



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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 21, 2018



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A New Way, A New World

In the reading from Jonah, God told him to preach repentance to the people of Nineveh. When the whole city repented the very first day, they showed it by wearing sackcloth and fasting from food. Sometimes we might think that way: That repenting means punishing ourselves or feeling sorry. Jesus sees things differently.

He preached repentance that was a change of heart, a new way of looking at things, a new way of acting. In the gospel today, we see an example. The first people he calls to be disciples were fisherman. They would have considered their family, their partners, and their boat as the most important things in their lives. You need all of them to be a successful fisherman. One man sitting on

a dock with a pole could barely keep himself fed, much less support a family.

Yet the disciples don't even hesitate when called by Jesus. They leave behind their boats, their nets, even their father, to follow Jesus. They don't worry about what they will do, or look back at what they are leaving behind. Now they are fishers of men. Their "repentance" was more than just giving up sins. They were beginning a new life and a new way of looking at the world.

Saint Paul refers to this as a new world. By following Jesus, we put the values of the present world behind us and look forward to a new one. His examples could apply today as much as in his time. Marriages, joy, sadness, buying property are still considered im-

portant to worldly people. Paul doesn't expect everyone to stop doing those things. When he talks about not using the world fully, he means not fully engaged in the world, but looking to a better one, where God is more important than any passing pleasure or pain. Is your marriage an example of God's love for your friends and relatives? When you are rejoicing, do you give thanks to God? When weeping, do you ask for His help? When you are shopping, do you buy what you really need, or what you think will make you happy? Jesus calls us all to this new way of living. With Jesus, we can make a new world.

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 Director of Religious Education
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(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

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 Shawn Mueller 636-398-5270
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Praying for Unity

Dear Parishioners,

On Thursday of this past week we began a week of prayer for Christian Unity. The week runs from the 18th of January through the 25th. Few things are more unfortunate in the history of Christianity than the many divisions that plague us. All of those divisions have been brought about by human sinfulness. It is the work of sin to bring division; to divide us from God, our neighbor, and ultimately ourselves. Whenever you see division, conflict and rejection, know that sin has been busy tainting our thoughts, exaggerating our feelings and inflating our pride. There is nothing worse in the world than sin and all the evil it brings upon us.

The Good News is how insignificant sin is in the light of grace. Jesus has overcome sin and its deadly hold on us. He prays for our conversion and prays that all His disciples might be one. This last weekend I came across this quote from Peter Kreeft and I think it is a good way to understand what a reconciled Church might look like.

If the churches ever did reunite, it would have to be into something that was as sacramental and liturgical and authoritative as the Roman Catholic Church; as protesting against abuses and as much focused on the individual in his direct relationship with Christ as the Evangelicals; as charismatic as the Pentecostals; as missionary-minded as the old mainline denominations; as focused on holiness as the Methodists or the Quakers; as committed to the social aspects of the Gospel as the social activists; as Biblical as fundamentalists; and as mystical as the Eastern Orthodox.

For our Protestant brothers and sisters it is a matter of coming home. It is a return to a Sacramental way of living your faith rather than just a Biblical way. The two ways are not contrary but rather complementary. A Sacramental faith is rooted in Sacred Scripture and finds its physical expression in both the Sacraments and a life of active discipleship. Jesus comes to us in word and deed just like He did during His Incarnation.

The greatest hurdle is, of course, authority. The Church claims to have authority given to Her by Christ. We must all wrestle with accepting or rejecting the authority that God and the Church ought to have in our lives. Human sinfulness has massive problems with authority. Sinfulness makes us exaggerate and often misuse any authority that is entrusted to us, and at the same time can make us resent anyone with authority over us. Thank God for humility! Grace-filled humility helps us overcome pride. Grace-filled humility takes the focus off of us and places it on God and others. Grace-filled humility can soften hearts and transform wills to desire communion more than self.

For our Orthodox brothers and sisters, we share a Sacramental outlook and way of being church. Their hurdle is the Pope and his authority over all other bishops and local churches. There are some significant cultural differences, but our theologies are often complementary and convergent. Let us pray that the work of reunification can make concrete steps in healing the wounds in the Body of Christ.

Fr. Tom

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Jesus said to [Simon and his brother Andrew], 'Come with me, and I will teach you to catch men.' At once they. . . went with him." Mark 1:17-18

John Henry Newman went to Rome to discern if Jesus was calling him to follow Him as a Roman Catholic. One day on the return voyage he prayed, "Lead me, O Lord! ... I cannot see the way.... Lead, kindly Light." The words brought such peace to him that he took a pencil and began to write. When he finished, he had written the lyrics to the famous hymn "Lead, Kindly Light." Upon his return to England, he entered the Catholic Church and became one of its greatest leaders.

Can I recall a time when, like Newman, I placed all of my trust in Jesus to lead me through a night of darkness?

Lead, kindly Light. . . / The night is dark, and I am far from home; / Lead Thou me on..... / I do not ask to see / The distant scene - one step enough for me. John Henry Newman

Mark Link S.J. *Mission*

Next Week Ministry Schedule

January 27

4:00pm

EM: Jan Jokisch-Messig, Pat Barnard, Pat Noack,
Jennifer Fredrick, Wilma Zurweller,
Bernadine Pollihan, Wally & Jan Karase
Lec: Schmitz Family
GB: Schmitz Family
Serv: Lindsey & Madelyn Bouquet
Ush: Stan Nikonowicz, Chris Cuddihee, Bryan Potter,
Dave Hendrix

January 28

7:30am

EM: Rich Molitor, Walt & Jean Reel, Carol Rabbitt,
John & Karen Wappelhorst
Lec: Elizabeth Vehige, Kris Jenkins
GB: Bill & Jean Reed Bammann
Serv: Bridget Goins, Maybelle Hahn
Ush: Larry Koch, Larry Gassei, Gary Potter,
Frank Marquart

9:30am

EM: Mary Keune, Chris Richter, Bob Caldwell,
Pat Gentry, Joe Faron Sr., Lisa Murphy,
Joni Marren-Slaughter, **volunteer please**
Lec: Patrice Riley, Bill Winters
GB: Menne Family
Serv: Paige & Genny Greiwe, Liam Grady
Ush: Michelle Greiwe, Charles Hinkle, Stan Kostecki,
George Stark, Dave DeBolt, Joe Weber

This Week at Home



Sunday, January 21

Liturgy meeting, Weber Hall, 10:45am
Golden Hearts, Grand Hall, 1pm

Monday, January 22

Scouts, Founders Hall/Trailer, 6:30pm
Baptism preparation, Weber Hall, 7pm

Tuesday, January 23

Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, 9am
Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9-10am
Children's Choir, church, 6:45pm
Finance Council, Weber Hall, 7pm

Wednesday, January 24

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

Thursday, January 25

Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9-10am
RCIA, Weber Hall, 6:30pm
Youth Group, Grand Hall foyer, 6:30pm
Choir practice, church, 7pm

Friday, January 26

Whom Am I To Judge study, 6:30am, Weber Hall
Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30—noon
Begin setup for Pinewood Derby, Grand Hall, 6pm

Saturday, January 27

Reconciliation, 8:45am
Pinewood Derby, Grand Hall, 8am-3pm

Readings for the Week

Mon: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30
Tue: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35
Wed: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20
Thu: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2;
Mk 16:15-18
Fri: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34
Sat: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41
Sun: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35;
Mk 1:21-28

Golden Hearts News

Everyone 50 years or older, are invited to come **TODAY**,
Sunday, January 21, 1pm in the Grand Hall for fun and
games. Bring your favorite games, snacks, and BYOB.
We will get together every third Sunday of the month in
the Grand Hall. If you have any questions call Jackie
Hackett at 314-761-6127 or Jackie Dunn at 314-640-1154.



Alec & Rebecca Clifton, Emma & Ivan
Bob & Yvonne Brossette

Jaron & Lauren Kunz and Grayson
Brian Wilson, Rebecca Book, Olivia & Rebecca
Patrick & Tammi Kneib, Iris & Zachary
Gil & Donna Cattoor

Tyler Schneider, Mackenzie Veatch, Armin & Lincoln
Steve & Cathy Barnett, Greg & Jeff

Robert & Erica Meadows, Cameron, Andrew & Benjamin
Brad & Kayla Songer

Bev Mayhew
Dan & Stella Wolf
Steve & Pam Meyer
David & Lisa Berghoff



Monday, January 22

8:00am intention of Roger & Vickie Brink

Tuesday, January 23

8:00am All Souls
Jim Blondin +

Wednesday, January 24

8:00am Rick Hagan +

Thursday, January 25

8:00am Lucille Smith +
Mary Barr +

Friday, January 26

8:00am Shirley McDonald +

Saturday, January 27

8:00am Louise Fisher +

4:00pm People of the Parish

Sunday, January 28

7:30am Ed Rabbitt +
Mary Fine +

9:30am Erma Guinn +

The Knights of Columbus thanks all who participated in their annual Roses for Life campaign. The 368 signed roses have been sent to Senators Roy Blunt and Claire McCaskill and Representative Blaine Luetkemeyer to remind them that we support the right to life of the unborn, and that we expect them to vote in support of pro-life legislation.

ATTENTION:

Parish Staff and Volunteers

Archdiocesan policy mandates that all who work with children be in full compliance with the Safe Environment Program. Compliance involves:

- 1) Attending a Protecting God's Children workshop;
- 2) Reading and signing a Code of Ethical Conduct;
- 3) Completion of a FCSR background check before a person begins their ministry, which gets updated each even year.

Our parish is in the process of updating all necessary background checks for 2018. If you are no longer active in your ministry, please call the parish Child Safety Coordinator, Karen Wappelhorst, at 636-398-5270.

If you are interested in getting involved in a ministry, please let Karen know.

Thank you so much for your ministry at IHM parish!

Contributions: January 13/14

General Offertory: \$8,553.20

Online—General Offertory: \$1,815.00

Total Offertory: \$10,368.20

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."

MARK 1:17

Jesus' call to *"Follow me"* is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

We pray that we may hear Jesus' personal invitation to "Follow Him" and respond by generously sharing all our gifts.



Heavenly Duster

Rita Langford

Purificators

Jane Szostek

Needed at the Pantry:

coffee, sugar, vegetable oil, canned fruit, canned chicken, paper goods, personal items, cleaning items

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says: "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." As disciples, we are called to continue God's work on earth. Taking care of God's poor is indeed living gospel values.

Have you considered answering the call to serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?



Rest in Peace



We offer our prayerful sympathy
—to the family of

Bernice Buenemann

mother of Rich (Patricia) and Mark (Sally) Buenemann,
and grandmother of Jared (Emily) Buenemann

—to Mary Ann (Mark) Boenker and
Betsy (Gary Struckhoff) on the death of their uncle

Fr. Joseph Ryan

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

Women's Prayer Group 2018

This year's Women's Prayer Group will go for 8 sessions at Mary Jo Dazey's house at 11 Country Life, Defiance 63341. The group will meet once a week for 8 weeks on Thursday nights starting on January 25 and running until March 22. This Women's Prayer Group will follow Matthew Kelly's book *Perfectly Yourself* and books will be provided for a small cost and have already been purchased. The group will meet from 7:00 and go until 8:30. If you are interested in joining please call Mary Jo at 314-713-2094 as the group is right at 30 women so it is important to RSVP. This is a fun, faith-filled group whose mission is Women empowering Women to be the best-version-of-themselves and to achieve a deeper relationship with God. Hope you can join us.



Men's Annual White House Retreat

This is an invitation to the men of IHM to attend the annual White House Retreat starting Thursday, March 15 and ending on Sunday, March 18. There will be a sign up in the back of church, or contact Ken Birk at 636-398-5301. I hope you can join us.

Women's Retreats also available. Call the church office if you are interested or want more information.

Positions Available

Long-Term Middle School Math Substitute

Teacher needed at St. Joseph School, Cottleville. Qualified candidates should have teaching experience in math and be faith-filled witnesses of Christ. The position will begin in early February and end in mid-April. Please submit your resume and cover letter to Mr. Brad Benne by email at bbenne@stjoecot.org.

Part Time Cafeteria Help needed at St. Patrick School in Wentzville. Hours are 8am to 1:30pm. This is a paid, part-time substitute position. If interested, call 636-332-9913, ext. 248.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH- NEW MELLE, MO

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

HORSE RACES

Raising funds for local charities

Tickets are \$15 at the door

Saturday, February 10, 2018

in the Stoltz Grand Hall

Doors open at 6:00 pm

Races begin at 6:30 pm

Total of 12 races

**Admission includes
chill, hot dogs,
chips, snacks,
ice cold beer & soda,
ice for set-ups.**

**Names of horses will be
auctioned off for the
opportunity to name the
horse and share in the
winnings of the horse.**



Sponsor a race for \$50

Women's Prayer Breakfast

Please join us in celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Archdiocese's *Magnificat Women's Prayer Breakfast* at 9am on Saturday, March 24 at the Cardinal Rigali Center. Dr. Carol Razza is the speaker, and the title of her talk is "God has a plan for your life." Dr. Razza's background includes a career as a psychotherapist and an education in Child and Youth studies. Carol speaks about God's love for His people at seminars, conferences and retreats, both nationally and internationally.

Please join us for a day of prayer, praise and fellowship with other Catholic women of the Archdiocese as we eat breakfast and listen to one woman's experience of the transforming love of Christ in her own life. The cost is \$20 which includes breakfast. For reservations, call the Catholic Renewal Center at 314-801-8688 or email catholicrenewal@archstl.org. For a ride call Debbie Gillespie at 636-398-4971.

Monthly Recollection for Women on Wednesday, February 7 from 7:30—9:30pm at St. Cletus parish. A priest of Opus Dei will give two meditations, confession. Info: Mary at 314-517-1277 or Maureen 314-322-9711.

Pro-Life Events to Commemorate the 45th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade

Monday, January 22nd, is the 45th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision, which legalized abortion on demand in the U.S. A number of activities are scheduled to commemorate this tragic decision and assault on innocent human life.

Pro Life Memorial Mass at St. Patrick/Wentzville. Please see more information below.

March for Life in Washington D.C. Thousands of people from Missouri are in Washington D.C., joining hundreds of thousands of people from all over the U.S. to participate in the annual March for Life, which took place on Friday, January 19th. Please keep those traveling to the March for Life in your prayers for a safe and successful journey. Five persons from IHM went to the March for Life.

Candlelight Vigil in Washington MO. The East Central Area-Missouri Right to Life Chapter is holding its annual candle-light vigil from 5 to 6pm on Monday, January 22nd, at the corner of Fifth and Jefferson in Washington MO. Everyone is invited to participate. Those participating are asked to bring a flashlight or a candle.

St. Patrick Parish in Wentzville will be hosting a **PRO-LIFE MEMORIAL MASS** on Monday, January 22 at 7pm. January 22, 2018 marks 45 years since the Supreme Court decisions which legalized abortion in our country. This decision has negatively impacted countless babies, moms, dads, and families. Please join Fr. Kavanaugh and our community to pray for an end to abortion, healing and forgiveness for those involved in abortion, and increased respect for all human life.

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

Sophia Bax, Gerard Wehrle, Kara Grady, Angie Reise

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 are unable to get to Mass because of illness or disability but would like to receive Communion, please contact the parish office: 636-398-5270.

Prayer Chain: We have a very active group of parishioners who pray for all those who have requested prayers, so your intentions are being remembered to God thru the **Prayer Chain**. If you have a prayer intention, or would like to join them in praying for others' intentions, please call Rita Langford at 636-398-4654 or email ritalanford4@gmail.com.

**Join the Holy Father's prayer intentions
for January: Religious Minorities in Asia**

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.



WHO AM I TO JUDGE?



Responding to Relativism
with Logic and Love

What is "right" and "wrong"? Is what's right for you right for me? Is there a right and wrong for everyone, all the time?

These are difficult questions to discuss in our culture. We live in a society that supports the opinion that each person should make up his or her own morality—that there is no moral truth that applies to everyone. Many of us have been affected by the relativistic outlook that pervades the modern world. Maybe some of us wonder whether there really is an absolute right and wrong for everyone. Or maybe we accept that there is a moral standard for all, but we don't know how to explain our moral convictions in a convincing way. Maybe some of us are afraid of saying something is immoral because we're afraid of offending others or of being labeled intolerant. How do we talk about morality in a relativistic world?

In this 8-week small group study program featuring Edward Sri, we'll explore the classical view of morality and find that it's not merely a set of guiding principles for theoretical situations—it is an entire way of life.

EARLY BIRD STUDY

**Fridays, 6:30—7:30am,
Weber Hall, beginning January 26**

Please call Peggy in the church office to sign up:
636-398-5270

What's your Catholic Catechism IQ?

It is the 25th anniversary of the publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, under (now saint) Pope John Paul II, who wrote, "The Catechism is offered to every individual who asks us to give an account of the hope that is in us (cf. 1 Pet 3:15) and who wants to know what the Catholic Church believes." Every adult Catholic is asked to prayerfully "digest" the Catechism. These questions (which will cover the whole CCC during this year) can help break it down in small bites.



THE VISIBLE WORLD

1. Scripture presents the work of the Creator symbolically as a succession of six ____.
2. The world began when God's ____ drew it out of nothingness.
3. Each of the various ____ God has made reflects in its own way a ray of God's infinite wisdom and goodness.
4. No creature is self-sufficient. Creatures exist only in dependence on each other, to complete each other, in the ____ of each other.
5. Man discovers the order and harmony of the created world progressively as the laws of ____.

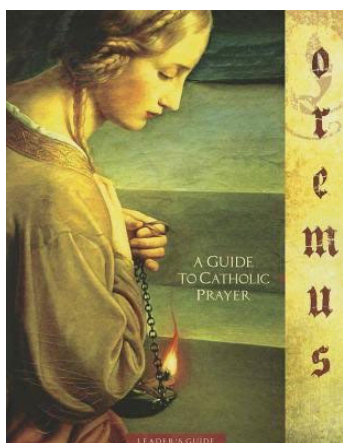
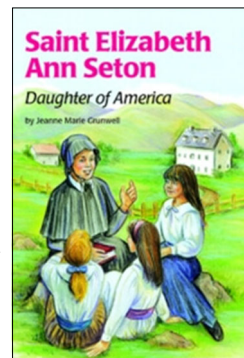
VISIBLE WORLD II

6. The hierarchy of creatures is expressed, from the less perfect to the more ____.
7. The inspired account, by distinguishing the creation of man from that of other creatures, shows that man is the ____ of the Creator's work.
8. The sacred text says that "on the seventh day God 'rested'", making this day blessed and holy, a day known as the ____.
9. Creation was fashioned with a view to the ____ rest and therefore for worship and adoration.
10. Nothing should take precedence over "The Work of God," that is, solemn _____. This indicates the right order of human concerns.

PSR corner

Every PSR class has a chosen patron saint which catechists help students learn about. After 8 years, students will have learned more about 8 folks in God's Holy Hall of Fame. Meet the 3rd grade patron—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Elizabeth Ann Bayley was born in New York City on August 28, 1774. Her father, Richard Bayley, was a well-known doctor. Her mother, Catherine, died when Elizabeth was just three years old. In 1794, Elizabeth married William Seton. Elizabeth, William, and their five children had a happy life together. Elizabeth devoted her time to her family, to helping others, and to prayer. But then her father, whom she loved very much, died. Then her father-in-law also died, and the Seton fortune quickly dwindled. Next Elizabeth's husband Will became sick and also died in 1803. In her grief, Elizabeth prayed, "My God, I am alone in the world with you and my little ones. But you are my Father and doubly theirs." Elizabeth was consoled by the Felicchi family who were Catholics and in 1805 became a Catholic herself. A few years later, Elizabeth was asked to come and open a girls' school in Baltimore. It was there that Elizabeth decided to live as a religious sister, eventually founding the Sisters of Charity. Besides founding many Catholic schools, she also opened orphanages. She even made plans for a hospital, which was built after her death. She is the first US-born citizen to be declared a saint.

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton: Daughter of America captures the mystery of how God's love and call unfold all throughout our life. Children will learn powerful lessons about faith, trust in God, and courage in serving others.



Oremus: A Guide to Catholic Prayer

Please join us for this 8 week study from January 31 thru March 21,
Wednesday evenings in the Grand Hall from 7:30—9:00pm

Oremus—Let Us Pray

The Oremus study program teaches you the essentials of an effective and fruitful prayer life. Over the course of 8 weeks you will discover how God speaks to you, even in the smallest encounters. Following the Tradition of the Catholic Church and the wisdom of the saints, you will learn how to express yourself to God in prayer, and how to hear His voice.

Please call Marilyn O'Neill 314-341-2622 or Kelly Meyer 636-828-4994 to sign up.

We need to order workbooks, so please sign up by January 21



Dear IHM Parishioners:

Thank you to all who supported me in my trip to Nicaragua. Your generous donations and thoughtful prayers were appreciated and they made a huge impact on our team's experience. We were able to build houses for about 6 families and helped to treat many sick children and adults while we were there. Throughout this experience, our group made lasting relationships with these people and shared the good news of God with them.

On the last day in the village, I was able to give my family the suitcase filled with all the donations that you provided for me. My family was very grateful for all your efforts and support. The young boy, Guillermo, was so excited to find a "kid" toothbrush in the bag because he loved to brush his teeth. Additionally, our group had the opportunity to buy Spanish bibles for our families. When the mom, Lisette, found it in the bag, she was brought to tears and she told me that she had been praying for a Bible and we answered her prayer.

This experience was incredible. I grew in my faith along side the Nicaraguan families which was powerful. Thank you all for your generosity and prayers. Please continue to keep these families in your prayers during this new year as they grow deeper in their faith and build a relationship with God.

Sincerely, Megan Tersteeg



Mysteries, Marvels and Miracles in the Life of the Church: The Canonization Miracles of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Feast Day: January 4)

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774– 1821) was a convert to Roman Catholicism and foundress of the Sisters of Charity, the first sisterhood native to the United States. She is also the first person born in the United States to be canonized a saint. While this article will focus on the canonization miracles attributed to Mother Seton, it is hoped that by so reading, one might consider delving a little more deeply into the life and actions of this amazing woman.

Below is an excerpt from the book, "God Did It, Healing Testimonies Across Time and Religions" by Rose Ann Palmer PhD

On October 9, 1963 a Protestant sixty year old, Carl Kalin, was admitted to St. Joseph's Hospital in Yonkers, New York, run by the Sisters of Charity. Kalin has a brain disease so rare the medical literature cites only five other cases. "All five died." His wife, a Catholic, pinned a relic of Blessed Mother Seton on her husband's hospital gown. At 6:45 pm, he took a turn for the worse and Sister Dominic Rosaire called for the administrator to comfort Mrs. Kalin. While doctors worked feverishly over Carl, the Sister Administrator and Mrs. Kalin prayed for his recovery in an adjoining room. Their prayers were interrupted by the attending physician, Dr. Frank Flood, who said Carl might die before midnight. Sister Dominic Rosaire immediately called the motherhouse to ask prayers of the Sisters that Mother Seton intercede with God for the full recovery of Carl Kalin. (A novena on prayers was begun) Sister Dominic placed a first-class relic (part of the physical remains of a saint) of Elizabeth Seton on Carl's head, then fastened it on the wall above his head. On the last day of the novena, Carl Kalin was out of bed and walking around the hospital, fully alert. On November 2, 1963 he was discharged. Alive for the canonization of Mother Seton on September 14, 1975, Carl Kalin was retired in Florida and showed no ill effects from the ordeal he has endured. Miraculous cures must be complete, permanent and beyond the powers of medicine. Seven doctors in the U.S. testified in the case of Carl Kalin. Ten years must pass to prove the cure permanent. Then Kalin's case went, as Ann O'Neill's had (see last week's bulletin) to a medical board of nine doctors in the Vatican. Pope John XXIII accepted their recommendation of this being a miraculous cure and Blessed Elizabeth Seton would become St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.



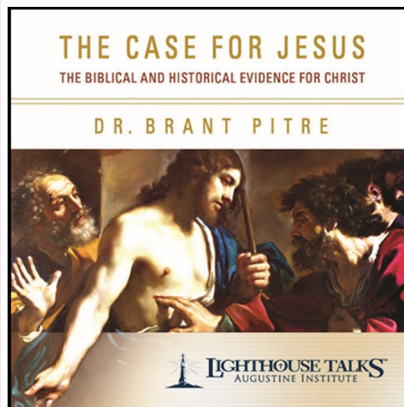
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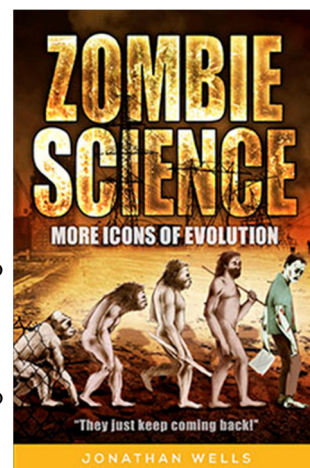
Dr. Brant Pitre, scripture scholar and bestselling author, uses biblical and historical evidence to bolster the “case for Jesus” by exposing the problems with the many false theories that have been introduced over the past hundred years resulting in widespread skepticism about the reliability of Christian faith. He tackles head-on questions like: Were the four Gospels written anonymously? Did Jesus claim to be God? Did Jesus fulfill the Jewish prophecies of the Messiah? and many more.

I found the facts about the Gospel authors fascinating. This helped me understand the historicity of the person of Jesus Christ. Mary - Dayton, OH

Dr. Brant Pitre makes a very convincing case for the reliability of who we understand Christ to be. Douglas - Bristol, UK

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In 2000, biologist Jonathan Wells took the science world by storm with *Icons of Evolution*, a book showing how biology textbooks routinely promote Darwinism using bogus evidence—icons of evolution like Ernst Haeckel’s faked embryo drawings and peppered moths glued to tree trunks. Critics of the book complained that Wells had merely gathered up a handful of innocent textbook errors and blown them out of proportion. Now, in *Zombie Science*, Wells asks a simple question: If the icons of evolution were just innocent textbook errors, why do so many of them still persist? Science has enriched our lives and led to countless discoveries. But now, Wells argues, it’s being corrupted. Empirical science is devolving into zombie science, shuffling along unfazed by opposing evidence. Discredited icons of evolution rise from the dead while more icons—equally bogus—join their ranks. Like a B horror movie, they just keep coming! Zombies are make believe, but zombie science is real—and it threatens not just science, but our whole culture. Is there a solution? Wells is sure of it, and points the way.



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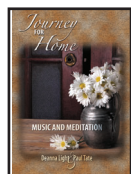
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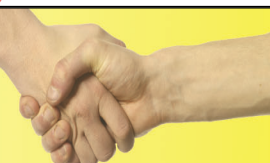
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