

One Family  
in Faith Making



ST. MARY  
IMMACULATE  
Parish

Christ  
Known

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27, 2020

*Humbly*

regard others as more important than yourselves,  
each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others.

~ Philippians 2:3-4



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*“The journey of reconciliation calls for patience and trust. #Peace will not be obtained unless it is hoped for.”*

*- Pope Francis @ Pontifex*

## Mass Intentions

<b>Monday –</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>September 28, 2020</b> Charlotte Glavan – (Family)
<b>Tuesday –</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>September 29, 2020</b> Debra Kinnoy – Anniversary of Death – (Dee & Shirley) Roberto Barrameda Sr. – (Gloria Sumagui) Margaret Metoyer - Birthday Remembrance – (Brian & Lisa Trishman) Deceased members of the Dudzik Family – (Anna Dudzik) Miguel Chavez-Solis – (Family)
<b>Wednesday –</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>September 30, 2020</b> Jack McBride – (Wife Shirley)
<b>Thursday –</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>October 1, 2020</b> Adoracion Patolot – (Patolot Family) Raymond Miller – (Ed & Arlene Kauzlarich) Mary Jo Tsokolas – (Mark & Nancy Finnicum) Deceased members of the Zieba Family – (Anna Dudzik)
<b>Friday –</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>October 2, 2020</b> Dion O’Leary – (O’Leary Family)
<b>Saturday –</b> 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. (Parking Lot)	<b>October 3, 2020</b> Tim Oberg – (Wife, Lori & Family) People of the Parish
<b>Sunday –</b> 7:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m. (Spanish) 12:45 p.m. (Polish)	<b>October 4, 2020</b> Robert Schwab – (Family) Joann Dickerson – (Joe Manske & Family) Viviana & Guadalupe Calzada – (Margarita Ocegueda) Roze Rozancowe



## CMAA Pledge Report for St. Mary Immaculate Parish As of September 20, 2020

	2020	2019
<b>Goal:</b>	\$231,500	\$221,300
<b>Amount Pledged:</b>	\$177,013	\$202,030
<b>Amount Paid:</b>	\$148,560	\$145,541
<b>Amount Due:</b>	\$28,453	\$56,486
<b>Number of Donors:</b>	750	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

<b>Sunday</b>	Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32
<b>Monday</b>	Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
<b>Tuesday</b>	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62
<b>Thursday</b>	Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12
<b>Friday</b>	Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5
<b>Saturday</b>	Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24
<b>Sunday</b>	Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43



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

*Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;  
teach me your paths,  
guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my savior.  
Psalm 25:4-5*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

That quote from Psalm 25 above (which is the Psalm for today's Mass), is one I've been going to often in these days. Would that we could see where all this was heading! Wouldn't it be nice to know when this pandemic was over? Wouldn't it be nice to finally put an end to racial injustice that has been an ugly part of our history for so long? Wouldn't it be nice to have an end to political rancor, to have politicians work together for the common good? Wouldn't it be nice for all the stress to be over?

The truth is, if we really knew the big picture, really were able to see what God does, we would probably be so overwhelmed we couldn't move! Who knows from what sadness our God is shielding us so that we can actually function. As Jesus says in another place, "Sufficient for a day is its own evil" (Matthew 6:34). Yet it certainly seems like our day is bringing more than its share of evil. Maybe we might say "More than sufficient for this day is its own evil!"

So how do we deal with all this stress that we have been getting? I don't know about you, but I'm at my wit's end with this whole year. And it's not just the pandemic, it's not just the racial injustice, it's not just the political rancor, it's all of it, all wrapped up together in one big ball of stress!

Well this past Monday, our staff had an in-service day, and this was the topic. We met with Dr. Ted Welsch, Psy.D., who has an office on our campus. It was a day that was very helpful to all of us, including me. I'd like to share a few bullet points of the stress-relieving techniques that he shared with us, along with some that our staff shared. Maybe they will help you too.

- Breathe. I know this sounds like an "oh yeah, everyone knows that" kind of thing, but very often we forget. Doing some good deep breathing at the beginning or end of the day, or after a stressful time affects the chemical balance of our brains and really helps.
- Turn off Facebook and Twitter and whatever else is just flinging all that stress back up in your face. You don't need it. The social media universe can survive without you, and it's not helping you to be on it all day.
- Get some exercise. I've been more attentive to this in the last couple of months, and I've not only lost some pounds (and I'm happy about that!), but it has also made me feel better. Exercise has profound impacts on our mental health. You don't have to run a marathon or win a strongman competition (unless you want to!), just a little exercise every day will accomplish a lot.
- Pray with gratitude. We see so much around us that's negative. What would happen if we flipped the narrative, at least in our own minds and hearts? Because even in the cruddy times, God is still blessing us. So make a list of those blessings (write them down, or just spend some serious time reflecting on them) and then pray a prayer of gratitude to God in your own words. Grateful people are always happier people.

There are a lot of things that help. But the important thing is to reach for those things that help. Focusing on the negative will never make us happy. But having some healthy coping strategies will help us get through this difficult time with more grace.

Please know of my prayers for you each day. I pray we can all come through this time with an awareness of the many ways God is leading us and blessing us.

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



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

*Haz Señor, que conozca tus caminos;  
muéstrame tus senderos.  
En tu verdad guía mis pasos, instruyeme,  
Tú que eres mi Dios y mi salvador.  
Salmo 25: 4-5*

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo:

Esta cita del Salmo 25 (que es el Salmo de la Misa de hoy), es una cita a la que he estado acudiendo a menudo en estos días. ¡Ojalá hubiéramos podido ver hacia dónde se dirigía todo esto! ¿No sería bueno saber cuándo terminará esta pandemia? ¿No sería bueno finalmente poner fin a la injusticia racial que ha sido una parte oscura de nuestra historia durante tanto tiempo? ¿No sería bueno poner fin al rencor político? ¿Que los políticos trabajen juntos por el bien común? ¿No sería bueno que se acabara todo el estrés?

La verdad es que si realmente conociéramos el panorama general, si pudiéramos ver lo que Dios hace, probablemente estaríamos tan abrumados que no podríamos movernos. Quién sabe de qué tristeza nos protege nuestro Dios para que podamos funcionar. Como dice Jesús en otra cita Bíblica, “A cada día le bastan sus problemas” (Mateo 6:34). Sin embargo, ciertamente parece que nuestros días están trayendo más problemas de los que corresponden. Quizás podríamos decir “A este día le basta con sus propios problemas”

Entonces, ¿cómo lidiamos con todo este estrés que hemos estado recibiendo? No sé ustedes, pero yo estoy al borde de la locura con todo lo sucedido durante este año. Y no es solo la pandemia, no es solo la injusticia racial, no es solo el rencor político, es todo, ¡todo envuelto en una gran bola de estrés!

El lunes pasado, nuestro personal tuvo un día de capacitación y este fue el tema. Nos reunimos con el Dr. Ted Welsch, Psy.D., que tiene una oficina en nuestro edificio. Fue un día que nos ayudó mucho a todos, incluyéndome a mí. Me gustaría compartir algunas buenas técnicas para aliviar el estrés que el Dr. Welsch compartió con nosotros en esta reunión; junto con algunas que compartió nuestro personal. Quizás estas le puedan ayudar a usted.

- Respire. Sé que esto suena como un "oh sí, todo el mundo sabe eso", pero muy a menudo lo olvidamos. Hacer una buena respiración profunda al principio o al final del día, o después de un momento estresante, afecta el equilibrio químico de nuestro cerebro y realmente ayuda.
- Aléjese de Facebook y Twitter y cualquier otra cosa que le arroje todo ese estrés a la cara. No lo necesita. El universo de las redes sociales puede sobrevivir sin usted y no le ayuda el estar en el todo el día.
- Haga ejercicio. He estado más atento a esto en los últimos meses y no solo he perdido algunos kilos (¡y estoy feliz por eso!), Sino que también me ha hecho sentir mejor. El ejercicio tiene un impacto profundo en nuestra salud mental. No tiene que correr un maratón o ganar una competencia de hombres fuertes (¡a menos que así lo desee!), Solo un poco de ejercicio todos los días logrará mucho.
- Ore con gratitud. Vemos tantas cosas negativas a nuestro alrededor. ¿Qué pasaría si cambiamos la narrativa, al menos en nuestra propia mente y corazón? Porque incluso en los tiempos difíciles, Dios todavía nos bendice. Así que haga una lista de esas bendiciones (escríbalas o simplemente pase un tiempo reflexionando sobre ellas) y luego haga una oración de gratitud a Dios con sus propias palabras. Las personas agradecidas son siempre personas más felices.

Hay muchas cosas que ayudan. Pero lo importante es alcanzar esas cosas que nos ayudan. Centrarse en lo negativo nunca nos hará felices. Pero tener algunas estrategias que nos ayuden a lidiar con el estrés nos ayudarán a superar este momento difícil con más gracia.

Por favor, sepa de mis oraciones por usted todos los días. Oro para que todos podamos superar este momento conscientes de las muchas formas en que Dios nos está guiando y bendiciendo.

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

*Daj mi poznać drogi Twoje Panie,  
I naucz mnie Twoich ścieżek,  
prowadź mnie w swojej prawdzie i pouczaj,  
bo jesteś moim Bogiem i Zbawcą.  
Psalm 25: 4-5*

Drodzy Bracia i Siostry w Chrystusie,

Powyższy cytat z Psalmu 25 (który jest Psalmem na dzisiejszą niedzielę) jest mi w ostatnich dniach niezwykle bliski. Gdybyśmy mogli zobaczyć dokąd to wszystko zmierza! Czyżby nie miło było wiedzieć kiedy ta pandemia się wreszcie skończy? Czy nie byłoby miło wreszcie położyć kres niesprawiedliwości rasowej, która była okropną częścią naszej historii? Czy nie byłoby miło skończyć z polityczną walką, a politycy współpracowaliby dla wspólnego dobra? Czy nie byłoby miło, gdyby cały ten stres się skończył?

Prawda jest taka, że gdybyśmy naprawdę znali szerszy obraz jak Pan Bóg działa, prawdopodobnie bylibyśmy tak przytłoczeni, że nie moglibyśmy się ruszyć! Kto wie przed jakim smutkiem chroni nas nasz Bóg, abyśmy mogli faktycznie funkcjonować. Jak Jezus mówi w innym miejscu, „Dosyć ma dzień swojej biedy” (Ew. Mateusza 6:34). Jednak z pewnością wydaje się, że nasze czasy przynoszą więcej niż tylko trochę biedy. Może moglibyśmy powiedzieć: „Więcej niż dosyć ma dzień swojej biedy!”

Jak więc radzimy sobie z całym tym stresem? Nie wiem jak Wam, ale mnie wystarczy tej biedy do końca roku. I to nie tylko pandemia, to nie tylko rasowa niesprawiedliwość, to nie tylko zapalczywość w polityce, ale wszystko razem połączone w jedną wielką kulę stresu!

W ubiegły poniedziałek nasz personel miał bardzo owocny dzień. Spotkaliśmy się z psychologiem dr. Tedem Welschem z Psy.D., który ma biuro w naszej parafii. To był dzień który był bardzo pomocny dla nas wszystkich łącznie ze mną. Chciałbym podzielić się z Wami kilkoma technikami odprężania jakie poznaliśmy na sesji. Może Wam też pomoga.

- Oddychaj. Wiem, że „wszyscy to wiedzą”, ale bardzo często zapominamy aby się na tym skoncentrować. Oddychanie głęboko na początku lub na końcu dnia lub po stresującym czasie wpływa na równowagę chemiczną naszego mózgu i naprawdę pomaga.
- Wyłącz Facebook, Twitter i wszystko inne, co tylko powoduje stres. Nie potrzebujesz tego. Wszechświat mediów społecznościowych może przetrwać bez Ciebie i nie musisz być w nim przez cały dzień.
- Poćwicz trochę. W ciągu ostatnich kilku miesięcy zwracałem na to większą uwagę i nie tylko straciłem kilka kilogramów (z czego bardzo się cieszę!), ale także poprawiło moje samopoczucie. Ćwiczenia mają głęboki wpływ na nasze zdrowie psychiczne. Nie musisz biegać w maratonie ani wygrywać zawodów zapaśniczych (chyba, że chcesz!), wystarczy odrobina ćwiczeń każdego dnia.
- Módlcie się z wdzięcznością. Widzimy wokół siebie tak wiele negatywnych rzeczy. Co by się stało, gdybyśmy odwrócili narrację, przynajmniej w naszych własnych umysłach i sercach? Ponieważ nawet w trudnych czasach Bóg wciąż nas błogosławi. Zrób więc listę tych błogosławieństw (zapisz je lub po prostu poświęć trochę czasu na zastanowienie się nad nimi), a następnie własnymi słowami pomódl się do Boga z modlitwą wdzięczności. Wdzięczni ludzie są zawsze szczęśliwsi ludźmi.

Jest wiele rzeczy, które pomagają. Ale ważne jest aby sięgnąć po te rzeczy, które pomagają. Skupianie się na negatywach nigdy nie sprawi, że będziemy szczęśliwi. Ale posiadanie pewnych zdrowych strategii radzenia sobie pomoże nam przejść przez ten trudny czas z większą gracją.

Proszę wiedzieć że codziennie się za was modlę. Modlę się, abyśmy wszyscy przeszli przez ten czas ze świadomością, że Pan Bóg nas prowadzi i błogosławi.

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

# 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, Siobhan Peacy, 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:  
Our Faithful Departed  
and their families in your prayers.

*In Memoriam*

## 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:	Intentions:
Carl Goettert	Going through alcoholic rehab
Prayers for Healing	3 Special Intentions
Stacy Taylor	To be strong to reclaim her children and home

## 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 face mask and check in with the Commons Receptionist.**



Dear Saint Mary Immaculate Parishioners,

THANK YOU!

Today, we want take a minute to say a big thank you to all of our volunteers who have really stepped up to serve St. Mary's. So many people are needed to make everything happen right now. Whether it is parking lot Mass or daily Mass or food truck and on and on. It takes so many people to make it all happen and you have stepped up.

At the same time as we open up more opportunities to return to our normal activities, if you have not already served, please know that volunteering safely is a priority. If you are able, please join the people who are already volunteering.

Please take notice of Saint Mary's amazing staff. They continue to amaze! They are everywhere trying to make it all work. Thank you to each of them. They need our support and please tell them Thank You when you see them.

Father Pat, and our priests, Father John and Father Ramon are keeping up and ahead of all the changes that some days come by the hour. The Diocese, the State of Illinois, the County continue to change the rules St. Mary's must work under. Keeping up and serving our parish needs is the priority and we believe that Father Pat has been outstanding in his response to the pandemic.

You as a parish have also supported the financial end of our needs. Again, we need that to continue to get back to whatever the new normal is going to be. As you saw in the financial report, we are still behind. However, without each of your dedication and financial commitment we would not be in a good place right now. Thank you! Thank you!

As we move forward, Father's goal is to get us all back to Mass and normal parish activities as soon as is possible. Please pray for all the volunteers, staff and especially our priests as they all work so hard to fulfill our Parish Mission of serving Jesus.

On behalf of the entire Finance Council and the Parish Pastoral Council

God Bless,

Michael Kelly  
Finance Council Chair

Grace Blaszak  
Parish Pastoral Council Chair



# Our Family in Faith



## Congratulations to the Newly Baptized...



**SCARLET BROOKLYN CHESNUL**

Daughter of Gina Wood & Michael Chesnul

**ELLA GRECIA MARAVILLA**

Daughter of Omar & Susana (Ferreira) Maravilla

**MAGDALENA ROSE REIMER**

Daughter of Nick & Sharon (Mooney) Reimer

**DOMINIC ALBERTO VARGAS**

Son of Jose & Daisy (Sandoval) Vargas

## Welcome to Our New Parishioners

**Rosalia Olivas**

*Evanston, IL*

**Rene & Cynthia Vega**

*Crest Hill, IL*

**Daniel & Laura Streitz**

*Plainfield, IL*

**Adam Turvey & Jamie Wood**

*Plainfield, IL*

4 new household has registered at St. Mary Immaculate since September 20, 2020.

## 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!

SMI can be found under the following categories:



- Family/Specialty/Hobby
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- Food & Drink
  - Fish Fry
    - ⇒ Knights of Columbus 5573 St. Mary Immaculate
- Top Workplace/Best Employer
  - Best Employer - Education
  - Best Employer - Non Profit Organization
  - Small Employer Under 100 Employees

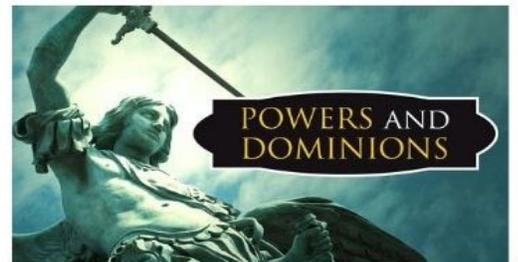
Voting is open through September 30<sup>th</sup>. Vote once a day everyday.

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

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PICK OF THE WEEK

### Powers and Dominions

In all of God's creation we see such splendor, beauty, mystery, and wonder. Within this creation there are beings with intellect and free will: humans and angels. This film explores the spiritual world, that very real but unseen realm: God, the human soul, angels, demons (fallen angels), spiritual warfare, the reality of demonic possession and exorcism, the dangers of the new age movement and the occult, and much more.



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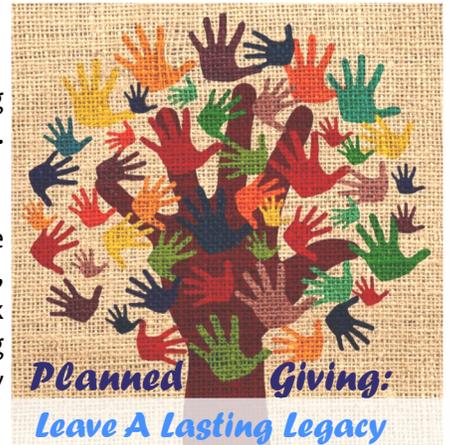
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## Planned Gifts

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

*Strengthened by the Spirit, Called to Action*

- Sept. 27: High School class
- Sept. 28: First E-Learning Class emailed to RE students.
- Oct. 5: Class for Year 2 RE students with their mentors, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
- Oct. 8: Class for Year 1 RE students with their mentors, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

*Make a Difference Day on Oct 17 is a great opportunity for families to complete a Disciples of Christ Service Project. See [www.smip.org/madd](http://www.smip.org/madd) to sign up!*

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



**We Are Re-opening!!!**

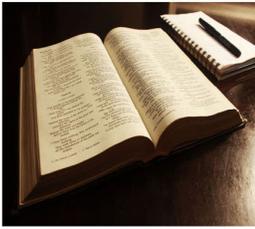
Lifeteen will be live and in person again!

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.

## 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/>

## 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/>

**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





## 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 [pharndon@hotmail.com](mailto:pharndon@hotmail.com).

## Knights of Columbus Good Shepherd Council #5573



### Intercessions for Life

For all who are forgotten or cast off, especially the unborn, the poor, the sick, and the aged: may they be treated according to the dignity with which God created them;

We pray to the Lord

### Peticiones por La Vida

Por los olvidados o abandonados, especialmente las personas por nacer, los pobres, los enfermos y los ancianos: para que se los trate conforme a la dignidad con la que Dios los creó;

Roguemos al Señor



### Word of Life

“Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die... The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, ‘Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?’”

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USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
“Every Suicide is Tragic”



### Palabra de Vida

“Las personas suicidas —con o sin enfermedades terminales— normalmente no quieren morir... El paciente que solicita el suicidio asistido suele preguntarse: ‘¿Hay alguien que quiera que yo siga vivo, o que se preocupe tanto como para disuadirme y apoyarme en este difícil momento?’”

- Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB  
“Cada Suicidio es trágico”

## **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)**



**Saturday  
October**

**17**

**9:00am – 1:30pm**

**Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.**

**PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED.**

**Call (800) 7TO-GIVE with eligibility questions.**

**Community Blood Drive Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus 5573**

**St. Mary Immaculate Catholic Church  
15629 S. Route 59, Plainfield, IL (Enter at Door B)**

**Appointments greatly appreciated; walk-ins welcome as the schedule and social distancing allow.**

**Please call Rich at 815-254-7078 or sign up on-line at [www.versiti.org/IL](http://www.versiti.org/IL), load the Versiti Donor app, or call (800) 7TO-GIVE.**

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**EVERY ATTENDEE MUST WEAR A MASK AND EVERY DONOR WILL SAVE UP TO 3 LIVES!**

**Blood Drive**





## Pack 19 Popcorn Sales

SMI Cub Scout Pack 19 is currently selling popcorn. We have the following products on hand for purchase:

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Contact Dawn Sprengel to schedule a contactless delivery 708-212-6305 or [sprengelowski@yahoo.com](mailto:sprengelowski@yahoo.com). We accept cash or credit card.

You can also make a purchase through our online store: <https://www.trails-end.com/store/scout/Q1FP7Z85>

**We appreciate your support!**



## VOCATION PRAYER CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2020

*Remember these men and women in your daily prayers –priests, Deacons, Seminarians and Women & Men Religious in the Diocese of Joliet*

- 1 Br. Lawrence Fidelus O.CARM, Br. Dominic Saganich O.CARM, Br. Edward Marc Arambasich OFM
- 2 Sr. Lucille Krippel OSF, Sr. Kathy Salewski, OSF
- 3 Sr. Janice Keenan OSF, Sr. Louise K. Bernier OSF
- 4 Fr. Richard Ross, Fr. Gregory Rothfuchs
- 5 Sr. Madelyn Gould OSF, Sr. Barbara Rowan OSF, Sr. Carol Stevens OSF
- 6 Dcns. David Prete, Michael Principe, Edward Ptacek, Joseph Pusateri, Victor Puscas, John Putman
- 7 Fr. Macario Torres Torres O.F.M.
- 8 Sr. M. Thadine Kaminski OSF, Sr. Donna Marie Baier OSF
- 9 Sr. Anita Beloin OSF, Sr. Paula Bingert OSF
- 10 Fr. Néstor F. Sánchez, Fr. Ronald Scarlata
- 11 Fr. Andrew Buchanan
- 12 Fr. Terry Deffenbaugh O.S.A., Fr. James Friedel O.S.A., Fr. Joseph McCormick O.S.A., Fr. John Merkelis O.S.A.
- 13 Dcns. Thomas Rachubinski, Donald Randolph, David Raskowski, Gregory Razka, Thomas Rehak, Philip Rehmer
- 14 Richard McCowan, Douglas McIlvaine, Thomas Morrison, (Deacon Canadates)
- 15 Sr. Lourdes Boyer OSF, Sr. Sue Bruno OSF, Sr. Maria Bui OSF
- 16 Sr. Bernard Marie Campbell OSF, Sr. Mary Ann Clark OSF, Sr. Mary Agnes Cross OSF
- 17 Fr. John Sebahar, Fr. Greg Skowron
- 18 Fr. Richard Smith, Fr. Danilo Soriano
- 19 Sr. Laura Filipas OSF, Sr. Rosemary Fonck OSF
- 20 Dcns. John Rex, John Ripoll, David Ritter, Timothy Roberts, Peter Robinson, Peter Rooney
- 21 Sr. Sharon Frederick OSF, Sr. Ann Freiburg OSF, Sr. Felicity Joy Gaffney OSF
- 22 Fr. Robert Schoenstene, Fr. James Schwab
- 23 Fr. Dennis Spies, Fr. John Sponder
- 24 Fr. Robert Basler O.S.A., Fr. Thomas Osborne O.S.A., Fr. Anthony Pizzo O.S.A.
- 25 Fr. Maciej Stelmach, Fr. Daniel F. Stempora
- 26 Dcns. Thomas Ross, Michael Ruddle, Kevin Ryan, Terry Safko, Thomas Sagenbrecht, Luis Saltigerald
- 27 Sr. Verene Girmscheid OSF, Sr. Mary Jane Griffin OSF, Sr. Mary Ann Hamer OSF
- 28 **Seminarian Samuel Bergmann**
- 29 Fr. Gerald Nicholas O.S.A., Fr. John Ohner O.S.A., Fr. John Sotak O.S.A.
- 30 Fr. Jason Stone, Fr. Jeffery Stoneberg
- 31 Sr. Bernadine Hasse OSF, Sr. Jacqueline Hirsch OSF, Sr. Barbarine Houdek OSF



*Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit.*

Pope Francis

*Prepared by Diocese of Joliet Vocation Office, Joliet Area Vocation Association (JAVA) Serra Club of DuPage County*

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer for Vocations by Pope Francis

For an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life, especially in the Diocese of Joliet, we pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

# **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.

## Tree of Light Blessing (Online Video)

Video Available:  
November 1, 2020



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.



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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**September 29** Discovering the Labrynth and Meditative prayer of Taize facilitated by Eugenia Callison

**October 6** Meditative Practices facilitated by Bob Frazee

**October 13** Lectio Divina facilitated by Bob Frazee

**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](http://mayslakeministries.org)

# Contact and General Information

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# Weekly Campus Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
September 28	September 29	September 30	October 1	October 2	October 3	October 4
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)	9:00 - 10:15 AM RE Class (SCH)	9:15 AM Mass Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH)
	5:15 - 6:30 PM RE Class (SCH)	9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Drive-Up Adoration (Church Vestibule)	5:15 - 6:30 PM RE Class (SCH)	9:30 AM - 8:00 PM Drive-Up Adoration (Church Vestibule)	9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Drive-Up Adoration (Church Vestibule)	11:00 AM Spanish Mass Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH)
		6:15 - 7:30 PM RE Class (SCH)			2:30 PM Confessions (until all are heard) (COM)	12:45 PM Polish Mass (CH)
					4:00 PM Parking Lot Mass (Tune to 107.7 FM) (live stream available)	7:00 - 8:30 PM Lifeteen
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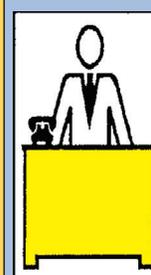
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