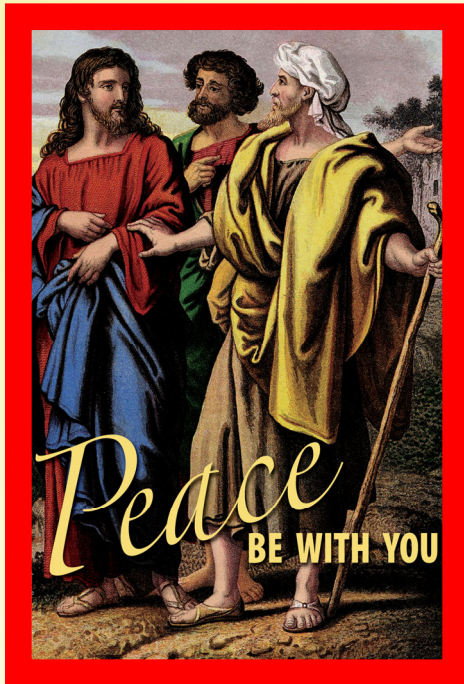


Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

New Melle, Missouri



April 19, 2015

Third Sunday of Easter

**Look at my hands and my feet,
that it is I myself.
Touch me and see,
because
a ghost does not have flesh and
bones as you can see I have.**

Sacraments and Devotions

Celebration of the Mass

Weekend Masses in the Church

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

Daily Mass

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

Devotions and Prayers, St. Joseph Chapel

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

Reconciliation

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

Marriage

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

Baptism

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Contact Shawn Mueller in the parish office

Eucharistic Adoration

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

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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

There will be a speaker from the ACA at all Masses
the weekend of April 18 and 19.

Sunday, April 19

9:30 am

Children's liturgy

Monday, April 20

4:00 pm

Girl Scouts, Weber Hall

6:30 pm

Scouts, Founders Hall

7:00 pm

Bell choir rehearsal, church

Tuesday, April 21

9:00 am and 5:30 pm

Exercise Classes, Grand Hall Foyer

7:00 pm

Knights of Columbus, Founders Hall

Wednesday, April 22

8:45 am

Bible Study, Weber Hall

6:00 pm

PSR Classes, Founders Hall and Weber Hall

7:30 pm

Reconciliation, church

Thursday, April 23

8:30 am

Legion of Mary, Founders Hall

9:00 am and 5:30 pm

Exercise Classes, Grand Hall Foyer

6:30 pm

Symbolon Group, Weber Hall

6:30 pm

Scouts, Founders Hall

7:00 pm

Choir rehearsal, church

Friday, April 24

8:30 am

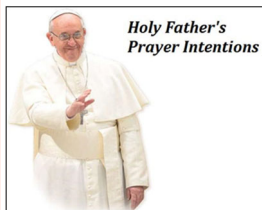
Quilters, Weber Hall

Saturday, April 25

8:00 am

Mass followed by confession, church

Join the Holy Father's Prayer intentions for April 2015



Universal: That people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God.

Evangelization: That persecuted Christians may feel the consoling presence of the Risen Lord and the solidarity of all the Church

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 18

8:00 am Omer Wolff +
4:00 pm Travis Jones +

Sunday, April 19

7:30 am Jerome Kluge +
Sallie Bauer +
9:30 am People of the Parish +
11:15 am Terence Kehr, Jr. +

Monday, April 20

8:00 am Joe Sinopole +

Tuesday, April 21

8:00 am Jack Hitt +
Bob Rapp +

Wednesday, April 22

8:00 am All Souls Intentions

Thursday, April 23

8:00 am Wittmann Family
Cleo Schmidt

Friday, April 24

8:00 am Roger and Vicky Brink

Saturday, April 25

8:00 am Anna May Fuerst +
4:00 pm Ed Szostek +

Sunday, April 26

7:30 am Herbert O. Fine +
Rose Marie Hesselbach +
9:30 am Rosemary Ralls +
11:15 am People of the Parish

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;
Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a;
Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20;
Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17;
Mk 16:15-20
Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29;
1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

SAINTS

AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: St. Anselm
Thursday: St. George; St. Adalbert
Friday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
Saturday: St. Mark



Scouting Units

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Legion of Mary Nancy Hollenstein
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636-398-5270

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call 636-398-5270, ex. 225

MEDITATION ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

Jesus appeared to his disciples, showed them his wounds, opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "This is what is written: the Messiah must suffer." Luke 6:24:45-46

Many Jews expected a Messiah who would make them "number one" among the nations of the world. They dreamed of a Messiah who would catapult them into a position of wealth and power. When Jesus said that he would wear a crown of thorns, not a crown of gold, they were disenchanted. They had closed their minds to those parts of Scripture that spoke of a suffering Messiah. This didn't fit their idea of what the Messiah should be like. To what degree do I sometimes behave like many of the Jews of Jesus' day?

What seems to be God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. . . God purposely chose what the world considers nonsense in order to shame the wise.

1 Corinthians 1:25, 27 Mark Link S.J. Mission

Faith & Prayer

Dear parishioners,

As our Easter celebration continues one of the invitations of this season is to deepen our relationship with God. This deepening of faith is not a one-time experience or limited to certain stages in life. There are more intense periods of deepening during the years of catechetical training and for those in the catechumenate. Too often we are tempted to confine the deepening of faith to those deliberate periods of formation. Once we are Confirmed or graduate there is a temptation to think that our growth in faith is more or less complete.

Last weekend our children made their First Communion. It was a beautiful and powerful experience of watching our children grow in faith. They have completed a time of intense preparation and formation in anticipation of their First Communion. Their faith is real and palpable. It is not the naïve trust of young minds that don't know any better, but rather innocent minds that are uncluttered and uncomplicated by the demons that haunt us. Our Lord extolled children because of their natural trust and hope. Trust and hope are tested by life. As we mature we realize there are many challenges to trust and hope. Our trust gets betrayed and our hope encounters real disappointments. If we do not have encouragement and the tools to withstand such challenges, we become jaded in our trust and our hope shrinks.

Faith and prayer are there to deepen our trust and breathe vibrant life into our hope. When the Lord calls us to the faith of children, it is their trust and hope that He wants us to imitate. While they possess those qualities in innocence, we possess them through the struggle of faith. We know well the demons that haunt us, but are invited to know better the One who silences such demons, who exorcises them from our lives. If there is one group that fears the Lord, it is the demons—the fallen angels. Their twisted understanding of truth makes them believe that God will destroy them, and they fear Jesus like no one else.

Whether your demons are great or small, The Risen One is waiting to silence them and lead you to the freedom that gives trust and hope new birth. This new adventure in freedom does not happen by accident, nor is it sustained by a passive attitude. To experience such freedom, we have to actively seek Jesus in prayer. Surprisingly enough it is our children who serve as a reminder of what is needed. Their time of preparation opened up the miracle of the Mass to them. We wrongly conclude that it is their age which gives them such excitement about the faith. Such excitement is not limited to children, but rather is meant to be a life-long experience of faith. We will not always remain in a state of rich faith and powerfully experience God, but we know such experiences are waiting to happen in our lives. We know that if we prepare to see the Lord and encounter His Risen presence, He will surprise us.

We are designed by God to be sons and daughters who trust in His goodness and hope in His promise.

Blessed Easter,
Fr. Tom



Dynamic Catholic, Alive! – What is Holiness?

Holiness is our sharing in the divine life of the Trinity, a profound intimacy with God. This holiness is at the heart of Catholic renewal: "Everything we wish to achieve in the Church depends first and foremost upon the depth of our response to His call to Holiness" (Archbishop Carlson). Which saints serve as models of holiness for you? As we'll see next week, holiness is not just for the saints. archstl.org/dynamic

NEWS
FROM THE
RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT



Congratulations
to our Second Graders
and their families who received
their first Holy Communion
on Sunday, April 12.

Madelyn Bouquet * John Bright *
Isabella Cruz * Natalie Garrett *
Cienna Genta * Kannon Manner *
Lannah Montgomery *
Hannah Mottert * Emery Mullenix
* Audrey Sellenriek *
Maggie Thater * Theodore Wilmes
* William Winkler



Parenting Advice Tip of the Week: www.drray.com

Dear Dr. Ray, My five children are ages fifteen, fourteen, eleven, nine, and six. Their personalities are all very different. One thing they all do, though, is talk back. It's the source of most of our arguments. —Never the Last Word

Backtalk—the universal misbehavior. Where children are, it is. Unless, of course, the children absolutely never need limits or discipline, you know, unreasonable things like going to bed before the birds wake up, eating supper with the family, and putting their shoes away before the smoke alarm goes off. Since your youngsters fall into two age groups—the preteen and the teen, let's talk backtalk for two visits—this time for younger kids, next time for older kids, maybe spouses.

Basic backtalk comes in two types: grumble talk and nasty talk. Grumble talk is clearly the more benign. It is essentially Polly's editorial comment about the way you're raising her or running the house: I'm just a slave around here. How'd you keep the house clean before I was born? This is the fourth time this week I've had to hang up my coat. You never let me look at you like that when I was two—how come he gets away with it?

Grumble talk isn't usually disrespectful. It's more of a whiney, maybe feebly provocative, attempt to pull you into an argument. Since it takes two to tangle, if you ignore it, most grumble talk will die out from lack of fuel. Quietly shrug off Polly's complaining, so long as she is hanging up her coat for the fourth time this week or is doing the slavish work you ask of her. Fill the dog's water bowl again—how can you drive her so hard? Sometimes, what can you really say? Maybe she is the only ninth grader in school who has to do her homework before she does her nails. Grumble talk doesn't typically escalate into verbal warfare if you can develop an attitude of, "You may express your opinion, so long as it's not disrespectful or nasty and so long as you meet your responsibility." In other words, if Polly is doing what you ask, you can't always expect her to be happy about it.

Whereas grumble talk generally can be soothed with little response, nasty talk requires action. Nasty talk is abusive and disrespectful, or it directly challenges your rights and authority: Don't tell me what to do; You're stupid if you think I'm going to do that; Get off my back; I don't have to listen to you; Just shut up.

One good way to discriminate between nasty talk and grumble talk is to ask yourself: How would I react to this if it came from another grownup? Nasty talk is talk that doesn't keep people friends very long. Nasty talk is not expressing feelings. It is verbal meanness. And the younger a child is when he learns to control it, the better for him and others. All kids misbehave. But nasty talk, if left uncurbed, feeds on itself and can become a chronic challenge to your right to discipline in your child's best interests. Consequences for nasty talk need to be firm and certain. Here are suggestions for kids between ages three and twelve.

1. Each bout of nastiness leads to standing in a corner, sitting at the table with head down, or heading for your room for anywhere from five minutes to a half hour or more, depending upon a child's age. Time doesn't begin until all is quiet, and time starts over if trouble starts over. When choosing a corner, you might want it to be in a room other than the one you're in. You won't be so likely to hear: Am I done yet? I promise I'll be good forever. I have to potty. I wish Daddy were my mommy. I hate this house, and the garage, too.

2. For nasty talk, Gabby will: (a) write 25 times (or some chosen amount) a sentence of your choosing; or (b) copy a 100-word or more paragraph, which you've composed, on self-control, respect for others, controlling anger, etc.;



NEWS FROM HOME



Stewardship

April 19, 2015

St. Joseph Chapel "Heavenly Dusters"

Bernie Pollihan

The collection figures for Sunday, April 12

General Offertory: \$8,683.47

Online-General Offering: \$1,862.00

Total: \$10,545.47

Thank you for your generosity!

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.ilm-newmelle.org

St. Vincent DePaul Society

Items needed for the food pantry:

Apple sauce, fruit cocktail, jelly, canned meats, juice, crackers, cereal, oil.

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



*Dr. Ray's column continued from the previous page-
Backtalk—the universal misbehavior.*

...or (c) compose his own paragraph, with the length depending upon the severity of the outburst. My father claims he should have assigned me a few one-million-word essays when I was a kid.

3. Disrespect leads to work. For instance, John Henry owes you fifteen minutes worth of chores, or a job from your "job jar," especially compiled for such occasions. Maybe he needs to burn off some energy.

4. If you want to teach respect all around, how about holding yourself answerable to the same standards? We grown-ups really have no more right to talk mean to the kids than they do to us. We have the right to discipline, but not to be nasty about it. How about a 150-word written apology to your son for verbally blistering him last night? Do this a few times, and, if nothing else, your kids will think you've slipped over the edge. Maybe they'll feel sorry for you and out of mercy talk back less.

Which consequences you use depend upon your child's age and your preference. The content of your sentences or whether you choose a dining room chair over a corner is not nearly as important as your predictability. Your consequences are automatic.

Last, remember, what is nasty talk is your judgment, not Gabby's. Debate it with him, and he'll give you that dumbfounded look that says, "What? I didn't say anything. What tone of voice? My lips never moved."

What's Your Catholic IQ?

1. The three Sacraments of Initiation are baptism, confirmation, and

- (a) reconciliation; (b) Eucharist;
- (c) matrimony; (d) holy orders

2. The Church canonizes certain individuals because of their heroic virtue and because

- (a) it makes them happier in heaven;
- (b) they are mentioned in the Bible;
- (c) it explains why we use their names at baptism;
- (d) it encourages us to follow their example

3. The United States was officially a mission church until

- (a) 1776; (b) 1812; (c) 1865; (d) 1908

4. Forgive us our trespasses...

- (a) whenever we sin;
- (b) even if we can't forgive others;
- (c) as we forgive those who trespass against us;
- (d) and peace to people on earth

5. The apparition of the Blessed Mother in Vietnam brings her honor as Our Lady of

- (a) La Vang; (b) Knock; (c) La Salette; (d) Fatima

6. The light that indicates the presence of the reserved Sacrament in the tabernacle is called the

- (a) sanctuary lamp; (b) votive light;
- (c) Prie-dieu; (d) ambo

7. On the Church calendar an octave refers to

- (a) a week;
- (b) nine days of prayer;
- (c) the Twelve Days of Christmas;
- (d) the month's memorial of a person's death

8. The Roman governor who sentenced Jesus to death was

- (a) Calaphas; (b) Brutus;
- (c) Augustus Caesar; (d) Pontius Pilate

9. When entering and leaving our pew at church we

- (a) genuflect or bow from the waist;
- (b) wave to the priest;
- (c) hum a Christian tune;
- (d) whistle

10. Members of religious orders typically take three vows of poverty, chastity, and

- (a) prayer; (b) obedience; (c) hospitality; (d) silence

Answers on the next page →

**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

Bob Rapp, husband of Ginger Rapp;

Marvin Behle, uncle of Kris Jenkins;

former parishioner Floyd Blair;

Mary Ann Kraft,

sister of Frank and Rosemary Marquart

May they rest in the peace of Christ.



The Marian Council Bi-monthly Quilt Raffle

This month's quilt winner is Patty Centorbi.

The quilters do beautiful work but they could use a few more hands. If you are interested in quilting with them on Friday mornings, please call the parish office or just show up. They will be glad for the help and glad to show you what to do.

SAVORING THE EXPERIENCE

One of the wonderful things about vacations is the time we spend two or three weeks afterward savoring the experience, sharing vacation photos and memories with our family and friends. This kind of reflection puts us back in touch with the original experience and reminds us of the relaxation and wonder the vacation afforded us. Today, on the Third Sunday of Easter, the Church blesses us with reminders of what we celebrated two Sundays ago. All three readings are reflections on the meaning of the death and resurrection of Christ. One of the threads running through these reflections is that the purpose of the Lord's suffering, death, and resurrection was to save us, to forgive our sins. We are given fifty days to ponder this reality—fifty days to savor the experience of Christ's dying and rising for us.

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VOCATIONS

THE LOVING ENVIRONMENT of a family draws forth an individual's greatest talents and gifts. We've come to realize that creating an atmosphere in which children can hear the Lord's call is one of the most significant responsibilities resting on our shoulders as parents. Our own lives must reflect the presence of God, His Word, and the love He offers His people.

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!

CHECK IT OUT *...for youth and young adults*

Crossroads- the next meeting will be on April 21; more information to follow or contact Julie Lassiter at julie.r.lassiter@gmail.com

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

ANSWERS TO CATHOLIC IQ

1. **(b)** The Eastern Churches often celebrate all three at baptism, even with infants.
2. **(d)** From age to age, the Church has honored and celebrated holy persons from all states of life. Their lives offer us examples of faith, hope, and charity.
3. **(d)** The status of the American Catholic Church was changed by Pope Pius X early in the twentieth century as the Church grew larger and stronger with the arrival of immigrants.
4. **(c)** These are perhaps the hardest words of the Our Father to pray from the heart.
5. **(a)** Mary appeared to refugees hiding in La Vang during a period of intense persecution (1798). Two hundred years later, on August 21, 1998, 10,000 Vietnamese Americans celebrated the event at the U.S. Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.
6. **(a)** The reserved Sacrament is the Real Presence of Christ. The faithful can see at a glance whether it is present in the tabernacle by noticing whether the sanctuary lamp is lit.
7. **(a)** In the early days of the Church, both the first and last day of an octave were numbered, which accounts for the word's derivation from the Latin word for eight. Today we would refer to it as a week instead of eight days.
8. **(d)** Pilate was afraid of the shouting mob even though he believed Jesus was not guilty.
9. **(a)** It is customary to genuflect or bow as a sign of reverence.
10. **(b)** These vows are called the evangelical counsels.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Marion Mueller	Patricia Prongue
Patricia Rudolf	Walt and his family
Shirley McDonald	Ann Fitzgerald
Diane Bocklage	Susan Van Booven
Jennifer Fitzinger	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	Frank Modder
Linda Candrl and her family	Denny Steinmeyer
Tom Miller	Mildred Riley
Sadie Rashid	Baby Nathan
Angel Owens	Ted Pivin
Cathy, with cancer	Bob Cova
William Brittingham	Michael, with a tumor
Rick Buenemann	Judy Jacobs' mom
26-year-old with pneumonia	
A woman with bladder cancer	
14-year-old with addiction issues	
Kevin with pancreatic cancer	
Larry with cancer	
Rita Bendel's brother Tom	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

April 25 4:00
 EM: Nancy Ast, Walt & Jan Karase, Vanita Joerling, Carol Baker, Donna Cuddihee
 L: Kathy & Richard Lalonde
 GB: Larry Graves, Ed Taylor
 S: Colton, Camden, Celina Genta
 U: Bill Pollihan, Stan Nikonowicz, Jerry Braden, Chris Cuddihee

April 26 7:30
 EM: Michelle Greiwe, John Fiacco, Janice Kardasz, Bill Key, Loretta Bruns, Rich Molitor
 L: Peggy Dupree, Chuck Kettler
 GB: Charlene & Kelsey Twiehaus
 S: Andy & Daniel Vehige, Mary Grace Becker
 U: Ed Rabbitt, Walt Reel, Frank Marquart, Larry Gassei

April 26 9:30
 EM: Joan Marren-Slaughter, John & Karen Wappelhorst, Janet Hespen, Donna Wolff, Tom & Laura Holstein, Mary Keune
 L: John Grady, Judy Podhorn
 GB: Bob & Irene Caldwell
 S: Liam Grady, Paige & Genny Greiwe
 U: John Bossert, Curt Eccardt, Charles Hinkle, Chris & Justin Molitor

April 26 11:15
 EM: Katie Wibbenmeyer, Pat Roche, Patrice Riley, Pat Foster, Tim & Suzanne Michaelree
 L: Tim Beerman, Linda Ginther
 GB: Chris & Kat Menne
 S: Emma Wibbenmeyer, Maggie Molitor
 U: Glen Taylor, Todd Neihouse

THANK YOU-

Dear IHM Parishioners,

We are so appreciative for your wonderful, loving kindness and concern. Thank you for being here for us when we needed you most.

Sincerely,

The family of
 Bob Rapp

SUMMER ACADEMIC CAMP

The 2015 St. Dominic High School Summer Academic Camp is an academic enrichment program for incoming 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. All camps are led by St. Dominic High School faculty members. Space is limited, so register today! Call the school office at 636-240-8303 or go to www.stdominichs.org

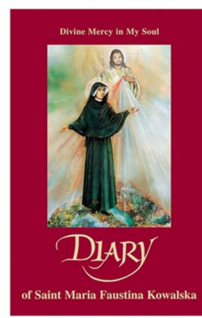
All camps will take place during the week of June 8-11 at St. Dominic High School in O'Fallon.

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*.

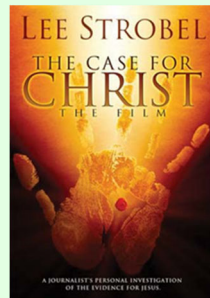
From the library

The Divine Mercy "Diary" of St. Maria Faustina: A review from Amazon.com states, "This is one of the most spiritually enriching books I have ever read. The insights into how God



works in our lives is spellbinding. What Jesus asks of Faustina is truly remarkable. It is sometimes hard to read, not because of the text but because of the sacrifices she is asked to make on behalf of others. One of the real eye-opening insights comes in paragraph 301 in which Jesus tells Faustina that to know God we should meditate on His attributes, and that the greatest attribute of God is His mercy. This book should be in the spiritual library of everyone seriously seeking to develop their relationship with God." Cardinal Raymond Burke wrote, "Having studied the "Diary" and having returned often to reread its passages, I wholeheartedly urge you to obtain a copy for your daily spiritual reading and meditation.

From the Parish Library: Stoltz Grand Hall



Based on the best-selling book by the same name, a seasoned journalist chases down the biggest story in history.

The Project: Determine if there's credible evidence that Jesus of Nazareth really is the Son of God.

The Reporter: Lee Strobel, educated at Yale Law School, award-winning former legal editor of the Chicago Tribune-with a

background of atheism.

The Experts: A dozen scholars, with doctorates from Cambridge, Princeton, Brandeis, and other top-flight institutions, who are recognized authorities on Jesus.

The Story: Retracing his own spiritual journey, Strobel cross-examines the experts with tough, point-blank questions: How reliable is the New Testament? Does evidence exist for Jesus outside the Bible? Is there any reason to believe the resurrection was an actual historical event? This remarkable documentary is like reading a captivating, fast-paced novel. But it's not fiction. It's a riveting quest for the truth about history's most compelling figure.

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The Power of Hope

Hope is a powerful force in the world. Hope helps end division. It relieves suffering and brings light in place of darkness. In the familiar Peace Prayer of St. Francis, we pray to become instruments of Christ's peace, offering hope where there is despair.

During the Easter season, we reflect on the real source of our hope – Christ's resurrection from the dead. Today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles reminds us that God the Father "glorified his servant Jesus" so that our "sins may be wiped away" (Acts 3:13, 19).

In today's Gospel, Christ reveals the meaning of his passion, death and resurrection: "that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name" (Luke 24:47). Christ calls us to proclaim this message of love and mercy by the way we live our lives – to bring hope and healing to those in need.

The Annual Catholic Appeal helps us do just that. The many ministries, agencies and apostolates supported by the Appeal reach out to people in need, revealing the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ.

Together, we are building up the Church – a community of hope. As Christ's disciples, we are called to witness boldly the central message of the Peace Prayer: It is in giving that we receive. When we respond to Christ's call, we experience more fully the great hope of His resurrection.

BALLERINA PRINCESS CAMP

is being offered again this summer at IHM. Provided by Dance Time, LLC, girls ages 4-7 will enjoy ballet class, crafts, games, dances, and stories all in the theme of a new princess each day. This year, our princesses include Jasmine, Rapunzel, Anna and Elsa. Camp will be July 21, 22, 23 from 9:00-11:00 in Founders Hall. Cost is \$30 for all three days. Enrollment is limited. For more information or to receive an enrollment form, contact Kathy Fowler at Kathy@dancetimellc.com or 636-262-5548.

MARY QUEEN OF ANGELS,

827 W. Terra Ln., O'Fallon, MO 63366, a pro-life organization in O'Fallon is in need of volunteers for the following dates: Saturday, April 25 from 9a-12p to help with our season clothing switch from winter to summer. This is a big task and we need many hands -- high schoolers welcome for service hours. Thursday, April 30, we need volunteers to help collect money/baby items for the annual "Shower of Love" collection. Mary Queen of Angels collects at the Schnucks at Highway K&N in O'Fallon and the Shop-N-Save at Monticello Plz. The shifts begin at 9am and end at 7pm. Please contact Sue at 636-634-7243 or susan.cooke@protective.com if you can assist. Thank you and God bless.

Parish Office: 636-398-5270

Future Events

-  **Crossroads** will meet on Tuesday, April 21. Contact Julie Lassiter for more information at julie.r.lassiter@gmail.com
-  **Knights of Columbus Horse Races**; Saturday, May 2 in the Grand Hall; doors open at 6:00 pm and the races start at 7:00.
-  **Blood Drive** in Founders Hall on Tuesday, May 5; from 2:30 to 6:30 pm
-  **Marian Council meeting**, Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30 pm in Weber Hall
-  **Confirmation with Archbishop Carlson**, Thursday, May 14 at 7:30 pm; here at IHM
-  **Monsignor Mank's 50th year as a priest**; Friday, May 22; don't forget to congratulate him!
-  **Rummage sale drop-off** will begin the weekend of May 16/17; set-up in Founders Hall and the Pavilion will begin on Monday, May 18.
-  **Marian Council Rummage Sale** will begin on Wednesday, June 3; see the blurb in this bulletin for more information.
-  **Wine and Cheese** for new parishioners will take place on Friday, June 5. An invitation will be sent out at a later date.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Please search your pockets for liturgical medallions. The church is missing quite a few at the moment. Please return them at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

SENIOR SERVICES INFORMATION

Join us on **Wednesday, April 29 from 12:30-1:30pm** when **Cheryl Woodruff**, Coordinator of Caregiver Support Services at Cardinal Ritter Senior Services will talk to us about: History of adult day services; Components of adult day services; Benefits to participants and caregivers; How to choose an adult day program; Comparison of Long Term Care Services. As the Baby Boomer generation advances in age, these services are becoming increasingly more sought-after, and now is the time to learn all about them! This will take place in the **John Paul II Auditorium** at the Cardinal Rigali Center, 20 Archbishop May Drive. It is **brown bag lunch**, and all are welcome!

Out and About Breakfasts and Dinners

- **SPRING DINNER:** Holy Rosary Church in Warrenton, MO is sponsoring their Annual Spring Dinner and Craft Show on Sunday, April 26. We will serve Fried Chicken and Kettle Beef from 11:00 am – 6:00 pm. Adults \$12.00, children ages 6-12, \$5.00, Children ages 6 and under free in dining room only. Drive-thru carry out – \$12.00

Just for fun

- **TRIVIA NIGHT TO BENEFIT THE SPARKILL DOMINICAN SISTERS,** Saturday, May 9 at CBC High School; 314-422-1979
- **FOR THE LOVE OF BROADWAY! MAY 15, 16 & 17;** Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows; a spectacular Broadway Revue coupled with a deluxe buffet. May 15 & 16: Dinner Buffet at 6:30 pm, show at 7:30. May 17: Brunch Buffet at 1:00 pm, show at 2:00. ALL-INCLUSIVE Entertainment Package with all-you-can-eat buffet, full-length two-act show, all taxes and gratuities, only \$35.00 per adult, children 5-12 half price, under 5 free. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Order early for best table seating. Shrine Hotel discounted Bed and Breakfast package available for out-of-town guests. Call [618-409-0015](tel:618-409-0015)
- **LADIES LUNCHEON WITH ENTERTAINMENT BY THE "BANGERT SISTERS" WITH VERDI MORLEY, PIANIST**; Saturday, April 25 at 11:30 am; St. John's UCC in Cappeln; adults, \$10; children ages 6-11, \$5; Contact Nancy at 314-578-1395 or Hazel at 636-828-5698; Proceeds will benefit the Mary and Martha Circle for benevolent ministries.

Opportunities

- **PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE IN MEXICO;** Dec. 10-16, 2015; with parishioner and author Denise Bossert. Call Denise at 636-352-8705 for more information
- **STEUBENVILLE YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE;** May 29-31, 2015 in St. Louis; www.encounterstl.com
- **VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE to Lourdes, France,** at Our Lady of Sorrows, Wednesday, April 29 at 7 PM. For information call the Parish Office [314 351 1600](tel:314-351-1600).
- **FERTILITYCARE CLASSES:** Discover-what every couple needs to know, what every woman has a right to know. Sign up for CREIGHTON MODEL FertilityCare classes, featuring the new women's health science, NaProTECHNOLOGY. Introductory Sessions taught at noon on Saturday April 18 and May 23rd at St Joseph Hospital West, Lake St Louis. Information: [636-625-5423](tel:636-625-5423) or Register: [1-866-776-3627](tel:1-866-776-3627)
- **PRESENTATION ON ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE;** April 19, 2:00 pm at Ebenezer UCC in Augusta; Call 636-828-5980 for more information. The community is invited for a presentation and informal discussion and questions, presented by alz.org.

MARIAN COUNCIL RUMMAGE SALE

Coming soon! Now is the time to find what may be someone else's dreamed-of treasure stuffed in a drawer somewhere in your house!

Clean out those closets and chests and see what it is that you do not want or need.

You could go from this:



To this:



WOW! The Marian Council will accept items for the sale starting on the weekend of May 16/17.

PLEASE— NO APPLIANCES OR TVs.

IHM Knights of Columbus present



HORSE RACES

Saturday, May 2 in the Stoltz Grand Hall

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

Advance ticket sales after Mass on April 25 and 26— \$8 per person

Tickets are \$10 at the door

**Admission includes
races, beer, soda,
ice for set-ups,
popcorn and nachos
or bring your own snacks.
Games of chance**

Sponsor a race for \$20

