

One Family
in Faith Making



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Christ
Known

The Third Sunday of Lent

March 7, 2021

Jesus said,
"Destroy this
temple and in
three days I
will raise it up."

John 2:19

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"All of us are specialists in crucifying others to save ourselves. Jesus, instead, allowed himself to be crucified, to teach us not to shift evil onto others. [#Lent](#)"

- Pope Francis @ Pontifex

Mass Intentions

Monday – 9:00 a.m.	March 8, 2021 Edward Zivec – Anniversary of Death – (Phyllis Weaver Daughter)
Tuesday – 9:00 a.m.	March 9, 2021 Richard Grenier – (Velma O'Brien) Sandra Kozuch – (Rafter Family) Rosario Paule – (Cherry Batac)
Wednesday – 9:00 a.m.	March 10, 2021 Charlotte Glavan – (Family)
Thursday – 9:00 a.m.	March 11, 2021 Nick Masterson – (Dawn & Steven Pinney) Joe Sieracki – (Bill & Pat Font) Bernice Weber – (Family) Mother's Day Remembrance
Friday – 9:00 a.m. (School Mass)	March 12, 2021 Margaret O'Connell – (Sharon Green)
Saturday – 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. (Parking Lot)	March 13, 2021 John White – Living Intention – (Marielena Lavoie) Anniversary of the Election of Pope Francis & The People of the Parish
Sunday – 7:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m. (Spanish) 11:00 a.m. (Gym) 12:45 p.m. (Polish)	March 14, 2021 – 4th Sunday of Lent Marjorie Halm – Anniversary of Death – (Sandy Smith) Dan Ninnam – (Family) Jose Nunez – (Olivo Family) Anastasia Kilas – (Schuringa Family) S.P. Maria Drost



Turn Your Clocks Ahead

*Daylight Savings Time 2021 in Illinois
begins at 2:00 a.m. on
Sunday, March 14th.*

Remember to turn you clocks ahead 1 hour.

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Readings for the Week

Sunday	Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25
Monday	2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt. 18:21-35
Wednesday	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21



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*The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul;
The decree of the LORD is trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple.
Psalm 19:8,9*

How Long is Lent?

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A couple of weeks ago, one of our parishioners wrote me with a question about the length of Lent, and what it meant for fasting. I thought it was a very good question, and that it was a good topic to bring up in this column.

The person was trying to count the days of Lent, which, if you do the math, seems like more than forty days. She had heard that Sundays don't count, because every Sunday is a celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord, which we should celebrate with rejoicing, but also by setting it aside to be a holy day. And she's right about all of that: Sundays are really apart from the observance of Lent because that's the day, every single Sunday of the year, when we remember the Easter event, that glorious day that Lent prepares us for. In morning prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours, every Sunday of Lent, the reading is from Nehemiah 8:9, 10:

Today is holy to the Lord your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep; for today is holy to our Lord. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength!

So then, what do we do about fasting? Do we get to "cheat" on our Lenten penances on Sunday? I say it depends. If you gave up sweets or chocolate, or something like that, it's probably fine to partake of them, as long as you are keeping the Lord's Day holy by prayer, worship, and resting time with the Lord. But if you gave up some bad habit or practice, it may be better to keep that up even on Sunday. In those instances, it's probably the intent that you wouldn't go back to them anyway, right?

She also heard that Lent ended on Holy Thursday, which makes counting the Lenten days even messier. And then can you stop your Lenten fast on that day? And, again, she's right. Lent ends just as the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday begins. But here's the twist: then we begin the Paschal Triduum, those holy three days that lead to the Cross and Resurrection. On those days, we are encouraged to observe the Paschal Fast, which may in fact be more rigorous than our Lenten penance!

The Paschal Fast isn't quite as penitential as are our Lenten practices. The Paschal Fast is intended to heighten our expectation and anticipation of Easter Day. So we might spend that time fasting from anything that would distract us from what we remember in those days: the death and resurrection of our Lord, who gave himself totally for us. We might fast from food, especially festive food, but maybe also less television, or gaming, or a fast from social media. The Church intends especially that the Elect, those preparing for the Easter Sacraments, would definitely fast on those holy days. Whatever is given up is traditionally given up until after the Easter Vigil Mass, when our Lord is recognized as the Risen One.

I am praying that your Lenten observances and your Paschal Fast would prepare you for the best gift ever: salvation received through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Savior!

Yours in Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,
Father Pat Mulcahy, Pastor

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*La ley del SEÑOR es perfecta,
Es remedio para el alma;
toda declaración del SEÑOR es cierta
y da al sencillo la sabiduría.
Salmo 19: 8,9*

¿Cuánto dura la Cuaresma?

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo:

Hace un par de semanas, uno de nuestros feligreses me escribió con una pregunta sobre la duración de la Cuaresma y qué significaba el ayuno. Pensé que era una muy buena pregunta y que era un buen tema para tratar en esta columna.

La persona estaba tratando de contar los días de Cuaresma, que, si hacen los cálculos, parecen más de cuarenta días. Esta persona había escuchado que los domingos no cuentan, porque cada domingo es una celebración de la Resurrección de Nuestro Señor, que debemos celebrar con alegría, pero también reservándolo para que sea un día santo. Y ella tiene razón en todo eso: los domingos están realmente aparte de la observancia de la Cuaresma porque ese es el día, todos los domingos del año, cuando recordamos el evento de Pascua, ese día glorioso para el que la Cuaresma nos prepara. En la oración de la mañana en la Liturgia de las Horas, todos los domingos de Cuaresma, la lectura es de Nehemías 8: 9, 10:

Hoy es santo para el Señor tu Dios. No estés triste y no llores; porque hoy es santo para nuestro Señor. ¡No te entristezcas este día, porque regocijarte en el Señor debe ser tu fuerza!

Entonces, ¿qué hacemos con el ayuno? ¿Podemos "hacer trampa" en nuestras penitencias de Cuaresma el domingo? Yo digo que depende. Si renunció a los dulces o el chocolate, o algo por el estilo, probablemente esté bien si disfruta de ellos, siempre y cuando esté santificando el Día del Señor mediante la oración, la adoración y el tiempo de descanso con el Señor. Pero si dejó algún mal



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hábito o práctica, puede ser mejor mantenerlo incluso el domingo. En esos casos, probablemente sea la intención que no vuelva a ellos de todos modos, ¿verdad?

También escuchó que la Cuaresma termina el Jueves Santo, lo que hace que contar los días de Cuaresma sea aún más complicado. ¿Entonces puede parar su ayuno de Cuaresma ese día? Y, de nuevo, tiene razón. La Cuaresma termina justo cuando comienza la Misa vespertina de la Cena del Señor el Jueves Santo. Pero aquí está el giro: entonces comenzamos el Triduo Pascual, esos tres días santos que conducen a la Cruz y la Resurrección. En esos días, se nos anima a observar el ayuno pascual, que de hecho puede ser más riguroso que nuestra penitencia de Cuaresma.

El ayuno pascual no es tan penitencial como nuestras prácticas de Cuaresma. El ayuno pascual está destinado a aumentar nuestra expectativa y anticipación del día de Pascua. Entonces, podríamos pasar ese tiempo ayunando de cualquier cosa que nos distraiga de lo que recordamos en esos días: la muerte y resurrección de nuestro Señor, quien se entregó totalmente por nosotros. Podríamos ayunar de comida, especialmente comida festiva, pero quizás también menos televisión, o juegos, o un ayuno de las redes sociales. La Iglesia tiene la intención especial de que los elegidos, aquellos que se preparan para los sacramentos de Pascua, ayunen definitivamente en esos días santos. Todo lo que se entrega se entrega tradicionalmente hasta después de la Misa de la Vigilia Pascual, cuando nuestro Señor es reconocido como el Resucitado.

Oro para que sus observancias de Cuaresma y su ayuno pascual lo preparen para el mejor regalo que jamás haya tenido: ¡la salvación recibida a través de la muerte y resurrección de Jesucristo, nuestro Salvador!

Suyo en Jesús, María y José,
Padre Pat Mulcahy, Párroco

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*Prawo Pana jest doskonałe,
krzepi ducha;
świadećtwo Pana niezawodne
poucza prostaczką.
Psalm 19: 8,9*

Jak długo trwa Wielki Post?

Drodzy Bracia i Siostry w Chrystusie,

Kilka tygodni temu jedna z naszych parafianek zwróciła się do mnie z pytaniem o to jak długo trwa Wielki Post i jakie jest jego znaczenie. Pomyślałem, że to bardzo dobre pytanie i postanowiłem poruszyć go w tym artykule.

Ta osoba próbowała policzyć dni Wielkiego Postu i wyszło jej że jest on dłuższy niż czterdzieści dni. Słyszała, że niedziele się nie liczą bo każda niedziela jest świętem Zmartwychwstania Pańskiego, które powinniśmy obchodzić z radością jako dzień święty. I ma rację: niedziele są traktowane poza Wielkim Postem ponieważ w każdą niedzielę roku wspominamy wydarzenie wielkanocne, ten wspaniały dzień na który przygotowuje nas Wielki Post. W porannej modlitwie w Liturgii Godzin w każdą niedzielę Wielkiego Postu czytany jest fragment z Nehemiasza 8: 9, 10:

Dzisiejszy dzień jest poświęcony Panu, Bogu waszemu. Nie smućcie się i nie płaczcie; bo dzisiaj jest święto naszego Pana. Nie smućcie się tego dnia, bo radość w Panu musi być waszą siłą!

Więc co robimy z postem? Czy w niedzielę będziemy „oszukiwać” nasze wielkopostne postanowienia? Myślę, że to zależy. Jeśli zrezygnowałeś ze słodyczy, czekolady lub czegoś podobnego, myślę że można zjeść deser, o ile świętujesz Dzień Pański poprzez modlitwę, uwielbienie i odpoczynek z Panem. Ale jeśli zrezygnowałeś z jakiegoś złego nawyku lub praktyki, to pewnie lepiej nie wracać do tego nawet w niedzielę. W takich przypadkach prawdopodobnie chodzi o to, żeby nie wracać do nich nigdy, prawda?

Słyszała też, że Wielki Post kończy się w Wielki Czwartek, co jeszcze bardziej utrudnia liczenie dni postnych. Czy można wtedy przerwać post? I znowu ma rację. Wielki Post kończy się w momencie rozpoczęcia Mszy Wieczerzy Pańskiej w Wielki Czwartek. Ale oto zwrot akcji: wtedy zaczynamy Triduum Paschalne, te święte trzy dni, które prowadzą do Krzyża i Zmartwychwstania. W tych dniach jesteśmy zachęceni do zachowywania postu paschalnego, który w rzeczywistości może być bardziej rygorystyczny niż nasza wielkopostna pokuta!

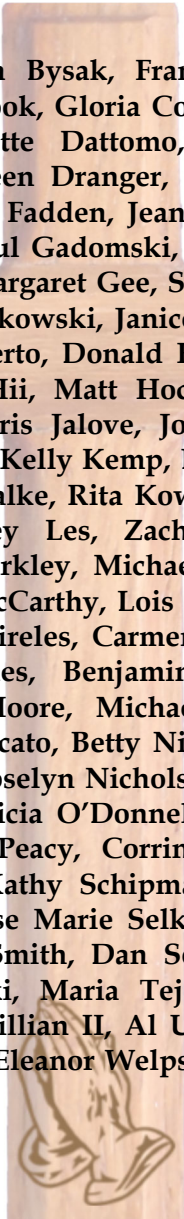
Post paschalny nie jest tak pokutny jak nasze praktyki wielkopostne. Post paschalny ma na celu spotęgowanie naszego oczekiwania i wyczekiwania Wielkanocy. Więc moglibyśmy spędzić ten czas na postach od wszystkiego, co odwróciłoby naszą uwagę od tego co wspominamy w tych dniach: śmierć i Zmartwychwstanie naszego Pana, który całkowicie się nam oddał. Możemy pościć od jedzenia, zwłaszcza świątecznego, ale może też mniej telewizji, gier lub odstwić społecznościowe media. Kościół pragnie zwłaszcza aby nowo wybrani przygotowujący się do sakramentów wielkanocnych, zdecydowanie pościli w te święte dni. Cokolwiek zostanie wyrzeczone, tradycyjnie trwa do Mszy Wigilii Paschalnej, kiedy to nasz Pan zostaje uznany za Zmartwychwstałego.

Modłę się, aby Twój Wielki Post jak i post paschalny przygotowały Cię do otrzymania największego daru w historii: zbawienie otrzymane przez śmierć i zmartwychwstanie Jezusa Chrystusa, naszego Zbawiciela!

Twój w Jezusie, Maryi i Józefie,
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, 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, 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:
Edwin Schmitt
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:

Butch Zimecki

Intentions:

For eternal and peaceful rest

2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

Shining the Light of Christ through 2021

Your Gift to the CMAA Makes a Difference



Thank you to everyone who has already pledged a gift to the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal. (CMAA). Every gift, large or small, brings us closer to our parish's 2021 CMAA goal of \$220,100.

If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support the CMAA. If we raise more than our goal, 70 percent of the amount over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish.

Our pastor recently mailed a pledge envelope to everyone in our parish. Please either return it, or the pledge card you received from the diocese, in the mail. You may also make a secure gift online at jolietdioceseappeal.org or text DONATE to (815) 205-1949.

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

Our Family in Faith



Congratulations to the Newly Baptized...



MADELYNN GRACE ABARCA
Daughter of Joshua & Christine (Aquino) Abarca

DALLAS JAMES CONDON
Son of Daniel & Kayleigh (Libersher) Condon

Welcome to Our New Parishioners

Robert Bebej
Plainfield, IL

Sebastian Ortega
Plainfield, IL

Ryan & Teresa Weringa
Plainfield, IL

3 new households have registered at St. Mary Immaculate since February 28, 2021.



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.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

March 7, 2021

WATCH

EVERYDAY HEROES

Heroism isn't restricted to decorated soldiers or persecuted saints. It's something achievable for all of us even in our ordinary lives. In this documentary, see how the Knights of Columbus have embodied this everyday heroism!



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Christians everywhere are asked to unite in prayer for the 2021 intentions entrusted to us by Pope Francis. Apostles of Prayer offer themselves to God each day for the good of the world, the Church, one another, and the Holy Father's Intentions.



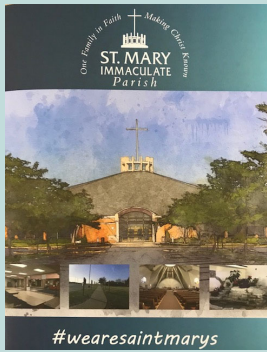
Pope Francis's monthly prayer intention for March 2021:

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

Suggested Daily Prayer:

Father, Here I am. I know you are always with me. I place my heart in the Heart of your Son Jesus, who gives himself to us in the Eucharist each day. May your Holy Spirit strengthen me to live the Gospel in everything I do and say. For my part I give you this day—all my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings—all I am and possess. With Mary, Mother of the Church, I pray for the mission of the Church, for all Apostles of Prayer, and for the intentions of the Pope this month Amen.



#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.

Saint Joseph - Holy Hour

As we celebrate the *Year of Saint Joseph* as proclaimed by the Holy Father, we will host an evening of Prayer and Adoration in honor of St. Joseph on the vigil of St. Joseph Day.

Please join us in the Church on **Thursday, March 18th from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.** for this spiritual event.

Tickets are required and are available at: <https://www.smip.org/st-joseph-holy-hour>.

St. Joseph is known by many titles including the Spouse of the Mother of God, the Foster-Father of the Son of God, the Head of the Holy Family, Hope of the Sick, Patron of the Dying and Protector of the Holy Church, just to name a few.

We hope you can join us for this evening of devotion to St. Joseph and for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.



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.

Stations of the Cross / Estaciones de la Cruz / Droga Krzyżowa



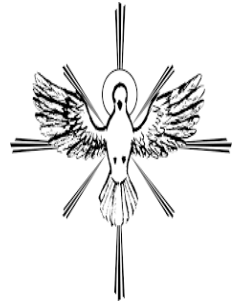
March 12—Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm (Church)

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

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

Reservations are required

Confirmation



- Mar 7: High School E-Learning class
- Mar 8: Class for Year 2 RE students with their mentors. 7:00 - 8:30 pm
- Mar 11: Class for Year 1 RE students with their mentors. 7:00 - 8:30 pm
- Mar 14: High School Zoom session
- Mar 15: Parent Teen Class. Recorded session link emailed to families

Registration for Fall 2021 classes opens on March 22!

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 5, 12, 19 & 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

For each expectant mother considering abortion: May the Lord protect her and give her the grace and resolve to choose life for her child;

We pray to the Lord

Word of Life

"[The Gospel of Life] is therefore meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!"

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



Peticiones por La Vida

Por cada madre que este considerando abortar: que el Señor la proteja y le de la gracia y determinación para elegir la vida para su hijo;

Roguemos al Señor

Palabra de Vida

"[El Evangelio de la Vida] quiere ser pues una confirmación precisa y firme del valor de la vida humana y de su carácter inviolable, y, al mismo tiempo, una acuciante llamada a todos y a cada uno, en nombre de Dios: receta defiende, ama y sirve a la vida, a toda vida humana! Solo siguiendo este camino encontraras justicia, desarrollo, libertad verdadera, paz y felicidad!"

- San Juan Pablo II, *Evangelium vitae*. 1995 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Se usa con permiso.



Mobile Food Pantry is coming to your community!



Tuesday, March 9, 2021

5:00-6:00pm

St. Mary Immaculate Parish

15629 S. Rte. 59, Plainfield, IL 60544



Snow, Rain, or Shine!

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, 9 de marzo de 2021

5:00-6:00pm

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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

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!



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.

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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 starting March 6th 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!



Do You Care for a Loved One?
An Ill Spouse, an Aging Parent or
a Child with Disabilities?



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

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 ST. JOSEPH'S DAY
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- 2 Dcns. Michael Fitzpatrick, Anthony Holmes, Andrew Jalove
- 3 Sr. Theresa Fix IHM, Sr. Monica Allamandola, Sr. Arlene Ashack IBVM
- 4 Fr. William Donnelly, Fr. James Dougherty
- 5 Sr. Marietta Brummel, Sr. Lorna Hays IBVM
- 6 Sr. Ann Hyzy, Sr. Judy Illig, Sr. Margaret M. M Ivers IBVM
- 7 Fr. John Doyle, Fr. Stanley Drewniak
- 8 Fr. Robert Duda, Fr. Thomas Dunn
- 9 Dcns. Joseph Cuzzzone, Donald Cyr, Joseph Dalpiaz
- 10 Dcns. Daniel Danahey, Daniel Defino, Steven DeSitter
- 11 Fr. Gerald Watt C.R. Fr. Marion Wroblewski C.R.
- 12 Fr. Franklin Duran, Fr. James Dvorscak
- 13 Sr. Cindy Langlois, Sr. Frances McCarron, Sr. Barbara Nelson IBVM
- 14 Sr. Julie Stapleton, Sr. Mary Lou Wicislo IBVM
- 15 Fr. Stephen Eickhoff, Fr. Herbert Essig
- 16 Dcns. Daniel Doheny, Felix Dominguez, Michael Doyle, Robert Duncan, William Dunn
- 17 Sr. Mary Jo Keane, Sr. Teresa Maltby RSM
- 18 Fr. Jerzy Zieba C.R. Fr. J. Rodolphe Arty C.S.C.
- 19 **Seminarian Brian Geary**
- 20 Fr. Kevin Farrell, Fr. Eduardo Flores
- 21 Sr. Alicja Jaszczak, Sr. Boguslawa Bladek, Sr. Agnieszka Jach MChR
- 22 Fr. Joel Fortier
- 23 Sr. Wieslawa Jamrozik, Sr. Jadwiga Kokolus, Sr. Malgorzata Leszczynska MChR
- 24 Dcns. James Eaker, Gerard Erickson, John Feely, Joseph Ferrari, Frederick Filippo
- 25 Abbott Austin Murphy
- 26 Sr. Kristiana Pucik, Sr. Beata Sawicka, Sr. Katarzyna Zaremba MChR
- 27 Dcns. Robert Fitt, James Foody, Richard Ford, Patrick Forsythe, Dino Franch, John Freund
- 28 Fr. Hugh Fullmer, Fr. Martin Gabel
- 29 Sr. Paulina Hernandez, Sr. Catalina Perez, Sr. Monica Rocha MSCGpe
- 30 **Seminarian Steven Widlowski**
- 31 **Seminarian Dcn. John Ronaldo Abulag**



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

Pope Francis

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

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

Prayer for Vocations by Pope Francis

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



Seeking Volunteers

Help Socially Isolated Seniors During the Pandemic and Beyond!

Catholic Charities' Senior Companion Program (SCP) is looking for people 55 years and older who are interested in visiting with another senior who is homebound and living in Will County. This is strictly a friendly visit, no homecare duties are involved. Volunteers who meet income eligibility guidelines will receive a tax-free hourly stipend and a mileage reimbursement for time spent with clients.

During the COVID pandemic, Senior Companion volunteers call clients weekly (in-person visits will resume when it is safe), may drop off pre-ordered groceries or medications, and can even make window visits. These contacts make a huge difference in the lives of seniors who feel isolated. Volunteering as a Senior Companion is a fantastic way to meet new people and give back to the community. Are you ready to help bring joy to the lives of seniors who are facing the challenges of isolation?

In Will County, call Kathy at 815-724-1178 or email kschweikart@cc-doj.org. For more information about the programs and services provided by Catholic Charities, visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.

JOB OPENINGS:

Diocese of Joliet - Finance Office

The Diocese of Joliet is seeking to hire a part-time Accounts Receivable Accountant for the Finance Office. The part-time Accounts Receivable Accountant is responsible for depositing all checks received by the diocese and applying payments to the appropriate accounts. This position also requires following up on all past due accounts and investigating and billing discrepancies. In addition, the Accounts Receivable Accountant will assist the Senior Accountant and Internal Auditing Director with special projects throughout the year. This position will vary between 15 and 20 hours a week.

Some College preferred. A minimum of three years' experience in an accounts receivable/bookkeeping position required. Must have the ability to handle and maintain confidential information. Experience working with multiple software databases including, but not limited to, Microsoft Word, Excel, and Peachtree/Sage Accounting Software. Experience with Blackbaud Financial Edge accounting software a plus, but not required. Ability to organize, prioritize work, meet deadlines, and work independently with minimal supervision. Must be proficient in multitasking and possess excellent interpersonal skills.

Applicants meeting the necessary qualifications please email cover letter and resume to humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org.

Diocese of Joliet - Cemetery Office

The Diocese of Joliet Cemetery Office is seeking to hire Season Cemetery workers (positions available in Joliet, Kankakee, and Wheaton). These positions consist of the performance of seasonal work in the cemetery for the maximum period as outlined in the union contract (March through October). A valid Illinois drivers' license is required. Must be willing and able to perform tasks as outlined in the Cemetery Seasonal job description. To view job description visit: <https://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/jobdetail.php?id=645>.

Normal 40-hour workweek. Ninety-day (90) probationary period. Union membership is required. Conditions and pay-rate (\$13.00 per hour to \$15.00 per hour based on qualifications) as outlined in the current union contract. Seasonal/temporary with no benefits. Applicants meeting the necessary qualifications please submit cover letter, resume and/or application to: cholloway@dioceseofjoliet.org. To mail resumes and/or applications, mail to: Office of the Director: 200 W. Romeo Rd., Romeoville, IL 60446.

St. Jude Parish - New Lenox, IL

St. Jude Parish in New Lenox is seeking to hire full time Maintenance Personnel—morning or evening. The position objective is to assist with the smooth operations of St. Jude Parish by keeping facilities clean, safe, and in good repair. Have primary responsibility for locking the facilities at night (if choosing the night shift). To assist the other maintenance staff with major set-ups, snow removal, summer projects and weekend coverage of events.

Work with Supervisor to complete all summer projects including but not limited to stripping and waxing all floors, cleaning desks and chairs and cleaning classrooms.

Assist with repairs and maintenance as needed and authorized by supervisor.

Knowledge and Skills: Basic knowledge of cleaning and sanitation, ability to work with or without supervision, ability to recognize and set priorities, ability to see a situation that needs attention and act on it.

Minimum Qualifications: Must be able to lift 50 pounds, basic knowledge of sanitation and chemicals is essential, ability to prioritize and manage multiple tasks.

If interested, please contact Doug Slusarski, Maintenance Director, at dslusarski@stjudes.org or 815-474-5130.

Contact and General Information

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Deacon Pat Lombardo – 477

Deacon Tom O'Connell – 479

Deacon Jim Sossong – 481

Deacon Thomas Schroeder – 478

Deacon Mike Perkins – 480

Deacon Glenn Vanek – 482

PARISH OFFICE – 815-436-2651

Admin. Asst.: Margaret O'Leary – 803

Parish Secretary: Monica Harness – 800

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Principal: Jennifer Errthum – 834

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Business Manager: Denise Rowan – 846

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BULLETIN EDITOR

Heather Roerig (articles are due 12 days prior to the Sunday the article is to be run. Contact: bulletin@smip.org or the Parish Office.)

HOLISTIC CENTER STAFF

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Weekly Campus Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
March 8	March 9	March 10	March 11	March 12	March 13	March 14
9:00 AM Mass Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH)	9:00 AM Mass Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH)	9:00 AM Mass Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH)	9:00 AM Mass Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH)	9:00 AM School Mass (live stream available) (CH)	9:00 AM Mass Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH)	7:30 AM Mass Reservation Required (CH)
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Campus Closed (appointment required)	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Campus Closed (appointment required)	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Campus Closed (appointment required)	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Campus Closed (appointment required)	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Campus Closed (appointment required)	9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Drive-Up Adoration (Near Outdoor Mary Statue)	9:15 AM Mass Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH)
6:00 - 7:00 PM AA Meeting (NWA)	9:30 - 10:30 AM Adoration (In Church – Must attend daily Mass to participate)	9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Drive-Up Adoration (Near Outdoor Mary Statue)	9:30 - 10:30 AM Adoration (In Church – Must attend daily Mass to participate)	9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Drive-Up Adoration (Near Outdoor Mary Statue)	2:30 PM Confessions (until all are heard) (COM)	11:00 AM Spanish Mass Reservation Required (live stream available) (CH)
				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 Mass Reservation Required (G)
				7:00 PM Stations of the Cross (CH)		12:45 PM Polish Mass (CH)
						7:00 - 8:30 PM Lifeteen
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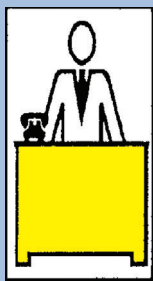
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