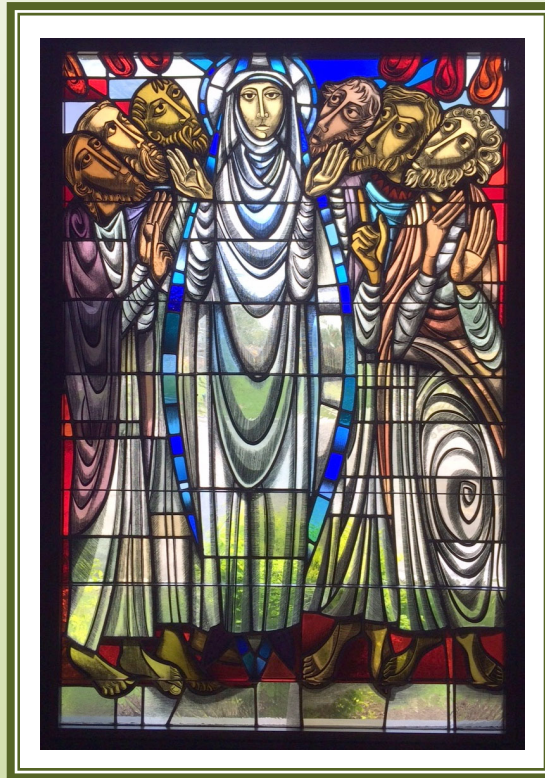


*Immaculate
Heart of Mary
Church*

*New Melle,
Missouri*



October 4, 2015

*Twenty-seventh
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**

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Welcome!



Religious Education

Parish School of Religion (Grades 1 through 8)

September through May on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:30 pm

Confirmation Preparation (8th grade)

September through May on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:30 pm

Children's Liturgy of the Word

September through May on Sundays during the 9:30 am Mass

Adult Education

Wednesdays at 8:45 am and 6:00 pm.

This Week's Events

Sunday, October 4

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

8:30 am

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

9:30 am

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, October 5

Set-up for the Sausage Dinner will take place all week.

6:30 pm

Scouts, Founders Hall

6:30 pm

Scouts, trailer

7:00 pm

Bell choir rehearsal, church

Tuesday, October 6

9:00 am and 5:30 pm

Exercise Classes, Grand Hall Foyer

Wednesday, October 7

8:45 am

Sunday scripture Bible study, Weber Hall
PSR, Founders Hall, Weber Hall

6:00 pm

Adult Bible Study, Grand Hall

6:10 pm

The Sacrament of Reconciliation, church

7:00 pm

Thursday, October 8

9:00 am and 5:30 pm

Exercise Classes, Grand Hall Foyer

6:30 pm

RCIA classes, Weber Hall

7:00 pm

Choir Rehearsal, church

Friday, October 9

8:30 am

Quilters, Weber Hall

2:00 pm

Prayer Shawl Ministry, Weber Hall

Saturday, October 10

8:00 am

Mass followed by confessions, Church

Sunday, October 11

8:30 am

Flu shots available in Weber Hall

9:30 am

Children's Liturgy of the Word

There will be no 11:15 Mass today.

11:00 am

Fall Pork Sausage Dinner, Founders Hall

See the blurb elsewhere in this bulletin for more information.

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

Universal: That human trafficking, the modern form of slavery, may be eradicated.

Evangelization: That with a missionary spirit the Christian communities of Asia may announce the Gospel to those who are still awaiting it

Mass Intentions for the Week

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 +

Monday, October 5

8:00 am Sinopole Family

Tuesday, October 6

8:00 am Bettogene King +
Special Intention

Wednesday, October 7

8:00 am Bob Cwiklowski +
Harold Duenke +

Thursday, October 8

8:00 am Ed Szostek +
George Dudenhoeffer +

Friday, October 9

8:00 am All Souls Intentions
Steve and Kay Aiello +

Saturday, October 10

8:00 am Leonard Ferguson +
Leon James Ferguson +
4:00 pm Jim and Ruth Egli +
John and Eugenia Karase +

Sunday, October 11

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Moira Ryan +
Edward Reifsteck +

There will be no 11:15 Mass on October 11.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8;
Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9;
Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;
Lk 11:27-28
Sunday: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17;
Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]

SAINTS

Sunday: Respect Life Sunday
Tuesday: St. Bruno; Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher
Wednesday: Our Lady of the Rosary
Friday: St. Denis and Companions;
St. John Leonardi
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Some people brought children to Jesus, but the disciples scolded the people. [Jesus said,] "Let the children come." Then he . . . placed his hands on each of them and blessed them. MARK 10:13-14, 16

Children's Letters to God was compiled by Stuart Hample and Eric Marshall. The book reveals how at ease children are when they converse with God. For example, Jane asks God, "Instead of letting people die or having to make new ones, why don't you keep the ones you got?" Larry suggests to God, "Maybe Cain and Abel would not kill each other... if they had their own rooms. It works with my brother." Finally, Mickey confides to God, "If you watch in church on Sunday, I will show you my new shoes."

What might I learn from *Children's Letters to God* about how I approach God in prayer?

"Whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it." MARK 10:15

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! – Rosary

The Rosary has been called “a compendium of the whole Gospel” (*Compendium*, 198). Is this special Marian devotion a part of your spiritual life? When we pray the Rosary, we meditate on the important events in the life of Christ, which are divided into the joyful, luminous, sorrowful, and glorious mysteries. “Among all the devotions approved by the Church, none has been so favored by so many miracles as the devotion of the Most Holy Rosary”. (Pope Pius IX). archstl.org/dynamic

Remember- World Mission Sunday is October 18

“God’s Word teaches that our brothers and sisters are the prolongation of the incarnation for each of us. *‘As you did it to one of these, the least of my brethren, you did it to me.’*” Pope Francis, Joy of the Gospel

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!

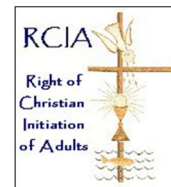
HOW WOULD YOU REACT if your son said he wants to be a priest?

- I would ask him if he's gone mad, and I would remind him that we must take into consideration what others might think.
- I would ask him to give it considerable thought and to have a university degree first.
- It would give me one of the greatest joys of my life, and I would support him fully.

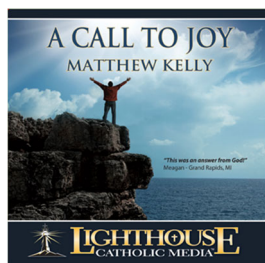
NEWS FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Dear PSR Parents and Guardians: The Sausage Dinner is coming up on October 11th. PSR classes typically work together to donate items for baskets to be raffled off at the dinner to help as a fund raiser. This year, to keep it simple and more effective, we are only going to do two baskets, one for grades 1-4 and one for grade 5-8. Grades 1-4 Basket will be a Games, Movie, Candy, Snacks (Family Night) Basket. (Consider donating any item or gift card to help make this basket a hit). This will be raffled off by the game stand. Grades 5-8 Basket will be a Sausage, Wine and Cheese, Crackers basket (Couples Night Out) Basket. Note: IHM will purchase the wine for the basket, but anything else by way of gift card or winery gift card or what not would be appreciated. These items can be donated until Wednesday, October 7th (the Wednesday before the Sausage Dinner. One can bring them to class or to the parish office.

RCIA (Catholic Classes); Inquiry Sessions Starting Soon

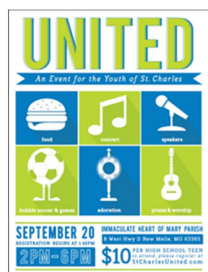


Baptism and the Sacraments: Don't leave Earth without them. It was Jesus who said, "Unless you be born again of water and the Spirit you cannot enter the kingdom of God." Was he just making that up? Did he warn us that there are certain conditions for entering heaven? Astronauts wouldn't step on the 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

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Below is a group shot of the event we had on September 20th here at IHM for high school youth—UNITED. There were close to 180 folks here, high school teens, seminarians, priests and religious for a beautiful day of fun and faith. Thank you to God for the weather, and to all who worked behind the scenes.





NEWS FROM HOME



Stewardship

October 4, 2015

St. Joseph Chapel "Heavenly Dusters"

Agnes Meixner

The collection figures for Sunday, Sept. 27

General Offertory: \$6,427.25

Online-General Offering: \$2,262.00

Total: \$8,689.25

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, ext. 266](tel:636-441-1302).



Please note:

It is getting much more difficult to find a priest to cover Masses when Father Tom is away. Last 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 Parish Missionary Disciples class dates. ONLY on 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

What's Your Catholic IQ?

1. The term 'early Church' refers to

- a) people who go to the 7:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
- b) the years before any churches were built
- c) 50 a.d. to 100 a.d.
- d) the time between Jesus' Resurrection and the First Council of Nicaea in 325

2. St. Angela Merici taught the faith to young girls and founded the

- a) Ursuline Sisters
- b) Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity
- c) Sisters of the Good Shepherd
- d) Sisters of the Living Word

3. Which order of religious sisters does not teach in Catholic schools?

- a) the Sisters of Christian Charity
- b) the Ursulines
- c) the Poor Clares
- d) the Dominican sisters

4. Which of the following is not one of the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit given to us at Baptism and sealed in us at Confirmation?

- a) knowledge
- b) understanding
- c) fortitude (courage)
- d) gentleness

5. Jesus said, "For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the _____. (John 18:37).

- a) truth
- b) Church
- c) Knights of Columbus
- d) love of God

6. The ____ is the official teaching office of the Catholic Church.

- a) principal's office
- b) superintendent's office
- c) pope's office
- d) Magisterium

7. In the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) n. 89, _____ are described as "lights along the path of faith, they illuminate it and make it secure."

- a) votive candles
- b) dogmas
- c) catechists
- d) the saints

8. The bishops are the successors of the

- a) cardinals
- b) Apostles
- c) saints
- d) martyrs

9. Paul studied under the famous Jewish teacher

- a) Abraham Heschel
- b) Moses Malone
- c) Gamaliel
- d) Elie Wiesel

10. This first American-born saint established an order of religious women to teach and care for the poor.

- a) St. Katherine Drexel
- b) St. Theodore Guerin
- c) St. Frances Cabrini
- d) St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Answers on the next page →

Volunteers Needed: Mercy Hospice is currently seeking volunteers to offer support and comfort to patients and families in your community. Volunteers are matched with opportunities to serve according to their schedules, skills, comfort levels and geographic area. Volunteer opportunities include: caregiver relief, emotional support, Alzheimer's program, life review videos, bereavement support, Mercy Companions, administrative assistance, etc. The next free four week training will be on these Thursdays: Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22 from 9:00 to noon. For more information please contact Stephanie Marquart, Volunteer Coordinator at 636-239-8862 or Stephanie.marquart@mercy.net.

Catholic IQ Answers:

1. **d)** The early Church experienced persecutions until Constantine legalized Christianity in 313. Constantine called the Council of Nicaea in 325 to settle debates about Jesus' nature. The Nicene Creed we say at Mass comes from this council.
2. **a)** The Ursuline Sisters, named after St. Ursula, were the first teaching order of women established in the Church. They received papal approval in 1544.
3. **c)** The Poor Clare Sisters were started by St. Clare of Assisi (1194-1253). They live in an enclosed monastery, embracing a life of community, contemplation, poverty, and joy.
4. **d)** The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. These gifts are heroic virtues exhibited by Jesus. He shares them with us through the Holy Spirit so that we can live heroic Christian lives.
5. **a)** Jesus also says in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth and the life." Catechesis promotes the truth that Christ teaches in his words and in his person.
6. **d)** The Magisterium teaches through creeds, laws, dogmas, and the doctrines. These teachings build up the Church, govern the administration of the Sacraments, and correctly proclaim the gospel in every age.
7. **b)** Dogmas, revealed by God and taught by the Magisterium, hold the highest authority and are the central truths of the faith. For example, the Resurrection of Jesus is a dogma. Catholics adhere to dogmatic teachings.
8. **b)** The bishops, together with the pope, make up the Magisterium and share the authority to teach in Jesus' name. "...[The Apostles left bishops as their successors]" (see CCC, n. 77)
9. **c)** Paul studied "at the feet of Gamaliel" (Acts 22:3), a celebrated scholar of the Jewish law. Elsewhere, Gamaliel counsels the Sanhedrin to stay away from the Apostles, who were arrested for proclaiming the Risen Christ (see Acts 5:34).
10. **d)** Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton founded the Sisters of Charity of Saint Joseph and established a network of schools that became a model for parochial schools throughout the U.S.

Enkindle - Infertility Support

The journey of infertility and miscarriage is a difficult one and sometimes it becomes too challenging for you and your spouse to travel alone.

The Archdiocesan Office of Natural Family is offering a free half hour appointment to speak with a registered nurse and a licensed professional counselor in person or over the phone. To find out more about this program please contact the Archdiocesan Office of Natural Family Planning at [314-997-7675](tel:314-997-7675).

Faith tells us our life is ultimately in God's hands. Along our way, He sends us instruments to help us carry our burdens. As you work toward acceptance of this challenge, our ministry is to offer hope while seeking peace.

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 will follow in Boland Hall. For more information, please call [314-792-7812](tel:314-792-7812).

Memorial Mass for Children

For parents who have lost a child due to miscarriage, stillbirth, accident, or abortion



Cathedral Basilica
of St. Louis
Sunday, November 8, 2015,
10:00 am
Bishop Robert J. Hermann,
Celebrant

RSVPs requested to the
Cathedral Rectory,
314-373-8200.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Marion Mueller
Patricia Prongue
Patricia Rudolf
Shirley McDonald
Ann Fitzgerald
Diane Bocklage
Susan Van Booven
Jennifer Fitzinger
Terri Guernsey
Melissa Van Hoy
Dave Hendrix
Al Bamert
Ted Feldewerth
Jo-nell Falcon
Nancy Hollenstein
Alexander Wilmes
Charlie Grady
Frank Modder
Denny Steinmeyer
Tom Miller
Mildred Riley
Sadie Rashid
Darryl and Clara Bockting
Angel Owens
Ted Pivin
Rita Elfrink
Mary Foley
Bob Cova
Judy Jacobs' mom
Rick Cobleigh
Tricia Woods
Joan Allen
Joan Martin
Chris Hanna
Rita Bendel's brother Tom
Michael Candrl and his family
Linda Candrl and her family
Jackie Hackett
Virgil Gildehaus

Alice Molitor
Maxine Drinen
Tom Holstein
Mary Meyer and her family
JoAnn Cwiklowski
Nancy
Jewel Kostecki
Shirley Sims
Catherine Bamert
Lisa Clark
Tammy Boyd
Larry Hanna
Terry Hagan
Dave Gentry
Elaine Klein
Mary Alice Dickherber
Sue Orlet
Bob Blackford
Louise Fisher
David and Mary Karl
Ken Donaghue
Denny and Joan Duvall
Jerry Schmitz
Bobbi Beeson
Charles and Kathy Duckworth
Ed Hoeckelmann
Carol
Gerald Hailey
Virginia Randolph
Barb Pope
Bill Ulery
Sally Buck
Gerald Hailey
Judy
Pat Ryan
Vera Johnson
Monsignor Mank
Kim F.
Sylvia
Antonette

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

October 10 4:00 pm
 EM: Nancy Ast, Joan Falbo, Pat Noack, Bryan Potter, Jackie Barclay, Mary Jean Hartenbach
 L: Gerard Knott, Kathleen Ditch
 GB: Dave & Judy Hendrix
 S: Janna Joerling, Brody Stafford
 U: Larry Graves, Tom Zaleuke, Bill Pollihan, Jerry Braden

October 11 7:30 am
 EM: Walt & Jean Reel, Joan & Karen Wappelhorst, Ed & Carol Rabbitt
 L: Kris Jenkins, Peggy Dupree
 GB: Loretta Bruns, Phyllis Zerr
 S: Andy & Daniel Vehige
 U: Frank Marquart, Larry Gassei, Rich Molitor, Gary Potter

October 11 9:30 am
 EM: Maureen Blondin, Donna Wolff, Doug Norton, Laura Orf, Joan Marren-Slaughter, Dave & Pam DeBold, Bob Leeker
 L: Judy Podhorn, Bill Winters
 GB: Mike & Diane Schulte
 S: Mary Grace Becker, Daniel Mallinckrodt, Drew Smith
 U: Jim Blondin, John Bossert, Curt Eccardt, Gary Struckhoff, Stan Kostecki, George Stark

October 11 11:15 am
 There will be no 11:15 Mass on October 11.

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

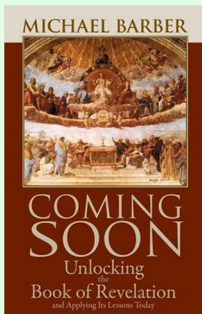
Lutheran High School, 5100 Mexico Road, St. Peters

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

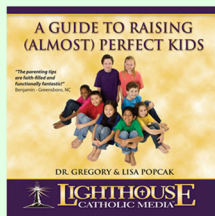
(Note: With close to 3000 items, the Parish Library is located in the Grand Hall past the restrooms. It is open during the week-normal business hours- and works on an honor system. Items from the Lighthouse CD rack are located and available in the Narthex.



From the Parish Library: Grand Hall

Is there a book of the Bible more often discussed and yet less understood than the Book of Revelation? The "seven seals." The "dragon." The "beast." The "sea of glass." The fantastic imagery found in the Book of Revelation has long captivated Christians but remains mysterious to many. In the midst of so much discussion about the end times, what does Revelation teach us about living in the present moment, with our eyes focused on the heavenly Jerusalem? Michael Barber's *Coming Soon* explores these questions by taking a detailed look at Revelation and its rich tapestry of prophecy, history, and biblical allusion. Barber explores the profound link between the Mass celebrated here on earth and the eternal reality of heaven, demonstrating that the Apocalypse reveals truth that has practical implications for today and points to a firm hope in tomorrow. *Coming Soon* is a verse-by-verse commentary on the Book of Revelation using the Revised Standard Version: Catholic Edition of the Bible. Barber provides a Catholic interpretation, which sees the liturgical background of this book of Scripture-a perspective missing in many Protestant commentaries.

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

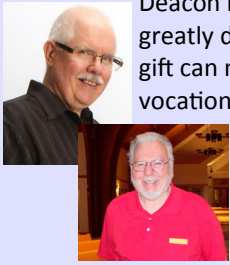
For two weeks, from Sept. 25 – Oct. 7, Immaculate Heart of Mary will be hosting the traveling pro-life banner. The banner travels to parishes throughout the St. Charles Deanery, spending two weeks at each parish. The purpose of the banner is to provide a visual reminder to parishioners of the evil of 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.

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.

Deacon Formation Collection

Please give generously to the Deacon Formation Collection this weekend, **October 3 and 4**. The strength of the Deacon Formation program in the Archdiocese greatly depends on your support. Your sacrificial gift can make a tremendous difference in the vocation journey of our future deacons.



May God abundantly bless you for your generosity,
Deacon Chris and Deacon Tony

Fall Sausage Dinner News



The volunteer sign-up sheets can be found in the narthex. We have 2 short weeks before the dinner but there are still lots of empty spots to fill! Please take a moment to go to the narthex, look at the sheets, find an empty spot and fill it in with your name. **This is a chance to spend a few hours in the service of your parish, meeting new people, chatting with old friends, having a good time!**

There are **MANY** empty spaces on the sheet that describe the work opportunities for the week before the dinner. The chairmen would like to know how many people they can expect to help make the dinner a huge success. If you intend to work during the week, please take a moment to get your name on that sheet.

Fr. Tom has said many times that our guests comment on the wonderful group of volunteers who work at our dinners, people who get along, work hard, and smile their way through it. **YOU ARE ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE!**

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.

Parish Office: 636-398-5270

Future Events

- ☒ **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.

More opportunities to serve your parish-

The Country Store

The Country Store will need fun little treasures, jewelry, books, knick-knacks, houseplants and trinkets to sell. Please look through your house for possible donations. Small baked goods are also a good choice and sell quickly- cupcakes, cookies, caramel corn, fudge, brownies, nut breads, rolls.

Homemade Bread and Desserts

We have a tradition here at IHM where our parishioners bring homemade bread and desserts, especially cakes and pies, to our dinners. Pies are always in big demand. We ask that every family bring bread and desserts to Founders Hall on Saturday, October 10, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. It is also possible to bring your donated baked goods to Founders Hall on Sunday, October 11, in the morning (8:00 to 10:30).

And of course, make sure you invite your friends and family to come to our big fall dinner and enjoy all the activities-

Beer garden Live music
Children's games Craft fair
Livers and gizzards Pull-tabs
The Bonanza Extravaganza Raffle
The BIG 50/50 Raffle
The Marian Council Quilt Raffle

(displayed in the narthex; another really gorgeous quilt, made by our wonderful quilters)

And the delicious homemade pork sausage dinner with sauerkraut, applesauce, green beans, corn, mashed potatoes and gravy, bread, dessert, tea, coffee

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.
- **Sunday Breakfast** at St. Vincent's in Dutzow, Oct. 4 from 8:00 to 11:30. Adults, \$9; all grade school children eat free.
- **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.
- **Chicken and Fish Fry** at St. Vincent's in Dutzow; Friday, Oct. 16 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm; adults, \$10, children ages 6-11, \$4.00; Cod, swai, chicken, mashed potatoes, stewed tomatoes, green beans, corn, cole slaw, applesauce, homemade dessert
- **Sausage and Roast Beef Dinner** at Friedens Peace UCC in New Melle; Sunday, Oct. 4 from noon to 6:00 pm; also homemade bread, desserts and apple butter.
- **Sausage Supper with Potato Pancakes**, St. John's UCC in Cappeltn; Sunday, Nov. 1 from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. Adults, \$11, Children, \$6, children under 6 are free. All you care to eat! 636-828-5221
- **Sausage Dinner** at St. Alphonsus Church in Silex, MO; Sunday, Oct. 18 from 11:00 to 5:00 pm. \$10 per adult, \$5 per child ages 12 and under. 573-384-5305

Just for fun

- **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>
- **Couples Golf Social** to benefit St. Francis Borgia High School Athletic Association; Saturday, Oct. 10. 4:00 pm registration at Wolf Hollow; contact dnbgilde@charter.net
- **Festival and Turkey Shoot** at Immaculate Conception- Dardenne Prairie; Sunday, Oct. 4 from 11:30 to 6:00 pm. Fried chicken and ham dinners, all you can eat. Rock wall, bounce house, games, music and a visit from Fredbird at 3:00
- **Craft Fair at St. John's UCC** in Cappeltn, Saturday, Nov. 28 from 9 am to 2 pm. Crafts, collectibles, food and drinks available (chicken salad sandwiches, hot dogs, chili dogs, nachos, homemade soups, dessert and drinks. 636-828-5452

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 stjojocraftfair@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
- **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)
- **The Young Catholic Musicians** are looking for financial support in the form of program book ads for their December concerts. For more information, contact the director of the organization, Mary Smith at 314-962-9260.
- **St. Francis Borgia Regional High School** will hold an Open House on Sunday, October 25, from 12:00-2:00PM. The entire community is invited. SFRHS, is a catholic, college preparatory high school, which serves eight counties. This is an excellent opportunity for all members of the community to come in and visit, and get to know more about becoming a member of the Borgia family.
- **St. Joseph/Josephville Euchre Tournaments** will begin again on the second Saturday of each month beginning Oct 10. Cost is \$10/player. Keep your partner. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. For more info call Ralph Orf at [636-485-5306](tel:636-485-5306).