

# *Immaculate Heart of Mary Church*

*New Melle, Missouri*



*January 11, 2015*

## *The Baptism of the Lord*

*You are my beloved Son;  
with you I am  
well pleased.*

## *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- Chapel 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**



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### 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

### Monday, January 12

8:00 am Joe Sinopole +  
Randy Schneider +

### Tuesday, January 13

8:00 am All Souls Intentions  
Elsie Koerber +

### Wednesday, January 14

8:00 am Mary Beth Ligibel  
Sallie Bauer

### Thursday, January 15

8:00 am Bob Almeling +  
Bud Guinn

### Friday, January 16

8:00 am Ed Szostek +  
The Falbo Family

### Saturday, January 17

8:00 am Keith James Neal +  
4:00 pm Ed Szostek +

### Sunday, January 18

7:30 am Mary Fine +  
Sallie Bauer  
9:30 am Erma Guinn +  
Bader and Wolff Families  
11:15 am People of the Parish

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Behold my servant with whom I am pleased; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7); **Psalms** — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29); **Second Reading** — God anointed him with the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:34-38); **Gospel** — You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased (Mark 1:7-11).

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20  
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28  
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39  
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45  
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12  
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17  
Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10;  
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

## Parish Organizations

### Scouting Units

**Parish Rep (All Units)** Jerry Hesper; 636-236-1955  
Cub Pack Karen Williams; 636-699-7517  
Scout Troop Chad Peters; 314-807-7177  
Venture Crew Dana Hoffman; 636-734-8423

**Budget and Finance** John Wappelhorst  
636-398-5786

**Cemetery Committee** Mark Keune  
314-220-7075

**Dinner Committee** Richard Lalonde  
636-798-2511

**Knights of Columbus** Mike Reel, Grand Knight  
314-581-6797

**Legion of Mary** Nancy Hollenstein  
636-798-2105

**Marian Council** Michelle Brothers, President  
314-614-1114

**Meals on Wheels** Bob Rapp  
636-398-4776

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** Julia Kettler  
314-616-0096

**Pro-Life Committee** Bill Winters  
636-828-4133

**Quilters** Eleanor Sadlo  
636-398-5595

Mary Ann Brakensiek  
636-828-5776

**St. Vincent DePaul** For information or assistance,  
call 636-398-5270, ex. 225

## MEDITATION ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

*"In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opened and the Spirit descending upon him like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, 'Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased.'" Mark 1:9-11*

"Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which closes the period of Christmas." Jesus' Baptism was extremely important for the apostolic community, "not only because then, and for the first time in history, the mystery of the Trinity was made manifest clearly and completely, but also because with that event Jesus' public ministry began. ... The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan anticipates His Baptism of blood on the Cross and symbolizes the entire sacramental activity with which the Redeemer would achieve the salvation of humanity."

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

# ¡ADIOS, NAVIDAD!

Dear parishioners,

As we conclude our Christmas celebrations this Sunday on this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord we want to remember our own baptism into Christ. For most of us there are no memories to associate with our baptism. We were infants and we may have seen the pictures but that's about it. If by chance you were baptized later in life you may have some memories of that day. Either way, most of us have probably spent too little time pondering this life- changing event.

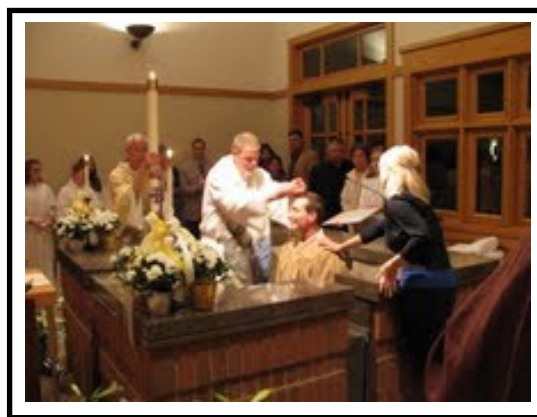
Baptism is the game changer, or to be more precise the creature changer. We go from being a human being created out of love to a son or daughter adopted into the life and love of the Holy Trinity. How frequently I forget that I am a Beloved Son of the Father. I am far too prone to see Our Father as just a more grandiose version of my earthly father. While one can hope that a good earthly father will lead to a connection with Our Father, that is not always the case. Even the best of fathers on this side of reality are flawed by sin and marred by personal quirks. For many people a flawed relationship with their natural dad makes it all the more difficult to relate to the Supernatural One. Often times there is a certain amount of healing and understanding that must occur before one can comfortably approach God as Our Father.

How many of us are still tempted to think that our relationship with God the Father is one of trying to earn His approval, avoid His punishment or show Him our worthiness? The Father loves me more than I will ever realize. His approval of me is completely independent of me earning His favor or avoiding His wrath. He approves of me because He is the very source of life, love and communion. That doesn't mean that He doesn't have a choice or that it is impossible for Him not to love me, but rather that His love is intensely personal. So intensely personal is that love that the Son is eternally begotten of it and the Holy Spirit is the bond of that unending love. His love invites me to trust and challenges me to grow.

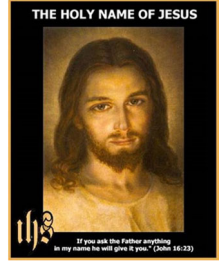
As we enter into Ordinary time I pray that we will realize the Father's blessing that we received at Baptism, that we will trust the Son enough to follow Him faithfully as His disciples and finally that we will be joyful partners with the Holy Spirit in proclaiming our faith.



Merry Christmas until next year,  
Fr. Tom

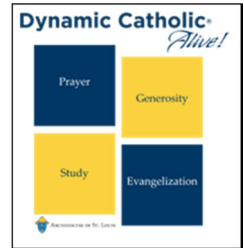


Welcome back. Did you know that the months of the year have been given a devotional "focus" in Church tradition. **January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus.** Consider speaking about the name of Jesus with your children, how it should be spoken of as a blessing, not as a swear word. Consider how one ought to reverence the name of Jesus, especially during Mass, when the Church asks that we give a small head bow when the Lord's name is said.



## Dynamic Catholic, Alive!

**Dynamic Catholic, Alive!** has officially begun! The Archdiocese is partnering with Dynamic Catholic on this initiative, which is designed to develop the concepts of prayer, study, generosity, and evangelization. While all 4 Signs will be featured throughout the initiative, there will be a special emphasis on prayer in 2015.



### A Special Note (and challenge) from Matthew Kelly

I'd like to talk with you about Dynamic Catholic, Alive!, a game-changing idea for the Archdiocese of St. Louis. In my book, *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*, I write: "Imagine if a whole diocese committed to a four-year plan to raise up its people in the four signs." You not only imagined it, you are putting the idea into action. Your diocese is the first in the country to create a plan around The Four Signs, which will serve as a model for other dioceses. What an incredible opportunity!

While growth in the Four Signs involves continuous progress over the course of our lives, Dynamic Catholic, Alive! emphasizes each of the Four Signs over the next four years: Prayer in 2015; Study in 2016; Generosity in 2017; and Evangelization in 2018. This will be a wide-ranging Archdiocesan initiative, touching parishes, institutions, and each and every one of you.

As we prepare for the year devoted to prayer, which will begin January 2015, it is important to reflect on the importance of prayer in our spiritual lives. The most dominant quality of Dynamic Catholics is a daily routine of prayer. In the year of prayer, I encourage you to pray more, to go to Mass more, to participate in the sacraments more, and to make significant and lasting spiritual progress.

The possibilities are awe-inspiring. When we walk with Christ, we have the potential not only to transform ourselves and our parishes, but to change the world. Yet, only 7% of Catholics are truly Dynamic Catholics. What if we doubled this percentage in our parishes and in the Archdiocese of St. Louis? What if we tripled it?

If you are already a Dynamic Catholic, I hope you will continue to bring the light of Christ to others. If you are not yet a Dynamic Catholic, this plan, read together with my book *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*, provides a roadmap for spiritual development.

Your shepherd, Archbishop Carlson, has a vision for Catholic renewal, as he makes clear in his pastoral letter on evangelization: "It is time for a new springtime of holiness and evangelization in the Archdiocese of St. Louis." Dynamic Catholic, Alive! has the potential to position the Archdiocese of St. Louis at the vanguard of Catholic renewal in the United States.

God has incredible plans for each and every one of us. He wants us all to become the-best-versions-of-ourselves. But great things have to be sought with intentionality. Our team at Dynamic Catholic is excited about Dynamic Catholic, Alive! and the tremendous possibilities within your reach. We look forward to travelling with you on this journey.

**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. Space is limited so be sure to reserve a spot for your student, child or parishioner today. Registration is open for students 8<sup>th</sup> grade – Senior in High school. . 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 12, 2014

St. Joseph Chapel "Heavenly Dusters"

### Joline Molitor

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 Christmas, Dec. 25, 2014**

**General Offertory: \$10,086.15**

**Online-General Offering: \$175.00**

**Total: \$10,261.15**

**Seminary: \$2,706.05**

**Collection figures for Sunday, Dec. 28, 2014**

**General Offertory: \$19,641.50**

**Online-General Offering: \$1,937.00**

**Total: \$21,578.50**

**Collection figures for Sunday, Dec. 31, 2014**

**General Offertory: \$4,712.00**

**Online-General Offering: \$2,214.00**

**Total: \$6,926.00**

### 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](http://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  
 Charlie Grady  
 A friend who lost her husband last February and now has cancer  
 John, who has had back surgery  
 Mike who had a liver replacement  
 John and his family  
 a friend who is dealing with skin cancer

## What's Your Catholic IQ?

If asked, "Have you been Born Again?" The Catholic Answer is "Yes, I have been baptized." Here's a few more questions about Baptism to consider.

**1. Because of the universal saving will of God and the Lord's words regarding Baptism for salvation, in case of necessity, these people, besides Catholic priests, can also baptize.**

A. Anyone B. Protestant Ministers C. Nurses D. Doctors

**2. True or False: God has bound salvation to the sacrament of Baptism, but he himself is not bound by his sacraments.**

**3. Like the "Baptism of Desire", this other type of Baptism brings about the fruits of sacramental Baptism without being itself a sacrament.**

A. Baptism of Circumcision B. Baptism of Blood  
C. Baptism of Fear D. Baptism of Oil

**4. Those can also be saved who, without knowing the necessity of Baptism for salvation, in a way known to God, sincerely have tried to follow the law of God in their \_\_\_\_\_.**

A. Family B. Country C. Conscience D. Emotions

**5. While Jesus spoke of the necessity of Baptism, the great mercy of God allows us to have \_\_\_\_\_ that there is a way of salvation for children who have died without Baptism.**

A. Fear B. Certainty C. Assurance D. Hope

**6. Through Baptism all sins are forgiven, original sin and all personal sins, as well as all \_\_\_\_\_ due to sin.**

A. Punishment B. Passions C. Rage D. Joy

**7. Baptism not only purifies from all sins, but also makes the person an adopted son of God, who has now become a "partaker of the \_\_\_\_\_ nature," 2 Peter 1:4.**

A. Holy B. Divine C. Human D. Animal

**8. Baptism makes us a member of Christ and co-heir with him, and a temple of the \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Cor 6:19**

A. Aztec Shrine B. Bishop's Cathedral  
C. Holy Spirit D. Lost Ark

**9. The Most Holy Trinity gives the baptized sanctifying grace, the grace of \_\_\_\_\_.**

A. Feeling good B. Self Esteem  
C. Imputation D. Justification

**10. The Grace of justification infuses into the newly baptized the gifts of faith, hope and love, otherwise known as the \_\_\_\_\_ virtues;**

A. Theological B. Cardinal  
C. Intrinsic D. Extrinsic

Answers may be found on the next page →

Mary Ann Brakensiek  
 Dave Hendrix  
 Al Bamert  
 Ted Feldewerth  
 Erin and her two kids, one of whom is very ill;  
 Keri and Jesse Knopp and their unborn baby  
 Walt, and his family  
 Carol Sage

**For everything there is a season,  
and a time for every matter under heaven.**

*...a time to die...*

Please pray for the repose  
of the souls of

Rita Sgroi, sister of Al and Cy Bamert;

Edward Reifsteck,

husband of Geraldine

and father of Ginny Clark;

Elaine Twesten, sister-in-law of Jane Holstein.

*May they rest in the peace of Christ.*



## CHOIR NEWS

The choir will start learning music for Lent and Holy Week on Thursday of this week. If you are interested in singing with us, call Marilyn in the parish office or email her at

[secretary@ihm-newmelle.org](mailto:secretary@ihm-newmelle.org).

***We need more voices!***

Anyone who can match pitches is welcome, as long as you are Grade 8 or older. You don't need a special soloist voice, and in fact it will be easier for everyone if your voice is very average. Please consider singing with us if you enjoy music and can attend rehearsals.

### OUR SCHEDULE

Thursday evening practices from 7:00 to 8:30 pm;

Sunday morning Mass at 9:30 am every week through Pentecost (May 24);

Confirmation Mass (May 14, 7:30 pm);

Holy Week dates include Palm Sunday (March 29) at 9:30,

Holy Thursday (April 2) at 7:00 pm, Good Friday (April 3)

at 7:00 pm and the Easter Vigil (April 4; time to be determined).

We as Catholics are fortunate to have beautiful liturgies anyway, but Holy Week is just amazing. Please consider singing with the choir. *We need you!*



### CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND JUNIOR BELLS

If you are interested in being part of the children's group that provided music for the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass, contact Marilyn in the parish office. Rehearsals for this new group will start on Tuesday, January 27 at 6:30 pm in the church. Please call and let me know if you intend to show up so I have enough copies of the music. Children must be in second grade or older to participate. We will learn about both singing and playing the chimes during the same rehearsals.

Marilyn O'Neill- 636-398-5270 or  
[secretary@ihm-newmelle.org](mailto:secretary@ihm-newmelle.org)

### ANSWERS TO CATHOLIC IQ

1. A. Anyone (The Intention Required Is to Will to Do What the Church Does When She Baptizes)
2. True
3. B. Baptism of Blood
4. C. Conscience
5. D. Hope
6. A. Punishment
7. B. Divine
8. C. Holy Spirit
9. D. Justification
10. A. Theological

## NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

### YOU NEED TO KNOW -

**1. 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](mailto:smueller@ihm-newmelle.org)

**2. 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.

**3. BULLETIN INFORMATION:** If you are involved in a parish organization, please know that everyone else in the parish would like to know what is going on in your group. If you will be in the narthex trying to get signatures or registrations for something, putting it in the bulletin and sending an email will help your cause. Recently a couple of rather large events took place without any information in the bulletin. Please call Marilyn in the office or email [secretary@ihm-newmelle.org](mailto:secretary@ihm-newmelle.org) if you have news from your group to share.

**4. IF YOU HAVE LOST AN ITEM HERE AT CHURCH,** look for it in the lost-and-found basket in the narthex by the outside doors. Some items may be found on Laura's desk, especially jewelry pieces. Call the office and ask if your item has been found. **Recently found: a pair of ladies' brown leather gloves.** Someone called about them ages ago and they were just found in the back sacristy. Please call the parish office to claim them.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

**January 17 4:00**  
EM: Jan Messig, Bob & Judy Cova, Ann Zaleuke, Nancy Ast, Bernadine Pollihan  
L: Derek Arzen, Larry Graves  
GB: Ruth Scott & Joshua Scott  
S: Jessica & Jorja Spivey  
U: Joe Spiess, Tom Zaleuke, Bryan Potter, Bill Pollihan

**January 18 7:30**  
EM: Loretta Bruns, Peggy Dupree, Rich Molitor, Walt & Jean Reel, Michelle Greiwe  
L: Chuck Kettler, Karen Wappelhorst  
GB: Fran Heil, Rosemary Marquart  
S: Paige & Genny Greiwe  
U: Gary Potter, Ed Rabbitt, Frank Marquart, Larry Gassei

**January 18 9:30**  
EM: Judy Podhorn, Donna Wolff, Tom & Laura Holstein, Janet Hesper, Terry & Marcia Schneider, Darlene Smith  
L: Ron Kutsko, Kris Jenkins  
GB: Charles & Laurie Hinkle  
S: Daniel Mallinckrodt, Drew Smith, Adam Molitor  
U: Jim Blondin, Justin Molitor, Gary Struckhoff, John Bossert, Stan Kosteki, Ben Wappelhorst

**January 18 11:15**  
EM: Kathy Lalonde, Tim & Suzanne Michaelree, Kat Menne, Pat Foster, Debi Orf  
L: Chris Menne, Patrice Riley  
GB: Mary & Lisa Keune  
S: Elli Russell, Lindsay Bouquet  
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 February 12.**

**HORSE RACES-** The Knights will sponsor horse races in the Grand Hall on Saturday, February 21. More information will be forthcoming.

## MARCH SAUSAGE DINNER INFORMATION

Date- Sunday, March 1 Time- same as usual (11:00 to 6:00 pm)

Why- because IHM pork sausage is the best!

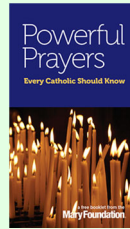
**PULL-TABS:** One thing to think about well ahead of time are the pull-tabs. The state says we must "list all individuals...who will assist with the management, conduct, or operation of the...games. Names should be listed as shown on the individual's driver license or state-issued ID. If being submitted for the first time, include a copy of the driver license or state-issued ID." If you would like to sell the pull-tabs at the dinner, you must contact the office asap so we have time to do the paperwork.

**HELPING HANDS:** When we receive the dinner letters and raffle tickets, a couple of days will be organized to attach labels and sort outgoing mail. Listen to announcements for information and more opportunities to volunteer. Thanks in advance for your help!

**MAKE SURE YOU'VE RESERVED THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 1 FOR THE DINNER!  
YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS WILL BE NEEDED!**

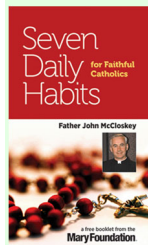
## St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

(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 – Pamphlet Rack: Narthex

Prayer changes the world. Sadly, many Catholics no longer know any prayers beyond the Our Father and the Hail Mary. Consider the graces that will flow through the Mystical Body of Christ by helping of thousands of people discover, incorporate, and regularly pray Morning Offerings, prayers to Mary, prayers at Mass, and powerful miraculous Novenas. Every one of their prayers (which almost certainly never would have been prayed without your efforts) will help save souls for decades to come. In terms of evangelization, just imagine helping every Catholic who attends Mass in your area receive a free copy! Please make giving the gift of prayer part of your personal apostolate today. Purchase copies for family and friends for a dime each. One can download the booklet for free at <http://www.catholicity.com/booklets/prayers.pdf>



### From the Lighthouse Catholic CD – Pamphlet Rack: Narthex

Already the most popular Catholic booklet of its kind in America, **Seven Daily Habits for Faithful Catholics** was adapted from a spectacularly successful article by Fr. John McCloskey (the "convert-maker" who helped notorious abortionist Bernard Nathanson convert to Catholicism). It provides seven traditional ways to spend more time on a daily basis with Jesus and His mother, along with practical advice on how to approach and implement spiritual habits amidst our distracting secular culture. Its power to transform lives is profoundly simple. Any person who adopts one or more of these habits will grow closer to Jesus. Our Lord does the transforming. Even devout Catholics will discover habits they'll want to add to their daily lives. One can download the booklet for free at <http://www.catholicity.com/booklets/habits.pdf>





**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).

**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](mailto:debijo@att.net) or 314-276-3859 for more information.  
**You've already missed one session; call to get information asap!**

### CHECK IT OUT

*..for youth and young adults*

**Crossroads-** A group for anyone, married or single, in their 20's or 30's; meets at Culpepper's on Highway K in O'Fallon; the next meeting will be on January 20.

**YDisciple-YDinner-** a group for high school people and their families; meets in the Grand Hall; the next meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 4.

### GOD'S WORD TODAY

The feast of the Baptism of the Lord stands as a hinge between the Christmas season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. Just as the Israelites passed through the waters of the Red Sea and became God's chosen people so, too, does the Lord Jesus pass through the waters of the Jordan River. As he emerges from the water, Jesus hears the voice of his Father, who calls him "my beloved Son." The Israelites began their sojourn in the desert following their deliverance through the sea. The Lord Jesus, shortly after his baptism by John, begins his forty-day retreat in the desert, where he is tempted by Satan. The Israelites constantly turned their backs on God. The Lord was resolute in his determination to fulfill the plan established by his heavenly Father. What does this feast teach us? On our own journey through life we must become more and more like Christ. As the liturgical year continues to unfold, let us be resolute in our commitment to become better disciples, more and more like Christ with each passing day.

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**Parish Office: 636-398-5270**

### **Future Events**

- Breakfast** sponsored by the Knights of Columbus; Today, Jan. 11 from 8:00 to 11:00 am 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
- Kids choirs** will begin new rehearsals on Tuesday, January 27; see the blurb in this bulletin for more information.
- New Parishioner Wine and Cheese Party**; Friday, Feb. 6 at Father Tom's house; more information will follow
- Venturing Crew Lock-in**; Friday, February 6 in Founders Hall; the leaders have more information if you are interested.
- Knights of Columbus Horse Races**; Saturday, Feb. 21; more information to follow

### **CAN YOU HELP?**

A loving, recently married woman in St. Louis is looking for a kidney donor with an O+ blood type. For more info, please look up "Find a Kidney for Bernie" on Facebook or call [314-680-3393](tel:314-680-3393).

### **AN ANCIENT BAPTISTERY**

One of the most ancient and enduring sites for baptism in Rome is the church of San Giovanni in Fonte. This church is in fact a baptistery, and houses the font for the Lateran Basilica, the cathedral of Rome. The Emperor Constantine sponsored its construction in the year 315, and it is therefore the oldest baptistery in the world. It is the model for nearly all later baptisteries, including perhaps the font in your own parish church.

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# Out and About

## Just for fun

- **BREWHOUSE THEOLOGY** on Tuesday, January 20, 7-8:45 pm at the Ferguson Brewing Company 418 So. Florissant Rd., Ferguson, Mo. On the , 2nd floor. Join us for an evening of uplifting community, good food and drinks, a thought provoking speaker, and an inspired discussion. Steve Givens, the guest speaker, is a spiritual director, musician and composer, university administrator and a widely published writer on Catholic-Christian faith and spirituality. Steve's topic is "Facing Life's Tough Moments with Faith." Gather at 7PM, purchase your food and drinks, and the presentation will begin at 7:30PM. Contact Jeanne Baer at [314 524 0500](tel:3145240500) for more information.
- **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>
- **ST. BARNABAS NIGHT AT THE RACES;** The Holy Name Society will have "The Night At The Races" on January 31, 2015. Doors open at 6 pm and races start at 7 pm in the cafeteria at St. Barnabas. Get your group together and come have a good time. Drinks and light snacks served. Door prizes and loser's prizes will be given away. Tickets \$15.00
- **QUILT SOCIAL AT ST. BARNABAS;** St. Barnabas Ladies Guild will sponsor a Quilt Social On Saturday February 7. We are located @ 1400 North Main in O'Fallon, MO, Doors open @ 10:30 and Bingo starts @ 12 noon. Come on over and enjoy the afternoon. Refreshments served. You could be the lucky winner of a beautiful quilt. No one under 16 years of age may play bingo.
- **CSAC (CATHOLIC SINGLES ADULT CLUB)** needs players for their winter vball league which starts Feb. 8th. Signup link below with full details. Contact Kevin at [kevinreese75@yahoo.com](mailto:kevinreese75@yahoo.com) for questions. <https://csacwintervolleyball2015.eventbrite.com>

## Opportunities

- **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:** The Sisters of the Most Precious Blood are preparing for their 170<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Dinner Auction on March 28, 2015 at Old Hickory Golf Club in St. Peters, Missouri. Proceeds from the auction benefit the Sisters and their missions. The success of the auction is dependent upon your attendance and donations. There will be an Oral Auction/ Silent Auction, Wine & Dine, and raffles. Their wish list for auction items includes themed gift baskets, tickets to sporting or cultural events, travel related services, iPad, wine and gift cards for restaurants, golf, services or stores. To donate, call the Mission Advancement Office at [636-240-6010](tel:6362406010).
- **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:3149977576) or e-mail [melissa.barnason@mercy.net](mailto:melissa.barnason@mercy.net) or [orlucy.harris@mercy.net](mailto: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](http://www.carmelitedcj.org/retreats.asp); To register contact Sr. Mary Michael, Carmel DCJ: [\(314\)-965-7616](tel:3149657616) or [vocations@carmelitedcj.org](mailto:vocations@carmelitedcj.org); Location of both events: 10341 Manchester Rd. Kirkwood, MO 63122
- **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:6363795070) or [636-634-7243](tel:6366347243).
- **TV MASS: NEW TIME ON WRBU (ION) CHANNEL 46** Effective January 4, 2015, the ION channel is moving our local Sunday TV Mass to the 5:30 a.m. time slot. The change is due to an expansion of their entertainment programming schedule. For up to date information about all Mass options available for the homebound, please visit [archstl.org/mass](http://archstl.org/mass) or call [314.792.7500](tel:3147927500).
- **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:** When all the hustle and bustle of the holidays are now over, don't you both deserve a beautiful weekend away together? If you agree, you will forever enjoy a Marriage Encounter weekend in 2015. Weekends are scheduled for February 6-8 or April 24-26. Just call [314.469.7317](tel:3144697317) or visit the web page at [www.stl-wwme.org](http://www.stl-wwme.org) to apply for your weekend.