

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

New Melle, Missouri



March 1, 2015

Second Sunday of Lent

This is my beloved Son.
Listen to him.

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

Sunday, March 1

9:30 am

Sausage Dinner Day

Children's liturgy in the church

There will be no 11:15 Mass today.

Monday, March 2

4:00 pm

6:30 pm

7:00 pm

7:00 pm

Girl Scouts, Weber Hall

Scouts, Founders Hall

Bell Choir Rehearsal, church

Reconciliation, church

Tuesday, March 3

9:00 am and 5:30 pm

6:30 pm

7:00 pm

Exercise Classes, Grand Hall Foyer

Children's Choir and Chimes, Church

Reconciliation, church

Wednesday, March 4

8:45 am

6:00 pm

6:00 pm

7:00 pm

Bible Study, Weber Hall

PSR Classes, Founders Hall and Weber Hall

YDinner-YDisciple Grand Hall

Reconciliation, church

Thursday, March 5

8:30 am

9:00 am and 5:30 pm

6:30 pm

6:30 pm

7:00 pm

7:00 pm

Legion of Mary, Founders Hall

Exercise Classes, Grand Hall Foyer

Symbolon Group, Weber Hall

Scouts, Founders Hall

Choir rehearsal, Church

Prayer with Fr. Tom, Grand Hall

Friday, March 6

8:30 am

4:30 pm

Quilters, Weber Hall

Fish Fry, Founders Hall

See the article on another page in this bulletin
for Fish Fry News

Saturday, March 7

8:00 am

Mass followed by confession, church

Sunday, March 8

8:00 am

Knights of Columbus breakfast, Founders Hall

12 more days until Spring!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 28

8:00 am Wittmann Family
4:00 pm Ed Szostek +

Sunday, March 1

7:30 am Robert McEneny +
9:30 am People of the Parish

There will be no 11:15 Mass today.

Monday, March 2

8:00 am Richard Bredemann +

Tuesday, March 3

8:00 am The Falbo Family

Wednesday, March 4

8:00 am All Souls Intentions
Edward J. Holstein +

Thursday, March 5

8:00 am Joe Sinopole +
Terence Kehr, Jr. +

Friday, March 6

8:00 am Holy Vocations
Terence Kehr, Jr. +

Saturday, March 7

8:00 am Joan Shaw +
Terence Kehr, Jr. +

4:00 pm George and Lucille Petzel +

Sunday, March 8

7:30 am Jerome Kluge +
9:30 am Erma Guinn +
11:15 am People of the Parish

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;
Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16;
Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11;
1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Saints and Special Observances

Tuesday: St. Katharine Drexel

Wednesday: St. Casimir;

Friday: First Friday; World Day of Prayer;
Abstinence

Saturday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity; First Saturday

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
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

LISTEN AND FOLLOW

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." And listen they did. From that moment on, Peter, James, and John were ardent followers, forsaking everything to follow in their Master's footsteps. Like the psalmist crying, "O Lord, I am your servant," the three disciples committed themselves to lives of incredible hardship and indescribable joy. After that day on the mountain, they never again wavered in their chosen vocation.

Though our tests may not be as severe as Abraham's and our peak experiences not as dramatic as the Transfiguration, we all face the daily challenges of walking "before the Lord in the land of the living." As we follow our varied calls to love and serve, let's be comforted by Paul's reminder to the Romans: "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

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So the story goes...

Blessed Lent to all!

Mom liked to tell a few stories on me when introducing me to people. It usually wasn't the first thing she would tell them, but if we talked long enough it was bound to enter the discussion.

"Tommie's first word was cuckoo!" I cannot confirm or deny such a thing since I was a baby at the time, but she has told it enough to make me believe it is true. I do know that I had an immense fascination with cuckoo clocks. To this day I still find them beautiful, fun and rather amazing. Some of the more intricate ones still make me smile in wonder at someone's vivid imagination and ability to make it a reality.

As the conversation flowed she would also share: "Tommie's first sentence was 'Read a book.'" I do have some vague memories of various people reading to me in my childhood. Mom liked to assure people that I pestered the devil out of visitors and guests to read a book to me. I remember some of the early books that I loved and enjoyed, and hearing them over and over was never a problem. God has planted a deep love of stories within our hearts and seeks to awaken the desire to learn. He has so much to share with us.

One of the greatest blessings in my childhood was a love of reading. It made education all that much easier. Reading was always my best subject in the early years of education; the others, not so much. I'm sure the staff will laugh at this, but I was the kid in school who almost always had an empty desktop because the teacher would take away my pencil "submarine" or "rocket ship." Getting caught daydreaming was a recurring event during those early years. Reading was the one area where I was focused. The others suffered from divided attention.

As I matured that love of reading helped me more in school than I ever realized. I am sure I was/am afflicted with some sort of attention deficit "thing." I have learned to make it work for my life. While there are still areas where my distracted and hyperactive nature create problems for me, for the most part they have mellowed over the years. Good reading habits made all the difference in the seminary. My best academic years were in graduate school. I had a good handle on my challenges and found a subject I loved. Discovering and reading more was easy and enjoyable.



Throughout my priesthood I have been a reader, but I have more "winters" than "summers." This Lent I am trying to revive a more active reading life. I hope to rediscover the mystery and magic of another's words speaking to my heart and enlightening my mind. I know it won't be easy, but I am going to give it a good run. The desire is there and I pray the discipline will follow. I am seeking help in becoming a better reader. To fulfill that desire I have joined www.readmorebooksnow.com. Brandon Vogt has a simple course of videos to help develop habits and attitudes that will promote better reading habits. I don't know if you have the same desire I do, but if you do this is worth exploring.

Join the Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for February 2015



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.

Peace,

Fr. Tom

FAMILY LIFE can build values integral to a strong vocation — whether to priesthood, religious life or marriage. Teaching your children to value commitment, service and prayer will help them make strong vocation decisions as adults and live out those vocations with success and fulfillment.

PSR Corner: The month of March is traditionally dedicated to St. Joseph. As we strive to live out the Archdiocesan call for a Year of Prayer, consider ways to seek the intercession of St. Joseph in your family life and in your family prayer. St. Teresa of Avila wrote: "It seems that to other saints our Lord has given power to help us in only one kind of necessity; but this glorious saint, I know by my own experience, assists us in all kinds of necessities....I only request, for the love of God, that whoever will not believe me will test the truth of what I say, for he will see by experience how great a blessing it is to recommend oneself to this glorious Patriarch and to be devout to him....Whoever wants a master to instruct him how to pray, let him choose this glorious saint for his guide, and he will not lose his way." (Note: See the Litany of St. Joseph below).

Litany of St. Joseph

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven, *have mercy on us.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, One God, *have mercy on us.*

READER 1

Response: *pray for us*

Holy Mary,

St. Joseph,

Renowned offspring of David,

Light of patriarchs,

Spouse of the Mother of God,

Chaste guardian of the Virgin,

Foster father of the Son of God,

Diligent protector of Christ,

Head of the Holy Family,

READER 2

Joseph most just,

Joseph most chaste,

Joseph most prudent,

Joseph most strong,

Joseph most obedient,

Joseph most faithful,

Mirror of patience,

Lover of poverty,

Model of artisans,

Glory of home life,

Guardian of virgins,

Pillar of families,

Solace of the wretched,

Hope of the sick,

Patron of the dying,

Terror of demons,

Protector of Holy Church,



READER 3

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,
spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,
graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

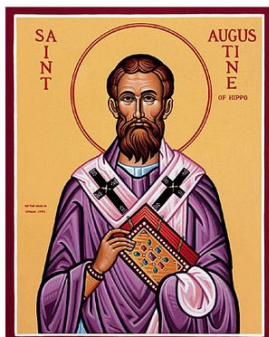
V. He made him the lord of his household.

R. And prince over all his possessions.

Let us pray:

God, in Your providence You were pleased to choose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of Your most holy Mother; grant, we beg You, that We may be worthy to have Him for our intercessor in heaven whom on earth we venerate as our Protector: You Who live and reign forever and ever.

Amen.



Dynamic Catholic, Alive! – What is Sin?

Saint Augustine described sin as "a word, an act, or a desire contrary to the eternal Law." We can distinguish sins according to their variety or gravity. The two most common categories of sin are mortal sins and venial sins. Mortal sin destroys charity, deprives us of sanctifying grace, and can be forgiven in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (more on this next week).

Sin is present in all of our lives. Fortunately, God is infinite mercy.

When is the last time you undertook a thorough examination of conscience?

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BestLentEver.com



NEWS FROM HOME



Stewardship

March 1, 2015

St. Joseph Chapel "Heavenly Dusters"

Linda Smith

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 15

General Offertory: \$9,605.63

Online-General Offering: \$1,631.00

Total: \$11,236.63

Collection figures for Sunday, February 22

General Offertory: \$9589.67

Online-General Offertory: \$3336.00

Total: \$12,925.67

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.

What's Your Catholic IQ?

1. Christ instituted the Seven Sacraments.

True

False

2. When we receive this Sacrament, we become members of the Church and members of Christ.

a) Baptism

b) Matrimony

c) Anointing of the Sick

d) Holy Orders

3. The Sacrament that is the center of our lives as Catholics is ____.

a) Reconciliation

b) Baptism

c) Anointing of the Sick

d) Eucharist

4. This Sacrament is one of the three Sacraments of Initiation and is often associated with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

a) Matrimony

b) Holy Orders

c) Confirmation

d) Reconciliation and Penance

5. "No one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the ____."

a) Word

b) Spirit

c) wine

d) cup

6. A famous quote of Padre Pio is, "Pray, Hope and ____."

a) Sing

b) Don't Worry

c) Relax

d) Take a bath

7. Marriage is a vocation.

True

False

8. Through Baptism, we share in the ____ of Christ.

a) ordination

b) priesthood

c) litany

d) holy waters

9. This Sacrament is for those seriously ill or in danger of death because of sickness or old age.

a) Anointing of the Sick

b) Anointing of the Body

c) Anointing of the Hands

d) Baptism

10. During Confession, we receive ____ when the priest extends his hands over our heads, speaks the words of forgiveness, and makes the sign of the cross.

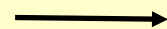
a) permission to leave

b) a religious sign

c) a blessing

d) absolution

Answers on the next page



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

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

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

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.

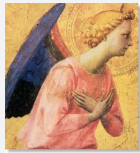
HEALING THROUGH FORGIVENESS; with Father Richard McAlear OMI; A healing service is included in the seminar. March 13 - 14, 2015 at the Cardinal Rigali Center. To register call 314-427-7786 or online at archstl.org/renewal

From Msgr. Francis X Blood:

Thank you from the Society of the Propagation of the Faith for the parish donation of \$203.45 to the Missionary Cooperation Appeal.

**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
Mary Gilliam, mother of Jerry Gilliam;
Shirley Strantz, sister of Ruth Nolkemper;
Jack Hitt, husband of Jean Hitt;
Terence Kehr,
son of Mary Kehr and brother of Mandy Daub.
May they rest in the peace of Christ.

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.factsmtg.com/aid>. 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.

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL: Registration for new families for the 2015/2016 school year is currently underway at St. Patrick School. You may stop by the school or call [636-332-9913 ext. 240](tel:636-332-9913) for information. Due to some of the class sizes, there is a good possibility that there may be a waiting list in some classes so please come by or call as soon as possible. Kindergarten testing is scheduled for the second week of March. Thank You

CHECK IT OUT ..for youth and young adults

Crossroads- the next meeting will be on March 17; more information to follow

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

LENTEN PRAYER

From Deacon Chris- As we begin the season of Lent we would like to emphasize this season of prayer and healing by inviting you to add your personal prayers to those of the our entire community. Please look for a container on the table in the narthex where you can place your prayer requests. This Lent we ask everyone in our community to pray for all of them.

"Our marriage was brought to new life by our Marriage Encounter weekend. For the first time in a long time, our marriage was renewed and restored to the friendship we had in our dating days." To find out more about the life changing weekends offered on April 24-26 or August 7-9, information is available at 314.469.7317 or www.stl-wwme.org.

ANSWERS TO CATHOLIC IQ

- 1. True.** "Christ instituted the Sacraments of the new law. There are seven..." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 1210).
- 2. a)** When we are baptized, we are born into new life and become adoptive children of the Father, members of Christ, and temples of the Holy Spirit (see CCC, n. 1279).
- 3. d)** "The Eucharist is 'the source and summit of the Christian life.' The other Sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it" (CCC, n. 1324).
- 4. c)** "Confirmation perfects Baptismal grace; it...gives the Holy Spirit in order to root us more deeply in the divine filiation, incorporate us more firmly into Christ, strengthen our bond with the Church, associate us more closely with her mission, and help us bear witness to the Christian faith in words accompanied by deeds" (CCC, n. 1316).
- 5. b)** Through Baptism, we become heirs to the kingdom; we are consecrated and made holy (see John 3:5).
- 6. b)** Don't Worry. Was he the inspiration behind the hit song, "Don't Worry, Be Happy." ??
- 7. True.** Similar to Holy Orders, the vocation of marriage is a response to God's call to holiness and service.
- 8. b)** Through Baptism, a person "is incorporated into the Church, the Body of Christ, and made a sharer in the priesthood of Christ" (CCC, n. 1279).
- 9. a)** The "fitting time" for a Catholic to receive this Sacrament is when he or she is "in danger of death from sickness or old age" (CCC, n. 1514).
- 10. d)** Absolution means "freeing from guilt." Our sins are forgiven in the name of Christ, and we are reconciled with God and the Church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Marion Mueller	Patricia Prongue
Patricia Rudolf	Walt and his family
Shirley McDonald	Ann Fitzgerald
Diane Bocklage	Susan Van Booven
Peyton Newman	Terri Guernsey
Steve Geldien	Melissa Van Hoy
Dave Hendrix	Al Bamert
Ted Feldewerth	Jo-nell Falcon
Kenneth McCauley	Nancy Hollenstein
Jolene Molitor	Charlie Grady
Mary Ann Brakensiek	John and his family
Michael Candrl and his family	Ed Gray
Linda Candrl and her family	Denny Steinmeyer
Tom Miller	Mildred Riley
Sadie Rashid	Ed Rabbit
Angel Owens	Ted Pivin
Erin and her two kids	Cathy, with cancer
Newborn baby Steven	Many special intentions
A young man with intestinal issues	
Alan Brittingham	
William Brittingham	
Mike who had a liver replacement	
Keri and Jesse Knopp and their unborn baby	

Liturgical Ministers

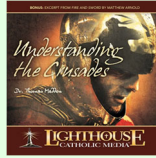
- March 7 4:00 pm
 EM: Loretta Bruns, Jan Messig, Ann Zaleuke,
 Bob and Judy Cova, Bernadine Pollihan
 L: Nancy Ast, Karen Wilson
 GB: Rick and Jackie Barclay
 S: Brody Stafford, Maggie Molitor
 U: John Bossert, Joe Spiess, Larry Graves, Tom
 Zaleuke
- March 8 7:30 am
 EM: John and Karen Wappelhorst, Rich
 Molitor, Walt and Jean Reel, Michelle Greiwe
 L: Erin and Emily Jaeckle
 GB: Ed and Carol Rabbitt
 S: Eleanor and Max Hahn
 U: Frank Marquart, Larry Gassei, Gary Potter,
 Ed Rabbitt
- March 8 9:30 am
 EM: Donna Cuddihee, Chris Richter, Craig
 Hoel, Bob and Irene Caldwell, Chris
 Aulbach, Joan Marren-Slaughter, Joe Faron
 L: Roger Collins Bob Leeker
 GB: **Volunteers please**
 S: Karly Raymond, Mary Grace Becker ,
 Daniel Mallinckrodt
 U: Shawn Sweetin, Dave DeBold, Gary
 Struckhoff, Terry Schneider, Jim Blondin,
 Stan Kostecki
- March 8 11:15 am
 EM: Tim and Suzanne Michaelree, Debi Orf,
 Elaine Sudbrock, Donna Wolff, Jane Holstein
 L: Chris Menne, Tim Beerman
 GB: Mary and Lisa Keune
 S: Lindsay Bouquet, Elli Russell
 U: Glen Taylor, Todd Neihouse

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
From the Parish Library – Stoltz Grand Hall – Lower Level

From the Lighthouse Catholic CD Rack -- Narthex



Dr. Thomas Madden is a professor of History at St. Louis University and has appeared in such venues as the New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, and The History Channel. In this eye-opening presentation, Dr. Madden debunks popular myths surrounding the crusades and shows us how the different misconceptions regarding the crusades have fed in the tension between the East and the West. *This CD is a shortcut to all of the facts about the Crusades that everyone should learn, study and commit to memory in order to Defend the Truths of the Catholic Faith.* **Theresa - York, SC; I am glad to learn more about this time in history. This talk was so interesting! Rachel - LA**



From the Lighthouse Catholic CD Rack -- Narthex

Fr. Mike Schmitz is one of the leading Catholic speakers in the Church today. Fr. Mike tackles four very difficult topics in this exceptional presentation: Death, Judgment, Heaven, and Hell. Listen to this talk and finally get the answers to the question: "What Happens When I Die?" Following the main presentation, Lighthouse has provided a bonus from the talk *Purgatory: Holy Fire* by Dr. Scott Hahn. This bonus is part of the 6-CD set by Dr. Hahn titled **Answering Common Objections**. In his usual high energy style, Fr. Mike Schmitz takes you on a thought provoking journey into the mysteries of the afterlife! **Julie - Sterling, VA**

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

Here's what we need from you-
 Please volunteer to help!

The sign-up sheets are in the narthex now!



- 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

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY HAS BEEN SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN A NATIONAL STUDY of vibrant parishes conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute! **Please help us participate by completing a 10-15 minute survey online.** The survey was emailed to parishioners by catholicparishstudy@measuring-success.com. If you did not receive the survey in your email, click on this link to complete it: <http://www.surveymoz.com/s3/1707977/>

The online survey will only be **available from February 17 to March 10** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on what efforts the parish is doing to help you grow. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole. We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Fr. Tom Miller and our various ministries as we plan ahead and try to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results in May/June, at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish. *If you don't use email* – you may complete the survey via a paper copy. You can obtain a paper copy in the parish office or in the Narthex which **MUST BE RETURNED** to the office no later than March 1, 2015.

Any questions regarding the survey may be directed to Sarah Aulbach in the parish office at 636-398-5270. Thank you for helping with this important project!

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 at the 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:

\$50 after Feb. 28; High school and College Women \$15;
Lunch is included with all registrations
Call 314-792-7183

CatholicWomenforChrist.org

NEWS FROM THE QUILTERS


The quilters will sell raffle chances at the sausage dinner today. \$1 per raffle ticket or 6 for \$5

Do you quilt? Would you like to learn to quilt? I've been told the ladies are willing to help new people learn. They could use some extra hands to continue the bi-monthly quilt raffle. Call the parish office for details.

Consider yourself invited!

Parish Office: 636-398-5270

Future Events

-  **The next Baptism Class** will take place on March 23 at 7:00 pm in Weber Hall. Please call the parish office to register.
-  **GS Cookie Alert-** The Girl Scouts will sell cookies in the narthex after the Masses this weekend.
-  **Fish Fry-** Our first fish fry will take place on Friday, March 6. There are still plenty of opportunities for you to volunteer! The sign-up sheets are in the narthex.
-  **Breakfast-** The next Knights of Columbus breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, March 8.
-  **The Marian Council** will meet on Tuesday, March 10 at 6:30 in Weber Hall.
-  **The next Knights of Columbus meeting** will be Tuesday, March 17 at 7:00 pm in Founders Hall.

Lenten Schedule:

Reconciliation during Lent– Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday starting at 7:00 pm in church
Stations of the Cross– 7:00 pm on Fridays during Lent in the chapel
Daily Mass– see the schedule on the front cover of the bulletin
Eucharistic Adoration– from Monday morning through noon on Friday, every week
Thursday Prayer sessions– 7:00 pm in the Grand Hall with Fr. Tom
Holy Week (March 29 through April 5, 2015)
Palm Sunday Masses are scheduled as usual– 4:00 pm on Saturday night; 7:30, 9:30, 11:15 am on Sunday morning
The Seder Meal will take place on Palm Sunday evening; time to be determined
Thursday, Friday and Saturday of Holy Week– morning prayer in the church at 8:00 am
Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper and foot washing – 7:00 PM in the church
Good Friday stations of the Cross– 1:00 pm in the church
Good Friday service and veneration of the Cross – 7:00 pm in the church
Easter Vigil– 8:00 pm in the church
Easter Sunday morning– Masses at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:15 am

Out and About

Breakfasts and Dinners

Just for fun

- **ST. DOMINIC HIGH SCHOOL MARCH MADNESS ALUMNI BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT** 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. 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.
- **HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION TRIVIA NIGHT** for Immaculate Conception of Old Monroe is having a March Madness Trivia Night Fundraiser for the school on March 14, 2015. The event will take place at the Parish Center, doors open at 5:30. Trivia will start at 6:30. Cost is \$160/table of 8. To reserve a table please contact Donna Reed at [636-661-5776](tel:636-661-5776) or at jasenreed@aol.com. For questions please contact Shannon Tiller at [636-290-3289](tel:636-290-3289) or Karen Gnade at [636-299-6548](tel:636-299-6548).

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:314-965-7616) or vocations@carmelitedcj.org; Location of both events: 10341 Manchester Rd. Kirkwood, MO 63122
- **LADIES EVENING OF RECOLLECTION**; There will be a recollection for ladies on Wednesday, March 4, at St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. A priest of Opus Dei will give two reflections on some aspect of the spiritual life, available for confessions and end with Benediction. There will also be a formative talk given by a layperson. The activity begins at 7:15-9:30pm. For more information, please contact Mary Schlueter [314-517-1277](tel:314-517-1277)
- **FATHER WAYNE HELLMAN, OFM PRESENTS "FRANCIS AND FRANCIS"**; Wednesday, March 4 at 7:00 PM Parish Centre Worship Space; How has a 13th century revolutionary saint who was called to rebuild the church influenced our 21st century Pope? Father Hellman, Professor of Historical Theology at Saint Louis University, will reflect on the similarities of messages found in Francis of Assisi and Francis of Rome. lborchardt@stanselmstl.org or [314-878-2120](tel:314-878-2120).
- **CONTEMPLATIVE OUTREACH RETREAT ON THE SPIRITUALITY OF TEILHARD DE CHARDIN**; 4:30 p.m. Friday, March 27 through 1:00 p.m. Sunday, March 29, 2015; Mercy Conference and Retreat Center, 2039 N. Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131; Explore the mysticism of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin as presented by this gifted professor, author, and contemplative retreat leader. Donald Goergen, O.P., Ph.D., currently teaches at the Aquinas Institute of Theology. This is a silent retreat which includes several periods of Centering Prayer. The retreat ends with the Palm Sunday Mass followed by lunch. Retreat fee: \$250, includes room, board, and all retreat sessions. Save your place with a \$100 deposit. Full fee must be paid by March 14, 2015. www.centeringprayerstl.org.

Just for Fun

- **ST. PAUL LADIES SODALITY QUILT SOCIAL**; Saturday, March 7, 2015; St. Paul Knights of Columbus Hall; Doors open at 11am, Bingo begins at noon. Lunch will be available
- **St. Dominic High School-Middle School Trivia Night**; Friday, March 6th at 7:00pm-9:45pm (in the new gym) students from grades 6, 7, 8; (\$10 each up to 8 per table). [636-300-1661](tel:636-300-1661) or e-mail sdhspalstrivia@hotmail.com
- **St. Dominic High School-Adult Trivia**; Saturday, March 7th at 7pm, (in the new gym; doors open at 6:30) \$160 for a table of up to 8 players; [636-300-1661](tel:636-300-1661) or sdhspalstrivia@hotmail.com

PERMANENT DIACONATE INFORMATION NIGHT

Do you feel called to do something special for your Church? If so a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate might be for you. The Office of the Permanent Diaconate is asking that interested men attend one of two Information Nights to begin exploring a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate. The Information Nights will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 and Thursday, March 12. Wives of men considering this vocation are strongly encouraged to attend. For more information: www.archstl.org/diaconateoffice or contact Deacon Dale Follen at 314.792.7433 or dalefollen@archstl.org.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Dear Ladies,

Please join us for an afternoon of inspiration, fun, refreshments and attendance prizes at St. John's Church at Cappeln in the Family Life Center on Friday, March 6 at 1:00 pm for World Day of Prayer. Please RSVP to Betty, 314-369-1071