

Saint Mary
CATHOLIC CHURCH

**April 28, 2024
FIFTH SUNDAY OF
EASTER**



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BE JOYFUL DISCIPLES!

In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus tell us, "By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples (John 15:8). A disciple is someone who follows Jesus. A disciple lives his or her entire life in imitation of Jesus the Master. Discipleship goes so much farther than simply identifying as a Catholic or going to Mass on Sunday (although, those things are certainly critical aspects of discipleship). Christian Discipleship encompasses the whole of one's life. If I am a disciple of Jesus then I am a disciple 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. I am a disciple whether I am at church, at home, at school, or in the workplace. I am a disciple in my prayer but also in my marriage, with my talents, with my money.

If we are to be disciples of Jesus we have to look at everything in our lives and ask the Lord, "Lord, how can I use this for your glory?" The money that we have is a blessing from God. Perhaps it is also the fruit of a lot of hard work on our part. That is true. However, it is God who gave us the life, the talents, and the strength to work and provide for our families. A true disciple of Jesus says, "Father, thank you for these blessings; I want to use them for your glory and the benefit of my brothers and sisters in need."

As Catholics we come together in parishes. St. Mary in Huntley is our parish family. Catholics are also part of a broader Church, a broader communion of disciples. The Diocese is the local church that is headed by the bishop. In the early 2nd century St. Ignatius of Antioch wrote, "Wherever the bishop shall appear, there let the multitude [of the people] also be; even as, wherever Jesus Christ is, there is the Catholic Church" (*Epistle to the Smyrnaeans*, Chapter 2). The bishop is the pastor who unites the Christians of a local church. We are members of the Diocese of Rockford, Illinois. The Catholics of the 11 counties of Northwestern Illinois are united under one shepherd. As disciples of Jesus we have a moral obligation to help support our shepherd.

This weekend all of the parishes of Rockford are announcing the 2024 Diocesan Appeal. The Bishop needs

financial support in order to help form clergy to serve the Diocese. This includes seminary formation for future priests, formation for future permanent deacons, and ongoing clergy formation. The Bishop needs financial support to proclaim the Gospel through youth ministry, university campus ministry, Bishop Lane Retreat Center, and the Hispanic Ministry office. Finally, the Bishop also needs financial support to help care for the poor and vulnerable. The Diocesan Appeal helps support our Catholic Charities Office, the St. Elizabeth Community Center, and the Life, Family, and Evangelization Office. Without the Diocese a parish cannot survive. Without the parishes a Diocese would be meaningless. We are in this together!



I am so grateful for the generosity of the people of St. Mary. Through the years you have given of your time, talent, and treasure in order to build and sustain an amazing community of faith that has had a great impact! As I conclude my fourth year as Pastor of St. Mary I have seen us exceed our Diocesan Appeal goal every year. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Our goal this year is \$252,958. I would love it if we could raise the percentage of participating households in this 2024 campaign. Last year only reached 15% of registered households making a contribution to the Diocesan Appeal. It would be amazing if we could get the number up to 20%. Even if a family could only give \$20 every gift has value. Even a small gift shows that you have some skin in the game.

Finally, I ask you to pray and discern what you can give. Whatever you give do so in a spirit of Joy. In next Sunday's Gospel we will hear Jesus tell us the following: "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete" (John 15:11). Let us be joyful disciples. Let us give back to God in thanksgiving for all of his blessings.

Happy Easter!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. D'Amico".



Tickets are \$10 each for those 12 and older and are available in the parish office!

Hymn Tour

A CONCERT OF BELOVED HYMNS
FUSED WITH CLASSICAL MUSIC.

MONDAY, JUNE 10TH, 7:00 PM

Featuring the Harvest Arts Chamber Ensemble.

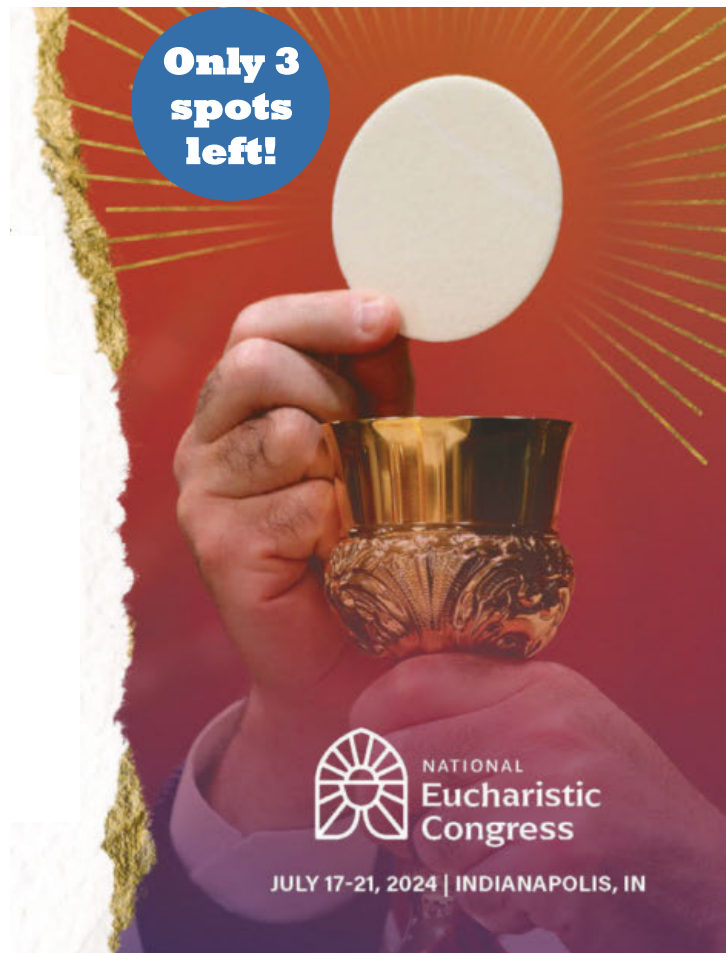
Arrangements by Madeline Cawley.

Harvest Arts, LLC

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EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

July 17-21, Indianapolis, Indiana

St. Mary has secured 50 tickets to the Congress. We will be traveling via coach bus, attending the Congress, and staying in a hotel for 4 nights. The cost for all of the above is \$995.00 per person. Registration is on a first come, first served basis, and must be paid in full to reserve your spot. Please make checks out to St. Mary and put EC on the memo line. For more information, please contact Shirley Allen at (224) 654-8596.

REGULAR CONFESSION TIMES AS FOLLOWS:

Tuesday, 6:00-6:30 PM;

Wednesday, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM,

Saturdays, 8:30-9:00 AM

and 3:30-4:30 PM

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 29, St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM ✕ Special Intention

Tuesday, April 30, St. Pius V, Pope

8:00 AM ✕ Jaclyn P. Clair

12:00 PM ✕ Kim Winarski

Wednesday, May 1, St. Joseph the Worker

8:00 AM ✕ Eugeniusz Daniel Jadciga

12:00 PM ✕ Susie Girolamo

Thursday, May 2, St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM ✕ Marion Abbruscato

12:00 PM ✕ Jeff Nastek

Friday, May 3, Ss. Philip & James, Apostles

8:00 AM ✕ Thomas J. Briglio

Saturday, May 4, St. Florian; St. Cyriacus & Companions, Martyrs

8:00 AM ✕ Irene Renaldi; Floyd Seemann; Henrietta Kelly; Jack Vitone, Peter Bator; Victor Corpuz, Soren James Plante

10:00 AM First Communion ✕ The First Communicants

12:30 PM First Communion ✕ The First Communicants

5:00 PM ✕ Rosemary Fellhauer

Sunday, May 5, SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30 AM ✕ Dottie Kowalski

9:00 AM ✕ The People of St. Mary Parish

10:30 AM ✕ Barbara Zuniga

12:00 PM ✕ Daneen Fitzpatrick Berres; Jim Schmidt; Christine Jakubczak; Lenore Lay; Tim & Brad Rutkowski & Deceased Members of the Rutkowski Family; Special Intention of Halina Kalita; In Thanksgiving

5:00 PM ✕ Rick Musial

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM

Eternal rest grant unto Stanley Kilian, and all our deceased family members and loved ones.



PRIEST CELEBRANT

****Subject to change without notice****

Saturday, May 4 5:00 PM— Fr. Koutnik

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9:00 AM— Fr. DiTomo

10:30 AM— Fr. DiTomo

12:00 PM— Fr. Talento

5:00 PM—Fr. Talento



The candles in the Adoration Chapel are burning this week
For the Roman Sierzega Family;
In Memory of Jim Dunn;
The 36th Wedding Anniversary of Vince & Lisa Mayer;
And The Special Intention of Katherine Forrester.

The Flowers next to the Tabernacle are
In Memory of Bruce McDonald.



2nd: Alvin Vilorio & Natalie Mendez

1st: Dallas Matt & Christina Meyer



MAY GOD BLESS

Mr. & Mrs. Jose Guevarra (the former Madonna Breck) who recently gave themselves to each other in Holy Matrimony here at St. Mary Church.

MAY GOD BLESS

The families of Leonard Alexio Hernandez, Sylvester Tadeo Sobon, and Maeve Marie Sobon, all of whom recently welcomed into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism.



The Sanctuary Lamp next to the Tabernacle is burning
this week For Christina Maciasz.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY KICK-OFF

Sunday, May 5th, 6:30-8:00 PM

St. Mary High School Youth Ministry Kick-Off takes place on Sunday May 5th, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the JPIL Room! Any and all current 9th through 12th graders are welcome to join in community building, spiritual growth, fun filled nights, and most importantly snacks!



CONNOR FLANAGAN CONCERT

Sunday, May 19th, 7:00-9:00 PM

Youth Ministry will be having Connor Flanagan, a Catholic Hip-Hop artist, at the parish for a concert on Sunday, May 19th! Tickets are available to all St. Mary Huntley Parishioners at no cost until May 18th; tickets at the door will cost \$10. Please see Kyle or Kaylee in the Youth Ministry Office for tickets!



ARBY'S FUNDRAISER

**Friday, May 3, 5:00-9:00 PM,
Arby's, 320 N. Randall Rd.,
Lake in the Hills, IL**

St. Mary Youth Ministry will hold a fundraising event at Arby's in Lake in the Hills, 320 North Randall Road, on Friday, May 3rd from 5:00 to 9:00 PM. Enjoy some great food and 20% of sales bought by those who mention St. Mary's Youth Group will be donated to the Youth Group.



DIOCESAN APPEAL 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Repeatedly the Gospels remind us to be joyful: at the Annunciation, after the Resurrection, and when Jesus Himself shares His Gospel message with us so that His



joy can also be our joy. "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete." (John 15:11). It is an astoundingly simple way of describing what happens when we encounter Christ. His joy becomes our own.

This year I ask us all in the Diocese of Rockford to encounter Christ and "Be Joyful Disciples."

Your donation to our 2024 Diocesan Appeal helps support the many ministries of the Diocese of Rockford that carry out the universal mission of the Church: sharing the truth of the Gospel and joyfully transforming lives from the inside out. Would you please prayerfully consider a contribution to our appeal? Your generous contribution allows us to respond to those in need, care for the souls of young and old, prepare men for the priesthood and Permanent Diaconate, and inspire the hearts of others to share Christ's joy.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration – let our encounters with Christ be contagious as we all share the joy of the Gospel!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ David J. Malloy

Most Reverend David J Malloy
Bishop of Rockford



We need everyone's participation to reach our goal! Let's all participate to the best of our ability and we should be able to make our goal. May the Lord's blessings be upon our ministry here at the parish and also upon our Diocesan Church. Pledges and/or donations can be made by using the Diocesan Appeal envelopes or by scanning the QR code above. Thank you!

KNIGHTS' CORNER

TWO WIN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Two representatives from St. Mary Council 11666 won age-group titles at the Illinois Knights of Columbus State Free Throw Championships on April 14 at St. Anthony High School in Effingham.

Leading the way was Luca Boscarino, who won his second consecutive state championship. Luca won the 14-year-old category after capturing the 13-year-old crown in 2023. St. Mary's other champion was Jack Armstrong, who won the 9-year-old boys division.

A third state qualifier, Colton Cross, finished third in the 13-year-old boys division. Other state qualifiers from St. Mary included Olivia McGill (12-year-old girls) and Holland Van Dorin (9-year-old girls).

GOLF OUTING DATE ANNOUNCED

The annual St. Mary Golf Outing, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held Wednesday, September 11 at Pinecrest Golf Club in Huntley. There will be a 10:00 AM shotgun start. Stay tuned for more details.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

The next council officers meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM, Tuesday, May 7, while the next general council meeting is set for 7:00 PM, Tuesday, May 14. Any Knight with new business items is asked to bring those up at the council officers meeting on May 7.

WANT TO BECOME A KNIGHT?

We're always looking for good Catholic men who want to join the Knights of Columbus. If you're interested in becoming a Knight, contact our membership director, Greg Windbiel, at (224) 805-9637 or Real150guy@yahoo.com.

FIND US ONLINE

You can follow the St. Mary Knights online at their website (HuntleyKnights.org) and on Facebook (facebook.com/huntleyknights).

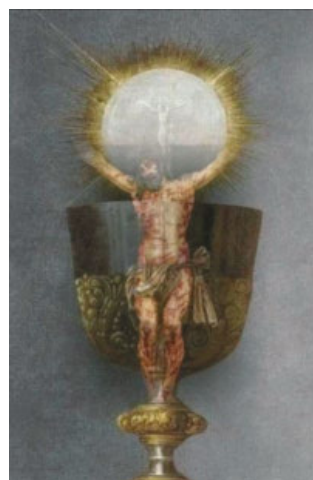
WE'RE WORKING ON IT!

We are still working on compiling the new Parish Directory. We will keep you posted on its progress.



ENCOUNTERING JESUS: HOLY HOUR FOR EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Tuesday, May 14, 7:00-8:00 PM

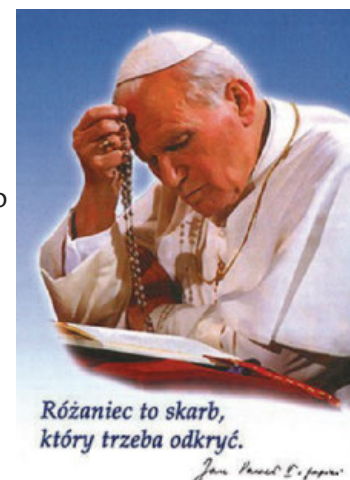


In conjunction with the Eucharistic Revival, we will be offering monthly Eucharistic prayer services. The next service will take place on Tuesday, May 14th, at 7:00 PM.

POLISH ROSARY

Monday, May 6th, 7:30 PM

We invite all Polish Speaking Parishioners to join the Polish Rosary Group. We welcome everyone, regardless of age or prayer experience. You are encouraged to attend and bring your prayer intentions, as the group will pray together for them. We look forward to seeing you on Monday, May 6th, at 7:30 PM in the St. Anne Room. The Rosary will be recited in Polish.



TRAVELING?

Visit <http://www.mass times.org> Enter the city you're visiting to find the Mass times nearest to you.

THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS DEVOTION

Tuesday, May 7, 6:00 PM

Jesus promised, among many other blessings, that honoring His Holy Face through this devotion offers:

- The **Conversion** of many sinners and mercy granted to their souls disfigured by sin, and,
- **Reparation** for outrages against the Majesty of God – Communism, Atheism, cursing, desecration of Sundays and Holy Days and other grave insults.

Our own image of the Holy Face, which will be on display, has been pressed to the traveling relic of the Holy Face of Jesus, a relic verified by the Vatican as having been touched to Veronica's Veil, the True Wood of the Cross, and the spear that pierced Christ's side.



SEASONS OF HOPE



Seasons of Hope
Bereavement Support Group

**Begins Friday,
May 10th,
9:00 AM**

Our next
session of
Seasons of

Hope grief support group will be meeting on Fridays, May 10, 17, 24, 31, June 7, & 14. We will be meeting in room 110 at 9:00 AM. To register please email kbaginski@stmaryhuntley.org We will be working through the second "Season" but, even if you are new to the group you are more than welcome to join us! No cost to attend. Registration is so we have an idea of how many supplies are needed.

\$100 CLUB

St. Mary SUMMERFEST 2024 is Saturday, August 10th.

We will be having the \$100 club again this year. The \$100 club was established to help defray the cost of SUMMERFEST! This is not a fundraiser, we are simply looking to get closer to the breakeven point.



This year everyone who joins the **\$100 club will be entered into a Grand Raffle** as well as have your name on the \$100 Club Honor Board that will be on display in the Narthex. If you would like to be part of the \$100 club simply add your contribution to an envelope clearly marked \$100 Club and either drop it in the collection basket on Sunday or bring it to the main office or mail to: St. Mary Church 10307 Dundee rd. Huntley, IL 60142 ATTN: Shirley Allen



HAITI MINISTRY MONTHLY SUPPORT

May 4th & 5th

The Haiti Ministry of St. Mary's will be having their October support drive for our sister parish, St. Louis Roi de France, the weekend of May 4th and 5th. Our

support for our brothers and sisters is always the 1st full weekend of the month. As a result of our monthly drive, we can provide Fr. Emile with the necessary funds to support his church and chapels, feed the poor, provide basic needs, and address emergencies. Along with Fr. Emile, we are grateful for your ongoing prayers and support which helps us serve God's poorest in Haiti.

Envelopes are now available on the wall beside the blue Haiti collection box in the narthex for your convenience. Please include your name and address on the envelope if you use cash. You may also use electronic giving. Thank you!



NEW IN THE PARISH?

Please call the Parish Office at (847) 669-3137 and we can register you right over the phone. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

"Forever Young" Senior Group



Wednesday, May 1st

Kelsey Paprocki, BSN, RN
Stroke Coordinator
Advocate Sherman Hospital

Join Us! And bring a friend!

Time: 1:00- 2:00 PM

Location: Parish Hall

Stroke Education—What's New? Be in the Know!

In the United States, a stroke occurs every 40 seconds, on average, but 80% of strokes are preventable! Kelsey will share the preventable measures to lower your risk of a stroke. Learn the various types, signs, and their impact on the body. Join us for this engaging, informative and empowering prevention session.

Questions?

Contact: Kaylee Baginski at (847) 669-3137 or kbaginski@stmaryhuntley.org

MARRIED OUTSIDE THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

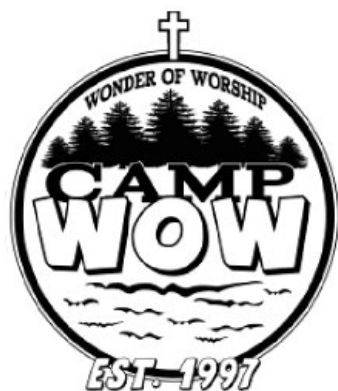
God wants to bless your marriage! Visit stmaryhuntley.org/married-in-the-church for more information.



**MEMORIAL DAY
PARADE**

MONDAY, MAY 27, 2024

Everyone is welcome to come walk in the Huntley Memorial Day Parade with us!!! We meet at the municipal building at 10:30 AM and walk down mainstreet ending at OLD St. Mary Church on Woodstock St. If your group has a ministry banner please bring it along!!!



Join Us at **CAMP WOW**

June 8th-11th

Save the date! Camp Wow, a four day, 3 night Catholic summer camp for junior high youth will take place

from June 8-11th at Timberlee in East Troy, Wisconsin. The cost is only \$350.00. Please contact Kaylee Domek at KDomek@StMaryHuntley.org or (847) 669-5612 for more information.



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Please pray for the poor and suffering that you are bringing the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

Do you know someone in need of assistance? Please refer them to

our confidential phone number (224) 569-2100.

WOMEN'S CLUB

Thursday, May 16th, 12:30 PM, Brunch Café

Join the St. Mary's Women's Club for our next meeting.

We'll do a **"Lunch Out"**, meeting at the Brunch Café on Route 47 on **Thursday, May 16th at 12:30 PM.**

A limited number of reservations can be made, so call either Mary Ann at (847) 269-0491 or Diane at (847) 346-2106. Separate checks only.

Hope to see you there.

Future monthly meetings:

Thursday, June 20—Game Day—Bingo

Bring an item (\$10 value) to be used as prizes.

July & August—No meetings—Vacation time

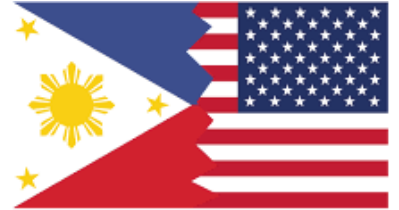


ST. MARY FILIPINO AMERICAN MINISTRY

EVENING PRAYERS will be on WEDNESDAYS at 6:30 PM starting April 24 at the Historic St. Mary Church downtown Huntley. We will pray the Divine Mercy, Rosary in devotion to Mary, Queen of Families, and Lectio Divina. ALL are welcome!

Upcoming Events

May 26, 3:00 PM, FLORES de MAYO
A Filipino tradition during the month of May in devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary. It is celebrated with a procession of the faithful, with offerings of flowers, candles, Rosary, prayers and songs. The procession is followed by Mass and a reception in the Parish Hall. Please bring a dessert to share.



We invite the youth to take part of the procession with the little ones dressed in white, or communion dresses, or elegant traditional dresses.

Please join us in planning, serving and celebrating! Contact us for any questions: Contact Jimmie at (847) 366-7164, Desiree at (773) 988-5122, Jasmin at (847) 873-7079, or Tina at (224) 678-5203

Join our Filipino choir—contact Choir Director Roel at (224) 392-9980



"O King of glory,
though you hide your
beauty, yet the eye of
my soul rends the veil. I
see the angelic choirs
giving you honor
without cease."

—St. Mary Faustina
Kowalska

LEARN TO CROCHET CAMP

Looking for something to do this summer? LEARN to crochet!

Who: Anyone 6th grade and up
Dates: Tuesday, May 28 - Friday, May 31
Time: 3:00PM - 4:30PM
Where: St. Mary Huntley, JP11 Room
Registration: Space is limited

For more information,
contact Renae Schlossmann
224-402-4704

IF YOU KNOW HOW TO CROCHET,
WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!



Registration Link Here!

FLOCKNOTE

Stay Informed About Current Parish News! Just text the word HUNTLEY to 84576 and fill in your name. Or sign up online at stmaryhuntley.flocknote.com

If you think you should be receiving our flocknotes, and you are NOT, then simply add mail@flocknote.com to your contact list for your email provider. (Also, make sure to check your spam / clutter file.)



Gracious Father, your Word, spoken in love, created the human family and, in the fullness of time, your son, conceived in love, restored it to your friendship. Hear the prayers of N. and N.,

who await the birth of their child. Calm their fears when they are anxious. Watch over and support these parents and bring their child into this world safely and in good health, so that as members of your family they may praise you and glorify you through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, now and for ever. R: Amen.

To add or remove the names of an expectant couple, please call the parish office at (847) 669-3137. In order to keep the list current, we will ask you for the baby's due date, but that will not be published.

Kyle & Karen
Ryan & Billie
Scott & Annie
Patrick & Whitney
David & Mary
Tommy & Claire
Ed & Annie

Joseph & Jennifer
James & Rachel
Jason & Olivia
Stuart & Kristen
Sam & Kate
Brandon & Nicole
Matthew & Kathryn

Mike & Christina
Billy & Alyssa
Zack & Samantha
Brent & Erica

THE SINGLES GROUP

For ages 60+



St. Mary's Singles Group invites Singles, Widows/ Widowers, Divorced, and Never Married, to join our Ministry. Our mission is to bring together Catholic singles for fellowship, socialization, spirituality, and volunteerism.

Tuesday, May 14th at 5:00 PM,
Sweet Basil Café, 2561 County Line Rd., Algonquin, Illinois 60102.

Please RSVP no later than Monday, May 13th by calling or texting Diane at (847) 217-8503. Be sure to leave your name and phone number!!
Separate checks always!!



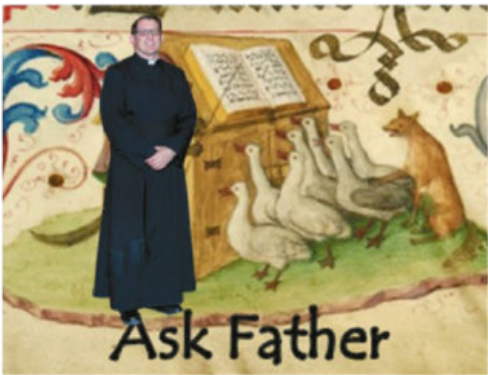
To add or remove the name of a sick person, please call the parish office at (847) 669-3137. In order to keep the list current, names will remain on the list for two (2) months. After that time, if you would like a name to remain on the list, we ask that you call the parish office again to renew the listing.

✱ Marguerite Alexander ✱ Ben Avila ✱ Amanda & Mike B. ✱ Lynn Baldwin ✱ Sara Jane Balsamo ✱ Jeanne Baker ✱ Joanie Berg ✱ Mary Blasko ✱ Rosemary Bono ✱ Teresa Brown ✱ Anne Clancy ✱ Chris Cooley ✱ Louie & Rosemarie Cunico ✱ Lori D. ✱ Denis Demko ✱ Raymond Dempsey ✱ Maria Dow ✱ Kathleen Dunn ✱ Dan Erber ✱ Rose Fang ✱ Michael & Kathy Finnegan ✱ Viola Fischer ✱ Jimmy Forbes ✱ Joan Fowler ✱ Fr. Stan ✱ Ernesto Garcia ✱ Patricia, Jose, Alex & Jenny Garcia ✱ Pat Garcia ✱ Donna Gary ✱ Peggy Gould ✱ George Gracia ✱ Kathy Hall ✱ Mark Hammersmith ✱ Patty Harris ✱ Patricia Harrison ✱ Winnie Hays ✱ Michael Hennessy ✱ Alfonso & Augustine Herrera ✱ Kathy Howald ✱ Jim Jakubowski ✱ Christopher Jewasinski ✱ Fr. Johnson ✱ Caleb K. ✱ Stacy Kenefick ✱ Audrey Kerin ✱ William & Trina Kerwin ✱ Fran Kligis ✱ Kolby Kranz ✱ Anna Mae Kuniki ✱ Marion Landry ✱ Grace Lang ✱ David Lemmenes ✱ Bob Lessor ✱ George Markowitz ✱ George Matheis ✱ Mary McNamara ✱ Deacon Jack McPhee ✱ Erica Mejia ✱ Garrett Meyer ✱ Josephine Misiti ✱ Jim Mitzel ✱ Lexi Mohr ✱ Mary Kay Monahan ✱ Margie Morphey ✱ Rachel Nolan ✱ Karen Osland ✱ Kate Pequet ✱ Mario Pizzoferrato, Jr. ✱ Bob Plante ✱ Tony Praskey ✱ Mike Pearson ✱ Lorraine Roy ✱ Christina Ruiz ✱ Leo Sage ✱ Luis & Martin Santellan ✱ Doreen Schorr ✱ Jack Scott ✱ Linda Serwa ✱ Gregory, Michael & Annette Small ✱ Louise Smoczynski ✱ Richard Smoczynski ✱ Jose & Linda Soto ✱ Terry Sowa ✱ Tyler Steryous ✱ Julie Sullivan ✱ Marge Tader ✱ Michael Tarpey ✱ Robert Taylor ✱ Owen Thorne ✱ Leighton Thurow ✱ Scott Tillema ✱ Eleanore Vanatta ✱ David Weber ✱ Sandy White ✱ Phyllis Wiesneth ✱ Rayelle Wojtanek ✱ Richard Worzala ✱ Don Wyatt ✱ Bob Wyler ✱ Marcy Zanellato ✱ Marge Zilinsky ✱ Kathy Zirkel ✱

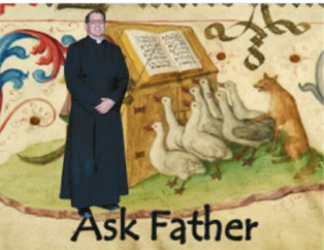
Please pray for our men and women in the armed services, and all our "First Responders"—those in the police, fire fighters, and paramedics/EMTs.

Question: **Please explain some of the interesting aspects of the life of Padre Pio—his being a stigmatist and his closeness to the guardian angels.** -Anonymous

Answer: “Padre Pio” was born into a family of agricultural laborers on May 25, 1887 in Pietrelcina in the Benevento region northeast of Naples, Italy. He was baptized with the name Francesco Forgione. From his earliest years God permitted little Francesco to see his guardian angel and also other people’s guardian angels. In fact, Francesc thought that everyone saw their guardian angel. Francesco entered the Capuchin Franciscan community in 1903 and took the name Pio (Pius, in Latin). People would often send their guardian angel to Padre Pio to ask for his prayers. Padre Pio used to suffer physical beatings from demons. On one occasion, Padre Pio recounted how his guardian angel suddenly appeared hovering close to him and singing hymns to the Divine Majesty in his angelic voice. For more stories on St. Pio and his guardian angel see Fr. Alessio Parente’s book *Send Me Your Guardian Angel*.



Pio was ordained a priest in 1910. Not long after his ordination Padre Pio began to experience pains in his hands and his feet. In September 1911 he told his spiritual director that he had suffered invisible stigmata for over a year. “Stigmata” refer to the wounds of Christ that a saint experiences on their own bodies. The stigmata tend to be in the hands, feet, and side of the body (some saints have also experienced wounds on the head as from the crown of thorns). In 1918 Pio’s stigmata in his hands and feet became visible and remained visible until the he celebrated his last Mass on the day before he died. Padre Pio wore gloves to cover the stigmata in his hands. Pio’s stigmata can be seen in numerous photographs although the mystical phenomena associated with him were investigated by the Church for years. Other saints have bore the stigmata. Some of these include: St. Francis of Assisi, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Rita of Cascia, and St. Gemma Galgani. The stigmata is a rare mystical gift given to a saint who is really close to Jesus. St. Pio of Pietrelcina, pray for us!



Is there something you’ve always wondered about concerning the Catholic Faith, but you never knew who to ask? Ask Father! Just type or write your question, put it in

an envelope marked “Ask Father” and mail it here to “Ask Father”, St. Mary Church, 10307 Dundee Road, Huntley, IL 60142, or drop it in the collection basket. You may sign your question if you wish. Answers will be printed in future bulletins. Please note: This is for questions about the FAITH—It is not a suggestion box. Questions will be answered at Father’s discretion.

ASK FATHER

Question:

Name (Optional) _____



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday, May 3, 8:30 AM

Please join us on the First Friday of each month for Adoration and Benediction after the 8:00 AM Mass. Console the Heart of Jesus with observance of First Fridays and see the effects in your prayer life. Join us!



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Saturday, May 4,
7:30 AM

All are welcome to take part in these devotions in reparation for sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



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HAITI MINISTRY – AGROFORESTRY PROJECT UPDATE

We are very fortunate that, in the face of the social and political crisis currently underway in Haiti, our efforts to improve the lives of the farmers of Leger continues largely unabated. We are pleased to announce that we recently received a grant from the Raising Haiti Foundation that will add 20 goats to our livestock sharing program. When combined with St. Mary support, the farmers will be receiving a total of 40 more goats. A farmer who receives a goat agrees to pass along the first female offspring of the gifted goat to another farmer. The continuation of this process will eventually make this program self-sustaining.

As a reminder, The “Tree Currency” Program started by our partner, the Smallholder Farmers Alliance, is a resilient strategy that plants and maintains trees, combatting climate change and improving the soil, water sources, and biodiversity. Our participating farmers earn “tree currency”: crop seeds, agricultural hand tools, the livestock sharing program, and training; things they need to improve their crop yields and incomes. The Tree Currency Program not only nurtures the ecosystem and promotes sustainable agroforestry, it addresses poverty, food insecurity, community socioeconomic development, and, since women participate equally, it promotes gender equity.

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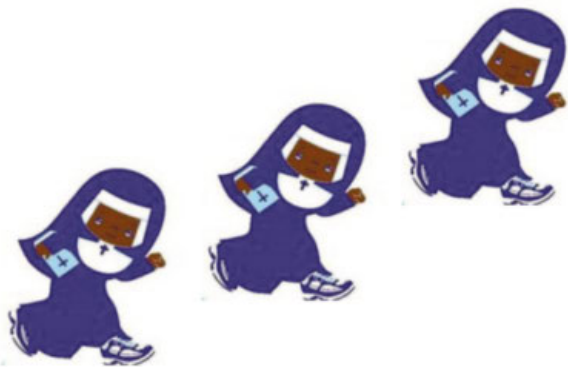
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Friday, May 31st, 1:00 PM Shotgun start, Whisper Creek Golf Course

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Date: Saturday, May 11, 2024

Time: Registration starts at 8am. Race begins at 10am.

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Cost: \$40 plus individual fundraising (no minimum) Includes race t-shirt and after race snacks!

Registration: www.madonnarenewalcenter.org (click on Blue Nun Fun Run Registration)

Questions: madonna@madonnarenewalcenter.org

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Saturday, May 11th, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 1023 McHenry Ave., Crystal Lake, IL

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Sister did some ministry in Rome and Sicily before she was transferred to the US to further her education. After her graduation from Wayne State University in Michigan with a Master's in Educational Psychology, she felt the call to serve as a chaplain in a hospital setting. Her ministry began at Northwestern Medicine Hospitals and she concurrently serves the Elgin community at Ascension Saint Joseph Hospital.

Free Rosary Repair will be offered during the event and religious books, CDs and Catholic items will be available for sale.

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Month of May

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AA Meeting? An AA Meeting is held here at St. Mary Church every Thursday evening at 7:00 PM.

Al-Anon Meeting? Al-Anon meets here at St. Mary Church every Saturday morning at 8:30 AM.

Family Members Left the Church? Tuesday afternoons following the 12:00 PM Mass, join your prayers with others praying for their loved ones.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, April 29

8:00 AM—Mass
8:30 AM—Morning Prayer
5:00 PM—EDGE
6:45 PM—EDGE
7:00 PM—Knight's Bible Study

Tuesday, April 30

8:00 AM—Mass
12:00 Noon—Mass
6:00-6:30 PM—Confessions
6:30 PM—First Communion Practice
6:45 PM—Surviving Divorce

Wednesday, May 1

8:00 AM—Mass
9:00 AM—Veritas
11:00 AM-12:00 Noon—Confessions
12:00 Noon—Mass
1:00 PM—Senior Club
1:00 PM—SVdP Meeting
5:30 PM—Camp WOW Parent Meeting
6:30 PM—Italy Pilgrimage Info Meeting
6:30 PM—First Communion Practice
Thursday, May 2
8:00 AM—Mass
8:30 AM—MMP
12:00 Noon—Mass
1:00 PM—Women's Club

Board Meeting

6:30 PM—Why Catholicism?

6:30 PM—Camp WOW Parent Meeting

7:00 PM—AA Meeting

7:15 PM—Adult Choir

Friday, May 3

8:00 AM—Mass
9:30 AM—Grief Group
4:00 PM—Little Flower Club

Saturday, May 4

8:00 AM—Mass
8:30-9:00 AM—Confessions
8:30 AM—Al-Anon
8:30 AM—Patriotic Rosary
8:45 AM—Men's Cursillo
9:00 PM—LIFT
10:00 AM—First Communion
12:30 PM—First Communion
2:30 PM—AHG Meeting
3:30-4:30 PM—Confessions
5:00 PM—Mass
Sunday, May 5
Masses at 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, and 12:00 and 5:00 PM
9:00 & 10:30 AM—Childcare during Mass
6:30 PM—High School YM

HOLY MASS FOR ALL WHO FACE MENTAL ILLNESS OR ADDICTION

Tuesday, May 14th, 5:30 PM, St. Peter Cathedral, 1243 N. Church St., Rockford

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Saturday Evening: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12:00 NOON, 5:00 PM

During the week (or consult Bulletin for changes):

Monday through Saturday: 8:00 AM

Tuesday through Thursday: 12:00 NOON

Recitation of the Rosary

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