

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 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month and Spanish Baptisms are held on the 4th 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 to complete our online registration form.

You may also register in-person at our monthly Welcome Gathering held on the 4th Sunday of the month, during seven months of the year, at 10:15 a.m. in the School Library. 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 lvanham@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 John Finn x 484
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

FORMATION DIRECTOR

Dr. Doug Muir x 889

BIBLE STUDY

Dr. Doug Muir x 889

BUILDING SERVICES

Maintenance Supervisor
Mike Oesterreich x 820
Lead Custodian
Jason Gonzalez x 823
Rich Skold x 823
Clinton Alves x 823
Ronald Faltin x 823
Matt Lamich x 823

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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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Lead Receptionist
Rita Collett x 853
Jen Ehling x 853
Joanne Kochniarczyk x 853
Shannon Manning x 853
Sue Meyer x 853
Rosemary O'Hara x 853

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Pam Angelus x 849

HOLISTIC CENTER

Marriage & Family Therapist
Amy Dye, LMFT 815.355.3596
Faith-Based Counseling
Joan Lopina, MS 815.919.2847
Spiritual Direction
Laura Lies x 896

LITURGY DIRECTOR

Beata Moberg x 810

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Dr. Doug Muir x 889

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

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

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Dr. Doug Muir, RCIA (Adults) x 889

Patti Adams, RCIC (Children) x 836

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Patti Adams – Co-Coordinator x 836

Bridgett Melzacki – Co-Coordinator x 852

Kathy Marcucci x 829

Lori Rosenmayer x 833

Sheri Leto x 847

Confirmation 815-436-2861

Anna Taylor, Coordinator x 877

Melissa Francisco x 867

Anette Estes x 878

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Heather Roerig x 805

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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:

Lauren Henzel—Interim Chairperson

Annette Waznonis – Member – Finance Council

Father Patrick Mulcahy—Pastor

Pam Angelus – Parish Staff

Denise Rowan – 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

William Becerra – Member

Robin Contreras - Member

Stan Drost – Member

Sharon Maher – Member

John Matthews – Member

Teresa Rodriguez - Member

Eric Futterer – Parish Staff

Deacon Pat Lombardo – Deacon Liaison

Pat Mander – Parish Staff

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

Michele Bancroft - Member

Grace Carpio – Member

Jean Cilione—Member

Sharon Conley - Member

Bernice Feltz – Member

Dee Kovas - Member

Geri Morse—Member

Maribel Saldivar - Member

Jennifer Errthum – School 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

Carlyn Tran – Secretary

Paul Carpio – Member

Susan Gutierrez – Member

Cheryl Pirc – Member

Pat McKeown - Member

Connie Sanfilippo – Member

Patricia Valencia – Member

Patti Adams—Parish Staff

Beata Moberg – Parish Staff

Father James Guarascio—Parish Staff

Heather Roerig – 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

Bob Hoerdeman – Vice Chairperson

Jennifer Hoerdeman—Secretary

Karen Grygiel - Member

Joe Grygiel—Member

Lori Brady – Member

Tom Brady – Member

Oscar Gonzalez – Member

Jason Mottl – Member

Agnes Nowak – Member

Joe Zielinski – Member

Marie Zielinski - Member

Ministry Contact Information

ADULT FAITH FORMATION AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

Adult Faith Formation, Dr. Doug Muir	815.436.2651, x 889
Baptism Coordinators, Beata Moberg	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
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First Friday Adoration, Hispanic, Sergio Salas.....	630.561.1194
First Saturday Devotion, Sue O’Dwyer	815.351.1791
Fishers of Men, Tom Ketelhut.....	815.878.9717
Lay Apostles of Jesus Christ the Returning King Prayer Group.....	815.577.6283
Legion of Mary, Kate Mottl.....	630.336.5952
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
RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation of Children), Patti Adams	815.436.2651, x 836
Sons of Thunder, Christopher Schreck.....	773.993.7364
Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group, Janet Rodas	815.341.4820
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, Bob Lighthiser.....	630.965.1497
Children’s Liturgy of the Word, Geri Morse	815.325.9620
Religious Education Program, Patti Adams.....	815.436.4501, x 836
Religious Education Program, Bridgett Melzacki.....	815.436.4501, x 852
Special Needs Religious Education, Patti Adams.....	815.436.4501, x 836
Youth Formation, Eric Futterer.....	815.436.2651, x 814

CATHOLIC CHARTER ORGANIZATIONS

Knights of Columbus, Tom Krepelka.....	708.218.5733
Friends of Good Shepherd, Grace Blaszak.....	815.254.7078
St. Vincent de Paul, Bob Hoerdeman	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, Chris McLawhorn	815.436.8374
or Kathy Hall.....	815.436.2729
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
Marriage and Family Therapy, Amy Dye, LMFT.....	815.355.3596
Micro Food Pantry, Father John Regan	815.436.2651, x 802
Military Ministry, Maria Prekop	312.259.6851
Nourish (Caregivers Support Group), Deacon Mike Perkins	815.436.2651, x 480
or Pat Mander.....	815.436.2651, x 893
Parish Faith-Based Counseling, Joan Lopina.....	815.919.2847
Pastoral Care, Pat Mander.....	815.436.2651, x 893
Prayer Ministry Network, Arlene Kauzlarich.....	815.436.4398
Shepherd’s Table, Chris McLawhorn.....	815.436.8374
Special Needs Families, Patti Adams.....	815.436.2651, x 836
St. Anne’s Sewing Circle, Mary Beth Perkins	815.212.2863
Temple Tenders, Pam Carey	815.474.1361

COMMUNICATION

Digital Media/Webmaster, Jackson Brunsting.....	815.436.2651, x 838
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DIVERSITY AND UNITY

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Hispanic Ministry, Luis Gonzalez	214.918.7320
or Eloisa Gonzalez	214.714.7016
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, Robert Isaacs.....	mensclubsmi@gmail.com
St. Mary's Seniors, Paul & Ardith Stadtherr	630.464.7434
Welcome Team, Laura Van Ham	815.436.2651, x 887
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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, Luis Angel Rios.....	815.298.7621
Hispanic Music Ministry, Rodolfo Rosales.....	773.710.2761
Hispanic First Friday 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

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Buildings & Grounds Commission, Mike Baumgartner	mike@baumgartnerconstruction.com
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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	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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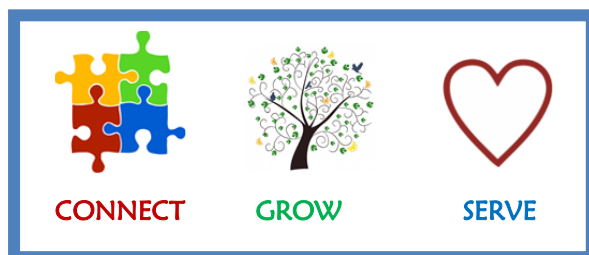
Invitation to Ministry

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

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 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month and Spanish Baptisms are held on the 4th 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 for further details. Information is also available on our parish website: 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

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

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BIBLE STUDY - continued

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 irrepressible.

Contact: Dr. Doug Muir at 815.436.2651, Ext. 889 or 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

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 or Tom Krepelka at tpkrepelka@amerline.com

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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: Sue O'Dwyer at 815.351.1791

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

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

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LEGION OF MARY - continued

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

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

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 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

Adult Formation and Spiritual Life - continued

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, 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

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

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 or Lisa DuSatko at Lduatko@comcast.net or 815.325.8235

Adult Formation and Spiritual Life - continued

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 llhovland@yahoo.com or Debbie Jaffray at 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) at the Confirmation office, 815.436.2861, Ext. 877 or visit 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 (*Confrere*) - at 630. 965.1497 or bob.lighthiser@icloud.com, or Father James Guarascio (*Chaplain*) at 815.436.2651, Ext. 848 or fatherjames@smip.org.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

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 Geri Morse at 815.325.9620 or gerimorse@ameritech.net

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.

Youth Formation and Spiritual Life - continued

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 the R.E. Co-Coordinator: Patti Adams (815.436.4501, Ext. 836 or padams@smip.org) or Bridgett Melzacki (815.436.4501, Ext. 852 or bmelzacki@smip.org) or visit 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.

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

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

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 Hoerdeman, 815.436.2651, Ext. 414 or Pat Mander at 815.436.2651, Ext. 893 or 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

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. See the bulletin or parish website for details.

Contact: Chris McLawhorn at 815.436.8374 or cmclawhorn1@gmail.com or Kathy Hall at 815.436.2729 or 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

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

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

Christian Service and Pastoral Care - continued

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

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST

The Parish Marriage and Family Therapist provides therapy for adults, children, couples and families. She is a Certified Integrative Mental Health Professional, which means that she also uses nutrition and movement as part of therapy, as needed or wanted.

The therapist sees clients at her office located at 15726 S. Frederick Street in Plainfield, IL and maintains flexible hours to meet your needs. As a licensed therapist, fees may be partially covered by most insurance programs.

For additional information, visit her website at <https://www.uniqueoutcomes.com/>.

Contact: Amy Dye, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) at 815.355.3596 or amyjodye@uniqueoutcomes.com

Christian Service and Pastoral Care (continued)

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: Father John Regan at 815.436.2651, x 802 or jregan@smip.org

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

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 or Pat Mander at 815-436-2651, Ext. 893 or 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 individual 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

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

Christian Service and Pastoral Care - continued

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

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

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

SPECIAL NEEDS FAMILY MINISTRY

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

Contact: Patti Adams at 815.436.2651, Ext. 836 or padams@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: Mary Beth Perkins at 815.212.2863 or maperkins58@hotmail.com

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

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

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

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: Luis Gonzalez at 214.918.7320 or luis.gonzalez@navistar.com or Eloisa Gonzalez at 214.714.7016 or eloisag_molina@hotmail.com

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

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: Robert Isaacs at mensclubsmi@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

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 to 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 4th Sunday on the month, during seven months of the year, at 10:15 a.m. in the School Library. 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 lvanham@smip.org

Fellowship - continued

THE WELL-READ MOM BOOK GROUP

This group is open to all women 18 and up, single, married, with children, or without children. This is an international book group for women to connect, learn, discuss, and reorient themselves to what is good, beautiful, and true through great books and literature. We hope to deepen the awareness of meaning hidden in each woman's daily life, elevate the cultural conversation, and revitalize reading literature from books.

We meet once a month on Saturday, at 8:30 a.m., in the Faith Sharing Room. Check the bulletin and website for specific dates.

Contact: Nikki Jaramillo at wrmgbg24smi@gmail.com

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 or Rich Alberti at 815.258.8008 or 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

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

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

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

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

Liturgy and Worship – continued

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: Luis Angel Rios at 815.298.7621

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

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

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

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

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 3rd through 8th 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.*

Liturgy and Worship – continued

MUSIC MINISTRY - continued

“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

Liturgy and Worship – continued

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

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

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: Kevin Joanis at 815.546.2149

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.

Peace and Social Justice - continued

REVERENCE FOR LIFE - continued

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.

St. Mary Immaculate School - continued

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: 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

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.

Contact: Tony & Annette Wazonis at 815.302.7325 or wwmechicagoland@gmail.com