

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

New Melle, Missouri



December 7, 2014

Second Sunday of Advent

*I have baptized you
with water;
he will baptize you
with the Holy Spirit.*

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, 7:30 pm
Saturday after the 8:00 am Mass

Marriage

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

Baptism

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Contact Shawn Mueller in the
parish office

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Immaculate Heart of Mary

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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, December 7

9:30 am Children's liturgy during Mass

10:30 am Children's Bell Choir after Mass, in the church by the piano

7:00 pm Reconciliation, church

Monday, December 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day of Obligation

8:00 am Mass, church

6:30 pm Scouts, Founders Hall

7:00 pm Bell choir rehearsal is cancelled for today

7:00 pm Mass followed by reconciliation, church

Tuesday, December 9

9:00 am and 5:30 pm Exercise classes, Grand Hall Foyer

6:00 pm Marian Council Holiday Dinner

for those who have made reservations; Grand Hall

7:00 pm Reconciliation, church

Wednesday, December 10

6:00 pm PSR Classes, Founders Hall and Weber Hall

6:00 pm Acts of the Apostles, Bible Study, Grand Hall

7:00 pm Reconciliation, church

Thursday, December 11

8:30 am Legion of Mary, Founders Hall

9:00 am and 5:30 pm Exercise classes, Grand Hall Foyer

6:30 pm Symbolon Group, Weber Hall

7:00 pm Choir rehearsal, Church

7:00 pm Venturing Crew, trailer

Friday, December 12

8:30 am Quilters, Weber Hall

2:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry; Weber Hall

6:30 pm Children's Bell choir rehearsal; church

5:00 pm Venturing Crew Lock-In; Founders Hall

Saturday, December 13

8:00 am Mass followed by confession, church

Sunday, December 14

8:00 am Knights of Columbus Breakfast; Founders Hall

Santa will arrive at about 9:00 am

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 6

8:00 am Mimi Ferguson +
4:00 pm Pearl Hackett +

Sunday, December 7

7:30 am Mary Fine +
9:30 am People of the Parish
11:15 am Fr. Klaric +

Monday, December 8

8:00 am Mary Berfanger +
Joseph Sinopole +
7:00 pm People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 9

8:00 am David Lozano +

Wednesday, December 10

8:00 am Iris and Ben Bader +

Thursday, December 11

8:00 am Moira Ryan +
Leonard Sova +

Friday, December 12

8:00 am All Souls Intentions

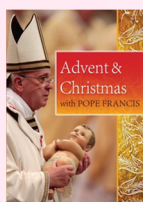
Saturday, December 13

8:00 am Ed Szostek +
4:00 pm People of the Parish

Sunday, December 14

7:30 am Bob and Rose Almeling +
9:30 am Erma Guinn +
John Watts +
11:15 am The Lassiter Family

Join the Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for December



Christmas, hope for humanity. That the birth of the Redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will.

Parents. That parents may be true evangelizers, passing on to their children the precious gift of faith

Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Parish Organizations

Scouting Units

Parish Rep (All Units) Jerry Hespen; 636-236-1955
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Venture Crew Dana Hoffman; 636-734-8423

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Mark Keune
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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

Carolyn Schellert, President
314-232-2042

Meals on Wheels

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636-398-4776

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Julia Kettler
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Pro-Life Committee

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636-828-4133

Quilters

Eleanor Sadlo
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Mary Ann Brakensiek
636-828-5776

St. Vincent DePaul

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

MEDITATION ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

[John preached to the people,] "Turn away from your sins and be baptized...and God will forgive your sins."

Mark 1:4

Charlie Rumbaugh grew up in reform schools, jails, and mental hospitals. At the age of 17, he escaped from a manic-depressive ward, found a gun, and killed someone in a scuffle during a robbery attempt. A Texas jury sentenced him to death. Awaiting execution, he asked a friend to pray that God would give him the grace to forgive the people he had grown to hate. Seconds before his execution, he said to the people present, "You may not forgive me for what I did, but I forgive everyone who has ever done anything against me."

How fully do I forgive-or pray to be able to forgive-those who have hurt me in some way?

Mark Link, S.J. "Mission"



Dear Parishioners,

Just wanted to share an Advent reflection/poem I stumbled across as I was looking for other prayers this Advent. Such surprises are welcome gifts. May your Advent be filled with such gifts as we move towards Christmas.

Blessed Advent,

Fr. Tom

Advent

By Daniel Berrigan

It is not true that creation and the human family are doomed to
destruction and loss --

This is true: For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whoever believes in him, shall not perish, but have everlasting life.

It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination,
hunger and poverty, death and destruction --

This is true: I have come that they may have life, and that abundantly.

It is not true that violence and hatred should have the last word,
and that war and destruction rule forever --

This is true: For unto us a child is born, and unto us a Son is given,
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
the Everlasting, the Prince of Peace.

It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil who seek to rule the world --

This is true: To me is given authority in heaven and on earth,
and lo, I am with you, even unto the end of the world.

It is not true that we have to wait for those who are specially gifted,
who are the prophets of the Church, before we can be peacemakers.

This is true: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,
and your sons and daughters shall prophesy,
your young shall see visions, and your old shall have dreams.

It is not true that our hopes for the liberation of humanity, for justice, human dignity, and
peace are not meant for this earth and for this history --

This is true: The hour comes, and it is now, that true worshippers
shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth.

So let us enter Advent in hope, even hope against hope.

Let us see visions of love and peace and justice.

Let us affirm with humility, with joy, with faith, with courage:

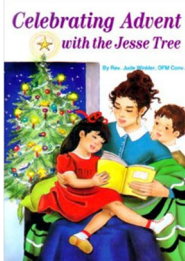
Jesus Christ -- the Life of the world.

Source: Testimony: The Word Made Fresh, by Daniel Berrigan. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2004.

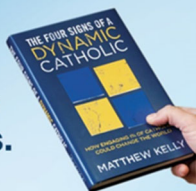
NEWS
FROM THE
RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT



Upcoming: Is your family celebrating Advent with the Jesse Tree? Did you get the packet of info to help in this? December 10: Class. December 17: Class. Parents are asked to pick up report cards at the end of class and have a brief exchange with the catechist. Note: The 2nd graders will have their first reconciliation on December 17.



Great books
change lives.



**A Word from DynamicCatholic.com about
a Book Program and how you can help.**

Some Sad Statistics:

**Close to 70% of Catholics don't go to Mass on Sunday.
32% of people who attend Christmas Mass
only go once a year.**

Last year only 1% of Catholics in America read a Catholic book.



"How many of your parishioners do you think read a Catholic book last year? We believe that if every person in your parish read two great Catholic books each year --- that would be a game-changer for your parish! It would lead to higher levels of energy, engagement, and involvement... and would ultimately make your parish a more vibrant faith community. So, we have made it our mission to help you accomplish this. Each year we make great Catholic books available for just \$2 or \$3 a copy. They are not small booklets or pamphlets. These books usually retail at \$17.95 each and are some of the bestselling Catholic books of our time.

"There is a whole listing of books that we can make available for others as a free gift for Christmas. Imagine someone coming to Mass at Christmas and because of your help, they are able to get a free book to bring home with them. We need bold new initiatives to capture people's attention and convince them of the genius and relevance of the Catholic faith. This is one of them."

The religious education department would like to purchase between 300 to 500 books listed on the www.dynamiccatholic.com website. These would be given out, free of charge, at the Christmas Masses. Would you like to help underwrite this project with a donation of \$20, \$50 or \$100 so the parish can offer free books to the congregation at Christmas and beyond? Please contact the parish office and ask to speak to Shawn for more information, 636-398-5270.

Donations can also be put in the collection in an envelope marked
"Dynamic Catholic Program."



December 7, 1941

PEARL HARBOR DAY

Pray for the security of our country, the safety of our military and first responders,
and wisdom for our government leaders.

Don't forget to thank a veteran today!





NEWS FROM HOME



Stewardship

December 7, 2014

St. Joseph Chapel "Heavenly Dusters"

Judy Hendrix

The "Heavenly Dusters" schedule can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex.

The "Heavenly Dusters" schedule needs to be updated. Please see the bulletin insert for more information.

Collection figures for Sunday, Nov. 23, 2014

General Offertory: \$11,496.75

Online Donations: \$2,387.00

Total: \$13,883.75

Collection figures for Sunday, Nov. 30, 2014

General Offertory: \$10,867.00

Online Donations: \$2,172.00

Total: \$13,039.00

Try Electronic Offertory

Those who are pledging for the "Many Gifts. One Heart" new debt reduction campaign should mark their envelopes with the correct campaign title.

Pink debt reduction envelopes are included in the monthly envelope mailing. There are options for giving. Use weekly envelopes or check out On-Line giving at www.ihm-newmelle.org

St. Vincent DePaul Society

Items needed for the food pantry: Jelly, chili beans, canned meats, Coffee, sugar, oil, bleach, trash bags, Kleenex, paper towels, shave cream.

Memorial tribute and healing cards are available. The order forms can be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

INVITATION: DIVORCED AND SEPARATED CATHOLICS

The holidays can be difficult for divorced and separated families. Decide to start the new year with hope and healing by attending **The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide** program. The 12-week program features Catholic experts, and lay men and women who share their journey to healing. Topics include denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, the kids, the ex-spouse, spirituality, annulment and much more. Immaculate Conception Parish - Dardenne is hosting the program beginning January 8, 2015. There is a \$25 fee which will cover all materials needed. (*Scholarships are available for anyone who cannot afford the fee*). Contact Debi at debijo@att.net or 314-276-3859 for more information.



THE GIVING TREE

Please return your Giving Tree gifts to the narthex no later than December 14. Attach the paper angel to the gift so it will be delivered to the correct person. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Please try to return your gifts to the narthex by December 14. The deadline helps the SVdP society deliver the gifts in time for Christmas!

BIRTHRIGHT CHRISTMAS CARDS

Birthright Christmas Cards will be sold after all Masses this weekend.

AN INVITATION The Legion meets every Thursday after Mass in Founders Hall except on the 4th week of the month. Then we meet on Tuesdays, at St. Gianna Church at 6pm. **ALSO-** Please join us on the first Friday of each month at IHOP in Wentzville at 9:00 am. Dutch Treat! What a wonderful way to catch up with other parish members. This is not a meeting of anything just a nice way to talk with your church family. Hope to see you there. Please call Nancy Hollenstein at 636-798-2105.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Do you know somebody that needs to be uplifted, affirmed, or maybe comforted? There are times when we need a tangible reminder that others care and/or that God is present during our suffering and distress. A prayer shawl then becomes that tangible proof or reminder.

There are a handful of women in this parish that lovingly create prayer shawls in various sizes and colors and these shawls are available to be given to anyone as a reminder of God's ever present love. Once made, the shawls are then blessed by Father Tom. Contact the parish office if you wish to select a shawl for someone.

The shawls do not require instruction on how to use them. Prayer shawls can be worn anyway that brings its wearer comfort. It can be set aside for prayerful moments or worn on a regular basis... maybe it just needs to be somewhere where it can be periodically touched.

Currently, we are not charging anything for these shawls. We always welcome left over yarn from other's projects, as well as, gift cards or monetary donations. If you knit or crochet or use knitting looms, etc, please consider joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry. The more volunteers, then lighter the burden will be in maintaining this ministry.

The next meeting is scheduled for 2:00 pm on Friday, December 12 in Weber Hall.

FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE

by Mike Morgan



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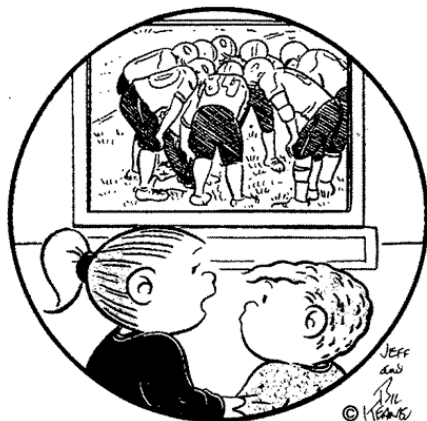
THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"JOY TO THE WORLD..."

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"They get together and pray before each play."

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SMILE

AWHILE!



"Someone's holding the 'great' a tad bit too long."

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Knights of Columbus

Holiday Dinner



ALL MEN OF THE PARISH
ARE INVITED TO ATTEND,
FREE OF CHARGE

Prime rib, baked potato, salad, dessert

Drinks included

Doors open at 6:00 pm; dinner at 7:30 pm

Founders Hall

Please sign up on the clipboard in the narthex
so we know how many people to expect

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Dave Hendrix

Al Bamert

Ted Feldewerth

Charlie Grady

Walt Ketts and family

Janet Hespen's Dad

Jane Holstein's sister

John, who has had back surgery

Keri and Jesse Knopp and their unborn baby

Maria Miller

Terri Guernsey

Steve Geldien

Jack Hitt

Diane Bocklage

Shirley McDonald



Do you get emails from the "Church of IHM New Melle"?

Constant Contact has been a great, powerful and inexpensive way to communicate with members of the parish regarding upcoming events, obituary notices, general news and more. As always, such email addresses are blind copied to respect privacy, and there is also an option to unsubscribe on the email itself. But given this gift of communication, would you like to be added to the list? Just send an email to the parish office at smueller@ihm-newmelle.org

SAVE THE DATES:

Catholic Women for Christ;

6th Annual

Conference;

Saturday,

March 21, 2015

St. Charles

Convention Center

Catholic Men for Christ,

8th Annual Conference;

Saturday,

February 7, 2015

Peabody Opera House

in St. Louis

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

December 13 4:00

EM: Vanita Joerling, Carol Baker, Donna Cuddihee, Walt & Jan Karase, Wilma Zurweller
L: Jan Messig, Ed Taylor
GB: Dave & Judy Hendrix
S: Colton & Camden Genta
U: Bryan Potter, Joe Spiess, Tom Zaleuke, Bill Pollihan

December 14 7:30

EM: Peggy Dupree, Walt & Jean Reel, Bill Key, John & Karen Wappelhorst
L: Erin & Emily Jaeckle
GB: Mike & Mary Hardesty
S: Eleanor & Max Hahn
U: Ed Rabbitt, Frank Marquart, Larry Gassei, Rich Molitor

December 14 9:30

EM: Clara Haas, Pat Gentry, Judeen Kutsko, Janet Hespen, Mary Keune, Joan Marren-Slaughter, Joe Faron Sr., Judy Podhorn
L: Michelle Greiwe, Roger Collins
GB: Ruth Scott & Joshua Scott
S: Adam Molitor, Megan Tersteeg, Maggie Molitor

U: John Bossert, Shawn Sweetin, Terry Schneider, Dave DeBold, Jim Blondin, Justin Molitor

December 14 11:15

EM: Debi Orf, Elaine Sudbrock, Donna Wolff, Katie Wibbenmeyer, Jim & Theresa Risch
L: Patrice Riley, Nancy Ast
GB: Meade & Pat Foster
S: Katie Wibbenmeyer, Elli Russell
U: Glen Taylor, Ron Riley, Todd Neihouse

LITURGICAL MINISTERS, PLEASE NOTE:

THE NEW LECTOR WORKBOOKS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX. THE SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S ARE ALSO IN THE NARTHEX.

CATHOLICS COME HOME

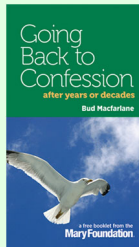
Do you know anyone, a family member or friend, who has fallen away from the Church? Do you wish and pray they would return? During the season of Advent we are asking you to identify them by placing their FIRST names or INITIALS on the printed copy of praying hands located on the table in the narthex. Place the paper in the basket. Please commit to praying one "Our Father", one "Hail Mary" and one "Glory Be" each day of Advent. We will join you in praying for them to return to church. Prayer is powerful and God hears each of us. Let's ask the Holy Spirit to inspire them to return to Church and God during this Holy time of the year.



St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

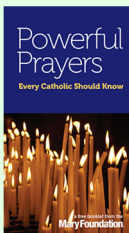
(Note: With close to 3000 items, the Parish Library is located in the Grand Hall past the restrooms. It is open during the week-normal business hours- and works on an honor system. Items from the Lighthouse CD rack are located and available in the Narthex.

From the Lighthouse Catholic CD – Pamphlet Rack: Narthex During



Advent, Fr. Tom is offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation every Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 7:00 -8:30 PM. The author of the pamphlet writes that after months of prayer, "it struck me that there should be a booklet of this kind which doesn't simply focus on sin (just about everybody already knows why they need repentance and healing on some deep level), but rather, be strongly focused on the supernatural event that takes place during Confession: namely, absolution--the transformation of the soul to its baptismal state of unity with God. Even many devout Catholics have received little catechesis on this crucial aspect of the sacrament. Going Back to Confession then follows through with the practical aspects on how to get back to Confession (finding Confession times online, making appointments); the spiritual warfare involved (our need to resist the evil one's attempts to stop us from following through on the decision to go); what to expect from our priests (compassion upon your return), and even basic advice on how specific one needs to be when confessing after a long time. Step by step, it includes the actual words used by the priest during absolution and how to make an Act of Contrition."

From the Lighthouse Catholic CD – Pamphlet Rack: Narthex



Includes: Traditional Morning Offering - Guardian Angel Prayer - Saint Michael Prayer- Act of Contrition-Hail Holy Queen-Memorare-The Fatima Prayer-The Jesus Prayer-Apostles Creed-Miraculous Medal Prayer-Prayer to the Holy Spirit-The Angelus-Regina Coeli-Spiritual Communion Prayer-Prayer Before Mass (by Saint Thomas Aquinas)-Prayer After Communion (by Saint Thomas Aquinas)-Anima Christi-Intercessory Prayer After

Communion- Prayer After Mass (by Saint Ignatius of Loyola)-First Century Novena to Saint Joseph- Novena to Saint Jude-Miraculous Novena to Saint Anthony of Padua-Novena to Saint Therese of Lisieux-Miraculous Medal Novena-Prayer of Saint Patrick-Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi-Prayer Before Study (by Saint Thomas Aquinas)-How to Pray the Rosary-How to Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet



CHECK IT OUT

...for youth and young adults

YDinner—YDisciple Group Meeting- in the Grand Hall on Wednesday,

January 7, 2015, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

CROSSROADS AT CULPEPPER'S on Highway K in O'Fallon (close to hwy 40); 7:00 pm for anyone, married or single, in their 20's or 30's; Tuesday, December 16.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

DONATIONS FROM RESTAURANT-

Bob Evans Restaurant in Wentzville will donate 15% of their proceeds to hospitalized children and the Special Olympics on the second Thursday of the month. **The next date for this generous donation will be December 18.** If you have a meal at Bob Evans that day mention the Knights of Columbus and the restaurant's generosity and they will make the donation.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The Knights of Columbus
will sponsor a
Breakfast with Santa
on Sunday, December 14 in Founders Hall.



Breakfast will be served from 8:00 to 11:00 with Santa arriving at about 9:00, depending on the speed of his reindeer. See you there!

ST. PATRICK'S CENTER CHRISTMAS WISHES

St. Patrick Center is in need of people to adopt clients through our Christmas Wishes sponsorship program. Sponsors are asked to purchase a minimum of two gifts, usually in the \$15 to \$20 range, per person. If you would like to sponsor a family, contact Katie Joseph at [314-802-1976](tel:314-802-1976) or kjoseph@stpatrikcenter.org.

PRAYER FOR THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Dear Lord,
Through the darkness, I look
for your wisdom.
I want my heart to be open to
you.
But sometimes in these days,
it seems that
so many things come between us.
Help me to be awake and aware
of the radiance you bring to my life.
Help me to be grateful each day
for the blessings of family and friends.
Let me be a peacemaker
in my own life, and in the world.
Let me pray especially for this difficult world
and those who are so in need of an end to violence.
My heart begs for this as my Advent prayer today.

<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent/Daily-prayers.html>



Parish Office: 636-398-5270

Future Events

- ☒ **The Immaculate Conception** of the Blessed Virgin Mary; a holy day of obligation on Monday, Dec. 8; Masses at 8:00 am and 7:00 pm. The Parish Office will be closed all day.
- ☒ **Marian Council Holiday Party**, Tuesday, Dec. 9; in the Grand Hall; for those who have made Reservations
- ☒ **The Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet on Friday, Dec. 12 at 2:00 pm in Weber Hall.
- ☒ **Children's Chimes rehearsal**; Friday, December 12 at 6:30 pm in the church
- ☒ **Lock-In** for the Venturing Crew; 5:00 pm Friday, December 12, to 9:00 am Saturday
- ☒ **Breakfast with Santa**, Sunday, Dec. 14 in Founders Hall; The K of C will host their usual breakfast from 8:00 to 11:00 am and Santa will arrive at 9:00 am.
- ☒ **Knights of Columbus December dinner**; Tuesday, Dec. 16 in the Grand Hall; the location has been corrected from last week.
- ☒ **Crossroads**, Tuesday, Dec. 16, 7:00 pm at Culpeppers in O'Fallon
- ☒ **Children's Chimes and Choir rehearsal**; Friday, December 19 at 6:30 in the church
- ☒ **Baptism class**, originally scheduled for Monday, Dec. 22 has been cancelled
- ☒ **The parish office will be closed on Thursday, December 25 (Christmas) and Friday, December 26.**
- ☒ **Blood Drive**, Thursday, Jan. 8 from 2:30 to 6:30 pm in Founders Hall



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
Wade Mathes,
son-in-law of Bill and Sue Yates.
May he rest in the peace of Christ.

Out and About

Breakfasts and Dinners

- **IHM BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**; Sunday, Dec. 14 in Founders Hall; breakfast from 8:00 to 11:00 with Santa arriving at around 9:00 or as soon as the reindeer get him here.
- **BORGIA HIGH SCHOOL DINNER**: Make plans to attend the Music Association Dinner at St. Francis Borgia Regional High School on Friday, December 12, from 4-7 PM in the high school cafeteria. The menu will consist of fried chicken, roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, green beans, coleslaw, rolls and homemade desserts. Please join us and support the Music Association before the Borgia vs. St. Mary's basketball game.
- **CHICKEN FRY AT ST. THEODORE**; Friday, Dec. 12, 2014; will benefit a fund that supports the stopping of world-wide persecution of Christians; Knights of Columbus Hall at 2061 Grothe Road in Flint Hill; 5:00-7:00 p.m. Along with the chicken they will serve salad, green beans and potato salad. Thank you for your support!

Opportunities

- **WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS**; Please join Fr. Bill Debo from Hermann, Mo. on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land Feb. 3 - Feb. 12, 2015. We will visit Nazareth, Cana, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Beatitudes, Capernaum, Sea of Galilee, Jordan River, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Mt. of Olives and much more. All accommodations are in first class hotels. Please call Travel Tyme [636-391-1000](tel:636-391-1000)
- **INFERTILITY SUPPORT GROUP**; The next discussion group meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 10 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. at Mercy Hospital, Department of Fertility Care Services, 11700 Studt Road, Suite C (one block south of Olive on Studt Road, east of new Ballas Road). This group has been formed to provide an opportunity to meet with others experiencing infertility to share insights, feelings and experiences. Please call to confirm meeting time and date or for more information on the group or seminar contact 314.997.7576

Benefits and Faith Events

- **ST. LOUIS FAITH JOURNEYS**, a radio show on Covenant Network, features St. Louis-area converts and reverts to Catholicism who are now doing important work for Christ and His Church. Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. on 1460 AM or 1080 AM.
- **PRO-LIFE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE NEEDED** Mary Queen of Angels is in desperate need of financial assistance. Checks must be made out to "Mary Queen of Angels" and mailed to 827 West Terra Ln., O'Fallon, MO 63366. We can be reached at [636-379-5070](tel:636-379-5070) or [636-634-7243](tel:636-634-7243).

Just for Fun

- **EUCHRE TOURNAMENT** sponsored by St. Joseph Knights of Columbus will be held on Sat., Dec. 13 at 7pm at St. Joseph School, 1410 Josephville Rd., Wentzville. Cost is \$10. Keep your partner. The Tournaments will be held on the second Saturday of each month thru MAR. For more info call Ralph Orf at [636-485-5306](tel:636-485-5306).
- **THE CAVALCADE OF CHOIRS: THE NEW MELLE EPIPHANY CONCERT** will take place on Sunday, January 4 at 2:00 pm here at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Free of charge; open to all

FOR FUTURE REFERENCE:

Confessions during Advent– from 7:00 to 8:30 pm on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday; see the weekly bulletin for any changes.

Christmas Eve Mass – 5:00 pm

Midnight Mass will begin at midnight; prelude music will begin at 11:30 pm

Christmas Day Mass – 10:00 am

New Year's Eve Mass – 5:00 pm

New Year's Day Mass – 10:00 am

New Melle Epiphany Concert – 2:00 pm on Jan. 4, 2015