

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 Intentions for the Week

Mon.	11/9	8:00 a.m.	Harry & Rose Orsulak
Tues.	11/10	8:00 a.m.	Bernice & John Bock
Wed.	11/11	8:00 a.m.	Joe Murphy
Thurs.	11/12	8:00 a.m.	Tom Ceriotti
Fri.	11/13	8:00 a.m.	Celeste Lamping
Sat.	11/14	4:30 p.m.	Joe & Rose Ruzicka
Sun.	11/15	7:30 a.m.	Our Parish Family
		10:00 a.m.	Jose Neil Nartates



LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

Pray for those who are sick and their caregivers. Pray for Glen Zapf, Joyce Huelsmann, Jerry Brendel (husband of JoAnn, father of Jason), Edna Walters, Stacey Long, Sandy Ceriotti, Alene May (mother of Annette DeGreef), Evelyn Vetz, Steve Baum (nephew of Jean Provaznik), Sandy Ceriotti, 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 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.



Congratulations to
Deacon Jim and Linda on their
46th Wedding Anniversary!

Congratulations to
Chuck and Dolores Rezek celebrating
their 60th Wedding Anniversary on
November 12th!

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUES Nov. 10 Boy Scouts FKC

IMPORTANT!

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

Lance Cpl. Andrew Ceriotti, U.S. Marines
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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COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF:

November 1, 2020

Envelopes: \$6403

Loose: \$152

Maintenance Fund: \$1209

- 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 OFFICE HOURS

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

PARISH NEWS



There are candles with names left from the All Souls Mass. If there is someone that was special to you that has a candle left, please feel free to take it.

Dear Parishioners,
Once again Ladies Sodality will be partnering up with Carondelet Community Betterment Federation this holiday season, because of Covid 19 the donations will be different. We are asking for gift cards for food, and clothing. Also winter hats, and gloves, hygiene and toiletry items. The Christmas tree will go up the week of Thanksgiving, and we will have boxes placed by the tree for your donations. If you donate gift cards, please put them in an envelope, marked The Giving Tree, and place them in the collection baskets in church. The dates to make your donations are as follows:



11/28-11/29

12/5-12/6

12/12-12/13

The deadline date is Sunday, December, 13th. If you have any questions, please call Lina Silistria at 353-7581. Thank you for always being very kind, and generous! We appreciate it very much!

Lina Silistria & Carol Sandrowski
The Giving Tree Committee



Saint Vincent DePaul Blue Collection Bins

Please continue making donations to the bins. Your donations generate revenue for our parish, assist SVDP Thrift Stores and repurposing items are opportunities to care for our planet!

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.



\$10 Donation CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE GENTLEMEN OF PETER AND PAUL

In the past you have generously donated Dollar Tree gift cards. With the uncertainty of this year we feel a \$10 cash donation would be most beneficial.

You may put your gift cards in an envelope – Attn: Debbie, and place in the collection basket, drop off at the Rectory or mail to the Rectory. I will be collecting until **Monday, December 14th**. In advance, Thank you for your generosity and Christmas spirit.

Due to the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, we must submit our bulletin earlier than usual. **All items for the November 22nd and November 29th bulletins, must be submitted to the office, no later than Thursday, November 12th.**

Please plan ahead!



I thought you should know-November 8, 2020

Thank you to everyone who made our celebration of All Souls Day a prayerful and beautiful experience, especially all our wonderful greeters! It is so important that we make people feel welcome as they arrive at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, because a warm welcome helps people relax and have open hearts that can hear God's word, believe in his love, and draw strength from his grace. Thank you, too, to Debbie Gartner, our pastoral associate. She has been a big help to me in my first months here at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, and it was her care for our parishioners that spurred us to celebrate a special Mass on All Souls Day for those who have gone on to God.

We started a new homily series last week. It's called "Practical", and it is about basic, practical ways we can grow as disciples. Our first practical action to grow our faith was "sharing our faith". You can read my homily about that below. In the weeks ahead we'll talk about more practical actions to grow as disciples. This week, our topic is "prayer"; next week our topic is "tithing" (so that might not be the best week to invite someone back to church); then right before Thanksgiving our topic will be "serving others".

Finally, as I write this column on Monday, November 2, 2020, I don't know what will happen during the election on November 3rd. But I do know that whatever happens, God will ask us to love our neighbors, to listen carefully to what others say, to speak—especially when we disagree with others—respectfully, to look for good will in others and opportunities to work for the common good together, and most of all, to put our faith in Jesus Christ and to spread his good news to all the world. God bless you, and thank you for your prayers for our parish!

Fr. Aaron's Homily

Sometimes the Church says people in heaven, all the saints, are "in beatitude", and we just heard a part of the Gospel called the Beatitudes. I love talking about the Beatitudes. I love it so much that there is no way I can fit into this homily everything I want to say. So I'm going to say something that might get me in a little trouble and might cost me a lot of money. If after hearing this homily you want to learn more about the Beatitudes, you want to hear the stuff I couldn't fit in, then you give me a call or shoot me an email and I will take you out to lunch. I mean, I will buy you lunch at a restaurant for the chance to tell you more about the Beatitudes. Take me up on that offer. I would love it.

The Beatitudes are not obvious. You'll have to decide if you think they are true, but I hope by the end of this homily to persuade you that they are not obvious. Let me explain.

Beatitude is a fancy way to talk about being blessed, that word Jesus said again and again in today's Gospel. Blessed is an obvious word, not a churchy word, not a technical word. It's a word like "happy" or "lucky". It means life is good. "Blessed" is an obvious word. What Jesus says about *who's blessed, that's not obvious at all*.

First beatitude: "Blessed are the poor in spirit" Poor in spirit means you have nothing, you know you have nothing to count on, nothing to rely on, except God. It's like Jesus said, "When you are so poor that there is nothing you can count on, nothing you can rely on, nothing there for you except for God—you are so lucky. That's the good life, that's awesome. You are blessed." Is that obvious?

Second beatitude: "Blessed are those who mourn." It's like Jesus said, "When you are really sad, when you are grieving and mourning, man, you are so lucky. You are blest." Is that obviously true?

Third beatitude: "Blessed are the meek". Meek people are people who don't get their way. Meek people put up with other people messing up their plans and throwing their weight around while the meek people don't throw their weight around because they decide it will be better to go along. Is it obvious that people like that, the people who don't their way, who don't get what they want, are the happy ones, the lucky ones, the blessed ones? Is that obvious?

I'd love to go through all the beatitudes and show you what they are saying—but that's why I'm offering you a free lunch, because I don't have time to go through them all. Still, let me give you one more example, because for some of beatitudes, on a first glance, they do sound kinda cool, kinda obvious. For example, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness". That sounds kinda cool; "hunger and thirst for righteousness"; I like the sound of that, I like imagining myself someone like that, someone who hungers and thirsts for righteousness. But what does that really mean? To hunger and thirst for righteousness means that you keep seeing how things aren't right, and it drives you

nuts, it really bugs you, so that you feel an ache like hunger or thirst inside, and so you keep getting dragged into other people's messes and you keep paying attention to problems too big for you to solve. Is it obvious that those people are the happy people, the lucky people, the blessed people, and that the blessed people aren't the people who just stay in their own lane and are comfortable and focused on what getting more of what makes them happy? Look, I'm a priest, right? I'm going to tell you that what Jesus says is true. But I'm not going to tell you that what he says is obviously true.

In fact, I'd say that when we hear the beatitudes, when we really take seriously what Jesus is saying, any one of us can say back to Jesus, "Jesus, I hear asking me trust that what you say is true, and I can see how good it would be, if what you say is true, that the people you are talking about are the ones who are blessed. But Jesus, you have to help me if you want me to believe this, because it's not obvious to me why it's true."

The second half of each beatitude is where Jesus explains why it's true. "Blessed are the poor in spirit": "for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." "Blessed are those who mourn": "for they will be comforted." Do you understand what Jesus is saying? He's talking about people in hard situations, and he's saying that right now, right now, those people are the blessed ones, the happy ones, the lucky ones, *because of what God intends to do. God plans to act. So blessed are you when you are merciful, when people are giving you what's bad and you are paying them back what's good, blessed are you when you are merciful, because God intends to be merciful to people like you. Blessed are you when you are meek, and people push you around and you go along with them pushing you around for the sake of making things better, you are blessed, you're lucky, you're one of the happy ones, because God intends to make people like you inherit the land. He intends to give people like you a space in his creation that's your own, where you can live your life and have authority and influence. That's not obvious, but it is really good news.*

You know, if you think about it, the way of life Jesus is talking about in the beatitudes, it's a pretty amazing way to live. But it's the beatitudes that make it a *practical way to live, something that ordinary people can do and something that ordinary people can see will make a difference. Teaching the beatitudes, Jesus gives us endurance to keep on the right path when the right path is hard. Promising the beatitudes, Jesus gives us hope that we don't have to make everything in life go right, because God intends to act. Revealing the beatitudes, Jesus gives us vision to see the surprising path that leads where we all want to go, to a life that is lucky and happy and blessed.*

That's why I say the beatitudes are practical. When we call an idea practical, that's high praise, because a practical idea is an idea you can really do and an idea that makes a difference when you do it. Today's the first week of a new homily series at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish called "Practical". We're going to spend four weeks looking at practical actions we can do to grow as disciples. This week, after talking about so much that is not obvious, I'll close with something that is obvious. If people are going to know the good news in the Beatitudes, they need to be told.

The good news this week sure is good, but it's not obvious, right? So it's going to help people you care about only if they hear about it. It's not like they are going to know this automatically. That's why this week's practical action to grow as a disciple is share your faith. This week, I invite you to keep an eye out for someone you love who is struggling—double points if they are struggling to keep doing what is right—and to share with that person your faith in what Jesus told you. "Blessed are the poor in spirit," blessed are people like them, people who keep enduring and keep seeking the right, for "theirs is kingdom of heaven", for God intends to act, for God plans to bless.



Need a little help with home schooling? Looking for a tutor?

Now that schools are underway in their various forms, IHM parishioner, Sister Martha is available for tutoring. She can help with a variety of subjects and grade levels. If you would like more information, please contact her at 314-351-5901.



Save the Date!

Advent By Candlelight

IHM will present Advent by Candlelight for the ladies of the Parish on November 29, 2020. Due to Covid-19 Restrictions, we will be having the Advent Service in the Church. For more information or to help with the program, please call Bernie Will at (314) 541-5297 or email Becky Will at arlynwill@gmail.com.

Saint of the Week



Saint Josaphat

Saint of the Day for November 12

Saint Josaphat's Story

In 1964, newspaper photos of Pope Paul VI embracing Athenagoras I, the Orthodox patriarch of Constantinople, marked a significant step toward the healing of a division in Christendom that has spanned more than nine centuries.

In 1595, the Orthodox bishop of Brest-Litovsk in present-day Belarus and five other bishops representing millions of Ruthenians, sought reunion with Rome. John Kunsevich—who took the name Josaphat in religious life—was to dedicate his life, and die for the same cause. Born in what is now Ukraine, he went to work in Wilno and was influenced by clergy adhering to the 1596 Union of Brest. He became a Basilian monk, then a priest, and soon was well known as a preacher and an ascetic.

He became bishop of Vitebsk at a relatively young age, and faced a difficult situation. Most monks, fearing interference in liturgy and customs, did not want union with Rome. By synods, catechetical instruction, reform of the clergy, and personal example, however, Josaphat was successful in winning the greater part of the Orthodox in that area to the union.

But the next year a dissident hierarchy was set up, and his opposite number spread the accusation that Josaphat had “gone Latin” and that all his people would have to do the same. He was not enthusiastically supported by the Latin bishops of Poland.

Despite warnings, he went to Vitebsk, still a hotbed of trouble. Attempts were made to foment trouble and drive him from the diocese: A priest was sent to

shout insults to him from his own courtyard. When Josaphat had him removed and shut up in his house, the opposition rang the town hall bell, and a mob assembled. The priest was released, but members of the mob broke into the bishop's home. Josaphat was struck with a halberd, then shot, and his body thrown into the river. It was later recovered and is now buried in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. He was the first saint of the Eastern Church to be canonized by Rome.

Josaphat's death brought a movement toward Catholicism and unity, but the controversy continued, and the dissidents, too, had their martyr. After the partition of Poland, the Russians forced most Ruthenians to join the Russian Orthodox Church.

Reflection

The seeds of separation were sown in the fourth century when the Roman Empire was divided into East and West. The actual split came over customs such as using unleavened bread, Saturday fasting, and celibacy. No doubt the political involvement of religious leaders on both sides was a large factor, and doctrinal disagreement was present. But no reason was enough to justify the present tragic division in Christendom, which is 64 percent Roman Catholic, 13 percent Eastern—mostly Orthodox—Churches, and 23 percent Protestant, and this when the 71 percent of the world that is not Christian should be experiencing unity and Christ-like charity from Christians!

JOKE OF THE WEEK



War and Peace

**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:

Stephen & Leslie	November
Jesse & Ken	December
Jessica & Patrick	December
Shannon & Andrew	March

We will not be selling BIRTHRIGHT Christmas cards here at IHM this year.

You can order cards through the Birthright website (www.birtherightstl.org), by calling their office (314-962-5300) or you can pick them up at their office (2525 South Brentwood Suite 102, 63144).

God Bless,
Immaculate Heart of Mary Pro-Life

**March for Life 2021 – Registration Now Open**

MISSOURI LIFE CARAVAN is now accepting registrations for our bus trip to the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. **Thursday- Saturday, Jan. 28- 30, 2021.** Until all life is protected, we will travel to D.C. to meet with our representatives and peacefully protest against the Supreme Court's decision to legalize abortion. This trip is open to anyone ages 7 and up (chaperones not provided). We depart from several locations in the St. Louis area and we do not stay in hotels as we sleep on the buses. Seats are limited because of COVID-19. The cost is \$230.

For more information, to register or to sponsor a rider go to www.missourilifecaravan.org. Contact us at: 314-434-4900 or mrl.eastern@yahoo.com.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**LECTORS****November 7/8th**

4:30 p.m.	John Ruzicka
7:30 a.m.	Mike Kuhlman
10:00 a.m.	Barb Vineyard

November 14/15th

4:30 p.m.	Art Benjamin
7:30 a.m.	Judy Hudson
10:00 a.m.	Becky Will

November 21/22nd

4:30 p.m.	Joyce Huelsmann
7:30 a.m.	Howie Hirschfeld
10:00 a.m.	Maureen Lampert

**BOY SCOUT BLOOD DRIVE
November 22nd**

Immaculate Heart of Mary Boy Scout Troop 179 will be sponsoring their annual Blood Drive **next Sunday, November 22nd, 8:00 a.m. to Noon in the Father Keaney Center.** Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is the sole source for St. Louis area Catholic Hospitals' blood and platelets supply. Blood supplies are at their lowest this time of year, so the need is great. **In this season of "thanksgiving",** please consider the gift of life your donation could bring.

Dynamic Catholic, Alive! – Vigilance

One of my struggles lately has been to live in the present moment and to be grateful for it with my whole heart, to embrace and cherish it as a gift from God. We constantly plan ahead for the future, which is necessary, but we often take it for granted. We never know how much time we will have on earth before God will call us home. Therefore, we must keep watch for the Lord in the present moment and live for Him. We can be like the wise virgins if we spend our time praying and cherishing moments with our friends and families. Think about how much time we waste playing video games, using social media excessively, and staring at screens. Let us re-prioritize and focus on the Lord at each moment so that we will be ready when He returns to call us home to the wedding feast of the Lamb (cf. Rev. 19:9).

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