



# St. Mary Church

**Dec 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
The Holy Family**

## **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**

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](mailto: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](mailto:stmary-sterling@rockforddiocese.org)

Website: .....[www.stmarysterlingil.org](http://www.stmarysterlingil.org)

**Parish Staff**.....815.625.0640

Lisett 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 6<sup>th</sup> Street.....815.625.2253

Website: .....[www.smsterling.org](http://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](mailto:vincent.depaul@att.net)

Website:.....[www.svdpsaukvalley.org](http://www.svdpsaukvalley.org)

Hours: Monday-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 | Dec 27  | 8.30 AM | †Al Segneri<br><i>James Hermes</i>                           |
| Tue | Dec 28  | 8.30 AM | For the Purgatorial  |
| Wed | Dec 29  | 8.30 AM | †Richard O'Connor<br><i>The Family</i>                       |
| Thu | Dec 30  | 8.30 AM | †Jack Koehler<br><i>Tom &amp; Trish Senneff</i>              |
| Fri | Dec 31  | 8.30 AM | †Hugh & Elizabeth Hermes<br><i>Jim Hermes</i>                |
|     | Spanish | 6:00 PM | Liv. & Dec. Members of the<br>Ybarra & Vargas Family         |
| Sat | Jan 1   | 8.30 AM | †St. Mary Parishioners<br><i>Larry Zitkus</i>                |
| Sat | Jan 1   | 5.00 PM | †Patrick Allen<br><i>Allen Family</i>                        |
| Sun | Jan 2   | 7.00 AM | †Lavon Finkle<br><i>Jane Olson</i>                           |
|     |         | 8.30AM  | †Al Segneri<br><i>Cheri King</i>                             |
|     |         |         | †Jose Faustino Marruffo<br><i>Mauro &amp; Alice Marruffo</i> |
|     |         | 10.00AM | †Drew Mickel Henson<br><i>Janie Saldivar</i>                 |
|     |         | 11.30AM | †Nicolas Diaz Castro<br><i>Lilia Diaz</i>                    |

## Past Collection Report

Dec 11-12, 2021

|                         |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 5:00 p.m. Mass          | \$2,500.00         |
| 7:00 a.m. Mass          | \$1,665.00         |
| 8:30 a.m. Mass          | \$1,586.00         |
| 10:00 a.m. Mass         | \$2,077.30         |
| 11:30 a.m. Mass         | \$989.00           |
| Misc.                   | \$1,140.00         |
| Electronic Funds        | \$580.00           |
| Mail in and drop off    | \$350.00           |
| <b>Total Collection</b> | <b>\$10,888.30</b> |
| <b>Envelopes</b>        | <b>169</b>         |



## Liturgical Roles

### Lectors

#### Sat Jan 1

8:30 AM Steve Randall  
5:00 PM Maureen Madigan



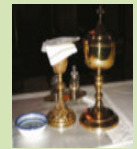
#### Sun Jan 2

7:00 AM Dennis DeLanghe  
8:30 AM Terry McGinn  
10:00 AM Sam Mauch

### Eucharistic Ministers

#### Sat Jan 1

8:30 AM Sally Kellen  
5:00 PM Tod Melton



#### Sun Jan 2

7:00 AM Alice Ports  
8:30 AM Terri Lawrence  
10:00 AM Ann Shaw

## Parish Office Closed

*Mon, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day (Observed)*

*Fri, Dec 31<sup>st</sup> New Years Eve*

*Mon, Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> New Years (Observed)*

**All Masses at Church**

### Dec 31, Fri New Years Eve Mass

8.30A.M-Eng., 6.00P.M (SP)

### Jan 1, Sat Mary, the Holy Mother of God

*(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)*

8:30A.M., 5:00P.M (Sunday)



*Recently Deceased*  
**Sharon M. McKeown**

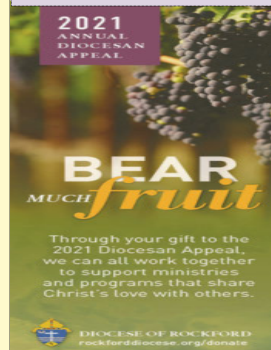


## Sanctuary Lamp Memorials

The Sanctuary Candle will burn the week of Dec 25 – 31

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2021

Diocesan Stewardship  
Appeal

Goal: \$55,838.00

Total Pledged: \$25,630.00

Shortfall Due: \$30,208.00

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 thru 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 from 4:00-5:30pm. SVdP assisted families in November SVdP assisted 238 families with food and financial aid. There were 190 families that were assisted with food. A break down of 446 adults and 169 children, a total of 615. Financial aid was given to 49 families in the area of utilities, rent, motel, and prescriptions. Thank You Whiteside area communities for your generous support you give to SVdP.

### POINSETTIAS

Thank you everyone for your generous donations of poinsettias to decorate the church with for the Christmas season.



### Worldwide Marriage Encounter



- ◆ Unwrap the gifts in your marriage on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter.
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- ◆ Sign up today to attend a virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences on January 8-9; in person Experience Feb. 11-13 in Madison, WI or April 22-24 in Brookfield, WI.
- ◆ Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: **alifetimeoflove.org** or call **(888) 574-5653**.

### Sacred Heart Church High School Youth Group

When: January 30, February 27, March 27, April 24 Where: Sacred Heart Church basement, 2224 Ave J, Sterling, IL Time: 11 AM-12:15 PM

### Sacred Heart Church Middle School Youth Group

When: January 16, February 13, March 20, April 10 Where: Sacred Heart Church basement, 2224 Ave J, Sterling, IL Time: 11:00 AM -12:15 PM Contact Melinda Hutchinson for more information.  
**Bring your friends & come check it out!!!**



### FIND YOUR CREW

|                         |                          |                           |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| MONDAY<br>12/13<br>4-7p | TUESDAY<br>12/14<br>4-7p | SATURDAY<br>1/22<br>9-11a |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|

- Do you have an 8th grade student in our area?
- Do you know someone who has an 8th grade student in our area?
- Help us spread the word to all prospective students in our area who are considering the next step in their educational journey.
- Contact Newman Central Catholic High School for details:
- **development@newmancchs.org**  
**(815) 625-0500 x102**

### St. Mary School

Christmas break will be Wed, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> through Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>. Children will return to school Wednesday, January 5th. Have a safe and Happy Merry Christmas.



### Whiteside Senior Center

Senior Center is resuming in person services and activities to combat senior isolation. Starting January 4<sup>th</sup> 2022 Daily lunches Mon - Thurs from 11am until 12pm. Starting January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022



### Martha's Senior Circle

Martha's circle is inviting anyone who likes to quilt or would like to learn, come to our Thursday's quilt session, from 9:00a.m – 11:00a.m at the Parish. Questions contact Evelyn Petitgoue at (815) 625-4382 Everyone is welcome!

### Religious Gift Shop

To lift your love ones spirit, stop by and visit our Religious Gift Shop at the Parish Center.



For all of our parishioners, families, and friends that shop on Amazon, you can now start earning money for St. Mary Church. Shop at Amazon Smile and a percentage of your purchase goes directly to St. Mary Church! Simply shop at [smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2182125](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2182125) or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon Shopping app and Amazon Smile donates to St Mary Church.



Reminder Cancellation policy if an emergency occurs due to inclement weather or other circumstances, If Sterling Community Unit 5 dismisses early or classes are canceled for that evening. Religious Education Classes will also be cancelled. For questions please contact R.E Coordinator at the Parish Center.

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## LAS OFICINAS DEL CENTRO PARROQUIAL

Horario de Centro Parroquial de Lunes-Viernes 8:00 am -12:00 pm  
1:00pm-3:00pm.

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**.

**Lectores:** 31 de Ene. 6:00pm Jorge Camacho  
2 de Ene. Raquel Sifuentes  
**Ministro de Eucaristía:** 31 de Ene. 6:00pm Rubén Cisneros  
2 de Enero Martha Cavazos

### 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.



Las pláticas serán el **1 de Enero** 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 con Lupe para  
confirmar su asistencia a las pláticas.



## Viernes 31 de Dic, Misa de Vispera de Año Nuevo 8.30 AM-Ing. 6.00 PM- Español

### Flores Para La Navidad

Muchas Gracias a todos por sus donaciones de  
las flores de Noche Buenas.



### Adoración

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

### Confesiones

Sábados de 4.00 a 4.30 PM en la iglesia

## Reporte de la colecta de 11-12 de Dic, 2021

### Semanal

|                          |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| 5:00 PM Misa en inglés   | \$2,500.00  |
| 7:00 AM Misa en inglés   | \$1,665.00  |
| 8:30 AM Misa en inglés   | \$1,586.00  |
| 10:00 AM Misa en inglés  | \$2,077.30  |
| 11:30 AM Misa en español | \$989.00    |
| Envío y dejó sobres      | \$350.00    |
| Colección total          | \$10,888.30 |
| Sobres                   | 169         |



## Domingo de la Sagrada Familia 26 de Diciembre 2021



Una de las cosas más hermosas que nosotros podemos ofrecerle a Dios, porque obviamente hay muy pocas cosas que podemos ofrecerle es el ser agradecidos; agradecerle a Dios por todos y cada uno de los momentos que vivimos en la vida es muy importante, no sólo importante pero extremadamente importante. Ana en la primera lectura le agradece a Dios por el hijo que le ha pedido y le ha concedido, y se lo ofrece a Dios, es su hijo único y ha sido su sueño, pero se ha dado cuenta que Dios es grande y ella ha querido darle las gracias ofreciéndole a Dios lo único que tenía para ofrecerle, y a Dios le gusta mucho que seamos agradecidos; es por eso que a veces no nos va bien en la vida, pensamos que todo lo bueno que hacemos en el trabajo, el buen salario, la salud, etc. es por nosotros mismos y no es verdad, todo nos viene de Dios, absolutamente todo, y si nos va mal en la vida es porque no nos acercamos a Dios y porque no somos agradecidos con Él.

San Juan en la segunda lectura nos recuerda que estamos llamados a seguir y practicar los mandamientos de Dios, y que a través de su cumplimiento el Señor nos seguirá bendiciendo y dando todo lo que le pidamos con fe, porque cuando un hijo es obediente con su padre y con su madre, sabe que tiene el derecho de pedir lo que necesite, pero si ese hijo es caprichudo, intolerante, malcriado, desobediente, irrespetuoso, entonces no tiene ningún derecho de pedir nada a sus padres porque simplemente no se ha ganado el respeto que un hijo tiene cuando es obediente. Así nos lo dice san Juan, que mientras seamos fieles a Dios, entonces Dios será también fiel a sus hijos e hijas, y no sólo eso, sino que también nos bendecirá con toda clase de bendiciones, y tendremos una vida libre de penas, y llena de mucha alegría, aunque tengamos problemas.

En el Evangelio el Niño Dios se ha quedado en Jerusalén, sus padres no se han dado cuenta porque todos marchan en caravana, y hay mucha gente, hasta que María su Madre nota que su hijo no está, ¡Cómo estaría María de preocupada al saber que su Hijo no estaba entre ellos! Quizá las otras mujeres empezaron a ayudar a María a buscarlo, pero no podían regresar todos, ya llevaban varios días caminando, pero José y María decidieron volver a la ciudad para buscarlo, lo encontraron en el templo hablando con los maestros; Jesús sólo dijo que tenía que ocuparse de las cosas de su Padre, y María guardaba todas esas cosas en su corazón. Después de ese episodio, no se sabe mucho de la adolescencia de Jesús, sólo se sabe que crecía en gracia y en bendición. Ellos son el modelo para nuestras familias, porque todo lo que Jesús aprendió lo aprendió de sus padres aquí en la tierra, lo humilde, lo inteligente, su misericordia, su bondad, obediencia, todo lo aprendió de María y de José quienes eran temerosos de Dios y obedientes también. Ellos con su participación en la misa de hoy nos recuerdan que para ser felices hay que ser dóciles a Dios y hacer su voluntad en todo momento.

### Centro Parroquial Cerrado

Sábado, 27 de Dic, Navidad Día (Observado)

Viernes, 31 de Dic Vispera de año Nuevo

Lunes, 3 de Ene. Año (Observado)

### 2021 Diezmo Diocesano

Meta Diocesana \$55,838.00  
La parroquia ha recopilado \$34,845.00



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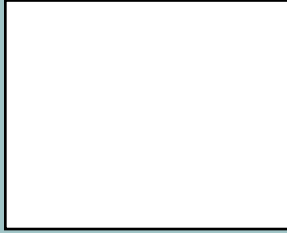
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