



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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Website: www.ihm-newmelle.org

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Schedule of Holy Mass

Saturday: 8:00am, 4:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
 Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am
 Weekdays: 8:00am, in church

Weekly Devotions and Prayers

Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday 8:30am until Friday, 11:00am

Rosary:

Following 8am Mass weekdays & before Sat. 4pm.

Perpetual Help Devotions:

Tuesdays following 8am Mass

Respect Life Prayers:

Thursday following 8am Mass

First Saturday of the Month Devotions

8am Mass, Rosary, 15 minutes of meditation

Sacraments

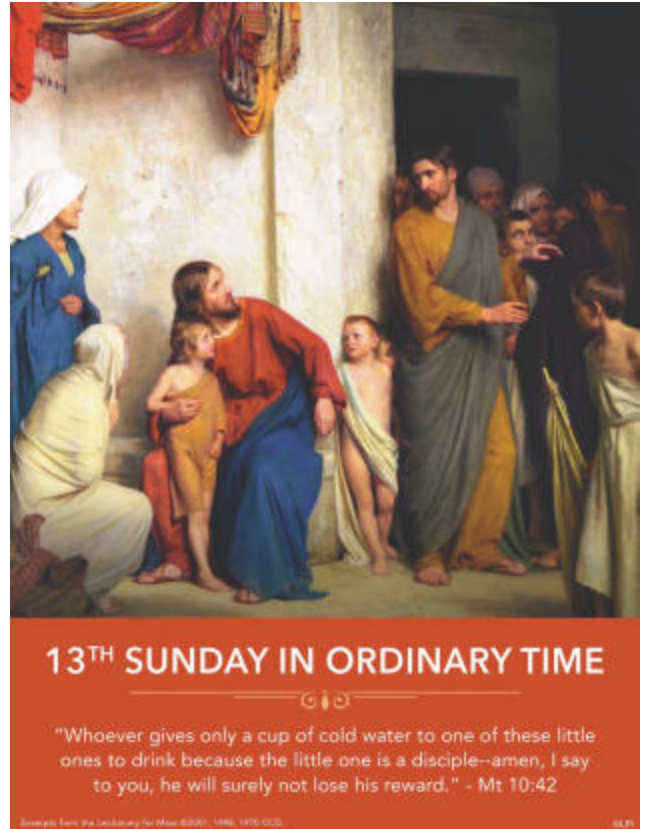
Reconciliation: Wednesday in church, 7pm
 Saturday following 8am Mass

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

JUNE 28, 2020



DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

When we were baptized, we were baptized into Christ's death. Take a moment to ponder these profound words. We were baptized into death. In every sense of the word, we are asked to die. This is not just about our final death but about daily deaths due to inconvenience, discomfort, pain, loss, or others' needs. This is an incredible epiphany given the way we very often approach our lives. We do everything to avoid death, let alone encounter it! Many avoid pain, discomfort, inconvenience, uneasiness, change, interference, and suffering of any kind. We put a lot of energy into finding the easiest and least inconvenient way through many things. Even holding the door open for a stranger or saying hello to someone in the store can be major undertakings.

We are called to die. One of the biggest wake-up calls we can have is realizing that life is not about us! There are millions of other people sharing life on this planet with whom I have a relationship. Does my life celebrate those relationships? The most distracting question we can ask is, "What do I want to do?" The more focused, faith-filled question is, "What do I need to do?" What I need to do may not be what I want to do. However, asking this question more frequently will teach us how to more purposefully and intentionally live so we can be a life giving vessel for others. When we learn to live more sacrificially, to put the needs of others before our own, and to not always seek our own self-interest, we become aware of what baptism into Christ's death is really all about. These are the roots of virtue and the seedbed for

justice, tolerance, solidarity, love, and peace.

Learning how to accept all the "small deaths" and sacrifices life calls us to teaches us how to approach our final death. All deaths ask us to empty ourselves into something or someone else. Whether we empty ourselves into the heart and soul of another human being or empty ourselves into God at the moment of our final death, new life is always received and nurtured. A heart that exclusively seeks its own interest is a heart that is closed to love. A heart that pours itself out to others and is content with being emptied is a heart that has been touched by and open to mercy. It is a heart that overflows with joy.

Welcome to Immaculate Heart of Mary: *Informed—Hospitable—Missionary*

Parish Staff

Parish Office: 636-398-5270

Fr. Tom Miller, Pastor *askpadre@aol.com*
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Religious Education

Shawn Mueller, Director

636-398-5270, *smueller@ihm-newmelle.org*

Parish School of Religion
Grades 1 thru 8, September thru May, 6-7:30pm, Wednesdays
Confirmation Preparation
8th Grade—September thru May, 6-7:30pm, Wednesdays
Children's Liturgy of the Word
September thru May, during the 9:30am Sunday Mass
Adult Education
Wednesdays at 8:45am and 6:10pm, September thru May
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—contact Shawn for schedule

Quick Contacts Directory

Weddings, Receptions, Events

Pat Gentry, Hall Rental 636-398-5270
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Mary Keune, Event Coordinator 636-398-5270

Prayer and Devotion

Eucharistic Adoration
Shawn Mueller 636-398-5270
Legion of Mary
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Prayer Chain
Brenda Hutchcraft 636-248-8493
Prayer Intercession/Jonah Team
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Prayer Shawl Ministry
Julia Kettler 314-616-0096

Liturgical Ministries

Extraordinary Ministers
Irene Caldwell 636-398-4311
Lectors
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Gary Struckhoff 636-828-6067
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Music Ministry
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Adult Choir
Mary Sweeten 314-324-3249
Children's Choir
Elizabeth Jaeckle 636-828-4811
Contemporary Music Group
Debbie Gillespie 636-398-4971
Praise & Worship Band
Steve Farber 636-751-3567

Parish Organizations

Budget & Finance
Larry Graves 314-799-9804
Cemetery Committee
Mark Keune 314-220-7075
Dinner Committee
Jeff Comotto 314-570-6972
Funeral Lunches
Carol Grady 314-662-2281
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Vicki Grunz 636-497-5230
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John Grady 314-662-2138
Mary Fischer 636-561-7747
Bob Hutchcraft 636-346-3471
Maria Romine-Kantor 314-614-0857
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Bob Hutchcraft 636-346-3471
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Quilters
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Scouting
Chuck Hinkle 636-544-6639
Cub Scouts: Adam McCarthy 636-634-7622
Boy Scouts: Chad Peters 314-807-7177
St. Vincent de Paul
Joe Willis 636-398-2106
Welcoming Committee
Teresa Berfanger 636-398-5565

Youth and Young Adults

High School Youth Leader
Janet Hespen 314-369-6521
Young Adults
Julie Lassiter 636-357-0121

Dear parishioners,

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Nation and the gifts we possess from God we never want to take for granted the wisdom of our Founders and the sacrifices made by them and many after them to assure us of their continuation. Rights are God given and government ensured. While the past of our Nation is far from perfect because of human sinfulness, it is the best effort yet to create a society of freedom, peace and prosperity for all citizens.

Please pray for all those who serve our Nation.

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Prayers for Our Nation

Heavenly Father, today I pray for our Nation. I ask that You would give our President wisdom beyond his own understanding and the courage to choose the right path no matter how narrow the gate. I pray for all in authority over us that You would give them the grace and strength to stand against the temptation to use power as a weapon but rather to carry it reverently as one would a child. I pray for the spiritual leaders of our country that they would hear Your voice and know your heart. I pray that they would lead with courageous humility and by that simple grace bring each one of us to our knees before Your throne alone. Have mercy on our Nation Lord, In Jesus name, Amen.

Heavenly Father, please protect our nation, our military and our leaders. Turn our Nation's hearts towards you Holy Father, that we may put You first and obey Your commandants; that we may not be lukewarm in our lifestyles but stand courageously and confidently in Your most holy and precious Word, Your Son, Jesus Christ. We pray that we may acknowledge You always in our daily lives and glorify You with all that we do. Amen.

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR A

Jesus said, "Whoever does not take up his cross and follow in my steps is not fit to be my disciple."
(Matthew 10:38)

A scene in the film *American Anthem* shows a young man who can't accept the fact that he lost a leg in an accident. He draws the blinds of his room, lets nobody in, and passes his time in darkness, listening to music. Contrast this scene with another scene. Walking along a crowded street, Bruce hears someone singing joyfully. When he locates the source, he couldn't believe his eyes. It was a legless man, pushing himself along in a wheelchair. One person's rejection of a cross brought sadness: the other's acceptance of it brought joy.

What is one cross in my life that I am finding hard to accept?

I thank God for my handicaps, for through them, I have found myself, my work, and my God. Helen Keller

Fr. Mark Link S.J.

Ministry Schedule

June 27—4pm

EM: Deacon Chris Ast, Ann Zaleuke,
Chris Warren, Pat Roche
Lec: Nancy Ast, Joe Willis
Serv: Izzy Scheer
Music: Brooke & Bryan
Ush: Tim Wilson, Andy Pope, Tom Zaleuke,
Ed Etzkorn, Bill & Bernie Pollihan

June 28—7:30am

EM: Deacon Tony Falbo, Dianne Dickherber,
Jan Kardasz, Betty Tuepker
Lec: Kris Jenkins, Dave London
Serv: Sydney Jaeckle
Music: Elizabeth & Verdi
Ush: Frank Kardasz, Ron Jacob, **need 1 more please**
Bob & Teresa Berfanger, Tom Meczowski

June 28—9:30am

EM: Deacon Tony Falbo, Maureen Blondin,
Sharon Smith, Patrice Riley
Lec: Grant Smith, Pat Gentry
Serv: William Lassiter
Music: Debbie & Bryan
Ush: Larry Smith, Michelle Greiwe, Joe Weber,
Chris Molitor, Alan Raymond, Gary Struckhoff

June 28—11:30am

EM: Mary Busby-Simpson, Chris Menne
Lec: Kat Menne, Chuck Hinkle
Serv: Thomas Kokker
Music: Contemporary Group
Ush: Ron Simpson, Tim Maher, **need 2 more please**

Ministry Schedule

June 20—4pm

EM: Deacon Chris Ast, Bob Brossette,
Ed Etzkorn, Sharon Hagan
Lec: Jerry Knott, Yvonne Brossette
Serv: Zara Panus
Music: Maya & Bryan
Ush: Wally & Jan Karase, Chris Cuddihee,
Bill & Bernadine Pollihan, Mike Rieker

June 21—7:30

EM: Deacon Tony Falbo, Dianne Dickherber,
Maureen Blondin, Betty Tuepker
Lec: Mary Hardesty, Kris Jenkins
Serv: **need a volunteer**
Music: Brooke & Verdi
Ush: Bob & Teresa Berfanger, Tom Meczowski,
Dave London, Gary Potter, Brenda Hutchcraft

June 21—9:30

EM: Deacon Tony Falbo, Laura Orf,
Don & Susan Hladky
Lec: Pat Gentry, Michelle Greiwe
Serv: Janie Becker
Music: Mary Ann & Bryan
Ush: Larry Smith, Alan Raymond, Gary Struckhoff,
Chris Molitor, Joe Weber, Jerry Hespen

June 21—11:30am

EM: Chris & Kat Menne
Lec: Mary Busby-Simpson, Marcy Pivin
Serv: Thomas Kokker
Music: Contemporary Group
Ush: Chuck Hinkle, Ron Simpson, Tim Maher, John Hofman

Heavenly Duster Schedule

Week of June 28: Dot Keune
Week of July 5: Karen Wilson
Week of July 12: Elizabeth Jaeckle

Purificators

Month of June: June Spiess
Month of July: Carol Ostermeyer



Marriage in Christ has been promised between
Megan Preuss and Russell Hook



Janet Hespen, Youth Minister,
314-369-6521

All teens: join us for IHM Youth Group

Zoom meetings every Thursday evening at 6:30pm. It lasts 1 hour and is lots of fun. Yes, we play lots of games.

Download Zoom app on your phone or get your computer and use this information for Thursday night meetings: meeting ID is 636-268-5487, pw 099612

PHOTOS WANTED PLEASE! (AND THANK YOU!)

Looking ahead to our new photo directory, we have had some interesting events happen during the year. We are asking any of our parishioners who may have photo-captured some of these events to consider sharing them with the parish office. Please send them to Peggy in the office with a short description. A few of the subjects that we would like to highlight in this year's directory are:

- Mass watching t-shirts
- Good Shepherd Sunday parade for Fr. Tom (47 cars!)
- Corpus Christi consecration of parish boundaries
- a full page devoted to relatives in the military
- other parish events, i.e. Fall Sausage Dinner, KC Car show, Christmas parties, etc.

We have a great story to tell—help us tell it!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 29

8:00am

All Souls
Charles Vehige +

Tuesday, June 30

8:00am

Rose Reuther +
Ed Haas +

Wednesday, July 1

8:00am

Steve Kettler +
John DiFatta +

Thursday, July 2

8:00am

Dalton Curran +
Cy, Al & John Bamert

Friday, July 3

8:00am

Holy Vocations
Bob Keune +

Saturday, July 4

8:00am

Ed Langford (2nd ann.) +

4:00pm

Bob Cova +
Parents of Jeff & Chris Comotto +

Sunday, July 5

7:30am

the Schneider Family
Mary Fine +

9:30am

Nick Romano +
People of the Parish

11:30am

Travis Watts +
Bob Burke +

CONTRIBUTIONS, JUNE 20/21

General Offertory:	\$6,233.00
Online – General Offertory:	\$6,429.91
TOTAL	\$12,662.91

*“...whoever does not take up his cross
and follow after me is not worthy of me.”*

(Matthew 10:38)

Pope Benedict XVI said, “The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness.” “Comfort” puts me first. “Picking up your cross and following Jesus” puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!

**Let us pray . . . that we use our gifts
in the way that God intended for us.**

NEEDED AT THE PANTRY

sugar, jelly, fruit juices, chicken broth, dish soap, laundry detergent, shaving lotion, razors, hair conditioner, body wash, saltines, cake mixes, icing, brownie mixes, paper products, syrup, bisquick, jiffy mix, jello and pudding



In today's Gospel hear Jesus tell us: “Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—Amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.”

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to “acknowledge the goodness of the Father” by assisting 14 families, providing \$1,512 in food, and \$1,941.32 for car repair, homeless project, and assisting other SVDP conferences with utility and rent bills.

PSR Corner

REGISTRATION FOR FALL OF 2020

The Holy Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation have been received. Summer break is now open us. There was a question about the Fall of 2020 and Registration. Typically we send out notes regarding registration sometime in July. Keep an eye out in the bulletin or for an email. Our start date is the first Wednesday after Labor day in September. This year that will be on September 9th. Please consider having your son or daughter stay plugged in to some resource of intellect-faith formation. In these days of massive confusion, skepticism, sifting through ideas of so-called ‘smart’ people who share completely different views, it can be hard to discern what is the truth or what is right or wrong. The end result is often indifference or relativism. One tool of light is the free gift subscription to FORMED at www.ihm-newmelle.formed.org. Consider taking another look at their expanding base of great Catholic, faithful, intellectual talks and programs.



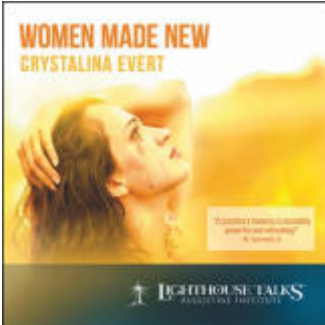
NEW CEMETERY SECTION NOW OPEN.

The price for the lots at this time is \$750, and we will keep this price until September. Also, we still have many niches available in our columbariums for the repose of cremated remains. Give us a call if you are interested in either option!

ST. PAUL LIBRARY / LIGHTHOUSE CD RESOURCES

(Note: With close to 4000 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 Lighthouse CD Rack (Narthex)

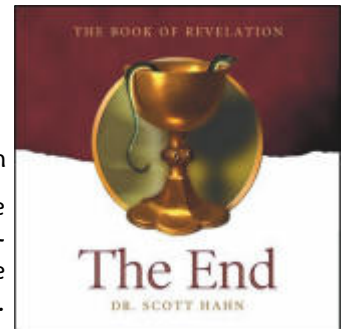


Is it ever too late to start over? In this inspiring talk, Crystalina Evert explains that it doesn't matter what you've done or where you've been; all that matters now is where you go from here. Crystalina has spoken about chastity to hundreds of thousands of people on four continents and is the author of several books including *Pure Womanhood* and *How to Find Your Soulmate Without Losing Your Soul*.

She runs the website **WomenMadeNew.com**, a site dedicated to encouraging women in need of personal healing by empowering them to become the women God created them to be.

THE END - Dr. Scott Hahn

For many Catholics today, interpreting the Book of Revelation presents an almost insurmountable challenge. The dizzying array of exotic symbols and apocalyptic warnings can make St. John's glorious vision seem more like an incomprehensible nightmare, prompting us to ask, "What did he really see?" In this talk, Dr. Hahn explains what the Book of Revelation is really about.



PROPOSAL FOR UPGRADE OF CAMERAS AND INSTALLATION OF PROJECTOR IN THE CHURCH



We are interested in upgrading the cameras that are mounted in church AND install a ceiling mount projector.

We have been blessed with the use of Stan Kostecki's HD camera since the first week we started livestreaming. We have decided to upgrade our in-house system to HD cameras and new controls, computer, and monitors so we can continue to live stream our Sunday Masses, and the weekday Masses as long as the social distancing continues.

The ceiling mounted projector will allow us to control it from the same system as the cameras, and incorporate projecting the worship aids onto the screen as well as on the streamed video, at least while the hymnals are not in the church pews. Then beyond that we can produce better quality videos of weddings and other special occasions.

The cost for all the materials needed for these upgrades comes to about \$13,000. We hope to do the installation with volunteer labor.

I am certain many of us have benefitted from our ability to livestream our Masses during the Covid-19 shutdown. We are asking for donations from our parishioners in order to make this project happen sooner than later for us.

Please consider donating toward this effort. For those of you who participate in online giving, there is now a line item for "Camera Fund."



Pope's Intentions for June: The Way of the Heart

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

Please pray for our troops:

Ian Bagby—U.S. Army
Randy Brittingham—U.S. Air Force
Gregory Conners—U.S. Army
Luke Cwiklowski—U.S. Navy
Joseph Gardner—U.S. Navy
Nicholas Hitt—U.S. Army
Jacob Holstein—U.S. Marines
Courtney Kelley (Swoboda) - U.S. Air Force
Angela Kettler—U.S. Navy
Alexandra McIntosh—U.S. Navy
Danielle McIntosh—U.S. Marines
Richard Ostermeyer—U.S. Marines
Matthew Rison—U.S. Navy
Molly Rison—U.S. Navy
Eric Roethler—U.S. Marines
Andrew Salmo—U.S. Army
Matthew Stovall—U.S. Marines
Blake Varady—U.S. Army
Alexander Vesel—U.S. Navy

and all U.S. military men and women who have dedicated their lives to preserve and protect our country (if you would like your loved one listed, please contact the church office)

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK AND SUFFERING:

Mark Hanna, Phyllis Zerr, Vickie Brink, Sandy Knott, Mike & Pat Ryan, Carol Rabbitt, Fran Bussen, Karla Sitzes, Vicky Monroe, Nancy Hollenstein, Walt Reel, Jean Bamert, Amy Robbins, Kathy Feldewerth, Loretta Bruns, Betty Heppermann, Don Schmidt, Frank Marquart, Cindy White, Janie Roth, Jo Hailey

David & Lisa Debold (Dave & Pam DeBold's children), Dave Asinger (brother-in-law of Larry & Rita Bendel), Fred Brown (son-in-law of Bill & Bernie Pollihan), Leon Burkemper (son of Carol Rabbitt), Loretta Nolan (sister of Kathy Lalonde), Doris Eisenbath (mother of Judy Molitor), Janet Piel (sister of Joni Marren-Slaughter), Loren & Evelyn Brandon (parents of Marty & Peggy Dupree), Audrey Molitor (sister of Flo Joerling), Pat Finan (daughter of Fran Bussen), Steve Wengerski (family friend of Mandy Daub), Jim Raymond (brother of Alan & Marsha Raymond), Sophia Hartsfield (granddaughter of Ed & Marcia Etzkorn), Keith Langford (son of Rita & brother of Valerie Langford)

Hospitalization: If you are hospitalized, please let us know. Please call the office or ask a friend to call for you if necessary.

Communion Calls: If you would like to receive Communion but are unable to get to Mass because of illness or disability, please contact the parish office: 636-398-5270.

Prayer Requests: Brenda Hutchcraft at 636-248-8493 or email brhutchcraft@centurytel.net

✠ REST IN PEACE ✠

We offer our prayerful sympathy on the passing of

Kathleen Giesmann

sister of Mary Ann & David Brakensiek

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



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

In the Gospel this weekend we see that even the simple gift of a cup of water can contain the fullness and generosity of a loving heart. As we look forward to returning to a more normal schedule of activities and sacramental celebrations, you are invited once again to participate in the *Annual Catholic Appeal* by making a gift. Your gift will help many who have been impacted by the Covid-19 outbreak in our archdiocese. As many of us seek the courage and strength to take up our cross and follow Jesus, may charity fill our hearts and generosity overflow!

If your circumstance permit and your family is blessed with good health and employment, please consider increasing your gift to make up for those who are unable to make a gift at this time. More information can be found at aca.archstl.org.

The Annual Catholic Appeal cards were mailed to each household a few weeks ago. If for some reason you do not have your card, we have duplicates here in the church office. Please contact us if you need yours. Thanks very much!

ATTENTION EMPLOYEES & VOLUNTEERS

The Archdiocese of St. Louis has developed a new system for safe environment compliance called Prevent and Protect STL. Everyone ministering to minors and vulnerable adults (clergy, employees and volunteers) in the Archdiocese are required and asked to register in the new system before December 31, 2020. This includes those new to service and those who are currently in service. For those who have already attended a Protecting God's Children workshop, your previous training date will transfer to this new system. In addition to attending a live Protecting God's Children workshop, all clergy, volunteers and employees will register for an updated background screening, view two new online training modules on abuse reporting and the Code of Ethical Conduct, and agree to the updated Code of Ethical Conduct. Please go to:

www.preventandprotectstl.org

to register, and contact our parish Child Safety Coordinator Karen Wappelhorst with any questions or for further assistance. Karen's email: childsafety@ihm-newmelle.org, or call her at 636-398-5270.

What's Your Catholic Catechism IQ?

"The Catechism of the Catholic Church is a statement of the Church's faith and of Catholic doctrine, attested to or illumined by Sacred Scripture, the Apostolic Tradition and the Church's Magisterium. I declare it to be a sure norm for teaching the faith." (Pope St. John Paul II)

- It is necessary that all participate, each according to his position and role, in promoting the _____.
a. common good b. media discernment c. political life d. cultural vision
- Participation is achieved first of all in the areas for which one assumes personal _____, the education of his family, conscientious work, and so forth.
a. judgment b. responsibility c. anger d. feelings
- One must pay tribute to those nations whose systems permit the largest possible number of the citizens to take part in public life in a climate of genuine _____.
a. irresponsibility b. freedom c. enabling d. welfare
- Much more care should be taken to promote institutions that _____ the conditions of human life.
a. decrease b. improve c. obliterate d. hinder
- The future of humanity is in the hands of those who are capable of providing the generations to come with reasons for life and _____.
a. death b. disease c. destruction d. optimism
- Social justice can be obtained only in respecting the transcendent _____ of man.
a. powers b. longing c. increase d. dignity
- The rights that flow from his dignity as a creature are prior to _____ and must be recognized by it.
a. society b. marriage c. state d. birth
- If it does not respect human rights, authority can rely only on force or _____ to obtain obedience from its subjects.
a. violence b. persuasion c. appeal to the pope d. torture
- Everyone should look upon his neighbor (without any exception) as "another self," above all bearing in mind his life and the means necessary for living it with _____.
a. dignity b. coercion c. suspicion d. fear
- The duty of making oneself a neighbor to others and actively serving them becomes even more urgent when it involves the _____.
a. wealthy b. affluent c. disadvantaged d. rural communities

Answer key: 1.a (1913) 2.b (1914) 3.b (1915) 4.b (1916) 5.d (1917) 6.d (1929) 7.a (1930) 8.a (1930) 9.a (1931) 10.c (1932)



The Rummage Sale will be rescheduled sometime in August (as long as the Archdiocese allows activities to resume), the date to be determined. Drop offs can begin the week of July 20th, if that date changes we will advise. Please do not bring your items up before July 20. I know you all have lots of "stuff" as most of us have used some of our "Free" time cleaning or organizing. Your donations are greatly appreciated.



AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support a charity of your choice every time you shop, at no cost to you. Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church recently received a quarterly donation of **\$67.92** thanks to customers shopping at smile.amazon.com.

To date, AmazonSmile has donated a total of:

\$713.93 to IHM

\$183,120,221.33 to all charities

Thank you for supporting our parish by shopping at smile.amazon.com. You can track your impact through the year at your [My Impact page](#).

When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price back to your selected charity.

AmazonSmile is also available in the Amazon Shopping app on iPhone and Android phones.

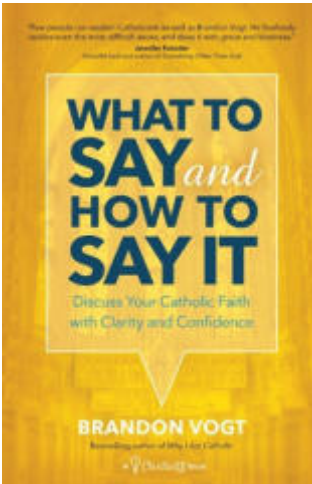
Join Us
FOR A FISH FRY!

at St. Joseph/Josephville,
1410 Josephville Road,
Wentzville
on July 10 from 4:30—7pm.
DRIVE THRU ONLY!

\$10 meals include three pieces of fish, chips, slaw, and applesauce. Cash only. For more info call 636-332-6676. Please come out and support this parish fundraiser!

A SUMMER FAITH/REASON RESOURCE FOR HIGH SCHOOL FOLKS AND UP: CLARITASU.COM

Many people have heard of Bishop Robert Barron and of his website WordonFire.org. A gent who is lesser known but is behind the scenes as the content director for the website is Brandon Vogt. Brandon is following in the footsteps of Bishop Barron to help spread and bring clarity to the Catholic faith. Check out the website at ClaritasU.com and get a trial run for only \$1. Brandon discusses hot button topics of the day in user friendly ways.



Brandon recently wrote a book called *What to Say and How to Say It – Discuss Your Catholic Faith with Confidence and Clarity*. It is based on some of the topics covered in ClaritasU such as “Answering Atheism, Evil and Suffering, Trusting the Gospels, Explaining the Eucharist, Abortion, Same-Sex Marriage and Transgenderism.” Here is an extended quote from the introduction that is worth pondering.

The Pew Research Center recently polled thousands of adults across the country, from all different religions, asking, “What do you personally think it the best thing to do when someone disagrees with you about religion?” They were given three choices: 1. Try to persuade the other person to change their mind (i.e., evangelize). 2. Try to understand the other person’s belief but agree to disagree (i.e., just listen) 3. Avoid discussing religion (i.e., ignore the topic).

Around 67 percent of Americans chose the second option, to just listen. In other words, the large majority of us are fine hearing what other people think about religion, but we definitely don’t want to share *our own* views, or defend those views.

Another 27 percent chose the third option, meaning they don’t want to talk about religion *at all*. They prefer to just ignore it. They don’t want to listen *or* speak about it. They’re likely afraid the discussion will get heated or produce hurt feelings.

This leaves only 6 percent of Americans who chose the first option, meaning just 6 percent of adults are open to discussing their own religious beliefs and even, perhaps, trying to persuade other people to change their mind.

Now, as a Catholic who thinks the Catholic faith is true and that everyone should consider it – indeed, my last book was titled *Why I Am Catholic (and You Should Be Too)* – that number is depressingly low. But the result gets even worse for us Catholics. When you filter the responses by religion, you find that only 2 percent of Catholics chose the first option. Among all religious groups, including nonreligious groups like atheists and agnostics, this put Catholics at the absolute bottom. In other words, Catholics are the *least likely* of any religious group to try to persuade people to change their mind about religion. Just think about that: 98 percent of Catholics do not want to talk about their own religious views with people who disagree.

Now, to be sure, most Catholics love their faith. We love the Mass and the sacraments. We love God. We embrace the Church’s moral teachings. But for some reason, we’re afraid of openly discussing these things with friends, family, and coworkers, especially those who reject Catholicism. Why is that? Well, after struggling with this myself, and then talking with hundreds of other Catholics, I’m convinced it’s because nobody taught us how to talk about these things.... That’s why I wrote this book. My goal is to get you clear about each of these subjects, because clarity breeds confidence. The more clearly you understand each topic, the more confident you’ll be about it. And the more confident you are, the *more willing and happier* you’ll be to discuss these things.”

Readings of the Week

Sun: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 [2a]/
Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42
Mon: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [5b]/
2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Tue: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8 [9a]/Mt 8:23-27
Wed: Am 5:14-15, 21-24/
Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17 [23b]/Mt 8:28-34
Thu: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10cd]/Mt 9:1-8
Fri: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 20:24-29
Sat: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/
Mt 9:14-17
Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 [cf. 1]/
Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Elisha promised, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son." (2 Kg 4:16a)

PSALM:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 89)

SECOND READING:

Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus. (Rom 6:11)

GOSPEL:

"Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." (Mt 10:38)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 28, 2020

Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
Tuesday: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
Wednesday: St. Junipero Serra, Priest
Friday: St. Thomas, Apostle
Saturday: Independence Day
Next Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Independence Day



*How could I
bear a crown
of gold when
the Lord bears
a crown of
thorns? And
bears it for me!*

—St. Elizabeth of Hungary

REFLECT

FIRST READING

We hear how the prophet Elisha and his servant Gehazi repaid the Shunammite woman for her generous hospitality. When have you shown excessive generosity to another?

SECOND READING

Paul taught the Roman Christians that through Baptism, believers fully participate in the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. How should this reality impact one's day-to-day living?

GOSPEL READING

Jesus continues to teach his followers the challenges of discipleship. What do you find most challenging in following Christ?

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