

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.	9/21	8:00 a.m.	Madelyn Witte
Tues.	9/22	8:00 a.m.	Joan Schlueter
Wed.	9/23	8:00 a.m.	Sr. Margaret Mary
Thurs.	9/24	8:00 a.m.	Linda Makern
Fri.	9/25	8:00 a.m.	Honce Geisler
Sat.	9/26	4:30 p.m.	Bob & Apollona Larkin
Sun.	9/27	7:30 a.m.	Our Parish Family
		10:00 a.m.	Marie Weindel Strayhorn



LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

Pray for those who are sick and their caregivers. Pray for Joyce Huelsmann, Jerry Brendel (husband of JoAnn, father of Jason), Edna Walters, Marilyn Krohn (mother of Nancy Tucker), Stacey Long, Sandy Ceriotti, Juanita Bishop, Sr. Sheila Brennan, Alene May (mother of Annette DeGreef), 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

Mark Sellmeyer
(son of Sarah Sellmeyer)

May he join his
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
Pvt. David Walters, U.S. Army
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
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Sgt. James A. Will, U.S. Army
Tech Sgt. James Dobrynski, U.S. Air Force
SSgt. Steve Appelbaum, U.S. Air Force
Prvt First Class Troy Smith, U.S. Marines



COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF:

September 13, 2020

Envelopes: \$5414

Loose: \$55

Maintenance Fund: \$194

- 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



Soon we will be printing a new church directory. If we do not have your most up to date contact information, please let us know.

You can update your info by calling the Parish Office at 481-7543, email information to dgartner@ihm-stl.org, or drop a note in the collection basket.

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.



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September 10, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

The call to be deacon is to serve. On Sunday, October 4, 2020, there will be a special collection for the formation of permanent deacons in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. This collection relieves some of their financial burden for studies to become a deacon.

Since 1977, 487 men have been ordained as permanent deacons in the Archdiocese. There are 211 active deacons ordained for the Archdiocese and 102 retired deacons. There are 44 men in formation at this time.

When the permanent diaconate program was initiated in the Archdiocese in January 1977, men went through a two-year formation program, with a third year of post-ordination formation. Since then, the program has gradually expanded to five years of formation, plus three more years of post-ordination formation.

Deacons serve in parishes, hospitals, archdiocesan agencies, and other organizations. They offer their time, talent and energy to strengthen our church in St. Louis and do not receive compensation for their work. Their service extends into many areas of parish life, including the proclamation of the Gospel, liturgical functions, administration, and charitable works. Many active deacons continue to be employed full-time, requiring them to balance family lives and professions with their ministry as a deacon.

Please promote the special collection for the Formation of Permanent Deacons on Sunday, October 4, 2020.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of St. Louis

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



Join the Boy Scouts

Are you a young man looking for new adventures? Do you like the outdoors? Does swimming, camping, hiking, fishing, sailing and water skiing sound fun? Then Scouting is for you!

Any boy from first grade through 18 years old can join. The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of Trustworthiness, Loyalty, Helpfulness, Friendliness, Courtesy, Kindness, Obedience, Cheerfulness, Thrift, Bravery and Reverence. **And....it's a lot of fun!**

If you are interested, please call the rectory at 314-481-7543 or John at 314-258-0613.

I thought you should know**2020 September 20**

As I mentioned last weekend I'm very excited to be preaching a homily series this fall on one of my favorite topics. Our "Overflowing" homily series is all about the way faith in Christ makes possible for us an abundant, rich, exceptional overflowing life. Here's the first homily of the series, the one I preached last week. We'll keep putting each week's homily in the next week's bulletin, so you can catch up if you miss a week, or share a message with someone else if you think it could help them. God bless you and please keep praying for our parish!

Overflowing—Week 1—You can forgive.

With Jesus as your friend, you can live the way most people don't, but you can, because of God's love overflowing. This weekend we start a homilies series named "Overflowing", and each week of the series, I'm going to share with you something I love about God's love in Jesus Christ. Each week, we will look at a different specific way faith in Jesus lets us receive as a gift and experience for ourselves a way of life overflowing.

Let's talk about good idea we have trouble doing. I know that exercise would help me, but I haven't fit it in my schedule. I know that I could stand to lose a few pounds, but I ate a huge pile of Monkey Bread on Friday. I know that smart people keep 3 months income back for a rainy day, but my personal bank account is a bit thinner. And I know I should floss every night but—well actually, that one I'm do ok at. So, dental hygiene: check. Lots of other areas of life: good ideas I have trouble doing. I think that for many of us, forgiveness, forgiving others, is on the list of good ideas we have trouble doing.

You hear the bible say to you, "Wrath and anger are hateful things"—and you get that, you really do, you don't like feeling this way—but you can't just let it go. Or you hear the bible say to you, "Could anyone nourish anger against another, and expect healing from the Lord?"—and you get that, you really do, you want healing—but you don't know how to make things right. Or you hear the bible say to you, "The vengeful will suffer the Lord's vengeance"—and you get that, you really do, you want to be right with God, but you don't know how to forgive.

Here's today's big idea: forgiveness is cancelling a debt. In the Gospel today, Peter asked Jesus about forgiveness, and Jesus responded with a story about debts and a king who canceled a debt. Let's think deeper about forgiveness as canceling a debt and see what we can learn.

When someone sins against you—when someone hurts you—their actions have taken something out of your life that should be there, or their actions have put something into your life that shouldn't be there. Maybe you can understand this, because looking back on your life, you see a choice someone else made that took something away from you that you should have had. Or you look back at your life and you see something in your life that slows you down, like a memory you can't forget, and it was someone else's choice that put that in your life. You can feel the hole the other person's choice made in your life. For justice, they should make the debt right. They owe you a debt. When you forgive, you cancel the debt.

Can you see how forgiveness, canceling the debt, is different than saying that what happened was ok? Forgiveness is precisely for sins and failings, for things that are not ok. Forgiveness does not deny the hole. Forgiveness acknowledges the hole; it says to the other person, "See this hole? I forgive you. It is not your job to make it right"

Can you see how forgiveness, cancelling the debt, doesn't rely on the apologies or choices of the other person? In forgiveness, you are the king. You are free to choose to cancel the debt, or not.

Can you see how forgiveness, cancelling the debt, doesn't make everything go back the way it was before? Forgiveness does let the other person have a new start, without owing you a debt, and forgiveness give you a new start, so you can move forward without waiting for them to finally make things right. But forgiveness doesn't say the debt never happened. Nor does forgiveness always act like it never happened. If you think the person, given the opportunity, would likely harm you again, forgiveness is compatible with taking smart steps to stay safe.

And can you see why forgiveness is so hard? If you have a mortgage, you have a house and you owe the bank a debt. It would make your day if the bank president wrote you to say he had forgiven, had cancelled, your debt? But there's a reason why bank presidents don't spend their days writing letters to make others' days. If the bank forgave your debt, money would not magically appear. And when you forgive someone, the hole they left in your life doesn't magically fill. Forgiveness is hard. It was even hard for Jesus, and he is God. It cost him to forgive us.

And here's where we come to the good news overflowing. We prayed, "Bless the Lord my soul, forget not all his benefits. ... He heals all your ills. ... He crowns you with kindness and compassion." Through faith in Jesus, you can know Jesus' Father, who is God, and have a friend with goodness and favor and blessings overflowing. There is a king there who is your friend, who knows you and whom you can know, who really can fill up holes in your life, not magically, but freely, without you paying for it all, by grace and blessing and healing. With faith, there is a reason you can cancel the debt, a reason that you can set the other person free and walk away free yourself, too. You have a friend who can fill the hole up.

Ok, but how, practically, do you forgive? How do you cancel the debt? For a debt that's big, sometimes it makes sense to write a letter. If you want a sense of what you might write in your letter, google "sarah montana forgiveness" and the first video is her TED talk. She'll tell you what she wrote to a man in prison who owed her a big debt, what she wrote him to cancel his debt. Or you could simply write the person what someone wrote me to cancel many debts for me: "I, so and so, unconditionally forgive Aaron Nord for all past wrongs he did to me." Signed, dated.

Or, you can forgive in prayer. This can work well for time when it doesn't make sense to write a letter. If you ever would like help forgiving someone in prayer, come to me in confession, and I'll walk you through it. Let me explain how to forgive someone in prayer, and then we'll wrap this homily up. First, ask Jesus to help you. Second, tell Jesus specifically what the person did, how the person hurt you, *how it affected you, the debt they owe you. Third, you say a prayer like this: "Jesus, I am so glad you love me. I am so glad you are my friend. I remember your beautiful love. I remember your death on the cross. I remember your words: "Father, forgive them". Jesus, because I love you, because I agree with you, I want to be like you, and because I want to be your friend, I forgive, from my heart," and then you say the person's name and how they hurt you. Finally, you say, "Lord, please let this person be happy with you forever in heaven. Please bless them with rest tonight."*

Can you imagine having a heart that was free and overflowing? With faith in Jesus, that can be you. You can forgive, with God's love overflowing.

-Fr. Aaron Nord



MEMORIAL MASS

**Monday,
November 2**

Please call Debbie at 314-481-9385, if you are a parishioner who lost a loved one in the past year **who was not in our parish**, but you wish to have them remembered at this

Mass. Please **call before October 6th**. If I am not available just be sure to leave your name, the spelling of the person's name you wish to be remembered, as well as the date of their death.

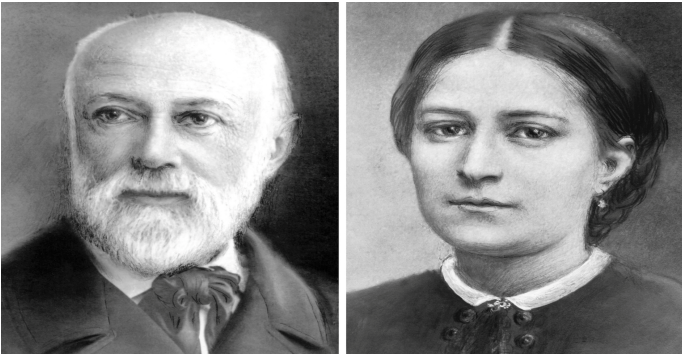


RCIA COMING SOON

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 faith usually begin by contacting the Parish Office (314-481-7543) and speaking with **Fr. Aaron** or by calling **Deacon Jim**. Anyone, even practicing Catholics, are welcome to attend. **We meet on Sundays, beginning after Labor Day, following the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Rectory Meeting Room.**

Saint of the Week



Saints Louis Martin and Zélie Guérin
Saint of the Day for September 25

Saints Louis Martin and Zélie Guérin's Story

Born into a military family in Bordeaux, Louis trained to become a watchmaker. His desire to join a religious community went unfulfilled because he didn't know Latin. Moving to Normandy, he met the highly-skilled lace maker, Zélie Guérin, who also had been disappointed in her attempts to enter religious life. They married in 1858, and over the years were blessed with nine children, though two sons and two daughters died in infancy.

Louis managed the lace-making business that Zélie continued at home while raising their children. She died from breast cancer in 1877.

Louis then moved the family to Lisieux to be near his brother and sister-in-law, who helped with the education of his five surviving girls. His health began to fail after his 15-year-old daughter entered the Monastery of Mount Carmel at Lisieux in 1888. Louis died in 1894, a few months after being committed to a sanitarium.

The home that Louis and Zélie created nurtured the sanctity of all their children, but especially their youngest, who is known to us as Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus. Louis and Zélie were beatified in 2008, and canonized by Pope Francis on October 18, 2015. The liturgical feast of Saints Louis Martin and Zélie Guérin is July 12.

Reflection

In life, Louis and Zélie knew great joy and excruciating sorrow. They firmly believed that God was with them throughout every challenge that married life, parenting, and their occupations presented.

Dynamic Catholic, Alive! – Generosity

In this year of generosity, we should keep in mind that God our Creator is infinitely generous. In the Gospel parable Jesus rebukes the servants who are unsatisfied with receiving the same amount as those who worked significantly less. We should not be envious because the Lord is generous. Rather, we should embrace His generosity and the bounty He has bestowed on us and rejoice in the blessings that others have. The world today suffers much from the sin of envy, and many people cannot rejoice when others receive blessings. “Envy is a capital sin. It refers to the sadness at the sight of another's goods and the immoderate desire to acquire them for oneself, even unjustly. When it wishes grave harm to a neighbor it is a mortal sin” (CCC 2539). We must be careful with jealousy and reject it. We can be generous instead.

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JOKE OF THE WEEK

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by Nate Fakes



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NATE FAKES

**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
Jesse & Ken	December
Jessica & Patrick	December

God Bless,
Immaculate Heart of Mary Pro-Life

Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home

In Laudato Si, Pope Francis calls Catholics and all people of good will to unite in caring for the future of our planet.

Join us as we learn how to advocate in our homes, parishes, schools and legislatures for the care of our common home. This panel discussion will include a welcome from Archbishop Rozanski and presentations from a climate scientist, a student activist, an ecumenical partner, lay parish leaders and a religious sister.

Oct 1, 2020 @ 7pm – via zoom

Details & RSVP at www.archstl.org/laudato-si or
Call James Fowlkes-Comninellis at 314-792-7177

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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!*

MINISTRY SCHEDULE**LECTORS****September 19/20th**

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

September 26/27th

4:30 p.m.	Rita Springer
7:30 a.m.	Mike Kuhlman
10:00 a.m.	Lynn Repka

October 3/4th

4:30 p.m.	Art Benjamin
7:30 a.m.	Art Benjamin
10:00 a.m.	Judy Hudson

**MINISTERS of COMMUNION**

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

Email Please!

We would love if you would share your email with us! Your email would be used for parish communication only. If you would like to share your email address with us, please send an email to dgartner@ihm-stl.org.

**Second Collection-
Hurricane and Fire Relief**

A second collection will be taken next week-end, September 26/27 to help with relief from the devastating fires in California and the hurricanes along the Gulf of New Mexico.

Please put your contribution for this effort in the basket marked
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