



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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Schedule of Holy Mass

Saturday: 8:00am, 4:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sunday: 7:30am, 10:00am
Weekdays: 8:00am and Wednesdays at 6:30pm in church

Weekly Devotions and Prayers

Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday 8:30am until Friday 11:00am, St. Joseph Chapel

Rosary: Prior to Saturday evening 4pm Mass

Weekday devotions after morning Mass:

Tuesday: Mother of Perpetual Help

Wednesday: Litany of St. Joseph

Thursday: Celebrating the Sanctity of Life

First Friday: Litany of the Sacred Heart

First Saturday of the Month Devotions

8am Mass, Rosary, 15 minutes of meditation

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Wednesdays in church, 7pm
Saturdays in church following 8am Mass

Marriage: Contact the parish office
at least six months prior to the wedding

Baptism: Contact the parish office
to register for class and to arrange date

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:
Contact Shawn Mueller in the parish office

June 5, 2022



A Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Even though Pentecost is rightly celebrated in late spring, the robust experience of a New England fall can provide a profound metaphor for reflection. A full expression of fall colors is beautiful to behold. But, with all of its majesty and beauty, the observer knows the experience of death is soon to come. Creation will be dark and barren for a while. Pentecost cannot be separated from the cross. Before God's transformative, life-giving power can bear fruit, we must first die.

Pentecost is all about leaving the lifeless dead wood behind and allowing God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to create something new. These Pentecost creations happen repeatedly over and over again. The birthing process of the Church is ongoing. God is always bringing life out of

death and creating something where there was once nothing. That is why the fall is such an apropos metaphorical season for Pentecost. In order to really receive the gift of the Holy Spirit we have to die to what we once knew and what no longer works.

When fire and wind find their fullest expression, they are in no way gentle nor kind. They have the potential to level anything in their paths. We are experiencing great turmoil in our world, nation, and our Church. Whether the result of circumstance or the work of the Holy Spirit, much of what we knew to be normal and constant is changing. Common systems and institutional structures that may have worked for a time no longer do. When the old and familiar need to be left behind, God creates something new. Change and

disorder do not need to be our enemies. They always bring opportunities for something exciting and new. What we need is untiring faith, firm hope, and perfect love.

What we need is for the Holy Spirit to enlighten us to see what is important and what we must do. "*O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams.*" (St. Augustine) If we experience joy, even in the midst of turbulence, then we will know we are exactly where God needs us to be. If not, then perhaps there is a lesson in the decaying leaves that graciously descend to the ground on a crisp fall day.

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Confirmation Preparation
8th Grade—September thru May, 8:45-9:45am, Sundays
Children’s Liturgy of the Word
September thru May, during the 10am Sunday Mass
Adult Education
Sundays 8:45—9:45am Grand Hall, Wednesdays 7:10pm Weber Hall
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—contact Shawn for schedule

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Come Holy Spirit. Come!

Dear Parishioners:

As we celebrate Pentecost I invite you to reflect upon the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Rather than looking at them as something that is "magically" planted in our hearts I see them as a potential given to us by the Holy Spirit. We can act as men and women enlightened by the Holy Spirit and set on fire with these gifts or we can ignore them. The prayer of our Lord and the hope of our Father is that we will embrace these gifts and be drawn into the life of the Holy Trinity.



- ✚ **Wisdom** is both the knowledge of and judgment about "divine things" and the ability to judge and direct human affairs according to divine truth. Wisdom helps us recognize the importance of others and the importance of keeping God central in our lives.
- ✚ **Understanding** is penetrating insight into the very heart of things, especially those higher truths that are necessary for our eternal salvation—in effect, the ability to "see" God. Understanding is the ability to comprehend the meaning of God's message.
- ✚ **Counsel** allows a man to be directed by God in matters necessary for his salvation. Counsel is the ability to see the best way to follow God's plan when we have choices that relate to him.
- ✚ **Fortitude** denotes a firmness of mind in doing good and in avoiding evil, particularly when it is difficult or dangerous to do so, and the confi-

dence to overcome all obstacles, even deadly ones, by virtue of the assurance of everlasting life. Fortitude is the courage to do what one knows is right.

✚ **Knowledge** is the ability to judge correctly about matters of faith and right action, so as to never wander from the straight path of justice. Knowledge is the ability to think about and explore God's revelation, and also to recognize there are mysteries of faith beyond us.

✚ **Piety** is, principally, revering God with filial affection, paying worship and duty to God, paying due duty to all men on account of their relationship to God, and honoring the saints and not contradicting Scripture. The Latin word *pietas* denotes the reverence that we give to our father and to our country; since God is the Father of all, the worship of God is also called piety. Piety helps us pray to God in true devotion.

✚ **Fear of God** is, in this context, "filial" or chaste fear whereby we revere God and avoid separating ourselves from him—as opposed to "servile" fear, whereby we fear punishment. Fear of the Lord is the feeling of amazement before God, who is all-present, and whose friendship we do not want to lose.

Peace,

Fa. Tom

Pentecost Sunday—Year C

It was late that Sunday evening, and the disciples were gathered. Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said. "As the Father sent me, so I send you." JOHN 20:19, 21

An insurance company held a cornerstone-laying ceremony for its new building. Among the items sealed in a capsule to be opened fifty years hence were predictions by civic leaders. Before they placed them in the capsule, the leaders read them to the crowd. One prediction surprised everyone: "Fifty years from now..., men and women will still struggle for happiness—which will continue to lie within themselves." That happiness, of course, is the peace that Christ gave to his disciples almost 2,000 years ago today. Happy are those who open their hearts to the peace of Christ.

How might I open my heart more fully to Christ's peace?

Five great enemies of peace inhabit us: avarice, ambition, envy, anger, and pride. Petrarch

Mark Link S.J. *Action 2000*

Ministry Schedule—Pentecost

June 4—4pm

EM: Judy Cova, Wally & Jan Karase
Lec: Chuck Kettler, Larry Graves
Serv: Izzy & Jack Scheer
Music: Bryan, Mike, Betsy
Ush: Bill Pollihan, Tim Wilson, Andy Pope, Chris Cuddihee

June 5—7:30am

EM: Dianne Dickherber, Emily Cooksey, Kris Jenkins
Lec: Bob Leeker, Peggy Dupree
Serv: KaBella Bruno, David Vehige
Music: Verdi & Elizabeth
Ush: Brian Corrigan, Chris Molitor, Rick Scharf, Tom Meczowski

June 5—10am

EM: Maureen Blondin, Don & Susan Hladky
Lec: Bev Mayhew, Chuck Hinkle
Serv: Billy & Peter Simon
Music: Adult Choir
Ush: Bill Winters, Gary Struckhoff, Larry Smith, Bill Riley

IHMformation Station

4:00 Wally & Jan Karase
7:30 Peggy Dupree
10:00 Chuck & Laurie Hinkle

Purificators

Month of June: June Spiess

Ministry Schedule—The Most Holy Trinity

June 11—4pm

EM: Deacon Chris, Vanita Joerling, Wilma Zurweller
Lec: Jim & Theresa Risch
Serv: Chase Spurgeon
Music: tbd
Ush: Larry Graves, Bill Pollihan, Mike Rieker, Andy Pope

June 12—7:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Jackie Barclay, Mary Hardesty
Lec: Karen Wappelhorst, Michelle Greiwe
Serv: Izzy & Zack Scheer
Music: tbd
Ush: Gary Potter, Mike Hardesty, Terry Schneiwider, Ron Neske

June 12—10am

EM: Deacon Chris, Bob Brossette, Patrice Riley
Lec: Mary Busby-Simpson, Yvonne Brossette
Serv: Mary Grace & Janie Becker
Music: tbd
Ush: Chuck Hinkle, Ron Simpson, Alan Raymond, Bob Hutchcraft

IHMformation Station

4:00 Andy & Barb Pope
7:30 Michelle Greiwe
10:00 Bob & Yvonne Brossette

Heavenly Dusters

Week of June 5: Peggy Dupree
Week of June 12: Pat Roche
Week of June 19: Shirley Gassei
Week of June 26: Dot Keune



Save the date!

Family Fun Night at IHM
on Saturday, July 23
Fun for All!



Food Trucks—Bounce House—Music

Here's who will be here:

Daddy O's Cheesesteaks and Waffle Nerds



Rest in Peace



We offer our prayerful sympathy
to the families of

Ann Terbrock, sister of Tom Terbrock
Sheila Birk, daughter-in-law of Ken & Mary Birk

May they and all the faithful departed
rest in the eternal peace of Christ.

Please pray for all the sick and suffering:

Phyllis Zerr, Fran Bussen, Betty Boyd, Amy Robbins, Don Schmidt, Carl Wolff, George Stark, Ann Fitzgerald,
Pat Foster, Betty Heppermann, Joyce Brakensiek, Tom & Mary Jean Hartenbach, Terry Hagan,
Richard & Doris Berhorst, Pat Ryan, Larry Hecht, Pete Schepis, Jeff Bollman, Tom Baker, Jim Hall

Steve Wengerski and Kathy Schuckman (friends of Mandy Daub), Keith Langford (son of Rita & brother of Valerie Langford),
Red Brockmeyer (cousin of Kay & Ray Cherry), Karla Sitzes (daughter of Sophia Bax), Pat Finan (daughter of Fran Bussen),
Jennifer Fitzsimmons (cousin of Karen Fitzsimmons), Mary Ann Blaske (mother of Jeff Blaske), Marlene Hagemeyer (sister of Pat Roche),
Charlie Grady (grandson of John & Carol Grady), Marlene Hagemeyer (sister of Pat Roche), Michael Gober (son of Ray and Janice Gober),
Rosemary Bell (sister of Janet & Jerry Hespern), Jessica Anderson (daughter-in-law of Bill & Terri Anderson)

Hospitalization: If you are hospitalized, please let us know. Please call the office or ask a friend to call for you if necessary.

Communion Calls: If you would like to receive Communion but are unable to get to Mass because of illness or disability, please contact the parish office: 636-398-5270.

Prayer Requests: Brenda Hutchcraft at 636-248-8493 or email brhutchcraft@centurytel.net

Mass Intentions

Monday, June 6	
8:00am	Joe & Marie Weber +
Tuesday, June 7	
8:00am	Jill Terbrock +
Wednesday, June 8	
8:00am	Cathy Hartmann+
6:30pm <u>in Chapel</u>	the Schneider Family
Thursday, June 9	
8:00am	intention of Joe & June Spiess Bob Cova +
Friday, June 10	
8:00am	All Souls Marty & Peggy Dupree Family
Saturday, June 11	
8:00am	Moira Ryan +
4:00pm	Stan Nikonowicz +
Sunday, June 12	
7:30am	People of IHM
10:00am	Iris Bader +

Activities this Week

Bring your Rummage Sale items to the Pavilion

Monday, June 6	Ballerina Princess Camp, Grand Hall, 9-11am Scouts, Founders Hall/Trailer, 6:30pm POP meeting, Grand Hall, 7pm
Tuesday, June 7	Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, following 8am Mass Ballerina Princess Camp, Grand Hall, 9-11am Fitness, Grand Hall foyer, 9am KofC officers, Founders Hall, 6:30pm
Wednesday, June 8	Ballerina Princess Camp, Grand Hall, 9-11am Evening Mass, Chapel, 6:30pm, Reconciliation after
Thursday, June 9	Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am Youth Ministry, Weber Hall, 6:30pm
Friday, June 10	Quilters, Weber Hall, 8:30—noon <i>The Chosen</i> , episode 6, Grand Hall, 8:45am
Saturday, June 11	Reconciliation, church, 8:45am YM <u>Car Wash</u> in front of Founders Hall, 7:30am-1pm

Contributions May 28/29

Will be reported next week

"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." (John 14:26)

The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us. The relativism of our world tells us that we should be tolerant of all things, that there is no absolute truth. Pray to the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and to guide our thoughts, words and actions. What you put in your head, heart and mind affects your actions. Put good things in and good things will come out.

We pray: that we allow the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts and transform our lives.

Needed at the Pantry



oil, sugar, fruit juices, coffee, beef stew, sloppy Joe, pasta sauce (in plastic or cans), plastic bags—please double them

It's one thing to praise Jesus when life is going well, but when burdened with one problem after another, proclaiming God's goodness is more challenging.

But many of the neighbors which the Society of St. Vincent de Paul serve speak of God's ever-present blessings—because of you. Thank you for your prayers and generosity to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. With your help we continue to share the joy of God's goodness.

Learn more about the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at www.svdpstlouis.org or call 636-398-5270 ext. 225.

Missouri Inmates Sew Custom Quilts for Foster Children and they need your donations to do it!

The Knights of Columbus are asking for donations for the Men's South Central Correctional Center in Licking, MO. As part of their rehabilitation, the men are taught to make quilts and are in need of donations of material, yarn, thread, polyfill and batting. The men design the quilts, with individual children in mind, embroidering their first names on the corner. Once finished, each quilt is packaged with a handmade hat, along with school supplies and toiletries donated by other inmates at South Central. If you would be willing to donate and help these men with their rehabilitation, please bring your donation to a bin in the narthex or contact Mary Leeker at 314-303-9884 or mtleeker@gmail.com

Authentic Catholic Radio: AM 1460
EWTN Global Catholic Network: www.ewtn.com/radio
and on Dish Network Channel 261

The next Baptismal Prep class will be June 19. Please contact the parish office to register.

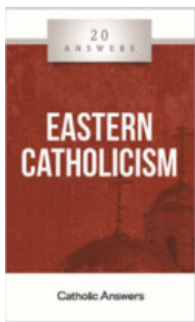
What's Your Catholic IQ?

- The Hebrew word “shalom” means _____.
 - faith
 - hope
 - charity
 - peace
- Jesus’ tunic was woven in one piece without any seams, so while He was crucified the soldiers _____.
 - rolled dice to see who would get it
 - ripped it so everyone would get a piece
 - raffled it off
 - gave it to Jesus’ mother
- Blessed are the merciful _____.
 - for theirs is the kingdom of heaven
 - for mercy shall be theirs
 - for they shall see their children’s children to the fourth generation
 - for they shall have long life in the land
- After Jesus died on the cross, a soldier pierced His side with a lance and _____.
 - nothing happened
 - water and blood flowed out
 - one of the soldiers said, “This man deserved to die.”
 - one of the soldiers said, “I’m sorry I had to do this.”
- At Mass the vessel that contains the body of Christ is called _____.
 - a vestment
 - a cruet
 - a ciborium
 - an alb
- The Apostle who was a tax collector was _____.
 - Phillip
 - John
 - Matthew
 - Simon
- The saint from Uganda who gave his life in 1886 rather than submit to an evil anti-Christian king was _____.
 - St. Charles Lwanga
 - St. Philip Neri
 - St. Anthony of Padua
 - St. Anthony Claret
- The early Church deacon who was martyred by being roasted on a grill was _____.
 - St. Paul
 - St. Lawrence
 - St. Benedict
 - St. Michael
- When Jesus was praying in the Garden of Gethsemane for His Father’s help before He was crucified, He prayed, “Let this cup pass from me, _____.”
 - Father, who art in heaven
 - hail, Mary, full of grace
 - blessed be the merciful
 - but not my will but Thine be done
- Jesus instituted the Eucharist _____.
 - at the Last Supper
 - the night before He died
 - using the bread and wine of the Passover meal
 - all of the above

St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

(Note: With close to 3000 items, the Parish Library is located in the Grand Hall past the restrooms. It is open during the week—normal business hours—and works on an honor system. Items from the Lighthouse CD rack are located and available in the Narthex.

From the Lighthouse Catholic CD Rack: Narthex



Do Eastern Catholics follow the pope? What is it like to visit and worship at an Eastern Catholic parish? How can there be many different “churches” in the one Catholic Church? What are some aspects of Eastern Catholic theology and practice that differ from the West? The rich history and theological, liturgical, and artistic traditions of the twenty-three Eastern Catholic churches are such an indispensable part of the global Catholic communion that, along with the Latin West, these churches are said to form one of the two “lungs” by which the Church breathes and lives. Yet even though Pope St. John Paul II called on the faithful to appreciate the treasures of the Christian East, far too many Catholics remain ignorant of them. *20 Answers: Eastern Catholicism* provides an invaluable primer, explaining the origins of the Eastern Catholic churches and how they fit into the one Church of Christ, their distinctive prayers and practices, and some of the common misunderstandings and controversies that even today can cause unnecessary division and confusion.

- What are the different kinds of prayer?
- I prayed for something and God didn’t grant it. Why?
- Doesn’t the Bible condemn repetitious prayers like the rosary?
- Why do I have to say traditional prayers in a church instead of just talking to God in my own way?

Prayer is the Christian’s source of strength and peace, a channel of grace, a medium of joy and consolation. By it we open our minds to the One who made us and loves us, to give Him praise and thanks and to tell Him our needs. And we also open our hearts to Him, asking Him for wisdom and direction in our life. But prayer doesn’t always come easily, especially when we have questions about how or why we should do it. *20 Answers: Prayer* addresses some of the most common questions, giving you profitable understanding of what prayer is, strategies for praying more often in a busy day, and ways to advance in prayer toward its goal: deeper, more loving communion with God.





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Come and meet your Parish friends
and let the Holy Spirit guide you in
new directions.

All meetings from 6:30 to 8pm

June 9	Weber Hall
June 23	Weber Hall
July 21	Founders Hall
August 4	Founders Hall
August 18	Founders Hall
September 1	Founders Hall
September 15	Founders Hall

As always, if you have any questions
or just need to talk, call/email/text
any time.

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Pope's Intentions for June:
For families

We pray for Christian families
around the world; may they
embody and experience unconditional
love and advance in holiness in
their daily lives.



Everyone looks forward to summer
and the change of pace it ushers in.
Make certain your relaxed schedule
includes time to enrich your faith
journey. Tune into Catholic radio,
AM 1460 and 102.9FM. Program-
ming includes the daily Mass, the
Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet,
local programs and much more.
You can listen on the radio, on the
Covenant Network app on your
mobile device or anytime at Our-
CatholicRadio.org.



CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

Saturday, June 11, 8am to 1pm in the IHM Parking Lot

*You shop the New Melle Market
and we will wash your car for a donation.*

**Raising Funds for Steubenville Conference
in Springfield**

Hope to see you there!



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH

NEW MELLE (at the intersection of Hwys. Z & D)

WANTED:

- Clothing items that are clean, wearable and stain free
- Functional household items
- Hardback and paperback books
- ABSOLUTELY NO TV'S or APPLIANCES

DONATIONS ACCEPTED: MAY 28 to JUNE 15

SALE DAYS - 8:00am to 1:00pm

Wednesdays, June 15 and June 22
Fridays, June 17 and June 24
Saturdays, June 18 and June 25

Outdoor Mass and Rosary

at Our Lady Queen of Peace Shrine
near the Civic Park Pool in O'Fallon
(707 Emge Road)

Please bring your lawn chairs and a rosary:

June 8 July 13
August 10 September 14
(weather permitting)

Mass will be celebrated at 7pm followed by the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Questions? Please contact Sylvia at 636-978-8803.

PSR Corner

In the Traditional- Devotional Dedication of the Months of the Year, the month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Why do you think the Lord wants us to meditate on his Sacred Heart. What does this mean and why? Here's a couple of resources to consider looking up:

1. Read about the approved apparitions of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque.
2. Look up the website YouShallBelieve.com which highlights a Eucharistic miracle where the host turned into living heart muscle tissue and what this means.



Immaculate heart of Mary will be hosting
Vacation Bible School
July 11 through the 15
9am to noon each day

The goal of this program is to help children better understand the seven sacraments and deepen their love for Jesus.

Calling kids of all ages. contact Julie Lassiter 636-357-0121 if you have questions, if you'd like to donate snacks for the week, and of course we would love all the volunteers we can have! Volunteers must have completed Protecting Gods Children course and all requirements from the Archdiocese in order to participate in this activity. Also, a good way to contact Julie is by email:

Julie.R.Lassiter@gmail.com

**Check our IHM-NewMelle.org
website to register!**

Answers to Catholic IQ

1. d The word "shalom" is both a greeting and a lovely prayer all by itself, a wish for God's peace.
2. a In the pro-life movement, Jesus' seamless garment has become a symbol for the dignity of human life from natural beginning to natural end. The symbol comes from the respect that even the Roman soldiers had for Jesus' tunic.
3. b This is one of the Beatitudes from the Gospel of Matthew (see 5:7). Mercy is stressed in the Bible as one of the qualities of God Himself which we imitate.
4. b This is the wound in Jesus' side that Doubting Thomas later wanted to touch (see John 20:24-29). The water and blood are symbols of Baptism.
5. c The word "ciborium" comes from the Latin word for "food."
6. c When Jesus called Matthew to follow Him, Matthew immediately left the customs house. He also invited Jesus to dinner (see Matthew 9:9-13).
7. a Charles Lwanga (d. 1886) and 19 young men of the court were asked by the king how long they would remain Christian. They answered, "Till death." They were burned alive. Within one year the number of people in the area wanting to be Christian grew to 2000. His feast day is June 3.
8. b According to legend, St. Lawrence (d. 250) jokingly said to his executioners, "Turn me over, I'm done on this side." More instructive is the story that he gathered all the poor of Rome when the persecutors demanded that he turn over "the treasures of the Church." His feast day is August 10.
9. d Jesus' prayer in the garden was so intense He sweated drops of blood (see Luke 22:39-46).
10. d If you listen carefully at Mass you can hear all these facts mentioned in the prayers. We remember Jesus' gift of Himself in the Eucharist at every Mass.

Come Holy Spirit

How often do we pray for the Holy Spirit to come and stir His gifts within us as baptized, confirmed believers, sons and daughters of God?

In preparation for the Feast of Pentecost believers throughout the world often pray a “novena” in imitation of the first Pentecost, when, after the Ascension of our Lord, the early Church prayed for nine days to be clothed with the power of the Spirit that Jesus promised. Whether or not you are in the midst of making a novena, make it a practice to call on the Holy Spirit every day. Here are two prayers that can help.

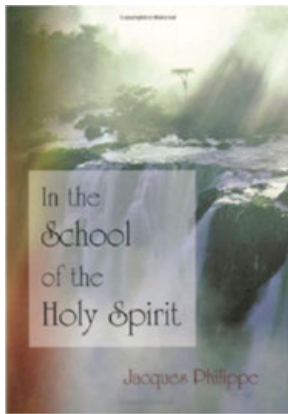


Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit that I may love only what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, that I may defend all that is holy. Guard me, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy. St. Augustine

Holy Spirit, love of my heart, I adore you. Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me. Tell me what I must do--command me. I promise to submit myself to all that you will of me, and accept all you permit to befall me. Let me only know your will. Cardinal Mercier

In the School of the Holy Spirit

The above is a title of a book by Fr. Jacques Philippe, a spiritual guide for our times. An excerpt follows below. The shortest road to holiness is fidelity to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit. This book helps explain how to listen to the Spirit.



My Jesus, it is truly easy to become holy; it just takes a little good will! And if He finds this minimum of good will in a soul, He quickly gives Himself to her. And nothing can stop Him, neither our faults nor our falls, absolutely nothing. Jesus hurries to help that soul; and if the soul is faithful to this grace from God, she can in a short time reach the highest level of holiness that a created being can attain here below. God is very generous and does not refuse His grace to anyone. He gives even more than we ask for. The shortest road is faithfulness to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit.

This beautiful text is taken from the diary of St. Faustina. Even though it is simple and concise, it delivers an extremely important message for people who aspire to holiness — to people who want to respond as far as possible to God’s love.

The major question for such souls, a question that sometimes causes them pain, is to know what to do about this message. Maybe you never have been particularly concerned about this question. Maybe you never have aspired to love God as much as He possibly can be loved. If not, I ask that you now beg the Holy Spirit to put that desire in you, and even that you beg Him to leave you restless until you have that aspiration.



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Please pick up a brochure from our IHMformation Station for phone contacts and further information about what we can (and cannot) do. We want to help our parishioners and other community members within our parish boundaries in need of minor services that they are unable to do because of age or infirmity.



A Matter of Perspective

Three priests sat discussing the best positions while a telephone repairman worked nearby.

"Kneeling is definitely best," claimed one.

"No," another contended. "I get the best results standing with my hands outstretched to Heaven."

"You're both wrong," the third insisted. "The most effective prayer position is lying prostrate, face down on the floor."

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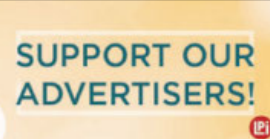
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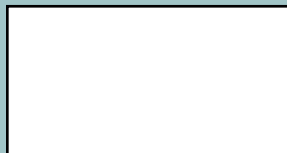
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