

FOURTH SUNDAY OF
LENT

The Immacolata Catholic Church

March 19, 2023



Stations of the Cross will be offered this Lent at several different dates and times. See schedule below.

With School Children:

3/24 2:15 pm
3/31 10:45 am
4/6 TBD Living Stations

Friday Evenings with Rosary:

3/24 Rosary at 7 pm-Stations at 7:30 pm
3/31 “ “ “

Good Friday

4/7 7 pm

Parish Mass Times

Sunday Masses: Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:30, 9:30,
11:30 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses: 6:30 a.m. Mon.-Fri.
8:00 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
(School in session) 8:45 a.m. Wed.

Holy Days: Consult the current Sunday bulletin.

Perpetual Help: Tuesdays following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: Contact the rectory to request visitation of the sick, either at home or in the hospital.

Sacraments

Sacrament of Penance: Weekly: Thursday, following 8 a.m. Mass, Saturday 4-4:45 p.m. and anytime by appointment.

Baptism Class: A class is held each month in the Rectory at 6:30 p.m. All first time parents with a child to be baptized should be prepared to attend this class. **Please call the rectory to register for the class (date TBD) (991.5700 x311).**

Baptism: First Sunday of the month at 12:30 p.m.

Marriage: Engaged couples must contact a priest at least six months prior to the anticipated date of Marriage in order to allow sufficient time for preparation.

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www.immacolata.org

To download the 'Parish MyApp' on your phone:
Text APP to 88202

Staff

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Mrs. Lynnette Modder, Accountant ext. 312

Parish Buildings & Offices

Parish Office & Rectory 991.5700 ext. 301
Parish Fax “
School “ ext. 302
Parish School of Religion “ ext. 303

Registration

New parishioners, please stop by or call the rectory to register. We look forward to meeting you.

Bulletin Deadline - Tuesday, NOON.
Website - www.immacolata.org

choffmeyer@immacolata.org
Twitter- [Immacolatastl](https://twitter.com/Immacolatastl)

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of March 19, 2023

- Sunday:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
- Monday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd 14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21 22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
- Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7 8a,8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38
- Next Sunday:** Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

God asks a rhetorical and slightly sarcastic question to Samuel, the prophet: **“How long will you grieve for Saul, whom I have rejected as king of Israel?”** Like us, Samuel is depressed that the old king failed. It’s painful to admit that the old regime is done. But God won’t let us wallow our pity-party forever. **“I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem,”** announces the Lord, **“for I have chosen my king from among his sons.”** Samuel finally goes and anoints the young David as the new king. And his kingdom is glorious; it’s the golden age of Israel’s earthly history.

How discouraging to see that my own selfish ego is no longer in charge! How long will I grieve that money, power, pleasure, and reputation have been rejected as the ruler of my life? How wonderful that God has a new future in store for you and me. He is sending us to Bethlehem to anoint the new David as our king. His kingdom won’t fail us. He’ll slay our goliaths, unite our dispersed energies, and build a Temple where God himself will dwell.

So how long will you grieve? How long?

— Father John Muir



**Mass Intentions for the Week
Monday-Saturday, March 20-25, 2023**

MONDAY	6:30 AM 8:00	Lily Duggan Ruth Peterman (Anniv.)
TUESDAY	6:30 AM 8:00	Peggy Bittner Clara Lamb
WEDNESDAY	6:30 AM 8:45	Souls in Purgatory-Spec. Int. Special Intention (J. H.)
THURSDAY	6:30 AM 8:00	Jack Kelly Joseph & Kathryn Darpel
FRIDAY	6:30 AM 8:00	Sally Blackburn Tony LaMartina
SATURDAY	8:00 AM 5:00 PM	Sally Phelps Norma Schmidtlein

Mass Intentions for Sunday, March 26, 2023

7:30 AM	Thomas Burke
9:30	For the People of the Parish
11:30	Mary Kay Wynne
5:00 PM	Trish Holthaus

In your charity, please pray for those in our Parish Family who are sick and for those who have died, but in particular for those dear to us.

**St. Patrick's Center
CASSEROLES**

On Saturday, Mar. 25
4:30-6 pm to Helen

On Sunday, Mar. 26 &
Monday, Mar. 27
by 11:30 am Helen and
Michelle Osterholt

Nancy Barnidge
Caroline Chicoine
Seana DeLucia
Mary Ann Diehr
Claudia Dougherty
Carla Dowd
Lori Eby
Kate Eichhorn
Maggie Eisenbeis
Anne Fernandez
Angela Fitzmire
Mary Glarner
Mary Gunther
Julie Harrison
Tom & Nicki Havrilka
Cindy Henry
Melissa Jedlicka
Althea Johns
Nancy Joist
Angela Kalist
Catherine Keefe
Bridget Lally
Jennifer Lierman
Diane Martin
Margie Murphy
Kathy Noce
Jeanette Oesterly
Emily O'Hagan

Michelle Osterholt
Kate Raybuck
Kim Reynders
Sally Schwarz
Margie Scott
Peggy Sly
Angie Spatola
Debbie Tonn
Karin Wallace
Marilou Wilson

SALADS

On Monday, Mar. 27
by 11:30 am
to Helen and Michelle

Stacey Cribbin
Kathe Degrand
Mary Erker
Lisa Glarner
Heather Joyce
Catherine Keefe
Mimi Krausz
Nina Lawlor
Susan Lawlor
Retta Leritz
Rosemary Pfeifer
Mary Potter
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Margaret Stude
Marilyn Sumner

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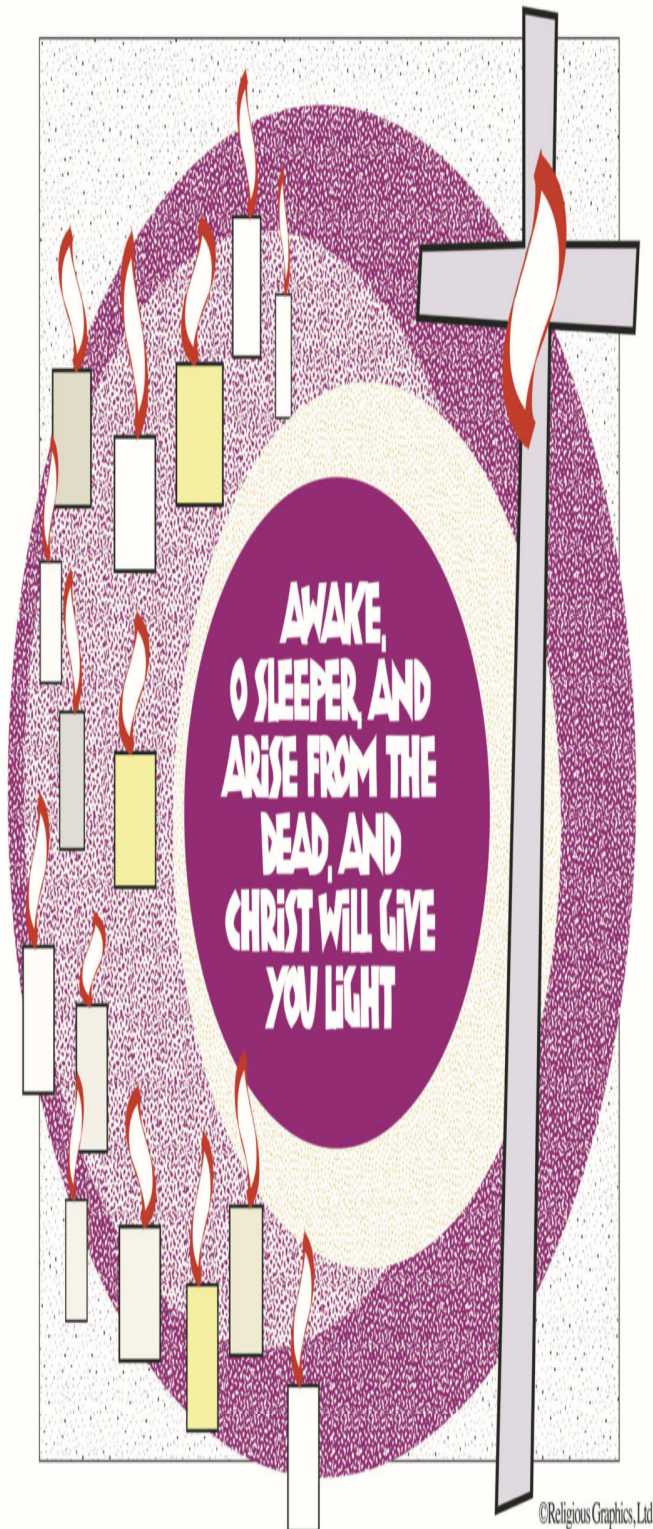
Through prayer we recognize that all we have is a gift from God: our time, our talents and our treasure. Our generosity is giving a portion of what we have been given.

**Your Gifts to God & Immacolata Parish ~ March 11-12, 2023
Year to Date**

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 10,670	
Offertory Loose	\$ 1,168	
Total Received	\$ 11,838	\$ 508,207
Budget Required	\$ 18,700	\$ 673,900
	\$ - 6,862	\$ - 165,693

Stewardship - The Path of Faith...Prayer, Participation, Generosity

Assignment of Liturgical Roles ~ March 20-26, 2023



Monday-Friday, March 20-24, 2023

6:30 am

LECTOR: John Welge

SERVER: Dave Gruenbacher

Monday-Saturday, March 20-25, 2023

8:00 am

LECTOR: Fred Sauer

SERVER: Clara Hugge

Saturday, March 25, 2023

5:00 pm

LECTORS: Candy Caciolo

SERVERS: Luke, Maggie & Liam McGinn

EXTRAORD: Betty & Ed Rataj

Sunday, March 26, 2023

7:30 am

LECTOR: Marsha Klinkhamer

SERVERS: Tom Havrilka

EXTRAORD: Mimi Krausz

9:30 am

LECTOR: Steve Reese

SERVERS: Catherine Stegman-TBD

EXTRAORD: Mary Corrigan-George Diehr

11:30 am

LECTOR: John Clohisy

SERVERS: **Kate Harrison**-Brady Bledsoe

EXTRAORD: Marilou Wilson-Molly Winget

5:00 pm

LECTOR: Eric Rowland

SERVERS: Carter Rowland-Shil Penilla

EXTRAORD: Henrietta Buckley-Regina Jones



Men's White House Retreat

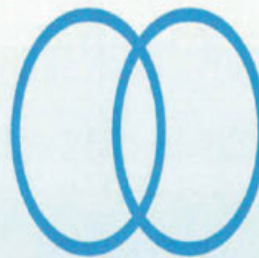
Thursday, April 20, 2023. An invitation to all men of the parish 18 and older to accept the Lord's invitation to "come aside and rest a while." (Mark 6:31)

Please consider this opportunity to make a retreat. The silent St. Ignatius style retreat includes a series of conferences throughout the day presented by various Jesuits, celebration of the Sacraments and plenty of quiet personal time to reflect, relax and re-energize. The retreat grounds are nearby, being located south on Telegraph Rd. in South County, an approximate 25 minute drive. Should you have any questions or interest in attending, please contact me, Jim Kiburz Jkiburz@charter.net or (314-276-3470). Plenty of additional information can be found online at www.whretreat.org.

K-8th Grade Chess Camp

The Chess Club will hold a chess camp at Immacolata from July 10 to July 14 for incoming kindergarten through 8th grade students. Half day and full day options are available. For more info. See the mini flyer in today's bulletin or contact the Chess Club (314-669-5010) or scholastics@saintlouischessclub.org.

Prepare your child as young as incoming kindergarten to join the Immacolata k-8 chess team by sending the child to the chess camp. Feel free to contact Immacolata chess coach Ed Rataj at 314-727-4827 for suggestions on ideas to prepare for the chess camp and joining the chess team.



IMMACOLATA

Marriage Retreat

Please join us for

"Skills in Communication: Improving Spousal Connection through Honest Dialogue"

the second installment of a multi-part marriage retreat led by

Fr. Conor Sullivan

Tuesday, March 28th

6:30-8:00 pm

In the cafeteria

The evening will begin with an hour of program and discussion led by Fr. Sullivan. At the end we will have time for questions with Fr. Sullivan and socializing. Fr. Sullivan's February program: "God, Spouse, Children: Prioritizing Relationships to Enrich Family Life" was very well received and we are excited for him to lead us again. Each program is a standalone series so if you were unable to make the February session, please still join us!

Please RSVP to alisonmarischen@gmail.com if you plan to attend or if you have any questions.

Sponsored by the Immacolata Women's Faith Group.

**LENTEN OBSERVANCE
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*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."
(John 3:16-17)*

The Church has always helped us fulfill these words of Jesus by prescribing very definite penance for all Catholics, so that we too might have Eternal life. Accordingly, the Pope and the American Bishops have outlined obligatory fast and abstinence as follows:

Ash Wednesday (February 22, 2023), all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday (April 7, 2023) are days of *abstinence* (refraining from meat) for all Catholics *from age 14 onwards*. On these two days, *fast*, as well as *abstinence*, is also obligatory for those *from the ages of 18-59*. Abstinence means refraining from meat. Fast means one full meal a day, with two smaller meals and nothing between meals (liquids are permitted). No Catholic will lightly excuse himself or herself from this obligation.

Feast of Saint Patrick (March 17, 2023) falls on a Friday during Lent this year. Feasts of the Church are meant to be a day of celebration and rejoicing, so on this Friday, March 17, 2023, the faithful of the Archdiocese of St. Louis are dispensed from abstaining from meat should they choose to celebrate the Feast of Saint Patrick. We should strive to make all days of Lent a time of prayer and penance.

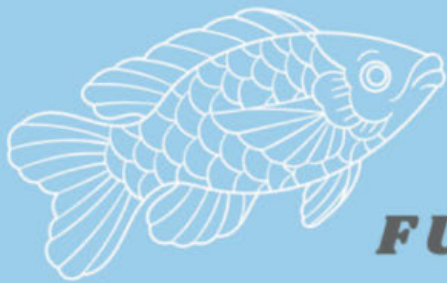


The churches of Richmond Heights will be hosting a Lenten Service each Wednesday at 12:00 noon with fellowship and light lunch provided.

- Wednesday, March 1 @ 12 noon: Second Baptist Church of Greater St. Louis
9030 Clayton Road
Pastor Steven Mechem
- Wednesday, March 8 @ 12 noon: St. Mary's Hospital (Chapel)
6420 Clayton Road
Chaplain Richard Hadley
(valet is available in front of the hospital at no cost)
- Wednesday, March 15 @ 12 noon: Little Flower Catholic Church
1264 Arch Terrace
Rev. Lawrence Herzog
- Wednesday, March 22 @ 12 noon: First Church of God
7770 Dale Avenue
Pastor Harlem Burrow
- Wednesday, March 29 @ 12 noon: Immacolata Catholic Church
8900 Clayton Road
Msgr. Vernon Gardin
- Wednesday, April 5 @ 12 noon: Church of the Living God Community Church
8016 Dale Avenue
Pastor Robert Caruth, Jr.

PLEASE JOIN US!

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Fish Fry

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JOIN US FOR A FISH FRY DINNER FUNDRAISER
BENEFITTING IMMACOLATA PARISH
HOSTED BY THE IMMACOLATA MEN'S FAITH GROUP

Friday, March 24th

Immacolata School • Dinner Served 4:30-7pm

\$12 *Dinner includes:
Fish + 2 Sides*

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Available for Children*

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Save the date
for
Immacolata's Annual
Easter Egg Hunt

Sponsored by

Mothers of Young Children and

The Immacolata Ladies Society

Sunday, April 2nd

Following 9:30 Palm Sunday Mass

Meet at the Playground



Ages Kindergarten and Younger * Bring your Easter baskets & camera

The Easter Bunny will be there!

**In case of inclement weather, this event will be canceled.*

Save the Date
Sunday, May 21st
Immediately after 5pm mass

FATHER DAUGHTER LUAU

Sponsored by the
Immacolata American
Heritage Girls Troop

Registration details coming soon!

*All parish and school members welcome!
Grandfathers, uncles or special friend
included.

A vibrant illustration featuring a yellow guitar, a pineapple wearing pink sunglasses, and several pink hibiscus flowers on a light green background.

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Sign up to attend our special
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For questions, contact Saint Louis Chess Club at:
scholastics@saintlouischessclub.org or
314.689.5010



Register for our 2023 summer camp:

July 10th through 14th - Immacolata School
8910 Clayton Rd, St. Louis, MO 63117



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NEWS AROUND TOWN...

THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER:
HEATHER VENTO



Theme: The Romantic Movement of the 1800s and the Theology of the Body

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RSVP to Laura at miller72laura@gmail.com

Two weekends only! Visit this Lenten Relic Display

You are invited to attend a special Lenten experience at the **National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal** in Perryville, Missouri. Relics including: fragments from the True Cross and the Last Supper Table, Saint Paul of the Cross, and particles from Gethsemane, Via Dolorosa, and Calvary.

The relics will be on display March 25 following 12:10 p.m. Mass to 4:00 p.m., March 26 following 11:00 a.m. Mass to 4:00 p.m., April 1 following 12:10 p.m. Mass to 4:00 p.m., and April 2 from 2-5 p.m.

Join us for a presentation by Michael O' Neill, "The Miracle Hunter," on April 2 from 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Call the Association of the Miraculous Medal at (1-800-264-6279) or go to www.amm.org for more information.

MEET THE AUTHOR

Adventures with the Holy Spirit

— book signing —
Saturday, March 25
11am-1pm


Deacon Charlie Durban
will be at Catholic Gifts and Books
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TRIVIA NIGHT

**SATURDAY,
MARCH 25, 2023**

REGISTER
kenrick.edu/trivia-night
Table of 8 - \$160
Individual - \$20 per person

LOCATION
St. Joseph in Cottleville
Parish Hall
1355 Motherhouse Rd.
St. Charles, MO 63304


QUESTIONS
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DOORS OPEN at 6:30 PM
TRIVIA BEGINS at 7:00 PM

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