



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

Mailing Address: P. O. Box 100 \* New Melle, MO 63365

Website: [www.ihm-newmelle.org](http://www.ihm-newmelle.org)

Office Phone: 636-398-5270

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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, in church

## Weekly Devotions and Prayers

### Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday 8:30am until Friday 11:00am, St. Joseph Chapel

Rosary: Prior to Saturday evening 4pm Mass

### Weekday devotions after morning Mass:

Tuesday: Mother of Perpetual Help  
 Wednesday: Litany to St. Joseph  
 Thursday: Celebrating the Sanctity of Life  
 First Friday: Litany of the Sacred Heart

### First Saturday of the Month Devotions

8am Mass, Rosary, 15 minutes of meditation

## Sacraments

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

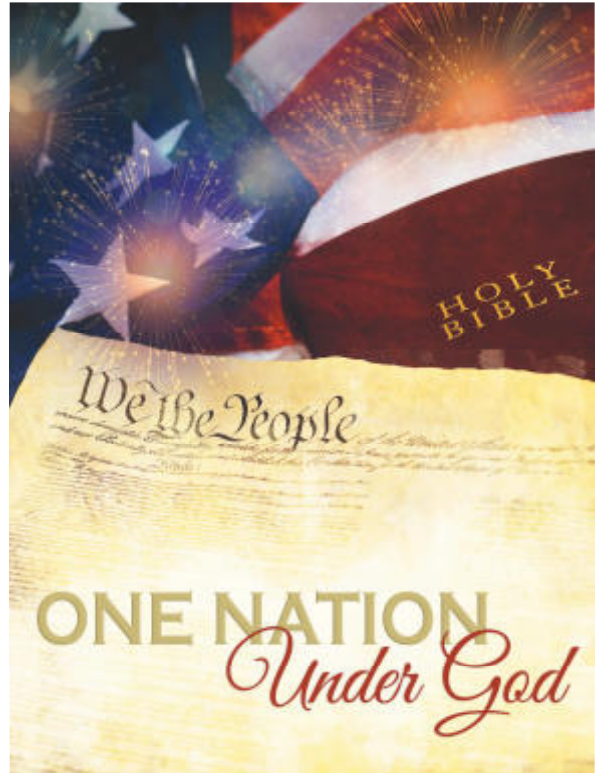
Marriage: Contact the parish office  
 at least six months prior to the wedding

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

*July 4, 2021*



## Deeper Understanding of Scripture

It's all so ordinary that we can easily miss it. The seagulls hunting and diving for mollusks at the beach offer a display of determination and precision as they gather their food for the day. It's simply what these creatures do. Yet, there's a magical artfulness and skill to their work that speaks volumes about the One who breathed life into their being. This is pretty much the way it is with God's presence. God comes in common ways through common things and ordinary people. Sadly, we are too engulfed in our little worlds of order and ideas to notice the beauty and wonder of it all. Many have numbed themselves to the Divine spark at the essence of all life because that's just the way it is. What's so special about it? A sunset is a sunset and a seagull is a seagull. That's precisely what they thought about Jesus, too. After all, isn't he just the carpenter's son? What merit can his words possibly have?

If we're looking for God to come in an event that is so dramatic and intense that it knocks our socks off, then think again. When pondering God's relationship with His people and God's action in our lives, we have to go back to the stable and the recurring, creative, unending power of God's presence. It was a quiet, run of the mill kind of night. There was nothing spectacular or extraordinary. To the naked eye, a woman gave birth to a child and there wasn't anything extraordinary to see. We have a hard time understanding God's ordinariness. Jesus grew up in an ordinary town, had neighbors and did normal human things. Perhaps that's why we don't always like the Gospel. It doesn't dazzle us with extraordinary things but simply challenges us to take a different look at our ordinary stuff. That makes us uncomfortable. We prefer things as they are. Our lack of faith can even cause us to take offense at

what Jesus says and does, dismissing it as folly.

God's life-giving presence continues to sustain that seagull in flight and keep all things in being regardless of whether we have the faith to see and understand this. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be hardened and blinded to what God is doing or desiring to do. While God continues to do what He has done for all eternity, faith is needed for God's presence to bear fruit. The blinders we wear and the expectations we bring to life can often prevent us from seeing graced moments that radiate with God's graceful presence. They also prevent God's transforming, healing, and hope filled vision for our world from being realized. Without faith, God won't be able to do much for us either.

# Welcome! Immaculate Heart of Mary: *Informed—Hospitable—Missionary*

## Parish Staff

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## Religious Education

Shawn Mueller, Director

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

Parish School of Religion (when restrictions are lifted)  
Grades 1 thru 8, September thru May, 8:45-9:45am, Sundays  
Confirmation Preparation  
8th Grade—September thru May, 8:45-9:45am, Sundays  
Children's Liturgy of the Word (when restrictions are lifted)  
September thru May, during the 10am 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

### Liturgical Videographer

Stan Kostecki 314-397-5965

### Weddings, Receptions, Events

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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

## Freedom and Fellowship

Dear Parishioners,

As we prepare to celebrate Independence Day this weekend we want to thank God for all the blessings in our life. While we know the American Experiment is not perfect, it was an honest and heroic effort to establish a government and society that was responsive and responsible to its citizenry. Our ancestors desired a place of freedom and personal responsibility. Each individual would be free to pursue their path of meaning and prosperity as long as it didn't violate the commonly agreed upon laws as determined by the citizens themselves. We govern ourselves, our elected officials are placed in positions of leadership to carry out the will of their constituents. They are not, and never will be our betters. They are our neighbors temporarily entrusted with an office to carry out the good of the community.

We know that the treatment of both Africans and Natives was far from perfect, and the scars of the past still leave their wounds on our society today. But contrary to the false gospel of society, our nation is not a land of rampant racism and endless strife. Each individual may have to come to terms with his or her own bigotry, but America is still a land of opportunity and liberty. I pray daily for the reform and renewal of American life. I pray the wounds of division that are deepened by the false gospel of strife can be healed as people learn to regard each other as neighbors and perhaps one day as friends. It is hard to overcome old biases and mindsets of bigotry and lazy generalizations, but it is not impossible. Many of our own ancestors would be surprised at how well we are doing economically as well as socially. We still strive to be a

melting pot that welcomes others to pursue the same dream that our Founders forged when they declared their independence. Blessed 4th of July to all of you! I love our nation, I pray for her prosperity, her healing and her growth as beacon for the world.

**KEUNE TIME @ Padre's  
Most Wednesdays**

I know many people do not read the bulletin. It is not a surprise to me, people are often as informed as they want to be. Since April I have been working in my garage and have repurposed it to a gathering spot on Wednesday's. What Shawn Mueller dubbed "Keune Time" many years ago is now a weekly event usually beginning around 3 in the afternoon. We gather just for a couple of hours to socialize, drink and visit with our neighbors. All are welcome. There is smoking, and of course alcohol, but you do not need to do either of those to be welcome. Just pop in the garage and grab a chair to begin visiting. As long as you aren't a jerk, you are more than welcome to visit. I have yet to meet any jerks in our weekly gatherings, but we all have the possibility of being one on a bad day. Some people seem to have nothing but bad days. The fridge in the garage is usually stocked with cold beverages and there is soda and water in the house. It is always good to visit with our neighbors and strengthen the bonds of community and friendship.

Peace,

*Fr. Tom*

## 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B

[Jesus went to his home in Nazareth, only to be rejected by many people.] Jesus said to them, "A prophet is respected everywhere except in his own home town and by his relatives and his family." Mark 6:4

The Olympics date from the Greek games held on the plains of Olympia in 776 B.C. Ancient towns often honored victors by erecting a statue in their honor. A Greek story concerns a town that honored such a local hero. The hero's rival was so envious that one night he rocked the statue back and forth and toppled it. It fell at an odd angle, crushing him. That story dramatizes the boomerang effect envy can have. The cancer of envy is often a factor in why prophets are not respected in their hometowns.

To what extent is envy a factor in my life and work? What might I do to lessen its impact?

*Love looks through a telescope; envy through a microscope.* E. C. McKENZIE

Mark Link S.J. Mission



### Ministry Schedule

#### July 3—4pm

EM: Vanita Joerling, Ed Etzkorn, Ann Zaleuke  
Lec: Sharon Hagan, Yvonne Brossette  
Music: Debbie & Bryan  
Serv: Izzy Scheer, Zoey Panus  
Ush: Bill Pollihan, Larry Graves, Andy Pope, Tim Wilson

#### July 4—7:30am

EM: Mary Keune, Karen Wappelhorst, Jan Kardasz  
Lec: Kris Jenkins, Mary Hardesty  
Music: Elizabeth & Verdi  
Serv: Sydney & Natalie Jaeckle  
Ush: Mark Thome, Dave London, Mark Gross, Frank Kardasz

#### July 4—9:30am

EM: Sharon Smith, Chris & Kat Menne  
Lec: Mary Busby-Simpson, volunteer please  
Music: Amelia, Betsy, Mary, Bryan  
Serv: volunteers please  
Ush: Ron Simpson, Gary Struckhoff, Joe Weber, Bill Riley

### IHMformation Station

4:00: Ed & Marcia Etzkorn  
9:30: Ralph & Janice Britton

*Please pray for all the  
sick and suffering:*

Phyllis Zerr, Fran Bussen, Betty Boyd, Deacon Tony,  
Amy Robbins, Don Schmidt, Carl Wolff,  
George Stark, Betty Heppermann, Joyce Brakensiek,  
Tom Hartenbach, Richard & Doris Berhorst, Terry Hagan,  
Larry Gassei, Pat Foster, Chuck Speck, Pat Ryan

Steve Wengerski (family friend of Mandy Daub),  
Keith Langford (son of Rita & brother of Valerie Langford),  
Red Brockmeyer (cousin of Kay & Ray Cherry),  
Karla Sitzes (daughter of Sophia Bax),  
Karen Windler (sister of John Wappelhorst),  
Michael Speir (son-in-law of Jackie & Steve Dunn),  
Peyton Newman (grandson of Mike & Mary Hardesty),  
Loren & Evelyn Brandon (parents of Marty & Peggy Dupree),  
Charlie Grady (grandson of John & Carol Grady),  
Pat Finan (daughter of Fran Bussen),  
Marlene Hagemeyer (sister of Pat Roche),  
Janet Piel and Jordan Keene  
(sister and friend of Joni Marren-Slaughter),  
Carol Fague (sister of Bob Woodford),  
Rosemary Bell (sister of Janet & Jerry Hespen)

**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

### Ministry Schedule

#### July 10—4pm

EM: Wally & Jan Karase, volunteer please  
Lec: Clare Holifield, Yvonne Brossette  
Music: Debbie & Bryan  
Serv: Izzy Scheer, Zoey Panus  
Ush: Rick Scharf, Ron Neske, Terry Schneider, Gary Potter

#### July 11—7:30am

EM: Emily Cooksey, Dianne Dickherber, volunteer please  
Lec: Karen Wappelhorst, Chuck Kettler  
Music: Brooke & Verdi  
Serv: David Vehige, volunteer please  
Ush: Rick Scharf, Ron Neske, Terry Schneider, Gary Potter

#### July 11—9:30am

EM: Maureen Blondin, Patrice Riley, volunteer please  
Lec: Chuck Hinkle, Joe Willis  
Music: Amellia, Betsy, Mary, Bryan  
Serv: William Lassiter, Thomas Kokker  
Ush: Bob Hutchcraft, Bill Winters, Larry Smith, Alan Raymond

### IHMformation Station

4:00: Wally & Jan Karase  
9:30: Chuck & Laurie Hinkle

### Heavenly Duster Schedule

Week of July 4: Karen Wilson  
Week of July 11: Elizabeth Jaeckle  
Week of July 18: Judy Cova  
Week of July 25: Flo Joerling

### Purificators

Month of July: Carol Ostermeyer

### ✠ *Rest in Peace* ✠

GenRose Dudenhoeffer  
mother of Janet & Jerry Hespen  
Wesley Forrester  
dad of Tammy & Mike Swyers  
Mary Karll  
wife of Dave and mom of  
Ashley & Shane Czuchna and Angelica & Justin Orf  
Sr. Judith Marie, SSND  
sister of Jane Szostek  
Sandy Griesenauer  
sister of Barb & Ken Keene  
Tania Latino  
sister of Penny & John Gorman  
Patricia Houltzhouser  
mother of Ken & Brooke Houltzhouser  
Jeff Turpin  
brother-in-law of Tim & Diane Almeling  
May they and all the faithful departed  
rest in the eternal peace of Christ.

## Mass Intentions

Monday, July 5	
8:00am	living/deceased Chabak Family
Tuesday, July 6	
8:00am	GenRose Dudenhoeffer +
Wednesday, July 7	
8:00am	Jameo Klemme +
Thursday, July 8	
8:00am	the Schneider Family
Friday, July 9	
8:00am	Ralph & Cindy Biddy 61st Wedding anniversary
Saturday, July 10	
8:00am	Mary Karll +
4:00pm	People of IHM Ed Aug +
Sunday, July 11	
7:30am	Mark Kellems +
9:30am	Louise Mohr + deceased of the Farwig family

## Contributions June 19/20

General Offertory:	\$7,808.08
Online Giving:	<u>\$6,101.04</u>
Total Contributions:	\$13,909.12

## Contributions June 26/27

General Offertory:	\$6,841.50
Online Giving:	<u>\$3,857.78</u>
Total Contributions:	\$10,699.28

*"As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, 'Son of man, I am sending you...'"*  
~~Ezekiel 2:203~~

God has a plan for each of us. He calls us to do something for Him. But, He doesn't leave us on our own to figure it out. He gives us the resources we need to do His work. Are you listening for God's call? When you hear it, do you get on your feet and do the work He asks of you? Do not be afraid. God doesn't call the equipped, He equips the called. Answer His call.

We pray: that we generously use our God-given gifts to do the work God has placed us here on earth to do.

## Activities this Week

Sunday, July 4	Jonah Team will pray with you after 9:30 Mass
Monday, July 5	Church office closed <i>Rummage sale setup continues</i> SVDP, Grand Hall, 6pm Scouts, 6:30pm
Tuesday, July 6	Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, 9am Marian Council, Grand Hall, 6:30pm KC officers, 6:30pm
Wednesday, July 7	<i>Rummage Sale, Founders Hall, 8am-1pm</i> No confessions during July on Wednesday nights
Thursday, July 8	Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am
Friday, July 9	Quilting in Weber Hall, 8:30—noon Ladies' Lunch, Grand Hall, noon—BYO lunch <i>Rummage Sale, Founders Hall, 8am-1pm</i>
Saturday, July 10	Reconciliation, 8:45am Event in Grand Hall this morning <i>Rummage Sale, Founders Hall, 8am-1pm</i>
Sunday, July 11	Baptismal prep, Weber Hall, 11am Please call the office to pre-register

## Needed at the Pantry

Laundry detergent, oil, beef stew, men's and ladies' shaving lotion, body wash, all purpose cleaner



### THANK YOU, AND A GENTLE REMINDER:

First of all, we want to thank everyone who so generously donates food, household items and various other necessities to our food pantry. We serve many families each month and can do that only because of your selfless donations.

Second, please check the expiration dates on your donated items. We actually have to pitch everything that is expired, or packages that have been opened, and that takes time away from serving those who come to our door. Please, only in-date food items and unopened packages. Thanks so much!

### Please hold your plastic bags—we have plenty!!

In today's Gospel the people ask: "How is it such miraculous deeds are accomplished by his hands?" Because of your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul many "miraculous deeds" are accomplished for the poor.

This week put a gift in the St. Vincent de Paul collection, knowing that through your kindness someone who is suffering will be touched by God in a miraculous way.

## 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 illuminated 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)

- Even interior prayer, however, cannot neglect vocal prayer. Prayer is internalized to the extent that we become \_\_\_\_\_ of Him to Whom we speak.
  - in awe
  - fearful
  - worthy
  - aware
- Meditation is above all a quest. The \_\_\_\_\_ seeks to understand the why and how of the Christian life, in order to adhere and respond to what the Lord is asking.
  - will
  - body
  - mind
  - unbeliever
- The required attentiveness for meditation is difficult to sustain. We are usually helped by books such as the Sacred Scriptures, particularly the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - book of Leviticus
  - prophecies of Ezekiel
  - Gospels
  - book of Revelation
- Other helps for meditation are holy icons, liturgical texts of the day or season, writings of the spiritual fathers, works of spirituality, the great book of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - exodus
  - genesis
  - creation
  - Passover
- Christians owe it to themselves to develop the desire to meditate regularly, lest they come to resemble the three first kinds of soil in the parable of the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - prodigal son
  - dishonest steward
  - good Samaritan
  - sower
- Forms of prayerful reflection (such as the rosary) are of great value, but should go further: to the knowledge of the love of the Lord Jesus, to \_\_\_\_\_ with Him.
  - awareness
  - talking
  - speaking
  - union
- St. Teresa said, "Contemplative prayer in my opinion is nothing else than a close sharing between \_\_\_\_\_"; it means taking time frequently to be alone with Him who we know loves us.
  - spouses
  - friends
  - children
  - co-workers
- In this inner prayer (of contemplation) we can still meditate, but our \_\_\_\_\_ is fixed on the Lord Himself.
  - eye
  - attention
  - genuflection
  - posture
- In contemplative prayer one makes time for the Lord, with the firm \_\_\_\_\_ not to give up, no matter what trials and dryness one may encounter.
  - determination
  - desire
  - feeling
  - expectation
- Contemplation is a gaze of faith, fixed on Jesus. This focus on Jesus is a renunciation of self. His gaze purifies our \_\_\_\_\_.
  - heart
  - friendship
  - bodies
  - fears

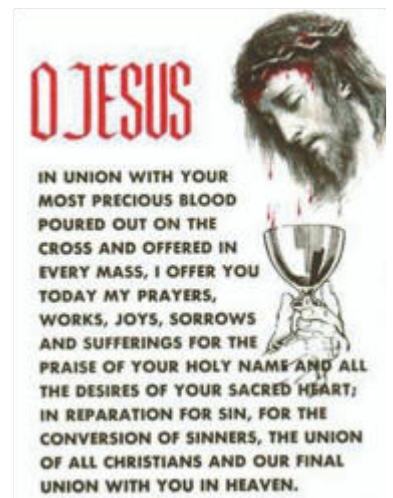


### 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!" - Mk 6:2

### PSR Corner

The Month of June is traditionally, devotionally dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus. Nothing is more precious in life than our blood, nothing is more sacred in life than the Precious Blood of Jesus. Let's invoke this Sacred Gift on our lives, our friends and on our enemies this month. Consider a morning offering like the prayer shown here.



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Attention Marian Council: Our July meeting will be on July 6, not July 13.



Sponsored by the Marian Council

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**6 Days Only,  
8:00am to 1:00pm  
Wednesdays,  
July 7 and 14  
Fridays,  
July 9 and 16  
Saturdays,  
July 10 and 17**

**Next baptismal prep classes: July 18 and August 15, 11:00am in Weber Hall.**

Please call the office at 636-398-5270 to reserve your spot! Thank you!



We welcome to our parish family  
through the Sacrament of Baptism

**Miles Sebastian Schulte**

son of Steven & Andrea (Kluge) Schulte

**Blakely Grace Martin**

daughter of Carl & Nicole (Rosciglione) Martin

**Kowen Blake Mendoza**

son of Kyle & Ashley (Lehman) Mendoza

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a  
Mon: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab [cf. 2b]/Mt 9:18-26  
Tue: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38  
Wed: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7  
Thu: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15  
Fri: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Mt 10:16-23  
Sat: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/Mt 10:24-33

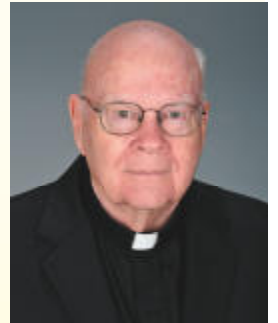
## 2021 Mission Appeal

On the weekend of July 10/11 there will be the annual Mission Appeal. This year it will be for The Pontifical Society of St. Peter the Apostle. This institution of the Universal Church was founded to awaken the Christian people to the needs of the formation of local clergy in the mission countries, and invite them to spiritually and materially collaborate in the preparation of candidates for the priesthood and religious life.

Fr. Daniel McCaffrey who gave a Parish Mission here a few years ago will be the preacher.

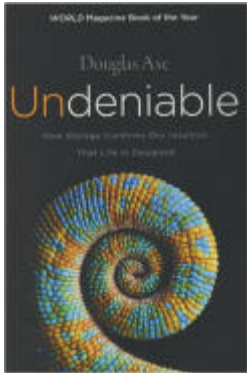
Father Daniel McCaffrey was ordained in 1958. A year later he departed for the Moslem country of Pakistan where he served for over eight years as a missionary. Father holds a Doctorate in Sacred Theology from the University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) in Rome. In 1968, during the Vietnam Conflict Father joined the United States Army Chaplain Corps. During more than twenty years of active duty he served in Vietnam, Korea, Germany and Honduras, as well as numerous army installations throughout the United States.

He is presently in the Marriage Apostolate where he has established successful Natural Family Planning programs on the diocesan and parish levels. Father is a priest of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City.



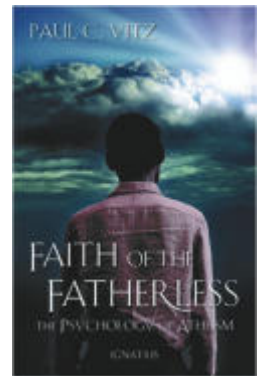
## *St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources*

**From the Parish Library—Grand Hall**



Throughout his distinguished and unconventional career, engineer-turned-molecular-biologist Douglas Axe has been asking the questions that much of the scientific community would rather silence. Now, he presents his conclusions in this brave and pioneering book. Axe argues that the key to understanding our origin is the “design intuition”—the innate belief held by all humans that tasks we would need knowledge to accomplish can only be accomplished by someone who has that knowledge. For the ingenious task of inventing life, this knower can only be God. Starting with the hallowed halls of academic science, Axe dismantles the widespread belief that Darwin’s theory of evolution is indisputably true, showing instead that a gaping hole has been at its center from the beginning. He then explains in plain English the science that proves our design intuition scientifically valid. Lastly, he uses everyday experience to empower ordinary people to defend their design intuition, giving them the confidence and courage to explain why it has to be true and the vision to imagine what biology will become when people stand up for this truth. Armed with that confidence, readers will affirm what once seemed obvious to all of us—that living creatures, from single-celled cyanobacteria to orca whales and human beings, are brilliantly conceived, utterly beyond the reach of accident. Our intuition was right all along.

In this updated, expanded edition, starting with Freud's projection theory of religion - that belief in God is merely a product of man's desire for security - Professor Vitz argues that psychoanalysis actually provides a more satisfying explanation for atheism. Disappointment in one's earthly father, whether through death, absence, or mistreatment, frequently leads to a rejection of God. A biographical survey of influential atheists of the past four centuries shows that this defective father hypothesis provides a consistent explanation of the intense atheism of these thinkers. A survey of the leading defenders of Christianity over the same period confirms the hypothesis, finding few defective fathers. Vitz concludes with an intriguing comparison of male and female atheists and a consideration of other psychological factors that can contribute to atheism. Professor Vitz does not argue that atheism is psychologically determined. Each man, whatever his experiences, ultimately chooses to accept God or reject him. Yet the cavalier attribution of religious faith to irrational, psychological needs is so prevalent that an exposition of the psychological factors predisposing one to atheism is necessary.



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There is much evil in the world. It divides and scatters the members of the Body of

Christ. Uniting in prayer and in good works informed by our Catholic Faith is an excellent way to combat evil. I strongly urge the men of our parish to unite themselves and their families with the men and families of the Knights of Columbus. Simply go to [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus) and follow the prompts. Use promo code MCGIVNEY2020 and your first year's dues are free! When asked for our IHM council number, enter 11656. Don't delay! Do it today! You will be glad you did.



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**STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCE in  
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*Scholarships are available through IHM.*

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**Upcoming regular meeting dates (6:30—8pm)**

**Thursdays in Weber Hall: July 15, 29**

*Thanks for the wonderful Blood Drive!*

**We had 10 units over our goal!**

**Blood donations are down this time of year, and our over-production was a big help!**





## 2021 Fall Sausage Dinner

Get ready for the return of our famous SAUSAGE DINNERS! If you were an Activity/Shift Chair at the last dinner (Fall 2019!) and you're unable to perform that duty for this upcoming dinner, please contact Jeff Comotto at 314-560-6972 or [jcomotto@centurylink.net](mailto:jcomotto@centurylink.net) as soon as you can. I can smell that delicious sausage frying right now! Cold beer here!

## Year of St. Joseph

Pope Francis declared a Year of St. Joseph through December 8<sup>th</sup> 2021 on the occasion of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Joseph being proclaimed as Patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX in 1870. Throughout this special year we will include various insights, past and present about St. Joseph.



Did you know that along with the liturgical calendar in the Church, there is also a traditional-devotional dedication of days and months to various persons and events? Given that we are in the year of St. Joseph, it is good to know that not only is the month of March dedicated to St. Joseph, but that each Wednesday is dedicated to St. Joseph as well. At IHM we are praying the litany to St. Joseph after each Wednesday Mass. If you are a gent, consider coming to Mass on Wednesdays or doing something special at home in reference to St. Joseph. If you are a lady, consider praying for your husband, past, present or future. You might offer special prayers or penances for that special man in your life, for your son's vocation, for your deceased father, relatives, etc. Below is a listing of the traditional-devotional days and months of the year.

### Month of the Year:

January:	The Holy Name and Childhood of Jesus
February:	The Holy Family / the Passion
March:	St. Joseph
April:	The Blessed Sacrament / Resurrection
May:	The Blessed Mother
June:	the Sacred Heart of Jesus
July:	the Precious Blood
August:	Immaculate Heart of Mary / Assumption
September:	The Holy Cross / Sorrows of Mary
October:	The Holy Rosary / The Holy Angels
November:	Poor Souls in Purgatory
December:	Coming of Christ / Immaculate Conception

### Day of the Week:

Sunday:	Resurrection & the Holy and Undivided Trinity
Monday:	The Holy Spirit & the Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday:	The Holy Angels
Wednesday:	St. Joseph
Thursday:	The Blessed Sacrament
Friday:	Christ's Passion and His Sacred Heart
Saturday:	The Blessed Virgin and her Immaculate Heart



The Archdiocese of St. Louis is partnering with [Support After Abortion](http://supportafterabortion.com) to launch the summer tour of "Viable" on Friday, July 9 at the Cardinal Rigali center—20 Archbishop May Dr., St. Louis, MO 63119.

"Viable" is not about the legality or politics of abortion. Rather, it focuses on the grace, mercy, healing, and redemption that are available from God to all men and women impacted. In 60 minutes, with three actors and two chairs, Viable's simple but powerful message is a passionate portrayal of one woman's healing journey and that of her family.

The play is free and online pre-registration is required. Visit [supportafterabortion.com/viable/](http://supportafterabortion.com/viable/). Then scroll down to sign-up for a showing. Help us spread the word on social media. Shows at 2pm and 6pm. Questions? Contact [prolife@archstl.org](mailto:prolife@archstl.org) or 314-792-7555.

## Dynamic Catholic *Alive!*

### God's Grace is Sufficient

In today's second reading, St. Paul says "a thorn in the flesh was given to me." Some think of this is a physical ailment that Paul was experiencing while others think this may be referring to a person who has been giving Paul a hard time. In either case, Paul is "suffering." Suffering, the archenemy of today's god of comfort. People today avoid suffering at all cost, even the slightest bit of discomfort. This is the result of living a "self-centered" life, everything revolves around me. As Christians, we are called to live "God-centered" lives. Using our God-given gifts for the glory of God and the benefit of others. From this viewpoint, suffering takes on a different meaning. First of all, suffering unites us with Jesus, who suffered and died for our sins to restore our relationship with God and open the gates of Heaven for us. Second, suffering shows our dependence on God. We were not designed to journey through life alone, we need God's guidance. Finally, through suffering, we open our hearts and are filled with God's love and mercy. We become instruments of His love and mercy for others.

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### Pope's Intentions for July: Social Friendship

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

**I have realized that whoever undertakes to do anything for the sake of earthly things or to earn the praise of others, deceives himself. Today one thing pleases the world, tomorrow another; and what is praised on one occasion is denounced by another. Blessed are you, my Lord and my God, for you are unchangeable for all eternity. Whoever serves you faithfully to the end will enjoy life without end in eternity.**  
—St. Terese of Lisieux



"Summer time, when the livin' is easy." The schedule may look different, but the goal remains the same. Stay connected to the faith-nourishing programming that Covenant Network provides daily and throughout the night by tuning into KHOJ radio 1460 AM or 102.9 FM. Or listen on the Covenant Network app on your mobile device or on our website [OurCatholicRadio.org](http://OurCatholicRadio.org).

## Monthly Outdoor Mass

At Our Lady Queen of Peace Shrine in O'Fallon on Wednesday, July 14 at 7pm. St. Peter Fonseca will be our celebrant. Rosary and chaplet of Divine Mercy will follow after Mass. Please bring a lawn chair. In case of rain it will be cancelled. Please call Ruth at 636-233-1082 with any questions.

## Receptionist Positions

Mercy Conference and Retreat Center is seeking a full-time receptionist and a part-time/as needed evening and weekend receptionist. Go to their website, click on "About Us" and scroll down to Job Opportunities. If you are interested in one or both positions, please submit your cover letter and resume to [dstringfield@mercycenterstl.org](mailto:dstringfield@mercycenterstl.org) or mail, attn: Dawn Stringfield, Mercy Conference and Retreat Center, 2039 North Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131.

## Cornhole Tournament

3rd Annual St. Dominic Athletic Association Cornhole Tournament—**August 14, 2021**—Crusader Stadium. Grab a friend and join us while supporting St. Dominic Athletics. Sign up today to reserve your spot!  
[www.stdominichs.org/cornhole](http://www.stdominichs.org/cornhole)

## National Conference of Single Catholics

Join hundreds of single Catholics from across the country at the 20th National Conference of Single Catholics—**August 20-22, 2021** at the Omni Interlocken hotel in Broomfield, CO. The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers (Fr. Nathan Cromly, Fr. Thomas Loya, Mary Beth Bonacci and others!) as well as music, social events, Mass, adoration, opportunities for confession, fellowship, food and more. Register before July 5th to get the Early-Bird discount and enter promo code: NCSC21 for an extra \$20 off. Visit [www.NationalCatholicSingles.com](http://www.NationalCatholicSingles.com) for more information and to register. Can't find your questions answered on the website? Call 512-766-5798.



The Young Catholic Musicians orchestra and choir will hold auditions during July for singers and instrumentalists age 10-17. The YCM 47th Season begins in August. For additional information or to schedule an audition, contact Fr. Bruce Forman at [revycm@charter.net](mailto:revycm@charter.net) or 314-231-7464 or Mrs. Mary Smith at [SmithCM@sbcglobal.net](mailto:SmithCM@sbcglobal.net) or 314-962-4040.

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