



St. Mary Church

Jan 16th, 2022
2nd 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

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 17 8.30 AM	†Janet Nieman <i>Mathew & Roberta Dempsey</i>
Tue Jan 18 8.30 AM	†Margaret Iwanski <i>Diane Melton</i>
Wed Jan 19 8.30 AM	Manuel Mata <i>Mauro & Alice Marruffo</i>
Thu Jan 20 8.30 AM	†Paul A. Carew <i>Carol Reyes</i>
Fri Jan 21 8.30 AM	Philip Bruketta <i>Jean Thomaschefsky</i>
Sat Jan 22 8.30 AM	Mothers & Fathers of the Unborn
Sat Jan 22 5.00 PM	†Tim Regan †Arthur Sandoval <i>Julie & Tim Melsness</i>
Sun Jan 23 7.00 AM	†Louis Verbout <i>Dorothy Cheshier</i>
8.30AM	†Arthur B. Sandoval <i>The Sandoval Family</i>
10.00AM	†Rebecca (Becky) Gomez <i>Janie Saldivar</i>
11.30AM	Adolfo Rebollar <i>Josefina Rodriguez</i>

Collection Report Jan 8-9, 2022

5:00 p.m. Mass	\$3,250.00
7:00 a.m. Mass	\$751.00
8:30 a.m. Mass	\$1,055.00
10:00 a.m. Mass	\$587.00
11:30 a.m. Mass	\$621.00
Misc.	\$0
Electronic Funds	\$0
Mail in and drop off	\$1,420.00
Total Collection	\$7,684.00
Envelopes	132



Liturgical Roles

Lectors

Sat Jan 22

5:00 PM Maureen Madigan

Sun Jan 23

7:00 AM Dennis DeLanghe

8:30 AM Kelly Keaschall

10:00 AM Linda Campbell

Eucharistic Ministers

Sat Jan 22

5:00 PM Tod Melton

Sun Jan 23

7:00 AM Alice Ports

8:30 AM Bob Marruffo

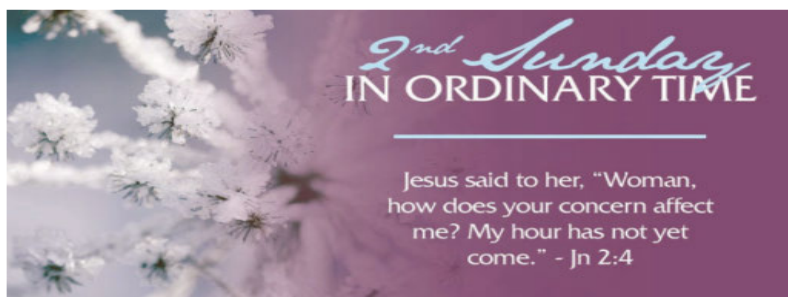
10:00 AM Julie Jacobs

WAYS TO GIVE

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.

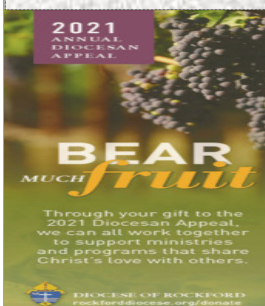
Sanctuary Lamp Memorials

The Sanctuary Candle will burn the week of Jan 15-21

In Memory of: **Garrett Ramos**



Given by: *Beth Summers*



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

Parish Office 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. In the month of December SVdP assisted 165 families in food and financial aid. There were 127 families that were assisted with food. This consisted of 304 adults and 93 children, a total of 397. Financial aid was given to 40 families in the form of rent, utilities, prescriptions, motels and gas. Thank you for your generosity Whiteside County. **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
***Pantry closed on bad snow days.**

St. Vincent DePaul

POLICY ON WEATHAER CLOSINGS

St. Vincent de Paul has adopted a inclement weather policy. Our policy is to be closed when schools in Sterling/Rock Falls are closed due to bad weather. Thank you for your understanding as this is a safety concern for all involved.

St. Patrick Dixon

ROE v WADE MOVIE
How did this decision come about?
Join us on Jan 19th—Holloway Center
St. Patrick's Church— Dixon
6:30PM—Guest-Debbie Case
HOPE CENTER
7:00PM —Movie "ROE v WADE"

Religious Gift Shop

Stop by and visit our Religious Gift Shop at the Parish Center. We have many items!



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.

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!!!

Drive By Farewell

Fr. Jorge Bravo, will be leaving St. Mary's Church, he will be greatly missed!

Please come join us as we say goodbye on the front doors of the Parish Center . We will keep our distance. Parishioners are asked to park in the parking lot and someone will direct you to greet Fr. Jorge Bravo. Please wear a mask and practice social distance Cards are welcomed. January 29th at 11:00a.m-2pm.

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 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.

Martha's Senior Circle

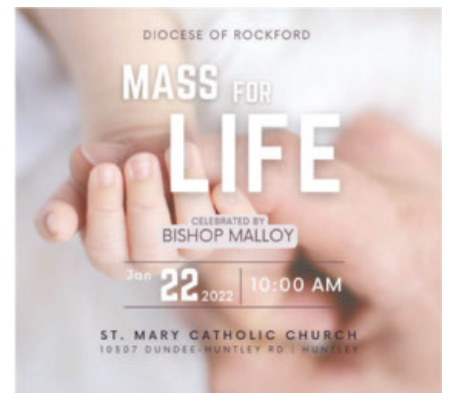
Martha's circle is inviting anyone who likes to quilt or would like to learn, come to our Thursday's quilt session, from 9:00a.m – 11:00a.m at the Parish. Questions contact Evelyn Petitgoue at (815) 625-4382 Everyone is welcome!



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.

Respect Life

There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: *We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may see.* In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is *always and radically incompatible* with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image."



Project Rachel

Project Rachel: Post-Abortion Healing Ministry (815) 387-3379 // ProjectRachelRockford@gmail.com // www.hopeafterabortion.com All inquiries are confidential

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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: 23 de Ene. Cecilia Zaragoza

Ministro de Eucaristía: 23 de Ene. Magdalena Flores

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 **5 de Febrero** 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 Lissett para confirmar su
asistencia a las pláticas. (815) 625-0640



Despedida Por Conducir

**Padre. Jorge Bravo se despide de la Iglesia
Santa María. Se le extrañará!**

Por favor únase a nosotros mientras lo despedimos en
las puertas principales de las oficinas Parroquiales.

Mantendremos nuestra sana distancia. Se les pide a los
feligreses que se estacionen en el estacionamiento.

Alguien le indicara por donde saludar al Pdr. Jorge
Bravo. Por favor use su mascara y practique distancia
social. **Tarjetas son bienvenidas.**

Cuando: 29 de Enero 2022 a las 11:00a.m-2:00p.m

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
Maribel la coordinadora de las clases Religiosas 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.



Reporte de la colecta de 8-9 Ene, 2022

Semanal

5:00 PM Misa en inglés	\$3,250.00
7:00 AM Misa en inglés	\$751.00
8:30 AM Misa en inglés	\$1,055.00
10:00 AM Misa en inglés	\$587.00
11:30 AM Misa en español	\$621.00
Envío y dejó sobres	\$1,420.00
Colección total	\$7,684.00
Sobres	132



16 de Enero 2022

II Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario



¿Cuántos de nosotros no quisiéramos que todo el dolor del universo se terminara? ¿Cuántos de nosotros deseamos que toda la raza humana viviera feliz? ¿No les gustaría que el dolor, el sufrimiento, el pecado, la desobediencia, la indiferencia, la falta de amor se terminaran? En esencia eso es lo que nos dice la primera lectura del libro del profeta Isaías; “No descansaré hasta que surja el justo y brilla la salvación como una estrella”. Por supuesto que esas palabras nos indican que hay una persona que vendrá y no se callará, no descansará hasta ver a la “ciudad santa” resplandecer, brillando como las estrellas, siendo una corona de gloria, y esa ciudad santa no es ni más ni menos que la Iglesia y ese que vendrá será Jesús. Pero no descansará hasta que toda la raza humana crea en Él, se vuelva a Él, se salve y vuelva a Dios, para poder vivir con toda intensidad el descanso, la felicidad, la alegría y el gozo que tenían Adán y Eva antes de desobedecer las órdenes de Dios.

Tan esa así que es la Iglesia que en la segunda lectura san Pablo a los corintios nos recuerda que hay diferentes dones, por supuesto, el Espíritu Santo es quien los regala, quien los administra, quien los dona a todos aquellos que son abiertos a su gracia y su presencia, hay dones hermosos como la sabiduría, que es la esencia misma de Dios, el don de ciencia, el don de la fe, el don de la gracia, el don de hacer curaciones, el don de tener poderes milagrosos, el don de profecía, el don de discernir los signos de los tiempos, el don de lenguas y el de interpretarlas; Dios es uno mismo, y cuando una persona se abre a la gracia divina, el Señor se muestra generoso con sus siervos.

En el Evangelio de hoy, María como siempre intuitiva se da cuenta que los novios no tienen más vino, en esos tiempos una pareja que contraía matrimonio tenía que estar preparada con el banquete que duraba varios días, sin embargo, ya no tienen vino, el dinero no les alcanzó para comprar más, de esa manera la gente se burlaría de ellos, por no haberse preparado con tiempo. María le dice a Jesús que su vino se ha acabado, Jesús tenía pensado comenzar su vida pública en otra ocasión, sin embargo, María intercede por los novios para que no pasen la vergüenza de no haberse preparado bien, de no haber hecho los cálculos adecuados para que les alcanzara la inversión en los invitados. Jesús adelanta su vida pública convirtiendo el agua en vino; María ante la negativa de su Hijo, les dice a los sirvientes: “Hagan lo que Él les diga”; es por eso que debemos seguir las instrucciones del maestro, seguir sus enseñanzas porque tanto Jesús como María nos pueden llevar a Dios y podemos ser salvados por su intercesión; es decir, a través de ellos podemos llegar al cielo.



2021 Diezmo Diocesano

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



Sterling Knights of Columbus Christmas Caroling at local Nursing Homes.



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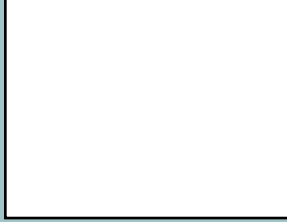
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