



SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

103 Savanna Road • Hanover IL 61041

The mission of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church is to provide a place of Catholic worship, sacraments, spiritual guidance, education, love and support of all ages throughout our parish and community.

Parish Mission Statement



DISCIPLESHIP IS A PROCESS

It's said that upon reading the Gospels, Gandhi commented that he very much liked Jesus Christ. It was Christ's followers he found troublesome. One wonders who Gandhi had met and if these Christians had truly counted the cost of their faith. Following Jesus, really following Jesus, is much more challenging than we may think. He emphasizes this with strong language in this Sunday's Gospel. He compares discipleship to the carrying of one's own execution device — "his own cross" — and for the need even to "hate" what could disrupt one's commitment. Some of this is standard hyperbole, exaggeration for effect common to the time period. Some of this should make us wonder how deep our discipleship goes.

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost?" Jesus imagines this construction project gone wrong. Someone may lay the foundation but not have enough resources to finish. We've received the firm foundation of the sacraments — our baptism, for one, along with weekly Mass attendance and regular confession. Yet how often do we find ourselves too distracted, exhausted, or uninterested to truly build our lives on our faith? We have all met such Christians. Some days, we may be those Christians ourselves. We become the incomplete tower that confuses and baffles the onlookers. "This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish!" For some of us, our cross may feel heavier than we expected upon the first lift. Building a tower means laying stone upon stone. It's a process. We don't arrive at completion overnight. Grace is always sufficient to provide the resources, but we need to keep saying yes to the task. This week, consider your own discipleship. What is one area where you've become distracted or discouraged? How can that improve this week? Let God lay another brick on the tower.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 7

4:00 pm (SJ) * † Susan Sullivan Gable
(Wedding Ann.) By Bob Gable
6:00 pm (SM)* † Ken Berlage
By Marilyn Berlage

Sunday, September 8

8:30 am (SM) * † Warren Gerleman
By Larry & Kay Berlage
10:15 am (SJ) *For the People of SM & SM

Monday, September 9—No Mass

Tuesday, September 10

5:00 pm (SJ) * † William & Ede Sullivan
By Cottral Family

Wednesday, September 11

8:30 am (SM)*† The Offerman Family
By Joe & Joan Offerman

Thursday, September 12 • •

8:30 am (SJ) *† Joan Sullivan Gable
By Bob Gable

Friday, September 13

8:30 am (SM) * † Marlene Chunes
By Tony Chunes

Saturday, September 14

4:00 pm (SJ)* † Deacon Dave Wilbricht
By Louise McCormick

6:00 pm (SM)* For the People of SM & SJ

Sunday, September 15

8:30 am (SM) *† Jean Ertmer
By Alvin Ertmer
10:15 am (SJ) * † Doug Bonar
By Karen & Bob Harkness

*Pastor scheduled to celebrate



Respect Life Corner

Word Of Life

“By our baptism, we are members of Christ’s body and sharers in his mission. Imitating Christ, we must care for all members of our Communities, honoring each person as unique, sacred, and created in the image of God.

USCCB



St. Anne Society

St. Anne Society meets monthly in Hanover at St. John’s church hall.

Knights of Columbus

Fr. Ron Conro Knights of Columbus meet the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the church hall at the Church of St. Mary in Elizabeth .



“Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple” (Luke 14:33).

Dear Friends in Christ,

Followers and friends of Jesus Christ are to be in the world, but not of it. We are to be imbedded in the world to bring the light of Christ to every person, place, and situation, as much as possible. As our Lord points out in the Gospel, the cost of discipleship is total dedication to our Lord and his teachings. This is challenging, requiring a true detachment from things and even persons, so that we can “focus like a laser beam” on Jesus Christ, and so that we can be his “change agents” wherever we go, rather than being assimilated into the mediocrity and banality of the world.

In a letter to a friend considering becoming Catholic, Flannery O’Connor, a 20th century American writer and a devout Catholic, told her friend that to become Catholic is supposed to be a liberating experience. Too many, including too many Catholics, think that the life of an observant Catholic is weighed down learning and observing lots of rules and regulations, which are seen to restrict freedom. A Catholic serious about the Catholic faith finds true peace, joy, and freedom precisely in striving to live the challenge of being a dedicated disciple of Jesus Christ, a seeker after God, truth and love, always trusting in and relying on God to help us do so. We all can improve, but let us do so following Jesus closely, our way, our truth, and our life.

This weekend we honor grandparents. Grandparents influence their grandchildren more than they might think. By their example and their words, grandparents can help their grandchildren appreciate the Catholic faith, and find in it a rich resource for living a good life in this life and in the life to come.

St. Mary’s and St. John’s religious education programs are starting up for the new school year. If you wish to enroll your child, there is still time. Please contact the office of the parish whose religious education classes you wish to have your child attend. Let us pray for our students, their families, and their catechists, that they will know the love and will of God through their studies, and be formed more and more into the mind, heart, and life of Jesus Christ.

The annual blue Mass at the firehouse in Shannon will take place this Wednesday, September 11th. This is a Mass for first responders, living and deceased, on the anniversary of the attacks of September 11, 2001. The procession will begin at St. Wendelin’s Church around 6:30 P.M., with Mass at the firehouse at 7:00 P.M. Please pray for our first responders.

In Christ,
Fr. Dennis

Ministry Formation

How is God calling you to serve? Ministry Formation is a two year program for any adult Catholics who desire a deeper relationship with God and His community, to explore Catholic teaching, and to develop compassionate leadership skills in diverse areas of ministry.

Classes are in going to be held for the first time in Stockton. We are also pleased to announce our new family friendly class schedule! You will meet about twice a month: Wednesday meetings 7-9pm and Saturday meetings 9am-12:30pm. Apply at: www.ceorockford.org under Adult Faith Formation or call Kristina at 815-399-4300. The first classes start Sept. 4th, but there is still time to sign-up.

If interested, the people that have taken the class so it is a great experience not to be missed. Please call and sign up. The church will pay the cost of the classes.

Stewardship Report

No report at time of Publication



Parish and Community News

Religious Education: Classes for CCD begin this Wednesday at 6:15 pm. If you have not signed up please contact Laura Kuzniar Her number is listed in this bulletin below.

Men's Retreat: Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House September 20-22. See the bulletin board for more information.

FORMED : All Parishioners and residents of the Elizabeth and Hanover areas are welcome to access the many Catholic videos and other materials available at www.formed.org. Simply go to the website, click "Enter Code," sign in using access code 94TGXM, put in the requested information to create a personal account, and from then on just "login" with your email name and a password you created.

TV MASS: Brought to you each week by WREX-TV, Channel 13

The TV Mass is broadcast each Sunday morning at 6:30 a.m. on Rockford television station WREX-TV, Channel 13. It is also broadcast each Sunday at noon on the Freeport cable system, Comcast cable channel 17.

Please see the bulletin board for more information.

Liturgical Roles

September 14

JoAnn Nolan	Lector
Maria Kmiec	Em
JoAnn Nolan	
Maria Kmiec	Sacristan
Joe Kmiec	Altar Server

September 15

Julianna Kuzniar	Lector
Mike Kuzniar	Em
Laura Kuzniar	
Mary Wild	
Deb Zigler	Sacristan
Cora Ritchie	Altar Server

Readings for the week of September 8, 2019

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 [1]/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab [9]/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Next Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19 [Lk 15:18]/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Parish Office: St. John 815-591-2258
Parish Staff
Pastor Dennis Morrissy
dmorrissy@rockforddiocese.org
Direct Voice Mail (815)388-8844
Secretary/Bookkeeper
 Maria Kmiec 815-858-5833
CRE Coordinator: Laura Kuzniar
 815-858-5217
 E-Mail..... st_john@frontier.com

Parish Office: St. Mary
 Phone (SM).....815-858-3422
 Fax (SM).....815-858-2622
 E-mail (SM).....
stmary-elizabeth@rockforddiocese.org
 Website: www.stmaryelizabethil.org
 Facebook: www.facebook.com/stmary.eliz.il.61028

(SJ)-St. John • (SM)-St. Mary

Mass Schedule*

Weekday

Monday: No Mass
Tuesday: 5:00pm (SJ)
Wednesday: 8:30am (SM)
Thursday: 8:30am (SJ)
Friday: 8:30am (SM)

Weekend:

Saturday: 4:00pm (SJ) 6:00pm (SM)
Sunday: 8:30am (SM) 10:15am (SJ)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 9:00-10 am (SM), 3:15-3:45pm (SJ) or by appointment. Contact St. Mary's office for an appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage

Engaged couples must call Fr. Morrissy to begin their preparation at least six months before their wedding date.

Sacrament of Baptism

Call Fr. Morrissy to begin preparation.

Sick or Hospitalized

Please notify Fr. Morrissy of family members who are ill or in the hospital.

Pregnant?

There are alternatives to abortion! If pregnant and in need of assistance, call 1-800-848-love. For local assistance, call the Freeport Pregnancy Center at 815-232-5433.

First Thursday-8:30AM-Mass, Holy Hour and Healing Service (SJ)
 First Friday-8:30AM-Mass, Holy Hour & Healing Service (SM)

* Subject to change due to holy days

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

Local Bankers... Making Local Decisions... Meeting Local Needs



Apple River
STATE BANK



FIRST
Community
BANK OF GALENA

Apple River
Scales Mound
Warren
Elizabeth
Hanover
Galena - First
Community Bank

www.AppleRiverStateBank.com

Member FDIC

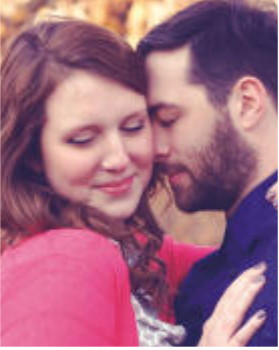
Law-Jones Funeral Homes
 "Dedicated To The Celebration Of Life"
 • Caring Service • Professional Staff
 • Affordable Pricing • Monument Selections
 Visit our website
 www.lawjonesfuneralhome.com
 Preview Monuments
 309 Chicago Avenue, Savanna, IL
1-800-525-2264

WHITMER BODY SHOP

KEN WHITMER OWNER
 201 Myrtle St.
 Elizabeth, IL 61028
 815-858-2065

ROBERT F. CHORAK, D.D.S.
 NOW AT
GALENA FAMILY DENTAL
 202 Summit Street
 Galena, IL 61036
(815) 777-2338

SAUNDERS OIL CO., INC
 815/745-2267 • WARREN, IL
 Visit Our Convenience Stores
 DARLINGTON 608/776-2877
 MUSCODA 608/739-3733
 HAZEL GREEN 608/854-2533
 SHULLSBURG 608/965-8918
 STOCKTON 815/947-2314

catholicmatch® Illinois

 CatholicMatch.com/IL

ILLINOIS BANK & TRUST

 971 Gear Street, Galena • 815.777.0663
 400 S. Main Street, Galena • 815.777.9202
 151 N. Main Street, Elizabeth • 815.858.2221
 11655 US 20 E., Stockton • 815.947.2000
 www.IllinoisBank.com
 Great Things Happen!™

Lisa Hall Insurance Agency Inc.
State Farm

(815) 777-2697

HELP PROTECT YOUR FAMILY & HOME
CALL NOW! 1-888-891-6806


 HOME SECURITY TEAM

Petsche DECORATING, INC
 Exterior • Interior • Painting • Maintenance
 Proud to put my name on your home...
 Insured • Free Estimates
 Exterior Maintenance on Decks, Siding, or Log Homes
 Interior Staining, Painting, and Wall Repair
Mark A. Petsche • 815.291.5809

Culver's of Galena


Local Bankers... Making Local Decisions... Meeting Local Needs


 Apple River Scales Mound
 Warren
 Elizabeth
 Hanover
 Galena – First Community Bank
 www.AppleRiverStateBank.com

BUICK • GMC TRUCKS
ELIZABETH GARAGE
 IN BUSINESS SINCE 1925
 OFFICE
(815) 858-2230
 201 MAIN STREET

AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME
ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE
 Contact **Maggie Welter** to place an ad today! mwelter@4LPi.com
 or **(800) 950-9952 x2601**

PROTECTING SENIORS NATIONWIDE
 MEDICAL ALERT SYSTEM
\$29.95/MO
 BILLED QUARTERLY PLUS SPECIAL OFFER
 CALL NOW! 1.877.801.7772
 WWW.24-7MEDALARM.COM

Hanover Farmers' Market
 Sat. 9-11am
 Advertisement sponsored by **John and Sara Sullivan**

PCI PRIMARY CONTRACTORS INC.
815-858-3438
 Excavating • Electrical
 Tiling • Septic

JO DAVIESS MUTUAL INSURANCE CO
 Insuring Homes & Farms Since 1887
(815) 777-2111
 101 Exchange St, Ste 201 • Galena


(815) 858-3535
 1336 US Hwy 20, Elizabeth

Apple River Well & Pump Company
 Expert & Emergency Service
 HOME • FARM • INDUSTRY
 JO DAVIESS AND CARROLL COUNTIES
 1-800-WELL-SERVICE (1-800-935-5737)
 EAST DUBUQUE 815-747-2727
 "When Average...Just Isn't Good Enough!"

SPREAD THE WORD
 A Thriving, Vibrant Community Matters
SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

ups THE UPS STORE
FULL SERVICE COPY CENTER
 Galena, IL • 815-776-0822
 Dubuque, IA • 563-582-3030
 Great Service, Locally Owned


 101 West Main St • Elizabeth, IL 61028
 (815) 930-0009
 www.thethreeelizabethsguesthouse.com

OLD NORTHWEST LAND CO.
 FARMS • HOMES • COMMERCIAL • RECREATION
www.oldnorthwestlandco.com
815-777-1776
 4359 Industrial Park Ste. 101 Galena * Licensed in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Iowa

WE'RE HIRING AD SALES EXECUTIVES

 • Full Time Position with Benefits
 • Sales Experience Preferred
 • Paid Training
 • Overnight Travel Required
 • Expense Reimbursement
 CONTACT US AT: careers@4LPi.com
 www.4LPi.com/careers

SMALL TOWN SALOON
 111 N. MAIN STREET
 ELIZABETH IL
815-858-9111
 THE FREEDOM RING