

# St. Mary Immaculate Parish



## Parish and Ministries Guidebook

## Schedule of Masses

### WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening Mass: 4:00 pm (Church)

Sunday Mass: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:45 am, & 12:15 pm (Church)

Spanish Mass: Saturdays, 5:30 pm (Church) & Sundays, 11:00 am (Cana Hall)

Polish Mass: Sundays, 9:00 am (Cana Hall)

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday @ 6:30 am

Monday through Saturday @ 9:00 am

### HOLY DAY MASSES

Please consult the bulletin for Mass times.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

English - Saturday, 2:30 pm (Church Confessionals)

Spanish – Saturday, 2:30 pm (Our Lady of Guadalupe Room – formerly Room A)

Polish - Sunday, 8:30-9:00 am (Faith Sharing Room)

Or call for an appointment with a priest: 815.436.2651

## Adoration Hours

Continuous exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel runs from 9:30 a.m. on Mondays (following morning Mass) through Thursday evenings at midnight.

## St. Mary Immaculate Cemetery

The parish cemetery is located at 14313 S. Naperville Rd., Plainfield, IL 60544. Please contact Lori Oberg or Pat Mander at 815.436.2651 Ext. 860 for information.

## General Information

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office or priests when sickness occurs.

### BAPTISMS

Parents of children are required to attend a Baptism Class and be registered parishioners for six months, prior to setting a date for the Baptism of their child. We encourage parents to attend the class before your child is born.

English Baptisms are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month and Spanish Baptisms are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. Families are invited to attend 12:15 Mass where pews will be reserved for each family. Baptism will immediately follow Mass. Those who are unable to attend Mass will need to arrive by 1:15 p.m. Dates may change based on the liturgical calendar.

Please contact Margaret O'Leary at the Parish Office, 815-436-2651 Ext. 803, for further details.

## General Information

### MARRIAGE

Weddings must be scheduled at least six months in advance, according to diocesan norm. Please do not make any reservations with a reception venue or any other vendor until you have met with a priest and your date is confirmed by the Parish Office.

Please contact Margaret O'Leary at the Parish Office, 815-436-2651 Ext. 803 to make inquiries and/or begin the process in preparation for your wedding.

### R.C.I.A (Rite of Christian Initiation)/BECOMING CATHOLIC

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a spiritual formation process culminating with entry into the Catholic Church. At St. Mary Immaculate, we welcome inquiries about this process at any time of the year. To begin your RCIA journey, an initial conversation with a team member will be scheduled to determine needs and outline a preparation plan.

Please contact Dr. Doug Muir at 815-436-2651 Ext. 889 for more information.

### PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

*WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS!* Please introduce yourself to one of our priests and to those around you. If you would like to register as a parishioner, go to [smip.org/register](http://smip.org/register) to complete our online registration form.

You may also register in-person at our monthly Welcome Gathering held on **the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, during six months of the year**, at 10:15 a.m. in the gym. Check the parish website and bulletin for dates.

*Please Note:* You must be a registered parishioner for six months, prior to scheduling a Baptism or receiving a Sponsor/Godparent letter. Contact Laura Van Ham at [lvaham@smip.org](mailto:lvaham@smip.org) 815-436-2651, x887 with any questions.

## Parish Staff Contact Information

### PARISH PRIESTS

REV. PAT MULCAHY	x 813
REV. JAMES GUARASCIO	x 848
REV. JOHN REGAN	x 802

24-Hour Emergency 815-436-2651, Option 7

### PARISH DEACONS

Deacon Pat Lombardo	x 477
Deacon Manny Perales	x 479
Deacon Mike Perkins	x 480
Deacon Tom Schroeder	x 478
Deacon Jim Sossong	x 481
Deacon Glenn Vanek	x 482

### ADULT FORMATION DIRECTOR

Dr. Doug Muir	x 889
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### BIBLE STUDY

Dr. Doug Muir	x 889
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### BUILDING SERVICES

Maintenance Supervisor	
Mike Oesterreich	x 820
Lead Custodian	
Jason Gonzalez	x 820
Rich Skold	x 820
Ronald Faltin	x 820
Luke O'Brien	x 820

### BULLETIN EDITOR

Diane Brunsting bulletin@smip.org

### BUSINESS OFFICE

Business Manager	
Denise Rowan	x 846
Bookkeeper	
Monica Harness	x 804

### CEMETERY OFFICE

Lori Oberg/Pat Mander	x 860
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### COMMONS RECEPTIONISTS

Lead Receptionist	
Rita Collett	x 853
Jen Ehling	x 853
Joanne Kochniarczyk	x 853

### COMMONS RECEPTIONISTS (continued)

Shannon Manning	x 853
Sue Meyer	x 853
Rosemary O'Hara	x 853

### DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Pam Angelus	x 849
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### HOLISTIC CENTER

Psychologist	
Dr. Ted Welsch, Psy. D	x 686
Faith-Based Counseling	
Joan Lopina, MS	x 892
Spiritual Direction	
Laura Lies	x 896

### LITURGY DIRECTOR

Beata Moberg	x 810
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### MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Dr. Doug Muir	x 889
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### MUSIC MINISTRY

Director	
Heather Roerig	x 805
School & Handbell Coordinator	
Monica Slayman	x 819
Youth Choir Coordinator	
Heather Roerig	x 805
Hispanic Music Coordinator	
Rodolfo Rosales	x 875

### PARISH CALENDAR

Monica Harness	x 804
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### PARISH OFFICE

Main Number	815-436-2651
Administrative Assistant	
Margaret O'Leary	x 803
Parish Secretary	
Adriana Perales	x 800
Spanish Translation	
Adriana Perales	x 800

## Parish Staff Contact Information

### PARISH SCHOOL

Main Number 815-436-3953

#### Principal

Jennifer Errthum x 834

#### Assistant Principal

Karen Klump x 837

#### Administrative Assistant

Kris Hitchins x 812

#### Secretary

Hope Bohlin x 830

### PASTORAL MINISTER

Pat Mander, R.N. x 893

### RCIA

Dr. Doug Muir x 889

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

R.E. (K-6th Grade) 815-436-4501

Geri Morse, Director x 840

Kathy Marcucci x 829

Bridgett Melzacki x 852

Lori Rosenmayer x 833

Confirmation 815-436-2861

Anna Taylor, Director x 877

Beth Cockrell x 867

Anette Estes x 878

### TECHNOLOGY

#### Technology & Digital Media Director

Jackson Brunsting x 838

[webmaster@smip.org](mailto:webmaster@smip.org)

#### Audio Technology

### VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES & H.R.

Laura Van Ham x 887

### YOUTH FORMATION

Eric Futterer x 814

# PARISH VISION STATEMENT

*One Family in Faith Making Christ Known*

Adopted: October 2005



## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are the parish community of Saint Mary Immaculate, rooted in the scriptures and the Roman Catholic Tradition of the Diocese of Joliet. We are an active and diverse community, growing in faith. We believe we can unite as an accepting, affirming, and supportive community. Guided by the Holy Spirit, and through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, we celebrate our union with God in worship and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We do this by loving, serving, and sharing our time, talent, and treasure with one another and with all God's people.

*Revised by Parish Pastoral Council: April 2019*

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

parishcouncil@smip.org

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Grace Blaszak—Chairperson

Jennifer Ehling—Secretary

Father Patrick Mulcahy—Pastor

Denise Rowan – Parish Staff

Pam Angelus – Parish Staff

Heather Roerig—Parish Staff

# Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

## WITNESS COMMISSION

witnesscommission@smip.org

### Mission Statement

To enable the community of St. Mary Immaculate Parish to put into practice the Social Teachings of the Church. At the local level and in the broader community, the Commission creates or promotes programs, which respond to human needs and work for justice.

#### WITNESS COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Lisa DuSatko—Chairperson

Stan Drost - Member

Eric Futterer - Member

Deacon Pat Lombardo - Member

Father John Regan—Parish Staff

# Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

## WORD COMMISSION

wordcommission@smip.org

### Mission Statement

Fostering a Catholic culture that supports family and individual formation in all phases of life from birth

#### WORD COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Laura Williams—Secretary

Jean Cilione—Member

Bernice Feltz – Member

Geri Morse—Parish Staff

Doug Muir —Parish Staff

Anna Taylor – Parish Staff



# Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

## WORSHIP COMMISSION

worshipcommission@smip.org

### Mission Statement

The Worship Commission seeks to engage all individuals to connect their faith with life through full actual participation in the sanctifying power of Christ.

The Worship Commission strives to promote the Parish Vision (One Family in Faith Making Christ Known), offer guidance to the liturgical life of the Parish and foster the spiritual growth of all through divine worship, sacraments and prayer.

### WORSHIP COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Robert Lighthiser—Chairperson

Patti Adams—PPC Rep.

Megan Melzacki – Member

Pat McKeown - Member

Ryan Pintoy - Member

Connie Sanfilippo – Member

Carlyn Tran – Member

Beata Moberg – Parish Staff

Father James Guarascio—Parish Staff

# Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

## COMMUNITY COMMISSION

communitycommission@smip.org

### Mission Statement

The purpose of the Community Commission is to create a Christ-focused, welcoming, all-inclusive environment that fosters engagement and participation by all parishioners in order to help strengthen the social ties of the parish and to enhance our presence in the community.

### COMMUNITY COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Laura Van Ham—Chairperson/Parish Staff

Jennifer Hoerdeman—Secretary

Karen Grygiel - Member

Joe Grygiel—Member

Bob Hoerdeman - Member

John Knurek – Member

Medy Knurek - Member

# Ministry Contact Information

## **ADULT FAITH FORMATION AND SPIRITUAL LIFE**

Adult Faith Formation, Dr. Doug Muir .....	815.436.2651, x 889
Baptism Coordinators, <b>Beata Moberg</b> .....	815.436.2651, x 810
Baptism Preparation, Margaret O'Leary .....	815.436.2651, x 803
Bible Study, Dr. Doug Muir .....	815.436.2651, x 889
Biblical Scholars, David Fiday .....	djfiday@comcast.net
Brothers in Christ, Dutch McCann .....	815.436.8072
or Tom Krepelka .....	tpkrepelka@ameriline.com
First Friday Adoration, Hispanic, Sergio Salas .....	630.561.1194
First Saturday Devotion, Anna Dudzik .....	815.577.2513
Fishers of Men, <b>Tom Ketelhut</b> .....	<b>815.878.9717</b>
Holy Hour of Reparation for Priests, Anna Dudzik .....	815.577.2513
Lay Apostles of Jesus Christ the Returning King Prayer Group, Libby Runge .....	815.577.6283
Legion of Mary, <b>Kate Mottl</b> .....	<b>630.336.5952</b>
Marriage Enrichment, Dr. Doug Muir .....	815.436.2651, x 889
Marriage Preparation, Dr. Doug Muir .....	815.436.2651, x 889
Men's Catechism Circle, Dutch McCann .....	815.436.8072
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), Dr. Doug Muir .....	815.436.2651, x 889
<b>Sons of Thunder, Christopher Schreck</b> .....	<b>773.993.7364</b>
Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group, <b>Elvira Pulido</b> .....	<b>708.916.5635</b>
Spiritual Direction, Laura Lies .....	815.436.2651, x 896
Women of Faith, Tricia Weis .....	630.688.6987
or Lisa DuSatko .....	815.325.8235
Women's Bible Study, Laurie Hovland .....	630.995.0328
or Debbie Jaffray .....	630.638.0332

## **YOUTH FORMATION AND SPIRITUAL LIFE**

Confirmation Preparation, Anna Taylor .....	815.436.2861, x 877
Knights of the Holy Temple, <b>Bob Lighthiser</b> .....	<b>630.965.1497</b>
Liturgy of the Word for Children, Maria Prekop .....	312.259.6851
Religious Education Program, Geri Morse .....	815.436.4501, x 840
Special Needs Religious Education, Geri Morse .....	815.436.4501, x 840
<b>Youth Formation, Eric Futterer</b> .....	815.436.2651, x 814

## **CATHOLIC CHARTER ORGANIZATIONS**

Knights of Columbus, <b>Tom Krepelka</b> .....	<b>708.218.5733</b>
<b>Friends of Good Shepherd, Grace Blaszak</b> .....	<b>815.254.7078</b>
St. Vincent de Paul, Bob Shurson .....	815.436.2651, x 414
or Pat Mander .....	815.436.2651, x 893

# Ministry Contact Information

## **CHRISTIAN SERVICE AND PASTORAL CARE**

Bereavement Ministry, Janet Fastabend.....	815.505.0911
Daybreak Meal to Feed the Homeless, <b>Chris McLawhorn</b> .....	<b>815.436.8374</b>
or <b>Kathy Hall</b> .....	<b>815.436.2729</b>
Easter Baskets, Bridget Carlson.....	312.420.2267
Employment Ministry, Todd Barber.....	317-966-0555
Funeral Luncheon, Laura Van Ham.....	815.436.2651, x 887
Giving Tree, Robin Contreras.....	815.814.8457
Interfaith Food Pantry, Pat Cork.....	815.439.8394
Make a Difference Day, Pam Angelus.....	815.436.2651, x 849
Micro Food Pantry, Sarah Koplinski.....	414.510.1033
Military Ministry, Maria Prekop.....	312.259.6851
<b>Mobile Food Pantry, Beth Cockrell.....</b>	<b>815.436.2651, x 867</b>
Nourish ( <b>Caregivers Support Group</b> ), Deacon Mike Perkins .....	815.436.2651, x 480
or Pat Mander.....	815.436.2651, x 893
Parish <b>Faith-Based</b> Counseling, Joan Lopina.....	<b>815.919.2847</b>
Parish Psychologist, Dr. Ted Welsch, Psy. D .....	815.577.6686
Pastoral Care, Pat Mander.....	815.436.2651, x 893
Prayer Ministry Network, Arlene Kauzlarich.....	815.436.4398
Shepherd's Table, <b>Chris McLawhorn</b> .....	<b>815.436.8374</b>
Special Needs Families, Geri Morse.....	815.436.2651, x 840
St. Anne's Sewing Circle, Diane Ziemba.....	815.609.9224
or Mary Bornemann.....	815.436.6617
Temple Tenders, Pam Carey .....	815.474.1361

## **COMMUNICATION**

Digital Media/Webmaster, Jackson Brunsting.....	815.436.2651, x 838
Development, Pam Angelus .....	815.436.2651, x 849

## **DIVERSITY AND UNITY**

Filipino Ministry, Carlyn Tran.....	708.227.6248
Hispanic Ministry, Jose Cornelio.....	815.546.6500
Polish Ministry, Beata Moberg.....	630.270.9800
Quinceañera Ministry, Adriana Perales.....	815.436.2651, x 800
Spanish Baptisms, Adriana Perales.....	815.436.2651, x 800

# Ministry Contact Information

## **FELLOWSHIP**

Council of Catholic Women, Grace Blaszak.....	815.254.7078
Divorce and Beyond, Contact the Office of Family Ministry .....	815.838.5334
Men's Club, PJ Forster.....	630.880.7296
St. Mary's Seniors, Paul & Ardith Stadtherr.....	630.464.7434
Sunday Hospitality, Laura Van Ham.....	815.436.2651, x 887
Welcome Team, Laura Van Ham .....	815.436.2651, x 887

## **LITURGY AND WORSHIP**

Altar Linens, Holly & Rich Alberti.....	815.258.0579
Altar Servers, Beata Moberg .....	815.436.2651, x 810
Art and Environment, Rosemary Tack .....	630.927.7673
Eucharistic Adoration, Connie Sanfilippo.....	815.603.2350
Extraordinary Minister Training, Beata Moberg.....	815.436.2651, x 810
Greeters, Beata Moberg .....	815.436.2651, x 810
Healing Mass, John & Medy Knurek .....	630.779.4535
Hispanic Lector Coordinator, Irving Trujillo.....	773.934.3073
Hispanic Mass Coordinator, Saturnino Villegas.....	630.649.3011
Hispanic Music Ministry, Rodolfo Rosales.....	773.710.2761
Hispanic Overnight Adoration, Sergio Salas .....	630.561.1194
Hispanic Ushers, Oscar Gonzalez.....	815.603.0291
Lector Training, Beata Moberg.....	815.436.2651, x 810
Mass Coordinators, Beata Moberg.....	815.436.2651, x 810
Ministry Schedule, Beata Moberg.....	815.436.2651, x 810
Music Ministry, Heather Roerig.....	815.436.2651, x 805
Ushers, Beata Moberg.....	815.436.2651, x 810
Wedding Coordinators, Marie Reitenbach.....	630.661.0156

## **PARISH ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT**

Business Manager, Denise Rowan.....	815.436.2651, x 846
Buildings & Grounds Commission, Mike Baumgartner .....	mike@baumgartnerconstruction.com
Finance Council, Michael Runge.....	630-677-6283

# Ministry Contact Information

## **PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE**

Peace & Social Justice Allies, Father John Regan .....	815.436.2651, x 802
Allies for Racial Justice, Father John Regan .....	815.436.2651, x 802
LGBTQ Allies, Father John Regan .....	815.436.2651, x 802
Faithful Friends Pen Pal Ministry, Debbie Jaffray .....	630.638.0332
Reverence for Life, Don Hrdlicka .....	630.415.6603
or Bill Gallagher .....	815.609.9148
or Maureen Cole .....	815.353.8334

## **ST. MARY IMMACULATE SCHOOL**

School Main Number .....	815.436.3953
School Board, Mike Baumgartner.....	815.436.3953
Athletic Association, Megan Roehrig & Katie Lesters .....	815.436.3953
Band Booster Club, Lacey Wehrli .....	815.436.3953
Home & School Association, Amanda Knepper.....	815.436.3953

## **OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter, Tony & Annette Wazonis.....	815.302.7325
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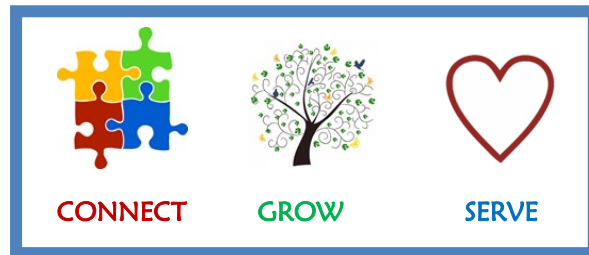
# Invitation to Ministry

*Would you like to deepen your relationship with God?*

*Are you looking to connect with others and form new friendships?*

*Would you like to grow in your faith and love of others?*

*Do you want an opportunity to serve others as Jesus did?*



## *St. Mary Immaculate Parish has a ministry for you!*

*Our ministries are divided into nine categories. Below is a brief description. Once you know your area of interest, you are welcome to read through the summaries of each individual ministry on the following pages. Please contact the ministry leader if you would like to join.*

[Adult Faith Formation Ministries](#) - Grow in your faith through bible study and prayer

[Youth Formation Ministries](#) – Learn and grow in your faith through various programs offered for children three years old through young adult age

[Catholic Charter Organizations](#) - Form bonds of friendship and serve others in our parish and community

[Christian Service & Pastoral Care](#) – Be Christ to others through various opportunities to serve those in our parish and community

[Diversity & Unity](#) – Find a ministry where you feel an even stronger sense of belonging

[Fellowship](#) – Enjoy the company of others where Jesus is always present

[Peace & Social Justice](#) – Help to bring justice to those without a voice

[Liturgy & Worship](#) – Play a more intimate role in liturgical events

[Other Organizations](#) – Find opportunities for friendships, growth and service, depending on your interest

# Adult Formation and Spiritual Life

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Adult faith formation ministries offer opportunities for enrichment in the faith lives of those 18 and older. Ministries and programming range from study courses which help you seek answers for questions you have about Catholic faith, to groups that pursue spiritual development. Adults participating in formation experiences will accompany one another in their journeys of encountering Christ.

Contact: Dr. Doug Muir at 815.436.2651, Ext. 889 or [dmuir@smip.org](mailto:dmuir@smip.org)

## BAPTISM PREPARATION

The sacrament of Baptism ushers us into the divine life, cleanses us from sin and initiates us as members of the Christian community. It is the foundation of the sacramental life.

Parents seeking Baptism for their child are required to be registered parishioners at St. Mary Immaculate, and attend a Baptism Preparation Class prior to setting the date for the Baptism. These classes are offered twice a month in English and once a month in Spanish. If you have attended a Baptism Class at St. Mary's within the past three years, this requirement is waived. Children over the age of seven years are required to participate in our Religious Education Program to prepare for their Baptism.

English Baptisms are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month and Spanish Baptisms are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. Families are invited to attend 12:15 Mass, where pews will be reserved for each family. Baptism will immediately follow Mass. Those who are unable to attend Mass will need to arrive by 1:15 p.m. Dates may change based on the liturgical calendar.

Please contact Margaret O'Leary at the Parish Office, 815-436-2651, Ext. 803 or [moleary@smip.org](mailto:moleary@smip.org) for further details. Information is also available on our parish website: [www.smip.org](http://www.smip.org)

## BAPTISM COORDINATORS

Baptism Coordinators are volunteers needed to coordinate the baptism sacramental ceremony. Adult parishioners can enrich their faith life by answering a call to ministry. Training for Baptism Coordinators will be provided at St. Mary Immaculate.

Contact: Beata Moberg at 815.436.2651, Ext. 810 or [bmoberg@smip.org](mailto:bmoberg@smip.org)

## BIBLE STUDY

Adult Bible Study is an important part of our adult faith life. Bible Study is more than learning about the bible, how it came to be and all the famous and infamous people between its covers. It should improve the way we live our daily lives and inform our relationships with God and others. It is a most critical way to build up our faith and prayer life. Adult Bible Study offers the opportunity to improve our personal relationship with God the Father, Jesus His Son and the Holy Spirit in six critical areas:

1. Knowledge and faith: Scripture and sacred Tradition form the essential elements of our faith. Both of these traditions will inform our relationship with God. Each study will improve our overall understanding of the



Old and New Testaments.

2. Liturgical life: Our experience and knowledge of the bible will forever change our participation in Mass. The Old Testament readings, Psalms, and New Testament letters and gospel selections will become more valuable as we learn the context of the readings and see the connections between all of them.
3. Moral formation: Bible study will change us for the better. When we learn to see ourselves in these timeless stories, we will see ourselves in these timeless stories, we will change; for we are the people of God, the characters in His story.
4. Prayer: Our study of the Psalms and other books will change the way we pray and understand what we are praying!
5. Communal life: We will make new friends and enjoy a new-found companionship as we travel to our heavenly home together.
6. Missionary Spirit: The Spirit will move us to reach out to others with our new found knowledge. Our joy will be irrepresible.

Contact: Dr. Doug Muir at 815.436.2651, Ext. 889 or [dmuir@smip.org](mailto:dmuir@smip.org)

### **BIBLICAL SCHOLARS**

The Biblical Scholars group is comprised of graduates of the Biblical Institute of the Diocese of Joliet. Graduates of the program are invited each June to join this ministry. Membership is by invitation only. The Biblical Scholars continue their studies at an advanced level. This group meets via zoom on the first and third Saturdays of the month.

Contact: David Fiday at [djfiday@comcast.net](mailto:djfiday@comcast.net)

### **BROTHERS IN CHRIST**

The Brothers in Christ is a group of men that gather together on Saturday mornings from 7:30 to 8:45 to discuss the readings for Sunday morning's Mass and how they may relate to our lives.

The purpose of our ministry is to bring us to a closer relationship with God. We were born to know, love and serve God, and this ministry helps us to do these things.

Come and visit our ministry and see if it answers the need you have in your heart.

Contact: Dutch McCann at 815.436.8072 or [dutchmccann@gmail.com](mailto:dutchmccann@gmail.com) or Tom Krepelka at [tpkrepelka@ameriline.com](mailto:tpkrepelka@ameriline.com)

### **FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION-HISPANIC**

We meet the first Friday of the month, beginning with Mass or a Communion Service at 9:00 p.m. in the Church.

Contact: Sergio Salas at 630.561.1194

### **FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION**

In Reparation to the offenses to the Immaculate Heart of Blessed Mary, Most Holy, we gather after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the church to pray the Holy Rosary on the First Saturday of each month to please Her petitions during Her Apparition at Fatima, in Portugal, for the Conversion of sinners.

We also have the privilege to offer our Praises and Thanksgivings to God Almighty during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for receiving the Benediction from His Only Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Contact: Anna Dudzik at 815.577.2513

### **FISHERS OF MEN**

The mission of this group is to help equip men of all ages to be committed disciples of Jesus Christ and better husbands, fathers and men in their local community **through study of scripture, service, fellowship and spreading God's word.** Meetings are held every Saturday morning at 7:00 a.m.

Contact: **Tom Ketelhut at 815.878.9717 or tomketelhut@gmail.com**

### **HOLY HOUR OF REPARATION FOR PRIESTS**

A Crusade of Prayer and Reparation on behalf of Priests observed on each Thursday of the week throughout the year. We offer each and every priest, who continue the same sacrificial mission as "other Christ," the divine, necessary strength which Christ received from the Heart of the Father the night of His Agony on the Mount of Olives in order to accomplish the Sacrifice of Redemption.

Contact: Anna Dudzik at 815.577.2513

### **LAY APOSTLES OF JESUS CHRIST THE RETURNING KING PRAYER GROUP**

"From now on, I will think of you as my apostles." (Jesus, Vol. 10, page 13) Lay apostles are key players in God's plan to reclaim His world. Our mission is to allow Jesus to flow through us into the world, bringing His light to souls who live in darkness. All are invited to join us to hear the monthly message from Jesus to his apostles through Anne, the lay apostle. We also recite the Luminous Mysteries and follow with fellowship. Our gatherings are held in the Our Lady of Fatima Room (formerly room B & C) at SMI on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 12:30 to 2:00 pm. Come and pray with us!

Contact: Libby Runge at 815.577.6283 or Connie Sanfilippo at adorationsmip@gmail.com

### **LEGION OF MARY**

The Legion of Mary is the largest apostolic organization of lay people in the world, with well over 4 million active members, plus perhaps 100 million auxiliary members, in every country. In 2011 the Legion celebrated its 90th anniversary worldwide. Active in the US since 1931, it has been approved by every pope since its inception--each having given it their papal apostolic blessing & endorsed by the Second Vatican Council.

It makes its members better Catholics, first of all, through a balanced program of prayer and service in union with the Holy Spirit as He operates through Mary, Mother of the Church. Works include door-to-door evangelization, parish visitation projects, youth work, and other spiritual needs of the parish and community.

It gives Catholics aged 18 and older an opportunity to do something positive for the Church while at the same time deepening their spiritual life and strengthening their Catholic Faith.

Members meet together once a week for prayer, study, planning and discussion in a family setting; they do a couple of hours of definite work each week in pairs and under the guidance of a Spiritual Director.

Any Catholic, young, not-so-young, single, married, retired, who would like to draw closer to Jesus and His Mother is welcome to give it a try.

You can get started by being a guest at a weekly meeting each Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the North Wing Our Lady of Fatima Room, which is across from the Adoration Chapel.

Contact: [Kate Mottl at 630.336.5952 or kamamottl@gmail.com](mailto:kamamottl@gmail.com)

### **MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT**

This ministry provides continued support for married couples, whether your relationship is strong or struggling. Courses are offered at different times throughout the year for couples married for 2 or more years.

Contact: Dr. Doug Muir at 815.436.2651, Ext. 889 or [dmuir@smip.org](mailto:dmuir@smip.org)

### **MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM**

When a couple seeks to be married at St. Mary Immaculate they must first meet with one of our priests to ensure there are no obstacles to celebrating the sacrament. After consulting with the priest, the date can then be set. Weddings must be scheduled at least six months in advance, and are not scheduled on Sundays. All engaged couples are required to participate in our Marriage Prep Program. Please do not make any reservations with a reception venue or any other vendor until you have met with a priest and your date is confirmed by the Parish Office.

Please contact Margaret O'Leary at the Parish Office, 815-436-2651, Ext. 803 or [moleary@smip.org](mailto:moleary@smip.org) to make inquiries and/or begin the process in preparation for your wedding.

### **MEN'S CATECHISM CIRCLE**

We study the "Catechism of the Catholic Church" through reading and discussing the Catechism. Men attending can feel free to ask questions or raise points for discussion. At the end of the session, we have a short practical lesson from the teachings of St. Jose Maria Escriva. We meet the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 7:00 p.m. to about 8:30 p.m. in the North Wing Our Lady of Fatima Room (formerly B & C), across from the Adoration Chapel.

Contact: Dutch McCann at 815.436.8072 or [dutchmccann@gmail.com](mailto:dutchmccann@gmail.com)

## [R.C.I.A. \(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults\)/BECOMING CATHOLIC](#)

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the process by which non-Catholics learn about the Catholic faith and way of life. It is a spiritual formation process culminating with entry into the Catholic Church with the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism (if not previously baptized in a Christian denomination), Confirmation, and the Eucharist. At St. Mary Immaculate, we welcome inquiries about this process at any time of the year. We also initiate baptized Christians into the Catholic Church at various times throughout the year, as each individual's preparation process is tailored to their needs. Non-baptized people will be initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil after at least one full liturgical year of preparation.

To begin the RCIA process, an initial conversation with a team member will be scheduled to determine needs and outline a preparation plan. Please contact Doug Muir at 815.436.2651, Ext. 889 or [dmuir@smip.org](mailto:dmuir@smip.org), for more information.

\*\*\*Note: If you are baptized Catholic but have not received First Communion or Confirmation, you would complete your Sacraments of Initiation through the RCIA process\*\*

## [SONS OF THUNDER](#)

The mission of this group is to help bring young men closer to God, in the leadership of Jesus, and to be a more perfect man, husband and father. Meetings are held every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Contact: Christopher Schreck at 773.993.7364, or [sotmark317@gmail.com](mailto:sotmark317@gmail.com)

## [SPIRITUAL DIRECTION](#)

Spiritual direction is something to experience, offering a holy pause; a time to reflect on how God is present in your daily life. This process can increase the capacity for gratitude helping to develop more mindfulness about your intentions and how God is reflected in those intentions. Spiritual direction invites you to realize more fully the intimacy of God and how that affects you. The value of this can be empowering, encouraging you to be the person God calls you to be no matter what is happening in your life. A spiritual director encourages you to reflect, notice and respond. Typically, people meet with a trained, certified spiritual director once a month.

Contact: Laura Lies at 815.436.2651, Ext. 896 or [laura.lies@streamsgrace.com](mailto:laura.lies@streamsgrace.com)

## [WOMEN OF FAITH](#)

Our ministry offers support for women wanting to grow in faith, worship and virtue by guiding each other toward a dynamic, personal relationship with Jesus Christ and sharing a joyful perspective on Gospel values. In a world of numerous messages, we aim to put Jesus Christ at the center of our lives while becoming the woman God created us to be. Women age 21 and over are invited to join us every Saturday morning either via Zoom or in-person.

Contact: Tricia Weis at 630.688.6987 or [tnweis@gmail.com](mailto:tnweis@gmail.com) or Lisa DuSatko at [Lduatko@comcast.net](mailto:Lduatko@comcast.net) or 815.325.8235

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our ministry provides women of our parish an opportunity to study scripture and learn how it can speak to you today. You can experience the gift of coming together to study scripture and share your faith journey! Women's Bible study is a great way to meet other faithful women of our parish to share fellowship as you grow closer to Christ. All women are welcome to attend, no previous Bible study experience necessary. We offer both a morning and an evening session. You can watch the bulletin for registration information or go to the Parish website under Faith Formation.

Contact: Laurie Hovland at 630.995.0328 or [lhovland@yahoo.com](mailto:lhovland@yahoo.com) or Debbie Jaffray at [debbiej@astound.net](mailto:debbiej@astound.net)

## Youth Formation and Spiritual Life

### CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation program consists of two years of preparation, generally in the 7th and 8th grades. The Candidates receive the sacrament in the fall after completing this preparation. Retreats, service opportunities, and catechetical development are provided by the Confirmation staff with the help of adult mentors. Public School students meet with their mentors for study and service; St. Mary's School students receive religious instruction during the school day and perform service projects.

Recognizing the importance of parents in the faith development of their children, parents are asked to attend sessions with their adolescent once a month in the Church. Our goal is to support and inform parents so they are prepared to pass on the faith and answer their children's questions.

Along with the commitment to attend these monthly sessions, each family is asked to read and reflect on the Mass Readings of the day, perform four family service projects each year, and attend weekly Mass.

For more information about the program, or to volunteer to share your faith as a mentor, please call Anna Taylor ([ataylor@smip.org](mailto:ataylor@smip.org)) at the Confirmation office, 815.436.2861, Ext. 877 or visit [www.smip.org](http://www.smip.org) and click on "Confirmation" under the "Faith Formation" heading.

### KNIGHTS OF THE HOLY TEMPLE

The Knights are an altar serving fraternity for young men of high school age. We seek to grow in faith and authentic masculinity through prayer, mutual support and service to the church.

For more information, contact Bob Lighthiser (*Confreere*) - at 630. 965.1497 or [bob.lighthiser@icloud.com](mailto:bob.lighthiser@icloud.com), or Father James Guarascio (*Chaplain*) at 815.436.2651, Ext. 848 or [fatherjames@smip.org](mailto:fatherjames@smip.org).

### LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN – On Hold until Volunteers are found

This ministry presents the Sunday readings to children, who have not yet received their First Holy Communion,

in words that they can understand, during the Liturgy of the Word and Homily of the Sunday 9:00 am Mass. The discussions encourage the children to ponder God's presence among us. The richness of God's word helps our young children to follow Jesus each day.

Contact: Maria Prekop at 312.259.6851 or [bestillandknow2425@gmail.com](mailto:bestillandknow2425@gmail.com)

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

It is the mission of the Elementary Religious Education Program to recognize, welcome, teach and empower the youngest members, grades K-6, of our parish as effective builders of the Kingdom of God. In order to accomplish this, the Religious Education Program calls upon parents, the catechists, the parish community and its leadership to collectively develop and foster our children's understanding of the teachings of Jesus so that they might, individually and communally, utilize their gifts and their wisdom to give form and spirit to this Body of Christ we call the Church.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - continued**

### **PROGRAMS**

**Grades K-6** Weekly classes are offered to the children of the parish to grow in their faith and understanding of our religion. Classes typically run mid-September through the beginning of May.

#### **Faith Basics**

For older students who come to us who are in need of preparation for the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, we have a special program geared directly for them. Our Faith Basics program meets on Saturdays and walks with these students in their first two years of formal religious education. After the two year preparation period, these students will receive their sacraments together.

**Special Needs Religious Education** To meet the needs of all of our students we offer a variety of avenues to address their individual learning needs. We employ everything from adaptive lessons, 1:1 aides, to a stand-alone Special Needs classroom. If your child has unique educational needs, please call us so we can develop the best religious education experience for them.

Registration forms for Religious Education are available to you at the Religious Education Office located in the Commons area. Ask the Receptionist for directions.

For more information contact Geri Morse, RE Director, at 815.436.4501, Ext. 840 or [gmorse@smip.org](mailto:gmorse@smip.org) or visit [www.smip.org](http://www.smip.org) and click on "Religious Education" under the "Education" heading.

## **YOUTH FORMATION - St. Mary Immaculate Youth Ministry (High School Teens)**

"I have come that they may have life, and have it in abundance." John 10:10

Join us throughout the year as we seek to live as friends and disciples of Jesus who actively participate in the life and mission of the Church. We will support, encourage, and challenge one another on the journey and adventure of faith. Whether still curious or already committed, we want to take the next steps to grow in our

love for God and one another!

Be sure to check the bulletin regularly for upcoming formation events including large group activities and speakers, small study and faith sharing groups, retreats, mission experiences as well as regular service and social opportunities.

For more information, contact Eric Futterer at 815.436.2651, Ext. 814 or [efutterer@smip.org](mailto:efutterer@smip.org).

## Catholic Charter Organizations

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS-GOOD SHEPHERD COUNCIL #5573

The Knights are a fraternal organization of men who perform charitable, educational and patriotic works for the benefit of their fellow men and the nation. Meeting: second and fourth Thursday of each month. For more information visit <http://kofc5573.org/>.

Contact: Tom Krepelka, Grand Knight, at 708.218.5733 or [tpkrepelka@amerline.com](mailto:tpkrepelka@amerline.com)

### FRIENDS OF GOOD SHEPHERD

The Friends of Good Shepherd is open to all women who wish to engage in fellowship, charity and prayer. We meet in the Gray House several times a year. We are a charitable and social organization dedicated to the Church and family. Through social and fundraising events, we support several organizations, including many programs in our parish and community. We also assist the Good Shepherd Knights of Columbus Council #5573 in various activities, including the Lenten Fish Fry.

Contact: Grace Blaszak, 815.254.7078 or [gblaszak@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gblaszak@sbcglobal.net)

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The goal of St. Vincent de Paul is to bring hope to the hopeless by supplying love, food, clothing, assistance, and other emergency needs. The society helps the poor and those with temporary needs as well. It is a Catholic ministry that sees the face of Christ in the faces of those who are suffering.

Contact: Bob Shurson, 815.436.2651, Ext. 414 or Pat Mander at 815.436.2651, Ext. 893 or [pmander@smip.org](mailto:pmander@smip.org)

# Christian Service and Pastoral Care

## BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Bereavement ministry is comprised of committees; each having a responsibility of providing comfort to families at a time of loss of a loved one. The committee will help to guide in all aspects of the planning for a funeral Mass, and will continue through follow up after the funeral. The group will provide assistance in all the stages of funeral planning, from picking out songs, psalms, intercession, recessions to name a few.

Contact: Janet Fastabend at 815.505.0911 or [bill.janet.fastabend@gmail.com](mailto:bill.janet.fastabend@gmail.com)

## DAYBREAK MEAL TO FEED THE HOMELESS

This is a parish ministry and we ask all parishioners to please sign up to donate food to the hungry. Our meals are on the first Tuesday in January, March, May, July, September and November. The donation signup is online at [www.smip.org/daybreak](http://www.smip.org/daybreak). See the bulletin or parish website for details.

Contact: Chris McLawhorn at 815.436.8374 or [cmclawhorn1@gmail.com](mailto:cmclawhorn1@gmail.com) or Kathy Hall at 815.436.2729 or [sahmhall@aol.com](mailto:sahmhall@aol.com)

## EASTER BASKETS

This program is an opportunity for our Faith Community to help children celebrate Easter. Monetary donations are requested to help purchase a variety of items to fill Easter bags for children at Morning Star Mission, Daybreak Shelter, and Interfaith Food Pantry.

Contact: Bridget Carlson at 312.420.2267 or [beewcarlson@gmail.com](mailto:beewcarlson@gmail.com)

## EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY

Professional Talent Acquisition Manager, Todd Barber, would like to help you on your path to employment. Offered zoom sessions include topics such as effective networking, resumes and interviewing.

Contact: Todd Barber at 317.966.0555 or [toddnbarber@gmail.com](mailto:toddnbarber@gmail.com)

## FUNERAL LUNCHEON

Depending on parish facility availability, a funeral luncheon may be an option for families planning a weekday funeral Mass. Families will pay for the main meal, but desserts will be donated by parishioners, and coffee, water and lemonade will be provided by the parish. Members of the funeral luncheon ministry will help with set up, serving and clean-up.

Requests for funeral luncheons should be directed to Laura Van Ham at 815-436-2651, x887. She will verify availability for the date requested. If a luncheon is scheduled, the number of expected guests will determine the cost for the family.

The opportunities to serve within this ministry are many and varied. We need set-up and clean-up help, those willing to make phone calls from a call list and those who would like to “gift” a parish family with a dessert on an occasional basis by placing their name on our call list.

Contact: Laura Van Ham at 815.436.2651, Ext. 887 or [lvanham@smip.org](mailto:lvanham@smip.org)



### **GIVING TREE**

Each year at Christmas, the GIVING TREE offers each member of our Faith Community the chance to remember someone less fortunate with a small gift or by adopting an entire family. We provide gifts to various organizations including Daybreak, Guardian Angel Home, Rosewood and Lakewood Nursing Homes, Interfaith Food Pantry of Plainfield, etc.

Contact: Robin Contreras at 815.814.8457 or rawc530@yahoo.com

### **INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY OF PLAINFIELD**

The Plainfield Interfaith Food Pantry distributes food to over 250 families a month and the numbers keep growing. The Pantry needs help Mondays through Saturdays in the morning. Volunteers gather at the Vulcan building on Lockport St. between 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. and work until noon-ish. The Pantry is looking for dedicated, hardworking individuals who can volunteer one or more days a week sorting and boxing non-perishable food items for about 1-4 hours a visit, preferably on a weekly basis.

The Pantry works through all kinds of weather, and confidentiality is a must. Children younger than high school age are not permitted due to the nature of the work. Drivers with trucks are also needed to pick up food donations from local grocery stores.

Contact: Pat Cork at 815.439.8394

### **MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY**

On the third Saturday of October each year, St. Mary Immaculate parishioners engage in service projects held on parish grounds and in various communities, reaching out to others with the heart of Christ. The day begins with morning Mass and a special blessing of volunteers. The various service projects take place between 9:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. Project sign ups start in September.

Contact: Pam Angelus at 815.436.2651, Ext. 849 or pangelus@smip.org

### **MICRO FOOD PANTRY**

The micro food pantry is located outside of the north entry doors. Non-perishable items may be left in the cabinet and anyone in need is welcome to take food at any time. Periodic notices will be in the parish bulletin to let people know what items are most needed. Thank you for your generosity.

Contact: Sarah Koplinski at 414.510.1033

### **MILITARY MINISTRY**

We are a support group for those who want to let our Troops know how much we appreciate their service and want our service men and women's families to know they are not alone in this Journey. Working together, we will gain comfort in knowing that there are others on the same Journey. We can gain strength from one another. If you have a family member or friend serving in the military over-seas, please contact US so that our faith community may keep them in our prayers.

Contact: Maria Prekop at 312.259.6851 or bestillandknow2425@gmail.com

### **MOBILE FOOD PANTRY**

The Catholic Charities-Diocese of Joliet Mobile Food Pantry (MFP) delivers healthy food (meat, produce and non-perishable items) to people in need. No identification or information is required or collected. This monthly event takes place in the St. Mary's parking lot from 4:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. or until all food is distributed. The Mobile Food Pantry is open to anyone in need of food.

Check the parish bulletin, website and social media for upcoming monthly MFP dates.

For more information or to volunteer to help, contact Beth Cockrell at 815-436-2651, Ext. 867 or [bcockrell@smip.org](mailto:bcockrell@smip.org).

### **NOURISH – Caregivers Support Group**

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 are held at 7:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month in the St. Anne Room.

Contact: Deacon Mike Perkins at 815-436-2651, Ext. 480 or [mperkins@smip.org](mailto:mperkins@smip.org) or Pat Mander at 815-436-2651, Ext. 893 or [pmander@smip.org](mailto:pmander@smip.org)

### **PARISH FAITH-BASED COUNSELING**

The diverse complexities and issues of our society and culture, combined with the needs of our parish community, have necessitated a Professional Pastoral Counselor. Since January 2001, St. Mary's has provided an option for you to consider a person we recommend as a source for family and/or marital counseling needs. Counseling is a non-judgmental, safe way to look at choices, to see if the consequences of those choices are in alignment with values and goals. Confidentiality is guaranteed.

Contact: Joan Lopina at [815.919.2847](tel:815.919.2847)

### **PARISH PSYCHOLOGIST**

Dr. Ted Welsch, Psy. D. provides therapy for adults, adolescents, couples and families. He provides clients with services in depression, anxiety, couples counseling, life change/transition, mental illness, substance abuse issues, anger issues, grief/loss, and coping with life stressors. Dr. Welsch sees clients at his office located at 15726 S. Frederick Street in Plainfield, IL and maintains flexible hours to meet your needs. As a licensed psychologist his fees are partially covered by most insurance programs.

Contact: Dr. Ted Welsch, Psy. D. at 815.577.6686 or [tedwelsch@c-cca.net](mailto:tedwelsch@c-cca.net)

### **PASTORAL CARE**

Acting on behalf of our parish, our ministry members will visit the sick of our parish, the aged, the infirmed, and the homebound. This ministry extends our church to those parishioners that cannot attend Mass. It is our goal that no one be forgotten. Trained ministers bring the Eucharist to the Rosewood/Lakewood Catholic residents each Sunday between 9:15-10:30 am. During the week, visitation is provided for homebound and hospitalized parishioners.

Contact: Pat Mander at 815.436.2651, Ext. 893 or [pmander@smip.org](mailto:pmander@smip.org)

### **PASTORAL MINISTER**

The goal of Pastoral Ministering is to act as a catalyst for a healthy parish community. The focus is on personal health counseling, health education, appropriate referrals, support group facilitation, patient advocacy and integration of faith and healing.

Contact: Pat Mander, RN, at 815.436.2651, Ext. 893 or [pmander@smip.org](mailto:pmander@smip.org)

### **PRAYER MINISTRY NETWORK**

A book is located in the Narthex of the Church for anyone requesting prayers for those in need. Members of the ministry pray for those named in the book each week. The names are also included in our Mass Intentions.

Contact: Arlene Kauzlarich at 815.436.4398 or [edandr@att.net](mailto:edandr@att.net)

### **SHEPHERD'S TABLE**

On the second and third Thursday of every month, the members of the SMI Shepherd's Table ministry meet in the St. Mary's parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and then carpool to the shelter, where they prepare and serve lunch for guests of the shelter, using the food items already on hand at Daybreak. Preparation, service and clean up are usually complete by 12:30 p.m. This experience gives our parishioners an opportunity to have a direct impact on those in need. Additional members are always welcome to help with this rewarding ministry.

Contact: Chris McLawhorn at 815.436.8374 or [cmclawhorn1@gmail.com](mailto:cmclawhorn1@gmail.com)

### **SPECIAL NEEDS FAMILY MINISTRY**

This Ministry serves a diverse population of families who have children with special needs.

Contact: Geri Morse at 815.436.2651, Ext. 840 or [gmorse@smip.org](mailto:gmorse@smip.org)

### **ST. ANNE'S SEWING CIRCLE**

This Ministry serves our community by "stitching" US together. The Sewing Circle at St. Mary Immaculate Parish was named in honor of St. Anne, Mary's mother and the patroness of seamstresses. We assist the Church with a variety of sewing tasks. Come join us!

Contact: Diane Ziemba at 815.609.9224 or [rondz5733@gmail.com](mailto:rondz5733@gmail.com) or Mary Bornemann at 815.436.6617

### **TEMPLE TENDERS**

Temple Tenders is a ministry of volunteers that gather Monday mornings after the 9:00 am Mass to clean and dust our Church. We take pride in making St. Mary Immaculate a welcoming, inviting place to worship. If you are interested in joining our team, just show up and plan to spend an hour or two in the Church.

Contact: Pam Carey at 815.474.1361 or [auntpamcarey@gmail.com](mailto:auntpamcarey@gmail.com)

# Communication

## DIGITAL MEDIA/WEBSITE

Our Director of Digital Media/WebMaster helps to promote parish, school and ministry events and programs within the parish and on social media. He designs and produces publicity programs in cooperation with parish and school staff and ministry leaders. This includes the development of materials for print as well as electronic media such as the parish monitors, website, social media and our own digital sign.

Contact: Jackson Brunsting at 815.436.2651, Ext. 838 or [jbrunsting@smip.org](mailto:jbrunsting@smip.org)

## PARISH DEVELOPMENT

Our Development Director helps to promote parish, school and ministry events and programs through local newspapers and other media outlets in the community, as appropriate. She oversees our donor relations program and manages parish fundraising activities.

Contact: Pam Angelus at 815.436.2651, Ext. 849 or [pangelus@smip.org](mailto:pangelus@smip.org)

# Diversity and Unity

## FILIPINO MINISTRY

The Filipino Ministry seeks to promote active involvement of Filipino parishioners in the life of St. Mary Immaculate Parish through sharing our spirituality, ministerial gifts and cultural heritage. We seek to promote the parish vision "One Family in Faith, Making Christ Known" through community building activities and promoting the programs of the parish, particularly by serving as liaison ministry to the Filipino parishioners.

Contact: Carlyn Tran at 708.227.6248 or carlyn.siwa@gmail.com

## HISPANIC MINISTRY

The Hispanic Ministry primarily serves the Spanish-speaking community, coordinating all the Hispanic ministries of our parish with the objective of developing the Hispanic / Latino community spiritually, educationally, and socially.

The Ministry has the responsibility of ensuring that all Hispanic ministries follow our parish's processes, procedures, and regulations. The ministry is also responsible for Hispanic ministers to receive all parish and Diocese of Joliet required training, which allows the ministry to provide continuous support to existing ministries, for the creation of new ministries, and any required parish activities.

The Ministry defines and coordinates Hispanic oriented parish masses, activities, and events, such as "Dia de los Difuntos (Muertos)", "Day of the Virgin of Guadalupe", "Via Crucis (dramatization of the Stations of the Cross)" and the traditional Christmas "Posadas". The ministry also provides ESL classes, citizenship, registration for voters and any other type of workshop that helps and strengthens the Hispanic / Latino community.

Contact: Jose Cornelio at 815.546.6500 or jcornelio1@comcast.net

## POLISH MINISTRY

Our purpose is to bring Polish people closer together to the community of SMI. Through the monthly Mass in Polish, we grow and connect spiritually. We help our children to grow up in the same traditions as we have. The Mass in Polish is celebrated each Sunday in Cana Hall at 9:00 a.m. We also have a Rosary Service every Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the north wing Our Lady of Guadalupe Room (formerly Room A).

Contact: Beata Moberg at 815.436.2651, Ext. 810 or bmoberg@smip.org

## QUINCEAÑERA

Contact: Adriana Perales, 815.436.2651, Ext. 800 or aperales@smip.org

## SPANISH BAPTISMS

Contact: Adriana Perales, 815.436.2651, Ext. 800 or aperales@smip.org

# Fellowship

## CCW (Council of Catholic Women)

Our purpose is to apply Catholic ideals to daily living by promoting organized and social activity for the parish, especially the women of the parish. All women of our parish are invited to join us monthly. Meetings are the first Thursday of the month.

Contact: Grace Blaszak at 815.254.7078 or [gblaszak@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gblaszak@sbcglobal.net)

## MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club (S.M.I.M.C.) is comprised of SMI parish and school men. They execute fundraising activities and provide services to the parish community. It was formed to develop fellowship, camaraderie and fundraising for the SMI parish and school.

Contact: PJ Forster at 630.880.7296 or [pjforster81@gmail.com](mailto:pjforster81@gmail.com)

## ST. MARY'S SENIORS

The Seniors are a group of active, adult parishioners who come together once a month in faith and fellowship. The monthly gathering meets from January thru October on the 4th Wednesday of the month and begins at 11:00 a.m. with either Mass or a Communion Service, followed by a brief meeting and potluck lunch. Watch the Bulletin for information about guest speakers and programs.

Contact: Paul and Ardith Stadtherr at 630.464.7434 or [herrstadt@gmail.com](mailto:herrstadt@gmail.com)

## SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

St. Mary's offers this fellowship opportunity in the gym on the 4th Sunday of most months, after the morning Masses. Please check the parish bulletin for specific dates. This is a chance to meet and greet fellow parishioners over a cup of coffee or juice and some donuts.

Volunteers are always needed and welcomed. Guidelines and training are provided. There are two shifts available each month. Volunteers for the first shift (7:15 a.m. until 10:15 a.m.) set up and serve. Volunteers for the second shift (10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.) serve and clean up.

Contact: Laura Van Ham at 815.436.2651, Ext. 887 or [lvanham@smip.org](mailto:lvanham@smip.org)

## NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME TEAM

This ministry introduces new parishioners to St. Mary Immaculate Parish. Our goal is to help new parishioners feel welcomed, guide them into a ministry that suits their talents and interests, and register them as official members of our faith community.

If you would like to register as a parishioner, simply go to [smip.org/register](http://smip.org/register) complete our online registration

form.

You may also register in-person, and get a tour of our campus, at **our Welcome** Gathering held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday **on the month, during six months of the year**, at 10:15 a.m. in the gym. Check the parish website and bulletin for dates.

**If you'd like to join our ministry and help to welcome new parishioners, please contact Laura Van Ham for more information.**

Contact: Laura Van Ham at 815-436-2651, Ext. 887 or [Ivanham@smip.org](mailto:Ivanham@smip.org)

## Liturgy and Worship

### ALTAR LINENS MINISTRY

This ministry launders and cares for the linens and albs used during Mass. Volunteers pick up, launder, press and return the items to church. All training is provided.

Contact: Holly Alberti at 815.258.0579 or [momholl69@gmail.com](mailto:momholl69@gmail.com) or Rich Alberti at 815-258-8008 or [richalberti@snyderinsurance.com](mailto:richalberti@snyderinsurance.com)

### ALTAR SERVERS

Open to all boys and girls from the fifth grade through high school. Servers assist the Priests and Deacons during parish liturgical services.

**Contact: Beata Moberg at 815.436.2651, Ext. 810 or [bmoberg@smip.org](mailto:bmoberg@smip.org)**

### ART & ENVIRONMENT

We are a volunteer group helping to enhance the worship space of the parish through decorating with flowers, symbols and banners. Members share their gifts of sewing, decorating and designing.

Contact: Rosemary Tack at 630.927.7673 or [rosemarytack@yahoo.com](mailto:rosemarytack@yahoo.com)

### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

This traditional form of devotion entails spending time in prayer and adoration before Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Adoration in our chapel takes place continuously from 9:30 a.m. Mondays (following morning Mass) through midnight on Thursday evenings. Adorers can volunteer for weekly Holy Hours and/or as substitutes. New adorers are always welcome!

Contact: Connie Sanfilippo at 815.603.2350 or [adorationsmip@gmail.com](mailto:adorationsmip@gmail.com).

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Assist in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ during Mass. Training: one 2- hour training session.

**Contact: Beata Moberg at 815.436.2651, Ext. 810 or [bmoberg@smip.org](mailto:bmoberg@smip.org)**

## GREETERS

This ministry is one of welcoming. A warm smile and sincere welcome are the requirements of this ministry. In addition to helping parishioners feel welcomed, Greeters distribute Mass song sheets before Mass and then distribute the weekly bulletins after Mass.

Contact: Beata Moberg at 815.436.2651, Ext. 810 or [bmoberg@smip.org](mailto:bmoberg@smip.org)

## HEALING SERVICE

On the first Sunday of each month, a Healing Service is conducted in the Church, immediately following the 12:15 p.m. Mass. This service includes a scripture reading and prayer followed by the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Contact: John and Medy Knurek at 630.779.4535

## HISPANIC MASS COORDINATOR

Contact: Saturnino Villegas at 630.649.3011

## LECTORS

Proclaim the word of God at Sunday Masses and special holidays. Required training is provided.

Contact: Beata Moberg at 815.436.2651, Ext. 810 or [bmoberg@smip.org](mailto:bmoberg@smip.org)

## MASS COORDINATORS

It is the responsibility of each coordinator to oversee the orderly flow of each liturgy and be there to answer questions and coordinate ministers.

Contact: Beata Moberg at 815.436.2651, Ext. 810 or [bmoberg@smip.org](mailto:bmoberg@smip.org)

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Coordinates and communicates the schedule for Liturgical Ministers for weekend and Holy Day Masses.

Contact: Beata Moberg at 815.436.2651, Ext. 810 or [bmoberg@smip.org](mailto:bmoberg@smip.org)

## MUSIC MINISTRY

St. Mary Immaculate offers a wide range of opportunities for parishioners to share their musical talent and interests.

Contact: Heather Roerig, Music Director, 815.436.2651, Ext. 805 or [hroerig@smip.org](mailto:hroerig@smip.org)

## Grace Notes

Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The Choir is open to all people, high school age and older, and sings from September through Pentecost. No audition, although reading music is encouraged it is not necessary. Bring your voice and spirit!

## Youth Choir



No audition, just a desire to sing praise! The Youth Choir is open to children in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings from 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. during the school year. The Choir sings from September through Pentecost and is off summers. *Please consider the rehearsal time when considering R.E. class signups, as it is difficult to change classes once assigned.*

### **“TGIF” “Joyful Noise” and “Celebration” Contemporary Ensembles**

These groups sing for Easter, Christmas and other occasions as needed. Interested vocalists and instrumentalists are encouraged to contact **Heather Roerig** to set up an audition.

### **Cantors**

An audition is necessary and the ability to read music is very desirable for those interested in this ministry. Training is provided to encourage growth & development.

### **Resurrection Choir**

Open to all who can be available to lead song at funeral Masses during the day. No audition is necessary and you are not required to read music. This is an important ministry and is wonderfully supportive to the bereaved.

### **Instrumentalists**

Qualified instrumentalists are needed to enhance Masses and special celebrations as needed. Piano/Organ, all strings, especially guitar & bass guitar, percussion, woodwind & brass, are all desired.

### **Handbell Choir**

Note reading and/or experience is not necessary, only a desire to make music for the Lord and have fun. Adults and middle to high school students are most welcome!

Please contact Monica Slayman at 815.436.2651, Ext. 819 for further information.

## **HISPANIC MUSIC MINISTRY**

### **Spanish Adult Choir**

The Spanish Adult Choir rehearses year-round on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm. You do not need to read music in order to join. The Choir leads song in rotation with the Spanish Teen Choir for the Sunday 11:00 am and Saturday evening Spanish 5:30 pm Masses. No audition, just a desire to sing praise!

Contact: Rodolfo Rosales at 773.710.2761 or bofo\_7@hotmail.com

### **USHERS**

Ushers help with keeping good order during worship. They assist with finding seats and reserving seats for parishioners, when needed, taking up the collection, and guiding people to the front of the church for Communion.

Contact: Beata Moberg at 815.436.2651, Ext. 810 or [bmoberg@smip.org](mailto:bmoberg@smip.org)

## **WEDDING COORDINATORS**

Wedding Coordinators serve a dual role. They assist the priest or deacon in helping the couples prepare for

and celebrate their wedding ceremony. They also represent our parish community in welcoming and hosting the couple, their family and friends during a significant time in their lives. We need volunteers who are available for Friday and Saturday afternoon weddings for three to four hours, beginning at noon or later. We also need assistance with wedding rehearsals on Thursday and Friday evenings for approximately two hours, beginning at 4:30 and after.

Contact: Marie Reitenbach at 630.661.0156 or [mariereitenbach@gmail.com](mailto:mariereitenbach@gmail.com)

## Parish Administration & Management

### BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMISSION

The Buildings & Grounds Commission consists of parishioners who work with the Pastor and the Business Manager to monitor the maintenance and renovation of the parish and school buildings and all campus grounds.

Contact: Mike Baumgartner at [mike@baumgartnerconstruction.com](mailto:mike@baumgartnerconstruction.com)

### FINANCE COUNCIL

The Finance Council consists of parishioners who work with the Pastor and the Business Manager to monitor the parish budget and financial life.

Contact: Mike Runge at 630.677.6283

# Peace and Social Justice

## PEACE & JUSTICE ALLIES

The Peace and Justice Allies ministry began forming in 2020 as a way for parishioners to bring the social teachings of the Catholic Church to the community and world around us. Chances are people already know what it means to be an ally for someone, standing with another who may not be able to stand by themselves. Our allies ministry provides ways for us to stand with people in our community who need our support and friendship.

There are currently working groups focused on three areas of justice ministry: **1. Respect for all life from conception to natural death, especially life in a mother's womb; 2. Racial and Ethnic Inclusion, with a special focus on anti-racism; and 3. Outreach and support to LGBTQ persons and their families.**

More working groups will form as people join and express interests in other areas (such as the environment, immigration issues, refugees, and criminal justice issues). There is also an Allies Core Team that provides coordination and leadership for the larger group of allies. The large group of allies meets quarterly. The working groups meet more frequently to discuss issues and plan activities.

Contact: Father John Regan at 815-436-2651, Ext. 802 or jregan@smip.org

## ALLIES FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

The Allies for Racial Justice group wants to further advance inclusion in the life of the parish and community for people of color and/or all ethnicities. Our desire is to let everyone know that are welcomed and valued.

## LGBTQ ALLIES

LGBTQ persons are brothers and sisters, fellow beloved children of God, and they deserve and need to know that they are loved by God and that Jesus calls them, like he calls each of us, into deep relationship with Him within the life of the Church. This ministry provides support to LGBTQ persons and their families.

## FAITHFUL FRIENDS PEN PAL MINISTRY

Our goal is to exemplify the corporal and spiritual works of mercy by:

- Visiting the imprisoned through a correspondence ministry
- Promoting forgiveness and mercy
- Advocating for criminal justice and prison reform

Contact: Debbie Jaffray at 630.638.0332

## REVERENCE FOR LIFE

The mission of the Reverence for Life Ministry is to pray, fast, and be a peaceful witness for the protection of all life from the moment of conception to that of natural death. All life is sacred and designed by God with a mission and purpose in his or her life. We pray that the hearts and minds of our nation can be softened and changed: to protect the baby in the womb, mothers and fathers facing an unexpected pregnancy, and to protect the elderly. Our goal is to educate the members of our parish on God's "Gospel of Life".

We pray the "Rosary for Life" on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the parish.

On the 2nd Saturday of each month, our singular purpose is to peacefully pray at Waterleaf Women's Center for any amount of time that we can between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. across from the Abortion facility. We pray that our presence will give hope to those mothers contemplating abortion and will soften their hearts to say "yes" to life. Our Parish Rosary is at 10:00 a.m.

Contact: Don Hrdlicka at 630.415.6603 or pharmdon@hotmail.com, Bill Gallagher at 815.609.9148 or gallagher121@att.net, or Maureen Cole at 815.353.8334 or loumaureen12@yahoo.com

## St. Mary Immaculate School

*St. Mary Immaculate Parish School* was founded to serve the needs of educating Catholic youth in the growing community. Built on the teachings of Jesus Christ, the school incorporates three pillars of success: focus on faith, a pursuit of academic excellence and an abundance of opportunities beyond the classroom. St. Mary Immaculate Parish School provides this solid foundation in a safe and secure family environment. We are one of the few Catholic schools to employ a special education teacher and a reading specialist. We also have on staff a specialist for religion, faith, and spirituality; in other words, a campus minister. Our state-of-the-art STEM lab and 1:1 program sets our school apart from many others.

Our focus on faith enables teachers to help students connect with and embody the Catholic faith through daily Bible readings, prayer, and classroom instruction. We nurture strong faith in the students and foster integration into their family faith life. In addition, our caring, enthusiastic teachers consistently guide our students to achieve their fullest academic potential, preparing them well for high school and college. Graduates of St. Mary Immaculate Parish School achieve academic excellence at both public and private high schools, and the names of our graduates are regularly seen on the honor rolls of all the local high schools. Our school also has had many high school Valedictorians and Salutatorians.

Finally, we provide a wide variety of extra-curricular activities and encourage students to discover, develop and share their talents. Outside the classroom our students participate in athletics for boys and girls in grades 5-8, including cross country, track & field, basketball, football, baseball, and volleyball. Students perform in the Band, the Annual School Musical, and the Church Choir. We also offer Student Council, Battle of the Books, a Junior High Academic Team and more.

Students can enjoy a range of activities that develop skill and confidence. There are academic competitions in Spelling and Science Fair. Band is offered during the school day. Students develop leadership through Student Council, Altar Servers and Choir.

Our *Early Childhood Program* builds a learning foundation of reading and math readiness, language arts, music, art, technology, science, religion, and large and fine motor skills. Kindergarten is a Monday - Friday all day program, while our 3 and 4-year olds meet Monday - Friday, with the option of a half-day program.

Parents can take advantage of *Extended Day School* before or after hours. District 202 provides free bus service for residents. And you'll enjoy being a part of our active, welcoming, parent community.

Call St. Mary Immaculate School for information or to apply, at 815.436.3953. Visit us at 15629 S. Rt. 59, Plainfield or at [www.smischool.org](http://www.smischool.org).

## St. Mary Immaculate School

### Athletic Association

This group provides a variety of athletic activities geared for students in grades 5-8. The themes of these activities are to teach our Catholic children to compete fairly, to enjoy the camaraderie of the team format and to place an emphasis on the healthy aspects of competition.

Contact: Megan Roehrig/Katie Lesters, Athletic Directors, at 815.436.3953

### Band Booster Club

This club is made up of parents who support the band activities. They provide concert uniforms and admission to extra-curricular band competitions. The band boosters also organize and put on the Christmas and Spring Concerts, as well as the end of the year Band Banquet.

Contact: Lacey Wehrli at 815.436.3953

### Home and School Association

This group fosters fellowship among its members as well as among the parents in the St. Mary Immaculate Parish School family. In addition, the HSA works with the principal and staff to promote a variety of special activities throughout the year.

Contact: [Amanda Knepper](#) at 815.436.3953 or [smihomeandschool@yahoo.com](mailto:smihomeandschool@yahoo.com)

### School Board

This board is made up of parents who serve terms of 3 years and who serve as an Advisory Council to the Pastor of St. Mary Immaculate and the Principal of St. Mary Immaculate School.

Contact: Mike Baumgartner at 815.436.3953

# Other Organizations

## **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Unique weekend experience for married couples, designed to enhance a couples' relationship and deepen their love and commitment. Visit [wwme.org](http://wwme.org).

Contact: Tony & Annette Wazonis at 815-302-7325 or [wwmechicagoland@gmail.com](mailto:wwmechicagoland@gmail.com)