

# 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 (Church)  
 1st Saturday of the Month 8:00 a.m. (Church)  
 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.	1/11	8:00 a.m.	Adolph Wuencher
Tues.	1/12	8:00 a.m.	Donna Byington
Wed.	1/13	8:00 a.m.	Ann Stocking
Thurs.	1/14	8:00 a.m.	Marcella Franklin
Fri.	1/15	8:00 a.m.	Don & Mary Broekelmann
Sat.	1/16	4:30 p.m.	Rose Marie Horjes
Sun.	1/17	7:30 a.m.	Our Parish Family
		10:00 a.m.	Pat Corson



### LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

Pray for those who are sick and their caregivers. Pray for Al Book, Jerry Yudt, Therese Klug, Ted Shear (husband of Therese), Angelo Bartola (husband of Katherine), Paula Bonn, Mike Smith, Gayle Mohr, Andrew Freeman (Grandson of Jim and Roxanne Wolfslau), Jerry Brendel (husband of JoAnn, father of Jason), Sandy Ceriotti, Steve Baum (nephew of Jean Provaznik), Bob Simmons, Frank Sandrowski, Dorothy Seper, Rosemary Young, Don Smith, Therese Shurig, Kathleen Moody (daughter of Charlie & Julie), Deacon Jack Burke (brother of Joan Mowery), Stephanie Hagan (wife of Barry), Anna Corson, Nick Corson 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.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday  
9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.



### REST IN PEACE

In your charity please pray for

Jack Hennessy

**May he join his loved ones  
in joyful reunion with Jesus.**

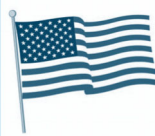
## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUES Jan 12 7 pm SVDP RMR

### IMPORTANT!

Meetings in the FKC are limited to 50 people and meetings in the RMR are limited to 15.

**MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIRED.**



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

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P2 Derek Ryan, U.S. Army  
Sgt. Lou Bollasina, U.S. Army  
A1C John Pipes USAF  
Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Clark U.S. Force  
Todd Bruemer, U.S. Navy  
M.K. 2 Brett Winkelmann, Coast Guard  
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Sgt. Victor A. Will, U.S. Army  
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Tech Sgt. James Dobrynski, U.S. Air Force  
SSgt. Steve Appelbaum, U.S. Air Force  
Lance Cpl. Troy Smith, U.S. Marines



## COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF:

December 27, 2020

Envelopes: \$8882

Loose: \$282

Parish Maintenance: \$275

**Due to early bulletin submission, the January 3rd collection was not available. It will be posted in the January 17th bulletin.**

- 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

# PARISH NEWS



## ST. PATRICK'S CASSEROLES

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Because of Covid-19 we stopped the casserole program. We are going to try to start again in February, 2021.

Have you ever wondered what the priest means when he says, "You can pick up your casseroles in the back of church"? The Ladies Sodality has sponsored a program with St. Patrick's Center to make casseroles for them. We take around 30 casseroles on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of February, April, June, August, October and December to St. Patrick's Center. When I say we I mean ladies and gentlemen from the parish and even some that have moved from the parish make the casseroles for us. Everyone is welcome to participate. The Ladies Sodality supplies the containers, some of the ingredients and the recipe. You would supply the hamburger, onions, celery and the cheeses. One of the committee women would call and ask if you could do a casserole for that month. You are under no obligation to say yes for that month if you have a lot going on, she will try you the next time. All you have to do is put the recipe together, freeze it and bring it up to the IHM hall. Then we take the casseroles to St. Patrick's Center. Right now, you would maybe only have to make a casserole two or three times a year. But we are asking for your help, if you would like to be on the list to make a casserole or if you have any questions about the program, please call one of the St. Patrick's casserole committee ladies listed below.

Janet Sullivan 631-9158  
Marilyn Murphy 631-8999  
Eileen Schindler 329-6033

Everyone must wear a mask entering and exiting the church. Parents with children nine and under may determine when the child is old enough to attend Mass and can abide by the safety guidelines.

We ask you to please sit in the open pews away from the aisles.

Please use your own best judgement concerning when you will return to Mass. Do not jeopardize your health.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the rectory.



### 2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like your 2020 Contribution Statement mailed to you, please drop a **LONG #10 self-addressed stamped envelope in the Collection Basket**. Statements will be sent out starting the second week of January.



IHM Boy Scout Troop 179 will once again be holding its annual Super Bowl Pizza Sale Fundraiser. These pizzas are fresh, 14" and made by our Scouts themselves. All proceeds go towards helping our Scouts earn their way to Summer Camp and other activities. We will be taking orders for pizzas from now until Feb 3, 2021. Pizzas will be available for pick up in the cafeteria between 2:00 and 5:30 PM on Saturday Feb 6th. Orders can be placed with a Scout at the back of Church, or by calling John Ebert at 314-258-0613.

**As always, thank you for your continued**

**I thought you should know – January 10, 2020**

I hope you are having a good new year! We have our second message in the resolve series below. Last week I was writing about our staff goal, “Dramatically better Sundays by August 15, 2021” and answering some questions you might have about the goal. I’d like to answer one more question this week. Perhaps someone is wondering, “Why are we focusing so much on people who don’t even come here yet?” Well, there many reasons for this—but best ones come straight from the bible. ☞

Jesus said, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19). We focus on people who aren’t yet disciples if we care about doing what Jesus said. The Church is supposed to grow.

Paul said, “God ... when we were dead in our transgressions brought us to life with Christ; by grace you have been saved” (Ephesians 2:5). We focus on people who aren’t yet disciples. We are called to concentrate on helping others to strive for heaven rather than avoid hell. Finding the good through Jesus really matters.

David said, “I will sing to the Lord, for he had been good to me” (Psalm 13:6). We focus on people who aren’t yet disciples if we want to help people. The Lord heals hearts and blesses lives.

Micah said, “What does Lord require of you, except to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8). We focus on people who aren’t yet disciples if we want everyone at Immaculate Heart of Mary to grow in holiness. Holiness is about basic things learned well.

Jesus said, “The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will bear its fruit” (Matthew 21:43). We focus on people who aren’t yet disciples if we want Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish still to be here doing the Lord’s work twenty years from now. If we aren’t growing as disciples and bringing others to God, why do we have a parish?

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Do you have a New Year’s resolution? I’ve gained a few pounds about over the holidays, but losing weight is not my resolution. I am resolved to stop using the internet for solo recreation. Maybe that sounds strange or simple to you, but for me living inside my life, the times when I relax with friends and family on the internet go ok and leave me rested, but the times when I relax by myself on the internet usually leave me more tired and discouraged. So I matters for me being a better person, better priest, better friend and better disciple to stop my solo recreation on the internet. That’s my New Year’s resolution but it’s not a new resolution, because I’ve tried this before and failed. To do better this year, I’ll need resolve.

Resolve is the human quality that makes us ready to keep a commitment. Resolve is different than willpower, because willpower is a general quality that applies to all areas of your life, while resolve is a specific quality that applies to a specific resolution. This is hopeful and encouraging, and the reason why we are starting the new year with a short message series on resolve. You can quickly increase your resolve. Three simple choices that increase your resolve are “think true” and “shape circumstances”; we’ll talk about those choice in the next two weeks. This week, the choice is “get clear”. To have more resolve, get clear.

*“Get clear” means taking time to understand deeply, precisely, what you are resolved to do and why this is worth it. Wise people take time to get clear. The wise men who found Jesus did not get distracted or broken by the noise and confusion and bustle of the city of Jerusalem. When they arrived at Jerusalem, they cut through that city’s noise. The wisemen had a clear question: “Where is the new born king of the Jews?” They did not know where they were going, but they weren’t lost, because their resolve was clear: “We have ... come to pay him homage”. With clarity, they found Jesus when lots of people didn’t and they accomplished their goal.*

Also today, wise people take time to get clear. Check out classic leadership books like “Seven Habits of Highly Effective People: Powerful lessons in personal change” or “Good to Great: why some companies make the leap and others don’t” or “The Advantage: why organizational health trumps everything else in business”. Open those books and you read, “Begin with end in mind; put first things first” or “Disciplined Thought”: understand what is your real situation

and what matters most in it, or “Create Clarity; Overcommunicate Clarity; Reinforce Clarity”. These people know that clarity gives advantages for achievement and strengthens our resolve. Why is that?

After we take time to get clear, we know how we win and how we lose. Clarity about how you win and how you lose is better than walking around with a vague optimism that you’re doing great and it is way better than walking around with a vague foreboding that you are already failing. After we take time to get clear, we know what counts right now. Clarity on what counts now is way better than being overwhelmed and paralyzed in front of all thing ways you could do better and it is way better than never accomplishing anything because you keep changing your resolution based on what exploded most recently. After we take time to get clear, there’s a clear what connected to a clear why. God put in your heart incredible sources of power and motivation, deep desires for good, and—for every disciple—faith, hope, and love. Those internal motivations are way more powerful than money or attention or praise, but the world is always shoving money, attention, and praise in our face, while we need a pause to connect to our deeper sources of resolve. Take time to connect the “what” of your resolution to the why that inspires you. It matters to take time at our start and regularly along the way to get clear.

Let me give you an example. Our parish has a mission. The Lord wants us to make and grow disciples. We win each time someone comes to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and meets Jesus and decides to put faith in Jesus, accept his love, and follow his way. We lose each time someone comes to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church seeking God and leaves without being touched by increased faith, love of God and others, more knowledge of Jesus’ teachings or the reason for our hope. And we lose anytime those treasures are here for someone, but they do not walk into the church because they never thought to come, they weren’t sure they would be welcome here or because no one invited them.

St. Paul got this; he was clear on the mission. He said he had a “stewardship of God’s grace”. Stewards care for something that does not belong to them, the grace was not Paul’s but God’s. Paul knew the message; he knew that the Gentiles were coheirs in the promise of Christ Jesus. That means that people who were lost, people who did not yet belong to God’s people or who had fallen away could belong to the Lord and receive the Lord’s promised blessings. The Gospel blessed Paul but did not belong to Paul. It was meant for others and Paul knew it. With clarity on that, Paul had great resolve, and in time, great joy. He saw God do great things for others through him.

What about us? What about Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish? It matters a great deal that we get clear. If we can follow Paul’s example and be clear on our mission, we’ll have resolve. With resolve, in time we will reap God’s harvest with joy and growth. We will be growing as disciples and bringing disciples to Christ.

There’s a simple way to get clear and increase our resolve. Tell someone you respect what you are resolved to do and why it counts. Who is that for you?

For me, that includes all of you. That’s why I told you my personal resolution for 2021 and my sense that our parish should be a growing parish of growing disciples. Talking about these things helps me get clear. So if it’s not clear to you that our parish mission is to make and grow disciples, or if it’s not clear to you that the mission really can happen here, I’d love to talk with you. Talking with you will help me out because it will help me get more clear! Most of all, if you have ideas on how to help our parish make more disciples and help people grow as disciples, please, please, please, let’s talk. I think we are getting clear on where God wants us to go, but we are still figuring out what matters most in our first steps.

Finally, here’s my suggestion for the week ahead: get clear on your resolution. This week, pick someone you respect, someone with good ideas whose opinions matter to you. Tell that person what you have resolved, and why it counts.

-Fr. Aaron Nord



**In case you have not heard, here is my column from last week.**

**This is important information and I wanted to make sure everyone received it.**

August 15<sup>th</sup> seems like a rather normal day of the year, however for our parish and parish staff, **August 15, 2021** is the goal date that has been established for **Dramatically Better Sundays** here at Immaculate Heart of Mary! We want to be a **Growing parish of Growing disciples**.

It is quite exciting! Whether this is your first Sunday with us or if you have been here for decades, we want you to know that YOU are important to us! Our goal is to improve your Sunday experience. We want our parish to flourish and most of all we want to bring Jesus to the center of our lives.

We have six steps in place to help us accomplish the goal. I will be presenting each step in the following weeks. It has always been important to have a place where we can feel welcome, go for support and know that you matter. We believe 2020 has increased the need for all of these needs.

Reminds me of the words from the theme song for Cheers:

Making your way in the world today  
Takes everything you've got  
Taking a break from all your worries  
Sure would help a lot  
Wouldn't you like to get away

Sometimes you want to go  
Where everybody knows your name  
And they are glad you came.....

It is our hope and prayer that Immaculate Heart of Mary is a place where you can find solace, support and grow closer to the Lord, through a Warm Welcome, Moving Music, Relevant Message, Faith Family, Continual Learning and by Communicating our Vision.

### **COVID, IHM and 2021**

We are very aware and conscientious about the safety of our parishioners and guests. Please know that your safety and wellbeing is important. We continue to follow guidelines of wearing masks, social distancing, hand sanitizing, cleanliness and more to make our parish a safe environment.

To those who are able to attend Mass, we are glad you are with us. For those who cannot at this time; know that you are not forgotten. We realize and understand that watching Mass as home is not the same as being with your parish family, in the church and receiving Jesus in Communion. We are saddened by the circumstances. We hold everyone in our prayers.

We know the importance of being connected to our parish. To help with that connection, we are working diligently to bring Live Streaming to Immaculate Heart of Mary. We are researching and taking action to make sure that it will be available in the near future. We want to bring you the best quality possible, to enhance your viewing of our Masses. YOU matter to us!

For those who do not know about Live Streaming; If you have internet service on your phone, tablet or computer, you will be able to go to our parish website [www.ihm-stl.org](http://www.ihm-stl.org) and find Live Stream where you can watch live and prerecorded.

**Thank you, Debbie Gartner**

Happy New Year!

Dear Parishioners,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your kindness, and generosity with your donations to The Giving Tree! Once again, it was very successful! We collected many winter hats, gloves, hygiene and toiletry items, and an amazing amount of gift cards for food, clothing, and money. Even with Covid 19, our wonderful parishioners donated, and made a lot of people have a beautiful holiday! Thank you again for your kindness, it was very much appreciated!

Lina Silistria & Carol Sandrowski  
The Giving Tree Committee



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**Dynamic Catholic, Alive! – Our Call to Evangelize**

Through our baptism, we become adopted daughters and sons of God. We become united to Christ's death and Resurrection, but also with the Eucharist. We become the Body of Christ, in communion with Jesus and with each other. Our baptism makes each of us a temple of the Holy Spirit and a co-worker in the priesthood of Christ. We "become a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people that (they) may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called (them) out of darkness into his marvelous light." (CCC 1268) "Reborn as sons of God, (the baptized) must profess before men the faith they have received from God through the Church" and participate in the apostolic and missionary activity of the People of God. (CCC 1270).

[archstl.org/dynamic](http://archstl.org/dynamic)

**Email Please!**

We would love if you would share your email with us! Your email would be used for parish communication only. If you would like to share your email address with us, please send an email to [dgartner@ihm-stl.org](mailto:dgartner@ihm-stl.org).



**Immaculate Heart of Mary Quilters**

Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets from our Quilters! All proceeds are generously given to the parish. Many quilting circles have ended. We are blessed here at IHM to have a group of ladies who meet every Tuesday to quilt, visit, have lunch, visit, quilt and visit :) The companionship is as beautiful as their quilting! If you would like to join them, please call the rectory. No experience needed!

**QUILT RAFFLE WINNER**

Congratulations to Susan Rice! She is the recent winner of a beautiful quilt! Apologies that winner was drawn later than usual, due to the Covid quarantine. Thank you for purchasing chance and thank you for your patience.

## Saint of the Week



**Saint Hilary of Poitiers**  
Saint of the Day for January 13

### Saint Hilary of Poitiers' Story

This staunch defender of the divinity of Christ was a gentle and courteous man, devoted to writing some of the greatest theology on the Trinity, and was like his Master in being labeled a “disturber of the peace.” In a very troubled period in the Church, his holiness was lived out in both scholarship and controversy. He was bishop of Poitiers in France.

Raised a pagan, he was converted to Christianity when he met his God of nature in the Scriptures. His wife was still living when he was chosen, against his will, to be the bishop of Poitiers in France. He was soon taken up with battling what became the scourge of the fourth century, Arianism, which denied the divinity of Christ.

The heresy spread rapidly. Saint Jerome said “The world groaned and marveled to find that it was Arian.” When Emperor Constantius ordered all the bishops of the West to sign a condemnation of Athanasius, the great defender of the faith in the East, Hilary refused and was banished from France to far off Phrygia. Eventually he was called the “Athanasius of the West.”

While writing in exile, he was invited by some semi-Arians (hoping for reconciliation) to a council the emperor called to counteract the Council of Nicea. But Hilary predictably

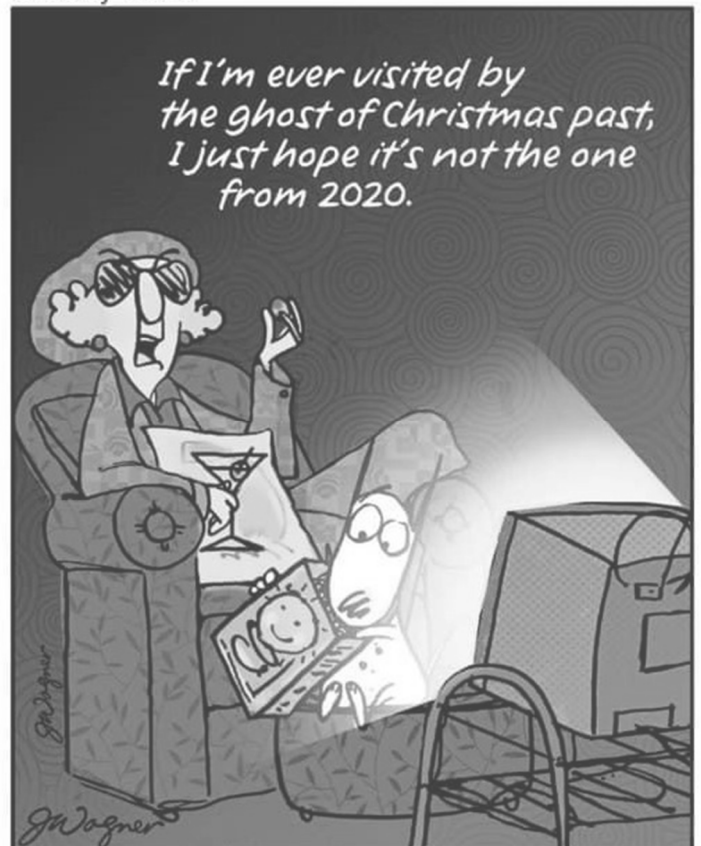
defended the Church, and when he sought public debate with the heretical bishop who had exiled him, the Arians, dreading the meeting and its outcome, pleaded with the emperor to send this troublemaker back home. Hilary was welcomed by his people.

### Reflection

Christ said his coming would bring not peace but a sword (see Matthew 10:34). The Gospels offer no support for us if we fantasize about a sunlit holiness that knows no problems. Christ did *not* escape at the last moment, though he did live happily ever after—after a life of controversy, problems, pain and frustration. Hilary, like all saints, simply had more of the same.

## JOKE OF THE WEEK

Crabby Road



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### 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:

Jessica & Patrick	December
Teresa & Mike	January
Shannon & Andrew	March
Michael & Kat	July

God Bless,  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Pro-Life

### ROSES FOR LIFE

This weekend is the PRO-LIFE ROSES FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN." Please stop at a table and sign a rose to be sent to our legislators in Washington in time for the 48th Anniversary of the Roe v Wade decision. Your help is always appreciated.

Thank you for your continued help!!!

### 2021 Roe v Wade Memorial Mass Saturday, January 16, 2021 Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis

Join the Respect Life Apostolate of the Archdiocese of St. Louis Roe v Wade Memorial Mass celebrated by Archbishop Michell T. Rozanski on Saturday, January 16 at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica. Mass will include the Pro-Life Generation Memorial and the LifeLine Coalition collection, which benefits over 10,000 local women and families annually. The Rosary and Benediction will follow Mass, which marks the 48th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion on Jan. 22, 1973.

Live-stream of the Mass is available at:  
[cathedralstl.org/live](http://cathedralstl.org/live)

More details available from the Respect Life Apostolate at 314-792-7555, [prolife@archstl.org](mailto:prolife@archstl.org) or [STLRespectLife.org](http://STLRespectLife.org).

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### LECTORS

#### January 9/10th

4:30 p.m.	Darlene Kustra
7:30 a.m.	Howie Hirschfield
10:00 a.m.	Judy Hudson

#### January 16/17th

4:30 p.m.	John Ruzicka
7:30 a.m.	Glenn Mertens
10:00 a.m.	Barb Vineyard

#### January 23/24th

4:30 p.m.	Howie Hirschfield
7:30 a.m.	Art Benjamin
10:00 a.m.	Maureen Lampert



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**Marriage Challenges? Retrouvaille** (a French word meaning rediscovery) is a program to help couples heal & renew their marriages that offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship.

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### RETROUVAILLE STL-VIRTUAL WEEKEND THURSDAY, JAN 28– SUNDAY, JAN 31, 2021

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