



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 weekdays 8am and Saturday 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 25/26, 2022
Our Parish Feast Day



A Meditation on the Immaculate Heart of Mary

In contemplating the Heart of Mary, we enter into her interior life, symbolized by the beautiful image of her heart. It is often depicted as pierced with a sword, in flames, wreathed with roses or with the crown of thorns of her Son. Mary's pure and open heart is the reflection of our beautiful Christian life of union with God; a reflection of sacrificial love for Him and all humanity, on fire with the Holy Spirit, flowering with every grace, blessing and virtue.

Following in her heart beats, we are to be directed by the love of God: wholly pure, wholly given, fully human. Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure of heart for they shall see God," because when we are pure of heart, all we see is God. Her heart is utterly pure beyond our comprehension, pure as Eve's before the fall; then made even more beautiful by Mary's heroic merits, her sacrifices, her

complete alliance with God, her total love, and her compliance with His will and plan. Oh the willingness of this heart to trustingly suffer in order to love Christ bravely, to grow in love and go on loving even to its own destruction! She believed all things, she endured all things, she hoped all things! Therefore she received all things.

How can we imitate Mary by heart? We are so often unlike her inside. Sometimes we seem hopelessly off track. Mary's heart's simplicity and hidden life in Christ are hard to cultivate, but this is what true holiness is, loving God as she did; in stark faith, hope, and love, in simplicity of heart. We walk with Mary in simple faith and learn Christ from her. We listen, we let go and let God, trusting in His grace that He will complete the good work he has begun in us. It all began with our Most Holy Mother say-

ing, "I am the littlest of the servants of God. Let it be done to me as you have said." And Jesus was conceived in her. This is what happens in the spiritual life if we allow God to work with us, and Mary to teach us. We become more and more attentive to His Word in our lives. We learn to be in silent communion with Him in the quiet of our hearts and we become more and more aware of His indwelling. It takes training ourselves to be quiet and commitment to spend time with God every day in whatever way we are capable of.

May our Holy Mother pray for us that we can mirror her heart with our own. May we too be simple, humble and free of heart for Him, that we may run lightly in His paths and wear the gentle yoke of Jesus with a joyful humility.

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 Grades 1 thru 8, September thru May, 8:45-9:45am, Sundays
 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

Quick Contacts Directory

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Hearts Formed by Faith

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate our patronal feast day for the parish. We rejoice in the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and celebrate her maternal love for us. Today as a parish family we ask the Blessed Mother to lead each of us to a deeper union with her Son, Jesus Christ.

As disciples of the Lord we strive for two essential elements in our life of faith: personal relationship and confident articulation. All of us strive for a personal relationship with Jesus Christ that is formed by the Church, nourished by prayer and embraced in our service to God and neighbor. A personal relationship with Jesus Christ is not a matter of emotional subjectivity, but a genuine religious experience. We are bound to Christ through our religious experience and expressed faith. The Holy Spirit and Holy Mother Church act as safeguards for shaping and molding the various misconceptions and distortions that all of us are prone to encounter as we seek the Lord. Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture help us to weed out the bad seeds that would contaminate our relationship with Jesus. One of the real dangers of professing a personal relationship with the Lord apart from the community of the Church is to make the Lord little more than a mirror for our own needs and personality. One can worship the God of themselves without ever realizing it.



Our faith is indeed personal, but it is lived in communion with the Church.

The second element in our life of faith is confident articulation. Call it professing your faith if you want, but the goal is the same. We want to know our faith and what we believe as Catholics. We want to have an answer for ourselves first and foremost. That doesn't mean we have to know everything about our faith, but we want to strive for a growing confidence that we understand the what and why of our beliefs. Few things will be more painful or potentially dangerous to our growing faith if we are caught in a conversation where we cannot answer simple questions about it.

We can be confident about our faith without being belligerent or arrogant about it. We can love and treasure the richness of our faith without denigrating what others believe. At the same time we should strive to free ourselves and others from the many misconceptions about the faith. Knowing our faith empowers us to address the many issues of life. The Church does have an answer and response for many of the choices we make in life. We can make our choices in union with the Church or ignore her at our own peril. Our choices will lead us to possessing hearts formed by faith or hearts formed by self or others.

Peace. Fr. Tom

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C

[Jesus said,] "Anyone who... keeps looking back is of no use for the Kingdom of God." LUKE 9:62

Bela Karolyi was a gymnastics coach for Rumania in the days of Communism and the Iron Curtain. He developed such Olympic stars as gold medalist Nadia Comenici. His international fame won him special government favors, including such things as a Mercedes-- unheard of in Communist countries. Then in 1981 he decided to turn his back on Communism and seek a free life in the West. When the "zero hour" for leaving came, Bela did not look back at his state favors, his Mercedes, and his celebrity status. He simply walked straight ahead, carrying only a small suitcase. Bela Karolyi is a fitting image of the kind of follower Jesus had in mind. How closely do I mirror that image?

Strong lives are motivated by dynamic purposes. Kenneth Hildebrand

Fr. Mark Link S.J. (Action 2000)

Ministry Schedule—Parish Feast Day All Masses

June 25—4pm

EM: Deacon Chris, Bryan Potter, Donna Cuddihee, Carole Baker, Jennifer Fredrick, Michelle Greiwe, Donna Wolff, Kathy Lalonde
Lec: Richard & Kathy Lalonde
Serv: Chase Spurgeon
GB: Dave & Judy Hendrix
Music: Bryan, Norm, Dick, Stacy
Ush: Ed Etzkorn, Tim Wilson, Andy Pope, Chris Cuddihee

June 26—7:30am

EM: Deacon Chris, Mary Keune, Dianne Dickherber, Emily Cooksey, Peggy Dupree, John Fiacco
Lec: Chuck Kettler, Bob Leeker
Serv: Mary Grace & Janie Becker
GB: Mike & Mary Hardesty
Music: Verdi & Brooke
Ush: Rick Scharf, Tom Meczkowski, Chris Molitor, Gary Potter

June 26—10am

EM: Deacon Chris, Michelle Greiwe, Sharon Smith, Laura Orf, Chuck Hinkle, Don & Susan Hladky, Laura Holstein
Lec: Patrice Riley, Grant Smith
Serv: Izzy Czuchna, Thomas Kokker
GB: Jeff & Amy Brinkmann Family
Music: Bryan, Betsy B, Mike, Mary
Ush: Alan Raymond, Bob Hutchcraft, Ron Simpson, Larry Smith

IHMformation Station

4:00 Ed & Marcia Etzkorn
7:30 Peggy Dupree
10:00 Randy & Angie Gust

Heavenly Dusters

Week of June 26: Dot Keune
Week of July 3: Karen Wilson
Week of July 10: Elizabeth Jaeckle
Week of July 17: Yvonne Brossette
Week of July 24: Flo Joerling
Week of July 31: Jean Reed-Bammann

Purificators

Month of June: June Spiess
Month of July: Carol Ostermeyer

Activities this Week

Sunday, June 26

RUMMAGE SALE BLOWOUT!

Marian Council Day of Reflection, Grand Hall,

Monday, June 27

Scouts, Founders Hall/Trailer, 6:30pm

Tuesday, June 28

Legion of Mary, Weber Hall, following 8am Mass

Fitness, Grand Hall foyer, 9am

Finance Council, 7pm, Weber HLL

Wednesday, June 29

Evening Mass, Chapel, 6:30pm, Reconciliation after

Thursday, June 30

Fitness, Grand Hall, 9am

Catholic Kids Camp prep, Weber Hall, 12:30pm

Friday, July 1

Quilters, Weber Hall, 8:30—noon

Saturday, July 2

Reconciliation, church, 8:45am

Food Pantry open 9-10:30am

Jonah Team will pray with you after 4pm Mass

Sunday, July 3

Jonah Team will pray with you after Masses



Rest in Peace



We offer our prayerful sympathy
to the families of

Ethel Costello, mother of Mary & Joe Tersteeg

Mary Lee Singer of our parish

Edward Sadlo, son of Eleanor Sadlo

Phil Shannon, brother-in-law of Teresa & Bob Berfanger

Dale Potter, brother of Gary & Bryan Potter

Sharon Parker, sister of Anne & Don Schmidt

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, Roger and Dianne Sudbrock

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), Michael Gober (son of Ray and Janice Gober),

Rosemary Bell (sister of Janet & Jerry Hesperen), Jessica Anderson (daughter-in-law of Bill & Terri Anderson)

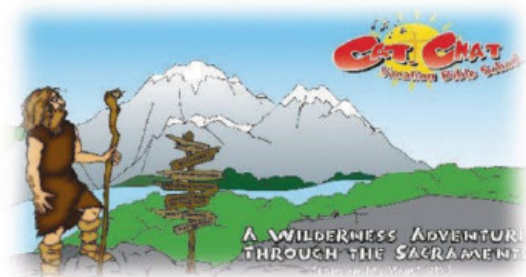
Hospitalization: If you are hospitalized, please let us know. Please call the office or ask a friend to call for you if necessary.

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@gmail.com

Mass Intentions

Monday, June 27	
8:00am	int. of Mueller family
Tuesday, June 28	
8:00am	All Souls Bettegene King +
Wednesday, June 29	
8:00am	Jordan Medley (1st) +
6:30pm <u>in Chapel</u>	Janie Roth +
Thursday, June 30	
8:00am	Joan Huelsmann +
Friday, July 1	
8:00am	Holy Vocations
Saturday, July 2	
8:00am	the Schneider Family
4:00pm	Steve Kettler + Tony Berhorst +
Sunday, July 3	
7:30am	Brett Varady + Jane Schwane +
10:00am	People of IHM Steve Seper +



IHM Vacation Bible School

WILDERNESS ADVENTURE THROUGH THE SACRAMENTS
July 11 thru 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 or Julie.r.Lassiter@gmail.com 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. Register on our IHM website!



Contributions June 18/19

General contributions:	\$6,247.00
Online gifts:	<u>\$6,396.73</u>
Total offering:	\$12,643.73

*“For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather serve one another through love.”
 (Galatians 5:13)*

We like to celebrate that we are free to “live the good life.” We can do what we want, anytime we want, with no regard for laws. But, Jesus calls us to a different kind of freedom. St. Paul reminds us that by imitating Jesus we are freed from becoming a slave to our own self-interests and desires, so that we can serve one another. We are free to share our gifts and promote God’s work on earth to glorify His name and not honor ourselves.

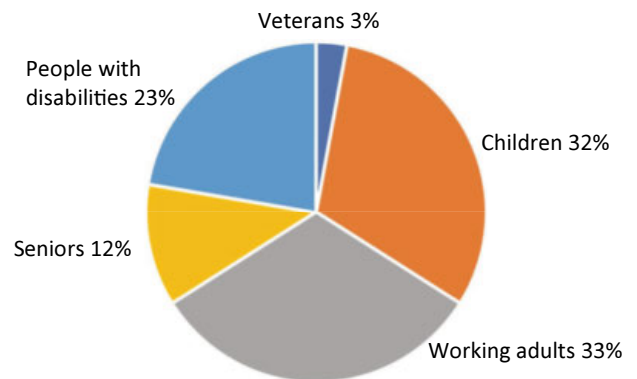
We pray: that we build God’s Church to glorify His name and not look for prestige and honor for ourselves.

Needed at the Pantry



cold cereal, sugar, oil , coffee, tea bags, gravy mixes, canned chili, beef stew, hamburger and tuna helper, fruit juice , canned pears, pineapple, pear, salad dressing, instant potatoes, pancake mix, bisquick. Snacks for out of school children. If you have plastic bags and have time to double them that would be great. , canned fruit pears, canned beets

Who Forgoes other Necessities to Remain Housed?



Housing is considered unaffordable if it costs more than 30% of a household’s income.

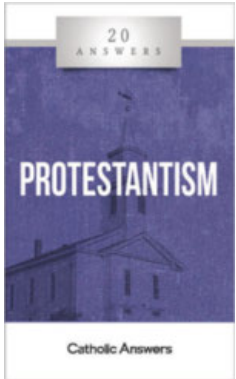
According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 345,000 low-income renters in Missouri pay over half their income in rent. These Missourians often forgo other necessities like food and medicine to remain housed.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has programs to help our Neighbors in Need who are struggling with their rent and utility bills. For the ways we help, please visit: svdpstlouis.org.

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 CD Rack in the Narthex



- How did Protestant Christianity begin and spread?
- What are the distinctive beliefs of Protestantism, and how do they differ from Catholic teaching?
- How do “non-denominational Bible churches” compare with the “mainline” branches of Protestantism?
- Why are some Protestant groups anti-Catholic, and what can I do to foster better relations with them and help them understand Catholicism?

Since the Reformation, Christianity has been split into many competing groups, each differing from the others but almost all claiming to represent the authentic gospel of Jesus Christ. How did that happen? And how can we better understand—and work to heal—those divisions? *20 Answers: Protestantism* gives you a perfect beginner’s guide to the historical roots of Protestantism, its liturgical and doctrinal flavors, and its impact on the evolution of global (and especially American) Christian culture. Most of all, it offers proven advice for finding common ground with Protestants while sharing your own Catholic faith.

- How did the New Testament come to be?
- Can we trust what the Gospels tell us about Jesus and his ministry?
- Who wrote Acts, the epistles, and Revelation, and what are their major events and themes?
- How can I learn to read and interpret the New Testament in way that’s faithful and spiritually beneficial?

God’s inspired word about the life, mission, and legacy of his Son is a repository of revealed Christian truth; a worthy object of lifelong reflection and prayerful reverence. Yet many Catholics, out of doubt or confusion about its contents, fail to profit from its rich wisdom. *20 Answers: The New Testament* makes the Christian scriptures accessible and alive like never before, with easy-to-understand introductions to the New Testament’s books, authors, teachings, and historical background. You’ll come away with a fresh enthusiasm for reading the Bible—and a deeper love for Jesus.



KofC Council 823 invites all Knights and parishioners to St. Peter Church (St. Charles) for Marian Devotions on the 4th Tuesday each month (June 28) at 7pm. Includes Perpetual Help devotions & Rosary.



**Janet Hespen, Youth Minister,
314-369-6521**

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

All meetings from 6:30 to 8pm

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.

Dear Fellow Parishioners: Your Parish Teens need your help!

The IHM Youth Group will be venturing out to Missouri State University in Springfield, July 8 thru 10 for a Retreat weekend called the

Steubenville Conference

It is an amazing experience throughout the weekend and teens from all over the USA will be attending.

The costs for our group to go is over \$2000 not including gas to and from.

We are looking for Sponsorship to help with the costs. Could you help with sponsoring a teen and make a monetary donation?

We would greatly appreciate your support and thank you for always being so generous to our Parish! We are truly blessed!

*Janet Hespen
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Please check out the bulletin board for various activities being offered in our area!

Dear IHM Prayer Family:

Thank you for your prayers during our time of need.

I feel Rich and I would not have pulled through Covid without them.

We had a rough two years but your prayers helped get us through those difficult times.

You have our undying gratitude.

Rich & Doris Berhorst

Live the Gospel of *Life*

“O God our Creator ... we ask You to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms which they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of Your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.”

USCCB

Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty

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

Family Fun Night at IHM

July 23rd

on the back parking lot
beginning after 4:00pm Mass



Food Trucks
for purchase



Bring your lawnchairs

Bring your dancin' shoes



Band

Bring your family



Bounce House

**IHM will provide beer and wine
(Donation only)**

**Grand Hall will be open for your relaxation
and bathroom facilities**

Communion from the Cup and Gift Bearers

We have received word from the Archdiocesan Office of Sacred Worship that Archbishop Rozanski is allowing the faithful to once again receive from a common Communion chalice, officially beginning June 19—the Feast of Corpus Christi. We will need to schedule additional Communion Ministers for all Masses, as well as Gift Bearers. If YOU wish to participate in either of these Liturgical ministries, please complete the form below, call the parish office at 636-398-5270, or send an email to secretary@ihm-newmelle.org

(Name/phone/email) _____

I/We wish to volunteer for _____ Extraordinary Minister and/or _____ Gift Bearers
with a preferred Mass time of (please circle) 4:00pm Saturday 7:30am Sunday 10:00 Sunday

What's Your Catholic IQ?

- The pope who was awarded the U.S. Presidential Medal of Freedom was _____.
 - Gregory the Great
 - John XXIII
 - Leo the Great
 - Peter II
- The words Cuerpo de Cristo mean _____.
 - Body of Christ
 - Blood of Christ
 - Church of Christ
 - Faith of Christ
- A permanent split within the Church is known as _____.
 - a schism
 - an iconoclasm
 - an exorcism
 - a tiff
- God promised "Your descendants shall be as many as the stars of heaven" to _____.
 - Cain
 - Jacob
 - Isaac
 - Abraham (Abram)
- The "Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit" is a type of prayer called _____.
 - a Confiteor
 - an absolution
 - a doxology
 - a penitential rite
- On May 1 Catholics observe the feast of _____.
 - Joseph the Worker
 - All Saints
 - the Assumption
 - the Annunciation
- The book of the Bible that could be called Book Two of Luke's Gospel is _____.
 - Revelation
 - Galatians
 - Romans
 - Acts of the Apostles
- The day the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples in the upper room is called _____.
 - Ordinary Time
 - Advent
 - Pentecost
 - Christ the King
- The qualities of prudence, justice, temperance, and fortitude are traditionally known as the _____.
 - cardinal virtues
 - gifts of the Holy Spirit
 - corporal works of mercy
 - spiritual works of mercy
- On May 13, 1981, Pope John Paul II _____.
 - received the Nobel Prize
 - became a priest
 - narrowly escaped assassination
 - released his first CD



Prayer Shawls

If you or someone you know needs to be wrapped in prayer, please pick a prayer shawl! We have a good supply in church of shawls that have been hand-crafted by parish members who offer a prayer with each stitch, and each one has been blessed by Fr. Tom.



It can be a stressful time for many after severe illnesses or loss of loved ones. Prayer Shawls are a lovely way to show you care.

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. Check out some of the free resources on FORMED.ORG



Have You Tried Online Giving?

Are you tired of putting checks in your envelope each week? Do you wish you could give more, but when the weekend rolls around you just don't have as much cash as you'd like? Welcome to ONLINE GIVING! Done this way, your financial offering to the parish is made electronically (and securely) through the parish website. You specify the amount of the gift and how often, and on those dates the funds are automatically transferred from your account to the parish account. **We now offer credit card giving options!** You have access to your account 24/7 and flexibility to change your financial offering at any time. Simply go to the parish website, click [Online Giving](#), and follow the easy instructions.

Trip to the Holy Land: Nov. 6-17

Please join Fr. Sebastian Mundackal, pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows, for this trip to Jordan, Israel, Palestine and Egypt. For details, contact 314-351-1600 x103 or email: rectory@olsorrows.org or sebastianosb@yahoo.com



Worldwide Marriage Encounter is excited to announce the following schedule for **IN-PERSON** weekend Experiences for the remaining half of 2022. We'll have in place all the needed precautions to provide a safe environment for participants. For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317. The following dates are all at the Courtyard Marriott in St. Peters: 8/5 to 8/7, 9/30 to 10/2, 12/2 to 12/4.

Confession

En route to church to make his first confession, my nervous seven-year-old grandson asked me what he could expect.

"Confession is where you tell all the bad things you've done to the priest," I told him. He looked relieved.

"Good. I haven't done anything bad to the priest."



Spiritual Gifts (Charisms) of the Holy Spirit (2)

This is a series of articles on Spiritual Gifts. We are encouraged to know about such gifts as well as how the Spirit desires to breathe, “make music” through the instruments of our lives. 1 Corinthians 12:1,7 “Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be uninformed. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” (Read CCC 799-801)

To be informed about the gifts, it is first wise to know what they are. Scripture offers various listing of gifts. While not exhaustive, these lists are a good place to start the discernment process.

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in every one.

“To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are inspired by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.”

Romans 12:4

“Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

“We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.”



Lord Jesus, I ask you to baptize me in your Holy Spirit. I want to receive all that you have for me. Holy Spirit, I ask you to take the reins of my life, to lead me, to guide me, and empower me to live a new way of life. I welcome whatever gifts you desire me to have for the building up of the Church and for the mission to which you have called me. Come Holy Spirit!



There is no evil to be faced that Christ does not face with us. There is no enemy that Christ has not already conquered. There is no cross to bear that Christ has not already borne for us, and does not now bear with us.

—St. Pope John Paul II



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. Programming 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 OurCatholicRadio.org.

Answers to Catholic IQ

1. b This honor, the highest civilian award in the United States, was posthumously awarded on December 6, 1963, by President Lyndon Johnson for John XXIII's behind-the-scenes influence during the Cuban Missile Crisis.
2. a Cuerpo de Cristo is Spanish for "Body of Christ," a phrase made more familiar by the growing Hispanic community in the U. S. Church.
3. a From the Greek word for "split," a schism is a formal break-off of a group from Church unity, as in the Great Western Schism (1378-1417), when there were several men who claimed the papacy.
4. d This unconditional promise was made in Genesis 15:5, and so we call Abraham the father of our faith.
5. c From the Greek words *doxa* ("glory") and *logos* ("word"), a doxology is a short prayer of praise.
6. a This feast was changed from the third Wednesday after Easter to May 1 to counteract the influence of communist celebrations of May 1, and to advance the dignity of human work.
7. d Luke is the author of both his Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, which can be found following the Gospel of John in the New Testament. It is generally accepted that the book was written after the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple (80-90 A.D.), and it gives an account of how the Holy Spirit led the early Church.
8. c Pentecost comes from the Greek word for "fifty." Pentecost occurs 50 days after Easter (Acts 2:1-41). Pentecost is often referred to as the "birthday of the Church" because this is when the Apostles began preaching and teaching and spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world.
9. a The word "cardinal" comes from the Latin *cardo*, which means "hinge." The cardinal virtues serve as hinges for other lesser virtues. The list can be found in the Book of Wisdom (8:7).
10. c. Fired upon at close range by Mehmet Ali Agca, the pope was critically injured. He later visited his would-be assassin in prison to forgive him.



This summer, the Marianist Retreat and Conference Center located in Eureka is offering three unique retreat opportunities, and you are cordially invited!

The weekend of **July 8-10** we are hosting a retreat for married couples called "The Wedding Feast" which will include several large group presentations, plenty of time for private prayer and recreation, guidance on how to pray together as a couple, discussion time with one's spouse, discussion time with other couples, and prayer ministry with our retreat leaders.

The week of **July 10-16** we are offering a Week of Grace and Prayer, a week-long directed retreat that can be attended in person, as a commuter, or virtually—how convenient is that?

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Also, we do have a landing page which lists these—and more—summer events for your convenience:

<https://marianistretreat.com/blog/summertime-events-2022>

Or feel free to call, text, or email our Program Director, Paul Masek at 314-608-5447 or paul@marianistretreat.com - he'd be happy to chat with you or send you a flier for any of these events.

Pope's Intentions for June: For families

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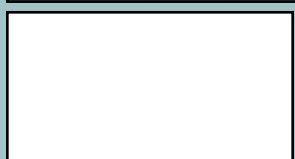
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