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Fourth Sunday of Easter • May 8, 2022



LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekends

Sunday 10 am

Weekdays

Monday-Thursday 5:15 pm

Reconciliation

Sundays: 9:15 am - 9:45 am

Tuesdays: 4:15 pm - 5 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

First Saturday at 8:30 am

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MEDITATION

Do we hear and follow?

Before we can welcome Jesus as the Good Shepherd, we have to hear his voice. God's voice breaks into the dialogue of our lives in myriad ways, but we have to be attentive and receptive in order to hear it.

Once we see the wisdom behind the commandments and teachings God places before us and are attentive to listening for His direction, we can begin to take the necessary steps and follow Him. We are easily misled and there are many convincing "shepherds." Only one is Good.

We may not always like where God asks us to go, and it may not be the path others prefer to take. But we have to follow it because we trust that our kind Shepherd will keep us safe.

An Invitation to Fr. Richard Chiola's Golden Jubilee of Priestly Ordination



You are invited to participate in Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Agnes Church, 245 N. Amos, Springfield, on Sunday, May 22, 2022. A light lunch will follow in the parish center.

Father retired from parish assignment in July 2015, and he has since been assisting as needed in parishes, while continuing to offer spiritual direction, workshops, and retreats in various

locations. Fr. Chiola may be contacted at rchiola@dio.org and receives postal mail at 2926 Victoria Dr., Springfield, 62704.

Greetings from Fr. Wayne!

I have been here for nearly two months now but I know that there are so many of you that I have not met yet. I hope to tell you a little about myself so that maybe we can find some common connections! I was born and raised in a small town outside of Vandalia, IL. My parents still live in my childhood home. My oldest sister, Andrea, has twins (6 years old), a boy and a girl, and she lives with her husband in St Louis, MO. My middle sister, Kim, has a daughter (4 years old) and a son (2 years old). She lives with her husband in Mt Vernon, IL. After I graduated High School I studied music for one year at a community college before I entered seminary



Fr. Wayne,
Parochial Vicar

my sophomore year in 2011. I studied Philosophy at Marian University while living at Bishop Simon Brute College Seminary in Indianapolis until 2013. I then studied Theology at St Mary of the Lake University, better known as Mundelein Seminary, being located in Mundelein, IL. Upon Ordination on May 27, 2017, I was assigned

as an assistant (parochial vicar) at the Cathedral in Springfield, IL and chaplain at Sacred Heart Griffin Catholic High School. In 2019 I was named pastor of St. Fidelis, St. Luke, and St. Alexius parishes in Cass County Illinois. I was there for two years until I requested a leave of absence to address depression and anxiety. For six months I have been participating in treatment and I feel that I am ready to minister full time again although I would like to be an assistant again. Thanks be to God and the graciousness of Fr. Friedel and the Diocese for allowing me to begin ministry again here at Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Thomas, Millikin University, and St Teresa. I am very excited about these assignments. I have missed being in parish ministry and beginning July 1, I will be officially assigned here with all of you. Until that time it is likely that you will see me around doing various ministries. Do not hesitate to introduce yourself because I am excited to be here and have had good experiences so far. Peace,

Fr. Wayne



Viktoria and her children fled the city of Mykolaiv. Now they are receiving relief in Poland. Photo courtesy of Philipp Spalek/Caritas Germany

Your Help Is Urgently Needed for Families from Ukraine.

More than 4 million people are fleeing for their lives to neighboring countries—leaving behind homes, jobs and everything familiar.

There is great risk of additional suffering both within Ukraine and for those who are fleeing to neighboring countries for safety. CRS and Caritas partners on the ground need immediate support to meet both ongoing needs as the situation intensifies.

Years of conflict along the eastern border had already displaced 1.3 million people from their homes and claimed 14,000 lives and now 2.3 million people have fled Ukraine. Almost 90 percent of the refugees are women and children.

Throughout this time, **Caritas Ukraine**, with support from CRS, has been providing emergency relief and recovery—and now help is needed more than ever. CRS and Caritas partners on the ground are working across Ukraine and in bordering countries, providing safe shelter, hot meals, hygiene supplies, transport to safe areas, counseling support and more.

Please visit <https://support.crs.org> to help.



During this Easter season, please remember to pray for those in our Sister Parish, **Immaculate Conception**, in Comapa, Guatemala, as they pray for us.

G U A T E M A L A

Parish Giving

	Collected	Budgeted
May 1	\$7,310.	\$5,000.

Year-to-Date:	\$215,522.	\$220,000.
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R/M Donations.....	\$110.
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Sister Parish Donations	\$153.
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Catholic Communications.....	40.
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Retired Diocesan Priests	\$75.
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Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting the church. Envelopes may be mailed to the parish office, or slipped through the mail slot on the office door.

Online giving is also available:

<https://parishgiving.dio.org/stthomasdecaturn>

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, May 8

10 am – **Mary Kraus †**

Monday, May 9

5:15 pm – **Robert and Louise Luckenbill †**

Tuesday, May 10

5:15 pm – **Mary Kraus †**

Wednesday, May 11

5:15 pm – **Edward Schullian †**

Thursday, May 12

5:15 pm – **John A Bollero Family**

Friday, May 13

No Mass

Saturday, May 14

No Mass

Sunday, May 15

10 am – **Dolores Brady †**

Parish Office

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Please Remember in your Prayers

**All who are Ill at Home or in the Hospital
and their Families and Caregivers**

Isabelle Blakeman, Kevin Henry, Polly Hensley,

Jim Hertel, Ann-Marie Hillyer,

Sawyer Dale Hunter, Anonymous,

Amber Johnson, Patricia Jones, Don Keefner,

Kelly McLean, Trey McLean,

Lucia Molloy, Christina Mooney, Lucia Mounce,

Rev. Msgr. James O'Shea, Joe Perry,

Kay Russell, Carolyn Thorpe, Roz Sandage,

Brenda Sullivan, Virginia Thompson,

JoAn Wayne, Pete Wayne,

Tami Wittenauer

RESURRECTION NARRATIVES

Tuesday May 10, May 17, and May 24
7 pm - OLOL Enrichment Center

Looking for a way to dive a little deeper into the joy of the Resurrection? Come and join Fr. Friedel for a four-part presentation and discussion on some of the Resurrection stories we hear in the Gospels. All are welcome--as always, bring your Bible and a friend (or three!).

Life in the Spirit Seminar

This Easter Season, Fr. Trummer is hosting a Life in the Spirit Seminar, which focuses on deepening our relationship with the Holy Spirit. The seminar will talk about the essential truths of God's love,

discipleship, and charisms and gifts of the Holy Spirit. If you want your faith reignited, and to experience the more God has to offer, then come to the Life in the Spirit Seminar. It will take place in the Enrichment Center at Our Lady of Lourdes from 7-8pm. There will be optional time for continued socializing and discussion after 8pm. The seminar will be hosted on the following Thursdays: 5/19, 5/26, and 6/2.

The last session for praying for a deeper outpouring of the Holy Spirit will take place on Friday 6/3 at 7pm. Any questions can be emailed to Fr. Trummer- mtrummer@dio.org

First Saturday, May 7 Eucharistic Adoration

Join us **this Saturday morning from 8:30-9:30am** for Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction. The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Church's life and ministry. Eucharistic Adoration is adoring or honoring the Eucharistic Presence of Christ. As Catholics, we believe that Christ is truly and substantially present in the Eucharist.



May Crowning After Mass Today

Our annual May Crowning will take place after Mass today, **Sunday, May 8, Mother's Day.**



It is a Catholic tradition to honor Mary, our Mother, during the month of May by placing on her statue a crown of flowers. The

May Crowning gives the our parish family an opportunity to especially honor the Blessed Mother of Jesus, and to give thanks to her for bringing our Savior into the world.

We invite family and friends to share in this devotion, and we ask families to bring flowers to place before the statue of Mary in the church and honor Our Lady of Grace.

Lunch Bunch

The St. Thomas Lunch Bunch will meet at the **Pop's Place, 4335 W Main St**, Decatur, (just before S. Wyckles Rd., across from 121 Coffee Run) on **Tues, May 10** at 11:15 a.m. Join us for food and conversation. Bring a friend!

New Life Pregnancy Center

BABY BOTTLE 2022 CAMPAIGN

Begins Mothers' Day to Fathers' Day

Please pick up a Baby Bottle in the Gathering Area and fill with your Change, Cash or Checks. Money raised will support New Life's life changing work of meeting physical & spiritual needs of men and women facing an unexpected pregnancy...and Saves the Life of their Baby!

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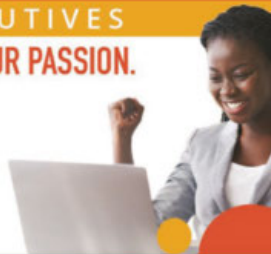
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