

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The parish of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, located in South Saint Louis City, comprised of small neighborhoods filled with multi-generational families, strives to answer God's call to.....

- + COMMIT to live the Gospel;**
- +CELEBRATE Eucharist as a community;**
- +SERVE the needs of others;**
- + PARTICIPATE in parish life and ministries;**
- +STRIVE to be a sign of God's love!**

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Celebration of the Holy Mass

Saturday 4:30 p.m. (Sunday Vigil)
Sunday 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Weekdays Monday-Friday 8am Mass (Daily Chapel)
1st Saturday of the Month 8:00 a.m. (Daily Chapel)
Holydays As announced inside bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration

1st Saturday of the month following 8:00 a.m. Mass until 11:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Rectory. First time parents will need to attend one meeting prior to the baptism.

Sacrament of Confirmation

The sacrament of Confirmation is normally organized by the parish school or PSR program attended by the candidate. Others are invited to contact the parish priest for preparation to receive this sacrament.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please schedule an initial meeting with the priest or deacon at least 6 months prior to the tentatively planned date for the ceremony.

Holy Orders and Consecrated (Religious) Life

Those discerning a call to the priesthood or religious life may contact the parish priest or the Archdiocese Vocations office at 314-792-6460.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Rectory to make an appointment with the parish priest.

Care for those who are homebound, hospitalized, or in nursing home. Please call the Rectory to arrange for Communion to be brought to any parishioner who is unable to come to Mass. Please inform the Rectory as soon as any parishioner is admitted to any hospital or nursing home.

Devotions

Perpetual Help Following Tuesday 8:00 a.m. Mass

Rosary Following weekday Masses

Becoming a Catholic

Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults/Youth or Catechumen Meetings are weekly from September thru May to discuss your questions and the Catholic Faith. Call the Rectory for information.

South City Deanery PSR

Catholic Religious Education for children attending public or private non-religious schools. Call 314-773-3070.

New Parishioners

Please register as soon as possible by calling the Rectory.

Bulletin items are due no later than 10 a.m. Monday for the following week's bulletin. (Holiday deadlines can change without notice.)

Mass for the Intentions Week

Mon.	7/6	8:00 a.m.	Don Broekelmann Sr.
Tues.	7/7	8:00 a.m.	JoAnn Francisco
Wed.	7/8	8:00 a.m.	Elbert & Matilda Witte
Thurs.	7/9	8:00 a.m.	Parish Purgatorial Society
Fri.	7/10	8:00 a.m.	Rose Mary Chill
Sat.	7/11	4:30 p.m.	Adolph Wuenscher
Sun.	7/12	7:30 a.m.	Alma Scheble
		10:00 a.m.	Our Parish Family

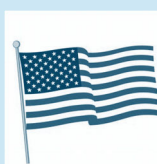
THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

St Vincent de Paul Tues Jul 7 7 p.m. RMR

Knights of Columbus Tues Jul 14 7 p.m. RMR

IMPORTANT!

All meetings are limited to 10 people and social distancing must be practiced.



WE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN THE ARMED FORCES. WE HOLD THEM IN OUR HEARTS AND AWAIT THEIR SAFE RETURN.....

Pvt. David Walters, U.S. Army
 LT. Benjamin D. Stolarski, U.S. Navy
 Spec 4 Ian R. Larson, U.S. Army
 P2 Derek Ryan, U.S. Army
 Sgt. Lou Bollasina, U.S. Army
 A1C John Pipes USAF
 Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Clark U.S. Force
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 Tech Sgt. James Dobrynski, U.S. Air Force
 SSgt. Steve Appelbaum, U.S. Air Force
 Pvt First Class Troy Smith, U.S. Marines

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER



Pray for those who are sick and their caregivers. Pray for Sandy Ceriotti, Bob Simmons, Frank Sandrowski, Shar Merkle, Fran O'Shaughnessy, Paul Clark, William Noll, Dorothy Seper, Rosemary Young, Don Smith, Jerry Brendel (husband of JoAnn), Gary Vance, Therese Shurig, Rose Marie Horejes, Kathleen Moody (daughter of Charlie & Julie), Deacon Jack Burke (brother of Joan Mowery), Stephanie Hagan (wife of Barry), Anna Corson, Nick Corson Lammert and those parishioners who are homebound, living in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes, and all in our Prayer Book. May our Lord Jesus bring them comfort and healing.

If someone has been left off the prayer list or if you would like to add someone, please contact the rectory office.



COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF:

June 28, 2020

Envelopes: \$5,527

- Thank you to all who make our IHM Parish Family strong & caring!
- Thank you to all who give of their time and talent, helping out in so many ways!
- Thank you to all who give back to God so generously with your **hard-earned** donations

God, source of all freedom, this day is bright with the memory of those who declared that life and liberty are your gift to every human being. Help us to continue a good work begun long ago. Make our vision clear and our will strong: that only in human solidarity will we - nd liberty, and justice only in the honor that belongs to every life on earth. Turn our hearts toward the family of nations: to understand the ways of others, to offer friendship, and to -find safety only in the common good of all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **R/. Amen.**

Prayer taken from the *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*

PARISH NEWS

Got Stuff...

...that needs a new home?



Some items we cannot accept include: heavy exercise equipment; old, analog television sets; large, bulky appliances and furniture; magazines or encyclopedias, and items that have been recalled or taken off the market due to revised safety standards such as children's car seats, cribs, strollers, etc. We would also appreciate it if clothing could be separated from other items.

A letter recognizing your charitable donation for tax purposes is available upon request. Please bring a list of the items you are donating, plus their estimated value to facilitate this process

**THANKS FOR
YOUR
SUPPORT!**

In this year of COVID 19, we are still hopeful regarding the possibility of hosting our now famous IHM New-To-You "Rummage Sale".

This year will be our 8th annual. Final dates have not been decided, but we are accepting your precious treasures during the month of July.

Our second drop-off date is:

Monday, July 13

Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

and

5 to 7 p.m.

In the pandemic, movement of your precious treasures will require more coordination than in the past.

1. Items should still be brought to the school building through the door across from the rectory.
2. Donors are asked to wear masks during their drop-off.
3. One donor will be able to drop off items at a time. Please remain in your vehicle, and a volunteer will unload the items for you.
4. Subsequent donors are asked to wait in their vehicle until a rummage sale committee member can assist them.
5. Rummage sale committee members will be masked and gloved. They will be moving your precious treasures directly from your vehicle to a special room to be stored for at least 48 hours untouched.
6. If you have furniture or large items, special arrangements will have to be made to drop these items off.

For more specific information about the drop-off date or procedure,
call or text Chris Verplancke at 314-418-5353 or via e-mail at camlverp@gmail.com
or to volunteer, call
Elizabeth Cassmeyer at 314-832-0541
or via e-mail at ramflor@sbcglobal.net

Saint of the Week



Saint Veronica Giuliani
Saint of the Day for July 10

Saint Veronica Giuliani's Story

Veronica's desire to be like Christ crucified was answered with the stigmata.

Veronica was born in Mercatelli, Italy. It is said that when her mother Benedetta was dying she called her five daughters to her bedside and entrusted each of them to one of the five wounds of Jesus. Veronica was entrusted to the wound below Christ's heart.

At the age of 17, Veronica joined the Poor Clares directed by the Capuchins. Her father had wanted her to marry, but she convinced him to allow her to become a nun. In her first years in the monastery, she worked in the kitchen, infirmary, sacristy, and also served as portress. At the age of 34, she was made novice mistress, a position she held for 22 years. When she was 37, Veronica received the stigmata. Life was not the same after that.

Church authorities in Rome wanted to test Veronica's authenticity and so conducted an investigation. She lost the office of novice mistress temporarily and was not allowed to attend Mass except on Sundays or holy days. Through all of this Veronica did not become bitter, and the investigation eventually restored her as novice mistress.

Though she protested against it, at the age of 56 she was elected abbess, an office she held for 11 years until her death. Veronica was very devoted to the Eucharist and to the

Sacred Heart. She offered her sufferings for the missions, died in 1727, and was canonized in 1839. Her Liturgical Feast Day is July 9.

Reflection

Why did God grant the stigmata to Francis of Assisi and to Veronica Giuliani? God alone knows the deepest reasons, but as Celano points out, the external sign of the cross is a confirmation of these saints' commitment to the cross in their lives. The stigmata that appeared in Veronica's flesh had taken root in her heart many years before. It was a fitting conclusion for her love of God and her charity toward her sisters.



Give To IHM

ON-LINE DONATIONS

to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish are now available through our website!

Please click on the **Give to IHM button** on our homepage (www.ihm-stl.org) to set up your donation. One-time and recurring (weekly, monthly and yearly) options are available.

All donations are tax deductible as allowed by law, and your on-line donation will be confirmed by a receipt from the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Thank you for your generosity to our parish!

JOKE OF THE WEEK



SENIOR MOMENTS

Lord Help Me

Has life been difficult? Do you feel your strength decreasing? Just don't feel like the same person?

This is the perfect time to call out for God's help. God's power comes to us in our weakest times. Humbling ourselves and accepting the realization of our weakness is not a character flaw or a lack of faith, rather it is an awareness of God's Presence and our need for him in our lives.

Why do we continue to make the same decisions, live life as we have even when things aren't working? Maybe our Lord is leading us to a different path.

"Lord help me to be aware of your constant Presence. Help me to relinquish my need for life to remain as I knew it, especially when changes need to take place. Give me the guidance, wisdom and strength that I need to follow Your path, not my own. Amen."



Energy Care

Energy Care, an organization dedicated to promoting healthy, safe home environments, provides energy-related services in the St. Louis area to low-income households, the elderly, disabled, and families with young children. As we approach the summer heat, Energy Care will install **free window air conditioners** to those in need. For further information, call 314-773-5900, or Jana@EnergyCare.org.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

As a parish family we offer our congratulations to all 2020 Graduates!

This graduation year will go down in history. The uncertain times certainly offered a variety of ways to celebrate your achievements! No matter how your celebration took place, know that we are proud of your accomplishments and your perseverance.

May God bless each of you as you begin your new journeys in life.



Happy Anniversary

Al and Eileen Book

Al and Eileen Book are Celebrating 68 years of marriage!

Blessings to both of you! May God continue to be ever at your side!

Dynamic Catholic, Alive! - True Kingship

Jesus is a walking contradiction in many ways. He is the lion and the lamb, the victor and the victim, God's son and the carpenter's son. The nature of His kingship is also perplexing. He is the gentle and meek one who takes all of our sins, problems, afflictions, and weaknesses upon Himself as the suffering servant (Isaiah 53). Yet he is also the almighty God who has authority over the wind and the sea (Mark 4:39). Jesus shows us that we are never as powerful as He is but that we can share in His power by surrendering to His grace. Jesus gently invites us to follow Him and to cast all of our cares and burdens upon Him so that He may help us to bear them successfully. archstl.org/dynamic

To Our Parish Family,

As many of you know, there are no adequate words to describe and convey the enormous weight of the grief that I bare from losing Ann. However, the love and support that my family has received from our parish family has made it just a touch easier to bear.



Ann was my best friend of 40 years and my wife of 35. As any couple, we shared our ups and downs, and yet we always made it through to the other side, just a little bit closer and a little bit stronger as husband & wife.

We have a tentative date of July 18th at 11:00a.m. for the Memorial Mass for Ann, and with luck we will have refreshments afterwards in the F.K.C.

I admit I have done a terrible job by not getting the "THANK YOU" cards out as I should have. I ask and I pray that you will forgive me for this lapse of courtesy.

I cannot find the right words to say "THANK YOU" enough. Every single card, and I read them all, at least twice, touched my heart deeply. They are all beautiful and deeply moving, and I will probably gain 25-30 pounds from all the gift cards you were so kind and thoughtful to send for me and Sean to use. I'm sure Sean is extremely grateful to know he won't be poisoned by my bad cooking!

I wished I could thank you all by name here but that would fill the whole bulletin, I fear. Please believe me when I say I could probably recite every one of your names by heart. Some of you I am embarrassed to say, I know you by face but do not always have your name on the tip of my tongue, but I do know them.

Again, with all my heart and soul on behalf of Sean and I, "THANK YOU" all for your thoughts, prayers, cards and sympathy in this time of grief and mourning.

You are our extended family and we love you very much.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Donohue", followed by a horizontal line.



ROSES FOR EXPECTANT MOMS!!!

If you are expecting a child, we as a Parish would like to pray for you throughout your pregnancy. There are red roses on the table in front of the Blessed Mother's statue in the back of Church. Please write the parents-to-be names and due date on the card attached to one of the roses asking for prayers until the delivery. After baby(ies) arrive, please call Kathy at 314-832-6553. We will then share your blessing in our bulletin.

Keep the following couples in your prayers:

Claire & Mark	July
Elizabeth & Jacob	July
Julie & Brian	September

Congratulations to Elizabeth and Will on the birth of their son Lincoln William.

God Bless,
Immaculate Heart of Mary Pro-Life



Congratulations goes to Tim Muxo, an Immaculate Heart of Mary alumni! Tim graduated **Cum Laude** from St. Mary's High School on June 7th. As a member of the National Honor Society he demonstrates characteristics of scholarship, leadership, character and service while carrying a 3.75-3.95 grade point average.

Tim also earned the honors of Letterman of the Year; an award given to the senior who is a positive representation of the school, provides leadership to his teammates, exhibits outstanding work ethic and demonstrates a sense of unselfish play.

Prayers and blessings to Tim as he continues on life's path!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

LECTORS

July 4/5th

4:30 p.m.	Paula Bonn
7:30 a.m.	Mike Kuhlman
10:00 a.m.	Judy Hudson

July 11/12th

4:30 p.m.	Lynn Repka
7:30 a.m.	Glenn Mertens
10:00 a.m.	Rita Springer

July 18/19th

4:30 p.m.	Maureen Lampert
7:30 a.m.	Art Benjamin
10:00 a.m.	Kevin O'Sullivan



MINISTERS of COMMUNION

At this time, we will not be having
Ministers of Communion.



**ANNUAL
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BUILD MY CHURCH

The ACA pledge cards were mailed from the parish office. Many of you have received a pledge card from the Archdiocese office. You may make a donation using either card and mail it directly to the ACA office or place it in the collection basket or drop it at the rectory. Many people are in need and face many challenges due to these unusual times. Your gift in the past has meant so much. Please renew your commitment and consider increasing your gift.

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