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The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 9, 2020



**PETER SAID TO JESUS,
“LORD, IF IT IS YOU,
COMMAND ME TO COME
TO YOU ON THE WATER.”**

MATTHEW 14:28

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“How important it is to put God’s forgiveness, which ‘generates heaven’ in us and around us, back at the centre!”

[#PardonOfAssisi](https://twitter.com/PardonOfAssisi)

-Pope Francis @ Pontifex

Mass Intentions

Monday – 9:00 a.m.	August 10, 2020 Marge Ruettiger – (Marijane Riffel)
Tuesday – 9:00 a.m.	August 11, 2020 Jim Mander – (Mander Family) Alison Bothe – Living Intention – (Mary & Nancy Finnicum)
Wednesday – 9:00 a.m.	August 12, 2020 Bruce Smith – (Wife)
Thursday – 9:00 a.m.	August 13, 2020 Anibal Medina-Diaz – (Mark & Lidia Friedman) Kevin Wright – (Grimaldi Family)
Friday – 9:00 a.m.	August 14, 2020 Edward Flaherty – (Fr. Mike McMahon)
Saturday – 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. (Parking Lot)	August 15, 2020 Tim Oberg – (Sheehan Family) Kathleen Boreham – (Friends & Family)
Sunday – 7:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m. (Spanish) 12:45 p.m. (Polish)	August 16, 2020 Robert Schwab – Birthday Remembrance – (Family) People of the Parish Adolfo Diaz – (Family) Krystyna & Roman



CMAA Pledge Report for St. Mary Immaculate Parish As of August 2, 2020

	2020	2019
Goal:	\$231,500	\$221,300
Amount Pledged:	\$170,880	\$202,030
Amount Paid:	\$131,099	\$145,541
Amount Due:	\$39,782	\$56,486
Number of Donors:	735	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	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33
Monday	2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday	Ez 2:8 – 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday	Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Ps 113:1-6; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday	Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 – 19:1
Friday	Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 [59-63]; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56 <u>Vigil:</u> 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday	Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*And Mary said:
“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his Name...”
Luke 1:46-49*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This coming week, Saturday the 15th, we celebrate the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Usually that would be a Holy Day of Obligation, but because it occurs on a Saturday this year, it is not obligatory (but we still celebrate it!).

If you talk to Christians who aren't Catholic, they often get caught up on the whole notion of our devotion to Mary. They may think we worship Mary, which we know couldn't be further from the truth. They don't understand that our devotion to Mary as our intercessor and guide is something that has been part of the Church from the Church's earliest days. And then when it comes to the notion of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, well, that confounds them.

There isn't a story about the Assumption in the Bible. So that being the case, many might reason that it couldn't have happened, or it would have been important enough for *someone* to write it down. But what they don't understand is that we Catholics rely heavily on Tradition as a source of revealed truth, where they would rely solely on the Scriptures (*sola Scriptura*). But the Church teaches that God has revealed truth to us in two ways: in Sacred Scripture, of course, but also in Sacred Tradition. Sacred Tradition (capital "T") is composed of stories and devotions of the faithful throughout time. These are important pieces of faith and history that have been passed on from generation to generation within the Church.

So the Tradition of the Assumption of Mary dates back to the very earliest days of the Church, all the way back to the days of the apostles. The Council of Chalcedon in 451 tells us that, after Mary's death, the apostles opened the tomb, finding it empty, and concluded that she had been taken bodily into heaven. The tradition was spoken about by the various fathers of the Church, and in the eighth century, St. John Damascene wrote, "Although the body was duly buried, it did not remain in the state of death, neither was it dissolved by decay... You were transferred to your heavenly home, O Lady, Queen and Mother of God in truth." The current celebration of Mary's Assumption has taken place since 1950, when Pope Pius XII proclaimed the dogma of the Assumption of Mary in his encyclical, *Munificentissimus Deus*, saying: "The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven."

What I love about this feast is that God in his goodness gave Mary a gift which is a foretaste of what he promises to all of us who follow him: that we can be with him body and soul forever in the Kingdom of God. This is a Tradition that has its basis in God's love for us and his plan for our salvation. He sent his Only Begotten Son to redeem us and make us one with him, bringing us all at last to life everlasting. Mary is the first fruits of that, and in her is our hope.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ!

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

La Asunción de la Bienaventurada Virgen María

*Y María dijo:
"Proclama mi alma la grandeza del Señor;
Y mi espíritu se alegra en Dios mi Salvador
porque se fijó en su humilde esclava,
y desde ahora, todas las generaciones me llamarán feliz.
El Todopoderoso ha hecho grandes cosas por mí
¡Santo es su nombre! ... "
Lucas 1: 46-49*

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo:

La próxima semana, el sábado 15, celebraremos la fiesta de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María. Por lo general, ese sería un día que obliga la Misa pero debido a que cae en un sábado este año, no es obligatorio (¡pero aun así lo celebramos!).

Si usted habla con cristianos que no son católicos, les cuesta trabajo entender nuestra devoción a María. Pueden pensar que adoramos a María; nosotros sabemos que eso no podría estar más lejos de la verdad. No entienden que nuestra devoción a María como nuestra intercesora y guía es algo que ha sido parte de la Iglesia desde los primeros días de la Iglesia. Y no se diga cuando se trata de entender la noción de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María, bueno, eso les confunde mucho.

No hay una historia sobre la Asunción en la Biblia. De este modo, muchos podrían razonar que no pudo haber sucedido, o habría sido lo suficientemente importante como para que alguien lo anotara. Pero lo que no entienden es que nosotros los católicos dependemos en gran medida de la Tradición como fuente de la verdad revelada, ellos por el otro lado confían únicamente en las Escrituras (sola Scriptura). Pero la Iglesia enseña que Dios nos ha revelado la verdad de dos maneras: en la Sagrada Escritura, por supuesto, pero también en la Sagrada Tradición. La Sagrada Tradición ("T" mayúscula) se compone de historias y devociones de los fieles a lo largo del tiempo. Estas son piezas importantes de fe e historia que se han transmitido de generación en generación dentro de la Iglesia.

Entonces, la Tradición de la Asunción de María se remonta desde los primeros días de la Iglesia, hasta los días de los apóstoles. El Concilio de Calcedonia en el año 451 nos dice que, después de la muerte de María, los apóstoles abrieron la tumba, encontrándola vacía, y concluyeron que había sido llevada corporalmente al cielo. Los padres de la Iglesia hablaron de la tradición y, en el siglo VIII, San Juan Damasceno escribió: "Aunque el cuerpo fue debidamente enterrado, no permaneció en el estado de la muerte, ni fue disuelto por la descomposición ... Fuiste trasladada a tu hogar celestial, oh Señora, Reina y Madre de Dios en verdad ". La celebración actual de la Asunción de María ha tenido lugar desde 1950, cuando el Papa Pío XII proclamó el dogma de la Asunción de María en su encíclica, *Munificentissimus Deus*, diciendo: "La Inmaculada Madre de Dios, la siempre virgen María, que completó el curso de su vida terrenal, fue asumida cuerpo y alma en el cielo ".

Lo que me encanta de esta fiesta es que Dios en su bondad le dio a María un regalo que es un anticipo de lo que promete a todos los que lo seguimos: que podemos estar con él en cuerpo y alma para siempre en el Reino de Dios. Esta es una tradición que tiene su base en el amor de Dios por nosotros y su plan para nuestra salvación. Envío a su Hijo Unigénito para redimirnos y hacernos uno con él, dándonos a todos por fin la vida eterna. María es el primer fruto de eso, y en ella está nuestra esperanza.

¡Ruega por nosotros, Santa Madre de Dios, para que seamos dignos de las promesas de Cristo!

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

Wniebowzięcie Najświętszej Maryi Panny

*Maryja odpowiedziała:
„Wielbi dusza moja Pana;
raduje się duch mój w Bogu, moim Zbawcy
bo wejrzał łaskawie na uniżenie służebnicy swojej.
Od tego dnia błogosławić mnie będą wszystkie pokolenia:
gdyż wielkie rzeczy uczynił dla mnie Wszechmocny
święte jest Jego Imię... ”*
Łk 1: 46-49

Drodzy Bracia i Siostry w Chrystusie,

W nadchodzącym tygodniu, w sobotę 15-go sierpnia, obchodzimy święto Wniebowzięcia Najświętszej Maryi Panny. Zwykle byłoby to Święto obowiązkowe, ale ponieważ w tym roku przypada w sobotę, nie jest obowiązkowe (choć my nadal w tym dniu świętujemy!)

Kiedy rozmawiamy z chrześcijanami, którzy nie są katolikami to bardzo często dopytują się o naszą cześć i oddanie Maryi. Często też mówią, że my czcimy Marię jako bóstwo co wiadomo nie jest prawdą. Nie rozumieją, że nasze oddanie Maryi jako orędownicze i pośrednicze było kulturowane od zarania dziejów Kościoła. A jeśli chodzi o pojęcie Wniebowzięcia Najświętszej Maryi Panny, to cóż - tego już wogóle nie pojmują.

W Biblii bowiem nie ma opisanej historii Wniebowzięcia. Zatem, wielu może sądzić, że to nie mogło się na prawdę wydarzyć. Nie rozumieją jednak, że my katolicy w dużym stopniu polegamy na Tradycji jako źródle prawdy objawionej, a nie wyłącznie na Piśmie Świętym (sola Scriptura). Kościół naucza, że Bóg objawił nam prawdę na dwa sposoby: oczywiście w Piśmie Świętym, ale także w Świętej Tradycji. Święta Tradycja (duże „T”) składa się z historii i nabożeństw rozwijanych na przestrzeni czasu. Są to ważne akty wiary i historii, które w Kościele były przekazywane z pokolenia na pokolenie.

Tak więc Tradycja Wniebowzięcia Marii sięga najwcześniejszych czasów Kościoła, poczynając od apostołów. Sobór Chalcedoński w 451 roku mówi nam, że po śmierci Maryi apostołowie otworzyli grób, stwierdzając, że jest pusty i doszli do wniosku, że została zabrana z ciałem do nieba. O tej tradycji mówili różni ojcowie Kościoła, a w VIII wieku św. Jan Damasceński pisał: „Chociaż ciało zostało należycie pogrzebane, nie pozostawało w stanie śmierci, ani nie uległo rozkładowi... Zostałaś przeniesiona do swojego niebiańskiego domu, o Pani, Królowo i Matko Boża w prawdzie”. W czasach nowożytnych obchody Wniebowzięcia Najświętszej Maryi Panny odbywają się od 1950 r., Kiedy to papież Pius XII ogłosił dogmat Wniebowzięcia Maryi w encyklice *Munificentissimus Deus*, mówiąc: „Niepokalana Matka Boża, Maryja, po ukończeniu swojego ziemskiego życia została wzięta z ciałem i duszą do nieba”.

Jakież to piękne, że Bóg w swojej dobroci dał Maryi dar, który jest przedsmakiem tego, co obiecuje nam wszystkim, którzy za Nim podążamy: abyśmy mogli być z Nim ciałem i duszą na zawsze w Królestwie Bożym. Jest to Tradycja, która ma swoje podstawy w miłości Boga do nas i Jego planie zbawienia. Posłał swojego Jednorodzonego Syna, aby nas odkupił i uczynił jednymi z Nim, przywracając nas wreszcie do życia wiecznego. Maryja jest tego pierwiastkiem I w Niej jest nasza nadzieja.

Módl się za nami, Święta Boża Rodzicielko, abyśmy stali się godnymi obietnic Chrystusowych!

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

Our Family in Faith

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, Kelly Kemp, 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 Pristo, 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
Tyler Kinzler
Donna Smierciak
and their families in your prayers.

In Memoriam

Campus Hours



Staff is working 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.

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.

Upon arriving for your scheduled appointment, 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.



Congratulations to the Newly Baptized...



GRAYSON ASHER CLEMENS
Son of Daniel & Samantha (Gnatz) Clemens

IAN JAMES KARP
Son of James & Melissa (Berry) Karp

Welcome to Our New Parishioners

Donna Kuchmek
Plainfield, IL

Sarai Rodriguez
Joliet, IL

Jose & Gabriela Salas
Crest Hill, IL

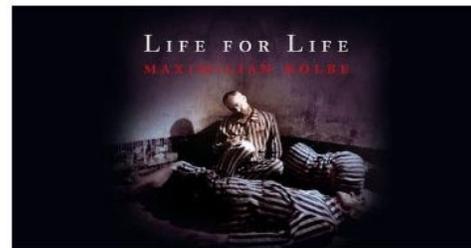
Brigid Sim
Shorewood, IL

4 new households have registered at St. Mary Immaculate since August 2, 2020.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

Life for Life

Auschwitz, 1941. One of the prisoners, Jan, escapes from the German concentration camp while working at a gravel pit. Thanks to the help of kind-hearted people, he finds shelter. There Jan hears tragic news about ten random inmates sentenced by the Nazis to death by starvation as a punishment for his escape. One among the convicts is Fr. Maximilian Kolbe, a Franciscan priest who volunteered to die in place of one of the inmates.



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Current Baptism Schedule

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 upcoming dates for this class are:

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

Thursday, September 17, 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.



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.

Celebrating Mass Together at SMI



Daily Mass will begin at 9:00 AM Monday through Saturday - join us in person (up to 50 participants). Registration in advance is required. Please call the parish office at 815-436-2651 between the hours of 8am and 1pm where our receptionist will take you reservation. Livestream[†] available.

Vigil Mass Saturdays in the Parking Lot will begin at 4:00 PM in English - No registration is required. Watch *livestream*[†] or listen on your car radio at 107.7 FM.

Sunday Mass times:

7:30 AM in English - join us in person (up to 100 participants). Registration is required

9:15 AM in English - join us in person (up to 100 participants). Registration is required.
Livestream[†] available.

11:00 AM in Spanish - join us in person (up to 100 participants). Registration is required.
Livestream[†] available.

12:45 PM in Polish - join us in person (up to 100 participants).

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

*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.

[†]View livestream Masses at <https://www.facebook.com/StMaryImmaculate/videos> or at a later time on our website at <https://www.smip.org/mass-videos>.

- Please enter the building for Mass through the North door (near the Adoration Chapel).
- Hand sanitizer will be required as you enter and again before receiving communion.
- When in church, wearing of masks at all times is required.
- Please follow the directions of the ushers and staff when attending Mass in person.
- You will be seated by an usher, an usher will guide you to communion and we ask that you please stay in your seat at the end of Mass until an usher comes and directs you out.
- Except for members of the same household, social distancing is required at all times, there will not be holding of hands during the Lord's Prayer nor physical touching during the sign of peace.
- If you need to use the restroom, please hold up your hand and an usher will escort you to the restroom in the North Wing.
- At this time, we will not be able to allow people to remain after Mass for prayer or social gathering.

Volunteers Needed

Serve those in need of food at the Mobile Food Pantry at St. Mary's! Tuesday, August 18th. Must be 18 or older to volunteer.



Help is needed in the Parking Lot and to help distribute food to the cars. Sign up at:

Parking Lot (3:15 pm start): <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4baeaf2fa6fa7-parking4>

Car Distribution (3:50 pm start): <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4baeaf2fa6fa7-mobile2>



We are still in need of volunteers to help with our liturgies. We need greeters, ushers, and people to help with setup, cleaning and sanitizing. We will need volunteers for:

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

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. If you would like to volunteer, please go to the following link and fill out the form: <https://smip.org/volunteer-form>



New Book Discussion “Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved” by Kate Bowler

Join other parishioners via ZOOM on Monday September 14 @ 7pm for a discussion of the book.

Description of the Book:

Kate Bowler is a professor at Duke Divinity School with a modest Christian upbringing, but she specializes in the study of the prosperity gospel, a creed that sees fortune as a blessing from God and misfortune as a mark of God's disapproval. At thirty-five, everything in her life seems to point toward "blessing." She is thriving in her job, married to her high school sweetheart, and loves life with her newborn son.

Then she is diagnosed with stage IV colon cancer.

The prospect of her own mortality forces Kate to realize that she has been tacitly subscribing to the prosperity gospel, living with the conviction that she can control the shape of her life with "a surge of determination." Even as this type of Christianity celebrates the American can-do spirit, it implies that if you "can't do" and succumb to illness or misfortune, you are a failure. Kate is very sick, and no amount of positive thinking will shrink her tumors. What does it mean to die, she wonders, in a society that insists everything happens for a reason? Kate is stripped of this certainty only to discover that without it, life is hard but beautiful in a way it never has been before.

Frank and funny, dark and wise, Kate Bowler pulls the reader deeply into her life in an account she populates affectionately with a colorful, often hilarious retinue of friends, mega-church preachers, relatives, and doctors. *Everything Happens for a Reason* tells her story, offering up her irreverent, hard-won observations on dying and the ways it has taught her to live.

Please email Dr. Doug Muir (dmuir@smip.org) to receive the ZOOM meeting ID.

St. Mary Immaculate Seniors Group Virtual Meetings

When: Every Wednesday

Time: 2:00 pm

Where: Online from home

The SMI Seniors Group is currently meeting online to pray the rosary together and play bingo from home.

If you are interested in joining the Seniors Group, please contact Fr. John Regan at jregan@smip.org or find them on facebook at st mary immaculate seniors group.



Reverence for Life Ministry Prayer Vigil

Please join us at our Prayer Vigil this coming Saturday, August 9 (second Saturday of the month) to pray outside of Planned Parenthood in Aurora, Illinois.

Come and pray any time between 7:00 am and 4:00 pm.
(Please bring a face mask and social distance)

Our presence does make a difference. During our July 11th prayer vigil, a woman on her way into Planned Parenthood saw us praying and did not go to her scheduled appointment for an abortion. Instead, she went to Waterleaf and is keeping her baby!. PRAISE GOD!!!

Please contact Don Hrdlicka with questions or to let him know you will be there at 630-415-6603.



Knights of Columbus Good Shepherd Council #5573

Intercessions for Life

For those grieving after a miscarriage: May they be comforted by Christ's everlasting love and His presence amidst their sorrow;

We pray to the Lord

Peticiones por La Vida

Por los que sufren a causa de la pérdida de su bebé aún no nacido: Para que sean consolados por el amor eterno de Jesucristo y que sientan Su presencia en medio de su tragedia;

Roguemos al Señor

Word of Life

"Although we may feel unsure how best to comfort those who mourn, we must stand with them in their time of suffering. Miscarriage touches the lives of many people, yet all too often this tragedy remains unaddressed. This lack of response not only often leads to unresolved grief, but also fails to clearly manifest our belief that each person, from conception onward, is precious and unique."

- USCCB Secretariat of Pro-life Activities
Solace and Strength in the Sorrow of Miscarriage



Palabra de Vida

"Si bien podemos sentirnos inseguros sobre la mejor manera de consolar a quienes lloran, debemos apoyarlos en su momento de sufrimiento. El aborto involuntario toca la vida de muchas personas, sin embargo, con demasiada frecuencia, esta tragedia no se aborda. Esta falta de respuesta no solo a menudo conduce a un dolor sin resolver, sino que tampoco manifiesta claramente nuestra creencia de que cada persona, desde su concepción hasta su muerte, es preciosa y única".

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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 re-open. 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. Please note the new time.

- **Saturdays, 2:30pm until all are heard**

Please come at 2:30 and do not wait until later, or we may miss you!

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.

Parking Lot Mass Saturdays at 4:00 pm

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!



MARK BATINICK

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Rx Event

I am hosting a free Prescription Drop Off event! This event will be held on Tuesday, August 25th, at the Plainfield Fire Department, 23748 W. 135th Street, from 9:00-11:00am.

This event will utilize a drive-thru style system to ensure the health and safety of residents. Attendees are asked to remain in their vehicles, drive through, and hand off their items. Medicines including prescriptions, ointments and patches, pet medications, and vitamins will all be accepted. Needles and any illegal drugs are not permitted. The Illinois State Police will be on hand to ensure the proper protocols for disposal are followed.

This event is a great opportunity for you to clean out your medicine cabinet and safely dispose of any expired, unwanted, or unused prescriptions.

Contact Me

Please remember that my office is working hard on your behalf and always available to help you in whatever ways we can. Don't hesitate to call my office should you need assistance, or if you want to discuss questions or concerns on state issues. Your feedback matters! The best way to reach me is by phone at 815-254-0000.



Mark Batinick

Employment Readiness Webinar

I am hosting a Free Employment Readiness Webinar on Tuesday, August 18th at 10:00am. The webinar will include effective resume writing tips and interview techniques, and will also include a Q&A portion, so you can get your employment related questions answered. Registration is required for the webinar, and you can reserve your spot now on my website: RepBatinick.com.

Jobs Bulletin

I have compiled a comprehensive list of area businesses looking to hire! This is to help connect area businesses with job seekers as conveniently as possible. This Jobs Bulletin is now posted on my website, RepBatinick.com/Jobs-Bulletin.

This pandemic has been incredibly difficult for our economy, but this resource is geared toward helping both businesses and job seekers move forward.

JOB OPENINGS:

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish—Westmont, IL

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish is seeking to hire a part-time Music Director. The Music Director should be a person of faith who has a thorough understanding of the Roman Catholic liturgy. The Music Director is responsible for the effective planning, coordination, and execution of music within all the liturgical celebrations of the parish, including four weekend masses from 4:00 p.m. on Saturday through and including the 11:00 a.m. mass on Sunday and all Holy Days of Obligation; Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, Thanksgiving, All Soul's Day, monthly St. Peregrine service and weekly school masses. This ministry demands professional training in music and liturgy. Bachelor's Degree or equivalent is required, though a more professional qualification, such as the equivalent of a Master's Degree in music and liturgy, is preferred. All candidates must pass a criminal background check and become VIRTUS certified. To view a more complete job description, visit: <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/listjobs.php>

Applicants meeting the necessary qualifications please submit a cover letter, resume, and salary requirements to: apply@holyltrinitywestmont.org

Immaculate Conception Parish—Elmhurst, IL

Immaculate Conception Parish, located in Elmhurst, IL has an immediate opening for a Maintenance Tech within our Facilities Department. This position is full-time, 40 hours per week and requires 24 hour emergency on-call. The preferred candidate will possess exceptional mechanical skills; specifically in electric, plumbing and HVAC, and have prior experience working in a supervisory position.

Interested parties should provide a resume and cover letter to: Jeff Williams, Director of Administration and Facilities, Immaculate Conception Parish, jwilliams@icelmhurst.org

PREVIEW OUR DIOCESAN BIBLE SCHOOL!

The acclaimed **Biblical Institute of the Diocese of Joliet** is registering students for two sites this Fall at Our Lady of Mercy Parish (Aurora) for Year 1 classes on Saturdays 9-11 a.m. and at The Cathedral of St. Raymond (Joliet) for Year 2 classes on Wednesdays 7-9 p.m. If you want to learn the Bible from a Catholic perspective, come and see if this program is for you.

THREE Preview Nights will be held in AUGUST and SEPTEMBER.

- **August 22**, 9-10:30 a.m., Our Lady Of Mercy Parish (Aurora)
- **August 26**, 7-8:30 p.m., The Cathedral of St. Raymond (Joliet)
- **September 12**, 9-10:30 a.m., Our Lady of Mercy Parish (Aurora)
- **Recorded Zoom Preview** – go to www.dioceseofjoliet.org/bidj

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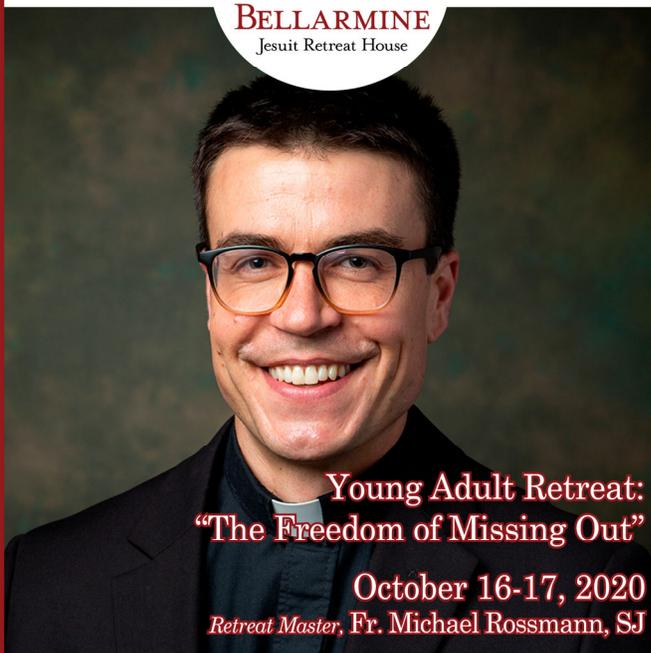
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Weekly Campus Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
August 10	August 11	August 12	August 13	August 14	August 15	August 16
9:00 AM Mass Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH)	7:30 AM Mass Reservation Required (CH)					
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Offices Open (by appointment only)	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Offices Open (by appointment only)	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Offices Open (by appointment only)	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Offices Open (by appointment only)	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Offices Open (by appointment only)	9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Drive-Up Adoration (Church Vestibule)	9:15 AM Mass Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH)
9:30 AM - 8:00 PM Drive-Up Adoration (Church Vestibule)		9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Drive-Up Adoration (Church Vestibule)		9:30 AM - 8:00 PM Drive-Up Adoration (Church Vestibule)	2:30 PM Confessions (until all are heard) (COM)	11:00 AM Spanish Mass Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH)
					4:00 PM Parking Lot Mass (Tune to 107.7 FM) (live stream available)	12:45 PM Polish Mass (CH)
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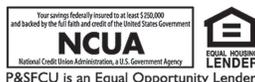
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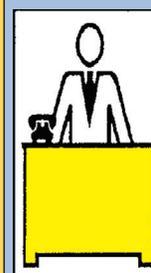
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