

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

New Melle, Missouri



April 5, 2015

Easter Sunday

*The Lord is truly risen, alleluia.
To him be
glory and power for
all the ages of eternity, alleluia,
alleluia.*

Entrance antiphon

Sacraments and Devotions

Celebration of the Mass

Weekend Masses in the Church

Vigil 4:00 pm
Sunday 7:30 am
 9:30 am
 11:15 am

Daily Mass

Monday through Friday 8:00 am, Chapel
Saturday 8:00 am, Church

Devotions and Prayers, St. Joseph Chapel

Rosary following 8:00 Mass
Rosary at noon on Wednesday
Tuesday after Mass-
 Perpetual Help devotions
Thursday after Mass-
 Respect Life prayers
Friday at 11:30 am- Chaplet of
 Divine Mercy and Benediction

Reconciliation

Wednesday in church, 7:30 pm
Saturday after the 8:00 am Mass

Marriage

Contact the parish office at least six months prior to the wedding.

Baptism

Contact the parish office to register for Baptism class and to arrange for the Baptism.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Contact Shawn Mueller in the parish office

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Joseph Chapel is open for adoration 24 hours daily from Monday after Mass to Friday benediction. **Code: 145**

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Religious Education

Parish School of Religion (Grades 1 through 8)

September through May on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:30 pm

Confirmation Preparation (8th grade)

September through May on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:30 pm

Children's Liturgy of the Word

September through May on Sundays during the 9:30 am Mass

Adult Education

Wednesdays at 8:45 am and 6:00 pm.

This Week's Events

Sunday, April 5

10:30 am

Happy Easter!

Easter Egg Hunt, Grand Hall

Monday, April 6

Eucharistic adoration will take place in the church this week.

4:00 pm

Girl Scouts, Weber Hall

6:30 pm

Scouts, Founders Hall

Tuesday, April 7

9:00 am and 5:30 pm

Exercise Classes, Grand Hall Foyer

Wednesday, April 8

8:45 am

Bible Study, Weber Hall

6:00 pm

PSR Classes, Founders Hall and Weber Hall

Thursday, April 9

8:30 am

Legion of Mary, Founders Hall

9:00 am and 5:30 pm

Exercise Classes, Grand Hall Foyer

6:30 pm

Symbolon Group, Weber Hall

6:30 pm

Scouts, Founders Hall

Friday, April 10

8:30 am

Quilters, Weber Hall

2:00 pm

Prayer Shawl Ministry, Weber Hall

Saturday, April 11

8:00 am

Mass followed by confession, church

Sunday, April 12

8:00 am

Knights of Columbus breakfast, Founders Hall

11:15 am

First Communion Mass, church; open to all

Join the Holy Father's Prayer intentions for April 2015

Universal: That people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God.



Evangelization: That persecuted Christians may feel the consoling presence of the Risen Lord and the solidarity of all the Church



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 4

8:00 pm The IHM Parish Family

Sunday, April 5

7:30 am Rose Almeling +
Robert McEneny +
9:30 am Erma Guinn +
John Bax +
11:15 am Carolyn Pierce

Monday, April 6

8:00 am All Souls Intentions

Tuesday, April 7

8:00 am Richard Bredemann +

Wednesday, April 8

8:00 am Sinopole Family

Thursday, April 9

8:00 am Richard Bredemann +
Antonio Dragone +

Friday, April 10

8:00 am Ed Szostek +
Terence Kehr +

Saturday, April 11

8:00 am Moira Ryan +
4:00 pm Jack Hitt +

Sunday, April 12

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Helen Orf +
11:15 am Children making their
First Communion today.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;
Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a;
Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21;
Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;
1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

Saints and Special Observances

Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter

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Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter

Friday: Friday in the Octave of Easter

Saturday: Saturday in the Octave of Easter

Parish Organizations

Scouting Units

Parish Rep (All Units) Jerry Hesper; 636-236-1955
Cub Pack Karen Williams; 636-699-7517
Scout Troop Chad Peters; 314-807-7177
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Budget and Finance John Wappelhorst
636-398-5786

Cemetery Committee Mark Keune
314-220-7075

Dinner Committee Richard Lalonde
636-798-2511

Knights of Columbus Mike Reel, Grand Knight
314-581-6797

Legion of Mary Nancy Hollenstein
636-798-2105

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314-614-1114

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636-398-4776

Prayer Shawl Ministry Julia Kettler
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St. Vincent DePaul For information or assistance,
call 636-398-5270, ex. 225

MEDITATION ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

[Peter and John ran to Jesus' tomb. Peter entered and found it empty. John also entered; He saw and believed.]

JOHN 20:8

Pat Barnes came upon an elderly lady selling flowers on a busy city street. The lady's face was old and wrinkled but radiant with an Easter smile. Taking a flower, Pat paid her and said, "How happy you look this morning." The flower lady replied, "Why not? Everything is beautiful." Pat was startled by her reply, because she was dressed so shabbily and seemed so frail. Pat said, "You surely wear your troubles well!" Again, the flower lady's reply startled Pat: "When Jesus died on Good Friday," she said, "that was the worst of days. Then, three days later-Easter! So when troubles come my way, I simply wait three days. Then everything gets all right again."

How could I better handle my troubles? "We are Easter people; and Alleluia is our song!" St. Augustine

BLESSED EASTER!

Dear parishioners,

May the joy of the Risen Christ touch and transform your lives! I pray that the peace Jesus offers to the apostles and those gathered on that first Easter morning will be experienced personally and profoundly by each of you. Easter is the time and season for us to reflect upon the mystery of life and faith in our God. Now is the time to measure our days aright and give God the glory that He alone deserves. Who are we that we should receive such wondrous gifts from our God? Who are we?

We are the Beloved of our God, cherished sons & daughters of a Father that far surpasses any earthly experience of fatherhood. We are disciples of Jesus Christ, called to amazing fellowship through/with/in Him, invited, encouraged and challenged to make His life the pattern of our own. We are those called to bear the Spirit of the Living God with lively faith, enduring hope and manifest love. We are those living the new life of the baptized and promised the new life of eternity. Walk with Holy Mother Church these next fifty days and savor the richness of our calling. Avoid the temptation to move on to what is next, and sit with what is now and forever.

Blessed Easter,

Fr. Tom

Parish Family News

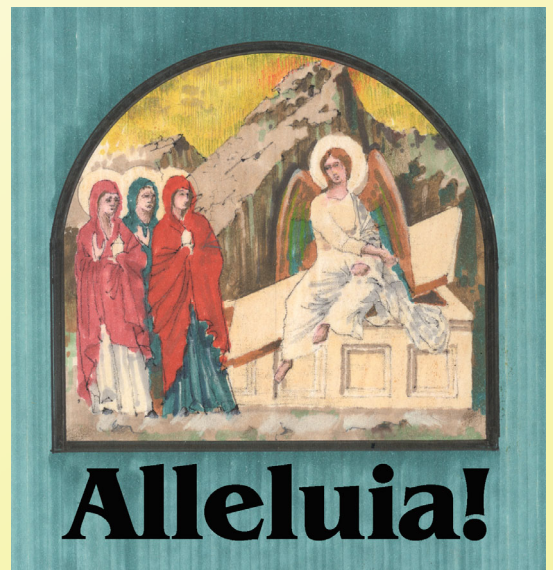
On April the 1 we experienced a change in our office staff. No one new was hired or old let go, but rather we are fortunate to have such talented and gifted individuals working with us. Marilyn O'Neill is changing hats from being the Music Director/Secretary to the bulletin editor and Music Director. Her focus will be on our Sunday liturgies and preparing the weekly bulletin. I think this is a great move for Marilyn and will free her to focus more time on our Sunday liturgies and parish music program. Please direct bulletin articles and choir/music related e-mails to her. There will be a change in her email address as well but at the time this article was written, that had not been arranged yet.

Sarah Aulbach is moving from the position of Office Assistant to fulltime Secretary. Sarah has shown herself more than capable and talented in her work on the Capitol Campaign, compiling and clarifying our cemetery records, as well as numerous other jobs that have been passed her way. I am thankful that she can step into a greater role in our parish office. Sarah will now be tending to the secretary e-mail address secretary@ihm-newmelle.org. I am sure in the transition the ladies will be forward appropriate e-mails to whoever needs to receive them.

As we enter into this season of victorious life and love, I am thankful for the wonderful coworkers God has provided in my service to this parish family. I am thankful to all of you who help make our parish what it is. Our faithful stewardship is about more than time, treasure or talent. It is about an attitude of heart that empowers us to be joyful, generous servants of the Living God.

Dynamic Catholic, *Alive!* – Easter

“Thus it is written that the Messiah would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day” (Luke 24:46). The Church celebrates Easter as the feasts of feasts. This celebration of the resurrection of Christ continues until Pentecost, which is seen as the birth of the Church. “And if Christ has not been raised, then empty (too) is our preaching; empty, too, your faith” (1 Corinthians 15:14). Have a blessed Easter! archstl.org/dynamic



PSR Corner: The month of *April is traditionally dedicated to several themes: the Blessed Sacrament / Resurrection / Holy Spirit:* Phil Robertson of Duck Dynasty, who is a part time preacher once said about the resurrection. "If you travel back in time from the present to 2000, to 1500, to 1000 to 100 to 0, what event happened....so that now we even mark our time back to this event?" **"It must have been something pretty big." Consider mentioning this line to your children and starting a discussion.**



The Resurrection of Jesus

"If Christ has not risen your faith is vain" (1 Cor 15:14).

The text from St. Paul above is enshrined in the Resurrection Mosaic at the Cathedral-Basilica of St. Louis. A priest friend once joked to me that if seated in the bishop's chair, the angle of viewing this mosaic precludes one from seeing the "If" --- thus all that one would read is, "Christ has not risen your faith is vain." Now, where would we be if this "if" of the Resurrection never took place? Christianity stands or falls with the historical fact of the Resurrection. There are some really good authors who have written books exploring the facts of the Resurrection. I think of Peter Kreeft, Lee Strobel, Gary Habermas, N.T. Wright and Josh McDowell. Years ago I put together a memory aid that includes some of the arguments (in very brief form) that these authors have made. I think it can be a helpful summary of background data to this central teaching of the Catholic-Christian faith



Memory Aid: E.A.S.T.E.R

E-Empty Tomb. This may sound too simplistic at first, but a basic question is, "How explain the empty tomb?" It would have been impossible for Jesus' disciples to have believed in their Master's resurrection if his corpse still lay in the tomb. But it is equally incredible to suppose that the disciples could have stolen the body and perpetrated a hoax. Would the corpse of Jesus motivate a band of disciples to preach and die for their belief. Furthermore, it would have been impossible for Christianity to come into being in Jerusalem if Jesus' body were still in the grave. The Jewish authorities would certainly have produced it as the shortest and most complete answer to the whole affair.

A-Appearances of Jesus. How explain the testimony, witness and life after the event, of all those who saw, touched, and conversed with the risen Lord? Can one really shake this off as hysteria, mass hallucination? What of Paul who changed the course of world history by his going to the ends of the earth witnessing to his vision of the Risen Lord?

S-Scriptural record. Whether one likes it or not, the miracle of the Resurrection in Scripture is presented as a historical reality. Simon Greenleaf, founder of the Harvard Law School and author of the book *Treatises of the Laws of Evidence*, put the Scriptural record of the Resurrection to the historical test. His verdict? In the affirmative...Christ is risen your faith is NOT vain---but solidly established as any fact of ancient history.

T-Transformation of Apostles. It is one thing to say you saw something miraculous; it is another to be willing to die for such a belief. How then explain all the apostles and disciples and Christ who were martyred for their witness to the resurrected Christ? The band "Apologetix" sings, "Why O why would someone die if it was just a hoax? Why then take the awful risk to tell us Jesus rose? Simple men from Galilee would not have spoken lies, to get enrolled in history books as martyrs for Jesus Christ."

E-Eyewitness of women. We mentioned the eyewitness testimonies of apostles and disciples to the Risen Christ? Of special mention, however, is the eyewitness testimony of women, who, at the time, would have been a somewhat embarrassing detail for the evangelists to record were it not in fact the truth. The cultural milieu of the first century did not place high emphasis on women's testimony that we take for granted today. Yet here, it is women who serve as primary witnesses to the Resurrected Lord.

R-Rise of Christianity. How explain the rise of Christianity? How explain the Christian yeast working in the dough of the world apart from its link to Christ? "Christianity without the resurrection is like a car without an engine; it gets you nowhere." If the Resurrection didn't happen it would be a greater miracle to try and explain the history and growth of Christianity.



NEWS FROM HOME



Stewardship

April 5, 2015

St. Joseph Chapel "Heavenly Dusters"

Kathleen Ditch

The "Heavenly Dusters" schedule needs to be updated. Please call the office if you have changed your information. We also have a few slots to fill so if you are able to help, please call the parish office.

The collection figures for Sunday, March 22

General Offertory: \$7,304.24

Online-General Offering: \$2,512.00

Total: \$9,816.24

Try Electronic Offertory

Those who are pledging for the "Many Gifts. One Heart" new debt reduction campaign should mark their envelopes with the correct campaign title.

Pink debt reduction envelopes are included in the monthly envelope mailing. There are options for giving. Use weekly envelopes or check out On-Line giving at www.ihm-newmelle.org

St. Vincent DePaul Society

Items needed for the food pantry:

All purpose cleaners, bleach, laundry detergent, trash bags, crackers, oil, sugar, coffee, and tea.

Memorial tribute and healing cards are available. The order forms can be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Looking to replace your fake Christmas tree for something that looks more natural?



Coming soon to the pavilion and Founders Hall-

The IHM

Rummage Sale, sponsored by the Marian Council

June 3, 6, 10 and 13

from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm;

June 5 and 12

from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

You can start bringing your "stuff" to the pavilion on the weekend of May 16/17.



What's Your Catholic IQ?

1. The Easter Season culminates with the celebration of

- (a) the Ascension;
- (b) Pentecost;
- (c) the Assumption;
- (d) Trinity Sunday

2. At Easter Sunday Masses, the rite of the renewal of baptismal promises takes place immediately after the

- (a) Penitential Rite;
- (b) Communion Prayer;
- (c) homily;
- (d) Gloria

3. The Jewish people celebrated Pentecost, a celebration of the first fruits of the harvest, 50 days after

- (a) Passover;
- (b) Yom Kippur;
- (c) Rosh Hashanah;
- (d) the first full moon of the summer

4. Which of the following is not a Catholic religious community?

- (a) Norbertines;
- (b) Spiritans;
- (c) Redemptorists;
- (d) Oblationists

5. Pope John Paul II entered into eternity in 2005 on the following date:

- (a) December 31;
- (b) May 18;
- (c) April 2;
- (d) July 4

6. The Orthodox greeting Christos anesti is translated as

- (a) Christ is risen
- (b) Christ rules
- (c) Christ rocks
- (d) Christ has ascended

7. When a Catholic priest or deacon carries the Blessed Sacrament in procession, he commonly wears a

- (a) turban;
- (b) humeral veil;
- (c) miter;
- (d) berretta
- e) skull cap

8. The Latin words Habemus papam are translated as

- (a) Go in peace
- (b) Peace on earth
- (c) Our Father
- (d) We have a pope

9. The Blessed Sacrament, when reserved in the tabernacle, is held in a covered chalice-like container called a

- (a) sequence;
- (b) ciborium;
- (c) corporal;
- (d) tupperware

10. The well known American Catholic cardinal and Archbishop of New York (born in St. Louis) is

- (a) John Foster Dulles;
- (b) Timothy Dolan
- (c) Avery Dulles;
- (d) Red Schoendienst

Answers on the next page →

ATTENTION, HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Youth Conference: Steubenville

Mid-America: July 17-19

Plans are underway to attend the Steubenville Mid-America Youth Conference in Springfield, Missouri on July 17-19.

If you are interested in joining the group from IHM, contact Janet Hespern ASAP at 636-398-6420. Visit <http://stlyouth.org/steubenville> for more info.

**For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven.**

...a time to die...

Please pray for the repose of the souls of
Norman G. Hannig,
father of Norm and Mary Hannig;
Bernice Nacke, Grandma of Kris Jenkins;
Rosalia M. Eckert, sister of Ray and Janice Gober;
Leola Mantle,
sister of Frank and Rosemary Marquart.
May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Welcome

Welcome to these new parishioners-

Pat and Sarah Coyne (Caleb, Quinlan and McKenzie)
Brian and Kim Frazzetta
Doug and Stacy Heinsohn (Lindsey, and Alyssa)
Erik and Mahgen Hutchcraft
James and Jennifer Jaegers
Mitch and Susa Kalist (Ethan, Henry and Lauren)
Dave and Mary Karll (Angelica)
Paul and Sandy Kessler (Eric, Ethan and Kathryn)
Kenneth Miller
Andy and Sally Schulte (Levi, Evangeline and Adeline)
Adam Waelder

We're very glad you've joined the parish and cannot wait to make you feel at home!

JESUS COMMANDED US to pray for vocations with his words, "Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Mt. 9:38). Take on prayer for vocations as your personal effort to increase the number of priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers.



CHECK IT OUT *...for youth and young adults*

Crossroads- the next meeting will be on April 21; more information to follow

YDisciple-YDinner- Wednesday, May 6 in the Grand Hall; 6:00 pm; for high school students and their families

ANSWERS TO CATHOLIC IQ

- 1. (b)** Pentecost, which marks the coming of the Holy Spirit, is celebrated 50 days after Easter.
- 2. (c)** The rite of the renewal of baptismal promises, celebrated at Easter Sunday Masses, takes the place of the Profession of Faith.
- 3. (a)** The Jewish feast of Pentecost, also known as Shavu'ot, commemorated the time when the first fruits of the harvest were brought to the Temple.
- 4. (d)** There is no such thing as an Oblationist. However, there are religious communities referred to as Oblates.
- 5. (c)** Pope John Paul II passed away on April 2, 2005, and Benedict XVI was elected his successor on April 19, 2005.
- 6. (a)** Orthodox Christians greet one another with the phrase Christos anesti (Christ is risen) and respond Alithos anesti (Truly he is risen).
- 7. (b)** A humeral veil, worn over the back and shoulders, allows the priest or deacon to carry the monstrance without touching it, thus symbolizing that it is Christ himself who blesses us.
- 8. (d)** The words Habemus papam ("We have a pope") are proclaimed from the balcony in Vatican Square by the Dean of the College of Cardinals upon the election of a new pope.
- 9. (b)** A ciborium looks like a chalice but it has a more rounded bowl and has a cover usually surmounted with a cross.
- 10. (b)** Timothy Dolan. He previously served as Archbishop of Milwaukee from 2002 to 2009, preceded by service as an Auxiliary Bishop of St. Louis from 2001 to 2002. Time Magazine named Dolan one of the "100 Most Influential People in the World" for 2012.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Marion Mueller	Patricia Prongue
Patricia Rudolf	Walt and his family
Shirley McDonald	Ann Fitzgerald
Diane Bocklage	Susan Van Booven
Peyton Newman	Terri Guernsey
Steve Geldien	Melissa Van Hoy
Dave Hendrix	Al Bamert
Ted Feldewerth	Jo-nell Falcon
Kenneth McCauley	Nancy Hollenstein
Jolene Molitor	Charlie Grady
Mary Ann Brakensiek	John and his family
Michael Candrl and his family	Ed Gray
Linda Candrl and her family	Denny Steinmeyer
Tom Miller	Mildred Riley
Sadie Rashid	Baby Nathan
Angel Owens	Ted Pivin
Erin and her two kids	Cathy, with cancer
Newborn baby Steven	Bob Cova
Bob Rapp	Frank Modder
William Brittingham	Michael, with a tumor
A young man with intestinal issues	
Mike who had a liver replacement	
Jennifer Fitzinger	
Judy Jacobs' mom	
26-year-old with pneumonia	
A woman with bladder cancer	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NOT FINISHED

April 11 **4:00 pm**

EM: Kathy Lalonde, Bob & Judy Cova, Bernadine Pollihan, Pat Noack, Bryan Potter
L: Karen Wilson, Jan Messig
GB: Stan & Barb Nikonowicz
S: Lindsay Bouquet, Janna Joerling
U: Jerry Braden, Chris Cuddihee, Emil Pavlik, Joe Spiess

April 12 **7:30 am**

EM: Janice Kardasz, Bill Key, Peggy Dupree, Loretta Bruns, Walt & Jean Reel
L: Chuck Kettler, Karen Wappelhorst
GB: Hahn Family
S: Eleanor & Max Hahn
U: Rich Molitor, Ed Rabbitt, Larry Gassei, Gary Potter

April 12 **9:30 am**

EM: John Grady, Michelle Greiwe, Dave & Pam DeBold, Chris Richter, Craig Hoel, Bob & Irene Caldwell
L: Kris Jenkins, Roger Collins
GB: Ruth Scott and Joshua Scott
S: Liam Grady, Brody Stafford, Jennifer Bossert
U: Charles Hinkle, Shawn Sweetin, Chris & Justin Molitor, Terry Schneider

April 12 **11:15 am**

EM: Patrice Riley, Pat Foster, Debi Orf, Tim & Suzanne Michaelree, Elaine Sudbrock
L: Patrice Riley, Nancy Ast
GB: Mike & Cindy White
S: relatives of First Communicants
U: Todd Neihouse, Glen Taylor

THANK YOU-

The family of Shirley Stranz wishes to express our appreciation and thanks to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, especially Fr. Tom Miller, for the memorial Mass and homily. Also, thanks very much to Verdi Morley and Debbie Gillespie for the music.

Thank you to the funeral luncheon committee for the delicious luncheon and the many parishioners for the kind words.

Lil, Ruth and Bob

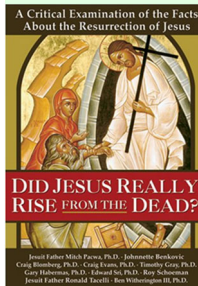
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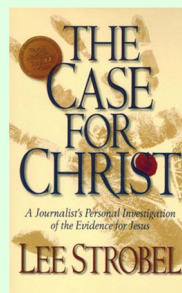
St. Paul Library / Lighthouse CD Resources

(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



If Christ has not been raised, said the Apostle Paul, Christian faith is in vain. The Resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth is not an incidental or minor aspect of Christianity. If Jesus did not rise from the dead, Christianity is certainly false. Skeptics have long tried to show that there was no Resurrection. Today, there has been a resurgence of attacks on this central truth of Christianity. Some people claim that the followers of Jesus fabricated the Resurrection. Others argue that the disciples hallucinated or had a "vision" of their dead master, which they confused with a truly risen Jesus. Others still suggest that the Resurrection was a myth or that the apostles may have seen a "spirit" or witnessed a "spiritual resurrection" that had nothing to do with an empty tomb and the transformation of Jesus' dead body. *Did Jesus Really Rise from the Dead?* carefully scrutinizes the historical evidence. Rather than accept Christian belief blindly, top scholars and biblical historians critically examine alternative explanations. In the end, they show why it is a matter of sound reason as well as faith to affirm what the early Church proclaimed: Jesus is risen. A fascinating, fast-paced, exciting exploration of Jesus' fate, *Did Jesus Really Rise from the Dead?* shows how Jesus' Resurrection has consequences for every one of us. Featuring: Jesuit Father Mitch Pacwa, Johnnette Benkovic, Craig Blomberg, Ph.D., Craig Evans, Ph.D., Tim Gray, Ph.D., Gary Habermas, Ph.D., Edward Sri, Ph.D., Roy Schoeman, Jesuit Father Ronald Tacelli, Ben Witherington III, Ph.D.



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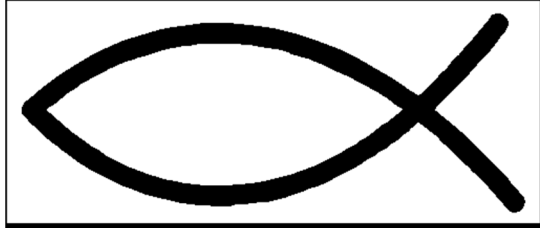
Lee Strobel writes in the Introduction to the book regarding one's views about Jesus, "Maybe you too have been basing your spiritual outlook on the evidence ... you... gleaned long ago... But is your conclusion really the best possible explanation for the evidence? If you were to dig deeper... what would you find? That's what this book is about.

In effect, I'm going to retrace and expand upon the spiritual journey I took for nearly two years. I'll take you along as I interview thirteen leading scholars and authorities who have impeccable academic credentials." Lee Strobel has written books such as *The Case for Faith*, *The Case for a Creator*, *The Case for the Real Jesus*, *God's Outrageous Claims*

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IHM LENTEN FISH DINNERS

Thank you!



PATRONS! WORKERS!

SPECIAL THANKS TO

CASHIERS
FRY ROOM STAFF
DINING ROOM STAFF
KITCHEN STAFF
BEVERAGE STAFF

DISH WASHERS
SERVERS
CARRY-OUT STAFF
SLAW MAKERS
OUR SYSCO REP JOE

Thank you to St. Zita's Zippy Clean-up Crew

and the makers of

St. Martha's Many Magnificent Munchies!

Thank you for all your time and trouble,
cleaning the church building to get it ready
for Holy Week!

You are an amazing bunch
of Ladies and Gentlemen!

Parish Office: 636-398-5270

Future Events

- Easter Egg Hunt in the Grand Hall after today's 9:30 am Mass!
- St. Vincent dePaul Meeting in the pantry; Thursday, April 9 at 6:00 pm
- Bob Evans in Wentzville will donate a portion of their profits to the Knights of Columbus charities on Thursday, April 9. Don't forget to mention the K of C.
- Knights of Columbus breakfast in Founders Hall on Sunday, April 12 from 8:00 am to 11:00 am.
- Crossroads will meet on Tuesday, April 21. Contact Julie Lassiter for more information at julie.r.lassiter@gmail.com
- Knights of Columbus Horse Races; Saturday, May 2 in the Grand Hall; doors open at 6:00 pm and the races start at 7:00.
- Blood Drive in Founders Hall on Tuesday, May 5; from 2:30 to 6:30 pm
- Marian Council meeting, Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30 pm in Weber Hall
- Confirmation with Archbishop Carlson, Thursday, May 14 at 7:30 pm; here at IHM
- Monsignor Mank's 50th year as a priest; Friday, May 22; don't forget to congratulate him!
- Rummage sale drop-off will begin the weekend of May 16/17; set-up in Founders Hall and the Pavilion will begin on Monday, May 18.
- Marian Council Rummage Sale will begin on Wednesday, June 3; see the blurb in this bulletin for more information.
- Wine and Cheese for new parishioners will take place on Friday, June 5. An invitation will be sent out at a later date.

Out and About Breakfasts and Dinners

- **ANNUAL PRIEST AND RELIGIOUS APPRECIATION BANQUET;** Monday, April 13 at the Old Hickory Golf Club in St. Peters; doors open at 6:00 pm; tickets are \$50 with the proceeds going to the Serra Club; Zip Rzeppa, MC. 636-385-6409
- **BREAKFAST AT ST. BARNABAS,** Sunday, April 12; sponsored by the Holy Name Society who want to thank you for supporting them. All proceeds go to charity. Adults \$7.00 and children 12 to 7 years of age \$3.00

Just for fun

- **SPRING CRAFT AND CROP,** Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Warrenton; Saturday, April 18 from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm; 636-359-3574
- **TRIVIA NIGHT TO BENEFIT THE SPARKILL DOMINICAN SISTERS,** Saturday, May 9 at CBC High School; 314-422-1979
- Mouse Races at St. Dominic High School; Saturday, April 11; Doors open at 6:30 PM and the races begin at 7:30. Price: \$15 per person paid in advance (\$120 for Table of 8); \$20 per person at the door. Can't fill a table of 8? Just send in the form and payment below and we'll place you at a table!. [\(636\) 219-8124](tel:6362198124)
- **"SPANNING THE GENERATIONS", WENTZVILLE ART EVENT;** FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2015 FROM 5:00PM – 9:00PM AT WENTZVILLE COMMUNITY CLUB, 500 WEST MAIN STREET, WENTZVILLE, MO 63385, *FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.* Contact Jessica at [636-542-6000](tel:6365426000) for more info. Artist Information and Entry Forms can be obtained at www.wassi.org

Opportunities

- **PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE IN MEXICO;** Dec. 10-16, 2015; with parishioner and author Denise Bossert. Call Denise at 636-352-8705 for more information
- **STEBENVILLE YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE;** May 29-31, 2015 in St. Louis; www.encounterstl.com
- **VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE to Lourdes, France,** at Our Lady of Sorrows, Wednesday, April 29 at 7 PM. During this guided Lourdes experience, you will immerse yourself in the Gospel Message of Lourdes as given by Our Lady to St. Bernadette. A Plenary Indulgence is granted to all the faithful, under the usual conditions, who attend a Virtual Pilgrimage with North American Lourdes Volunteers. The next best thing to visiting Lourdes itself is a Pilgrimage journey without the travel! For more information call the Parish Office [314 351 1600](tel:3143511600).
- **FERTILITYCARE CLASSES:** Discover-what every couple needs to know, what every woman has a right to know. Sign up for CREIGHTON MODEL FertilityCare classes, featuring the new women's health science, NaProTECHNOLOGY. Introductory Sessions taught at noon on Saturday March 14 April 18 and May 23rd at St Joseph Hospital West, Lake St Louis. Information: [636-625-5423](tel:6366255423) or Register: [1-866-776-3627](tel:18667763627)
- **THE ST. CHARLES COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS WILL HOST SEVERAL PLANT SALES THIS SPRING.** Each sale runs from 9:00 a.m. to noon and will be held on site at the St. Charles County Extension Center, 260 Brown Road, St. Peters, MO 63376. April 25, spring and summer annuals, perennials, herbs, vegetables, fruit, Missouri natives, seeds, bulbs and more. May 2, follow-up sale in the greenhouse on site. Limited supply. Closing time may be earlier if all plants are sold. All proceeds from the sale support the maintenance and expansion of the Demonstration Gardens. Master Gardeners are trained volunteers who promote and demonstrate good gardening principles and techniques, as well as participate in projects that enhance the beauty of our community. For more information visit <http://extension.missouri.edu/stcharles/mastergardeners.aspx> or call MU Extension at 636-970-3000.
- **ENGAGED ENCOUNTER:** If your child or godchild is engaged, consider giving them the gift of a Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend. These Weekends help couples reflect on the depth of their commitment to each other, their relationship with God, and God's place in their lives as husband and wife. Engaged Encounter Weekends promote and strengthen the Sacrament of Marriage. For more information, go to: <http://home.centurytel.net/stlengaged/>, or call Cheri and Jim at [636-379-0962](tel:6363790962). Upcoming weekends will be held in June and September.

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