

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

New Melle, Missouri



January 4, 2015

The Epiphany of the Lord

*Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.*

Entrance antiphon

Sacraments and Devotions

Celebration of the Mass

Weekend Masses in the Church

Vigil	4:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am
	9:30 am
	11:15 am

Daily Mass

Monday through Friday 8:00 am, Chapel
Saturday 8:00 am, Church

Devotions and Prayers, St. Joseph Chapel

Rosary following 8:00 Mass
Rosary at noon on Wednesday
Tuesday after Mass-
 Perpetual Help devotions
Thursday after Mass-
 Respect Life prayers
Friday at 11:30 am- Chaplet of
 Divine Mercy and Benediction

Reconciliation

Wednesday in church, 7:30 pm
Saturday after the 8:00 am Mass

Marriage

Contact the parish office at least six months prior to the wedding.

Baptism

Contact the parish office to register for Baptism class and to arrange for the Baptism.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Contact Shawn Mueller in the parish office

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Joseph Chapel is open for adoration 24 hours daily from Monday after Mass to Friday benediction. **Code: 145**

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Welcome!

Religious Education

Parish School of Religion (Grades 1 through 8)

September through May on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:30 pm

Confirmation Preparation (8th grade)

September through May on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:30 pm

Children's Liturgy of the Word

September through May on Sundays during the 9:30 am Mass

Adult Education

Wednesdays at 8:45 am and 6:00 pm.

This Week's Events

Sunday, January 4

9:30 am

Children's liturgy during Mass

2:00 pm

Epiphany Concert, church;
reception following in the Grand Hall

Monday, January 5

6:15 pm

Girl Scouts, Founders Hall

6:30 pm

Scouts, Founders Hall

Tuesday, January 6

9:00 am and 5:30 pm

Exercise Classes, Grand Hall Foyer

Wednesday, January 7

6:00 pm

PSR Classes, Founders Hall and Weber Hall

6:00 pm

Acts of the Apostles, Bible Study, Grand Hall

7:00 pm

Reconciliation, church

Thursday, January 8

8:30 am

Legion of Mary, Founders Hall

9:00 am and 5:30 pm

Exercise Classes, Grand Hall Foyer

6:30 pm

Symbolon Group, Weber Hall

7:00 pm

Choir rehearsal, Church

7:00 pm

Venturing Crew, trailer

Friday, January 9

8:30 am

Quilters, Weber Hall

Saturday, January 10

8:00 am

Mass followed by confession, church



Join the Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for January

Universal: Peace: That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace. **Evangelization: Consecrated**

life: That in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and women may rediscover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal.

Saints and special observances

Monday: St. John Neumann

Tuesday: St. André Bessette

Wednesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 3

8:00 am Mimi Ferguson +
JT Fowler
4:00 pm People of the Parish

Sunday, January 4

7:30 am Mary Berfanger +
Robert McEneny
9:30 am Mena Winters +
11:15 am Jim and Anna Tarkington +

Monday, January 5

8:00 am All Souls Intentions

Tuesday, January 6

8:00 am Leon James Ferguson +
Lukas Schneider +

Wednesday, January 7

8:00 am Erma Guinn +
Carol Tieman

Thursday, January 8

8:00 am Sinopole Family

Friday, January 9

8:00 am Helen Orf +

Saturday, January 10

8:00 am Joe Sinopole +
4:00 pm Ed Szostek +

Sunday, January 11

7:30 am Moira Ryan +
Jerome Kluge +
9:30 am Mena Winters +
11:15 am People of the Parish

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10
or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Acts 10:34-38 or
1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

THE HOLY STAR

O Father, may that holy star
Grow every year more bright
And send its glorious beams afar
To fill the world with light.

— William Cullen Bryant



Parish Organizations

Scouting Units

Parish Rep (All Units) Jerry Hespen; 636-236-1955
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Julia Kettler
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Bill Winters
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Quilters

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Mary Ann Brakensiek
636-828-5776

St. Vincent DePaul

For information or assistance,
call 636-398-5270 , ex. 225

PARTNERS IN THE PROMISE

As a society, during these days we can be in something of a “postpartum” depression. Our celebrations of Christmas and the New Year are over, and after today many of us will put away the decorations and the last visible remnants of the celebrations of the past weeks. The apostle Paul today uses the expression “partners in the promise.” This is an uplifting phrase for us to reflect upon, and to think of as our own calling in these days following the birth of the Lord. What is this promise? We can find it in the gifts the magi bring: it is a promise of being a royal priesthood (gold), a holy nation (frankincense), a people set apart for self-giving (myrrh). We find more of the promise in Isaiah—a light shines upon us! In the psalm we know a promise of a world of flowering justice, profound peace, the poor rescued, pity for the lowly and the poor. This is the promise; and one of the best ways for us to lift ourselves out of any possible low spirits we may be suffering is to live out our partnership in this promise each and every day.

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LAYING OUR GIFTS BEFORE THE KING

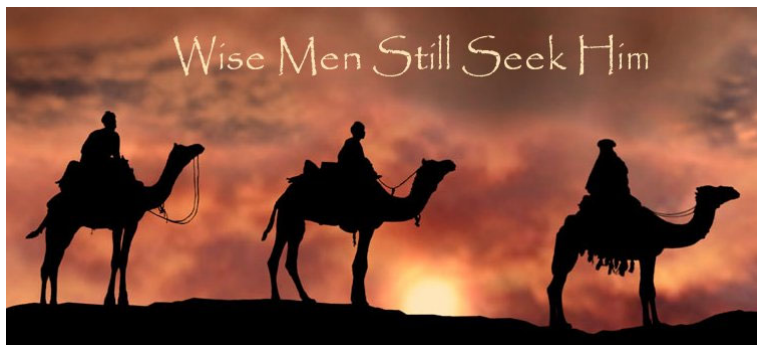
Dear Parishioners,

Today as we celebrate the Epiphany of Our Lord we rejoice in Our Savior's mission to reconcile all of humanity, beginning with our Jewish brothers and sisters, and extending to the ends of the earth. The Magi offer their gifts and reveal the hidden nature of the Babe in the manger. Here is our God, King and Brother, Jesus the Christ. They offer their gifts in homage to Him; we seek to offer our lives in prayer and service.

Many thanks to all who make this such a beautiful Christmas Season. I want to thank all of those who give so generously of their time and gifts to make our worship so beautiful. Our liturgies radiated the joy we experience as Jesus comes to us. The music was outstanding. It elevated and opened our hearts to receive more from our Newborn Lord. Song has a way of opening the recesses of our heart that word often alone fails to do. While we don't come just for the music, it enhances our worship in ways that nothing else does. It is in many ways a tiring season with all of the extra celebrations, but it is the type of tired we can take satisfaction in feeling. We are tired by love and devotion to Our Lord. I can't think of a better reason to feel tired at the end of the day than for God and neighbor. All of the decorations in church are outstanding. There is a natural beauty present in our church, and our liturgical artwork and floral arrangements enhanced that constant beauty. Thanks to all who made this Christmas season so outstanding.

I love the joy of the Christmas season, and sharing it with all of you makes it all the more blessed. Thank you so much for your generosity to us during this past Christmas. Your cards, notes, and gifts are deeply appreciated. I appreciate the beauty and joy that this season invites us to embrace. Joy and beauty are easy to embrace when all is well in life. The real challenge happens when life is not easy and our recent experiences are touched by any sort of hardship, sorrow or suffering. The mystery of joy is that it comes to us independent of our circumstances. While good circumstances may make it easier to recognize joy, joy can come to us in the most dire of circumstances. May joy find us waiting and receptive.

Merry Christmas,
Fr. Tom



PS Please join us later today for our Epiphany Concert with our neighboring churches and community members. It is a wonderful tradition and a great way to continue our Christmas celebration. Christmas is far from over. We still have one more week to praise God for the gift of His Son.

Today @ 2:00 pm

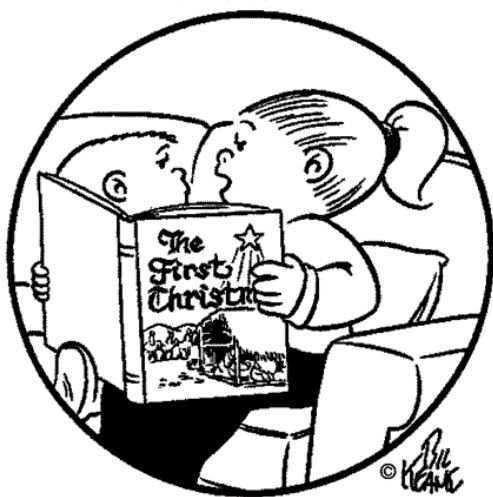
**"The Cavalcade of Choirs, the Calliope of Praise, the Jamboree for Jesus,
the Christmas Extravaganza, the Festival of Song, the Feast of Gladness"**

THE EPIPHANY CONCERT- BE THERE!!!!

There will be no classes on December 24 and December 31. Thank you to all those who have been keeping up with all of the online work. This is meant to be a tool for you and your children to have "the faith" come first from the direction of the parents at home, and secondarily from the "parish school of religion" here at Church. We will be back on January 6.



THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Then the three wise men came to baby-sit while Mary and Joseph went caroling."

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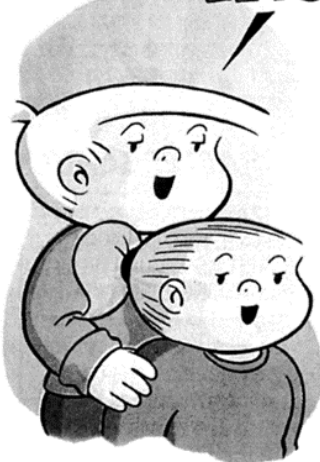


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LET'S KEEP CHRISTMAS ALL THROUGH THE YEAR.

By Bil KEANE



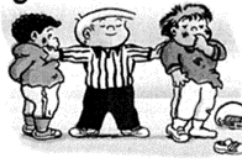
SPRING



FALL



PEACE ON EARTH
GOOD WILL TOWARD
MEN



SUMMER



WINTER



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LITURGY CAMP Registration for the 2015 Liturgy Camp is now available. A flyer and registration form have been posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. We have several new events planned for this summer's camp including a tour of some of the churches in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Space is limited so be sure to reserve a spot for your student, child or parishioner today. Registration is open for students 8th grade - Senior in High school. Please consider sending your student, parishioner, or child to this year's Liturgy Camp. If you have further questions about the camp please contact Amy Buehrle in the Office of Sacred Worship , 314.792.7231



NEWS FROM HOME



Stewardship

January 4, 2014

St. Joseph Chapel "Heavenly Dusters"

Pat Noack

The "Heavenly Dusters" schedule needs to be updated. Please call the office if you have changed your information. We also have a few slots to fill so if you are able to help, please call the parish office.

Collection figures for Sunday, Dec. 21, 2014

General Offertory: \$8,500.58

Online-General Offering" \$2,512.00

Total: \$13,012.58

Collection figures for Sunday, Dec. 28, 2014 will be published in next week's bulletin.

Try Electronic Offertory

Those who are pledging for the "Many Gifts. One Heart" new debt reduction campaign should mark their envelopes with the correct campaign title.

Pink debt reduction envelopes are included in the monthly envelope mailing. There are options for giving. Use weekly envelopes or check out On-Line giving at www.ihm-newmelle.org

St. Vincent DePaul Society

Items needed for the food pantry: Jelly, chili beans, canned meats, Coffee, sugar, oil, bleach, trash bags, Kleenex, paper towels, shave cream.

Memorial tribute and healing cards are available. The order forms can be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Marion Mueller	Janet Hespen's Dad
Patricia Rudolf	Jane Holstein's sister
Shirley McDonald	Ann Fitzgerald
Diane Bocklage	Susan Van Booven
Jack Hitt	Terri Guernsey
Steve Geldien	Melissa Van Hoy
Maria and Tom Miller	
A 54-year-old man with cancer	
A friend who lost her husband last February and now has cancer	
Mike who had a liver replacement	
John and his family	
Keri and Jesse Knopp and their unborn baby	
Erin and her two kids, one of whom is very ill;	
Mary Ann Brakensiek who will soon have back surgery	
Dave Hendrix	Charlie Grady
Al Bamert	Ted Feldewerth
John, who has had back surgery	

What's Your Catholic IQ?

1. How many Wise Men (Magi) visited Joseph, Jesus and Mary in Bethlehem?

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| A. Two | B. Nobody knows |
| C. Three | D. Four |

2. Which King of Israel wanted to kill the baby who would grow to become the Messiah?

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| A. Flavius Josephus | B. Caesar Augustus |
| C. Herod | D. Quirinius |

3. Who wrote the text of the Epiphany carol "We Three Kings of Orient Are"?

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| A. Phillips Brooks | B. Father Josef Mohr |
| C. Charles Wesley | D. John Henry Hopkins Jr. |

4. The story of the visit of the Wise Men (Magi) appears in the Gospel according to whom?

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| A. Mark | B. John |
| C. Luke | D. Matthew |

5. Which of the following is not a kind of Three Kings Cake?

- A. La Rocca de Reyes
B. Dreikönigskuchen
C. Galette des Rois
D. Kulitch

6. Whose poem "The Journey of the Magi" begins "A cold coming we had of it, just the worst time of the year for a journey, and such a long journey"?

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| A. William Butler Yeats | B. T.S. Eliot |
| C. O. Henry | D. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow |

7. What is the origin and meaning of the word "epiphany"?

- A. From the Greek, meaning "to show forth".
B. From the Latin, meaning "astrologers or magicians".
C. From the Greek, meaning "before Lent".
D. From the German, meaning "after Christmas".

8. What are/were the three traditional names assigned to the Wise Men (Magi)?

- A. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego
B. Huey, Dewey and Louie
C. Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar
D. Peter, Paul and James

9. "The Adoration of the Magi" was commissioned in the late 15th Century as an altarpiece for the Augustinian monks of San Donato a Scopeto in Florence. It was unfinished and now hangs in the Uffizi Gallery in Florence. Who painted it?

- A. Leonardo da Vinci
B. Fra Angelico and Fra Filippo Lippi
C. Andrea del Verrocchio
D. Sandro Botticelli

10. What is myrrh?

- A. The Arabic word for silver
B. The dried sap of an African tree used anciently in embalming ointments and burned at funerals.
C. Nutmeg
D. A mercurial compound used to treat flesh wounds

Answers are printed on the last page, under Out and About.

BLESSING OF HOMES ON FEAST OF EPIPHANY

(Optional introduction)

The blessing of homes on Epiphany is a very old Catholic custom. When the Wise Men or Magi became an important focus of the celebration of Epiphany, the blessing of homes was a natural conclusion: The Wise Men came to bring gifts to honor the King of Kings; but when they entered the home at Bethlehem, they were blessed by him whom they came to bless! Since the high Middle Ages, the names Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar have been given to the Magi, and they have been honored as saints; there is a magnificent reliquary of their alleged remains behind the high altar of the Cathedral of Cologne, Germany. We, too, are always blessed by those whom we go to bless. To give is to receive. To dedicate our homes to Christ is to gain untold blessings from him who manifested himself in glory to the world on Epiphany. In the golden age of liturgy, two other mysteries were also celebrated on Epiphany: the Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist and the Wedding Feast at Cana. Each of these mysteries gives meaning to the blessing of homes. By sharing in the wedding feast of Cana, Jesus blessed married life and family life in the home. By his baptism, Jesus was consecrated as the Suffering Servant of the Lord. He began his mission to reconcile and to save; we begin our mission as Christians from our family life in the home.

Leader: Peace be to this home and to all who live here! Blessed be God the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit who live within us! Now and Forever!

Reader: John's Gospel states: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God! He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him, nothing came to be. And the Word was made flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, glory as of the only-begotten Son of the Father." When the translation says that he "made his dwelling among us," the literal translation is that "he pitched his tent among us." It teaches the very down-to-earth and personal presence of Christ with us. He is here in this home. May he always be in our hearts. Today in signs and symbols, we renew our realization of the presence of the Lord in our home.

The family gathers at the front door. The leader marks over the door the following (ideally with blessed chalk):
20+ C + M + B + 15 (year)

We have written the number of this new year together with the initials of the Magi, Caspar Melchior, and Balthasar. They are also the first letters of the Latin expression *Christus, Mansionem Benedicat* which means, "May Christ bless this house". May God always send his angels to dwell in this home. May He keep us always in his peace and love. May we provide welcome to strangers and to those in need. May he bless our coming and our going so that everything that comes to this home or goes forth from this home may always be guided by the light of faith, hope, and love. We ask all these things through Christ our Lord. **R. AMEN.**

The family then goes from room to room sprinkling each room with holy water. If the room is more significant to one member of the family, that member of the family may sprinkle that room, and lead the petition. As the family goes from room to room, the following - or other petitions (more suited to the family) may be used. (Adapt as necessary). Petitions below which are not relevant should be omitted. After sprinkling all the rooms (or representative rooms) the family gathers back in the living room or family room.

Leader: The response after each petition will be "Lord, hear our prayer."

(Dining Room) Bless us, Lord, when we eat our meals together. May the food we take here make us long for the Bread of Life and may our meals here be a pledge and foretaste of the banquet you prepare for us in heaven.. . we pray to the Lord. **LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

(Kitchen) Families must work together and cooperate in preparation for meals and cleaning up afterward. May God bless the work of each of us, and make us appreciate the work that each contributes for the good of this family. . . we pray to the Lord. **LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

(Parents' Bedroom) Fathers and Mothers are given the awesome responsibility of guiding their children in this world to the world to come. May the Father and Mother of this house always be guided by the Holy Family. May God give them wisdom and strength to guide this family always in truth and in love. . . we pray to the Lord. **LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

(Baby's Room) God gives the precious gift of life. May we always reverence every life, and care for those who need our care the most. May God watch over and keep our baby safe from all harm. . . we pray to the Lord. **LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

(Boys' Room) Jesus was a boy. He understands and knows each of us better than we know ourselves. May he guide us always and help us to grow. May he make us humble in good times, and may he give us strength and humility in bad times. In everything may we serve him as best we can.. . we pray to the Lord. **LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

(Girls' Room) The greatest human person who ever lived was a woman. Before she was a woman, she was a girl. Mary did not always know what God had in store for her, but she followed in faith. May God bless our femininity, our girlhood, our young womanhood.

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

January 10

4:00

EM: Wilma Zurweller, Vanita Joerling, Carol Baker, Donna Cuddihee, Ed Etzkorn, Loretta Bruns
L: Kathy & Richard Lalonde
GB: Walt & Jan Karase
S: Maggie Molitor, Elli Russell
U: Chris Cuddihee, Larry Graves, John Bossert

January 11

7:30

EM: Denise Pool, John Fiacco, Janice Kardasz, Bill Key, John & Karen Wappelhorst
L: Derek Arnzen, Michelle Greiwe
GB: Charlene & Kelsey Twiehaus
S: Eleanor & Max Hahn
U: Ed Rabbitt, Rich Molitor, Frank Marquart, Larry Gassei

January 11

9:30

EM: Bob & Irene Caldwell, Chris Aulbach, Joan Marren-Slaughter, Joe Faron Sr., Clara Haas, Pat Gentry, Judeen Kutsko

L: Roger Collins, John Grady

GB: Rich & Judy Podhorn

S: Liam Grady, Lindsay Bouquet, Mary Grace Becker

U: Charles Hinkle, George Stark, Chris Molitor, Shawn Sweetin, Terry Schneider, Dave DeBold

January 11

11:15

EM: Katie Wibbenmeyer, Jim & Theresa Risch, Patrice Riley, Nancy Ast, Mary Keune

L: Suzanne & Tim Michaelree

GB: Sue & Zachary Bozich

S: Madison Skambraks, Emma Wibbenmeyer

U: Todd Neihouse, Glen Taylor

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Bob Evans Restaurant in Wentzville will donate 15% of their proceeds to hospitalized children and the Special Olympics on the second Thursday of the month. **The next date for this generous donation will be January 8.**

St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

(Note: With close to 3000 items, the Parish Library is located in the Grand Hall past the restrooms. It is open during the week-normal business hours- and works on an honor system. Items from the Lighthouse CD rack are located and available in the Narthex.

From the Parish Library: Grand Hall



The Fourth Wise Man: Based on Henry van Dyke's classic, *The Story of the Other Wise Man*, this fictional story set in Biblical times is told in gently comic terms. A Magi named Artaban (Martin Sheen) sees a sign in the heavens that he hopes will lead him and his faithful servant to the Messiah. Artaban takes with him three precious gifts to present to the Messiah. For 33 years Artaban pursues Jesus, only to miss Him at every turn. Along the way, Artaban uses his gifts to help people in dire need. He now has nothing to present to the Messiah when he finds Him. The story culminates on Easter Sunday as Artaban, old and dying, finally encounters the new King, bringing peace to his life. A deeply moving experience examining what true faith really means. Starring Martin Sheen and Alan Arkin.



Adapted from the popular online essay, the information in this expanded-length 24-page booklet has brought hope to devout Catholics all over the world. Based on decades of research and direct contact with thousands of practicing Catholics across America, the central thesis is simple: the Church is already experiencing an explosion of dedicated Catholic families and vocations which will last for decades to come. Topics covered include: A brief survey of the implosion of the Church over the past two generations. The simultaneous countersurge of evangelical Catholic families. The rise of lay movements in the 1970s. The founding of numerous Catholic apostolates and renewal movements. The astounding impact of Saint John Paul II's papacy. The crucial role of the Blessed Mother. "Vocational lag" and its effects on the institutional Church. . The increasing number and faithfulness of religious vocations. Unstoppable "vertical" evangelization.

BLESSING OF HOMES ON THE FEAST OF EPIPHANY, continued from the previous page

(Garage) From here we go, to here we come. May God protect us on our journeys and bring us safely back home. May he give us wisdom and skill and patience in driving so that we shall always respect our lives and the lives of others. . . we pray to the Lord. LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

(Bathrooms, closets, utility rooms) So many rooms are necessary for the good functioning of the home. May each room always show forth our respect for each other. May we work together to keep them clean so that the entire family may always enjoy this home in its fullness.. we pray to the Lord. LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

(Family Room or Living Room) In this room we watch television, we read, we talk, we entertain friends, we relax, we hear music. May everything that we do in this room be done for the glory of God. May all that we hear and all that we see be worthy of his presence in our home. . . we pray to the Lord. LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER. The family then joins hands and prays together the Lord's Prayer. A favorite hymn may be sung.

Leader: (Making the sign of the cross) May God bless us +, protect us from all evil, and keep us in his love throughout this entire year. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

An appropriate time for the removing of the Christmas Crib and other decorations is at the completion of Epiphany, i.e. on the night before the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord.

This is (almost) your last chance!

If you have a new phone number, a new address or any other changes in your personal information, now is the time to inform the office for our records. The Guidebook, new for 2015, will be sent to the publisher soon. If your information is incorrect, now is the time to fix it. There will be sample books in the narthex to see sometime later this month.

Thanks for your cooperation.

LADIES EVENING OF RECOLLECTION

There will be a recollection for ladies on January 7, at St Elizabeth Ann Seton. A priest of Opus Dei will give two reflections on some aspect of the spiritual life, available for confessions and end with Benediction. There will also be a formative talk given by a layperson. The activity begins at 7:30-9:30pm. For more information, please contact Mary Schlueter [314-517-1277](tel:314-517-1277)

SINGLES AGAIN is a support group for separated, divorced and widowed. Singles Again meets at St. Cletus Church on January 29 at 7:15 PM for their general meeting. St. Cletus is at 2705 Zumbahl Road, St. Charles, MO. Come and meet for friendship and support. All faiths are welcome. Contact is Rick Pass [618-520-0966](tel:618-520-0966). Care and Share is on the 1st and 3rd weekend of the month. Steps to Wholeness is starting up again Feb 6. Contact is Lee Schellert call him for any questions on these two great events. [636-946-7782](tel:636-946-7782).

January 3-4, 2015 Invitation to Divorced and Separated Catholics

YOU ARE NOT ALONE. YOU CAN SURVIVE AND THRIVE AFTER DIVORCE. Decide to start the new year with hope and healing by attending **The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide** program. The 12-week DVD program features Catholics and lay men and women who have been where you are. Topics include denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, the kids, the ex-spouse, spirituality, annulment and much more. Immaculate Conception Parish – Dardenne is hosting the program beginning January 8, 2015. There is a \$25 fee which will cover all materials needed. (*Scholarships are available for anyone who cannot afford the fee*). Contact Debi at debijo@att.net or 314-276-3859 for more information. **Last week to sign up!**

CHECK IT OUT

...for youth and young adults

YDinner—YDisciple Group Meeting- in the Grand Hall on Wednesday, January 7, 2015, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

Crossroads will meet at Culpepper's in O'Fallon on Tuesday, January 6 at 7:00 pm. All people, married or single, are invited- ages 20 through 39.

Parish Office: 636-398-5270

Future Events

- ☒ **Annual Ecumenical Epiphany Concert;** here at IHM; 2:00 pm. Please bring finger food to share. All are invited, free of charge!
- ☒ **YDinner-YDisciple;** Wednesday, January 7 in the Grand Hall; 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
- ☒ **Blood Drive,** Thursday, Jan. 8 from 2:30 to 6:30 pm in Founders Hall
- ☒ **Marian Council Meeting,** open to all women of the parish; Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 6:30 pm in Weber Hall
- ☒ **Baptism Class;** Monday, Jan. 19 at 7:00 pm in Weber Hall. Please call the parish office to register.
- ☒ **Knights of Columbus meeting,** Tuesday, Jan. 20 in Founders Hall
- ☒ **New Parishioner Wine and Cheese Party;** Friday, Feb. 6 at Father Tom's house; more information will follow
- ☒ **Knights of Columbus Horse Races;** Saturday, Feb. 21; more information to follow

WE'VE GOT JUST THE TICKET -

a chance to win 10 tickets plus \$200 of food and drink in the Mercy Hospital's Baseball Suite for a mutually agreed upon 2015 home game - all while supporting adoptive families! **The Archbishop Robert J. Carlson Adoption Fund's 2015 Cardinal Suite Raffle** purchases can be made ONLINE; Visit our link early and often before Feb. 19!

<http://archstl.org/giving/online/donations/4325411>



Do you get emails from the "Church of IHM New Melle"?

Constant Contact has been a great, powerful and inexpensive way to communicate with members of the parish regarding upcoming events, obituary notices, general news and more. As always, such email addresses are blind copied to respect privacy, and there is also an option to unsubscribe on the email itself. But given this gift of communication, would you like to be added to the list? Just send an email to the parish office at smueller@ihm-newmelle.org

In every age consecrated men and women must continue to be images of Christ the Lord, fostering through prayer a profound communion of mind with him. - Pope St. John Paul II

Out and About Opportunities

- **EXPERIENCE THE LORD'S CONSOLATION AND HOPE:** Our Infertility Support Group gathers each year for celebration of the Mass and fellowship on or around St. Valentine's Day. The Mass this year will be celebrated by Archbishop Robert J. Carlson, Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Chapel of the Cardinal Rigali Center, 20 Archbishop May Drive, St. Louis, MO 63119. Light refreshments followed in the Sister Ebo room. If you would like more information, please contact the Archdiocesan Office of Natural Family Planning [314.997.7576](tel:314.997.7576) or e-mail melissa.barnason@mercy.net or orlucy.harris@mercy.net.
- **CARMELITE SISTERS- Lenten Holiness Retreat: "A Heart for Worship" - March 6-8, 2015** for young women ages 17-29 who desire to grow in holiness and spend time with Carmelite Sisters D.C.J. More information available at www.carmelitedcj.org/retreats.asp; To register contact Sr. Mary Michael, Carmel DCJ: [\(314\)-965-7616](tel:314-965-7616) or vocations@carmelitedcj.org; Location of both events: 10341 Manchester Rd. Kirkwood, MO 63122
- **SLAVERY STILL EXISTS IN OUR WORLD--AND IN OUR OWN COUNTRY!** Help to break the chains of modern day slavery! Attend the St. Charles Outreach Coalition Against Human Trafficking awareness event on Sat., Jan. 10, 2015, from 10 am to noon, at the Spencer Rd. Library, Community Commons (upper floor, accessible from the north parking), 427 Spencer Rd. in St. Peters. For more info., contact ehogan@cpps-ofallon.org or [636-248-1117](tel:636-248-1117). Catholic groups, such as the Precious Blood sisters in O'Fallon, are supporting this effort. The pope and bishops have spoken on this issue. More info. is available from www.humantraffickingawareness.org.

Benefits and Faith Events

- **PRO-LIFE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE NEEDED** Mary Queen of Angels is in desperate need of financial assistance. Checks must be made out to "Mary Queen of Angels" and mailed to 827 West Terra Ln., O'Fallon, MO 63366. We can be reached at [636-379-5070](tel:636-379-5070) or [636-634-7243](tel:636-634-7243).
- **16TH Annual St. Louis Marian Conference;** Jan. 9-10-11, 2015 at HIL-TON ST. LOUIS at the Ballpark. A Catholic Event for the Entire Family. Confirmed speakers are: Bishop Robert J. Hermann, DD; Fr. Charles Becker; Msgr. John J. Hickel; Fr. James Kubicki, SJ; Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ; Fr. Tom Sullivan, CPM; Dale Ahlquist; Deacon Jack Sullivan; Kaye Park-Hinckley; Annie Karto. For more details please call [314 423-1075](tel:314-423-1075)
- **TV MASS: NEW TIME ON WRBU (ION) CHANNEL 46** Heart of the Nation's TV Mass for the homebound will move to 5:30 a.m. on WRBU (ION) channel 46. When you or someone you love cannot get to church because of illness, unsafe driving conditions, or other struggles, the TV Mass offers spiritual comfort and inspiration. For cable/satellite channels, check your TV listings for WRBU (ION). The Mass will continue to air at 9:00 a.m. on KTVI channel 2.2. Video of the TV Mass is also available online at www.HeartoftheNation.org.



Thank you for all the yummy treats, cards and gifts. The Miller Family appreciates your thoughtfulness. From Fr. Tom, Peggy, Jackson and Holly the Cat.

Answers to the Catholic IQ Questions

1. B. Nobody knows. The tradition that there were three arises from the three gifts that were given to the Holy Family.
2. C. Herod. Caesar Augustus was the chief of the Roman state. Quirinius was the Roman governor of Syria. Flavius Josephus was the Jewish historian who chronicled Herod's reign.
3. D. John Henry Hopkins Jr. an Episcopal priest, wrote the text of this hymn in 1857 for a Christmas pageant at the General Theological Seminary in New York City.
4. D. Matthew. Mark begins his Gospel with John the Baptist and the baptism of Jesus. Luke jumps from the Nativity to when Jesus was twelve years old. John begins before the creation of the earth and then recounts Jesus' adult ministry.
5. D. Kulitch. La Rosca de Reyes is the Mexican Three Kings Cake. Galette des Rois is the French Three Kings Cake. Dreikönigskuchen is the German Three Kings Cake. Kulitch is a Russian Easter Cake.
6. B. T.S. Eliot. William Butler Yeats wrote a short poem called "The Magi". O. Henry wrote a short story entitled "The Gift of the Magi". Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote a Christmas poem named "The Three Kings".
7. "A. to show forth". The Greek components are epi_ (meaning "on" or "to") and _phainein (meaning "to show").
8. C. Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar.
9. A. Leonardo da Vinci.
10. B. The dried sap of an African tree used anciently in embalming ointments and burned at funerals.