



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

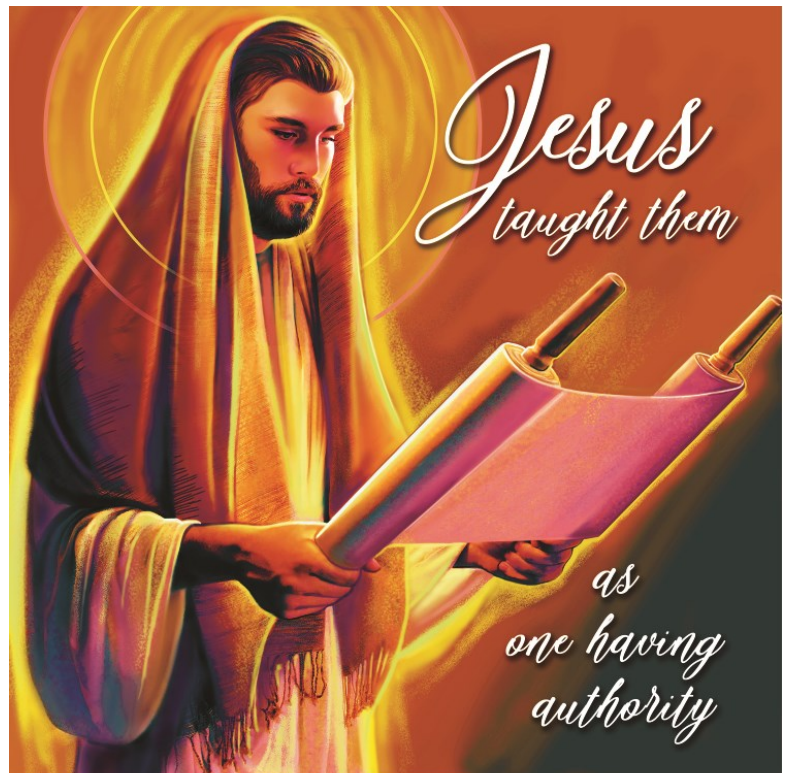
Marriage: Contact the parish office
at least six months prior to the wedding

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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time January 28, 2018



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Thunderbolts and Lightning

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
 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

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Where Did the Bible Come From?

One thing is for certain, it didn't drop out of the sky.

Christianity without the Bible is hard to imagine. But in fact, for the first 300 years of the Church, the Bible (meaning a single compilation containing all of the texts sacred to Christianity) didn't exist.

The creation of the Bible was a long process. Leaders of the early Church sifted through numerous manuscripts and discerned, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, which books to keep and which books to set aside.

The process of establishing a canon of Scripture differed for the Old and New Testament.

Formation of the Old Testament

The Old Testament is basically an ancient compilation of the Jewish Sacred Scriptures. These holy texts developed over time and were at first handed on orally from one generation to the next until they were finally written down and preserved.

About 200 years before the birth of Jesus there arose a Greek translation of the Hebrew texts that became widely accepted as a legitimate (even inspired) translation. Tradition relates how King Ptolemy II of Egypt ordered a translation and invited Jewish elders from Jerusalem to prepare the Greek text. Seventy-two elders, six from each of the 12 tribes, arrived in Egypt to fulfill the request.

Another tradition recounts how the translators were all put in separate rooms and told to produce their own separate text. When the task was completed the translators compared them all and it was discovered that each one was miraculously identical to the others.

The result became known as the Septuagint (from the Greek word for 70) and was especially popular among Greek-speaking Jews. This led to the Septuagint becoming a primary source for the Gospel writers and many other early Christians.

When formulating the official canon of Scripture the Church looked to the Septuagint to discern which books to retain. The Catholic canon of the Old Testament also includes some texts and additions to books (for example, the Books of Judith and Tobit, Wisdom and Sirach) originally written in Greek, not Hebrew, and therefore not considered part of the Jewish Scriptures, though respected and read by Jews.

Formation of the New Testament

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, various writers wrote down in the years following Jesus' death the many stories circulating about the Messiah. These writers were either apostles, or friends of apostles who knew Jesus very well. They witnessed the events or interviewed people who had, and sought to preserve the authentic life of Jesus Christ and his many teachings.

As time progressed copies of these works were spread and various Christian communities gathered them to be read during the Sunday celebration of the Mass. Copies of St. Paul's letters were also disseminated and were regarded by the communities as inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Already by the time of Saint Irenaeus (A.D. 182-88) there is mention of the "quadriform" Gospel, referring to the four Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

During the fourth century the need arose to officially codify the Bible, which by this point was already starting to come together. Some historians believe that part of the motivation to produce an official canon came from Emperor Constantine who commissioned 50 copies of the sacred scriptures for the Bishop of Constantinople.

The approval of which books to include started with the Council of Laodicea in 363, was continued when Pope Damasus I commissioned St. Jerome to translate the Scriptures into Latin in 382, and was settled definitely during the Synods of Hippo (393) and Carthage (397).

The goal was to dismiss all erroneous works that were circulating at the time and instruct the local Churches as to which books could be read at Mass.

The Church has always believed that this lengthy process was guided by the Holy Spirit. As the *Catechism* explains, "Holy Mother Church, relying on the faith of the apostolic age, accepts as sacred and canonical the books of the Old and the New Testaments, whole and entire, with all their parts, on the grounds that, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, they have God as their author, and have been handed on as such to the Church herself."

PHILIP KOSLOSKI

Writer for the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network
(Apostleship of Prayer)

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"A man with an evil spirit. . . screamed, 'What do you want with us, Jesus?'... Jesus ordered the spirit, 'Be quiet, and come out of the man!' The evil spirit. . . came out of him." MARK 1:23-26

The original movie *The Exorcist* is based on a true story of a boy from Mount Rainier, Maryland. Newsweek magazine wrote of the boy: "After he was admitted to Georgetown University Hospital...the boy began to mouth fierce curses in ancient languages and at one point, while strapped helplessly in his bed, long scratches appeared on his body." The boy survived and now lives near Washington, D.C. This true story recalls how Jesus expelled evil spirits_ a sign that God's Kingdom was replacing Satan's Kingdom. It also reminds us that we must finish what Jesus began. What is one way I am working to finish the war against evil that Jesus began? Be firm in your faith and resist [the Devil]. 1 Peter 5:9

Mark Link S.J. *Mission*

Next Week Ministry Schedule

February 3

4:00pm

EM: Karen Wilson, Carole Baker, Jackie Barclay,
Ann Zaleuke, Joan Falbo, Et Etzkorn,
Donna Cuddihee, Mary Jean Hartenbach
Lec: Ed Taylor, Joe Willis
GB: Dave & Judy Hendrix
Serv: Maggie & Morgan Molitor
Ush: Tim Wilson, Bill Pollihan, Joe Spiess, Tom Zaleuke

February 4

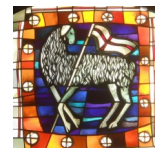
7:30am

EM: Peggy Dupree, Maureen Blondin, John Fiacco,
Dianne Dickherber, Emily Cooksey, Kris Jenkins
Lec: Bob Leeker, Lucy Smith
GB: Tim & Kathy Feldewerth
Serv: Connor & Sydney Jaeckle
Ush: Philip Thoman, Rich Molitor, Mike Stassi,
Walt Reel

9:30am

EM: Sharon Watts Smith, Dave & Pam DeBold,
Kat Menne, Mary Hannig, Steve Williams,
Walter & Nancy Hollenstein
Lec: Grant Smith, John Grady
GB: Mary Keune & Lisa Nadler
Serv: Brody & Ashlyn Stafford, Thomas Kokker
Ush: Brian Corrigan, Terry Schneider, Curt Eccardt,
Walt Hollenstein III, Alan Raymond,
Gary Struckhoff

This Week at Home



Monday, January 29

Scouts, Founders Hall/Trailer, 6:30pm
POP meeting, Grand Hall, 7pm

Tuesday, January 30

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

Wednesday, January 31

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

Thursday, February 1

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

Friday, February 2

Whom Am I To Judge study, 6:30am, Weber Hall
Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30—noon
New parishioner Wine & Cheese, rectory, 6:30pm

Saturday, February 3

Reconciliation, 8:45am
SVD Pantry open 9-10:30am
Jonah Team will pray with you after 4pm Mass
Daniel Boone PTO Trivia, Grand Hall, 6pm

Sunday, February 4

Jonah Team will pray with you after 9:30am Mass

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!



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

—to Anne Murry on the death of her husband

James Murry

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

Readings for the Week

Mon: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20

Tue: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3;
Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43

Wed: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6

Thu: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13

Fri: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Sat: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34

Sun: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23;
Mk 1:29-39



Monday, January 29	
8:00am	Cole Watson +
Tuesday, January 30	
8:00am	Bob Keymer +
Wednesday, January 31	
8:00am	Jack Roderick +
Thursday, February 1	
8:00am	All Souls
Friday, February 2	
8:00am	Vocations to Priesthood/Religious Life
Saturday, February 3	
8:00am	Shirley McDonald +
4:00pm	People of the Parish Jack & Pearl Hackett +
Sunday, February 4	
7:30am	Robert McEneny + Herbert O. Fine +
9:30am	Greg & Laverne Kettler + Tom Holstein +

Contributions: January 20/21

General Offertory:	\$8,119.50
Online—General Offertory:	\$4,872.00
Total Offertory:	\$12,991.50

*"Brothers and sisters:
I should like you to be free of anxieties."*
1 CORINTHIANS 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this—use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future.

*We pray that we may open our hearts to receive
more fully all of God's simple and abundant blessings.*



Heavenly Duster

Judy Cova

Purificators

Jane Szostek

Needed at the Pantry:

Canned fruit: applesauce, mandarin oranges, peaches, pears, and fruit cocktail; cake and brownie mixes, hamburger helper, tuna helper, dry spaghetti, pasta sauce, sloppy joe sauce, cold cereal, toilet paper, bisquick

In the Gospel today we read that because Jesus spoke with authority His reputation spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. As His disciples, we can also speak with authority when we put our faith into action by helping the poor and suffering.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul collection, know that you are hearing the words of Jesus and acting on them.

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. 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, began January 26

but you can join us for any session

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

REGISTER NOW!

Limited Seating Available

Touhill Performing Arts Center (UMSL)

Catholic Men for Christ Conference—2/3/18

Featuring Curtis Martin, Fr. Godwin Olugbami, Dr. Scott Sullivan and Michael Cumbie. To register, visit
catholicmenforchrist.org

Catholic Women for Christ Conference—3/10/18

Featuring Sr. Virginia Joy—Sisters of Life, Mary Beth Bonacci and Gloria Purvis. To register, visit
catholicwomenforchrist.org

Questions: Office of Laity & Family Life 314-792-7183.



Thank you to the donors of Immaculate Heart of Mary for your recent blood donations. On the day of the blood drive, 16 units were collected, which will serve up to 64 patients at local hospitals. With the help of partnering organizations like yours, blood is on the shelves when patients need it. We appreciate all who participated for their commitment to our mission.

Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center

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 meets once a week for 8 weeks on Thursday nights which started 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.

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.

Women's Lenten Prayer Breakfast

Spotlight on Faith

Saturday, February 17, Grand Hall



You are invited to listen to IHM parishioner, actress, singer and entrepreneur Maria Romine as she breaks apart her conversion story and "Spotlights" how we can live our faith, not necessarily on a public stage, but with our family, friends, and acquaintances. Since her conversion to Catholicism, Maria has developed a deep passion for spreading the joy of the Gospel and uses her talents and gifts as an actress to call others to feel and share that same joy.

Breakfast following 8am Mass

All are welcome to this fee-free event

Please sign up in the narthex or call the church office



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 is 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.

Can You Help Us?

A couple of extra hands are needed during February to ride along with us to collect donated groceries to deliver to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Food Pantry in St. Louis. We meet in Wentzville on Tuesday and Thursday morning then ride together in the OLPH truck. Pickup runs begin at 7:30 and we are usually complete by 1pm. If you are interested in helping, please call Ralph Britton at 636-357-2111 or Mike Freymuth at 314-397-7777. You won't be sorry, and you'll be amazed to see how many people we actually help.

Canon 1029 – After all circumstances have been taken into account in the prudent judgment of the proper bishop or the competent major superior, only those should be promoted to orders who have an integral faith, are motivated by a right intention, possess the required knowledge, and enjoy a good reputation, good morals, and proven virtues, and other physical and psychological qualities which are appropriate to the order to be received.

The above is what Canon Law says about one who petitions the Archbishop to be ordained a Deacon. Canon 1029 makes it clear that becoming a Deacon is not about fulfilling requirements, it is about an integrated lifestyle of love for Jesus Christ and of service to the Church.

Following the age-old custom of the Church, as maintained by Canon Law (Canon 1051, paragraph 2), it is my privilege to announce publicly that **Mr. Timothy Michaelree** is a candidate for the major order of Sacred Diaconate, to be conferred on **June 2, 2018**, at 10:00am at the Cathedral Basilica. Anyone who knows any reason why this candidate should not be ordained is bound to disclose this immediately.

Please join me in prayer for **Mr. Michaelree** and for each of the diaconate candidates, that these times of immediate preparation for ordination will be times of extra-ordinary grace and abiding peace.

*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 ritalangford4@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.



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
chili, 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

ATTENTION all families with children in Catholic elementary and high schools

Alive in Christ 2018-19 scholarship applications will be available on January 29 on a first-come, first-served for all new awards and younger siblings that may be eligible. The application deadline for Beyond Sunday, Catholic Families Tuition Assistance and the Parish Employees Endowment Fund is February 28, 2018. Any family who would like to be considered for these programs, even if you are applying for requalification, must apply between January 29 and February 28. Please visit www.ttef-stl.org for information and application support. Click on Info for Parents under the Scholarships section for helpful resources!

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.

MAN: IMAGE OF GOD

1. The human person in his own _____ is united the spiritual and material worlds.
2. Of all visible creatures only man is "able to know and love his creator." He is "the only creature on earth that God has willed for its own _____."
3. Being in the image of God the human individual possess the dignity of a person, who is not just some thing but _____.
4. In reality it is only in the mystery of the Word made flesh that the mystery of _____ becomes clear.
5. This law of human solidarity and charity assures us that all men are truly _____.

BODY AND SOUL

6. This term refers to the innermost aspect of man, that which is of greatest value in him.
7. It is the whole human person that is intended to become, in the body of Christ, a temple of this.
8. Spirit and matter in man are not two natures united but rather their union forms a single _____ nature.
9. In perfect equality as human persons, man and woman have been created purposefully, which is to say _____ by God.
10. Man and woman were made for each other, created to be a communion of _____.

St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

*Note: With close to 3000 items, the Parish Library 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 Lighthouse CD rack are located and available in the **Narthex**.*

From the Parish Library—Grand Hall (lower level)



From two reviews on Amazon: *My husband and I saw this movie in the theater and absolutely loved it and have recommended it to several of our friends. It teaches team spirit, honor, personal growth and other wonderful family values. All of the characters do an excellent job with their acting.. We plan on ordering it on DVD ASAP. It was very interesting to find out at the end of the movie what became of these young men. When someone cares about kids and gives them encouragement and hope, our entire society becomes better.*

This is an absolutely AMAZING movie. My son just started running cross country this year (the first year the school had a program too) and it was perfect timing. It is a very suitable movie for the entire family to watch. I watched it 4 times in 3 days when it first arrived. I did tear up in the end!

Why don't you surprise your spouse and apply for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend as a valentine's gift? You will be giving yourself and your spouse a present that you will never forget! The next weekends are February 2-4 or April 20-22 in St. Peters and March 23-25 at the Chiara Center in Springfield, IL. You can find out more by clicking on www.stl-wwwme.org or calling 314-649-7317.

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Catholic IQ Answers

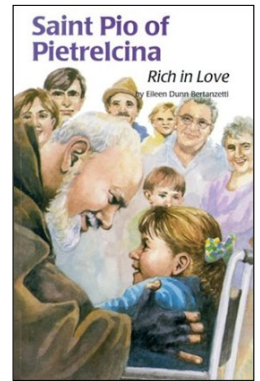


PSR corner

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 2nd grade patron—
St. Padre Pio.

Regarding the book pictured: From a couple reviews on Amazon. *This is a very good book. I have twins that read this and they were both inspired by it. One of the advantages of it, is that it is not too long. Yes, there is much more to discover about Saint Padre Pio, but this is a very good book to get them interested in hearing more!*

Love the book overall. Easy to understand, yet informative. We purchased this book for a strong reader who is in 3rd grade and with the exception of the Italian names, the student had no issues reading the text. The text does include pronunciation guides for any names in Italian, which is great. I enjoyed listening to my child read it and learned a lot about Padre Pio.



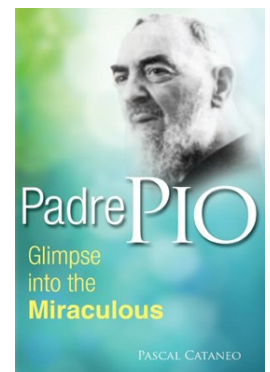
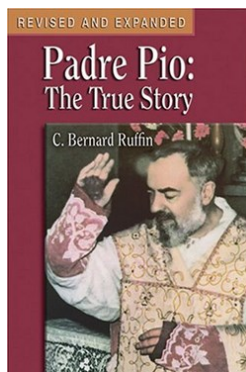
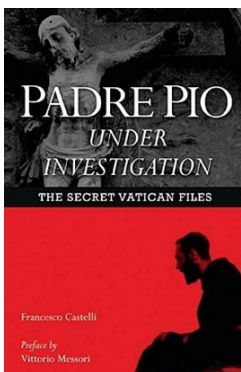
Mysteries, Marvels and Miracles in the Life of the Church: St. Padre Pio (Feast: September 23)

Few saints have as much miraculous phenomena surrounding them as does St. Padre Pio. Where does one begin to highlight, summarize his influence on the life of the Church? Bearing the stigmatic wounds of Christ for 50 years, Padre Pio's influence is still alive and well since his death in 1968. An estimated 7 million pilgrims visit his place of burial in Italy, a number second only to the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Of all the many miraculous phenomena associated with Padre Pio, the most "obvious" was the stigmata, a mystical and physical share in the wounds and sufferings of Christ – the first priest known to bear such wounds. Asked by an official Vatican inquirer Bishop Rossi to swear on the Gospel about the reception of these wounds, Padre Pio stated a vision he received from the Lord,

"He was lamenting the ingratitude of men, especially those consecrated to him and by him most favored. This revealed his suffering and his desire to unite souls with his Passion. He invited me to partake of his sorrows and to meditate on them: At the same time, he urged me to work for my brothers' salvation. I felt then full of compassion for the Lord's sorrows, and I asked him what I could do. I heard this voice: 'I unite you with my Passion.' Once the vision disappeared, I came to, I returned to my senses, and I saw these signs here, which were dripping blood."

Pio carried these wounds the rest of his life, for 50 years. As he approached the last days of his life, the wounds began to close. Here are a few books and pictures. The story of his life can also be found on FORMED—check it out.



Jesus drives out the unclean spirit in the man in the synagogue in today's Gospel. He thus reveals His authority as being fully divine and capable of subjecting evil spirits to His power. Similarly, the psalm reminds us that it is important for us to heed the powerful voice of the Lord and not to harden our hearts. When we feel moved by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Good News to another person or to do a kind act of charity, follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Seize the opportunities that you have each day to give witness to your faith in the Son of God. Use His Name to take authority in trying situations!

BORN ALIVE PROTECTION ACT

On Friday, January 19, the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 4712, also known as the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, by a vote of 241-183. This bill "amends the federal criminal code to require any health care practitioner who is present when a child is born alive following an abortion or attempted abortion to: (1) exercise the same degree of care as reasonably provided to any other child born alive at the same gestational age, and (2) ensure that such child is immediately admitted to a hospital."

While it is good news that the bill was passed, we must be sickened by the 183 politicians who voted against the bill and ask the question: How could any decent, moral, God-fearing human being vote AGAINST this bill? How can anyone justify the horrible act of killing an abortion survivor?

We are no longer talking about abortion now, we are talking about infanticide. Abortionist Kermit Gosnell killed at least ten babies who were born alive by slitting their spinal cords. Gosnell was eventually convicted of murdering three infants who were born alive during attempted abortion procedures.

Addressing the hundreds of thousands at the March for Life on the same day that the House passed this bill, President Trump encouraged the Senate to pass the bill and said he will sign it, if it reaches his desk. Please pray that the Senate will pass this bill.

St. Patrick Preschool and Pre-K Registration . . . began last weekend. The registration packet is available at www.stpatrickwentzville.org/school. St. Patrick Preschool and Pre-K is an excellent early childhood program that utilizes a full curriculum and provides a loving and caring environment for children's first exposure to a structured academic and social experience. Our programs fill quickly, and classes will be filled with registrations in the order in which they are received. For questions, please call the St. Patrick School Office: 636-332-9913 and prepare to be #StPatProud!

St. Patrick School K-8 Registration . . . for all new and returning St. Patrick School families wishing to enroll for the 2018-19 school years has begun. The registration packet is available at www.stpatrickwentzville.org/school. Registration is also available exclusively online via RenWeb. Any family wishing to tour St. Patrick School, please call the St. Patrick School Office: 636-332-9913 and prepare to be #StPatProud!

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

Wish you could work just a day or two a week? Know a college student looking to make a couple extra dollars? The Extended Day Program (Aftercare) at St. Joseph/Cottleville is in need of some additional staff on Tuesdays and Thursdays immediately after school. St. Joseph School students attend with parent at no charge. Part-time after school assistants help with homework, supervise indoor and outdoor play, and provide a fun, nurturing, Catholic, and safe environment for our younger children. Hours are between 2:30 and 6:15pm. Interested applicants (at least 18 years old) please send resume and letter of interest (or questions) to Jeannette Koch, Extended Day Director at jkoch@stjoecot.org.

Long-Term Middle School Math Substitute Teacher at St. Joseph/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.



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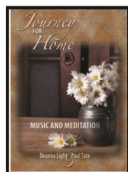
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