St. Mary Church

January 10th, 2021
The Baptism of the Lord

Weekday Masses
Mon-Fri 8.30 AM-**Church**
School Schedule: Mon, Tues, and Wed 8.30 AM-**Church**
Saturday 8.30 AM-**Church**

Sunday Obligation
5.00 PM Sat., 7.00 AM, 8.30 AM, 10.00 AM
11.30 AM In Spanish

Vigil/Holy Day Masses-Church
8.30 AM, 5.15 PM
7.00 PM In Spanish

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick
If you or someone you know would like to receive the anointing of the sick, please notify the parish office.

Baptism
Following the birth of your child, please contact the parish office.

Catechetical Instruction
(Grades 2 and 8)
First Communion and Confirmation Preparation
Call the parish office.

Matrimony
A date cannot be reserved until checking with the church. Please call 9-12 months in advance.

RCIA (Adult Initiation)
If interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, please contact Jane Olson at the parish office.

Reconciliation
Saturday: 4.00 - 4.30 PM, also by appointment.
Communal Penance Services during Advent and Lent.

Parish Registration
We welcome new parishioners. Please come to the parish office to register.

Bulletin Deadline
Friday noon, one week prior to publication. Email to larsonlupe@yahoo.com or drop off to parish office.

Pastor
Very Rev. James R. Keenan, V.F……....Ext.211
Parochial Vicar
Rev. Jorge Bravo, CS……..Ext.212
Residence(after 4 PM & weekends)815.625.4768

Deacons
John Kellen and Larry Zitkus

Parish Office Hours
8 AM - 12 Noon & 1- 3 PM…….Monday-Friday

Parish Administration Offices
600 Avenue B ……..... Line 1...815.625.0640
Sterling IL, 61081 Line 2...815.625.0644
Fax…...815.625.1684
Email:……..stmary-sterling@rockforddiocese.org
Website: ……....www.stmarysterlingil.org

Parish Staff……..……..…...815.625.0640
Lupe Larson, Secretary……....Ext.210
Diane Melton, Bookkeeper……....Ext.225
Jane Olson, Pastoral Associate……Ext.220
Sally Kellen, Shut-in Ministry

Cemetery
Jesus Reyes, Cemetery Manager…… ..Ext.222

Religious Education Office……..…..815-625-0640

St. Mary School
6 West 6th Street……..815.625.2253
Website: ……..www.smsterling.org
Melanie Selmi, Principal……....Ext.227
Robbin Clifton, Secretary……....Ext.223
Jeannie Ramos, Bookkeeper……..…..Ext.221

Newman Central Catholic High School
1101 W. 23rd Street……..815.625.0500
Jennifer Oetting, Principal

St. Vincent DePaul Society
7 West 6th Street……..815.625.0311
Email……..….vincent.depaul@att.net
Website:……..www.svdpsaukvalley.org
Hours: Tuesday-Friday……12 Noon- 2.30 PM

Mission Statement

We are committed through the Holy Eucharist and Sacred Scripture to be united as a Catholic Community, loving one another as Christ loves us.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	**Jan 11**	**8.30 AM**	**†Al Segneri** *James Hermes*
Tue	**Jan 12**	**8.30 AM**	**†Harry Kapp** *Friends & Family of Harry L. Kapp*
Wed	**Jan 13**	**8.30 AM**	**†Elizabeth Miller** *Hugh Miller & Family*
Thu	**Jan 14**	**8.30 AM**	**†John Espinoza** *His Family*
Fri	**Jan 15**	**8.30 AM**	**†Pablo Castillo** *Howard & Teresa Craft*
Sat	**Jan 16**	**8.30 AM**	**Liv. & Dec. Members of the Castillo Family** *Howard & Teresa Craft*
Sat	**Jan 16**	**5.00 PM**	**†Max & Betty Johnson** *The Johnson Children*
Sun	**Jan 17**	**7.00 AM**	**†Mary Mata** *The Marruffo Family*
		8.30 AM	**†Janice Seidel** *John & Julie McCormick* **†Kathryn Gorena** *The Gorena Family*
		10.00 AM	**†Greg Manzano** **† Jube Manzano, Jr** *Uncle John & Linda Manzano*
		11.30 AM	**†Manuel Reynaldo Diaz** *Francisco Diaz*

Recently Deceased †

John Espinoza
Patricia O'Brien
Terry Lynch
Guadalupe Salazar
Anthony Velasquez
Dr. Thomas Flynn

Mass Intentions or the Sanctuary Lamp

Nothing says "I love you" more than having the Sanctuary Lamp or a Mass said for someone, either living or deceased. We have many dates to choose from in 2021. It is a very affordable gift at just $10 per either and can be given at any time of the year! Call the parish office and remember a loved one today. A customary offering (donation) is asked of $10.00. If you have any questions please call the parish office at 1.815.625.0640.

Sanctuary Lamp Memorials
The Sanctuary Candle will burn the week of Jan 9-15 for
Liv. & Dec. Members of the Reiland & Monaco Families
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Collection Report

January 2-3, 2021

5.00 pm Mass	$1,026.00
7.00 am Mass	$478.10
8.30 am Mass	$786.00
10.00 am Mass	$577.00
11.30 am Mass	$714.00
Mail in and drop off	$1,245.00
Total Collection	**$4,826.10**
Envelopes	**109**

Liturgical Roles

Sat Jan 16
5.00 PM MAUREEN MADIGAN

Sun Jan 17
7.00 AM DENNIS DELANGHE
8.30 AM TERESA GINGRICH
10.00 AM LINDA CAMPBELL

WAYS TO GIVE

St. Mary Church continues to depend on your support. The financial obligations of the church and the school continue, and the major portion to meet those obligations come from the Sunday offerings. If you are unable to attend Masses, you can still make your Sunday donations in a number of ways:

1. Mail in (St. Mary Parish Office, 600 Avenue B, Sterling, IL)
2. Drop off at the parish office during business hours
3. Online giving from your checking or savings account or debit/credit card
4. Automatic giving where donations are automatically taken out of your bank account

More information can be found on our website: stmarysterlingil.org or contact the bookkeeper, Diane Melton, at the parish office (625-0640).

Thank you to all of our parishioners and friends who have been faithfully supporting our parish at this difficult time.

2020 Diocesan Appeal 2020

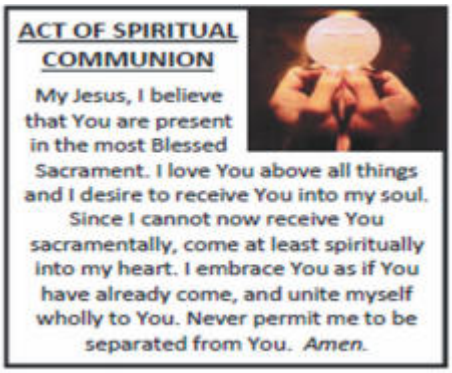
St. Mary Target for 2020
$52,628.00

TOTAL PLEDGED $31,026.77
SHORTFALL DUE $21,601.23

Please consider making a contribution to help us meet our goal

The Parish Center Offices are open

We are working in the office. To reduce the opportunity for contracting and spreading the coronavirus please call ahead or knock on the front doors. If it is a non-emergency please call the parish office at ***815-625-0640.*** If it is an emergency please call the rectory at ***815-625-4768***. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



St. Mary School

Another unexpected expense!

St. Mary's School is in need of a new garbage disposal in our cafeteria. This will cost approximately $3,000 for the commercial grade disposal. Any and all donations would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your donations and God bless.

St. Mary's School

St. Mary's School will close at 11:15 AM on Dec. 18th-Jan. 19th for Christmas break.

Sacred Heart Chruch

Sacred Heart Church Mass is live streamed on Saturdays at 5:30 PM. Here are the links (you can also find these links on our website, sacredheartparish.net) YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2dJmj_PKT6CPPqzZHUcGxA Facebook:

Tax Savings Tip

For those over 70 1/2 with a Retirement Account: You are required each year to take a minimum distribution from the account according to the IRS distribution tables. This distribution then is taxable-however, **if this distribution is payable to a charity,** such as St. Mary's Church, you can avoid the tax.

Mass Reservations

Please make your Mass reservations online at the St. Mary's Church website *www.stmarysterlingil.org* before Friday or if you do not have a computer call the parish office to make a Mass reservation.

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St. Vincent DePaul

SVdP is open for financial assistance on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 12:00-2:30 PM. Call the pantry at 815-625-0311 during those hours to request assistance.

On Tuesday and Thursday food distribution is from 12:00-2:30 PM. On Tuesday's only a second time for food distribution is 4:00-5:30 PM.

Fellow Pro-Lifers

St. Patrick's Church has invited our parish to join them to speak out for those who cannot speak out for themselves in placing a Pro-Life Ad in both the Gazette and telegraph on Jan., 22nd the Anniversary of Roe v Wade. A suggested donation of $5.00 per name should be submitted by Jan. 15th to: St. Patrick Church, Pro-Life Ad, 612 Highland Ave, Dixon, IL 61021. If you have any questions please call Penny Mallo at 815-652-6854.

Respect Life

"Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share external life with him… Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world."

For those concerned about where the vaccine comes from

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and the Pontifical Academy of Life have expressed the view that one may in good conscience and for a grave reason receive a vaccine sourced in this way, provided that there is a sufficient moral distance between the present administration of the vaccine and the original wrongful action.

In the COVID-19 pandemic, we judge that this grave reason exists and that one does not sin by receiving the vaccine.

Each Catholic must educate his or her conscience on this matter and decide what to do, also bearing in mind that a vaccine must be safe, effective, and universally available, especially to the poor of the world.

Catholics may in good conscience receive any of these vaccines for the good of others and themselves. In good conscience, one may refuse a particular vaccine but continues to have a duty to protect others from infection.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER HAS GONE VIRTUAL

"They prostrated themselves and did him homage." As we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, let us give homage to the presence of God in our marriages by participating in a virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter from the comfort of your home. There is a virtual experience Jan.12 to Feb 2, in a series of two sessions per week for three weeks of roughly 2 hours each or an experience during Lent, February 18 - March 31 once per week. Visit our website at - alife-timeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.

Let us Know

Please call the parish center office with any name, home address, or cell changes.

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Para reducir la oportunidad de contraer y propagar el coronavirus, llame con anticipación o toque las puertas de entrada. Si no es una emergencia, llame a la oficina al ***815-625-0640***. Si es una emergencia, llame a la rectoría al ***815-625-4768***. Gracias por su paciencia y comprensión.

Clases de Preparación Para Bautismo

Las clases de Bautismo en inglés y español están canceladas hasta nuevo aviso.

Oración a San Miguel Arcángel

San Miguel Arcángel, defiéndenos en la lucha.
Sé nuestro amparo contra la perversidad y acechanzas del demonio.
Que Dios manifieste sobre él su poder, es nuestra humilde súplica.
Y tú, oh Príncipe de la Milicia Celestial, con el poder que Dios te ha conferido, arroja al infierno a Satanás, y a los demás espíritus malignos que vagan por el mundo para la perdición de las almas. Amén.

Educación Religiosa

Las clases de educación religiosa para la Primera Comunión y Confirmación están canceladas hasta nuevo aviso.

Día de Oración por la Protección Legal de los Niños en el Vientre Materno

(22 de enero de 2021) Los obispos católicos de Estados Unidos designaron el 22 de enero como un día particular de oración y arrepentimiento, denominado el **"Día de Oración por la Protección Legal del Niño en el Vientre Materno".** La *Instrucción General del Misal Romano* (IGMR), 373, declara: *En todas las diócesis de los Estados Unidos de América, el 22 de enero (o el 23 de enero, cuando el día 22 cae domingo) se observará como un día especial de penitencia por las violaciones contra la dignidad de la persona humana cometidas por medio de acciones abortivas.*

2020 Diezmo Diocesano

Meta Diocesana	$52,628.00
La parroquia ha recopilado	$31,026.77

Sólo actualizado mensualmente

Reporte de la colecta 2 y 3 de Enero, 2021

Semanal	**¿Cómo vamos?**
5:00 PM Misa en inglés	**$1,026.00**
7.00 AM Misa en inglés	**$478.00**
8:30 AM Misa en inglés	**$786.00**
10:00 AM Misa en inglés	**$577.00**
11:30 AM Misa de español	**$714.00**

10 de Enero 2021
El Bautismo del Señor

En el domingo que estamos, celebramos el bautismo del Señor; es un día muy importante para toda la Iglesia porque a través de su bautismo nosotros reflexionamos sobre el que ha sido nuestro bautismo también. Jesús ha manifestado su amor por cada uno de nosotros, y nosotros hemos sido invitados infinidad de veces a amar a nuestros semejantes como Él nos ha amado a nosotros. Todo aquello que se nos ha dado gratis: el sol, la luna, las estrellas, las flores, el campo, el mar, el viento, la brisa, la sonrisa, la salud, la familia, los amigos son regalos de Dios que hemos de valorar cada día y en la primera lectura del libro del profeta Isaías, el Señor nos sigue invitando a venir a beber agua gratis, comer pan y trigo, beber leche y vino; eso solo porque el Señor quiere sellar una alianza nueva con nosotros, quiere renovar su compromiso con nosotros y al inicio de éste Nuevo Año también cada uno sellará esa alianza con Dios, haciéndole saber que queremos seguir nuestra buena relación con Él. Igual en la segunda lectura el apóstol San Juan nos recuerda todo lo que Dios nos ha amado y sigue invitándonos a participar de ese amor amando a los demás y amando a Dios; pero a veces resulta muy difícil amar incluso a nuestros familiares y amigos simplemente porque no piensan igual que nosotros. Juan el Bautista bautizaba con agua, y ese era un signo externo de que la gente que lo seguía quería cambiar de vida, quería seguir a Dios, quería arrepentirse de sus pecados que eran muchos, ya cuando una persona iba a que Juan lo bautizara adquiría un compromiso muy serio con Dios y se comprometía a vivir una vida diferente en la que Dios tomaba las riendas. Pero Juan el bautista también reconoció que él no era el Mesías, sino que venía uno detrás de él a quien ni siquiera se atrevía a agacharse a desamarrarle la correa de sus sandalias. Jesús nos bautizaría con el fuego del Espíritu Santo y de verdad, para ser hijos e hijas predilectos de Dios. Por eso es tan importante recordar que nuestro bautismo es muy importante y a través de él nos hacemos coherederos de la Vida eterna.

9 Días por la Vida

(21 – 29 de enero de 2021) *9 Días por la Vida* es una novena para la protección de la vida humana. La intención de cada día se acompaña de una breve reflexión y acciones sugeridas para ayudar a construir una cultura de la vida. Los participantes pueden recibir la novena subscribiéndose a correos electrónicos o mensajes de texto diarios. (También se publicará en línea una versión para imprimir.)

ONE IN CHRIST — NATIONAL APPEAL

January 16-17, 2021

The National Appeal reflects the varied ways we seek to communicate Christ's message. Pope Francis has called upon us to dedicate ourselves to spreading the Gospel Message to everyone we meet.

One of the ways we could do this is by participating on the weekend of January 16 and 17 in our annual collection for the National Appeal.

Simply offer what you can to help promote the Gospel through these worthy causes:

- Retirement Fund for Religious
- Catholic Campaign for Human Development
- Catholic Communication Campaign
- Catholic University of America
- Rockford Diocesan Priests' Pension
- Catholic Elementary School Financial Support for the Diocese of Rockford

Please bring the National Appeal envelope to Mass, or donate online at www.rockforddiocese.org/donate

Thank you for your generous gift.

UNO EN CRISTO — COLECTA NACIONAL

16 y 17 de enero de 2021

La Colecta Nacional refleja la variedad de formas con las que podemos comunicar el mensaje de Cristo. El Papa Francisco nos ha convocado a dedicarnos a expandir el mensaje del Evangelio a todos los que conozcamos.

Una de las maneras con las que podemos hacerlo es participando en el fin de semana del 16 y 17 de enero en nuestra colecta anual para la Colecta Nacional.

Simplemente ofrezca lo que usted pueda para ayudar a promover el Evangelio a través de estas nobles causas.

- Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos
- Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano
- Campaña de la Comunicación Católica
- Universidad Católica de América
- Pensión para los sacerdotes de la Diócesis de Rockford
- Ayuda Financiera para Escuela Primaria Católica de la Diócesis de Rockford

Por favor traiga el sobre de la Colecta Nacional a la misa o done en línea: www.rockforddiocese.org/donar

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