

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

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon.	7/27	8:00 a.m.	Margaret Scheu
Tues.	7/28	8:00 a.m.	Jackie Davila
Wed.	7/29	8:00 a.m.	Bernice & John Bock
Thurs.	7/30	8:00 a.m.	Adolph Wuenscher
Fri.	7/31	8:00 a.m.	Ann Donohue
Sat.	8/1	8:00 a.m.	Mary Rose Klages
		4:30 p.m.	Mary & John Pfeiffer
Sun.	8/2	7:30 a.m.	Jake Bock
		10:00 a.m.	Our Parish Family

No Meetings this Week

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




LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER
 Pray for those who are sick and their caregivers. Pray for Evelyn Vetz, Steve Baum (nephew of Jean Provaznik), Sandy Ceriotti, Bob Simmons, Frank Sandrowski, 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.



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
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COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF:

July 19, 2020

Envelopes: \$5173

- 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



Memorial Service for Chris Pfaender will be held Saturday August 8th Visitation 9:30-10:45 Service at 11:00

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

PARISH NEWS



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.

Thank You!



In order to continue to have Mass in person, we must continue to practice social distancing. Please follow these procedures:

- **Single file line down the center isle for Communion**
- **Return to seat in a single file line down side isles**
- **Center isle seating in center of pews, NOT on the ends**
- **Side pews, sit near the wall NOT the isle**
- **Masks are to be worn entering and exiting church as well as while in line for Communion-may be removed while seated**

Thank you for keeping our parish safe!

Are You Celebrating 25, 50, or over 50 Years of Marriage during 2020?

Annual Silver and Gold *Wedding Jubilee Mass*

Sunday, October 11, 2020

Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis

2:30 p.m.



For details, or to register by Sept. 11, 2020, visit archstl.org/jubilee or call 314.792.7598.

Catholic, Alive! – The Kingdom of Heaven

Jesus Christ applies beautiful parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven to His disciples and emphasizes the truth that nothing is as precious as our heavenly homeland. Nothing is too important not to let go of on earth in order that we attain eternal beatitude with God. Heaven is the pearl of greatest price on which we must fix our eyes as we journey through this vale of tears. We experience many distractions, especially in our culture today, such as an inordinate appreciation of wealth, prestige, honor, fame, and status. How often we care too much about sports, our grades, our jobs, or the latest technology. Simplify. Simplify. Simplify. There is only one thing that matters. Are we willing to seek above all else the Kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 6:33)?

archstl.org/dynamic

Saint of the Week



Saint Martha

Saint of the Day for July 29

Saint Martha's Story

Martha, Mary, and their brother Lazarus were evidently close friends of Jesus. He came to their home simply as a welcomed guest, rather than as one celebrating the conversion of a sinner like Zacchaeus or one unceremoniously received by a suspicious Pharisee. The sisters feel free to call on Jesus at their brother's death, even though a return to Judea at that time seems almost certain death.

No doubt Martha was an active sort of person. On one occasion, she prepares the meal for Jesus and possibly his fellow guests and forthrightly states the obvious: All hands should pitch in to help with the dinner.

Yet, as biblical scholar Father John McKenzie points out, she need not be rated as an "unreclected activist." The evangelist is emphasizing what our Lord said on several occasions about the primacy of the spiritual: "...[D]o not worry about your life, what you will eat [or drink], or about your body, what you will wear.... But seek first the kingdom [of God] and his righteousness" (Matthew 6:25b, 33a); "One does not live by bread alone" (Luke 4:4b); "Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness..." (Matthew 5:6a).

Martha's great glory is her simple and strong statement of faith in Jesus after her brother's death. "Jesus told her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and

believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world'" (John 11:25-27).

Reflection

Scripture commentators point out that in writing his account of the raising of Lazarus, Saint John intends that we should see Martha's words to Mary before Lazarus was raised as a summons that every Christian must obey. In her saying "The teacher is here and is asking for you," Jesus is calling every one of us to resurrection—now in baptismal faith, forever in sharing his victory over death. And all of us, as well as these three friends, are in our own unique way called to special friendship with him.



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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



HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND GOD ONLY GETS 10%?

Dear Parishioners of Immaculate Heart of Mary,

I have been honored to have been the pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary even if it has only been for the past year.

But what a year it has been for all of us. It has been a year of learning the names of parishioners, the Irish and Polish alike, and those in-between. Thank you. I thank you for your words of affirmation.

We have all been challenged during those weeks when the church was locked, and the recent weeks when we, who have felt safe, have attempted to return to "normal" Sunday Mass attendance (even with tape on the pews).

I wish and pray it would have been a normal year and a normal experience. It has not been. As I leave it is my wish and prayer that the future may be an experience and a walk that returns you to the parish life that this historic and wonderful parish of Immaculate Heart of Mary, was, is, and will be into the future.

Monsignor Jerome D. Billing
A Grateful Pastor



South City Deanery PSR Registration

Registration for 2020-2021 South City Deanery PSR year will be held in the St. John the Baptist Parish Center Monday, August 17, 2020 from 6pm – 8 pm and Sunday August 23, 2020 from 11 am – 1 pm. The \$35.00 registration fee is due when you register. Please bring a copy of your child's Baptismal Record for our records.

SCD PSR program provides formal Catholic religious education (Pre K to Confirmation Prep) for the children in parishes of the South City Deanery. Sessions are on Monday evenings, September through May from 6:20-7:40 PM

Our program continues and supplements the religious formation from parents, who are the first teachers of their children in the ways of the faith. We assist families in the areas of knowledge of the faith, beliefs and Christian life skills and religious practices, and strengthening the growing relationship with Jesus and his Church.

First Reconciliation & First Communion is usually done as part of the 2nd grade curriculum. We also have preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion for students grades 3-8 **Students must be in the PSR program for two years in order to receive First Reconciliation and First Communion.**

Confirmation is usually done in the 8th grade and above. **Students must be in the PSR program for two years (Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation classes) before being confirmed.**

For more information on the program or registration, contact Deacon George Watson at stl.scdpsr@gmail.com or 314-773-3070

SENIOR MOMENTS

Do you ever feel like life is becoming unpredictable? I sure have. Last September, when my very dear friend Ann received the diagnosis of not one, but five cancers, I found it hard to comprehend. We had been together at Immaculate Heart of Mary for over twenty-three years. "It couldn't be! Not Ann! We have plans for retirement! We are like sisters! We love and support each other. We have weathered through six pastors, five of them being first time pastors! We didn't "work together" we loved and served our parish family together. We were a real team! That same week, my Mom was rushed to the hospital. She almost died from sepsis. She was there for over a week. I stayed day and night not leaving her side. When she went to rehab, I was at the rectory by day and spent the nights at the rehab facility for a month. During that time, our beloved Msgr.



Billing went to the hospital, not once but twice for his heart. Talk about frightening, unpredictable?!

I had many conversations with Jesus. The strength and guidance granted me from the Holy Spirit along with the remarkable Holly Keisker and Deacon Jim, who were a tremendous support, actually life savers for nine months, is what carried me through. It was like the Footprints in the Sand story. The Spirit was carrying me and sending numerous people along the way!

When I had my stroke/aneurysm in December, life as I knew it once again became unpredictable and frightening. I am grateful for the fast actions and incredible medical staff and doctors who saved my life. After a two week stay in the hospital, I was able to return home. Life was certainly slower, but good. After a few weeks, I began having anxiety at bedtime. Many questions captured my thoughts; Why did I survive and not others? What if this happens while I am sleeping? What if Tim doesn't hear me? What if this happens again?! I asked Msgr. Billing to come to my home so we could talk. God bless him for his kind and pleasant personality. After visiting for a while, we came back to my reason for his visit; all of the "Why's" that were keeping me up at night. Msgr. Billing, in his very gentle manner said, 'Maybe you need to stop asking questions. You may have very good questions and possibly very good answers, but sometimes, we can ask but will never know for sure what the answer will be or the worry will not change the situation. Putting trust in God can bring you peace.' At first, these words were not what I wanted to hear. I wanted concrete answers. But that is the point, we cannot always have concrete answers. That is where the grace of our faith provides peace where nothing else can. That very night and ever since, I have been able to sleep without anxiety. I am grateful for Msgr. Billing's wisdom and for my faith, that no matter what unpredictability life brings me, I am not alone and God will carry me through. "Lord, thank you for the many blessings in my life. Amen."



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
Stephen & Leslie Kuehner	November

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

God Bless,
Immaculate Heart of Mary Pro-Life

**National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows
77th Annual Novena to Our Lady of the Snows
Tues, July 28 through Wed, August 5
Mass begins at 7:30 p.m.**

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For more information, call
618.394.6276. snows.org/novena

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

LECTORS

July 25/26th

4:30 p.m. Darlene Kustra
7:30 a.m. Cindy Wright
10:00 a.m. Becky Will

August 1/2nd

4:30 p.m. John Ruzicka
7:30 a.m. Diane Van Zandt
10:00 a.m. Barb Vineyard

August 8/9th

4:30 p.m. Art Benjamin
7:30 a.m. Glenn Mertens
10:00 a.m. Maureen Lampert



MINISTERS of COMMUNION

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



**Virtual
Storytime
with the Sisters!**

**July 27th - 31st
10:30am - 11:30am**

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