



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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Parish Office: 636-398-5270 Fax: 636-398-5577

## 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

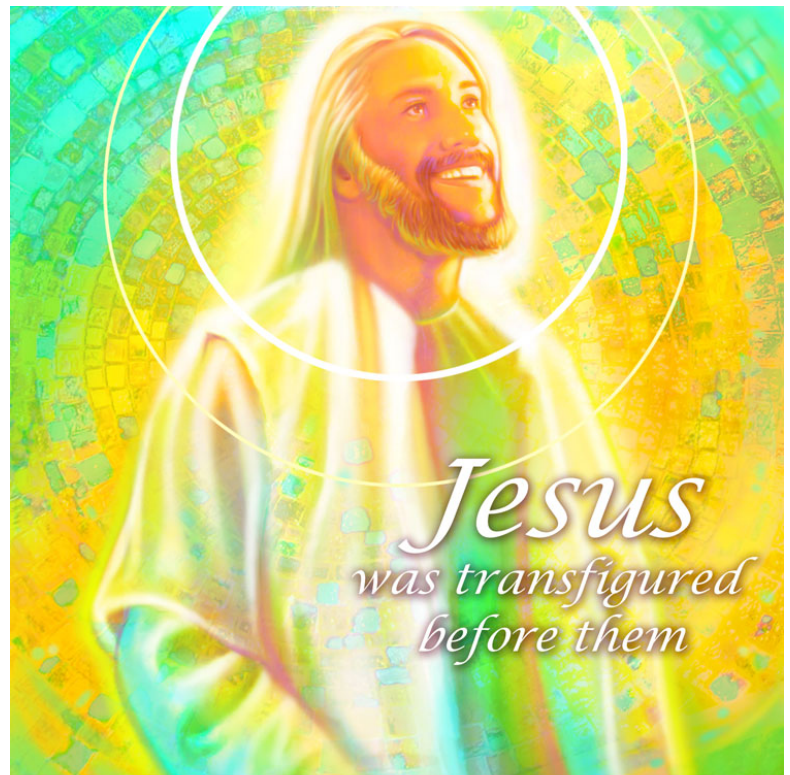
### Baptism:

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

## 2nd Sunday of Lent February 25, 2018



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## This is a Test

I used to wonder how God could lie to Abraham about sacrificing his son Isaac. But the story begins by telling us God put Abraham to the test. Abraham himself seems to know it's a test—in verses left out of our reading, he tells the servants that he and Isaac will return after the sacrifice; he also tells Isaac that God will provide the offering. Apparently, I'm the only one fooled by God.

I don't know if I would have passed the test. I would have at least argued with God about it, begging him to spare my son. Yet in our second reading, St. Paul reminds us that God did not spare his own son. (Rom 8:32) He passed his own test. Jesus was sacrificed so that God could show

us how much he loved us: By dying, Jesus showed us the promise of resurrection, which shows us that we can also have new life by the forgiveness of our sins. If God loves us so much that he gives his Son to die for us, why would he not forgive us? Or as Paul says, if He is on our side, who can hurt us?

What does that tell us about life? You may have noticed that things don't always go your way. We sometimes suffer for no apparent reason. We may lose someone we love through death. We may be tempted to lose faith when we see wars, killer tornados, terrorist attacks—if "God is for us," why does he allow these things? Because he is still testing us.

And not necessarily testing the victims of these troubles. If I get angry at God because I hear about someone's death, I haven't passed the test.

Does that mean those tragedies are our fault? No, God gives everyone free will and some people choose to do wrong. And some accidents are just accidental; no one is necessarily at fault. God intervenes sometimes and lives are saved. Other times, God intervenes by saving us after death with our resurrection. But as long as people doubt God's love, there will be tests. That's why it is so important to proclaim the Kingdom: so that someday all people will know God's love and not need to be tested.

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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

Wednesdays at 8:45 and 6:10pm

## Quick Contacts Directory

### Prayer and Devotion

Eucharistic Adoration  
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 Cemetery Committee  
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 Teresa Berfanger 636-398-5565

FEBRUARY  
25 2018

SECOND SUNDAY OF  
*Lent*

From the cloud  
came a voice:  
"This is my beloved Son.  
Listen to him."

Mark 9:7

## Human Dignity and Race Relations Part 2

Dear Parishioners,

As we look at the issue of racism, we have to keep in mind that anyone can hold racist attitudes and anyone can be a victim of racism. Most, if not all, immigrant groups to our nation faced issues of discrimination and racism at some point in their history. As I mentioned in Sunday's homily, the goal of migration to another nation is assimilation and integration into the larger community. Elements of individual culture will remain no doubt, but as a whole the new group become part of the greater whole.

The group that has had the most difficult time assimilating and integrating into the American society has been African Americans. The shadow of slavery has caused a deep wound in our nation. The entire issue of modern slavery was to have a people of a decidedly different ethnicity cast as slaves. It was easy to identify slaves when they looked very different from the rest of society. It was further complicated by a societal view that Africans were either savages or unable to be as civilized as Europeans. Those false views still haunt the thoughts and views of those who easily decide to embrace racist views.

The long history of racism in our nation before and after the Civil War has led to a very slow integration of African-Americans into the main society. Far too often Blacks lived in their own community, as did many other ethnic groups of immigrants. But unlike other groups of Europeans who looked like the main society, it was easy to see how Blacks were different because of their coloration. It became very easy for Blacks to be victims of sustained racism because it was so easy to see that they were "not one of us."

Within the black community there are issues that have contributed to the lack of integration and assimilation. The most troubling factor is the breakdown of the modern black family. A society without a family rarely creates or sustains the type of environment where a child can mature and advance as an individual. Difficulties in education becomes another contributing factor. Education is the one thing that helps any individual advance far beyond the life into which they were born. Without sustained parental involvement, the vast majority of children fail to excel in education. Many immigrant groups made tremendous sacrifices so their children could receive a better education in order to advance their life. Many of our successful Blacks followed the same pattern. Key individuals helped them rise above the broken circumstances of their birth to become very successful individuals.

There are those who want to keep the current status quo the permanent one. Blacks who have often managed to assimilate and integrate into society can be seen as "sell-outs," "Uncle Tom's," or "Oreos." Those racist words are often used by blacks against their fellow blacks because they have become part of "white society." It is meant to be a stigma against them and a warning to others who might be tempted to follow in their steps.

Let us free ourselves of racist attitudes, thoughts, words and behaviors. We want to remember the fundamental respect that we should have for any individual we meet. We are all God's children. We want to judge people by their attitude and character, not by their race. What flows from the heart makes a person good or evil, capable of friendship, or best to be avoided.

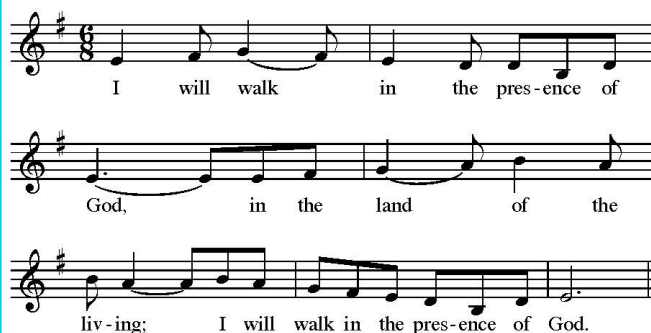
Peace,

*Fr. Tom*

### I WILL WALK IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Psalms 116, adapt. by Rory Cooney

Gary Daigle and Rory Cooney



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## Next Week Ministry Schedule

March 3  
4:00pm

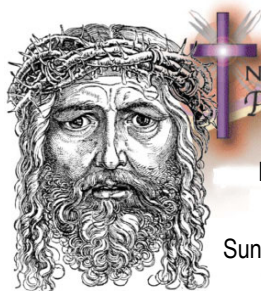
EM: Judy Cova, Wally & Jan Karase, Wilma Zurweller,  
Pat Barnard, Bernadine Pollihan, Pat Noack,  
Jennifer Fredrick  
Lec: Chuck Kettler, Jan Jokisch-Messig  
GB: Carol Harvell, Rita Langford  
Serv: Sophia Hake, Isabelle Scheer  
Ush: Stan Nikonowicz, Chris Cuddihee, Dave Hendrix,  
Bryan Potter

March 4  
7:30am

EM: John & Karen Wappelhorst, Maureen Blondin,  
Peggy Dupree, Betty Tuepker, John Fiocco  
Lec: Lucy Smith, Bob Leeker  
GB: Rich & Jolene Molitor  
Serv: Connor Kuebler, Bridget Goins  
Ush: Mike Stassi, Larry Koch, Walt Reel, Gary Potter

9:30am

EM: Pat Gentry, Mary Hannig, Lisa Murphy,  
Steve Williams, Kris Jenkins, Kat Menne,  
Walter & Nancy Hollenstein  
Lec: Walt Hollenstein III, Michelle Greiwe  
GB: Jerry & Janet Hespen  
Serv: Mary Grace & Janie Becker, Liam Grady  
Ush: Dave DeBold, Brian Corrigan, Terry Schneider,  
Joe Weber, Curt Eccardt, Alan Raymond



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

AM 1460 KHOJ, Catholic radio

## This Week at Home



### Monday, February 26

Scouts, Founders Hall/Trailer, 6:30pm  
Reconciliation, 7pm  
Baptismal prep class, Weber Hall, 7pm

### Tuesday, February 27

Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, 9am  
Children's Choir, church, 6:45pm  
Finance Council, Weber Hall, 7pm  
Reconciliation, 7pm

### Wednesday, February 28

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 1

RCIA, Weber Hall, 6:30pm  
Choir practice, church, 7pm

### Friday, March 2

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



### Saturday, March 3

Mothers of Preschoolers, Founders Hall, 7:50am  
Reconciliation, 8:45am  
St. Vincent de Paul Pantry open 9-10:30am  
Jonah Team will pray with you after 4pm Mass

### Sunday, March 4

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

## Attention Crafters!

There are some tables available for the upcoming craft show in conjunction with the IHM Sausage Dinner on Sunday, 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

## 2nd Sunday of Lent

*[Jesus took Peter, James, and John up a mountain.] Then a cloud appeared and covered them with its shadow, and a voice [said] . . . , "This is my own beloved Son-- Listen to him!"* MARK 9:7

There's a connection between this mountain event (Mount Tabor) and another mountain event (Mount Olivet). On Mount Tabor, Peter, James, and John saw Jesus in a moment of ecstasy, when his divinity was revealed in a privileged way. On Mount Olivet, the same three apostles saw Jesus in a moment of agony, when his humanity was revealed in a privileged way. The two events are complementary in that they reveal the total Jesus in a total way: true God and true man.

How do I tend to relate to Jesus in my prayer life—more as God or man?

Mark Link S.J. *Mission*

### Mass Intentions



**Monday, February 26**

8:00am Peter A. Schepis +

**Tuesday, February 27**

8:00am Iris Bader +

Happy Birthday Deacon Chris

**Wednesday, February 28**

8:00am All Souls

**Thursday, March 1**

8:00am intentions of Roger & Vickie Brink

**Friday, March 2**

8:00am Greg Kettler +

Anna Tevlin +

**Saturday, March 3**

8:00am Dave & Pat Gentry 56th Anniv.

4:00pm People of the Parish

**Sunday, March 4**

7:30am Ed Rabbitt +

Mary Fine +

9:30am Erma Guinn +

Tom Holstein +

### Contributions: February 17/18

General Offertory: \$9,987.25

Online – General Offertory: \$4,795.00

**Total Offertory: \$14,782.25**

*“Here I am!” he answered.*

GENESIS 22:11

It is easy to say “*Here I am, Lord,*” when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say “*Here I am, Lord,*” when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it’s not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

*We pray that we may answer “Here I am, Lord” whenever, wherever and however God calls us to serve him.*



Heavenly Duster Purificators

Nancy Neske

Mary Stassi

### 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*

Lent is a call not just to “give up something” but more important to “give something for the poor.” Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they call the church office. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

**Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul collection will help the poor to believe in the mystery of God’s love for them.**

### ✠ Rest in Peace ✠

We offer our prayerful sympathy

—to Angie and Phil Reise on the death of her mother

**Ruth Whitworth**

—to Judy & Tom Bush on the death of her mother

**Florence Smulski**

—to the family of

**Virginia Randolph**

—to Betty Enderle and Kay & Ray Cherry  
on the death of their granddaughter and niece

**Bobbi Beeson**

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

**Please pray for all the sick and suffering, including:** Gerard Wehrle, Teresa Berfanger

**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](mailto:ritalangford4@gmail.com).

## What's your Catholic Catechism IQ?

It is the 25<sup>th</sup> 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.



### I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST

1. When the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son to redeem us so that we might receive \_\_\_\_\_ as sons.
2. Jesus was born during the reign of Caesar Augustus and was crucified during the reign of this emperor.
3. Catechesis aims at putting people in communion . . . with Jesus Christ, who leads us to share in the life of the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Every Catechist should be able to apply to himself the mysterious words of Jesus: "My \_\_\_\_\_ is not mine, but His who sent me."
5. Whoever is called "to teach Christ" must first seek "the surpassing worth of \_\_\_\_\_ Christ Jesus."

### JESUS

6. "Jesus" means this in Hebrew.
7. It is the Divine name that alone brings salvation, and henceforth all can invoke His name, for Jesus united Himself to all men through His \_\_\_\_\_.
8. The name of the Savior God was invoked only once in the year by the \_\_\_\_\_ in atonement for the sins of Israel.
9. The Hail Mary reaches its high point in the words "blessed is the fruit of \_\_\_\_\_."
10. Many Christians, such as St. Joan of Arc, have died with this word on their lips.

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

## Readings for the Week

- Mon: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38  
Tue: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12  
Wed: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28  
Thu: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31  
Fri: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
Sat: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
Sun: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25



## Lenten Prayer Requests

As we begin the season of Lent we would like to emphasize this season of prayer and healing by inviting you to add your personal prayers to those of our entire community. Please look for a container on the table in the narthex where you can place your prayer requests. This Lent we ask everyone in our community to pray for all of them. Lent is a special time of the year for us as a community to pray for each other and to prepare ourselves for the Glorious Resurrection. At the Easter Vigil, we will burn all of your requests in the Easter fire, raising up your intentions to heaven, realizing that our Lord knows what's in your hearts. Have a blessed Lent.



**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday at 7pm,  
Saturday at 8:45am

Enhance your Lenten plan: check out FORMED!  
[www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org), access code **04c2dc**

## 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 in March, 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.



## Dynamic Catholic® *Alive!*

### Amazing Love

The readings today are so powerful and show the amazing love that God has for His Son Jesus as well as all of His people. God often tests our love to see if it is true and genuine. He tested Abraham in an extraordinarily startling manner, and He tests us in our lives to help us assess if we are truly loving Him with all that we are. God chastises those whom He loves (Hebrews 12:6) and purifies us so that we are able to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. In our work of evangelization, we should constantly pray for the grace to love God and others radically as the saints have. [archstl.org/dynamic](http://archstl.org/dynamic)



Please mark your calendars! during the weekends of March 17/18 through Easter weekend, the Permanent Deacons in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, in conjunction with the Respect Life office, will be collecting diapers for infants and toddlers as part of our 3rd annual diocesan-wide Pro-Life service project to assist families in need. Last year we collected over 185,000 diapers and we'd like to exceed that total this year. We would ask that you please consider placing the purchasing of infant and toddler products on your shopping list. We'll have a table in Weber Hall for collection of diapers. All diapers collected will be donated to assist families in our parish community, with the help of our Pro Life organization and St. Vincent de Paul. For more information, speak to either Deacon Chris or Deacon Tony or give the office a call. We ask you to pray for the success of this project and to please be as generous as possible.



**Join the Holy Father's prayer intentions for February: Say "No" to Corruption**  
That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

## 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.

## IHM Lenten Fish Fries



**March 2, 9, 16, 23**  
**Serving from 4:30—7:00pm**

**\$12: Adults Dine in**  
**\$10: Adults Carry out**  
**\$6: Kids 12 and under Dine in**  
**\$5: Kids 12 and under Carry out**

### 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**

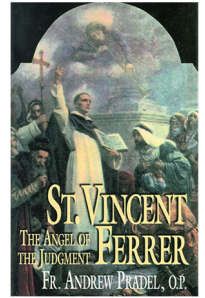
**We need your help!**  
**Please browse the sign-up sheets**  
**and put your name down.**  
**It's a great way to meet and visit**  
**with other parishioners AND**  
**serve our neighbors!**



## PSR corner

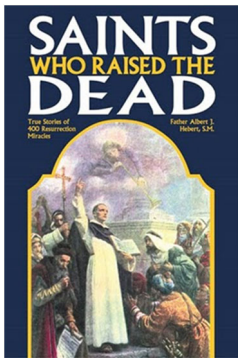
Every PSR class has a chosen patron saint which catechists help students learn about. After 8 years, students will have learned more about 8 folks in God's Holy Hall of Fame. Meet the 8th grade patron— St. Vincent Ferrer.

Commissioned by Our Lord Himself to preach His Gospel, St. Vincent began at age 50 an apostolate of preaching that would extend to France, Italy, Spain, Belgium, Switzerland, Austria, Germany and a few other countries as well. Travelling with him were as many as 10,000 people, including at least 50 priests. The throngs that gathered to hear him came from many miles around, such that he was forced to preach in the open--no church being large enough to hold all the people.



## Mysteries, Marvels and Miracles in the Life of the Church: St. Vincent Ferrer (Feast Day: April 5)

From: <http://www.miraclesofthesaints.com/2010/10/saints-who-raised-dead-people-brought.html>



One of the greatest miracle workers in the history of the Catholic Church was the Dominican priest St. Vincent Ferrer (1350-1419). So great a missionary was St. Vincent Ferrer that he can only be compared to the Twelve Apostles. His accomplishments were incredible and rare in the whole history of the Church; his life story contains one amazing story after another, many of these are documented in the book *"St Vincent Ferrer –The Angel of the Judgment"* by Father Andrew Pradel, O.P.

When St. Vincent Ferrer was 46 years old, suffering from a grievous illness, Our Lord appeared to him, accompanied by St. Francis and St. Dominic; Our Lord said to Vincent, among other things, ***"Arise, then, and go to preach against vice; for this have I specially chosen thee. Exhort sinners to repentance, for My judgment is at hand."*** During this vision St. Vincent was immediately cured.

Two years later, in 1398, he was given permission to begin his apostolate of preaching. St. Vincent travelled all over western Europe preaching penance, attracting enormous crowds, and followed by thousands of disciples. He converted St. Bernardine of Siena and Blessed Margaret of Savoy. Vincent had the gift of languages; preaching in his Valencian idiom he was understood wherever he went; and in conversation he spoke French, Italian, German or English as fluently as his native tongue.

Learning about the many other wonders of St. Vincent makes it easier to accept the accounts of his death-to-life miracles. The Acta Sanctorum records 873 miracles performed by the saint, but there were actually many more. In 1412 Vincent himself told a crowd, *"God has wrought in His mercy, through me a miserable sinner, three thousand miracles."* After that Vincent lived seven more years, which was a period of even greater miracles.

The Bollandist hagiographers tell of 70 persons who were delivered from diabolical possession by St. Vincent Ferrer. St. Antonius (Antoninus), Archbishop of Florence, another learned Dominican about 30 years old when Vincent died, stated that St. Vincent had raised 28 persons from the dead.

Near Palma of Majorca St. Vincent Ferrer stilled a storm in order to preach from a wharf. At Beziers he stopped a flood. At the gates of Vannes he cured a great number of the sick. At Guerande he delivered a man possessed by the devil and more dead than alive. In France he had the British victors at Caen praying together with the defeated French for a sick man, who was then cured--and all of them, enemies or not, shouted for joy. At Leride he cured a cripple in the presence of the king.

One should note that none of these miracles were performed for mere sensationalism, which the saints despise. They were worked for various good purposes, especially the conversion of sinners and the strengthening of faith. As St. Vincent stated, miracles are worked for the glory of God. This was also stated by Christ at the grave of Lazarus, and to His Apostles. The saints' powers are of course limited by God, to whom all power belongs. Otherwise, with unrestricted powers, the saints could be "as gods." ***-St Vincent Ferrer, pray for us!***

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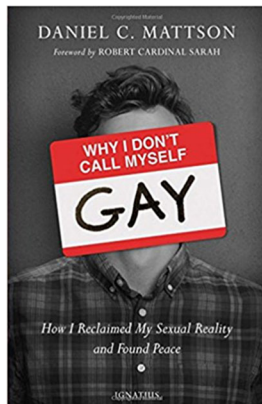
**Stations of the Cross for Kids**  
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## St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

*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**.*

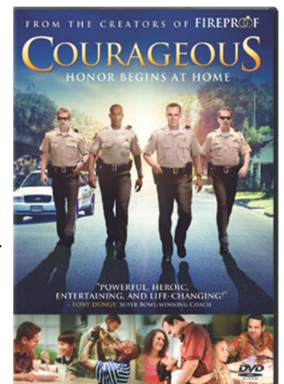
### From the Parish Library – Stoltz Grand Hall – Lower Level



**Daniel Mattson** once believed he was gay. Raised in a Christian family, and aware of attractions to other boys at age six, Mattson's life was marked by constant turmoil between his faith in God and his sexual attractions. Finding the conflict between his sexual desires and the teachings of his church too great, he assumed he was gay, turned his back on God, and began a relationship with another man. Yet freedom and happiness remained elusive until he discovered Christ and his true identity. In this frank memoir, Mattson chronicles his journey to and from same-sex attraction, finding peace in his true identity, as a man, made in the image and likeness of God. Part autobiography, part philosophy of life, and part a practical guide in living chastely, the book draws lessons from Mattson's search for inner freedom and integrity, sharing wisdom from his failures and successes. His lifelong search for happiness and peace comes full circle in his realization that, above all else, what is true about him is that he is a beloved son of God, loved into existence by God, created for happiness in this life and the next. Mattson's book is for anyone who has ever wondered who he is, why he is here, and, in the face of suffering, where to find joy, happiness, and the peace that surpasses all understanding.

### From the Lighthouse Catholic CD Rack -- Narthex

From a reviewer at Amazon. From start to finish, **Courageous** is loaded with various examples of courageous actions, and includes several other examples of how it's best not to put off good actions today. We loved this movie so much that we've shown it to our extended families and used it as a model to discuss several themes as they might pertain to daily life. One of the movie's great strengths was highlighting the importance of men providing strong male role models for their families. Some men were able to provide good, effective support to their families; some men failed; and some just had to try again, step by step. Taken as a whole, this is one of the best - perhaps THE best family movie ever made. Powerful, exciting, thought provoking, humorous, and filled with topics worth discussing at every level of life.



## “SHOW ME LIFE” PRO-LIFE ACTION DAY AT STATE CAPITOL MARCH 13, 2018

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 [mrs.eastern@yahoo.com](mailto:mrs.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! [www.missourilife.org](http://www.missourilife.org)



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8:50am

### Return

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## News from our Neighbors

**SSM St. Joseph Hospital, Lake St. Louis**, is in need of volunteers to serve as **Eucharistic Ministers** for patients. Permanent weekly and substitute volunteers are both needed. If you are interested in helping with this valuable ministry, contact Barb Hutchinson, Volunteer Director, for interview and Orientation (636-947-5466) and Sr. Donna Olson, Pastoral Care Chaplain, for interview and Shadow Training (636-542-9533).

**Help Ronald McDonald Provide a Home Away from Home for Families with Sick Children.** The census in Mercy Children's Hospital has been high lately and Ronald McDonald House and Family Room are running low on food supplies for families. The Ronald McDonald House on Mercy's campus provides out of town pediatric families lodging and meals while the child receives treatment. The Ronald McDonald Family Room provides a respite for families of hospitalized pediatric patients. The Family Room allows parents and families to grab a quick, complimentary meal, take a shower or get online. The Ronald McDonald House and Room depend on donations to provide meals and snacks. During the month of February, Mercy Kids Crew will collect individually wrapped microwaveable meals and single serve snacks to donate to Ronald McDonald House and Family Room. All donations for Mercy will directly go to support patients and families at Mercy. Help Ronald McDonald stock their shelves and care for Mercy pediatric patients and families. For questions, please call 314-251-6180 or Julia Rothermich 636-248-1911.

**Engaged or Married?** Creighton Model Fertility Care classes are available at **St. Joseph Hospital Lake St. Louis** on Saturdays at noon March 3, April 21 and May 19. Registration required: 1-866-776-3627.

**St. Paul Church Spring Quilt Social:** Saturday, March 3 at St. Paul Knights of Columbus Hall. Doors open at 11am, bingo begins at noon. Lunch and refreshments available for purchase. Handmade quilts, raffles and prizes!

**Monthly Recollection for Women:** on Wednesday, March 7, 7:30—9:30 at St. Cletus parish. A priest of Opus Dei will give two meditations, confession. For more information, please contact Mary Schlueter 314-517-1277 or Maureen Branson 314-322-9711.

**Grief Support Series at St. Patrick, Wentzville** begins Thursday, March 8 from 7-9pm in the rectory conference room. Grief support is available to anyone 18 years or older. For more info, please call Connie at 314-566-5469 or Sally at 636-236-2573.

**Trivia Night to benefit the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood.** CPPS Partners in Mission is sponsoring a Trivia Night emceed by Greg Damon of KMOX to benefit the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood on Saturday, March 10 at St. Joseph School cafeteria, 1351 Motherhead Rd., Cottleville 63304. Doors open at 6pm. Trivia begins at 7pm. Beer and soda provided. \$200 for a table of 8. To reserve a table or for additional information, please contact Dawn Boschert at 314-914-3201.

**Immaculate Conception, Dardenne Prairie Quilt Social** will be held on Saturday, March 17. Doors open at 10 and bingo begins at noon. Lunch is available for purchase.





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