- Over 170 parishioners serve in liturgical ministries
- 700 volunteers are needed for each Sausage Dinner
- Volunteers at the IHMformation Station registered 37 families between July and June, averaging 3/month



GRATEFUL & GENEROUS





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

(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

### Some Interesting Giving Statistics

400	Parishioners who donated by envelopes or cash
170	Parishioners who donated online
31	Number of visitors who gave regularly
\$23.20	Average weekly gift from 601 families
47	Newly signed up for Online Giving
76%	Parishioners who donated at least \$1
67%	Percentage of total donations by those age 60+
7	Families who contributed 10% of total gifts



### Fundraising Activities

*The beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, 2019 started as usual, and life was pretty much normal— until mid March 2020, when the terms “pandemic” and “Covid-19” became household words, and life changed, a lot! Suddenly we found ourselves quarantined at home and watching Mass online because church was closed. However, we did manage to host a couple of fundraisers before that, and hope that next year will look a bit brighter.*

Knights of Columbus Breakfasts:	\$485
Knights of Columbus Car Show:	\$2,047
Knights of Columbus Horse Races:	\$2,725
Marian Council Bunco:	\$2,311
Marian Council See’s Candy Sales:	\$500
Fall 2019 Sausage Dinner	\$32,900
Fish Fries (cut short by Covid)	\$88

**Thanks to all the volunteers and committees who helped make these events possible.**



### Repairs and Improvements

*We were also able to accomplish these during the fiscal year:*

Asphalt/repairs to parking lot	\$43,955
New Candle Stands	\$13,624
Security equipment installed	\$16,811
Church upgrades: paint, electrical, sound	\$31,429
Other miscellaneous repairs/improvements	\$5,096
Columbariums placed, cemetery expanded	\$14,915
<i>(Total cost over 2 years for cemetery project:</i>	<i>\$106,047)</i>

## Statement of Revenues and Expenses

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020	Prior Year Ended June 30, 2019	Next Year Budget 2020/2021
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Offertory/Unrestricted Gifts	724,375	711,068	715,000
Restricted Gifts	40,320	23,834	33,500
Program Fees	79,918	58,414	52,800
Investment Income	2,773	3,105	2,877
Grant Revenue	16,189	26,798	2,000
Other Revenues	51,320	61,268	33,350
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>914,894</b>	<b>884,488</b>	<b>839,527</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Personnel Costs	376,069	327,169	392,089
Supplies	62,569	62,702	56,035
Fees & Services	70,934	42,652	33,525
Occupancy	130,705	137,985	132,040
Tfrs Other Parishes/Diocese	193,290	193,892	186,524
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>833,568</b>	<b>764,400</b>	<b>800,213</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>81,326</b>	<b>120,088</b>	<b>39,314</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Other Expense</b>			
Capital Expenditures	125,830	103,028	30,000
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>-125,830</b>	<b>-103,028</b>	<b>-30,000</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>-44,504</b>	<b>17,059</b>	<b>9,314</b>

## Our Financial Position

	Year ended June 30, 2020	Prior Year 2019
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Checking	122,827	126,130
Accounts Receivable	1,349	712
Due from Depositor's Fund	415,710	453,926
Prepaid Expenses	2,183	2,183
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>542,070</b>	<b>582,952</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable	17,389	3,080
Credit Cards	2	2,701
Payroll Liabilities	0	5,418
Special Collections Payable	503	1,709
Other Liabilities	-1,287	76
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>16,606</b>	<b>12,984</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Fund Balance	569,968	552,908
Net Income	-44,504	17,060
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>525,463</b>	<b>569,968</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>542,070</b>	<b>582,952</b>

## FINANCIAL NOTES AND HIGHLIGHTS

Increase in Total Income over Last Year	\$30,406
Increase in Total Expenses over Last Year	\$69,168
Increase in Offertory and Unrestricted Gifts	2%
Endowment held at Roman Catholic Foundation	\$25,819



*Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to seek reward, except that of knowing that I do your will. Amen.*

*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:*

<b>Pastor:</b>	<b>Rev. Tom Miller, 636-398-5270</b>	<b>askpadre@aol.com</b>
<b>Business Manager:</b>	<b>Laura Orf, 636-398-5270</b>	<b>lorf@ihm-newmelle.org</b>
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<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Peggy Dupree, 636-398-5270</b>	<b>secretary@ihm-newmelle.org</b>



## Mass Intentions

Monday, September 21	
8:00am	All Souls Jeff Burke +
Tuesday, September 22	
8:00am	Leonard Bauer +
Wednesday, September 23	
8:00am	Bro. Louis Ernst (3rd ann.) +
Thursday, September 24	
8:00am	Tom Holstein +
Friday, September 25	
8:00am	Dan Klees +
Saturday, September 26	
8:00am	Freida & Arno Fleischer +
4:00pm	Bob Cova +
Sunday, September 27	
7:30am	Jolene Molitor +
9:30am	Ed Langford +
11:30am	People of the Parish



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

**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.



The last Sunday of September is celebrated each year as **Priesthood Sunday**—set aside to thank our spiritual fathers—our priests. It is a day to thank and honor our priests.

Pope Francis outlined the 7 pillars of Priesthood as:

1. The strength of a priest depends on his relationship with Christ.
2. Just as he must be close to Christ so the priest must be close to the people he serves.
3. A priest's authority must be linked to service, especially to the care and protection of the poorest, weakest, the least important and most easily forgotten.
4. The priest must be a minister of mercy.
5. The priest is called to simplicity of life.
6. The priest must be a model of integrity.
7. The priest is to be a source of blessing for his people.

## Contributions, Sept. 12/13

General Offertory:	\$6,210.90
Online—General Offertory:	<u>\$4,161.57</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,372.47</b>

*"So the last will be first and the first last."  
(Matthew 20:16)*

You've heard the saying "It's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

Let us pray . . . that we realize we are not only responsible for our lives but for the lives of others.

## Needed at the Pantry



**UPDATE:** canned baked beans, chicken noodle soup, vegetable soup, Spaghetti sauce in cans, tuna, tuna helper, body wash, sugar, fruit juices, barbecue sauce, brownie mixes, cake mixes and icing, instant mashed potatoes, and cold cereal.

On **September 27** the Church celebrates the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who knew that "God had sent him to bring good news to the poor." Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission in our parish.

## 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.

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**636-398-5270**



## 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 Divine injunction (against graven images) included the prohibition of every \_\_\_\_\_ of God by the hand of man.
  - sign
  - representation
  - revelation
  - work
- Already in the Old Testament, God ordained or permitted the making of images such as the bronze \_\_\_\_\_ and the Ark of the Covenant.
  - mirror
  - serpent
  - dinosaur
  - age
- Basing itself on the mystery of the Incarnate Word, the Seventh Ecumenical Council at Nicaea (787) justified veneration of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - persons
  - incense
  - statues
  - icons
- By becoming \_\_\_\_\_ the Son of God introduced a new economy of images.
  - God
  - resurrected
  - head of the Church
  - incarnate
- The honor paid to sacred images is a respectful veneration, not the \_\_\_\_\_ due to God alone.
  - tribute
  - thanksgiving
  - adoration
  - reverence
- The Second Commandment prescribes respect for the Lord's name; it governs our use of \_\_\_\_\_ in sacred matters.
  - attitude.
  - travels
  - speech
  - pilgrimages
- Among all the words of revelation, there is one which is unique: the revealed \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
  - secret
  - plan
  - name
  - angel
- The faithful should bear witness to the Lord's name by confessing the faith without giving way to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - fear
  - courage
  - others
  - strength
- To be unfaithful to promises made to others in God's name is to misuse God's name and in some way to make God out to be a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - thief
  - liar
  - blasphemer
  - murderer
- \_\_\_\_\_ consists in uttering against God—inwardly or outwardly—words of hatred, reproach, or defiance, in speaking ill of God.
  - blasphemy
  - slander
  - hostility
  - cursing

Answer key:

1. b (2129) 2. b (2130) 3. d (2131) 4. d (2131) 5. c (2132)  
6. c (2142) 7. c (2143) 8. a (2145) 9. b (2147) 10. a (2148)



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