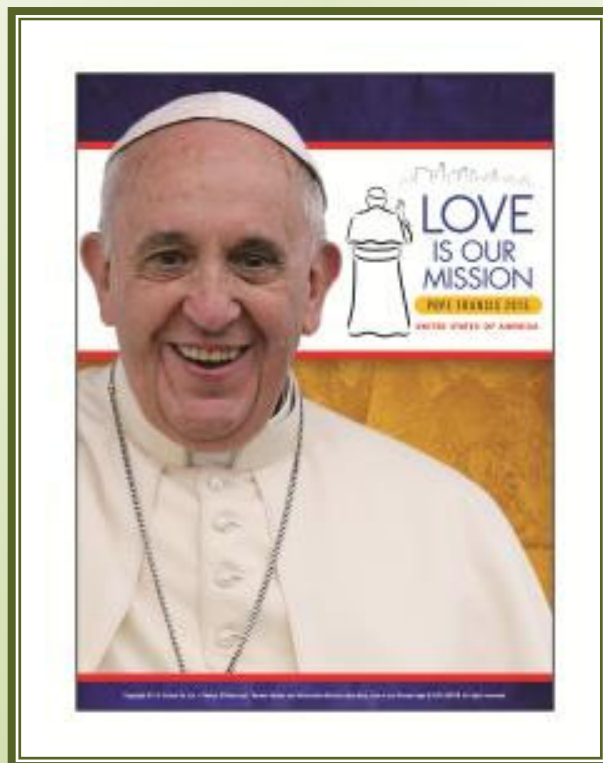


*Immaculate
Heart of Mary
Church*

*New Melle,
Missouri*



September 27, 2015

*Twenty-sixth
Sunday
in Ordinary
Time*

Sacraments and Devotions

Celebration of the Mass

Weekend Masses in the Church

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

Daily Mass

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

Devotions and Prayers, St. Joseph Chapel

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

Reconciliation

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

Marriage

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

Baptism

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Contact Shawn Mueller in the parish office

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Immaculate Heart of Mary

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Website: www.ihm-newmelle.org

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Event Coordinators
Joan Marren-Slaughter 636-398-5270
Mary Keune 636-398-5270



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, September 27

**Quilt Raffle Tickets will be available in the narthex
after all Masses this weekend.**

9:30 am

Children's Liturgy of the Word

11:00 am

Knights of Columbus BBQ and Car Show, parking lot

Please note: there will be no 11:15 Mass on Sunday, Sept. 27.

Monday, September 28

6:30 pm

Scouts, Founders Hall

6:30 pm

Scouts, trailer

7:00 pm

Bell choir rehearsal, church

7:00 pm

Baptism Class for those who have
registered with the parish office

Tuesday, September 29

9:00 am and 5:30 pm

Exercise Classes are cancelled for today

Wednesday, September 30

8:45 am

Sunday scripture Bible study, Weber Hall

2:00 pm

Lifetouch Photography, for those with appointments

6:00 pm

PSR, Founders Hall, Weber Hall

6:10 pm

Adult Bible Study, Grand Hall

7:00 pm

The Sacrament of Reconciliation, church

Thursday, October 1

9:00 am and 5:30 pm

Exercise Classes, Grand Hall Foyer

2:00 pm

Lifetouch Photography, for those with appointments

6:30 pm

RCIA classes begin, Weber Hall

7:00 pm

Choir Rehearsal, church

Friday, October 2

8:30 am

Quilters, Weber Hall

2:00 pm

Lifetouch Photography, for those with appointments

Saturday, October 3

8:00 am

Mass followed by confessions, Church

10:00 am

Lifetouch Photography, for those with appointments

Sunday, October 4

8:30 am

Welcoming Committee will have doughnuts and
coffee after Sunday morning Masses, Weber Hall

JOIN THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER, 2015

Universal: That opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people. **Evangelization:** That catechists may give witness by living in a way that is consistent with the faith they proclaim.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 26

8:00 am Antonio Dragone
4:00 pm Ed Szostek +
Harold Duenke +

Sunday, September 27

7:30 am People of the Parish
Tom and Carol Ostermeyer,
In Celebration of 50 Years of Marriage
9:30 am Rosemary Ralls +
11:15 am **There is no Mass scheduled at this time
on Sept. 27**

Monday, September 28

8:00 am Walt Ketts +

Tuesday, September 29

8:00 am Bettogene King +
Harold Duenke +

Wednesday, September 30

8:00 am Roger and Vicky Brink

Thursday, October 1

8:00 am All Souls Intentions

Friday, October 2

8:00 am Holy Vocations

Saturday, October 3

8:00 am Nancy Renth +
Gerald Hailey
4:00 pm Jack and Pearl Hackett +
Cayetano Cazerias +

Sunday, October 4

7:30 am Robert McEneny +
Marie Porter +
9:30 am People of the Parish
11:15 am Richard Bredemann +

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;
Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6;
Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

SAINTS

Monday: St. Lawrence Ruiz and
Companions;
St. Wenceslaus

Tuesday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel,
and Raphael

Wednesday: St. Jerome

Thursday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Friday: The Holy Guardian Angels;
First Friday

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday



Scouting Units

Parish Rep (All Units) Jerry Hespen; 636-236-1955
Cub Pack Wesley Brandhorst; 636-327-0531
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 Call the parish office
636-398-5270

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

MEDITATION ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

[Jesus said,] "If anyone should cause one of these little ones to lose his faith in me, it would be better for that person to be thrown into the sea." MARK 9:42

O. Henry is well known for the surprise endings of his stories. One story concerns an emotionally starved child. She's always asking her father if she can sit on his lap. He always puts her off, saying, "Go outside and play." The inevitable happens: The girl grows up accepting affection from anyone who offers it; she becomes a prostitute. When she dies, Peter says to Jesus, "We've got a bad one coming today!" Then comes the "surprise ending." Jesus says to Peter, "When she comes, let her into heaven; but when her father comes, hold him responsible for her life."

How vigilant am I not to do anything that might cause anyone—especially a child—to lose faith in Jesus?

Children, especially, set their watches by our clock.
(Anonymous)

Mark Link S.J. *Vision*

Parish Viability

Dear parishioners,

Earlier this year the Archdiocese held a number of meetings to assist parishes in using a uniform tool for assessing parish viability. The goal of such a tool is to help parishes and the Archdiocese get a complete picture of parishes so one can compare “apples to apples” and plan more effectively for the future. The issue facing the future of the Archdiocese is similar to many of those in the United States. Catholic population continues to rise but priest numbers continue to decrease.

The Archdiocese asked each parish to assemble a team of staff and parishioners to help work on the assessment. Our staff members include myself, Deacon Chris, Sarah Aulbach, Shawn Mueller and Laura Orf. The parishioners who I selected to round out the team include Nancy Ast, Jeff Comotto, Ed Etzkorn, Kelly Meyer and John Wappelhorst.

Our group has already met on two occasions to complete the process of the study. The meetings ran a few hours as we completed the questionnaire proposed by the Archdiocese. The assessment tool/questionnaire tried to examine various aspects of parish life. The following subjects were covered in the assessment: Parish as Faith Community; Parish as Worshipping and Praying Community; Parish as Community of Service and Transformation; Parish as Evangelizing Community; and Administering the Parish Community. Our team discussed and rated the 123 questions of the assessment on a scale of 1 to 7.

The results of these two meetings are available for you in the narthex where there are several copies of the completed survey. PDF copies are being made available on the website for you to download at home. I would ask that if you have the interest and desire, look at the copies in the narthex or download a copy on your computer or device at home. If you have questions, comments or observations please feel free to drop by the office, call or e-mail me with your thoughts. Staff member e-mail addresses can be found in the front of the bulletin. If you prefer talking with one of our committee members you may e-mail them as well at the following addresses:

Edward Etzkorn egetzk@sbcglobal.net;
Jeff Comotto jcomotto@centurylink.net;
John Wappelhorst jkwappelhorst@gmail.com;
Kelly Meyer meyer5853@centurylink.net;
Nancy Ast astfam@aol.com.

There will be a question & answer session scheduled in October after the dinner to examine any questions as a group. The final report will be returned to the Archdiocese on November 1. Many thanks for the time you take to assist us in this process.

Peace,

Fr. Tom

Dynamic Catholic, Alive! – Conscience

Conscience, in the heart of every person, guiding us to do good and avoid evil. Because of the importance of conscience, we must ensure that it is well-formed and not darkened by sin. Sacraments, Scripture, prayer, examination of conscience, and study can form our consciences. Are you hearing the voice of God in your life? “For man has in his heart a law inscribed by God.”

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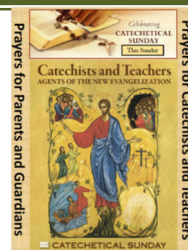
Have you signed up to pray for vocations? The sign-up sheet is in the narthex. When it is your turn, Fr. Tom will give you the icon, a candle, and a load of information to ponder. When you return it the next week, another family will take it home and continue praying. Let’s keep it going!

CELIBACY is a gift and a promise to love very deeply and to express that love for others without using those physical expressions proper to marriage. The lives of many men and women religious are rich and loving within the context of celibate love as are the lives of happily married couples.

NEWS
FROM THE
RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT

Dear PSR Parents and Guardians:

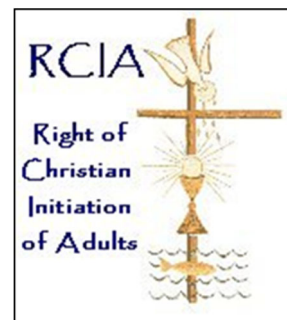
On Sunday, September 20th, parishes celebrate Catechetical Sunday at various liturgies. We pray for our catechists: 1st Grade: Amy Genta. 2nd Grade: Barb Nikonowicz. 3rd grade: Lynette Mueller. 4th Grade: Jean Hitt 5th Grade: Walter Hollenstein III 6th Grade: Bob and Teresa Berfanger 7th Grade: Carolyn Schellert / Deacon Tony Falbo 8th grade: Pete and Julie Lassiter. We also recognize those who help with the Liturgy of the Word for Children, Elizabeth Vehige, Jaime Opfer, Nancy Hollenstein and Leah Becker



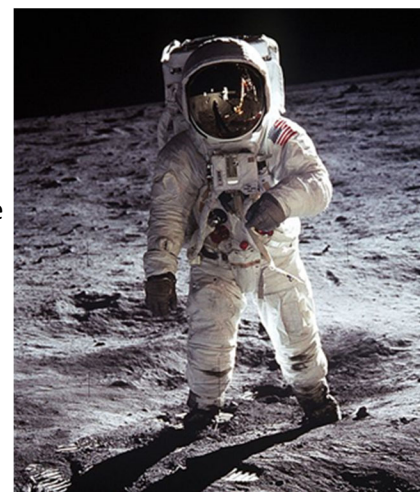
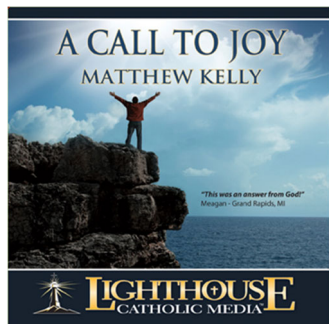
RCIA (Catholic Classes)

Inquiry Sessions Starting Soon

Baptism and the Sacraments: Don't leave Earth without them. It was Jesus who said, "Unless you be born again of water and the Spirit you cannot enter the kingdom of God." Was he just making that up? Did he warn us that there are certain conditions for entering heaven? Astronauts wouldn't step on the moon without a space suit, neither can we expect to step into heaven without a grace suit. If you or someone you know is considering or would consider inquiring into the Catholic faith, give the parish office a call at 398-5270. Introductory classes will be starting soon.

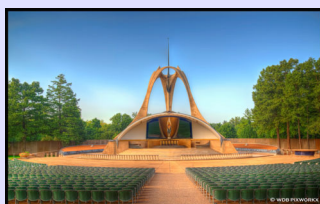


"Why Be Catholic?" Another name for the RCIA should be "A Course in Happiness." Christ came that we might have life, laying out the "Eight ways to be Happy" -- otherwise known as the Sermon on the Mount. Where do you get the life, light, power and energy to be happy, truly happy--joyful? The answer comes in the form of the Cross, preceded by the Gift from the Cross--the Spirit. The Lord sent the Spirit to live in us, to enlighten and empower us to live a life of happiness. This is what is at the heart of the Catholic faith. If you or someone you know is considering or would consider inquiring into the Catholic faith, give the parish office a call at 398-5270. Introductory classes will be starting soon.



Marion Council Bus Trip to Our Lady Of the Snows

The trip is filling up, so don't get left behind! Next week if any spots are open, we will open it up to friends and family (over 18 years of age), and it will fill up then for sure. Forms and payments can be made in the parish office. If you have any questions, call Michelle 314-614-1114.



We have an open hour for Eucharistic Adoration here at IHM. Tuesdays 4-5 pm starting September 29th. Please call the parish office if you would like to take this hour on a weekly or substitute basis.

The bus will leave IHM at 3:00 pm and return at about 9:30 pm. Payment of \$40 is due at the time of reservation. This includes the bus, trivia game, refreshments, full buffet dinner, tour of the Christmas Lights, LEGO exhibition.



NEWS FROM HOME



Stewardship

September 27, 2015

St. Joseph Chapel "Heavenly Dusters"

Jackie Barclay

The collection figures for Sunday, Sept. 13

General Offertory: \$10,158.50

Online- General Offering: \$1,456.00

Total: \$11,614.50

The collection figures for Sunday, Sept. 20

General Offertory: \$9,331.76

Online-General Offering: \$2,678.00

Total: \$12,009.76

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 pantry:

Detergent, bleach, Kleenex, juice, Pasta/spaghetti, canned meats, cereal, sugar

Wanted: Bicycles for local children

Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service is looking for bicycle donations for needy children in the annual Adopt-A-Family Christmas program. Last year, more than 350 bikes were given out at Christmas. The Loyal Order of the Squirrels will refurbish, fix and clean the bikes that are donated. All bikes can be dropped off at the garage located behind the Care Service at 4116 McClay Road in St. Charles. [636-441-1302](tel:636-441-1302), ext. 266.



What's Your Catholic IQ?

1. When the Third Edition of the Roman Missal was implemented in Advent 2011, which of the following prayers of the Mass was not be affected?

- a) the Gloria
- b) the Nicene Creed
- c) the Lord's Prayer
- d) the Sanctus (Holy, Holy)

2. "For all the saints, who from their _____ rest."

- a) labors
- b) day jobs
- c) transgressions
- d) favors

3. The Church's liturgical year begins with the celebration of this season.

- a) Lent
- b) Advent
- c) Ordinary Time
- d) Easter

4. "Where there is injury, _____, where there is doubt, _____; where there is despair, _____."

- a) faith, hope, love
- b) healing, certainty, joy
- c) pardon, faith, hope
- d) Father, Son, Holy Spirit

5. The Catechism of the Catholic Church refers to this form of prayer as a "gaze of faith, fixed on Jesus."

- a) vocal
- b) contemplative
- c) devotional
- d) hypnotic

6. The Eighth Commandment warns that you shall not bear _____ against your neighbor.

- a) false witness
- b) false arrest
- c) arms
- d) false identification

7. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is administered by

- a) a priest or deacon
- b) any baptized Catholic
- c) a bishop only
- d) a priest only

8. In Catholic Tradition, spiritual, non-corporeal beings are referred to as

- a) goblins
- b) phantoms
- c) angels
- d) saints

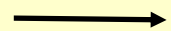
9. These two Jesuit priests and martyrs are celebrated on October 19.

- a) Jacques Marquette and Louis Joliet
- b) Isaac Jogues and John de Breb  uf
- c) Ferdinando Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti
- d) Meriwether Lewis and William Clark

10. In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus offers statements that begin with "Blessed are." These statements are called the

- a) Precepts of the Church
- b) Theological Virtues
- c) Lamentations
- d) Beatitudes

Answers on the next page



New Melle Knights of Columbus

Barbecue and Car Show

Today, Sunday, September 27 from 11:00 to 4:00 pm



\$5 registration all day; proceeds will benefit the Knights of Columbus

Voting for top three cars by participants

1st, 2nd, 3rd place trophies awarded

Also- Pastor Pick Award, Best Paint Award, Best Engine Award

Don't miss the best barbecue anywhere- pork steaks, chicken, brats, hamburgers and hot dogs, Homemade Cole Slaw, Homemade Potato Salad, Homemade Pork 'n Beans, Chips, Beer & Soda



Did you know the Legion of Mary meets at IHOP in Wentzville on the First Friday of the month at 9:00 am? All are invited to join them for breakfast, Dutch treat!

Last chance to sign up for family portraits!

Lifetouch photographers will be back **Wednesday, Sept. 30 - Saturday, Oct. 3.** Please call Sarah in the parish office or visit our parish website (www.ihm-newmelle.org) to make your appointment.

Catholic IQ Answers:

1. **c)** For more information about the Third Edition of the Roman Missal see usccb.org/roman-missal.
2. **a)** The traditional hymn "For All the Saints," often sung on All Saints Day, November 1, begins with the line "For all the saints, who from their labors rest."
3. **b)** The First Sunday of Advent ushers in the new Church year in our liturgical calendar.
4. **c)** In the Peace Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi, we pray that we may be able to sow pardon "where there is injury," faith "where there is doubt," and hope "where there is despair." We celebrate the memorial of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4.
5. **b)** See n. 2715 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.
6. **a)** This Commandment calls us to lives that honor truth and avoid dishonesty.
7. **d)** Only priests are authorized to administer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick because the celebration may include a confession of sins which only a priest can hear.
8. **c)** The Catechism of the Catholic Church (n. 328) teaches us that angels are "a truth of faith." We celebrate the memorial of Guardian Angels on October 2.
9. **b)** Isaac Jogues and John de Brebœuf, along with their companions, were the first martyrs of the North American continent.
10. **d)** The Beatitudes (from the Latin word *beatus* which means "blessed" or "happy") can be found in Matthew 5:3-12. This Gospel is proclaimed on the solemnity of All Saints on November 1.

September 18, 2015

Dear Staff and Friends of IHM,

Thank you so much for all your help, thoughts and prayers during Gerrie's long illness and her death. It was such a comfort to celebrate her life with her loved ones here in our beautiful church with Fr Tom.

A special thank you to all those who brought and served the delicious food for the funeral luncheon. What a kindness during this difficult time. We are so blessed to be in this wonderful parish.

With our deepest gratitude,

Donna and Carl Wolff and the family of Gerrie Bader

WHITE MASS for healthcare professionals - OCTOBER 11, 2015

Archbishop Robert Carlson will celebrate the annual White Mass on Sunday, October 11, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis (Lindell Boulevard and Newstead). All Catholic physicians, nurses, physicians' assistants, healthcare workers, and emergency personnel and their families are invited to attend. A reception sponsored by the St. Louis Guild of the Catholic Medical Association will follow in Boland Hall. For more information, please call [314-792-7812](tel:314-792-7812).

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

...a time to be born...

Evelyn Joy Gillespie,
daughter of Joshua and Juan Wang Gillespie
and granddaughter of Davy and Debbie Gillespie.
May she always live in the light of Christ!

...a time to love...

Congratulations to Julie Brautigam and Ryan Burroughs,
who were recently married here at IHM.
May they always keep Christ at the center of their marriage.

...a time to die...

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Gerrie Bader, sister of Donna and Carl Wolff.
May she rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Marion Mueller	Jackie Hackett
Patricia Prongue	Virgil Gildehaus
Patricia Rudolf	Alice Molitor
Shirley McDonald	Maxine Drinen
Ann Fitzgerald	Tom Holstein
Diane Bocklage	Mary Meyer and her family
Susan Van Booven	JoAnn Cwiklowski
Jennifer Fitzinger	Nancy
Terri Guernsey	Jewel Kostecki
Melissa Van Hoy	Shirley Sims
Dave Hendrix	Catherine Bamert
Al Bamert	Lisa Clark
Ted Feldewerth	Tammy Boyd
Jo-nell Falcon	Larry Hanna
Nancy Hollenstein	Terry Hagan
Alexander Wilmes	Dave Gentry
Charlie Grady	Elaine Klein
Frank Modder	Mary Alice Dickherber
Denny Steinmeyer	Sue Orlet
Tom Miller	Bob Blackford
Mildred Riley	Louise Fisher
Sadie Rashid	David and Mary Karll
Darryl and Clara Bockting	Ken Donaghue
Angel Owens	Denny and Joan Duvall
Ted Pivin	Jerry Schmitz
Rita Elfrink	Bobbi Beeson
Mary Foley	Charles and Kathy Duckworth
Bob Cova	Ed Hoeckelmann
Judy Jacobs' mom	Carol
Rick Cobleigh	Gerald Hailey
Tricia Woods	Virginia Randolph
Joan Allen	Barb Pope
Joan Martin	Bill Ulery
Chris Hanna	Sally Buck
Rita Bendel's brother Tom	Gerald Hailey
Michael Candrl and his family	Judy
Linda Candrl and her family	Pat Ryan
	Vera Johnson

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

October 3 4:00 pm

EM: Jennifer Frederick, Tom & Christine Haun,
Bernadine Pollihan, Bob & Judy Cova

L: Derek Arnzen, Karen Wilson

GB: Dianne & Alicia Dickherber

S: Maggie Molitor, William Frederick

U: Emil Pavlik, Bryan Potter, Joe Spiess

October 4 7:30 am

EM: Kris Jenkins, Denise Pool, John Fiacco, Jan
Kardasz, Bill Key, John Wappelhorst

L: Lucy Smith, Karen Wappelhorst

GB: Charlene & Kelsey Twiehaus

S: Eleanor & Max Hahn

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

October 4 9:30 am

EM: Michelle Greiwe, Pat Gentry, Sharon Smith,
Darlene Smith, Donna Cuddihee, Judeen Kutsko,
Judy Podhorn, Janet Hespen

L: Hannah & Joseph Aulbach

GB: Ron Riley Family

S: Paige & Genny Greiwe, Liam Grady

U: Charles Hinkle, Chris & Justin Molitor, Shawn
Sweetin, Terry Schneider, Dave DeBold

October 4 11:15 am

EM: Kathy Lalonde, Joan Falbo, Donna Wolff, Mary
Keune, Pat Foster, Jane Holstein

L: Chris Menne, Patrice Riley

GB: Sue & Zachary Bozich

S: Thomas Menne, Madison Skambraks

U: Glen Taylor, Todd Neihouse

Don't forget your Marian Council quilt raffle tickets, on sale after Mass in the narthex! \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5!

Pro-Life Witness

The Annual St. Charles County Life Chain will take place on Sunday, Oct. 4, from 2-3 pm. Unite with other area pro-life supporters in a peaceful, powerful, prayerful witness to the tragedy of abortion. St. Charles area Life Chain routes and location of information booths are:

St. Robert Bellarmine Church- East side of Hwy 94 -
(1424 First Capitol Dr.)

Mid Rivers Christian Church Along Mid Rivers Mall
Dr. (828 Mid Rivers Mall Dr.)

Assumption Catholic Church, 403 North Main
Street, O'Fallon

First Baptist Church, 8750 Veterans Memorial Pkwy,
O'Fallon

Lutheran High School, 5100 Mexico Road, St. Peters

Grace Community Church, 7661 Mexico Road, St.
Peters

All are welcome to just show up at any one of these locations and participate. Life Chain signs will be available after 1:15 pm at information booths at these locations. For safety reasons, participants should remain on the sidewalks while witnessing to the sanctity of life. For more information, including carpooling, contact **Bill Winters (636-828-4133)**.

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.

Now Showing in Theaters: War Room



From the award-winning creators of *Fireproof* and *Courageous* comes *WAR ROOM*, a compelling drama with humor and heart that explores the power that prayer can have on marriages, parenting, careers, friendships, and every other area of our lives. Tony and Elizabeth Jordan have it all—great jobs, a beautiful daughter, and their dream house. But appearances can be deceiving. Tony and Elizabeth Jordan's world is actually crumbling under the strain of a failing marriage. While Tony basks in his professional success and flirts with temptation, Elizabeth resigns herself to increasing bitterness. But their lives take an unexpected turn when Elizabeth meets her newest client, Miss Clara, and is challenged to establish a "war room" and a battle plan of prayer for her family. As Elizabeth tries to fight for her family, Tony's hidden struggles come to light. Tony must decide if he will make amends to his family and prove Miss Clara's wisdom that victories don't come by accident. In theaters now and filled with more of the authentic characters loved by millions in previous Kendrick Brothers' films, *WAR ROOM* is a vivid reminder that prayer is a powerful weapon.

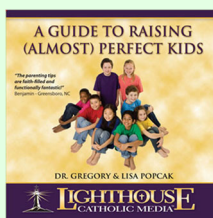
"I'm excited about the new film *WAR ROOM*. Join me in praying for those who see *WAR ROOM*, that God would touch their hearts."

Franklin Graham

"I love the movie *WAR ROOM* because it personifies the power of God that has the opportunity to change a person's life, and that is exactly what we need to be committed to." Dr. Ronnie Floyd, President of Southern Baptist Convention, Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church of Springdale

From the Parish Lighthouse CD Rack: Church Narthex

Why don't kids come with an instruction



manual? Actually, they do! In this packed presentation filled with humor and easy-to-apply practical examples, Dr. Gregory & Lisa Popcak and Dr. Ray Guarendi help you discover your own God-given instruction manual for creating an effective and life-changing parenting plan for your children.

Traveling Pro-Life Banner

For two weeks, from Sept. 25 – Oct. 7, Immaculate Heart of Mary will be hosting the traveling pro-life banner. The banner travels to parishes throughout the St. Charles Deanery, spending two weeks at each parish. The purpose of the banner is to provide a visual reminder to parishioners of the evil of abortion and to encourage parishioners to offer special prayers to end this evil throughout the world. The banner will be on display in St. Joseph's Chapel during the week and in the main church on weekends. It is especially fitting that we will have the banner at our parish this year during Respect Life Sunday which is next Sunday.

Deacons: Caring for You...Since A.D. 33

Please Support This Year's Deacon Formation Collection

Did you know that, over the last four decades, dozens of Deacons of the Archdiocese of St. Louis have volunteered countless hours of selfless, loving care for those in our midst who are suffering and in need? Deacons can be found offering us comfort in every facet of daily life—nursing homes, hospitals, hospices, prisons, schools, airports, businesses, and more. You can help our future deacons be Christ's hands and feet with your charitable donation to this year's Deacon Formation Collection. Deacon formation in the Archdiocese relies heavily on the support of this year's annual Deacon Formation Collection, held this coming **October 3 and 4**. God bless you for your support!

ACA NEWS

Our parish results for this year's ACA were very impressive. Thank you to the ACA volunteers, our staff and parishioners who responded to the needs of the Archdiocese. Our parish goal for 2015 was set by the Archdiocese at **\$55,072** and we exceeded that goal with a total pledged of **\$55,410**. Our participation goal from 2014 was 31%. This year we achieved **38% participation**. These figures reflect how generous our parish family is and how our generosity reaches beyond parish boundaries. *Thank you!*

Parish Missionary Disciples

Our parish has been invited by Archbishop Carlson to participate in a pilot program called Parish Missionary Disciples. It is a credit to Father, the parish staff especially Shawn Mueller, and our parishioners that the Archbishop recognizes IHM as a vibrant, growing and welcoming parish. Our committee of 8 consists of Father Tom, Shawn Mueller (director of religious education), Laura Orf (business manager), Tom and Laura Holstein, Denise Bossert, Maria Romine and Steve Farber (parishioners).






We meet one day each month with the trainers from The Catholic Leadership Institute, teams from 5 other parishes, and a group of archdiocesan employees for training.

The program is officially known as **The New Evangelization Leadership Service: Forming and Training Disciple Makers**. Those attending are formed to meaningfully, joyfully, and respectfully give witness to how Jesus Christ lives in their hearts, influences their lives, and calls them to wholeness and holiness. They are trained to invite and influence the Catholics of habit or those who come only occasionally but who are most likely on the way out. The outreach may extend to those who have already left the parish. This team creates a plan and SMART Goals to bring the New Evangelization alive in the parish, across many ministries.

Father Tom and the 7 others will form a leadership team who will bring their training back to the parish and invite and train others to be Disciple Makers. The more we have involved, the more people we can reach and invite to come back to the parish. *"To this end, it is more necessary than ever for all the faithful to move from a faith of habit, sustained perhaps by social context alone, to a faith which is conscious and personally lived. The renewal of faith will always be the best way to lead others to the Truth that is Christ"* (Pope St. John Paul II, *Ecclesia in America*, no. 73).

Parish Office: 636-398-5270

Future Events

-  **Lifetouch dates:** Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 2, 3. Go to the parish website to register for your time slot- **ihm-newmelle.org** or call Sarah in the office.
-  **The next Baptism class**, mandatory for new parents, will be held on Monday, Sept. 28 in Weber Hall. Call the office to register.
-  **IHM Fall Sausage Dinner**, October 11. The sign-up sheets are available in the narthex now. We are looking for lots of volunteers from the parish to help make this dinner a huge success! Don't forget- **"My parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. I am a volunteer."** If you did not get a T-shirt last year, call the parish office. We might still have your size available.
-  **Flu shots** will be available on Sunday, Oct. 11 in Weber Hall from 8:30 to 10:30 am.
-  **Protecting God's Children** class, Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 6:00 pm in Weber Hall. Register at **archstl.org**.
-  **Chili Cook-Off and Trunk-or-Treat**, October 31; parking lot and Founders Hall.

"Our own time, then, must be increasingly marked by new hearing of God's word and a new evangelization. Recovering the centrality of the divine word in the Christian life leads us to appreciate anew the deepest meaning of the forceful appeal of Pope John Paul II: to pursue the mission ad gentes and vigorously to embark upon the new evangelization, especially in those nations where the Gospel has been forgotten or meets with indifference as a result of widespread secularism" (Pope Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini* no. 122).

We ask that you pray for our Leadership Team in their training and implementation of their newly formed skills. And to also pray that those who we will be inviting to come back to the church, to rediscover their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Oh, and just one more thing...

It is getting much more difficult to find a priest to cover Masses when Father Tom is away. This week we had made arrangements only to be notified on Sunday that the Monsignor had a conflict and would not be able to be here.

With that in mind, we have decided to adjust the time for the remaining class dates. ONLY the following dates we will have Mass at 7:30 instead of 8:00:

Wednesday, October 28

Tuesday, December 15

Thursday, January 14

Thursday, February 11

Wednesday, March 9

Out and About

Breakfasts and Dinners

- **Turkey and Ham Dinner** at Immaculate Conception Parish in Augusta, MO; Sunday, October 4 from 11:00 to 6:00 pm. Live music, Country store, craft booth, raffles and games, quilt raffles.
- **Fall Festival at St. Vincent DePaul** in Dutzow, Sunday, Sept. 27 from 11:00 to 6:00 pm. Chicken and sausage dinner, music, raffles, games.
- **St. Joseph/Josephville Fall Festival**-Sun., Sep. 27 at 1400 Josephville Rd., Wentzville, MO. Serving Sausage & Turkey Dinners from 11am-6pm. Dine-in, carry-out, or drive-thru. Bingo, games, booths, hand-made quilts, live music, beer & wine garden. For more info call [636-332-6676](tel:636-332-6676).
- **Fall Festival:** St. Mary Catholic Church in Hawk Point, Missouri, October 4; sausage and turkey dinners from noon until 5:30 p.m. Other activities include trap shooting, kids' games, raffles and live entertainment. Pony rides and a petting zoo will be available from noon - 3 p.m.

Just for fun

- **Let the Games Begin –St. Gianna Pro-Life Ministry Trivia Night** – Sat. Sept. 26, 2015 Doors open at 5:30 pm. Trivia begins at 7:00 pm. \$160 per table of 8 players by Sept. 19, 2015. \$200 per table of up to 8 players at the door. 450 E Hwy N, Wentzville. Mary @ 6369-272-5000
- **FLEA MARKET Sep 25, 26 & 27 at Sts. Peter and Paul, Souland;** 816 Allen, 63104 (8th & Allen, Souland) Fri & Sat 7am-3pm & Sun 9am-3pm ; Our parish hall is chocked full! Deals, steals and treasures are waiting for you! Support Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in historic Souland in our ministry to the poor and homeless in our neighborhood. www.facebook.com/stspeterandpaulfleamarket. Over 90 pictures posted! Please like and share our page!
- **St. Joseph– Cottleville ANNUAL FALL CRAFT FAIR;** Saturday, October 17 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Don't miss our bake sale, BBQ burgers, hot dogs, chili, Super Smokers pulled pork sandwiches and refreshments! SILENT AUCTION and RAFFLE BASKETS available! LOTS OF GREAT CRAFTERS! <http://www.stjoecot.org/parish/activities-and-events/st-joseph-craft-fair>

Opportunities

- **Third Annual Holiday Craft Fair**-Sat., Nov. 14 from 10am-4pm at St. Joseph Parish/Josephville. Vendors who can offer hand-crafted items may reserve a space for \$50 by contacting stjoecraftfair@gmail.com by Oct. 31. For more info call [636-332-5672](tel:636-332-5672).
- **4th Annual Spirit Alive Youth Conference** at St. Joseph Parish in Wentzville! October 16th & 17th For more information- <http://www.stjojo.net/youthconference.html>. Get the early registration discount of \$25 if you register by October 1. Contact Maria Citrowske at mtcc96@gmail.com or [636-293-7149](tel:636-293-7149) for more information
- **The Annual Assembly of the Missouri Catholic Conference**, Saturday, Oct. 3 in the state capitol building. This free event includes a free lunch and the opportunity to attend talks and workshops on various subjects such as abortion, Campaign for Human Development, Ethics, the World Meeting of Families and many others. Visit the website for more information, including bus transportation– MOCatholic.org.
- **Stories Around the Campfire**, Join us around the campfire as we share stories of faith, inspiration and life as an SSND (outside, weather permitting). October 3, 2015 from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Free of charge for women 18 years of age and older Sancta Maria in Ripa Campus, 320 East Ripa Street in St. Louis
- **St. Dominic High School** will hold a Special Open House on Sunday, October 25th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come tour the school, meet our students, teachers and parents. The Jazz Band, Robotics Team, Theater Group, and many sports teams will be present and performing.
- **Ladies Evening of Recollection** on Wednesday, October 7, 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. The activity begins at 7:15 -9:30pm. For more information, please contact Mary Schlueter [314-517-1277](tel:314-517-1277)
- **The relic of the body of St. Maria Goretti** "The Little Saint of Great Mercy", Monday, October 19 from 7 AM to 11 PM at the Cathedral of St. Peter, Belleville. *Pope Francis has asked that the relics of St. Maria Goretti, the youngest saint ever canonized by the Church, come to the United States as a witness of "MERCY."*
- **UMSL's Catholic Newman Center Triton Awakenings** is our most popular retreat of the year and I would like to invite you to join us! It's a weekend of spiritual growth and fun that you will never forget (*seriously*). The retreat is 2 nights and 2 days -- **we'll meet at the Catholic Newman Center on Friday, Oct. 23rd at 3pm and return on Sunday, Oct. 25th at 4pm. If you register online before Oct. 9, you get \$10 off!!** The final registration deadline is Friday, Oct. 16. Registration and more information for our Awakenings Retreat is up on our website: <http://cncumsl.org/triton-awakenings-2015-registration/> or contact Mary at (mary@cncumsl.org)