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The Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 21, 2021

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I will place my law within them
and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
Jeremiah 31:33

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"In Jesus, God went in search of us where we were lost. In Jesus, he came to raise us up when we fell. In Jesus, he wept with us and healed our wounds. In Jesus, he blessed our life forever."

- Pope Francis @ Pontifex

Mass Intentions

Monday — 9:00 a.m.	March 22, 2021 Ronald Popernik — Living Intention — (Marielena Lavoie)
Tuesday — 9:00 a.m.	March 23, 2021 Doug Renwick — (John & Lu Delauriea) Gene Getson — (Jim & Shirley Catalanelo) Father's Day Remembrance
Wednesday — 9:00 a.m.	March 24, 2021 James Mander — (Bob & Trisha Whitney)
Thursday — 9:00 a.m.	March 25, 2021 Michael Paladino — (Hesch Family) Ann Louise Brandonisio — (Friends & Family) Rosario Baliwag — (Kristine Velasco)
Friday — 9:00 a.m. (School Mass)	March 26, 2021 Charles Zufan — (Fernandez Family)
Saturday — 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. (Parking Lot)	March 27, 2021 Joan Walt — (Sandra Smith) People of the Parish
Sunday — 7:30 a.m. 7:30 a.m. (Gym) 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. (Gym — Spanish) 11:00 a.m. (Spanish) 11:00 a.m. (Gym) 12:45 p.m. (Polish) 12:45 p.m. (Gym)	March 28, 2021 — Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Maria Mannino — (Rosalia Tringale) Louis Lockowitz — (Robin Johnson) Bill O'Hara — (Roseann O'Hara) Por las familias de Santa Maria Immaculada Por las familias de Santa Maria Immaculada Alejo dela Cruz — (dela Cruz Family) Dozena Kozubek — 70th Birthday For the People of the Parish



Readings for the Week

Sunday	Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33
Monday	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday	Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Friday	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]



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

May this water receive by the Holy Spirit
the grace of your Only Begotten Son,
so that human nature, created in your image,
and washed clean through the sacrament of Baptism
from all the squalor of the life of old
may be found worthy to rise to the life of newborn children
through water and the Holy Spirit.
Blessing of Baptismal Water, Easter Vigil Mass

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of the wonderful things about Lent and Easter is that these holy seasons help us to understand just what it is that we believe about the necessity of Baptism. Because if Baptism is just a nice little ritual that precedes a family party, it would hardly be of any consequence, indeed it wouldn't really be necessary at all. And if that's true, Lent and Easter wouldn't really be necessary either. But if we truly believe that Baptism is the integral washing away of our sinfulness so that we may be made worthy of the life of heaven, then there's nothing that should get in the way of it, and these holy days are of utmost importance.

The current translation of the Roman Missal re-translated everything, including all of the texts for those holy days of Lent, the Paschal Triduum, and Easter. What is disconcerting, but also in some ways refreshing, about this missal is that it doesn't beat around the bush about our need for Baptism.

Looking at the text above, from the Blessing of Baptismal Water on the Easter Vigil, the text speaks about the new life the Baptized receive. Nothing too shocking about that. But notice how it refers to the life before Baptism: "the squalor of the life of old." Well, that seems a little harsh, doesn't it? Really, squalor?

It's not so different from the language of the Exsultet, the Easter Proclamation, which is sung at the Easter Vigil: "This is the night that even now, throughout the world, sets Christian believers apart from worldly vices and from the gloom of sin, leading them to grace and joining them to his holy ones." Worldly vice and the gloom of sin are hardly things we want to think about, but we all know they're there, and the only chance we have of being delivered from them is by being united to Christ through Baptism.

So yes, squalor is part of the human condition. If humanity weren't in such disarray, Christ would never have had to suffer and die on the Cross. But thank God he did precisely that for us, or we'd be mired in that squalor for all eternity. God forbid.

People are often taken aback by the language of Ash Wednesday, that day that leads us into this holy season: "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return." Dust? Yes, that and squalor! "Repent and believe in the Gospel." Repent? Yes, we all need to repent from the gloom of sin and worldly vices.

One of the great principles of Catholic theology is that we pray what we believe (*lex orandi, lex credendi*). So the words of Lent and Easter might come across as a little harsh on the human condition, but that's only because the human condition is actually pretty harsh, left to itself. Thanks be to God it isn't ever left to itself: Baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ makes possible deliverance from all that dust and gloom and squalor and vice.

So if you bristle a bit at this kind of language – and I sometimes do! – thank God! We should bristle and come to new awareness of the awesome deliverance that we celebrate during the holy days and the real gift that is our Baptism. All that bristling will make the "Alleluias" of the Easter season that much more poignant!

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

*Que esta agua reciba del Espíritu Santo
la gracia de tu Hijo Unigénito,
para que la naturaleza humana, creada a tu imagen,
y limpios mediante el sacramento del bautismo
de toda la miseria de la vida de antaño
pueda ser considerado digno de elevarse a la vida de un niño recién nacido
a través del agua y el Espíritu Santo.*
Bendición del Agua Bautismal, Misa de Vigilia Pascual

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo:

Una de las cosas maravillosas de la Cuaresma y la Pascua es que estos tiempos santos nos ayudan a comprender qué es lo que creemos acerca de la necesidad del Bautismo. Porque si el bautismo es solo un pequeño ritual agradable que precede a una fiesta familiar, difícilmente tendría alguna consecuencia, de hecho, no sería realmente necesario en absoluto. Y si eso es cierto, la Cuaresma y la Pascua tampoco serían realmente necesarias. Pero si realmente creemos que el bautismo es el lavamiento integral de nuestra pecaminosidad para que seamos dignos de la vida del cielo, entonces no hay nada que se interponga en nuestro camino, y estos días santos son de suma importancia.

La traducción actual del Misal Romano re-tradujo todo, incluyendo todos los textos para esos días santos de Cuaresma, Triduo Pascual y Pascua. Lo desconcertante, pero también en cierto modo refrescante, de este misal es que no se anda con rodeos sobre nuestra necesidad del bautismo.

Mirando el texto de arriba, de la Bendición del Agua Bautismal en la Vigilia Pascual, el texto habla de la nueva vida que reciben los Bautizados. Nada demasiado impactante en eso. Pero observe cómo se refiere a la vida antes del Bautismo: "la miseria de la vida de antaño". Tal vez, eso parezca un poco duro, ¿no?

El lenguaje que se utiliza en el *Exsultet*, la proclamación pascual que se canta en la Vigilia Pascual no es tan diferente: "Esta es la noche que incluso ahora, en todo el mundo, separa a los creyentes cristianos de los vicios mundanos y de la penumbra del pecado, llevándolos a la gracia y uniéndolos a sus santos". El vicio mundano y la tristeza del pecado no son cosas en las que queramos pensar, pero todos sabemos que están ahí, y la única posibilidad que tenemos de ser liberados de ellos es unirnos a Cristo a través del Bautismo.

Entonces sí, la miseria es parte de la condición humana. Si la humanidad no estuviera tan desordenada, Cristo nunca habría tenido que sufrir y morir en la Cruz. Pero gracias a Dios que hizo precisamente eso por nosotros, o estaríamos sumidos en esa miseria por toda la eternidad. Dios no lo quiera.

La gente a menudo se sorprende por el lenguaje del Miércoles de Ceniza, ese día que nos lleva a esta temporada santa: "Recuerda que eres polvo y al polvo volverás". ¿Polvo? ¡Sí, eso y miseria! "Arrepiéntete y cree en el Evangelio". ¿Arrepentirse? Sí, todos debemos arrepentirnos de la tristeza del pecado y los vicios mundanos.

Uno de los grandes principios de la teología católica es que rezamos lo que creemos (*lex orandi, lex credendi*). Entonces, las palabras de Cuaresma y Pascua pueden parecer un poco duras para la condición humana, pero eso es solo porque la condición humana es realmente bastante dura, si se nos deja solos. Gracias a Dios, El nunca nos abandona: el bautismo en la muerte y resurrección de Cristo hace posible la liberación de todo ese polvo, penumbra, miseria y vicio.

Entonces, si se le eriza la piel un poco con este tipo de lenguaje, ¡y a mí a veces me sucede! - ¡gracias a Dios! Debemos erizarnos y llegar a una nueva conciencia de la asombrosa liberación que celebramos durante los días santos y del verdadero regalo que es nuestro Bautismo. ¡Todos esos nervios harán que los "Aleluyas" de la temporada de Pascua sean mucho más conmovedores!

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

Niech ta woda otrzyma przez Ducha Świętego
łaskę Twojego Jednorodzonego Syna,
aby natura ludzka, stworzona na Twój obraz,
I obmyta przez sakrament chrztu
z całej nędzy starego życia
stała się godną zmartwychwstania nowonarodzonych
przez wodę i Ducha Świętego.
Błogosławieństwo wody chrzcielnej w Wigilię Paschalną

Drodzy Bracia i Siostry w Chrystusie,

Jedną z cudownych rzeczy związanych z Wielkim Postem i Wielkanocą jest to, że te święte okresy pomagają nam zrozumieć w co wierzymy podczas chrztu. Ponieważ jeśli chrzest jest tylko miłym rytuałem poprzedzającym przyjęcie rodzinne, nie miałby on prawie żadnych konsekwencji, a nawet nie byłby wcale konieczny. A jeśli to byłaby prawda, to Wielki Post i Wielkanoc też nie byłyby potrzebne. Ale jeśli naprawdę wierzymy, że chrzest jest integralnym zmywaniem naszej grzeszności, abyśmy mogli stać się godnymi życia w niebie, to nie ma nic co mogłoby temu przeszkodzić a te święte dni mają ogromne znaczenie.

Obecny Mszał Rzymski został ponownie przetłumaczony łącznie ze wszystkimi tekstami na te święte dni Wielkiego Postu, Triduum Paschalnego i Wielkanocy. To co jest niezwykle ważne oraz pewnymi względami odświeżające w tym mszale to to, że nie owija w bawełnę naszej potrzeby chrztu.

Powyższy tekst Błogosławieństwa wody chrzcielnej w Wigilię Paschalną mówi o nowym życiu otrzymanym przez ochrzczonych. Nie ma w tym nic szokującego. Ale zwróć uwagę jak to się odnosi do życia przed chrztem: „nędza życia dawnego”. Cóż, to wydaje się trochę trudne, prawda? Naprawdę, nędza?

Nie różni się tak bardzo od języka Exsultet, proklamacji paschalnej, która jest śpiewana w Wigilię Paschalną: „To jest noc, która nawet teraz na całym świecie oddziela wierzących chrześcijan od doczesnego zła i mroku grzechu, prowadząc ich do łaski i łącząc ich ze swoimi świętymi ”. Niegodziwość świata i mrok grzechu nie są rzeczami o których chcielibyśmy myśleć ale wszyscy wiemy, że one na prawdę istnieją, a jedyną szansą na uwolnienie się od nich jest zjednoczenie z Chrystusem przez chrzest.

Tak więc nędza jest częścią ludzkiej kondycji. Gdyby ludzkość nie była w takim zamęcie, Chrystus nigdy nie musiałby cierpieć i umierać na krzyżu. Ale dzięki Bogu, że zrobił to właśnie dla nas, w przeciwnym razie ugrzęźlibyśmy w tej nędzy przez całą wieczność. Broń nas Boże.

Ludzi często zaskakuje język Środy Popielcowej, który wprowadza nas w ten święty okres: „Pamiętaj, że jesteś prochem i w proch się obrócisz”. Kurz? Tak, i nędza! „Nawracajcie się i wiercie w Ewangelię”. Żałować? Tak, wszyscy musimy pokutować aby uwolnić się z mroku grzechu i ziemskich przywar.

Jedną z wielkich zasad teologii katolickiej jest to, że modlimy się słowami w które wierzymy (lex orandi, lex credendi). Tak więc słowa Wielkiego Postu i Wielkanocy mogą wydawać się nieco surowe dla kondycji ludzkiej, ale to tylko dlatego, że kondycja ludzka jest w rzeczywistości dość surowa, pozostawiona samej sobie. Bogu niech będą dzięki: chrzest w śmierci i zmartwychwstaniu Chrystusa umożliwia wyzwolenie z całego tego prochu, mroku, nędzy i występku.

Więc jeśli trochę jeżysz się na tego rodzaju wyrażenia– mnie też się to zdarza! – to dzięki Bogu! Powinniśmy jeżyć się, dumać aby dojść do nowej świadomości niesamowitego wyzwolenia, które celebруем w święta i prawdziwego daru, jakim jest nasz chrzest. Całe to najeżenie sprawi, że „Alleluja” w okresie wielkanocnym będzie o wiele bardziej wzruszające!

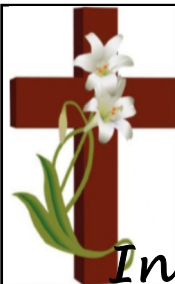
Wasz w Chrystusie i Jego Najświętszej Matce,
Ojciec Pat Mulcahy, pastor

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, Lynette Dattomo, Mary Dickerson, Megan Dolan, Maureen Dranger, Alexander Dynako, Rick Erwin, Deborah Fadden, Jean Fiaoni, Sue Flynn, Brandon Franklin, 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, Dave Monnot, 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:
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.

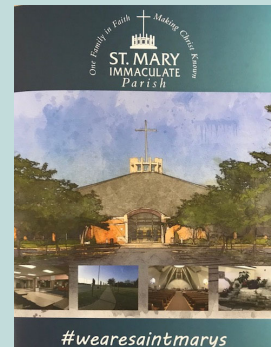
To request a prayer intention and make your donation, please go to smip.org/candles

In Honor Of: Intentions:

Marjorie Halm

In Loving Memory

#wearesaintmarys Capital Campaign



It seems like a lifetime ago, but last year at this time we were kicking off the **#wearesaintmarys Capital Campaign**.

Now that we have things rolling smoothly under all the many COVID restrictions, we must get the Capital Campaign back in full swing. We are asking you to turn in the letter of intent form from your packet. This will help us move forward in the planning of projects.

If you haven't received the materials, please contact Pam Angelus in the Parish Office 815-436-2651 ext 849.



Congratulations to the Newly Baptized...



ELEANOR SUSAN TROUTMAN

Daughter of Matthew & Emily (Bohne) Troutman

CARLEY MARIE VOTA

Daughter of Ryan & Sara (Pikowski) Vota

Welcome to Our New Parishioners

Frank & Michelle Cardone
Plainfield, IL

Jalen Coleman & Stephanie Tunk
Romeoville, IL

Patrick & Laura Eulitz
Plainfield, IL

Cameron & Alyssa Gonzalez
Plainfield, IL

Raymundo Herrera
Cresthill, IL

Nicholas & Kaitlyn Paler
Plainfield, IL

Sherry Smith
Woodridge, IL

7 new households have registered at St. Mary Immaculate since March 14, 2021.

Sacrament of Penance

St. Mary Immaculate will be offering additional opportunities to attend the Sacrament of Penance during Lent.

The Sacrament of Penance continues to be offered on **Saturday afternoons beginning at 2:30 pm until all are heard**. Please enter through the Commons doors.

(no confessions will be heard on Holy Saturday, April 3)

Additionally, the Sacrament of Penance will also be offered on **Friday evenings beginning at 6:00 pm until all are heard**. Please enter through the door nearest the flagpole.

(no confessions will be heard on Good Friday, April 2)

Please arrive as close to the starting times as possible so we do not miss you.

Due to social distancing guidelines we must adhere to for the safety of all, please dress appropriately for the weather as the lines for Confession may extend outside the building. You may also consider staying in your vehicle until the lines get shorter.



Estaciones de la Cruz / Droga Krzyżowa

March 19—Estaciones de la Cruz 6:30 pm (Iglesia)

March 26—Droga Krzyżowa 7:00 pm (Kościół)

} *Reservations required*

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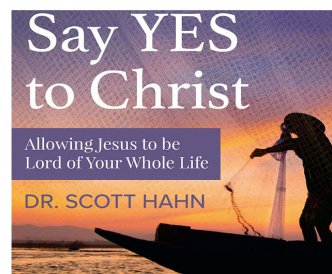
PICK OF THE WEEK

March 21, 2021

LISTEN

SAY YES TO CHRIST: ALLOWING JESUS TO BE THE LORD OF YOUR WHOLE LIFE BY SCOTT HAHN

Mary conformed the entirety of her life to the Divine Will. In doing so, she became the model of perfect discipleship. In this talk, Dr. Scott Hahn discusses why we too should surrender our lives to the Lord.



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Palm Sunday / Holy Week / Easter Sunday Schedule 2021

Tickets are required for all Masses/Services (with the exception of Services and Masses taking place in the Parking Lot or as Drive-up Adoration). Please reserve your tickets at www.smip.org

Palm Sunday Masses

Saturday, March 27:

4:00 PM Parking Lot Mass (*livestream available*)

Sunday, March 28:

7:30 AM in the Church (English)

7:30 AM in the Gym (English)

9:15 AM in the Church (English) (*livestream available*)

9:15 AM in the Gym (Spanish)

11:00 AM in the Church (Spanish) (*livestream available*)

11:00 AM in the Gym (English)

12:45 PM in the Church (Polish)

12:45 PM in the Gym (English)

Holy Thursday - April 1st

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper (Multi-lingual) (*livestream available*)

Until 10:00 PM Altar of Repose with Drive-up Adoration

10:00 PM Night Prayer (*livestream available*)

Good Friday - April 2nd

3:00 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (Multi-lingual) (*livestream available*)

Until 6:00 PM Veneration of the Cross available as Drive-up Adoration (*Stay in your car please*)

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross in the Church (*video presentation*)

7:00 PM Viacrucis in the Gym (*video presentation*)

Holy Saturday - April 3rd

12:00 PM Blessing of Foods Parking Lot Service (English) (*livestream available*)

2:00 PM Blessing of Foods Parking Lot Service (Polish)

8:00 PM Easter Vigil in the Holy Night in the Church (Multi-lingual) (*livestream available*)

Easter Sunday Masses - April 4th

7:30 AM Parking Lot Mass (*livestream available*)

9:15 AM in the Church (English) (*livestream available*)

9:15 AM in the Gym (English)

11:00 AM in the Church (Spanish) (*livestream available*)

11:00 AM in the Gym (English)

12:45 PM in the Church (Polish)

12:45 PM in the Gym (English)

Easter Basket Ministry Needs Your Help

Every Easter Season, St Mary's reaches out to help those in need. Our mission is to bring joy and love to the children in our community. The Easter Basket Ministry donates items such as books, coloring books, stuffed animals, and wrapped candy to Morning Star Mission, Daybreak Shelter and Plainfield Food Pantry.

Although we normally ask for the items to fill Easter Bags, due to pandemic restrictions, this year **we are asking for monetary donations** to help purchase the needed items. **Sign up to donate thru March 21st.** Donations can be made online through our parish website at smip.org/easterbaskets.

If you prefer to make a donation **with cash or check** (payable to SMI), please place your envelope marked "Easter Baskets" in the collection box before or after Mass or in the drop box outside of the Commons doors anytime through March 21

Thanks so much for your generosity!



Confirmation

Strengthened by the Spirit, Called to Action

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

Mar 25: Class for Year 1 RE students with their mentors. 7:00 - 8:30 pm

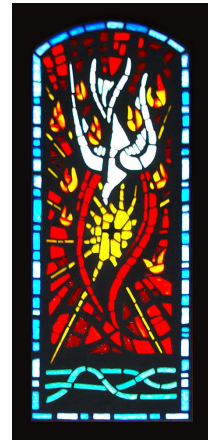
This week is the last chance to attend one of the reconciliation services before Easter!

Registration for Fall 2021 classes opens on March 22!

Forms can be downloaded at <https://smip.org/confirmation/>

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

www.smip.org/confirmation



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & LADIES AUXILIARY
GOOD SHEPHERD COUNCIL #5573

2021 FRIDAY FISH FRY

St. Mary Immaculate Parish

MARCH 26

Drive-Thru Pick Up Orders ONLY

Order by phone: 815-577-6673

4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on the Fish Fry date

PICK UP from 4:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Behind the Parish School on Frederick St., Enter the Driveway from the South End

CREDIT, CASH OR CHECK Payable to Knights of Columbus #5573 Accepted at Pick Up

MENU

Shrimp Dinner - 6 pc - \$10.75

Extra Large Fried Cod Dinner - 3 pc - \$11.00

Large Fried Cod Dinner - 2 pc - \$9.25

Small Fried Cod Dinner - 1 pc - \$6.75

Combo - 3 pc Shrimp & 1 pc Fried Cod - \$10.50

Cheese Pizza by the Slice - \$3.00

Dinners include Crispy Fries



Intercessions for Life

May all who suffer from the wounds of abortion be filled with the hope that does not disappoint, and be healed by Christ;

We pray to the Lord

Peticiones por La Vida

Para que todos los que sufren las heridas del aborto sean colmados con la esperanza que no desilusiona, y sean sanados por Cristo;

Roguemos al Señor

Word of Life

"To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ." (*The Gospel of Life* 84).

- Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*. 1995 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission.



Palabra de Vida

"Celebrar el Evangelio de la vida significa celebrar el Dios de la vida, el Dios que da la vida... En cada niño que nace y en hombre que vive y que muere reconocemos la imagen de la gloria de Dios, gloria que celebramos en cada ser humano, signo del Dios vivo, icono de Jesucristo." (*El Evangelio de la Vida* 84)

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BISHOP BLANCHETTE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Are you aware that the Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (CCW) offers a scholarship?

The “**Bishop Blanchette Scholarship Award**”, which Fund is supported by donations, was established in 1982 as a living memorial to honor our late Bishop Romeo Blanchette. Scholarships in his name are made available each year to students in **Grades 8-11 seeking financial assistance to attend one of the following Catholic High Schools in the Joliet Diocese:**

Benet Academy, Lisle

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IC Catholic Prep, Elmhurst

St. Francis High School, Wheaton

Joliet Catholic Academy, Joliet

Montini Catholic High School, Lombard

Providence Catholic High School, New Lenox

Part of the criteria is:

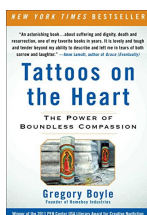
- Students applying must have a financial need.
- Students must actively attend a Catholic parish in the Joliet Diocese with an active CCW.
- Scholarship includes a one-time stipend to be paid directly to the high school based on funds available for the calendar year.

To obtain an **Application Packet**, please **call to make an appointment during regular Office Hours at one of the following: the SMI School Office (815-436-3953), the Religious Ed Office (815-436-2861) or the Parish Office (815-436-2651).**

The completed application is due to the SMI CCW mailbox no later than Wednesday, March 31, 2021, and addressed to:
CCW President/Application for Bishop Blanchette Scholarship

Thank you in advance for completing your application and Good Luck to you!

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



Allies for Peace and Justice is a new ministry forming at St. Mary Immaculate to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the community and world around us. The Allies are beginning with three working groups, with each group focusing on one priority of the Church's social teaching. More groups will form to focus on other priorities as interest and commitment grows. The first three priorities selected by the group are:

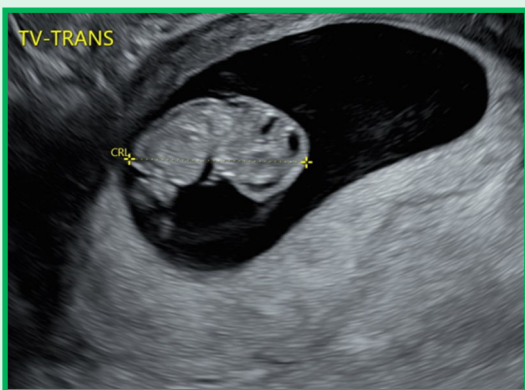
1. Pro-life issues from womb to tomb, with a particular focus on protecting the life of children in the womb.
2. Support for racial justice and promoting inclusion within the Church and society.
3. Support for LGBT persons and outreach to their family members.

In addition, an Allies Core Team is forming to coordinate our overall efforts of peace and justice, to provide parish education and formation, and to do projects not covered by the initial three priorities on an ad hoc basis.

If you are interested in the causes of peace and justice, please consider joining this exciting new ministry at St. Mary Immaculate. For more information contact Father John Regan at jregan@smip.org.



LIFE IN ACTION | MIRACLE OF THE MONTH



I thought I came in for an abortion!

When Asia came to Waterleaf, she had an abortion planned and scheduled but came to our door "by accident."

As she spoke with her Waterleaf patient advocate, she was very undecided between parenting and abortion. She had an abortion in the past and seemed to become very emotional as she spoke of it. Furthermore, Asia explained that she has a two-year-old daughter at home and while she has been in a relationship with the father of this baby for just over a year, does not plan for nor see a future with him.

After her initial ultrasound, Asia accepted pictures but said she was still concerned about being pregnant because the baby's father expressed he does not want to be a father at this time in his life.

When Asia came back for a follow-up appointment, she definitively told her advocate that "I'm keeping the baby and this baby's dad IS going to be involved!" She went on to say she has the support of her mother, grandma, sister, and the baby's dad has had a change of heart and supports her decision. After her follow-up ultrasound, she met with an Aspire Resource Specialist to explore resources to help her through her pregnancy and beyond. Asia ended her visit stating "I'm so thankful I came to Waterleaf by Accident. I have been sad every day since my abortion last year. I feel very supported now in making a choice to have my baby."

JOB OPENINGS:

Diocese of Joliet - Teaching and Instructional Assistant Positions - Various Locations

As they prepare for a 2021-2022 school year marked by an unprecedented growth in Catholic elementary school student enrollment, Principals of Diocese of Joliet Catholic Elementary Schools are seeking passionate and dedicated professional educators to fill 100 - 125 full and part time teaching and Instructional Assistant positions. Applicants must hold appropriate state licensure and be devout and practicing Catholics who exhibit a passion for and commitment to Catholic Education.

Please view complete vocation descriptions and apply online at www.applitrack.com/diocesefjoliet/onlineapp.

Should you have questions, do not hesitate to contact Karen Udell, Assistant Superintendent of Leadership and Personnel, at 815-221-6123.

St. Dennis Church - Lockport, IL

St. Dennis Church and School in Lockport is seeking to hire a part-time Maintenance Assistant. This is a non-benefited position of 20-25 hours per week. Responsibilities will include custodial tasks, event set-ups, some landscape work and various maintenance duties around the campus. This may include changing light bulbs and other ladder work. Must be able to lift at least 40 lbs. All applicants will adhere to Diocesan Hiring Guidelines including a background check and PGC requirements.

Please submit a resume to secretary@saint-dennis.org

If you have any questions, please call Victor Leon at 815-838-2592, ext 123.

Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church - Naperville, IL

Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Naperville is seeking to hire a full-time Parish Accountant. The Parish Accountant provides day to day accounting services which supports both the parish and school. Responsible for all aspects of maintaining the general ledger for both month-end reporting and the fiscal year-end reporting period. Prepares monthly analysis reports related to both the parish and school. The Parish Accountant is the lead liaison with both the school tuition management servicer, and the parish on-line giving servicer. The candidate must have excellent knowledge of accounting principles and internal controls and must have effective communication skills and the ability to work and partner with others such as the pastor, parish and school leadership and staff, parishioners, school families and outside vendors and service providers. A potential candidate must have a bachelor's degree with an accounting major and at least 8 years of progressive accounting experience, non-profit experience a plus. This is a salaried, full-time, exempt position that includes benefits and reports directly to the parish finance manager.

To view a full job description, visit: <https://www.diocesefjoliet.org/hr/jobdetail.php?id=655>

Interested candidates, please email your cover letter and resume to: financemanager@sspeterandpaul.net

St. Michael Parish - Wheaton, IL

St. Michael Parish in Wheaton is seeking to hire a full time Parish Faith Formation Director. The Parish Faith Formation Director shall work with the Pastor to cultivate a parish-wide environment that fosters deeper relationships with Jesus Christ and active intentional discipleship throughout our parish community. This position will be responsible for identifying and establishing the best means of "forming" all target groups including single adults, young parents, families, teens and young children whether they be in-pew Catholics, sacramentally inactive Catholics, or community members who do not know or are not in relationship with Jesus Christ. The Parish Faith Formation Director may be required to assume direct responsibility for one of the following areas of accountability; Adult Faith Formation, Religious Education Faith Formation, RCIA Candidate Formation, Family Faith Formation, and Teen & Young Adult Faith Formation.

This is a full time, flexible 40-hour work week position. Must be available evenings, weekends, and to be on call after regular business hours to meet the formation needs of the parish. Requires some holiday work for events and the ability to arrange coverage for the same. These times include but are not limited to Christmas Season, Holy Week/Easter, parish mission, fundraisers, etc.

If interested, please email resume to: resumes@stmichaelcommunity.org.

Contact and General Information

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PARISH SCHOOL OFFICE 815-436-3953

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**In a Pastoral Emergency call our main number 1-815-436-2651 and select option 7.*

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Deacon Jim Sossong – 481
Deacon Thomas Schroeder – 478
Deacon Mike Perkins – 480
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Weekly Campus Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
March 22	March 23	March 24	March 25	March 26	March 27	March 28
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)	7:30 AM Mass Reservation Required (G)
			7:00 - 8:00 PM Holy Hour and Adoration in honor of St. Joseph (CH)	6:00 PM Confessions (until all are heard) (Enter at door near Flagpole)	4:00 PM Parking Lot Mass (Tune to 91.3 FM) (live stream available)	11:00 AM Spanish Mass Reservation Required (G)
				7:00 PM Droga Krzyżowa (CH)		9:15 AM Spanish Mass Reservation Required (G)
						11:00 AM Spanish Mass Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH)
						12:45 PM Polish Mass (CH)
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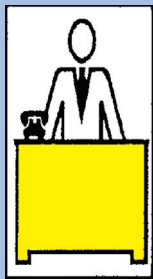
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