

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

New Melle, Missouri



February 8, 2015

**Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

*Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me,
for the sake of your name.*

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**

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 6:00 pm.

This Week's Events: The sign-up sheets for the sausage dinner volunteers are in the narthex now. There is also a sign-up sheet for the week of preparation before the dinner, which is new this time. AND- the sign-up sheets for the Lenten Fish Fries are also available!

Sunday, February 8

8:00 am

Knights of Columbus Breakfast, Founders Hall

9:30 am

Children's liturgy during Mass

Monday, February 9

4:00 pm

Girl Scouts, Weber Hall

6:30 pm

Scouts, Founders Hall

7:00 pm

Bell Choir Rehearsal, church

Tuesday, February 10

9:00 am and 5:30 pm

Exercise Classes, Grand Hall Foyer

6:30 pm

Children's Choir and Chimes, Church

Wednesday, February 11

6:00 pm

PSR Classes, Founders Hall and Weber Hall

6:00 pm

Acts of the Apostles, Bible Study, Grand Hall

7:30 pm

Reconciliation, church

Thursday, February 12

8:30 am

Legion of Mary, Founders Hall

9:00 am and 5:30 pm

Exercise Classes, Grand Hall Foyer

6:00 pm

St. Vincent dePaul Society, Pantry

6:30 pm

Symbolon Group, Weber Hall

6:30 pm

Scouts, Founders Hall

7:00 pm

Choir rehearsal, Church

Friday, February 13

8:30 am

Quilters, Weber Hall

2:00 pm

Prayer Shawl Ministry,

Saturday, February 14

8:00 am

Mass followed by confession, church

Crossroads Pro-Life Group to speak at all Masses this weekend.

Sunday, February 15

8:30 am, 10:30 am

Doughnut Sunday in Weber Hall

Join the Holy Father's Prayer Intentions For February

Universal: That prisoners, especially the young, may be able to rebuild lives of dignity.

Evangelization: That married people who are separated may find welcome and support in the Christian community.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 7

8:00 am All Souls Intentions
4:00 pm People of the Parish
In thanksgiving for 61 years of marriage
Gerald and Frances Bussen

Sunday, February 8

7:30 am Mary Fine +
Jerome Kluge +
9:30 am Joyce Lang +
Jack Hitt
11:15 am Jim Weiskopf +
Sadie and Caesar Rashid

Monday, February 9

8:00 am All Souls Intentions

Tuesday, February 10

8:00 am Jim Weiskopf +
LaVerne Horn +

Wednesday, February 11

8:00 am Mary Berfanger +
Moiria Ryan +

Thursday, February 12

8:00 am In thanksgiving for 49 years of marriage
Bill and Bernie Pollihan
Leonard Russell +

Friday, February 13

8:00 am Deceased members of the
Tarkington Family
The Sinopole Family

Saturday, February 14

8:00 am Mimi Ferguson +
4:00 pm Sadie and Caesar Rashid

Sunday, February 15

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Erma Guinn +
11:15 am James McGrath +

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c;
Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30;
Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11;
1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

Saints and Special Observances

Tuesday: St. Scholastica
Wednesday: Our Lady of Lourdes
Saturday: St. Cyril and St. Methodius; Valentine's Day

Parish Organizations

Scouting Units

Parish Rep (All Units) Jerry Hespen; 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
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Pro-Life Committee

Bill Winters
636-828-4133

Quilters

Eleanor Sadlo
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Mary Ann Brakensiek
636-828-5776

St. Vincent DePaul

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

MEDITATION ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

*Very early the next morning, long before daylight,
Jesus got up and left the house. He went out of town
to a lonely place, where he prayed.* MARK 1:35

One day a friend visited Henri Matisse, the French artist. Noticing how filled with stress his friend seemed to be, Matisse said, "Andre, you must find the artichokes in your life." Then he led his friend to a patch of artichokes in his garden and said, "Each morning, after I have worked a while, I come here to be still and meditate. This simple ritual inspires me and gives me a new perspective toward my work."

To what extent does quiet meditation relax me and give me a new perspective toward my work? Mark Link S.J. *Mission*



SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2015

11:00 AM TO 6:00PM

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH IN NEW MELLE, MO

SPRING SAUSAGE DINNER



*And here's
what we need
from you:*

**Menu: sauerkraut, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn,
green beans, applesauce, bread, dessert, beverage**

ADULTS \$12 AT THE DOOR; CHILDREN (6-12) \$6;

AGES 5 AND UNDER ARE FREE

**MANY EXCITING EVENTS INCLUDING CRAFT FAIR, COUNTRY STORE,
MARIAN COUNCIL QUILT RAFFLE, PULL TABS, CHILDREN'S GAMES**

AND DON'T FORGET THE RAFFLES--

THE BONANZA EXTRAVAGANZA AND THE BIG 50/50 CASH DRAWING

1. Please volunteer to help! The sign-up sheets are in the narthex. There's a wide assortment of jobs and your talents will fit in there somewhere! Please consider helping your parish in this very important fundraiser.
2. Pies! We need homemade pies, cakes and bread from our parishioners- the more, the better! Try to bring 3 pies or cakes per family and two loaves of bread.
3. Are you crafty? There's still some room in the Grand Hall for a few crafters. Contact Lisa Murphy at clubdragonfly@gmail.com for information.
4. The Country Store will need doodads, little treasures and small baked goods to fill up those tables. Start looking for them now!
5. Last but not least: Invite your family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and their brothers. Let's fill up the hall with hungry guests. Talk it up!

Call the parish office if you have questions-- 636-398-5270

IHM FISH FRY, FEATURING DELICIOUS BREADED HADDOCK

On these Fridays in the spring: March 6, 13, 20, 27
Serving from 4:30 to 7:00 pm in Founders Hall

- Large Dinner (includes 4 sides)- \$11.00
- Fish sandwich dinner (includes 2 sides)- \$9.50
- Regular Dinner (includes 2 sides) - \$9.00
- A la carte fish sandwich- \$7.00
- A la carte fish- \$6.00
- Mac & Cheese dinner (with 2 sides)- \$5.00
- A la carte mac & cheese- \$3.00

All dinners include:

- a roll
 - dessert
 - beverage (choice of iced tea, lemonade or coffee)
- Beer, wine and soda will be available for purchase

*And here's what we
need from you- Please
volunteer to help! The
sign-up sheets are in the
narthex now!*

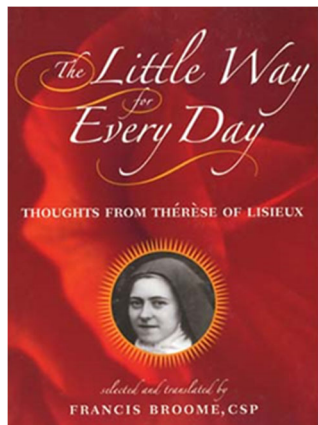


**NEWS
FROM THE
RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT**

The month of February is devotionally dedicated to the Holy Family. As we strive to live out the Holy Father's dedication of the Year to Consecrated Life and the Archdiocesan focus on a Year of Prayer, consider ways that your personal or extended family can gather to pray, especially for vocations. There is a traveling icon in the parish for families that will help encourage this. Keep an eye out for details.



Year of Prayer & Quotes to Ponder



"For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is simply a look towards Heaven; it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy."

– St. Therese of Lisieux

"My whole strength lies in prayer and sacrifice, these are my invincible arms; they can move hearts far better than words, I know it by experience." --St. Therese of Lisieux

"Dynamic Catholics universally begin their day with some type of prayer, a spiritual routine that focuses their day." (The Four Signs, 43)

"The first sign of a dynamic Catholic is about helping people establish a routine of prayer. One of the greatest gifts we can give anybody is to help them develop a sustainable prayer life. What I mean by that is that we give them the tools to cultivate a spiritual life and the tools to adapt that spiritual life according to the changing demands and challenges of different stages of their lives. Helping them develop a routine of prayer that works for them is the very first step." (The Four Signs, 48)

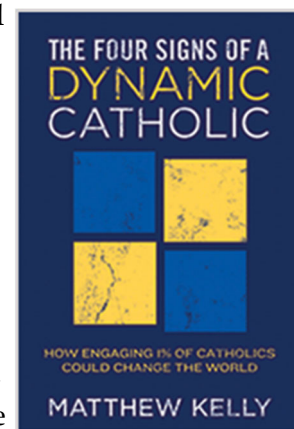
"The more time you spend in silence, the more clearly you will hear the voice of God in your life." (The Four Signs, 51)

Dynamic Catholic, Alive! – Forms of Prayer It is important for us to include the 4 main forms of prayer into our conversations with God. There is an acronym that can help with this:

ACTS -

- 1) *Adoration* (acknowledgement that we are creatures of the Creator),
- 2) *Contrition* (interior repentance),
- 3) *Thanksgiving* (gratitude for blessings), and
- 4) *Supplication* (petition). The Eucharist contains and expresses all the forms of prayer.

Do you cultivate these forms of prayer in your prayer life? Have you ever attended a life - changing retreat, such as ACTS or Christ Renews His Parish? archstl.org/dynamic



WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE become priests, sisters or brothers?

Are they people who don't relate well with other people? No. They are people who love others — people who find real satisfaction chatting with a 93-year-old parishioner, holding the hand of a cancer patient, listening to the troubles of a streetwise teen.

They are people with the courage to touch lives, hearts and souls in a high-tech, unchurched world.

Are you that kind of person?



NEWS FROM HOME



Stewardship

February 9, 2015

St. Joseph Chapel "Heavenly Dusters"

Vicky Grunz

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, February 1.

General Offertory: \$10,641.63

Online-General Offering: \$2,231.00

Total: \$12,872.63

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.

St. Vincent dePaul meetings are held in the pantry on the second Thursday of each month.

CHECK IT OUT ..for youth and young adults

Crossroads- Feb. 17 at Culpepper's in O'Fallon; for anyone, married or single, in their 20's or 30's

YDisciple-YDinner- Wednesday, March 4 in the Grand Hall; 6:00 pm; for high school students and their families

What's Your Catholic IQ?

1. The soldiers who protect the pope are called

- (a) the Papal Patrol;
- (b) Guardians of Swiss Cheese
- (c) the Swiss Guard;
- (d) Pontifexes

2. The Italian-born nun who was the first American citizen to be canonized was

- (a) Mother Elizabeth Seton; (b) Mother Frances Cabrini;
- (c) Mother Katharine Drexel; (d) Mother Angelica

3. The apostle Jesus nicknamed Cephas is better known to us as

- (a) Peter; (b) the Rock
- (c) Paul; (d) Barnabas

4. The mystery of the rosary that does not belong among the Joyful Mysteries is

- (a) the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple;
- (b) the Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost;
- (c) the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth;
- (d) the Finding of Jesus among the Rabbis in the Temple

5. The shortest of the Gospels is

- (a) Matthew; (b) Mark;
- (c) Luke; (d) John

6. The administrative office of a diocese is known as a

- (a) shrine; (b) chancery; (c) rectory; (d) refectory

7. The Hebrew name for the first five books of the Bible is

- (a) Torah; (b) Prophets; (c) Writings; (d) Apocalypse

8. While it might be said that all the members of a parish are considered "staff", which member below is a current staff member of IHM.

- (a) Margaret Bybee (b) Laura O. Weiskopf
- (c) Sarah Aulbach (d) Shawn Hammerschmidt

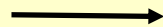
9. According to Scripture, the first Christian martyr was

- (a) St. Paul; (b) St. Priscilla;
- (c) St. Stephen; (d) St. Ignatius of Antioch

10. A canonized Dominican lay brother from Peru, known for his humble work as a barber and healer, is

- (a) Savonarola; (b) Hernan Cortez;
- (c) Pierre Touissant; (d) Martin de Porres

Answers on the next page



Youth Conference: Steubenville Mid-America: July 17-19

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH:

Plans are underway to attend the Steubenville Mid-America Youth Conference in Springfield, Missouri on July 17-19.

The conference fills up / sells out quickly, so group registration comes early---
starting February 11.

If you are interested in joining the group from IHM, contact Janet Hespen ASAP at 636-398-6420.

Visit <http://stlyouth.org/steubenville> for more info.

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

...a time to be born...

Brooke Taylor Dawson and Maxwell Raymond Cox
were recently baptized here at IHM.

May they always live in the light of Christ!

...a time to die...

Please pray for the repose of the souls of
Catherine Landolt, former parishioner of IHM;
John B. Lafaver, husband of Clyola Lafaver;
James McGrath,
brother of Joan and Deacon Tony Falbo.
May they rest in the peace of Christ.

CHOIR NEWS

If you are interested in singing with the choir for Holy Week, call Marilyn in the parish office or email her at secretary@ihm-newmelle.org.

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, 636-398-5270.

MUSICIAN WANTED:

The **Sisters of the Most Precious Blood of O'Fallon, MO** have an immediate opening for a **Minister of Music and Liturgy**. The position is part-time. Requirements include experience playing and accompanying parish liturgies, suitable voice for cantoring, basic keyboard, organ and instrumental skills and the ability to read music. Experience working with the elderly is a plus. Candidates must be able to work a flexible schedule due to job responsibilities. A full job description is available at www.cpps-ofallon.org. Please e-mail resume and references by April 25, 2014, to missionadvancement@cpps-ofallon.org or by mail to: Sisters of the Most Precious Blood, Attn: Mission Advancement, 204 North Main Street, O'Fallon, MO 63366.

DAY OF PRAYER AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Today is the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking; Pope Francis made this the theme of his 2015 World Day of Peace sermon on New Year's Day. 25-35 million people are estimated to be forced into work or sexual bondage. It is prevalent in the U.S.; Missouri is 10th in human trafficking violations; it is happening here in St. Charles Co. Young or poor people and immigrants are especially vulnerable. What can you do? Pray against it; become aware of what to watch for by attending Human Trafficking 101 seminars upcoming in the county. For more information, contact Sr. Esther Hogan, CPPS, of St. Charles Outreach at [636-248-1117](tel:636-248-1117) or rehogan@cpps-ofallon.org. To report violations, contact [314-615-8618](tel:314-615-8618).

ANSWERS TO CATHOLIC IQ

1. (c) The Swiss Guard, organized in 1505, is responsible for safeguarding the pope during his public appearances. The uniform of the Swiss Guard was designed by Michelangelo.
2. (b) St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850-1917), foundress of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, overcame many obstacles to set up schools, orphanages, and hospitals for Italian immigrants to the U.S. Her feast day is December 22.
3. (a) Cephas is the Aramaic word for "the rock," the nickname given to Simon Peter in John 1:42. Petros is its Greek form.
4. (b) Pentecost (see Acts 2:1-41) belongs among the Glorious Mysteries. The remaining two Joyful Mysteries are the Annunciation (see Luke 1:26-38) and the Nativity (see Luke 2:1-20).
5. (b) Mark's Gospel is the shortest. Biblical scholars consider the Gospel of Mark to be the oldest of the four Gospels, written between 65 and 70 AD.
6. (b) The business of running a diocese takes place in its chancery. Under the direction of the bishop or his appointed representative, the chancery handles all the documents that concern the official business of the diocese.
7. (a) Jews venerate the Torah (which means "the Teaching") with special honor. Catholics sometimes refer to these same five books as the "Pentateuch" ("the Five"). In a wider sense, the Torah also refers to all teachings of Judaism.
8. (d) This fourth-century bishop was known for his holiness and charity, which included his gift of three bags of gold to three dowry-less sisters. His feast day is December 6.
9. (c) We tried to fool you with the other names---using last names of folks who in the past worked here at IHM, Margaret Bybee, Dot Weiskopf and John Hammerschmidt (RIP)
10. (d) "Only a poor mulatto" in his own estimation, St. Martin de Porres (1579-1639) served the outcasts, established an orphanage, and ran a clinic for the sick. His feast day is November 3.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Marion Mueller	Janet Hespen's Dad
Patricia Rudolf	Walt, and his family
Shirley McDonald	Ann Fitzgerald
Diane Bocklage	Susan Van Booven
Jack Hitt	Terri Guernsey
Steve Geldien	Melissa Van Hoy
Dave Hendrix	Al Bamert
Ted Feldewerth	Jo-nell Falcon
Marie Kloeppel	Kenneth McCauley
Jolene Molitor	Charlie Grady
Mary Ann Brakensiek	John and his family
Michael Candrl and his family	Ed Gray
Linda Candrl and her family	Sallie Bauer
Tom Miller	Mildred Riley
Sadie Rashid	
John, who has had back surgery	
Erin and her two kids, one of whom is very ill;	
Mike who had a liver replacement	
Keri and Jesse Knopp and their unborn baby	
Patricia Prongue	
Ed Rabbit	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

February 14

4:00

EM: Bob & Judy Cova, Bernadine Pollihan, Pat Noack, Bryan Potter, Jackie Barclay
L: Larry Graves, Jean Bamert
GB: Gerard & Sandy Knott
S: Elli Russell, Jennifer Bossert
U: Chris Cuddihee, Emil Pavlik, John Bossert, Joe Spiess

February 15

7:30

EM: Peggy Dupree, Janice Kardasz, Bill Key, John & Karen Wappelhorst, Loretta Bruns
L: Elizabeth Vehige, Derek Arnzen
GB: Tom & Carol Ostermeyer
S: Andy & Daniel Vehige
U: Ed Rabbitt, Rich Molitor, Gary Potter, Frank Marquart

February 15

9:30

EM: Michelle Greiwe, Clara Haas, Pat Gentry, Judeen Kutsko, Judy Podhorn, Janet Hespen, Donna Wolff, Darlene Smith
L: Walt Hollenstein, Nancy Hollenstein
GB: Alan & Marsha Raymond
S: Paige & Genny Greiwe
U: Curt Eccardt, Charles Hinkle, George Stark, Chris Molitor, Shawn Sweetin, Terry Schneider

February 15

11:15

EM: Katie Wibbenmeyer, Pat Roche, Jane Holstein, Joan Marren-Slaughter, Mary Keune, Kat Menne
L: Patrice Riley, Nancy Ast
GB: Mike & Cindy White
S: Emma Wibbenmeyer, Lindsay Bouquet
U: Glen Taylor, Ron Riley, Todd Neihouse

Annual Infertility Support Mass

If you or someone you know has experienced infertility, please join us for an evening of prayer and fellowship on Thursday, February 19, 2015 at the Cardinal Rigali Center. All are welcome! Mass will be celebrated in the chapel by Archbishop Robert J. Carlson, followed by refreshments in the Sister Ebo Room. Call the Office of Natural Family Planning [314-997-7576](tel:314-997-7576) or visit www.archstl.org/naturalfamilyplanning for more information.

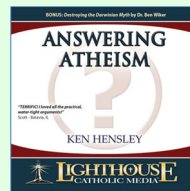
St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

(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

A great video to watch as a family in which a true “pro-life” message stands out is Dr. Seuss’s “Horton Hears a Who.” The theme of the video is striking when compared to the cultural battles and questions we face today-“When is a person a person?” At what stage does a person acquire rights? What type of research can be undertaken on a human being in the embryonic stage? If a majority of contraceptive pills operate by not allowing a person in its earliest stages to attach to a woman’s womb, what does this entail morally? Knowing that it is a scientific fact (not a matter of faith) that human life begins at conception, what is our responsibility to safeguard this gift? *Horton Hears a Who* gives a resounding cry to life as only elephant Horton “who has the ears to hear” can recognize the teeming life in what seems to be but a little speck of dust. Several times throughout the show, a rhyme concludes.....“A person’s a person no matter how small.” This is a message everyone needs to be reminded of, if for any other reason than because all of us began as persons “as a person that small”.



From the Lighthouse CD Rack – Parish Church - Narthex

How can we evangelize an unbelieving world? In this talk, Ken Hensley uses simple, effective logic to show how the atheistic worldview inevitably leads to contradictions that can’t hold up to sound reasoning. After hearing this talk, you will be empowered to conclusively demonstrate how unbelief leads to the destruction of morality, meaning, and even knowledge. *The explanation of how atheists' own thinking belies their supposed beliefs or lack thereof. Also the bonus talk at the end about Darwinism and evolution was information which was totally new for me, and I'm almost 80 years old.* Charles D - Hernando, FL

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RACES!

HORSE RACES

SPONSORED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Raising funds for local charities

Saturday, February 21 in the Grand Hall

Doors open at 6:00 pm; Races begin at 6:30 pm

\$10 includes beer, soda,

ice for set-ups, chips, snacks



\$10 PER
PERSON

- **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:** Why don't you surprise your spouse and apply for a Marriage Encounter weekend as a Valentine's gift? You will be giving yourself and your spouse a present you will never forget. The next weekends are February 6-8 or April 24-26. www.stl-wwme.org or call for information at 314.469.7317.
- **ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:** Weekends are held at the Marianist Retreat Center in Eureka. The next one will be Feb. 27 – March 1, and there will also be Weekends in June and September. For more information, call Jim and Cheri at [636-379-0962](tel:636-379-0962), or visit our website at: <http://home.centurytel.net/stlengaged/>
- **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:** The Sisters of the Most Precious Blood are preparing for their 170th 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. To donate, call the Mission Advancement Office at [636-240-6010](tel:636-240-6010).
- **HEALING THROUGH FORGIVENESS** Come to **Healing The Heart Through Forgiveness** with Father Richard McAlear OMI to experience this grace in your life. A healing service is included in the seminar. March 13 - 14, 2015 at the Cardinal Rigali Center. To register call the Catholic Renewal Center at 314-427-7786 or online at archstl.org/renewal
- **TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS** Any Catholic family wishing to apply for tuition assistance through the Archdiocese for the 2015-2016 school year must submit a "FACTS" application. Applications may be obtained from the parish office or <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Online applications are encouraged! Students must attend an Archdiocesan or Parochial Elementary School or an Archdiocesan or Parochial High School to be eligible. The due date for the application is March 15, 2015 and must include a copy of your 2014 Income Tax Return and 2014 W2s. The Catholic Education Center appreciates the support of the ACA and all of its donors.

Parish Office: 636-398-5270

Future Events



Knights of Columbus Breakfast, TODAY, Sunday, Feb. 8 in Founders Hall; 8:00 am to 11:00



Bob Evans Restaurant in Wentzville will donate 15% of their proceeds to hospitalized children and the Special Olympics. The next date for this generous donation will be February 12. **Applebee's Restaurant** will do the same on the third Thursday of the month, and the next date for their generous donation will be February 19.



The St. Vincent dePaul Society will have their monthly meeting on Thursday, Feb. 12 in the pantry.



Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Friday, Feb. 13 at 2:00 pm in Weber Hall.



CPR Class in Weber Hall on Monday, Feb. 16 starting at 6:30 pm; free of charge. CPR for adults, children and infants will be covered. Please call the parish office to register.



The next Knights of Columbus meeting will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 17 in Founders Hall.



K of C Horse Races; Saturday, Feb. 21 in the Grand Hall; races start at 7:00 pm.



The next Baptism Class will take place in Weber Hall on Monday, Feb. 23 at 7:00 pm.



Week of Feb. 23: Founders Hall set-up for the Spring Sausage Dinner; see the sign up sheet in the narthex



Baking Pies and Bread; where? At your house! Why? Because they'll be needed for the sausage dinner! Don't forget to donate homemade baked goods on the Saturday before the dinner or the morning of March 1.



Catholic Women for Christ, 6th Annual Conference

Be who God meant you to be, and you will set the world on fire. St. Catherine of Siena
Saturday, March 21, 2015; St. Charles Convention Center

Doors open 7:45 am; Keynote 9:00 am; Mass 4:00 pm

Speakers include: **Teresa Tomeo**, Syndicated Catholic talk show host and motivational speaker and **Brenda Sharman**, Founding National Director of Pure Fashion

Registration Fees: \$45 during Jan. and Feb; \$50 after Feb. 28; High school and College Women \$15;

Lunch is included with all registrations

Call 314-792-7183

CatholicWomenforChrist.org

Out and About

Breakfasts and Dinners

- **FRIED CHICKEN DINNER AT FRIEDENS PEACE UCC;** Sunday, Feb. 15 from noon to 6:00 pm; potatoes and gravy, green beans, cornbread, baked beans, coleslaw, dessert; country store and crafts; adults- \$10, children 6 to 11- \$5; all carry outs are \$10
- **GERMAN KLUB DINNER:** St. Francis Borgia Regional High School will be sponsoring a German Klub Dinner on February 13th, in the SFBRRHS school cafeteria. The menu will consist of homemade German sausage, spaetzle, green beans, baked apples, sweet and sour cabbage, assorted rolls, and desserts; serving from 4-6:30PM. All proceeds benefit the Washington-Marbach Student Exchange Program.
- **SAUSAGE & PANCAKE BREAKFAST** at St. Pat's in Wentzville; on Sunday February 15 from 7:30 am – 12:30 pm. Also serving, biscuits, sausage gravy, scrambled eggs, juice & coffee. Adults \$7, Children 5-12 \$3, Children under 5 Free. Proceeds will benefit the Spirit of ACTS Men's and Women's Retreat Fund. [\(636\) 332-9225](tel:6363329225)

Just for fun

- **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.
- **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 per ticket.
- **5K RUN:** Holy Infant Parish in Ballwin invites you to its 2nd Annual Shamrock Shuffle 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk. Join us the morning of Saturday, March 7. The race starts and ends at Holy Infant Church. After race celebration includes a visit by Fredbird, DJ, balloon artists, food, beverages, and lots more! For more information or to register, visit the website <http://holyyinfantshamrockshuffle.itsyourrace.com>.
- **PATRIOTIC NIGHT OF TRIVIA** - St. Paul School Gym, St. Paul, MO; Saturday, February 28. Doors Open 6:30pm, Trivia starts at 7pm ; \$160 per table of 8, Complimentary beer, snacks, and soda; [314-800-5702](tel:3148005702)
- **QUILT SOCIAL** FEBRUARY 8, 2015, 1:00 pm. Seven beautiful Quilts will be given away and wonderful attendance prizes. Lunch & Desserts available. Rita Kothe at 327-3262 ST. PATRICK SOCIAL HALL, WENTZVILLE, MO
- **ST. DOMINIC HIGH SCHOOL MARCH MADNESS ALUMNI BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT** will be held on two week-ends...Friday March 13 - Sunday March 15, 2015 and Friday March 20 – Sunday March 22, 2015. Men's and Women's teams forming. **Participants must be 21. The Class of 2011 and older are eligible to play. Classes may combine and team up but all players must be alumni.** NET PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP FUND. go to <http://www.stdominichs.org/alumni-basketball.html> to download the registration form.
- **EUCHRE TOURNAMENT** sponsored by St. Joseph Knights of Columbus will be held on Sat., Feb. 14 at 7pm at St. Joseph School, 1410 Josephville Rd., Wentzville. Cost is \$10. Keep your partner. For more info call Ralph Orf at [636-485-5306](tel:6364855306).

Opportunities

- **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:3149657616) or vocations@carmelitedcj.org; Location of both events: 10341 Manchester Rd. Kirkwood, MO 63122
- **LENTEN RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES:** Father Tom Santen, Pastor of St Joseph Catholic Church in Manchester is the presenter for the annual Palm Sunday Weekend Retreat at the Marianist Retreat Center in Eureka. The theme is: "Journeying with Christ to Jerusalem, Psalms of Ascent, Part II" This silent retreat begins with supper at 5:30 pm on Friday, March 27 and concludes with lunch on Palm Sunday, 3/29. The cost is \$175 which includes lodging, linens and meals. Call the Retreat Center for reservations: [\(636\) 938-5390](tel:6369385390)
- **CPR CLASS**, free of charge; here at IHM. The class will take place on Monday, February 16 at 6:30 pm in Weber Hall. CPR for adults, children and infants will be covered. Please call the parish office to register at 636-398-5270 or email secretary@ihm-newmelle.org.