

Immaculate Conception **Old Monroe**

PARISH

MARCH 06, 2022

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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TEMPTATION

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. - Lk 4:1-2a



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ALL THINGS NEW

STEADFAST IN FAITH • FORWARD IN HOPE

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/y18y23>

Heavenly Father, you sent your Son Jesus as the first Evangelizer of the Good News.

Send forth the power of the Holy Spirit upon the Church of St. Louis and grant us the gift of true discernment so we may do your will in all things.

Help us be totally free to follow wherever you lead us, totally generous to be good stewards of your many gifts, and totally passionate to suffer all in order to be more closely united to you.

Commissioned by your Son and empowered by the Spirit to "Go and Make Disciples of all Nations," strengthen us by the power of your grace as we bring the Good News of Salvation into the lives of all those we touch, so that individual hearts and all of society may be converted to you and all things might be made new.

Inspired by the apostolic zeal of previous generations, as we begin the process of planning for the future, may our only desire be to do all things for the greater glory and honor of your name and for the good of your people in the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS



MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekdays.....7:45 am
 First Saturday.....7:45 am
 Saturdays.....5:00 pm (vigil)
 Sundays.....8:00 am and 10:00 am
 Holydays.....As announced



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WeShare Online Giving

Support our parish's day-to-day operations, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, or the Adopt-A-Student Program easily with online giving. Follow this link to find out how:

<https://icomparish.weshareonline.org/>

Thank you for your generous support!

Week ending February 27, 2022

Sunday Offering \$5391 | Online \$1558

Loose \$446 | St. Louis Review \$35

Easter Flowers \$845 | Adopt a Student \$300

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Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

In Your Prayers

Please pray for all who have died, especially: **Marilyn Davis and Bob Hunsel**, brother of Betty Westhoff

May all rest in peace of God.



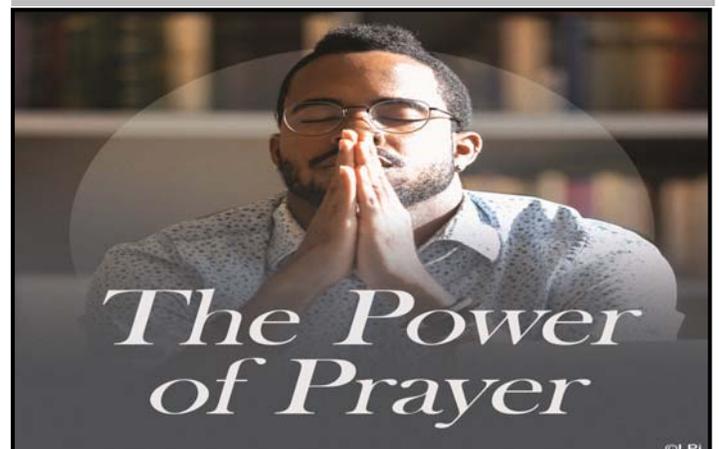
BAPTISMS

Congratulations to those recently baptized, especially:

Gemma Frances Smith & Anselm Nicole Smith children of, Duncan & Kathryn Smith.

Benjamin James Heitman child of Andrew & Anna Heitman

Welcome to our faith community!



A MESSAGE FROM FATHER RICH

I hope many of you have taken the opportunity to fill out the All Things New parish survey. This survey called the Disciple Making Index is available online at: <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/y18y23> or you can obtain a paper copy to fill out and return to the rectory. Every member of the parish from high school students on up are encouraged to fill out the survey. Each week I will inform you how many surveys have been returned. The school will be having Stations of the Cross this Friday at 2:15pm and at 7pm. Please take the time during this Lenten season to reflect on Jesus' death on the cross. Finally, please pray for a peaceful solution to the situation in Ukraine

*God Bless,
Father Rich*



Help needed. PSR is in need of teachers and substitute teachers for the 2022-2023 school year. All you need to be a teacher is a love of your Catholic faith and your willingness to pass this on to our youth. The teachers' manuals will help to teach the classes. Please pray about this and call Rhonda Lewis 636-358-5012 if you are interested.

Pizza ~ Faith ~ Fun ~ Friends
ICOM - EDGE
March 25th (5:30 - 7:00pm)
Grades 6-8 ~ at picnic grounds
For more information please contact Danielle Farley
@dfarley@icomparish.org



The Knights of Columbus are back to dine in and carry out fish fries this year. The menu will be the same as before Covid. Catfish, cod, pollock, slaw, french fries, baked potatoes, macaroni and cheese, pizza and dessert. 4:30 - 7:00pm

ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN REGULATIONS

The Pope and the American Bishops have outlined obligatory fast and abstinence as follows:
All Fridays of Lent and Good Friday (April 15, 2022) 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.

We should strive to make all days of Lent a time of prayer and penance. Following are several resources that can aid in finding different forms of prayer and penance.

ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN RESOURCES

There are many excellent resources for the Season of Lent you might wish to use or share with your parishioners. Following are also a list of some resources available for Lent this year:

- Augustine Institute Formed:
<https://formed.org/>
- Best Lent Ever daily reflections:
<https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever>
- Bishop Barron Word on Fire Lenten Reflections:
<https://www.lentreflections.com/>



In the month of February we were able to help 127 families totaling 399 neighbors in need. We were able to provide them utility and rent assistance as well as food supplies. All of this couldn't be done without your generosity and gifts. We are truly blessed. **Thank you!!**



Worldwide Marriage Encounter is excited to announce the following schedule for **IN-PERSON** weekend Experiences for the spring of 2022.

We will 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.

March 18-20, 2022 - Villa Maria Catholic Life Center in Springfield, IL
April 1-3, 2022 - Courtyard Marriott Hotel in St. Peters, MO



DEACON NEAL'S REFLECTION CORNER

Every first Sunday of Lent, we hear the account of Jesus being led by the Spirit to fast and pray for 40 days. He is there to prepare himself to do battle with Satan. At the end of the 40 days, Satan comes to tempt him but through the power of the Spirit and the strength he gained from fasting and prayer, he was ready to do battle.

Now it's our turn. We are called to be like Jesus. Fast and pray that we can prepare ourselves to do battle against the power of evil. That is what Lent is all about. Let the Holy Spirit lead you into a realization that we can't defeat temptation if we don't follow Jesus' example. There is a battle for your soul. Jesus has shown us the way to fight Satan. Let's follow him.

On another note, please take the time to fill out the survey for All Things New. It's very important that we all fill out the survey. Due to the shortage of priests, some parishes may need to be closed and some merged together. This is one of the reasons that this is being done. But probably the main reason, is to see if we, as a Church are meeting the needs of all people. Hopefully, from this survey, the Church can get some idea what needs to be done to lead everyone into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. The Church needs everyone's input. So prayerfully fill it out as soon as possible and encourage others to do so. Thanks.

**Don't forget Tuesday evening, at the KC Hall:
Theology on Tap at 7:00. All are welcome.**

*Your Friend In Christ,
Deacon Neal*

THEOLOGY ON TAP

FAITH * FRIENDS * FUN



GREAT NEWS!! QUINCY CURSILLO HAS REOPENED THEIR WEEKENDS. They had been closed due to Covid for quite some time.

Cursillo (pronounced kur-see-yo) is a Spanish word meaning "short course". During this three-day experience, those attending, pray together, celebrate Eucharist, listen to talks given by religious and laypersons, and share fellowship of Jesus Christ and each other. It is a beautiful weekend!! The following are the weekends for 2022.

March 24-27 Men April 21-24 Women
June 23-26 Men July 21-24 Women
Sept 15-18 Men Nov 3-6 Women

For an application or more information, you can contact Deacon Neal, Fr Rich or Jeanette Robertson. You can also visit quincycursillo.com.



*Knights of Columbus Queen of Hearts
Drawing is every Wednesday night at
7pm at the KC Hall. The pot is
currently at \$14,000 as of
03/01/2022 Come join us!*

SACRED HEART CHURCH (TROY) HOST...

THE CONVERSATION:

*A Catholic Perspective
on End-of-Life Issues*

PRESENTED BY THE ROMAN CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

To register, please visit:

<https://rcfstl.org/conversation-2022/>

or call 314.918.2892

SATURDAY | APRIL 2, 2022

10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. *(lunch provided)*

Sacred Heart Church • Parish School Gym

110 Thompson Drive • Troy, MO 63379

FIRST SUNDAY OF

Lent

New Cougar Travel to Maine June 4th-12
Grand Canyon, Las Vegas and the
Hoover dam Sept, 15th-25th

For more information contact:

heavenlythreads@gmail.com

Jean Folwarczny 636-566-8571



There will be a Naming and Commendation Rite at St. Cletus Church, 2705 Zumbahl Rd, St. Charles, on Saturday, March 12, during the 8am Mass.

All who have suffered the loss of an infant before birth--whether recently or years ago are welcome to attend and receive consolation, peace, and hope, including non-Catholics or non-practicing Catholics. Grieving parents, grandparents, and other family members are welcome.

Pro-Life Lobby Day in Jefferson City, on Tuesday, March 8, 10am-2pm. Rally in the Capitol Rotunda at noon. Your presence makes a difference in our legislators' actions on pro life bills! Call Betty, 636-566-8444, for transportation options.

Pro life picketing for 40 Days for Life will be on Tuesday, March 22, 11am-3pm, at the Planned Parenthood clinic at Forest Park Parkway and Boyle St. in St. Louis. Bring a lawn chair if you cannot stand. Our job is to pray while others counsel the women who stop at the gates. Your prayers do make a difference! Call Betty for carpool info, 636-566-8444.



MEDICAL CLINIC
1-888-870-9610
rpc@archstl.org

**Rural Parish
Clinic
Of the
Archdiocese of
St. Louis**



DENTAL CLINIC
314-225-4034
rpcdental@archstl.org

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Clinics are open to people of all faiths.

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www.archstl.org/rpc



ICOM Youth (grades 9-12)
*Sundays 6-8pm in the Youth Room
(Picnic Grounds)*
*Join us for dinner, friends, faith,
and fun!*

OUT AND ABOUT

Immaculate Conception of Dardenne

(7717 Town Square Ave, Dardenne Prairie, MO 63368). Quilt Social, March 19, 2022. Doors open at 10:30am, Bingo begins at 12pm; no one under 16 admitted; face mask preferred but not mandatory; Refreshments available for purchase;

Immaculate Conception Men's Club Texas

Holdem is back!!! Please join us for fun and games!! Where: Immaculate Conception in Arnold Parish Center Rooms A1-3, Questions: Contact Steve at (314) 413-1098. We play every first Sat. evening of the month. Feb. 5, Mar. 5, Apr 2, and May 7

Facilities Team Openings at St. Dominic High School

St. Dominic High School in O'Fallon, MO is experiencing both growth and retirement within our facilities team. We are seeking three full time custodians, two working daytime and one working evenings. As well we are seeking a full time maintenance person. Interested applicants can obtain an application in our school main office or by contacting our Facilities Director, Steve Wing at swing@stdominichs.org or 636.240.8303.

Spring Sausage Dinner

St. Alphonsus Parish-Millwood. Sunday, March 13th, 2022 from 11am to 5pm. Country Store, Quilt Raffle wagon of Groceries & 1/2 Hog Raffle

Engaged or Married?

Looking for a healthy and natural way to plan your family? Sign up for the Creighton Model Introductory Session at St Joseph's Hospital Lake St Louis FertilityCare Services. Classes offered Saturday, March 19th, and April 9th from noon-1:30 PM. Mondays, March 28th, and April 25th, from 7:00-8:30 PM. Everything remains Virtual. Online/phone registration: <http://www.ssmhealth.com>

St. Patrick Parish in Wentzville is hosting its Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on Sunday, March 13. Dine-in at the church social hall from 12-5 PM or carry-outs are available at the school cafeteria from 12-6 PM. Adults: \$15, Children 4-12: \$5, Carry-Out: \$13. All are welcome! Visit www.stpatrickwentzville.org/cornedbeef

The Food Pantry program at Sts Joachim and Ann Care Service

is seeking volunteers. Weekly volunteers, and we are also seeking volunteers to fill in when needed. Please call 636-441-1302 ext. 225 to volunteer or for more information. The Care Service is a non-profit dedicated to serving those in crisis and preventing homelessness and hunger in St. Charles, Lincoln, and Warren Counties. The Care Service operates food pantries in both St. Charles and Elsberry and is launching a mobile food pantry to reach areas of the tri-county area with limited access to food.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 07

7:45am *Lawrence Niebrich*

Tuesday, March 08

7:45am *Gerald Glynn*

Wednesday, March 09

7:45 am *James Rodis*

Thursday, March 10

7:45am *John Schorklee*

Friday, March 11

7:45am *Jim Pieper*

Saturday, March 12

7:45 am *James Komaska*

5:00pm *People of the Parish*

Sunday, March 13

8:00 am *Ben Gnade*

10:00 am *Kenneth Bals*

LITURGICAL MINISTERS March 12/13

Lectors

5:00 pm *Lizzie Rothweiler*

8:00 am *Matt Scherbring*

10:00am *Angie Stetson*

Eucharistic Ministers

8:00 am *Bill & Rita Kaimann*
Ron & Bonnie Hakenewerth

Servers

Week of March 7th - 11th 7:45 am

Adalynn Cassinger & Mackenzie Feeler

Adele Westhoff & Penelope Gorski(Shadow)

5:00 pm *Chloe Conoyer & Theresa Rothweiler*

8:00 am *Taryn Smith & Sally Molitor*

10:00 am *Tallulah Gorski & Louise Vail*

Adele Westhoff & Penelope Gorski (Shadow)

Organists

5:00 pm *Paula Vail*

8:00 am *Danielle Farley*

10:00 am *Danielle Farley*

Ushers

8:00 am *Levi Bauer, Aaron Adams*
Tom Hemmer, Mark Reller

10:00 am *Vince Kaimann, David Reller*
Jeff Stark, Volunteer

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The New Testament

124 "The Word of God, which is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, is set forth and displays its power in a most wonderful way in the writings of the New Testament" which hand on the ultimate truth of God's Revelation. Their central object is Jesus Christ, God's incarnate Son: his acts, teachings, Passion and glorification, and his Church's beginnings under the Spirit's guidance.

125 The Gospels are the heart of all the Scriptures "because they are our principal source for the life and teaching of the Incarnate Word, our Saviour".

126 We can distinguish three stages in the formation of the Gospels:

1. the life and teaching of Jesus. The Church holds firmly that the four Gospels, "whose historicity she unhesitatingly affirms, faithfully hand on what Jesus, the Son of God, while he lived among men, really did and taught for their eternal salvation, until the day when he was taken up."

2. The oral tradition. "For, after the ascension of the Lord, the apostles handed on to their hearers what he had said and done, but with that fuller understanding which they, instructed by the glorious events of Christ and enlightened by the Spirit of truth, now enjoyed."

3. The written Gospels. "The sacred authors, in writing the four Gospels, selected certain of the many elements which had been handed on, either orally or already in written form; others they synthesized or explained with an eye to the situation of the churches, the while sustaining the form of preaching, but always in such a fashion that they have told us the honest truth about Jesus."

127 The fourfold Gospel holds a unique place in the Church, as is evident both in the veneration which the liturgy accords it and in the surpassing attraction it has exercised on the saints at all times:

There is no doctrine which could be better, more precious and more splendid than the text of the Gospel. Behold and retain what our Lord and Master, Christ, has taught by his words and accomplished by his deeds.

But above all it's the gospels that occupy my mind when I'm at prayer; my poor soul has so many needs, and yet this is the one thing needful. I'm always finding fresh lights there; hidden meanings which had meant nothing to me hitherto.



is the fastest thing on earth... It reaches God before you even say it. That's powerful!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the Pastor for arrangements. Baptismal Prep Classes will be held the **1st Thursday of the month** at 7:00pm. Contact the parish to sign up for the class.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the Pastor at least six months in advance.
Participation in a Marriage Preparation program is required.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays: 4:00 to 4:45 pm. First Saturday after 7:45 am Mass By appointment, contact the Pastor

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays 8:30 am until 7:30 am Wednesday *“Come Spend An Hour With Me”*
Participants are always welcome to come and pray at any hour. It is important to have someone present at all the hours. If you can cover an hour or are available to be a sub, please call Barb 636.665.5482 or Bonnie 314.825.5134

ROSARY

For Vocations, Fridays after 7:45 am Mass For world Peace, First Saturdays after 7:45 am Mass

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesdays after 7:45 am Mass

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 6, 2022

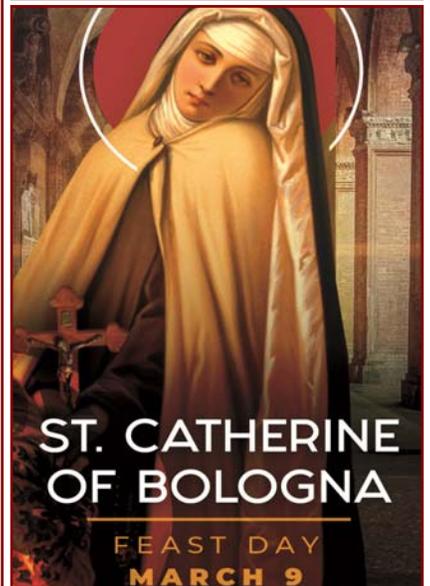
- Sunday:** Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
- Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
- Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
- Next Sunday:** Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 6, 2022

- Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Lent
- Monday:** Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
- Tuesday:** St. John of God, Religious
- Wednesday:** St. Frances of Rome, Religious
- Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins

VOCATION PRAYER CHALICE PROGRAM

Sign up to participate in wonderful week long opportunity to pray as a family for vocations. This Chalice and a guided prayer binder will be given for your use during the week. For more information or to register for a week of prayer visit our website: <http://icomparish.org/vocation-chalice-program>



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