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in Faith Making

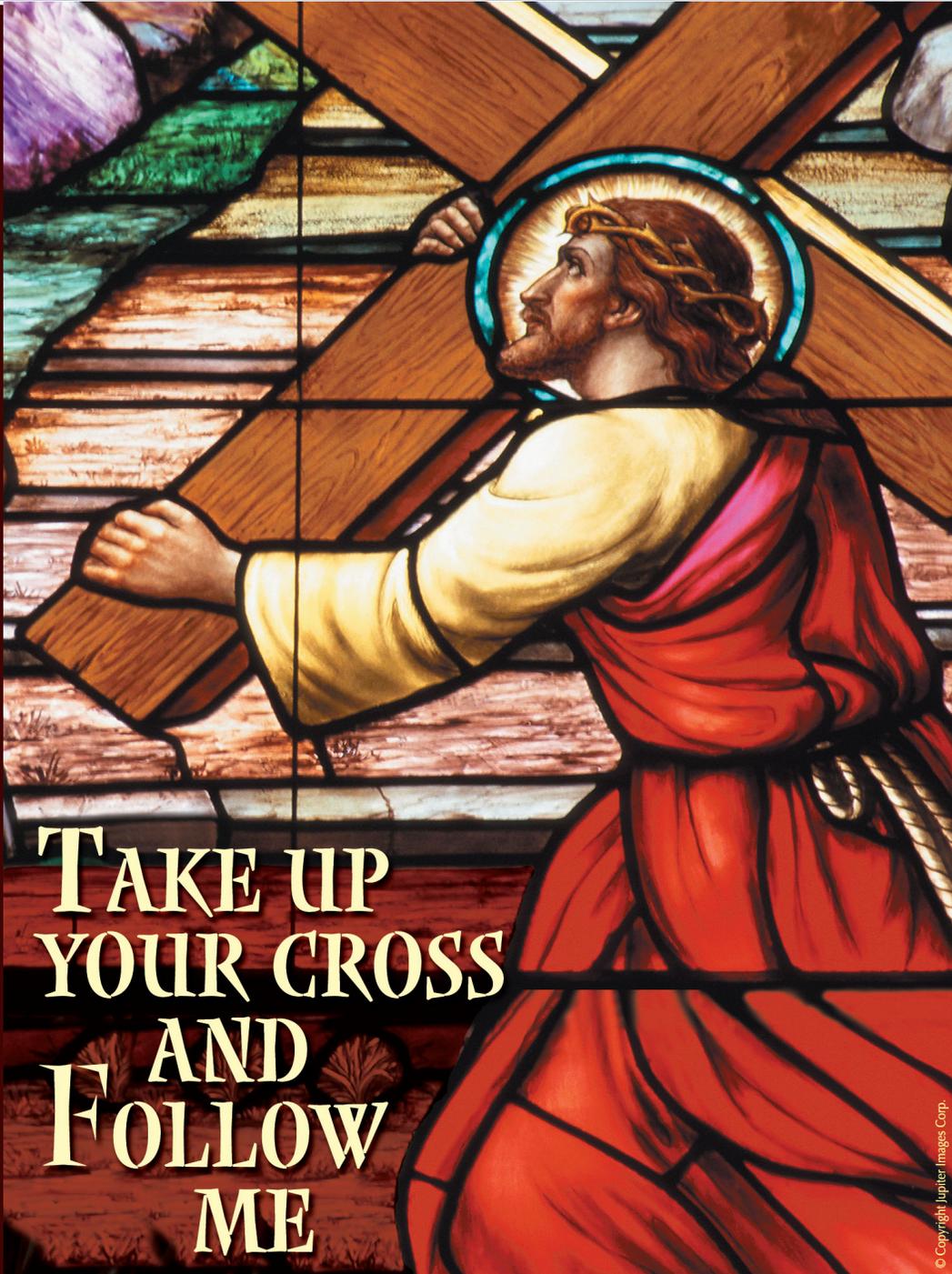


ST. MARY
IMMACULATE
Parish

Christ
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The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 31, 2020



TAKE UP
YOUR CROSS
AND
FOLLOW
ME

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“God does not love you because you behave well. He loves you, plain and simple. His love is unconditional; it does not depend on you.”

-Pope Francis @ Pontifex

Mass Intentions

Monday – 9:00 a.m.	August 31, 2020 John Fisher – Anniversary of Death – (Sisters Dee & Shirley)
Tuesday – 9:00 a.m.	September 1, 2020 Barbara Pommier – (Joy & Yvette Pommier & Family) Anna Dudzik – Living Intention – (Self) Eddie Santos – (Thompson Family)
Wednesday – 9:00 a.m.	September 2, 2020 God’s Blessings for Fr. John Regan – (SMI Seniors)
Thursday – 9:00 a.m.	September 3, 2020 James & Audrey Glynn – (Pat Glob) Murley Wheeler – (Fr. Pat Mulcahy)
Friday – 9:00 a.m.	September 4, 2020 Sophie Barnhart – Anniversary of Death – (Daughters Dee & Shirley)
Saturday – 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. (Parking Lot)	September 5, 2020 Fr. Rick – Anniversary of Death – (Dee & Shirley) Bonnie McGinnis – (Family)
Sunday – 7:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m. (Spanish) 12:45 p.m. (Polish)	September 6, 2020 George Schroeder – (Family) People of the Parish Casilda Rodriguez – (Rafael Gomez) S.P. Stanislaw & Iwan



CMAA Pledge Report for St. Mary Immaculate Parish As of August 23, 2020

	2020	2019
Goal:	\$231,500	\$221,300
Amount Pledged:	\$172,635	\$202,030
Amount Paid:	\$138,362	\$145,541
Amount Due:	\$34,274	\$56,486
Number of Donors:	745	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	Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27
Monday	1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday	1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday	1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday	1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday	1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday	1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday	Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20



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*Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,
that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.*
Romans 12:2

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The quote above, from today's second reading, has been a very special part of my spiritual life for a long time now. I first encountered it when I was on my youth group's senior retreat, back when I was in high school. During that retreat, we were all given a Bible, with a verse highlighted for each of us. This was the verse they chose for me. I don't remember now if they chose the verse specifically for each person, or whether it was random, but I do know that it has impacted me ever since. That's how the Holy Spirit works!

Saint Paul could just as easily have written this little instruction for us in our day (it certainly has felt personal to me!), though he obviously was speaking to the Church in Rome in his day. He was concerned that the Roman culture would overtake those who were fledgling Christians and deter them from growing in their faith. He was concerned about that because he saw it happening all the time.

And it still does happen all the time. Whether it's pop culture like social media, television, and movies, or even the subtle but strong peer pressure that we all experience at work or school, or in our communities and activities, there is a pressure to conform to this age, to neglect what we have been given and taught, and just "go with the flow." Thus it is that so many find it easy not to attend Mass regularly, to support organizations that stand in opposition to Catholic values and teachings, to be "spiritual but not religious," or nominal Catholics.

It's hard to do the right thing all the time because it requires a choice: a choice not to be swallowed up by our culture, not to conform ourselves to this age, and a choice to renew our minds in Christ Jesus. It requires a choice to obliterate everything that stands in the way. And it has always been so. That's why in the Old Testament you'll hear God telling the Israelites to demolish the people in the lands that he gave them. God didn't want them to be led astray by those who would lead them astray. It sounds brutal, but leaving temptation out there is always going to lead to our downfall.

Not that God expects us to kill people who do not believe in Jesus, but he does expect us to choose not to be in relationships that will take us off the right path. Satan sugar coats things for us all the time. Improper relationships might have innocent beginnings, but they are extremely dangerous. Supporting social events because "they're doing a good thing" diminishes the impact of our witness. We have to do our research, stand firm for our principles, or accept the fact that we have rejected our God.

It's never easy. Living our faith means that we must choose it in every moment. That means that sometimes we will have to make hard decisions, sometimes find ourselves in uncomfortable situations and witnessing to values that are unpopular. Until we get rid of the things that tempt us off the right path, we will never know God's will for our lives, we will never have anything in our lives that is truly good, pleasing and perfect. We will never know joy that is everlasting, because we will never know God, never be completely committed to Him.

I've found myself revisiting this little quote often over the course of my life. I've found that I constantly have to re-evaluate my life to be sure I'm not conformed to this age. I've found that I have to discern God's will more often than you'd think. But every time I do, I find more peace and joy. I hope you will too.

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

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*No sigan la corriente del mundo en que vivimos, sino más bien transfórmense a partir de una renovación interior.
Así sabrán distinguir cuál es la voluntad de Dios, lo que es bueno, lo que le agrada, lo que es perfecto.*
Romanos 12: 2

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo:

La cita anterior, de la segunda lectura de hoy, ha sido una parte muy especial de mi vida espiritual durante mucho tiempo. La encontré por primera vez cuando estaba en el retiro de último año de mi grupo de jóvenes, cuando estaba en la escuela secundaria. Durante ese retiro, a todos nos dieron una Biblia, con un versículo resaltado para cada uno de nosotros. Este fue el verso que eligieron para mí. No recuerdo ahora si eligieron el versículo específicamente para cada persona, o si fue al azar, pero sé que me ha impactado desde entonces. ¡Así es como obra el Espíritu Santo!

San Pablo podría haber escrito con la misma facilidad esta pequeña instrucción para nosotros en nuestros días (¡ciertamente me ha parecido personal!), Aunque obviamente estaba hablando a la Iglesia en Roma en esos días. Le preocupaba que la cultura romana se apoderara de los cristianos incipientes y los disuadiera de crecer en su fe. Estaba preocupado por eso porque lo veía que sucedía todo el tiempo.

Y todavía sucede todo el tiempo. Ya sea que se trate de la cultura pop como las redes sociales, la televisión y las películas, o incluso la sutil pero fuerte presión de grupo que todos experimentamos en el trabajo o la escuela, o en nuestras comunidades y actividades, existe una presión para adaptarse a esta era, para descuidar lo que se nos ha dado y enseñado, y simplemente "ir con la corriente". Así es que a muchos les resulta fácil no asistir a Misa con regularidad, apoyar a las organizaciones que se oponen a los valores y enseñanzas católicas, ser "espirituales pero no religiosos" o católicos nominales.

Es difícil hacer lo correcto todo el tiempo porque requiere una elección: la elección de no ser absorbidos por nuestra cultura, de no conformarnos con esta era y la elección de renovar nuestras mentes en Cristo Jesús. Requiere una elección para borrar todo lo que se

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interpone en el camino. Y siempre ha sido así. Es por eso que en el Antiguo Testamento escucharás a Dios diciéndoles a los israelitas que acabaran con la gente que había las tierras que les dio. Dios no quería que fueran descarriados por aquellos que los extraviarían. Suena brutal, pero dejar la tentación siempre nos llevará a la ruina.

No es que Dios espere que matemos a las personas que no creen en Jesús, pero sí espera que elijamos no tener relaciones que nos desvíen del camino correcto. Satanás nos cubre las cosas con azúcar todo el tiempo. Las relaciones inapropiadas pueden tener comienzos inocentes, pero son extremadamente peligrosas. Apoyar eventos sociales porque "están haciendo algo bueno" disminuye el impacto de nuestro testimonio. Tenemos que investigar, mantenernos firmes en nuestros principios o aceptar el hecho de que hemos rechazado a nuestro Dios.

Nunca es fácil. Vivir nuestra fe significa que debemos elegirla en todo momento. Eso significa que a veces tendremos que tomar decisiones difíciles, a veces nos encontramos en situaciones incómodas y testimoniamos valores que no son populares. Hasta que nos deshagamos de las cosas que nos tientan a desviarnos del camino correcto, nunca sabremos la voluntad de Dios para nuestras vidas, nunca tendremos nada en nuestras vidas que sea verdaderamente bueno, agradable y perfecto. Nunca conoceremos el gozo que es eterno, porque nunca conoceremos a Dios, nunca estaremos completamente comprometidos con Él.

Me he encontrado revisando esta pequeña cita a menudo a lo largo de mi vida. He descubierto que constantemente tengo que reevaluar mi vida para asegurarme de que no estoy conforme con esta era. He descubierto que tengo que discernir la voluntad de Dios más a menudo de lo que ustedes piensan. Pero cada vez que lo hago, encuentro más paz y alegría. Espero que ustedes también.

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

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*Nie bierzcie więc wzoru z tego świata lecz przemieniajcie się przez odnowę umysłu,
abyście rozeznali, jaka jest wola Boża, co jest dobre, co Bogu przyjemne i co doskonałe.*
List do Rzymian 12: 2

Drodzy Bracia i Siostry w Chrystusie,

Powyższy cytat z dzisiejszego drugiego czytania od dawna jest bardzo specjalną częścią mojego życia duchowego. Po raz pierwszy spotkałem się z tym, kiedy byłem na rekolekcjach w liceum. Podczas tych rekolekcji wszyscy otrzymaliśmy Biblię z wyróżnionym wersem dla każdego z nas. To był werset, który wybrano dla mnie. Nie pamiętam teraz czy wybrali werset specjalnie dla każdej osoby, czy też był przypadkowy, ale wiem, że od tamtej pory często ten cytat rozważam. Tak działa Duch Święty!

Św. Paweł mógł równie łatwo napisać tę małą instrukcję w naszych czasach (choc z pewnością wydawała mi się ona bardzo osobista!), chociaż oczywiście przemawiał do Kościoła w Rzymie w swoich czasach. Martwił się, że kultura rzymska zaleje tych, którzy byli początkującymi chrześcijanami i powstrzyma ich od wzrastania w wierze. Martwił się tym, ponieważ widział jak to działa.

I dzieje się to do dziś. Niezależnie od tego czy jest to popkultura jak media społecznościowe, telewizja i filmy, czy nawet subtelna, ale silna presja rówieśników, której wszyscy doświadczamy w pracy lub szkole, czy w naszych społecznościach; zawsze istnieje presja aby dostosować się do tego wieku, zaniedbać to, co otrzymaliśmy i uczono nas, a po prostu „popłynąć z prądem”. Dlatego tak wielu osobom łatwo jest nie uczęszczać regularnie na mszę, wspierać organizacje, które sprzeciwiają się wartościom i naukom katolickim, być „duchowymi, ale nie religijnymi”, czyli nominalnymi katolikami.

Trudno jest zawsze postępować właściwie, ponieważ wymaga to wyboru: wyboru, aby nie dać się pochłoniąć naszej kulturze, nie dostosowywać się do tego wieku i wyboru, aby odnowić nasz umysł w Chrystusie Jezusie. Wymaga wyboru, aby unicestwić wszystko, co stoi na przeszkodzie. I zawsze tak było. Dlatego w Starym Testamencie usłyszysz jak Bóg mówi Izraelitom, aby zwalczali lud na ziemiach, które im dał. Bóg nie chciał, aby zostali sprowadzeni na manowce przez tych, którzy sami byli niewierzący. Brzmi brutalnie, ale pokusy z zewnątrz zawsze prowadzą do naszego upadku.

Nie oznacza to, że Bóg oczekuje abyśmy zabijali ludzi, którzy nie wierzą w Jezusa, ale oczekuje abyśmy nie przebywali tam gdzie Boga nie ma. Cukier szatana przez cały czas nas kusi. Niewłaściwe relacje mogą mieć niewinne początki, ale są niezwykle niebezpieczne. Wspieranie wydarzeń i grup które przecież „chcą dobrze” zmniejsza wpływ naszego świadectwa. Musimy rozeznawać i twardo bronić naszych zasad lub zaakceptować fakt, że odrzuciliśmy naszego Boga.

To nigdy nie jest łatwe. Życie wiarą oznacza, że musimy ją wybierać w każdej chwili. Oznacza to, że czasami będziemy musieli podejmować trudne decyzje, czasami znajdziemy się w niewygodnych sytuacjach i będziemy świadkami niepopularnych wartości. Dopóki nie pozbedziemy się rzeczy, które odciągają nas od właściwej drogi, nigdy nie poznamy woli Bożej dla naszego życia, nigdy nie będziemy mieć w naszym życiu niczego, co jest naprawdę dobre, przyjemne i doskonałe. Nigdy nie zaznamy radości, która jest wieczna, ponieważ nigdy nie poznamy Boga, nigdy nie będziemy Mu całkowicie oddani.

W ciągu mojego życia często wracałem do tego małego cytatu. Odkryłem, że ciągle muszę ponownie oceniać swoje życie, aby mieć pewność, że nie dostosowuję się do tego wieku. Przekonałem się, że muszę częściej dostrzegać wolę Bożą. Ale za każdym razem gdy to robię, znajduję więcej spokoju i radości. Mam nadzieję, że Ty również.

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

#wearesaintmarys Capital Campaign Corner

Letter of Intent

Dear Father Pat:

In support of St. Mary Immaculate Parish, I/we intend to contribute the sum of

\$ _____ to the "We are Saint Mary's" capital campaign.

My/Our investment will be made as follows:

<input type="radio"/> MONTHLY	Start Date _____ Amount \$ _____ Over the Course of: 1 2 3 4 5 years (circle one)
<input type="radio"/> QUARTERLY	Start Date _____ Amount \$ _____ Over the Course of: 1 2 3 4 5 years (circle one)
<input type="radio"/> ANNUALLY	Start Date _____ Amount \$ _____ Over the Course of: 1 2 3 4 5 years (circle one)
<input type="radio"/> ONE-TIME GIFT	Date _____ Amount \$ _____

I/We will also increase my/our offertory gift by \$ _____ per ... week month year (circle one)

Payment Options

- We will make our investment by check.
- We will make our investment by gift of stock or from our required annual IRA distribution. Please contact Denise Rowan in the parish business office at 815-436-2651 x846.
- We will make our payments through automatic withdrawal.
I authorize the Parish to withdraw automatically the amount indicated from the bank or credit account checked below:

Bank Account - attach a voided check to this form

Credit/Debit Card

Card # _____

Expiration _____ CVC# _____

(Monthly and quarterly pledge offerings will be withdrawn on the 15th of the month. Please notify the Parish Office one week prior if you need to make a change.)

Please indicate if you plan to have your gift matched by you or your spouse's employer

Potential Matching Gift Amount: \$ _____ Matching Gift Company: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please Print Name(s) as you would like to be acknowledged:

Name: _____

Address _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail: _____

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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, Willard Pristo, Jim Ptak, 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:
Donald Filotto
and his family 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...



HANNA LYNN HORNE

Daughter of Jeffrey & Lauren (Engel) Horne

MILA GRACE MALDONADO

Daughter of Oscar & Alyssa (Grippando) Maldonado

Welcome to Our New Parishioners

Jennifer Martin

Plainfield, IL

Ashley Michalski

Plainfield, IL

Tim Paul & Kaitlin McCoy

Plainfield, IL

Carlos Sesta

Plainfield, IL

4 new household has registered at St. Mary Immaculate since August 23, 2020.

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:

Maria Markantoni

Intentions:

Praying for complete healing from surgery

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God."
- Philippians 4:6



Volunteers Needed



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



**DO SOMETHING
BEAUTIFUL FOR GOD!**
Teach His Children

RE Catechist Needed:

We have many students who have not yet been given a class assignment because we do not have enough teachers. Now, more than ever it is important to give our children a solid faith foundation. Won't you help us do that?

For more information on how to be a Catechist, please call the RE office at 815.436.4501

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)
- Parking Lot Mass (Saturday)
- Sunday Masses
- 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. If you would like to volunteer, please go to the following link and fill out the form: <https://smip.org/volunteer-form>

Virtual Inquiry Night



If you are a person who has never been baptized, or was baptized in another religion, and have a desire to become Catholic or if you are a baptized Catholic adult who has not made your First Holy Communion or Confirmation, you are invited to a Virtual Inquiry Night.

We will hold Virtual Inquiry Night for anyone interested in learning more about the process, on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 7PM.

Please email Dr. Doug Muir - dmuir@smip.org to receive the Zoom Meeting ID

Just come, listen and ask any questions you may have about the faith and the process necessary to be fully initiated into the faith.



Updated Baptism Schedule for 2020

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 remaining dates for 2020 for this class are:

Thursday, September 17, 7:00-8:15pm

Wednesday, October 14, 7:00-8:15pm

Thursday, November 5, 7:00-8:15pm

Wednesday, December 2, 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.



New Bible Study



SMI will offer a new kind of Bible Study this year. Our studies will become Bible Experiences in which people actually become participants in the stories of salvation history. The recipe for our Bible Experiences will focus on a large dollop of prayer, a smidge of Biblical interpretation, and a double helping of imaginative prayer. This is the way of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

One commentator proposed it in this way “In contemplation, we rely on our imaginations to place ourselves in a setting from the Gospel.” We enter these bible stories not as a silent observer but as a participant. We see, hear, and smell the scene. We use all our senses. We interact with the characters, talk to them, and listen to them as well so to see them as real people.

Our first set of experiences will be **Women of Torah**. These are the brave women who believed in God and worked to make him known. It is based on the book “*Women of the Torah*” by Stephen Binz. The book is optional but a great resource for your personal library. The Bible Experiences will focus on the women who prepare us for Advent.

Each unit is a stand-alone study but thematically connected. PDF units will be sent 2 weeks before each study session discussion. Material must be covered before the session. Participants will read the material and answer the questions in each segment. It is suggested that each participant have a journal to track their progress and answers through each unit.

Sessions: Wednesday 9-11 am with Zoom. Wednesday evening 7-9 pm with Zoom.

Register at <https://smip.org/bible-study-women-of-torah/> or djfiday@comcast.net

SEPTEMBER 9 - Eve, Miriam, and a few others

SEPTEMBER 26 - Deborah, Jael, and others

OCTOBER 7 - Sarah and Hagar

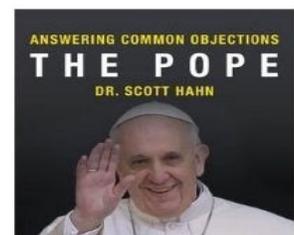
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*If you do not have internet access to register online, please call the parish office Monday–Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. with your contact information and the number of tickets needed.

[†]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.
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- Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB
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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.
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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:

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 - a. If you have a fever, stay home.
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 - 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!



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Qualified candidates please email cover letter, resume and salary requirements to humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org.

To view a full job description visit: <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/jobdetail.php?id=593>

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A Prayer for Our Earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
August 31	September 1	September 2	September 3	September 4	September 5	September 6
9:00 AM Mass Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH)	7:30 AM Mass Reservation Required (CH)					
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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)
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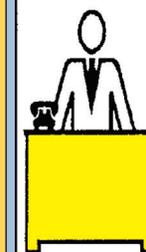
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