

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

New Melle, Missouri

November 27,
2016



First Sunday
of
Advent

Therefore, stay awake!
For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.

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**

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 26

8:00 am Dolores Przybylski +
4:00 pm Rick Hagan +

Sunday, November 27

7:30 am Mimi Ferguson +
9:30 am Louise Seper +
11:15 am People of the Parish

Monday, November 28

8:00 am All Souls Intentions

Tuesday, November 29

8:00 am Debbie Usry +

Wednesday, November 30

8:00 am Randy Schneider +
Lukas Schneider +

Thursday, December 1

8:00 am Kenny Sprock +

Friday, December 2

8:00 am Holy Vocations

Saturday, December 3

8:00 am Sallie Ferguson +
4:00 pm Bill Ulery +

Sunday, December 4

7:30 am Rich and Jolene Molitor
9:30 am Erma Guinn +
Helena Davis +
11:15 am People of the Parish

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;
Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Wednesday: St. Andrew
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: St. Francis Xavier; First Saturday

Join the Holy Father's Prayer intentions for November 2016

Universal: Countries Receiving Refugees

That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.

Evangelization: Collaboration of Priests and Laity

That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement.

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 Tom Holstein, 314-456-1639
Jeff Comotto, 314-570-6972

Knights of Columbus Mike Reel, Grand Knight
314-581-6797

Legion of Mary Maria Romine-Kantor
314-614-0857

Marian Council Michelle Brothers, President
314-614-1114

Meals on Wheels Jean Reed-Bammann
Parish office- 636-398-5270

Prayer Shawl Ministry Julia Kettler
314-616-0096

Pro-Life Committee Bill Winters
636-828-4133

Quilters Ruth Willis
636-398-4597

Mary Ann Brakensiek
636-828-5776

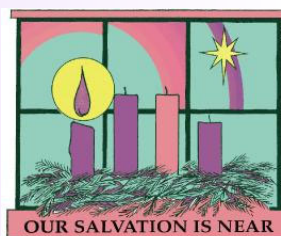
St. Vincent DePaul For information or assistance,
call 636-398-5270 , ex. 225

MEDITATION ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

[Jesus said,] "If the owner of a house knew the time when the thief would come... he would stay awake. So then, you also must always be ready, because the Son of Man will come when you are not expecting him." Matthew 24:13-41

One day, while filing away papers, the secretary of President J. F. Kennedy found this note, written in the president's own hand. It read: "I know there is a God and I see a storm coming. If he has a place for me, I believe that I am ready."

Jesus' warning to be ready and Kennedy's readiness to serve invite me to ask: How ready am I to put myself at God's service for whatever God may ask me to do?



**I heard the Lord say,
"Whom shall I send?"**

**I answered,
"I will go! Send me!"**
ISAIAH 6:8

The Parish Mission begins Sunday evening, December 4 in the church at 7:00 pm. Fr. Daniel McCaffrey will hear confessions before and after each session through Wednesday.

Opening Our Hearts to Christ

Dear Parishioners,

A few years ago I started a tradition of offering more hours for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. During the Advent Season I will be in the Confessional from 7:00 PM until 8:30 PM Monday through Wednesday. I will gladly stay longer any evening when there are people waiting to celebrate Reconciliation. While my primary reason for being in the Confessional is for the Sacrament, please know that if you would like to talk to me about anything I am there for you.

Finding the time to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation is an integral part of living a more complete life in Christ. Jesus waits for us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation to heal us of our sins and to strengthen us in our struggle to grow in holiness. It is very easy for us to delay celebrating the Sacrament because the experience of acknowledging our sins and then confessing them is uncomfortable. The very fact that we sinned means we knew better and acted otherwise. While there is potential shame associated with sin, the good news is how much the Lord wants to free us. We will not find a greater advocate for our growth in holiness than Jesus Christ. He desires to help each of us recognize the great gift of the Father's love. Reconciliation and Eucharist are the two lungs with which we breathe in the life of God, the Holy Spirit.

My hope is that the additional hours will provide you with a convenient time to celebrate the Sacrament. I also hope that if you have situations in your life that are more complicated the additional times will provide you with the freedom to come in and not feel rushed. If you need 5 minutes or 50 to celebrate the Sacrament I am willing to make the time to be with you. More than anything is my desire to help you be more completely reconciled with God and confident in His love for you.

If it's been a while since you came to Confession, please know that I will do my best to walk you through the Sacrament. I pray and strive to remove any barriers and all excuses that prevent us from coming to God in this great gift of His healing grace. Eucharist is our most intimate experience of coming to Jesus. What can compare to receiving the Living God into our very bodies? Confession is our most personal response to His grace. What can compare to coming to God in our sorrow and leaving filled with joy? When we open our hearts to Christ, our lives are changed in surprising ways.

Blessed Advent,

Fr. Tom

NAR-ANON SUPPORT GROUP :

Weekly meetings on Saturdays, 10:00 am in the Trailer at IHM.

This group is for Family and Friends of Addicts

For questions, please call Ann at 314-578-4737



Dynamic Catholic, Alive! – The End of the World

Be prepared for the coming of Jesus! Think about it—Jesus Himself was not sent to reveal “the day” or “the hour” known by the Father. Despite the human tendency to pretend to know or even predict the “end of the world,” nothing could be more certain than that we don’t really know and we’re not supposed to really know. We are called to live as though “the hour” is already here, and we’re ready. So, be prepared! (CCC 1036, 1040, 472-474) archstl.org/dynamic

Communion Calls: If you are unable to get to Mass because of illness or disability but would like to receive communion, please contact the parish office.

Hospitalization: If you are hospitalized, we would like to know. Please call the office or ask a friend to call for you if necessary. **Parish Office: 636-398-5270**

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE?

Please join us at one of our upcoming Information Nights or for more information call 314-792-7431.

Thursday, February 9, 2017 7:00 – 8:30 pm
St. Monica – Creve Coeur

Thursday, March 9, 2017 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Assumption – O’Fallon, MO

Thursday, April 6, 2017 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Cardinal Rigali Center

**HAVE YOU SIGNED UP TO PRAY FOR VOCATIONS? THE SIGN-UP SHEET IS IN THE NARTHEX.
PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS. LET’S KEEP IT GOING!**



CATHOLIC FAMILY CORNER "One Church, One Home"

The ability of human couples to beget life is the path along which the history of salvation progresses. Seen this way, the couple's fruitful relationship becomes an image for understanding and describing the mystery of God himself, for in the Christian vision of the Trinity, God is contemplated as Father, Son and Spirit of love. The triune God is a communion of love, and the family is its living reflection.

Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia* II

—How have you experienced God in the midst of your family's "communion of love"?



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Office of Laity and Family Life

BE PREPARED

Be prepared. It's that simple. As this Advent season opens before us, the Lord Jesus summons us to stand ready for his coming. At this time of year much of our attention is focused on being prepared for the details that accompany the holiday season. We purchase gifts; we decorate our homes, inside and out; we prepare foods that we eat only during the holidays; we write and send Christmas cards; we attend holiday concerts; we prepare either to welcome family and friends into our homes or arrange for visits to their homes. We really can't escape the details that make up the season. Perhaps this Advent is a time to attend to all those details with a different spin. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, why not be deliberate about acknowledging the presence of the Lord as we go about these tasks? The Lord often comes to us in wonderfully surprising ways. Let us be prepared. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

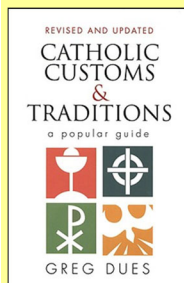
Before the Second Vatican Council in the mid-1960s, Advent had a strong penitential tone, reminiscent of Lent. From as long ago as the fourth century, some Christians began a solemn fast on St. Martin's Day, November 11. This "Saint Martin's Lent" extended all the way to Christmas, and was widely followed in the dioceses of France and Germany, and in the Middle Ages in England. Fasting was required, and dancing and similar activities were banned for the duration. The fast had a social function, too, assuring that the winter food supplies would stretch into spring.

At the Second Vatican Council, some bishops argued that a revival of the long winter's fast would give the Church a chance to establish the message and themes of the Incarnation long before the holiday hubbub took hold. This proposal didn't pass, and Advent emerged as a four-week period of reflection, expectant waiting, and joyful preparation for the coming of the Lord. The season has two principal phases, with the first beginning this Sunday. The second phase commences on December 17, when the liturgy begins to unfold the story of the Savior's coming. Interestingly, the Eastern Church maintains a strongly penitential note in Advent, which is called "Winter Lent," "The Nativity Fast," or "Christmas Lent," and has laws forbidding people to absent themselves from liturgy from December 17 onward.

PSR Corner

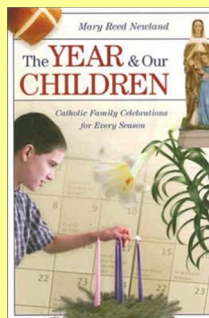
Parish Mission, December 4-7. Information on the final page of this bulletin

FROM THE PARISH LIBRARY (GRAND HALL)



Catholic Customs and Traditions: When did Advent originate? What about all the other feasts of the liturgical year, the Catholic Customs and devotions. Here's a helpful guide. This newly revised, expanded edition answers the questions most commonly asked by both Catholics and non-Catholics. Dues outlines traditional Catholic religious history, gives an engaging overview of the rich variety of customs associated with Advent, Christmas, Holy Week, and Lent, and provides a thorough understanding of why Catholics practice their faith the way they do.

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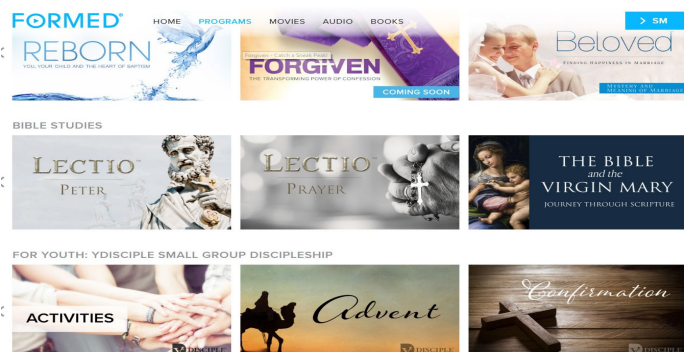


Does your family celebrate Advent? Looking for ideas on How to Celebrate Advent and the Liturgical Year at Home? Read *The Year and our Children* by Mary Reed Newland: For over half a century, Catholic families have treasured the practical piety and homespun wisdom of this book, which has become classic of domestic spirituality. With this new edition, you can again enjoy Mary Reed Newland's faithful insights, gentle lessons, and delightful stories. They're all here, and ready to be shared with your family or homeschooling group. Here, too, you'll find prayers, crafts, family activities, litanies, and recipes that will help make your children ever-mindful of the beautiful rhythm of the Church calendar.

See also the CD set downstairs in the library entitled **Traditions of Faith and Family** by Karen Wood.

www.formed.org

Formed Offers Great Programs for November and into Advent
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish has purchased a subscription for every person in the parish boundaries. Go to www.Formed.org and enter parish code 04c2dc that is (zero-4-c-2-d-c) and you will have access to all the resources on the site. One of the free E-books there, Dr. James Hitchcock's *History of the Catholic Church*, is a great complementary resource to the Epic Church History study on Wednesday nights.





NEWS FROM HOME

STEWARDSHIP — NOVEMBER 27, 2016

Chapel "Heavenly Duster" Mary Hardesty

If you need your name removed or want to be added to the Chapel Heavenly Duster list, call the office and let us know. Thank you in advance for your generous donation of time!

The collection figures for Sunday, November 20 will be published in the next edition.

Thank you for your generosity!

Have you tried the electronic offertory? There are options for giving, including online at www.ihm-newmelle.org.

You can also use the weekly envelopes and the pink "Many Gifts, One Heart" capital campaign envelopes.

Call the parish office for more information.

St. Vincent DePaul Society

Thank you for your generosity! We are happy to report we have received a large donation from the Boy Scouts and are happy to report the pantry only needs a few things at this time...paper goods, cleaning supplies, shampoo/conditioner, body soap, and smiles!

Thank you for all you do for us and God bless!

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

...a time to die...

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Jerry Bussen, husband of Frances Bussen;

Jane Behan, sister of Bev Olm;

and Jerry Hailey,

husband of Jo Hailey and father of Pam and Greg Klemme.

May they rest in peace.

FROM THE LITURGICAL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE —

It helps to start early and with many hands, the decorations will go up fast. Please mark your calendar. We will be putting up greens and putting out the poinsettias in the church after the 11:15 Mass on Sunday, Dec. 18. Sign-up sheets for this will be put out in December.



WARM CLOTHING COLLECTION

IHM will collect winter coats, sweaters, sweatshirts or any warm clothing for the next several weeks. Please put your new or gently used coat donations in the container by Weber Hall. Thanks in advance for your care and consideration!

Annual Trivia Night to benefit Our Lady's Inn— Saturday, January 14 at Chaminade College Prep School (425 S. Lindbergh). Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and trivia begins at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person and \$200 for a table of ten. For more information or to register, visit www.ourladysinn.org or call Katrina at 314-736-1544. Our Lady's Inn provides a loving home and an array of service supporting pregnant women and their children suffering with homelessness.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Joan Allen
Martha Almeling
Diane Alwes
Virginia Ast
Al Bamert
Catherine Bamert
Bobbi Beeson
Doug Behme
Jim Blondin
Vicky Brink
Connie Burbes
Frances Bussen
Gynette Cathey
Diana Cazares
Diane Charzel
Harold Clark
Lisa Clark
Rick Cobleigh
Nicholas Comotto
Bob Cova

Keith Cova
Barb Curran
Terry Daub
Ken Donaghue
Rita Elfrink
Kathy Enk
Jonell Falcon
Ted Feldewerth
Ann Fitzgerald
Dave Gentry
Trevor Giebe
Charlie Grady
Jackie Hackett
Terry Hagan
Linda Hales
Chris Hanna
Dennis Hanna
Larry Hanna
Tom Hartenbach
Cathy Hartmann
Dave Hendrix
Nancy Hollenstein
Alice Hunsinger

James Jaegers
Patricia Jorke
David and Mary Karll
Jeff Kerkur
Richard Klish
Ellen Kowalsk
Bernie Kulawiec
Bernie Lears
Ken Martin
Joan Martin
Gina McDonald
Shirley McDonald
McMullin Family
George Meyer
Tom Miller
Frank Modder
Mary Moellering
Marion Mueller
Angel Owens
Virginia Randolph
Walt Reel

Tonya Roseman
Pat Ryan
Ken Shrum
Yvonne Scott
Patti Sturm
Jerry Tajkowski
Brian Tampow
Karen Taylor
Dan Telle, Jr.
Christine Tinker
Keith Van Hoy
Mariah Walker
Joe Weinreis
White Family
Peggy Williams
Alexander Wilmes
Judy Jacobs'
mom
Rita Bendel's
brother Tom
Antonette
Carol

Billie
Kathy
Sr. Mary Carolyn
Jenny
Sherri
Baby Charlie
Liz
Baby Amos
Kelly
Joe
Bill
Diane
Cody
Chris
Ron
Mark
Jane
Brenda
Kim
Zachary
Stan

David
Danielle
Stephanie
Joanne
TJ
Beth
Laurie
Mike
Jane
Lauren
Tom

Italian Feast & Live Performance: Friday, December 2 in Founders Hall, Hosted by Nancy Hollenstein and Teens. Proceeds will benefit Teen Pro-Life trip to Washington, D.C. in January 2017. Live Performance; 'The Apostle of Mercy', written and directed by IHM's very own Maria Romine. Tickets available in advance after all Masses on Nov. 26 and 27, and at the door. Adults \$10, Children under 16 yrs. FREE! For more information, contact Nancy at [\(636\) 798 2105](tel:6367982105) Doors open at 5:00; play at 5:30; dinner at 6:00 pm.

IHM Quilters—

The Quilters have just finished a gorgeous Christmas quilt. Tickets for that raffle will be sold this week-end and next month. Prices: \$2 per ticket or 3 for \$5. Look for the quilts in the narthex after all the weekend Masses.



NEWS FROM THE IHM MARIAN COUNCIL



Marian Council Christmas Party Invitation

All the ladies of the parish are invited to the Marian Council Christmas Party, to be held in the Grand Hall on Tuesday, December 13 starting at 6:00 pm. **Paid reservations at \$5.00 each must be made by December 4.** Everyone is asked to bring paper products or personal items for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. You can reserve your spot after the weekend Masses. Please remember that the parish office will not accept reservations by phone.

Rosary at the Grotto

Come join us in reciting the rosary at the Fatima grotto by Fr. Tom's house. Saturday, December 3 at noon.



INVITATION TO DIVORCED AND SEPARATED CATHOLICS

Whether you're in the courts now or divorced for many years, you CAN find hope and healing. The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide is a new 12-week DVD program featuring Catholic experts, and lay men and women on the journey to healing. Topics include 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 12, 2017. Contact Debi at debijo@att.net for more information.

IHM Engraved Tumblers

30 ounce tumblers, Double-wall, Vacuum-Sealed
Keeps your drinks hot or cold for hours! \$20
These tumblers are available in the office.

NEWS FROM HOME



Liturgical Ministers for Next Week

December

4:00 pm

EM: Mary Hannig, Pat Barnard, Jackie Barclay, Bernadine Pollihan, Mary Jean Hartenbach, Pat Noack
L: Nancy Ast, Jerry Knott
GB: Judy Cova, Loretta Bruns
S: Lindsey and Madelyn Bouquet
U: Joe Spiess, Larry Graves, Tom Zaleuke, Stan Nikonowicz

December 4

7:30 am

EM: Peggy Dupree, John and Karen Wappelhorst, John Fiacco, Ed and Carol Rabbitt
L: Lucy Smith, Elizabeth Vehige
GB: Frank & Jan Kardasz
S: Connor Jaeckle, Mary Grace Becker
U: Larry Koch, Larry Gassei, Rich Molitor, Frank Marquart

December 4

9:30 am

EM: Michelle Greiwe, Joe Faron Sr., Pat Gentry, Kris Jenkins, Alvina Fry, Clara Haas, Chris Aulbach, Bob Leeker
L: Bill Winters, John Grady
GB: Stafford Family
S: Brianna, Morgan, Jordan Dale
U: Curt Eccardt, Gary Struckhoff, Charles Hinkle, Terry Schneider, Dave DeBold, Stan Kostecki

December 4

11:15 am

EM: Pat Roche, Jane Holstein, Joni Marren-Slaughter, Elaine Sudbrock, Joan Falbo, Donna Wolff
L: Tim Michaelree (both readings)
GB: Menne Family
S: Maggie Molitor, Lannah Montgomery
U: Glen Taylor, Alan Raymond

Start with a Smile at
smile.amazon.com this Holiday Season

Support us and find all of your holiday essentials including gifts, decorations, and more.

You shop. Amazon gives.



WHAT'S YOUR CATHOLIC IQ?

1. To whom did Jesus say, "...upon this rock I will build my church"?

- (a) Pilate; (b) Peter; (c) John; (d) Mary

2. The abbreviation Phil represents which book of the Bible?

- (a) Philemon; (b) Philistines;
(c) Phil Robertson Bible (Duck Dynasty); (d) Philippians

3. In the Gloria, we say that Jesus alone is the following except

- (a) Holy One; (b) God from God (c) Lord; (d) Most High

4. Between 1377 and 1415, how many men claimed to be the pope at the same time?

- (a) 12; (b) 2; (c) 7; (d) 3

5. The acronym CCD stands for

- (a) Confraternity of Christian Doctrine;
(b) Catholic Christian Doctrine;
(c) Confiteor Confirmandi Doctrinus;
(d) Can't Comprehend Doctrine

6. Which of the following saints was not one of the Twelve Apostles?

- (a) Matthew; (b) Mark; (c) Andrew; (d) John

7. Creation is the common work of

- (a) the Father; (b) the Holy Trinity;
(c) the Son; (d) the Holy Spirit

8. In the Roman Catholic Church, which sacrament is always presided over by a bishop?

- (a) holy orders; (b) confirmation;
(c) baptism; (d) anointing of the sick

9. Mortal sin involves all of the following except

- (a) serious matter; (b) full knowledge;
(c) acedia; (d) deliberate consent

10. In the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi, we pray to be made a channel of God's

- (a) peace; (b) grace; (c) holiness; (d) cable listings

The answers will be found on the next page. →

Birthright Christmas Cards

The Pro-Life Committee will be selling Birthright Christmas cards after all Masses the weekends of Nov. 26-27 and Dec. 3-4. The cards come 15 in a package for \$10. Please consider supporting Birthright when planning your Christmas card purchases.



Such outstanding generosity!

Because of the Scouts and their Scouting for Food project, the St. Vincent dePaul pantry has been filled.

When the cans have all been counted and there's a final number, it will be posted in this spot. Thank you so much!



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Here we are again, beginning a new church year, and looking ahead to Christmas. We have been through a long period of Ordinary Time, with several secular holidays: Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, and Thanksgiving. We celebrated all of these, and now it is time to prepare for the great feast of Christmas.

As Christians, we are not preparing only to celebrate the secular Christmas that has crept into our year for the last hundred years or more. We are celebrating the coming of Christ, both into our world at the Nativity and again at the end of time. It is time to awaken from our sleepy ordinary time and await the coming of Christ.

NO TIME FOR INSOMNIA

We can get very busy and preoccupied with preparations for Christmas, both secular and sacred. Often, at the bombardment of advertising and "holiday specials" of every kind, from store and Internet sales to Christmas specials on TV and "holiday" parties, we push the peaceful and reflective preparations of Advent to a back burner. Then we get exhausted and sometimes resentful of all that has somehow piled on top of our usual busy lives.

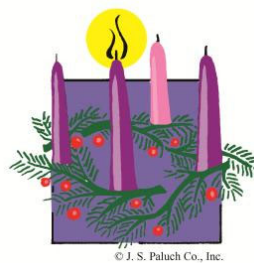
We need to slow down, and perhaps we can eliminate some of the more extraneous parts of this celebration. Do we really need to put lights on our houses, which is time-consuming, and will require taking down again, sometimes too long after the Christmas season has passed? Do we really need all the decorations we put around the house, or would a lovely Christmas tree, a crèche, and some poinsettias do? Do we need hundreds of cookies, or would a few dozen do? Does everyone really need multiple presents, or would one per person do?

Think about how much better this time would be if we could slow down, read, and ponder a scripture reading each day, and not be in such a tizzy that we cannot get a good night's rest. Today's urging to "stay awake" does not mean to toss and turn all night pondering the "to do" list and wondering if and how we will get it all done.

THE LIGHT OF THE LORD

What a relief it would be if we had time to ponder the miracle of God-with-us. In our troubled world, we very much need to pray for peace. "They shall beat their swords into plowshares / and their spears into pruning hooks; / one nation shall not raise the sword against another, / nor shall they train for war again" (Isaiah 2:4). If only we could make it so by wishing, but Jesus has said that if we ask for anything in his name, it will be granted. Perhaps we can find time for even a small prayer for our war-torn, weary world.


*"O house of Jacob,
come, / let us walk in the
light of the LORD!" (Isaiah 2:5).*





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Parish Office: 636-398-5270


Future Events


 **The Advent Angel Tree** has been set up in the narthex. Please take an ornament and make someone's Christmas a little easier.


 **Baptism Class**— Monday, Nov. 28 at 7:00 pm in Weber Hall. Call the parish office to register.


 **The next rosary** at the Fatima grotto will take place on Saturday, December 3 at noon.

 **Parish Mission:** at IHM during Advent, from December 4 through December 7. Details on the following page.

 **Immaculate Conception**, feast day and holy day of obligation— Thursday, December 8. Masses at 8:00 am and 7:00 pm

 **K of C Breakfast**— Sunday, December 11 in Founders Hall from 8:00 am to 11:00.

 **K of C Fish Fry**— Friday, December 16 in Founders Hall from 5:00 pm to 8:00.

 **K of C meeting**— Tuesday, December 20 in Founders Hall at 7:00 pm

Mark your calendar —

Christmas Mass schedule:

4:00 pm on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 (Saturday)

Midnight, with music starting at 11:30 pm

8:00 am and 10:00 am on Christmas Day (Sunday)



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**



**3rd Friday of every month
(except during Lent)**

ALL YOU CARE TO EAT COMPLETE DINNER \$12.00

Menu

Fish (catfish and cod), Fries, Mac & Cheese, Pasta Surprise,
Homemade Coleslaw, Coffee, Tea, Lemonade
Dessert

CARRY OUT DINNER \$10.00

(Carryout Dinner includes 1/2 lb of FISH, 2 Sides, Roll, Dessert)

CHILDREN 6-11 \$7.00

BEER AND SODA AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

Location and Time:
FOUNDERS HALL from 5:00—8:00PM

Catholic IQ Answers

1. (b) Jesus says these words to Peter (whose name means "rock") in Matthew 16:18.
2. (d) In the New American Bible, "Phil" is the abbreviation for Philippians while "Phlm" is the abbreviation for Philemon.
3. (b) We refer to Jesus as "God from God" in the Nicene Creed.
4. (d) This period of time, during which up to three men claimed to be pope at the same time, is known as the Great Schism. Obviously there was only one true Pope. Even through this "scandal" one can see how God still guides the Church.
5. (a) The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine was established in Rome in 1562. Today the term "CCD" has generally been replaced by terms such as "religious education," "faith formation," or "catechesis."
6. (b) Mark was one of the Evangelists (a writer of one of the four Gospels) but not one of the Twelve Apostles.
7. (b) "Creation is the common work of the Holy Trinity" (see the Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 292).
8. (a) Holy orders is always presided over by a bishop. Confirmation, while usually reserved for the bishop, can, with permission, be presided over by a priest at the Easter Vigil.
9. (c) Acedia, another word for sloth, is one of the Seven Deadly Sins.
10. (a) The Prayer of St. Francis is often called the Peace Prayer.

Source: CATECHIST Magazine

MISSOURI LIFE CARAVAN is once again organizing buses for the Annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. Thursday- Saturday, Jan. 26- 28, 2017. Join thousands from across the U.S. for this huge pro-life gathering in our nation's capital. The cost before Dec. 23 is \$190 and after Dec. 23, \$205. Contact info: 314-434-4900, mrl.eastern@yahoo.com. www.missourilife.org.

ENKINDLE MINISTRY

—because we recognize the holidays are particularly stressful for those who are dealing with infertility. In December, in place of our individual appointments, the Enkindle Ministry would like to invite you to a small group sharing session. Please join us on December 7, 2016, at the Office of Natural Family Planning, 11700 St. Louis, Ste C In St. Louis. The session will begin at 5:30 and end at 7:00.

PILGRIMAGE TO STARKENBERG

he Heart of Mary (IHM's Legion of Mary) will be making a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows in Starkenberg, MO on December 8 (Thursday) after 8:00 am Mass. Anyone is welcome to join them in making this journey. Drivers are being coordinated, so if you wish to join the Heart of Mary in celebrating the feast day of the Immaculate Conception in a special way, please contact Maria Romine at 314-614-0857.

Out and About

Breakfasts and Dinners

- **All you can eat breakfast** at Immaculate Conception in Augusta, Nov. 27 from 8:00 am to noon. Adults, \$8, children from 6 to 12, \$3.00
- **Breakfast at St. Vincent in Dutzow**, December 4 from 8:00 am to 11:30 am; adults, \$9 and children ages 6 to 11, \$3.00

Just for Fun

- **Choral Arts Singers Christmas Concert Schedule:** Friday, Dec. 2 at Zion UCC, 725 S. Main St. in Troy, MO; Sunday, Dec. 4 at 3:00 pm at Assumption Chapel, 4003 N. Main in O'Fallon MO; Sunday, Dec. 11 at 4:00 pm at Grace Community Chapel, 7661 Mexico Rd in St. Peters, MO.
- **Friedens Bake Sale**, Sunday, Dec. 4 from 11:30– to 2:00 pm; homemade cookies, candy and cinnamon rolls
- **Stile Antico Renaissance Holiday Concert** (Tickets range from \$19-\$42) Wednesday, November 30 at 8:00 PM. Doors open at 7 at the Cathedral Basilica on Lindell in St. Louis.
- **Advent Concert -Ever Ancient, Ever New** - on Friday, Dec. 9, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., St. Anselm Parish, Creve Coeur, MO. Presented by Dennis Keller and Carrie Bajzath and other musical guests. Light refreshments and beverages following. Suggested donation \$10 at the door.

Opportunities

- **Holiday Gala Benefiting Orphans** Join us for a gala night on the town Dec. 1st at the Missouri Athletic Club. The evening will feature dinner, a silent auction, live jazz piano, an overview of In His Hands Orphans' work, and an appearance by Debbie Monterrey of KMOX sharing her adoption story. Tickets are available for \$50 at Dillard's Customer Service counters. Email Danielle@InHisHandsOrphans.org for more info
- **Pray the four Rosaries** at St. Paul Church in St. Paul, MO, on Friday, December 2nd at 7pm. We will be praying through the intercession of our Sweet Lady, asking her to put her mantle around our country and asking God to bless our United States of America. Please, Father in Heaven, bless all our newly elected officials, helping them to bring our country back to you.
- **National Night of Prayer for Life** on Thursday, December 8th at 8pm at St. Paul church in St. Paul, MO> We will have four hours of prayer to Our Lady of the Americas. Join in prayer across America to seek the Lord's mercy and restore life, liberty, faith and peace.



Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Mission with Fr. Daniel McCaffrey December 4-7, 2016 (7:00 – 9:00 PM)

To conclude the Year of Study, IHM is hosting a parish mission with guest speaker Fr. Daniel McCaffrey. **Sunday, December 4 through Wednesday December 7th (7:00 pm - 9:00 pm in Church)** Based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, this parish mission will be an opportunity hear new insights to age-old truths, providing spiritual growth through the sacraments of the Eucharist, Reconciliation and preaching.

Sunday: What the Catholic Church believes (The Creed)

Monday: What the Catholic Church celebrates (Sacraments)

Tuesday: What the Catholic Church prays (Prayer and the Spiritual Life)

Wednesday: What the Catholic Church lives (Commandments, NFP, Marriage & Family life, and Theology of the Body)

"I attended three of your four talks this past week during the mission you gave at Annunciation Parish. A previous commitment precluded me going on Wednesday night...I heard that you received a standing ovation. Rightly so."
Mr. Harvey Bailey, Ontario, Canada

Confessions beginning an hour before each evening and following each evening until last confession is heard. All ages welcome. Free babysitting available. (call the office). Snacks, fellowship at intermission.

Father Daniel McCaffrey is a priest of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. He was ordained in 1958. A year later he departed for the Muslim country of Pakistan where he served for over eight years as a missionary. Father holds a Doctorate in Sacred Theology from the University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) in Rome. In 1968, during the Vietnam Conflict Father joined the United States Army Chaplain Corps. During more than twenty years of active duty he served in Vietnam, Korea, Germany and Honduras, as well as numerous army installations throughout the United States. During his ministry he has also worked in the Apostolate of Marriage Enrichments.