

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

New Melle, Missouri



November 22, 2015

Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

“For this I was born
and for this I came into the world,
to testify to the truth.”

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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Happy Thanksgiving!



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 6:10 pm.

This Week's Events

Sunday, November 22

9:30 am

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, November 23

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, Weber Hall

Tuesday, November 24

9:00 am and 5:30 pm

Exercise Classes, Grand Hall Foyer

6:30 pm

Legion of Mary, St. Gianna

7:00 pm

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, church

Wednesday, November 25

8:45 am

Sunday scripture Bible study, Weber Hall

Please note: Several events have been cancelled for this evening.

There will be no PSR, no adult Bible study and no confessions.

Thursday, November 26

office closed

9:00 am

Thanksgiving Day Mass, church

Friday, November 27

office closed

Saturday, November 28

8:00 am

Mass followed by confessions, Church

Birthright Christmas greeting cards will be available
after all the weekend Masses in the narthex.

Christmas quilt raffle tickets will be available
after all the weekend Masses in the narthex.

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



Universal: That we may be open to personal
encounter and dialogue with all, even those
whose convictions differ from our own.

Evangelization: That pastors of the Church, with
profound love for their flocks, may accompany
them and enliven their hope.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 21

8:00 am All Souls Intentions
4:00 pm Jack and Pearl Hackett +

Sunday, November 22

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Walt Ketts +
11:15 am Roger and Vicky Brink

Monday, November 23

8:00 am All Souls Intentions

Tuesday, November 24

8:00 am Michael Zurweller +
Cindy Fitzler +

Wednesday, November 25

8:00 am Wittmann Family
Randy and Lucas Schneider +

Thursday, November 26 Thanksgiving Day

9:00 am Bettogene King +

Friday, November 27

8:00 am Richard Bredemann +

Saturday, November 28

8:00 am Mimi Ferguson +
4:00 pm Gus Tegeler +

Sunday, November 29

7:30 am Mary Fine +
9:30 am People of the Parish
11:15 am Bob Rapp +
Don and Cleo Schmidt +

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158;
Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15;
Lk 19:11-28 or (for the memorial of the
Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31;
Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15;
Lk 19:41-44
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd,
11-12; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19;
Lk 20:27-40
Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8;
Jn 18:33b-37

SAINTS

Monday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude
Tuesday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary
Wednesday: Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and
Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
Saturday: Presentation of the 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
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636-398-5270

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St. Vincent DePaul For information or assistance,
call 636-398-5270, ex. 225

MEDITATION ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

[Pilate interrogated Jesus, saying,] "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus said, "My kingdom does not belong to this world." JOHN 18:33, 36

The third act of *Our Town* opens with the narrator walking amid the graves in the town cemetery of Grover's Corners, New Hampshire. He stops and says to the audience, "An awful lot of sorrow has been quieted up here." Then he pauses and says: "We all know that something is eternal. And it ain't houses. . . and it ain't earth and it ain't even the stars.... Everybody knows. . . that something has to do with human beings.... They're waitin' for something that they feel is coming! Something important, and great. Aren't they waitin' for the eternal part of them to come out in the clear?" Like Jesus' kingdom, we human beings belong to another world.

How at home am I in this world? Why? All that is not eternal is eternally out of date. C.S. LEWIS

Mark Link S.J. *Vision*

MANY REASONS TO GIVE THANKS

Dear parishioners,

As we approach Thanksgiving there are many opportunities and occasions to celebrate our thanks. I hope you will be able to participate in some of them.

- 37th Annual Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service; Tuesday, November 24 at 7:00 PM here at Immaculate Heart of Mary. Please bring some "finger food" to share. There will also be a collection to support the work of our St. Vincent dePaul food pantry.
- Thanks to all who participated in our Box of Joy program. It was a huge success. I am always humbled and impressed by your generous response to our extra stewardship opportunities. This has been a year of extraordinary giving. Thank you for your generosity!
- Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be **9:00 in church**. I hope you can attend. My reasons for giving thanks grow each day and I pray that you too have experienced the blessings of God's providential and attentive love. If you are able, please consider bringing a can of food for our pantry.
- This weekend we celebrate the Solemn Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This feast day ends our Sunday celebrations in Ordinary Time and prepares us for the coming Advent Season. The Church invites us to ponder the simple Kingship of Christ in our lives. How does our manner of living, our way of relating and our interior attitude reflect the heart of our Crucified King? How does being a disciple of the Crucified look different from being a disciple of the world?



Peace,
Fr. Tom

THE ST. VINCENT DEPAUL GIVING TREE

This year's Advent Giving Tree will be put together after next weekend, a little later than usual. The angel gift tags won't be available until the weekend of December 5 and 6. Since the gifts will be given out on December 19, you'll have only one week to return them to church. So here's the timeline:

December 5: the Giving Tree with its angel gift cards will be standing in the narthex. Please feel free to take a tag, purchase the item and attach the tag to the OUTSIDE of the package.

December 13: all gifts should be returned to the narthex, ready to be given to the person specified on the angel gift tag.

Please note: since the gifts will be handed out on Dec 19, anything brought in after that date will be too late to distribute.



ADVENT REFLECTION TIME

Treat yourself to something special for the Advent Season.

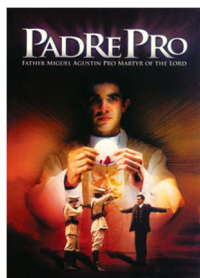
Come join Deacon Chris for a quiet evening of reflection as we walk with the Holy Family on a journey to explore the Stations of the Nativity (the Annunciation to the visit of the Magi). This will take place immediately after the 7:00 pm Mass on December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. A signup sheet is in the narthex.

NEWS
FROM THE
RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT

PSR Corner

We collected close to 200 Boxes of Joy from the parish to send to children in Haiti and Guatemala. Wow! Thank you to everyone who participated

Schedule note. No PSR on Wednesday, November 25th for the Thanksgiving Break.

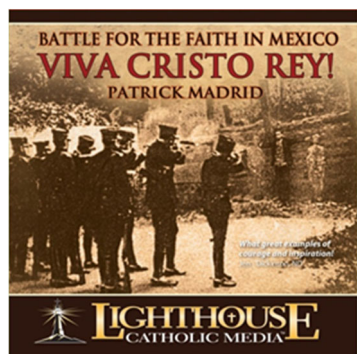


Viva Cristo Rey!

Long Live Christ the King!

In the 1920s in Mexico a persecution broke out. Padre Pro was led out to execution. Carrying his small crucifix and his rosary, he walked steadily across the yard. As his last request, Miguel asked to be allowed to pray.

He knelt in front of the bullet pocket walls and fervently prayed briefly. He kissed his crucifix and stood. Rejecting the traditional blindfold, Miguel stretched his arms out in the form of a cross and facing the firing squad said, "May God have mercy on you. May God bless you. Lord, You know that I am innocent. With all my heart I forgive my enemies." As the firing squad took aim, Pro spoke his last words. In a firm, clear voice, he said: "Viva Cristo Rey!" Long live Christ the King. The firing squad was shaken by Pro's unflinching heroism; the bullets wounded, but did not kill him. A soldier walked over and shot him at close range.



Most Sweet Jesus, Redeemer – Act of Dedication of the Human Race to Jesus

Most Sweet Jesus, Redeemer of the human race, look down upon us humbly prostrate before You. We are Yours, and Yours we wish to be; but to be more surely united with You, behold each one of us freely consecrates himself today to Your Most Sacred Heart. Many indeed have never known You; many, too, despising Your precepts, have rejected You. Have mercy on them all, most merciful Jesus, and draw them to Your Sacred Heart. Be King, O Lord, not only of the faithful who have never forsaken You, but also of the prodigal children who have abandoned You; grant that they may quickly return to their Father's house, lest they die of wretchedness and hunger. Be King of those who are deceived by erroneous opinions, or whom discord keeps aloof, and call them back to the harbor of Truth and the unity of Faith, so that soon there may be but one flock and one Shepherd. Grant, O Lord, to Your Church assurance of freedom and immunity from harm; give tranquility of order to all nations; make the earth resound from pole to pole with one cry:

Praise to the Divine Heart that wrought our salvation; to It be glory and honor forever. Amen.

A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful, who piously recite the Act of Dedication of the Human Race to Jesus Christ King. A **plenary indulgence** is granted if it is recited publicly on the feast of our Lord Jesus Christ King

Dynamic Catholic, Alive! – Spiritual Direction

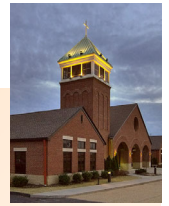
Today we celebrate Christ as the King of the Universe. It reminds us that God has a plan for our lives. Determining God's will is not always easy, and requires prayer and discernment. A spiritual director can help with your spiritual develop by providing guidance and discernment. Are you receiving spiritual direction, or are you considering seeking out a spiritual director? You can also attend a retreat offered by your parish or the Archdiocese. archstl.org/dynamic

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Box of Joy program to benefit Cross Catholic Outreach in Haiti and Guatemala. We collected many gifts for children who otherwise would not have Christmas presents.





NEWS FROM HOME



Stewardship

Nov. 22, 2015

St. Joseph Chapel "Heavenly Dusters"

Donna Wolff

The collection figures for Sunday, Nov. 15

General Offertory: \$8,756.88

Online-General Offering: \$1,722.00

Total: \$10,478.88

Thank you for your generosity!

Try Electronic Offertory

Those who are pledging for the "Many Gifts. One Heart" new debt reduction 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, sugar, razors, shave cream, spaghetti sauce, tuna, applesauce

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

...a time to be born...

William Jackson and Anna Brynn,
children of Chris and Jennifer Douglas,
were recently baptized at IHM.

Congratulations to them and their grandparents,
Ron and Phyllis Douglas of our parish.
May they always live in the light of Christ!

...a time to love...

Congratulations to Becky Kettler and Brad Benes,
who were married last weekend.

May they always keep Christ at the center of their marriage!
Becky is the daughter of Margie and Steve Kettler.

...a time to die...

Please pray for the recently deceased
Robert Shea, brother of Mary and John Hofman.
May he rest in the peace of Christ.

Christmas Quilt Raffle



The IHM quilters
have done it again.

They've
completed another
gorgeous quilt, just
in time for a
Christmas raffle.
The quilt in all its
glory is pictured
here. Tickets will
be offered after all
the weekend

Masses on

Nov. 28-29, Dec. 5-6, and Dec. 12-13.

The drawing will take place on Friday, Dec. 18 at
9:00 am. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Help decorate the Grand Hall

for Christmas. We have a very small
window this Year to get the Grand Hall
decorated for Christmas and need a LOT of
help! Please help **us Monday, November 30**
to decorate the tree and the hall after Mass,
or get there whenever you can! We need
some people capable of climbing a ladder! We
also need help **Tuesday, December 1** after
morning Mass to set the tables. **There will be**
goodies! Sign up sheets are in the Narthex.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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

What's Your Catholic IQ?

1. Signum Crucis is Latin for

- (a) Stations of the Cross; (b) Sign of the Cross;
(c) Sins of Omission; (d) Christ Crucified

2. The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is celebrated on

- (a) March 19; (b) August 15;
(c) September 14; (d) the last Sunday in Ordinary Time

3. The Latin translation of the refrain, "Come Holy Spirit" is

- (a) Veni Sancte Spiritus; (b) Adeste fideles;
(c) Venite adoremus; (d) Salve Regina

4. Before becoming Pope Benedict XVI, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger was Prefect of the Congregation for the

- (a) Clergy; (b) Divine Worship;
(c) Propagation of the Faith; (d) Doctrine of the Faith

5. A lavabo set refers to

- (a) the kit a priest carries for anointing the sick;
(b) the small vessels used for the washing of the priest's hands at Mass;
(c) a chalice and paten set;
(d) items in a Church restroom

6. A devotion that consists of a prayer said on nine successive days is called a

- (a) novena; (b) dispensation;
(c) vespers; (d) posadas

7. Canon Law requires sacramental confession before

- (a) confirmation; (b) holy orders;
(c) matrimony; (d) First Communion

8. Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger was elected Pope Benedict XVI in

- (a) 2000; (b) 2005; (c) 2007; (d) 1999

9. The set of mysteries for the Rosary proposed by Pope John Paul II in 2002 is called the _____ Mysteries.

- (a) Joyful; (b) Corporal; (c) Theological; (d) Luminous

10. In the sacrament of the anointing of the sick, the sick person is anointed with oil on the

- (a) forehead and hands; (b) lips and chest;
(c) hands and feet; (d) eyes and ears

Answers on the next page →

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

November 28

4:00 pm

- EM: Jennifer Frederick, Tom & Christine Haun,
Bernadine Pollihan, Bob & Judy Cova
L: Jan Messig, Karen Wilson
GB: Gerard & Sandy Knott
S: Jessica & Jorja Spivey
U: Larry Graves, Jerry Braden, Chris Cuddihee,
One more please

November 29

7:30 am

- EM: Peggy Dupree, John & Karen Wappelhorst,
Walt & Jean Reel, Denise Pool
L: Elizabeth Vehige, Kris Jenkins
GB: Bill & Jean Reed-Bammann
S: Anna & Connor Jaekle, Mary Grace Becker
U: Larry Gassei, Mike Hardesty, Rich Molitor,
Gary Potter

November 29

9:30 am

- EM: Pat Gentry, Don & Susan Hladky, Judeen
Kutsko, Judy Podhorn, Darlene Smith, Janet
Hespen, Sharon Smith
L: Roger Collins, Ron Kutsko
GB: Ruth Scott & Joshua Scott
S: Maggie Molitor, Drew Smith, Adam Molitor
U: Chris & Justin Molitor, Shawn Sweetin,
Terry Schneider, Dave DeBold

November 29

11:15 am

- EM: Patrice Riley, Jim & Theresa Risch, Elaine
Sudbrock, Jane Holstein, Jo Hailey
L: Suzanne & Tim Michaelree
GB: Jim & Linda Ginther
S: Lindsay & Madelyn Bouquet
U: Todd Neihouse, Glen Taylor, John Bossert

**The liturgical ministry sign-up sheets for
Thanksgiving Day may be found in the narthex.**

Thanksgiving at IHM

- ◇ The **New Melle Area Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service** will be held IHM on Tuesday, Nov. 24 at 7:00 pm in the church. All are welcome to pray with us and to attend the reception afterwards in the Grand Hall. Please feel free to bring "finger food" to share.
- ◇ Our **Thanksgiving Day Mass** will be held in the church on Thursday, November 26 at 9:00 am. If you are able, please bring a can of food for the pantry.



December 27 is the cut-off date for making a contribution to be counted for 2015 so that statements can be printed in a timely fashion. Solemnity of Mary contributions (Jan. 1) are counted as a 2016 contribution. Year-end statements will be printed in early January so that you can pick up them up in Weber Hall.

New information on Legion of Mary: Meetings will now take place every Tuesday at St. Gianna Church. Meetings will begin at 6:45 on Tuesday evenings. For more information call Nancy at 636-699-6920.

Marian Council Party and Raffle

Tickets will be sold after all the weekend Masses for the Marian Council Christmas Party, Tuesday, December 1 at 6:30 PM in the Grand Hall. Tickets are \$5.00 each and include dinner with choice of entrée, 2 wine tickets, and live entertainment. We will also have a silent auction and installation of new officers. All ladies of the Parish are encouraged to attend. Reservation and payment deadline is Friday, Nov. 27, at 4pm.

The Marian Council is also sponsoring the raffle of a gorgeous \$350 sterling silver hinged, filigreed Silpada bangle bracelet, plus a polishing cloth. Chances are \$3 each, or 3/\$5.00. Only 200 tickets will be sold. These can be purchased at Masses this weekend or at the Marian council Christmas Party on Tuesday, Dec. 1. The drawing will be held that night. Questions— call Michelle, 314-614-1114.

Catholic IQ Answers:

1. **(b)** Signum Crucis is Latin for Sign of the Cross, prayed with the words in nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.
 2. **(c)** September 14 marks the day in the fourth century on which St. Helen is believed to have unearthed the Cross of Jesus and the day on which the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre was dedicated.
 3. **(a)** The phrase Veni Sancte Spiritus (Latin for Come Holy Spirit), sometimes called "The Golden Sequence, is the sequence for the Feast of Pentecost.
 4. **(d)** Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger served as the Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith from 1981 to 2005.
 5. **(b)** A lavabo set refers to the vessels used for the washing of the priest's hands after the Offertory of the Mass.
 6. **(a)** Novena (Latin for nine) refers to a devotion consisting of nine days of prayer, recalling the nine days that the disciples and Mary waited in prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost (see Acts of the Apostles 1:14).
 7. **(d)** Canon 914 indicates that sacramental confession is to precede reception of First Communion.
 8. **(b)** Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger became pope on April 19, 2005. He succeeded Pope John Paul II, who passed into eternity on April 2, 2005.
 9. **(d)** In his 2002 Apostolic Letter Rosarium Virginis Mariae, Pope John Paul II proposed the Luminous Mysteries.
 10. **(a)** The priest anoints the sick person on the forehead, saying, "Through this holy anointing, may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit" and on the hands, saying, "May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up."
- Adapted from Catechist Magazine

BIRTHRIGHT CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Pro-Life Committee will be selling Birthright Christmas cards after all Masses the weekends of Nov. 28-29 and Dec. 5-6. Please consider supporting Birthright when planning your Christmas card purchases.



Thanksgiving Pies

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Food Pantry in North St. Louis is asking for your assistance again in providing pies for the Thanksgiving Dinners delivered to families in the North St. Louis area. We prepare and serve 2000 dinners to those less fortunate. **The volunteers from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Pantry will pick up your donated pies one time only from IHM.** We ask that you make non-cream pies (no refrigeration required) and **bring them to the IHM narthex no later than 2:00 pm on Monday, November 23.** Thanks for your generosity.



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 Lighthouse CD Rack: Church Narthex

Leah Darrow's testimony is a powerful example of God's mercy at work." -[Jason Evert](#), founder of Chastity Project

"Leah Darrow was a fashion model in New York City and a reality TV contestant on America's Next Top Model. She now travels the world sharing her unique experiences in the beauty industry. Leah now speaks to tens of thousands of people each year to audiences as diverse as a United Nations panel, the World Trade Center in Manila Philippines, Pro-Life events, and local parishes on five different continents. In this presentation, learn how the pursuit of pop culture's definition of love and happiness led to a moment of mercy and conversion and in Leah's life."

From the Parish Library: Grand Hall



A good movie for the Feast of Christ the King. What price would you pay for freedom? In the exhilarating action epic FOR GREATER GLORY an impassioned group of men and women each make the decision to risk it all for family, faith and the very future of their country, as the film's adventure unfolds against the long-hidden, true story of the 1920s Cristero War - the daring people's revolt that rocked 20th Century North America. Superb cast and excellent production values. A must for people who believe that the real "Super Heroes" are not found in comic books but in the Grace, Faith and Courage of ordinary human beings who respond to the assault on their God Given Rights, and live and die for values that transcend their mundane needs and desires.

Do you have some time to help decorate the church for Christmas? If so, keep these dates and times open:



- ⇒ On Saturday, December 12 at 9:00 am, the wreaths will be prepped in the Sausage Sales area.
- ⇒ On Sunday, December 20 at 12:30 pm, the main body of the church and narthex will be decorated.
- ⇒ We can always use more hands! There are sign up sheets or call Nancy at 636- 357- 3456.

ST. THOMAS MERTON prayed: "My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going, I do not see the road ahead of me...But I believe that the desire to please You does in fact please You. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing." **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!**

Photographs

Parishioners who had their free 8x10's mailed to the church will find them in a basket in the narthex. Please find yours and take it home.

Please note: It is getting much more difficult to find a priest to cover Masses when Father Tom is away. Recently 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: Tuesday, December 15; Thursday, January 14; Thursday, February 11; Wednesday, March 9**

MISSOURI LIFE CARAVAN is once again organizing buses for the Annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. Thursday- Saturday, Jan. 21- 23, 2016. The cost before Dec. 25 is \$165. For registration contact us at: [314-434-4900](tel:314-434-4900). You can also download our registration form at www.missourilife.org. Registration deadline is Jan. 4, 2016.

Mary Queen of Angels, a pro-life organization in O'Fallon that provides diapers, wipes, toiletries, formula, baby equipment, clothing, etc., is in desperate need of children's WINTER clothing in sizes 12 months through size 7/8 - we will not have enough outfits in these sizes to provide our moms with winter clothing for their children. Our address is 827 West Terra Ln., O'Fallon, MO 63366 Our hours are Tues/Thurs 10a-2p; Wed. 4-7p; Fri/Sat 9a-12p. We can be reached at 636-379-5070. God bless.

Parish Office: 636-398-5270

Future Events

☒ **Baptism class**, Monday, Nov. 23 at 7:00 pm in Weber Hall for those who have registered with the parish office.

☒ **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service** here at IHM, Tuesday, Nov. 24 at 7:00 pm. Please consider bringing finger food for a reception afterwards. PLEASE NOTE: because of this, the children's choir rehearsal will have to be cancelled for the evening.

☒ **Thanksgiving Day Mass** will take place in the church at 9:00 am on Thursday, Nov. 26. The office will be closed on Nov. 26 and 27 because of the holiday.

☒ **The next POP (Pulse of the Parish) Meeting** will take place on Monday, Nov. 30 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Grand Hall.

☒ **The Marian Council Christmas Dinner** will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 1 in the Grand Hall at 6:30 pm.

☒ **First Friday breakfast** at IHOP in Wentzville — 9:00 am on Dec. 4.

☒ **The Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation.** On the feast day of the Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8, Mass will take place at 8:00 am and 7:00 pm.

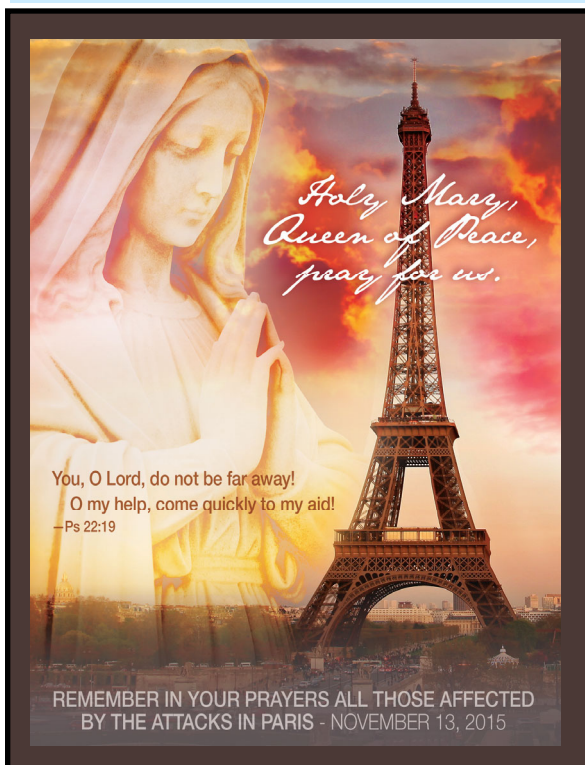
☒ **Breakfast with Santa**, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus; Sunday, December 13 in Founders Hall. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 to 11:00 am with Santa arriving at about 9:00.



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.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Would you not want a weekend away with your spouse just before or just after the holidays – just the two of you? For a time you will never forget, plan to attend a Marriage Encounter weekend on December 4-6, 2015 or in 2016 on February 5-7 or April 22-24. To find out more, apply at www.stl-wwme.org or call 315.649.7317.

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Out and About

Breakfasts and Dinners

- **Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner at St. Ignatius Parish in Concord Hill**, MO on November 26, 2015. Serving 11:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Annual Buffet Style, All You Can Eat! Adults - \$12, Seniors (Age 62+) - \$10, Children 6 to 12 - \$5; 636-932-4445
- **All You Can Eat Breakfast at Immaculate Conception in Augusta**; Sunday, Nov. 22, 8:00 until noon. \$8 per adult and \$3 for ages 6-12

Just for fun

- **Craft Fair at St. John's UCC** in Cappeln, 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
- **Spirit of Christmas Banquet and Dinner Show**; fun, food, performers and musicians from 15 St. Louis area parishes; Dec. 4 and 5 at 7:00 pm and Dec. 6 at 1:00 pm at the Four Points Sheraton in Fairview Heights; \$35 per adult. Call 618-409-0015 for ticket information.
- **St. Dominic Annual "GIVE THANKS" 5K Run/Walk** will be held on Saturday, November 28, 2015 at St. Dominic High School. A "GIVE THANKS" FOOD DRIVE will accompany the race. Non-perishable items only. T-Shirts guaranteed for all participants. \$20 Registration Fee. All Proceeds to benefit the Dominican Scholarship fund. **Race Information:** <http://www.fleetfeetstlouis.com/racing/highlighted-races/st-dominic-5k> **Registration:** <https://racesonline.com/events/joe-haug-give-thanks-5k/registration> . Contact Beth Runge – brunge@stdominichs.org 636-240-8303 ext 119 for more information
- **Annual Holiday Bake Sale at Friedens Peace United Church of Christ** in New Melle. Our **Annual Holiday Cookie, Candy and Cinnamon Roll Sale Sunday** will take place on **December 6 from 11:00 to 2:00 p.m.** As always, we will have an amazing assortment of homemade cookies to be sold by the pound, including our decorated sugar cookies, just in time for your Christmas entertaining. We will also be taking pre-orders for homemade cinnamon rolls!! Call the church office at **636-828-5980**, leaving your name, phone number and how many dozen you would like, frozen and \$10 per dozen. **DEADLINE To Order:** Tuesday, December 1 before noon.
- **Fundraiser for the Marty Kothe family:** The Flint Hill Knights of Columbus, 2061 Grothe Rd., is sponsoring a chicken fry on Friday, December 11 from 5:00 – 7:00 to benefit Marty Kothe who has been challenged with serious recurring health issues. If you are unable to attend, donations are greatly appreciated. For additional information call 636-327-7386.

Opportunities

- **T.U.R.K.E.Y Tournament (Together Uniting Remarkable Kids Each Year).** This event will be held on Sunday, Nov. 22 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at St. Dominic High School Fallon Center (new gym) located in O'Fallon, MO. The purpose is to provide a day full of fun for children with disabilities, ages 4 to 18. RSVP is required for this event. Contact us at 636-614-6312. Sponsored by the Leadership Class at St. Dominic High School.
- **A Morning with Mary, Mother of Priests** (for women) presented by **Fr. Mark Chrismer, Saturday December 12, 2015** at St. Joseph Parish in Cottleville. **Free . SCHEDULE:** 8:00 am- parish Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe; 8:45 am - Women's conference on Spiritual motherhood for priests, Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction, Rosary and other prayers for priests. 10:30 am- Light reception, ending at 11:00 am. Please Register by **December 9** -- by email to: smfpstl@gmail.com ;-- by phone: call **314-275-0890**
- **Invitation to Divorced and Separated Catholics:** The holidays can be difficult for divorced and separated families. Make your healing a priority in the new year by attending the **Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide**. The 12-week program follows lay men and women on the journey to true healing, along with Catholic experts who address denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, the kids, the ex-spouse, spirituality, annulment and much more. Immaculate Conception – Dardenne parish is hosting the program beginning January 7, 2016. Contact Debi at debijo@att.net or 314.276.3859 for more information.
- **Advent Retreats:** IL Ritiro Franciscan Retreat Center Dittmer, MO is offering 2 different retreats during Advent. "Stations of the Nativity Retreat: Celebrating God in our Midst" December 3 & 5, 2015; Pre-Christmas Franciscan Hermitage Retreat scheduled for December 21 Beginning at 5:30 pm - December 23 Noon. These Retreats provides quality time during the Advent season to be spent in prayer communally and in quiet reflection. Call: 636-274-0554; Email: il.ritiro@gmail.com; website: www.il-ritiro.com
- **Advent Day of Prayer:** December is filled with a flurry of activities while our heart desires a time of quiet and peace. Join us for an **Advent Day of Prayer** at the Sanguis Christi Spirituality Center, 3522 Utah Street. St. Louis, MO on Saturday, December 5, 2015 from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. The day will begin and end with prayer together. In between is your time to rest in the love of the Incarnated Jesus through solitude, reading, listening to healing music or a walk in nature. Lunch is provided and we ask a free will offering. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, December 2, 2015. For more information or to register, call Sr. Carol Orf at **314-560-1028** or email corf@cpps-ofallon.org