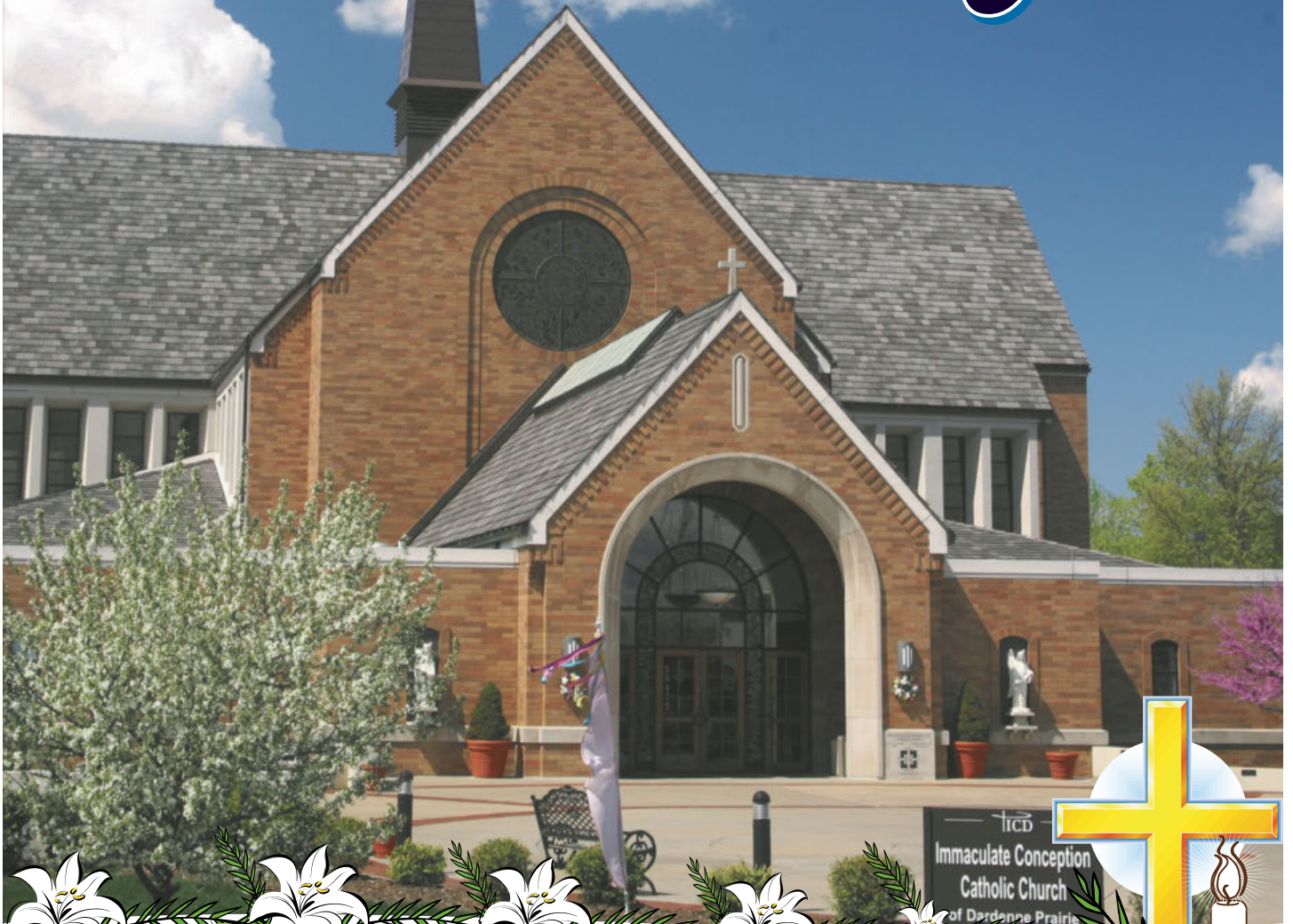


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CATHOLIC CHURCH



# Messenger

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# ICD LENTEN PROJECT Safe Woman Project Piglets For Security



ICD is partnering with the Microfinancing partners in Africa (MPA) to offer a hand up to women in Uganda.

The Safe Woman program began because of the high maternal mortality rate in Uganda. This rate is due to limited access to health care resources, lack of education, extreme poverty and remote distance. The Safe Woman Piglet Project gives a hands-up to pregnant women in Uganda and to women who endure post birth medical issues. Post birth issues cause them to be ostracized and cast out of their villages.

The piglet program also provides an income so women can travel to clinics to receive prenatal care. The use of an ultrasound machine at the clinics will help to determine if there is the possibility of medical issues during pregnancy and delivery.

## How Does the Piglet Loan Program work?

Woman is trained in piggery management and microfinancing

Woman prepares to run a piggery

Receives the living loan of a piglet

Repays loan by passing on two piglets to the piglet project

Woman sells future piglets to provide for herself and family

Provides a tangible hands up and continuous income for the woman (\$160-\$240 a year)

**Having a baby in Uganda is 21 times more deadly than having a baby in North America**

**\*\*\*375 women out of 100,000 women die in Uganda giving birth: In North America it is 18 women out of 100,000.**

**\*\*\* In rural Uganda only 44% of pregnant women are delivered by a skilled birth attendant.**

**Your donation can change lives!**



*Danielle: 15 labors, one live baby*

### How Can You help?

**\$100.00 = 1/2 piglet  
Funds one half of a piglet**

**\$200.00 = one piglet  
Funds one woman's piglet**

**\$2000 = 10 piglets  
Funds one ultrasound machine  
in a remote clinic**

**GOAL:  
200 piglets**



### The piglet and loan program

Provides a financial future for women shunned due to medical problems

Provides a financial way for pregnant women to get medical help

Provides education for women

Provides medical equipment for women

Provides loans to women to be self sufficient

# ICD LENTEN PROJECT

## Safe Woman Project

### Piglets for Security



### Prayer

First, and most importantly, we ask for your prayers. Please pray for the needs of the women in Uganda. Please pray our "Safe Woman Piglet Project" is fruitful

### *God of Hope,*

*We begin our Lenten journey with our hearts open to your mighty strength in the women of Uganda. We are happy to share the gifts You have given us. Please be with all those who minister to them and provide help. Let their joy and resilience return to us filling us with fresh hope. Amen*

### Fasting

Second, we ask that you fast and abstain from one item during Lent and offer it up for our parish project. Perhaps drink water instead of coffee or soda and give the money saved to the Lenten project.



### Almsgiving

The cost of a piglet is \$200.00. This will provide a sustainable income for one woman and her children. An ultrasound machine is 10 piglets or \$2000. This will help provide prenatal care and safe births for hundreds of women.

***Did you know that some companies will match a contribution to a charitable organization? Check with your employer to see if they will match your gift.***

**Please make checks payable to "ICD Lenten Project" and place in the offertory box, the basket on the display table in the gathering area of the church, or drop off in the parish office center.**

# STRATEGIC PASTORAL PLAN SPRING 2022 UPDATE

Dear Friends,



Last fall, we began a new strategic pastoral planning effort for our parish. I shared my Vision Statement and many of you took the time to answer surveys, meet in committees, and begin work to envision a future for our community. Thank you for your time, energy and effort to help carry our Catholic faith forward into the next generation.

Individual committees for each major goal area have been meeting since last October and working to identify priorities and action steps for us to work toward in the coming years. We look forward to sharing the new plan later this spring.

It is also worth mentioning that our parish strategic plan will embrace *All Things New*, the ongoing archdiocesan strategic planning process. Archbishop Rozanski and his team leaders are guiding this process to help us all engage in unceasing prayer, establish a unifying vision for evangelization and build a culture of intentional stewardship.

We already do many of these things well here at Immaculate Conception. However, there is always room to continue growing. Let us continue to build good habits, make strong, clear plans and be open to the Holy Spirit's guidance.

Please include the work of this strategic planning process in your daily prayers. Thank you for your ongoing support!

God bless you,

Msgr. Ted Wojcicki  
Pastor

## TIMELINE

OCTOBER 2021



*Vision published, surveys and committee work begins.*

NOVEMBER 2021



*Survey results shared with parish, committees and pastor.*

DECEMBER 2021



*Committee work underway to set new priorities / goals.*

JANUARY 2022



*Committees submit first draft of priorities / goals.*



# MAJOR GOAL AREAS

Parish life and ministry priorities will be focused around six major goals, each of which is represented by a committee:

## Committee Chairs

Committee work is led by lay leaders from our own parish community.

### Worship

Jeremy Aranda

### Evangelization

Mary Winkeler

### Catholic Education

Jan Walkonis

### Service

Bob Sawicki

### Stewardship

Dan Luigs

### Youth Ministry / Sports

Alecia Kwapiszeski



**WORSHIP**

CONVERSION THROUGH PRAYER AND THE SACRAMENTS



**EVANGELIZATION**

PROCLAIM JESUS CHRIST IN WORD AND ACTION



**CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

TO RENEW OUR COMMITMENT IN ALL ITS FORMS



**SERVICE**

OF THOSE IN NEED AND PROMOTING OF SOCIAL JUSTICE



**STEWARDSHIP**

OF OUR TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURES AS INDIVIDUALS AND AS A PARISH



**YOUTH MINISTRY & SPORTS**

TO WELCOME YOUNG PEOPLE AND STRENGTHEN THEIR CATHOLIC FAITH

## How can you help?

*We place all these intentions under the intercession of Mary, our Mother. Please pick up one of the Memorare Prayer Cards available in the main church or little chapel and make a special effort to include this effort in your daily prayer.*



What will make our plan SMART?

Each committee is identifying a few core priorities for their goal area which are then broken into "SMART" action steps.

What we mean by SMART is that the action items will be:

- Specific
- Measurable
- Attainable
- Realistic
- Time-bound

Scan here to visit our parish strategic planning page [www.icdparish.org/Parish/Plan](http://www.icdparish.org/Parish/Plan):



## ALL THINGS NEW KICKOFF

FEBRUARY 2022



Committees revise second draft of priorities / goals.

MARCH 2022



Final plan is drafted and edited by Committees.

APRIL 2022



The new pastoral strategic plan will be published.

MAY 2022



Work will commence to carry out the plan.



# ALL THINGS NEW

STEADFAST IN FAITH • FORWARD IN HOPE

On January 25th, the Archdiocese of St. Louis began the *All Things New* Strategic Planning Initiative. *All Things New* will examine all of our parishes, schools, ministries and agencies, evaluating our effectiveness as a local Church in proclaiming the Gospel and identifying opportunities for improvement and renewal.

## The goals are:

- To "make All Things New" by Gospel renewal in our parishes, schools and other ministry efforts
- To enhance our evangelization efforts to those on margins of society
- To secure a vibrant future for the Church in St. Louis

## What is my parish's part in this archdiocese wide initiative?

Every parish in the Archdiocese of St. Louis will be participating in the archdiocesan-wide **Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey between March 2 and April 4**. The results from the survey will not only be used for information and planning for parishes, but will also be included in the national results which track trends, growth and Church-related opportunities nationwide. The Disciple Maker Index (DMI) is an anonymous survey of parishioners that provides insights into the level of missionary discipleship in the parish in addition to the effectiveness of the Mass experience, preaching and other aspects of parish life.

## We Need Your Participation With The Survey....

- Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online or fill out a paper copy.
- Our parish online survey link is [portal.catholicleaders.org/d/yd80x3](https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/yd80x3)
- Paper copies of the survey are available in the gathering area of church and the parish office. Return completed paper copy to the marked basket in the church/chapel or drop off at the parish office center.
- The survey will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on your parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.



We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Msgr. Ted and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will share the results of the survey this summer with the entire parish.



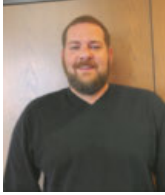
## Learn More About *All Things New* & Stay Informed....

To keep informed on the planning process, visit *All Things New* website, [allthingsnew.archstl.org](https://allthingsnew.archstl.org) or **scan the QR Code**. You may also stay up to date on the process by submitting your email address. Just click on the "Stay Connected" icon on the All Things New website.

## Meet the RCIA Candidates

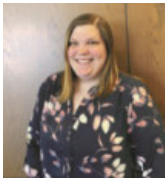
Every year since the R.C.I.A. process has been reestablished in the Church, we have been blessed with new Catechumens and Candidates who seek full admission in the Catholic Church through membership in our Parish Family. We are proud to present to you this year's R.C.I.A. group, hoping at the same time that the enthusiasm they express in their brief remarks may stir in all of us a greater appreciation and love for Our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, the Author and Donor of our precious gift of faith. During the Easter Vigil, these catechumens and candidates will become full members of the Catholic Church as they receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist.

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Chris Ashcraft—As a child, I wasn't raised with a specific set of beliefs; instead, my parents wanted me to decide for myself what faith system I wanted to follow. I always had a belief in a higher being, but I didn't have a true foundation of faith. My first experience in a church was in 2013, when I attended an Assemblies of God service with my wife and her family, but I still didn't pursue religion after that experience. However, after my parents' divorce, I began to struggle spiritually and started attending my mom's family's Baptist church. While I enjoyed the pastor and the message, I always felt like something was missing. Through much soul searching, and many discussions, my wife and I decided to start researching the Catholic faith. What we stumbled on surprised us. We enjoyed the reverence for the faith, for the devotion to learning the message, and to the time spent really focusing on God. Today, as I continue to study Catholicism and grow closer to Jesus, the more confident I am in my conversion. It's clear that this was where God wanted us to be.

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Elizabeth Ashcraft—Before entering RCIA, I had been taught my whole life why the Catholic church was wrong, but I felt a calling to approach the faith through a different lens. What if the Catholic church is right? After this moment, my life was changed. I began finding answers to questions I didn't know I had, I truly understood the importance of tradition interpreting scripture, and I knew that I had found the faith that was traced directly back to Jesus. I am thankful that God softened my heart and opened my eyes to His truth and I'm thankful for the teachings and wisdom from the core team through RCIA. I feel empowered and grateful to be entering into the one holy catholic and apostolic church.

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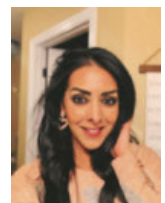
Nikki Diesel—The RCIA program has not only been a great experience for me but also life changing. My daughter and son started ICD this year and decided they wanted to get baptized and join the Catholic faith. I felt it was best for me to join them in their journey and for us to be united in one faith. The program has brought me closer to God and has showed me what is truly important in life. I look forward to continuing my journey through faith with my family.

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Kate Falkengren—My RCIA experience has been amazing! I was baptized in the Catholic Church when I was 13 and it took me 25 years to be ready to take this next step. I have been to church so many times over the years, but after going to this class and really understanding the religion and faith its like going to Mass for the first time. It has helped me look at my life and to remember what is really important. My relationship with God is stronger than it has ever been, which has also caused so many other relationships with family and friends to grow and blossom as well. This class has also been pretty therapeutic by teaching me forgiveness. Not just towards others but towards myself. I am so excited to be part of such an amazing religion, not just a religion but a family that is filled with so much Love.

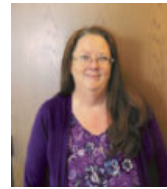
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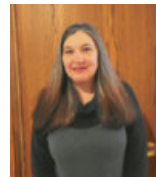
Neha Grote—Throughout the RCIA program I have discovered so much that has been missing from my life! The pieces of the puzzle have finally all come together! I know in my heart this is the path I've been meant to follow, and looking back I notice all of God's blessings surrounding me along the way. Throughout the experiences in my life, I've always felt God's presence around me. As I've learned and grown in my faith I can feel God is now deep WITHIN me. This beautiful journey is just beginning! I look forward to building on my foundation of faith, sharing God's word with others, and bringing my family on this glorious path with me!

# RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION of ADULTS

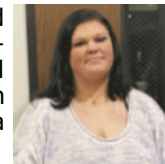
Lisa Hermannes—My journey has been 60 years in the making. The first 59 were spent wandering and wondering, following my own internal GPS. Occasionally I attended certain masses at work or Christian services, if only at Christmas and Easter. Always observing without understanding, accepting with indifference, and believing you could get to Heaven by having a decent moral compass. I have held on to certain sins out of guilt and shame. Deep down, I longed to be baptized and to receive communion. My reality of God was one of convenience (He was my passenger, along for the ride) and one that erroneously placed me in control. Not what He deserved; not what He desired. Last year, 3 defining moments led me to abandon my internal GPS for **Gods Plan for Salvation**. Subscribing to the Bible in a Year podcast was pivotal in leading me to RCIA, which further enhanced my newly gained knowledge and validated the path God wanted for me. It is with a humble and open heart that I eagerly wait for Easter Vigil, when I will have completed day 365 of the Bible, receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist, make my first confession and can finally say, "I'm home."



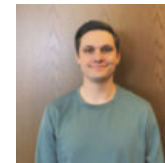
Shelly Hollman—The RCIA process has been an interesting, educational program and I'm so grateful that ICD offers this generous opportunity to everyone. I have been interested in learning the Catholic faith for several years and joining ICD parish. I was born, raised and baptized into the Baptist faith, as well as, my 2 children who have been attending and a part of the Baptist faith all of their lives. I didn't know how to become a part of ICD and convert to Catholicism until my daughter was accepted into and joined the ICD School. She decided that she not only wanted to attend a Catholic school, but that she wanted to live her life as a Catholic. This led me to joining the RCIA class to learn and be a part of and support my daughter's Catholic Faith journey. Throughout the course, I have noticed that I've become closer in my relationship with The Lord and Jesus. That I have been more accountable within the community as a Christian and RCIA candidate. I love all the ministries and opportunities that ICD has to offer for volunteer work with the community and helping others. My faith has become stronger and I'm looking forward to continuing to grow, learn and be a part of the ICD Parish.



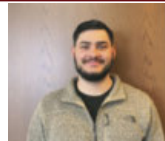
Ellie Huffman—My journey to becoming Catholic started about 5 years ago when I met my husband and his family. I started coming to ICD with them and quickly fell in love with the family like environment at ICD. I was hesitant to start RCIA at first, but I was looking to make a change in my life and what better of a start than learning more about God and the Catholic faith. I've learned so much about the Catholic faith, God, and even have learned a little about myself. I'm proud to become a Catholic and to continue my journey where it began 5 years ago, at ICD!



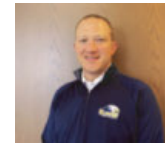
Conor McKenzie—I was raised in a Protestant household and attended Protestant churches most of my life. There was always something missing though, and I had a list of grievances that I didn't think could be addressed. This was wrong though, as I found my answers in the Catholic Church. The RCIA program has been wonderful in teaching me how to live out the Catholic faith and in providing resources to deepen my understanding. I'm very grateful to Monsignor Ted for responding to my initial inquiry about ICD which set me on this path, and to Father Hogan for leading the program and giving exceptional talks to us every Sunday on different aspects of the faith.



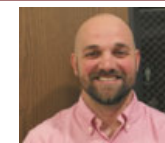
Shane Porter — I decided to join RCIA after attending mass for several years with my fiancée and her family. I enjoyed going to mass, but wanted to understand more about what it meant to be Catholic. The RCIA program does a great job at explaining Catholicism in a way that's easy to understand. I look forward to learning even more and growing more in my faith.



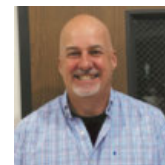
Collin Willson—Through the RCIA process, I have learned so much about Catholicism, despite having attended a Catholic Church for 20+ years and has deepened my faith. This journey has been a blessing to me and helped make me a better faith leader for my family. I look forward to continuing to grow in my faith in the Catholic Church.



Ray Woldtvedt—My RCIA experience has been amazing. I've learned so much about the Catholic faith through this process. I'm not only doing this because my fiancée is Catholic, but I see this as a calling to further serve Christ in the fullness of the faith.



John Yates—As a child, I grew up in the Protestant faith with very positive religious influences to guide me. Although I attended the Church of God and the Baptist church with my grandparents and mother, I did not join the churches or become baptized, since I didn't feel a strong desire to join. As a young adult, I attended many different Protestant churches, but still felt that something was missing spiritually in my life. Although I considered myself a Christian and relied on my faith to get through all of life's ups and downs, I had not yet put God at the center of my life. After attending Good Friday Mass with my fiancée last year, and reading *Love and Responsibility* by Pope John Paul II, I became interested in learning more about Catholicism. It's hard to explain, but in the Catholic Church is what I felt was missing. Throughout my annulment process, I have been blessed to work with Fr. Chris Martin as my advocate and Fr. Aaron Nord as my guide. As I started the RCIA classes, I again was blessed to learn from Fr. Hogan and the RCIA team. I have grown deeper in my faith through the RCIA. I look forward to joining the Church, receiving Baptism, and continuing my growth as a Catholic Christian.





# James 1:27 Ministry Comforts and Assists Widows

*By Geoff Waldron, Chairman of St. Charles Serra Club*

On the Sunday before Valentine's Day, Bob and Carol Sawicki were in the gathering space of the church handing out individual roses to a group of volunteers. These volunteers delivered a single rose with a note of blessing and well wishes to women who are widows of ICD. Responses from the women included a number of tears, some saying their late husbands had always given them flowers on Valentine's Day, and this was an unexpected joy to be reminded of the love they shared in this life. Over 30 women received a rose. They were identified as having either been part of the group "Widows by the Waterfall", which Carol hosts monthly, or they had been served by the James 1:27 Ministry, which was started to assist widows with some of the practical things they need, that their husbands may have done in the past.

*James 1:27:*

*Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.*

Bob and Carol were inspired to begin this Ministry at ICD, having both experienced the loss of a spouse. They each understood the feeling of being lost, and wanted to let others know that they are loved, valued, and are an important part of the ICD family. They had attended the Seasons of Hope grief support group that Deacon Lonnie and Kathy Minicky lead, and while there they kept hearing things like, "my husband used to change the furnace filters. How do I even do that?" and other such things. It occurred to them (they attribute it to the voice of the Holy Spirit) that there had to be people in the church with the time and skills to assist, and after much prayer, they sought out volunteers to help widows, as well as reaching out to widows who were in need. The response has been overwhelmingly positive. Things that have been accomplished include such things as hanging shelves, changing light bulbs (and furnace filters), yard work, leaf raking, TV remote control work, and even more importantly, just being there for the ladies who need help.

Currently, there are about 30 volunteers for this Ministry. There have been designated "work days" where a number of projects have been done by several crews on the same day, and there have been other projects that were small enough and/or important enough to not wait for the next scheduled day. The Ministry is

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# In Gratitude For Boundless And Countless Prayers and In Contemplation Of Why

By Gerard Nieters, ICD Parishioner

I want to thank my ICD family, my Pro-Life family, my blood family, all my friends, and all the many complete strangers who have been praying for me and encouraging me and wishing me well in my recent bout with esophageal cancer. I am overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and support. I want all to know that I have finished my treatment and the prognosis is very good.

The cause of the cancer is a mystery, but I am convinced that God is using this for good, as He always does. The volume of prayer alone reflects that goodness!

Also, in keeping with my pro-life mission, I felt compelled to relay here a conversation with one of my treating physicians. Following is the letter I wrote to my physician (minus the name), after being asked why I did not want to get the Covid vaccine.

Dear Dr.:

Thank you for the care you and your team of doctors have provided me as I undergo the prescribed treatment for my esophageal cancer. All of you have displayed true concern for me and my care.

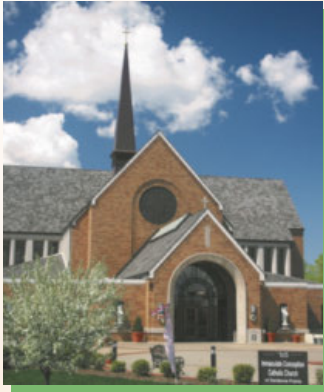
At our recent consultation, you encouraged me to get the Covid vaccine. When I declined, you asked, "Why?" I am sending you this letter to explain in detail the reasons for my declining any of the covid vaccines.

My first reason is the fact that all of the currently available covid vaccines were either developed with or tested on an aborted fetal stem cell line HEK-293. What biotechnology has done was kill a defenseless, vulnerable human being in order to benefit another. Many may think the cost was worth it. But consider the millions of other human beings that were killed and continue to be killed in the same or similar research projects today.

As you said, many other medicines, in addition to vaccines were produced in the same manner. Sadly, this is too true. It is tragic to know that unethical research has so permeated our medicinal products that we use every day with no knowledge of their immoral creation. However, there is a significant difference between knowingly cooperating with evil and doing so in ignorance. I am very knowledgeable of the many products produced or tested with aborted fetal cells, and do not take any medicines known to me to have been developed in that manner.

I will move on to other issues related specifically to the covid vaccines. Some are scientific studies. Others are anecdotal.

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## Build My Church

By Patricia Herbst, ICD Director of Evangelization and Stewardship

**Build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve, and teach.**

Pope Benedict, in the encyclical, *Deus Caritas Est*, spoke unforgettable words: *I wish . . . to speak of the love which God lavishes upon us and which we in turn must share with others. . . . One can become a source from which rivers of living water flow (cf. Jn 7:37-38). Yet*

*to become such a source, which is Jesus Christ, one must constantly drink anew from the original source, which is Jesus Christ. . . . (cf. Jn 19:34).*

There was a woman who had worked as a domestic all of her life. At that time, one might have expected that she earned minimum wages. Yet, near the end of her life, she went to see the priest in her local parish, a small parish in Southwest Missouri, to ask for help in seeing an attorney. What transpired was an estate plan of several hundred thousand dollars that provided funding when she passed away for a number of Catholic organizations including the local Catholic School System. Because of her generosity others would come to experience the love of Jesus Christ. She chose to be a source from which living waters flow.

*We have come to believe in God's love: in these words the Christian can express the fundamental decision of his life.* (Pope Benedict XVI)

In what ways have you been gifted by God? How have you responded to Our Lord's call to Build His Church?

Our Lord's words resonate through the centuries:

*Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and decay destroy, and thieves break in and steal. But store up treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor decay destroys, nor thieves break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.* (Matthew 6:19-21)

Planned Gifts create a legacy and have unique tax advantages to the donor. Will you consider a Planned Gift and for what purpose?

*A Planned Gift is typically a gift from assets.* A few examples follow: gifts by bequest (Will or Trust); beneficiary designation (IRA, Life Insurance, Insurance Annuities); Charitable Gift Annuity or Charitable Remainder Trust. *A gift of Real Estate is yet another example of a Planned Gift. Some Planned Gifts pay the donor income during one's lifetime (and the lifetime of a spouse).* A Donor Advised Fund is yet another example.

### **The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church (Dardenne Prairie) Endowment Fund**

One does not have to be wealthy to leave a legacy. *Gifts in any amount can be added to the ICD parish endowment at any time (as gifts of cash or stock). Endowment is a form of Legacy Giving – a "forever" gift. The principal is invested, and it is the earnings on the investment that are used for the purpose stated in the endowment document. The ICD endowment is restricted to parish support.*

*One can also create a "named endowment", that is, an endowment in one's own name or that of loved ones. (In this case, there is a required minimum contribution.)*

The parish website, [icdparish.org](http://icdparish.org), has a *Ways to Give* and *Endowment* link under "Parish" that provide information on Ways to Give Now; Give Later; Give and Receive - and the ICD Parish Endowment.

*To schedule a visit with Monsignor Ted to discuss your interest in a Planned Gift, call the parish office at (636) 561-6611 or email [msgtrted.wojcicki@icdparish.org](mailto:msgtrted.wojcicki@icdparish.org)*

*What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, God has prepared for those who love him.* (1 Cor 2:9)

# Evangelization:

*“You will be my witness...*

*to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8)*

*By Patricia Herbst, ICD Director of Evangelization and Stewardship*



**Those who have opened their hearts to God’s love, heard his voice and received his light, cannot keep this gift to themselves (Lumen Fidei).**

It is said that “Evangelization is about making disciples, people who know God through Jesus Christ and live in the Spirit of Jesus Christ”, and “Evangelization asks us to live as disciples and call others to discipleship.” (*Paulist Comprehensive Evangelization Training*, pp. 2-3)

**What is to be proclaimed?** “Jesus Christ loves you; He gave His life to save you; and now He is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen, and free you. He loves you and is with you always” (*The Joy of the Gospel* #164).

The Baptized are called not to keep this proclamation to one’s self, but to share it—to be missionary disciples. “In all the Baptized . . . the sanctifying power of the Spirit is at work, impelling us to evangelization” (*The Joy of the Gospel* #119).

**The Challenge: A Culture of Silence** Sherry A. Wedell in *Forming Intentional Disciples* calls attention to the *culture of silence* present in many Catholic communities, “a culture in which it is not normal to talk about one’s relationship with Jesus Christ”. Pope Francis, in *The Joy of the Gospel* (#8), asks the question, “For if we have received the love which restores meaning to our lives, how can we fail to share that love with others?”

Our faith is one of the mind *and heart*. Our challenge is to rise above the culture of silence to allow our relationship with Jesus Christ to be in our heart and on our lips, proclaiming Jesus Christ to others.

In yet another text, it is said that in this Apostolic Age, “Our great task. . . is to find and embrace our true destiny and to help others do the same by receiving and embracing the offer of mercy made to us. . . . (Christians are) full of hope. . . full of love originating in Christ toward others who need to hear the good news of a merciful and forgiving and gift-giving God” (*From Christendom to Apostolic Mission*: pp. 72-73).

**On the Role of the Church** Pope Paul VI noted, “There is thus a profound link between Christ, the Church and evangelization. During the period of the Church that we are living in, it is she who has the task of evangelizing. This mandate is not accomplished without her, and still less against her.” (*Evangelii Nuntiandi*, #16).

**The Role of the Laity** Pope John Paul II was to clarify the role of the laity in *Christifideles Laici*:

“In our times, the Church after Vatican II in a renewed outpouring of the Spirit of Pentecost has come to a more lively awareness of her missionary nature and has listened again to the voice of her Lord who sends her forth into the world as “the universal sacrament of salvation”[1]. But the Pope went on to say, “*You go too*. The call is a concern not only of Pastors, clergy, and men and women religious. *The call is addressed to everyone: lay people as well are personally called by the Lord, from whom they receive a mission on behalf of the Church and the world.*”

**The Bishops discuss the purpose of evangelization – to encounter Jesus Christ.** Importantly, they note that “We are called not only to believe in the Gospel but to allow it to take deep root in us in a way that leaves us incapable of silence: *We cannot help but to announce the Gospel in word and in deed – a missionary outreach*” (*Living as Missionary Disciples*, pp 9-14).

*In sum, one is called to be an intentional disciple, one whose life is rooted in Christ Jesus, who heeds the Great Commandment and the Great Commission and out of love for the Mission of Jesus Christ and His people, through word and witness, invites others to encounter Christ in His Church and accompanies others on their faith journey.*

How blessed the person whose faith journey leads to this depth of trust in the Lord; whose quest for holiness leads to a total surrender to God’s Word, Jesus Christ--and the courage to share God’s love with others in the ordinary and the extraordinary events one encounters on the journey.

***Who will come to know Jesus Christ because of you today—or in a future yet unknown?***



# The ICD School Provides a High-Quality Catholic Education to Our Students!

*by Michelle Knapp, Principal of our Full-Time Catholic School*

This school year, ICD School has provided a high-quality Catholic education to 721 Kindergarten through eighth grade students and 119 preschool students. Our dedicated faculty and staff of 99, work each day to connect with the students, provide a safe and nurturing environment, and an education rooted in the Catholic faith. I would like to thank every parishioner for their prayers and for financial support of ICD's full-time parish school.

Each January, the principal of ICD School presents to the Parish Finance Council and ICD School Board a budget for the upcoming school year. For the fourth consecutive year, the Parish Finance Council and Msgr. Ted have agreed to provide a subsidy to the school in the amount of \$1,000,000. This significant investment in the education of students at ICD School is only possible through the regular financial support of the parishioners of ICD Parish. Thank you for your support of Catholic Education.

With the parish investing \$1,000,000 annually into ICD School, we are able to support our students and families in the following ways:

- Tuition Assistance for Parish Families in the Amount of \$100,000 Annually
- A Parish Investment of \$1,420 per Student
- A Parish Investment of \$2,270 per Family
- Multi-Child Reduction in Tuition

- A Resource Department Currently Serving the Learning Needs of 145 Students Kindergarten through 8th Grade
- 17 Aides Providing Instructional Student Support
- Full-Time School Nurse
- Full-Time School Counselor
- Annual Updates to Textbooks and Student Resources
- A Library of over 14,000 Titles
- Current Technology in Every Classroom

This Lenten season let us offer prayers for those who do not have access to Catholic education and almsgiving to those who are not as blessed as we. May you and your family prepare your hearts for the resurrection of Jesus at Easter.



***For more information about our Full-Time School, contact:***

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# Words of Wisdom for the Soon-to-be-Graduate

## How a Mom's Advice to her Daughter Hopes to Help Frame Her Backdrop for New Beginnings

By Beth Crane, ICD Parishioner

The bittersweet season of graduations will be blooming soon and celebrated. Along with these milestones can come a true mix of emotions. Ending one chapter and beginning another, moving forward into the unknown of life's bends and curves, and the excitement of self-discovery. All while asking oneself, "How can I best use the gifts and abilities God has given me as my future unfolds?"

These thoughts originated as a note to a niece who was celebrating a graduation. Now, they have turned into a love letter to my daughter as she inches closer to her own, much-anticipated college graduation.

They are simple words of wisdom (W.O.W.) that I hope will stay in her heart a long time, as well as the hearts of others.

**W.O.W. #1:** ALWAYS pick your friends wisely. They will not only affect the rest of your life, but people will always judge you by the group you hang out with.

**W.O.W. #2:** Pick your future spouse wisely. You'll come to learn it is the MOST important decision of your adult life. It will literally affect every single minute of every single day. Think about dad and me, and feel free to use us as positive examples.

**W.O.W. #3:** WHO you become is much more important than WHAT you become. Think about it. Your "what" will not last nearly as long as your "who." The fact that I was a teacher for 25 years is quite small in comparison to being a wife, mom, friend, sister, aunt, and most importantly, child of God.

**W.O.W. #4:** You have a responsibility to use the unique talents God has gifted specifically to you. Use them for good and don't waste the smallest one even for a second!

**W.O.W. #5:** Don't ever be afraid to confront issues that you have worked hard to put behind you. Allow yourself time and the gift of grace to face insecurities and fears. Easier said than done, but what a gift to yourself!

**W.O.W. #6:** Don't waste time. Time is measured in minutes, but life is measured in precious moments. Be assertive in taking steps to follow the unique roadmap God has laid out just for you.

**W.O.W. #7 (last one):** Spend time alone with God each day, if only for 5 minutes while brushing your teeth in the morning or driving in your car. Thank God for a new day of endless possibilities and for those special people in your life. I promise, it will be like an energy drink for your soul.

**The best of luck always, sweet girl. Now, go. Set the world on fire for Jesus.**

## *In Gratitude* (Continued from page 9)

First, let's look at the efficacy of the vaccine. Research studies have shown that a large percentage of current Covid patients were fully vaccinated. So now we have a booster whose effectiveness has not been sufficiently tested.

On a personal note, I know a lot of people who have received the vaccines without any problem, but I also know a lot of people who have become seriously ill after receiving the vaccines. The increased risk of myocarditis and pericarditis in younger recipients of the vaccine is also concerning, though not pertaining to my particular situation.

The VAERS reporting system includes hundreds of thousands of reports of tragic illnesses and deaths resulting from the vaccines. Some may not believe these reports, but I know too many people personally who have had terrible reactions to the vaccines to believe a significant number of the VAERS reports are false. And I doubt that any of those with whom I spoke, reported anything to VAERS. Thus, I suspect the VAERS reports of negative results from the vaccine are grossly understated.

Conversely, I know many people who have had Covid with varying degrees of symptoms from mild to serious, and yes, a few who died. But the risk of death is such a small percentage, even in the most at-risk age group.

I am disturbed by the lack of our health agencies to discuss the value of vitamins C, and D, and zinc, and hydroxychloroquine, and ivermectin, and antibody infusion as a very effective prophylactic or early treatment.

I think it is important to note that the chemotherapy drug information sheets provided for both Carboplatin and Paclitaxel both state, "Do not receive any kind of immunization or vaccination without your doctor's approval while taking Carboplatin/Plaxitaxel." It seems that there is some risk related to taking vaccines while on chemo.

Finally, I believe in the power of prayer and miracles. I believe God sent me to you and your team of doctors to do what he has gifted you to do in treating me. You have no idea the number of people praying for me and for you in this effort. I will admit I love living life, but I am not afraid of death. I strive every day to follow the path God has set before me as He reveals it to me. The covid vaccines are not part of His plan for me.

Thank you for caring for me! May God bless you in all you do!

Sincerely,  
Gerard A. Nieters



## LOVE IS IN THE AIR

It is that time of year...Spring is right around the corner...and with Spring and Summer come Wedding Season. Yes, before you know it, and especially with the pandemic slowing down, weddings are suddenly back on!

You may know someone who is engaged and marrying this year. It may be you, it may be your child or grandchild, or a close friend. Whoever it is, weddings mean fun, getting together, and celebrating love!

One of the first things the engaged couple will do is to meet with their parish priest, to go over details. The priest is there to help them prepare, not just for the wedding day, but beyond that as well. Every wedding is unique, but one thing is certain.... after their Wedding Day, every couple begins their life with their spouse as their partner.

So, before the couple takes that big step, they should consider how they want to live their lives together. This is one of the things the priest will discuss with them. How will they live their faith with the other person? What will that look like?

One of the things spouses will discuss is planning for their family. Again, there are many choices. Your priest will ask you to consider Natural Family Planning. We are very blessed in the St. Louis Archdiocese to have 5 different methods of Natural Family Planning. We believe that Natural Family Planning is good for a new couple in three ways:

**GOOD FOR YOUR MIND** --- NFP is the smart choice. It is highly effective to achieve or avoid a pregnancy and allows you to plan your family *your* way.

**GOOD FOR YOUR BODY** --- It cooperates with your body, has no harmful side effects.

**GOOD FOR YOUR SOUL** --- NFP respects the couple and their choices, and respects God. Most couples who practice NFP report they feel closer to each other.

To find out more, please contact the Office of Natural Family Planning at [www.stlouisnfp.org](http://www.stlouisnfp.org) or contact me, Kathy Graveman Vollmar, an ICD parishioner at [kathleen.vollmar@mercy.net](mailto:kathleen.vollmar@mercy.net) or 314.330.2801. (Adapted from the Archdiocese of St. Louis Office of NFP)

## Join Us for a Blessing of the Easter Foods at ICD

The tradition of blessing food on Holy Saturday began hundreds of years ago in Eastern Europe. The eating of meats, milk products and eggs was forbidden during the forty days of Lent. When Easter arrived and finally brought the difficult fast to an end, the people showed their joy and gratitude by first taking their food to church for a blessing. They also hoped that the Church's blessing on their food would remedy whatever harmful effects the body might have suffered from the long period of self-denial.

These blessed foods were then the 'first foods' eaten by the family on Easter Sunday morning, where they were given a place of honor on the festive Easter table.

This meaningful tradition of blessing food on Holy Saturday continues today, not only in Europe but in many US parishes as well.

In honor of this beautiful tradition, **Immaculate Conception Parish will have a food blessing service on Holy Saturday at 3:00 PM in the main church.**

You are encouraged to bring a basket of traditional Easter foods (ham, sausage/kielbasa, perhaps a molded butter lamb, eggs, horseradish, Easter



bread or pastries, etc.) to this brief, meaningful service.

We hope you will join us as we continue the tradition here at ICD.

**All are welcome!**



## The Virtue of Humility *by Parishioner Lisa Wilkins*

"God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble" (1 Peter 5:5). Why is humility important? It's a virtue you don't hear a lot about in these times of social media inspired self-promotion. Perhaps it deserves a second look.

Pride is the "original sin" responsible for mankind's downfall. We're vulnerable to pride because God so generously shared His nature with us when He created man in His own image. The problem is that we recognize the goodness in us but tend to forget that it is a gift from God, not of our own doing. We fall into the trap of thinking we're God's equal. We fall into the trap of thinking we're God. The Old Testament is basically the story of the Jewish people repeatedly deciding that they knew better than God, and Him patiently reminding them that they didn't. Humility is the antidote to pride. That is why it must be constantly cultivated.

One popular definition of humility says it means "not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less" (Rick Warren, *The Purpose Driven Life*, Day 19). This is clever and good advice but doesn't capture the full meaning of humility. A better way to understand humility might be to think of it as it relates to motive. A humble person seeks to please God rather than his fellow man. Another way to put it is trying to do the right thing for its' own sake and not to impress others. Placing the approval of God above the approval of others is having your priorities in proper order. Good behavior and positive results will follow.

Humility can have negative connotations associated with it. Merriam-Webster defines humiliation as being made to feel "ashamed and foolish." That doesn't sound like anything I would want to pray for. Thinking of humility as a form of freedom puts a more positive spin on it. Humility frees you from the bondage of constantly worrying what others think of you and how you're being judged. The humble person is no longer a slave to the impossible task of trying to please everyone. Looked at from that perspective, I say "yes, please" when offered the chance to cultivate humility.

The Litany of Humility is a useful tool in this endeavor. While it's a beautiful prayer, it's wording is somewhat stilted and archaic. When was the last time you used "calumniated" in a conversation? An updated version of the prayer might look something like this:

### The Litany of Humility

**From the desire for approval...**  
*Deliver me Jesus (repeat after each line)*  
**From the desire to be liked ...**  
**From the desire for recognition ...**  
**From the desire to be right,**  
**or to say "I told you so" ...**  
**From the desire to be included ...**  
**From the desire to be consulted ...**  
**From the desire to be the best,**  
**as opposed to doing my best ...**  
**From the desire to win ...**  
**From the desire to be admired ...**  
**From the desire to be self-sufficient ...**  
**From the desire to be in control ...**  
**From the desire for awards and honors ...**  
**From the desire for praise ...**  
**From the fear of failure ...**  
**From the fear of rejection ...**  
**From the fear of ridicule ...**

**From the fear of looking stupid ...**  
**From the fear of having to admit**  
**that I was wrong**  
**or that I made a mistake ...**  
**From the fear of being excluded ...**  
**From the fear of having to ask for help ...**  
**From the fear of not being good enough ...**  
**From the fear of appearing weak ...**  
**From the fear of being vulnerable ...**  
**From the fear of being pitied ...**  
**From the fear of being**  
**dependent upon others ...**  
**From the fear of being unwanted**  
**and unloved and alone ...**

**Jesus, help me to love you above all else and to seek to please you and only you.**

**Praying this on a regular basis will make you a better person and bring you closer to God.  
It's an antidote to a problem that's as old as mankind yet just as relevant today.**

# Who Moved My Cheese?



The last time I felt like everything was "really normal" was 2019. Looking back, I can see that my brain has increasingly become like 'cotton candy' this last year. I have not had time to slow down and deal with "my self issues" (physically, mentally and spiritually) surrounding my husband's unexpected 6 weeks in hospital stay, 6 weeks rehab, unexpected and sudden need to clean out and move out

of our home of 56 years. Also - where would we move to? What should we take and when should we move?

How do you deal with 'change, loss and grief' in life? Up till now, I've felt I am relatively flexible. Taking changes and grief in stride. Adjusting as needed to the situation. It's LIFE! Things happen. RIGHT! That is, until last year, just before Easter.

Well, it finally caught up with me. I have to look at it all! Mind you, I was never alone during this time. My friends and, most importantly, the Holy Spirit, were always with me. I never felt alone. BUT, I had not dealt with change, grief and loss.

God is full of surprises. The first thing that came to mind was "Who moved my cheese?" The book, "**Who Moved My Cheese**" by Spencer Johnson M.D., held some great clues and helps. It's a parable about two little mice, named Sniff and Scurry, and two little people, named Hem and Haw. These four characters represent four distinct ways of responding to changing circumstances within each of us. Sniff and Scurry represent our simple ways of responding, while Hem and Haw represent our more emotional responses. In the story, the mice and the little people get up every day and find their way through a maze to find cheese at various cheese stations located throughout its corridors. They have been enjoying a large stash of cheese at Cheese Station C for an extended time, and become quite comfortable and satisfied with their situation. The cheese at Cheese Station C, however, begins to dwindle, over time and little by little. One day the mice and the little people arrive at the station, as they have done for a long time, only to discover the cheese is completely gone. Sniff and Scurry do what their names imply. They immediately put on their running shoes and begin to scurry about and sniff out in the maze to find

more cheese. Hem and Haw, on the other hand, have purely emotional responses. Their reactions range from one end of the emotional spectrum to the other, as do ours most often, when our circumstances change. Finally, Haw decides he must go out into the maze in search of new cheese. He knows if he stays, he will die. He feels empathy for his friend, Hem, but cannot afford to wait any longer, and sets out on his own. In the end, he does find new cheese and learns a lot about how to react to change in the process.

So, you may be wondering how this little parable applies to your life? How is this a "spiritual concept"? "Who Moved My Cheese?" isn't written from a Christian perspective. It teaches a principle, however, that can be applied to any area of our lives. Nothing stays the same in any part of our life. All areas of our life, mental, physical and spiritual, are all extremely fluid. What you want, and feel you need, in each of these areas is the metaphorical cheese. As Christians, our relationship with God is like the 'cheese'. When circumstances beyond our control change in any area of our lives, we have a choice of how we will respond. 1) We usually tend to use our highly intellectual or highly emotional reasoning - We keep banging our heads on the 'wall of life' and have a sore head. OR 2) We can slow down, say a prayer asking for guidance from the Holy Spirit - and then, **LISTEN FOR GOD'S GUIDANCE** to find that "**NEW CHEESE**". Anything worth having, takes maintenance. As Christians, we must always remain focused and aware of the New Cheese - (Our relationship with God), that we need to renew and nourish from time to time.

Let us pray: **Psalm 62:2-4, 6-9: In God alone is my soul at rest, my salvation comes from the Lord. God alone is my rock, my salvation, my fortress; I shall not greatly falter. Be at rest, my soul, in God alone, from whom comes my hope. In God is my salvation and my glory, my rock of strength; in God is my refuge. Trust at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to God, our refuge. Glory to the Father . . . Amen.**

On Life's Journey  
Judith Blanton

## Comforts and Assists Widows (Continued from page 9)

always looking for more to do, so widows from the parish need not be concerned that they are "bothering" someone. The volunteers love to do these projects, and what they do may seem simple to them, but it means so much to those who are in need.

One lady who was an early participant in the Ministry as a widow said, "I just LOVE those men who came to help me!" A widow who received a rose said, "What made this extra special was the "delivery boy". (He) was so sweet with a smile that reminded me of my boys when they were little and brought me a dandelion they had picked and proudly gave to their Mommy. It was so dear."

If you are a widow in need of some practical help, or if you are interested in volunteering for this Ministry, you can reach Bob and Carol at [james127ICD@gmail.com](mailto:james127ICD@gmail.com). Or call them at (314)-878-1528 (Carol's cell) or (309)-830-1719 (Bob's cell). Watch the bulletin for upcoming workdays.





# ICD Line Dance Group

By Kathy Rothweil, Line Dance Coordinator and Parishioner

## IS LINE DANCING GOOD FOR THE BRAIN?

Line dancing combines low-impact cardiovascular exercise with the need to think, dancers say it's a workout for the brain as much as the body. "You have to learn and remember the steps so it's good exercise for the brain,"

**A HEALTHY BRAIN NEEDS A HEALTHY BODY AND A HEALTHY BODY NEEDS HEALTHY SOUL**

We are a group of ICD MEMBERS and Friends trying to KEEP IT ALL TOGETHER

We take time to have a **Circle Of Prayer**, YES we have **Prayer Warriors**. We pray for the World, our Families and Friends , Petitions and Praise and *thanking* **our Lord and Savior**.

Tuesdays and Thursdays dance groups are for the **BODY-MIND AND SPIRIT**.

Join Us, check it out in the Bulletin



ICD Line Dancers

### Knock, Ask, Receive!

Lord, I got the news today ~  
it blew everything I knew away,  
and it shook the very ground on which I stood!  
And You know I am a child of Yours;  
I have hope and faith You know endures,  
but how does all this work out for Your "greater good"?!  
*(Refrain)*

Tho this could test my faith in You,  
or make me feel so blessed by You,  
I'm beggin' for a miracle with prayer!  
I won't go down a hopeless road;  
I don't have to shoulder all the load ~  
I know I'm in Your tender, loving care!

*(Refrain)*  
When You say "Knock, just ask, and we'll receive!" ~  
Never doubt what You can do, if we believe!  
Well, I believe in miracles just like You've always done ~  
With You, nothing is impossible,  
So Lord, please use my life as one!!!

I won't surrender hope and faith in all I'm goin' through.  
When You use me in Your miracle, all the glory goes to You!  
There's a mountain of people prayin' for me thru this whole ordeal  
with a faith so strong when things go wrong, they know that You can heal!

And when they empathize and sympathize,  
They know it's You they feel ~  
You're not just up there in the skies,  
You're down here where it's real!

*(Refrain)*

Throughout history the world could see  
You do things in big ways;  
Parting seas with a love that frees  
Your people in those days!  
You sent Your only Son to be the One  
who then set all mankind free!  
I don't doubt it's what You're all about,  
And You could work one now for me!

So when the news we get seems all too much,  
It's then You use us with a greater touch -  
A "greater miracle" is left for me to claim;  
My unending praise is what You'll hear  
With a faith much stronger than my fear,  
And Greater Be the Glory in Your Name!!!

*(Refrain)*

*(music and lyrics by Karen (Schneider) Jaeger)*



## News from the Prayer Shawls Ministry

### The Beauty of a Prayer Shawl

By Brenda McNamara

My name is Brenda McNamara. I am a parishioner and a member of the Prayer Shawl Ministry here at ICD. I would like to share a dear-to-my heart story.

My sweet brother passed away a few weeks ago within days of learning he didn't have long to live. Knowing he was going to pass soon, I crocheted a prayer shawl for him and I took it to ICD parish office to have it blessed. Msgr Ted met with me, together we prayed for my brother and he blessed the prayer-filled shawl. This meant a great deal to me.

The next morning, my husband and I drove to my brother's home in Ohio that he shared with his wife, Joyce. We arrived at their house late afternoon, his grown children and grandchildren were there too. We placed this blessed shawl around his head and shoulders, so much love & prayer surrounded him!

Days later, I attended his Celebration of Life. I saw my brother's urn placed upon that beautiful shawl along with an encased American flag next to him as he served in the United States Air Force when he was a young man. Now a beautiful memory in my heart (along with many wonderful memories of my sweet brother), continues to bring me much comfort & peace!

I joined this wonderful ministry last year and upon my first meeting, was welcomed by a great group of gals who are now dear friends! Our meetings are filled with faith, prayer & friendship - all of which I'm blessed and thankful for!

For information on the Prayer Shawl Ministry, contact Louann Maldeney at [stmaldeney@yahoo.com](mailto:stmaldeney@yahoo.com) or 314-650-0938.

## Our Dearly Departed...



Let us thank God for the many blessings He has given us through the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ

The greatest love and most powerful prayer we can give our loved ones on their behalf is the Mass. Keep praying for them after the Mass on the day of the Funeral or Memorial. Remember them often in your prayers. If they are on your mind, think of them fondly and lovingly but always conclude with a prayer. The prayer doesn't have to be long; it can be as short as a tweet. Yes, a tweet to God!

The following had a Funeral, Memorial Mass or a Prayer Service from our parish. As a parish community, let us remember them in our thoughts and prayers:

### Loved One's Name - Entry to Eternal Life

Beverly Popham	11/7/2021
Verna Fay Masters	11/24/2021
Margaret Sullivan	11/27/2021
Judith Meyer	11/28/2021
Joanna Loesing	11/29/2021
Stephen Bueltmann	12/2/2021
Gary Kasselmann	12/7/2021
Linda Duvall	12/13/2021
Brian Owens	12/16/2021
Joseph Johnson	12/23/2021
Sandra Weissenberg	1/1/2022
Sylvia Cauley	1/4/2022
Harriet Pannell	1/5/2022
Rita Kasper	1/9/2022
Jane McGovern	1/12/2022
Deacon Harold Strauss	1/18/2022
William Laskowitz	1/21/2022
Richard Oris	1/23/2022
James A. Brusca	1/23/2022
Doris Kostecki	1/31/2022
Mary Ellen Belford	2/6/2022
Betty Lee Bonzon	2/7/2022
Jeffrey Fairchild	2/8/2022
Sara Lammers	2/11/2022
Jean Wilmering	2/15/2022
Betty Jane Butler	2/18/2022
Rosemary Baker	3/1/2022
Marcia James	3/2/2022
Sam Lafata	3/2/2022
Jim Gersman	3/3/2022
Pete Clement	3/4/2022



**80<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

**April 2022**

Dianne Dunning  
Irene Lucas  
Sandra Meyer

**May 2022**

Barbara Davis  
Frederick Euler  
Rodney Greenwood  
Ellen Ippolito  
Ralph Jensen  
Jane Stecher  
Barbara Vaccaro  
Karen Wagner

**June 2022**

Judith Behrman  
Kenneth Booth  
Margaret Byers  
Mary Christensen  
Richard Fulhorst  
Mary Beth Springer

**85<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

**April 2022**

Edward Bohn  
Joseph Boyle  
Audrey Clare  
Richard Freesmeier  
Thomas Hennessy

**May 2022**

John Eguia  
Henry Kroeger  
Doris Micallef  
Elmer Rosner

**90<sup>th</sup> Plus Birthday**

**April 2022**

Helen Boone 96  
Joseph A. De Ciechi 92  
Patricia Evans 90  
Rose Marie Harris 94  
Mary Link 98  
Florence Rottjakob 92  
Betty Schlag 90  
Nadine Weissler 91  
Charmaine Wonish 92

**May 2022**

James Cierpiot 90  
Romona Farasy 92  
Mary Therese Keeven 94

**June 2022**

Rowling Borgschulte 91  
Julia Echelmeyer 93  
Thomas Morrow 91  
Mary Jane Stacy 92  
Carol Weiss 93  
Muriel Zanoni 90



**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**April 2022**

Nathan & Heather Barger  
Kurt & Jennifer Bruening  
Derek & Katie Centorbi  
Tim & Andi Dachel  
John & Maureen Green  
Nicholas & Christina  
Hercules  
Tom & Alison Hodges  
Tom & Tina Lafata  
James & Heather Moresi  
Steve & Noreen Mueller  
Mike & Jorie O'Toole  
Nick & Rosanna Regazzi  
Mark & Jennifer Ringhausen

**May 2022**

Mark & Cindy Barada  
Bill & Susan Barrett  
Andre & Wendy Borrelli  
Michael & Julie Britt  
Mike & Cheryl Dickenson  
Steve & Becky Hurwitz  
Michael & Jerri Anne  
Koffman  
Tony & Ana Masten  
Ron & Karen Royer  
Jeff & Cathy Sandbothe  
Mark & Gina Sneed  
Scot & Tina Weaver  
Greg & Becki Willenbrink  
Bob & Joanne Wolf  
Michael & Jill Worobec

**June 2022**

Sean & Debbie Bates  
Mitchell & Nancy Clem  
Brian & Janet Cohen  
Tim & Beth Crane  
John & Alicia Fleming  
Brian & Tayde Foehl  
Steve & Christine Hicks  
John & Tracy Kelley  
James & Donna Krueger  
Tom & Melissa Kruse  
Anthony & Janice Medlin  
Kevin & Bobbie Jo Peters  
Greg & Reann Roggenkamp  
Ted & Fran Shreve  
Kerry & Jill Statler  
Dave & Wendy Stiebel  
Dwain & Pam Uetrecht  
Eric & Amy Wittman

**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**May 2022**

Richard & Sharon  
Alexander  
Rick & Cindy Elking  
Michael & Diane  
Piwowarczyk  
Jim & Kathy Twellman  
Dan & Norma White  
Karl & Barb Yeager

**June 2022**

Ronald & Tammy Breen  
Tom & Katie Brooks  
Greg & Pamela Gerritzen  
Kevin & Sarah Greenlee  
Paul & Lisa Lucido  
Ed & Beth Setchfield

**45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**April 2022**

Gary & Dianne Ronald

**May 2022**

John & Kathi Canale  
Vincent & Mary LoBosco  
Jim & Synthia Nixon

**June 2022**

Lawrence & Deborah Bush  
Mark & Marilyn  
Grannemann  
John & Karen Linck  
Joe & Jean Otten  
Mike & Pat Reeder

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**April 2022**

Gerald & Patricia Kniepman  
Tom & Susan Riggs  
Daniel & Barbara Wrobel

**May 2022**

Len & Carol Kohler  
Lawrence & Connie Masters  
Steve & Marilyn Schmidt

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (cont.)**

**June 2022**

Tom & Carla Barnhart  
Paul & Mary Kay Bohler  
Chet & Chris Duchnowski  
David & Bonnie McLean  
Rich & Jan Niles  
John & Judy Proctor  
Bob & Marie Shaner  
Dominic & Sharon  
Thompson

**55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**April 2022**

Joseph & Carole Donahue  
Fred & Marie Pilkington

**May 2022**

Tom & Madeline Whitehead

**June 2022**

Dean & Melody Kube  
Larry & Barb Schmidt

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**April 2022**

Jim & Terry Sullivan

**May 2022**

Earl & Pat Kiehl  
John & Wanda Shipley

**65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**June 2022**

Don & Melba Baumgardner  
Frank & Suzanne Connelly

**70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**June 2022**

Norm & Betty Schlag

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Rev. David Hogan, Associate Pastor

Rev. Michael Lampe, Associate Pastor

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**Palm Sunday**  
**of the Lord's Passion***Please Note Changes To Most Mass Times***Easter Sunday**  
**of the Lord's Resurrection****Mass Schedule****Saturday, April 9****5 p.m. in the Church****Sunday, April 10****6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m. in the Church****10:30 a.m. in the Church and Chapel****12:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m. in the Church****Mass Schedule****Sunday, April 17****6:30 a.m. in the Church****8:30 a.m. in the Church and Chapel****10:30 a.m. in the Church, Chapel  
and Soccer Fields****12:30 p.m. in the Church****No Sunday Evening Mass**

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**The Easter Triduum**

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**Holy Thursday****Thursday, April 14****Morning Prayer****8:00 a.m. in the Chapel****Mass of the Lord's Supper****7:00 p.m. in the Church**After Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will  
be processed to the Chapel for prayer  
and adoration until midnight.**Night Prayer****11:45 p.m. in the Chapel****Good Friday****Friday, April 15****Morning Prayer****8:00 a.m. in the Chapel****Stations of the Cross****Noon in Church****Good Friday  
of the Lord's Passion****3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.  
in the Church****Holy Saturday****Saturday, April 16****Morning Prayer****8:00 a.m. in the Chapel****Blessing of Easter Food****3:00 p.m. in the Church****Easter Vigil of the  
Lord's Resurrection****8:00 p.m. in the Church**This celebration includes the lighting of  
the Easter fire and the Sacraments of  
Initiation.