

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

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

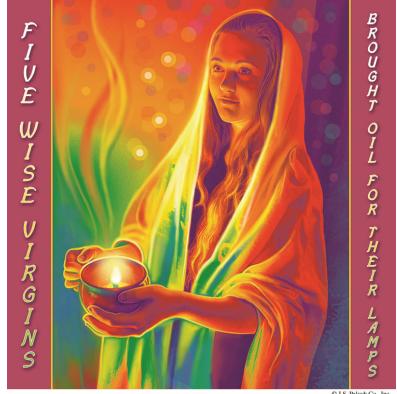
Contact the parish office

Baptism: to register for class and to arrange date

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:

Contact Shawn Mueller in the parish office

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 12, 2017



Setting to Know You

At the end of today's Gospel, when the foolish virgins return from the quick shop with the oil, they are locked out of the wedding. The groom answers their pleas, not with a question, "Why weren't you ready?" but with the statement, "I don't know you" (Mt 25:12). Now that sounds kind of odd, if the bridegroom represents the LORD, because God knows everything, and everybody. In Matthew's Gospel, this phrase seems to imply that "because you made no effort to know me. I don't know you." In other words, the oil in the parable stands for knowing the LORD. Or at least making an effort to know him.

So what am I doing to get to know Jesus? One way to know someone is to act like them. Actors who portray a real person try to watch videos of that person to see how they talk, walk, relate to people, what kind of posture they have, how they dress, etc. We can act like Jesus by following his example of care for the poor and the sick, forgiving people who have done wrong, teaching people about God's love, feeding the hungry, and giving God the credit for what we do.

Another way to get to know someone is to talk to them. The more we pray, the more we get close to Jesus. We can praise God for Creation, we can thank God for all the

giving (and forgiving!) We can ask for help for those we love and for God's strength in our weakness (2 Cor 12:9). But we don't get to know someone if we do all the talking. Our prayer can include time to be guiet and listen to the LORD. We also listen to God by reading God's words in the Bible. And God can speak to some people in art, song, or poetry. The advice and wisdom of friends and relatives can also be God speaking to us. Hopefully, we can all find ways of getting to know the Lord, so that God can "recognize" us as friends.

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Religious Education

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

Parish School of Religion

(Grades 1 through 8) September through May

Wednesdays from 6:00—7:30pm

Confirmation Preparation

(8th Grade)

September through May

Wednesdays from 6:00—7:30pm

Children's Liturgy of the Word

September through May

During the 9:30am Sunday Mass

Adult Education

Parish Organizations

Wednesdays at 8:45 and 6:10pm

Quick Contacts Directory

Prayer and Devotion

Trayer and Devotion		Turisir Orga	IT II ZULIO II J
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<u> </u>	314-369-6521	Cub Scouts: Wesley Brandhors	
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Yeterans Day: Konoring Their Sacrifice and Service, Dedicating our Lives

WASHINGTON, DC (Catholic Online) - Today is Veterans Day. I am a Vietnam Veteran and this day means a lot to me.

As a young sailor, I still remember landing in Danang, South Vietnam under a rocket attack and then hustling into the receiving area. There, on the floor, were young men of my own age. Many were bandaged, in wheel chairs or on crutches. At that moment war became more than a story I had previously reported as a broadcast journalist; it was real.

Today, I remember my shipmates from the Navy who were a part of our Western Pacific or "WestPac" operations. Our destroyer had been hit once by an enemy rocket but only minor injuries. I had not yet reported aboard when it happened but the stories were still being told.

I remember classmates from high school and college who also served. Some never came back; others came back but were never the same.

I remember my father, a World War II veteran, who told me stories of flying into war-torn Europe and being a test pilot for fighters and bombers that were destined for the front lines.

Most of all, I think of the blood red sacrifices that were made on behalf of our country in many wars. Their lives are remembered in graveyards across our nation, at Revolutionary and Civil War battlefields near where I live, and at national cemeteries like Arlington, Punchbowl in Hawaii and Normandy, France that I have visited.

As a Fourth Degree Knight and Past Faithful Navigator, patriotism has become more alive to me in recent years. We have seen the flag, the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem and other symbols of our country abused by dissidents and, more sadly, discounted by rank and file Americans. As Catholics we must especially remember that our "One Nation Under God," not only needs our commitment but also our Catholic Conscience.

America needs Catholics, faithful to the teachings of the Church, who will vote their values, communicate their val-

ues and live out their values. America needs Catholics who pray for her leaders and work to protect the life, family, freedom while maintaining a solidarity with the poor and downtrodden.

On Veterans Day we honor all the men and women who have served their country in all branches of the Armed Services. At the National Catholic Prayer Breakfast in Washington in May of 2009, Archbishop Raymond Burke stated:

"Before the fundamental and great challenges which we as a nation are facing, how better to express our patriotism than by celebrating the teachings of our Catholic faith. The most treasured gift which we as citizens of the United States of America can offer to our country is a faithful Catholic life.

"It is the gift which, even though it has often been misunderstood, has brought great strength to our nation, from the time of its founding. Today more than ever, our nation is in need of Catholics who know their faith deeply and express their faith, with integrity, by their daily living."

As a Vietnam Veteran (USNR) and Past Faithful Navigator, I want to say to all the veterans - thank you and God bless you!

As Catholics, I want to challenge us to live out our faith to the fullest of our ability as God gives us strength, for His glory, the good of our Church and the good of our country. Those who died should not have died in vain.

They gave their lives for a country who believed that "all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." We can live our lives standing for the same principles.

Randy Sly is the Associate Editor of Catholic Online and the CEO/Associate Publisher for the Northern Virginia Local Edition of Catholic Online (http://virginia.catholic.org). He is a former Archbishop of the Charismatic Episcopal Church who laid aside that ministry to enter into the full communion of the Catholic Church.

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

[Jesus told a parable to warn us to stay alert for his second coming. Ten bridesmaids were at a bride's house to welcome the groom. Night fell, and he didn't arrive. Result? The maids dozed off and five of them missed his arrival.] Jesus concluded, "Watch out, then, because you do not know the day or the hour of the Son of Man's coming." Matthew 25:13

Swiss psychiatrist Dr. Paul Tournier dates his conversion to a day when he chose to spend an hour praying. It proved to be a dry, painful experience. But when the hour was over, something told him to pray a bit longer. He did and ended up experiencing God's presence in a way that changed his life. It frightened him to think how close he had come to missing it.

Do I sometimes tend to shorten or prolong my period of prayer when it is a dry, painful experience? (Fr. Mark Link S.J)

Next Week Ministry Schedule

November 18 4:00pm

EM: Pat Barnard, Wally & Jan Karase, Wilma Zurweller, Karen Wilson, Vanita Joerling, Bernadine Pollihan,

Jennifer Fredrick

Lec: Jan Jokisch-Messig, Nancy Ast

GB: Rick & Jackie Barclay Serv: Maggie & Morgan Molitor

Ush: Stan Nikonowicz, Bryan Potter, Dave Hendrix,

Tim Wilson

November 19 7:30am

EM: Mary Hardesty, John & Karen Wappelhorst, Emily Cooksey, Dianne Dickherber, Rich Molitor

Lec: Kris Jenkins, Elizabeth Vehige GB: Rosemary Marquart, Dot Welge

Serv: Andy & Daniel Vehige

Ush: Mike Hardesty, Walt Reel, Mike Stassi, Ed Rabbitt

9:30am

EM: Tom & Laura Holstein, Patrice Riley, Bob Leeker, Maureen Blondin, Donna Wolff, Chris Aulbach, Alvina Fry

Lec: Bill Winters, Teresa Waddington GB: Mary Keune & Lisa Nadler Serv: Brianna, Morgan, Jordan Dale

Ush: Stan Kostecki, Dave DeBold, Brian Corrigan, George Stark, Joe Weber, Curt Eccardt

Warm Clothing Collection

IHM will collect winter coats, sweaters, sweatshirts, hats, gloves, scarves or any warm clothing until November 26. Please put your new or gently used clothing donations in the container by Weber Hall. Thanks in advance for your care and consideration.

This Week at Home

Sunday, November 12

Return filled Box of Joy

KofC Breakfast, Founders Hall, 8-11am

Monday, November 13

Boy Scouts, Trailer, 6pm

Cub Scouts, Founders Hall, 6:30pm

Bell Choir, Church, 7pm

Tuesday, November 14

Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, 9am Exercise, Grand Hall foyer, 9am Contemporary Choir, church, 5:30pm Marian Council, Weber Hall, 6:30pm Children's Choir, church, 7pm

Wednesday, November 15

Catholicism, Weber Hall, 6:30am

Sunday readings study, Weber Hall, 8:45am PSR, Weber Hall/Founders Hall/trailer, 6pm Reconciliation, 7pm

Thursday, November 16

Exercise Class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am Event in Grand Hall this evening RCIA, Weber Hall, 6:30pm

Choir, church, 7pm

Friday, November 17

Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30am—noon KofC Fish Fry, Founders Hall, 4-7pm

Saturday, November 18

Reconciliation following 8am Mass Food Pantry open from 9-10:30am Event in Weber Hall early afternoon Anointings after 4pm Mass

Sunday, November 19

Anointings after 7:30 and 9:30 Masses
Community Christmas choir practice, 2pm in church
All are invited to participate in this choir!

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS November 23 at 9am



Mon: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6

Tue: Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10

Wed: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19

Thu: Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175;

Lk 17:20-25

Fri: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37

Sat: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43;

Lk 18:1-8

Sun: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5;

1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

Please consider sharing the gift of

Thanksgiving Pie with the people of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Food Pantry in the city of St. Louis. The pantry volunteers provide Thanksgiving dinner for many



people and need some help. Last year they served 1500 Thanksgiving meals! Please bring your pies (nothing that needs to be refrigerated) to the narthex on **Monday**, **November 20**. The pantry also accepts monetary donations. The pies will be picked up early Tuesday, November 21. Thank you for your generosity!





Monday, November 13

8:00am intention of Bob Berfanger

Tuesday, November 14

8:00am All Souls William Odlum +

Wednesday, November 15

8:00am Joseph Limmer +

Thursday, November 16

8:00am Gertrude Windisch +

Friday, November 17

8:00am Charles Smith +

Saturday, November 18

8:00am Harold McDonald +

Terry Daub +

4:00pm Rick Hagan +

Sunday, November 19

7:30am Bud Kellems+

Ann Seper +

9:30am People of the Parish

Terry Daub +

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Rest in Peace



We offer our prayerful sympathy
—to Terri Keymer on the death of her husband **Bob Keymer**

—to Sophia Bax on the death of her sister-in-law

Eleanor Bax
—to Peggy Coleman and family on the death of

Glennon Coleman
—to JoAnn Cwiklowski on the death of her step-sister

Alice Gambill

—to Michael and Nancy DuBois on the death of their son **Brett DuBois**

May they rest in the eternal peace of Christ.

Contributions: November 4/5

General Offertory:
Online—General Offertory:

\$11,728.50 \$4,070.00

Total Offertory

\$15,798.50

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour" MATTHEW 25:13

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. Don't delay! How is God calling you to use your gifts today?

We pray to understand that God's call is urgent, in the here and now, in our current circumstances.



Heavenly Duster

Furificati

Donna Wolff

Clara Haas

Needed at the Pantry:

sugar, vegetable oil, brownie mix, jello, coffee, pudding mix, canned fruit, tuna, canned chicken, paper goods, personal items, cleaning items

In today's Gospel Jesus challenges us to "stay awake" by taking time to seriously look at ourselves, the priorities of our lives, and how we are growing spiritually.

Ask yourself "what would Jesus Christ do?" and then put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul collection so that those who are suffering will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving.

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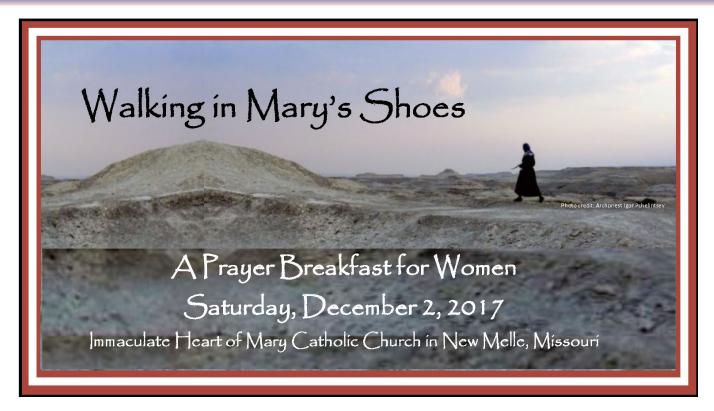
Please pray for all the sick and suffering

In the hospital: Ann Fitzgerald, Ed Etzkorn

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 Mary Jean Hartenbach at 636-398-4677 or email mjhartenbach@gmail.com.



IHM will host an Advent Prayer Breakfast for women on Saturday, December 2 starting after the 8:00 am Mass. <u>Denise Bossert</u>, an IHM parishioner who is also a syndicated columnist, author and expert on Sacred sites in the Holy Land, will be the guest speaker. Join us for an interesting and inspirational beginning to the Advent season. There is no charge for this event but please make a reservation by calling the parish office, <u>636-398-5270</u>, or sign-up in the narthex.

Join us for a morning of listening, sharing, prayer and reflection.

The breakfast will take place in the Grand Hall, following Mass at 8:00 am



An amazing testimony from one whom God has "Left to Tell" her story, Immaculee Ilibagiza is coming to Wentzville, MO, five minutes up the road at St. Gianna Church in December for a mini-retreat, entitled

FORGIVENESS, HEALING, & HOPE

Witness to the life-saving power of faith and the Rosary, as she huddled with seven other women in a cramped bathroom for 91 days while killers lurked outside the door during the Rwandan Genocide. Don't miss this rare opportunity to EXPERIENCE Immaculee's powerful journey through remarkable personal testimony, inspirational music and prayer.

Visit <u>www.lmmaculee.com</u> to register for this mini-retreat on Friday/Saturday, December 8/9, before it sells out. There are 125 people signed up.

Cost for one is \$57, for two \$76. Capacity is around 400-450.



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Chili Cook-off and Dessert Challenge

Many thanks to all who contributed chili or dessert or just came to eat. We had four judges, 14 crocks of chili (plus Fr. Tom's Lazy Man's Chili "out of the can into the pan"), 12 desserts, and lots of smiling people having a good time and eating good food. Here's a list of the winning entries:

JUDGES' PICKS

1st—Nancy Manker, chili #6 2nd—Ginger Grimes, chili #1 3rd—Kelly Meyer, chili #14

POPULAR CHOICE

Dessert Challenge—#9 Pat Roche's Gooey Butter Cake Chili—#1 Ginger Grimes' chili with beef & pork



NO STRINGS ATTACHED!

If you have wondered what it would be like to play the handbells, this is your big chance. The bell choir practices on Monday nights from 7pm to 8:30. If you want to drop in, we'd be delighted to see you. This is open to anyone high school age or older. Give me a call so I know to expect you. Marilyn at 314-341-2622. This is not a commitment by any means. Just give it a try!



Marriage in Christ
has been promised between
Elaine Schoenberger and Timothy Brauss
Kayla Kennedy and Brad Songer

Please include your loved one's names in our Book of Remembrance on the table in the narthex

The Sift of Love—Twice Siven

On Sunday, November 19 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral Basilica, Good Shepherd Children and Family Services, and the Archdiocesan Respect Life Apostolate will celebrate adoptive and birth parents and families of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis. This annual Mass is a celebration of all whose lives have been affected by adoption, whether directly or indirectly. All who have made an adoption plan for a child, adopted a child or children, those who await adoption of a child, and those who were adopted are invited to participate in this celebration of a "gift of love twice given". Following Mass, there will be a reception in Boland Hall. For more information, contact the Respect Life Apostolate at 314-792-7555.

Birthright Christmas Cards

The Pro-Life Committee will be selling Birthright Christmas cards after all Masses the weekends of November 18/19 and 25/26. The cards come 10 in a package for \$5. Please consider supporting Birthright when planning your Christmas card purchases.



Limited Seating Available
Touhill Performing Arts Center (UMSL)

Catholic Men for Christ Conference—February 3

Featuring Curtis Martin, Fr. Godwin Olugbami,
Dr. Scott Sulivan and Michael Cumbie
Visit catholicmenforchrist.org to register.

Catholic Women for Christ Conference—March 10

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



Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of West St. Charles County

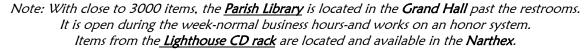
November 16, 2017 – 4:00pm to 8:00pm IHM Grand Hall

RSVP to Gayle at 314-330-8707 or gstelzer@cuivre.com

Jake's Field of Dreams is our focus charity.

We will have raffles, music and giveaways! A Yeti Cooler is up for raffle and many independent consultants will be there to sell makeup, jewelry, home goods and unique crafts. FREE admission.

St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources





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Peter Kreeft provides a look at the nature of Heaven that offers all readers a refreshingly clear, theologically sound, and always fascinating glimpse of that "undiscovered country." Kreeft's engaging and informative account thoughtfully answers such intriguing questions as: - How can we know what Heaven is like? - Will we all be equal in Heaven? - What will we do in Heaven? - Will we know everything in Heaven? - Can we know the joy of Heaven now? Kreeft combines solid scholarship with a lively ability to communicate his findings. He speaks to the heart and mind, blending contemporary thinking and classical views to give us an unexcelled look at one of the most popular, yet least understood, subjects in religion.

What's your Catholic 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.

Chr	rist Jesus Mediator and Fullness of All Revelation
1.	God's revelation culminated in the person and mission of this man.
2.	Christianity is the new and definitive covenant, so no new is expected until Christ returns.
3.	Throughout the ages there have been revelations, some of which have been recognized by the authority of the Church
4.	Christ the Lord commanded the Apostles to preach this good news called the
5.	The Gospel was handed on in two ways: orally and in this way.
Rel	ationship Between Scripture and Tradition
6.	The Church, in her doctrine, life and worship transmits to every generation all that she herself is, all that she believes through this.
7.	This is the speech of God as it is put down in writing under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.
8.	The Church does not derive her certainty about all revealed through from the alone.
9.	The task of giving an authentic interpretation of the Word of God has been entrusted to this living, teaching office of the Church.

10. The Magisterium exercises her authority it has from Christ when it defines , that is, truths contained in Divine Revela-

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To Our Parish Family,

Thank you very much for your generous donation to the Permanent Diaconate Formation Program. The amount you donated, \$1727.25, will go a long way when added to the collections from other parishes in the Archdiocese. The donations will assist those men in need in the Formation Program as they continue toward Ordination as Permanent Deacons. Please know you are in our prayers and ask that you keep us in yours as God's servants.

Deacons Chris and Tony and Mr. Tim Michaelree

JXM claims bragging rights!

St. Dominic High School passed along this information about a couple of our parishioners. Congratulations to: Madeline Schnurr who will be inducted into the St. Dominic High School National Honor Society in mid-November. This is a huge recognition as the criteria for selection includes academic, leadership, activity and service.

Natalie Gildehaus who was part of the amazing St. Dominic Volleyball Ladies for an excellent season, having played in the State Tournament a couple of weekends ago.

We are proud of all of our IHM parishioner-students. God bless each and every one of you!

Sadies! Interested in helping our priests be successful in their ministry? If so, we need you! We are forming a group of prayer warriors from four parishes that are interested in meeting once a month for about an hour to pray the Rosary for the Sanctification of our priests. Parishes are ICD, St. Pat, St. Gianna and IHM. For more information please call Mary Stassi at 636-357-1387 or email pinegrovefarm76@yahoo.com.

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Catholic IQ Answers

Join the Holy Father's prayer intentions for November: for Christians in Asia

That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.



NAR-ANON SUPPORT GROUP: Weekly meetings on Saturdays, 10:00 am in the Trailer at IHM. This group is for Family and Friends of Addicts. For questions, please call Ann at 314-578-4737



The Second Annual New Melle Country **Christmas Community Choir**

Plan to sing with New Melle's most fun group, the Community Choir, at our Christmas event.

Date: Saturday, November 25, from 5-7pm. Music begins around 4:30.

Practices: There are two, both at IHM in church: Sunday, November 19 at 2pm

Wednesday, November 22 at 7pm

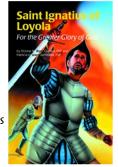
Costume: Wear something that reeks of the holiday season: Santa hats, reindeer antlers, or (my personal favorite) an angel's halo. Do you have battery operated lights to wear? Do it! This is a fun, casual event for all of New Melle!

Please call or email with your name so I'll make sure to have music for you! Marilyn O'Neill: 636-398-5270 (IHM)

m.oneill@ihm-newmelle.org

The IHM Adult and Children's Choirs will sing in the Peace Chapel at the Daniel Boone Home on Saturday, December 2 from 8 to 9pm. Advance tickets are \$10 (free for children under 4); at the door \$15. This is part of the Candlelight Christmas event, now sponsored by St. Charles County Parks. สี สมสมสมสมสมสมสมสมสมสมสมสมสม

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 5th grade patron—St. Ignatius of Loyola. This famous founder of the Jesuits was born in 1491. He was from a Spanish noble family. As a boy, he was sent to be a page at the royal court. There he lived with the desire to someday become a great soldier and marry a beautiful lady. Later, he did indeed win honor for his courage in the battle of Pamplona. However, a wound from a cannon ball forced him to spend months in bed at Loyola Castle. Ignatius asked for some books to read. Only biographies of Jesus and the saints were available. Gradually, the books began to make an impression on him. When he recovered, he made a pilgrimage to Monserrat. In the hopes of becoming a priest, Ignatius began his education. Ignatius was forty-three when he graduated from the University of Paris. With six other students, he



professed religious vows in 1534. Ignatius and those of his companions who were not yet priests were ordained in 1539. They promised to work for God in whatever way the Holy Father thought best. In 1540, their order was officially recognized by the pope. Before Ignatius died, there were 1,000 members of the Society of Jesus or "Jesuits." St. Ignatius died in Rome, on July 31, 1556. Pope Gregory XV proclaimed him a saint in 1622. The fascinating story of Ignatius of Loyola is full of excitement, adventures and challenges both before his conversion and after. Children who read this saint's story will love the adventure while also learning the secret of his strength and happiness. Ignatius surrendered all he had to God and asked in return only God's love and grace, a central secret to authentic spirituality.

Miracles and Phenomena Associated with St. Ignatius of Loyola

St. Ignatius Loyola (1491-1556), gave to the world the original Company of Jesus, or the Jesuits. There are various testimonies of mystical phenomena associated with St. Ignatius. Several of these are recorded in the book, *Mystics, Marvels and Miracles in the Lives of the Saints* by Joan Carroll Cruz. These include eyewitness testimony of Ignatius levitating on one occasion as well as others witnessing him being surrounded with brilliant light and even with a flame of fire. Below is an account from the book "Saints Who Raised the Dead" Tan Publishing (pages 122-223)

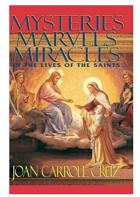
Ignatius had many supernatural visitations and was accomplished in discerning spirits and fighting the devil (see famous artwork below "The Miracles of St. Ignatius by Peter Paul Rubens). Ignatius is famous for his Spiritual Exercises which have influenced countless people for centuries. Bartoli's biography of Ignatius gives the history of 100 miracles attributed to the saint. One time in Barcelona, about 1524 or so, Ignatius was returning from the convent of the Dominican nuns. Passing through the street of Belloc he heard loud cries and lamentations. A man named Lessani (Lasano), in a fit of despair for having lost a lawsuit against his brother, had hanged himself. Ignatius, a practical, active and decision-making man, quickly cut him down. Efforts were made to revive the man, but they were in vain. Ignatius prayed in tears, sorrowfully lamenting the fact that a man should die in such a manner. The bystanders joined in. Then Ignatius arose and pronounced the Holy Name of Jesus over Lessani. He instantly opened his eyes, came to himself, and expressed sorrow over his action. He then made his confession, received the Sacraments, and soon

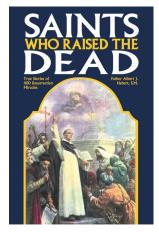
afterward expired. This account is taken from the official Acts of Canonization of St. Ignatius Loyola. Bystanders and John Pasquale verified that Lessani

had really been dead. The miracle caused a great stir in the

area.

At the right is the "Miracles of St. Ignatius" Vienna 1617 Jesuit altarpiece painted by Peter Paul Rubens showing St. Ignatius in the midst of an exorcism. Ignatius is the largest figure in the paintings surrounded by a glowing aura. One of his hands is on the altar, the other outstretched over the two demoniacs writhing on the ground in the lower portion of this paintings.









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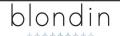


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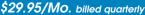
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