

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

New Melle, Missouri



January 24, 2016

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

He said to them,
“Today this Scripture passage
is fulfilled in your hearing.”

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, 7:00 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**

Immaculate Heart of Mary

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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 6:10 pm.

This Week's Events

Sunday, January 24

9:30 am

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, January 25

4:00 pm

Girl Scouts, Weber Hall

6:30 pm

Scouts, Founders Hall

6:30 pm

Scouts, trailer

7:00 pm

Bell Choir rehearsal, church

7:00 pm

Baptism Class, Weber Hall

Tuesday, January 26

9:00 am and 5:30 pm

Exercise class, Grand Hall foyer

6:30 pm

Legion of Mary, St. Gianna

6:45 pm

Children's Choir, church

Wednesday, January 27

8:45 am

Scripture Study, Weber Hall

6:00 pm

PSR, Weber Hall and Founders Hall

6:10 pm

Bible Study, Grand Hall

7:00 pm

Reconciliation, church

Thursday, January 28

9:00 am and 5:30 pm

Exercise class, Grand Hall foyer

6:30 pm

RCIA, Weber Hall

7:00 pm

Choir practice, church

Friday, January 29

8:30 am

Quilters, Weber Hall

Saturday, January 30

8:00 am

Mass followed by confessions, Church

Sunday, January 31

11:15 am

Contemporary Group at 11:15 Mass

JOIN THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS, JANUARY, 2016

Watch the new videos highlighting these intentions at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nq7us5Lf5IU>

Or Google: Holy Father Prayer Intentions YouTube

Universal: Interreligious Dialogue That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.

Evangelization: Christian Unity That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 23

8:00 am Antonio Dragone
4:00 pm IHM Parish

Sunday, January 24

7:30 am Lucille Smith +
9:30 Betty L. Schottmueller +
11:15 am People of the Parish

Monday, January 25

8:00 am Special Intention

Tuesday, January 26

8:00 am Gerrie Bader +

Wednesday, January 27

8:00 am Sandy Sebree +

Thursday, January 28

8:00 am All Souls Intentions

Friday, January 29

8:00 am Stephanie Weber +

Saturday, January 30

8:00 am Marie Curcuru +
4:00 pm People of the Parish

Sunday, January 31

7:30 am Ann Seper +
9:30 Michael Watts +
11:15 am Monsignor Mank

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2;
Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-18 or 9:1-22; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14;
Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17;
Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17;
1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Tuesday: Ss. Timothy and Titus
Wednesday: St. Angela Merici
Thursday: St. Thomas Aquinas
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

WEEK FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Join Archbishop Carlson and Christians from many traditions as we prayer for unity in our faith. **Sun. Jan 24, 7pm-8pm** at St. Justin Martyr Parish: 11910 Eddie Park Road Sunset Hills, Missouri 63126. Contact Ramona Neumann for more info 317-792-7162

Scouting Units

Parish Rep (All Units) Jerry Hespen; 636-236-1955
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Venture Crew Dana Hoffman; 636-734-8423

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Dinner Committee Richard Lalonde
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636-798-2105

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636-398-5270

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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

On the Sabbath [Jesus] went as usual to the synagogue. He stood up to read the Scriptures... where it is written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has chosen me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free the oppressed and announce that the time has come when the Lord will save his people."

LUKE 4:16-19

U.S. presidents give an inaugural speech right after being sworn into office. The speech usually provides an insight into what to expect from them. Today's gospel is like such a speech. Jesus has been chosen by the Father for the office of Messiah. Jesus begins by standing up in public and telling us what to expect from him during his messianic ministry.

What surprises me most/least about what Jesus says in his inaugural? Why? Mark Link S.J. *Action 2000*

In the Midst of Winter

Lord,

*In the midst of Winter, when the days are cold and wind can pierce
..... remind us of the warmth of your love.*

*In the midst of Winter, when days are short, dawn comes late, and
dusk arrives early*

..... remind us that in the darkness your light still shines.

*In the midst of Winter, when the flowers of spring still lie hidden in
the earth, when leaves are off the trees, and the world can seem bleak
..... remind us that Easter is but a short time away.*

*And when in our lives we feel as if we are experiencing a season of
winter, reach out to us with the power of your resurrection so that we
may feel the warmth of your love and see your light that alone can
take away the darkness of our soul.*

Amen

- Cal Wick

SIX POWERFUL REASONS TO MAKE A RETREAT

1. To solve your personal problems. Nothing works as a greater spur to resolving problems than getting away from one's ordinary environment for a period of time to see and meditate on God's will, while looking over your own life from a distance.
2. To get away from worldly distractions. Because the world around you bombards you constantly about material things, you must get away from it once in a while.
3. To renew your lifetime goals. You constantly need new ideas, more knowledge and deeper convictions about your primary goal in life.
4. To meet people who share your faith. You will meet and mingle with other men and women from various walks of life.
5. To get some rest and relaxation. You will actually enjoy making a retreat.
6. To talk with people who regularly make retreats.

John 14:13-14

Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

SAINT MEINRAD ARCHABBEY in St. Meinrad, Indiana
<http://www.saintmeinrad.org/>

Feb. 12-14 for married couples only; *Sincerely Yours*
March 8-10 *From Anger to Forgiveness*

WHITE HOUSE RETREAT CENTER in St. Louis, Missouri
<http://www.whretreat.org/>

Feb. 11-14 for men only
March 14-17 for women only

MERCY CENTER in St. Louis, Missouri
<http://mercycenterstl.org/>
From Ashes and Dust to Mercy and Hope: A Morning of Prayer led by Lucia Signorelli
February 29, 2016

KING'S HOUSE in Belleville, Illinois
<http://www.kingsretreatcenter.org/events/category/retreats/retreats-for-women-and-men/>
Feb. 26-28 for women only

VISION OF PEACE HERMITAGES in Pevly, Missouri
<http://vophermitages.org/the-hermitages/>
(636) 475-3697
Contact them for information. These are private retreats.

NEWS
FROM THE
RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT

PSR Corner

Consider a family devotion this year of learning about your classroom saint at home. 1st-- St. Francis of Assisi; 2nd-- St. Padre Pio; 3rd-- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton ; 4th--- St. Katherine Drexel; 5th -- St. Ignatius Loyola; 6th -- Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati; 7th --- St. Joseph ; 8th -- St. Vincent Ferrer.



**Corporal Work of Mercy: Clothe the Naked
IHM Blanket and Coat Drive**



We have been (and will be) highlighting various works of mercy in the bulletin in light of Pope Francis' call for this Year of Mercy. Last week we highlighted the Work of Mercy "Clothe the Naked" and gave a few suggestions for people to consider. A couple from the parish took the suggestion to heart and would like to extend an opportunity to make this work of mercy simple for folks at IHM.

The Plan: A Blanket and Coat Drive. Simply bring a new or (clean used) blanket or coat that we can give to someone in need. There is a drop off bin by the coat rack (left side of narthex by Weber Hall). **You can drop off blankets or coats anytime from now until January 31.** These items will then be taken to a local organization to be distributed to those in need.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

Luke 3:10 And the multitudes asked (John the Baptist), "What then shall we do?" 11 And he answered them, "He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise."

James 2:14 What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit? 17 So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.



DID YOU KNOW... DID YOU KNOW... "Nuns" are women religious who have professed solemn vows of poverty, chastity and obedience and live a life of prayer and penance within cloistered communities? There is a difference between a "nun" and a "sister."

Have you signed up to pray for vocations?

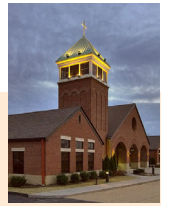
The sign-up sheet is in the narthex. When it is your turn, Fr. Tom will give you the icon, a candle, and a load of information to ponder. When you return it the next week, another family will take it home and continue praying. **Let's keep it going!**

Dynamic Catholic, Alive! – The Unity of Scripture

Today's Gospel reading presents the ministry of Jesus as fulfilling Old Testament hopes and expectations. The numerous Messianic prophecies in the Old Testament show the unity of Scripture and the fullness of revelation in Christ. Matthew 5:17 also shows the importance of salvation history: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law of the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill." Have you ever participated in a Bible study that has helped you unlock the Scriptures? archstl.org/dynamic



NEWS FROM HOME



Stewardship

January 24, 2016

St. Joseph Chapel "Heavenly Dusters"

Rita Langford

Please note: the Heavenly Dusters schedule has been updated. If you need your name removed or would like to be added to the list, call the parish office and let us know. Thank you in advance for your generous donation of time!

The collection figures for Sunday, January 17
General Offertory: \$11,497.50
Online-General Offering: \$2,915.00
Total: \$14,412.50

Thank you for your generosity!
Try Electronic Offertory

Those who are pledging for the "Many Gifts. One Heart" new debt reduction 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 pantry: Oil, sugar, crackers, cereal, jelly, hot chocolate, detergent, dish soap

It's time to renew your St. Louis Review Subscriptions!

During January you will find subscription information in our narthex, pews and bulletins to subscribe to the St. Louis Review. The St. Louis Review is your local Catholic resource to build community. If you aren't already a subscriber, become one by filling out a card or the envelope in your envelope packet, including the suggested payment of \$30 and dropping it in the collection with your check marked "St. Louis Review." If you do not wish to receive the publication, please fill out a card or your envelope anyway with your name and address so that we may update our database with your preference.

Tax forms detailing your 2015 donations to IHM are available In Weber Hall.

Communion Calls

If you are unable to get to Mass because of illness or disability but would like to receive communion, please contact the parish office.

Hospitalization

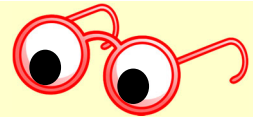
If you are hospitalized, we would like to know. Please call the office or ask a friend to call for you if necessary. Parish office: 636-398-5270

**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:
 Bill Wadlow, brother-in-law of Monsignor Mank
 and Carol Swyers,
 mother of Mike and Tammy Swyers
May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Check it out... for high school youth



IHM is starting a youth group for high school teens. It will meet on the second Wednesday of the month. Watch this space for future plans and information.

Any questions? Contact Elizabeth at
636-828-4811.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Marion Mueller	Michael Candrl and his family	Virginia Randolph
Patricia Prongue	Linda Candrl and her family	Barb Pope
Patricia Rudolf	Jackie Hackett	Bill Ulery
Shirley McDonald	Maxine Drinen	Sally Buck
Ann Fitzgerald	Tom Holstein	Gerald Hailey
Susan Van Booven	Mary Meyer and her family	Pat Ryan
Terri Guernsey	JoAnn Cwiklowski	Monsignor Mank
Melissa Van Hoy	Jewel Kostecki	Kim F.
Dave Hendrix	Shirley Sims	Antonette
Al Bamert	Cy and Catherine Bamert	Steven Albright
Ted Feldewerth	Lisa Clark	Frances Bussen
Jo-nell Falcon	Tammy Boyd	Yvonne Scott
Nancy Hollenstein	Larry Hanna	Bob Berfanger
Alexander Wilmes	Terry Hagan	John Pellerito
Charlie Grady	Dave Gentry	Gerald Bussen
Frank Modder	Elaine Klein	Bernie Lears
Denny Steinmeyer	Mary Alice Dickherber	Kathy
Tom Miller	Sue Orlet	Walt Reel
Mildred Riley	Bob Blackford	Mary Edington
Darryl and Clara Bockting	Louise Fisher	Debbie
Angel Owens	David and Mary Karll	Norma Jean
Ted Pivin	Ken Donaghue	Maschmann
Rita Elfrink	Denny and Joan Duvall	George Meyer
Bob Cova	Jerry Schmitz	Georg Potthast
Judy Jacobs' mom	Bobbi Beeson	Joan Martin
Rick Cobleigh	Charles and Kathy Duckworth	Ken Martin
Tricia Woods	Ed Hoeckelmann	Joe Weinreis
Joan Allen	Gerald Hailey	Kristin
Joan Martin		Aubrey
Chris Hanna		Patti Sturm
Rita Bendel's brother Tom		Dorothy Day
George Meyer		Tom
		Karen Taylor

What's Your Catholic IQ?

1. The Year for Priests (2009-2010) marked the 150th anniversary of the passing into eternal life of this patron saint of parish priests.

- a) John Bosco
- b) John Vianney
- c) John Gotti
- d) John DeLaSalle

2. "Christ Jesus Victor, Christ Jesus Ruler, Christ Jesus, Lord and

- a) Redeemer
- b) Almighty
- c) Messiah
- d) Savior

3. What feast is generally celebrated on the Sunday after January 6 in the United States?

- a) Epiphany
- b) Presentation
- c) Annunciation
- d) Baptism of the Lord

4. "Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the _____ of Christ"

- a) Cross
- b) promises
- c) salvation
- d) Paschal mystery

5. The following is not an example of a transgression against the Seventh Commandment:

- a) paying unjust wages
- b) business fraud
- c) perjury
- d) tax evasion

6. Marriage (Matrimony) and _____ are known as Sacraments at the Service of Communion.

- a) Anointing of the Sick
- b) Confirmation
- c) Baptism
- d) Holy Orders

7. This word refers to humankind's inclination to sin:

- a) consubstantiation
- b) contumaciousness
- c) concupiscence
- d) cornucopia

8. This priest and Doctor of the Church wrote a famous work called the Summa Theologica

- a) Thomas More
- b) Thomas Becket
- c) Thomas Aquinas
- d) Thomas the Tank Engine

9. How many books in the Bible contain the name John in the book's title? a)7 b)5 c)3 d)6

10. Which of the following geographical locations is not mentioned in Matthew's story of the magi?

- a) Capernaum
- b) Bethlehem
- c) Judea
- d) Jerusalem

Answers on the next page →

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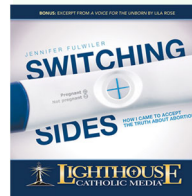
Any Catholic family wishing to apply for tuition assistance from the **Catholic Families Tuition Assistance Endowment Fund** or the **Parish Employee Endowment Fund** for the 2016-17 school year must submit a **Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation (TTEF)** application. You may apply online at www.ttef-stl.org beginning **February 1, 2016**. Students must attend an Archdiocesan or Parochial Elementary School or an Archdiocesan or Parochial High School to be eligible for these particular funds. The due date for the application is **February 29, 2016** and must include a copy of your **2014** Income Tax Return and **2015** W2s. **The Catholic Education Center appreciates the support of the ACA and all of its donors.**

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.

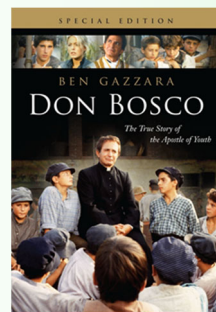
From the Parish Library: Grand Hall (lower level Church)



Jennifer Fulwiler is a popular writer and speaker from Austin, Texas, and frequently appears on Catholic radio and EWTN. In this eye-opening presentation, she explains how her original support for abortion was based on love (and lies). Through sound logic and scientific proof, Jennifer chronicles how she came to accept the truth about abortion.

Jennifer speaks genuine truth straight from her heart...an eye-opening reminder that the Church really is the right way to go! Julie - Sterling, VA

From the Parish Library: Grand Hall (lower level Church)



Ben Gazzara stars in this classic film about St. John Bosco, the beloved 19th century Italian priest who sought out the homeless youth of Turin to help them have a better life. He overcame incredible challenges, including the government who wanted him out of the way, an archbishop who tried to silence

him, and the revolution that put a price on his head. But nothing could stop Don Bosco from rescuing the poor and outcast children to give them a home, teach them work skills, and catechize them in the Catholic faith. Don Bosco is the inspiring true story of a brave and holy priest whose single-handed battle to save the children of the streets inspired the formation of the Salesians, which is now a worldwide religious order that carries on his work with youth everywhere. Blessed with tremendous gifts, a creative imagination and a great sense of humor, Bosco had a winning way with youth and was a brilliant educator. His deep devotion to and trust in Our Lady was a great source of blessings and strength for his work with youth that continues to this day.

Legion of Mary: Meetings will now take place every Tuesday at St. Gianna Church. Meetings will begin at 6:45 on Tuesday evenings. For more information call Nancy at 636-699-6920.

The Amazon Smile Program

If you purchase items online through Amazon, there is a way to send a kickback to IHM. Please check out the website ihm-newmelle.org.

Catholic IQ

1. **b)** Saint John Vianney (1786-1859), also known as the Curé of Ars, emphasized the benefits of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, often hearing confessions for hours on end.
2. **a)** These words form the refrain of the song "To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King" a song of praise based on a traditional Latin chant.
3. **d)** The Baptism of the Lord is traditionally seen as one part of a three-part "epiphany" of Jesus: the coming of the magi, the Baptism of Jesus, and the wedding at Cana.
4. **b)** This line is from the Hail, Holy Queen (Salve Regina) prayer and is also recited as part of the Angelus, a prayer traditionally prayed three times a day (6:00 a.m., noon, 6:00 p.m.), that recalls the Annunciation.
5. **c)** Perjury, or lying under oath, is a transgression against the Eighth Commandment: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
6. **d)** Marriage and Holy Orders are known as the Sacraments at the Service of Communion because they serve to build up the Body of Christ.
7. **c)** Concupiscence, referring to our tendency to sin, comes from the Latin word concupiscere, which means "to desire ardently!"
8. **c)** The Church celebrates the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas on January 28
9. **b)** The name John is included in the titles of five books of the Bible: the Gospel of John, the three Letters of John (1 John, 2 John, and 3 John) and the Revelation to John.
10. **a)** The story of the magi (Matthew 2:1-12) does not mention Capernaum, which served as Jesus' home base during his Galilean ministry.

From Catechist Magazine (January 2010)

Coming soon to IHM- Friday Lenten Fish Frys!
Please consider volunteering Friday evenings to help out!

Catholic Women for Christ Conference

For information on the upcoming Catholic Women for Christ Conference, please visit the new website:

catholicwomenforchrist.org

The 2016 Catholic Women for Christ Conference is scheduled for Saturday, February 27. This year's conference will be held at Lindenwood University's J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts (2300 W. Clay Street, St. Charles, MO 63301). To register, please visit catholicwomenforchrist.org.



February Theology on Tap –

Guest Speaker: Leah Darrow

Theology on Tap is a monthly gathering for young adults in the St.

Louis area to meet, connect, and grow in the Catholic faith. Enjoy drink specials, excellent conversation, relevant talks, and great company! St. Louis Young Adults hosts Theology on Tap the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm at Kirkwood Station Brewing. This month, we will host Leah Darrow, former contestant of America's Next Top Model and popular Catholic speaker. stlya@archstl.org

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

January 30

4:00 pm

EM: Jackie Barclay, Mary Hannig, Wilma Zurweller, Pat Barnard, Karen Wilson, Vanita Joerling
L: Derek Arnzen, Sharon Hagan
GB: Ruth Scott & Joshua Scott
S: Maggie Molitor, Janna Joerling
U: Bryan Potter, Bill Pollihan, John Bossert, Joe Spiess

January 31

7:30 am

EM: Rich Molitor, Bill Key, Peggy Dupree, John & Karen Wappelhorst, Denise Pool
L: Carolyn Schellert, Chuck Kettler
GB: Michelle, Paige & Genny Greiwe
S: Andy & Daniel Vehige, Mary Grace Becker
U: Ed Rabbitt, Walt Reel, Frank Marquart, Larry Gassei

January 31

9:30 am

EM: Tom & Laura Holstein, Joan Marren-Slaughter, Donna Wolff, Dave & Pam DeBold, Doug Norton, Laura Orf
L: Bill Winters, Kris Jenkins
GB: Steve & Trish Williams
S: Brody Stafford, Sarah White, **one more please**
U: Jim Blondin, Terry Schneider, Charles Hinkle, George Stark, Gary Struckhoff, Stan Kostecki

January 31

11:15 am

EM: Katie Wibbenmeyer, Tom & Christine Haun, Pat Foster, Sharon Smith, Elaine Sudbrock
L: Tim & Suzanne Michaelree
GB: Brice Family
S: Emma Wibbenmeyer, Madison Skambraks
U: Glen Taylor, Todd Neihouse

Catholic Men for Christ Conference

The 2016 Catholic Men for Christ Conference is scheduled for Saturday, February 6, and will feature Tom Peterson, Steve Bollman, Msgr. Eugene Morris, and David Williams, along with emcee Zip Rzeppa. This year's conference will be held at the Peabody Opera House (1440 Market Street, St. Louis, MO 63103). For more information and to register, please visit the Catholic Men for Christ website catholicmenforchrist.org.

becomingONE
a Catholic speaker series for young, married couples

"Married Millennials: Finding the Balance of Faith,

Family, and Work", Sat, Jan 30 from 10 am to Noon; to be held at St. Joseph Church in Cottleville (Pezold Room). We invite you and your spouse to join us for this kick-off event of the becomingOne series! Join young, married couples from across the archdiocese for an enriching Saturday morning – practical and engaging talks, opportunities to grow in community, light refreshments provided. Sponsored by the Office of Young Adult Ministry – RSVP to stlya@archstl.org.

THE JONAH TEAMS: A LAY HEALING MINISTRY AT IHM

In the early church, the lay disciples of Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit, used the prayer gesture of the laying on of hands with intercession in His name. Christ promised then, as He does today, that when 2 or 3 are gathered in His name, He is in our midst, and when 2 or more agree in their prayer, He will answer (Matt. 18:19).



For the past 15 years, the Jonah Teams have been inviting IHM parishioners to come to Jesus in a very personal way through the gift of healing prayer. We have been trained to pray briefly, confidentially, and without judgment (after a designated Mass) for anyone in need of prayer, and that's everybody! Broken hearts, damaged relationships, diseased bodies, anxiety, financial problems—no problem is too big or too small to take to Jesus! We are here with this ministry to pray with confident expectation, and strive to do so in an atmosphere of love and openness to the Holy Spirit, to encourage and tend lovingly to people who present themselves for prayer.

The Jonah Teams are presently available the first week-end of the month after the 4:00 p.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses in the Eucharistic Chapel. Our future goal is to have enough ministers trained that we can be available at all Masses. We are also available, upon special request, to meet with you for prayer at the parish or in your homes or hospital.

January 30 and 31, after all Masses, members of our Jonah Teams will be available in the Narthex with hand-out information. We will personally share with you anything you would like to know about this ministry, whether it's wanting to know more about coming to us for prayer, or if you want help discerning if the Holy Spirit is calling you to be a Jonah Team member.

I know every one of our Jonah prayer ministers would agree that it is such a special privilege (and responsibility!) to be able to pray for our fellow parishioners when they come forward in faith for prayer after a Sunday Mass...to come before the Lord together, to ask the Holy Spirit to work among us. We hope to see you soon!

...Debbie Gillespie, Jonah Team Coordinator

Our Lady's Inn Maternity Homes is hosting the first monthly Pay it Forward community jewelry making event. The Pay it Forward Program provides women living at the Inn an opportunity to learn and create jewelry and "give back" to the organization helping them. You are invited to participate in this Program and learn (or teach) how to bead, design and create jewelry. Jewelry-making night will be held Thursday, January 28, 2016, 5:30– 8:00 p.m. at Our Lady's Inn Administrative offices, 8790 Manchester Road, Suite 202, in Brentwood. For more info or to register, contact Betsy, 636-398-5375, or bbeauparlant@ourladysinn.org

Parish Office: 636-398-5270

Future Events

- ☒ **Baptism Class:** Weber Hall on Monday, Jan. 25 at 7:00 pm.
- ☒ **The Contemporary Group** will provide music for the 11:15 Mass on Sunday, January 31.
- ☒ **K of C Installation:** installation of new members on Sunday, Jan. 31 in Founders Hall. Time to be announced at a later date.
- ☒ **Wine and cheese party for new parishioners:** Friday, Feb. 5 at 6:30 pm in Fr. Tom's house.
- ☒ **First Friday Breakfast:** all are invited to IHOP in Wentzville at 9:00 am on Feb. 5.
- ☒ **Doughnut Sunday:** hosted by the Welcoming Committee on Sunday, Feb. 7 after the 7:30 and 9:30 Masses in Weber Hall.
- ☒ **St. Vincent dePaul Society Meeting:** Monday, 6:30 pm in the pantry.
- ☒ **Ash Wednesday** is early this year, Feb. 10. Masses with the distribution of ashes will take place at 8:00 am and 7:00 pm in the church.
- ☒ **Fish Fry:** the first fish fry of the Lenten season will take place on Friday, Feb. 12.
- ☒ **Presidents' Day:** Monday, Feb. 15; the parish office will be closed
- ☒ **Knights of Columbus:** the February meeting will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 16.
- ☒ **Spring Sausage Dinner:** the date has been moved to Sunday, April 24, to avoid winter weather. Mark it on your calendars!

Please note: It is getting much more difficult to find a priest to cover Masses when Father Tom is away. **With that in mind, we have decided to adjust the time for the remaining Parish Missionary Disciples class dates. ONLY on the following dates we will have Mass at 7:30 instead of 8:00: Thursday, February 11 and Wednesday, March 9.**

St. Francis Borgia Seeks Items for Dinner Auction

St. Francis Borgia Regional High School is now accepting items for its annual dinner auction. The dinner auction will be held Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016. Tickets for the dinner auction are \$65 per person. Reservations may be made by calling 636-239-7871, extension 122.

Out and About

Breakfasts and Dinners

- **All you can eat breakfast** at Immaculate Conception in Augusta; Jan. 24 from 8:00 am to noon. Adults, \$8 and children to age 12, \$3; biscuits, gravy, pancakes, ham, sausage, eggs, baked apples, country store
- **Fried Chicken Dinner** at Friedens Peace UCC in New Melle; Sunday, Feb. 21 from noon to 6:00 pm. The menu includes potatoes and gravy, green beans, cornbread, baked beans, coleslaw, apple butter and pie.
- **Fish Frys** at St. Peter Church in St. Charles on Fridays during Lent, from 4:00 to 7:00 pm.

Just for fun

- **Pro Life Square Dance** Be a square and support Pro Life. Gather your friends to have a good time dancing and laughing. Beer, soda, and snack mix provided. Feel free to bring your own drinks and snacks to enjoy with your friends. (You do **not** need to know how to square dance!) Come and swing your partner at the OLS Square Dance!!! **Saturday, February 6 Our Lady of Sorrows Parish "Faenger Hall" 5030 Rhodes Avenue, St. Louis, 63109** Doors will open at 7 pm. with dancing from 7:30 till 10:30. Cost: \$15.00/person Reservations are not required. Questions??? Contact Randy @ [314-651-8745](tel:314-651-8745) or John/Mary @ [314-832-0302](tel:314-832-0302) It will be the best time you have had being square!!!(Proceeds benefit local Pro-Life organizations)

Opportunities

- **YOU Can Help Your Marriage** – 25% of surveyed couples say they are “Happily Married”. For everyone else there is **Retrouvaille**. Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Does talking only make it worse? For information on the Retrouvaille Program, visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. The next program begins the weekend of **January 29-31**.
- **Fr. Michael Joncas**, liturgical theologian and composer will give a talk on Jan. 31 at 3:00 pm; College Church; free and open to the public. This lecture is sponsored by the Aquinas Institute of Theology
- **Ladies Evening of Recollection** for ladies on Wednesday, February 3, at St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. A priest of Opus Dei will give two reflections on some aspect of the spiritual life and will be available for confessions. The activity begins at 7:15-9:30pm. For more information, please contact Mary Schlueter [314-517-1277](tel:314-517-1277)

The Mother Daughter and Father Son programs at Mercy Hospital provide an atmosphere of love and learning to discuss fertility and to promote communication between parent and child. The programs emphasize respect, understanding and appreciation for God's gift of sexuality, as well as age-appropriate information on the functions of the reproductive system. Developed by the Department of Fertility Care Services, the events are presented to girls and their mothers (or guardians) & boys and their fathers (or guardians) by Registered Nurses, Doctors and a panel including teens. Dates for the Spring programs are:

Sunday, February 14, 2016 10 to 12 year-old mother daughter program

Sunday, April 24, 2016 13 to 17 year-old mother daughter program

Sunday, March 13, 2016 11 & 12 year-old father son program

Time: 1:00-3:30PM; Cost is \$45 per family

Questions call [314.991.0327](tel:314.991.0327). To register visit: <http://mercy.net/fertilitycare>

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

As Roman Catholics, our marriage practices have their pedigree in ancient Rome. One of the major players in shaping our practices was the warfare involved in building an empire. Soldiers vanished and sometimes never returned. Women began to manage their lives and to make decisions. The old family values were replaced by patriotic ones, and religion was more attuned to the gore and glory of battle, a religion of the state, not of the family. Weddings were still family celebrations, but had a public face. The bride wore a white toga and a red veil and walked to her new home. There, she and her husband joined their right hands and gave consent to each other, not relying on her father to give consent for her. Religion was optional: a pagan priest might be invited or not, and even without the ceremony, society agreed by common law that a year of living together equaled marriage consent. By the same token, marriage by consent also meant divorce was on the same legal footing, and did not require the courts or civil declarations. This is the world-view the first Christians inherited, and it was up to them to determine what was good and to hold marriage up to the light of the gospel.

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