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The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 19, 2020

Jesus spoke to the crowd in parables



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“Christian joy flows from listening to, and accepting, the Good News of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Whoever believes this message knows that life is born of the love of God the Father.”

-Pope Francis @ Pontifex

Mass Intentions

Monday – 9:00 a.m.	July 20, 2020 God’s Blessings for Fr. Pat Mulcahy – <i>(Anna Dudzik)</i>
Tuesday – 9:00 a.m.	July 21, 2020 Arturo Ocampo – <i>(Wife & Daughter)</i> Mother’s Day Remembrance
Wednesday – 9:00 a.m.	July 22, 2020 Katherine Lopes – <i>(Rappe Family)</i>
Thursday – 9:00 a.m.	July 23, 2020 Michael T. Rafter – <i>(Family)</i> Marcia J. Margis – <i>(McDonough & Nolan Families)</i>
Friday – 9:00 a.m.	July 24, 2020 Charlotte Glavan – <i>(Family)</i>
Saturday – 9:00 a.m.	July 25, 2020 Gerald & Eleanor White – <i>(John & Lydia White)</i>
Sunday – 8:00 a.m.	July 26, 2020 People of the Parish
10:00 a.m. (Spanish)	Maria G. Martinez – <i>(Moreno-Meza Family)</i>
12:00 p.m. (Parking Lot)	People of the Parish



CMAA Pledge Report for St. Mary Immaculate Parish As of July 12, 2020

	2020	2019
Goal:	\$231,500	\$221,300
Amount Pledged:	\$168,878	\$202,030
Amount Paid:	\$125,654	\$145,541
Amount Due:	\$44,224	\$56,486
Number of Donors:	727	842

Those of you that have pledged, please make your payments to the CMAA in a timely fashion. The Diocese of Joliet is counting on your support.

Readings for the Week

Sunday	Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]
Monday	Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday	Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17
Friday	Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday	2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Sunday	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]



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

*The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness;
for we do not know how to pray as we ought...*
Romans 8:26

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I don't know about you, but I take real comfort in the passage from Saint Paul's letter to the Romans, above. Because there are plenty of times when I just don't know how to pray the right way.

I remember a time when I was in seminary, and both of my parents were diagnosed with cancer within a month of each other. That was a crazy time, and I just couldn't even find the words to pray any more. I knew God was still there and would lead me through, but all I could say was "help." Really, that's how I prayed. Thankfully, the Holy Spirit took over and came to the aid of my weakness. He sent me a few of my classmates who came that night to pray over me and with me, and from that moment on, I was able to pray again.

We have to know that the Spirit does want us to pray, wants us to be in relationship with God, because that's the whole point. God created us to be in relationship with him, and the way that we nurture and grow in that relationship is through prayer. The way we grow in any relationship that is important to us is by communication: no communication, no relationship. That's just as true about our relationship with God as it is with all our relationships.

I've found this to be true not just about intercessory prayer, but about all kinds of prayer. If I'm stumped on what a passage of Scripture means, bringing that frustration to the Spirit, he comes to my aid. I'll find a resource that helps me sort it out, or gain an insight by talking to someone about it. Prayer isn't always easy, sometimes it just doesn't flow the way we would like it to. It takes work, but it's worth the work.

So here's how to pray with this during this week. Take five minutes. Think about some area of prayer that you've found difficult. Maybe it's how to pray for someone or something in your life, and you don't know how to bring it to the Lord. Maybe it's some area of prayer itself you've found difficult: how to spend time in adoration, how to contemplate Scripture. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you with that. Know that the Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness. Put aside the restrictions that come about when we think, "I should be able to do this." Let the Spirit teach you how to pray. Then give thanks, knowing that God will always answer this prayer.

May the Spirit come to the aid of all of us!

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

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*El Espíritu viene en ayuda de nuestra debilidad;
porque no sabemos orar como deberíamos ...*
Romanos 8:26

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo:

No sé sobre usted, pero me consuela mucho el pasaje de la carta de San Pablo a los romanos, arriba. Porque hay muchas ocasiones en que simplemente no sé cómo rezar de la manera correcta.

Recuerdo un momento en que estaba en el seminario, y mis padres fueron diagnosticados con cáncer con un mes de diferencia. Fue un momento loco, y ya no podía encontrar las palabras para rezar. Sabía que Dios todavía estaba allí y me guiaría, pero todo lo que pude decir fue "ayuda". Realmente, así es como recé. Afortunadamente, el Espíritu Santo se hizo cargo y vino en ayuda de mi debilidad. Me envió a algunos de mis compañeros de clase que vinieron esa noche a rezar por mí y conmigo, y desde ese momento pude volver a rezar.

Tenemos que saber que el Espíritu quiere que oremos, que tengamos una relación con Dios, porque ese es el punto. Dios nos creó para estar en relación con él, y la forma en que nutrimos y crecemos en esa relación es a través de la oración. La forma en que crecemos en cualquier relación que es importante para nosotros es mediante la comunicación: sin comunicación, sin relación. Eso es tan cierto acerca de nuestra relación con Dios como lo es con todas nuestras relaciones.

He descubierto que esto es cierto no solo sobre la oración intercesora, sino sobre todo tipo de oración. Si estoy perplejo con lo que significa un pasaje de la Escritura, trayendo esa frustración al Espíritu, él viene en mi ayuda. Encontraré un recurso que me ayude a resolverlo o a obtener una idea hablando con alguien sobre el tema. La oración no siempre es fácil, a veces simplemente no fluye como nos gustaría. Se necesita trabajo, pero vale la pena el trabajo.

Así que aquí está cómo orar con esto durante esta semana. Tómame cinco minutos. Piensa en alguna área de oración que te haya resultado difícil. Tal vez es cómo orar por alguien o algo en tu vida, y no sabes cómo llevarlo al Señor. Tal vez sea un área de oración en sí misma que le haya resultado difícil: cómo pasar el tiempo adorando, cómo contemplar las Escrituras. Pídale al Espíritu Santo que lo ayude con eso. Sepa que el Espíritu viene en ayuda de nuestra debilidad. Deje de lado las restricciones que surgen cuando pensamos: "Debería poder hacer esto". Deja que el Espíritu te enseñe a orar. Luego da gracias, sabiendo que Dios siempre contestará esta oración.

¡Que el Espíritu venga en ayuda de todos nosotros!

Tuya en Cristo y su Santísima Madre,
Padre Pat Mulcahy, Pastor

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*Duch przychodzi z pomocą naszej słabości;
bo nie wiemy, jak powinniśmy się modlić...*
List do Rzymian 8:26

Drodzy Bracia i Siostry w Chrystusie,

Nie wiem jak Wy, ale ja naprawdę pocieszam się powyższym fragmentem z listu Świętego Pawła do Rzymian. Ponieważ tak często, po prostu nie wiem jak modlić się we właściwy sposób.

Pamiętam ten moment kiedy będąc w seminarium dowiedziałem się że u obu moich rodziców zdiagnozowano raka (obydwoje w tym samym czasie). To był szalony czas i po prostu nie mogłem nawet znaleźć słów do modlitwy. Wiedziałem, że Bóg wciąż jest i mnie poprowadzi, ale wszystko, co mogłem powiedzieć, to „pomóż mi”. Naprawdę tak się modliłem. Na szczęście Duch Święty przejął władzę i pomógł mojej słabości. Wysłał mi kilku moich kolegów z klasy, którzy przybyli tamtej nocy, aby modlić się nade mną i ze mną, i od tej chwili mogłem znów się modlić.

Musimy wiedzieć, że Duch chce, abyśmy się modlili, abyśmy byli w relacji z Bogiem, ponieważ o to właśnie chodzi. Bóg stworzył nas, abyśmy byli z Nim w relacji, a sposób, w jaki pielęgnowujemy i wzrastamy w tej relacji, odbywa się poprzez modlitwę. Sposób, w jaki rozwijamy się w każdym ważnym dla nas związku, polega na komunikacji: bez komunikacji nie ma relacji. Dotyczy to zarówno naszego związku z Bogiem, jak i we wszystkich naszych relacjach.

Odkryłem, że jest to prawdą nie tylko w odniesieniu do modlitwy wstawienniczej, ale także do wszystkich rodzajów modlitwy. Jeśli zastanawiam się, co oznacza fragment Pisma Świętego, przynoszę tę frustrację Duchowi Św. i On przychodzi mi z pomocą. Znajdę zasób, który pomoże mi go pojąć i rozeznac, np. rozmawiając z kimś na ten temat. Modlitwa nie zawsze jest łatwa, czasem nie płynie tak, jak byśmy tego chcieli. To wymaga pracy, ale jest warte pracy.

Oto jak się możemy modlić w tym tygodniu. Poświęć pięć minut. Pomyśl o niektórych obszarach modlitwy, które były dla ciebie trudne. Może chodzi o to, jak modlić się za kogoś lub coś w twoim życiu, a ty nie wiesz, jak zanieść to Panu. Może jest to dla ciebie trudny obszar modlitwy: jak spędzać czas na adoracji, jak kontemplować Pismo. Poproś Ducha Świętego, aby ci w tym pomógł. Wiedźcie, że Duch przychodzi z pomocą naszej słabości. Odłóż na bok ograniczenia, które pojawiają się, gdy myślimy: „Powiniennem być w stanie to zrobić”. Niech Duch nauczy cię modlić się. Podziękujcie, wiedząc, że Bóg zawsze odpowie na tę modlitwę.

Niech Duch przyjdzie nam wszystkim z pomocą!

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 Prito, 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 Tejada-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
Raymond E. Fox, Jr.
and his 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.

Our Family in Faith



Congratulations to the Newly Baptized...



BARRETT RUSSELL NIELSON

Son of Scott & Lauren (Corry) Nielson

Welcome to Our New Parishioners

Catherine Curtis
Plainfield, IL

Bob & Amanda Dehm
Joliet, IL

Georgiene Mazzuca
Romeoville, IL

Bobby & Jianna Salinas
Joliet, IL

Daniel & Kaitlyn Smart
Plainfield, IL

Marie Tomko
Plainfield, IL

Michael & Mary Vargas
Joliet, IL

Anna Wroblewski
Plainfield, IL

Dominik & Katarzyna Zolkos
Plainfield, IL

9 new households have registered at St. Mary Immaculate since July 12, 2020.

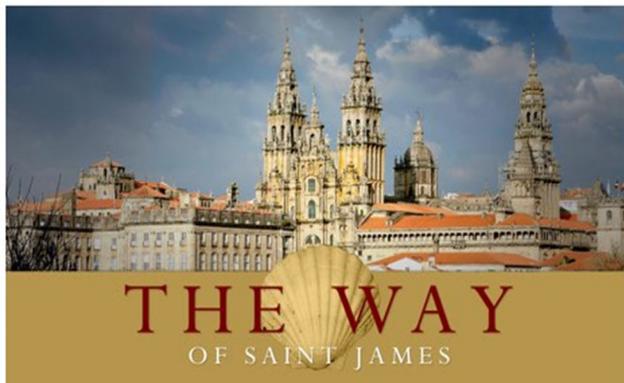
Live Streaming of Daily & Weekend Mass



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>.



FORMED
PICK OF THE WEEK

The Way of Saint James

This documentary follows the journey of several pilgrims who differ in culture and religious faith, united only by a mysterious attraction towards the same spiritual destination.

SIGN UP FOR FREE AT [SMIP.FORMED.ORG](https://www.smip.org/mass-videos)

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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.



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.

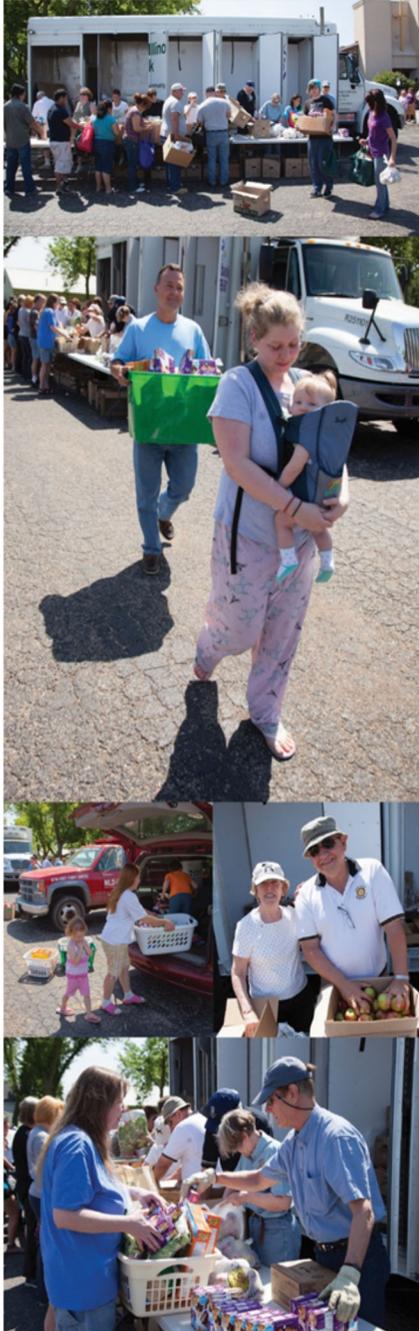
As we have been doing, Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am Monday through Saturday. If you are part of the vulnerable population, or you cannot wear a mask for the entire Mass, you should not come to Mass in person. Please consult your physician. For those who cannot attend in person, we will continue 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](https://www.smip.org/volunteer-form).



ARE YOU HUNGRY?

If you don't have enough to eat, Northern Illinois Food Bank's Mobile Pantry can help.

Northern Illinois Food Bank's Mobile Pantry distributes nutritious food in high-need areas.

Food is free to low-income neighbors in need.

Please bring bags or boxes in which to package your food.



Food is distributed on a first-come, first served basis, while supplies last.



Feeding Our Hungry Neighbors

For additional food resources, visit www.SolveHungerToday.org/GetHelp



Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020

Time: 5 PM - 6:30 PM

Location: St. Mary Immaculate Parish

Address: 15629 IL Rte. 59, Plainfield, IL 60544

**bags or boxes will be provided as this will be a drive-through style distribution*



¿NEECITA USTED ALIMENTOS?

Si usted no alcanza lo suficiente para sustentar su comida, la Despensa Móvil de Northern Illinois Food Bank puede ayudarle.

La Despensa Móvil de Northern Illinois Food Bank distribuye comida nutritiva en lugares con necesidades altas.

La comida es gratis para vecinos con necesidad y de bajo ingresos. Favor de llevar cajas o bolsas para empacar su comida.

➔ **La comida se distribuye por orden de llegada, hasta agotar la existencia.**



Feeding Our Hungry Neighbors

Para recursos adicionales de comida, visite www.solvehungertoday.org/gethelp



Fecha: Martes 21 de julio de 2020

Hora: 5 a 6:30 PM

Lugar: Iglesia de Santa Maria Inmaculada

Dirección: 15629 S. Route 59, Plainfield, IL 60544

**Nosotros le proveeremos bolsas y cajas ya que se le entregará su comida en su auto directamente.*



28TH ANNUAL

WILL COUNTY BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR

Preparing students from low-income households in Will County for a successful new school year!

**THURSDAY, JULY 30TH, 2020
10:00AM - 5:00PM**

**JOLIET CATHOLIC ACADEMY
1200 N. LARKIN AVENUE, JOLIET**

PLEASE NOTE THESE IMPORTANT EVENT CHANGES:

- Participants will drive thru to receive school supplies (to comply with social distancing).
- Online pre-registration is required at catholiccharitiesjoliet.org. Registrants will receive a ticket and a specific time to attend the Fair.

 Thank you to Illinicare Health for generously donating school supplies.

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet is a faith-based organization providing service to people in need and calling others of good will to do the same.





28 ANIVERSARIO DE LA

FERIA ANUAL DE REGRESO A LA ESCUELA CONDADO DE WILL

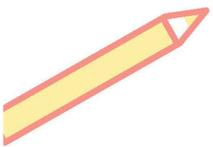
¡Preparando a estudiantes de hogares de bajos ingresos en el Condado de Will para un exitoso nuevo año escolar!

**JUEVES, 30 DE JULIO DEL 2020
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

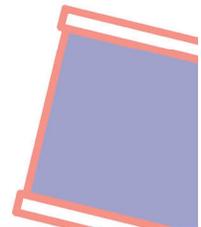
**JOLIET CATHOLIC ACADEMY
1200 N. LARKIN AVENUE EN JOLIET IL**

Por favor tome en cuenta estos cambios importantes del evento:

- Los participantes se mantendrán dentro de sus vehículos y recogerán los útiles escolares estilo drive-thru (para cumplir con el distanciamiento social).
- **Preinscripción es necesaria.** Inscríbase por internet en catholiccharitiesjoliet.org. Los registrantes van a recibir un boleto y una hora específica para atender la feria.

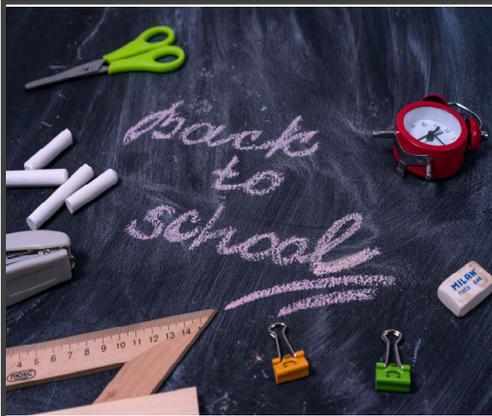


Gracias a Illinicare Health por donar generosamente útiles escolares.



Somos una organización basada en fe ofreciendo servicios a personas que los necesitan y llamando a otros de buena voluntad a hacer lo mismo.





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.*

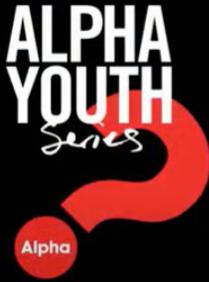


SAVE THE DATE

St. Mary Immaculate is currently in the planning stages for our annual Make a Difference Day. The committee has monthly Zoom meetings scheduled. 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.



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

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*

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.



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.

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 date for this class is:

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.

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!



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:

1. 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.
 - 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. 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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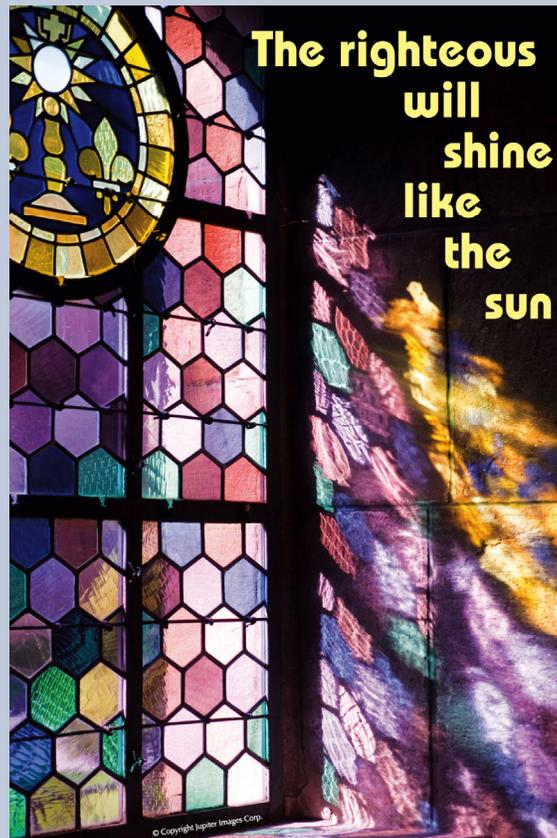
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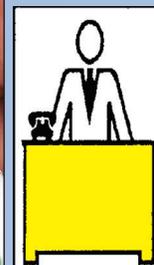
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