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in Faith Making

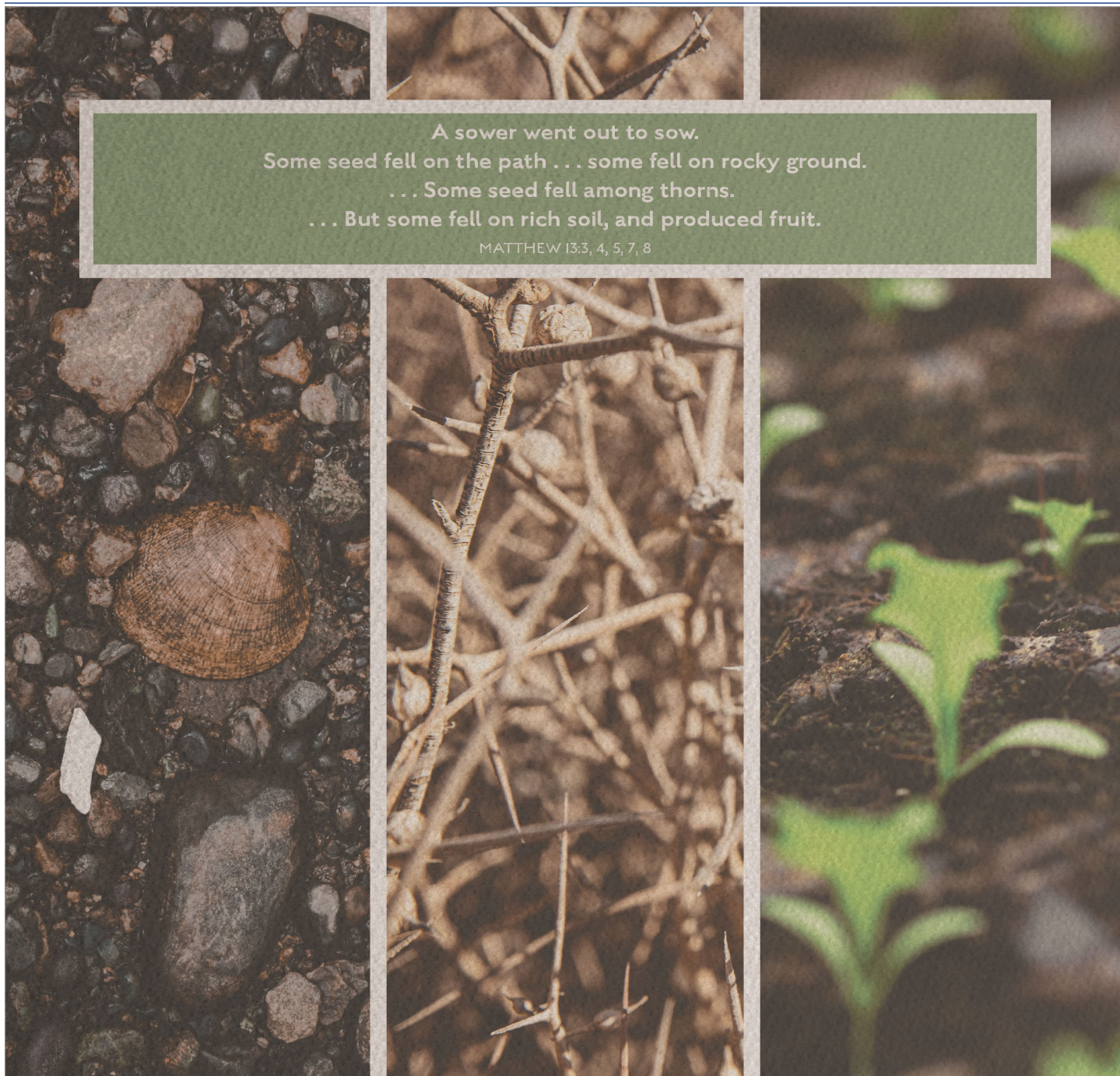


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Christ
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The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2020



A sower went out to sow.
Some seed fell on the path . . . some fell on rocky ground.
. . . Some seed fell among thorns.
. . . But some fell on rich soil, and produced fruit.

MATTHEW 13:3, 4, 5, 7, 8

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“Faith makes us walk with Jesus on the roads of this world, in the certainty that the power of His Spirit will bend the forces of evil, subjecting them to the power of God’s love.”

-Pope Francis @ Pontifex

Mass Intentions

Monday – 9:00 a.m.	July 13, 2020 Gerald Barry – (<i>Daughter</i>)
Tuesday – 9:00 a.m.	July 14, 2020 Bishop R. Daniel Conlon – Living Intention – Anniversary of Installation
Wednesday – 9:00 a.m.	July 15, 2020 Kathleen Boreham – (<i>Friends & Family</i>)
Thursday – 9:00 a.m.	July 16, 2020 Joseph Hii – Anniversary of Death – (<i>Wife Dee</i>) Dr. Walter Gaybor – Birthday Remembrance – (<i>Frank & Lissy Salazar</i>)
Friday – 9:00 a.m.	July 17, 2020 Joseph Bacani – (<i>Joshua, Ellie & Claire</i>)
Saturday – 9:00 a.m.	July 18, 2020 Barbara Nicosia – (<i>Ellen & Marie Adezio</i>)
Sunday – 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. (<i>Spanish</i>) 12:00 p.m. (<i>Parking Lot</i>)	July 19, 2020 People of the Parish Daniel Rodriguez – (<i>Family</i>) People of the Parish



Phone in for Updates

In order to accommodate those without email/internet/tech access, we have provided a way to get parish news by dialing **9** at the menu prompt on our phone system.

Just dial the parish number (**815-436-2651**) and then press menu option **9**.

Updates will be made weekly.

Readings for the Week

Sunday	Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 [1-9]
Monday	Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 – 11:1
Tuesday	Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday	Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday	Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30
Friday	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday	Mi 2:1-5; Ps 101:4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21
Sunday	Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]



The Word from Fr. Pat / La Palabra del Padre Pat / Słowo od Ojca Pat

*I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing
compared with the glory to be revealed for us.*
Romans 8:18

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to personally thank so many of you for writing me and giving me encouragement and thanks for what we've been able to do as we navigate this crazy time. I know that it hasn't been good news, and sometimes you may wish we could do more, but I appreciate the support you have given us. There are days that your notes have completely changed my day.

I've certainly been frustrated in these days. It seems like we take a step forward and two steps back. I had been wanting to begin daily Mass with people in attendance today (Monday the 6th), but some suspected cases of exposure to COVID-19 on our staff made us take a step back. We have been wanting to add Masses on Sunday, but it's taking us longer to gather and train volunteers. So just please know that the way we are doing things now isn't where we want to stop; we intend to do more, but it will probably take us a bit. I ask your continued patience.

I pray every day for the wisdom to make the right decisions to keep people engaged in and ministered to by their parish, but also to keep everyone safe. It's definitely a bit of a tightrope act!

The parish is currently working on formal plans (which have to be approved by the diocese) for reopening our school, religious education program, confirmation program, and youth ministry in the fall. We feel like we can make things happen for in-person instruction, although it will certainly be different than it was. Please be patient, and know that we will be communicating with you as things develop. I fully anticipate that plans will have to change several times over the course of the year due to developments in the pandemic. (For the better, I hope!)

We have a number of seminarians at the rectory this summer, as you've probably seen. Both houses are completely full! It's been wonderful having their help, and also helping them in their formation; I very much enjoy that ministry. They've been learning a lot about ministry in difficult times in these days, and while no one would ever choose this for them, I think it's valuable. I tell them I hope they never have to be a pastor during a pandemic! But then again, if they do have that happen, they can always count on me for advice!

Please know that I'm praying for you every day; I appreciate your prayers for me.

Yours in Christ and His Blessed Mother,
Father Pat Mulcahy, Pastor

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*Estimo que los sufrimientos de la vida presente no se pueden comparar
con la Gloria que nos espera y que ha de manifestarse.*
Romanos 8:18

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Quiero agradecer personalmente a muchos de ustedes por escribirme y darme ánimo y agradecerme por lo que hemos podido hacer mientras navegamos en estos tiempos locos. Sé que no han sido las mejores noticias, y a veces desearía que pudiéramos hacer más, sin embargo, quiero que sepa que agradezco el apoyo que nos ha brindado. Hay días en que sus palabras han cambiado por completo mi día.

Ciertamente me he sentido frustrado en estos días. Parece que damos un paso adelante y dos pasos atrás. Tenía ganas de comenzar la misa diaria con personas presentes hoy (lunes 6), pero algunos casos sospechosos de exposición al COVID-19 en nuestro personal nos hicieron dar un paso atrás. Hemos estado queriendo agregar misas el domingo, pero nos está tomando más tiempo reunir y capacitar voluntarios. Así que, por favor, sepan que la forma en que estamos haciendo las cosas ahora no es donde queremos parar; queremos hacer más, pero probablemente nos llevará un poco más de tiempo. Les pido su paciencia continua.

Rezo todos los días por la sabiduría para tomar las decisiones correctas para mantener a las personas involucradas y guiadas por esta su parroquia, pero también para mantener a todos a salvo. ¡Definitivamente es un acto de malabaristas!



The Word from Fr. Pat / La Palabra del Padre Pat / Słowo od Ojca Pat



La parroquia está trabajando actualmente en planes formales (que deben ser aprobados por la diócesis) para reabrir a los estudiantes de nuestra escuela, programa de educación religiosa, programa de confirmación y ministerio juvenil en el otoño. Sentimos que podemos hacer que las cosas sucedan para la instrucción en persona, aunque ciertamente será diferente de lo que era antes. Sea paciente y sepa que nos comunicaremos con usted a medida que se desarrollen las cosas. Anticipo completamente que los planes tendrán que cambiar varias veces a lo largo del año debido a los acontecimientos en la pandemia. ¡Espero que para nuestro beneficio!

Tenemos a varios seminaristas en la rectoría este verano, como probablemente ya lo haya visto. ¡Ambas casas están completamente llenas! Ha sido maravilloso tener su ayuda y también ayudarlos en su formación; disfruto mucho ese ministerio. Han estado aprendiendo mucho sobre el ministerio en tiempos difíciles en estos días, y aunque nadie elegiría esto por ellos, creo que es valioso. ¡Yo les digo que espero que nunca tengan que ser pastores durante una pandemia! Pero, de nuevo, si tiene que suceder, ¡siempre pueden contar conmigo para recibir consejos!

Por favor, sepa que rezo por usted todos los días; Agradezco sus oraciones por mí.

Suyo en Cristo y su Santísima Madre,
Padre Pat Mulcahy, Parroco

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*Uważam, że cierpienia obecnego czasu są niczym
w porównaniu z chwałą, jaka zostanie nam objawiona.
List do Rzymian 8:18*

Drodzy Bracia i Siostry w Chrystusie,

Chcę osobiście podziękować za listy i za słowa wsparcia w tym szalonym czasie. Wiem, że to trudny czas i czasem oczekiwaliście więcej, ale doceniam Waszą wyrozumiałość i wsparcie. Są dni, w których Wasze listy całkowicie zmieniły mój dzień.

W ostatnich czasach z pewnością byłem sfrustrowany. Wygląda na to, że robimy krok do przodu i dwa kroki do tyłu. Chciałem rozpocząć codzienną Mszę św. z udziałem obecnych ludzi (poniedziałek 6 lipca), ale możliwe przypadki zarażenia na COVID-19 naszych pracowników zmusiły nas do cofnięcia się. Chcieliśmy dodać Msze w niedzielę, ale gromadzenie i szkolenie wolontariuszy trwa dłużej. Więc po prostu wiedz, że nie chcemy się zatrzymywać; zamierzamy zrobić więcej, ale prawdopodobnie zajmie nam to trochę czasu. Proszę o ciągłą cierpliwość.

Każdego dnia modłę się o rozeznanie, aby podejmować właściwe decyzje, aby utrzymać zaangażowanie i posługę ludzi w parafii, ale także zapewnić wszystkim bezpieczeństwo. To zdecydowanie trudne zadanie!

Parafia pracuje obecnie nad formalnymi planami (które muszą zostać zatwierdzone przez diecezję) ponownego otwarcia naszej szkoły, programu edukacji religijnej, przygotowanie do bierzmowania i duszpasterstwa młodzieży. Wydaje nam się, że będziemy prowadzić zajęcia w szkole, chociaż z pewnością będzie inaczej niż było. Prosimy o cierpliwość i bądź pewny(-a), że będziemy się z tobą komunikować w miarę rozwoju sytuacji. W pełni przewiduję, że plany będą musiały ulec zmianie kilka razy w ciągu roku ze względu na rozwój pandemii. (Mam nadzieję, że na lepsze!)

Tego lata, jak zapewne widzieliście, mamy na plebanii wielu seminarzystów,. Oba domy są całkowicie pełne! Wspaniale jest ich gościć jak również korzystać z ich pomocy. Jest to piękna formacja i osobiście bardzo lubię tę posługę. W dzisiejszych czasach dużo się nauczyli o służbie i chociaż nikt nigdy nie wybrałby tego dla nich, myślę, że jest to cenne doświadczenie. Mówię im, że mam nadzieję, że nigdy nie będą pastorami podczas pandemii! Ale z drugiej strony, jeśli tak się stanie, zawsze mogą liczyć na moją poradę!

Wiedźcie, że modłę się za was każdego dnia; Doceniam wasze modlitwy za mnie.

Wasz w Chrystusie i Jego Najświętszej Matce,
Ojciec Pat Mulcahy, Pastor

Please remember the sick and the confined of our parish community, especially...

Rosario Anaya, John Arduino, Margaret Birmingham, Anthony Blum, Marsha Bysak, Frank Carino Jr., Luz Contreras, Gloria Cook, Lois Costablile, Pat Cremeens, Patricia Cunningham, Lynette Dattomo, Mary Dickerson, Megan Dolan, Maureen Dranger, Alexander Dynako, Rick Erwin, Deborah Fadden, Jean Fiaoni, Sue Flynn, Brandon Franklin, Dana Freund, Paul Gadomski, Frances Galasinski, Wayne Galasinski, Margaret Gee, Steven Gentili, Mary Lou Gist, Avery Gladkowski, Janice Gregoire, Jennifer Grimm, Mark Gualberto, Donald Hahn, Mary Hanna, Erinn Heines, Matt Hoch, Sue Hoch, Ken Hood, Pat Hood, Chris Jalove, Joe Jonish, Carmella Justice, Grant Justice, Michael J. Kelly, Derek Khan, Donna Knight, Colleen Kowalke, Rita Kowalski, Lenita Krall, Lucille Lamb, Jeffrey Les, Zachary Loeffler, Rita Maksimik, Diane Markley, Michael Mardula, Shirley McBride, Margaret McCarthy, Lois McGowan, Gregory Mendoza, Amparo Mireles, Carmen Mireles, Elena A. Mireles, Raul Mireles, Benjamin Mollandin, Erik Mollandin, Kevin Moore, Michael Moravec, Wally Moskwa, Cheryl Muscato, Betty Nichols, Bob Nichols, Bobby Nichols, Sr. Roselyn Nichols, Lawrence Nonnie, Steve Obremski, Emmy Lou O'Connor, Patricia O'Donnell, Maria T. Olvera, Ella Page, MaryBeth Perkins, Corrine Pieroni, Jim Ptak, Willard Pisto, Joel Rivera, Catherine Ryba, Kathy Schipman, Cathy Schuller, Hayley Schwartz, Rose Marie Selke, Mya Singh, Tim Slayman, Roseanne Smith, Dan Sochan, Stevie Lynn Stock, John Szklarski, Maria Tejeda-Ortega, Gerard Titchenal, Bruce Trevillian II, Al Urban, Keith Urban, Aurora Vargas-Rubi, Florian (Butch) Zimecki

If you would like to add or remove a name from the prayer cross, please contact Pat Mander, Pastoral Minister at 815-436-2651 ext 893.



Please keep
Ramona Fuentes
and her family in your prayers.

In Memoriam

Sacramental Reopening Volunteers Needed



As we reopen our parish in stages, we will need help from some very special people in a variety of roles, all of which will need to be trained on the new procedures we will need to follow to allow us to eventually fully reopen. If you would like to volunteer, please go to the following link and fill out the form:

<https://smip.org/volunteer-form>

We are currently looking for volunteers for greeters, setup and cleaning and sanitizing. We will need volunteers for:

- Daily Mass (Monday through Saturday)
- Sunday Mass
- Baptisms (Weekends)
- Funerals (Monday through Saturday)
- Weddings (Friday or Saturday typically)
- Reconciliation (Saturday)

Since volunteering at St. Mary Immaculate could put you in close proximity with others that may be COVID-19 positive or carriers, we respectfully ask you to NOT volunteer if you are over the age of 60, have a compromised immune system, diabetes, lung disease, or any condition that categorizes you as part of the "vulnerable population". Volunteers should only serve if they are confident in their health and do so under their own responsibility.

Celebrating Mass Together at SMI



We are now able to celebrate Mass together as a community in person using social distancing and maximum capacity guidelines set by Bishop Pates (Diocese of Joliet) and the State of Illinois.

Sunday Mass will begin at 8:00 a.m. in English and 10:00 a.m. in Spanish. Attendance will be limited to 100 people for each Mass and registration to attend Mass is required.

Register to attend Sunday English Masses online* at <https://www.smip.org/sundaymasstickets>

Register to attend Sunday Spanish Masses online* at <https://www.smip.org/boletos>

Please note that at this time registration will be on a rotating basis and we ask that you only try to secure tickets for Mass once every 2 months to allow all parishioners an opportunity. Once you have attended Mass, SMI reserves the right to give your reservation to parishioners that have not yet had an opportunity to attend.

Registration will be handled using Eventbrite. After you have registered for Mass you will receive an email confirmation from Eventbrite. That confirmation email will have a PDF ticket attached with a QR Code. Please bring the electronic ticket (or a paper copy) with you on Sunday to "check" your party in at the door.

*If you do not have internet access to register online, please call the parish office Monday–Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. with your contact information and the number of tickets needed.

Live Streaming of Daily & Weekend Mass



For the time being, St. Mary Immaculate will continue live streaming
Daily and Weekend Masses on our Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/StMaryImmaculate/videos>.

Daily Mass will begin at 9:00 AM

Sunday Mass will begin at 8:00 AM in English

Sunday Mass will begin at 10:00 AM in Spanish

Sunday Mass in the Parking Lot will begin at 12:00 NOON in English

You can also view them at a later time on our website <https://www.smip.org/mass-videos>.



Daily Mass

Good news! We are now open for 50 participants at daily Mass. In order to attend, you must register in advance, by calling the parish office between the hours of 8am and 1pm (815-436-2651). Our parish receptionist will take your reservation.

As we have been doing, Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am Monday through Saturday. If you are part of the vulnerable population, or you cannot wear a mask for the entire Mass, you should not come to Mass in person. Please consult your physician. For those who cannot attend in person, we will continue to livestream the Mass each day.

While in church, you must wear a mask and social distance at all times. Members of the same household can sit together, but others will need to observe social distance. You will be seated by a member of our staff. Except for receiving Holy Communion, you must wear your mask at all times, without exception.

When you arrive, please enter through the North doors (the doors near the Adoration Chapel). If you arrive without a reservation, you will need to wait until all have been seated to see if we still have room, so please call for a reservation! You will need to use hand sanitizer before you enter church, and before Holy Communion. During the Lord's Prayer we will not be holding hands, and we will not be touching others during the sign of peace (except for members of the same household). You can always give a friendly wave!

Please follow the staff directions for Holy Communion. Holy Communion will be distributed on the hand only, as per diocesan guidelines, and we will not be distributing the Precious Blood of Christ from the cup. After Mass, please wait for a member of our staff to direct you out. We will not be able to allow people to remain for prayer after Mass at this time.

If you are not part of the vulnerable population, and are able to help us as a volunteer, we could use some additional volunteers. Please call Kelly Seifert in the Parish Office to volunteer, or sign up online at smip.org/volunteer-form.

Changes to our Baptism Schedule due to Covid 19



To have your child baptized at St. Mary Immaculate, you must have been a member of the parish for at least 6 months. If you are not a member of the parish you are welcome to register on our website www.smip.org/register

Once you have registered as a parishioner you must call the Parish Office to sign up for a Baptism Prep Class. For the immediate future, we will be holding baptism classes via Zoom.

The future dates for these classes are:

Tuesday, July 14, 7:00-8:15pm

Wednesday, August 12, 7:00-8:15pm

If you have attended a Baptism class at St. Mary's within the last 3 years, this requirement is waived.

Schedule the Baptism

Once you have completed the Prep Class, call the Parish Office to schedule the baptism.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

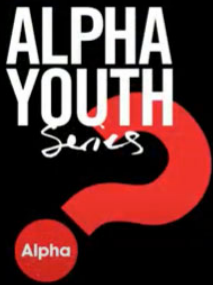


Saint Maria Goretti: Fourteen Flowers of Pardon

Shot on location in Italy, this moving account takes you on a historic and poignant journey through the life, martyrdom, and canonization of the Roman Catholic Church's youngest saint, Maria Goretti.

SIGN UP FOR FREE AT SMIP.FORMED.ORG

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Join teens from SMI and around the world for a summer long experience that looks at the big questions teens are asking today:

- Why am I here?
- What is my purpose?
- Who is Jesus to me?
- What is truth?

Perfect for teens at any place in their faith! Videos will be live streamed followed by virtual group discussions with teens from our parish. If safety allows it, we may gather later in the summer in person.

Sundays at 6 pm



Open to incoming 9th graders-graduated seniors.

To sign up: Contact Dianne Rostollan, drostollan@smip.org



SAVE THE DATE

St. Mary Immaculate is currently in the planning stages for our annual Make a Difference Day. The committee has monthly Zoom meetings scheduled beginning in July. They will discuss what projects can be done and how those projects can be revised to follow safe practices and social distancing guidelines.

Make a Difference Day is scheduled for October 17, 2020.

More information will be coming in the next few months. Please contact Pam Angelus with any questions at 815-436-2651 ext. 849.



Limited Campus Reopening

With the Stay-at-Home Order lifted, our staff has returned to work on campus, in a limited capacity. We welcome visitors into the parish building during the week, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., **by appointment only**. In keeping with the state's and diocese's current

guidelines, we ask that any questions or requests that can be handled by phone or email, continue to be handled in that manner. Items such as registration forms or donations can be left in our drop box in front of the Commons doors.

If you feel that an in-person visit is necessary, **visitors are asked to please make an appointment by phone or email with the person they would like to see**, to determine a date and time to come to the parish. When arriving for an appointment, all visitors are asked to **enter through the Commons doors**.

All visitors must **wear a mask** or face covering over their nose and mouth and **maintain a distance of at least six feet from others**. There are markers on the floor identifying a six feet distance.

Visitors should check in with the Commons Receptionist first. She will let the staff member or priest know that their guest has arrived. At that point, the visitor will be asked to proceed to the appropriate location. If someone needs to wait, they will be asked to take a seat or possibly stand in the Commons, maintaining a six feet distance from others.

If you made an appointment, but have a fever or are experiencing any symptoms associated with the Covid-19 virus, please stay home. Please feel free to call the office and reschedule your appointment for when you are well. If the meeting cannot wait, you may consider conducting your business via telephone instead of an in-person appointment. The office staff would be happy to assist you.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we do our best to keep everyone safe.

Stay Connected!

We are excited to announce the parish has adopted a new way to keep you connected to the life of the parish. You may have received a welcome message from the new system of our parish, Evangelus. This is not spam. We encourage you to open the message and follow the link to create a profile and select your preferred form of contact. There will also be groups for you to join. Take a moment and see if there are any groups that may interest you. Feel free to join as many groups as you wish. Take a moment to join groups which you are already a part of and see if there are any other groups that interest you. If you are not a registered parishioner here, you will not receive a message because we don't have your information on file, so just follow the instructions below.

Of course, we recommend you register as a parishioner here in general. You can also follow us on Social media and download our parish app as well. There are so many amazing things going on at the parish. Follow the link and tell us how to best send you messages so you won't miss out.

The link to register for emails or text messages: eva.us/SMIP

You can also text SMIP to 55321 to sign up!

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE
*Email or
Text Messages*



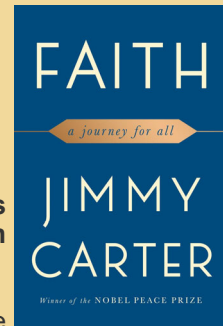
Catholic Charities Back to School Fair Donation Request

The Catholic Charities Annual Back to School Fair is a major countywide effort to help low-income families access important supplies to begin the school year on a positive note. Due to the current health concerns, this year's fair will be set up as a school supplies "drive-thru".

Since we are currently unable to collect items at the parish, we are planning to purchase the requested school supplies and have them delivered to Catholic Charities, in time for the event.

Please go to smip.org/schoolfair by July 20, if you would like to make a donation to help us purchase supplies to support Will County school families in need. *Thank you for your generosity.*

Book Discussion on "Faith: A Journey For All" By Jimmy Carter



In this powerful reflection, President Jimmy Carter contemplates how faith has sustained him in happiness and disappointment. He considers how we may find it in our own lives.

All his life, President Jimmy Carter has been a courageous exemplar of faith. Now he shares the lessons he learned. He writes, "The issue of faith arises in almost every area of human existence, so it is important to understand its multiple meanings. In this book, my primary goal is to explore the broader meaning of faith, its far-reaching effect on our lives, and its relationship to past, present, and future events in America and around the world. The religious aspects of faith are also covered, since this is how the word is most often used, and I have included a description of the ways my faith has guided and sustained me, as well as how it has challenged and driven me to seek a closer and better relationship with people and with God."

As President Carter examines faith's many meanings, he describes how to accept it, live it, how to doubt and find faith again. A serious and moving reflection from one of America's most admired and respected citizens.

You can get the book from Amazon or Barnes and Noble.

We will discuss the book on Monday, July 27, 2020 at 7pm via the online meeting platform Zoom.

Send an email to Dr. Doug Muir (dmuir@smip.org)

Zoom Meeting ID: 965-0106-1419

How to Come to Mass - July 2020

The following instructions must be reviewed and agreed to before attending Mass in person.

If you are comfortable with all the requirements and instructions below, go to the Eventbrite link and get your tickets. One ticket is needed for every member of your party.

- ◆ Wake up early, get dressed, and drive over to St Mary Immaculate.
- ◆ Entry to the building begins 15 minutes prior to Mass time. A parking attendant will let you know when you can get in line. Maintain a 6 foot social distance from other families when waiting to enter the building.
- ◆ Make certain all in your party are together and are wearing face coverings (except children 2 and under). Your children must remain in your pew with you at all times.
- ◆ You will enter and exit the building ONLY through the North Door 6 near the Adoration Chapel
- ◆ We will spray sanitize your hands upon entry and verify you have reviewed the communion instructions
- ◆ Present your tickets/phone confirmation to the second greeter. Those without tickets will be required to wait outside. If all reservations are filled, those without tickets will be required to return to their car and watch Mass via livestream.
- ◆ If you cannot kneel during consecration, notify an usher and they will provide specific seating arrangements.
- ◆ Follow the remaining ushers who will seat you based on the size of your party and order of arrival. We are filling the church front to back, south to north. First section seated will be the last section to exit after Mass, so please be patient after Mass concludes.
- ◆ If your party is small, you may be asked to share a pew with another small group, however, we expect you to keep the proper social distance.
- ◆ Keep your mask on at all times during Mass.
- ◆ Before Mass begins, ushers are available to answer any questions you have.
- ◆ Do not leave your pew to socialize with other parishioners, keep your social distance.
- ◆ Do not share a physical sign of peace with anyone outside of your immediate family, or hold hands with non-family during the Our Father.
- ◆ If someone in your party must use the restroom at any time during Mass, an usher will accompany you to the North Wing restrooms. You must wash your hands and re-sanitize after using the restroom.
- ◆ There will be no collection during Mass. Offertory envelopes can be dropped in the box as you enter or exit the church.
- ◆ There are four communion stations. As you prepare to receive the Eucharist, stay in your pew until called by the usher, they will spray sanitize your hands again.
- ◆ Keep 6 ft distance from the person in front of you, following the markers on the floor.
- ◆ Move forward to the Priest/Minister, remove one side of your face covering, approach, bow, answer Amen, and hold out your hands.
- ◆ An usher will be next to the Priest/Minister to direct you to a blue X on the floor where you will remove consume Jesus, replace your face covering and then return to your pew.
- ◆ We are expecting all attending Mass to respectfully return to their pew after Communion. No one is allowed to leave church at this time.
- ◆ After the end of the recessional hymn, ushers will arrive and sequentially direct you from your pew through the North Door exit to the parking lot. Once outside you may remove your face covering if keeping the proper social distance.
- ◆ No groups will be allowed to socialize or linger in the church or the parking lot after Mass as the volunteers and ministers must clean, sanitize and prepare for the following Mass.

Thank you for coming and following these new instructions. We also ask you to not attempt to secure tickets for another Mass for at least two months in order to allow all our parishioners to attend. We reserve the right to deny tickets to parishioners that do not respect this request.

Parking Lot Mass Sundays at 12:00 Noon

Welcome to the new age of Masses at St Mary Immaculate!!! For now at least.

Things are definitely different, but basically the same. Let me explain. You get up, get dressed and drive to St Mary Immaculate. Please enter the parking lot at the traffic light on Route 59. You will then be directed by wonderful volunteers to a specific location where you will park your car and wait for Mass to start. The volunteers will ask you a few questions. Most importantly, if anyone in your vehicle has a fever or is experiencing symptoms. They will also ask the number of people receiving Communion today. If someone in your party needs to receive a low-gluten host, you need to tell them that so that a low-gluten host can be consecrated and distributed to that person.

We have arranged our sound system so that you can listen live to Mass on your car radio tuned to St. Mary Immaculate's channel located on your FM dial at 107.7. You also should secure a Facebook or Youtube connection if you wish to view the Mass that will be live streamed.

Now you are ready for Mass as normal. Oh wait except for receiving Holy Communion. So let's prepare. After the priest receives the Eucharist, he will give Communion to the Extraordinary Ministers that will be distributing in the Parking Lot. They will be wearing face coverings and face shields for both your protection and theirs. When they have received and sanitized their hands, they will come to the parking lot.

Communion ministers and parking lot attendants will pass on both sides of the rows of cars. The attendant's job is to collect any offertory envelopes your family has brought, make certain all in the car have their face coverings securely in place, and spray sanitizer on everyone's hands. One attendant will be on each side of your car. If you have a back row of seats that cannot be reached without the door being opened, please open the door or window so the Extraordinary Minister doesn't have to enter your vehicle. If you bring your own sanitizer, just let the attendant know and you will be ready.

As the Minister of Communion approaches your car, hold out your hand to accept the Eucharist, remove one side of your mask and immediately consume the host. Put your mask securely back in place. Please leave the radio and live stream on through the Communion process so you can finish the Mass.

God bless you and thank you for coming to Mass. We hope receiving the sacrament of the Eucharist was a long awaited, but well received experience for you. We certainly hope to see you again next week.

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Bullet Points:

- If you or any member of your family is experiencing any Covid-19 symptoms, or is feeling ill, please stay at home.
- Arrive through the traffic light on Route 59.
- Follow the parking attendants to your parking spot.
- Answer these questions:
 - Is anyone in your party sick today?
 - How many people will be receiving Jesus today?
 - If anyone requires a low gluten host, inform the attendant.
- Tune to FM 107.7 and/or Facebook or Youtube for the livestream Mass.
- Participate at Mass as you always do.
- When the Ministers of Communion come outside, get ready to receive.
- Put on your face covering.
- Sanitize your hands.
- Roll down windows and be ready to open doors if necessary.
- Hold hands out if not sanitized, and an attendant will place hand sanitizer on them.
- Hold your hand out to receive Jesus.
- Remove one side of your face covering and consume the Eucharist.
- Secure your mask back in place.
- Continue listening to the radio or live stream and have a blessed day.
- After Mass, please follow the directions of the parking lot attendants to exit the campus on Frederick Street.
- Remember Jesus is in you and your car as you drive home. In other words, please be patient!



*"For I was hungry and you
gave me something to eat,*

I was thirsty and you



Daybreak Shelter Gift Card Drive

In lieu of the bi-monthly meal St. Mary Immaculate was providing six times a year for the residents of Daybreak Shelter, we are hoping to provide gift cards to local restaurants on an on-going basis, until our regular schedule can be resumed.



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Gift cards can be brought to the parish any time and placed into a drop box outside the Commons doors.



Please Help

*'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the
least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you
did for me.'*

- Matthew 25:35-40

Drive-Up Adoration



Saint Mary Immaculate is open for Drive-Up Adoration on the following days and times until further notice:

- Mondays, 9:30am – 8:00pm
- Wednesdays, 9:30am - 12:00 noon
- Fridays, 9:30am - 8:00pm
- Saturdays, 9:30am – 12 noon

Please note that we are expecting a large number of people, so if you experience that, please come back for one of our later times.

When you come, your cooperation with the following is necessary and appreciated:

IF YOU ARE SICK (WITH **ANYTHING**), DO NOT COME TO CHURCH. We understand you want the sacraments, but staying home when you are sick is an act of charity. Even though you will be in your car, you should not come to church.

- a. If you have a fever, stay home.
 - b. If you have traveled in the last 14 days, stay home.
 - c. If you have a cough, or any shortness of breath, stay home.
2. Please drive up near the church entrance. Park on the parking spaces, but parallel park on either side of the islands facing the church. Leave the aisles open for traffic. The Blessed Sacrament will be in the monstrance on an altar in the church vestibule.
 3. Do not drive into the circle and block the view for others.
 4. Please be careful driving in the parking lot.
 5. Turn off your headlights.
 6. DO NOT GET OUT OF YOUR CAR AT ANY TIME FOR ANY REASON.
 7. Please do not block aisles. We need everyone to be able to come and go.
 8. If you are able to support the parish during this time, you can drop your contribution in the drop box outside the Commons on your way out of the lot, or mail them in, or contribute online through our website. THANK YOU for your support during this difficult time.

We have heard that some people are leaving their cars during adoration to pray by the window or attempting to enter church. For everyone's wellness and safety, we have asked, and are asking again, that all REMAIN IN YOUR CAR. If we cannot achieve this cooperation, drive up adoration will have to be canceled until the church can reopen. Your cooperation is necessary, and appreciated.

THANK YOU for your understanding. We know it's difficult having to adhere to all of these guidelines, but we need to work together so that we can have everyone experience the remedies of Holy Mother Church to the extent that we are able, while still helping everyone to remain well. Please know of our continued prayers for everyone at this time.

Sacrament of Penance



Saint Mary Immaculate is open for the Sacrament of Penance!

- **Saturdays, 3:00pm until all are heard**

Please note that we are expecting a large number of people, so if you experience that, please come back at a later time.

When you come, your cooperation with the following is necessary and appreciated:

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 - a. If you have a fever, stay home.
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2. Before you come, please wash your hands thoroughly. You will be asked to use hand sanitizer when you enter the building.
3. You must wear a covering over your mouth and nose (a mask or bandana) when you are on the church campus (inside or outside of the building). This is not optional; those without a face covering will not be admitted to the building. If you need a face covering, please let us know and we will try to get one for you.
4. Confessions will take place in the Commons. Please line up outside the building. There are marks on the sidewalk every six feet; please use those to maintain social distance. No one will be permitted to wait inside the building.
5. If you have issues walking or standing in line, please let one of our staff know and we will address your needs if at all possible.
6. Please understand there may be staff in the parking lot directing traffic. Please follow their instructions for safe arrival and departure. Also be extra careful leaving the parking lot as we anticipate many persons arriving and departing throughout each session.
7. Confessions will be done behind a screen. Face-to-face confessions will not be available at this time.
8. After you have made your confession, please leave the Commons so that we can admit the next person. Please do not linger on the parish grounds. Remember that we still need to maintain social distance so that all may remain well. This is not yet the time for a social gathering. We are praying for that opportunity soon.
9. We are expecting many penitents, so in consideration of others, we cannot offer spiritual direction or counseling during these times. Please make a good examination of conscience before you arrive and plan to be as expedient as is possible so that others may also be heard. We want to be able to provide the Sacrament of Penance for as many as possible, so we appreciate your cooperation.
10. You are asked to say your Act of Contrition either before or after, and not during your confession. Resources to say the Act of Contrition will be available in the Commons.
11. If you are able to support the parish during this time, there will be a box in the Commons for you to make your contribution. You are also able to drop contributions in the drop box outside the Commons at any time, or mail them in, or contribute online through our website. THANK YOU for your support during this difficult time.

THANK YOU for your cooperation. We know it's difficult having to adhere to all of these guidelines, but it's more difficult to go without the sacraments, as you have no doubt experienced. Let's work together so that we can have everyone experience the remedies of Holy Mother Church to the extent that we are able, while still helping everyone to remain well. Please know of our continued prayers for everyone at this time.

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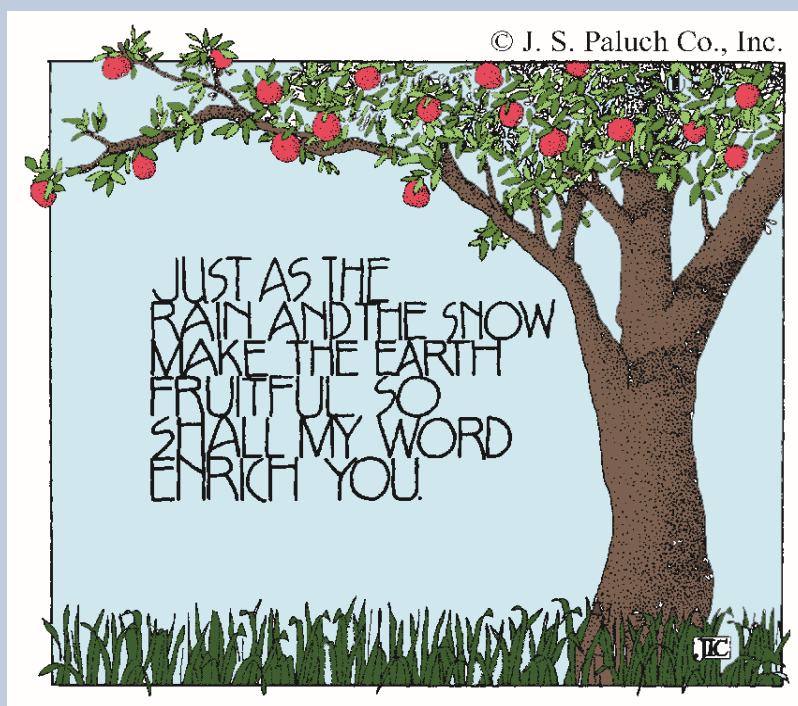
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