

# GRATEFUL & GENEROUS



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

(*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*)

## STEWARDSHIP AWARENESS SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

*A grateful and generous heart is the result of...*

### Prayer

Spending our time listening to God and asking God  
how He is calling us to use our gifts.

### Participation

Sharing our time by becoming active in our parish ministries  
or other charitable works.

### Generosity

Offering our financial support of the mission and  
ministries of our parish and the greater Church.



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## Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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

### Schedule of Holy Mass

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| 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

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| Reconciliation: | Wednesday in church, 7pm<br>Saturday following 8am Mass |
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| Marriage: | Contact the parish office<br>at least six months prior to the wedding |
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| Baptism: | Contact the parish office<br>to register for class and to arrange date |
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| Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: | Contact Shawn Mueller in the parish office |
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The parable in today's Gospel is another one with a surprise ending. The crooked steward is commended by his master for being prudent, or clever, trying to protect himself. Jesus did not condone dishonesty. He just wanted us to be just as clever in serving the Lord. Let's look at the first two readings and how they challenge us to do more.

The reading from Amos talks about those "who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor" (Amos 8:4). The challenge here is to ask yourself, "What do I do for the poor?" If all you can think of is to throw some change in the monthly collection for the poor, you're not being very clever. Most parishes have

organizations to help the needy and are happy to get volunteers. Imagine what you would do to help someone you loved who was laid off or on disability leave. Do you love Jesus enough to help the poor in his name? Do you ever think of praying for the poor? Not just a quick response to one of the Prayers of the Faithful for the homeless, but actually taking time to pray for those who are unemployed or with jobs that don't pay enough to support a family.

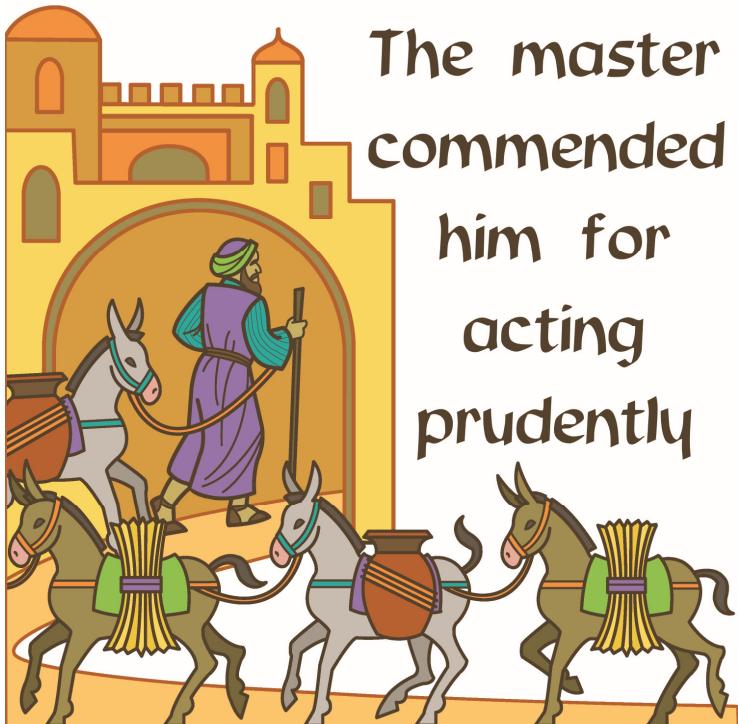
Speaking of prayer, our second reading also challenges us to do more. Paul recommends prayers for "kings and for all in authority" (1 Timothy 2:2). It's easy to pray for friends and family; how much time

do we give to prayers for government leaders and executives? Even the leaders with whom we disagree could use more guidance from the Holy Spirit. Paul reminds us that God wants everyone to be saved (1 Timothy 2:4), sinners as well as saints, terrorists and embezzlers, atheists and agnostics. I'll bet you don't spend much time praying for the "bad guys." Yet Jesus said, "Love your enemies. Pray for those who hurt you" (Matthew 5:44). I can't say I've ever heard anyone say that was their favorite Bible passage. But if Jesus expects more from those who love him, who are we to let him down?

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September 22, 2019  
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The master  
commended  
him for  
acting  
prudently



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### The Clever Crook

## An Autumn Prayer

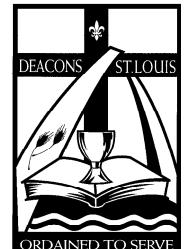
O God of Creation,  
You have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.  
As we embrace these autumn months,  
may the earlier setting of the sun  
remind us to take time to rest.  
May the crunch of the leaves beneath our feet  
remind us of the brevity of this earthly life.  
May the steam of our breath in the cool air  
remind us that it is You who give us Your breath of life.  
May the scurrying of the squirrels and the migration of the birds  
remind us that You call us to follow Your will.  
We praise you for Your goodness forever and ever.

Amen.

## Deacons: Caring for You...Since A.D. 33

*Please support this year's Deacon Formation Collection*

Did you know that, over the last four decades, dozens of Deacons of the Archdiocese of St. Louis have, in addition to their parish service, volunteered countless hours of selfless, loving care for those in our midst who are suffering and in need? Like those first seven ordained by the apostles, our deacons are called to be ministers of charity and models of Christ-like compassion for the sick, the poor, the imprisoned, and the dying, Deacons "wash the feet" of the faithful each day, seeing the face of Christ revealed in their ailing brothers and sisters. Deacons can be found sharing the Joy of the Gospel, offering us comfort in every facet of daily life—nursing homes, hospitals, hospices, prisons, schools, airports, businesses, and more. You can help our future deacons be Christ's hands and feet with your charitable donation to this year's Deacon Formation Collection. Deacon formation in the Archdiocese relies heavily on the support of the annual Deacon Formation Collection, held this coming **October 5th and 6th**. Please be as generous as possible. God bless you for your support!



## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C

[Jesus] told a parable about a dishonest manager who learned he was about to be fired. So he called in his master's debtors and cut their bills, saying to himself,] 'When my job is gone, I shall have friends who will welcome me in their homes.' [Jesus ended the parable, saying,] "The people of this world are much more shrewd in handling their affairs than the people who belong to the light." LUKE 16:4, 8

Two boys found a purse in a parking lot. It probably belonged to the elderly lady who had just driven out of the lot. The purse contained the lady's name, her address, and a ten-dollar bill. One of the boys said, "It's not right to keep the purse and the money. But before we return it, let's change the ten-dollar bill into ten ones."

The stories of the boys and the crooked manager make me ask, Why am I perhaps shrewder in handling worldly affairs than I am in handling heavenly affairs?

*Poor eyes limit your sight; poor vision limits your deeds.*

FRANKLIN FIELD

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

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

### This Week at Home

Heavenly Duster: Agnes Meixner  
Purifiers: Pat Roche



#### Sunday, September 22

Mystery Dinner tickets on sale  
Financial Freedom, Weber Hall, 6pm

#### Monday, September 23

Scouts, Founders Hall/Trailer, 6:30pm  
Choir practice, church, 7pm  
Men for Christ, Grand Hall, 7pm  
Baptismal prep, Weber Hall, 7pm (preregister please)

#### Tuesday, September 24

Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, 9am  
Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am  
Finance Council, Weber Hall, 7pm  
Children's Choir practice, Church, 7pm

#### Wednesday, September 25

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

#### Thursday, September 26

Fitness, Grand Hall foyer, 9am  
Yoga, Grand Hall foyer, 7pm  
RCIA, Weber Hall, 7pm

#### Friday, September 27

Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30-noon  
Mystery Dinner, Grand Hall, doors open at 6:30pm

#### Saturday, September 28

Reconciliation, 8:45am  
Event in Weber Hall, 9am-2:30pm

#### Sunday, September 29

Knights of Columbus CAR SHOW, 11am—4pm

EWTN CATHOLIC RADIO—AM 1460

### 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, Loretta Bruns

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.

### Next Week Ministries

**September 28—4pm**  
EM: Ed Taylor, Wally & Jan Karase, Karen Wilson, Jennifer Fredrick, Jim & Chris Warren, Carole Baker

Lec: Mike Greene, Larry Graves

Music: TBD

GB: Andy & Barb Pope

Serv: Isabelle Scheer, William Fredrick

Ush: Joe Spiess, Tim Wilson, Bryan Potter, Bill Pollihan

#### September 29—7:30am

EM: Karen Wappelhorst, Maureen Blondin, vol. pls. Betty Tuepker, Bob Brossette, Carol Rabbitt,

Lec: Bob Leeker, Mary Hardesty

Music: Mary Ann Boenker & Verdi Morley

GB: Bill & Jean Reed Bammann

Serv: Daniel & David Vehige

Ush: Rick Scharf, Larry Smith, Gary Potter, Mike Hardesty

#### September 29—9:30am

EM: Mary Hannig, Janet Hespen, Mary Keune, Michelle Greiwe, Kris Preuss, Judeen Kutsko, Sharon Watts Smith, Laura Orf

Lec: Nancy Meyers, Grant Smith

Music: Adult Choir

GB: Jeff & Amy Brinkmann Family

Serv: Mary Grace & Janie Becker, Sophia Hake

Ush: Chris & Adam Molitor, Stan Kostecki, Joe Weber, George Stark, Chuck Hinkle

### IHMformation Station

September 28, 4:00: Jim & Chris Warren

September 29, 7:30: Bob & Teresa Berfanger

September 29, 9:30: Michelle Greiwe

### Vocation Prayer Bag

September 28, 4:00: Stafford Family

## Mass Intentions

**Monday, September 23**

8:00am parents of Jeff & Chris Comotto

**Tuesday, September 24**

8:00am special intention of Savannah C.

**Wednesday, September 25**

8:00am Shirley McDonald +

**Thursday, September 26**

8:00am Tom Miller +

**Friday, September 27**

8:00am All Souls

Ed Langford +

**Saturday, September 28**

8:00am Frank Modder +

4:00pm Bob Burke +

**Sunday, September 29**

7:30am People of the Parish

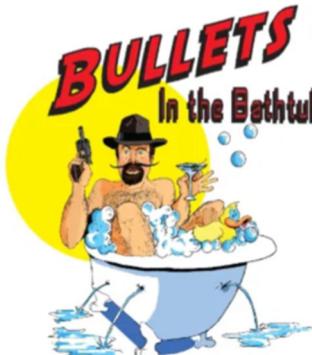
Mary Fine +

9:30am the Ernst Family +

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

"Go back to Socrates: "Know thyself." For Socrates, there are only two kinds of people: the wise, who know they are fools; and the fools, who think they are wise. Similarly, for Christ and all the prophets, there are only two kinds of people: saints, who know they are sinners; and sinners, who think they are saints. Which are you?"

Marriage in Christ  
has been promised between:  
**Jamie Preis & Brian Herbert**  
**Elicia West and Justin Schoenberger**



**LAST CALL!**  
**Reservations will be taken this weekend for our September 27 event. Hurry!**

## Contributions, September 14/15

|                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| General Offertory:        | \$12,781.00        |
| Online—General Offertory: | \$2,566.94         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              | <b>\$15,347.94</b> |

*"No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)." (Luke 16:13)*

Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from being a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need.

*We pray ... that we recognize everything we have is a gift from God, including our money, and to generously share our wealth to support the mission of our Church, locally and around the world.*

## Needed at the Pantry

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 white beans and pork & beans. Snacks for kid's lunches.

In today's Gospel we see that prudent decisiveness means that we recognize that all our choices in daily living are really choices for eternal life. Admission into heaven is something money cannot buy. The only currency that has any value to secure our entrance is that of love.

**As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul collection, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering.**

## Rest in Peace

We offer our prayerful sympathy to the family of:

**Frank Meczkowski**

father of Tom & Patrice Meczkowski

May he and all the faithful departed rest in the eternal peace of Christ.

**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.

## What's Your Catholic Catechism IQ?

1. This Sacrament reconciles us with the Church, re-establishing and strengthening in the \_\_\_\_ of saints . . .
  - a. hall
  - b. body
  - c. communion
  - d. relation
2. . . placing himself before the merciful judgment of God, anticipates in a certain way the \_\_\_\_ to which he will be subjected at the end of his earthly life.
  - a. fear
  - b. probing
  - c. judgment
  - d. exile
3. The doctrine and practice of indulgences in the Church are closely linked to the effects of the Sacrament of \_\_\_\_.
  - a. Penance
  - b. Confirmation
  - c. Anointing
  - d. Baptism
4. An indulgence is a remission before God of the \_\_\_\_ punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven.
  - a. temporal
  - b. big
  - c. final
  - d. massive
5. One who is duly disposed can gain an indulgence under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the \_\_\_\_.
  - a. Church
  - b. Spirit
  - c. faithful
  - d. bible
6. The Church as minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with \_\_\_\_ the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints.
  - a. confidence
  - b. hope
  - c. authority
  - d. hesitation
7. An indulgence is partial or plenary according as it removes either part of all of the temporal \_\_\_\_ due to sin.
  - a. pain
  - b. fear
  - c. punishment
  - d. anxiety
8. It is necessary to understand that sin has a \_\_\_\_ consequence, an eternal and temporal punishment.
  - a. triple
  - b. deep
  - c. double
  - d. fourfold
9. Forgiveness of sins entail the remission of the eternal punishment of sin, but \_\_\_\_ punishment of sin remains.
  - a. temporal
  - b. extended
  - c. everlasting
  - d. venial
10. The temporal punishment that all must undergo and face as a result of original sin is \_\_\_\_.
  - a. death
  - b. loss of inheritance
  - c. lack of hope
  - d. loss of money



Thursday, October 3

Doors open at 6:30,  
dice roll at 7pm

\$10 reservation includes 2  
wine tickets, heavy snacks,  
light appetizers, dessert

Cash, attendance prizes, 50/50 raffle

Questions: Call Marcy 314-610-6488 or  
Mary Jo 314-713-2094.

**SUNDAY SEPT. 29th • 11AM - 4PM**

12th Annual

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**CAR SHOW**

& Barbecue

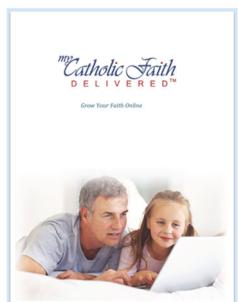
\$10 Registration Fee  
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT  
LOCAL CHARITIES

TROPHIES!  
ATTENDANCE PRIZES!  
GREAT FOOD!

## Formed & PSR Corner

Students  
in the  
PSR-  
HSR

Program here at  
IHM which began on  
September 4<sup>th</sup> should have all  
received their login information  
from [www.MyCatholicFaithDelivered.com](http://www.MyCatholicFaithDelivered.com) This online portal  
hosts the **Faith and Life** text digitally so that families  
and students can access this from home – giving par-  
ents 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.



## Readings of the Week

- Mon: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18
- Tue: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21
- Wed: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
- Thu: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
- Fri: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22
- Sat: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13;  
Lk 9:43b-45
- Sun: Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16;  
Lk 16:19-31

# Flu Shot Clinic

Walgreen's will be hosting a flu shot clinic on **Sunday, October 6th** after the 7:30 and 9:30 Masses. Pneumonia and TDap also available. Most insurances accepted. For more information call Denise or Sandra at 636-332-2333.



**Sunday, September 29 @ 1pm**  
**Edwardsville Community**  
**Symphony**

Grab your lawn chairs & picnic baskets to attend the free family-friendly concert in City Park at 1pm.

[EdwardsvilleCommunitySymphony.com](http://EdwardsvilleCommunitySymphony.com)



**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](mailto:janethspn@outlook.com)

Beginning September 26, St. Patrick Parish begins a 5-week series on **Grief Support** to anyone 18 years or older. Meetings will be held at 6:30pm on Thursdays in the rectory meeting room. For info: Connie 314-566-5469 or Sally 636-236-2573.



## THE COUNTRY STORE

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.



## Sausage Dinner—October 14

### 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. Bake and freeze now to be ready for dinner!

### CRAFT SHOW

Applications are now being accepted! Spaces are 9'x6' 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. We have applications in the church office. Questions? Please contact Terri Thome, 314-616-7472 or [territthome@gmail.com](mailto:territthome@gmail.com).

### RAFFLE TICKETS

Don't forget—there are a lot of prizes to be won! The **Bonanza Extravaganza** will have these prizes: a flat screen TV; the latest iPad; and third prize is \$250 cash. Early bird drawing (\$100) to be held on October 1. The **Big 50/50** cash drawing prize will depend on the number of tickets sold. Don't miss your chance to win BIG!!

### QUILT

There will also be the usual quilt raffle with another gorgeous handmade quilt from our own IHM Marian Council ladies. Tickets will be sold after Masses on September 28/29 and October 5/6, and also at the Dinner: \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

### WORKER SIGNUP SHEETS

We always need more workers at the sausage dinners, especially for the 2nd shift. If you haven't signed the worker list yet, please consider donating some time to benefit the parish. The sign-up sheets are in the narthex, patiently waiting for you to sign up!

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

### Stewardship Tid Bit

Dear IHM Parish Family:

You may have heard that September is Stewardship Month at IHM. Stewardship is a grateful response to God's generosity in our lives. We are good stewards of all with which we have been entrusted when we give our prayer, participation, and generosity back to God.

Gratitude is central to a life of stewardship—recognizing that everything we have and are is a gift from God. Gratitude is central to our life in Christ. In gratitude, we open our hearts to God's love and mercy. We allow Him to transform our lives, our families and our relationships.

About a week ago, all of our registered parishioners received a mailing with Covenant Cards and a cover letter from Fr. Tom asking for discernment of your prayer, participation and generosity. We are invited to use the materials enclosed in that mailing to renew your Stewardship commitment.

A detailed financial statement was published in the bulletin last weekend. You also got to hear from some fellow parishioners about what Stewardship means to them, and the fruit it bears in their lives.

This weekend, Fr. Tom is speaking about Stewardship. This is also the weekend we ask that parishioners bring their Covenant Cards to Mass to hand in with the offering. If you did not receive a mailing or misplaced your card, extras are available in the Narthex.

Consider how you might be involved in our parish community this year. Your response is a sign of your desire to grow in gratitude, generosity and joy.

We are asking every person in our parish to spend a few minutes in quiet prayer, asking God how He is calling us to share our gifts with our parish community. Open your hearts to God's love and be willing to follow His lead. And remember to thank God for all the good gifts in your life!

Gratefully in Christ,  
IHM Stewardship Committee

### 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](mailto:prolife@archstl.org) or 314-792-5555.

### SAVE THE DATE 2020 March for Life

**The 47th Annual National March for Life—January 23/24/25, 2020**

Missouri Life Caravan registrations open in October. Buses depart from several areas throughout St. Louis.

[www.easternregionmrl.org](http://www.easternregionmrl.org) / 314-434-4900

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- 10. death 1473



### Pope's Intentions for September: The Protection of the Oceans

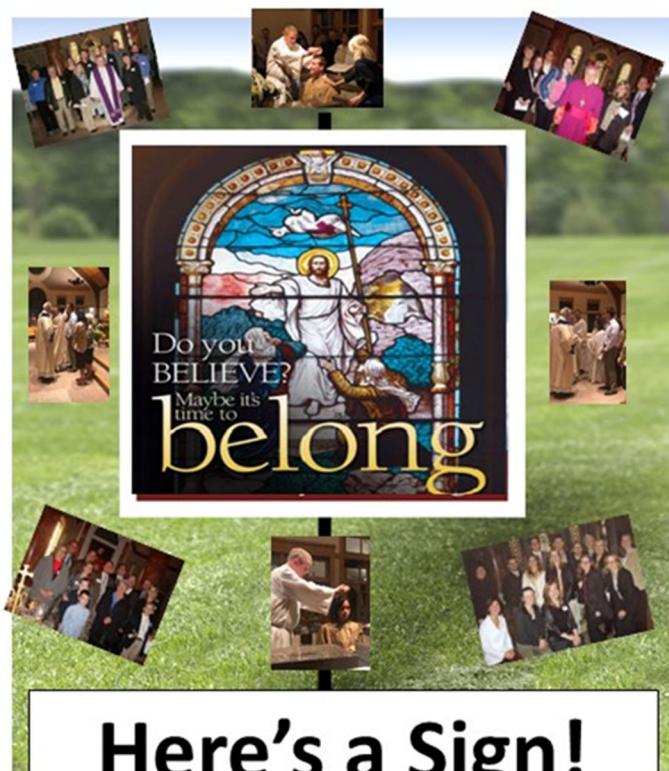
That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

# The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: RCIA (Catholic Instruction) Starting Soon

"Why Be Catholic?" Here's what one convert said. "I'm Catholic because I believe it to be true, the fullness of the means of salvation that Christ died to give to the world. I respect all people and all honest faith seeking, of course, (as everyone has to answer to God for what they believe to be true). But the time tested, historically rooted, universally extended, miraculously confirmed, biblically supported evidence for the Catholic Church is simply overwhelming. Like Peter, I can only say, "To whom else shall I go?"

If you or someone you know is considering or would consider inquiring into the Catholic faith, give the parish office a call. An introductory gathering is set for September 26<sup>th</sup>.

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



## Here's a Sign!

Information night is **Thursday, September 26th at 6:30 pm** in Weber Hall  
Call 636-398-5270

## 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?

Write a name, email and / or number below to inquire and we'll follow up to see how we can help.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

(Place in collection basket or turn in at office)  
One can also mail to: Church of IHM 8 West Hwy D New Melle, MO 63365

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

## Parish Staff

Parish Office: 636-398-5270

|                                             |                               |
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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

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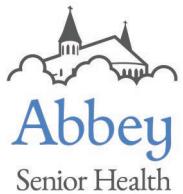
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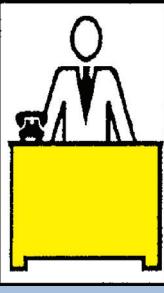
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