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in Faith Making



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The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2020

## THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

IS LIKE A LANDOWNER WHO WENT OUT AT DAWN  
TO HIRE LABORERS FOR HIS VINEYARD.

~ Matthew 20:1



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*“How much suffering, how many wounds, how many wars could be avoided if forgiveness and mercy were the style of our life!”*

- Pope Francis @ Pontifex

## Mass Intentions

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| <b>Monday –</b><br>9:00 a.m.   | <b>September 21, 2020</b><br>Kathleen Boreham – ( <i>Friends &amp; Family</i> )  |
| <b>Tuesday –</b><br>9:00 a.m.  | <b>September 22, 2020</b><br>Mark Finnicum Sr. – ( <i>Mark &amp; Nancy Finnicum</i> )<br>Lisa Tomko – Living Intention – ( <i>Marie Tomko</i> )<br>Father's Day Remembrance  |
| <b>Wednesday –</b><br>9:00 a.m.  | <b>September 23, 2020</b><br>Shirley Avery – ( <i>Joan Polcyn</i> )  |
| <b>Thursday –</b><br>9:00 a.m.   | <b>September 24, 2020</b><br>Robert Olczak – ( <i>Wife</i> )<br>Eleazar Posa – ( <i>Hector Posa</i> )<br>Ronald Popernik – Living Intention – ( <i>Marielena Lovoie</i> )<br>John O'Connor – ( <i>Wife Donna</i> ) |
| <b>Friday –</b><br>9:00 a.m.   | <b>September 25, 2020</b><br>Shirley Stofko – ( <i>Family</i> )  |
| <b>Saturday –</b><br>9:00 a.m.<br>4:00 p.m. ( <i>Parking Lot</i> )   | <b>September 26, 2020</b><br>Joseph Bacani – ( <i>Joshua, Ellie &amp; Claire</i> )<br>John Sanza – ( <i>Ann Ross</i> )   |
| <b>Sunday –</b><br>7:30 a.m.<br>9:15 a.m.<br>11:00 a.m. ( <i>Spanish</i> )<br>12:45 p.m. ( <i>Polish</i> ) | <b>September 27, 2020</b><br>Vincent Trungale & Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Mannino – ( <i>Rosalina Trungale</i> )<br>People of the Parish<br>Jose Ibarra – ( <i>Family</i> )<br>Dla calej rodzin St. Mary Immaculate       |



## CMAA Pledge Report for St. Mary Immaculate Parish As of September 13, 2020

|                          | 2020      | 2019      |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Goal:</b>             | \$231,500 | \$221,300 |
| <b>Amount Pledged:</b>   | \$173,708 | \$202,030 |
| <b>Amount Paid:</b>      | \$144,330 | \$145,541 |
| <b>Amount Due:</b>       | \$29,378  | \$56,486  |
| <b>Number of Donors:</b> | 748       | 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

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a |
| <b>Monday</b>    | Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13                             |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21        |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6             |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9                      |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22                      |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | Eccl 11:9 – 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:43b-45                |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32             |





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

*Seek the Lord while he may be found,  
call him while he is near.  
Isaiah 55:6*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Seeking the Lord is the whole project of our spiritual lives. Not that the Lord is hiding from us, of course. It's just that our human minds can be so easily distracted, so quickly wrapped up in the business of everyday life. Before we know it, the day is almost over, and we've not prayed, haven't taken time to realize that God is among us, haven't felt his presence. There's a trite Christian adage that says something like, "If you feel far from God, who moved?" So when we set out to seek the Lord, it's more that we have to take the moment every now and then during the day, to recognize his presence in our lives, ask where he's leading us, and turn toward him once again.

This is the seedbed of discernment. Discernment is that spiritual practice that, when we are confronted with choices to be made, seeks God's direction. These would be choices like business practices, where to attend school, entering into relationships, how to care for an ailing loved one, how to deal with a family crisis, and so many more life-changing moments. Discernment has been a frequent topic of my bulletin articles in the past, because it is so important, and also because I do it a lot! There are a lot of important issues for the Pastor to discern!

We often think of discernment when it comes to a vocational choice, namely the priesthood, or even the permanent diaconate. Those are occasions for discernment to be sure, but that doesn't let everyone else off the hook. One should seriously discern any life choice: marriage, a new job, moving to a new location, and on and on. Another aspect of discernment absolutely has to be the way we live our faith. What is Jesus calling us to do in these days? How is it that we share our gifts with others, take a stand for things that are important, or build up the kingdom in any way? This isn't just the priest's responsibility; this is everyone's task. Discerning the will of God and what he wants us to do should be something we spend time on each and every day. Seek the Lord!

Here at Saint Mary's, we want to be seeking the Lord's will so that we can bring the happiness of the Christian life to others. With that in mind, we have been working on a program called "The 99." The name describes how many Catholics think of themselves. We see ourselves as part of the flock, part of the 99, safe in the care of the Good Shepherd. We do not see ourselves as needing to be found, like the "one" sheep who went astray. Nor do we see the need to seek after the "one", sheep who might be lost.

This experience is a call to recognize that we just might be the one sheep who is lost, even though we go to church every Sunday. This is a call to enter into a deeper relationship with Jesus. It is also a call to recognize when we need to be the shepherd to others, leaving the flock to spread the Gospel.

Many of our parish leaders, including our staff, Parish Pastoral Council, and members of our Finance Council, have been part of our parish preview of this experience. Now we are inviting everyone to experience it. This three evening multi-media experience will be a time to slow down and open ourselves to an encounter with the Holy Spirit and deepen our relationship to Jesus.

Tuesday Mornings, 9:30 - 11:30 AM:

October 13

October 20

October 27

***or***

Wednesday Evenings, 7:00 - 9:00 PM:

October 14

October 21

October 28

Sign-up through this link:

<https://smip.org/the-99-experience/>

Do not be content just to be part of the "99". Be the one God works through.

Yours in Christ and His Blessed Mother,  
Father 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, Willard Pisto, 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 Tejeda-Ortega, Gerard Titchenal, Bruce Trevillian II, Al Urban, Keith Urban, Aurora Vargas-Rubi, Florian (Butch) Zimecki

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



Please keep:  
Edward Genovese  
and his family in your prayers.

*In Memoriam*



### **The 2020 Best of Will County Readers' Choice Awards!**

Help St Mary Immaculate be The Herald News Best of Will County number one readers' choice!

Voting is open through September 30<sup>th</sup>. Vote once a day everyday. Vote online at:

[theherald-news.com/2020best](http://theherald-news.com/2020best)

### Campus Hours



The Parish Offices will be closed  
Monday, September 21, 2020  
for an In-Service Staff Day.

Parish Offices will reopen at  
9:00 am  
Tuesday, September 22, 2020.





## Congratulations to the Newly Baptized...



**ANGEL CALDERON JR**

Son of Angel & Maria (Robles) Calderon

**LILLIAN DANIELLE PATRIQUIN**

Daughter of Daniel Patriquin & Michele Kelly

## Welcome to Our New Parishioners

**Lucas & Ashley Bujarski**

Plainfield, IL

**Roberta Feiza**

Joliet, IL

**Brian & Kristen Kahne**

Joliet, IL

3 new household has registered at St. Mary Immaculate since September 13, 2020.

## Lighting Prayer Intention Candles

For your donation of \$3.00, we will physically light one of the candles near the Adoration chapel for your intention and add your intention to a list in the online bulletin.

To request a prayer intention and make your donation, please go to [smip.org/candles](http://smip.org/candles)



### In Honor Of:

Carl Goetttert

### Intentions:

Going through alcoholic rehab



## Full-Time Maintenance Position St. Mary Immaculate, Plainfield, IL

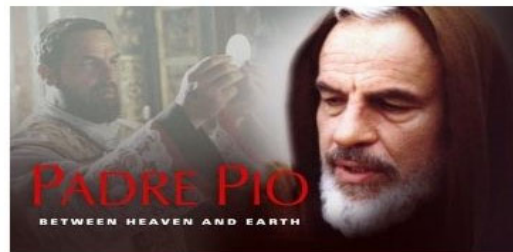
St. Mary Immaculate Parish in Plainfield has a full-time, benefitted position available in our maintenance/custodial department. Candidates must be able to lift 50 lbs., climb ladders and be in good physical condition. Work is inside and outside in various types of weather. All applicants are required to undergo a background check and complete the Protecting God's Children course, as required for all parish staff.

For more information, please contact Steve Perez, Building Services Supervisor, at 815-436-2651, ext. 820, or to be considered for the position, please send a cover letter and resume to [sperez@smip.org](mailto:sperez@smip.org).

**FORMED**  
PICK OF THE WEEK

### Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Blessed with incredible spiritual gifts, including healing, bi-location, reading of souls, and the stigmatic wounds, Padre Pio was a powerful witness for Christ, and a great spiritual guide to countless souls for over fifty years.



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## Stations of the Cross Pathway Brick Paver Order Form

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Engraving on each brick allows three lines of 13 characters each. You can choose one icon per brick; however, leave the required spacing per the icon below. Icons are optional. You do not need to use all lines or spaces. Please print clearly. St. Mary Immaculate reserves the right to edit text deemed inappropriate. Thank you for your support. Any questions, contact Pam Angelus 815-436-2651 x849.

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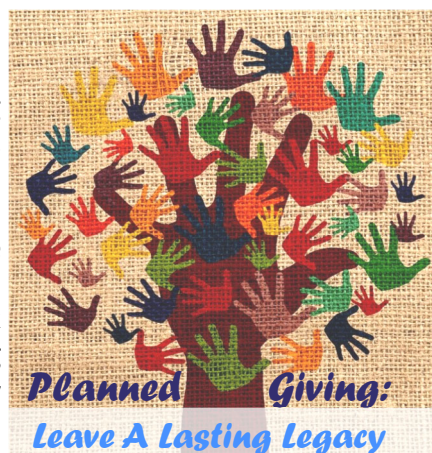
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### Planned Gifts

Fall is a great time to consider your legacy. Whether you are creating your initial will or updating an existing one, consider a bequest to St. Mary Immaculate in your estate planning.

Other planned gift options include Life Insurance Gifts, Charitable Remainder Trusts, Charitable Lead Trusts, Life Estate Arrangement, Lifetime Giving, IRA distribution, and many more. Consult your tax and /or financial planning professionals to determine which giving plan is appropriate for you. Thank you for your continued generosity to St. Mary Immaculate.



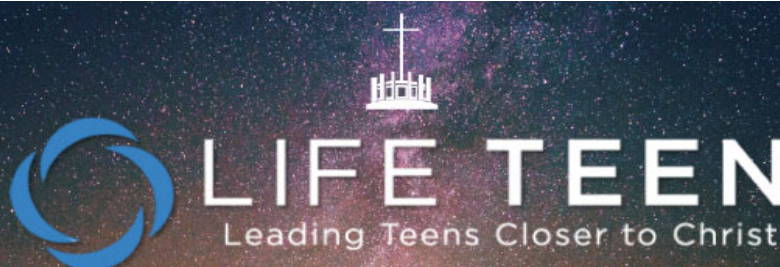
### Confirmation

**OPENING MASS for all 7-12th grade students and families:**  
Sunday, September 20, Live streamed at 9:15 am, some tickets still available

- Sept. 21: Class for Year 2 RE students with their mentors, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
- Sept. 24: Class for Year 1 RE students with their mentors, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
- Sept. 27: High School class
- Sept. 28: First E-Learning Class emailed to RE students.



You can reach us at 815-436-2861 and via email at [gwurster@smip.org](mailto:gwurster@smip.org)



We Are Re-opening!!!  
Lifeteen will be live and in person again!  
Sundays 7-8:30pm  
Open to all 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders.

Check out our website [www.smip.org/Lifeteen](http://www.smip.org/Lifeteen) for more info about changes and to sign up.  
Or contact Dianne Rostollan.



## Prayer Vigil

October 10 (12:01 am - 11:59 pm)  
3051 East New York Street, Aurora, IL



From September 23 to November 1, Christians around the world will again join together for the most powerful pro-life effort the world has ever seen. During these 40 days, churches in our area will participate in our local effort: **40 DAYS FOR LIFE FOX VALLEY**. Each day, one church will commit to praying for an end to abortion outside of the Aurora Clinic.

**St. Mary Immaculate** will hold our monthly prayer vigil, as part of 40 DAYS FOR LIFE, on **Saturday, October 10**. Please **sign up** at [smip.org/40days](http://smip.org/40days) to pray with us for one hour during our 24-hour vigil, beginning at midnight on the morning of October 10th. To help ensure each person's safety, everyone participating in-person must wear a face mask and observe social distancing.

*This past weekend, we witnessed a birth mother who chose to seek information at Waterleaf just from those present talking to her.*

If you are unable to join our group on October 10, please consider praying with other groups on another day during the 40 day period. You can also show your love and support through daily prayer and fasting.

For more information, please text Don Hrdlicka at 630-415-6603  
or send an email message to [pharmdon@hotmail.com](mailto:pharmdon@hotmail.com).



### Knights of Columbus Good Shepherd Council #5573



#### Intercessions for Life

For all whose hearts ache from participating in abortion: may they be strengthened to seek the Lord's compassion, mercy, and healing in the Sacrament of Reconciliation;

We pray to the Lord

#### Peticiones por La Vida

Por todos a quienes les duele el corazón por su participación en un aborto: para que sean fortalecidos para buscar la compasión, misericordia y sanación del Señor en el Sacramento de la Reconciliación;

Roguemos al Señor

#### Word of Life

"Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: 'there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance' (Lk 15:7)."

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USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
"Life Matters: Forgiveness and Healing After Abortion"



#### Palabra de Vida

"A lo largo de la historia de salvación, Dios ha recibido a los pecadores arrepentidos con especial alegría. Jesús concluye la parábola de la oveja perdida con estas palabras: 'habrá más alegría en el cielo por un solo pecador que vuelve a Dios que por noventa y nueve justos que no tienen necesidad de convertirse' (Lucas 15,7)."

- \* Biblia Latinoamérica. SOBICAIN, 1976. Se utiliza con permiso. Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB  
"La Vida Importa: Perdón y sanación posaborto"

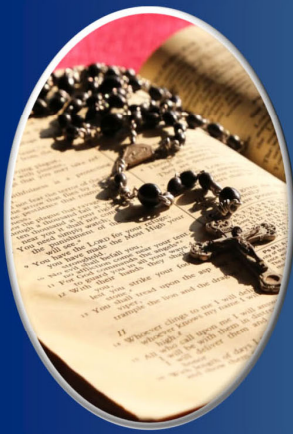




## Adult Faith Formation

*"Every disciple of the Lord Jesus shares in this mission (to proclaim and witness to the Good News of Jesus). To do their part, adult Catholics must be mature in faith and well equipped to share the Gospel, promoting it in every family circle, in every church gathering, in every place of work, and in every public forum. They must be women and men of prayer whose faith is alive and vital, grounded in a deep commitment to the person and message of Jesus."*

#2 – Our Hearts Were Burning. USCCB.



Adult Faith Formation, then, is the lifelong process of finding and falling in love with God in the midst of our human lives. Every one of us, by virtue of our Baptism, is on a lifelong journey of faith. Consequently, Adult Faith Formation has as its purpose to support, nourish, and challenge adults as they explore their faith, experience its power, grow in relationship with God. Thus, we strive here at St. Mary Immaculate Parish, to offer, plan, and implement a wide variety of faith forming programs and opportunities for all adults.

### **What are the goals of Adult Faith Formation?**

The U.S. Bishops outline three key goals of Adult Faith Formation (OHWB #67-73):

1. Inviting and enabling ongoing conversion to Jesus in holiness of life:
  - helping adults acquire an attitude of conversion to the Lord
  - leading adults to repentance of sin, reconciliation through the sacraments and deepening faith in Jesus
2. Promoting and supporting active membership in the Christian community:
  - helping adults make a conscious and firm decision to live the faith through membership in the Christian community
  - inviting and supporting baptized adults in their co-responsibility for the Church's mission and life
3. Calling and preparing adults to act as disciples in mission to the world
  - inviting baptized adults to evangelization and justice in the world

## 2020



### BIBLICAL EXPERIENCES

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.

We will 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 *Women of 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. or Wednesday evening 7-9 PM with Zoom.**

SEPTEMBER 9 - Eve, Miriam, and a few others

SEPTEMBER 23 - Deborah, Jael and other

OCTOBER 7 - Sarah and Hagar

OCTOBER 21 - Ruth

NOVEMBER 4 - Hannah

Register on website <https://smip.org/bible-study-women-of-torah/>



### THE 99 EXPERIENCE

Over the past several months, something powerful has been happening in our parish. Many of us who serve in ministry at St. Mary Immaculate have been gathering to grow in our faith and learn how we can become an even stronger and more inviting parish community. We would like to invite all of you to *The 99 Experience*, a powerful mission event that will be a springboard for our entire parish to deepen our faith as we grow in identity, purpose, and community. *The 99 Experience* is for *everyone*, even those who are currently not active in their faith and would need you to invite them. Prayerfully consider who you know who would benefit from attending *The 99 Experience* and invite them. Sign up at: <https://smip.org/the-99-experience/>

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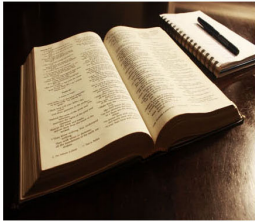
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## LECTIO DIVINA: PRAYING THE SCRIPTURES



Lectio Divina (literally divine reading) is a way of becoming immersed in the Scriptures very personally. Lectio Divina was first introduced by St. Gregory of Nyssa (c 330- 395), and also encouraged by St. Benedict of Nursia (c 480-547), the founder of the Benedictine order. It's a way of developing a closer relationship with God by reflecting prayerfully on His words. In Lectio Divina, the chosen spiritual text is read four times in total, giving an opportunity to think deeply about it and respond thoughtfully. When we practice Lectio Divina, we can imagine we're actually involved in the events of Scripture.

Join us each week as we delve into the origins of this spiritual practice and practice it .



**10/1 - Session 1:** Introduction and overview. We will examine prayer as a relationship between us and the trinity. We will also examine the history of the Lectio Divina practice. Then we will examine the distinction between Centering Prayer and Lectio.

**10/8 - Session 2:** This session will focus on the first two movements of the Lectio-Divina prayer. We will practice these movements and there will be time for sharing insights.

**10/15 - Session 3:** In this session we will review the first two movements of Lectio-Divina but our main focus will be on the third and fourth movements of the prayer. As before in session 2, we will practice these movements and there will be time for sharing insights.

**10/22 - Session 4:** Putting it all together. We will review all four movements of Lectio and do some practicing and again sharing of insights. Lastly, we will explore what are the next steps.

**Sessions are Thursday Evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 PM with Zoom.**

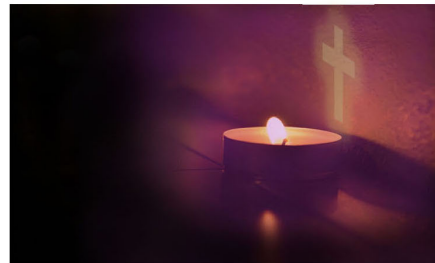
**Sign up at: <https://smip.org/lectio-divina/>**

## ADVENT

### LIGHT OF THE WORLD - A Beginner's Guide to Advent

This study will explore the biblical texts surrounding the story of the birth of Jesus. Join us as we trace the Christmas narrative through the stories of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, the journey to Bethlehem, and the visit from the Magi. These stories open conversations around connections of the Gospel stories to the Old Testament, the role of women in first-century Jewish culture, the importance of Mary's visitation and the revolutionary implications of Mary's Magnificat, the census and the stable, and the star of Bethlehem and the flight into Egypt.

**Wednesdays 9:00 - 11:00 AM or Wednesdays 7:00 - 9:00 PM with Zoom:**  
NOVEMBER 11, 18, DECEMBER 2, 9



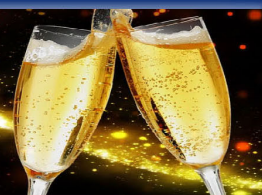
### WOMEN'S ADVENT TEA

Join us for a **virtual** Advent Women's Tea **on Thursday, December 10 at 7:00 PM**. We will have a wonderfully enlightening talk given by Meg Bucaro as she shares insights and thoughts on: **Heaven Help Me! Finding Christ (or Peace) in the Chaos of Christmas.**

Meg is a college instructor, wife to "the Hubs", Mom of three energetic children and a highly skilled PB&J sandwich maker. Meg shares the ups and downs of Motherhood in her candidly humorous writings and speaking programs. She will share how Moms can maintain a life with less stress and more peace by leaning on their Catholic faith.

## 2021

### Happy New Year



#### **WINTER STUDY - Explore the most popular sermon ever delivered!**

The Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5-7, contains some of Jesus' most profound and most memorable teachings. What might these teachings have meant to his disciples and to the others who first heard them? How do they enhance our reading of the rest of the Gospel of Matthew, and how do they speak across the centuries to listeners today? How, if we pay careful attention to his words, does Jesus provide us a road map to living as God would have us live?

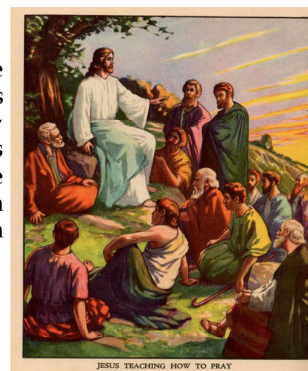
This is a 6-week study. One of the weeks, Biblical Scholar and Author, Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, will join us live!

**Wednesdays, 9:00 - 11:00 AM with Zoom or Wednesdays, 7:00 - 9:00 PM with Zoom:**  
January 6, 13, 20, 27 and February 3, 10

#### **PRAYING THE "OUR FATHER" WITH JESUS**

**Michael Simone, S.J.** (Professor of Theology @ Boston College) helps us view the Lord's Prayer through Jesus's eyes. This is a personal project that Fr. Simone pursues in addition to his academic research and writing. Simone reminds us that the library of books we call the Hebrew Bible or the "Old Testament" was the only Bible Jesus knew. As Simone explores selected phrases or segments from the "Our Father," he points us to passages and words that may have captivated the mind of Jesus when Jesus uttered that prayer. Simone's reflections demonstrate to the modern Christian believer just how powerful a source of revelation the Hebrew Bible continues to be.

**Join us on Thursday Evenings at 7:00 PM for this Four-part series:**  
January 21, 28 and February 4, 11



#### **LENTEN STUDY - A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week**

Jesus' final days were full of risk. Every move he made was filled with anticipation, danger, and the potential for great loss or great reward. Jesus risked his reputation when he entered Jerusalem in victory parade. He risked his life when he dared to teach in the temple. His followers risked everything when they left behind their homes, or anointed him with costly perfume. We take risks as we read and re-read these stories, finding new meanings and new challenges.

In *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week*, a 6-week study, Author and Biblical Scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the Passion story.

**Sessions with Zoom: Wednesdays, 9:00 - 11:00 am or Wednesdays, 7:00 - 9:00 pm.**  
February 24 and March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

*More details on these and how to register in the bulletin and on the SMIP website.*



## Make A Difference Day • Saturday, October 17 Sign Up for Projects Now!

*A Day of Faith and Service to Bring Jesus to Others*

Many meaningful, family-oriented service projects are offered here at SMI, in your own home, and out in the community on Make a Difference Day. It's a great opportunity for everyone to come together in loving service and fellowship! The wide assortment of service projects offers something suitable for all ages, including families with youth, teens, young adults, and seniors.

- **New this year:** Decorating Pumpkin Project.
- **Returning favorite projects include:** Blood Drive at SMI, Ready-Set-Ride in Plainfield, Adoration, Rosary Making, Linden Oaks Stress Blankets, Kids Crafts, and Undy Sunday.
- **Donation Station:** Drop off requested items for any of our 10 organizations, behind SMI School
- **Mobile Food Pantry** – Get a jump start by helping to serve others in our community on **October 13<sup>th</sup>**

Browse and sign up for projects now. Visit [www.smip.org/madd](http://www.smip.org/madd) on your own computer.

Don't forget to take 5+ photos and send them to [pangelus@smip.org](mailto:pangelus@smip.org).

### October 17<sup>th</sup> Schedule of Events

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| 9:00 AM           | Daily Mass in the Church   |
| 9:30 AM           | Volunteer Blessing in the Church   |
| 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM | Perform one of our many service projects offered throughout the morning and afternoon, either at SMI or out in the community |
| 4:00 PM           | Vigil Parking Lot Mass for Sunday  |



**Sign-Up at: [smip.org/MaDD](http://smip.org/MaDD)**

## JOB OPENINGS:

### Diocese of Joliet - Office of Child & Youth Protection

The Diocese of Joliet is seeking to hire a Director of the Office of Child and Youth Protection. This position is responsible for implementing and maintaining the diocesan response to the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* and the *Essential Norms*, and for creating a culture of safety for the children of the Diocese. The Director is responsible for supervising and coordinating the assistance needed by any victim of sexual abuse that occurred in the past or the present. The Director supervises the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator and ensures all incoming allegations of sexual abuse of minors by Church employees or volunteers are properly received and handled according to the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* and state laws. Serves as staff to the Diocesan Review Committee.

The successful candidate will be a participating Catholic and will possess a Master's Degree in Counseling, Social Work or Criminal Justice, and have at least five years of experience. Must have knowledge of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, and an understanding of the stages of victimization and the healing process. Must have strong verbal and written communication skills and excellent listening skills, good computer skills, along with strong interpersonal skills. Must possess the ability to use discretion and maintain confidentiality and must be able to express compassion and understanding to all types of people. Must also possess the ability to train individuals and lead training events. Fluency in Spanish preferred.

This is a full time exempt position with benefits. Normal work week, Monday through Thursday 800 a.m. through 4:30 p.m., Fridays 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Requires flexibility of schedule, evening and weekend work as needed.

Qualified candidates meeting the necessary qualification please email cover letter, resume and salary requirements to [humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org).

### Diocese of Joliet—Young Adult and Campus Ministry

The Diocese of Joliet is seeking to hire a Director of Young Adult and Campus Ministry. The Director supervises and collaborates in the diocesan efforts for ministry to and with young adult, college students, and the various staff and volunteers who assist with these ministries in the Diocese of Joliet.

A Master's degree in theology, pastoral ministry or related field preferred. Two years of diocesan or three years of parish/campus ministry experience required. Excellent written and oral communication skills are essential. Must be a practicing Catholic, with multicultural sensitivity; bilingual in Spanish and English a plus.

Applicants meeting the necessary qualifications please email a cover letter, resume and salary requirement to: [humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org). To view a full job description visit: <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/jobdetail.php?id=617>

### St. Scholastica Parish—Woodridge, IL

St. Scholastica Parish in Woodridge, IL is currently searching for a part-time (20 hours) Parish Secretary. This is a shared position. You will be fully engaged and busy from the first day and we guarantee there will never be a dull moment. Responsibilities and requirements include the ability to juggle multiple projects with superb accuracy, strong administrative skills, and exceptional customer service skills, over the phone and in person, with our parishioners and internal departments. Qualified candidates must be computer savvy and proficient in Microsoft Office, have excellent written and verbal communication skills, experience with Parish Data Systems is a plus as well as being bilingual in English and Spanish. Salary depends on skills and experience.

To apply, please send resume to Lianda Valentine at [lvalentine@stscholasticaparish.org](mailto:lvalentine@stscholasticaparish.org)

### St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church—Itasca, IL

St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Itasca, IL is seeking a part-time music director (approximately 5-10 hours a week) to play for its Sunday and Holy Day Masses. Number of hours may increase with opportunities such as a parish choir and monthly prayer/devotional services once COVID retreats. The music director must be comfortable on both the organ and piano. The ability to play and sing alone is preferred. The ideal candidate is able to communicate well and work collaboratively with the pastor, pastoral staff members, cantors and parishioners. Ability to coordinate and play well with ensemble instrumentalists for special occasions is preferred. Weddings and funerals available for additional compensation.

The ideal candidate should have a working knowledge of the Roman Catholic faith and liturgy as well as a desire to play a balance of traditional and contemporary hymns. Apply to Reverend Robert Noesen, Pastor of St. Peter the Apostle Parish Church, 551 North Rush St., Itasca, IL 60143-1636. Email [pastorstpeteritasca.com](mailto:pastorstpeteritasca.com). Please send resume with recent references.



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Fr. Michael Sparough, SJ is a retreat director and spiritual director at the Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House in Barrington. He holds an MFA from the Yale School of Drama and a Doctor of Ministry from St Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, IL. He is the founder of Charis, a national Jesuit retreat ministry for young adults in their 20s and 30s, and has trained spiritual directors at Loyola University-Chicago.

A prolific writer and speaker, Fr. Michael has published books, CDs, and DVDs on prayer, discernment, and the sacraments with Franciscan Media, Paulist Press, Liturgical Training Publications, Loyola Press, and Heart to Heart. He is seen regularly on Shalom World Catholic Television and is heard regularly on Sacred Heart radio in Cincinnati and WSFI Catholic Radio in greater Chicagoland.

His latest co-authored book is *What's Your Decision? An Ignatian Approach to Decision Making* and is published by Loyola Press.

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This special Tree Blessing Ceremony remembers infants lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, other pregnancy losses, and infant or early childhood death.

In order to help all families through the grieving process, The Office of Family Ministry in the Catholic Diocese of Joliet is offering a Tree of Light Blessing (Online Video) to honor all infants available online Sunday, November 1, 2020 in lieu of an in-person mass this year.

In the pre-recorded video, each baby will be acknowledged giving each family the opportunity to have their loss acknowledged.

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Please register to receive the video online link by email

[familiministry@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:familiministry@dioceseofjoliet.org) or online at <https://bit.ly/2zWNhtY>.

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**October 20** Ignatian Imaginative Prayer facilitated by Joanne McElroy

**October 27** Integrating Meditative Practices in a Modern World facilitated by Fr. Larry Dreffein, OFM

Cost for the entire series is \$50. Individual Sessions \$10 Participants will receive an email with the Zoom invitation and password before each session. Register online at [mayslakeministries.org](https://mayslakeministries.org)

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## Weekly Campus Calendar

| MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY   | SUNDAY   |
|--|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| September 21   | September 22  | September 23  | September 24   | September 25   | September 26   | September 27   |
| <b>9:00 AM</b><br>Mass<br>Reservation Required<br><i>(live stream available)</i><br>(CH)<br><br><b>Parish Offices</b><br><b>Closed for In-</b><br><b>Service Staff Day</b><br><br><b>7:00 - 8:30 PM</b><br>Confirmation Class<br>Year 2<br>(SCH) | <b>9:00 AM</b><br>Mass<br>Reservation Required<br><i>(live stream available)</i><br>(CH)<br><br><b>9:00 AM - 1:00 PM</b><br>Offices Open<br><i>(by appointment only)</i><br><br><b>5:15 - 6:30 PM</b><br>RE Class<br>(SCH)<br><br> | <b>9:00 AM</b><br>Mass<br>Reservation Required<br><i>(live stream available)</i><br>(CH)<br><br><b>9:00 AM - 1:00 PM</b><br>Offices Open<br><i>(by appointment only)</i><br><br><b>9:30 AM - 12:00 PM</b><br>Drive-Up<br>Adoration<br><i>(Church Vestibule)</i><br><br><b>6:15 - 7:30 PM</b><br>RE Class<br>(SCH) | <b>9:00 AM</b><br>Mass<br>Reservation Required<br><i>(live stream available)</i><br>(CH)<br><br><b>9:00 AM - 1:00 PM</b><br>Offices Open<br><i>(by appointment only)</i><br><br><b>5:15 - 6:30 PM</b><br>RE Class<br>(SCH)<br><br><b>7:00 - 8:30 PM</b><br>Confirmation Class<br>Year 1<br>(SCH) | <b>9:00 AM</b><br>Mass<br>Reservation Required<br><i>(live stream available)</i><br>(CH)<br><br><b>9:00 AM - 1:00 PM</b><br>Offices Open<br><i>(by appointment only)</i><br><br><b>9:30 AM - 8:00 PM</b><br>Drive-Up<br>Adoration<br><i>(Church Vestibule)</i><br><br><b>2:30 PM</b><br>Confessions<br><i>(until all are heard)</i><br>(COM)<br><br><b>4:00 PM</b><br>Parking Lot Mass<br>(Tune to 107.7 FM)<br><i>(live stream available)</i> | <b>9:00 AM</b><br>Mass<br>Reservation Required<br><i>(live stream available)</i><br>(CH)<br><br><b>9:00 - 10:15 AM</b><br>RE Class<br>(SCH)<br><br><b>9:30 AM - 12:00 PM</b><br>Drive-Up<br>Adoration<br><i>(Church Vestibule)</i><br><br><b>2:30 PM</b><br>Confessions<br><i>(until all are heard)</i><br>(COM)<br><br><b>4:00 PM</b><br>Parking Lot Mass<br>(Tune to 107.7 FM)<br><i>(live stream available)</i><br><br><b>SS. COSMAS &amp; DAMIAN</b><br><br><b>BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b> | <b>7:30 AM</b><br>Mass<br>Reservation Required<br>(CH)<br><br><b>9:15 AM</b><br>Mass<br>Reservation Required<br><i>(live stream available)</i><br>(CH)<br><br><b>11:00 AM</b><br>Spanish Mass<br>Reservation Required<br><i>(live stream available)</i><br>(CH)<br><br><b>12:45 PM</b><br>Polish Mass<br>(CH)<br><br><b>7:00 - 8:30 PM</b><br>Lifeteen |
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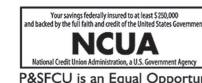
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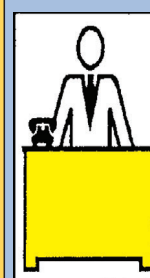
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