





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 Reconciliation: 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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Registration

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

Bulletin Deadline - Tuesday, NOON.
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Dear Friends,

Happy Easter! May our Risen Savior bestow His blessings upon you during this holy time of the year when we celebrate the gift the Resurrection. Spring's beauty of new life all around us reminds us of the eternal life promised by Christ Himself. As we renew our Baptismal promises at Mass on Easter, let us personally commit ourselves to the Lord with renewed faith and love. The following is from the Easter Mass, renewal of Baptismal promises:

Through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with Him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church.

...May almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by His grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life. Amen.

We congratulate and welcome those who have entered the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil Mass here at Immacolata: **Justin Diecker**, **Lindsey Flores**, **Ryan Furniss**, and **Mina Nashan**. May their faith in Christ grow and flourish.

Every year on Easter a second collection is taken up for the support of our **retired Archdiocesan priests**. This collection helps ensure that our retired priests receive the support they need (e.g., medical expenses, assisted living, specialized care, etc.). Thank you for your generosity. *Thank you for practicing Christian Stewardship throughout the year by your prayer, participation, and financial support*.

One of our parishioners, **Jenny Dolan**, is being honored with the **2024 CYC Coach Service Award**. This much-deserved recognition will be given at the CYC Sports Department's 66th Annual Awards Dinner this spring. *Congratulations, Jenny!* Back in the 1940's when the Archdiocesan CYC was being formed, one of the pioneers, Msgr. Louis Meyer, used to say that the CYC helps "keep kids in the shadow of the steeple." In other words, a sports program is one way of keeping our young people involved with the Church. The leadership of Catholic adults can instill important Christian values in our young people, within the faith community of the parish. *Thank you, Jenny, and thanks to all in the Immacolata Athletic Association!*

Upcoming events of importance to our parish:

First Holy Communion, April 27, 1:00 p.m.

Confirmation, May 7, 7:00 p.m.

Graduation, May 21, 6:30 p.m.

Parish Picnic, June 2, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Msgr. Vernon Gardin



Mass Intentions for Monday-Saturday, April 1-6, 2024

MONDAY	6:30 AM 8:00	Jim Huber Intention of Lori Quigley
TUESDAY	6:30 AM 8:00	Suzanne Roy Randolph (Anniv.) Norma Schmidtlein
WEDNESDAY	6:30 AM 8:45	Dennis Cohen Lois Milford (B-Day)
THURSDAY	6:30 AM 8:00	Scott Mathes Irene G. Dimatatac
FRIDAY	6:30 AM 8:00	Jerome F. Doyle, Sr. Mariel 'Cindy' Reyes
SATURDAY	8:00 AM 5:00 PM	Richard Rhodes (Anniv.) Jim Huber
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Mass Intentions for Sunday, April 7, 2024

7:30 AM Arch Forster 9:30 Marie Nettie Weber 11:30 Frank Henehan 5:00 PM John Boedeker

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, especially, HUGH V. MURRAY, III, brother, of Mark Murray.





IMMACOLATA On Palm Sunday I go to 9:30 mass. When we arrive, there is a blessing of the palms in the entrance of the Church. After, we go sit down in the pews with our palms and begin mass. Palm Sunday reminds us of when Jesus arrived into Jerusalem on a donkey, and people were waving palms.

Sydney Kraudel - 7th grade

Men's White House Retreat

THURSDAY, APRIL 18th

An invitation to all men of the parish to "come aside and rest a while" (Mark 6:31) as the Lord instructs us.

Please consider this opportunity to make a retreat. This silent St. Ignatian based retreat includes spiritually themed conferences presented by the Jesuits, celebration of the Sacraments, daily Mass and quiet personal time to reflect, relax and re-energize on the beautiful grounds of the White House located off Telegraph Road in South County. I promise that if you make this time commitment to the Lord. He will not disappoint! Should you have an interest or have any questions, please contact Jim Kiburz 314-276-3470 or kiburz@charter.net. Additional information available at www.whretreat.org.

Your Weekly Stewardship - Stewardship Generosity, Sharing the Gifts We Have Been Given

SACRIFICIAL GIVING 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 9-10 & 16-17, 2024 Year to Date

Offertory Envelopes	\$ 11,180	\$ 13,125		(includes online giving)
Offertory Loose	\$ 1,077	\$ 1,600	Φ.	-1
Total Received	\$ 12,257	\$ 14,725	\$	517,677
Budget Required	\$ 14,200	\$ 14,200	\$	539,600
	\$ - 1,943	\$ 525	\$	- 21,923

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

Assignment of Liturgical Roles ~ April 1-7, 2024

Monday-Friday, April 1-5, 2024 6:30 am

LECTOR: Pat Cantwell SERVER: Dave Gruenbacher

Monday-Saturday, April 1-6, 2024 8:00 am

LECTOR: Bob Bax SERVERS: Paige DeGrand

Saturday, April 6, 2024 5:00 pm

LECTORS: David Blazevic

SERVERS: Joey Fusz-Sophia Rowland EXTRAORD: Marie Mathes-Mike Forster

Sunday, April 7, 2024

7:30 am

LECTOR: Jon Niemira SERVER: Tom Havrilka EXTRAORD: Mary Niemira

9:30 am

LECTOR: Ann Wiedl

SERVERS: Alessandra & Vivianna Libbra EXTRAORD: Sarah Bernard-George Diehr

11:30 am

LECTOR: John Clohisy

SERVERS: Ann Cherba-Eliza Benninger

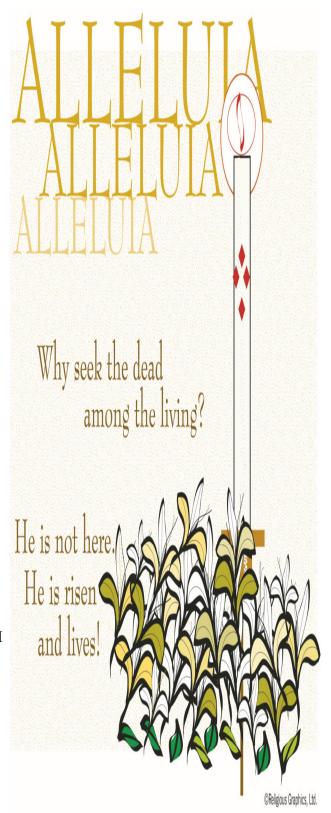
EXTRAORD: Mary Clohisy-Louis Liebermann, III

5:00 pm

LECTOR: Regina Jones

SERVERS: Cooper & Sophie St. Eve

EXTRAORD: Margie Murphy-Molly Winget



Liturgical Life

CATHOLIC

What Would Mary Do?

This Easter morning, I am thinking of Mary Magdalene.

I want to know her state of mind as she approached the tomb in the darkness. Was she afraid? Was she thinking clearly? Was she tired? Had grief and trauma robbed her of her sleep the last two nights? What did she intend to do? Anoint Christ's body, yes — but what else? Kiss his hands, trace the markings where the lash had fallen upon his skin? Say goodbye? Weep? Despair?

What were the words she planned to whisper into the cold, empty darkness that morning, as she wept over God's body?

I don't know anything about her state of mind that Easter morning, except that I know she wanted to be with Christ. Perhaps that was all she knew, too. Perhaps she had no other thought, no other desire, than nearness to him. She didn't need to understand everything, and she didn't expect answers — she didn't dare hope for that.

But everything and everyone had fallen apart around her, and in Jesus' presence she knew her heart would be able to rest.

If you have ever been in the midst of a crisis in your life and found yourself pacing the floors of your house when no one else is awake, muttering the words to a prayer you know by heart, you know what Mary Magdalene felt. In those moments, we do not always feel God's presence. Sometimes, when we look for Him, we only see an empty tomb.

When these dark moments come, I pray you will remember the faithfulness of this great saint. Be like Mary Magdalene. Look for Jesus, always. You may not always find him, but he will always find you.

"She ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, 'They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him.'" — John 20:2

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What is spiritual communion, and do you need to be in a state of grace to receive it?

Answer:

The practice of making a "spiritual communion" dates back several centuries and St. Thomas Aguinas described it as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him." Traditionally, a prayer of spiritual communion has been used by those who are unable to receive sacramental communion because of health, inability to attend Mass, or who cannot receive communion because of grave sin. This practice has been encouraged by many saints and spiritual writers and most recently Pope Francis encouraged the practice when the realities of the COVID-19 pandemic prevented so many Catholics from taking part in the Mass or receiving sacramental communion.

Although the graces offered in spiritual communion are not the same as those offered in the sacramental communion of the Mass, this practice is still a powerful opportunity to express our desire for union with the Lord and to be united with Christ and the Church, even in an imperfect way.

Christ is Risen!

Easter is the time when we celebrate Jesus' rising from the dead.

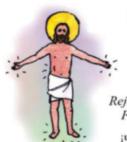


Early in the morning the day after the Sabbath, the women went to the

tomb and found it empty! They went and told the disciples, who went and saw it was true. Jesus' body was gone! He had risen from the dead!



Imagine the joy of Our Lady that her Son was alive again! Here is a special Easter prayer to Our Lady:



Queen of Heaven, rejoice! Alleluia! For the Son Whom you were privileged to bear, Alleluia! Has risen as He said. Alleluia!

Pray to God for us, Alleluia! Rejoice and be glad, Virgin Mary, Alleluia! For the Lord has truly risen! Alleluia!

Answer to the Word-find: Jesus is risen!

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Easter Morning From the Gospel of John



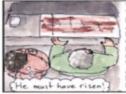










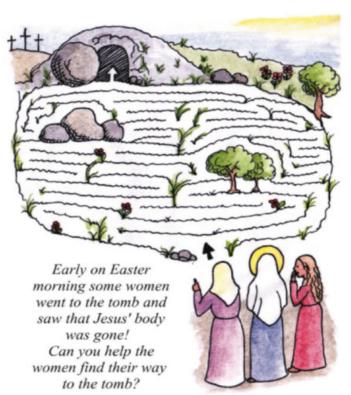


THE CLOTHS LYING THERE, AND THE PIECE OF CLOTH THAT HAD BEEN ON HIS HEAD WAS FOLDED AND SET IN A DIFFERENT PLACE.

THE DISCIPLES WERE VERY SAD AND AFRAID AFTER JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS. ON THE SUNDAY MORNING MARY MAGDALENE WENT TO SEE AND HONOUR THE BODY OF JESUS, BUT HE WAS GONE! LATER IN THE DAY JESUS APPEARED TO THE WOMEN AND THEN TO THE APOSTLES. CAN YOU IMAGINE THEIR JOY?

The Kids' Bulletin

Easter Sunday March 31st, 2024



Easter Word-Find

J E L O V E D S T U
C L O T H S I M O N
F I R S T C S A M A
B N I T D R C G B P
E E S O A I I D E K
L N E N R P P A M I
I W E E K T L L P N
E D E A D U E E T S
V I S M A R Y N Y R
E I S E P E T E R N



Find the words in CAPITALS and use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

Early on the FIRST day of the WEEK, when it was still DARK, MARY and Mary MAGDALEN and some other women went to bring spices to Jesus' TOMB. They wondered who would roll away the STONE. But when they got there, they saw it was already moved, and the tomb was EMPTY! They ran and told the disciples. SIMON PETER and the other DISCIPLE, whom Jesus LOVED, ran to the tomb and found it as the women had said. The LINEN CLOTHS were lying there, and the NAPKIN that had been on Jesus' head was folded up.

Then they began to BELIEVE, because they hadn't known the SCRIPTURE that said that Jesus must RISE from the DEAD.



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March 8, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The annual Archbishop's Collection for Retired Priests will be taken up in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of St. Louis on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024.

This is a beautiful opportunity to honor and thank the priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others.

We can count on our parish priests to instruct us in the faith, counsel us in difficult times, help us celebrate joyful moments, and comfort us in our grief. Indeed, many retired priests continue serving in parishes, schools, nursing homes, hospitals, and other Catholic ministries.

Your gift helps meet their temporal needs, including physician services, hospitalization, nursing home care, vision care, and disability. I thank you for your generosity in caring for our retired priests who dedicate their lives to serving the Lord and His people!

Be assured that our retired priests are praying for you and your families. I hope you will pray for them as well.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Mitchell T Royand.

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski

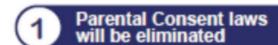
Archbishop of St. Louis

Envelopes for this SPECIAL collection can be found in your packets for March. Thanks in advance for your generosity in caring for our retired priests.



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10 Reasons to DECLINE to Sign



If a "right" to abortion is enshrined in our Missouri Constitution it would allow abortions to be performed on pregnant minors without notice to or consent from the minor's parents.

Partial-birth / Late-term abortions on demand

If our Missouri Constitution is amended with a "right" to abortion, abortion will be allowed from conception to live birth, including partial-birth / late-term abortions.

3 Abortion - all 9 months

If this amendment passes, abortions will be allowed for "physical or mental health" reasons all 9 months - from conception to live birth.

4 Health & Safety standards eliminated

Missouri law requires health and safety standards for abortion clinics. These would be eliminated if this amendment passes, and would allow anyone to perform abortions without a healthcare license.

MO's 52+ pro-life laws will be eliminated

Our Missouri Constitution is our state's supreme (highest) law and governing document. Our prolife laws will be eliminated by enshrining a "right" to abortion in our Missouri Constitution.

Women lose ability to sue for malpractice



A woman's ability to seek criminal prosecution/civil penalty of any person who performs/assists/provides support to induce/ seek/obtain an abortion will be eliminated.

PRCs forced to refer for abortion



Pregnancy Resource Centers will be forced to refer for abortion.

Ultrasounds eliminated



Abortion clinics will no longer be required to offer or show a mother her baby's ultrasound image.

Significant \$ Loss to MO



Missouri will suffer a significant loss to state and local revenue (the MO AG estimates increased litigation costs alone of up to \$21m).

Taxpayer-funded abortion (1)



If abortion is enshrined as a "right" in our Missouri Constitution, your legislator will be unable to refuse to appropriate funds to abortion providers.

Contact us for more information about how you can be a pro-life voice!

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*** <u>If you have dietary restrictions, please inform us in advance!</u>

***If you cannot attend, but wish to make a donation, please send it to Birthright. Questions? Jane @ 314-570-6880

Toddler Clothes Needed

Crisis Nursery of St. Louis is in need of gently used toddler clothes. Crisis Nursery provides short term safe haven and supporting supplies, for children of families in need in the St. Louis area. To make a donation please contact Mike Forster - **mforsterstl@gmail.com** or 314-578-8514.

Model UN Camp at Chaminade - Save the Dates

Immacolata School alumnus and Chaminade College Preparatory School teacher Dr. Robert Barnidge is offering a summer Model United Nations Camp at Chaminade June 17-20 and a Model National Security Council Camp at Chaminade June 24-27. It is open to boys and girls from grades 6-12, and one need not be a student at Chaminade to participate. For more information, visit chaminade-stl.org.

Where Art Serves the World: An Afternoon with Internationally-Noted St. Louis

Sculptor Don Wiegand. Wednesday, April 10, Noon – 2:00 PM at Mercy Conference and Retreat Center in Frontenac. Doors open at 11:30 AM; box lunch & drinks served at noon. Cost: \$50 individual ticket; \$275 table of 6; livestream \$15 per household. Purchase tickets at MERCYCENTERSTL.ORG

The Camino de Santiago Pilgrimage and Fatima with Father Matthew Flatley.

Santiago de Compostela, Fatima, Porto Chapel of Apparitions, Daily Mass September 9 - 22, 2024

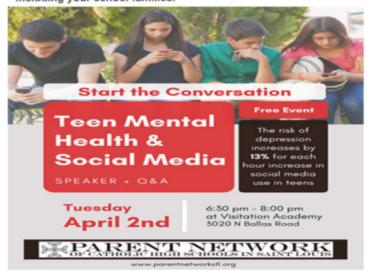
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PARENT NETWORK OF CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS IN SAINT LOUIS

The Surgeon General's 2023 Social Media and Youth Mental Health Advisory Board made several important scientific findings regarding teen social media use. They include:

- Virtually all teens (95%) ages 13 to 17 use social media, with more than 1 in 3 reporting that they use it "almost constantly."
- Adolescents who use social media more than three hours per day face twice the risk of experiencing poor mental health outcomes.
- A recent study found that 8th and 10th grade students spend an average of 3.5 hours per day on these platforms.

As you can see from these statistics, this issue impacts children younger than high school age so we are expanding our target audience to include parents of 7th and 8th grade students, including your school families.





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