

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.	11/23	8:00 a.m.	Henry Kleffner
Tues.	11/24	8:00 a.m.	Pauley & Family
Wed.	11/25	8:00 a.m.	Dorothy Flaker
Thurs.	11/26	9:00 a.m.	Mark O'Shaughnessy
Fri.	11/27	8:00 a.m.	Jim O'Fallon
Sat.	11/28	4:30 p.m.	Rose Mary Chill
Sun.	11/29	7:30 a.m.	Regina Nartates
		10:00 a.m.	Our Parish Family

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER



Pray for those who are sick and their caregivers. Pray for Andrew Freeman (Grandson of Jim and Roxanne Wolfslau), Edna Walters, Pat Carson, 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), 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.

Happy Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at 9 a.m.

Office Closed

The Rectory Office will close at noon on Wednesday, November 25th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will re-open on Monday, November 30th.

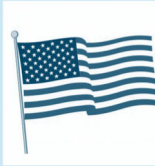
THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MON	Nov. 23	7 pm	Sodality Board	FKC
TUES	Nov. 24	7 pm	Boy Scouts	Café

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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 Tech Sgt. James Dobrynski, U.S. Air Force
 SSgt. Steve Appelbaum, U.S. Air Force
 Prvt First Class Troy Smith, U.S. Marines



COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF:

November 15, 2020

Due to early bulletin submission, the collection details for Nov. 15th are not available. The details will be printed in the Dec. 6th 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 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. You may still purchase winter hats, 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

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 donation 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.



An earring was found in front of the church building. If you are missing an earring, please call the rectory office.



Save the Date!

Advent By Candlelight

IHM will present Advent by Candlelight for the ladies of the Parish on November 29, 2020 at 7 p.m.. 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 arlynnwill@gmail.com.

I though you should know-November 22, 2020

On November 10, 2020 the Vatican released a report on the decisions bishops and Vatican officials made regarding ex-Cardinal McCarrick. I've read the report, and if you would like to talk about the report or how you feel about it, I would be most willing to make time for you. Just give me a call or email me. Most of all, I was sad to read about the crimes McCarrick committed and I was sad for the people he hurt. I also saw how some bishops did not act with courage when they heard about what McCarrick had done; that made me disappointed and sad, too.

On behalf of our Church, I want to apologize again to anyone who was abused by a priest or bishop, and to anyone who cares for someone hurt by a priest. That abuse should never have happened. One reason I decided to read this report was to try to do my little part in making sure the Church learns from the past and we make better choices in the future if we have to respond to the crimes of a priest or bishop. One thing that gives me hope is that I see many ways our Church here in St. Louis has learned from the past and has made changes to keep safe children and vulnerable adults, and hold accountable those who do wrong.

Remember to call or email the rectory and let us save you a pew at Christmas Mass! Our schedule this year is December 24 at 3:00 pm, 4:30 pm, and 10:00 pm, and December 25 Christmas Day at 9 am. Next week is the start of Advent, and we'll begin preparing for Christmas. Maybe this odd 2020 Christmas can be one of our best Christmases ever—what if the strangeness wound up in leading us to slow down, live simpler, pray more, and let God's peace into our hearts as we remember Jesus' birth?

To help, we'll have a homily series during Advent called "Peace on Earth". I am really excited about this series because we are going to take the four weeks of Advent to help you pray better when you pray. Please ask God to bless the preaching during Advent, and to bless all our guests who hear it, because if we can help people pray with more peace and more connection to God, they'll have a beautiful Christmas however strange it might be.

Below is week three of our Practical Series, talking about tithing and how it can grow our faith. God bless you!

Welcome, if you are here in church for the first time or the first time in a long time. We're glad you're here, but even more, my dad is glad you are here. You see, my dad's a big fan of Murphy's Law, "everything that can go wrong will go wrong". What are the odds that the weekend you come back is the weekend I'm talking about tithing? It's like a 2% chance, because I only talk about giving money to our parish once a year, but here you are, and it's that weekend: Murphey's Law. So, if you are new here, come up after mass and introduce yourself, because I want to tell my dad about you: it will make his day. J More seriously, if you are new here, you get to take a pass on this message, because in coming here, you took a step in faith, and God sees you take that step, he sees you here to seek and worship, and God values you decision to give him this part of your day, and God honors your gift of yourself here in worship. For disciples, the most important thing to know about tithing is that it is part of our worship of God. Tithing is not about doing good or keeping the lights on or leaving a legacy. Tithing is about worshipping God. That's why tithing is an important way to grow as a disciple, because it takes an important part of our life—our earning income—and brings that part of our life into our worship of God. As I've brought that part of my life into my worship of God by tithing my income, I've seen myself grow as a disciple; my hope is stronger, and it makes me grateful for all I have, and makes my life a simpler and richer. God cannot be outdone in generosity, and when we worship him, he blesses us. Often the big blessing is a spiritual blessing, like growth as a disciple.

That's one of the reasons our Gospel talked about talents. Today, the word talent means a natural aptitude or a honed ability; back in Jesus' time, the word talent was a measurement of weight, about 70 pounds of metal. So each talents of gold or silver that the master gave to the servants in the story represented a huge amount of money, like maybe a million and a half dollars, and the servants who used that money for what the master cared about grew in authority: "You have been faithful in small matters, behold, I will give you great responsibilities." Then we learn from the story that God entrust all of us with very great resources, and when we use those resource for what God cares about, we grow as disciples.

What God cares about is people knowing his love, believing in his love, loving him and loving others. So God cares about the spread of the Gospel and people getting to heaven, and suffering people on earth getting help and compassion. In this little slice of 63116, that's our parish's work—there's no secret underground backup parish the church has on call to come do that work if we don't! Tithing really does make a difference when we do it, because tithing is part of our worship of God, giving ourselves to him, and using what he gave us for his priorities.

For disciples, the other important thing to know about tithing is that tithing is giving 10% of what you earn to God. Now right away, you might say to me, "Fr. Aaron, this is week 3 of a series called "Practical", and we're supposed to be learning about basic, practical actions we can take to grow as disciples, and there is no way giving 10% is practical for me!" That objection sure makes sense to me. When we say an idea is practical, the reason why that is high praise is because a practical idea is a something you really can do, and something that makes a difference when you do it. The reason why tithing is a practical way to grow as a disciple, even though for some of you, giving 10% is just not possible, is that tithing is also a way of giving, a style of giving, that you can grow towards. Let me show you.

Tithing is a way of giving that is planned, priority, percent, and progressive giving. Planned giving means that it is giving based on a commitment lived out with a specific plan. Priority giving means it is giving to God first, before we take care of necessities and luxuries. Percent giving means that as God gives us more, we give more to God. Progressive giving means that it is giving where little by little, we pray about what we can give, and when sometimes after prayer we take the next step to give a little more. You can make grow as a disciple by picking anyone of those qualities, planned, priority, percent or progressive, and taking your next step. So our simple invitation this week is pray about the resources God has given you, and ask God if there is a next step he wants you to take. In a special way, I'd like to invite our teens to accept this invitation. If you have faith, if you have decided to follow Jesus, you are already a disciple: so you can grow as a disciple now, not just someday when you have figured life out. You don't have much money, right? But you can still have a plan to give. For example, what if your plan was something simple like, "I will give to God 10% of the money people give to me at Christmas?"

For all the teens here, and maybe for lots of other people too, there are real limits on the money you can give as a worship offering to God. But if you can see your next little step, and that next little step sure looks big to you, then know for God it big, too, and he'll treasure it big, and bless it big, because he sees how it comes from you. What were those words Jesus said again? "Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy."

-Fr. Aaron Nord



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!

Thank you!

Thanks to your continued donations to the bins, we have received a check for \$235.44



St. Vincent De Paul will meet on Tuesday, December 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory Meeting Room.



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BOY SCOUT BLOOD DRIVE TODAY!

Immaculate Heart of Mary Boy Scout Troop 179 will be sponsoring their annual Blood Drive **this weekend, 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.

Renew

Wednesday, December 9th and 16th 10:00-11:30
In the Father Keaney Center

I invite you to find a few hours to spend enriching your relationship with Jesus? Whether you are at square one or have a close relationship, YOU are welcome!!

Which of the following best describes where you are in your faith journey?

- Jesus is on the outside of my life, I do not seem to find time for Him.
- Jesus is a part of my life. Important, but honestly just one of the many things in my life.
- Jesus is at the center of my life, Motivation for how I live my life, provides me with guidance, hope and peace. Jesus comes first.

Whichever best describes you, this gathering is for you. Consider yourself officially invited.

Our discussion will be based from the book: Into His Likeness. May this be an opportunity to get to know Jesus. To find time for the Lord, To grow in your relationship.

For your safety, SOCIAL DISTANCING will be observed, Masks must be worn anytime you are not sitting. The tables will be spread apart with only two people per table (8 feet distance,) Hand sanitizer and germicide will be available. Social Distanced, Individual snacks will be served as well as coffee and tea.

Due to Social Distancing, we will be able to accommodate no more than 15 people. Please call the rectory to reserve your spot, by Thursday December 3rd. Debbie: 481-7543

Dynamic Catholic, Alive! – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe- The Last Things

This is one of my favorite passages in all of Scripture, and Michelangelo painted a brilliant portrayal of it in the Sistine Chapel. What is so great about this passage? Its simplicity. Jesus simplifies His message. It is not optional to serve our neighbor. It is not optional to perform corporal works of mercy and spiritual works of mercy. It is by these that we will be saved or condemned. Heaven and hell are at stake here.

While we are on earth, let us put our faith into practice by being active in charity. Let us love one another as if each person we encounter is Jesus Christ Himself. There are several people in the world today suffering from hunger, thirst, poverty, nakedness, imprisonment, estrangement, and sickness. What are we doing to bring Christ's healing and love? Let us serve the Lord and our neighbor in holiness. "In the presence of Christ, who is Truth itself, the truth of each man's relationship with God will be laid bare. The Last Judgment will reveal even to its furthest consequences the good each person has done or failed to do during his earthly life" (CCC 1039).

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WANTED

Willing individuals to serve as "GREETERS" for select Immaculate Heart of Mary parish events and Masses

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. A Friendly Disposition
2. A Welcoming Smile
3. A Willingness to take the risk to greet folks who you may not know, or who may not greet you back
4. No previous experience necessary

BENEFITS:

1. The knowledge that you are making our parish community welcoming to everyone.
2. Numerous 'halos' in heaven.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO APPLY:

Contact Elizabeth Cassmeyer at 832-0541 (Home), 488-9450 (Cell – texts welcomed), ramflor@sbcglobal.net (E-mail)

ACT NOW !

POSITIONS ARE FILLING FAST!

Saint of the Week



Saint Columban

Saint of the Day for November 26

Saint Columban's Story

Columban was the greatest of the Irish missionaries who worked on the European continent. As a young man who was greatly tormented by temptations of the flesh, he sought the advice of a religious woman who had lived a hermit's life for years. He saw in her answer a call to leave the world. He went first to a monk on an island in Lough Erne, then to the great monastic seat of learning at Bangor.

After many years of seclusion and prayer, he traveled to Gaul with 12 companion missionaries. They won wide respect for the rigor of their discipline, their preaching, and their commitment to charity and religious life in a time characterized by clerical laxity and civil strife. Columban established several monasteries in Europe which became centers of religion and culture.

Like all saints, he met opposition. Ultimately he had to appeal to the pope against complaints of Frankish bishops, for vindication of his orthodoxy and approval of Irish customs. He reproved the king for his licentious life, insisting that he marry. Since this threatened the power of the queen mother, Columban was

deported back to Ireland. His ship ran aground in a storm, and he continued his work in Europe, ultimately arriving in Italy, where he found favor with the king of the Lombards. In his last years he established the famous monastery of Bobbio, where he died. His writings include a treatise on penance and against Arianism, sermons, poetry, and his monastic rule. The Liturgical Feast of Saint Columban is November 23.

Reflection

Now that public sexual license is becoming extreme, we need the Church's memory of a young man as concerned about chastity as Columban. And now that the comfort-captured Western world stands in tragic contrast to starving millions, we need the challenge to austerity and discipline of a group of Irish monks. They were too strict, we say; they went too far. How far shall we go?

JOKE OF THE WEEK





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:

Jesse & Ken December
Jessica & Patrick December
Shannon & Andrew March

Congratulations to Stephen & Leslie on the birth of their daughter, Elsie Faustina.

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

You can order cards through the Birthright website (www.birthrightstl.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



December 4-6th, 2020

"Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you." Strengthen, rekindle and renew your marriage sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend virtually in your own home! <https://stl-wwme.org> or for more information call 314-649-7317.

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

LECTORS

November 21/22nd

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

Thanksgiving Day

November 26th

9:00 a.m. Art Benjamin

November 28/29th

4:30 p.m. Rita Springer
7:30 a.m. Glenn Mertens
10:00 a.m. Kevin O'Sullivan

December 5/6th

4:30 p.m. John Ruzicka
7:30 a.m. Cindy Wright
10:00 a.m. Rita Springer

ON-LINE DONATIONS



Give To IHM

to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish 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.

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