



THE CHURCH OF
Saint Mary
 SYCAMORE, IL

Mission Statement

The Church of St. Mary, is a Roman Catholic Church whose Mission is that of Jesus Christ: The conversion of sinners and the salvation of souls. This is accomplished by preaching and living the Gospel, celebrating Sacraments and evangelizing the world around us.

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SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." - Lk 10:41-42

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00 pm Vigil
 Sunday 8:00 am, 11:00 am
 9:30 am Spanish

DAILY MASSES

Mon - Fri 8:15 am
 Saturday 8:00 am
HOLY DAYS
 8:15 am 6:00 pm

CONFESSION TIMES

Saturday - after morning Mass
 & 4:00 - 4:30 pm
 Or by appointment

ADORATION

9:00 am - 6:00 pm
 Thursdays

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Our readings this weekend speak to us about the virtue of hospitality. This is clear in the first reading and the Gospel. Abraham hosts three visitors, but the story is introduced by "The Lord appeared to Abraham". This is an appearance of what Christ will definitely reveal, that God is the Holy Trinity. Abraham even addresses the visitors in the singular, saying "Sir". The one God is a Trinity of Persons; the Mystery's life is love, as St. John teaches us in his first letter. In the Gospel, Martha and Mary host Jesus and the Apostles. These two events show us the distinctively Christian nature of hospitality, that while welcoming our guests, in opening not only our homes but also our lives to another, there is something more going on, Someone more present. St. Paul makes this clear to us in our second reading. In addressing the community in Colossae, he says, "It is Christ in you". Christ has made hospitality an opportunity to encounter a life beyond our plans and our imaginations: His own self present in those we host.

As a parish family, we too are called as a community to this virtue. For the person coming into our beautiful church or asking us why we live the way we do, the virtue of hospitality is how we open ourselves to something more in those situations. We do a great job of greeting each other with a smile here and I myself have felt so welcomed by you. Let's be sure that we are doing the same to all we encounter. How we welcome those who disagree with us or question something of our life leaves an impression on what following Christ means. May the Lord bless us with growth in the virtue of hospitality, that all may feel welcome in our presence. The dynamic of the Christian life and our communion means everyone is a friend, with a destiny like ours. Our hospitality this summer may be the beginning of someone's encounter with the beauty of Christ!

On Retreat

I will be away from the parish this week, from July 20 until July 26, on my annual retreat required of all priests. I'm looking forward to this time of prayer and rest and I'm grateful to the priests of the NIU Newman Center for covering Masses here this week until I return. Please know of my prayers for you and please pray for me!

*Peace,
Fr. Linkenheld*



If you have a child who will be 3 or 4 years old before September 1st, you are invited to bring your child to Saint Mary's Playdate on Tuesday, July 28th, and/or Tuesday, August 5th, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. for fun and friendship. A parent must stay with the child. Please RSVP to 815-895-5215 or pstrang@stmarysycamore.org

**HAPPY 100TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY
SAINT MARY SCHOOL!**

Sunday, August 17th, we will begin the celebration of our school's 100th Year Anniversary with a special Mass at 11:00 a.m. followed by a picnic from 12 to 3. Food, games and fun will be provided. Grilling courtesy of our Knights of Columbus. Everyone is welcome!

NEW AT SAINT MARY SCHOOL: TUITION TRANSFER GRANTS

- ◆ **A Tuition Transfer Grant (TTG) is offered to all students transferring to Saint Mary School in Grades 1-7 from any public, private or charter schools. Students from other parish schools in our deanery are not eligible for this grant.**
- ◆ **The student must be accepted to the school and remain enrolled for the entire year.**
- ◆ **For more information, contact Mrs. Strang at pstrang@stmarysycamore.org or 815-895-5215.**



We are looking for :
Part-time maintenance person
Part-time resource teacher
Part-time PE teacher
Substitute teachers

HOPE HAVEN: (July 26)

Bonnie Konwinski

MINISTRY OF CARE: (July 27)

Grand Victorian: Michelle Cusumano

Wednesdays: Linda Gibson - Rosary

Lincolnshire: Linda Gibson

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 21

8:15 AM † Thomas Roach

Tuesday, July 22

8:15 AM † All Souls Day

Wednesday, July 23

8:15 AM † John & Caroline Gorenz

Thursday, July 24

8:15 AM † Carl Amolat

6:00 PM Spanish Mass

Friday, July 25

8:15 AM † Max Sauber

Saturday, July 19

8:00 AM † Elizabeth Bauer

5:00 PM † Virginia McCaskey

Sunday, July 20 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM † People of St. Mary

9:30 AM † Lupita Gamez

11:00 AM † Pat Bacon

Jack Connerton, longtime member of St. Mary Parish, will be turning 106 on July 25th. Cards would be appreciated and welcome. Cards may be dropped off at the parish office or mailed to him in care of his daughter, Kathy Hammes, Coldwell Banker Real Estate Group, 1957 DeKalb Ave., Sycamore, IL 60178. Thank you for helping us celebrate Jack!

Weekly Collection Income		
July 13, 2025		
<u>Actual Collection</u>	<u>Needed To Meet Budget</u>	
\$12,128.17	\$11,100.00	
<u>Total Since July 1, 2025</u>	<u>Year to Date Budget</u>	
\$26,715.46	\$24,750.00	
Diocesan Appeal		
<u>Goal</u>	<u>Pledge</u>	<u>Pay</u>
\$80,518.00	\$48,084.34	\$337,777.82

Religious Education

Registration for Religious Ed is open! Forms must be submitted by August 24th. Registration can be found either in the PAC or on the RE website under "Religious Education".

If you are interested in being a Catechist, please email Sarah Larkins at

re@stmarysycamore.com

Scan for Religious Education



Any help would be appreciated!

Sycamore Community School District 427
Early Childhood Screening Appointments

For children ages 3 -5 to check delays in speech, hearing, vision, or motor skills. For information or to schedule an appointment contact Niamh Welp, 815-899-8129, welpW@syc427.org

MINISTERS FOR JULY 26 - JULY 27, 2025

Date	Time	Usher	Greeter	Eucharistic Minister	Sacristan	Lector/ Commentator	Altar Servers
Saturday	5:00 pm	Sandy Fischer Jim Fitzgerald Mike Mendel Need	Chris Fioretto Jeff Fischer	Mariann Kaminski Carol Romano Deanna Smith	Need	Lorrie Bearrows Kim Turcotte	Katie Hudek Zoey Pearson
Sunday	8:00 am	Jeff Hammes Chuck Maveus Need Need	Kathy Hammes Jeanne Maveus	Deacon Rich Foy Rhonda Kitsos Marcia Staniszewski	Bernadette Giraldi	Sr. Judy Herrmann Larry Forsberg	Eileen Lehan Clare Lehan Maevae Lehan
Sunday	11:00am	Dennis Keating Need Need Need	Need Need	Sarah Larkins Mike Villalta Sr. Judy Herrmann	Mickey Beckman	Jayne Higgins Amelia Simone	Adria Josh Liam Schroeder

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