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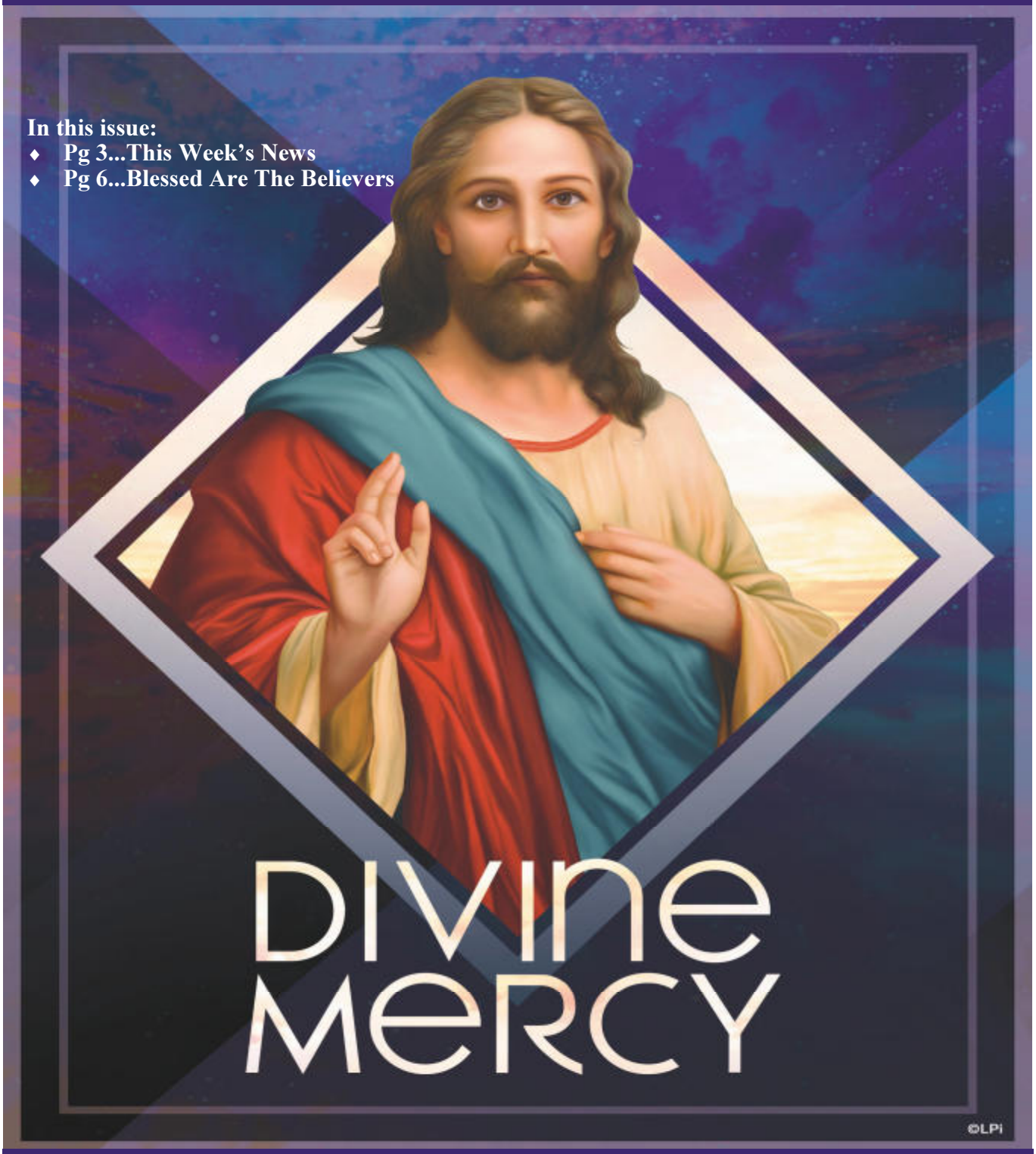
Catholic Church *April 11, 2021*



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St Mary Parish is a welcoming community, bonded by Catholic Faith, serving God and one another.

Mass Times & Information

Mon.	No Mass
Tue.	9:00am during school year 8:00am during school summer vacation
Wed.	8:00am
Thu.	8:00am
Fri.	8:00am
Sat.	4:00pm
Sun.	8:00am, 10:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Wed. Following the 8am Mass
Sat. 3:00 pm

Ministry to the Sick & Homebound:
Please call the parish office to arrange for a visit if you or a loved one is in the hospital, homebound or in need of the sacrament of anointing.

Parish Registration:
If you are new to St. Mary's, welcome to our parish! We hope you will feel comfortable and share the love of Christ here with us at St. Mary. Stop by the Parish Center during regular office hours and we will assist you in registering. If there is any way that we may be of assistance in helping you feel welcome here, please don't hesitate to ask!

Please notify the Parish Office of any address, phone, or email changes.

Parish Center & Mailing Address:
1407 North Richmond Road
McHenry, Illinois 60050-1459

General Contact Information:
Office Phone.....(815) 385-0024
Office Fax.....(815) 385-7809
Parish E-mail....stmarylady@aol.com
Parish Website...stmarymchenryil.org
Parish Facebook Page:
www.facebook.com/St.MaryMcHenry

Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 8am to 4pm...Fri 8am to noon.

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Rev. David M. Austin - Pastor
E-mail: frdaustin1@gmail.com

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Primary Center..815-385-5380
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Website: www.montinischool.com

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To Date our Parish has Achieved:

Diocesan Stewardship Goal:	$38,928.00
We Pledged:	$38,803.00
Below Goal:	$125.00
# of Families in Parish:	514
Donors:	121
% Participation:	23%

All other ministries are on hold until further notice!!!

Ministry Schedule for the weekend of April 17th &18th

MASS	Sat 4pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am
CLERGY	Fr. David	Fr. David	Fr. David
LECTOR	Dan Cwiak	Dan Tonyan	Jeff Frank
USHERS	Fran & Don Wiser	Ron Freund Peter Freund	Dennis Whiteside Greg Hufman

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THIS WEEK

Sun April 11. .Masses 8am & 10am
Mon April 12..No Mass
Tues April 13 …9am School Mass
Wed April 14.. 8am Mass/confession to follow
Thurs April 15.. 8am Mass
Fri April 16.. 8am Mass/confession to follow
Sat April 17…3pm Confession/4pm Mass
Sun April 18...Mass 8am & 10am

Please Note: **Weekend Masses:** Please call the parish office to reserve your spot for the weekend Masses only. If this is not possible the ushers can sign you in at the door if there are any seats available. You can also sign up via e - mail for the weekend Masses at stmarylady@aol.com. E-mail needs to be received no later than 10am on Friday to insure that your name is on the list. Remember you can always tune Father in from the parking lot on your FM car radio, on 90.3FM. **Please wear a MASK and use the Hand Sanitizers when entering the Church.**

Reservations for May Masses will be taken starting on Tuesday, April 20th. Call early to reserve your seat.

Rosarian Club: Every first Wednesday of the month, starting at 7pm.

Project Rachel Post Abortive Healing Ministry

Healing after Abortion.. Do you know someone who is carrying the grief, sorrow, and regret of abortion? The Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Ministry provides confidential referrals to a priest and/or counselor. Contact 815-387-3379 or ProjectRachelRockford@gmail.com . All inquiries are confidential.

Visit
www.hopeafterabortion.org. Peace starts here.

Thank You:

St. Mary Church and the Pastoral Council would like to take the time to thank all of our ushers. You warmly greet our parishioners as they enter our church, especially during these challenging times. You must keep up with names as people enter, with reservations made or not made, and ensure safety precautions are being observed. We are all fitting in that small space by the side door, and you are still faithfully fulfilling your duties! Thank you for pointing out that there's still a collection basket, even though the collection is so very different. You help all the faithful safely participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Please know that your service to our church does not go unnoticed. We pray for you and your intentions. God Bless!

St Mary's Pastoral Council

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

April 11, 2021 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. "Mercy is the heart of God," Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God's mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God's mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God's mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope," Pope Francis continues. God's all forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ's resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life's imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God's mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God's mercy, allow the wind of God's presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.

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Saint Vincent de Paul:

Please make the check out to St. Vincent de Paul Society not to St. Mary. Thank You! **If you are in need of assistance please call the St. Vincent de Paul Society at 815-385-5673**

Word of Life: .If you or someone you know has had an abortion, "be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation" Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is available. Select "Find Help" from the menu on www.hopeafterabortion.org to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you...**We Pray to the Lord.**

Intercessions for Life: May the infinite mercy of our divine Savior reach all who are suffering from participation in abortion, and transform them by His forgiveness, healing, and peace...**We Pray to the Lord.**

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1st Way Life Center, a life affirming pregnancy resource center in Johnsburg, has a part-time RDMS position available for the performance of "limited OB ultrasound scanning". Candidates must be registered in OB-GYN ultrasound. This is a paid position.
For inquiries or to submit a resume, please email ultrasoundteam1stway@gmail.com or mail to 1st Way Life Center 3714 Fairview Ave Johnsburg, Il 60051

Marriage Encounter:

Put Spring into your marriage. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a chance to look deeply into your relationship with each other and with God. It offers married couples an opportunity to learn a technique of loving communication that you can use for the rest of your lives. Sign up today to attend on June 25-27 in Geneva Il. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit alifetimeoflove.org or call 888-574-5653.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CORNER

ProlifeWeekly.com to stay updated on all pro-life legislation
Chasity.com or solid Catholic advice on all things concerning sexuality
CatholicMom.com Site includes articles, blogs, reflections, book club & more
Edeninvitation.com For help and resources beyond the LGBT+ paradigm, and discover your original personhood
YCVF.org & CatholicOnline.School For free resources. These are an online World-Class Catholic Schools offering over 4,000 free video lessons, daily reading reflections, and prayer requests for anyone, anywhere
HopeAfterAbortion.com For a supportive and confidential environment where one can begin the process of healing after an abortion

Readings for the week of April 11, 2021

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	April 12	8am	No Mass
Tues	April 13	9am	All Souls in Purgatory
Wed	April 14	8am	+Bill Weber **Req. Mary Lou Weber**
Thurs	April 15	8am	+Shea Famlly **Req. Lois Shea**
Fri	April 16	8am	+Ben & Helen Smith **Req. Bernice Diedrich** +Edward Plazewski **Req. Barb Plazewski**
Sat	April 17	4pm	+ Robert Freund **Req. Renee Freund** + Joan & Ernie Benedette **Req. John Fiedler**
Sun	April 18	8am	People of St. Mary
		10am	+Al Freund **Req. Linda Santeler** +Bernice Etten **Req. John & Sheila McInerney**

Envelopes mailed in/dropped off:

April 4, 2021

Sunday Budget:	$8,146.25
Envelopes:	$1,399.00
Loose:	$312.00
Flowers:	$101.00
Special:	$2,043.00
Easter:	$7,597.00
Votives:	$76.00
Total:	**$11,528.00**
Overage:	+$3,381.75
Budget Shortage:	-$ 6,955.61
International Appeal:	

Diocesan Stewardship 2020 Campaign

Goal $38,928.00

Total Pledged:	**$38,553.00**
Total Paid:	**$37,281.50**
Needed to reach goal:	**$125.00**
% of Goal	**99%**

POWER of PRAYER

If you or a loved one is in need of prayers, please call the parish office 815-385-0024 or email us at: stmarylady@aol.com with your prayer request.

Please review the prayer list. If you and/or your relative is on the list and have recovered and are no longer in need of our prayers, please contact the parish office to have the name removed. Thank You.

Pray for the deceased of our parish especially for Ruth Blair, and James Bauer Adams.

Please pray for the sick of our Parish...

Jean Roche, Rebecca Whiteside, Lois Shea, Lois Kasper, Joanne Hart, Linda Keith, Sandy Novak, Thad Tomaszewski, George Haegler, Anna Burger, Gary Gilpin, Wayne Zank, Sandy Diedrich, Mary Delia, Irene Rutkowksi, Timothy Harrison, Cathy Sullivan, Larry Lang, Chris Cardomone, Fr. Kulak, Barb Plazewski, David Gende, Fr. John Heraty, Hans Burger, Phil Harris, Sheila Noland, Carol Hertel, Diana Deufel, Mary Pollock, Erin Johnson, Peter Ghera. Ella Monticelli, Adele Stilling, Charlene Nylander, Connie Freund, Bud DeHahn, McKenzie Lullo, Joan Whiteside, Anna Pease, Robert Hall, Dorothy Pitzen, Mary Sullivan, Dolores Sklodowski, Beatrice Meath. Robert Wegener, Ronnie Bazan.

Please pray for our men and women serving in the armed forces, especially for:

1LT. Eric Adams/Army Reserves
1LT. Mark Adams/Air Force
Matthew Kling/Marines
P03 Cameron D. Malcolm /Navy
SFC Martin D. Malcolm /Army
LT. Col. Donna L. Hornberger/ Air Force
1st. Lt. Zach Hornberger /Air Force
MAJ Gavin R. Laskowski /Army
Captain. David Dicker Jr. /Army
Corporal Matthew Kling/Marines
PFC Jessie Kling/Marines

St. Mary's Sanctuary Lamp signifies the Eucharistic presence of the Lord Jesus in the tabernacle and burns continuously for seven days

This week April 11th thru April 17th the Sanctuary Candle burns In memory of

Edward Plazewski

ASSISTANCE

Family Services.....815-385-6400
Catholic Charities.....815-344-6956
Fish Food Pantry.....815-344-4717
St. Vincent de Paul.....815-385-5673
Senior Care Volunteer Network.815-455-3120

BLESSED ARE THE BELIEVERS

Second Sunday of Easter—Sunday of Divine Mercy—Acts 4:32-35, 1 John 5:1-6, John 20:19-31

St. John, known as the Evangelist, wrote to inspire the faith of others. In this Divine Mercy Sunday's Gospel, John presents two encounters of the Apostle Thomas coming to embrace the Good News and believe. Turning to John 20:24-29, let us put ourselves into the Scripture, remembering we have all experienced "doubting-Thomas" moments.

> "Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came."

Now, (insert your name here), one of the 1.2 billion was also not with them when Jesus came.

> "So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord."

So many others have told of their profound experiences with Christ and how they have seen him working in their lives.

> "But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

What is your *unless*? Unless Jesus removes this difficulty, fixes my finances, heals my loved one, eases my anxiety, or slows my aging, I will not believe. Where do you experience these Thomas moments when you so desperately want to believe but struggle to embrace what you cannot see? Moments when you are unable to rely on the witness of others to secure your heart in the truth.

> "Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them."

A week, eight days, the number associated with the Resurrection and joy. It is in this incredible encounter Thomas would come to see and believe for himself.

> "Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.'"

Jesus offers Thomas an experience of the senses to see his hands, touch the wounds, hear Jesus' voice calling him to leave doubt behind and trust. At that moment with Jesus, he can finally pronounce a prayer of acknowledgment and adoration with the words, "My Lord and my God!"

Don't be faithless; Jesus says these same words to us. Come closer and put behind your fear and doubts, lean into his grace and mercy, and believe. Uttering out as a prayer the words of the father of the stricken boy in Mark 9:14-29, "I do believe, help my unbelief!"

"Faith is a gift of God, a supernatural virtue infused by him" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 153). A virtue of being certain without needing visible proof. One of the Cardinal Virtues, the others being hope and love. We know love is the greatest because when it is our time to stand before Jesus, we will no longer need faith or hope, but only love will remain. On this side of heaven, faith is essential, and God has provided each the exact amount they need. Our senses are engaged to help us see and believe through participation in the Sacraments of the Catholic Church.

> Jesus said to him, " Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

"Blessed," according to the Didache Bible (Ignatius Press, p 1745), refers to ultimate happiness or a person in God's grace. We who believe are those of whom Jesus spoke. We are the blessed who do not see yet believe. What a glorious place to be — standing in the grace of God. To proclaim, my Lord and my God, as a true testament of faith. To no longer be faithless but believing.

Allison Gingras

PRAYER
My Lord and my God, help me to see with eyes of faith, so to shed all my doubts and be believing.
May the overflowing mercy of this day renew and fortify my faith, hope, and love.

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