

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church  
5333 East Washington Street - Indianapolis, IN 46219

July 3, 2022



## 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you,  
cure the sick in it and say to them,  
'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'"

Lk 10:8-9

*We, the faith community of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, strive to live, share and be Christ in all we do.*

## SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 4-4:30 p.m.  
You may also call the parish office to arrange for an appointment.

**Baptism:** 3rd Sunday of the month during or immediately after 10 a.m. Mass, or at another pre-arranged time. Preparation classes are held quarterly. Please call the parish office for additional information.

**Marriage:** Please contact the pastor at least six months in advance. No wedding dates will be set until a couple has met with the pastor.

**Communion Calls:** Please call the parish office to arrange Communion calls for the home-bound.

**Anointing of the Sick:** If you are going to have surgery, or have a chronic illness and wish to be anointed, please contact the parish office. If a family member is in or admitted to the hospital, please call the parish office at **317-356-7291**.

## PARISH SCHOOL

Our Lady of Lourdes offers preschool and kindergarten through 8th grade classes. Please call the School Office for more information at **317-357-3316**.

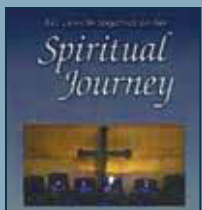
## NEW PARISHIONERS

### *Welcome to our Parish Family!*

To register or to schedule a tour of Our Lady of Lourdes, please call or stop by the parish office.

## PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US

AT HOME OR IN CHURCH:  
TUESDAYS/THURSDAYS  
AT 5:30 P.M.



## BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please send your entries by **NOON** on **MONDAYS** to ensure your article will appear in that week's printing. If you have flyers to be inserted into the bulletin, please bring them to the parish office by 3 p.m. on Thursday.

**THANK YOU!**

**parishsecretary@ollindy.org**

## Pastor's Corner

Dear brothers and sisters of our Lady of Lourdes Parish,

June 29 is the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul. It is a very significant day in the life of the Church, commemorating the total dedication to the Gospel by Peter, Apostle to the Jews, and by Paul, Apostle to the Gentiles. Their total dedication culminated in their martyrdoms, commemorated as well this day.

July 4 is Independence Day. It is a most significant day in the life of the United States. The day commemorates the Declaration of Independence, which was ratified by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. The Second Continental Congress declared that the Thirteen Colonies were no longer subject (and subordinate) to the monarch of Britain, King George III, and were now united, free, and independent states.

The legal separation of the thirteen colonies from Great Britain actually occurred on July 2. On that day, the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia declaring the United States independent from Great Britain's rule.

Two days later, this same Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence, on July 4. This statement explained the decision of July 2.

The text had been prepared by a Committee of Five, with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author. Congress debated and revised the wording of the Declaration to remove its vigorous denunciation of the slave trade (a powerfully dramatic presentation of the debates centered upon this issue is presented in the musical 1776).

We know that these decisions led to the Revolutionary War and the creation of our great nation. We also know that these decisions would affect all generations to follow in both positive and negative ways. We live with those affects yet today.

By a remarkable coincidence, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, the only two signatories of the Declaration of Independence later to serve as presidents of the United States, both died on the same day: July 4, 1826, which was the 50th anniversary of the Declaration.

Although not a signatory of the Declaration of Independence, James Monroe, another Founding Father who was elected president, also died on July 4, 1831, making him the third President who died on the anniversary of independence. Finally, one U.S. president, Calvin Coolidge, was born on Independence Day, July 4, 1872.

Perhaps this weekend we can ponder the roots of our Church and the roots of our Nation. We have much for which to be thankful. And we have much work in our own era to do, among which is: for the Church, embracing synodality; for the United States, justice for all and civility.

Fr. Rick

(P.S. The bulk of the paragraphs on Independence Day is based in Wikipedia, for which I am grateful to have as a resource from time to time.)

## Retrouvaille Workshop Coming Soon

**Why are we arguing constantly?** Been there. Done that. And it's no fun. But Retrouvaille can help. Retrouvaille, (pronounced "retro-vi," with long "i") can help couples work through difficult struggles in their marriages that seem at times impossible to repair. Since 1977, this program's tools have helped strengthen and improve the marriages of tens of thousands of couples throughout the world. These couples experienced marital difficulty at all levels, including disillusionment and deep misery. Indianapolis Retrouvaille will hold its next weekend on **August 12-14**. The weekend introduces couples to important communication tools. You will examine your life together in a new and positive way. After the weekend, you will attend six follow-up sessions. Post-weekend topics focus on specific issues, including conflict management. You can begin again. Learn more and register today at: [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org) or email [retrouindy@gmail.com](mailto:retrouindy@gmail.com) for confidential registration information. Both of you are worth it.



## Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

Okay. Let's Go! Come with your fellow parishioners to an Indianapolis Indians game at beautiful Victory Field on **Thursday, August 4**. There is a block of tickets reserved for us to purchase and sit together. I've heard we will have a special rendition of *The Star-Spangled Banner* from one of our own.

**Contact Matthew Fallon to reserve your tickets!**



*Whatsoever you do to the least of these, you do unto me (Mt 25:40)*

*Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live for ever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.*

**- Pope Francis**

## FRIENDS IN UKRAINE

We pray for all people in Ukraine, especially our friends:  
Dmitry Gvozdik, Yosyp Heletei, Vlad Mokryi, Ihor Liutak, Oleksii Shtefan, and Illia Bezsmertnyi.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Emilia Atkinson, Paula Bittelmeyer, Rose Boggs, Lucy Bross, Dick & Kathy Burgess, Denise Byers, Catherine C. Coop, Will Christiansen, Deborah Clayton, Jean Covington, Mike Davis, Cassandra Budreau Dunne, Debby Eha, Mona Eitel, Norma Faye, Melissa Fender, Tina Fields, Teresa Foster, Richard Gillam, Katie Guzman, Ben Hall, Charles Hart, Isabelle Hofmeister, Michael James, Teresa Kerns, Randy Kidwell, Peggy Kloenne, Joseph Kossack, Johanna Lakin-Thomas, Emerson Linde, Paul Linne, Mitzi Loomis, Jerry MacKenzie, Marilyn May, Mike Miller, Clarence Mobley, Glenda Moore, Dale Page, Carolyn Patterson, Hayden Proffitt, Mike Rawers, Joseph Rogers, Rhonda Roseman, Ruth Steinbuch, Karen & Larry Thomas, Skip Wagoner, Arianna Williams

## Blessing for Babies in the Womb

Is your family growing? The Catholic Church has a rite of blessing for babies in the womb...no need to wait until baptism to receive God's peace and love! Talk with Matthew in the office to schedule a blessing after the Mass.

## Parish Office

**Hours:** Monday - Friday  
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Phone:** 317-356-7291

## School Office

**Phone:** 317-357-3316

**Fax:** 317-357-0980

## Mass Schedule

Tues & Thurs 6 p.m.

Wed & Fri 8:15 a.m.

Sat 5 p.m.

Sun 10 a.m.

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## The Lift Project: Thank You!

Many thanks to those who were so generous with their donations. We delivered a total of 88 bags to Birthline, Seeds of Hope, and the ICAN Pantry. Also gave a box of various products to the pantry for their clients. I hope to do this again next year. Thank you again, and God bless you!  
- Stephenie Paquette

## Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass with Archbishop Thompson

On Sunday August 14, 2022, the Office of Marriage and Family Life will host the 38th Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass with Archbishop Charles Thompson, at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul (1347 N. Meridian St.) The bilingual Mass will take place at 2 p.m. and will be followed by a reception from 3-5 p.m. in Assembly Hall of the Catholic Center (1400 N. Meridian St.) Certificates will be presented to couples celebrating significant anniversaries. The event is free of charge but it is necessary for married couples to register separately for both the Mass and for the reception. More detailed information about the event and the link to register can be found at [tinyurl.com/Archindywedding22](http://tinyurl.com/Archindywedding22)

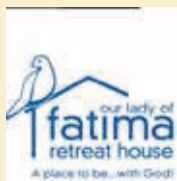
The deadline for registration is July 23, 2022

## Franciscan Spirituality and Praying in Nature

A Day of Reflection with Fr. Todd Goodson  
July 12, 2022 / 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Description: Join us as Fr. Todd helps us explore prayer in nature, up close and personal, with St. Francis as inspiration and guide. Registration: \$45; includes breakfast, lunch, Mass

For info visit: [www.archindy.org/fatima](http://www.archindy.org/fatima) - click on "Register" on the home page or, contact Lisa Coons, Registrar, at (317) 545-7681 or [lcoons@archindy.org](mailto:lcoons@archindy.org)



## Adults, Join the Summer Reading Series!

Next will be *The Great Divorce*, about which we will share our impressions and a meal on **August 26**. This famous author makes good insights into our spiritual lives without reading like a text-book. Please register on the parish website, or find a form on the bulletin board in the chapel entrance, for one or both books so that we can keep in touch with you about meeting plans and to share discussion questions.

Sign up at: <https://form.jotform.com/221163621021034>

## THE SUMMER OF C.S. LEWIS

Our group discussion of *The Screwtape Letters* is this coming Friday, July 8! Anyone may join us at 8701 East 10<sup>th</sup> Street at 6 p.m. for a pitch-in dinner (bring a side) and to share our thoughts on this interesting book.

## Share What the Eucharist Means to You

We are a community of faith – communities share with each other and nurture each other. Share your own personal experience of the Eucharist, the Real Presence of our Savior among us here and now. How is this sacrament important in your own life? The Sunday Religious Education program invites witnesses (rather than theologians) from amongst our own community to nurture a small group of our young people for up to two minutes on a Sunday morning before Mass. WE ARE the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ. Let us share our own faith (evangelize) with a new generation.



## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, July 2.....The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
5:00 pm †Andrew O'Brien Req. by The O'Brien Family

**Sunday, July 3.....The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:00 am Pro Populo

**Tuesday, July 5...St. Anthony Zaccaria/St. Elizabeth of Portugal**  
5:30 pm Rosary  
6:00 pm †Teresa Sullivan Req. by Mike & Angel Sullivan

**Wednesday, July 6.....St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr**  
8:15 am †Chris Laugle Req. by Sandra Dupriest

**Thursday, July 7.....Weekday**  
5:30 pm Rosary  
6:00 pm †Rose Wallace Req. by Sally Welch

**Friday, July 8.....Weekday**  
8:15 am †Robert Piercy Req. by Bill Bakemeyer

**Saturday, July 9.....The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
5:00 pm †Gloria Matthews Req. by Joe Matthews

**Sunday, July 10.....The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:00 am Pro Populo

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, July 9, 5 p.m. The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

EMHC: Mary Ann Coffey, Deacon Tom Horn, Willem Evanson  
Hospitality  
Ministers: Brian Bakemeyer (A-GE), Joe Hamond (A-GN), Dave Skirvin (A-GW), Priscilla Campbell (A-UE), \_\_\_\_ (Y-1)  
Lector: Peter Certo (A), Sally Krause (B)  
Sacristan: Cara Swinefurth  
Servers: Heath Nelson, Andrew Wilhelm, Nate Wilhelm  
Cantor: Ann Skirvin

**Sunday, July 10, 10 a.m. The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

EMHC: Amy Duke, Deacon Tom, H. Chris Houppert  
Hospitality  
Ministers: Gilbert Durham (Team Leader, A-UW), Steve Wuertz (A-GE), Mike Guinan (A-GN), Sally Bennett (A-GW), Megan Wuertz (Y-1)  
Lector: Judith Higgins (A), Andrea Aikman (B)  
Sacristan: \_\_\_\_\_  
Servers: Lola Carey, Claire Higgins, Mayanna Navarra  
Cantor: Kate Miller  
Small Linens  
Sacristan: Tammy Buennagel

## READINGS WEEK OF JULY 3, 2022

**Sunday:** Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-7,16,20; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12,17-20  
**Monday:** Hos 2:16,17b-18,21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26  
**Tuesday:** Hos 8:4-7,11-13; Ps 115:3-6,7ab-8,9-10; Mt 9:32-38  
**Wednesday:** Hos 10:1-3,7-8,12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7  
**Thursday:** Hos 11:1-4,8c-9; Ps 80:2ac,3b,15-16; Mt 10:7-15  
**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4,8-9,12-14,17; Mt 10:16-23  
**Saturday:** Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2,5; Mt 10:24-33

## Calendar of EVENTS



**Sunday, July 3**  
10:00 am Mass

Church

**Monday, July 4 - Parish Offices CLOSED**

**Tuesday, July 5**

5:30 pm Rosary

6:00 pm Mass

7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop #8

Chapel  
Cafeteria

**Wednesday, July 6**

8:15 am Mass

Chapel

**Thursday, July 7**

5:30 pm Rosary

6:00 pm Mass

Chapel

**Friday, July 8**

8:15 am Mass

Chapel

**Saturday, July 9**

4:00 pm Reconciliation

5:00 pm Mass

Church  
Church

**Sunday, July 10**

10:00 am Mass

Church



***“He said to them, ‘The harvest is abundant,  
but the laborers are few...’”***

LUKE 10:2

As Catholics, we are all called to serve. Each of us has been given “charisms” otherwise known as gifts from the Holy Spirit to help build God’s Church. Our charisms can only be used for good. We know that we are using them in the right ministry when we are filled with joy and we want to share stories about our charitable works. Discern how God is calling you to **Stewardship** using your charisms. Say “yes” to what God is calling you to do and then do it! Share your joy and invite others to do the same.

## Children’s Liturgy of the Word

Have you ever felt uncertain what the readings were saying in the Liturgy of the Word during Mass? Imagine what a young child must think! Children’s Liturgy of the Word is for young parishioners from Kindergarten to second grade, to hear the readings in wording they can more easily comprehend. Can you help once a month to proclaim the Word to our young disciples and to talk about what it means for our lives? Preparation resources will be provided. Call or email Matthew Fallon about serving the parish in this way.

## SRE: Sunday Religious Education

The main purpose of the Church is to evangelize – to spread the Good News of the Gospel to others. We have young parishioners who need to learn of the love and salvation of God; can you help them to know, love, and serve Him? Join our leaders of Sunday religious education! Part-time or full-time, talk with Matthew about what the position entails.

## Confirmation Information Available

Confirmation Candidates: Are you looking for a parish service opportunity? Come help with the Sunday Religious Education meetings (SRE). You will be paired with a veteran catechist to help share your love of God with our young disciples. You will have a big influence on their growth – they see someone like you as a full grown-up!

## International Students

Secena Memorial High School has several international students that need a host family and is seeking individuals to host students from Spain, Germany, Brazil, or Viet Nam for the 2022 – 2023 school year. Open your home and heart to one of these students and gain experiences that will last your lifetime. If interested, or if you know someone who might be interested, please contact Matthew Schroeder: [mschroeder@scecina.org](mailto:mschroeder@scecina.org) or 317-403-9108.

## Prayer Vine

To add someone’s name to the Prayer Vine, please contact Laura Hughes at: [vineollstb@gmail.com](mailto:vineollstb@gmail.com)



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## COMMUNION CALLS

If you know someone who would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please call the parish office at **317-356-7291**.

## IN GRATITUDE WE SHARE



**June 26, 2022**

Actual.....	\$	5,822.00
Online Giving .....		3,444.00
Budgeted.....		11,750.00
Difference +/-.....	\$	(2,484.00)

### YTD Sunday & Holy Day

Actual.....	\$	597,591.68
Budgeted.....		580,522.00
Difference +/-.....	\$	17,069.68

SVdP.....	\$	780.00
Endowment.....	\$	42.00
Children’s Offering.....	\$	8.00
Peter’s Pence.....	\$	378.00
Edu. Future Priests.....	\$	65.00
Catholic Communications.....	\$	10.00



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Serving the Irvington and Christian Park community SVdP offers monthly home visits to provide needed assistance and mutual prayer with our neighbors.

<b>SVdP Giving</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022 (to date)</b>
Rent & Utilities (\$)	26,617	13,591
Beds (Adult)	0	14
Beds (Child)	0	23
Food (Meals)	1,030	480
Christmas (Families)	21	

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## **JOIN US!**

Meetings 3rd Wed of the month, Bernadette Hall 7P  
Email [jcbraunstl@gmail.com](mailto:jcbraunstl@gmail.com) (Jenny McNulty)  
Give <https://www.osvhub.com/ollindy/giving/funds/st-vincent-depaul>





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### **Summer's here and school's out – do you have some extra time?**

St. Vincent de Paul finds itself critically short of volunteers at the Food Pantry. The number of neighbors visiting our pantry has increased tremendously and, unfortunately, the number of volunteers has decreased drastically, especially over the summer months.

It takes a minimum of 35 volunteers on shopping days (Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday) providing food to our neighbors, and just as many on non-shopping days getting ready for shopping days.

Less critical, but still a need, are volunteers for our Distribution Center. We need donation sorters of clothing, household items and products, shoes and linens, and able bodies at the dock receiving donations and moving furniture.

We are compiling a list of people we can call upon from time to time during the week to drive one of our box trucks to deliver/pickup donations. We have consistent donor pickups Monday-Friday that require no heavy lifting and would be for a period of two hours each time. If you are interested, please contact Skip McCulley [smcculley@svdpindy.org](mailto:smcculley@svdpindy.org).

Please consider carving out some time this summer and join us ... you, your family, friends and co-workers ... together we can be the hands and feet of Christ. If you are already volunteering, bring a friend with you! Sign up: <http://www.svdpindy.org/i-want-to-help/#time>. Have a group? Contact Darlene Sweeney [dsweeney@svdpindy.com](mailto:dsweeney@svdpindy.com). ***Many hands make light work!*** Thank you for helping us love our neighbors!





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# STANDING WITH MOMS IN NEED

*"[E]very human life, unique and unrepeatable, has value in and of itself; it is of inestimable value. This must always be proclaimed anew with the courage of the Word and the courage of actions. It calls us to solidarity and fraternal love for the great human family and for each of its members."*

*—Pope Francis on the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Evangelium Vitae (March 25, 2020)*

As our nation awaits the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, we join together in prayer and expectant hope that states will again be able to protect women and children from the injustice of abortion. As we affirm the value of every human life, we welcome the possibility of saving countless unborn children as well as sparing women and families the pain of abortion.

The Catholic Church has a long history of service to those who are most vulnerable and remains the largest private provider of social services in the United States. Through the sacrificial efforts of faithful Catholics, the Church serves millions through diocesan ministries and agencies, Catholic hospitals and healthcare systems, immigration clinics, shelters, and Catholic schools and parishes. From religious communities to pregnancy care centers, from refugee resettlement services to foster care and adoption agencies, and from maternity homes to parish-based ministries, the Church consistently bears witness in word and deed to the beauty and dignity of every human life—including both mother and child.

As the chairmen of committees serving the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, we proclaim a vision for our society that upholds the truth that every human life is sacred and inviolable—a society in which the legal protection of human life is accompanied by profound care for mothers and their children. We exhort our nation to prioritize the well-being of women, children, and families with both material resources and personal accompaniment so that no woman ever feels forced to choose between her future and the life of her child.

**In that effort, we recommit our committees and urge our dioceses, parishes, and Catholic agencies and institutions:**

- To redouble our efforts to accompany women and couples who are facing unexpected or difficult pregnancies, and during the early years of parenthood, offering them loving and compassionate care through initiatives such as *Walking with Moms in Need* and countless others.
- To ensure our Catholic parishes are places of welcome for women facing challenging pregnancies or who find it difficult to care for their children after birth, so that any mother needing assistance will receive life-affirming support and be connected to appropriate programs and resources where she can get help.
- To help Catholics recognize the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in their communities, enabling parishioners to know these mothers, to listen to them, and to help them obtain the necessities of life for themselves and their children.
- To be witnesses of love and life by expanding and improving the extensive network of comprehensive care including pregnancy help centers, maternity homes, and Catholic health care and social service agencies.

- To proclaim with a clear and united voice that our society can and must protect and care for both women and their children.
- To redouble our advocacy for laws that ensure the right to life for unborn children and that no mother or family lacks the basic resources needed to care for their children, regardless of race, age, immigration status, or any other factor.
- To continue to support and advocate for public policies and programs directed toward building up the common good and fostering integral human development, with a special concern for the needs of immigrants and low-income families.

We are deeply conscious that, after nearly half a century of legalized abortion, more than 65 million children have died from abortion and an untold number of women, men, and families suffer in the aftermath.

**Recognizing this pain and loss, we also recommit our committees and urge our dioceses, parishes, and Catholic agencies and institutions:**

- To proclaim God's mercy after abortion and compassionately accompany women and men who are suffering after an abortion.
- To expand our diocesan abortion healing ministries, most often called Project Rachel Ministry, so that women and men receive forgiveness, healing, and spiritual renewal through Christ's infinite mercy.
- To transform our parishes into what Pope Francis calls "islands of mercy in a sea of indifference" by raising Catholic awareness of the great struggle involved in an abortion, and the guilt, pain, and grief that follow.

In all these ways and more, the Catholic Church witnesses to the sanctity of all human life, from conception to natural death, and works to build a true culture of life in our nation. May a renewed commitment to life overflow into increased protection of unborn children and expanded support for their mothers and families.

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# 'From This Day Forward ...Until Death' A Matrimony quiz

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This quiz can help you, your students, and your students' families review our Catholic faith. Check answers against the answer key on page 3.

**1** Jesus' first public miracle was performed at a \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Jewish wine festival b) birthday party c) funeral d) wedding

**2** The exchange of vows, called the "giving of \_\_\_\_\_," is when the sacrament of Matrimony actually occurs.

- a) consent b) flowers c) rings d) wedding cake

**9** The Sacrament of \_\_\_\_\_ invites the couple to become a symbol of Christ's love for his bride, the Church.

- a) Matrimony b) Baptism c) Penance d) Anointing of the Sick

**10** The Bible concludes with a marriage, the wedding feast of \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Mary and Joseph b) the first believers c) Cana d) the Lamb

**11** The Sacrament of Matrimony must be celebrated during a Mass. True | False

**12** Saint \_\_\_\_\_ is the patron saint of married people.

- a) Joseph b) Tietheknot c) Katharine Drexel d) Michael

**13** In the Roman Catholic Church, the \_\_\_\_\_

**3** A divorced Catholic cannot remarry unless his or her first marriage was \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) performed in a foreign country b) celebrated before 1990 c) annulled d) forgotten

**4** Every Catholic marriage must include \_\_\_\_\_ as a witness for the Church.

- a) an altar server b) an ordained minister c) a canonized saint d) an organist

celebrates the sacrament.

- a) deacon b) priest c) couple d) parents

**14** During the wedding at Cana, Jesus changed the water into \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Mountain Dew b) anointing oil c) lemonade d) wine

**15** It is possible for a Catholic to marry a non-Catholic in a valid Catholic wedding.

True | False

**16** "Husbands, love your \_\_\_\_\_, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her" (Ephesians 5:25).

- a) wives b) children c) parents d) favorite football team

**5** The first married couple was Adam and \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Veronica b) Mary Magdalene c) Sarah d) Eve

**6** If either the bride or groom does not give their consent, the marriage is still valid.

True | False

**7** The \_\_\_\_\_ of a married couple is a reflection of the love of God.

- a) property b) health c) finances d) love

**8** Marriage as an institution comes from \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) the couple b) the government c) God d) the culture

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**17** A Catholic marriage includes an openness to \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) going to more weddings b) having children c) sharing a cell phone d) in-laws

**18** A good reason to get married is \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) that God has called you to share your life with your future spouse b) fear c) to escape a bad home d) to have financial security

**19** A Catholic cannot be forced to get married by \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) his or her parents b) becoming pregnant c) the culture d) these or any reason

**20** Jesus never married. True | False



## ANSWERS TO Catholic I.Q.

1. **d)** When the couple ran out of wine at the wedding at Cana, Mary asked Jesus to help. He turned water into wine (John 2:1-12).
2. **a)** "The consent consists in a 'human act by which the partners mutually give themselves to each other': 'I take you to be my wife' — 'I take you to be my husband'" (CCC, 1627).
3. **c)** An annulment is the church's official recognition that the first marriage was never valid because it did not meet the criteria of a Catholic marriage.
4. **b)** "The priest (or deacon) who assists at the celebration of a marriage receives the consent of the spouses in the name of the Church and gives the blessing of the Church" (CCC, 1630).
5. **d)** From the beginning, God created a man and a woman to come together, share a life, become one flesh and bring children into the world (see Genesis 2:18-24; 4:1-2).
6. **False.** "The Church holds the exchange of consent between the spouses to be the indispensable element that 'makes the marriage.' If consent is lacking there is no marriage" (CCC, 1626).
7. **d)** "For man is created in the image and likeness of God who is himself love. Since God created him man and woman, their mutual love becomes an image of the absolute and unfailing love with which God loves man" (CCC, 1604).
8. **c)** "God himself is the author of marriage. The vocation to marriage is written in the very nature of man and woman as they came from the hand of the Creator. Marriage is not a purely human institution" (CCC, 1603).
9. **a)** Just as Christ, in the Eucharist and on the cross, gives himself away for his bride, so too are spouses called to lay down their lives for one another.
10. **d)** Jesus, the Lamb of God, will marry his bride, the Church, when he returns at the end of time (see Revelation 19:7-9).
11. **False.** Weddings should be celebrated in the context of Mass (see CCC, 1621), but under special circumstances, the marriage rite can be performed outside of a Mass (for instance, if the bride or groom is not Catholic).
12. **a)** St. Joseph became engaged to Mary and stood by her side even after she revealed to him that she was pregnant with Jesus.
13. **c)** The priest or deacon serves as the Church's official witness, but it is actually the bride and groom who are the main celebrants of the Sacrament of Matrimony (see CCC, 1623).
14. **d)** All of Jesus' miracles show what the Kingdom of God is like; and how Jesus is God. Changing water into wine points to the celebration banquet that is always going on in heaven.
15. **True.** A Catholic can marry a non-Catholic or even an unbaptized non-Christian with special permission and an understanding that the Catholic party will not abandon their Catholic faith and the children will be raised Catholic (see CCC, 1633-1635).
16. **a)** Catholic spouses are called to follow Christ's example in how they love each other: faithfully, permanently, and marked by total self-sacrifice for the other.
17. **b)** Because God's first commandment was to "be fruitful and multiply," Catholic marriage means being open to the children that could come from the shared love of the couple.
18. **a)** Marriage is never an escape from bad circumstances such as poverty, an unplanned pregnancy, or a bad home. A person must decide to marry freely for the purposes of sharing a life together and being open to having children.
19. **d)** For a marriage to be valid in the Catholic Church, a person getting married cannot be coerced. Consent has to be given freely and with full knowledge of the commitment being entered into.
20. **True.** Although many people are called to the married state of life, the single life is equally holy and allows a person to serve others as Jesus did as a single person (see CCC, 1618-1620).