

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.)

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

August 16, 2020

Mass for the Intentions Week

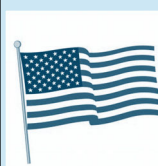
Mon.	8/17	8:00 a.m.	Parish Purgatorial Society
Tues.	8/18	8:00 a.m.	Jacquelyn Quick
Wed.	8/19	8:00 a.m.	Ashley Hogan-Jones
Thurs.	8/20	8:00 a.m.	Don Brockelmann
Fri.	8/21	8:00 a.m.	Linda McKern
Sat.	8/22	4:30 p.m.	Bernice & John Bock
Sun.	8/23	7:30 a.m.	Our Parish Family
		10:00 a.m.	Marcie Jones

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Rummage Sale Committee will meet Sunday (August 16) at 1 p.m. in Front of Church.

IMPORTANT!

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



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

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Spec 4 Ian R. Larson, U.S. Army
P2 Derek Ryan, U.S. Army
Sgt. Lou Bollasina, U.S. Army
A1C John Pipes USAF
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Tech Sgt. James Dobrynski, U.S. Air Force
SSgt. Steve Appelbaum, U.S. Air Force
Pvt First Class Troy Smith, U.S. Marines

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER



Pray for those who are sick and their caregivers. Pray for Sr. Sheila Brennan, Alene May, Evelyn Vetz, Steve Baum (nephew of Jean Provaznik), Sandy Ceriotti, Bob Simmons, Frank Sandrowski, 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.



COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF:

August 9, 2020

Envelopes: \$4,498

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Generosity

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

PARISH NEWS

Coming Soon!

We are getting ready for a new Parish Directory and we need your help!

Do we have your family membership record correct?

Here is your chance to update your record for our annual Guide Book & Directory.

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in your family over the past two years.

Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published?

If you have not already informed the Parish Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information the Guide Book & Directory is correct.

You can update your info by calling the Parish Office at 481-7543.

In order to help us all know more about our Church and to have an annually updated Church directory, we have contracted with Guide Book Publishing to produce a "Guide Book and Directory". The book will be direct mailed to every household in our Parish and is being provided at no cost to our Church. This Guide Book & Directory is and shall remain the property of this parish only. Use of this book by anyone for a business purpose or for telephone or mail solicitation is strictly forbidden. If you do not want your phone number and/or address listed in this publication, please contact the Office at 481-7543.



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.

Parish office hours are Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Please call with any questions or concerns.

Deacon Jim Murphey or Debbie Gartner Will be available during those times.

I would like to express my sincere thanks and gratitude for all of the Masses, prayers, cards, and calls that I received during my illness and surgeries. All of these were a great comfort to me and definitely helped in my complete recovery. Blessings to you all!

Jo Ann Ratermann

Thank You!

Saint of the Week



Saint Pius X

Saint of the Day for August 21

Saint Pius X's Story

Pope Pius X is perhaps best remembered for his encouragement of the frequent reception of Holy Communion, especially by children.

The second of 10 children in a poor Italian family, Joseph Sarto became Pius X at age 68. He was one of the 20th century's greatest popes.

Ever mindful of his humble origin, Pope Pius stated, "I was born poor, I lived poor, I will die poor." He was embarrassed by some of the pomp of the papal court. "Look how they have dressed me up," he said in tears to an old friend. To another, "It is a penance to be forced to accept all these practices. They lead me around surrounded by soldiers like Jesus when he was seized in Gethsemani."

Interested in politics, Pope Pius encouraged Italian Catholics to become more politically involved. One of his first papal acts was to end the supposed right of governments to interfere by veto in papal elections—a practice that reduced the freedom of the 1903 conclave which had elected him.

In 1905, when France renounced its agreement with the Holy See and threatened confiscation of Church property if governmental control of Church affairs were not granted, Pius X courageously rejected the demand.

While he did not author a famous social encyclical as his predecessor had done, he denounced the ill treatment of indigenous peoples on the plantations of Peru, sent a relief commission to Messina after an earthquake, and sheltered refugees at his own expense.

On the 11th anniversary of his election as pope, Europe was plunged into World War I. Pius had foreseen it, but it killed him. "This is the last affliction the Lord will visit on me. I would gladly give my life to save my poor children from this ghastly scourge." He died a few weeks after the war began, and was canonized in 1954.

Reflection

His humble background was no obstacle in relating to a personal God and to people whom he loved genuinely. Pius X gained his strength, his gentleness and warmth for people from the source of all gifts, the Spirit of Jesus. In contrast, we often feel embarrassed by our backgrounds. Shame makes us prefer to remain aloof from people whom we perceive as superior. If we are in a superior position, on the other hand, we often ignore simpler people. Yet we, too, have to help "restore all things in Christ," especially the wounded people of God.

JOKE OF THE WEEK



OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Let me see.....what are some of the question I have heard; "Here we go again, another new pastor?! How long will this pastor last?! So, Are we closing?"

First of all, No. Our parish is not closing. We are looking forward to our future of renewed growth, participation, service and evangelization in our community. As for our new pastor, Fr. Aaron Nord, I say, thank you Jesus! A prayerful, kind, humble, compassionate, welcoming, approachable, committed, educated and wise young man. We are blessed. Once again, God has provided for Immaculate Heart of Mary. I can understand some of the questions, we have experienced numerous transitions over the years, especially after years of having pastors who were here for almost fifteen years at a time and a school with a strong reputation for decades. People have been born into and buried from our beloved parish. I have always been grateful for the pride, sense of home and stability among our parishioners. The uncertain times and transitions have some people wondering.

As a parishioner of forty years and on staff for over twenty three years, I would like to offer hope. Our parish staff, Fr. Aaron, Deacon Jim, Kevin and myself; we are committed to being present and serving our parishioners and community as a ministry team and with our own gifts. It is our focus to assure you, our parish family, that You matter. Our parish matters. It is our desire to serve, to evangelize, to bring more people to Christ and to help ourselves and parishioners to grow closer to Jesus. We are praying for guidance and open to meeting or talking over the phone in our quest to serve, offer stability and prayer. Through Mass, the Sacraments, service, presence and commitment we are confident God will guide us all. Please consider calling the rectory with any suggestions or to schedule time with Fr. Aaron, Deacon Jim or myself, we look forward to hearing from you. Together we can all come through the pandemic stronger in faith and community. "Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pray for us!"

Debbie Gartner
Pastoral Associate

South City Deanery PSR Registration

Registration for 2020-2021 South City Deanery PSR year will be held in the St. John the Baptist Parish Center Monday, August 17, 2020 from 6pm – 8 pm and Sunday August 23, 2020 from 11 am – 1 pm. The \$35.00 registration fee is due when you register. Please bring a copy of your child's Baptismal Record for our records.

SCD PSR program provides formal Catholic religious education (Pre K to Confirmation Prep) for the children in parishes of the South City Deanery. Sessions are on Monday evenings, September through May from 6:20-7:40 PM

Our program continues and supplements the religious formation from parents, who are the first teachers of their children in the ways of the faith. We assist families in the areas of knowledge of the faith, beliefs and Christian life skills and religious practices, and strengthening the growing relationship with Jesus and his Church.

First Reconciliation & First Communion is usually done as part of the 2nd grade curriculum. We also have preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion for students grades 3-8 **Students must be in the PSR program for two years in order to receive First Reconciliation and First Communion.**

Confirmation is usually done in the 8th grade and above. **Students must be in the PSR program for two years (Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation classes) before being confirmed.**

For more information on the program or registration, contact Deacon George Watson at stl.scdpsr@gmail.com or 314-773-3070



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**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:

Julie & Brian	September
Stephen & Leslie	November

God Bless,
Immaculate Heart of Mary Pro-Life

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**LECTORS****August 15/16th**

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

August 22/23rd

4:30 p.m.	John Ruzicka
7:30 a.m.	Barb Vineyard
10:00 a.m.	Lynn Repka

August 29/30th

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

**MINISTERS of COMMUNION**

At this time, we will not be having
Ministers of Communion.

Dynamic Catholic, Alive! –**Perseverance in Prayer**

I have always found this passage in Scripture challenging because Jesus does not seem just or kind to this woman who has such great faith in His power as God. However, I think that His purpose in acting and speaking the way He did was to show the woman how necessary it is to remain persistent and dedicated in prayer. He shows us the truth that our prayers often seem ignored or neglected. The truth is that God rewards us when we continue to ask for what we need in prayer. When we most want to give up on prayer and neglect our spiritual life, we must find the energy and strength to remain steadfast in it.

archstl.org/dynamic

We know that everyone's **BACK TO SCHOOL** may look different this year. We wish everyone a happy and healthy return to learning. Please keep all students and parents in your prayers!



**National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows
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Friday, August 28, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

This year's conference will focus on the topic of **"From Isolation to Inclusion."** Kari Wolf, MD and Brittany McCrady, LCSW are the presenters.

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