

## **Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church**

Mailing Address: P. O. Box 100 \* New Melle, MO 63365 Website: www.ihm-newmelle.org

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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, 11:30am

Rosary:

Following 8am Mass Monday thru Friday

Perpetual Help Devotions:

Tuesdays following 8am Mass

Respect Life Prayers:

Thursday following 8am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction:

Friday at 11:30am

First Saturday of the Month Devotions

8am Mass, Rosary, 15 minutes of meditation

#### Sacraments

Reconciliation: Wednesday in church, 7pm

Saturday following 8am Mass

Contact the parish office Marriage:

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

## Third Sunday of Easter April 15, 2018



#### Fault or Faith?

Peter seems to be pretty tough with his listeners in the first reading. He says they handed Jesus over, denied him before Pilate, asked for a murderer to be released in his place, and put Jesus to death. They must have thought they were doomed. Suddenly, he tells them they were just ignorant. And that God had planned all this long ago. So is he saying Jesus' death is their fault, or just fate?

The answer of course is that it's everyone's fault. Our sins are the reason for Jesus' death. We deny Jesus when we choose to be selfish instead of loving. We hand him over when we tell ourselves we are too busy to

take time to pray. We ask for Barabbas to be freed instead of Jesus when we insist on doing things our own way rather than God's way. We crucify Jesus when we follow the crowd instead of following the Lord.

It is only "fate" in the sense that our sins needed to be forgiven and God plan's for salvation was through Jesus' death and resurrection. Does that mean our sins cause something in the past to happen? There were sinners long before Jesus' time and God knew there would be sinners after that. God also planned to forgive anyone who repented their sins. In one sense. Jesus died for those who de-

served to be punished for sin, and also for those who would deserve punishment in the future. He rose from the dead to show that God's forgiveness raises us up from guilt to a new life.

Peter wasn't laying a guilt trip on the listeners. After all, this is good news. God planned all this to show how much he loved us. Our response should be one of joy that we are forgiven because of that love. All we have to do is tell God we are sorry, mean it, and start living our response of love. Sins may be our fault, but Love is our fate.

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#### Easter blessings from Immaculate Heart of Mary: Informed—Hospitable—Motivated

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#### **Religious Education**

(Please contact Shawn Mueller, Director of Religious Education for more information)

#### Parish School of Religion

(Grades 1 through 8) September through May

Wednesdays from 6:00—7:30pm

#### **Confirmation Preparation**

(8th Grade)

September through May

Wednesdays from 6:00—7:30pm

#### Children's Liturgy of the Word

September through May

During the 9:30am Sunday Mass

#### **Adult Education**

Wednesdays at 8:45 and 6:10pm

#### **Quick Contacts Directory**

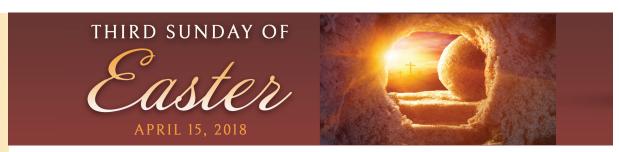
#### Prayer and Devotion

#### Parish Organizations

Eucharistic Adoration		Art & Environment	
Shawn Mueller	636-398-5270	Mary Karll	636-433-5049
Legion of Mary		Budget & Finance	
Maria Romine-Kantor	314-614-0857	Larry Graves	314-799-9804
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Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations.

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Dear Parishioners,

Blessed Easter!!! As we continue to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection I wanted to share a prayer I came across recently in my own exploration of the treasury of Catholicism. I am not sure why it is called "The Miracle Prayer" and such names have probably made me avoid discovering it sooner than now. It seems that there are a few variations of the prayer that you can discover on the internet. I am not sure what is miraculous about the prayer other than its very frank confession of faith and trust in Our Lord.

In our prayer we can seek miracles while at the same time placing our trust in God's providential goodness. We are tempted too often to limit the healing we seek to the physical realities of most situations. It takes consistent prayer to get us to place the needs of the soul above those of the body. The greatest healing we will ever experience is in our souls, when we are healed from sin by God's mercy and when we are healed from our fear of trials because of God's grace. I pray I can accept the truth of that statement when life places trials in my path or when my health takes an unexpected turn for the worse. The goal of prayer is union with God, the fruit of prayer is to be transformed in to His loving and trusting children.

Peace,

Tr. Tun

#### **The Miracle Prayer**

Lord Jesus, I come before you, just as I am. I am sorry for my sins. I repent of my sins. Please forgive me.

In Your Name, I forgive all others for what they have done against me.

I renounce Satan, the evil spirits and all their works.

I give you my entire self.

Lord Jesus, now and forever, I invite you into my life.

I accept you as my Lord, God and Savior.

Heal me, change me,

strengthen me in body, soul and spirit.

Come, Lord Jesus, cover me with your Precious Blood, and fill me with your Holy Spirit.

I love you Lord Jesus. I praise you Jesus. I thank you Jesus.
I shall follow you every day of my life.

Amen.

Blessed Virgin Mary, help me. Amen.

In union with the Angels that surround the Tabernacle, I adore You, O Blood of Jesus.

Amen.

Catholic Way Publishing. My Daily Prayers

## Next Week Ministry Schedule

April 21 4:00pm

EM: Judy Cova, Jennifer Fredrick, Pat Noack,

Ann Zaleuke, Donna Cuddihee, Vanita Joerling,

Carole Baker, Mary Jean Hartenbach

Lec: Jan Jokisch-Messig, Joe Willis

GB: Stafford Family

Serv: Colten, Camden, Celina Genta
Ush: Bryan Potter, Joe Spiess, Tim Wilson,

Bill Pollihan

April 22 7:30am

EM: Emily Cooksey, Dianne Dickherber, Bob Leeker,

Kris Jenkins, Walt & Jean Reel Peggy Dupree, Mary Hardesty Rosemary Marquart, Dot Welge

Serv: Mary Grace & Janie Becker
Ush: Mike Hardesty, Gary Potter, Rich Molitor,

Larry Gassei

Lec:

GB:

9:30am

EM: Dave & Pam DeBold, Laura Holstein, Clara Haas, Janet Hespen, Don & Susan Hladky, Chris Aulbach

Lec: Bill Winters, Patrice Riley

GB: Menne Family

Serv: Lindsey & Madelyn Bouquet

Ush: Charles Hinkle, Terry Schneider, Alan Raymond,

Walt Hollenstein III, Gary Struckhoff, Curt Eccardt

# LAST CHANCE TO ORDER APRONS in time for Dinner \$16 for IHM logo only \$20 for IHM logo + personalization Please call the church office

by Wednesday to order your apron—fee can be mailed or dropped in the collection

### This Week at Home

#### Sunday, April 15

Church window presentation after 9:30 Mass, refreshments in Weber Hall afterwards Golden Hearts, Grand Hall, 1pm

Monday, April 16

SVDP, 6pm

Boy Scouts, Founders Hall/Trailer, 6:30pm Women's ACTS meeting, Grand Hall, 6:30pm

Tuesday, April 17

Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, 9am Fitness Class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am Children's Choir, church, 6:45pm

Knights of Columbus, Founders Hall, 7pm

Wednesday, April 18

Sunday readings study, Weber Hall, 8:45am PSR, Weber Hall/Founders Hall/Trailer, 6pm

Bible Study, Grand Hall, 6pm

Reconciliation, 7pm

Thursday, April 19

RCIA, Weber Hall, 6:30pm

Choir practice, 7pm

Friday, April 20

A Biblical Walk Thru The Mass, Weber Hall, 6:30am

Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30—noon

Saturday, April 21

Reconciliation, 8:45am

Private event in Weber Hall this morning

Next weekend please welcome our guest speaker for the Annual Catholic Appeal

## Join the Holy Father's prayer intentions for April: For Those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.



## April 15—Third Sunday of Easter

Jesus appeared to his disciples, showed them his wounds, opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "This is what is written: the Messiah must suffer." LUKE 6:24:45-46

Many Jews expected a Messiah who would make them "number one" among the nations of the world. They dreamed of a Messiah who would catapult them into a position of wealth and power. When Jesus said that he would wear a crown of thorns, not a crown of gold, they were disenchanted. They had closed their minds to those parts of Scripture that spoke of a suffering Messiah. This didn't fit their idea of what the Messiah should be like. To what degree do I sometimes behave like many of the Jews of Jesus' day?

What seems to be God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. . . God purposely chose what the world considers nonsense in order to shame the wise. 1 CORINTHIANS 1:25, 27

Mark Link S.J. Mission



Monday, April 16

8:00am

Cy Bamert +

Tuesday, April 17 8:00am

Deacon Tony & Joan Falbo's wedding anniversary

Teresa Price +

Wednesday, April 18

intention of Roger & Vickie Brink 8:00am

Thursday, April 19

Al Bamert + 8:00am

Dalton Curran +

Friday, April 20

All Souls 8:00am

Dennis Schipper +

Saturday, April 21

8:00am Jack Hitt +

Robert McEneny + 4:00pm

Sunday, April 22

Kim Hoffman + 7:30am

People of the Parish 9:30am



### **IHM SPRING** SAUSAGE DINNER April 29

## We Need You!!!

- There are still several spots to fill on the sign up sheets (both the week before and on Dinner day)—please browse the available positions and put your name down because WE NEED YOU!!!
- → Each family in the parish is asked to provide three homemade pies or cakes (including sugar free) and two loaves of homemade bread. Your generosity in helping provide desserts and bread is very valuable because WE NEED YOU!!!
- → The Country Store is in need of trinkets, treasures and treats. It's a popular place to visit, made more special because of your donations. Please help us because WE NEED YOU!!!

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## Contributions: April 7/8

General Offertory: \$12,695.90 Online – General Offertory: \$3,387.10 **Total Offertory:** \$16,083.00

"Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' But they were startled and frightened..." LUKE 24: 36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength to live a "God-centered" life and not a "selfcentered" life.

We pray that we have the courage to do the work God has sent us to do, knowing that this is the true path to peace and joy.



## Heavenly Duster Purificators Perpie Pollihan Pat Roche

## Needed at the Pantry:

canned fruit: applesauce, mandarin oranges, peaches, fruit cocktail; cold cereal; tuna helper and hamburger helper; soups: vegetable, chicken noodle, cream of chicken, cream of mushroom; beef stew; BBQ sauce; yellow mustard; toilet paper; bisquick; all purpose cleaner

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus explains the meaning of the scriptures. Like the disciples, when we offer and receive forgiveness our hearts burn because we encounter the risen Christ within us.

Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor find forgiveness and healing in their life" by joining

#### Please pray for all the sick and suffering, including:

Tracey Fiacco, Steve Dunn, Walt Reel

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

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#### Rest in Peace



We offer our prayerful sympathy
—to Steve and Trish Williams on the death of his mother

#### **MaryCarol Williams**

-to the family of

#### **Connie Burbes**

—to Stan (Jana) Kostecki and Marsha (Alan) Raymond on the death of their mother

#### Jewel Kostecki

—to Tim (Kim) Lebb on the death of his father

#### **Theodore Lebb**

—to Doug (Lisa) Norton on the death of his father

#### **Dan Norton**

—to Mike Koper on the death of his mother **Helen Koper** 

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

## Dynamic Catholic Alive!

The readings today remind us that Christ fulfills all that was written about Him in the Law and the Prophets. The prophets foretold that the Christ would suffer and that He would rise again and be the King of all the nations. When we are evangelizing, we should keep this message in mind: Christianity is credible because the prophecies of the Scriptures are fulfilled. Christian faith is not blind but is totally reasonable. In addition, this fulfillment makes us "incredulous with joy" as we come to understand that Christ calls us to eternal life with Him. "Joy is the infallible sign of the presence of God," said Pierre Teilhard de Chardin. The next time you are bringing Christ to someone, remember that Christ fulfills and fills us with joy.

archstl.org/dynamic

PSR Corner

## Congratulations to all those who received their First Holy communion on Sunday, April 8th.



### What's your Catholic Catechism IQ?

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#### JESUS' TEMPTATIONS

- 1. The Gospels speak of a time of solitude for Jesus here immediately after His baptism by John.
  - a. the Temple
- b. the Desert
- c. Mount Tabor
- d. the Mount of Olives
- 2. In the desert, Jesus rebuffs the attacks of Satan, which recapitulate the temptations of Adam in Paradise and of Israel in the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Wilderness
- b. Garden
- c. Tent
- d. Desert
- 3. By the solemn forty days of this, the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert.
  - a. Passover
- b. Lent
- c. Easter
- d. the Cross
- 4. After John was arrested, Jesus came into this region, preaching the gospel of God.
  - a. Bethlehem
- b. Bethsaida
- c. Galilee
- d. Samaria
- 5. Jesus said, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in \_\_\_\_\_."
  - a. Yourself
- b. the Gospel
- c. the Light
- d. God

#### THE KINGDOM OF GOD

- 6. To carry out the will of the Father, Christ inaugurated the kingdom of Heaven on
  - a. the Church
- b. the Apostle
- c. Earth
- d. Sand
- 7. This gathering of people around Jesus Christ is the \_\_\_\_ on earth, the seed and beginning of that kingdom.
  - a. the Bible
- b. Gathering
- c. Church
- d. Tribe
- 8. Jesus' invitation to enter His kingdom comes in the form of \_\_\_\_\_, a characteristic feature of His teaching.
  - a. Parables
- b. Commands
- c. Directives
- d. Mathematics
- Jesus accompanies His words with many wonders and \_\_\_\_\_, which manifest that the kingdom is present in Him.
  - a. Meals
- b. Teachings
- c. Signs
- d. Gestures
- 10. The coming of God's kingdom means the defeat of this kingdom.
  - a. Satan
- b. Earth
- c. Flesh
- c. Cubs

## Mysteries Marvels and Miracles in the Life of Christ and the Church: Blessed Imelda Lambertini: Patron Saint of First Communicants

Adapted From: https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/blessed-imelda-patroness-of-first-communicants/

Little Imelda Lambertini loved Jesus so deeply that she often wondered, "Can anyone receive Jesus into their heart and not die?" This caused her to request, when she was just five years old, to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. However, as it was the year 1327, her request was out of the question. At that time children were not allowed to receive their First Holy Communion until they were at least 12 years old. But Imelda was persistent. Although her father was an Italian count and she had a comfortable home life, she wanted to be closer to God. Her parents raised her strongly in the faith which instilled in her a love for prayer and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. She would often visit a nearby Dominican church to pray the Liturgy of the Hours with the nuns there.

At the age of nine, though her wish for receiving Holy Communion had not been granted, Imelda was allowed to enter the Dominican convent as a young postulant. All the while she continued to beg to be allowed to receive the Holy Eucharist. One night, on the Vigil of the Ascension, the now eleven-year-old Imelda stayed late in the chapel to pray after Mass. She had begged to be allowed to make her First Holy Communion on this feast, but was again de-



nied. Each denied request increased her love and desire for the Real Presence of Jesus in her soul. Some say that a scent of roses drew the nuns back to the chapel, other accounts cite a bright light. However it happened, the returning nuns were greeted by a stunning sight.

As Imelda prayed, a consecrated host was seen suspended in the air above her head. Quickly understanding God's will for the child to receive, the convent chaplain took the Eucharist and gave Imelda her First Holy Communion on the spot. As she took Jesus into her heart, Imelda entered into a state of ecstatic prayer. The child remained kneeling as the nuns left chapel to allow her more time to pray. When they returned for her, they found her just as they had left her, but her body was lifeless.

After receiving Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, Imelda, proving her early words to be prophetic, died of pure love and joy. The feast day of Blessed Imelda Lambertini is celebrated on May 12th. She is the patroness of First Communicants and of making a holy, fervent First Communion. Her purity of heart is a beautiful reminder that, to be truly happy, we must love and desire God above all things.



Blessed Imelda's incorrupt body is kept in Bologna, Italy, at the Church of San Sigismondo, beneath the wax effigy of her likeness.

Blessed Imelda, pray for us to love Jesus in the Holy Eucharist as much as you did.

Does Springtime give you a sense of wonder and fulfillment? On your wedding day, you and your spouse lovingly planted the seed of a lifelong relationship. A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER will give you



the tools you need to help your marriage grow and blossom more beautifully! The next weekends are April 20 -22 or August 3-5 in St. Peters, MO. You can find out more by clicking on www.stl-wwme.org or calling at 314-649-7317.

### Readings for the Week

Mon: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;

Jn 6:22-29

Tue: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a,

17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wed: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thu: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51 Fri: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Sat: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:10c, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Sun: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sun: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29;

1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

## St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

(Note: With close to 3000 items, the <u>Parish Library</u> 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 <u>Lighthouse CD rack</u> are located and available in the Narthex.

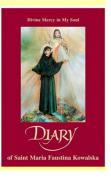
### From the Parish Library: Stoltz Grand Hall



From Review on Amazon: 'It's rare when a DVD is as good as a book... In this case, it may even be better, depending on the end reader/viewer. The trio of DVD's is an excellent collection of information that can be shared with believers and non-believers alike. Lee Strobel is so down to earth and relatable, that he is not offensive. The Lord is using this man in mighty ways, for all those who think they're too smart to be a Christian, it's a simple way to understand that being Christian does not merely need to be a leap of faith. There is so much intelligence involved in God's plan for us. Who better to prove God exists than a journalist, who enjoys research, but doesn't believe there is one God? A well known non-believer journalist ends up proving to himself that God does exist. It's a great series to watch, especially with a non-believer or someone new in their faith or anyone still questioning if God is watching over all of us. There are 3 discs and each makes a case that there is a Jesus that died on the cross for our sins, that you must have blind faith, and that God is our Creator. It's much easier to understand than reading the bible, but still, read your bible.":

#### From the Parish Library: Stoltz Grand Hall

The Divine Mercy "Diary" of St. Maria Faustina: A review from Amazom.com states, "This is one of the most spiritually enriching books I have ever read. The insights into how God works in our lives is spellbinding. What Jesus asks of Faustina is truly remarkable. It is sometimes hard to read, not because of the text but because of the sacrifices she is asked to make on behalf of others. One of the real eye-opening insights comes in paragraph 301 in which Jesus tells Faustina that to know God we should meditate on His attributes, and that the greatest attribute of God is His mercy. This book should be in the spiritual library of everyone seriously seeking to develop their relationship with God." Cardinal Raymond Burke wrote, "Having studied the 'Diary' and having returned often to reread its passages, I wholeheartedly urge you to obtain a copy for your daily spiritual reading and meditation."





## Prayer Shawls

Several IHM parishioners participate in the Corporal Acts of Mercy by creating prayer shawls. These prayer shawls are blessed and stored in the sacristy. If you have a friend or family member in need of tangible emotional or spiritual support because of whatever is going on in their life—grief, a difficult diagnosis, chronic pain, a caregiver, or struggling with spiritual or emotional pain—consider giving them a prayer shawl. You just have to stop by the parish office to request one and they can let you into the sacristy to select one. We do not charge for these shawls, but if you are in a position to make a donation, that would be appreciated.

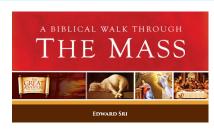
If you knit or crochet and would like to contribute to this ministry, we welcome your interest and the gifts of your time, talent and treasure! Currently, we all work independently from home and no longer meet to work on our shawls as a group. You are welcome to call me if you are interested in participating in this ministry.

Because we no longer meet as a group, I have no idea who is contributing to this ministry. Please let me know if you are making shawls. I and the parish office would like to have an idea how many are contributing to this ministry.

Your sister in Christ, Julia Kettler 314-616-0096

## Young Adults—Check out **Crossroads St. Charles**

Every Thursday 7pm *Bible Study @* St. Joe's New Parish Hall 3rd Tuesday (April 17) 7pm *Pious Pints Speaker @* 109 Brewhouse (Page & K & N) More details at www.facebook.com/CrossroadsStCharles



### Getting "More" Out of Mass

The Mass is the center of our Faith. But do we really worship that way? It's easy to go on auto-pilot. We know the gestures, responses, and prayers...too well. This rote participation can bury the significance of what's happening during the liturgy. If you've ever walked out of Mass feeling like you just didn't "get anything" from it, the value of A Biblical Walk Through the Mass can't be overemphasized.

When: Friday mornings, 6:30 to 7:30am

Where: Weber Hall

How Long? 4 more weeks, April 20, 27, May 4, 11

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### Catholic IQ Answers



Spring can be a difficult time of the year for individuals who are trying to stay hopeful while longing to have a child. You feel as if you are doing everything you can and still feel as if winter is hanging on. The Enkindle Ministry is hosting a gathering to talk about some of the feelings this time of year evokes. Everyone is unique in his/her journey with infertility. This group will give you a chance to communicate your individual experience and to hear from others of ways that have helped them navigate through and cope with these difficult stages.

Date: Wednesday, April 25 from 6:30—8:30pm

Location: The Office of Natural Family Planning

11700 Studt Ave. Suite C, St. Louis, 63141

**RSVP:** 314-991-0327 or bit.ly/EnkindleSpring2018

## April is Child Abuse Protection Month



The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has provid-

ed the following information as a Promise to Protect and a Pledge to Heal:

- We train everyone to prevent and report abuse:
   2,400,627 adults trained
   4.484.609 children trained
- We provide outreach to those abused
   195 U.S. dioceses/eparchies have a victim assistance coordinator to obtain assistance and provide support for those abused
- We require background checks
   2,390,956 background checks for clerics, employees and volunteers
- We report all allegations
   100% of U.S. dioceses/eparchies require allegations of sexual abuse to be reported to public authorities.
- · We work with law enforcement

If you suspect abuse, please call:

1-800-392-3738

Missouri Child Abuse Hotline

314-792-7271

Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection

Please keep this information handy!

A family from IHM has plans to participate in a **Mission Trip** for two weeks to the village of Picota, **Peru**. The goal of the trip is to provide assistance to the village, some health care and assistance, construction/building and home rehab, feed-



ing the poor, visiting shut-ins, prayer and evangelization. Currently the Peruvian trip is scheduled for July 24-August 2. Please consider joining in this opportunity! Without other registrants the trip will be cancelled.

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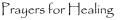
Teach our young ones the power of giving back! (see Matthew 25:40)

## 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.

Thank you for supporting the SVdP Society of Immaculate Heart of Mary.







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In Tribute

## News from our Neighbors

Annual Spring Dinner and Craft Show at Holy Rosary-Warrenton on April 22, serving Fried Chicken and Kettle Beef from 11am to 6pm. Adults \$12, children ages 6-12 \$5, children ages 6 and under free in dining room only. Drive-thru carryout for \$12.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Mary Queen of Angels is seeking volunteers for our annual "Shower of Love" baby item collection taking place at various grocery stores in the community on Thursday, April 26. Mary Queen has the Dierberg's in Cottleville and the Dierberg's at K&N. We have shifts beginning at 9am and ending at 6pm. Please call Susan at 636-634-7243 to volunteer. Thank you in advance!

Monetary Support Needed! Mary Queen of Angels, a pro-life organization located in O'Fallon that helps mothers and their babies in our community, is in need of financial assistance. If you would like to make a donation, the check should be made payable to "Mary Queen of Angels" and mailed to 827 W. Terra Ln., O'Fallon, MO

63366. Any amount would be appreciated. We are a 501(c)3 organization and will mail a receipt to all donors. We are also a recipient of the Missouri Pregnancy Resource Center Tax Credit. If you would like to receive the tax credit please note that with your donation. Tax credits may take up to 60 days to receive. They can be used up to five years after issued. It is a great way to give and receive something in return. For a donation you receive half of what you donate back as a Missouri tax credit to be used to pay if you owe on your State tax. A minimum donation of \$100 is required. If you would like more information on the tax credit feel free to call Sue Cooke at 636-634-72436. Thank you in advance, and God bless!

24th Annual Junktique Sale: taking place at St. Patrick Church (Wentzville) in the Social Hall, 405 Church Street, Wentzville on the following days:

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