

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

New Melle, Missouri



December 27, 2015

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

*“And Jesus advanced
in wisdom and age and favor
before God and man.”*

Sacraments and Devotions

Celebration of the Mass

Weekend Masses in the Church

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

Daily Mass

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

Devotions and Prayers, St. Joseph Chapel

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

Reconciliation

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

Marriage

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

Baptism

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Contact Shawn Mueller in the
parish office

Eucharistic Adoration

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

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Welcome!

Religious Education

Parish School of Religion (Grades 1 through 8)

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

Confirmation Preparation (8th grade)

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word

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

Adult Education

Wednesdays at 8:45 am and 6:10 pm.

This Week's Events

Sunday, December 27

9:30 am

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, December 28

6:30 pm

Scouts, Founders Hall

6:30 pm

Scouts, trailer

No bell choir practice tonight

Tuesday, December 29

6:30 pm

Legion of Mary, St. Gianna

No children's choir tonight

Wednesday, December 30

7:00 pm

No confessions tonight

Thursday, December 31

New Year's Eve; have fun but be safe

No choir practice tonight

Friday, January 1

The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Holy day of obligation; the parish office will be closed today

10:00 am and 7:00 pm

Mass, church

Saturday, January 2

8:00 am

Mass followed by confessions, Church

Roses for Life at all weekend Masses

Sunday, January 3

9:30 am

Children's Liturgy of the Word

2:00 pm

Epiphany Concert, *The Cavalcade of Choirs*, Church

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

Universal:

That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.

Evangelization:

That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.



January 1 is

World Day of Prayer for Peace.

Please see the article on another page in this bulletin concerning the rosary and praying for peace.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 26

8:00 am All Souls Intentions
4:00 pm Jim Wolf +
Frances Randolph +

Sunday, December 27

7:30 am Mary Fine +
Sonny Molitor +
9:30 am Gerrie Bader +
11:15 am People of the Parish

Monday, December 28

8:00 am All Souls Intentions

Tuesday, December 29

8:00 am Rose Rosciglione +

Wednesday, December 30

8:00 am Michael Zurweller +

Thursday, December 31

8:00 am People of the Parish

There will be no vigil Mass this year.

Friday, January 1

10:00 am **New Year's Day**
Holy Vocations
7:00 pm World Peace

Saturday, January 2

8:00 am Joe Sinopole +
4:00 pm People of the Parish

Sunday, January 3

7:30 am Herbert O. Fine +
9:30 am Helen Orf +
11:15 am Edward Reifsteck +

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8;
Mt 2:13-18
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Friday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;
Lk 2:16-21
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: The Holy Innocents
Tuesday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity
of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket
Wednesday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity
of the Lord
Thursday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the
Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I;
New Year's Eve
Friday: The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord;
Mary, the Holy Mother of God;
World Day of Prayer for Peace;
First Friday; New Year's Day
Saturday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen;
First Saturday

Scouting Units

Parish Rep (All Units) Jerry Hespen; 636-236-1955
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636-398-5786

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636-398-5270

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Mary Ann Brakensiek
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St. Vincent DePaul For information or assistance,
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MEDITATION ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

"The first and fundamental structure ... is the family, in which man receives his first formative ideas about truth and goodness, and learns what it means to love and to be loved, and thus what it actually means to be a person. Here we mean the *family founded on marriage*, in which the mutual gift of self by husband and wife creates an environment in which children can be born and develop their potentialities, become aware of their dignity and prepare to face their unique and individual destiny... It is necessary to go back to seeing the family as the *sanctuary of life*. The family is indeed sacred: it is the place in which life — the gift of God — can be properly welcomed and protected against the many attacks to which it is exposed, and can develop in accordance with what constitutes authentic human growth. In the face of the so-called culture of death, the family is the heart of the culture of life."

[St. John Paul II, CA#39].



BLESSED NEW YEAR!

Dear Parishioners,

As our holiday season continues, I wish each of you a blessed and happy New Year! As we look back on 2015 I hope and pray that it was a year of blessings for you. While not without its challenges, I hope you experienced the fullness of Jesus' friendship and peace. There are more signs about us than we will ever realize! God is constantly trying to assure us that He is with us and that we need not be afraid.

As I look back over 2015 it seemed to be a year of changes and trials. Here is a brief recap of some of the events we may remember from 2015:

- Terrorism has gained center stage with numerous attacks this year
- Greece faced economic collapse
- Supreme Court paved the way for same-sex unions
- Political Correctness has run amok (Ok, so now you know that I think it's excessive!)
- Pope Francis visited the US

That is just a small look back on the year that we just shared. It is easier to remember the bad news rather than the good. Therefore it is essential that we pray and intercede for our world. There are many more blessings than failings, but most of our blessings are personal and often hidden from others whereas the challenges we all face can be very public.

On the local and personal level, I am always humbled by the outpouring of goodness that I see in our parish family as well as our local community. You are witnesses to God's generosity in your own lives and you let that generosity overflow into the lives of others. Our Advent season was a time of prayerful anticipation and generous contribution. So many of you supported our Giving Tree and helped make this season more joyful for those who are less fortunate. Our local community has been so generous in supporting our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry that our shelves are overflowing. We have had numerous second collections this year, and you have been very generous to all of them. I was very humbled by the participation in our Box of Joy program. So many people gave so much to help others. The degree of participation in so many opportunities of stewardship is astounding. Please know that I never take it for granted and appreciate your generosity in both prayer and monetary contributions.

I am privileged to witness all these things and lift them up in prayer as part of my offering at our Sunday Masses. May all of us unite our blessings when we come before the Lord at Mass. Our daily gratitude is pressed down, shaken together and overflowing when we unite our joys to those of Jesus. Joy is not the absence of sorrow or hardship, but an awareness and confidence in the Lord's sustaining love. I pray that the joy of Jesus Christ has been a real experience in your life this year and that you will experience more of His joy in the coming New Year. Prayer is the road to such joy. Praise, gratitude, adoration, contrition and intercession are the steps along that road to joyful discipleship. If you feel you really don't know Jesus, please see me. He can't wait for you to really meet Him in prayer and follow Him in discipleship.

Blessed New Year,

Fr. Tom

*Our inner happiness depends not on what we experience,
but on the degree of our gratitude to God, whatever the experience.*

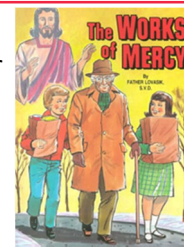
— Albert Schweitzer



**NEWS
FROM THE
RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT**

PSR Corner

Parents should have received report cards given to students at class on December 16. If you still need to pick up, please contact the parish office. No PSR on Wednesday, 30 for Christmas Break. Consider making a family plan for the works of mercy. See below.



The Corporal Work of Mercy: Feed the Hungry

Pope Francis has decreed a special year of mercy (beginning December 8, 2015 – November 20, 2016) in which he is directing the faithful to reflect and act on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. He writes, "It is my burning desire that, during this Jubilee, the Christian people may reflect on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy." Here are some Scriptures and concrete ways or suggestions you or your family might reflect and act up this work of mercy.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

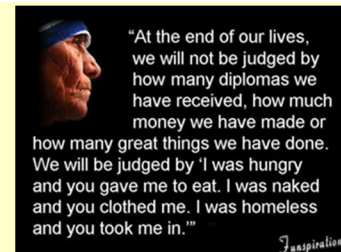
James 2:14 *What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit? 17 So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.*

Luke 3:10 *And the multitudes asked (John the Baptist), "What then shall we do?" 11 And he answered them, "He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise."*

Mt 25:35, 40 *"For I was hungry and you gave me to eat." 40... 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.'*

SUGGESTIONS

- Become more involved with the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Consider volunteering, working with, donating to a local food pantry or soup kitchen.
- Donate to, get involved with Cross Catholic Outreach, an excellent organization which "delivers food, shelter and hope to the poorest of the poor." <http://www.crosscatholic.org/>
- Be creative in raising funds to help give to the poor. Example: Souper Bowl of Caring. In the weeks leading up to or on Super Bowl Sunday, people take up a collection (many use a soup pot), asking for one dollar or one item of food for people in need. <https://souperbowl.org/>
- Get involved with Mary's Meals: A simple solution to world hunger. <https://www.marysmealsusa.org/> An example for youth is the "30 hour famine". Every year, hundreds of thousands of students in the U.S. — and thousands more around the world — unite through World Vision's 30 Hour Famine to feed hungry children and families. <http://www.30hourfamine.org/>
- Offer up times of fasting and / or abstaining from meat and other foods on Fridays or at other times. Offer to go grocery shopping for a senior citizen or disabled individual in your community.
- Wentzville Senior Center: Meals-on-Wheels Driver - Deliver a hot nutritious meal to home-bound seniors in your neighborhood. Help assist the staff in the preparation, serving, and/or cleaning up after the noon meal. (636) 327-8720 <http://agingmissouri.org/volunteer.php>
- Share a Meal – If you know a family that is struggling, invite them to join yours for dinner or stop by their home with leftovers. Say family meal prayers with more gratitude. Have members ask, in their own way, for God's protection and blessing for all those who will go to bed hungry tonight.



VOCATION DIRECTORS, whether of a diocese or religious order, are the interface between the congregations and the world. They also need your prayers and perhaps your help. Feel free to suggest a name to your pastor of someone you believe may be interested in pursuing a religious vocation.

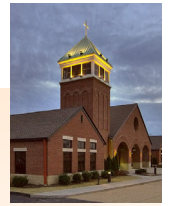
Have you signed up to pray for vocations? The sign-up sheet is in the narthex. When it is your turn, Fr. Tom will give you the icon, a candle, and a load of information to ponder. When you return it the next week, another family will take it home and continue praying. **Let's keep it going!**

Dynamic Catholic, Alive! – Amen

This feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph marks the last Sunday of the calendar year. The Holy Family can serve as a model for our own families. "The family is the original cell of human society and is, therefore, prior to any recognition by public authority" (*Compendium*, 457). A vibrant Catholic culture requires the renewal of family life, and family prayer is one source of renewal. How often do you pray as a family? Family prayer is essential in strengthening the Domestic Church. Happy New Year! archstl.org/dynamic



NEWS FROM HOME



Stewardship

Dec. 27, 2015

St. Joseph Chapel "Heavenly Dusters"

Enjoy a free week!

Please note: the Heavenly Dusters schedule will be updated this week. If you need your name removed or would like to be added to the list, call the parish office and let us know.

Thank you in advance for your generous donation of time!

The collection figures for Sunday, Dec. 20 and Christmas will be published in the next issue.

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.ilm-newmelle.org

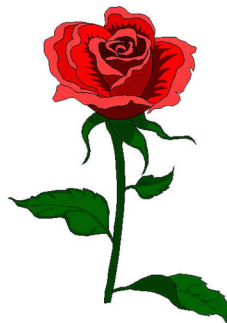
St. Vincent DePaul Society

Items needed for the pantry: cooking oil, Paper products, cleaning supplies, detergent, bleach, personal products such as razors, shaving cream, toothpaste

ROSES FOR LIFE

The Knights of Columbus will be holding its annual Roses for Life campaign next weekend.

The Knights ask for your support by signing the roses you will find in the pews. These roses will then be collected and sent to our elected representatives in Washington D.C. to remind them that we support the right to life of the unborn, and that we expect them to vote in support of pro-life legislation.



The Knights also ask you to pray the Rosary to end abortion and to give your moral support to those people going to Washington D.C. to participate in the March for Life on Jan. 22nd, which is the 43rd anniversary of the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion on demand in the U.S.

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.

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

...a time to die...

Please pray for the recently deceased
Joseph Menne, son of Chris and Kat Menne.

May he rest in the peace of Christ.

Correction: The new vice-president for the Marian Council is Mary Jean Hartenbach. I'm sorry to say her name was truly mangled in the last bulletin.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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



Carolyn Schellert
won the Marian Council Christmas quilt.

Congratulations to her
and also to the quilters,
who worked so hard to make it.

What's Your Catholic IQ?

1. What is frankincense?

- A. A precious metal
- B. A precious fabric
- C. A precious perfume
- D. None of the above

2. What is myrrh?

- A. Middle Eastern money
- B. A drink
- C. An easily shaped metal
- D. A spice used for burying people
- E. None of the above

3. How many wise men came to see Jesus?

- A. 3
- B. 6
- C. 9
- D. 12
- E. We don't know.

4. Where did the wise men find Jesus? (Matthew 2:11)

- A. In a manger
- B. In a stable
- C. In Nazareth
- D. In Saudi Arabia
- E. In a house
- F. None of the above

5. When the wise men found Jesus he was... (Matthew 2:11)

- A. A babe wrapped in swaddling clothes
- B. A young child
- C. A boy in the temple
- D. A grown man

6. In a response to stand firm against the assault of violence and filth in the media, in 1933 Archbishop John McNicholas composed a membership pledge for families to promote the Legion of:

- A: Doom
- B. Decency
- C. Decay
- D. Destruction

Answers on the next page →

St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

(Note: With close to 3000 items, the Parish Library is located in the **Grand Hall** past the restrooms. It is open during the week-normal business hours-and works on an honor system.

Items from the Lighthouse CD rack are located and available in the Narthex.

From the Parish Library: Grand Hall (lower level Church)



(From reviews on Amazon.com) This is the best parenting book I've read, and I've read a bunch. It's completely free of psychobabble, and his approach is straightforward, practical, and sensible.

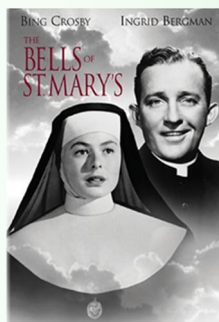
Guarendi doesn't get into the usual controversies about whether or not to spank, attachment parenting, or the like. Instead, he gives parents practical

ways to apply whatever their particular philosophies are.

I can't recommend this book highly enough!

I first learned about Dr. Ray from a friend who read this book. Since then, I have purchased every one of Dr. Ray's books and even downloaded his wonderful 13-part audio series from the EWTN web site (...) This book has helped me more in my parenting than any other that I have read. Dr. Ray gives you a no-nonsense approach based on his premise that the one thing parents of today need the most is confidence (at least the parents who are willing to read a book about parenting, that is).

From the Parish Library: Grand Hall (lower level Church)



"The Bells of St. Mary's" is funny, poignant and will tug at your heart-strings. Father O'Malley (Bing Crosby) has now been assigned to a parochial school that is in dire need of repairs. The school has no money and O'Malley's job is to assess the possibilities, of perhaps sending the children to another school. He meets with some tough opposition though, in the form of one Sister

Benedict (Ingrid Bergman). She is the no nonsense type, and right away the two have some very different ideas on what's good for the kids. There is also the problem of a businessman (Henry Travers) who wants the building condemned so he can put up a parking lot for his own employees. Sister Benedict prays for miracle, will she get it? The story and Ingrid Bergman are charming and delightful and will have you praying with her for that miracle. Bing's beautiful voice graces the film with song and Henry Travers (It's A Wonderful Life) is wonderful as always. It's not too often a sequel equals the original, but with the addition of Bergman, (along with some really adorable kids) and under the direction of Leo McCarey once again, this heartwarming story has accomplished that.

Catholic Men for Christ Conference



The 2016 Catholic Men for Christ Conference is scheduled for Saturday, February 6, and will feature Tom Peterson, Steve Bollman, Msgr. Eugene Morris, and David Williams, along with emcee Zip Rzeppa. This year's conference will be held at the Peabody Opera House (1440 Market Street, St. Louis, MO 63103). For more information and to register, please visit the Catholic Men for Christ website catholicmenforchrist.org.

Catholic Women for Christ Conference



For information on the upcoming Catholic Women for Christ Conference, please visit the new website: catholicwomenforchrist.org The 2016 Catholic Women for Christ Conference is scheduled for Saturday, February 27, and will feature Elizabeth Ficocelli, C. Vanessa White, and Sr. Elizabeth Beussink, along with emcee Elizabeth Westhoff.

This year's conference will be held at Lindenwood University's J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts (2300 W. Clay Street, St. Charles, MO 63301). To register, please visit catholicwomenforchrist.org.

Catholic IQ Answers:

1. **C.** Frankincense was used in the temple worship of the Lord. It represents his deity because he is truly God born in human flesh.
2. **D.** Herod was buried with over 150 lbs. of Myrrh wrapped in his burial clothes. Myrrh was used in embalming in those days. John 19:39 tells us that Jesus' body was bound in linen wrappings along with 75 pounds of myrrh and aloes. The gift of myrrh pictures his suffering and death.
3. **E.** We don't know. They were magi, not wise men – but the Bible doesn't give the number. Many people assume that there were three because of the three gifts. However, in ancient times these men usually traveled in caravans of ten to twelve, along with a full entourage for protection.
4. **E.** Read Matthew 2:11 (see next answer)
5. **B.** Read Matthew 2:11 When the Shepherds found Jesus (Luke 2), he was a "babe" in a manger. The Greek word used in Luke 2 is for a "newborn baby". However, by the time the Magi appeared, Jesus had been moved from the manger to a house (verse 11) and the Greek word used in Matthew is for "toddler or young child". He was probably somewhere between 12-24 months old. In many of our Christmas programs, we bring the magi and the shepherds to worship Jesus together at the manger. Nice thought and it makes for a beautiful scene, but it didn't happen that way. The shepherds were there the night Jesus was born. The magi came months later.
6. **B.** The pledge read as follows: *I condemn all indecent and immoral motion pictures, and those which glorify crime or criminals. I promise to do all that I can to strengthen public opinion against the production of indecent and immoral films, and to unite with all who protest against them. I acknowledge my obligation to form a right conscience about pictures that are dangerous to my moral life. I pledge myself to remain away from them. I promise, further, to stay away altogether from places of amusement which show them as a matter of policy.* (Wikipedia Online Encyclopedia)

St. Louis Marian Conference

The 17th St. Louis Marian Conference will be held on Jan. 15, 16, 17, 2016 at the Renaissance Hotel, 9801 Natural Bridge, St. Louis, MO 63134. This spiritual weekend includes inspiring speakers, Holy Mass, Adoration Chapel and Confession. Scott Kennebeck, Executive Director of the St. Louis Cathedral Concerts will sing and lead the Liturgy.

Confirmed speakers are:

Fr. Christopher Collins, SJ;
Fr. David Gunter, MIC; Judy Klein;
Fr. Mark Mary, Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ;
Fr. Tom Sullivan, CPM; Fr. Charles Becker;
Msgr. John J. Hickel; Fr. Mark Whelan, SOLT;
Community of Cenacolo America.

Enclose a copy of this bulletin notice for \$5.00 discount. Call [314 423-1075](tel:3144231075). Complete details may be found on our website: www.stlmarianconference.net With hotel reservation waive youth age 12-25 conference registration fee. Hotel [314 429-1100](tel:3144291100) for reservation at \$79.00.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

January 2 4:00 pm

EM: Pat Barnard, Bryan Potter, Jackie Barclay, Mary Hannig, Mary Jean Hartenbach, Karen Wilson
L: Sharon Hagan, Ed Taylor
GB: Dianne & Alicia Dickherber
S: Lindsay & Madelyn Bouquet
U: Chris Cuddihee, Joe Spiess, Stan Nikonowicz,
one more please

January 3 7:30 am

EM: Michelle Greiwe, Carolyn Schellert, Bill Key, John & Karen Wappelhorst, Walt & Jean Reel
L: Kris Jenkins, Lucy Smith
GB: Ed & Carol Rabbitt
S: Paige & Genny Greiwe
U: Frank Marquart, Larry Gassei, Rich Molitor, Gary Potter

January 3 9:30 am

EM: Sharon Smith, Tom & Laura Holstein, Maureen Blondin, Joan Marren-Slaughter, Donna Wolff, Dave & Pam DeBold
L: Roger Collins, Drew Smith
GB: Phyllis Zerr, **volunteer please**
S: Ellen, Hannah & Joseph Aulbach
U: Jim Blondin, Stan Kostecki, George Stark, Gary Struckhoff, Curt Eccardt, Charles Hinkle

January 3 11:15 am

EM: Kathy Lalonde, Amanda Angarita, Katie Wibbenmeyer, Mary Keune, Pat Foster, John Falbo
L: Kat & Chris Menne
GB: Mike & Cindy White
S: Maggie Molitor, Emma Wibbenmeyer
U: Glen Taylor, Todd Neihouse

THE SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR THE NEW YEAR'S
LITURGICAL MINISTERS ARE ON A TABLE IN THE NARTHEX.
IF YOU ARE ABLE, PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR A SPOT.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 1- 10:00 AM THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

EM: Ruth Willis, Janet Hespen, Chris Aulbach, Laura Orf, Carole Baker, Jackie Barclay
L: Jan Messig, Carolyn Schellert
GB: Rita Langford, Jessica Spivey
S: Liam Grady, Jorja Spivey
U: George Stark, Larry Gassei, Curt Eccardt

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 1- 7:00 PM THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

EM: **4 needed please**
L: **2 needed please**
GB: **2 needed please**
S: **2 needed please**
U: **3 needed please**

The Amazon Smile Program

If you purchase gifts or other items online through Amazon, there is a way to send a kickback to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Please check out the website for more information, ihm-newmelle.org.

Please note:

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.

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

The following is from a website,

http://www.1millionrosaries.com/petition/defeat-isis-english/?utm_campaign=2

Pray the Rosary to Defeat ISIS

How do you defeat a global terrorist organization like ISIS, whose members are largely hidden throughout the world, and are willing to die in suicide bombings for their diabolical goals of worldwide mass murder and destruction?

The ultimate answer is through prayer. The battle against ISIS is, at its roots, a spiritual battle against the Devil and the forces of darkness.

We believe Mary, the Mother of Jesus and the Spiritual Mother of all peoples, has been given the power by God to crush the head of Satan (cf. Gen 3:15) and to successfully lead the spiritual battle against the great Dragon (cf. Rev. 12). Historically, Our Lady has repeatedly interceded for victories against foreign invasion seeking to destroy Christianity and Judeo-Christian civilization (e.g., Lepanto, 1571; Vienna, 1683).

Join the spiritual battle to stop ISIS. **Please pray the Rosary every day, and include in your Rosary the intention "for the defeat of ISIS and for the conversion of its members."** (emphasis added by the bulletin editor)

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Future Events

- ☒ Please make a note of the Mass schedule for the Christmas season on another page in this bulletin.
- ☒ The Ecumenical Epiphany Concert, The Cavalcade of Choirs, will take place at IHM on Sunday, Jan. 3 at 2:00 pm. A reception will follow in the Grand Hall. All are invited to attend this gathering of the New Melle area choirs, friends and families!
- ☒ Venture Crew will meet in the trailer on Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 4 and 5, at 6:30 pm.
- ☒ The Bible study groups and PSR will start their 2016 sessions on Wednesday Jan. 6.
- ☒ There will be a blood drive on Thursday, Jan. 7 at 2:30 in Founders Hall.
- ☒ The Knights of Columbus will sponsor their monthly breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 10 from 8:00 to 11:00 am in Founders Hall.
- ☒ The Marian Council will meet in Weber Hall on Tuesday Jan. 12.
- ☒ Choir rehearsals will start up again on Thursday, Jan. 7 at 7:00 pm. The bell choir will not meet again until Monday, Jan. 11, and the children's choir will start again on Tuesday, Jan. 12.
- ☒ The Contemporary Group will provide music for the 11:15 Mass on Sunday, January 31.

Sunday TV Mass For the Homebound

Is someone you love unable to join us at church during this holy time of Christmas? **Sunday Mass, KTVI channel 2.2 at 9:00 a.m.** Mass is also online at www.HeartoftheNation.org. For those who can get to church, the TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation.



*"In the end, my
Immaculate Heart
will triumph."*

Our Lady of Fatima

Out and About

Just for fun

- **Trivia night (Super Hero theme) to benefit Our Lady's Inn**, held at Chaminade College Prep School Atrium, 425 South Lindbergh, STL, MO 63131. **Saturday, January 16, 2016** - Doors open at 6:30 p.m., trivia starts at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person /\$200 per table of 8. Price includes 2 free drinks per person! Light snacks will be provided. Mulligans, raffle items and silent auction. For more information or to register visit: www.ourladysinn.org or call Amy Rager @ 314-736-1544. All proceeds from the event will benefit Our Lady's Inn, an emergency shelter for homeless pregnant women and their children.
- **MOUSE RACES** Knights of Columbus Bishop John Wurm Assembly are hosting their annual Mouse Races on Saturday, January 16, 2016 at St Rose Philippine Duchesne Hall. Doors open at 6 p.m., races start at 7 p.m. \$15 per person (\$20 at door) includes beer, soda and pretzels. Brats & dogs available at nominal prices. Chuck-a-luck, Rat Races and attendance prizes. For info or early bird tickets call Bob at [314-550-5878](tel:314-550-5878) or email ratpack6@att.net. Proceeds help support Knights of Columbus Charities.

Opportunities

- **Invitation to Divorced and Separated Catholics: Divorce Survival Guide.** The 12-week DVD program features Catholic experts and lay men and women who have struggled with these questions and 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 – Dardenne parish is hosting the program beginning January 7, 2016. Contact Debi at debijo@att.net or 314.276.3859 for more information.
- **Breaking the Chains of Human Trafficking Symposium**, free and open to the public, on Tues., Jan. 12th, 2016, from 8:15 to 1 pm, at the Spencer Branch Library, 427 Spencer Rd., St. Peters. Key note, 3 breakout sessions, free food, information and handouts. **SAVE THE DATE!** Sponsored by the St. Charles Coalition Against Human Trafficking (SCCAT) and paid for by a grant from AAUW. For more information, contact: ehogan@cpps-ofallon.org, [636-248-1117](tel:636-248-1117) or apatriciashores@att.net, [636-938-3958](tel:636-938-3958).



Christmas Season Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses: the schedule will be the same as usual
4:00 pm on Saturday afternoon;
7:30, 9:30 and 11:15 on Sunday morning.

New Year's Eve, December 31:
8:00 am Mass only
(there will be no evening vigil Mass,
different from other years)

New Year's Day, January 1: 10:00 am and 7:00 pm

**Please mark your calendars
so you have this information handy.**



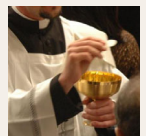
Communion Calls

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.

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YOU Can Help Your Marriage – 25% of surveyed couples say they are “Happily Married”. For everyone else there is **Retrouvaille**. Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Does talking only make it worse? For information on the Retrouvaille Program, visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. The next program begins the weekend of **January 29-31**.