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3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." - Lk 24:45-46

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. April 19	7:00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tue. April 20	7:30am	†Diane Hertzberg
Wed. April 21	7:30am	No Intention
Thu. April 22	7:30am	No Intention
Fri. April 23	7:30am	†Bruce Ostdick
Sat. April 24	8:00am	†Valdene Hoggervorst
	5:00pm	†John Berke †Jerome & Lorraine Kriz
Sun. April 25	7:30am	†Stephen A. Diederich
	11:15am	†Tom Wood †Dorothy Deike

Generations of Giving

Contributions for the Week of April 11, 2021

Sunday Envelopes.....	..\$7,370.41
Online Giving.....	..\$4,912.51
Easter to date.....	..\$22,488.19



- Daily Mass is livestreamed & in person on Monday at 7:00am, Tuesday - Friday at 7:30am & **Saturday morning at 8:00am**. Weekend Mass will be celebrated on Saturday evening at 5:00pm, Sunday morning at 7:30am & 11:15am.
- **Due to the limited capacity for our weekend Masses, we are asking you to sign up online for a Mass time.** To register visit our website: stmaryelgin.org, scroll down to the "signup.com button." **Please sign up before Noon on Saturday.** If you are not able to register online, please call the Parish Office.

Weekday Mass (Live streamed)

Monday - Saturday morning 7:30am,
En Espanol: 9:00am Martes & Miercoles

Sunday Masses

† 5:00 pm SAT. - Sunday Obligation
† 7:00 pm SAT. - Sunday Obligation
(Espanol)

† 7:30 am
† 11:15 am
† 1:00 pm & 3:00pm (Espanol)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

† Tuesday: 6:00 pm
† Saturday: 4:00 pm

Other Times By Appointment: Please call the Rectory.

Holy Day Masses

Times will be posted in the bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Tuesday from 5:45—7:00pm

Sacrament of the Sick

If you or a loved one are going to have major surgery or are seriously ill and would like to receive the grace and healing of the Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office.

Parish Registration

New parishioners are most welcome. Please call the Parish Office during regular office hours.

Baptisms

Please call the Parish Office for information and registration.

Wedding Dates

Must be reserved at least six months ahead.

RCIA (Adult Initiation)

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please contact the RE Office at 847-888-2718.

Bulletin Notices

Must be submitted by Monday noon, one week prior to event.

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9:00am - 4:00pm
Friday: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Casa Roja (114 Gifford St.)

12:00pm - 5:00pm (Lunes - Viernes)

Masses Are Live Streamed Daily!

St. Mary Mass will continue to be livestreamed.

There are a couple of ways to watch;

Saint Mary Church Elgin IL

https://youtube.com/channel/UCkg_JNvMUEIE26zgF9kfA

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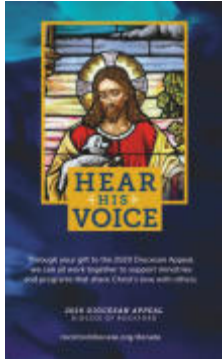
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St. Vincent DePaul - Coming Soon

Clothing Drive - Saturday & Sunday, June 6 & 7

For all those who plan ahead:

- Help us help others with your donations.
- Help yourselves by getting rid of things you no longer need.
- Volunteer to help stack our truck on that weekend.



2020 Diocesan Appeal

Parish Goal
\$86,266

Paid
\$79,455

Shortfall
\$6,810



Do you say the Rosary regularly?

If not, challenge yourself to add it to your routine. Perhaps as you exercise, walk the dog, or instead of watching your favorite show, you can pray the rosary. If you aren't familiar with the rosary, there are many great app's to help you.



Come for Adoration

This Easter Season, consider spending some time with Jesus.

Adoration is this Tuesday evening from 5:45pm - 7:00pm.

Please use the parking lot doors to enter.

Time Change for Monday Mass

The Monday morning Mass will be moved to 7:00am beginning April 19. Fr. George Birungyi will be celebrating Mass every Monday morning.

This change only applies to Monday mornings.



Confession & First Communion

Question:

Do children need to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before their First Communion?

Answer:

For centuries the Catholic Church has taught that a person needs to be in a state of grace (free from mortal sins) in order to worthily receive the Eucharist. To that end, Catholics should make an effort to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation any time they recognize the need for the sacrament (and in keeping with the precept of the Church that asks that we celebrate this sacrament at least once each year).

In the case of children preparing for their First Communion, the Code of Canon Law is very clear that they should also celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving the Eucharist for the first time: "It is the responsibility, in the first place, of parents and those who take the place of parents as well as of the pastor to see that children who have reached the use of reason are correctly prepared and are nourished by the divine food as early as possible, preceded by sacramental confession" (Canon 914).

While some might question the significance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation — especially in the case of children who might not fully understand the reality of sin or the meaning of the sacrament itself — a child's "First Confession" can be a wonderful time for families to reflect together on the quality of their relationships, how they put their faith into practice, and, when it is possible, to celebrate the sacrament as a family. In the end, the celebration of these two sacraments marks important moments in the spiritual journeys of children and we hope their "First Confession" and "First Communion" help instill in them a love of the sacraments of the Church.

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WEEKLY PRAYER

Readings for the week of April 18, 2021

- SUN 4/18** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
- MON 4/19** Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29
- TUES 4/20** Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
- WED 4/21** Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
- THR 4/22** Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
- FRI 4/23** Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
- SAT 4/24** Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69
- SUN 4/25** Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 18, 2021

- Wednesday: St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Administrative Professionals' Day
- Thursday: Earth Day
- Friday: St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
- Saturday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr
- Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

When the greeting "Peace be with you" is sincerely offered to a person, it can resonate very deep within, bringing comfort and reassurance. When someone possesses the power to bring peace, it brings us to a place of safety and fills us with joy. The resurrected Christ has this power. God can open our minds so that we can more fully understand the meaning of Sacred Scripture and God's compassionate, loving, tender, and untiring embrace constantly present and offered to people throughout history. Without the anchor of truth that only God can provide, we can easily become startled and terrified at the sight of what life brings us. Being open to God's offer of peace, we can turn away from old habits and short-sighted vision and experience the gladness and joy of God's gift. Only then can what is wounded and broken be mended and reconciliation achieved. We are the resurrection witnesses called to proclaim the Good News.



JUST AS THE SUN SHINES ON
ALL THE TREES AND FLOWERS
AS IF EACH WERE THE ONLY
ONE ON EARTH, SO DOES GOD
CARE FOR ALL SOULS IN A
SPECIAL MANNER.

— St. Chrysostom of Licium

These
are my
words

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING:

The author of life you put to death,
but God raised him from the dead; of this we are
witnesses. (Acts 3:15)



PSALM:

Lord, let your face shine on us. (Ps 4)
Or Alleluia.



SECOND READING:

He is expiation for our sins,
and not for our sins only but for those of the
whole world. (1 Jn 2:2)



GOSPEL:

"Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer
and rise from the dead on the third day
and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins,
would be preached in his name." (Lk 24:46-47)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.

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