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in Faith Making



ST. MARY
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Parish

Christ
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The Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

January 17, 2021



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AS JOHN THE BAPTIST WATCHED
JESUS WALK BY, HE SAID,

"Behold, the Lamb of God."

JOHN 1:36

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“It is striking that the Lord spent most of his time on Earth living an ordinary life, without standing out. It is a beautiful message that reveals the greatness of daily life, the importance in God's eyes of every gesture and moment of life, even the most simple.”

- Pope Francis @ Pontifex

Mass Intentions

Monday – 9:00 a.m.	January 18, 2021 Dominic Fazio – (Family)
Tuesday – 9:00 a.m.	January 19, 2021 Richard Goss – (George & Lois Goss) Rufina Faustino – (Teresita Reyes) Father's Day Remembrance
Wednesday – 9:00 a.m.	January 20, 2021 Bernie Lepacek – (Wife Betty & Son Brian)
Thursday – 9:00 a.m.	January 21, 2021 Ronald Poppnick – Living Intention – (Marielena Lavoie)
Friday – 9:00 a.m. (School Mass)	January 22, 2021 For the Protection of the Unborn
Saturday – 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. (Parking Lot)	January 23, 2021 Cheri Hruskoei – (Jill Valentino) Margaret “Sue” Metoyer – (Dougherty Family)
Sunday – 7:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m. (Spanish) 11:00 a.m. (Gym) 12:45 p.m. (Polish)	January 24, 2021 For the deceased members of the Thachet Family – (Molly Thachet) Nick Clancy – (Kuhn Family) Mauro Rosales Frayre – (Rodolfo Rosales) Joan Watt – (Dr. Mary Amore and the Staff of Mayslake Ministries) S.P. Alina



CMAA Pledge Report for St. Mary Immaculate Parish As of January 10, 2021

	2020	2019
Goal:	\$231,500	\$221,300
Amount Pledged:	\$199,387	\$210,003
Amount Paid:	\$191,279	\$176,391
Amount Due:	\$8,108	\$33,611
Number of Donors:	805	862

Readings for the Week

Sunday	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42
Monday	Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday	Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday	Heb 7:25 – 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
Friday	Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday	Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday	Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20



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

*Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them,
“What are you looking for?”
They said to him, “Rabbi” — which translated means Teacher —,
“where are you staying?”
He said to them, “Come, and you will see.”
John 1:38-39*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Over the Christmas break, it has been wonderful to see some of our seminarians home. Deacon John continues his pastoral year at the rectory, and until last weekend, seminarians Kevin O’Leary, Greg Alberts, and Frank Pusateri were living with us since Thanksgiving, as they continued studies online. Also, Christian Sinclair has been home and able to serve several Masses for us. It was wonderful to see them. But now they’re all headed back to school and it’s just a little sad, although of course I’m happy that they are continuing the journey that will, God willing, lead them to the priesthood.

Next month, Frank Pusateri, who is in his second year of theology, will begin his pastoral internship here at Saint Mary’s. He will be with us full-time, getting his feet wet in every aspect of ministry here at the parish. He has been with us since the fall two or three Sundays a month, helping with adult education. You may have seen him on one of the Adult Faith Formation Zoom meetings. But internship is a very important aspect of formation for priesthood that not only gives the interns practice in a priestly skill set, but allows them also to “try on” priesthood in a more intensive way.

All of these young men are a fine examples to us of letting the Lord guide their lives. That’s what we’re all supposed to do. In our Gospel today, the early disciples wanted to know where Jesus was staying: it’s a quest that we would do well to imitate. Knowing where Jesus is in our lives is the only way we can be sure we are on the right track, moving toward heaven. In fact, it’s a useful spiritual practice, at the end of each day, to take a moment to reflect on the moments of the day, and to take note of how Jesus was present in each moment.

That kind of spiritual practice is a good habit of discernment. Discernment leads us to knowing where God wants us, to recognizing our vocation, our purpose in life. All of us have a vocation, and God wants all of us to do something specific for the kingdom. It all starts with us asking the question, “Rabbi, where are you staying.” Then we have to have the courage to do what Jesus tells us, “Come, and you will see!”

Please join me in praying for our seminarians, for those preparing for the Permanent Diaconate (our parishioner Manuel Parales is currently in this process), and for all those preparing for consecrated life as a brother or sister. And may each of us follow the Lord’s invitation, “Come, and you will see.”

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

A Prayer for Vocations

God of all nations, we are most grateful
for the many ways you inspire the faith in each one of us.
We thank you for those who preach the Gospel in word and in deed,
for those who give their lives to the mission of the Church,
and for those who lead us to You in the sacraments.
May the Good News of Jesus Christ mold and shape our lives each day.
Bless our diocese with men and women
who will follow in your way, to serve the Church
as religious brothers, sisters, priests, and deacons.
Lord Jesus Christ, help to hear your call to "Come and See."
Amen.



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

Jesús se volvió y, al ver que lo seguían y les pregunto:

"¿Qué buscan?" Le contestaron:

"Rabbi" (que significa Maestro),

"¿Dónde te quedas?"

Jesús les dijo: "Vengan y lo verán".

Juan 1:38-39

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo:

Durante las vacaciones de Navidad, ha sido maravilloso ver a algunos de nuestros seminaristas en casa. El diácono John continúa su año pastoral en la rectoría, y hasta el fin de semana pasado, los seminaristas Kevin O'Leary, Greg Alberts y Frank Pusateri vivían con nosotros desde el Día de Acción de Gracias, mientras continuaban sus estudios en línea. Además, Christian Sinclair ha estado en casa y ha podido servir en varias misas. Fue maravilloso verlos. Pero ahora todos regresan a la escuela y es un poco triste, aunque, por supuesto, me alegra que continúen el viaje que, si Dios quiere, los conducirá al sacerdocio.

El próximo mes, Frank Pusateri, quien está en su segundo año de teología, comenzará su pasantía pastoral aquí en Santa María. Él estará con nosotros a tiempo completo, mojándose los pies en todos los aspectos del ministerio aquí en la parroquia. Ha estado con nosotros desde el otoño dos o tres domingos al mes, ayudando con la educación de adultos. Es posible que lo haya visto en una de las reuniones de Zoom de Formación de Fe de Adultos. Pero la pasantía es un aspecto muy importante de la formación para el sacerdocio que no solo les da a los pasantes la práctica de un conjunto de habilidades sacerdotales, sino que también les permite "probar" el sacerdocio de una manera más intensiva.

Todos estos jóvenes son un excelente ejemplo para nosotros de dejar que el Señor guíe sus vidas. Eso es lo que se supone que debemos hacer todos. En nuestro Evangelio de hoy, los primeros discípulos querían saber dónde se alojaba Jesús: es una búsqueda que haríamos bien en imitar. Saber dónde está Jesús en nuestras vidas es la única forma en que podemos estar seguros de que estamos en el camino correcto, avanzando hacia el cielo. De hecho, es una práctica espiritual útil, al final de cada día, tomarse un momento para reflexionar sobre los momentos del día y tomar nota de cómo Jesús estuvo presente en cada momento.

Ese tipo de práctica espiritual es un buen hábito de discernimiento. El discernimiento nos lleva a saber dónde nos quiere Dios, a reconocer nuestra vocación, nuestro propósito en la vida. Todos tenemos una vocación y Dios quiere que todos hagamos algo específico para el reino. Todo comienza con haciéndonos la pregunta: "Rabino, ¿dónde se hospeda?" Entonces tenemos que tener el valor de hacer lo que Jesús nos dice: "¡Ven y verás!"

Únase a mí en oración por nuestros seminaristas, por aquellos que se preparan para el Diaconado Permanente (nuestro feligrés Manuel Parales se encuentra actualmente en este proceso), y por todos aquellos que se preparan para la vida consagrada como hermano o hermana. Y que cada uno de nosotros siga la invitación del Señor: "Ven y lo veras".

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

Una oración por las vocaciones

Dios de todas las naciones, estamos muy agradecidos
por las muchas formas en que inspiras la fe en cada uno de nosotros.
Te damos gracias por quienes predicán el Evangelio de palabra y con hechos,
para quienes entregan su vida a la misión de la Iglesia,
y para aquellos que nos conducen a ti en los sacramentos.
Que las Buenas Nuevas de Jesucristo moldeen nuestras vidas cada día.
Bendice nuestra diócesis con hombres y mujeres
que seguirán tu camino, para servir a la Iglesia
como hermanos, hermanas, sacerdotes y diáconos religiosos.
Señor Jesucristo, ayúdanos a escuchar tu llamado a "Ven y ve".
Amén.



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



*Jezus odwrócił się i zobaczył, że idą za Ni, i rzekł do nich:
"Czego szukacie?"
Powiedzieli mu: „Rabbi” - co w tłumaczeniu znaczy Nauczyciel -,
"gdzie się mieszkasz?"
Powiedział im: „Chodźcie, a zobaczycie”.
Jan 1:38-39*

Drodzy Bracia i Siostry w Chrystusie,

Cudownie było gościć seminarzystów w czasie przerwy świątecznej. Deacon John kontynuuje swój rok duszpasterski na plebanii i do ostatniego weekendu seminarzyści Kevin O'Leary, Greg Alberts i Frank Pusateri mieszkali z nami od Święta Dziękczynienia, kontynuując naukę online. Również Christian Sinclair był w naszym domu i mógł odprawić u nas kilka mszy. Cudownie było ich zobaczyć. Ale teraz wszyscy wracają do szkoły i jest to trochę smutne, chociaż oczywiście cieszę się, że kontynuują podróż, która, jeśli Bóg pozwoli, zaprowadzi ich do kapłaństwa.

W przyszłym miesiącu Frank Pusateri, który jest na drugim roku teologii, rozpocznie staż duszpasterski w Saint Mary's. Będzie z nami w pełnym wymiarze godzin i w każdym aspekcie posługi w parafii. Jest z nami od jesieni dwie lub trzy niedziele w miesiącu, pomagając w edukacji dorosłych. Być może widzieliście go na jednym ze spotkań Zoom Formacji Dorosłych Wiary. Staż jest bardzo ważnym aspektem formacji do kapłaństwa, który nie tylko daje stażystom praktykę w zakresie umiejętności kapłańskich, ale także pozwala im „wypróbować” kapłaństwo w bardziej intensywny sposób.

Wszyscy ci młodzi mężczyźni są dla nas wspaniałym przykładem pozwalania Panu kierować ich życiem. To jest to, co wszyscy powinniśmy zrobić. W naszej dzisiejszej Ewangelii pierwsi uczniowie chcieli wiedzieć, gdzie przebywał Jezus: jest to poszukiwanie, które powinniśmy naśladować. Wiedza o tym, gdzie Jezus jest w naszym życiu, to jedyny sposób aby mieć pewność, że jesteśmy na właściwej drodze, zmierzając w kierunku nieba. W rzeczywistości jest to pożyteczna praktyka duchowa pod koniec każdego dnia, aby poświęcić chwilę na refleksję nad momentami dnia i zwrócenie uwagi na to, jak Jezus był obecny w każdej chwili.

Taka praktyka duchowa to dobry nawyk rozeznawania. Rozeznanie prowadzi nas do poznania, gdzie Bóg nas chce, do rozpoznania naszego powołania, naszego celu życia. Wszyscy mamy powołanie a Bóg chce abyśmy zrobili coś konkretnego dla Jego królestwa. Wszystko zaczyna się od tego, że zadajemy pytanie: „Rabbi, gdzie się przebywasz?”. Wtedy musimy mieć odwagę zrobić to co mówi nam Jezus: „Przyjdź, a zobaczysz!”

Proszę, przyłącz się do mnie w modlitwie za naszych seminarzystów, przygotowujących się do diakonatu stałego (w tym procesie jest obecnie nasz parafianin Manuel Parales) i za wszystkich przygotowujących się do życia konsekrowanego jako brat lub siostra. I niech każdy z nas postąpi zgodnie z wezwaniem Pana: „Przyjdź, a zobaczysz”.

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

Modlitwa o powołania

Boże wszystkich narodów, jesteśmy bardzo wdzięczni
że na wiele sposobów wzbudzasz wiarę w każdym z nas.
Dziękujemy Ci za tych, którzy głoszą Ewangelię słowem i czynem,
za tych, którzy oddają swoje życie misji Kościoła,
i za tych, którzy prowadzą nas do Ciebie w sakramentach.
Niech Dobra Nowina Jezusa Chrystusa każdego dnia kształtuje nasze życie.
Pobłogosław naszą diecezję mężczyznami i kobietami
którzy pójdą Twoją drogą, aby służyć Kościołowi
jako zakonnicy, siostry, księża i diakoni.
Panie Jezu Chryste, pomóż usłyszeć Twoje wezwanie: „Przyjdź i zobacz”.
Amen.

Our Family in Faith

Please remember the sick and the confined of our parish community, especially...

John Arduino, Marsha Bysak, Frank Carino Jr., Luz Contreras, Camilla Cook, 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, Dee Hii, Matt Hoch, Sue Hoch, Ken Hood, Pat Hood, Chris Jalove, Joe Jonish, Carmella Justice, Grant Justice, 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, Patricia O'Donnell, Maria T. Olvera, Ella Page, Siobhan Peacy, Corrine Pieroni, Willard Pisto, Joel Rivera, 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, Eleanor Welps, Ed Wolosuk, Tess 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:
Rose Benco Evans
and her family in your prayers.

In Memoriam

Weekend Masses: Capacity Limits

For Sunday Masses in the Church, capacity will be set at 200 people per Mass. For Sunday Masses in the Gym, capacity is set at 180 people per Mass. Tickets will still be required and are available online at www.smip.org/new-mass-schedule/

FM Station

The FM station for parking lot Mass has changed. To listen to the Mass on our FM transmission, please tune your radio to FM 91.3.

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

In Honor Of:

Intentions:

Amparo Meza	May God heal her
Lynn Smith	For Healing
Pauline Beltz	For Healing
Bruce Smith	In Memory of
Joan Walt	In Memory of
Claudine Brown	In Memory of
Patricia Puntney	In Memory of
Dustin and Randell	Rest in the arms of the Lord who formed you from the dust of the earth, may Holy Mary, the angels and all the Saints welcome you now that you have gone forth from this life.



Congratulations to the Newly Baptized...



NATHAN JOHN PERRY
Son of Timothy & Anna (Phelps) Perry

Welcome to Our New Parishioners

Roberto & Maria Castellanos
Plainfield, IL

Marc & Carla Findlay
Joliet, IL

Russell & Jacquelyn DeLude
Romeoville, IL

Stephen & Sandra Tinson
Plainfield, IL

4 new households have registered at St. Mary Immaculate since January 10, 2021.

2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

Shining the Light of Christ through the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal



It is time for the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Your gift is especially important this year, during the pandemic, as our diocese continues to explore new and innovative ways to serve those in need.

The 2021 theme is *Shining the Light of Christ*. The 30 ministries the CMAA supports allow parishes to join together to shine Christ's light to the benefit of many, from the poor and vulnerable to seminarians and schoolchildren. No parish could provide all of these ministries on its own.

Our parish's goal for the 2021 CMAA is \$220,100, and 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us. This is a great opportunity for our parish! Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal. If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office.

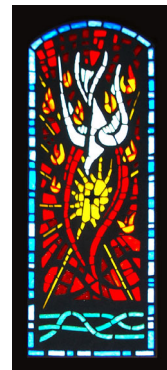
Confirmation

Strengthened by the Spirit, Called to Action

- Jan 18: Parent Teen Class. Recorded session link emailed to families
- Jan 24: High School Zoom session
- Jan 25: Class for Year 2 RE students with their mentors, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
- Jan 28: Class for Year 1 RE students with their mentors, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

You can reach us at 815-436-2861 and via email at gwurster@smip.org

www.smip.org/confirmation



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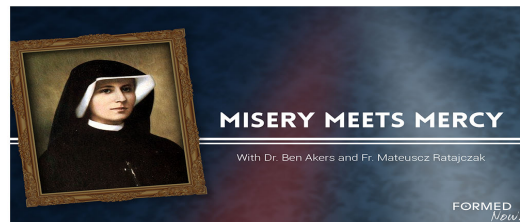
PICK OF THE WEEK

January 17, 2021

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FORMED NOW! MISERY MEETS MERCY: SAINT FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

St. Faustina is known as the "secretary of Divine Mercy" because of the revelations of the Lord to her about His incredible mercy. Join Dr. Ben Akers and Fr. Mateusz Ratajczak as they discuss her proclamation of the message of Divine Mercy.



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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 or Wednesdays, 7:00 - 9:00 PM with Zoom:

January 6, 13, 20, 27 and February 3, 10

Sign up at: www.smip.org/sermononthemountsignup

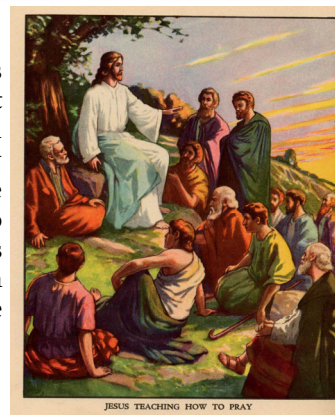


PRAYING THE "OUR FATHER" WITH JESUS

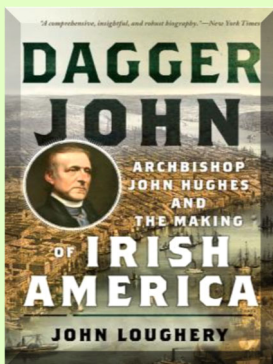
Michael Simone, S.J. (Professor of Theology @ Boston College) helps us view the Lord's Prayer through Jesus's eyes. This is a personal project that Fr. Simone pursues in addition to his academic research and writing. Simone reminds us that the library of books we call the Hebrew Bible or the "Old Testament" 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 on Zoom for this Four-part series:

January 21, 28 and February 4, 11



Book Discussion - The Making of Irish America



Join others from the parish as we discuss the book: *Dagger John: Archbishop John Hughes and the Making of Irish America*

Acclaimed biographer John Loughery tells the story of John Hughes, son of Ireland, a friend of William Seward and James Buchanan, founder of St. John's College (now Fordham University), builder of Saint Patrick's Cathedral on Fifth Avenue, pioneer of parochial-school education, and American diplomat. As archbishop of the Archdiocese of New York in the 1840 and 1850s and the most famous Roman Catholic in America, Hughes defended Catholic institutions in a time of nativist bigotry and church burnings and worked tirelessly to help Irish Catholic immigrants find acceptance in their new homeland. His galvanizing and protecting work and pugnacious style earned him the epithet Dagger John. When the interests of his church and ethnic community were at stake, Hughes acted with purpose and clarity.

This discussion will take place via Zoom. We will send you the link for the Zoom meeting the day before the meeting.

When: Tuesday, January 26 @ 7pm.

Register at: <https://www.smip.org/dagger-john>

Baby Bottles for Life

January 16th through 31st

This month we will be participating in our annual **Waterleaf Baby Bottles for Life Campaign** to benefit, support and educate pregnant women facing crisis or unintended pregnancies. The funds collected through the newly named *Here Comes the Sun Baby Bottle Campaign* will help support the programs and services of the Waterleaf Medical Clinic and Education and Resource Center located in Aurora. Our **ONLINE** campaign will run from January 16 through January 31, 2021.

Waterleaf provides practical help: pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, STD testing and treatment as well as continuing education and support for women in our community who would otherwise be at risk for choosing abortion. *Last year with the support of churches like St. Mary Immaculate, Waterleaf served 1,024 clients, performed 719 pregnancy tests, 1,113 ultrasounds and welcomed 155 babies.*



We ask that you **please make your heartfelt financial donation ONLINE**, anytime between January 16 and 31. Our campaign website can be accessed through the following link: smip.org/babybottles. If you prefer to make a donation **with cash or check** (payable to SMI), please place your clearly marked and sealed envelope in the collection box before or after Mass or in the drop box outside of the Commons doors by January 31. Your support is greatly appreciated.



For more information about Waterleaf, call at 630-701-6270 or visit them on the web at www.onechoiceonlife.org.



Knights of Columbus Good Shepherd Council #5573



Intercessions for Life

For public servants and elected officials: May God grant them the humility, wisdom and courage to defend all human life.

We pray to the Lord

Peticiones por La Vida

Por nuestros funcionarios públicos y los elegidos: para que Dios les conceda la humildad sabiduría y valor para defender toda vida humana;

Roguemos al Señor

Word of Life

“There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: *We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem.* In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is *always and radically incompatible* with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image.”



- United States Catholic Conference of Bishops
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Palabra de Vida

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- Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos
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It's Tax Time . . . in an effort to reduce expenses, St Mary Immaculate will NOT be mailing contributions statements to all parishioners again this year. If you wish to get a statement sent to you, please email thiggenbotham@smip.org or drowan@smip.org and we will email you a 2020 contribution statement. If you do not have an email and still wish a printed statement mailed, please contact Toni at 815-436-2651 X840. Most tax services do not require a statement from the parish to prepare your tax returns as your records and/or cancelled checks provide sufficient audit support.



St Mary Immaculate Parish Catholic School

January 31 – February 6, 2021

PLEASE JOIN US for our annual celebration of National Catholic Schools Week, beginning next Sunday, January 31. The theme, "Catholic Schools: Faith, Excellence, Service - We're Called to be Saints," highlights our focus on faith development, academic excellence and dedication to community service.

We've planned a variety of events to show how we're doing this as a community at St. Mary Immaculate Parish School

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At St. Mary Immaculate Parish School, we are lucky to learn, pray and grow in a special environment. This would not be possible without the generous support of people like you, the members of St. Mary Immaculate Parish. When you support our school, you invest in the future of our students and the Catholic Church. We are creating disciples of Christ and putting them on the pathway to heaven.

As we celebrate National Catholic Schools Week, we want to thank you for all you do to help our school. We are grateful for your prayers and contributions, and we appreciate the time and talent you so generously share with us in so many ways!

The National Catholic Schools Week theme is "Catholic Schools, Faith, Excellence, Service, We're called to be Saints". We consider St. Mary Immaculate Parish an important part of our community, and hope you will join us as we celebrate our Catholic education January 31 through February 5. We are having a virtual Open House on January 31 from 9:00am to 1:00pm. If you or someone you know is interested in our school, please have them call the school office for information or to schedule a registration appointment (815-436-3953).

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At their next Waterleaf visit, Alisa and Hal told the patient advocate that they are excited about the prospect of having a baby. They expressed an interest in the parent education courses available via the Aspire Education and Resource center and that our Resource Specialists can provide linkages to community resources for them. They are currently researching potential healthcare providers to support through this pregnancy and beyond.





Combined Collection for Latin America and Africa

January 23-24, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On **January 23-24, 2021**, the Diocese of Joliet parishes will take up an important collection, funding relief efforts in two parts of the world in great need.

Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa

The Church in Africa is joyous and faith-filled, but it also has unique pastoral challenges due to poverty, high rates of disease, food shortages, and migration. The Solidarity Fund is an opportunity for us to stand with the people of Africa. Our contributions support Catholic education, family life programs, and child protection initiatives that help strengthen and build the growing African Church. The Church in Africa needs your help to ensure that all the faithful have access to resources to help them grow in the faith. To learn more about the collection and whom it supports, visit www.usccb.org/africa.

Collection for the Church in Latin America

For many living in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers makes it difficult for people to practice the faith. Your donations fund catechesis, marriage and family life programs, and seminarian formation so people can grow closer to Christ. To learn more about the collection and whom it supports, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Partnership in Mission, Diocese of Joliet

In response to the Gospel's call, Partnership in Mission seeks to form servants for the work of missions and justice as we reach out in service, relief and friendship to our brothers and sisters around the globe. We presently send medical, construction, outreach, and university teams to Bolivia, the Philippines, Uganda, and the Navajo Nation, as well as responding to national disasters here in the U.S.

During this time of pandemic, the need is great and it is as difficult as ever to raise the necessary funds to support this work. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection to share your faith with our brothers and sisters in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean at your parishes on January 23 and 24, or by giving online at www.dioceseofjoliet.org.

Paz y bien,

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
Bishop of Joliet

Funds received for the combined Latin America/Africa collection in the Diocese of Joliet will be disbursed to the USCCB Office of National Collections, for the benefit of the Collection for the Church in Latin America and the Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, as well as the Diocese of Joliet Missions Office for support of their missionary efforts in Africa and Latin America.

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Weekly Campus Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
January 18	January 19	January 20	January 21	January 22	January 23	January 24
9:00 AM Mass Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH)	9:00 AM Mass Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH)	9:00 AM Mass Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH)	9:00 AM Mass Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH)	9:00 AM School Mass (live stream available) (CH)	9:00 AM Mass Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH)	7:30 AM Mass Reservation Required (CH)
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Campus Closed (appointment required)	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Campus Closed (appointment required)	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Campus Closed (appointment required)	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Campus Closed (appointment required)	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Campus Closed (appointment required)	9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Drive-Up Adoration (Near Outdoor Mary Statue)	9:15 AM Mass Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH)
6:00 - 7:00 PM AA Meeting (NWA)	9:30 - 10:30 AM Adoration (In Church – Must attend daily Mass to participate)	9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Drive-Up Adoration (Near Outdoor Mary Statue)	9:30 - 10:30 AM Adoration (In Church – Must attend daily Mass to participate)	9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Drive-Up Adoration (Near Outdoor Mary Statue)	2:30 PM Confessions (until all are heard) (COM)	11:00 AM Spanish Mass Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH)
					4:00 PM Parking Lot Mass (Tune to 91.3 FM) (live stream available)	11:00 AM Mass Reservation Required (G)
						12:45 PM Polish Mass (CH)
						7:00 - 8:30 PM Lifeteen
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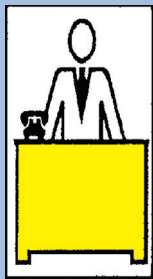
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