



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
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

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

Second Sunday of Easter April 8, 2018



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Extreme Christians

This Sunday's first reading is one of the descriptions of ideal apostolic life. Remember John's Gospel saying that God is love? Here we have Luke's version in Acts of that same principle. He begins with the community being one in heart and mind. They not only believed in the same Risen Lord, but their love for Him showed in their love for each other. They were not just a community or parish; they were one family.

Luke shows two ways the Christian communities began to change the world. First, they told anyone who would listen about the resurrection "with great power." (Acts 4:33) You can take that as power to do miracles, healings, etc. But it can also mean the power of conviction: They were so

excited about Jesus' resurrection, that they couldn't stop talking about it. Their fervor was infectious. We could use some of that fervor today. I sometimes think the only reason we don't do miracles ourselves is that we don't really believe we could. Maybe we need to remind ourselves that we aren't the ones doing the miracles—God is. Remember how many times Jesus told people it was their faith that cured them? God can do miracles any time he wants. But we can't receive them if we don't have faith. Instead of trying to believe that you can do a miracle, try believing that God can do it for you.

The second way the disciples stood out was their willingness to give up anything for the Lord. Luke uses the

example of selling their property to share with those in need. But some went even further, giving up their lives for the faith. That kind of witness says that the resurrection is real and I expect to take part in it. It also says that nothing can make me give up my faith. So what am I willing to give up for the Lord? It's easy to throw money in a collection for the poor. How about giving some time to feed the poor, or help build a home for someone? What can you give to help spread the faith—maybe the time to be a sponsor for a convert? The love you show to others could be their only experience of God's love.

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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

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SECOND SUNDAY OF

Easter

(OR OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 8, 2018



New Life in Christ!

He is Risen!! Alleluia! Alleluia! Indeed He is Risen!

Dear Parishioners,

We come together on this final day in the octave of Easter to rejoice in God's abundant mercy revealed to us through the Life, Death & Resurrection of Jesus. Today we celebrate the mercy that God so generously wants to offer to any who come to Him with sincere repentance. That gift of mercy is incarnate in the life of Christ and breathed upon the Church this Easter morning. May the breath of Divine Mercy fill all of us with the life of the Risen Christ and encourage us to grow as disciples.

Many thanks to all who made our Triduum & Easter celebrations so beautiful. It was truly a beautiful Holy Week and a great beginning to this season of joy. As the prayers of the Roman Missal remind us, may we be filled with paschal joy as we recall the great mystery of our Redemption. While the world moves on past Easter, our celebration is just beginning. As we celebrate 50 days of joyful gratitude, may we constantly encourage one another to live this season in all its fullness.

Please pray for our children who make their First Communion this Sunday. May this be the first of many moments when they praise God our Father, receive Our Risen Lord and are sent out in the Spirit to witness to the truth of the Gospel. I thank their parents and Catechists for preparing them for today. We work together to form each generation and individuals of every age to know Jesus the Christ.

I mentioned on Holy Saturday to our adult converts that we are taking off the training wheels and giving them a big push to start peddling. Each of us wants and should take responsibility for the maturation of our faith. Those of us entrusted with the vocation of fathers and mothers want to ensure that for our children. May the Holy Spirit bless our families in their sincere desire to live and embrace the fullness of our faith.

Our most important time together as a parish family is at the altar of the Lord. Celebrating His Paschal Mystery, praying for one another and lifting up the needs of our local community, nation and world is all

part of our common priesthood in Jesus. He is the Head and we are blessed to be members of His Body. May our celebrations throughout this Easter season deepen our peace and joy.

Blessed Easter,

Fr. Tom

THIS DAY WAS MADE BY THE LORD

Christopher Walker

Refrain

This day was made by the Lord, let us re-joice, let us be glad.

let us re-joice in sal - va - tion!

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Next Week Ministry Schedule

April 14

4:00pm

EM: Mary Hannig, Wally & Jan Karase, Ed Taylor,
Joan Falbo, Wilma Zurweller, Pat Barnard,
Bernadine Pollihan
Lec: Sharon Hagan, Jackie Dunn
GB: Judy Cova, Carrie Riley
Serv: Brody & Ashlyn Stafford
Ush: Jerry Braden, Dave Hendrix, Stan Nikonowicz,
Chris Cuddihee

April 15

7:30am

EM: John & Karen Wappelhorst, Betty Tuepker,
Rich Molitor, John Fiacco, Maureen Blondin
Lec: Kris Jenkins, Chuck Kettler
GB: Tom & Carol Ostermeyer
Serv: Bridget Goins, Connor & Sydney Jaeckle
Ush: Frank Marquart, Mike Stassi, Walt Reel,
Larry Koch

9:30am

EM: Judeen Kutsko, Donna Wolff, Alvina Fry,
Laura Orf, Terry & Marcia Schneider,
Patrice Riley, Walt Hollenstein III
Lec: Don & Susan Hladky
GB: Stafford Family
Serv: Paige & Genny Greiwe, Ellen Aulbach
Ush: Michelle Greiwe, George Stark, Joe Weber,
Stan Kostecki, Dave DeBold, Brian Corrigan



Rest in Peace



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

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

This Week at Home



Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8

KofC Breakfast, Founders Hall, 8-11am
Contemporary Group sings at 9:30 Mass
First Communion, 11:15 Mass

Monday, April 9

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

Tuesday, April 10

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

Wednesday, April 11

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

Thursday, April 12

Fitness Class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am
RCIA, Weber Hall, 6:30pm
Youth Group, Grand Hall foyer, 6:30pm
Choir practice, 7pm

Friday, April 13

Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30—noon

Saturday, April 14

Reconciliation, 8:45am
Private event in Weber Hall this afternoon

Sunday, April 15

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

AM 1460 KHOJ, Catholic radio

For inspiration and encouragement in your spiritual life

April 8—Divine Mercy Sunday

As a crowning grace to the Easter Day Octave, the Universal Church celebrates what is known as Divine Mercy Sunday. On April 30, 2000, Pope John Paul II declared that “the Second Sunday of Easter henceforth throughout the Church will also be called Divine Mercy Sunday”. The desire for this celebration was expressed in an approved apparition by Our Lord to St. Faustina, and can be found recorded in her Diary:

...My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. **The soul that will go to Confession,* and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. (emphasis added).** On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. (Diary 699)

See more later in the bulletin.

Congratulations to these young people who will receive their First Holy Communion today at the 11:15 Mass



Brandon Albers
Nathaniel Buescher
Layla Cobb
Brooke Dawson
Matthew DiLorenzo
Joseph Eoff

Emma Hagan
Jacob Kramer
Corynn Kuebler
Jack Lassiter
John "Jack" Lyons

Maria McCarthy
Delaney Quinn
Foster Rovin
Hunter Strunk
Marvin Thater
Joseph Winkler



Monday, April 9

8:00am Connie Mathers +
Louise Fisher +

Tuesday, April 10

8:00am Jack Roderick +

Wednesday, April 11

8:00am Moira Ryan +
Charlotte Litton +

Thursday, April 12

8:00am All Souls
Joan Green +

Friday, April 13

8:00am Shirley McDonald +

Saturday, April 14

8:00am Randy & Lukas Schneider +
4:00pm Florence Smulski +

Sunday, April 15

7:30am Mary Ann Rhodes +
Mary Fine +
9:30am People of the Parish
James Murry +

Contributions: March 24/25

General Offertory: \$9,119.50
Online – General Offertory: \$2,305.00
Total Offertory: \$11,424.50

Contributions: March 31/April 1

General Offertory: \$15,178.35
Online – General Offertory: \$3,606.70
Total Offertory: \$18,785.05

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." ACTS 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your talents, your abilities and your money—these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with.

We pray that we may learn to see all of our blessings as abundant gifts from God so that we may use them for the benefit of all God's people.



Heavenly Duster Purificators

Alice Faron

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 the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says, "Peace be with you!"

During Mass we turn to each other and say "Peace be with you!" As you put your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul collection you say "Peace be with you!" to those who are poor and hungry.

Readings for the Week

Mon: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Tue: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wed: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thu: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Fri: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Sat: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sun: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48



...to all the donors of Immaculate Heart of Mary at the recent **Blood Drive**. We collected **26 units**, which will serve 65 patients at local hospitals. Please mark your calendars for our next Blood Drive which will be on June 26 in Weber Hall.

...to all the volunteers, aka **St. Zita's Zippy Clean-Up Crew**, who helped to clean the church in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Your gift of time and effort, care and concern are greatly appreciated.

...to each individual, couple and family who have graciously accepted the invitation to pray for holy vocations by taking home our **Vocation Prayer Bag**. We are looking for more pray-ers, so join us in this holy effort to pray for our priests, religious, married couples and singles.

...to all who made our **Holy Week and Easter** liturgies so prayerful, including the decorators, musicians, choirs and cantors, all the liturgical ministers, and of course our parish family who gave glory to God by participating in our Sacred Triduum. All praise and glory to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



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

Tracey Fiacco, Steve Dunn, Ralph Bidby

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.

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.



What's your Catholic Catechism IQ?



JESUS' INFANCY AND CHILDHOOD

1. We have been made sharers in the divinity of Christ who humbled Himself to share in our _____.
 - a. Place
 - b. Home
 - c. Humanity
 - d. World
2. Jesus' circumcision, on the eighth day after His birth, is the sign of His incorporation into _____ descendants.
 - a. Adam's
 - b. Mary's
 - c. Moses'
 - d. Abraham's
3. The sign of circumcision prefigures that "circumcision of Christ" which is this.
 - a. Baptism
 - b. Suffering
 - c. Resurrection
 - d. Death
4. This feast celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the east, together with His baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee.
 - a. Easter
 - b. Presentation
 - c. Epiphany
 - d. Hannukah
5. As a child, Jesus' departure from Egypt recalls this event and presents Him as the definitive liberator of God's people.
 - a. Return of the Jedi
 - b. The Exodus
 - c. The Passover
 - d. The Return of the King

JESUS' HIDDEN LIFE

6. Jesus' obedience to His mother and legal father fulfills this commandment perfectly.
a. 8675 b. 309 c. 4 d. 1
7. The hidden life and His home at _____ is the school where we begin to understand the life of Jesus.
a. Galilee b. Capernaum
c. Nazareth d. Bethlehem
8. This is the only event that breaks the silence of the Gospels about the hidden years of Jesus.
a. The circumcision
b. The Presentation in the Temple
c. Finding of Jesus in the Temple
d. The preaching in the synagogue
9. Jesus' public life begins with His baptism by this man in the Jordan.
a. John the Apostle b. John the Baptist
c. Michael of Jordan d. Prince Jordan of Jerusalem
10. At His baptism "the heavens were opened" - the heavens that this man's sin had closed.
a. Lucifer b. Beelzebub
c. Adam d. Judas

Litany of Trust

From the belief that I have to earn Your love,
Deliver me, Jesus.
From the fear that I am unlovable,
Deliver me, Jesus.
From the false security that I have what it takes,
Deliver me, Jesus.
From the fear that trusting You will leave me more destitute,
Deliver me, Jesus.
From all suspicion of Your words and promises,
Deliver me, Jesus.
From the rebellion against childlike dependency on You,
Deliver me, Jesus.
From refusals and reluctances in accepting Your will,
Deliver me, Jesus.
From anxiety about the future,
Deliver me, Jesus.
From resentment or excessive preoccupation with the past,
Deliver me, Jesus.
From restless self-seeking in the present moment,
Deliver me, Jesus.

From disbelief in Your love and presence,
Deliver me, Jesus.
From the fear of being asked to give more than I have,
Deliver me, Jesus.
From the belief that my life has no meaning or worth,
Deliver me, Jesus.
From the fear of what love demands,
Deliver me, Jesus.
From discouragement,
Deliver me, Jesus.
That you are continually holding me, sustaining me, loving me,
Jesus, I trust in You.
That your love goes deeper than my sins and failings, and transforms me,
Jesus, I trust in You.
That not knowing what tomorrow brings is an invitation to lean on You,
Jesus, I trust in You.
That You are with me in my suffering,
Jesus, I trust in You.

That You will not leave me orphan, that You are present in Your Church,
Jesus, I trust in You.
That Your plan is better than anything else,
Jesus, I trust in You.
That You always hear me and in Your goodness always respond to me,
Jesus, I trust in You.
That You give me the grace to accept forgiveness and to forgive others,
Jesus, I trust in You.
That You give me all the strength I need for what is asked,
Jesus, I trust in You.
That my life is a gift,
Jesus, I trust in You.
That You will teach me to trust You,
Jesus, I trust in You.
That you are my Lord and my God,
Jesus, I trust in You.
That I am Your beloved one,
Jesus, I trust in You.

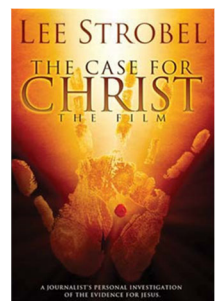


Spring Sausage Dinner—April 29

Mark your calendars! Your help will be needed to fill the 400+ volunteer spots! **The sign-up sheets are in the narthex!** Save the date and plan to donate some time—and pies—to help your parish. Start looking for trinkets and treasures for the Country Store, too. If you need more tickets, we have a supply of them in the church office and in the narthex. **INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO THE BEST SAUSAGE DINNER AROUND!**

PSR Corner

The month of *April is traditionally dedicated to several themes: the Blessed Sacrament / Resurrection / Holy Spirit:* Phil Robertson of Duck Dynasty, who is a part time preacher once said about the resurrection. “If you travel back in time from the present to 2000, to 1500, to 1000 to 100 to 0, what event happened....so that now we even mark our time back to this event?” **“It must have been something pretty big.”** Consider mentioning this line to your children and starting a discussion.



The Revelation of Divine Mercy

Cardinal Raymond L. Burke

(Excerpts from the *St. Louis Review* written during his time as Archbishop of St. Louis)

Full article at http://www.piercedhearts.org/hearts_jesus_mary/christology/revelation_divine_mercy.htm



Public Revelation and Private Revelation

In the last century, our Lord Jesus granted a private revelation to a Polish religious sister, Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. The purpose of the private revelation was to draw us to the fullness of the public revelation of the Father's immeasurable love of us in His Incarnate Son. As with all private revelations, the private revelation to Sister Maria Faustina draws us to recognize the public revelation of God's love in the Redemptive Incarnation of God the Son. In the particular case of Sister Maria Faustina, the private revelation is centered upon the mercy of God. Sister Maria Faustina kept a meticulous record or diary of all that our Lord taught her about His immeasurable mercy toward us. It is entitled *Diary: Divine Mercy in My Soul*...

Divine Mercy Chaplet and Divine Mercy Sunday

Through Sister Maria Faustina, our Lord asked that, each day, we recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 P.M., the hour of His death for our salvation. He also asked that we celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, [even] preceding the celebration with a novena to Divine Mercy, beginning on Good Friday.... The one who most promoted the devotion to the Divine Mercy was our late and most beloved Pope John Paul II... Pope John Paul II beatified Sister Maria Faustina on April 18, 1993, and he canonized her a saint on April 30, 2000, the Second Sunday of Easter. During the homily of the Mass, he declared: "It is important that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the Word

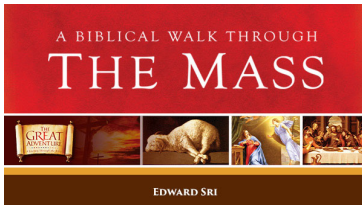
of God on this Second Sunday of Easter, which from now on throughout the Church will be called 'Divine Mercy Sunday'." Since April 30, 2000, the Second Sunday of Easter also bears the name of Divine Mercy Sunday. On Divine Mercy Sunday, the image of the Divine Mercy, revealed to Saint Faustina, is to be displayed in the church or chapel, and the homily is to be a reflection on the immeasurable mercy of God toward us. In order to participate fully in the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday, the faithful are asked to go to Confession * and receive Holy Communion, and to cultivate interiorly a great trust in the mercy of God and to practice exteriorly acts of mercy, especially on behalf of brothers and sisters in most need...

Conclusion

Regarding Divine Mercy Sunday, Saint Faustina records these words of our Lord to her: ***My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of my mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity.... The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy (Diary, n. 699).***

Let us all draw near to the Fount of Divine Mercy in the Sacraments of Confession and, above all, the Holy Eucharist. Let us pray, in the coming days and especially during the Novena of Divine Mercy, that all souls which have drifted away from our Lord will receive the grace of forgiveness and reconciliation with God and neighbor. May you have a most blessed celebration of the Sacred Triduum. May the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday fill you with the peace which comes from the forgiveness of our sins and the joy which comes from the Holy Spirit dwelling within us.

** Confession during the Lenten season, that is, a reasonable time before the Feast is sufficient. This highlights the fact that one must be in the state of grace to receive the extraordinary grace promised by Our Lord.*



Join us for *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* beginning Friday, April 13 and continuing every Friday through May 11. Dr. Edward Sri explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. Our session begins at 6:30am for one hour, in time for you to attend daily Mass if you wish. For more information or to register for the study, please contact the parish office: 636-398-5270.

Dynamic Catholic *Alive!* CHILDREN OF A MERCIFUL GOD

The readings this week are so beautiful and simple. They remind us that we are children of almighty God and because of this shared patrimony, all we have we must be willing to share with others. All is gift. One of the best ways to love God and to make a return for His gifts is to evangelize through works of mercy, both spiritual and corporal. When we understand that we are begotten by God as His adopted sons and daughters, we conquer the world, as St. John tells us. When we remember our identity as children of God, we see Him in our brothers and sisters. We are impelled to bring the joy of the Gospel to our fellow men in service and charity. Today, we also remember the great mercy of God as revealed to St. Faustina. Let us always return to this infinite mercy which our perfect Father offers to us and share it with those we meet, learning from our mistakes and sins and seeking to live as more obedient and loving children.

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IHM Pro-Life Meeting

The IHM Pro-Life Committee will have a meeting at **7pm on Tuesday, April 10 in Weber Hall**. All members of the parish who have a passion for the protection of human life are invited to attend. Prior to the meeting, we will pray the rosary at 6:30pm in St. Joseph Chapel.



We are inviting all moms of young children to come together for prayer and community on:

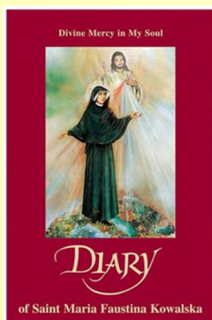
Tuesday, April 10

Meet in Founders Hall. Babysitters will be provided. Please feel free to invite a friend.

Contact Kristen Henderson 636-751-8929 or Julie Lassiter 636-357-0121, Julie.r.lassiter@gmail.com

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From the Parish Library – Stoltz Grand Hall



The Divine Mercy “Diary” of St. Maria Faustina: *A review from Amazon.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.”

The Case for Christ (Movie)

(From a Review on Amazon) “Wow what can I say, this movie was realistic, practical, believable and yet also supernatural. Unlike many Christian films that often have cheesy plots, ideas, or delivery, this movie was the kind of movie that can rock someone, even an unbeliever, to the core. . . The execution of the movie was captivating, inspiring and very moving emotionally. It confronts the reality that an “unbeliever” may think they are basing their beliefs on facts, but the reality is they are still having ‘faith’ in many things that they cannot see or prove. So the idea that a believer is the only one having ‘faith’ is a lie. . . The fact that there is simply so much hard evidence of Christ’s death, burial and resurrection, more so than any other major event in history, should speak volumes to any persons who doubt Jesus even existed, let alone was God in the flesh.”





Attention Ladies!

The **PRAYER WARRIORS FOR PRIESTS** will pray their monthly Rosary in the following parishes at 10am . . .

April 14: Immaculate Conception (ICD) Adoration Chapel

May 12: St. Patrick Adoration Chapel

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

April is Child Abuse Protection Month



The Archdiocesan Safe Environment Program is committed to the prevention of child abuse.

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Book and School Supply Drive

On April 14, a high school group called the Stem Buds will be holding a book and school supply drive. The drop off will be at St. Patrick Church in Wentzville in the social hall from 1:00 to 4:00. They will be collecting new packs of crayons, markers, pencils, pencil pouches, folders, notebooks, glue sticks, and loose-leaf paper, as well as new or gently used books, to be given to the Little Bit Foundation, an organization that helps impoverished children in the St. Louis area. If you have any questions or would like to donate items on a separate day, please contact Dylan Barclay at dbarclay@barateagles.org.

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, feeding 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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