

One Family
in Faith Making



ST. MARY
IMMACULATE
Parish

Christ
Known

The Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

February 14, 2021



Brothers and sisters,
whether you eat or drink, or whatever
you do, do everything for the glory
of God. ~ 1 Corinthians 10:31

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“There is no time today for indifference. Either we are brothers and sisters, or everything will fall apart. Fraternity is the new frontier for humanity on which we need to build; it is the challenge of our century.”

- Pope Francis @ Pontifex

Mass Intentions

Monday –
9:00 a.m.

Tuesday –
9:00 a.m.

Wednesday –
7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. (School Mass)
12:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. (Spanish)
6:00 p.m. (Polish - Gym)
8:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m. (Spanish - Gym)

Thursday –
9:00 a.m.

Friday –
9:00 a.m. (School Mass)

Saturday –
9:00 a.m.
4:00 p.m. (Parking Lot)

Sunday –
7:30 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
11:00 a.m. (Spanish)
11:00 a.m. (Gym)
12:45 p.m. (Polish)

February 15, 2021
Souls in Purgatory – (Pedro & Nirna)

February 16, 2021
Richard Goss – (Marilyn Goss)
Margaret O'Connor – (Donna O'Connor)
Daniel & Amparo Sierra – (Freske Family)

February 17, 2021 – Ash Wednesday
The People of the Parish
Our School Families
The People of the Parish
Por las familias de Santa Maria Immaculada
Dla calej rodzin St. Mary Immaculate
The People of the Parish
Por las familias de Santa Maria Immaculada

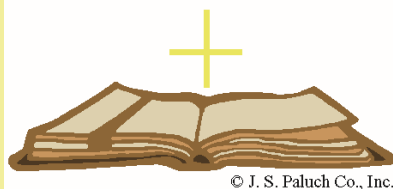
February 18, 2021
Harold & Margaret Corrigan – (Harold & Anne Corrigan)
Joe Sieracki – (Greg & Joanne Pawlowski)

February 19, 2021
Joan Watt – (Sandra Smith)

February 20, 2021
Toni Cipriano – (Ed & Arlene Kauzlarich)
People of the Parish

February 21, 2021 – 1st Sunday of Lent
Jeffrey Schwab – (Family)
John Ross – (Ann Ross)
Diego Vallejo – (UCP-CDS Melvin J Larson School)
Tim Oberg – (Gregory & Julia Azzarelli)
Dla calej rodzin St. Mary Immaculate

Mass Intentions



THE 2022 MASS BOOK

WILL OPEN FOR
RESERVATIONS ON
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

Readings for the Week

Sunday	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1; Mk 1:40-45
Monday	Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday	Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 – 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday	Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15



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

*Jesus said to his disciples:
"Take care not to perform righteous deeds
in order that people may see them;
otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father."
Matthew 6:1*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

By now, you may have heard that, per the Vatican's directives, on Ash Wednesday, we will be sprinkling ashes on people's heads rather than tracing the sign of the cross with ashes on the forehead, as has been the practice in the past. Of course, this is being done to minimize exposure to COVID-19, which we do in charity so that we can all worship, and still have people be well. But I recognize that the "new" practice raises questions for many.

And I put "new" in quotations marks, because it's not a new practice at all. In Europe, Mexico, and most non-English speaking countries, this has always been the practice. It's more biblical, following the ancient practice in the Old Testament about sprinkling ashes on oneself in penitence. So while it's new (and probably seems strange) to us, it's definitely not a new practice.

Some may feel that this is just another overreaction to COVID-19. And I get that. I know it's been difficult to have to make so many modifications about the way we do everything. It's been difficult not to hug our loved ones. It's been difficult not to spend holidays with them. It's been difficult to have to get reservations to come to Mass. It's been difficult to do just about everything these days, and it's exhausting. I've had more than my share of it, and so please know that I empathize with you.

But I've also seen the ugly side of this. I've known and prayed for many people dying of this disease, and we've buried plenty of folks here at St. Mary's who have died of COVID-19. It's a sadness, and the pervasive sadness only adds to our frustration and exhaustion. I've chosen to offer up my own frustration with the changes for those who are suffering. These folks need our compassion, our charity, our prayers. This might be a good Lenten practice for all of us.

Finally, the lack of a cross on our foreheads aligns itself with the directive in our Gospel reading for Ash Wednesday, which I've quoted above. We're supposed to let others know we are followers of Jesus, but we have to find a way to do that that goes beyond performing righteous acts so that others may see them. What they should see in us is holiness of life, service to others, concern for the poor, compassion for those who are suffering, love for each person God puts in our path. That's the sign that will lead them to Jesus, because that's the sign that comes from Jesus' own heart.

Let us take the opportunity this Lent to do what we can to build up a world that is reeling from the effects of this pandemic. Our simple acts of kindness can be a great sign of the love of Christ in the world. Please know of my prayers for you and your families this Lent, and always.

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

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*Jesús dijo a sus discípulos:
"Guárdense de las buenas acciones hechas a la vista de todos,
a fin de que todos las aprecien.
Pues en ese caso, no les quedaría premio alguno que esperar de su Padre que está en el cielo."
Mateo 6: 1*

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo:

A estas alturas, es posible que haya escuchado que, según las directivas del Vaticano, el miércoles de ceniza, estaremos rociando cenizas sobre las cabezas de las personas en lugar de trazar la señal de la cruz con cenizas en la frente, como ha sido nuestra práctica en el pasado. Por supuesto, esto se está haciendo para minimizar la exposición a COVID-19, esto es lo que tenemos que hacer por caridad para mantener a todos seguros. Sin embargo, reconozco que la "nueva" práctica plantea preguntas para muchos.

Y digo "nueva" entre comillas, porque no es una práctica nueva en absoluto. En Europa, ciertas partes de México y la mayoría de los países de habla no inglesa, esta siempre ha sido la práctica. Incluso es más bíblico, siguiendo la práctica antigua en el Antiguo Testamento de rociarse las cenizas uno mismo en penitencia. De esta manera, aunque es nuevo (y probablemente nos parezca extraño), definitivamente no es una práctica nueva.

Algunos pueden sentir que esta es solo otra reacción exagerada al COVID-19. Y lo entiendo. Sé que ha sido difícil tener que hacer tantas modificaciones en la forma en que hacemos todo. Ha sido difícil no abrazar a nuestros seres queridos. Ha sido difícil no pasar las vacaciones con ellos. Ha sido difícil tener que hacer reservaciones para venir a misa. Ha sido difícil hacer casi todo estos días, y es agotador. He tenido que lidiar con más de lo que me corresponde, así que por favor, sepa que siento empatía por usted.

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Sin embargo, también he visto el lado feo de todo esto. He conocido y orado por muchas personas que mueren a causa de esta enfermedad, y hemos enterrado a muchas personas aquí en St. Mary's que han muerto de COVID-19. Es una tristeza, y la tristeza generalizada solo aumenta nuestra frustración y agotamiento. He optado por ofrecer mi propia frustración con los cambios por aquellos que están sufriendo. Estas personas necesitan nuestra compasión, nuestra caridad, nuestras oraciones. Esta podría ser una buena práctica de Cuaresma para todos nosotros.

Finalmente, la falta de una cruz en nuestras frentes se alinea con la directiva de nuestra lectura del Evangelio para el Miércoles de Ceniza, que he citado anteriormente. Se supone que debemos dejar que los demás sepan que somos seguidores de Jesús, pero tenemos que encontrar una manera de hacerlo que vaya más allá de realizar actos justos para que otros puedan verlos. Lo que deben ver en nosotros es santidad de vida, servicio a los demás, preocupación por los pobres, compasión por los que sufren, amor por cada persona que Dios pone en nuestro camino. Esa es la señal que los conducirá a Jesús, porque esa es la señal que viene del propio corazón de Jesús.

Aprovechemos la oportunidad en esta Cuaresma para hacer lo que podamos para construir un mundo que se tambalea por los efectos de esta pandemia. Nuestros simples actos de bondad pueden ser una gran señal del amor de Cristo en el mundo. Por favor, conozcan mis oraciones por ustedes y sus familias en esta Cuaresma y siempre.

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

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*Jezus powiedział do swoich uczniów:
„Uważajcie, abyście nie wykonywali uczynków pobożnych
przed ludźmi po to aby was widzieli;
w przeciwnym razie nie otrzymacie nagrody od Ojca waszego,
który jest w niebie.
Mt 6: 1*

Drodzy Bracia i Siostry w Chrystusie,

Być może słyszeliście już, że zgodnie z dyrektywami Watykanu w Środę Popielcową będziemy posypywać głowy ludzi popiołem, zamiast znaczyć znak krzyża na czole jak to miało miejsce w przeszłości. Oczywiście zmiana sposobu znaczenia popiołem jest dyktowana pandemią COVID-19, aby uniknąć kontaktu osobistego a co za tym idzie nie narażać wiernych. Ale zdaję sobie sprawę, że „nowa” praktyka rodzi wiele pytań.

Specjalnie umieściłem „nowa” w cudzysłowie, ponieważ to wcale nie jest nowa praktyka. W Europie, Meksyku i większości krajów nieanglojęzycznych takowa praktyka stosowana jest od wieków. Jest ona bardziej zbliżona do rytuału biblijnego, naśladując starożytną praktykę Starego Testamentu dotyczącą posypywania się popiołem w czasie pokuty. Więc chociaż jest to dla nas nowe (i prawdopodobnie wydaje się dziwne), zdecydowanie nie jest to nowa praktyka.

Niektórzy mogą uważać, że to kolejna przesadna reakcja na COVID-19. I to również rozumiem. Wiem, że trudno było wprowadzić tak wiele zmian w sposobie w jaki robimy wszystko. Trudno jest nie przytulać naszych bliskich. Trudno było nie spędzać z nimi wakacji. Trudno jest rejestrować się, żeby przyjść na mszę. W dzisiejszych czasach trudno jest zrobić prawie wszystko i jest to wyczerpujące. Miałem tego więcej niż trzeba, więc wiem, proszę, że współczuję ci.

Ale widziałem też brzydką stronę tego. Znałem i modliłem się za wiele osób umierających z powodu tej choroby, i pochowaliśmy tu, w kościele św. Marii, wiele osób zmarłych na COVID-19. To smutek, a wszechobecny smutek tylko potęguje naszą frustrację i wyczerpanie. Postanowiłem ofiarować własną frustrację zmianami za tych, którzy cierpią. Ci ludzie potrzebują naszego współczucia, naszej miłości, naszych modlitw. To może być dobra praktyka wielkopostna dla nas wszystkich.

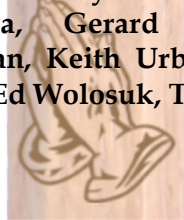
Wreszcie brak znaku krzyża na naszych czołach jest zgodny z wytycznymi zawartymi w naszym czytaniu Ewangelii na Środę Popielcową, które przytoczyłem powyżej. Powinniśmy dać innym znać, że jesteśmy naśladowcami Jezusa, ale musimy znaleźć sposób, aby to zrobić, który wykracza poza wykonywanie prawych czynów, aby inni mogli je zobaczyć. To, co powinni w nas widzieć, to świętość życia, służba innym, troska o ubogich, współczucie dla cierpiących, miłość do każdego człowieka, którego Bóg stawia na naszej drodze. To jest znak, który doprowadzi ich do Jezusa, ponieważ jest to znak, który pochodzi z serca Jezusa.

Skorzystajmy z okazji tego Wielkiego Postu, aby zrobić wszystko co w naszej mocy, aby zbudować świat, który odwraca się od skutków tej pandemii. Nasze proste akty dobroci mogą być wielkim znakiem miłości Chrystusa w świecie. Proszę, pamiętajcie o moich modlitwach za was i wasze rodziny w czasie Wielkiego Postu i zawsze.

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

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, Paul Gadowski, 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:
Rosa Elia Celestino
Sebastiana Hernandez
Barbara Ann Limbach
Timothy Ridder
Jaynee Schade

and their families 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:

Ester, Alejandro, Obed

My kids, my husband, myself and all relatives	For God For all dead For my enemy For health For financial stability
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Congratulations to the Newly Baptized...



PATRICK JOZE ORIZABA

Son of Ruben & Maria Luisa (Sanchez) Orizaba

Welcome to Our New Parishioners

Jaircinio & Stephanie Aguilar
Joliet, IL

Scott Jean & Crystal Mendez
Plainfield, IL

Francisco & Mabelle Rivera
Bolingbrook, IL

Gilberto Cortez & Maria Campos
Bolingbrook, IL

Stephanie Jimenez
Channahon, IL

Dan & Traci Small
Plainfield, IL

Mike & Katie Ilic
Plainfield, IL

Nicholas & Krystle Rasinskis
Plainfield, IL

8 new households have registered at St. Mary Immaculate since February 7, 2021.

2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

Shining the Light of Christ through the 2021

Your Gift to the CMAA Makes a Difference



This is Commitment Weekend for the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support our annual appeal and help our parish reach its \$220,100 goal.

Because not all of us have returned to worshipping in person, our pastor is mailing a packet to parishioners this week. Included will be the envelope many of us use to make a gift at Mass, as well as more information on how the CMAA *shines the light of Christ* not only in our parish, but across the diocese.

Seventy percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to our parish, for our needs. To make a gift, complete and return your pledge envelope in the mail, visit jolietdioceseappeal.org or text DONATE to (815) 205-1949.

Thank you for considering the most generous pledge possible to this year's annual appeal.

https://jolietdioceseappeal.org/images/2021/CMAA_Opening%20Report_2021_v5.pdf

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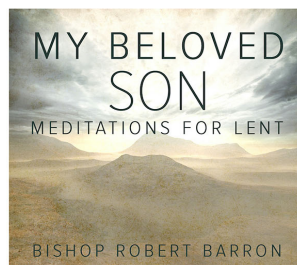
PICK OF THE WEEK

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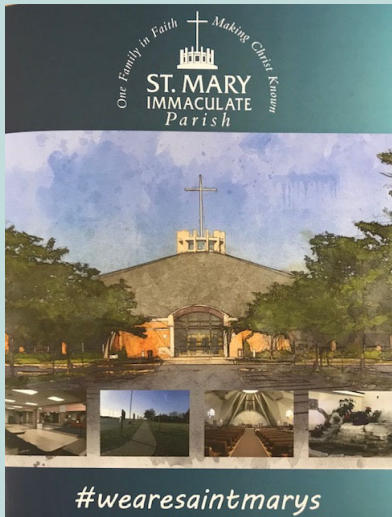
LISTEN

MY BELOVED SON: MEDITATIONS FOR LENT BY BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

Lent is a season of discipline where we focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. In five riveting homilies, join Bishop Barron as he describes the spiritual disciplines we undertake during Lent.



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



#wearesaintmarys Capital Campaign Needs YOUR Help

Many families received a packet of campaign materials back in early 2020 before the pandemic hit. Distributing packets to the remainder of our parishioners was put on hold at that time, but we are happy to say that we will now be looking to complete those distributions in the coming weeks.

We are looking for parishioners who would be willing to help with this task. We are trying to find people to help with the distribution within their own community or very nearby. If you would be willing to help, please contact Denise Rowan or Pam Angelus in the Parish Office.

Pledges and contributions are now being accepted to help us reach our original campaign goal of \$1.7 million. If you wish to start a 3 or 5 year pledge, please contact Pam or Denise at the Parish Office. Contributions using the Capital Campaign envelopes that come with your monthly envelopes will also always gladly be accepted.

The Year of Saint Joseph

St. Mary Immaculate would like you to join in celebrating the *Year of Saint Joseph* as instituted by Pope Francis by saying this prayer often.



Memorare to Saint Joseph,

O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary,
that never was it known
that anyone who implored your help and sought your intercession
were left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence,
I fly unto you, my spiritual father, and beg your protection.
O Foster Father of the Redeemer,
despise not my petitions,
but in your goodness, hear and answer me. Amen.

Knights of Columbus Good Shepherd Council #5573

Intercessions for Life

For all married couples: That they may witness to the generous love of God, through openness to new life by joyfully welcoming the gift of children;

We pray to the Lord

Peticiones por La Vida

Por todas las parejas casadas, para que sean testigos del amor generoso de Dios, por medio de la apertura a la nueva vida acogiendo con alegría el don de los hijos;

Roguemos al Señor

Word of Life

“Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together.”

- USCCB, *Married Love and the Gift of Life*.



Palabra de Vida

“El amor matrimonial se distingue de cualquier otro amor en el mundo. Por su naturaleza, el amor del esposo y de la esposa es tan completo, tan ordenada a una vida completa de comunión con Dios y del uno con el otro, que está abierto para crear un nuevo ser humano, al que amaran y cuidaran juntos.”

- USCCB, *El amor matrimonial y el don de la vida*.

CONFIRMATION

Strengthened by the Spirit, Called to Action

Feb 14: High School E-Learning Class

Feb 21: High School Zoom Session

Feb 22: Class for Year 2 RE students with their mentors. 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Feb 25: 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



Giving 
WARMS THE HEART
DONATE BLOOD

**Monday
February**

15

3:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5573 COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

St. Mary Immaculate Parish - Gym
15629 S. Route 59, Plainfield

MONDAY FEBRUARY 15 * 3:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Call Rich at 815-254-7078 to set up appointment or sign up online at versiti.org/il

Appointments Encouraged; Walk-ins welcome.

Photo ID and Mask are required.
Antibody testing will be performed on all donations.

Stay protected and active!
When you donate at this drive, you'll receive a Versiti gaiter as a thank you; while supplies last.



St. Joseph Consecration - Begins February 15 at 7:00 pm

Calling on the Men in the parish to grow in their faith. In the midst of a pandemic, an economic crisis, and confusion, it's time to come home again to our spiritual father, using the book CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH: THE WONDERS OF OUR SPIRITUAL FATHER St. Joseph. Drawing on the wealth of the Church's living tradition, Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, calls on all of us to turn to St. Joseph, entrust ourselves, our Church, and our world to our spiritual father's loving care, and then watch for wonders when the Universal Patron of the Church opens the floodgates of Heaven to pour out graces into our lives today.

Join Fr. Pat as he facilitates a Consecration to St. Joseph that will help men to meet the challenges of the present moment and restoring order to our world and our lives, all through the potent paternal intercession and care of St. Joseph. This weekly gathering has everything you need to take your love and devotion to St. Joseph to a whole different level: a thorough program of consecration to St. Joseph; information on the 10 wonders of St. Joseph; and prayers and devotions to St. Joseph. Accessible, motivating, will kick off a movement of consecration to our spiritual father and change the world.



First meeting on Monday, February 15 at 7pm

February 25 Thursday at 7pm

March 4 Thursday at 7pm

March 11 Thursday at 7pm

The Consecration will be on Friday, March 19 - the Feast of St. Joseph.

Sign-up at <https://smip.org/st-joseph-consecration/> to receive the Zoom Link.

Get your copy of the book from Amazon: <https://www.amazon.com> or from Shop Mercy: <https://www.shopmercy.org>

Contact Dr. Doug Muir at dmuir@smip.org or 815-436-2651 ext 889 with any questions or for more information.

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

February 17th is Ash Wednesday!

For the safety of our parishioners, volunteers, staff, priests and deacons, we will follow the directives from the Bishop's office with regard to the distribution of ashes.

We are happy to share the schedule of services and Masses for Ash Wednesday. Please note that TICKETS ARE REQUIRED to attend these Masses/Services in person. Tickets are available at www.smip.org/masstickets. If you cannot get tickets online for the Mass/Service you would like to attend it is because it is sold out due to capacity restrictions. You can try to get tickets to a different Mass/Service or you can watch a video of the earlier livestreamed Mass from the comfort of your home on the St. Mary Immaculate Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/StMaryImmaculate or our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/c/StMaryImmaculate.



- 7:30 a.m. English Mass in Church
- 9:00 a.m. School Mass in Church (Closed to Public) - *Livestreamed*
- 10:00 a.m. (after Mass) Church, Gym, Cana, Commons—Distribution of Ashes to school classes that cannot be in Church (Commons will be closed all Day)
- 12:00 p.m. English Mass in Church
- 2:00 p.m. English Ash Service in Church
- 4:00 p.m. English Ash Service in Church
- 4:00 p.m. English Ash Service in Gym
- 6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass in Church
- 6:00 p.m. Polish Mass in Gym
- 8:00 p.m. English Mass in Church
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We invite you to connect with other caregivers. Nourish for Caregivers supports the practical emotional and spiritual needs of all who offer care for others during this time of uncertainty and anxiety.

**Monthly meetings will be held via Zoom
at 7:00 pm on the third Thursday of the month.**

DATES

February 18, 2021
March 18, 2021
April 15, 2021
May 20, 2021
June 17, 2021

For more information and to obtain the Zoom link, please contact:

Deacon Mike Perkins at mperkins@smip.org or

815.436.2651 ext 480

-OR-

Pat Mander, R.N., Pastoral Minister at pmander@smip.org or

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SMI Employment Ministry Leaders Needed

With the changes in our economy over the past year, many people are struggling with job loss. Finding a new job can certainly be a stressful endeavor. In order to help those in search of new employment, we would like to resume our Employment Ministry at St. Mary Immaculate.

If you were previously part of the team and would now like to step into a leadership role, or if you have skills that make you a good candidate to lead this ministry, please contact Laura Van Ham at lvaham@smip.org or 815-436-2651, x887.

Once we have leaders, we will determine the structure and frequency of meetings. To start, it will likely be virtual.



Lenten Study

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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.

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In *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week*, author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the Passion story. She shows us how the text raises ethical and spiritual questions for the reader, and how we all face risk in our Christian experience.

Entering the Passion of Jesus will provide a rich and challenging learning experience. This is a six-week study that is perfect for Lent and includes a video lecture from Dr. Levine.

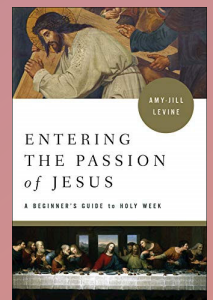
Sessions will be via Zoom on Tuesday evenings @ 7pm and Wednesday mornings @ 9am

Tuesdays: Feb.23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Wednesdays: Feb. 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

You can order your book from Amazon (use Amazon Smiles).

Register online at www.smip.org/lenten-bible-study



Lifeteen 2021 Retreat

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Saturday, February 27— 9am - 8:30pm — Open to all 8th - 12th graders

Contact Dianne Rostollan to register, drostollan@smip.org



Zeppoli & Irish Soda Bread for Sale

In celebration of St. Joseph's Day and St. Patrick's Day, we are selling Zeppoli, which are French crullers filled with custard and cherry preserves, and traditional Irish Soda Bread with raisins. Both of these items are being baked by Milano Bakery.

Zeppoli cost \$4.00 each and the Irish Soda Bread costs \$6.00 per loaf. All proceeds from the sale of these holiday treats will help pay for an upcoming Mobile Food Pantry for our community.

We are accepting **orders ONLINE** through March 7 at smip.org/bakesale. You will have the option to pay with a credit card, cash or check payable to SMI. We ask that all cash and check payments be put into an envelope marked "Bake Sale" and deposited into the collection box during Mass or into the deposit box outside of the Commons doors anytime through March 7. Be sure to include your name.



Drive-through pick up will be on Saturday, March 13, from noon until 2:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 14, from 8:00 a.m. until noon in front of the Commons Doors, marked "B".

Thank you so much for your generous support!



Fast, Pray, Witness

Prayer Vigil

March 13 (7:00 am - 7:00 pm)
3051 East New York Street, Aurora, IL



From February 7 to March 28, 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.

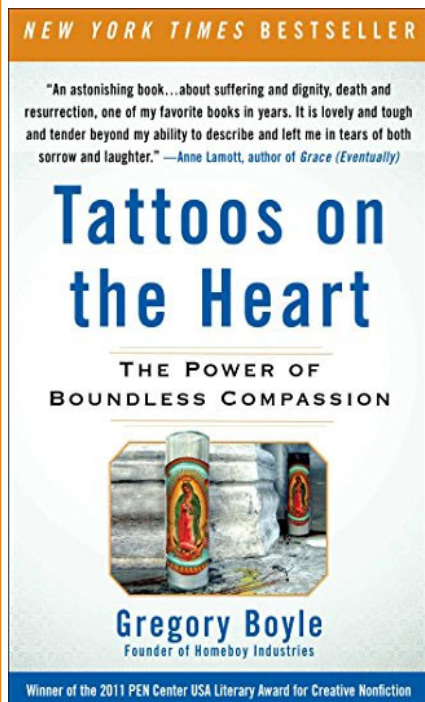
St. Mary Immaculate will hold our monthly prayer vigil, as part of 40 DAYS FOR LIFE, on **Saturday, March 13**. Please sign up at smip.org/40days to pray with us for one hour during our 12-hour vigil, beginning at 7:00 am on the morning of March 13th. To help ensure each person's safety, everyone participating in-person must wear a face mask and observe social distancing.

Over the past year, on our 2nd Saturday of the month, we have witnessed 5 birth mothers who chose to seek information at Waterleaf. They saw the prayerful and loving faces present praying at Waterleaf on the hill facing the clinic.

If you are unable to join our group on March 13, 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. This is what our Blessed Mother asked us to do at Fatima.

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

Book Discussion - April 12, 2021



Join others from the parish as we discuss the book: **Tattoos on the Heart; By Gregory Boyle.**

"Destined to become a classic of both urban reportage and contemporary spirituality" (Los Angeles Times)—Tattoos on the Heart is a series of parables about kinship and redemption from pastor, activist, and renowned speaker, Father Gregory Boyle.

For twenty years, Father Gregory Boyle has run Homeboy Industries, a gang-intervention program located in the Boyle Heights neighborhood of Los Angeles—also known as the gang capital of the world. In Tattoos on the Heart, he has distilled his experience working in the ghetto into a breathtaking series of parables inspired by faith.

From giant, tattooed Cesar, shopping at JC Penney fresh out of prison, you learn how to feel worthy of God's love. From ten-year-old Pipi you learn the importance of being known and acknowledged. From Lulu you come to understand the kind of patience necessary to rescue someone from the dark—as Father Boyle phrases it, we can only shine a flashlight on a light switch in a darkened room.

This is a motivating look at how to stay faithful in spite of failure, how to meet the world with a loving heart, and how to conquer shame with boundless, restorative love.

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

You can order your book from Amazon (use Amazon Smiles).

When: Monday, April 12 @ 7pm.

Register at www.smip.org/tattoos-on-the-heart

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Weekly Campus Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
February 15	February 16	February 17	February 18	February 19	February 20	February 21
9:00 AM Mass Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH) 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Campus Closed (appointment required) 6:00 - 7:00 PM AA Meeting (NWA)	9:00 AM Mass Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH) 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Campus Closed (appointment required) 9:30 - 10:30 AM Adoration (In Church – Must attend daily Mass to participate)	7:30 AM Mass 12:00 PM Mass (CH) 9:00 AM School Mass (live stream available) (CH) 2:00 PM 4:00 PM Ash Service (CH) 4:00 PM Ash Service (G) 6:00 PM Spanish Mass (CH) 6:00 PM Polish Mass (G) 8:00 PM Spanish Mass (G) 	9:00 AM Mass Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH) 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Campus Closed (appointment required) 9:30 - 10:30 AM Adoration (In Church – Must attend daily Mass to participate)	9:00 AM Mass Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH) 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Campus Closed (appointment required) 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Drive-Up Adoration (Near Outdoor Mary Statue) 2:30 PM Confessions (until all are heard) (COM) 4:00 PM Parking Lot Mass (Tune to 91.3 FM) (live stream available)	9:00 AM Mass Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH) 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Drive-Up Adoration (Near Outdoor Mary Statue) 2:30 PM Confessions (until all are heard) (COM) 4:00 PM Parking Lot Mass (Tune to 91.3 FM) (live stream available)	7:30 AM Mass Reservation Required (CH) 9:15 AM Mass Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH) 11:00 AM Spanish Mass Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH) 11:00 AM Mass Reservation Required (G) 12:45 PM Polish Mass (CH) 7:00 - 8:30 PM Lifeteen 7:30 - 8:30 PM AA Meeting (NWA)



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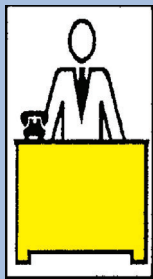
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