

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.	8/24	8:00 a.m.	Terry Bolin
Tues.	8/25	8:00 a.m.	Josephine Wahoff
Wed.	8/26	8:00 a.m.	John & Viola Miller
Thurs.	8/27	8:00 a.m.	Rosario Gasgut
Fri.	8/28	8:00 a.m.	Earl & Lela Wright
Sat.	8/29	4:30 p.m.	Tony Cladis
Sun.	8/30	7:30 a.m.	Madelyn Witte
		10:00 a.m.	Our Parish Family

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER



Pray for those who are sick and their caregivers. Pray for Sandy Ceriotti, Juanita Bishop, 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.



REST IN PEACE

In your charity please pray for

Kate Ortinau

May she join her loved ones in joyful reunion with Jesus.

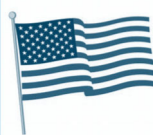


THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

No meetings this week.

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.....

Lance Cpl. Andrew Ceriotti, U.S. Marines
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LT. Benjamin D. Stolarski, U.S. Navy
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P2 Derek Ryan, U.S. Army
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COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF:

August 9, 2020

Envelopes: \$3,855

- 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

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.

481-7543 or 481-9385

MISSING FLAG AND POLE



Have you seen the American Flag and Pole for Venture Crew 2179? It was kept in the crew meeting room in the basement of the school. If you or your organization borrowed it, please drop it off at the rectory. Or if you know, who might have it, please call Ed Bradley at 314-845-2113. Venture Crew 2179 has been using this flag and pole for more than 29 years, so it means a lot to them!

Saint of the Week



Saint Monica

Saint of the Day for August 27

Saint Monica's Story

The circumstances of Saint Monica's life could have made her a nagging wife, a bitter daughter-in-law, and a despairing parent, yet she did not give way to any of these temptations. Although she was a Christian, her parents gave her in marriage to a pagan, Patricius, who lived in her hometown of Tagaste in North Africa. Patricius had some redeeming features, but he had a violent temper and was licentious. Monica also had to bear with a cantankerous mother-in-law who lived in her home. Patricius criticized his wife because of her charity and piety, but always respected her. Monica's prayers and example finally won her husband and mother-in-law to Christianity. Her husband died in 371, one year after his baptism.

Monica had at least three children who survived infancy. The oldest, Augustine, is the most famous. At the time of his father's death, Augustine was 17 and a rhetoric student in Carthage. Monica was distressed to learn that her son had accepted the Manichean heresy—"all flesh is evil"—and was living an immoral life. For a while, she refused to let him eat or sleep in her house. Then one night she had a vision that assured her Augustine would return to the faith. From that time on, she stayed close to her son, praying and fasting for him. In fact she often stayed much closer than Augustine wanted.

When he was 29, Augustine decided to go to Rome to teach rhetoric. Monica was determined to go along. One night he told his mother that he was going to the dock to say goodbye to a friend. Instead he set sail for Rome. Monica was heartbroken when she learned of Augustine's trick, but she still followed him. She arrived in Rome only to find that he had left for Milan. Although travel was difficult, Monica pursued him to Milan.

In Milan, Augustine came under the influence of the bishop, Saint Ambrose, who also became Monica's spiritual director. She accepted his advice in everything and had the humility to give up some practices that had become second nature to her. Monica became a leader of the devout women in Milan as she had been in Tagaste.

She continued her prayers for Augustine during his years of instruction. At Easter 387, Saint Ambrose baptized Augustine and several of his friends. Soon after, his party left for Africa. Although no one else was aware of it, Monica knew her life was near the end. She told Augustine, "Son, nothing in this world now affords me delight. I do not know what there is now left for me to do or why I am still here, all my hopes in this world being now fulfilled." She became ill shortly after and suffered severely for nine days before her death.

Almost all we know about St. Monica is in the writings of Saint Augustine, especially his *Confessions*.

Reflection

Today, with Google searches, online shopping, text messages, tweets, and instant credit, we have little patience for things that take time. Likewise, we want instant answers to our prayers. Monica is a model of patience. Her long years of prayer, coupled with a strong, well-disciplined character, finally led to the conversion of her hot-tempered husband, her cantankerous mother-in-law and her brilliant but wayward son, Augustine.

JOKE OF THE WEEK



Dynamic Catholic, Alive! – The Papacy

Many Protestants overlook the importance of Matthew 16:18 and do not understand that it is the most prominent passage in which Christ establishes a hierarchy within the Church with Peter as its first leader. Memorize Matthew 16:18. It is a verse that all Catholics should know and be able to respond with when someone says that the Bible doesn't mention anything about having a pope. Because of his confession of Christ as the son of the living God, Christ chose Peter to be the rock upon which He would build His church. Here we are 20 centuries later, and the gates of hell have not prevailed against it. Christ chose an ordinary, flawed, unqualified individual to lead the Church. Peter would be the first among many popes.

Who is the pope? The pope is the bishop of Rome, the shepherd of the entire flock of believers, who is also "the perpetual and visible source and foundation of the unity both of the bishops and of the whole company of the faithful. For the Roman Pontiff, by reason of his office as Vicar of Christ, and as pastor of the entire Church has full, supreme, and universal power over the whole Church, a power which he can always exercise unhindered" (CCC 882). Let us pray for our pope daily so that he may receive strength, guidance, and wisdom. Vivat Papa!

archstl.org/dynamic

South City Deanery PSR

TODAY is the last day for Registration for 2020-2021 South City Deanery PSR year. Registration will be held in the St. John the Baptist Parish Center, **TODAY**, 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.

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



Thank you to
Maria Buck for
rounding up the
Scouts for an
IHM Cleanup!

RCIA COMING SOON

What is The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)? It is a program where interested adults are introduced to the Catholic faith in a planned and gradual process. It is the beginning step of a journey of faith with our Lord and his Church. Persons interested in learning more about the Catholic Church usually begin by contacting the Rectory and speaking to Father Teater or Deacon Jim. Anyone, even practicing Catholics, are welcome to attend and are encouraged to participate in the RCIA meetings which generally meet on Sundays, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Rectory Meeting Room. Classes will begin late September.

Who Comes to RCIA and Why?

For an adult who has never been baptized, the RCIA program gradually explores the story of God's salvation for all, the mystery of Jesus' life death and resurrection, and the ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit as revealed in our beliefs, sacramental life and spiritual practices of the Catholic Church. This journey of formation includes various stages and events as well as rituals which mark the transition from and to each stage. For Baptized Christians who would like full communion with the Catholic Church, the RCIA program includes education, rites and instructions into Catholic practice and culture. For Baptized Catholics that have received no other faith formation and have never received the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, the RCIA program includes education and pastoral practices to become a fully initiated Catholic. If you are a Catholic fully initiated in the Catholic Church and wish to share your faith journey or would like to polish up on your skills and knowledge of the Catholic Church, then please join us.

What Can You Do to Help?

Pray to the Holy Spirit for all those individuals who are participating in or thinking about joining in RCIA. Welcome new persons you meet at a church and introduce yourself and invite them to "come and see" any of the parish ministries or organizations you belong to. Consider volunteering to be available as a sponsor for a person in RCIA, if asked. Invite a friend or acquaintance that you know who might wish to explore the faith and possibly join the Catholic Church. You might never know if you don't ask them! Be an example in your own life by being a faithful Catholic.

"Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope" (1 Peter 3:15)

MAINTENANCE FUND IN ACTION

Thank you to everyone who has generously donated to the general fund and maintenance fund! Your donations are greatly appreciated! We are grateful to be able to make improvements and provide maintenance to our parish grounds and buildings.

Your donations have made the following possible:

Power washing of the Father Keaney Center, front school entrance and sidewalks Professional cleaning of the statue of the Blessed Mother

Removal of bushes, mulching and painting of decorative fencing in prayer garden

Concrete repair

Convent repairs

Repairs needed for insurance inspection and to achieve compliance status

Measures for security in and around the school

Ongoing painting of various locations around the parish including, stair railings and striping of stairs (Thank you to Kevin, IHM Scouts and Brody Nations for long hours of scraping and painting in the heat!)

Replacement of two computers that were thirteen years' old

Upcoming Projects:

Repair of crumbling sidewalks in memorial and prayer garden

Repair and painting of overhang of front and side entrance of church

Spraying and weeding of parking lot

Roof repair

Thank you for your sacrifices, support and generosity to our parish. We research before repairs to make sure we are good stewards of your donations.

I THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW**August 23, 2020**

I'm grateful to all of you for your great welcome in my first weeks at Immaculate Heart of Mary. I'm especially grateful to our wonderful staff, Debbie, Kevin and Deacon Jim. A little while ago Deacon Jim shared a story that pointed out our parish's community spirit and can-do-attitude. In June, it had been months since our choir met and they wanted to see each other again. What did they do? They came up to Immaculate Heart of Mary and had a social-distanced gathering on our parking lot! Relaxing in lawn chairs on a beautiful day, they caught up with each other and had a great time. Way to go choir! I love how you combined staying safe with supporting each other as good friends. If anyone else wants to follow their example, feel free! It's not easy missing out on the gatherings we used to love, and you are welcome to use our parking lot for gatherings—just make sure you make prudent choices to keep good social distance and keep everyone safe!

While someday this pandemic will be over, in the meantime we have to find new ways to be a church family, especially in worship of God and in service to others. I am still so glad we get to have public Mass again! Going without public Mass was really tough, and making sure public Mass can continue is our top priority. Still, it seems right to look for ways some of our other parish activities can restart. I've let Gambler's Anonymous start to meet again because it is a really important service for the people who come. I've also decided that on October 1, 2020 we will allow groups of 10 or less to use the Rectory Meeting Room in the basement of the Rectory. If your group would like to restart meetings, please contact Debbie or Deacon Jim at the rectory so that they schedule a time for you.

The reason I'm putting off the next step for some weeks is that schools are restarting, so there is a possibility that St. Louis will see an increase in COVID-19 deaths in the weeks ahead. That being the case, I want us to do our part in making our community safe. By October 1, we will have a better sense of how the fall is going. As ever, if things go better or worse than expected, we'll adjust our plan. If you have any questions or thoughts about my decision, please let me know! God bless you, and thank you for your prayers, support, and kindness! -- Fr. Aaron Nord



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

The 2020 **Annual Silver and Gold Wedding Jubilee Mass** that was scheduled for October 11, 2020, has been postponed to Sunday, May 2, 2021 (2:30 pm) at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis.

For more information, please contact Madeleine Appelbaum at 314.792.7598 or madeleineappelbaum@archstl.org.



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!

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows When Mental Illness Hits Home VIRTUAL Conference

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.

Cost: \$15 IL CEUs: \$10 Registration required. For more information, call 618-394-6281 or go to snows.org/illness.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

LECTORS

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

September 5/6th

4:30 p.m.	Cindy Wright
7:30 a.m.	Howie Hirshfield
10:00 a.m.	Becky Will



MINISTERS of COMMUNION

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



Join the Boy Scouts

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