

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 30, 2018



*Jesus said to his parents,
“Why were you looking for me?
Did you not know that I
must be in my Father’s house?”*

Luke 2:49

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

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 After Tuesday 8 a.m. Mass

Rosary After 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.)



**Feast of the Holy Family
of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Dynamic Catholic, Alive! –**

Happy Feast of the Holy Family! Today the Church encourages us to look to Jesus, Mary, and Joseph for inspiration, guidance, and encouragement in living our family lives. The Holy Family was a model family in which both parents worked hard, helped each other, and took great care of their Child so that He might advance in human knowledge and fulfill the vocation He had been given by God the Father. When we look to the Holy Family, we can see those virtues we can seek to foster as a family, including patience, forgiveness, and selflessness. **This feast reminds us that parents have a great responsibility for the education of their children and are charged with the task of creating a home where tenderness, mercy, respect, fidelity, and love must be found.** The home is the place where virtue is inculcated and vocations are nourished.

Let us ask for the intercession of the Holy Family to inspire all of our families and to help us nurture Christian values so that others might see the

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Parish Office closed until Wednesday
No St. Vincent De Paul Meeting this week
Boy Scout Trivia Sat. doors open 6:30 p.m. FKC

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Boy Scouts	Tues. 7:00 p.m. Cafeteria
Quilters	Tues. 10:00 a.m. RMR
Judy Hudson's Exercise	Tues. 8:30 – 11 a.m. Café
Chair Yoga	Wed. 8:45 a.m. Sch.
Choir Practice	Wed. 7:00 p.m. Church
For Choir Rehearsal see Leona Ernst at Weekend Mass	
Spirit & Truth	Thurs. 7p.m. School
Balance Class	Fri. 9 a.m. School



COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF:

December 16th, 2018

Envelopes: \$4,738.00

Loose: \$312.00

Parish Maintenance: \$590.00

- 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!

Mass for the Intentions Week

Mon.	12/31	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
			Vigil Mass for Holy Day of Obligation
Mon.	12/31	4:30 p.m.	Adrian Kujawa
			Solemnity of Mary
			Holy Day of Obligation
Tues.	1/1/2019	9:00 a.m.	For the Purification Of the Church
Wed.	1/2	8:00 a.m.	Mary Freudenthal
Thurs.	1/3	8:00 a.m.	Ed & Kevin Magee
Fri.	1/4	8:00 a.m.	Rose Ruzicka
Sat.	1/5	8:00 a.m.	Lorraine Skosky
Sat.	1/5	4:30 p.m.	Christopher Branam
Sun.	1/6	7:30 a.m.	Our Parish Family



LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

Pray for those who are sick and their caregivers. Pray for: Bernard Wahoff, Raul Garcia, Helen Perzinskas, Sharon Oldani, Kathleen Moody (daughter of Charlie & Julie), Tom Ceriotti (husband of Sandy), Linda McKern, Melba Floyd, Marilyn Harris, Judy Bruegger, Delores Berger (mother of Cindy Wright), Cheryl Mitchell (daughter of Mary Korn), Marilyn Haller-Krohn (mother of Nancy Tucker), Deacon Jack Burke (brother of Joan Mowery), Stephanie Hagan (wife of Barry), Marguerite Mann (mother of Shar Merkel), Betty Hartmann (wife of John), Ryan Grybas (nephew of Rosalyn Oldenburg & Cindy Schmaltz), Kathleen Wiese (daughter of Audrey and sister of Mike Smith), Anna Corson, Nick Corson Lammert, Kathy Dilport, 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

PARISH NEWS

**Solemnity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God
(Holy day of obligation)**

**This Monday, December 31st
No 8:00 a.m. Mass
Parish Office is Closed
Mass time is:
4:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday, January 1st, 2019
9:00 a.m.
Parish Office is closed.**

**Wednesday, January 2nd,
there will be
an 8:00 a.m. Mass**


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ROSES FOR LIFE

Signing January 5th/6th

 Roses for Life will be available for your signature after all Masses, **next week-end, January 5th/6th.** We sign these little roses every year; **and they are sent to our legislators in Washington.** Surrounded by a society and culture that does not respect life, the popular *Roses for Life Campaign* gives us an opportunity to show that we embrace the culture of life at all stages. Please take a moment to sign one rose for this wor-



**FUNDRAISER FOR BOY
SCOUT TROOP 179**

**PARKS & RECREATION
TRIVIA NIGHT**

**Questions based on TV show
Next Saturday, January 5th
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.**

**Father Keaney Center
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Tables of FOUR | \$60 per team
Includes soda, pretzels, popcorn
Other food & drinks may be brought in.
First place wins \$100 | 2nd place \$75**

To register:
Mail a check payable to Troop 179
with team leader's name to: 429 Geyer Forest Dr.

**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
MEN'S CLUB HOSTS:
AFC/NFC CHAMPIONSHIP SUNDAY**

When: Sunday, January 20th

Where: Father Keaney Center

**Cost: \$30 per person and includes beer, wine,
soft drinks and food for both games.**

Doors open at 1:00 p.m. and first game begins



2019 CALENDARS

Calendars are at the doors of Church.

**Thanks again, to Kutis
Funeral Homes, for making these
available free of charge to**



BOY SCOUT SUPERBOWL PIZZA SALE



You may place your order with a Scout following Mass, or if no Scout is available, you may order by calling John Ebert - 314-258-0613. **Pizza pick-up is Saturday, February 2nd, between 2 - 5:30 p.m. from the school cafeteria**

Thank you as always for your continued support of our Scouts!

2018 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like your 2018 Contribution Statement mailed to you, please drop a **LONG #10 self-addressed stamped envelope in the Collection Basket.** I will mail the statements out beginning **Thursday, January 10th.**

You may come by the Parish Office between 8-3:00 p.m. beginning January 10th, if you'd like to pick it up instead of having it mailed

Thank you for your continued



Dear Parishioners,

As the Church comes to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, she reflects on the complete assumption of all that is human by the Son of God. At the Annunciation, the Father not only willed that the Son would assume human nature, but He chose His Son to be born to a human family. God desired that all that was touched by sin be redeemed, and as we know from the story of Adam and Eve as well as Cain and Abel, the family would have to be saved. Since the human family is the fundamental building block of any society, God's entrance into the human family would also be a way to touch all human relationships.

A common experience within the human family is the wonder of the mother and father watching their children mature; seeing the gradual unfolding of who they are and choose to become. After revealing that once found in the Temple, Jesus went with Joseph and Mary to Nazareth and was obedient to them, meaning that He was faithful to them and taking part in the family life. It is expressed in the Gospel that His life in Nazareth was material for contemplation by the Blessed Mother: "...and His mother kept all these things in her heart" (Luke 2:51). While the rest of us have the Gospels and our imagination to contemplate the mysteries of the earthly life of the Lord, she had the great grace of being there in the first person, participating in them in a spiritual way. It is natural for a mother to wonder about their children as they grow up, but Mary had the grace of knowing something about Her Son's life and mission, though the particulars were not completely shown to her. How much more did she see that we have no record of? How much more did she share with her Son that we will only be able to know, if we are with her in the next life? How much more could she share with us about what we do know through the Gospels? It is due to her proximity to the Lord that many saints and mystics encourage us to be close to her in order to draw nearer to her Son in our prayer and life. Though Joseph is accepted to have passed away

earth, we could also ask his intercession to understand more about the life and mission of Jesus, whom he cared for and protected. How much would he have witnessed reflecting upon both Jesus and Mary?

May the intercession of Joseph and Mary be with us, so that as they witness our maturing in conforming more to Jesus, their prayers may sustain us and bring us to that blessed birth into eternal life!

Thanks again to all those who have assisted in the decoration of the church and the liturgies of Christmas! And a special thanks to all those who were faithful in their devotions, prayers, good works, social activities in Advent! May they bear good fruit in your homes and in our parish during this Christmas season!

In the Hearts of Jesus & Mary,

Joke of the Week



SENIOR MOMENTS

HAPPY NEW YEAR! DIFFERENT OPTION THAN A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

I recently read of the idea to begin the New Year by choosing one saint, with the intent to learn about this saint and possibly cultivating a devotion to him/her. This practice will help you in your daily life and lead you closer to God. There are so many to choose from, you can look through a saint book, Google saints or maybe ask someone if they have a favorite saint and why, that may or may not be a match for you. By the end of the year you will have learned more.

If you are making a New Year Resolution, you may like a little help with sticking with it! **I am sharing an article by Susan Anthony**, I would like to share her article and a few suggestions of saints; one may be just the one who could help you!

7 Saints to Help you Keep your New Year's Resolution

"I confess: I've never been particularly successful at keeping New Year's resolutions because I'm more successful at finding excuses to ignore them. In years past I've been sidetracked by crowded gyms, the sniffles, and my general inability to resist temptation. This year, I decided I need some extra help, so I'm turning to the saints. I'm used to asking for the intercession of saints for big concerns, for example, laying my parenting woes at the feet of St. Monica, or asking for St. Peregrine's support for a friend battling cancer. But what about intercession for life's more mundane issues? Studies show we are more successful reaching goals when we enlist the help of a friend, and who better than our saint friends? Here are a few suggestions to help you stay on track in 2019!

Getting in shape with St. Sebastian, Pope St. John Paul II and St. Expeditus

Getting more exercise is a perennial New Year's resolution for me. I thought I'd turn to the patron of athletes, St. Sebastian, or Pope St. John Paul II, well known for his athleticism and love of the outdoors. Honestly, my real issue is one of procrastination and lack of motivation. So, I think I need to turn to St. Expeditus, patron of procrastinators. In the early days of the Church, Roman soldier Expeditus, when about to convert to Christianity, was tempted by the devil (in the form of a crow) telling him to

Christian." That's just the determination I need on those mornings when I'm tempted to say to myself, "Maybe I'll just go to the gym tomorrow."

Being more organized with St. Benedict and St. Zita

Another one of my resolutions this year is to finally get more organized. I've tried old-school to-do lists and digital solutions, but I still feel overwhelmed keeping up with my schedule, my responsibilities, and of course, the stacks of magazines and mail that threaten to swallow up my desk. While St. Expeditus can help with my general procrastination, I might need to consult an organizational expert on this one. I thought of St. Benedict, whose "rules" set out how to efficiently run a monastery. Then I read that Benedict was so strict in his organizational skills that some of his fellow brothers tried to poison him. Maybe I will ask for his help sparingly. St. Zita, the patron of homemakers and house cleaners might be a gentler and more accessible choice to support me. She managed to keep up with the daunting level of chores her demanding employer required while never missing Mass.

Overcoming bad habits with St. Jude and St. Charles Borromeo

While your vision of the new-improved-you might not be the same as mine, we all crave the fresh start New Year's resolutions can bring. After starting strong your enthusiasm and energy wane. Asking a saint to intercede on our behalf is like having an accountability partner, someone who either encountered the same challenges in life or is a role model for the goal we wish to achieve. St. Jude, the patron saint of hopeless causes, might be able to support you in your quest to finally quit smoking or St. Charles Borromeo, who was unable to eat what he liked due to stomach issues, can help in your struggle to lose weight. Ask them to intercede for you, trusting that they know the challenges you're facing. It's good to know you have a friend in heaven."





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.

Congratulations to Keli & Jason, on the birth of their baby girl, Rylan Ruby!!

Keep the following couples in your prayers:

Jamie & Scott	January 2019
Victoria & Tony	January
Shannon & Andrew	February
Kristin & Dan	February
Jenny & Matt	February
Katie & Greg	February
Caitlin & Dan	March
Christina & Caleb	March
Kathryn & Michael	April
Molly & Jeff	April



If you do not have an eScrip card, now is the time to apply! Earn up to 3% every month for our Parish no matter what Schnucks you shop. Shop with your registered Schnucks eScrip Card and 3% of your purchase will come back to IHM. Immaculate Heart of Mary earned \$172.04 for the month of November. *Thank you!*

If you are interested in receiving a Schnucks E-Scrip card, please fill in the information below and return in the **Collection Basket, "Attention Ann" or drop off at the Rectory.** After I register your card online, I will send your card(s) to you and you may begin to use immediately! **It's surprising the way the profit each month adds up by you just swiping your card at check-out. Thank you!!**

Please print clearly:

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Address _____ Zip _____



is a south county young adults group which meets Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the school building of Immaculate Heart of Mary, for fellowship and a discussion on a topic of faith, followed by Eucharistic Adoration.

Join Spirit and Truth this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary, as we kick off the new year with Holy Hour and Twelfth Night party in honor of the Epiphany of Our Lord!

For details visit us at spiritandtruthstl.org or like us on Facebook at fb.me/spiritandtruth.stl



ATTENTION ALL HIGHSCHOOLERS

Join us this Wednesday, January, 2nd from 7- 9:00 p.m. at Bishop DuBourg High School (please use Clifton Ave. entrance) for our UGLY SWEATER CHRISTMAS PARTY! We cannot wait to continue to celebrate the Christmas season with you!!

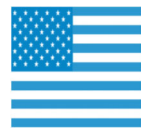
For more information and upcoming events about Saint Louis Lifeteen:

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Looking for a scholarship for the 2019-2020 school year? **Apply online at TTEF-STL.ORG starting January 28th, 2019 for elementary and high school scholarships.**

Deadline is February 28th, 2019.

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



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

Todd Bruemer, U.S. Navy

M.K. 2 Brett Winkelmann, Coast Guard

Cpl. Matthew T. Straub, U.S. Marines

Sgt. Victor A. Will, U.S. Army

Sgt. James A. Will, U.S. Army

Tech Sgt. James Dobrynski, U.S. Air Force



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NEWS AROUND TOWN



**Catholic Men
for Christ**
St. Louis, Missouri

**February 2, 2019
Touhill Performing
Arts Center
UMSL**

**Doors Open at 8:00 a.m.
Concluding with**

**4:00 p.m. Mass
\$40 register online
Catholicmenforchrist.org
Or call 314-516-4949**



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**March 9, 2019
Touhill Performing
Arts Center
UMSL
Doors Open at 8:30 a.m.
Concluding with 4:00 p.m. Mass**

**\$40 - register online
catholicwomenforchrist.org
or call 314-516-4949**

**ST. MARK TRIVIA LUAU
Saturday, January 26th 4200 Ripa Ave
Doors Open at 6:00 p.m. Trivia at 7:00 p.m.
\$25/table of 8 Snacks, Beer, Wine, Soda included
Raffles, 50/50 & Silent Auction. For reservations call:
Jaime at 314-686-1583
Make check payable to St. Mark**

ADORATION FOR LIFE

Our Lady of Guadalupe Convent (4311 Forest Park Ave) will have adoration after **7:00 a.m. Mass until 11:30 a.m. on the Mondays in January.** We invite you to join us in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for an end to abortion and a reversal of Roe vs Wade. For more information: 314-449-8612.

PROJECT RACHEL

Do you live with the pain of an abortion? Do you still feel anger, guilt or sadness even though the abortion was years ago? You may think our actions could never be understood and certainly not able to be forgiven. These emotions are common results of abortion. Healing and forgiveness are possible through Project Rachel. Specially trained counselors can help you experience Christ's peace. For private, professional counseling at no charge

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

LECTORS

January 5th / 6th, 2019

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

January 12th/13th

4:30 p.m. Jo Gaal
7:30 a.m. Glenn Mertens
10:00 a.m. Joyce Huelsmann



MINISTERS of COMMUNION

**All Masses need 7 ministers - Six (6) if
Deacon Jim or a visiting priest is on the altar.**

10:00 a.m. January 6th, 2019

Al & Eileen Book, Elizabeth Cassmeyer & Elvin Martinez, Sadat Martinez-Cassmeyer, Jenelle & Rob Leighton

10:00 a.m. January 13th

Kathy Jackson, Jo Ann Ratermann, Eileen Schindler, Annette Sandheinrich, Tara Murphey, Kevin O'Sullivan, Becky Will



SERVERS' SCHEDULE

FOR THE WEEKEND OF: January 5th/6th

SATURDAY 4:30 p.m. Jacob & Joanna Ripper

SUNDAY 7:30 a.m. Jack Feldmeier

SUNDAY 10:00 a.m. Mary Beth Solari

FOR THE WEEKEND OF: January 12th/13th

SATURDAY 4:30 p.m. Peter & Paul Pham

SUNDAY 7:30 a.m. Tim Brennan

SUNDAY 10:00 a.m. Mikayla & Olivia Murphey

INFORMATION SHEET

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