



St. Mary Church

Jan 2nd, 2022

The Epiphany of the Lord

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 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 BLine 1...815.625.0640

Sterling IL, 61081Line 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: 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	Jan	3	8.30 AM	†Barb Schafer
Tue	Jan	4	8.30 AM	†Ann Hermes <i>Jim Hermes</i>
Wed	Jan	5	8.30 AM	†Helen Musyl <i>John & Margaret Lynch</i>
Thu	Jan	6	8.30 AM	†Jacob Kellen <i>Grandpa & Grandma Kellen</i>
Fri	Jan	7	8.30 AM	†Sr. Philomene <i>Jane Olson</i>
Sat	Jan	8	8.30 AM	St. Mary Parishioners <i>Larry Zitkus</i>
Sat	Jan	8	5.00 PM	†Frances Amesquita
Sun	Jan	9	7.00 AM	†Jeanne O'Connor <i>Family</i>
			8.30AM	†Al Segneri <i>Richard & Marybeth Dombroski</i>
			10.00AM	†Deb Morgan <i>Mike Morgan</i>
			10.00AM	†Richard Taylor <i>Jane Olson</i>
			11.30AM	†Ana Maria Lopez <i>John Lopez</i>

Past Collection Report

Dec 18-19, 2021

5:00 p.m. Mass	\$2,908.25
7:00 a.m. Mass	\$1,619.00
8:30 a.m. Mass	\$2,666.00
10:00 a.m. Mass	\$1,250.00
11:30 a.m. Mass	\$810.56
Misc.	\$0
Electronic Funds	\$0
Mail in and drop off	\$2,380.00
Total Collection	\$11,633.81
Envelopes	171



Liturgical Roles

Lectors

Sat Jan 8
5:00 PM Julie Melsness

Sun Jan 9
7:00 AM Darwin Mauch
8:30 AM Nancy Gehrke
10:00 AM Josh Francque



Eucharistic Ministers

Sat Jan 8
5:00 PM Concha Sitter

Sun Jan 9
7:00 AM Gloria Olds
8:30 AM Sally Kellen
10:00 AM Ann Stroup



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).



Mass Intentions or the Sanctuary Lamp

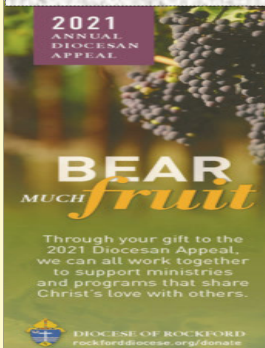
Please consider remembering a loved one or a family member by having a Mass or the Sanctuary Lamp. We have many dates to choose from in 2022 and 2023. A customary offering (donation) is asked of \$10.00. If you have any questions please call the parish office at 1.815.625.0640.

Sanctuary Lamp Memorials

The Sanctuary Candle will burn the week of Jan 1 – 7
In Memory of: Ortensia Cervantes



Given by: Ybarra Family



2021

Diocesan Stewardship Appeal

Goal: \$55,838.00
Total Pledged: \$35,210.00
Shortfall Due: \$20,628.00

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. **CONTINUE TO GIVE** is available on the St. Vincent de Paul Society website making it possible for anyone to contribute online SVDP.

Visit our website at: svdpsaukvalley.org

St. Anne Job Openings

St. Anne Parish in Dixon is looking for a part time Parish bookkeeper. For more info: Call (815) 288-3131

St. Anne School in Dixon is also looking for a part-time 5 days a week School book keeper/office assistant. Call (815) 288-5619.

Religious Gift Shop

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



Worldwide Marriage Encounter



◆ Next Worldwide Marriage Encounter.

◆ It is a weekend for married Christian couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together.

◆ 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.

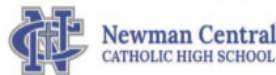
Sacred Heart Church High School Youth Group

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
12/13
4-7p

TUESDAY
12/14
4-7p

SATURDAY
1/22
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

Free Throw Contest

The Sterling Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the annual free throw contest on Wed., Jan. 6th at St. Mary's School in Sterling. The gym doors will open at 3 PM and the contest begins at 3:30 PM. This event is open to boys and girls ages 9-14. There is no cost to participate.

Wanted: Lectors

If you are a good reader come serve as a lector, call Jane Olson at the Parish Center. Lectors are most needed at the Sat., 5 PM and Sun., 7 AM weekend Masses.



Whiteside Senior Center

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

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!



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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.

Garrett Ramos Memorial Fund

If you choose to donate towards this fund, it is titled Garrett Ramos Memorial Fund. Donations may be made at any Sauk Valley Bank branch location. Donations may also be made online at <https://app.autobooks.co/pay/garrett-ramos-memorial-fund>.

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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: 9 de Ene. Marissa Ocampo

Ministro de Eucaristía: 9 de Ene. Mercedes Villa

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.



Matrimonios y Quinceñeras

*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** ese año. Para que su hija aparte su misa para sus quince años deberá tener sus sacramentos, incluyendo el sacramento de la confirmación.

Clases Religiosas Cancelación de Póliza

Si ocurre alguna emergencia debido al clima o por alguna otra circunstancia, y La Unidad 5 de la Comunidad de Sterling cierra temprano o cancela las clases, La Educación Religiosa también cancelará clases en esa tarde. Para mas información contacte a la coordinadora de clases Religiosa al numero (815) 625-0640.

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 Pasado de la colecta de 18-19 de Dic, 2021

Semanal

5:00 PM Misa en inglés	\$2,908.25
7:00 AM Misa en inglés	\$1,619.00
8:30 AM Misa en inglés	\$2,666.00
10:00 AM Misa en inglés	\$1,250.00
11:30 AM Misa en español	\$810.56
Envío y dejó sobres	\$2,380.00
Colección total	\$11,633.81
Sobres	171



2 de Enero 2022



La Epifanía del Señor

Es fácil imaginar que la tierra vivía en tinieblas antes que llegara el Salvador al mundo; es muy fácil entender que esa analogía se refiere al pecado, la oscuridad de la desobediencia a Dios, la muerte, lo malo, lo oscuro y todo aquello que produce muerte y dolor; antes de que viniera la luz a nuestro mundo, es decir Jesús, el Emmanuel, el Dios con nosotros, todo era incierto y malo porque el príncipe de las tinieblas estaba apoderado del mundo entero; las lecturas de este domingo nos hablan precisamente de todo eso, *“Levántate y resplandece Jerusalén porque ha llegado la luz y la gloria del Señor alborea sobre ti”* así nos lo dice la primera lectura del profeta Isaías y son palabras verdaderas, si nosotros creemos en Dios, entonces creemos que Jesús, el Niño Dios nos ha nacido para disipar las tinieblas de nuestras vidas.

Es a través del nacimiento del Niño Dios, del Emmanuel, del Mesías, que nos ha venido la salvación y todas esas tinieblas se han disipado, se han ido, y la luz vuelve otra vez a rodear la tierra, ya no hay miedo, ya no hay tormenta espiritual, ya no hay temor, sólo hay vida, amor, felicidad, gozo y salvación, porque Dios vive entre nosotros una vez más; la Iglesia se vuelve la nueva Jerusalén y todos sus hijos e hijas vuelven a ella, despacio, con fe, con amor, con esperanza cada uno vuelve de lejos, cada uno vuelve a Dios y Dios se regocija, se alegra, abre los brazos a cada uno porque han vuelto a Él; es por eso que Pablo en la segunda lectura nos recuerda que todo es revelado a nosotros por el Espíritu, y por eso agradecemos a Dios, nos ha tenido a bien revelarnos sus misterios y el misterio de la encarnación de su Hijo divino, que nos ha redimido del pecado y de la oscuridad por los siglos de los siglos.

En el Evangelio, vemos cómo se revela Dios a su pueblo, una estrella guía a los hombres sabios que vienen de lejos, por eso ellos son capaces de ir a buscar al verdadero rey; y lo adoran, y le traen regalos: oro, incienso y mirra, para significar la vida que le corresponde al Niñito Jesús: sacerdote, profeta y rey. Ese es el significado de la Epifanía, el Dios Niño que se revela a los magos, y que les dice dónde se encuentra para que vengan a adorarlo y así todos alrededor del mundo y en todo el universo vengan también a adorar a nuestro salvador. *¡Gloria a Dios en los cielos y en la tierra paz a los hombres de buena voluntad! ¡Nos ha nacido el Salvador! ¡Nos ha llegado la gloria del cielo!*

2021 Diezmo Diocesano

Meta Diocesana	\$55,838.00
La parroquia ha recopilado	\$35,210.00

ONE IN CHRIST

January 15-16, 2022

The National Appeal reflects the varied ways we seek to communicate Christ's message. You can help to promote the Gospel through your support of 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

15 Y 16 DE ENERO DE 2022

La Colecta Nacional refleja las variadas maneras con las que buscamos comunicar el mensaje de Cristo. Usted puede ayudar a promover el Evangelio a través de su aporte a 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 sacerdotes de la Diócesis de Rockford
- Ayuda Financiera para Escuela Primaria Católica de la Diócesis de Rockford

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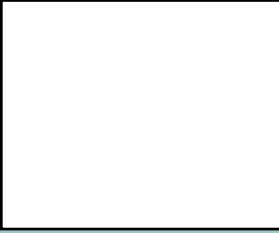
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