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in Faith Making



ST. MARY
IMMACULATE
Parish

Christ
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The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16, 2020

*O woman,
great is
your faith!*

MATTHEW 15:28



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“We are all in need of the Father who extends His hand to us. To pray to Him, to invoke Him, is not an illusion. Illusion is to think we can do without Him! Prayer is the soul of hope.”

-Pope Francis @ Pontifex

Mass Intentions

Monday – 9:00 a.m.	August 17, 2020 Richard Goss – <i>(Marilyn Goss)</i>
Tuesday – 9:00 a.m.	August 18, 2020 Mark Finnicum Sr. – <i>(Mark & Nancy Finnicum)</i> Abel & Thess Areyes – <i>Wedding Anniversary – (Self)</i>
Wednesday – 9:00 a.m.	August 19, 2020 Millie J. Brewster – <i>(Rafter Family)</i>
Thursday – 9:00 a.m.	August 20, 2020 Matt Severing – <i>(Mark & Nancy Finnicum)</i> Father's Day Remembrance
Friday – 9:00 a.m.	August 21, 2020 Charlotte Glavan – <i>(Family)</i>
Saturday – 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. <i>(Parking Lot)</i>	August 22, 2020 For the Souls in Purgatory People of the Parish
Sunday – 7:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m. <i>(Spanish)</i> 12:45 p.m. <i>(Polish)</i>	August 23, 2020 Vincent Trungale, Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Mannino – <i>(Rosalia Trungale)</i> Robert Snyder – <i>(Kim Carson)</i> Jose Ibarra – <i>(Family)</i> Leokadia



CMAA Pledge Report for St. Mary Immaculate Parish As of August 9, 2020

	2020	2019
Goal:	\$231,500	\$221,300
Amount Pledged:	\$171,625	\$202,030
Amount Paid:	\$133,964	\$145,541
Amount Due:	\$37,662	\$56,486
Number of Donors:	737	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	Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28
Monday	Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday	Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday	Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday	Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
Friday	Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday	Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday	Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

*Thus says the LORD:
Observe what is right, do what is just;
for my salvation is about to come,
my justice, about to be revealed.
Isaiah 56:1*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

How often we desire to experience God's justice! Don't we often pick up the paper or listen to the news, and wonder, "Where is God in all this?" I find myself doing that more than usual these days. The news is full of world unrest. A global pandemic surging in places throughout the world, and even more so in our own country, unrest spurred by racial injustice that should long ago have been eradicated, civil unrest and violence in cities all around us. And we could add many things to that list, including wars and skirmishes in many places of the world, rampant crime in our cities, hatred against religious groups, especially Christians these days, and so much more. And that is to say nothing of the personal injustices we experience all the time, unfairness at work and in our communities, perpetrated on us or our loved ones. It's easy, I think, for us to wonder where God is, what is his plan, and why can't something be done?

Well, of course, we never know the whole big picture: that's reserved to God the Father alone. He alone knows the time and occasion of the unveiling of his final justice, and the salvation that he longs to pour out on us. But if it seems like there's more persecution and danger for us now, Jesus said it would be so. "Behold, the hour is coming and has arrived when each of you will be scattered to his own home and you will leave me alone. But I am not alone, because the Father is with me. I have told you this so that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world." (John 16:33)

So while we're waiting for God to do what he needs to do in our world, I think it's important that we follow Isaiah's advice, above: "Observe what is right, do what is just..." We have to help make God's peace and justice a reality by the way that we live our lives. Strive to be at peace in our family. Be people of integrity at work and in our community. Stand up for what is right and just, and do not let those in need be swept away by greed, hate, and terror.

And above all, PRAY. This is not the time to neglect our prayers or our relationships with God. The troubles of the world will always overcome those who are not in relationship with God. Always. But the troubles of the world cannot be the end of the story for those who know the Lord, because our Lord has overcome the world. He said so himself. Thanks be to God!

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

*Así dice el SEÑOR:
Actúen correctamente y hagan siempre lo debido
pues mi salvación se viene acercando
y mi justicia está a punto de aparecer.
Isaías 56: 1*

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo:

¡Cuántas veces deseamos experimentar la justicia de Dios! En muchas ocasiones solemos recoger el periódico o escuchar las noticias, y nos preguntamos: "¿Dónde está Dios en todo esto?" Durante estos días me encuentro haciendo esto más de lo habitual. Las noticias están llenas de disturbios mundiales. Una pandemia global que surge en lugares de todo el mundo, y aún más en nuestro propio país, el malestar provocado por la injusticia racial que debería haberse erradicado hace mucho tiempo, los disturbios civiles y la violencia en las ciudades que nos rodean. Y podríamos agregar muchas cosas a esa lista, incluidas guerras y luchas en muchos lugares del mundo, crímenes desenfrenados en nuestras ciudades, odio contra grupos religiosos, especialmente cristianos en estos días, y mucho más. Y eso no quiere decir nada de las injusticias personales que experimentamos todo el tiempo, la injusticia en el trabajo y en nuestras comunidades, perpetradas en nosotros o nuestros seres queridos. Creo que es fácil para nosotros preguntarnos dónde está Dios, cuál es su plan y por qué no se puede hacer algo.

Bueno, por supuesto, nunca conocemos el panorama completo: eso está reservado solo a Dios el Padre. Él solo conoce el momento y la ocasión de la revelación de su justicia final, y la salvación que anhela derramar sobre nosotros. Sin embargo, sí parece que hay más persecución y peligro para nosotros ahora, Jesús mismo dijo que sería así. *"Está llegando la hora, y ya ha llegado, en que se dispersaran cada uno por su lado y me dejaran solo. Aunque no estoy solo, pues el Padre está conmigo. Les ha hablado de estas cosas para que tengan paz en mí. Ustedes encontraran la persecución en el mundo. Pero ánimo, yo he vencido al mundo"*. (Juan 16:33)

Así que mientras esperamos que Dios haga lo que necesita hacer en nuestro mundo, creo que es importante que sigamos el consejo de Isaías, arriba mencionado: *"Actúen correctamente y hagan siempre lo debido..."* Tenemos que ayudar a hacer la paz de Dios y la justicia una realidad por la forma en que vivimos nuestras vidas. Esforzarse por estar en paz en nuestra familia. Ser personas íntegras en el trabajo y en nuestra comunidad. Defienda lo que es correcto y justo, y no permita que los necesitados sean arrastrados por la codicia, el odio y el terror.

Y sobre todo, ORAR. Este no es el momento de descuidar nuestras oraciones o nuestras relaciones con Dios. Los problemas del mundo siempre superarán a aquellos que no están en relación con Dios. Siempre. Pero los problemas del mundo no pueden ser el final de la historia para aquellos que conocen al Señor, porque nuestro Señor ha vencido al mundo. Él mismo lo dijo. ¡Demos gracias a Dios!

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

*Tak mówi Pan:
Obserwuj, co jest słuszne, rób to, co sprawiedliwe;
bo nadchodzi moje zbawienie,
moja sprawiedliwość, która ma zostać ujawniona.
Izajasza 56: 1*

Drodzy Bracia i Siostry w Chrystusie,

Jakże często pragniemy doświadczyć sprawiedliwości Bożej! Czy nie często sięgamy po gazetę lub słuchamy wiadomości i nie zastanawiamy się: „Gdzie jest w tym wszystkim Bóg?” Obecnie zdarza mi się to częściej niż zwykle. Wiadomości są pełne niepokoju na świecie. Globalna pandemia narastająca w miejscach na całym świecie, a tym bardziej w naszym kraju, niepokoje wywołane niesprawiedliwością rasową, która powinna być dawno temu wykorzeniona, niepokoje społeczne i przemoc w miastach wokół nas. Moglibyśmy dodać wiele rzeczy do tej listy, w tym wojny i potyczki w wielu miejscach na świecie, szerzącą się przestępczość w naszych miastach, nienawiść do grup religijnych, zwłaszcza chrześcijan w dzisiejszych czasach, i wiele więcej. Nie wspominając o osobistych niesprawiedliwościach, których cały czas doświadczamy, niesprawiedliwości w pracy i w naszych społecznościach, wyrządzonych nam lub naszym bliskim. Myślę, że łatwo jest nam się zastanawiać, gdzie jest Bóg, jaki jest Jego plan i dlaczego nie można czegoś zrobić?

Cóż, oczywiście, nigdy nie znamy całego szerszego obrazu: jest to zarezerwowane tylko dla Boga Ojca. Tylko On zna czas i okazję odświeżenia swojej ostatecznej sprawiedliwości i zbawienia, które pragnie wylać na nas. Ale jeśli wydaje nam się, że teraz jest więcej prześladowań i niebezpieczeństw, Jezus dawno powiedział, że tak będzie. „Oto nadchodzi godzina a nawet już nadeszła, kiedy każdy z was zostanie rozproszony, każdy w swoją stronę, a mnie zostawicie samego. Ale ja nie jestem sam, bo Ojciec jest ze mną. To wam powiedziałem abyście pokój we mnie mieli. Na świecie doznacie ucisku ale miejcie odwagę, Jam zwyciężył świat ”. (Ewangelia Jana 16:33)

Więc kiedy czekamy, aż Bóg zrobi to, co należy w naszym świecie myślę, że ważne jest abyśmy postępowali zgodnie z radą Izajasza powyżej: „Przestrzegaj tego, co słuszne, rób to, co jest sprawiedliwe...”. Musimy pomóc Bogu zaprowadzić pokój a sprawiedliwość staje się rzeczywistością poprzez sposób, w jaki żyjemy. Staraj się o pokój w naszej rodzinie. Bądź uczciwy w pracy i w naszej społeczności. Stań w obronie tego, co słuszne i sprawiedliwe i nie pozwól aby potrzebujący zostali odsunięci przez chciwość, nienawiść i przerażenie.

A przede wszystkim **MÓDL SIĘ**. To nie jest czas na zaniedbanie naszej modlitwy ani relacji z Bogiem. Kłopoty świata zawsze pokonają tych, którzy nie mają więzi z Panem. Zawsze. Ale kłopoty świata nie mogą być końcem historii dla tych, którzy znają Pana, ponieważ nasz Pan zwyciężył świat. Sam tak powiedział. Chwała Mu za to!

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
Jose Amador
Jeanne M. Billo
Bella A. Castro
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...



MASON MICHAEL DARIN
Son of Patrick & Jennifer (Merrill) Darin

ISAAC EMANUEL KENOST
Son of Thomas & Janet (Zambrano) Kenost

Welcome to Our New Parishioners

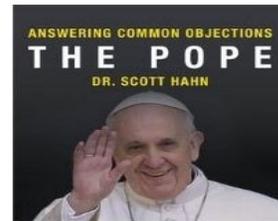
Daniel & Kimberly Sass
Bolingbrook, IL

1 new household has registered at St. Mary Immaculate since August 9, 2020.

FORMED
PICK OF THE WEEK

The Pope

Covering the Biblical evidence for the authority of the Pope, the doctrine of Purgatory, devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Saints, the Sacrament of Confession, the Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist, and more, the remarkable set is an essential resource for answering the various objections that Protestants makes to the Catholic Faith.



[SIGN UP FOR FREE AT SMIP.FORMED.ORG](https://smip.formed.org)

POWERED BY AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

Lighting Prayer Intention Candles

Our prayer intention candles have been dim for a few months, due to the COVID-19 restrictions. We know that many of you utilized these candles to pray for the special needs of family and friends. We are happy to announce that we can again offer this opportunity to you. For your donation of \$3.00, we will physically light one of the candles near the Adoration chapel for your intention.



We are creating a list of prayer candle intentions for our online bulletin. With your permission, your intention could also be added to this list to allow others to join in your prayer.

To request a prayer intention and make your donation, please go to smip.org/candles

In Honor Of:

Glen Schulte

Myra M. Flores

6 Private Intentions

Intentions:

My Uncle is in Hospice/at the end stage of Cancer

Healing of body, heart and spirit

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>

Tornado Commemoration Friday, August 28th at 1:00 p.m.



Please join us in the circle in front of Commons doors of St. Mary Immaculate Parish for a Prayer Service as we commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the 1990 Tornado that changed the life of our parish and the community forever. We remember all 29 people who were killed by the tornado. Also remembering the impact the tornado had on our community and how God, in his goodness, brought new life, new hope, and tremendous growth out of the devastation and destruction that was visited upon us on August 28th, 1990.



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, August 18, 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.



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



Fecha: Martes 18 de agosto 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.*

St. Anne's Sewing Circle

During the COVID pandemic, the St. Anne's Sewing Circle has been very busy sewing face coverings for St. Mary's. These face coverings are used if someone comes to our campus without a face covering. St. Mary Immaculate would like to thank all of the ladies of St. Anne's Sewing Circle for all your hard work in making these face coverings.



History of the St. Anne's Sewing Circle at St. Mary Immaculate

Our Ministry began on October 27, 2012. Mary Madura and Diane Ziemba agreed to venture into helping our parishioners and community with simple sewing/mending needs. We had twelve talented ladies volunteer and approximately twenty household items and clothes to mend. In addition, we had twenty Christmas stockings to sew for the Confirmation classes Christmas project.

It was a success! Fr. Medow summoned the volunteers to a meeting and asked if we would consider starting a new ministry at SMIP. We agreed to scheduling a sewing date once a month beginning in January 2013, the second Saturday of the month.

We started some special projects soon after:

- Prayer blankets and pillows for the sick
- Mending aprons for Misericordia's Candy Days in spring
- Repairing altar server cassocks
- Adult clothing protectors for Misericordia
- Sewing burses to carry the pyx for the Eucharistic ministers
- Pew banners for Confirmation day
- Costume repairs for an RE class
- Sewing "stress squares" for Linden Oaks Psychiatric Care
- Just recently, Doris Gato retired from sewing Baptismal bibs and Baptismal shawls after thirty-five years. We gladly agreed to sew them on a regular basis. We average 30 per month.
- Dianne Rostollan requested that we sew seventeen costumes for the Youth Ministry for the "living" Stations of the Cross performed on Good Friday 2019. Mary Bornemann coordinated this project and the costumes were beautiful.
- Karen Klump requested that we sew costumes for the SMIP school play, Frozen, for spring 2020. Although this project is on hold, we are anxious to begin.
- We have participated in eight "Make A Difference Days" at SMIP and four "Big Serve" days in Plainfield
- Most recently, several members have been sewing face coverings for countless hours during the pandemic. In addition to sewing face coverings for SMI, they are also sewing them for their families, friends, neighbors, Misericordia home and Joliet Hospice.



We are a very friendly, happy and fun-loving group. We have had 12 to 14 members on our roster. Some members have left due to moving, sickness, and family responsibilities. Not every member is available every month.

Needless to say, we invite and welcome new members to our creative ministry. Requirements are some sewing experience with or without a sewing machine. Some of us are self taught seamstresses while others have taken a class or two in home economics way back in high school. Some of the members have sewn for many years, others not. We help each other along. Some members prefer sewing on their own machines and bring them. We do have a few machines available to use and sewing supplies.

Our goal is not to take customers away from our local businesses, but to share our talents. Come and join us for a very rewarding experience. For more information contact: Mary Bornemann at 815-436-6617 or mfbsew@yahoo.com; or Diane Ziemba at 816-609-9224 or raz5733@aol.com.



We NEED you.
Can you HELP?

Teachers needed for students entering the Confirmation Program

Join our program and immerse yourself deeper in your own faith life as you guide young teens on their journey of discovering Jesus in the fullness of our Catholic faith. Year 1 Classes meet on Thursday evenings this year. Complete lessons/supplies provided.

If we don't teach our children to follow Christ, the world will teach them not to.

Call me for details! Georgette @ 815-436-2861

Late Registration is available - www.smip.org/confirmation

Homeschool lessons are offered as an alternative for families.

Strengthened by the Spirit, Called to Action

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.



Christians everywhere are asked to unite in prayer for the 2020 intentions entrusted to us by Pope Francis. Apostles of Prayer offer themselves to God each day for the good of the world, the Church, one another, and the Holy Father's Intentions.



Pope Francis's monthly prayer intention for August 2020:

The Maritime World

We pray for all those that work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

Suggested Daily Prayer:

Father, Here I am. I know you are always with me. I place my heart in the Heart of your Son Jesus, who gives himself to us in the Eucharist each day. May your Holy Spirit strengthen me to live the Gospel in everything I do and say. For my part I give you this day—all my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings—all I am and possess. With Mary, Mother of the Church, I pray for the mission of the Church, for all Apostles of Prayer, and for the intentions of the Pope this month Amen.



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.

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Intercessions for Life

For those suffering after abortion: May they know that the Lord desires to bring healing, to replace their pain with His mercy and peace;

We pray to the Lord

Peticiones por La Vida

Por quienes sufren después de un aborto: para que sepan que el Señor desea sanarlos, y remplazar su dolor con Su misericordia y paz;

Rogemos al Señor

Word of Life

“Abortion affects countless marriages more than many people recognize. But there is no doubt that God will bring great healing to those who trust in his infinite mercy. If a past abortion can be acknowledged and addressed, a married couple can make great strides in experiencing even more fully God’s design that ‘the two shall become one’ (Mt 19:5).”

- USCCB Secretariat of Pro-life Activities
“Healing within Marriage from an Abortion”
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Palabra de Vida

“El aborto afecta a innumerables matrimonios más de lo que muchas personas reconocen. Pero no hay duda de que Dios llevará una gran sanación a quienes confían en su misericordia infinita. Si un aborto del pasado puede reconocerse y tratarse, una pareja casada puede dar grandes pasos en vivir incluso más plenamente el designio de Dios de que ‘serán los dos una sola carne’ (Mt 19,5)” .

- Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB
“La Sanación en el Matrimonio después de un aborto”
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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.

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. 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. 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: RepBatnick.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, RepBatnick.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.

Thank You Bishop Conlon

August 7, 2020

My brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Joliet:

The Diocese of Joliet sends its continued thanks to Bishop Conlon for nine years of service. As many of you know, a Mass of Appreciation has been scheduled to take place at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet, Ill. on August 21, 2020 at 7pm.

Due to local, state and diocesan event restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, attendance at the Mass will be very limited. The event will be live-streamed from the Cathedral through our [YouTube channel](#).

We have created an online [GUESTBOOK](#) for those wishing to send their private messages of thanks and appreciation to Bishop Conlon for his years of service.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/thankyoubishopconlon>

Sincerely yours in Christ,
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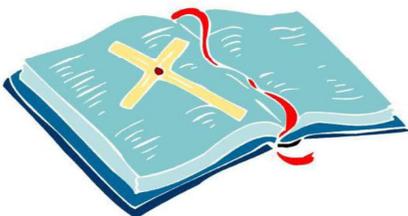
The acclaimed **Biblical Institute of the Diocese of Joliet** is registering students for two sites this Fall at Our Lady of Mercy Parish (Aurora) for Year 1 classes on Saturdays 9-11 a.m. and at The Cathedral of St. Raymond (Joliet) for Year 2 classes on Wednesdays 7-9 p.m. If you want to learn the 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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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
August 17	August 18	August 19	August 20	August 21	August 22	August 23
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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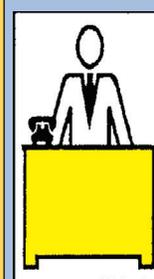
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