

## **Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church**

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## **Schedule of Holy Mass**

Saturday:

Sunday: Weekdays:

8:00am 4:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am 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

Reconciliatio	m: Wednesday in church, 7pm
	Saturday following 8am Mass
Marriage:	Contact the parish office
i	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	

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#### When we were in high school, we learned that the word sophomore came from Greek words meaning "wise fools." The idea was that the second year student thinks he knows it all now, but still has a lot to learn. The first two readings describe wisdom versus foolishness. In Proverbs, Wisdom is a woman who invites us to her banquet, telling us to "forsake foolishness." St. Paul invites us to give up our ignorance and to know the will of the Lord, by filling ourselves with the Spirit. Jesus says he himself is the way to understanding God's will; he gives himself as food and drink for eternal life. So how will we accept these invitations to partake of the Wisdom of God?

One way is to read the scriptures every day, even for only 20-30

# 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Wise Fools

minutes. Take time to think and pray about what you read. Don't do all the talking; let God have his chance to be heard. Read short passages and the footnotes-they can explain some of the obscure references. The gospels are especially good "food" because of all the examples Jesus gave in his sermons and parables.

Listen to the readings and homily at Mass. The Pastor may have some insights that make you think. Receive communion often to be fed with the living Bread. The Church has always taught that we are fed with both the word and the Eucharist.

An athlete grows in strength by eating well, but he also has to exercise to tone and strengthen his muscles. If we want to grow in God's wisdom, we

have to exercise our faith. If you have a friend or relative who is a good example of faith, talk with that person about how you experience God or your lack of experiences. They may help you see God in ways that never occurred to you. You could offer to be a sponsor for someone in the RCIA, and help someone else's faith to grow. Your parish or diocese may also have on-line resources or discussions.

God never forces himself on anyone. To grow in his Wisdom, we have to accept it. Ask him for real food and you won't be disappointed. But be patient, God only gives what we are ready to receive.

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#### Weddings, Receptions, Events

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Hall Rental Information:	Pat Gentry	636-398-5270
Wedding Coordinators:	Pat Gentry	636-398-4358
-	Kelly Meyer	636-828-4994
Event Coordinators:	Joan Marren-Slaughter	636-398-5270
	Mary Keune	636-398-5270

#### **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** 

#### Parish Organizations

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Irene Caldwell	636-398-4311
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Lectors	
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Education	
High School Youth Leader	
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RCIA, PSR, Children's Liturgy of the Word	
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Art & Environment		
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Funeral Lunches		
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Teresa Waddington	314-440-7475	
Welcoming Committee		
Teresa Berfanger	636-398-5565	

## Overflowing Gratitude

Dear parishioners,

I cannot begin to express in enough words my genuine and heartfelt gratitude for the celebration of my 25th Anniversary. It was a tremendous day of faith and friendship. I am so very thankful to Jesus for calling me to the priesthood and for His subtle works in leading me to Immaculate Heart of Mary. I know it was really the work of the Archbishop and the Personnel Board, but I am so very thankful that my walk of faith has led me here.

Last Sunday's celebration at Mass was prayerful, powerful and truly a joy to experience. I am always blessed to lead you in prayer, but some Masses really knock the ball out of the park, and last Sunday was one of them. Prayerful participation, beautiful music and the power of the Holy Spirit animating all of it made the presence of Our Savior real and effective. We know Jesus is present at every Mass, in so many and mysterious ways, but at some Masses everything falls into place to make our Hidden Lord present. Many thanks to Marilyn and Betsy for the beautiful music, I can't wait to hear it on-line.

Many thanks to all who made the preparations for the day and made it such a powerful expression of our parish charism of hospitality. I want to thank Laura, Peggy and Shawn for all their efforts to prepare for the day. I am blessed with such an outstanding staff. Many thanks to all of our staff members who prepared the Grand Hall, and the tent out back. While our staff is great, without all of our volunteers we wouldn't be able to get much done. Not only do our volunteers do an awesome job with all the work behind the scenes, but they also do a great job as ministers of hospitality to all of our guests.

My dear family of faith, your presence and welcome to members of our local community, former parishes that I served and other guests was outstanding. I could not be more proud of who you are and how you handle yourself as people of faith. Know of my prayers, love and gratitude for you each day and especially as I remember all of you at Mass. The chalices and other gifts are wonderful expressions of your love, but the real gift is your continued presence in the life of our parish family. Our time and prayer together are such sacred gifts.

Peace,

## Fr. Tum

## 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said. "If you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in yourselves." JOHN 6:53

The movie E.T. contains two scenes that deal with food. In one scene the young hero of the film leaves some candy for E.T. to show him he wants to be his friend. The other scene shows a starved E.T. raiding a refrigerator. Behind the warmth and humor of the scenes is a basic message. It is this: without food, we die. What is true of bodily life is also true of spiritual life. Jesus' words invite me to ask, "How appreciative am I of the Eucharist as my spiritual food?"

Before Communion the sacred bread does not look as if Christ is present in it. After Communion we Christians do not always look as if Christ is present in us. — Frank Sheed (adapted)

Mark Link S.J. Vision

Welcome to Immaculate Heart of Mary: Informed—Hospitable—Motivated

### Next Week Ministry Schedule August 25 4:00pm

- EM: Wally & Jan Karase, Sharon Hagan, Joan Falbo, Karen Wilson, Bryan Potter, Bernadine Pollihan, Jackie Barclay
- Lec: Nancy Ast, Ed Taylor
- GB: Vanita Joerling, Carol Harvell
- Serv: Maggie & Morgan Molitor
- Ush: Joe Spiess, Bill Pollihan, Tim Wilson, Larry Graves August 26

#### 7:30am

- EM: John & Karen Wappelhorst, Rich Molitor, Jan Kardasz, Jean Reel, Kris Jenkins
- Lec: Chuck Kettler, Peggy Dupree
- GB: Mike & Mary Hardesty
- Serv: Andy, Daniel, David Vehige
- Ush: Frank Marquart, Larry Koch, Mike Stassi, Gary Potter

#### 9:30am

- EM: Maureen Blondin, Kris Preuss, Steve Williams, Pat Gentry, Judeen Kutsko, Kat Menne, Dave & Pam DeBold
- Lec: Bill Winters, Nancy Meyers
- GB: Michelle, Paige, Genny Greiwe
- Serv; Brianna, Morgan, Jordan Dale
- Ush: Chris & Adam Molitor, Joe Weber, Bob Gray, George Stark, Brian Corrigan

## **HMiormation** Station

August 25, 4:00	Joe & Debbie Willis
August 26, 7:30	Peggy Dupree
August 26, 9:30	Dave & Pat Gentry



Marriage in Christ has been promised between: Bria Koch and Kyle Shepard

Our first Parish School of Religion class will begin on Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.

If you haven't registered already, please register this week so as to avoid a late fee.



## This Week at Home

Sunday, August 19 Golden Hearts, Weber Hall, 1pm Monday, August 20 Scouts, Founders Hall/Trailer, 6:30pm Tuesday, August 21 Legion of Mary, 9am Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am Protecting God's Children, Grand Hall, 6:30pm (must preregister—call the office for details) Wednesday, August 22 Reconciliation, 7pm Thursday, August 23 Fitness class, Grand Hall foyer, 9am Youth Group, Grand Hall foyer, 6:30pm Friday, August 24 Quilting, Weber Hall, 8:30—noon Saturday, August 25 Reconciliation, 8:30am

### Please pray for all the sick and suffering, including:

Ed Haas, Bill Tate, Jolene Molitor, Mark Hanna, Larry Gassei, Bob Fritz (Michelle Greiwe's dad), Christine Potter, Audrey Hueffmeier, John Fiacco, Dee Schipper, Sherri Callahan (Vicki Grunz's daughter)

**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 Chain Requests: Rita Langford at 636-398-



Janet Hespen, Youth Minister 314-369-6521

August 23: LIKE FOLLOW AND SHARE: Our Faith and the Media. Come prepared to share your favorite Christian > YouTube video under 10 minutes. Grand Hall, 6-8pm.

The St. Gianna Youth Group is sponsoring a dance on Friday, Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> from 11-7 pm Admission \$5. Modest, age appropriate attire. For more information call Jason Bolte 636-387-1269



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## Mass Intentions

Monday, August 20 8:00am Shirley McDonald + Tuesday, August 21 8:00am intention of Roger & Vickie Brink Bob Cwiklowski (anniv.) + Wednesday, August 22

8:00am

All Souls intention of John Kekeisen

Thursday, August 23 8:00am Friday, August 24 8:00am

Saturday, August 25

8:00am

4:00pm

Tom Holstein +

Eugene Gehrin +

Omer Wolff +

Robert McEneny + Ed Langford +

Sunday, August 26 7:30am

9:30am

People of the Parish Sonny Molitor +

special intention (C.W.) Shawn Grady +

#### የ Rest in Peace

We offer our prayerful sympathy to -Dot, Mark & Mary, Joe, Angle & Randy Gust on the death of their son and brother **Bob Keune** -Pat Roche on the death of her brother-in-law Gary Hagemeier

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

## Contributions: August 11/12

General Offertory:	\$9,442.58
Online – General Offertory:	<u>\$2,954.62</u>
Total Offertory:	\$12,397.20

"Watch carefully then how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise..." EPHESIANS 5:15

A wise person recognizes that all we have and all we are comes from God. A wise person thanks God continually throughout the day for all His many blessings. A wise person realizes that God has blessed us for a reason and that He wants us to help Him build His kingdom on earth.

We pray ... that we make wise choices in how we live as God's stewards and have the courage to turn away from foolish wants.

## Heavenly Duster Purificators Carol Grady Mary Stassi

## Needed at the Pantry:

corn and green beans; pork and beans; peanut butter; canned fruit: mandarin oranges, peaches, fruit cocktail, apple sauce; tuna helper, hamburger helper; canned chicken; ketchup; sugar; vegetable oil; BBQ sauce; Bisquick; jello; all-purpose cleaning supplies.

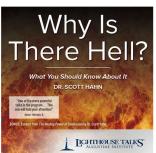
In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." As we know, our loving God cannot be seen by our eyes, but only experienced through loving people.

With love for your neighbors who have nothing, look around your house to see what furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer use...and give it to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

## 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 Lighthouse Catholic CD Rack: Narthex



In this moving study on hell, Dr. Scott Hahn shares what scripture teaches about why hell is necessary. What it is like? Who goes there? How can you stay out forever? He explains why Lucifer refused to serve and then responds from a scriptural perspective to the most seductive modern errors about hell. Included are two bonus excerpts from Dr. Hahn's talk, The Healing Power of Confession.

I learned that there is so much documentation for the existence of Hell in the Gospels. Dr. Hahn reminds us that Jesus himself provided so much proof for Hell's existence. By listening to his CD, one can soon realize how God's allowing Hell to exist actually shows His infinite love for us! Victor - Torrance, CA

## Men of the Parish—we're inviting YOU! Still time to register.



When: Thursday thru Sunday, August 23 thru 26

- Where: Check-in at St. Patrick at 6pm, round trip transportation to LaSalle Retreat Center.
- Why: To allow an opportunity for men to focus on their faith and its application in their daily lives, to grow in their prayer life, to increase their presence at the Celebration of the Eucharist and to cultivate friendship among members of the church community.
- **Cost:** Cost for each retreatant is \$250.00. A registration fee of \$50 must be submitted with the registration form in order to reserve your place. The remaining \$195 is due at Thursday check-in.

If you are unable to pay all or part of the fee or need further information regarding the retreat, please contact: Bill Steckel, Director, 636-795-7908, Bob Webb, Co-Director, 636-445-4074, or Wayne Stoehner, Co-Director, 314-504-0112. The registration form can be found at <u>www.stpatrickwentzville.org/acts</u>.

## What's your Catholic Catechism IQ?



#### MARKS OF THE CHURCH

- It is Christ who, through the Holy Spirit, makes His Church and calls her to realize these four "marks."
   a. Get set, go
   b. One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic
   c. 1,2,3,4
   d. A,B,C,D
- 2. These marks serve as motives of credibility to the world, giving an irrefutable witness of her \_\_\_\_\_ source and mission.
   a. Human
   b. Divine
   c. Pointless
   d. Human and Divine
- 3. The Church is one in her profession of one \_\_\_\_\_ received from the Apostles.

   a. Faith
   b. Hand
   c. Thing
   d. and Only
- 4. The Catholic Church, the universal help toward salvation, offers the \_\_\_\_\_ of the means of salvation. a. Fullness b. Hope c. Tools d. Trust
- 5. Though derived from her, there are many elements of sanctification and of truth found outside the visible confines of the
  - a. Parish church b. Parochial church c. Church of England d. Catholic Church

#### THE CHURCH IS HOLY

- 6. The Church is holy because Christ joined her to Himself as His body and endowed her with the gift of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Father b. Blessed Mother c. Apostles d. Holy Spirit 7. All the activities of the Church are directed, as toward their end, to the \_\_\_\_\_ of men in Christ.
- a. Challenge b. Sanctification c. Growth d. Increase 8. The Church is holy, though having in her midst.
- a. Darkness b. Light c. Pagans d. Sinners
- 9. If they live her life, her members are sanctified; if they move away from her life, they fall into sins and disorders that prevent the radiation of her \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Nuclear fallout b. Sanctity c. Gamma rays d. X-rays
- 10. By canonizing certain individuals as \_\_\_\_\_, the Church recognizes the power of the spirit of holiness within her.
  - a. Saints b. Kings c. Queens d. Popes

## Meet a Missionary to U.S. College Students

Dear Immaculate Heart of Mary Parishioners,

I pray this letter finds you well. I am excited to have this opportunity to share my mission with you and pray God can draw us closer to Him and to each other through this mission that God has placed before me.

For the next 3+ years, I will be serving as a missionary with the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS). Why? Well, consider the communities of love God has surrounded you with. Your family and parish are likely two communities that immediately stand out. We rely on these communities to foster Christ's love in our lives and to build each other up. Now, consider being removed from these two communities and instead surrounded by a community that teaches you to find fulfillment not in a loving relationship with God in His Church, but instead in worldly pursuits – sex, money, alcohol, drugs, etc. The unfortunate truth is that this will be the experience of tens of thousands of college students in mid-August. It is no surprise, then, that it is during their college years that 80% of former Catholics say they stopped practicing their faith. These are often people who are dear to us - our closest family and friends. Clearly, we, as members of the Church, need to respond.

God has called me to serve His family on college campuses. FOCUS currently sends 700 missionaries to 150 US college campuses to build authentic Christ -centered friendships with students. Through these friendships, each student receives a personal call to relationship with Christ; invitations to deepen their faith through Bible studies, prayer, and the sacraments; and ultimately a community of love in which their faith can flourish and be shared with others.

FOCUS has been a great blessing to me in my 4 years studying mechanical engineering at Benedictine College and I am excited that God has called me to this mission. As a recent college graduate, I have the same expenses as everyone else – rent, food, gas, etc. In order for me to serve



as a missionary, I must form a strong team of mission partners to support me for 100% of my financial needs (and spiritual support as well, please!). I would love to share my mission with you as a mission partner. You can do this by visiting my giving page at <u>www.focus.org/missionaries/paul-wessel</u>. I hope to know each of my mission partners beyond just being a financial helper, so please give me a call/ text at 636-358-6836 with any questions or prayer requests and so I can share my story with you. I plan to visit your parish sometime this fall so I can meet you face-to-face. I look forward to meeting you soon!

> Thank you and God Bless! Paul Wessel 636-358-6836 paul.wessel@focus.org

## Annual Silver and Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass

Couples celebrating their **25th**, **50th** or **50-plus wedding anniversary during 2018** are invited to this annual Mass to be held **Sunday, September 16, 2018, 2:30pm at the Cathedral Basilica** (4431 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108), Archbishop Robert Carlson will be the celebrant. Family members and friends are invited to join the couples at this special celebration. Couples registered by *August 24* will have their names and wedding date printed in the program and receive a certificate of congratulations. You may register online by visiting <u>archstl.org/jubileemass</u>. Questions: Office of Laity & Family Life, 314-792-7170.

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

## Mysteries, Marvels and Miracles in the Life of the Church: St. Rose of Lima (Feast: August 23)

Article excerpts from http://www.ewtn.com/library/mary/rose.htm

Rose of Lima has a special claim on our interest for she has the honor of being the first person born in the Western Hemisphere to be canonized by the Church. The child who became St. Rose of Lima was born on April 20, 1586. Rose seems to have taken for her model St. Catherine of Siena, and, like the earlier saint, she experienced so ardent a love of God whenever she was in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament that exaltation completely filled her soul. As she grew to maturity, her parents were anxious to have Rose marry, and indeed there were several worthy aspirants for her hand. Rose did not wish marriage, and, to end the arguments and offers, she joined the Third Order of St. Dominic, donned the habit, and took a vow of perpetual virginity.



For many years Rose lived virtually as a recluse. There was a little hut in the family garden, and this she used as an oratory. She often wore on her head a circlet of silver studded on the inside with sharp points, in memory of the Lord's crown of thorns. Other forms of penitence

which she inflicted on her body were floggings, administered three times daily, the wearing of a hair shirt, and the dragging of a heavy, wooden cross about the garden. In spite of the rigors of her ascetic life, Rose was not wholly detached from happenings around her, and her awareness of the suffering of others often led her to protest against some of the practices of the Spanish overlords. For fifteen years Rose bore the disapproval and persecution of those close to her, as well as the more severe trial of desolation of soul. At length an examination by priests and physicians was indicated, and this resulted in the judgment that her experiences were indeed supernatural. Rose's last years were passed in the home of a government official, Don Gonzalo de Massa. During an illness towards the end of her life, she was able to pray, "Lord, increase my sufferings, and with them increase Thy love in my heart." This remarkable woman died on August 25, 1617, at the age of thirty-one.

Not until after her death was it known how widely her beneficent influence had extended, and how deeply venerated she was by the common people of Lima. When her body was borne down the street to the cathedral, a great cry of mourning arose from the crowd. For several days it was impossible to perform the ritual of burial on account of the great press of sorrowing citizens around her bier. She was finally laid to rest in the Dominican convent at Lima. Later, when miracles and cures were being attributed to her intervention, the body was transferred to the church of San Domingo. There it reposes today in a special chapel.

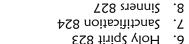
Rose of Lima was declared patroness of South America and the Philippines; she was canonized by Pope Clement in 1671, August 30 being appointed her feast-day. This holy woman is highly honored in all Spanish-American countries. The emblems associated with her are an anchor, a crown of roses, and a city. One internet article answers the question, "What were the miracles of St. Rose of Lima?" You can find that at: https://www.lifepersona.com/what-were-themiracles-of-santa-rosa-de-lima

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Join the Holy Father's prayer intentions for August: The treasure of Families That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

The gift of grace increases as the struggles increase. -St. Rose of Lima

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## **Dynamic Catholic** *Alive!* Giving Thanks Always and for Everything

The Gospel today is critical for our lives as Catholics, as it illuminates the truth of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Read John 6 again and again! However, since I touched on the first part of this passage last week, I want to focus on St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians today. In this letter, he provides us with a hallmark of the Christian life: rejoicing and giving thanks in all circumstances. We find ourselves in all types of situations during our earthly life. These include sick times and healthy times, sad times and cheerful times, times of defeat and times of victory. The crux of the matter is that we must always give thanks to God for whatever He sends our way. The apostles and early Christian martyrs rejoiced that they were found worthy to suffer for the sake of Jesus Christ. They glorified Him in life and death. Similarly, we are called to be a people who do not despair or embrace a cynical perspective on life in the midst of trials. In our workplaces, our families, our neighborhoods, and all our endeavors, we are called to manifest the goodness of God and the truth that He uses us to accomplish His will in all things. Jesus, thank you for EVERYTHING!

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## Readings for the Week

Mon:	Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22
Tue:	Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab;
	Mt 19:23-30
Wed:	Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16
Thu:	Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
Fri:	Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Sat:	Ez 43:1-7a; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12
Sun:	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21;
	Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

## Prayer Network App

ORA has two primary ministry goals: promoting a lifestyle of relationship with the Lord, and building practical technology tools to help people grow in their faith. ORA inspires people to pursue the Lord and then help them cultivate intentional, faith-filled habits. They recently launched their first app, also called ORA, which illustrates the beauty and power of prayer while helping people establish a daily routine of turning to the Lord. www.oraprayernetwork.com





Do you wish you had more peace of mind? Could you use more wisdom in your decision-making? Do you ever wonder how to grow in wisdom? Through the wisdom literature of the Bible, God shows us how to walk in His vision for our happiness and well-being, as He created us to do. The wisdom literature—Proverbs, Wisdom, Sirach, and Ecclesiastes—shows us that God has showered us in livable wisdom. *Wisdom: God's Vision for Life* is your guide to learning how to gather, gain, and grow in wisdom in your daily life.

You are invited to join the Early Bird faith study group on Friday mornings for 8 weeks beginning September 7, from 6:30 to 7:30am (we're done in time for 8am Mass). Each week the study consists of a 30-minute video followed by a lively group discussion and fellowship. Here's the weekly topics:

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Wisdom in Decision-Making
- 3. Wisdom in Finances
- 4. Wisdom in Relationships
- 5. Wisdom for Peace of Mind
- 6. Wisdom in Speech
- 7. Wisdom in Age
- 8. Wisdom in Christ

Please call Peggy in the church office for more information or to register for the study. We hope you can



## Neighborhood News!

#### Events involving Food!

Annual Parish Picnic at St. Joseph/Josephville: 1390 Josephville Rd., Wentzville on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>August 19</u>. Fried chicken & Beef dinners served 11am-7pm. Dine in, drive-thru. or carry-out. Bingo, live music, handmade quilts, booths, games, beer & wine garden. For more info call 636-332-6676.

All You Can Eat Breakfast will be held at Immaculate Conception Parish in Augusta on <u>August 26</u> from 8am till noon. \$8 for adults and \$3 for ages 6-12. Menu includes pork sausage, baked ham, "real" scrambled eggs, regular and potato pancakes, baked apples, juice and coffee.

#### **Events involving Faith!**

**Deliverance Training based on the Unbound model.** This training will be held at the Catholic Renewal Center, 1406 S. Sappington, Crestwood on six Monday nights from 7-9pm beginning <u>August 27th thru October 1st</u> OR Thursday afternoons from 1-3pm beginning <u>August 30th thru October 4th</u>. We will view the DVD series entitled *Freedom in Christ*. This way of bringing freedom to people uses the "5 keys" as explained by Neal Lozano in the book <u>Unbound</u>. 1—Repentance and Faith; 2—Forgiveness; 3—Renunciation; 4—Authority; 5—The Father's Blessing. More information about the Unbound model for deliverance prayer can be found at *heartofthefather.com*. To register or for more information please email Anne Hruz at annehruz@archstl.org or call 314-801-8688.

A Guided Scripture Silent Retreat is scheduled for Friday, <u>September 21</u> at 7pm to Sunday, September 23 at 3pm at 29446 Meadowlark South, Warrenton 63383. A guided retreat includes considerable private prayer time, silence and solitude. The retreat directors are Srs. Ginny Jaskiewicz and Carol Orf, CPPS. A free will offering and a non-refundable \$25 registration fee are required. Meals are taken in silence. <u>Bring a bible</u>. This retreat is open to women <u>of all ages</u>. The deadline for registration is Friday, September 14, 2018. For more information or to register, call Sr. Carol Orf at 314-560-1028.

**Eucharistic Adoration Conference** on <u>Saturday, September 29</u> from 8am to noon at the Cardinal Rigali Center, 20 Archbishop Mary Drive. Featured keynote speaker Most Reverend Robert J. Hermann. Day begins with Mass at 8am in the St. Vincent de Paul Chapel. There will be a chance to hear about practical suggestions and resources for having parish Adoration and a time for questions and answers.

#### **Events involving Fun and Fitness!**

Fore Life Golf Tournament sponsored by Missouri Right to Life Education Fund on <u>Friday, September 7</u> at The Links at Dardenne, 7000 Brassel Dr., O'Fallon. Registration 11:30am shotgun start 1pm. \$125/person includes lunch and dinner. Sponsorship donations are 100% deductible. Senior tees, putting contest and more. For more info and to register, go to https://www.easternregionmrl.org/golf/ or contact us at mrl.eastern@yahoo.com or 314-434-4900.

Annual Patriot Day Run <u>Sunday</u>, <u>September 9</u> at Carshield Field (Rascals Stadium), O'Fallon. 10K Run, 5K Run/Walk, 1 Mile Fun Run, 1/4 Mile March. Honoring those who perished on 9-11 and all First Responders & Military. Proceeds will help the families of those who MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE for our safety.

18th Annual Tee Off For the Kids golf tournament will be held <u>September 15</u> at the Missouri Bluffs Golf Club, 18 Research Park Circle, St. Charles. Proceeds benefit SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital. \$165 individual golfers, \$660/foursome. Includes lunch, golf, beverages, dinner, silent and live auctions. To register call Bob Maryas 636-458-8481 or email bmaryas@charter.net.

**ICOM Cougar Trips** (Immaculate Conception, Old Monroe): Mackinac Island (Michigan) September 16-22, Pidgeon Forge/Dollywood (Tennesse) December 3-8. To register or for more information contact Jean Folwarczny at 636-566-8571 or heavenlythreads@gmail.com.

**Catholic Alaska Cruise:** Come and sail away on a 7-night Alaska Cruise with Father John Jamnicky on September 22-29 on Holland America's Eurodam out of Seattle, Washington. Ports of call: Juneau, Cruising Glacier Bay, Sitka, Ketchikan, Victoria Canada, and back to Seattle. Prices begin at \$2364 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. *Ask us about our lower non-refundable snap fares.* Daily Mass offered. Deposits of only \$350 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785 or Eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com





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