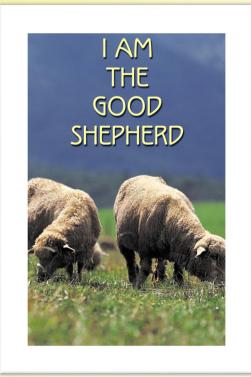
# Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

New Melle, Missouri



April 26, 2015

Fourth Sunday of Easter

I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father.

# 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 Friday8:00 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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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 Annual Catholic Appeal pledge cards will be available after all Masses this weekend.

Sunday, April 26

9:30 am Children's liturgy

Monday, April 27

4:00 pm Girl Scouts, Weber Hall 6:30 pm Scouts, Founders Hall 7:00 pm Bell choir rehearsal, church

Tuesday, April 28

9:00 am and 5:30 pm Exercise Classes, Grand Hall Foyer Knights of Columbus, Founders Hall 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 29

8:45 am Bible Study, Weber Hall 6:00 pm PSR Classes, Founders Hall and Weber Hall 7:30 pm Reconciliation, church

Thursday, April 30

8:30 am Legion of Mary, Founders Hall 9:00 am and 5:30 pm Exercise Classes, Grand Hall Foyer Symbolon Group, Weber Hall 6:30 pm 6:30 pm Scouts, Founders Hall 7:00 pm Choir rehearsal, church

Friday, May 1

8:30 am Quilters, Weber Hall

Saturday, May 2

8:00 am Mass followed by confession, church Knights of Columbus Horse Races, 7:00 pm Grand Hall; doors open at 6:00 pm

Sunday, May 3

There will be someone from the ACTS retreats speaking at all Masses this weekend. The Annual Catholic Appeal pledge cards will be available after all Masses this weekend.

### 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 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

Monday, April 27

8:00 am Edward Reifsteck +

Tuesday, April 28

8:00 am Erma Guinn +

Wednesday, April 29

8:00 am Richard Bredemann +

Thursday, April 30

8:00 am All Souls Intentions

Friday, May 1

8:00 am Holy Vocations Bud Messig +

Saturday, May 2

8:00 am Joe Sinopole + 4:00 pm People of the Parish

Sunday, May 3

7:30 am Robert McEneny +
9:30 am Erma Guinn +
11:15 am Leonard Arnzen +

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30 Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;

In 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25: Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27;

In 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 - 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16;

Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14 Sunday: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32;

1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Tuesday: St. Peter Chanel;

St. Louis Grignion de Montfort

Wednesday: St. Catherine of Siena

Thursday: St. Pius V

Friday: St. Joseph the Worker;

First Friday

Saturday: St. Athanasius; First Saturday

**Scouting Units** 

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636-798-2511

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314-581-6797

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636-798-2105

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636-398-5270

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314-616-0096

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## MEDITATION ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

[Jesus said,] "The Father loves me because I am willing to give up my life, in order to receive it back again. No one takes my life from me. I give it up of my own free will."

[OHN 10:17-18]

In March 1980 Archbishop Romero of San Salvador strongly protested the failure of the government to respect the human rights of the citizens. He realized that the protests might lead to his imprisonment, even death. But, like Jesus, he was willing to lay down his life for what he believed to be

God's will. On March 24 a hired gun assassinated Archbishop Romero as he stood at the altar celebrating the Lord's Supper with his flock. How willing am I to speak out for what I believe to be God's will? How can I know what God's will is?

Lord, teach me to be generous; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to labor and not to ask for reward, except to know that I am doing your Will.

Prayer of Saint Ignatius of Loyola Mark Link S.J. Mission

ACA PLEDGE CARDS: Please stop by Weber Hall before or after Mass this weekend (April 25-26) or next weekend (May 2-3) to complete your pledge card for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Even if you are unable to give at this time, please stop in and sign your card. Our goal for the 2015 ACA is \$55,072 as a parish. Last year we raised \$45,092.

# Tell someone whose burdens are heavy

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest in your souls." - Mt. 11:28-29.



The Easter message is one of joyous Resurrection. Alleluia! Death is obliterated, our burdens lifted, and we find rest in His gentle mercy.

### Now what? Tell someone!

In my pastoral letter "Go and Announce the Gospel of the Lord," I invited Catholics to tell someone about Jesus Christ. There are many who are lost today. Many who have been baptized have drifted away from the Church. Many of the baptized are not living as disciples of Christ and there is a need for a re-evangelization . . . people in our own families, neighborhood, and parishes who don't know what it means to live as a disciple of Christ. Tell them there is hope!



We all like to share good news. The arrival of a baby, a special promotion at work, straight A's on a report card. What better news than the Resurrection of Jesus Christ? This is a treasure we hold in our fragile hearts, a treasure no less precious because we are human and weak.

We might find it hard to proclaim the Gospel. To be bold is not always comfortable. But we cannot be complacent. More and more people are actively and boldly engaged in their faith. They are reinvigorating their parishes. The many programs and ministries supported through our *Annual Catholic Appeal* are fueling the fire of these evangelization efforts.

Thank you for taking a few minutes to read this reflection. Know that I am praying for you and your loved ones. May God grant that any burdens you are carrying might be lessened during this Easter Season. It is what Jesus wants for you.

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson Archbishop of St. Louis

## Bringers of Joy

Last year, Pope Francis challenged his fellow priests to be "shepherds living with the smell of the sheep." Our Holy Father called them and us to offer Christ's grace and peace to the poor – to work tirelessly to serve those in need.

In today's Gospel, Christ reminds us that He is "the good shepherd" (John 10:11). He offers us a profound example of selfless love. Jesus promises to "lay down his life for his sheep" (John 10:11). We, in turn, are called to sacrifice for others – to meet despair with hope, to offer faith in place of doubt and to bring joy where there is sadness.

Like Jesus, we draw close to the poor and marginalized, bringing His healing presence in the midst of their suffering. When we reach out in love to the homeless, the unemployed, the sick, the suffering and the dying, we reveal the face of Christ; we live with the smell of the sheep. Our daily witness of Christ's love and mercy reflects that "we are God's children now" (1 John 3:2). Our joyful service to others reflects a loving and generous God.

The Annual Catholic Appeal offers each of us an opportunity to shine light, spread joy and bring hope to our neighbors. The Appeal is helping to create a renewal of faith within our community by strengthening our parishes, agencies and schools. Like Christ, the Good Shepherd, we seek to lay down our lives for the sheep every day – to reflect the love and peace of Jesus to a world in need.

NEWS
FROM THE
RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT

Students are preparing for and taking their end of the year tests. All students (PSR and HSR) should have received study guides in preparation for this as directed by the catechists. Mark your calendars for our final gathering on May 13 in which parents are to pick up report cards followed by a May crowning in Church. On Thursday, May 14 at 7:30 pm,

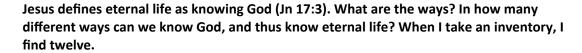


Archbishop Robert Carlson will be here to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. It would be wonderful if many of the PSR families of the other grades would join us as well.

# **Recognizing the Voice of the Shepherd**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter has readings which speak of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, the one whose voice the sheep can know and recognize. How does one recognize the voice of the shepherd today? Here are twelve ways that author Peter Kreeft lists.

http://peterkreeft.com/topics/12-ways.htm





The final, complete, definitive way, of course, is Christ, God himself in human flesh.

His Church is his body, so we know God also through the Church.

The Scriptures are the Church's book. This book, like Christ himself, is called "The Word of God."

Scripture also says we can know God in nature; see Romans 1. This is an innate, spontaneous, natural knowledge. I think no one who lives by the sea, or by a little river, can be an atheist.

Art also reveals God. I know three ex-atheists who say, "There is the music of Bach, therefore there must be a God." This too is immediate.

Conscience is the voice of God. It speaks absolutely, with no ifs, ands, or buts. This too is immediate. The last three ways of knowing God (4-6) are natural, while the first three are supernatural. The last three reveal three attributes of God, the three things the human spirit wants most: truth, beauty, and goodness. God has filled his creation with these three things.

Reason, reflecting on nature, art, or conscience, can know God by good philosophical arguments.

Experience, life, your story, can also reveal God. You can see the hand of Providence there.

The collective experience of the race, embodied in history and tradition, expressed in literature, also reveals God. You can know God through others' stories, through great literature.

The saints reveal God. They are advertisements, mirrors, little Christs. They are perhaps the most effective of all means of convincing and converting people.

Our ordinary daily experience of doing God's will, will reveal God. God becomes clearer to see when the eye of the heart is purified: "Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God."

Prayer meets God—ordinary prayer. You learn more of God from a few minutes of prayerful repentance than through a lifetime in a library.

Unfortunately, Christians sometimes have family fights about these ways, and treat them as either/or instead of both/ and. They all support each other, and nothing could be more foolish than treating them as rivals—for example, finding God in the church versus finding God in nature, or reason versus experience, or Christ versus art. If you have neglected any of these ways, it would be an excellent idea to explore them.

## Dynamic Catholic, Alive! - The Universal Call to Holiness

The saints are great models of holiness. But we are *all* called to live lives of holiness. The universal call to holiness was central to the Second Vatican Council. "Every member of the faithful is called to holiness and to mission" (Pope St. John Paul II). Taking on the Cross of Christ and following Him can be an difficult journey. Transform your journey today, through continuous improvement in small steps. Can you make 1 degree of spiritual progress this week? **archstl.org/dynamic** 

# **NEWS FROM HOME**

# Stewardship

May 4, 2015

St. Joseph Chapel "Heavenly Dusters"

### Irene Caldwell

The collection figures for Sunday, April 19 General Offertory: \$10,734.08 Online-General Offering: \$2,452.00 Total: \$13,186.08

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.ihm-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.

### 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.

# What's Your Catholic IQ?

1. An unsightly waterspout often seen on Gothic cathedrals is called

- (a) an undercroft;
  - (b) a flying buttress; (d) a transept
- 2. Saint Thomas More (1478-1535) died by being
- (b) forced to drink poison; (a) shot by a firing squad;
- (c) beheaded; (d) hanged
- 3. The Latin phrase Ora pro nobis means
- (a) Rest in peace; (b) Pray for us; (c) Lord, have mercy; (d) Lamb of God
- 4. A place of liturgical worship for a community other than a parish is called a
- (a) chapel;
- (b) hospice;
- (c) cathedral; (d) pavilion
- 5. Of the following, the one that is not one of the traditional Corporal Works of Mercy is
- (a) burying the dead;
- (b) going to Mass;
- (c) visiting the imprisoned;
- (d) feeding the hungry
- 6. Joshua ordered his army to march around the city of
- (a) Jerusalem;

(c) a gargoyle;

(b) Bethlehem;

(c) Nazareth;

- (d) Jericho
- 7. At a papal conclave, the color of smoke if no pope is elected is
- (a) blue; (b) yellow;
- (c) white;
- (d) black
- 8. The prayer that begins "Make me a channel of your peace" is attributed to St.
- (a) Patrick;

(b) Francis of Assisi;

- (c) Pius X;
- 9. Of the following, the one that is not a name for the promised land is
- (a) Canaan;

(b) the land of milk and honey;

(d) Jerome

- (c) Zion;
- (d) Nineveh 10. The place where the altar, presider's chair, and pulpit are
- placed in a church is called the
- (a) vestibule;
- (b) sanctuary;
- (c) campanile;
- (d) crypt

Answers on the next page

## **16th Annual Midwest Catholic Family Conference** August 7-9 2015 in Wichita, Kansas

Daily Mass, confessions, adoration, outdoor Eucharistic procession, Catholic vendors

Speakers include Fr. James Kucicki, SJ; Pia de Solenni; Simcha Fisher; Tim Staples; Tim Gray, Ph.D.; Luke Maxwell; Robert Reilly; Chris Stewart and Tony Brandt; Elvira Parravicini, MD; live concert on Friday evening by Matt Maher

> Www.catholicfamilyconference.org midwconf@cox.net 316-618-9787 Catholic Resource Center PO Box 21301, Wichita, KS 67208-7301





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

...a time to be born...

These little ones were recently baptized here at IHM:

Vivian Marie, daughter of James and Jennifer Jaegers; Maximilian James, son of Matthew and Amanda Scharf; Quinlan Patrick, son of Patrick and Sarah Coyne. May they always keep Christ in their hearts.

...a time to die...

Please pray for the repose
 of the souls of:
former parishioner Floyd Blair;
 Mary Ann Kraft,
sister of Frank and Rosemary Marquart;
Kenneth Jung, S.M., brother of Jane Szostek;
Cardinal Francis George, cousin of Anne Murry.
May they rest in the peace of Christ.

#### NEWS FROM ST. PATRICK SCHOOL

One of our parishioners, Jessica Spivey, was honored by the Respect Life Apostolate last Wednesday at the Rigali Center. Jessica, along with fellow students Rachel Love and Ryan May, were recognized for their essays expressing their beliefs about chastity and respect for human life as taught by the Catholic Church. On Tuesday evening, Jessica and fellow St. Patrick student Ryan May will be recognized by the Knights of Columbus for their essays on the importance of religious freedom. Congratulations to our own Jessica Spivey and the other St. Patrick students for their excellent work!

### **VOCATIONS**

WHEN PEOPLE wish to destroy religion, they begin by attacking the priest, because when there is no longer any priest there is no sacrifice, and where there is no longer any sacrifice, there is no religion. *St. John Vianney* 

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP TO PRAY FOR VOCATIONS? The signup 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 May 19; 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.

The glory of God is humanity fully alive. —St. Irenaeus

### ANSWERS TO CATHOLIC IQ

- **1. (c)** This form of decoration was popular on Gothic churches, symbolizing the evil exorcised by the gospel.
- **2. (c)** Saint Thomas More's conscience did not allow him to sign the papers stating that King Henry VIII was head of the Church in England.
- **3. (b)** This phrase used to be well known because of its use in litanies prayed in Latin.
- **4. (a)** The word comes from the story of St Martin and the cloak (cappa in Latin) he gave to the beggar. The name of the shrine said to hold the original cloak was chapelle.
- **5. (b)** The other four Corporal Works of Mercy are: giving drink to the thirsty; clothing the naked; sheltering the homeless; and visiting the sick.
- **6. (d)** Joshua took over the leadership of the Chosen People after Moses died.
- **7. (d)** Black smoke indicates no agreement has been reached; white smoke indicates the successful election of a new pope.
- 8. (b)
- **9. (d)** The promised land is also sometimes called Israel, Judah, and the Holy Land. Nineveh was the capital of Assyria, Israel's great enemy.
- **10. (b)** The word comes from the Latin word for holy. The sanctuary is to be set apart in some way from the rest of the church.

### Marian Council Quilters

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.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Marion Mueller

Patricia Rudolf Shirley McDonald Diane Bocklage Jennifer Fitzinger Steve Geldien Dave Hendrix Ted Feldewerth Kenneth McCaulev Jolene Molitor Mary Ann Brakensiek Michael Candrl and his family Linda Candrl and her family Tom Miller Sadie Rashid Angel Owens Cathy, with cancer William Brittingham Rick Buenemann 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

Patricia Prongue Walt and his family Ann Fitzgerald Susan Van Booven Terri Guernsev Melissa Van Hoy Al Bamert Jo-nell Falcon Nancy Hollenstein Charlie Grady John and his family Frank Modder Denny Steinmeyer Mildred Riley Baby Nathan Ted Pivin Bob Cova Michael, with a tumor Iudy Iacobs' mom Elizabeth Pisarek Tricia Woodf Tim Allmeling Danielle

Chris Hanna

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

May 2 4:00 pm Ed Etzkorn, Jan Messig, Bob and Judy Cova, EM: Loretta Bruns. Ann Zaleuke Kathleen Ditch, Derek Arnzen L: GB: Ruth Scott and Joshua Scott S: Lindsay Bouquet, one more please

IJ. Emil Pavlik, Bryan Potter, Joe Spiess, John

**Bossert** 

May 3 7:30 am Michelle Greiwe, Peggy Dupree, John Fiacco, EM:

John and Karen Wappelhorst, Denise Pool Elizabeth Vehige, Lucy Smith

L: GB: Rosemary Marquart, Dot Welge

Eleanor and Max Hahn S.

U: Rich Molitor, Ed Rabbitt, Gary Potter, Walt

Reel

L:

May 3 9:30 am

EM: Walter and Nancy Hollenstein, Maureen Blondin, Doug Norton, Bob Leeker, Laura

> Orf, Don and Susan Hladky Roger Collins, Walt Hollenstein

GB: Mary and Lisa Keune

Madison Skambraks, Karly Raymond, Mary S:

Grace Becker

U: Shawn Sweetin, Dave DeBold, Gary Struckhoff, Terry Schneider, Jim Blondin,

Stan Kostecki

May 3 11:15 am

EM: Debi Orf, Nancy Ast, Jane Holstein, Elaine

Sudbrock, Donna Wolff, Jo Hailey,

L: Chris Menne, Patrice Riley GB: Sue and Zachary Bozich Elli Russell, Jordan Randell S:

U: Todd Neihouse, Glenn Taylor, one more

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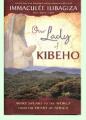
### SUMMER ACADEMIC CAMP

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 hoursand works on an honor system. Items from the <u>Lighthouse CD rack</u> are located and available in the Narthex.



### From the library

"Our Lady of Kibeho." Written by a survivor of the Rwandan genocide in 1994, Immaculee Ilibagiza, (bestselling author of "Left to Tell") this book recounts the approved apparitions of our Lady to several schoolchildren nearly 10 years before the tragedy of Rwandan bloodshed. Both personal, insightful and

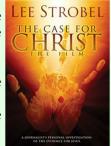
inspirational, this account speaks of the miraculous encounters that warned a nation to turn to the Lord through conversion, coming from the loving words of our Lord's mother. It has been a long time since I started a book and read it from beginning to end in one sitting. This is one of those books. Miracles are taking place all over. This account of miracles both inspires and offers a stark warning for a world that often doesn't want to see.

### 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

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.

What will your verdict be in The Case for Christ?

### LOST AND FOUND

A couple of parishioners have requested a note in the bulletin about items they have lost somewhere on the premises. Please look for a pouch with two rosaries inside and also a pair of glasses with brown rims.

If you left something here at church, please take a moment to check the shelf over the coatrack by Weber Hall and the basket by the front doors. Here's a list of the items we have on hand: white knitted baby's hat, black sock cap, black ball cap, a single baby's tennis shoe, two children's books, man's tie, aqua sequined headband, teething bracelet, eyeglasses, burp rag, purple glasses case, baby barrette, half heart necklace charm, lotion, mermaid doll and an assortment of dishes and bowls from funeral luncheons. Thank you for taking the time to pick up your items!

### Friends of Emmaus

# 4th Annual Spring Festival

Sunday, May 17 from noon to 5:00 pm Quilt auction at 3:00 pm; 50 beautiful quilts Featuring crafts, homemade ice cream, booths, flea market

Dinner served from noon to 4:00 pm Honey roasted chicken, chuck burgers, German potato salad, homemade pie Adults, \$11; children ages 6 to 12, \$4 Emmaus Homes on Highway D in Marthasville 636-561-7747

### Mother's Day Rose Sale





\$5 for 3 roses). Please consider supporting the Pro-Life Committee while honoring mothers on their special day.

### **SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS AT VISITATION ACADEMY**

You are invited to participate in the summer sports programs: basketball, volleyball, soccer, lacrosse and cheerleading; open to girls grades K-12. For information contact Lisa at Istudnicki@visitationacademy.org or 314-625-9147. Information can also be found on the school's website, www.visitationacademy.org.

### **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 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

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



Prayer shawl ministry, Weber Hall, Friday, May 8 at 2:00 pm



Marian Council meeting, Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30 pm in Weber Hall



K of C Breakfast, Sunday, May 10 in Founders Hall; 8:00 am to 11:00



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
- Breakfast at St. Vincent, Dutzow; Sunday, May 3 from 7:30 to 11:30 am; adults, \$9; grade school age children are free!
- ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT CHICKEN DINNER; St. Paul's UCC in Defiance; Sunday, May 3 from 11:00 am to 5:30 pm; adults, \$11, children, \$5; children under the age of 5 are free; hwy 94 and Defiance Road; country store, prizes, raffle
- SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. Have dinner at Bob Evans in Wentzville on May 14 or Applebee's on May 21; a portion of the profit will go to the St. Charles area Knights.

### **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
- GOLF TOURNAMENT: St. Ferdinand Parish invites you to play in its annual golf tournament on Saturday June 27, 2015. Registration begins at 12:30 pm. Play will be at Eagle Springs Golf Course. Golf, cart, beverages, a steak dinner and a special gift is included. Prizes will be awarded. 314-972-6000.
- RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE at St. Pius V Church Parking Lot, Grand and McKean in South City; Saturday, May 23 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm; 314-776-4033
- St. Vincent DePaul Dinner Auction at the school in Dutzow; Saturday, Aug. 1; save the date! The theme will be "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz". 636-433-2883
- JUNKTIQUE SALE AT ST. PATRICK CHURCH IN WENTZVILLE; TODAY, Sunday, April 26 from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm

# **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.
- FERTILITYCARE CLASSES: Discover-what every couple needs to know, what every woman has a right to know. Sign up for CREIGHTON MODEL Fertility Care classes, featuring the new women's health science, NaProTECHNOLOGY. Introductory Sessions taught at noon on Saturday, May 23rd at St Joseph Hospital West, Lake St Louis. Information: 636-625-5423 or Register: 1-866-776-3627



**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