

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*The parish of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, located in south city,
has clusters of small neighborhoods filled with multi-generational families.*

As members of this parish, we 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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Sacramental Schedule

Celebration of Eucharist

1st Saturday of the Month 8:30 a.m.

Followed by the Anointing of the Sick

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Sunday 10 a.m. Children's Liturgy - Sept.-May

Weekdays Monday-Thursday 8am Mass

Friday 7am Mass

Tuesday Following 8 a.m. Mass: Perpetual Help Devotions

Holydays As announced inside bulletin

Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

Sundays following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory for information.

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 a priest if you or someone you know is interested.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Celebration by 7th and 8th Grade Students or whenever one is ready to make a commitment to being a fully practicing Catholic. One full year of religious education prior to the year of preparation is necessary.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Set up preparation meeting with the priest or deacon you choose for the wedding as soon as you have decided to marry, at least 6 months prior.

Holy Orders and Consecrated (Religious) Life

If interested, please call the parish rectory or the Archdiocesan Office of Vocations at 314-792-6460.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Call the Rectory anytime if someone is sick at home or going to have surgery.

Care for those who are homebound or hospitalized or in nursing home. Please call the Rectory to arrange for Communion to be brought to any parishioner who is unable to get to church. Please inform the rectory as soon as any parishioner is admitted to any hospital or nursing home. (Hospitals do not always call.)

South City Deanery PSR

Catholic Religious Education for children attending public or private non-religious schools. Call Fr. Leo at 314-773-3070.

Parish Membership

All Catholics over 18 and living in our area need to register (if you are not already receiving parish mailings) by calling the Rectory.

Calendar and Bulletin Items

Additions or changes for the Parish Calendar should be in writing and sent to the Rectory. The deadline for bulletin announcements is 10 a.m. Monday for the following week's bulletin. (Holidays – deadlines could change without notice.)

1st Sunday of Lent

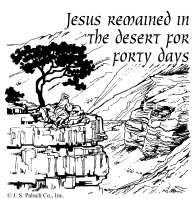
February 26, 2012

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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| Sunshine E Bd. Mtg. | Mon. 10am LOM |
| Ladies' Bd. Mtg. | Mon. 7:30pm FKC |
| Renew | Wed. 10am RMR |
| Venturing Crew | Thurs. 6:30pm Cafe |
| Men's E Bd. Mtg. | Thurs. 8pm FKC |
| Stations of the Cross | Fri. 5:30pm Church |
| Texas Hold 'Em | Sat. 7pm FKC |

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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| RCIA | Sunday following 10am Mass |
| Recitation of the Rosary | Mondays-Thursdays following 8am Mass and Fridays following the 7am Mass |
| Boy Scouts | Mon. 7pm Caf  |
| Quilters | Tues. 8:30am RMR |
| Prayer Group | Wed. 7:00pm LOM |



Jesus remained in the desert for forty days
"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...." - MARK 1:14

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

Mass for the Intentions Week

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| Mon. 2/27 | 8:00am | Communion Service |
| Tues. 2/28 | 8:00am | Communion Service |
| Wed. 2/29 | 8:00am | Communion Service |
| Thurs. 3/1 | 8:00am | Communion Service |
| Fri. 3/2 | 7:00am | Communion Service |
| Sat. 3/3 | 8:30am | Souls in Purgatory |
| | 4:30pm | Ann Faith |
| Sun. 3/4 | 7:30am | Frank Stockmann |
| | 10:00am | Our Parish Family |

The Students will be at 8am Mass Monday & Tuesday

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday: | Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46 |
| Tuesday: | Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15 |
| Wednesday: | Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32 |
| Thursday: | Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12 |
| Friday: | Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26 |
| Saturday: | Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48 |
| Sunday: | Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10 |

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

Please pray for Joe Gaal, Mary Catherine, (infant of Tom & Susan Ryan), Marino Gonzalez, Marty Groppe, Frank & Eleanor Roser, Mary Wolfe, Nancy Klosterman, Dan Liddy, John Pfeiffer, Jamie Tarsi, (mother of Alycia), Patty Raster (sister of JoAnn Brendel & aunt of Jason), Roy Gooris, Terry Isaacs, Ralph McGill, (father of Brenda Bucher), Magdalene Bonn (mother of Paula), John Schniedermeier, Vicki Koziacki, Harold Sullentrup, (Judy Bruegger's brother-in-law), and those parishioners who are homebound, who are living in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes, and all in our Prayer Book. May our Lord Jesus bring them comfort and healing.

REST IN PEACE

In your charity pray for our deceased, Francine Daily and Chris Bastunas (cousin of Ann Donohue). May they join their loved ones in joyful reunion with Jesus.



Collection for the Week of February 19, 2012

Envelopes: \$5,604.00
Loose: 286.63
Parish Improvement: \$95.00

Dear Parishioners,
 In order to keep our records accurate it would be most helpful if when using your envelopes that you would write the amount of your donation on the envelope. We want to credit each of you correctly for your generosity to Immaculate Heart of Mary!!

PARISH NEWS



IHM 8TH GRADE PLAY This Weekend

7pm in the FKC Saturday & Sunday. Our 8th grade will be performing *The Musical adventures of flat Stanley, Jr.* Come join Stanley as he travels the world. This is a great show for the whole family. Cost is \$3 for children and \$6 for adults.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! BLOOD DRIVE



IHM Boy Scout's Troop 179 will be sponsoring its annual Blood Drive on Sunday, March 11th, from 8am-12 noon in the Father Keaney Center. Please contact John Ebert at 314-258-0613 if you would like to set up an appointment. Walk-Ins are welcome!! All blood collected goes directly to the Catholic hospitals of SSM. Thank you for your support of Catholic hospitals, and Troop 179!



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY'S MEN'S CLUB

TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT

Saturday, March 3rd, 2012

Father Keaney Center

Men & Women Welcome!

Donation \$40

(includes food, snacks & drinks)

Must be 21 years old

Doors open at 6 pm—Play begins at 7pm

For more information and/or reservations

(special discount on table of 7)

Contact:

John 353-7121 Aaron 752-9340 Tim 351-0638

Proceeds to benefit IHM Youth Athletics!

Get your table together and come have some fun! IHM Trivia Night



Sponsored by:

Immaculate Heart of Mary Ladies' Sodality

Saturday, March 31st

\$15 / person - 8 per table

In the Father Keaney Center – starts 7 p.m.

Includes snacks and canned beverages

Great attendance prizes –

The Haven, Sam's Steak House, Concord Lanes, and Raffles, Baskets, and awesome Cardinal tickets

On sale after all Masses

or contact Therese Shear at

sheartandt@aol.com or 314-352-8292

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY'S CONSOLATION MINISTRY

Grieving the loss of a spouse, child, parent, grandparent, or friend?

Rectory Meeting Room 6:30pm-7:30pm

Beginning Tuesday, March 6th

and the following 3 Tuesdays

Experience Healing, and find Peace.

Immaculate Heart of Mary is offering a RENEW program for you. Come join us as we:

Pray—Share—Meditate

Help each other grieve

Call Deacon Jim or Linda Murphey at 481-0008 to sign up or for more information.

HOLD THE DATE!!

IHM 10th Annual Golf Classic, Saturday May 12th; 7:30am shotgun start at **Sunset Lakes Golf Club** (under new management).

Cost is \$80/player or \$320/foursome and includes: round of golf, gift bag, beer & soft drinks on the course for the entire day and catered lunch after the round.



Proceeds from this year's tournament will be given to IHM Parish for the needs of our School.

Your help is needed with hole sponsors and attendance prizes. **Forms are available in the vestibule of church.** If you would like to help-out in other ways your help is needed at the event, also. For more info or to reserve a foursome, contact Tim Sullivan at 351-0638.

NEW LOCATION FOR BOULEVARD HEIGHTS MEETINGS

All Boulevard Heights Mtgs. will now be held at the **Carondelet Park Rec. Complex**. The next meeting is **Wednesday, March 7th** at 7pm. **Todd Waeltermann**, Dir. of City of St. Louis Street Dept, and **Dennis Jenkerson**, Chief of the Fire Dept. of St. Louis, will be our speakers. All are welcome!



We are asking for your help again with

dessert donations for our Fish Fry.

Please drop off at School or the Cafeteria on Fridays after 12:30pm.

Thank you for your support!

2011 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Statements are ready. If you would like your 2011 Contribution Statement mailed to you, please drop a **LONG #10 self-addressed stamped envelope in the Collection Basket.** Or you may come by the Rectory between 8-4pm, Monday-Friday to pick up a copy.

SENIOR MOMENTS

Every year on the first Sunday of Lent we read one of the Gospels which tells us about Jesus' forty days in the desert, the temptations of Satan and the protection of the angels.

Mark's version is shorter and more to the point: Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the Gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel."

Have you or someone you love, ever felt as if you have been in the desert every bit of forty days? I know I have, more than once. In the desert we can feel alone, abandoned, empty, doubts that our lives will ever be the "same," will it ever improve? It is at these times we can be brought to our knees with a lack of faith in ourselves, our lives, the people or situations that surround us. We can even have doubt of God's presence or promises. Years ago, I remember Fr. John telling me to embrace this time. This is an opportunity to grow closer to the Lord.' This made a profound impact on how I perceive the difficult times that arrive.

Do not be afraid to enter your desert. This is where we can find God. He loves us. By accepting our helplessness, He can fill us.

We have "wild beasts" that try to attack our faith; poor health, life not being at all what we anticipated, financial worries, difficulty walking, hearing, performing daily tasks, estranged family, differences of opinions, death of a loved one, a feeling of disconnect from God, no sense of His Presence. We also have the "angels" who minister to us, the stranger with a kind word, a compassionate medical person, family, friends, neighbors, our parish family and staff. One of our "wild beasts" can be the inability to confide in others and allow them to help us.

Being "brought to our knees" may be exactly where we need to be. Whether you or experiencing "wild beasts" or content; consider allowing the forty days of Lent to be our desert, our place of retreat to invite honesty with ourselves and God.

Possible reflections:

1. What can I do this lent to deepen my trust in God as my true source of peace and strength?
2. Allow myself time to be aware of the "angels" in my life.
3. How can I spend my time to grow closer to God?

RENEW COULD BE A GREAT LENTEN ACTIVITY



During the six weeks of Lent, please join us in the rectory basement on Wednesdays 10:00 a.m.-11:30 as we spend time growing closer to fellow parishioners, learning about and discussing our faith. We all learn from each other. We are each a work in progress. We are never too old or too young to grow closer to God. We are a work in progress. If we open ourselves to Him, He will not disappoint us!

Everyone is welcome! Everyone has something to offer. We all have been blessed with our own unique gifts. Hope to see You there! Oh, and one more thing: We have coffee, tea and lots of goodies!

BLACK HISTORY AUTHOR/SPEAKER

Have you ever wondered how our region developed the racial divides and challenges that exist today? The book ***Never Been a Time*** offers insight into our region's history as it chronicles the tragedy of the 1917 race riots in East St. Louis. The Social Justice Committee of **St. Margaret of Scotland**, invites you to come to discuss this book with its author, **Harper Barnes**, a **St. Louisan and former editor of the Post Dispatch**. Join us this Thursday, March 1st, at 7pm in the church basement, 3854 Flad, at the corner of Flad and 39th. To register for this event call Gerry at 664-5770. Left Bank Books will have the book for sale at a 20% discount or you may order it online at:

<http://www.left-bank.com/book/9780802715753>.

RETREAT DAY - ALL ARE WELCOME

Please join me for a **Retreat Day** hosted by SGSM. It will be on **Wednesday, March 7th, from 10a.m. - 2 p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Parish Center** 3135 Meramec (across from the doors of the church). The presenter will be **Sr. Anne Simms, O.P.** who will talk to us about the Gifts Given along Life's Journey. Sr. Anne is a spiritual director in the St. Louis area. She brings with her years of experience in retreat work, spiritual direction, grief counseling and hospital ministry. **Cost for the day is \$10 which includes lunch.** To make your reservation, send your check to Barb Salmo at St. Anthony Parish 3140 Meramec Ave. St. Louis, Mo. 63118 by **this Thursday, March 1st**. For more info you may call Barb at 655-0554. We can car pool, please call me.

Debbie: 481-9385

Due to Visiting, I am in and out of the office. I will check my messages and return your call as soon as possible.



Dear Parishioners of IHM,



This week we received a notice from Notre Dame High School, letting us know of three of our parishioners who made it on the honor role for the first semester of this school year. Congratulations to Georgia Bess, MacKenzie Pierzynski, and Tara Wright on your success! IHM parish is proud of you!

We have begun our annual season of Lent. Our thoughts turn away from fulfilling our own wants and desires, to turning back to our loving God. There are many traditional Lenten practices available to us. Rice Bowls can be found at the doors of the church, which we can use to help us connect to our brothers and sisters who live often without the basic necessities of food, clean water, and shelter. We offer the celebration of the Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 5:30pm, an opportunity to journey with Jesus on the way to the Cross. On Friday, March 23rd and Saturday, March 24th, the Archdiocese of St. Louis will be celebrating a Reconciliation Weekend. IHM will be one of the host parishes, offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation, with two priests always available from 4pm till 7pm on March 23rd, and from 9am till 3pm on March 24th. Finally, IHM will be hosting a Fish Fry every Friday evening during Lent, with the proceeds going directly to help our school. Please take advantage of these opportunities during the season of Lent.

Finally, I wanted to let you know that I will be gone this week for my annual retreat. I will be spending the week away from the distractions of our modern world at the hermitage of Il Ritiro Franciscan Retreat Center in Dittmer, MO. Please remember me in your prayers, and know of my prayers for you during this time of retreat.

Have a healthy and holy week!

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!

Sincerely,

Father Brad

RECONCILIATION WEEKEND 2012 IHM HOST PARISH

Pope Benedict XVI recently stated in his Lenten Letter 2012: "*The Lenten season offers us once again an opportunity to reflect upon the very heart of Christian life: charity.*"

At the start of Lent, Archbishop Robert J. Carlson, Archbishop of St. Louis, encourages all Catholics throughout the Archdiocese to take the opportunity to go to confession in preparation for Easter, in order that all may "encounter the merciful love of the Father."

On March 23rd and again on March 24th we will celebrate Reconciliation Weekend 2012. **Friday evening, 4-9:00 p.m., and all day Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., priests will be available at numerous churches throughout the archdiocese to hear confessions.**

Information about the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available through your parish and a useful guide on how to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation may be downloaded by going to: www.archstl.org/worship/ReconciliationWeekend.

**Priests will be available, here at
Immaculate Heart of Mary**

**Friday, March 23rd, from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. and
Saturday, March 24th, from 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR RALLY FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Archbishop Robert Carlson will join other prominent religious leaders, on **Tuesday, March 27th** in Jefferson City in the rotunda of the **Missouri State Capitol**. To find out more about this Rally and how you may participate, visit www.mocatholic.org or call 1-800-456-1679. **Let's defend our Church and stand up for our religious liberties.**

JOKE OF THE WEEK

When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



Stations of the Cross - for our junior high students in grades 5-8th will take place on Friday, March 2nd, starting at 9a.m. Please join us if you can.

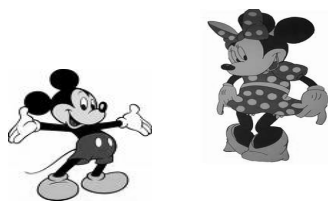
First Communion Parent Meeting - for all those in our parish who will be making their First Communion this spring, is on **Monday, March 12th at 7:00 p.m. in church.**



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School will be hosting its **fourth annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 24th beginning with the 4:30 p.m. Mass.** Invitations will be in the mail shortly concerning this event. You may drop your reservation in the collection basket or bring it to school during the day. This is a wonderful time to meet new families of our parish. Students from age two up to second grade are invited to attend.

Have a great week!!!!

Mr. D



PAPER RECYCLING, CLOTHES HOUSE, & ALUMINUM RECYCLING

Thank you for your continued support by using these containers! All proceeds benefit our School!!



EARLY BIRD POOL SPECIAL

Splash into summer with a family pool membership to **Concordia Turners**. Offered for the first time ever at the low price of **\$200**** for the entire summer. Concordia's big pool starts at 3 feet deep and ends at 10 feet deep with a diving board. It also has a baby pool for those family members not quite ready for the big pool. The Pool includes a Patio area with a Snack Shack and bar. Located at 6432 Gravois, near the intersection of Gravois and Kingshighway, Concordia has been an STL landmark for decades. In order to get this amazing offer, payment in full must be received March 31, 2012. A limited number of memberships will be offered at this price. Please act quickly.

concordiaturners@sbcglobal.net
or 314.352.9388

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Parish School of Religion (PSR) Fundraiser Thursday, March 22nd, from 5-8pm, All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner at **Fazoli's** (6456 Chippewa). Adults \$8 and \$4 children 12 and under). Call South City Deanery PSR at 773-3070 or email at scdpsr4200@sbcglobal.net for tickets. Tickets are good until April 20th, if you cannot make it on March 22nd. Thank you for your support!!

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

All volunteers and employees who work with children at Immaculate Heart of Mary parish must be in full compliance with the Safe Environment Program. This includes attending a Protecting God's Children workshop, undergoing a background check updated in even-numbered years, having an FBI fingerprint check if you have lived outside of Missouri within the past five years, and signing the Code of Ethical Conduct.

These requirements are mandated by the United States Council of Catholic Bishops and are followed by every diocese in the country. The policies are the Church's attempt to ensure the suitability of everyone who works or volunteers around your children. If you have any questions, please contact our parish child safety coordinator, Judy Vonder Haar at 481-7543.

To report allegations of child abuse by archdiocesan employees or volunteers, the new number is: 314-792-7704

Missouri Department of Social Services
Children's Division Hotline Number is:
1-800-392-3738

SOUTHSIDE YM NEWS

You and your family are welcome to be a part of SSYM Youth Ministry; come to our youth Mass at 6pm every Sunday night. **This week we welcome Fr. Jason Schumer, from St. Ambrose.** Confessions are available weekly from 5:30-5:50pm before Mass. The Life Night this week is a social called "Leap Year" and will involve lots of fun jumping! All high school teens are welcome to stay for the program immediately after Mass.

Here is a schedule of more upcoming events:
Sunday, March 4th - The **Life Night** here will be an educational night about how God provides for all our needs, even when it seems like He is not.

Saturday, March 10th - "**40 Days for Life**" Rally in front of Planned Parenthood on 4251 Forest Park Ave at **10:30am**. If you have not had the chance to be a part of the prayer initiative to stop abortion, this is your chance. Plus it will be an energetic day with the chance to network with lots of pro life leaders. I will be the keynote at this rally, so come join me and SSYM and get fired up about life!

March 16-18th is the weekend for the SSYM Spring Retreat for high school teens. Please see the Youth Office for registration details.

SSYM is currently sponsoring the "Baby Bottle Brigade" in cooperation with the Knights of Columbus. Come to Sunday's Youth Mass to learn more about how you can participate in this important life saving fundraiser.

Peace,
Greg Robeson



LOOKING FOR VENDORS!

Ladies' Sodality Vendor Fair!
Sunday, May 6th in the Father Keaney Center. Please contact Brenda Bucher for information or to sign-up at 314-517-2604 brendabucher@gmail.com.



YOU CAN HELP SAVE LIVES! COALITION FOR LIFE ST. LOUIS

40 days for Life Campaign
From: February 22, (Ash Wednesday)
To April 1, (Palm Sunday)

our community will be one of many cities from coast to coast joining together for the most dynamic coordinated Pro-Life mobilization in history — **40 Days for Life!**

We are praying that, with God's help, this effort will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city and throughout America!

While all aspects of *40 Days for Life* are crucial in our effort to end abortion, the most visible is the **peaceful prayer vigil** outside our local Planned Parenthood facility, 4251 Forest Park Ave.

Go to our website: coalitionforlifestl.com

KEEP OUR MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY TO KEEP US SAFE IN YOUR PRAYERS!

Here is a list of members of families who are involved with the conflict:



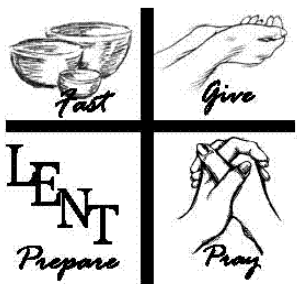
- A1/C Jeffrey Clark, U.S. Air Force
- Private, Alan Smith, U.S. Army
- 1SG Paul Drago, U.S. Army
- Todd Bruemer, U.S. Navy
- M.K. 2 Brett Winkelmann, Coast Guard
- Cpl. Matthew T. Straub, U.S. Marines
- Sgt. Victor A. Will, U.S. Army
- Sgt. James A. Will, U.S. Army
- Staff Sgt. James Dobrynski, U.S. Air Force
- Specialist 1st Class David V. Rice, U.S. Army

LENT



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

will be offered throughout Lent on Fridays starting at 5:30 p.m. in our Church.



OPERATION RICE BOWL

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me...”

In Matthew’s Gospel Jesus teaches us that when we serve our brothers and sisters in need, we also serve Him. **This Lent, answer the call to serve the “least of our brothers and sisters” through Catholic Relief Services’ Operation Rice Bowl.** Your prayers, fasting, and sacrificial contributions support CRS’ work with the poorest of the poor in nearly 100 countries.

Lenten Prayer

God of the poor, we long to see Your face. You tell us, “whatever you do for one of these least you do for me.” May we recognize You in each of our brothers and sisters. May our prayers and fasting unite us with those who hunger. May we share of our blessings with those in need. Amen.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Come, Follow Me

Paula D’Arcy

Beside me is a glass of ice water. I’m sitting in a beach chair, but sitting inside, on a carpet, looking through a window at a maple tree. It’s the magical morning hour when sunlight showers the tree’s yellow leaves, then reaches further, its long arm entering my room, to create steaks and triangles across the floor. Tight slivers of light shaped by the window blinds shimmer and dance in front of me.

There is nothing else in my writing room but me, the beach chair, a sleeping bag, a thesaurus, the glass of water, and these patterns of light. But it is enough. Factoring in the tree and the light, it is more than enough.

I take periodic breaks from my work to read Joyce Rupp’s account of her walk along the Camino road that stretches across Spain to the coast. The road winds under the Milky Way Galaxy toward Compostela, which means, literally, field of stars. For six weeks my friend walked with only a pack on her back and the openness in her heart.

In Louisiana I stood alongside hurricane evacuees who had only the shirts on their back. **This same theme returns again and again to my life: we really need so little.** Each day the spirit beckons. Will you come and follow me? Everything else is distraction from that outstretched hand.

ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN REGULATIONS

Then to all Christ said, “Whoever wishes to be my follower must deny his very self, take up his cross each day, and follow in my steps.” (Lk 9:23)

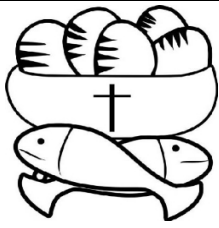


The Church has always helped us fulfill these words of Jesus by prescribing very definite penance for all Catholics. Accordingly, the Pope and the American Bishops have outlined obligatory fast and abstinence as follows:

Ash Wednesday (February 22, 2012) and Good Friday (April 6, 2012) are days of **abstinence** for all Catholics **over the age of 14**. On these two days, **fast**, as well as **abstinence**, is also obligatory for those **from the ages of 18-59**. Abstinence means abstinence from meat. Fast means one full meal a day, with two smaller meals and nothing between meals (liquids are permitted). No Catholic will lightly excuse himself or herself from this obligation.

All Fridays in Lent are days of **abstinence** from meat. Here again Catholics will not hold themselves lightly excused, but if there is a serious health problem, this obligation would not apply.

We should strive to make all days of Lent a time of prayer and penance.



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY FISH FRY

Fridays During Lent - Including Good Friday
Beginning this Friday, February 24th, 2012

Eat-In & Carry-Out (Cafe) 4:30-7:00pm (Good Friday 4:30 –6:30pm)
Drive Thru & Delivery (within IHM boundaries) **5:00-7:00pm**

DINNER CHOICES THIS YEAR!

(includes 2 sides, dessert & drink)

Fried Fish Dinner \$8.25

Fried Shrimp Dinner \$8.25

Baked Tilapia Dinner \$8.75

Kids \$4.00 (12 & under)

1/2 Piece of Fish, Mac & Cheese, or Grilled Cheese

(includes one side, one drink & complimentary dessert)

Drive-Thru Information: 5-7:00pm

Come through Mary's Lane - follow the signs & wait for someone to take your order

Delivery Information: 5-7:00pm - Including Good Friday (5-6:30pm)

Fill out the form below, include cash (only) and drop off at the Rectory
no later than Thursday during Lent

I would like: # _____ Fried Fish Dinner Delivered - \$8.25 ea.
_____ Baked Tilapia Dinner Delivered - \$8.75 ea.
_____ Fried Shrimp Dinner Delivered - \$8.25 ea.

Kids' Meals Delivered (\$4.00 ea.)

I would like: Fish Dinner # _____ Mac & Cheese # _____ Grilled cheese# _____

My Choice of Drink: _____ Lemonade
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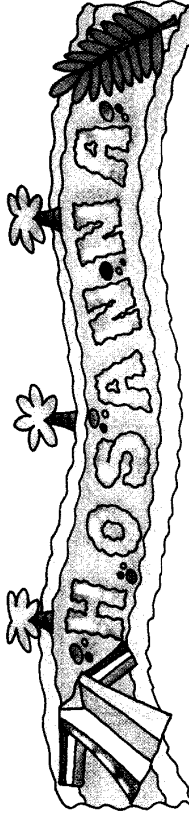
My Choice of Sides:
_____ Pasta
_____ Mac & Cheese
_____ Green Beans
_____ Cole Slaw
_____ Fries

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

Best Time for Delivery (5-6:30pm) _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____ (cash only)

Please Drop off at Rectory or Collection Basket
Any Questions call Colleen Hoyt at 659-9416



First Sunday of Lent

God told Noah that the whole earth would never be flooded again.

God put a rainbow in the sky as a sign of that agreement.

To find what God called this promise, finish writing the names of the pictures shown. Then start at the star and read across to see what the boxes spell.

God protected Noah and his family during the terrible flood. To see where they lived, follow the directions.

1. Color all spaces with numbers 1-10 brown.
2. Color all spaces with numbers 11-20 blue.

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NEWS AROUND TOWN

ST. ELIZABETH'S 30th ANNUAL AUCTION

Saturday, March 3rd, at the Cedars, 939 Lebanon Dr., 63104. Reservations are \$75/person. Doors open at 5pm, dinner served at 6:30pm. Auctioneer: Dan Buck. Visit www.seahs.org to preview Auction items. Contact Katie at 771-5134 for more details.

THE VATICAN INTERNATIONAL EXHIBIT OF EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES

We are excited to announce that *The Vatican International Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles* will be on display at **Sts. Peter and Paul Church in the Historic Soulard neighborhood before and after Masses on the week-end of March 10th and 11th.**

5th ANNUAL IRISH HOOLIE!

At Maggie O'Brien's, 2000 Market St. Featuring the musical talents of Mitzi MacDonald & Keltic Reign, **Sunday, March 11th, doors open at noon, music 1-3:30pm.** Advance tickets \$7.50/door \$10. Portion of the proceeds from delicious food and drinks will be donated to Immigrant & Refugee Women's Program.

CHICKEN DINNER!

St. John's Gildehaus in Villa Ridge, MO will hold their 47th Annual Chicken Dinner, **Sunday, March 11th,** from 10:30am-6pm. Quilts for sale, Crafts, Games and more! 636-583-2488 or www.stjohns-gildehaus.org.

CAMP SUNRISE TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, March 24th, at St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. \$20/person, 10/table, doors open 6:30pm. Camp Sunrise is a camp for kids with cancer and their families. For info or reservations call Patty at 605-6674.

3rd ANNUAL CATHOLIC WOMEN FOR CHRIST

"Mary, Mother of Mercy, Mother of Peace"

Saturday, March 31, 2012 at the America's Center. More info at: www.catholicwomenforchrist.org.

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McKnight Place Assisted Living is looking for an energetic individual to be a part-time driver for our residents. Outings include: religious services at local churches, taking residents to area restaurants for lunch or dinner, running errands and more. Please call #3 McKnight Place on the Gatesworth campus for info and to apply. Ask for Patti Romeo, 314-372-125.

McKnight Place Assisted Living, located on the Gatesworth campus is also seeking a fun, mature individual who is interested in leading resident activities a couple evenings a week as well as weekends. Please contact Kim Moore at 314-372-1256.

BINGO! BINGO! BINGO!

Every Tuesday, at 10am at the Crestwood Elks #2503. Held at 10261 Bauer Rd., phone number 842-3660.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

LECTORS

March 3/4

4:30 p.m. Jo Gaal
7:30 a.m. Chris O'Neil
10:00 a.m. Glenn Mertens

March 10/11

4:30 p.m. John Ruzicka
7:30 a.m. Carol Shepard
10:00 a.m. Mary Seematter

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

For the Weekend of March 3/4

4:30 p.m. Paula Bonn, Jo Gaal, Marsha Fischer, Barry Hagan, Helen Koester, Paul Kujawa, Mark Loeffler

7:30 a.m. Marie Difani, Lillian Fernandez, Tami Greminger, Dolores Kowalski, Peggy Kuehner, Amy Mueller, Dolores Taylor

10:00 a.m. Don & Mary Broekelmann, Elizabeth Cassmeyer & Elvin Martinez, Theresa Forthman, Debbie Gartner, Kathy Jackson, Glenn Mertens, Marilyn Murphy

For the Weekend of March 10/11

4:30 p.m. Joyce Huelsmann, William Noll, Joe Poett, Sandy Schmidt, Jo Gaal, Judy Vonder Haar, Sue Weber

7:30 a.m. John Christman, Tom Gaughran, Peggy Kuehner, Michael Kuhlman, Joe Ruzicka, Nancy Tucker, Mary J. Zimmerman

10:00 a.m. John Bock, Al & Eileen Book, Rich & Alison Bradley, Ed Bradley, Jan Cattaneo, Tom Ceriotti, Tammy Hernandez

SERVERS FOR THE WEEK OF: February 27

COMMUNION SERVICE

MONDAY – FRIDAY NO SERVERS NEEDED

SATURDAY 4:30PM - March 3rd
Allison Walewski

SUNDAY 7:30AM - March 4th
Grace & Abigail Sutter

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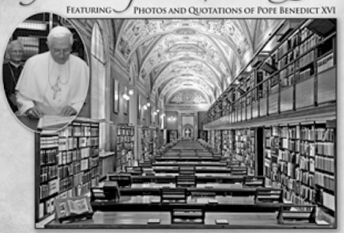
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