



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 of Lent

March 11, 2018



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Saying, Doing, or Being?

St. Paul tells us in his letter to the Ephesians that we are saved through grace: God's actions of sending his Son to die for us, and raising Jesus from the dead show the love God has for us. It comes entirely from God. We are saved by our faith in Jesus, but even that faith comes from God. So when Paul says that no one can boast about being saved, he means that we can't add up our good deeds like reward points for heaven. He also means that we can't brag about our faith because we can recite the creed or answer an altar call. So if being saved is not a matter of saying the

right things, or doing good deeds, what is it?

The answer comes from the gospel. Jesus tells us that he will be lifted up, or crucified, so that we can believe in him and have eternal life. Notice he doesn't give a list of facts about God that we are required to believe. When we "believe in" someone, we put our love and trust in that person. We want to be with that person as much as we can. We know that we are loved and so respond by giving love. Our response of love is not just a happy feeling. It inspires us to stop being selfish and start noticing that others need our help. Jesus de-

scribes it as living in the light: we are not ashamed to help someone, forgive someone, or comfort someone. While we do not force our faith on others, we don't hide it either. Our life is in the light, open to anyone who wants to see what God has done for us.

That brings us back to the question about salvation: it is not something we do or say. It is what God does for us. Our response of faith is also his gift. So when we recognize all that God has done for us and believe in his Son Jesus, the Spirit will guide us to live that faith and share it with others.

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

Parish School of Religion

(Grades 1 through 8)
 September through May
 Wednesdays from 6:00—7:30pm

Confirmation Preparation

(8th Grade)
 September through May
 Wednesdays from 6:00—7:30pm

Children's Liturgy of the Word

September through May
 During the 9:30am Sunday Mass

Adult Education

Wednesdays at 8:45 and 6:10pm

Quick Contacts Directory

Prayer and Devotion

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Dinner Committee	
Jeff Comotto	636-798-2369
Golden Hearts	
Jackie Hackett	636-398-5605
Knights of Columbus	
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Teresa Berfanger	636-398-5565

MARCH
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Lent

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
might not perish but might have eternal life.

John 3:16

Cemetery Update

Dear Parishioners,

As part of our ongoing discussion and discernment within the Finance Committee we have come to the decision to remove the sale of any acreage from the process as we move ahead with the expansion of the cemetery. It is my thought and that of the Committee that we can accomplish the expansion without the necessity of selling the land to help fund any of the cost.

A handful of you either sent in your comments in the form of a letter or talked with myself or other Committee members as we continued our deliberations. I want to thank all of those who did so, even the one or two anonymous letters that we received at the beginning of the process. I place more value on signed letters that open the door to dialogue and conversation, but even anonymous ones can let you know where at least one person stands with their opinion.

In the future we may reexamine the issue of land sales and have to request the guidance of the Archdiocese. Known or unknown, the land actually belongs to the Archdiocese and we use it at their discretion. The Archdiocese is not some sort of tyrannical landlord that is watching our every move or interfering in daily operations. Rather they connect us to the larger Church in a unity of belief and loving obedience. The Archdiocese, and our Archbishop, want each and every parish to thrive and bear fruit abundantly in Christ. As Archbishop Carlson was fond of saying on his arrival, he desires all of us to be "Alive in Christ!"

In the next few years we will have to examine a much weightier issue than just expanding the cemetery. Replacing Founders Hall will be a massive commitment, if that is the direction the parish is going, in terms of growth and capital improvements. Such a building would probably be a multimillion dollar structure that will take as many years to finance as our church. For those with short memories, fund raising and payment of the debt went from 1997 until 2017, so it was a twenty year jog of extraordinary fundraising and giving on the part of the parish. Such a commitment would have to be discerned and planned for accordingly. If policies remain the same within the Archdiocese, we will have to raise half of the funds of the building before the Archdiocese considers lending us the other half as they did with our new church and facilities.

That day will come, and there will be a variety of opinions and ideas on the best course to plot. I suspect there might be rather intense disagreements on the numerous decisions to be made. It will do more to reveal the character and integrity of individuals more than the quiet periods of implicit agreement. Such is the nature of things. You and I strive to be like Our Lord. We are in it for the long haul with one another. We pray to overcome the temptation to "take our marbles and go home" when faced with disagreement. We strive to overcome the pull of sin to form "sides" on an issue of importance and work for consensus rather than division in the hopes of "getting our way." It's not easy, because all of us suffer from massive amounts of unexamined and unchallenged pride. Pride always divides, always separates, always seeks its own end. Pride takes solace in being "right". We all need to pray for a daily increase in humility.

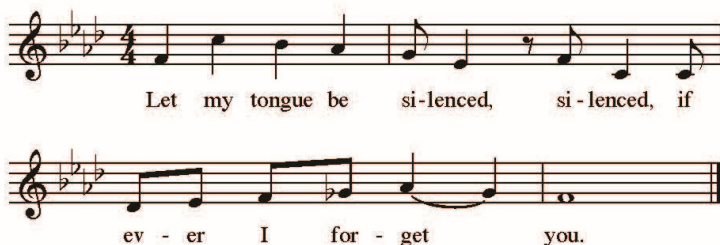
Peace,

Fr. Tom

Let My Tongue Be Silenced

Psalm 137

Lori True



The English translation of the Psalm Response from the *Lectionary for Mass*
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Lenten Suggestion . . .

Try your **IHM St. Paul Library** for spiritual reading and family-values movies this Lent. If you already have some checked out, please read them or watch them, then bring them back so other parishioners can enjoy them. The library is located by the Grand Hall.

Next Week Ministry Schedule

March 17
4:00pm

EM: Karen Wilson, Pat Roche, Jackie Barclay,
Judy Cova, Pat Barnard, Mary Hannig,
Wally & Jan Karase
Lec: Jerry Knott, Ed Taylor
GB: Bill & Bernadine Pollihan
Serv: Bridget Goins, Jorja Spivey
Ush: Larry Graves, Stan Nikonowicz, Jerry Braden,
Dave Hendrix

March 18
7:30am

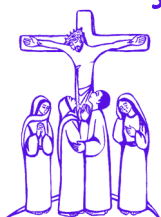
EM: Jan Kardasz, John & Karen Wappelhorst,
Carol Rabbitt, Peggy Dupree, Betty Tuepker
Lec: Elizabeth Vehige, Kris Jenkins
GB: Bill & Jean Reed-Bammann
Serv: Mary Grace & Janie Becker
Ush: Walt Reel, Gary Potter, Larry Koch, Rich Molitor

9:30am

EM: Michelle Greiwe, Laura Holstein, Pat Gentry,
Walt Hollenstein III, Janet Hespen, Alvina Fry,
Don & Susan Hladky
Lec: Bob Leeker, Megan Preuss
GB: Adam & Lindsey Molitor
Serv: Thomas Kokker, Maggie & Morgan Molitor
Ush: George Stark, Joe Weber, Curt Eccardt,
Dave DeBold, Brian Corrigan, Terry Schneider

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday at 7pm,
Saturday at 8:45am



Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent, 7pm
St. Joseph Chapel

This Week at Home

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS!



Sunday, March 11

KofC Breakfast, Founders Hall, 8-11am
7 Steps to Becoming Financially Free, Weber Hall,
6pm (preregistration required—see article below)

Monday, March 12

Scouts, Founders Hall/Trailer, 6:30pm
ACTS Women, Grand Hall, 6:30pm
Reconciliation, 7pm

Tuesday, March 13

Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, 9am
Fitness Class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am
Marian Council, Weber Hall, 6:30pm
Children's Choir, church, 6:45pm
Reconciliation, 7pm

Wednesday, March 14

Sunday readings study, Weber Hall, 8:45am
PSR, Weber/Founders Hall, Trailer, 6pm
The Creed study, Grand Hall, 6pm
Reconciliation, 7pm
Oremus prayer study, Grand Hall, 7:30pm

Thursday, March 15

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

Friday, March 16

Whom Am I To Judge study, Weber Hall, 6:30am
Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30—noon
Fish Fry, Founders Hall, 4:40—7pm
Stations of the Cross, St. Joseph Chapel, 7pm



Saturday, March 17

Reconciliation, 8:45am
SVDP Pantry open 9-10:30am
Anointings after 4pm Mass



Sunday, March 18

Anointings after Masses
ACTS Women Commissioning at 9:30 Mass
Golden Hearts, Quarry Wine Garden, 1pm
7 Steps to Becoming Financially Free, Weber Hall, 6p

7 STEPS TO BECOMING FINANCIALLY FREE—CATHOLIC GROUP STUDY

Are you interested in:

- ☞ Deepening your relationship with the Lord?
- ☞ Building a support network for living your Catholic faith?
- ☞ Strengthening your marriage and family life?
- ☞ Breaking free from the bondage of consumer debt?
- ☞ Making a realistic faith-based financial plan for the future?

We are offering a 6-7 session study utilizing the concepts of Christian based finances in achieving the objectives

listed above. The sessions will be limited in size to achieve the benefits and dynamics that are gleaned from a small study group. Kick-off for this study group will be March 11, 2018. **If you are interested contact Bob Brossette at 314-452-8918.**

We are not selling any products or services, and the only cost to you is the Participant Study Kit for \$46.95. This includes the 7 Step Financially Free hardcover book, 2 copies of the workbook, 7 Steps magnet and Portfolio carrying case. Due to limited space call now to assure your place in this study group.



Monday, March 12	
8:00am	Randy & Lukas Schneider +
Tuesday, March 13	
8:00am	Cy Bamert +
Wednesday, March 14	
8:00am	Jack Tersteeg + Tom Holstein +
Thursday, March 15	
8:00am	Mary Ann Rhodes +
Friday, March 16	
8:00am	All Souls Virginia Randolph +
Saturday, March 17	
8:00am	Shirley McDonald +
4:00pm	Robert McEneny +
Sunday, March 18	
7:30am	Louise Seper +
9:30am	People of the Parish Mark Katigbak +

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

Larry Bendel, Connie Burbes,
Tracey Fiacco, Stan Kostecki

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.

AM 1460 KHOJ, Catholic radio

Contributions: March 3/4

General Offertory:	\$12,105.67
Online—General Offertory:	\$4,415.00
Total Offertory:	\$16,520.67

*"For God so loved the world
that He gave His only Son..."*
JOHN 3: 16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts—that we nurture and develop them and return with increase.

*We pray that we may show our gratitude
for Jesus' ultimate sacrifice by generously
making sacrifices in our own lives*



Heavenly Duster

Mary Jean Hartenbach

Purificators

Pam DeBold

Needed at the Pantry:

*canned fruit: applesauce, mandarin oranges, peaches,
pears, fruit cocktail; cake and brownie mixes, tuna
helper, hamburger helper, cold cereal, dry spaghetti, pas-
ta sauce, sloppy joe sauce, toilet paper, bisquick*

In today's Gospel, God demonstrates great love for us by sending His Son so that we may believe in Him. We demonstrate our great love for God by doing good works: reaching out to others, acting in justice and charity.

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Know that your nickel, dime, quarter or dollar is multiplied by the coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul collection.

4th Sunday of Lent

[Jesus said,] "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life." JOHN 3:16

One writer stated in a magazine: "If tenderness were rare instead of normal, wouldn't newspapers give it headlines: Mother Cherishes Family—Blind Person Helped Across Street—Prisoners Visited—Destitute People Cared For . . . and on and on? But thanks to Jesus' coming on earth, such events are not news; they are as common and as beautiful as dandelions.

What is one thing that I see happening in today's world that fills me with new hope for the future? I don't think of all the misery but of the beauty that still remains. ANNE FRANK

Mark Link S.J. *Mission*



St. Zita's Zippy Clean-up Crew

...will meet on **Wednesday, March 21** after the 8am Mass to clean the church for Holy Week. This annual event takes less time every year, so the cleanup will be followed at 10:30 or so with a pot-luck brunch in the Grand Hall. Some supplies will come from the church but it will be helpful—and faster!—if you bring some, too. We'll meet in the narthex and work from there.

Sign-up sheets for both the clean-up crew and the pot luck are in the narthex.

Many hands make light work! Hope to see you there!

What's your Catholic Catechism IQ?



LORD

1. In Greek, the Hebrew name YHWH, by which God revealed Himself to Moses, is rendered as *Kyrios*, meaning this.
2. The New Testament uses this full sense of the title "Lord" both for the Father and—what is new—for _____, who is thereby recognized as God Himself.
3. Jesus ascribes this title to Himself in a veiled way when He disputes with the _____ about the meaning of Psalm 110.
4. In the encounter with the risen Jesus, this title becomes adoration as Thomas declares, "My _____ and my _____."
5. The Church . . . believes that the key, the center and the purpose of the whole of man's _____ is to be found in its Lord and Master.

THE SON OF GOD BECAME MAN

6. The Word became flesh for us in order to save us by _____ us with God, being the expiation for our sins.
7. The Word became flesh so that thus we might know God's _____.
8. The Word became flesh to be our model of _____.
9. The Word became flesh to make us "Partakers of the _____."
10. The Son of God became the Son of Man so that sons of men could become _____.

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.



Lenten Prayer Requests

Please place your prayer requests in the container on the table in the narthex.

Diaper Drive

March 17/18 through
Easter weekend



**Drop off packages of diapers
on the table in Weber Hall**

Sponsored by the Permanent Deacons
in the Archdiocese of St. Louis
in conjunction with the Respect Life office.

All diapers collected will be donated
to assist families in our parish community,
with the help of our Pro Life organization

NAR-ANON SUPPORT GROUP: Weekly meetings
on Saturdays, 10:00 am in the Trailer at IHM.

Readings for the Week

Mon: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tue: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wed: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thu: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Fri: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sat: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sun: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9;
Jn 12:20-33

IHM Lenten Fish Fries

March 16, 23

Serving from 4:30—7:00pm

Menu Includes:

Haddock—Cod—Catfish

French Fries, Green Beans, Cole Slaw,
Mac & Cheese, Applesauce, Surprise Pasta each week
Tea, Coffee, Lemonade

Beer and soda available for purchase
thanks to our Knights of Columbus



\$12: Adults Dine in

\$10: Adults Carry out

\$6: Kids 12 and under Dine in

\$5: Kids 12 and under Carry out

Can you help us with these last 2?

**Please browse the sign-up sheets
and put your name down.**

**It's a great way to meet and visit with
other parishioners AND serve our
neighbors AND we have fun!**

✠ *Rest in Peace* ✠

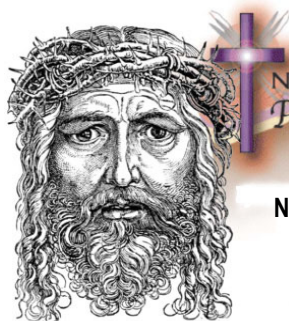
We offer our prayerful sympathy
—to Bob Woodford on the death of his lifelong friend
Judy C. Morris
—to Sue Wehrle on the death of her husband
Gerard Wehrle
—to Dennis & Kathleen Ditch on the death of his brother
Bob Weiland

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

Attention Crafters!

There are some tables available for the
upcoming craft show in conjunction
with the IHM Sausage Dinner on Sun-
day, April 29. The booth space is 9x6
for \$35, show is 10:30—5pm.

Contact Lisa Murphy for an application:
lisamurphy318@gmail.com or 636-332-0155



New Melle Community Passion Play

New Melle Sports and Recreation
Saturdays, March 17 & 24, 7pm
Sundays, March 18 & 25,
2pm and 4:30pm
Admission Free

Seating is on First-come First-seated basis
For groups or more information call 636-634-1150
or email nmpassion@gmail.com

Check us out:

Facebook us at: New Melle Community Passion Play
or
<https://aleephoto3.wixsite.com/nmcpassionplay>

IHM Youth Ministry



Luke 18 Retreat: April 7/8
IHM, Grand Hall
Overnight accommodations in
Founders Hall

**Steubenville
Youth Conference
July 20/22
Springfield, MO**

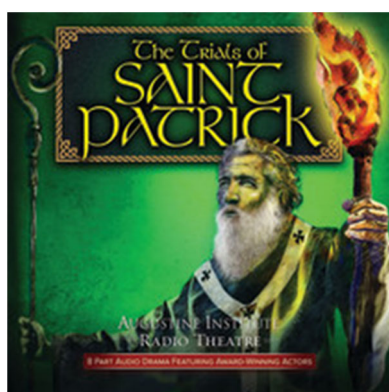
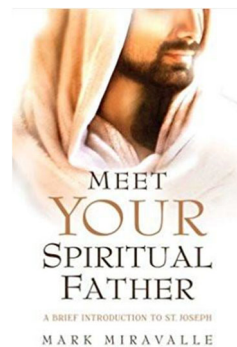


**STEUBENVILLE
CONFERENCES**

**Please contact Janet Hespen, IHM Youth Minister
for registration or further information**
Voice or text: 314-369-6521;
email: janethspn@outlook.com

PSR corner

The month of March is traditionally dedicated to St. Joseph, the patron of the universal Church, the foster father of our Lord, the head of the Holy Family. When one thinks of his role in salvation history, we can be confident of his desire to bring “our own history” to salvation. Consider ways to seek the intercession of St. Joseph in your family life and in your family prayer. St. Teresa of Avila wrote: “It seems that to other saints our Lord has given power to help us in only one kind of necessity; but this glorious saint, I know by my own experience, assists us in all kinds of necessities....I only request, for the love of God, that whoever will not believe me will test the truth of what I say, for he will see by experience how great a blessing it is to recommend oneself to this glorious Patriarch and to be devout to him....Whoever wants a master to instruct him how to pray, let him choose this glorious saint for his guide, and he will not lose his way.”



Mysteries, Marvels and Miracles in the Life of the Church: St. Patrick (Feast: March 17)

How does one convert an island of people? Preaching?
Acts of Charity? What about signs and wonders
that accompanied both to confirm the message of the Gospel?
This is what is personally attested in the great life and ministry of
St. Patrick, the Apostle of Ireland.

“Patrick’s miraculous encounters with the druids were so spectacular that modern historians discount them as legends. But as extraordinary as the miracles were, the earliest documents reported them as facts. Patrick’s wonders set the stage for the conversion of Ireland. Why should he not have expected divine interventions at such significant moments in his missionary venture?

“Even though Patrick had exposed the emptiness of Laoghaire’s religion, the ruler did not become a Christian. He made two decisions, however, that significantly advanced Patrick’s work. He gave Patrick permission to preach the gospel in Ireland, and he ensured Patrick’s personal safety.

“From that time, Patrick crisscrossed the island, making disciples everywhere he went. In a relatively short time, he baptized tens of thousands of converts and built hundreds of churches, staffing them with Irish priests and deacons. He founded many monasteries and schools to care for the passionate youths who decided to follow him to Christ. In 444, scarcely a dozen years after Patrick arrived, he established Ireland’s first cathedral church at Armagh, which quickly became a center of Christian education and church administration.

“By the time of Patrick’s death around 461, he had completely dislodged the ancient paganism. The whole island had become thoroughly and permanently Christian. Now that’s a miracle I challenge anyone to dismiss.”

(From Bert Ghezzi at <https://aleteia.org/2016/03/17/the-miracles-of-saint-patrick-how-he-really-converted-ireland-to-christianity/3/> See link for full article

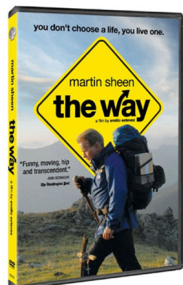
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St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

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 – Stoltz Grand Hall



THE WAY is a powerful and inspirational story about family, friends and the challenges we face while navigating this ever-changing and complicated world. Martin Sheen plays Tom, an irascible American doctor who comes to France to deal with the tragic loss of his son (played by Emilio Estevez). Rather than return home, Tom decides to embark on the historical pilgrimage "The Way of St.

James" to honor his son's desire to finish the journey. What Tom doesn't plan on is the profound impact this trip will have on him. Through unexpected and often-times amusing experiences along "The Way," Tom discovers the difference between "the life we live and the life we choose."

MAGNIFICAT Women's Prayer Breakfast:

Come and celebrate our 10th anniversary!

When: Saturday, March 24, beginning at 8:30am
Where: Cardinal Rigali Center
Speaker: Carol Razza, last year's Catholic Women's Conference hostess
Theme: God Has A Plan For Your Life

Commuter Spring Retreat

When: Friday evening, March 17, 7pm and Saturday, 9am, ending with 4:30 Mass
Where: Cardinal Rigali Center
Speaker: Fr. Paul Hoelsing, Dean of Seminarians at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary

Register for both by calling 314-731-6100 or emailing catholicrenewal@archstl.org.

For carpooling or a ride: Debbie Gillespie 636-398-4971

Koinonia Retreat Weekend for Divorced or Separated Catholics (DASK) and other Christians Friday, April 27 thru Sunday, April 29 at Todd Hall Retreat Center, 320 Todd Hall Center Drive, Columbia, IL 62236. Cost \$100 includes room, double occupancy, and six meals. Call Jean at 314-704-1870 or Carol at 314-775-1253 for brochure and registration. \$50 deposit will reserve a space.

Golden Hearts News

Our next gathering will be
Sunday, March 18, 1pm, Quarry Wine Garden
Everyone 50 years or older are invited to join us.
Questions? Call Jackie Hackett at 314-761-6127
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Gracias! Grazie! Merci!

- ♥ Many thanks to our parishioners and friends who made our See's Candy fundraiser such a sweet success. Our profit went to purchase five new vestment sets for St. Joseph Chapel. And special kudo's to Jackie Hackett for her leadership with this project for the Marian Council.
- ♥ ...and to Bryan Potter for all his efforts doing the stuffing and sealing of the mass mailing for our sausage dinner in April. Look for your envelope in the mail!

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Support legislation to save the lives of unborn children. Join Pro-lifers in Jefferson City on **Tuesday, March 13** at the State Capitol. The featured speaker will be Carol Tobias, National Right to Life Committee President. Registration begins at 10am in the 1st floor rotunda with the noon rally. To register for the bus, call or email your name, address, city, zip, phone, email address and pick-up location to mrl.eastern@yahoo.com or **314-434-4900**. Registration deadline for bus transportation is **March 5**. Donations towards cost of bus will be collected that day. Wear RED for Life!

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Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner: Offered by St. Patrick/Wentzville TODAY, March 11 from 12-5pm in the church social hall to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. We're having a spectacular dinner with corned beef, ham, parsley potatoes, carrots, cabbage, corn, applesauce, cornbread, horseradish, and homemade dessert. This authentic, kettle cooked dinner is only \$13 for adults and \$5 for children 4-12. Carry-out dinners are available in the St. Patrick school cafeteria from 12-6pm for \$11. All are welcome! Visit www.stpatrickwentzville.org/cornedbeef

Annual Spring Sausage Dinner: St. Alphonsus/Millwood TODAY, March 11 serving whole hog pork sausage and kettle beef dinners from 11am to 5pm. Cost is \$10 for adult dinners and \$5 for children 12 and under.

Quilt Socials:

March 17 at Immaculate Conception/Dardenne Prairie. Doors open at 10 and bingo begins at noon. Lunch is available for purchase.

March 18 at Sacred Heart/Troy.

Doors will open at the Knights of Columbus Hall (Hwy J in Troy) at 11:30am, bingo starts at 1pm. Food and refreshments will be provided for purchase. There will be quilt games, money games, door prizes, pull tabs, Pot of Gold, raffles and fun. Come and enjoy a fun day, bring your relatives and friends. Due to state laws, NO ONE under age 16 will be allowed in the building.

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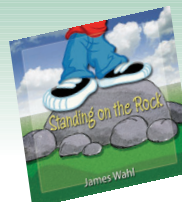
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