



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:

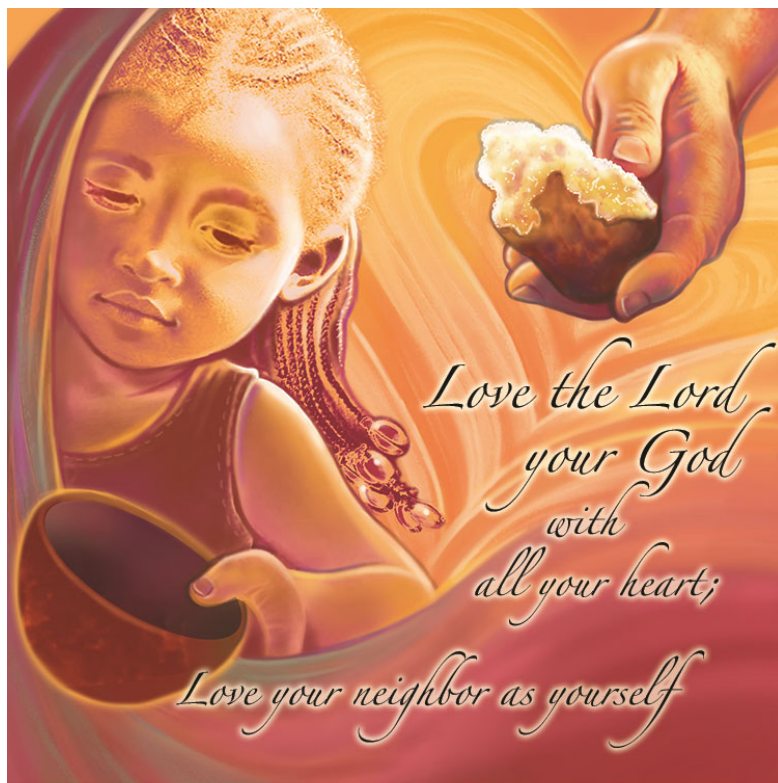
Contact the parish office

to register for class and to arrange date

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:

Contact Shawn Mueller in the parish office

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 29, 2017



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He Alone is Lord

When I hear the line from the first reading about not molesting or oppressing an alien, I think of the movie *E.T.*, in which the children help the extraterrestrial just because he needs help. What the reading calls aliens are immigrants or newcomers. They lived among the Hebrews but were not Jews themselves. The Lord reminds the people that they were once aliens themselves. They should not make the same mistake the Egyptians did when they mistreated the Israelites. God uses the same logic in commanding them to take care of widows and orphans. Treat them like family, or else your own wives and children will be in the same situation. Immigrants, widows, orphans, borrowers—all must be treated with compassion.

The reason for such compassion should be deeper than just fear of punishment. "Do to others as you would have them do to

you," Jesus said (Luke 6:31). Today's Gospel has a similar saying: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:39). Jesus called this the second commandment. The first is to love God wholly and completely, heart, mind, and soul. If the second commandment is the Golden Rule, the first might be called the Diamond Rule. If you think about it, in order to keep the first commandment, you have to be keeping the second as well.

Jesus said that whatever you do for the poor, the homeless, the sick, or prisoners, you do for him (Matthew 25:31-46). Mother Teresa could see Jesus in the poorest of the poor. Jesus himself showed compassion even to sinners. We can't really say we love God if we don't love the people God created.

So that gives us two reasons to love our neighbor. First, because God lives in other people, so loving God means loving God wherever God is found. Second, God loves them, so if we are to be holy, we must be like God. What does that mean? Remember the saying that "charity begins at home"? That is only true because it is easier to love family and friends, but charity doesn't end there. If we truly love God, we will extend our charity to those outside our homes. People are probably still rebuilding after the earthquakes in Japan, tornadoes in America, floods in India, and other disasters, and every city has some kind of homeless shelters. You say you love God? Let's see you love your neighbor.

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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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| Eucharistic Adoration | |
| Shawn Mueller | 636-398-5270 |
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Liturgical Ministries

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| Extraordinary Ministers | |
| Irene Caldwell | 636-398-4311 |
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| Lectors | |
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| Contemporary Music Group | |
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Education

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| Janet Hespen | 314-369-6521 |
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| Shawn Mueller | 636-398-5270 |
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Parish Organizations

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| Art & Environment | |
| Mary Karll | 636-433-5049 |
| Budget & Finance | |
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| Meals on Wheels | |
| Jean Bammann | 636-798-2718 |
| Pro Life | |
| Bill Winters | 636-828-4133 |
| Quilters | |
| Mary Ann Brakensiek | 636-828-5776 |
| Ruth Willis | 636-398-4597 |
| Scouting | |
| Jerry Hespen | 636-236-1955 |
| Cub Scouts: Wesley Brandhorst | 636-327-0531 |
| Boy Scouts: Chad Peters | 314-807-7177 |
| Venture Crew: Steve Williams | 314-486-4023 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | |
| Teresa Waddington | 314-440-7475 |
| Welcoming Committee | |
| Teresa Berfanger | 636-398-5565 |

Heaven—Hell & Purgatory

Dear parishioners and friends,

The month of November is marked by two great Feast Days: All Saints and All Souls. All Saints celebrates all of the holy men and women who have gone before us and share in the glory and communion of God. The Church promotes our devotion to the saints as a way for deepening our communion with them and drawing inspiration from their life and help through their intercession. The Saints are not capable of answering our prayers, only God can do that. But the Saints are yearning to pray with us and for us. When we “pray to saints” what we are really doing is asking them to intercede for us. If you don’t have any favorite saints, I would invite you to do some more exploration and develop a friendship with them. My spiritual friends are the Blessed Mother, John the Baptist, St. John Chrysostom, and Gregory the Great as well as a few others. Cultivate a new friendship with someone who loves God and wants you to share your eternity with them.

All Souls and all of November is marked by praying for all of the faithful departed. Few things are as important as praying for the dead. None of us knows an entire person’s life story, and we are not privy to all of their struggles and possible sins. Sin is so pervasive in our lives that more than half our Sacraments are directed at healing us of our sins. If by chance we go before God without all of our sins reconciled by God’s mercy and our atonement, Purgatory is there to help complete the work of our conversion. Our prayers help the Poor Souls in their final act of conversion. Only those free from all ef-

fects of sin will go to Heaven. For those of us still wrestling with sin and grace, we can hope that Purgatory will offer us the merciful opportunity to complete the work of atonement for our sins and the conversion of our hearts. Please pray for the dead and perhaps even visit their grave to lift them up to the mercy of God. Since we don’t know the fate of the departed, don’t prematurely consign “Uncle Tom” to heaven and never offer a prayer for him again. I hope all of my beloved dead are in heaven, but I pray for them every day that they will be genuinely sorry for their sins and seek God’s immense mercy.

Sadly, it is likely that not everyone will be sorry for their sins. Those of us who remain unrepentant and unconverted to God’s love and truth will go to Hell. The damned are not consigned to Hell because God is some kind of sadist. The damned will be there by their own free will. I pray no one puts themselves in this permanent state. God has done everything to insure our salvation short of violating our free will. We have a choice to make: live like future citizens of the Kingdom, or live like wretched creatures that have forsaken their Creator. There will be no sorrow in Hell. If that were the case, sorrow would open the way to repentance. Hell will be a state of unfettered pride, anger and envy. It’s not pleasant to think about Hell, and it shouldn’t be. We should be striving for personal holiness so that we receive our adoption completely as God’s beloved sons and daughters.

Peace,

Fr. Tom

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said, “Love your neighbor as.....yourself,” (Matthew 22:39)

A TV documentary “The Civil War” took audiences by storm in 1990. One program in the eleven part series featured a letter by Sullivan Ballou to his wife, Sarah, just before the first battle of Bull Run. Realizing he might be killed, he wrote: “How hard it is to...burn to ashes the hopes of future years when, God willing, we might still have lived and loved together to see our boys grown to honorable manhood around us. If I do not return, my dear Sarah, never forget how much I loved you, nor that when my last breath escapes me on the battlefield, it will whisper your name. Forgive....the many pains I have caused you. How thoughtless....I have sometimes been.” Sullivan was killed at Bull Run.

How readily do I express my feelings to my loved ones?

I shall always be with you in the brightest day and in the darkest night. Sullivan Ballou to Sarah

from Mark Link S.J. *Vision 2000*

Next Week Ministry Schedule

November 4
4:00pm

EM: Vanita Joerling, Donna Cuddihee, Carole Baker,
Bernadine Pollihan, Ann Zaleuke, Judy Cova,
Jennifer Fredrick, Pat Noack
Lec: Jerry Knott, Chuck Kettler
GB: Tom & Mary Jean Hartenbach
Serv: Lindsey & Madelyn Bouquet
Ush: Dave Hendrix, Tim Wilson, Bryan Potter,
Chris Cuddihee

November 5
7:30am

EM: Rich Molitor, John Fiacco, Peggy Dupree,
Kris Jenkins, Jan Kardasz, Betty Tuepker
Lec: Lucy Smith, Suzanne Michaelree
GB: Dot Welge, Loretta Bruns
Serv: Connor & Sydney Jaeckle
Ush: Walt Reel, Larry Koch, Ed Rabbitt, Gary Potter

9:30am

EM: Pat Gentry, Joe Faron Sr., Mary Hannig,
Joni Marren-Slaughter, Bob & Irene Caldwell,
Chris Richter, Steve Williams
Lec: Bob Leeker, Nancy Meyers
GB: Stafford Family
Serv: Lannah Montgomery, Maggie & Morgan Molitor
Ush: Stan Kosteki, Dave DeBold, Brian Corrigan,
George Stark, Joe Weber, Curt Eccardt

This Week at Home



Monday, October 30

Boy Scouts, Trailer, 6pm
Cub Scouts, Founders Hall, 6:30pm
Baptismal prep, Weber Hall, 7pm (preregister please)
Bell Choir, Church, 7pm
POP meeting, Grand Hall, 7pm

Tuesday, October 31

Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, 9am
Exercise, Grand Hall foyer, 9am
Chili Cookoff/Dessert Challenge, Founders Hall, 6pm

Wednesday, November 1—All Saints Day

Masses at 8am and 7pm
Church office closed—no morning Bible Study
PSR, Weber Hall/Founders Hall/trailer, 6pm
Ephesians, Grand Hall, 6pm
Reconciliation, 7pm

Thursday, November 2

Exercise Class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am
RCIA, Weber Hall, 6:30pm
Mass of Remembrance, 7:00pm
Choir, church, following evening Mass

Friday, November 3

Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30am—noon
New member Wine/Cheese, rectory, 6:30pm

Saturday, November 4

Reconciliation following 8am Mass
Food Pantry open 9-10:30am
Jonah Team will pray with you after 4pm Mass

Sunday, November 5

Jonah Team will pray with you after both Masses

Mass of Remembrance November 2, 2017 7:00pm



ALL
SOULS
DAY

ALL are invited to this evening Mass on All Souls Day, to remember our loved ones who have gone before us, whether recently or some time ago. A special invitation has been extended to those who have lost a loved one in the past year and whose funeral was at IHM. Join us in remembering loved ones, and offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for them. Please pray with us Thursday, November 2 in the big church.

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!



Join the Holy Father's prayer intentions for October: For Workers and the Unemployed

That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.



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

Mass Intentions For The Week



LAST WEEK (with apologies from the editor)

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| Monday, October 23 | |
| 8:00am | Ben Bader + Anna Marie Ruettgers + |
| Tuesday, October 24 | |
| 8:00am | Jim Blondin + Joseph Limmer + |
| Wednesday, October 25 | |
| 8:00am | Mary Barr + |
| Thursday, October 26 | |
| 8:00am | Rita Barta + |
| Friday, October 27 | |
| 8:00am | All Souls |
| Saturday, October 28 | |
| 8:00am | Dr. Joseph Costello Jr. + |
| 4:00pm | People of the Parish Jim Wolf + |
| Sunday, October 29 | |
| 7:30am | All Souls |
| 9:30am | Bob Rahm + Jack Tersteeg + |

THIS WEEK

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| Monday, October 30 | |
| 8:00am | Jackie Konieczny + |
| Tuesday, October 31 | |
| 8:00am | intention of Tom & Mary Jean Hartenbach |
| Wednesday, November 1 | |
| 8:00am | Priests who have served IHM |
| 7:00pm | living/deceased of the Miller Family |
| Thursday, November 2 | |
| 8:00am | Cy Bamert + |
| 7:00pm | deceased of IHM during the past year |
| Friday, November 3 | |
| 8:00am | Holy Vocations Al Bamert + |
| Saturday, November 4 | |
| 8:00am | Leonard & Leon Ferguson + |
| 4:00pm | Lucille Smith + Jack & Pearl Hackett + |
| Sunday, November 5 | |
| 7:30am | People of the Parish Steve Seper + |
| 9:30am | Erma Guinn + |

Contributions: October 21/22

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| General Offertory: | \$6,834.00 |
| Online—General Offertory: | \$4,185.00 |
| Total Offertory | \$11,019.00 |

*"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,
with all your soul and with all your mind."*
MATTHEW 22:37

Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you really recognize that everything you have and everything you are is a gift from God? The good news—it's not too late to put God first in your life in all things.

*We pray to recognize that everything we have
and everything we are is a gift from God.*



Heavenly Duster

Clara Haas

Purificators

Pat Roche

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 this Sunday's Gospel we find the truth that loving God isn't merely a matter of fervor in our hearts, but that it must be expressed in doing good for the sake of others.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help those who are hungry.



Warm Clothing Collection

IHM will collect winter coats, sweaters, sweatshirts, hats, gloves, scarves or any warm clothing between now and 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.

AM 1460 KHOJ, Catholic radio
For inspiration and encouragement
in your spiritual life



Our parish family joyfully welcomes
Joseph Lee Feldmann
son of Tyler and Alicia (Dickherber) Feldmann

Please pray for all the sick and suffering

In the hospital:
Ann Fitzgerald, Bob Keymer, Amy Robbins

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 mjhartench@gmail.com.



Rest in Peace



** Correction **

We offer our prayerful sympathy to the family of
Bill and Kim McNiff on the death of her brother

Rick Karius

May he rest in the eternal peace of Christ.



October is Respect Life Month

"I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself."

—*Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta*



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.

The Desire for God

1. The name for man's response to God, who reveals Himself and gives Himself to Man.
2. The desire for God is written in the human _____.
3. The expressions of belief are so universal that one may well call man a _____ being.
4. The search for God demands of man every effort of intellect and a sound _____.
5. This man wrote, "You have us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you."

Ways to Know God

6. One who seeks God discovers certain ways of coming to know Him. These are called _____ for the existence of God.
7. There exists a reality which is the first cause and final end of all things, a reality that everyone calls _____.
8. One can come to a knowledge of God as the origin and the end of the universe from the beauty of this.
9. Having its origin in God, and irreducible to the merely material, this is the name for the seed of eternity we bear in ourselves.
10. But for man to be able to enter into real intimacy with Him, God willed to _____ Himself.

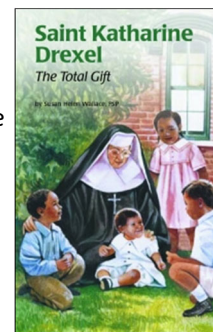
Readings for the Week

Mon: Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17
Tue: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21
Wed: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Thu: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40
Fri: Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6
Sat: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sun: Mal 1:14b — 2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1-3; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.
—Ephesians 6:18

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 4th grade patron: St. Katharine Drexel. Katharine Drexel was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on November 26, 1858. When Katharine grew up, she was a very active Catholic. She directed her energies and her fortune to helping the poor and forgotten. Her work for Jesus would be among the African American and Native American people. In 1891, Katharine began a new religious community of missionaries. They were called the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. Katharine became known as Mother Katharine. Mother Katharine inherited her family's great fortune. She used the money for wonderful works of charity. She and her sisters built schools, convents, and churches. In 1915, they established Xavier University in New Orleans. Mother Katharine died on March 3, 1955, at the age of ninety-seven. She was declared "blessed" by Pope John Paul II on November 20, 1988, and canonized on October 1, 2000. She is the second native-born United States citizen to be declared a saint. The story of Saint Katharine will help children rethink the value of money and how it is best used, and value treating people with compassion.



A Healing Miracle Through the Intercession of Katharine Drexel

The miraculous healing of Bob Gutherman's eardrum provided the first of two miracles which led to Katharine Drexel being declared a saint.

Article excerpts from Jim Graves at <http://www.ncregister.com/blog/jimgraves/this-mans-ear-was-miraculously-healed-thanks-to-st.-katharine-drexel>
Picture: Bob Gutherman and Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua greet Pope St. John Paul II at St. Katharine Drexel's canonization ceremony in 2000.



St. Katharine Drexel (1858-1955) is founder of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament and is known for founding schools and missions to serve blacks and Indians. She was beatified by Pope St. John Paul II in 1988 and canonized in 2000. Bob Gutherman of Bristol Township, Pennsylvania was present for both ceremonies. Not only is he personally devoted to Mother Katharine, but it was the miraculous healing of his eardrum through her intercession which provided the first of two miracles which led to her being declared a saint.

Bob tells the story: "I was 14 years old and in the 9th grade in 1974, when I developed a severe ear infection. I had been to a series of different doctors, who were treating it as a normal ear infection. I was in severe pain. It affected my right ear. Some of my brothers had done work at the motherhouse of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament in Bensalem, Pennsylvania, where we lived. They performed maintenance and janitorial work, and helped out in the library. They had told the sisters that I was not feeling well. One of the sisters spoke to my mother, telling her 'we believe that Mother Katharine is in heaven. We'll pray to her, and we want you to say this prayer that Bob's pain will either become more tolerable or go away completely.'"

"Not long after, I went into the hospital for an exploratory operation. The doctor told us that there were three bones in the ear that you needed to be able to hear, and two of mine in the right ear had been destroyed by the infection. He said I'd never hear in my right ear again. A few days later, I told my mother that I could hear fine out of both my ears. The doctor gave me a hearing test and confirmed it." "Was the pain gone?" "Yes. It stopped after I had the exploratory operation." "What did the doctor say to this?" "I went back for a check-up. The doctor was talking to himself and writing notes. He was saying, 'I don't believe what I'm seeing. Your body is reconstructing its anatomy.' There had been a lot of damage to my ear, and he expected to do reconstructive surgery. But he told us that if my body continued to heal, he wouldn't have to. He didn't. My mother told him that the family had been praying to Katharine, and thought it was a miracle. He responded, 'Well, I have no other explanation for it.'"

"And you told the sisters?" "Yes. We went knocking on their door, saying 'We have a story to tell you.' The sister we spoke to listened, and then asked us to write the story down and send it to her. Sometime later, we got a call from our Archdiocese of Philadelphia, wanting us to come in to tell the story again. We were told that an investigation was beginning, looking into my healing as a possible miracle. The investigation continued for the next 14 years. There was a series of tests and doctors I saw. In Rome, their doctors reviewed the findings. In 1988, it was declared to be a miracle attributed to Katharine's intercession."

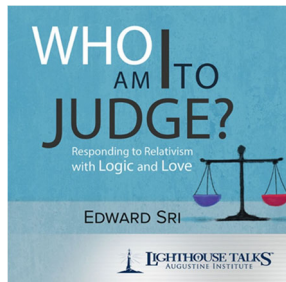
"The miracle being that two of the bones in your right ear had been miraculously restored and you could hear normally without any pain?" "Yes. My doctor testified that those two bones were gone, and then returned. I mean, say you lost an arm in an accident. Would it ever grow back? No. Well, two bones in my right ear did." (See website link above for the rest of the story)

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**.

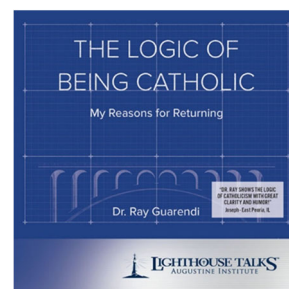


Discussing moral issues with family and friends can be a challenge in a culture that strongly promotes the idea that there is no objective truth. Speaking from a wealth of personal experience, renowned author and theologian Dr. Edward Sri provides 5 “keys” to enable Christians to oppose with logic and love what Pope Benedict XVI called the “dictatorship of relativism.” He also clarifies the proper understanding of what it means to judge, and the importance of making good judgments.

This talk not only helped me understand what relativism is, but more importantly it gave me simple, practical ways to defend against it. Rowena - NSW, Australia

Dr. Ray Guarendi shares his story of how logic led him home to the Catholic Church. He found out that, contrary to his Protestant misunderstandings, the Church is coherent and never contradicts herself. Dr. Ray explains how the answers to his objections to Catholicism were both Biblical and believed by the earliest Christians. Explore the logic that led him to the fullness of truth.

Dr. Ray is easy to listen to. He jokes while he provides insight and useful information about our faith. You will better understand your faith and better be able to defend after listening to this talk.



ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

October 29, 2017

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In the United States today, numerous Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests past age 70 benefit from the Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Donations to this special collection provide funding that helps religious communities care for senior members and plan for long-term retirement needs.

On the weekend of November 5, all parishes in the Archdiocese of St. Louis will take up the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, an opportunity for you to acknowledge the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests for their faithful service.

Whether or not we realize it, we are all beneficiaries of the tremendous contributions these women and men have made to the Church in the United States. Through hard work, prayer, and sacrifice, they built Catholic schools and hospitals, initiated programs to promote social justice, and ministered to the neediest among us.

Today, many religious communities struggle to care for their elderly members. Elder sisters, brothers, and religious order priests dedicated their lives to service and prayer, and some lack adequate retirement savings. Increasing health-care costs and decreased income make it difficult to provide necessary medical care, costly medications and basic services.

Please consider making a financial gift to assist with the care of our senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Many thanks for considering this request.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Archbishop of St. Louis



Chili Cook-off and Dessert Challenge

for IHM parishioners



October 31 from 6:00 to
8:00pm
Founders Hall



Bring a pot of chili for the judges,
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or just come to eat chili and have fun!

Contact the parish office for more information:
636-398-5270



If you would like to help us on October 31,
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Catholic IQ Answers

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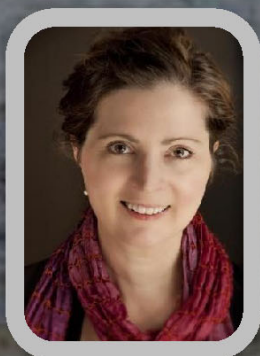
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The breakfast will take place in the Grand Hall, following Mass at 8:00 am.

*There is no charge for this event
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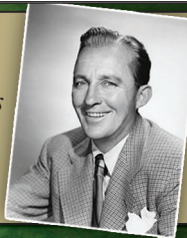


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