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Fourth Sunday of Easter

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4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd.” - Jn 10:17

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. April 26	7:00am	Living & Deceased members of the Fred Mutter Family
Tue. April 27	7:30am	Joyce & Greg Kessler Family
Wed. April 28	7:30am	†Mary Ann Snarski
Thu. April 29	7:30am	Anthony Scardella
Fri. April 30	7:30am	Eddie & Norma Pizarro
Sat. May 1	8:00am	†Adrana & Antronio Vicemzi
	5:00pm	†Rev. Joseph Lutz †Josie Castro
Sun. May 2	7:30am	†Pedro Rodriguez
	11:15am	†Thomas McKeown †Josephine Castro

Generations of Giving

Contributions for the Week of April 18, 2021

Sunday Envelopes.....	\$5,504.86
Online Giving.....	\$4,977.51
Easter to date.....	\$22,788.19



- Mass is livestreamed & in person. Daily Mass: **Monday at 7:00am**, Tuesday - Friday at 7:30am & Saturday at 8:00am. Weekend Mass will be celebrated on Saturday at 5:00pm, Sunday 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

Facebook

www.facebook.com/stmarychurchelginil

Website: www.stmaryelgin.org

St. Vincent DePaul

Home Visits

The 2 goals of the St. Vincent de Paul Society are:

1. Our own growth in holiness.
2. To bring the hope of Christ to those in need. This is best done when we come to our Neighbors at their convenience. We serve Christ face-to-face in the comfort of their homes.

We are "*servants of the poor*". Our loving presence shows that God has not abandoned them. For those of us who do this ministry, it is a privilege.

Clothing Drive - Saturday & Sunday, June 5 & 6

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.

Readings for the Week

Sunday:	Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18
Monday:	Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14 <i>St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/ Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58</i>
Next Sunday:	Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

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.

Gospel Mediation

Any builder worth his or her salt knows the value and importance of a cornerstone. Properly laying and securing this primary unit determines how the rest of the project unfolds and its success. Cornerstones are necessary elements not only of buildings but of lives as well. Many human beings conduct the business of their lives paying little attention to a grounding reference or starting point. Hence, what unfolds is a tapestry of relativism, with few anchors or guideposts and many impulsive choices. Some consider love to be their cornerstone. While this may sound attractive and useful, the pursuit of love without a simultaneous pursuit of its source can be shallow and self-focused. Just because a person chooses to do no harm and love others does not mean that they are living in truth and properly anchored to the real cornerstone.

Jesus is the true and authentic cornerstone and shepherd. It is only in following the Risen One as the way, the truth, and the life that we can move from being well grounded ethical people to properly focused moral ones. Proper conduct, a true sense of justice, wisdom, virtue, moral principles, faith, hope, and love will be difficult to find unless we listen to the right Voice. It is when we learn to listen to the voice of God that we begin our journey on the road to salvation. It is only the Good Shepherd, the authentic and solid cornerstone, who can guide us through life's questions and challenges and bring us to the safe and proper pasture.

A person's life only has meaning when the cornerstone is properly selected and set. Understanding themselves only as random acts of creation, existing without intent or purpose, will color their choices and influence their decisions. The foundation of their lives will be simply a matter of preference and choice, leaving benchmarks of growth and higher ideals optional to pursue. Whereas people who believe that they are fashioned and loved into existence by a God who purposely made them, have this incredible unconditional relationship at their source which has tremendous significance. Their allegiance is not to themselves but to their Creator. Life, then, is an adventure in search of this Creator God and a journey of self-discovery that seeks to unite their will to His. There is a cost. We have to give up our life in order to gain our life. As ironic as that sounds, it is true. It is only when we finally figure this out that the true cornerstone of our lives will be properly laid and we can, with God's help, get about the business of properly constructing a temple that endures.

BLOOD DRIVE

Hope springs
eternal

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**Sunday
May**

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9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy
meal and drink plenty of
water before donating.**

Saint Mary Catholic Church Blood Drive

397 Fulton St. Elgin, IL.
Drive will be held on the Mobile Coach

To schedule go to www.versiti.org/IL and use
Sponsor Code SPON102634 or call 800-786-4483 or
text Dr. Dom at 224-622-6365 with desired time.

Appointments Encouraged Walk-ins Welcome as
social distancing and schedule allows.

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PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED.

Questions? Call/Text Dr. Dom
224-622-6365



Special Announcement:
Anne Surerus Retiring from St. Mary after 35 years of dedicated service

As many of you may already know, Anne Surerus will be retiring in May and no longer be a treasured voice and key member of St. Mary Church. She and her husband Bill are relocating to southern Missouri where they can enjoy their next life journey with family, friends, the beauties of nature and new adventures to experience.

For more than 35+ years, Anne has been a primary lead cantor and adult choir member sharing her heartfelt passion for music and amazing voice that has been cherished by St. Mary Church and all who have had the pleasure to hear her perform. Throughout this time, she has been an integral part of musical celebrations, praise worship for Easter, Christmas, Confirmations, weddings, funerals and many other areas to support the St. Mary Parish, Parishioner's and St. Mary School. We all have been very blessed to know Anne as a remarkable woman and have been so fortunate to hear her voice light up the heavens. Just think of it...35 consecutive years of serving God through music!

Anne dedicated the majority of her adult life to serving St. Mary Church. Even when her full-time duties as a hospital nurse caused her to work long hours she always made herself available to serve the needs of St. Mary. She has graciously assisted Vilma Dydas with the St. Mary Children's Choir for the past 20+ years. Her efforts have been priceless to bring children the joy of music through her mentoring and teaching of many. This helped them to recognize and nourish their vocal talents, which resulted in creating confidence, joy and appreciation for serving the Church.

Anne's family has a long legacy at St. Mary. Her husband Bill graduated from St. Mary School in addition to both their children, Michael and Allison. Anne also served time as athletic director at St. Mary School and both Anne and Bill served on the Home and School board for years. They always gave back to the Church and school they so love.

Under normal circumstances, we would be hosting a going away reception for Anne and Bill however, unfortunately due to COVID and safety concerns it is not possible.

We will have a special Appreciation Registry book in the atrium over the next several Sundays for all to stop by to sign and provide your well wishes. We invite everyone to take a moment or two to share your thoughts in respect and gratitude.

May God bless Anne; we love you and will miss you dearly!

Vilma & the Adult Choir!

Thank You. 

From the Pastor's Desk



I would like to add my gratitude to Bill & Anne Surerus for their 40 years of service to the parish. While I will miss them deeply, I wish them much happiness on their move out of state.

A few weeks back a survey was taken regarding Mass times. As the staff suspected, the response was to bring back the 9:00am Mass.

Currently, there are not enough volunteers to bring back the 9:00am, Mass. **In order to make this possible at least 12 volunteers are needed.** This is so that there can be a rotating schedule and not the same volunteers each week.

If you wish to be a Lector, Extra-ordinary Minister or volunteer to check people in & clean, please contact Chris Mattoon at 847-888-2828 or cmattoon@stmaryelgin.org.



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