

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

No Meetings this Week

IMPORTANT!

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

Mon.	7/20	8:00 a.m.	Debbie Modesto
Tues.	7/21	8:00 a.m.	Parish Purgatorial Society
Wed.	7/22	8:00 a.m.	Rosemary Schuster
Thurs.	7/23	8:00 a.m.	Phyllis Schaeffer
Fri.	7/24	8:00 a.m.	John & Viola Miller
Sat.	7/25	4:30 p.m.	Mike Garcia
Sun.	7/26	7:30 a.m.	Kevin Zapf
		10:00 a.m.	Our Parish Family

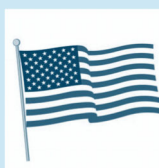
LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER



Pray for those who are sick and their caregivers. Pray for Steve Baum (nephew of Jean Provaznik), Sandy Ceriotti, Bob Simmons, Frank Sandrowski, Shar Merkle, Fran O'Shaughnessy, Paul Clark, 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.....



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 LT. Benjamin D. Stolarski, U.S. Navy
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 SSgt. Steve Appelbaum, U.S. Air Force
 Pvt First Class Troy Smith, U.S. Marines

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



COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF:

July 12, 2020

Envelopes: \$3925

Loose: \$268

Maintenance Fund: \$409

- 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



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.

Dynamic Catholic, Alive! – Divine Justice

The parable of the wheat and the weeds shows the greatness of divine justice. God reminds us in the parable that we are not to judge those whom we think may be the weeds in the field. God allows the good and the evil to live side by side because He respects the free will that He bestowed on all human beings. All individuals will have the chance to choose to serve God or Satan, and God will judge them at death accordingly, but not until that time. We should refrain from casting judgment upon our neighbors, for we too have neglected to serve God at times. Instead of judging others, let us seek to do the will of God and to transform the “weeds” into “wheat.” Let us share the goodness of Jesus with others and lead them to the harvest of heaven.

archstl.org/dynamic

Saint of the Week



Saint Mary Magdalene

Saint of the Day for July 22

Saint Mary Magdalene's Story

Except for the mother of Jesus, few women are more honored in the Bible than Mary Magdalene. Yet she could well be the patron of the slandered, since there has been a persistent legend in the Church that she is the unnamed sinful woman who anointed the feet of Jesus in Luke 7:36-50.

Most Scripture scholars today point out that there is no scriptural basis for confusing the two women. Mary Magdalene, that is, "of Magdala," was the one from whom Christ cast out "seven demons" (Luke 8:2)—an indication at the worst, of extreme demonic possession or possibly, severe illness.

Writing in the *New Catholic Commentary*, Father Wilfrid J. Harrington, O.P., says that "seven demons" "does not mean that Mary had lived an immoral life—a conclusion reached only by means of a mistaken identification with the anonymous woman of Luke 7:36." In the *Jerome Biblical Commentary*, Father Edward Mally, SJ, agrees that she "is not...the same as the sinner of Luke 7:37, despite the later Western romantic tradition about her."

Mary Magdalene was one of the many "who were assisting them [Jesus and the Twelve] out of their means." She was one of those who stood by the cross of Jesus with his mother. And, of all the "official" witnesses who

might have been chosen for the first awareness of the Resurrection, she was the one to whom that privilege was given. She is known as the "Apostle to the Apostles."

Reflection

Mary Magdalene has been a victim of mistaken identity for almost 20 centuries. Yet she would no doubt insist that it makes no difference. We are all sinners in need of the saving power of God, whether our sins have been lurid or not. More importantly, we are all "unofficial" witnesses of the Resurrection.



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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





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SENIOR MOMENTS

How to Stay Hopeful During these Difficult Times

Adapted from Mind Fuel Daily

Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all the darkness. – Desmond Tutu
Here are a few simple ways to stay hopeful during hard times.

Reach Out to Others: Turn to family, friends, or a trusted counselor via video-chatting services [or by phone]. Create space for meaningful connections.

Express Gratitude: Listing what you're thankful for may seem difficult when you're struggling. But there's always something to be thankful for. Take strength from that which is good and solid.

Be Kind: Kindness not only feels good, but it is also good for you. Performing good deeds for others takes your mind off your troubles and fosters relationships with those around you and in your community.

Take Care of Yourself: Get sleep, eat right, and do indoor activities that restore balance. When you feel stressed or overwhelmed, take breaks, and engage in self-care.

Have Goals: Think of something you'd like to work towards. Big or small, it doesn't matter, as long as it's meaningful and gives you a sense of purpose. As Friedrich Nietzsche once wrote, "He who has a why to live for can bear almost any how."

Ask for Help: Asking for assistance can be scary, but it can also make a world of difference. You may be surprised at the solutions and ideas others can provide. Even if they don't have the answers, they can give you the help and support you need to make it through a rough time.

Engage in Meaningful Action: You can't control everything, but you can control some things. Focus on the things that you can change for the better, no matter how small. Work with what you have one step at a time. People survive and thrive in all sorts of scenarios, they always have. Take inspiration, knowing that this too shall pass.



Thank you for your continued donations to St. Peter and Paul. We continue to provide meals two times a week.

Energy Care

Energy Care, an organization dedicated to promoting healthy, safe home environments, provides energy-related services in the St. Louis area to low-income households, the elderly, disabled, and families with young children. As we approach the summer heat, Energy Care will install **free window air conditioners** to those in need. For further information, call 314-773-5900, or Jana@EnergyCare.org.



**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.

"With Mary on Holy Pilgrimage" - Each evening of the Novena includes Mass, special music, and prayers, Scripture reflections and praying the rosary.

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

Archdiocese of St. Louis Diaper Giveaway

Saturday, July 18

**Free Size 1 Diapers Available!**

For individuals, couples, and families with unborn and infant children and those that minister to them!

Pick-up locations and schedule:

- ⇒ St. John the Baptist Parish (South City), 9 to 11 a.m.
- ⇒ Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish (Ferguson), 10 a.m. to noon
- ⇒ St. Peter Parish (St. Charles), 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

First come, first-served while supplies last!

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Questions? More Information?
Contact: cynthiahachnel@archstl.org ~ 314.778.0628

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**LECTORS**

July 18/19th

4:30 p.m. Maureen Lampert
 7:30 a.m. Joyce Huelsmann
 10:00 a.m. Kevin O'Sullivan

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

**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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