St. Mary Church

Aug 1st, 2021
18th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Weekday Masses
Mon-Fri 8.30 AM-**Chapel**
School Schedule: Wed 8.30 AM-**Church**
Saturday 8.30 AM-**Church**

Sunday Obligation
Sat., 5.00 PM
Sun., 7.00 AM, 8.30 AM, 10.00 AM &11.30 AM-Spanish

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

Adoration/Benediction-Chapel
Tuesday 9.00 AM to 3.00 PM

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 lisstmarys@hotmail.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 3 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
Lissett Ramirez, 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
Maribel Reyes, CRE……....Ext. 243

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	Aug 2	8.30 AM	Liv. & Dec Fathers
Tue	Aug 3	8.30 AM	†Deb Morgan *Mike Morgan*
Wed	Aug 4	8.30 AM	†Ann Hermes *Jim Hermes*
Thurs	Aug 5	8.30 AM	†Amy Ann Dawson *Janie Saldivar*
Fri	Aug 6	8.30 AM	†Margaret Kapp *Martin Kapp*
Sat	Aug 7	8.30 AM	†Earl Stewart *Their Family*
Sat	Aug 7	5.00 PM	†Robert Cheshier *The Cheshier family* †Donna Bertolozzi *Their Family*
Sun	Aug 8	7.00 AM	†Helen Musyl *Teresa Cassatt*
		8.30 AM	†Al Segneri *Howard & Teresa Craft*
		10.00 AM	†Harry Kapp *The Family & Friends of Harry Kapp* †Urban Francque *Josh & Darci Francque*
		11.30 AM	†Longino Ambriz *Francisca Ambriz* †Maria Carmen *The Sierra Family*

Mass Intentions or the Sanctuary Lamp

Please consider remembering a loved one or family member by having a Mass or the Sanctuary Lamp. 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 July31 — Aug 6 in Memory of

Liv. & Dec. William Lawler Family

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" We thank you, heroic mothers, for your Invincible love! We Thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life"

Collection Report

July 24- 25 ,2021

5.00 pm Mass	$1,189.00
7.00 am Mass	$1,162.00
8.30 am Mass	$1,587.00
10.00 am Mass	$951.75
11.30 am Mass	$846.80
Misc.	$0
Mail in and drop off	$540.00
Total Collection	$6,277.05
Envelopes	**166**

Liturgical Roles

Lectors

Sat Aug 7
5.00 PM Terry Royal

Sun Aug 8
7.00 AM Steve Randall
8.30 AM Teresa Gingrich
10.00 AM Linda Campbell

Eucharistic Ministers

Sat Aug 7
5.00 PM Tod Melton

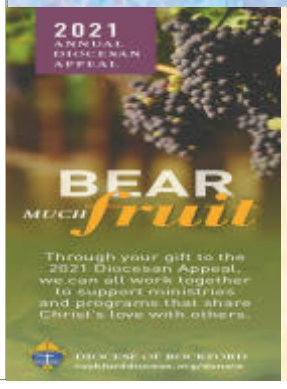
Sun Aug 8
7.00 AM Alice Ports
8.30 AM Lupe Larson
10.00 AM Julie Jacobs

WAYS TO GIVE

St. Mary Church continues to depend on your support. The financial obligations of the church and the school continue. 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

Questions: Diane Melton, at the parish office (625-0640).



2021
Diocesan Stewardship Appeal

Goal:
$55,838.00
Totaled Pledged: $26,760.00
Shortfall Due: $29,078.00

Please consider making a contribution to help us meet our goal for 2021.

The Parish Center Offices are open

We are working in the office. 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. 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.

SVdP Pantry 50/50 Raffle Drawing

Correction: Raffle drawing was held July 13, 2021 with President Fred Marruffo and Mayor Skip Lee drawing the winning ticket. Ron Billiet won the raffle. He received $3,235.00 and donated back to SVdP pantry 1,500.00. Thank you to all that participated and who donated money to SVdP.

St. Andrew Catholic School

St. Andrew School is hiring!
They have openings for Ela/Reading teacher– grades 6,7,8. To apply visit www.standrewgradeschool.org
Click:
About> Employment Opportunities
Kati Blakeslee, Principal
Kblakeslee@standrewgradeschool.com

Newman Activities Program

The Newman Activities Program is currently being assembled for the 2021 2022 school year. For a $30.00 donation, your name will be included on the Patrons Page of this publication Programs are distributed to spectators' at all home games and events and will also be available online.
If you would like to be included in this year's activities program, simply print your name exactly as you want it to appear in the program and choose an option below for payment.

1. **Mail or drop off cash or check payment ;**
   NCCHS Activities Program
   1101 West 23rd Street
   Sterling, Il 61081

2. **Pay online by clicking on the Link below and printing your name exactly as you would like to appear in the program https://newmancchs.networkforgood.com /events/32192-2021-2022-activities-program-sponsor**

Wanted:

Can you share your time or talent? The church needs Cantors, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers in the church. Please call Jane Olson at the Parish Center. Lectors are most needed at the Sat., 5 PM and Sun., 7 AM weekend Masses.

First Sat. of the Month Rosary

Aug 7th, will be the Saturday Devotions in Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It will include Fatima prayers and the rosary at 7.45 AM in the church.

Eucharistic Ministers for the Shut-Ins

Please Consider becoming a minister for St. Mary's parishioners who are unable to attend mass. Also if you wish to be included to receive the Eucharist because you are homebound. Call Sally Kellen at (815) 626-3965.

PADS Shelter

PADS shelter will be transitioning to year 'round access for clients in need of shelter due to homelessness. In order to provide daily services in our community, we will need to locate many volunteers to assist in implementing our new plan. The hours needed at this time are from 6 PM & 11PM. Our needs include seven days of the week and every day of the year. This timeframe includes our client mealtime. We continue to follow all CDC and State of Illinois guidelines in order to maintain safe practices. Keeping everyone's health safety in mind, we are especially seeking volunteers who may have established some immunity for themselves through vaccination. Please consider sharing some of your valued time with PADS as we continue to serve those who need our services. Please contact Twin Cities PADS Administrative Director, Myles Newberry, with any questions and to volunteer with us. Phone 815-626-2210 (shelter telephone). Email: mylesnewberry.PADS@gmail.com.

Twin Cities PADS Homeless Shelter

Sterling Municipal Band

The Sterling Municipal Band would like to invite the entire community to Music Under the Stars summer concert series. Free performances will be every Wednesday night from June 2nd through August 4th at the Grandon Civic Center. Each concert will begins at 7:30 PM with a pre-concert performance by talented local musical groups beginning at 6:20 PM. Please free to bring your own snacks or purchase refreshments at the gazebo. Questions, please contact Gonzalo Reyes at gonzo@essex1.com.

Religious Education Registration 2021/2022 IN-PERSON REGISTRATION

In-Person registration will be accepted for grades 1st- 8th Sunday, Aug15th from 10:00 AM to 12:30 Noon in Bales Hall. If your child is new to our program, or was baptized somewhere other than St. Mary's Church. Please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate. Tuition fees must be paid in full at the time of registration with check or cash. Please understand our ability to accept cash and "make change" is limited. The fee is $50 per child.

Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversary Mass

Is 2021 the year in which you and your spouse celebrate your 25th, 50th, 55th, 60th, 65th, or 70th or more wedding anniversary? Bishop Malloy and the Life & Family Evangelization Office would like to celebrate this milestone with you. Couples celebrating the milestone wedding anniversaries of 25, 50, 55, 60, 65, and 70 or more years of marriage in 2021 are invited to a special Mass in their honor at St. Mary Parish in Huntley, IL on Sunday, August 22nd at 2:30 PM celebrated by Bishop David J. Malloy. The Life & Family Evangelization Office welcomes your registration by phone (815) 399-4300 or online at www.rockforddiocese.org/anniversary by August 10th. Commemorative certificates to mark this special occasion will be available for those who pre-register for this event.

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LAS OFICINAS DEL CENTRO PARROQUIAL

Las horas de Centro Parroquial 8:00 AM-12:00 PM y 1 PM - 3:00 PM. Las oficinas de la Parroquia estarán cerradas a medio día 12:00 PM-1:00 PM.
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***.

Ministros

Lectores: Agosto 8– Eduardo Chavez

Clases de Preparación Para Bautismo

Las pláticas serán el 7 de Agosto de las 2.00-4.00 PM, en el Centro Parroquial. Por favor no traer niños. Únicamente para los padres y padrinos. Por favor llamar al Centro Parroquial para confirmar su asistencia a las pláticas.

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.

Matrimonios y Quinceañeras

Hacer cita con el sacerdote por lo menos ***9 meses antes de la fecha deseada.*** Favor de no hacer planes antes de tener la fecha confirmada con el sacerdote.
Les recordamos que para el 2022 ya tenemos abiertas las fechas si su hija tendrá una quinceañera en ese año.

Despensa de Alimentos

Son distribuidos todos los Jueves de 9am 10:30am
En el estacionamiento de las oficinas de la Capilla.

Confesiones

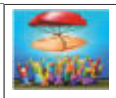
Sábados de 4.00 a 4.30 PM en la iglesia.

Adoración

Todos los martes tenemos el Santísimo Sacramento presente de 9 AM-3 PM en la capilla del Centro Parroquial.

Reporte de la colecta 24 y 25 de Julio, 2021

Semanal	**¿Cómo vamos?**
5:00 PM Misa en inglés	**$1,189.00**
7:00 AM Misa en inglés	**$1,162.00**
8:30 AM Misa en inglés	**$1,587.00**
10:00 AM Misa en inglés	**$ 951.75**
11:30 AM Misa en español	**$ 846.80**
Envió y dejó sobres	**$ 540.00**
Colección total	**$ 6,277.05**
Sobres	**166**



18 Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
1 de Agosto 2021

"Yo soy el verdadero Pan del cielo" Así nos lo dice Jesús en el Evangelio de éste domingo; un pan que nos nutre el alma y el espíritu, el Pan que nos da la vida y que nos hace estar más cerca de Dios. El Señor Jesús lo dice muy claramente: "La obra de Dios consiste en que crean en aquel que ha enviado el Padre" y nosotros sabemos que una vez que creemos en Dios y en Jesús ya no hay vuelva atrás, pues nuestra creencia en Dios nos salvará y nos llevará a la vida eterna.

No debemos olvidar una cosa muy importante; a veces por las circunstancias de la vida nos alejamos de Dios porque pensamos o sentimos que no nos escucha o que está lejos de nosotros, entonces la responsabilidad que tenemos como cristianos, como católicos la hacemos a un lado y es mucho más fácil hacer eso que cumplir con los mandamientos que Dios nos ha dejado para el bien de nuestra alma. Es por eso que Jesús nos lo dice muy claro en el Evangelio de hoy: "Los que creen en mí, es decir, la obra que Dios ha comenzado en nosotros consiste en creer en Él" y creer en Jesús, creer en sus promesas, creer en sus milagros, creer en su misericordia significa tener un lugar ya garantizado en el reino de Dios; pero para poder entrar al reino de los cielos necesitamos ser obedientes y vivir en la fe que el mismo Dios nos ha regalado; y creer sobre todo en el sacrificio enorme que Jesús ha hecho de entregar su vida por nuestra salvación en la cruz y morir y resucitar por nosotros.

Al principio cuando Dios creó al hombre todo era más fácil porque todo lo tenía en el jardín del Edén, sin embargo por haber hecho a Dios a un lado, por haber desobedecido, por haberle hecho caso al diablo el hombre lo perdió todo, pero Dios ha hecho un sacrificio inmenso al entregar a su Hijo único a la cruz para poder recuperar la gracia que habíamos perdido a través de Adán y Eva.

Jesús también nos habla del verdadero pan bajado del cielo, el pan verdadero que viene de Dios, por eso nos dice que busquemos siempre los bienes que perduran, no los bienes que caducan, los bienes que se echan a perder, los bienes de la tierra, esos bienes aquí se quedan, se quedan en el mundo, sin embargo los bienes celestiales esos perduran para siempre.

Si nos ponemos a pensar, en la vida siempre hemos de trabajar para poder sobrevivir, y hacemos siempre lo imposible para poder tener dinero y así cubrir nuestras necesidades, sin embargo se nos olvida que es Dios quien siempre provee, es Dios quien nos da la oportunidad de tener trabajo, nos da la oportunidad de salir adelante, no somos nosotros mismos ni nuestro esfuerzo lo que nos hace ser diferentes, sino Dios quien nos ayuda a que tengamos una vida digna, pero también nosotros somos quienes debemos ser agradecidos porque todo nos viene de Dios.

Registraciones de Educación Religiosa 2021/2022

La registración en persona para los grados 1^0 al 8^0 será 15 de Agosto de las 10:00AM a 12:30PM en Bales Hall. Si su hijo/a es nuevo en nuestro programa o esta bautizó/a en otra iglesia traiga una copia del certificado de bautismo de su hijo/a. El pago debe de hacerse en su totalidad al momento de la registración con cheque o en efectivo. Por favor comprenda que nuestra habilidad de recibir efectivo está limitada a dar cambio. $50 dólares para cada niño/a.

2021 Diezmo Diocesano

Meta Diocesana	$55,838.00
La parroquia ha recopilado	$26,760.00

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." - Jn 6:32-33

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