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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 28 2021

Hosanna!

to the King of Kings



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Christ Jesus emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
coming in human likeness;
and found human in appearance,
he humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

Philippians 2:7-8

Mass Intentions

Monday — 9:00 a.m.	March 29, 2021 Mike Schweitzer — (<i>Ginger Hawkins</i>)
Tuesday — 9:00 a.m.	March 30, 2021 Ruth Chamberlain — (<i>Mark & Nancy Finnicum</i>) Marcella Schonta — (<i>R.E. Friends</i>) Geoff Jenkins — (<i>SMI Maintenance Staff</i>) Michael Miller — (<i>Wife & Family</i>)
Wednesday — 9:00 a.m.	March 31, 2021 Souls in Purgatory — (<i>Pedro & Nirna</i>)
Thursday — 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. (<i>Multi-lingual</i>)	April 1, 2021 — Holy Thursday Morning Prayer Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday — 9:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. (<i>Multi-lingual</i>)	April 2, 2021 — Good Friday Morning Prayer Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Saturday — 9:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m. (<i>Multi-lingual</i>)	April 3, 2021 — Holy Saturday Morning Prayer Easter Vigil Mass in the Holy Night
Sunday — 7:30 a.m. (<i>Parking Lot</i>) 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. (<i>Gym</i>) 11:00 a.m. (<i>Spanish</i>) 11:00 a.m. (<i>Gym</i>) 12:45 p.m. (<i>Polish</i>) 12:45 p.m. (<i>Gym</i>)	April 4, 2021 — Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Edward & Theresa Rutkowski — (<i>Jim & Denise Rowan</i>) People of the Parish Bob LeMay — (<i>Kevin O'Leary</i>) Diego Vallejo — (<i>UCP-CDS Melvin J. Larson School</i>) Tim Oberg — (<i>Lori Rosenmeyer</i>) S.P. Kryssyna Strojny — Anniversary of Death Jim Mander — (<i>Vince & Chris Benoit</i>)



"The Holy Spirit writes the history of the Church and of the world. We are open books, willing to receive his handwriting. And in each of us the Spirit composes original works, because there is never one Christian who is completely identical to another."

- Pope Francis @ Pontifex

Readings for the Week

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]
Monday	Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday	Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday	Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday	<u>Chrism Mass:</u> Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21 <u>Lord's Supper:</u> Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday	Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
Saturday	a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7
Sunday	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7



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

We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

Entrance Antiphon, Holy Thursday

Behold the wood of the Cross, on which hung the salvation of the world.

Veneration of the Cross, Good Friday

This is the night when Christ broke the prison-bars of death and rose victorious from the underworld.

The Exsultet of the Easter Vigil

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

So it begins. Palm Sunday has us experiencing the exultation of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, only to be immediately confronted by the despair of those who have lost hope and turned him over to be crucified. It's a lot to take in in just one Mass! But we now find ourselves in the midst of Holy Week, when we commemorate the events that mark the unfolding of our salvation. God himself, who created us for the express purpose of sharing his glory, sent his only begotten Son to become one of us. Out of love for us, Jesus Christ gave himself into the hands of sinners (that would be us, by the way) and was nailed to a cross. Freely laying down his life, he paid the price for our many sins and made possible the salvation of all the world, and the promise of us having eternal life in heaven. These days are the reason for our hope and give meaning to our existence. This is what life is all about!

Each year, we carefully commemorate these events and celebrate the hope they have in store for us. We must never lose sight of the great price that was paid for our salvation, and it is our privilege each year to mark these days with holy reflection and solemn worship. The pandemic might change that a bit, but we still mark these holy days.

On the evening of Holy Thursday, we gather to receive the sacred oils that were consecrated and blessed to anoint the sick, to prepare catechumens, and to signify the presence of the Holy Spirit in those confirmed in the faith and baptized into the Church. That evening we also celebrate the institution of the Priesthood and most especially the giving of the Holy Eucharist, by which Christ's presence in the Church was secured until the end of time. The night continues with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight, and reposing the Blessed Sacrament, pausing first for night prayer at 11:50pm.

On the afternoon of Good Friday, we gather to hear the story of our salvation. We recall Christ's passion and death and meditate on his way of the cross. We pray for all people, living and dead, we venerate the holy cross (from afar, this year) on which our Savior died, and we receive Holy Communion to remember his presence among us and to be strengthened to keep the Paschal Fast.

On the night of Holy Saturday, we gather outdoors for the great Easter Vigil in the Holy Night. We keep watch through the night for the dawning of our salvation, the redemption gained by Christ's glorious resurrection from the dead. We light the new fire and dedicate the Paschal candle, we hear the stories of God's saving action throughout human history, and when the story of the Resurrection unfolds, the lights in the church are all put on, to recognize the radiance of new life in which we can now share. On this most holy night we recall our baptism, by which we died and rose to new life in Christ. We also celebrate the Easter Sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation, First Eucharist) with three young people as they enter the Church and the family of God.

These three days are called the Sacred Triduum (or "three days"). These three liturgies are considered to be one continuous liturgy. And you can see that by the fact that the sign of the Cross is made at the beginning of the Holy Thursday Mass, and there is no closing blessing until the end of the Easter Vigil. Basically, it's all just one wonderful story, played out gloriously over the course of these three days.

On these days, it is customary to keep the Paschal fast. From the Holy Thursday Evening Mass to the Easter Vigil, we eat and drink less, we refrain from useless chatter and joking around, we give up the things that distract us from our relationship with Christ. If we've been lax during Lent, we "crank it up a notch" on these days, because the celebration of our salvation is very near at hand.

No Catholic should miss the celebration of these mysteries. We cannot begin to understand our faith until we celebrate the solemnity of these days. So please let the children hear how much God loves us, and be reminded yourselves of how incredibly precious you are to God. Nothing – not even death – could stand in the way of his love for us. Let nothing stand in the way of our love for him!

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



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Debemos gloriarnos en la cruz de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, en quien está nuestra salvación, vida y resurrección, por quien somos salvos y librados.

Antífona de entrada, Jueves Santo

He aquí la madera de la Cruz, de la que pendía la salvación del mundo.

Veneración de la Cruz, Viernes Santo

Esta es la noche en que Cristo rompió los barrotes de la prisión de la muerte y se levantó victorioso del inframundo.

Exsultet de la Vigilia Pascual

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo:

Y comenzamos. El Domingo de Ramos nos hace experimentar la exaltación de la entrada triunfal de Cristo en Jerusalén, solo para ser confrontados inmediatamente por la desesperación de aquellos que han perdido la esperanza y lo han entregado para ser crucificado. ¡Es mucho para asimilar en una sola misa! Pero ahora nos encontramos en medio de la Semana Santa, cuando conmemoramos los eventos que marcan el desarrollo de nuestra salvación. Dios mismo, quien nos creó con el propósito expreso de compartir su gloria, envió a su Hijo unigénito para que fuera uno de nosotros. Por amor a nosotros, Jesucristo se entregó a sí mismo en manos de los pecadores (que por cierto, seríamos nosotros) y fue clavado en una cruz. Al entregar libremente su vida, pagó el precio por nuestros muchos pecados e hizo posible la salvación de todo el mundo y la promesa de que tendríamos vida eterna en el cielo. **Estos días son el motivo de nuestra esperanza y dan sentido a nuestra existencia. ¡De esto se trata la vida!**

Cada año, conmemoramos cuidadosamente estos eventos y celebramos la esperanza que estos eventos significan para nosotros. Nunca debemos perder de vista el gran precio que se pagó por nuestra salvación, y es nuestro privilegio cada año marcar estos días con una reflexión santa y una adoración solemne. La pandemia ha hecho que cambien un poco las cosas, pero aún celebramos estos días santos.

En la noche del Jueves Santo, nos reunimos para recibir los óleos sagrados que fueron consagrados y bendecidos para ungir a los enfermos, preparar a los catecúmenos y significar la presencia del Espíritu Santo en los confirmados en la fe y bautizados en la Iglesia. Esa noche también celebramos la institución del sacerdocio y muy especialmente la entrega de la Sagrada Eucaristía, mediante la cual se aseguró la presencia de Cristo en la Iglesia hasta el fin de los tiempos. La noche continúa con la adoración del Santísimo Sacramento hasta la medianoche y reposo del Santísimo Sacramento, haciendo una pausa primero para la oración nocturna a las 11:50 pm.

En la tarde del Viernes Santo, nos reunimos para escuchar la historia de nuestra salvación. Recordamos la pasión y muerte de Cristo y meditamos en su camino a la cruz. Rezamos por todas las personas, vivas y muertas, veneramos la santa cruz (de lejos, este año) en la que murió nuestro Salvador, y recibimos la Sagrada Comunión para recordar su presencia entre nosotros y ser fortalecidos para guardar el ayuno pascual.

En la noche del Sábado Santo, nos reunimos al aire libre para la gran Vigilia Pascual en la Noche Santa. Velamos durante la noche por el amanecer de nuestra salvación, la redención obtenida por la gloriosa resurrección de Cristo de entre los muertos. Encendemos el fuego nuevo y dedicamos el cirio pascual, escuchamos las historias de la acción salvífica de Dios a lo largo de la historia humana, y cuando se desarrolla la historia de la Resurrección, las luces de la iglesia se encienden para reconocer el resplandor de la nueva vida en que ahora podemos compartir. En esta noche santísima recordamos nuestro bautismo, por el cual morimos y resucitamos a una nueva vida en Cristo. También celebramos los Sacramentos de Pascua (Bautismo, Confirmación, Primera Eucaristía) con tres jóvenes al entrar en la Iglesia y la familia de Dios.

Estos tres días se denominan Triduo Sagrado (o "tres días"). Estas tres liturgias se consideran una liturgia continua. Y se puede ver por el hecho de que la señal de la cruz se hace al comienzo de la Misa del Jueves Santo, y no hay bendición de clausura hasta el final de la Vigilia Pascual. Básicamente, es una sola historia maravillosa, desarrollada gloriosamente en el transcurso de estos tres días.

En estos días, es costumbre mantener el ayuno pascual. Desde la Misa vespertina del Jueves Santo hasta la Vigilia Pascual, comemos y bebemos menos, nos abstenemos de charlas inútiles y bromas, renunciamos a las cosas que nos distraen de nuestra relación con Cristo. Si hemos sido negligentes durante la Cuaresma, en estos días "subimos un poco el volumen" porque la celebración de nuestra salvación está muy cerca.

Ningún católico debería perderse la celebración de estos misterios. No podemos empezar a comprender nuestra fe hasta que celebremos la solemnidad de estos días. Así que, por favor, deje que los niños escuchen cuánto nos ama Dios y recuerden lo increíblemente valioso que son para Dios. Nada, ni siquiera la muerte, podría interponerse en el camino de su amor por nosotros. ¡Que nada se interponga en el camino de nuestro amor por él!

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



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Powinniśmy chlubić się krzyżem naszego Pana Jezusa Chrystusa, w którym jest nasze zbawienie, życie i zmartwychwstanie, przez którego jesteśmy zbawieni i wyzwoleni.

Antyfona na wejście, Wielki Czwartek

Oto drzewo krzyża, na którym zawisło zbawienie świata.

Adoracja Krzyża, Wielki Piątek

To jest noc, kiedy Chrystus złamał kraty śmierci i zwycięsko wyszedł z podziemi.

Exsultet Wigilii Paschalnej

Drodzy Bracia i Siostry w Chrystusie,

Więc zaczyna się. W Niedzielę Palmową przeżywamy radość z triumfalnego wjazdu Chrystusa do Jerozolimy, po czym natychmiast stajemy w obliczu rozpaczających tych, którzy stracili nadzieję i wydali Go na ukrzyżowanie. To dużo do ogarnięcia podczas jednej mszy! Ale teraz znajdujemy się w środku Wielkiego Tygodnia, kiedy wspominamy wydarzenia, które wyznaczają rozwój naszego zbawienia. Sam Bóg, który stworzył nas w wyraźnym celu dzielenia się swoją chwałą, posłał swego jednorodzonego Syna aby stał się jednym z nas. Z miłości do nas Jezus Chrystus oddał się w ręce grzeszników (nawiasem mówiąc to my nimi jesteśmy) i został przybity do krzyża. Dobrowolnie oddając swoje życie, zapłacił cenę za nasze liczne grzechy i umożliwił zbawienie całego świata oraz obietnicę, że będziemy mieć życie wieczne w niebie. **Te dni są** powodem naszej nadziei i nadają sens naszej egzystencji. O to chodzi w życiu!

Każdego roku starannie upamiętniamy te wydarzenia i świętujemy nadzieję, którą jesteśmy obdarowani. Nigdy nie wolno nam zapominać o wielkiej cenie jaką zapłacono za nasze zbawienie, a naszym przywilejem jest co roku obchodzić te dni świętą refleksją i uroczystym uwielbieniem. Pandemia może to nieco zmienić ale nadal obchodzimy te święte dni.

Wieczorem w Wielki Czwartek gromadzimy się aby otrzymać święte oleje, które zostały konsekrowane i pobłogosławione na namaszczenie chorych, przygotować katechumenów i zaznaczyć obecność Ducha Świętego w utwierdzonych w wierze i ochrzczonych w Kościele. Tego wieczoru celebруем również ustanowienie kapłaństwa, a zwłaszcza udzielenie Najświętszej Eucharystii, dzięki której obecność Chrystusa w Kościele została zapewniona do końca czasów. Noc trwa z adoracją Najświętszego Sakramentu do północy i złożeniem Najświętszego Sakramentu, zatrzymując się najpierw na nocną modlitwę o 23:50.

W Wielki Piątek po południu zbieramy się aby wysłuchać historii naszego zbawienia. Przypominamy sobie mękę i śmierć Chrystusa i rozważamy Jego drogę krzyżową. Modlimy się za wszystkich ludzi żywych i umarłych, czcimy święty krzyż (z daleka, w tym roku), na którym umarł nasz Zbawiciel, i przyjmujemy Komunię Świętą, aby pamiętać o Jego obecności wśród nas i abyśmy byli wzmacnieni w zachowaniu postu paschalnego.

W noc Wielkiej Soboty zbieramy się pod gołym niebem na wielką Wigilię Paschalną. W nocy czuujemy do świtu naszego zbawienia, odkupienia uzyskanego przez chwalebne zmartwychwstanie Chrystusa. Rozpalamy nowy ogień i poświęcamy świecę paschalną, słyszymy historie o zbawczym działaniu Boga w całej historii ludzkości, a kiedy rozwija się historia zmartwychwstania, wszystkie światła w kościele są zapalane, aby rozpoznać blask nowego życia, którym możemy się teraz podzielić. W tę najświętszą noc przypominamy sobie nasz chrzest, w którym umarliśmy i zmartwychwstaliśmy do nowego życia w Chrystusie. Świętujemy również sakramenty wielkanocne (chrzest, bierzmowanie, pierwszą Eucharystię) z trzema młodymi ludźmi, którzy wchodzą do Kościoła i rodziny Bożej.

Te trzy dni nazywane są Świętym Triduum (lub „trzema dniami”). Te trzy liturgie są uważane za jedną liturgię ciągłą. I widać to po tym, że znak krzyża dokonywany jest na początku Mszy Wielkiego Czwartku i nie ma błogosławieństwa zamykającego aż do końca Wigilii Paschalnej. Zasadniczo to tylko jedna wspólna historia, wspólnie rozegrana w ciągu tych trzech dni.

W tych dniach zwyczajowo przestrzega się postu paschalnego. Od Wielkiej Czwartkowej Mszy św. do Wigilii Paschalnej mniej jemy i pijemy, powstrzymujemy się od bezużytecznego gadania i żartów, rezygnujemy z tego co odwraca naszą uwagę od naszej relacji z Chrystusem. Jeśli byliśmy rozluźnieni podczas Wielkiego Postu, w te dni „napinamy strunę”, ponieważ celebrowanie naszego zbawienia jest już bardzo blisko.

Żaden katolik nie powinien przegapić celebrowania tych tajemnic. Nie możemy zacząć rozumieć naszej wiary, dopóki nie będziemy obchodzić uroczystości tych dni. Więc proszę, pozwólcie dzieciom usłyszeć jak bardzo Bóg nas kocha i przypomnijcie sobie jak niesamowicie cenni jesteście dla Boga. Nic - nawet śmierć - nie mogło stanąć na drodze Jego miłości do nas. Niech nic nie stanie na przeszkodzie naszej miłości do Niego!

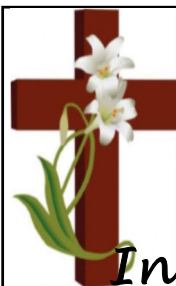
Wasz w Chrystusie i Jego Najświętszej Matce,
Ojciec Pat Mulcahy, pastor

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, Paul Laverdiere, 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:
George Price
and his family 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:

Baby Pikowski

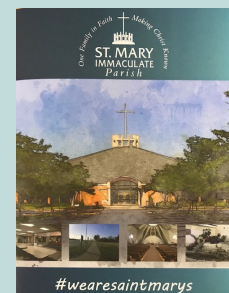
Baby Pikowski is one month early. Please pray baby Pikowski will be healthy and the lungs are fully developed

Inosenta Delgado

Pray for Surgery to go well

Shannon Roehrig's
mom and dad

#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...



ALEXANDER Kael AYALA

Son of Luis & Brenda (Rios) Ayala

AYLEEN YATZIRI CORRAL

Daughter of Hector & Brenda (Cepeda) Corral

MCKINLEY SAGE LANDECK

Daughter of Tyler Landeck & Kelsey McCann

MAX NESTOR RIVERA

Son of Nestor & Linda (Hernandez) Rivera

Welcome to Our New Parishioners

Cassidy Cydzik

Plainfield, IL

Daniel & Dana Keeley

Yorkville, IL

Alberto & Cynthia Martinez

Plainfield, IL

Maria Pacheco

Joliet, IL

Konrad & Karolina Pucel

Plainfield, IL

5 new households have registered at St. Mary Immaculate since March 21, 2021.

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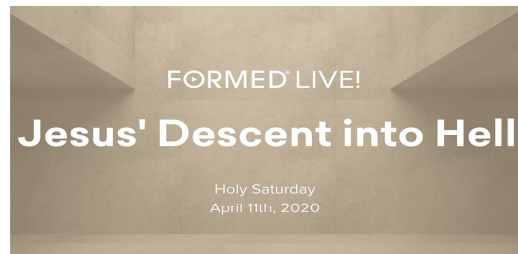
PICK OF THE WEEK

March 28, 2021

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FORMED NOW! HOLY SATURDAY— JESUS' DESCENT INTO HELL

What do we mean when we profess that Jesus descended into Hell? Join Drs. Tim Gray and Michael Barber as they discuss this mysterious event of Holy Saturday.



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Intercessions for Life

May all mothers facing difficult pregnancies be lovingly accompanied as they prepare to encounter Christ anew through the gift of their children;

We pray to the Lord

Peticiones por La Vida

Que todas las madres que enfrentan un embarazo difícil reciban la compañía amorosa mientras se preparan para encontrar de nuevo a Jesús por medio del don de sus hijos;

Roguemos al Señor

Word of Life

"There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures or sharing, big or small, which builds up an authentic culture of life... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those 'brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves' ... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life." (*The Gospel of Life* 86).

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



Palabra de Vida

"Esta el heroísmo cotidiano, hecho de pequeños o grandes gestos de solidaridad que alimentan una auténtica cultura de la vida ... A este heroísmo cotidiano pertenece el testimonio silencioso, pero a la vez fecundo y elocuente, de 'todas las madres valientes, que se dedican sin reservas a su familia, que sufren al dar a luz a sus hijos, y luego están dispuestas a soportar cualquier esfuerzo, a afrontar cualquier sacrificio, para transmitirles lo mejor de sí mismas'. Os damos las gracias, madres heroicas, por vuestro amor invencible. Os damos las gracias por la intrépida confianza en Dios y en su amor. Os damos las gracias por el sacrificio de vuestra vida." (*El Evangelio de la Vida* 86)

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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). Many Services and Masses are SOLD OUT. Please check www.smip.org for available tickets

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 - Tune to 91.3FM (*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)

****The Parking Lot at Central Elementary will be available on Easter Sunday, April 4th, for additional parking.****



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.

CONFIRMATION

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No Classes during Holy Week!!

(Check the bulletin for the Holy Week Services Schedules)

Registration for Fall 2021 classes is now open!

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

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



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

Bishop McNamara High School, Kankakee

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!



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 X804. 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.



Mobile Food Pantry is coming to your community!



Tuesday, April 6, 2021

5:00-6:00pm

St. Mary Immaculate Parish

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The Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, Mobile Food Pantry delivers healthy food (*meat, produce, and non-perishable items*) to people in need. **No identification or information will be required or collected. This event is open to anyone in need of food!**

Mobile Pantries use a 'drive-thru' method to distribute food during the CoVid-19 pandemic. Please clear space in your trunk or backseat so volunteers can load boxes of food directly into your vehicle. Please help protect our volunteers by wearing your mask during these events.



Catholic Charities helps people of all faiths and beliefs.



!La Despensa Móvil estará en su comunidad!



Martes, 6 de abril de 2021

5:00-6:00pm

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La despensa móvil de Caridades Católicas de la Diócesis de Joliet ofrece alimentos saludables (carnes, verduras, y alimentos no-perecederos) a personas en necesidad. **No se le pide su identificación ni información personal. Estos alimentos se ofrecen a cualquier persona en necesidad.**

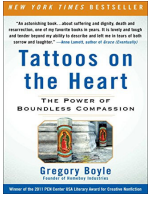
La despensa móvil utiliza el método de "drive-thru" para la distribución de comida durante la pandemia de Covid-19. Favor de hacer espacio en su cajuela o asientos traseros de su auto para que nuestros voluntarios puedan colocar los alimentos directamente en su auto. "Le pedimos que utilice su cubre-bocas durante este evento para protección de todos".



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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.

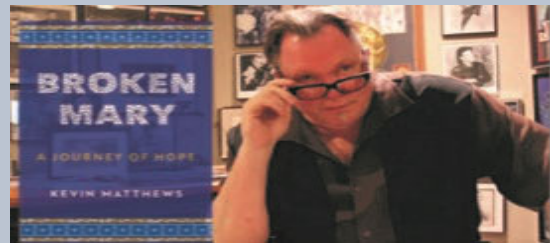
You can order your book from Amazon (use Amazon Smiles). **Register at www.smip.org/tattoos-on-the-heart**

When: Monday, April 12 @ 7pm.

Joliet-North Will-Kendall Deanery of the Diocese of Joliet Council of Catholic Women Spring Institute Event

“An Evening with Kevin Matthews and Broken Mary”

WEDNESDAY
May 12, 2021
7:00 PM



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Smip.org/brokenmary

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VOCATION PRAYER CALENDAR

APRIL 2021

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

- 1 **Seminarian Aron Minix**
- 2 **Seminarian Christian Sinclair**
- 3 Brs. Philip Johnson, Leo Jones, David Kuebler, Joseph Martin FSC
- 4 Dcns.Armando Jaquez, Anthony Leazzo
- 5 Sr. Carmen Sanchez, Sr. Carmen Sotelo MSCGpe
- 6 Fr. Sebastian Gargol, Fr. Marek Herbut
- 7 Dcns. Robert Lasica, Anthony Lenard, Phillip Lennon
- 8 Fr. Daniel Belanger C.S.V. Fr. James Fanale C.S.V.
- 9 Sr. Mary Joanna Brigan, Sr. Joan Marie Curtin, Sr. Rose Cecile Espinos, SSND
- 10 Sr. Frances Josef Flach, Sr. Mary Lou Henderson, Sr. Mary Juarez, Sr. Dorothy Kunze SSND
- 11 Fr. Gregor Gorsic, Fr. J. Damien Graziano
- 12 Fr. Christopher Groh, Fr. Luis Gutierrez
- 13 Sr. Jeanne Landry, Sr. Donita Mathis, Sr. Joan McGovern, Sr. Jeanne McGue SSND
- 14 Dcns. Thomas Fricke, Leon Fritz, Larry Fudacz, Ronnie Gagnon, Gabriel Gamboa, Stephen Gerding
- 15 Sr. Joan O'Connell, Sr. Jean Phelan, Sr. Gloria Rosales SSND
- 16 Sr. Jenny VandenBergh, Sr. Emily Wollschlager, Sr. Dorothy M. Young SSND
- 17 Sr. Beatrice Baker, Sr. Theresa Galvan, Sr. Kathleen Murphy CND
- 18 Fr. David Hankus, Fr. Douglas Hauber
- 19 Fr. Albert Heidecke, Fr. Eugene Hemrick
- 20 Fr. Daniel Lydon C.S.V. Fr. Jason Nesbit C.S.V.
- 21 Sr. Joan Shields, Sr. Adrienne Weseman SNDdeN
- 22 Fr. John Peeters C.S.V. Fr. Richard Pighini C.S.V.
- 23 Dcns. Milton Leppert, Francis Lillig, Laurence Lissak
- 24 Fr. Burke Masters
- 25 Todd Bly, Carlos Briceño, Stepen Contreras, Michael Doerries (Deacon Candidates)
- 26 Fr. Juan Jose Hernandez, Fr. Daniel Hessling
- 27 Dcns. Thomas Goebel, George Goes, Sergio Gonzalez
- 28 Dcns. Alexander Grozik, Manuel Guerrero
- 29 Fr. Daniel Hoehn, Fr. Robert A. Hoffenkamp
- 30 Sr. Margaret Christi Karwowski OSF



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

Prayer for Vocations by Pope Francis

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

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

Pope Francis

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Deacon Jim Sossong – 481

Deacon Thomas Schroeder – 478

Deacon Mike Perkins – 480

Deacon Glenn Vanek – 482

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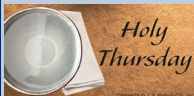
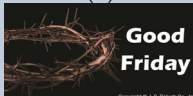
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Weekly Campus Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
March 29	March 30	March 31	April 1	April 2	April 3	April 4
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 Morning Prayer (live stream available)	9:00 AM Morning Prayer (live stream available)	9:00 AM Morning Prayer (live stream available)	Reservations Required for All Masses
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)	12:00 PM Blessing of Foods (live stream available) (Parking Lot)	7:30 AM Parking Lot Mass (live stream available) (Parking Lot)
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)	7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper (Multi-lingual) Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH)	3:00 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (Multi-lingual) (live stream available) (CH)	2:00 PM Blessing of Foods Polish (Parking Lot)	9:15 AM Mass (live stream available) (CH)
			8:00 - 10:00 PM Altar of Repose with Drive-up Adoration (Near Outdoor Mary Statue)	4:00 - 6:00 PM Veneration of the Cross As Drive-up Adoration (Near Outdoor Mary Statue)	8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass Multi-lingual (live stream available) (CH)	9:15 AM Mass (G)
			10:00 PM Night Prayer (live stream available)	7:00 PM Stations of the Cross (video presentation) (CH)		11:00 AM Spanish Mass (live stream available) (CH)
				7:00 PM Viacrucis (video presentation) (G)		12:45 PM Polish Mass (CH)
						

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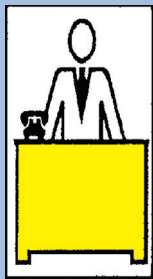
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