SAINT MARY OF THE ANNUNCIATION

APRIL 28, 2024 ● 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Pray for our Confirmation Candidates who received the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on April 25

Kaidan Michael Boongaling Vivian Rose Bowman Caleb Damian Cerny Nathaniel *Noah* Cerny Brody Sebastian Connelly Lindsey Catherine Dasso Thomas Christopher Dunaway Alan Christopher Dye Jr. Shawn Sebastian Dzierzynski Kennan Joseph Egbert Victoria Therese Egbert Kendall Veronica Everson Ryan Pio Forster Steven Carlo Galuska Chloe *Theresa* Hannigan Jacob Jacob Hannigan Alivia *Madeleine* Harig Mirela *Theodora* Hierzer Adrian Andrew Iverson Michael Peter Johns Tegan Philomena Johnson Natalie *Gertrude* Kampa Christina Francesca Karabinis Gavin Francis Kehoe



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Jacob *John* Matyasik

Liam *Sebastian* McInerney

Jackson *Fabian* McInerney

Katelyn *Abigail* McMahon

Miranda Valentine Michler Ryan *Matthew* Mroz Addison *Therese* Mroz Stella Mary Napoli Mara John Nold Sadie Jude Olsen Lucy Lucia Piland James William Pogachnik Mariah Cecilia Rescober Ashlyn Elizabeth Rodriguez Michael Genesius Sager Zoe Joan Schoppe Marek James Smith Maddox Valentine Solum Lilly Cabrini Taylor Evan *Maximillian* Turpin Adrianna Cecilia Twarowski Mia Therese Varghese Tyler Sebastian Wahls Benjamin George Warner Aiden Sebastian Werner Jacob Christopher Williams Chance Michael Winckler Ramiro Sebastian Zuniga

Vision:

That all generations at St. Mary and in the surrounding community encounter Jesus and live as His disciples.

Mission:

We are called to go out and share the Good News, making disciples who build up the Kingdom of God

Mass Schedule: Sat. 5:00 PM Sun. 7:30, 9:30,11:30 AM Weekday Mass Schedule: Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM

Confessions: Saturday, 4:00–4:45 PM

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Mass Intentions April 29, 2024—May 3, 2024

Monday, April 29, 8:00AM

LIVING Sr. Margot Schueneman 75th Jubilee req. Niece Judy Beyer

† Mike Brown reg. Rose Marie Domney, Judy Hammel

Tuesday, April 30, 8:00AM

LIVING Deacon Bob Poletto 30th Anniversary of Diaconate

† Daniel Murphy req. John Burzinski † Carl Brokesh req. The Stith Family

Wednesday, May 1, 8:00AM

† Dorothy Klonder req. Sister RoseMarie Marsh

Thursday, May 2, 8:00AM

† Steve Renford req. Friends

Friday, May 3, 8:00AM

†Sophia Barthuly req. Husband Ron Barthuly & Family

† Dolores Siwak req. Friends & Family

† Harry W. Hatton, Jr. req. Daughters & Family

Saturday, May 4, 5:00PM

† John Unger req. The Caccamo Family

Sunday, May 5, 7:30AM

† Bill Steffenhagen req. Gene Graham & Marjorie Mead

† Clyde Lenzen req. Cousin Linda & Art Greving † Amy Herchenbach req. † Bill Steffenhagen Family † Ed Tauscher req. Al & Cris Roemer

Sunday, May 5, 9:30AM

† Diane Coale req. Niece Amy Thompson Family

† Milan & † Berny Zirko req. Daughter Diane & Jeff Heppert

† Lena Fruscione req. Husband Salvatore & Family

† Lorraine Free req. Fran & Rich Free † Annie Binsfeld req. Maureen & Jim Merkel

† William Underhill 5th Anniversary req. Mother Rose, Sister

Dawn Peterson & Family

Sunday, May 5, 11:30AM

† Kathy Bittner req. Her Children & Family

Observances for the week of April 28, 2024

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter

Monday: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the

Church

Tuesday: St. Pius V, Pope
Wednesday: St. Joseph the Worker

Thursday: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the

Church; National Day of Prayer

Friday: Sts. Philip and James, Apostles

Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter

National Day of Prayer MAY 2, 2024

Stewardship Report



As a result of an early bulletin deadline, the stewardship report for April 21st will appear next week.
St. Mary is very grateful for your continued support.
Happy Easter!

Do you know someone missing the parish bulletin?

For those not able to pick up a copy of the bulletin at Mass there are several ways to receive the St. Mary bulletin at home:

- Visit the bulletin page at the parish website to view or print any recent copy.
- To have a hard copy of the bulletin mailed to you, please leave a message with the parish office at 847-223-0010
 - or email: parish@stmota.org.
- You can also subscribe to receive
 the bulletin digitally to your inbox
 through our bulletin publisher, LPi. Subscribe at the bulletin page on the parish website www.stmaryfc.org.







Fr. Joji Thanugundla

Dear Parishioners of Saint Mary,

Here at St. Mary of the Annunciation we are blessed to have our deacons serving, supporting, and taking part in many activities and ministries contributing to the spiritual and temporal growth of our community. I would like to acknowledge Deacons Bob Poletto, Gary Kupsak, Mike Alandy, and Howard Fischer. I am



thankful to all of them for their understanding and cooperation in leading our parish.

In this regard, I wish to congratulate Deacon Howard Fischer, who is celebrating his 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Diaconate on May 1st. It's a blessing to have served 25 years and continue to do so. Deacon Howard, while belonging to the Diocese of Rockford, has been helping at our parish for the past 13 years while also taking the responsibilities of running our daily parish functions as our Director of Parish Operations. As many of you know, it's not an easy task to keep this place going. I am thankful for his dedication, commitment, wisdom, hard work and being present at all times. As I am slowly getting my feet wet knowing this parish and its administration aspects, Deacon Howard has been kind and understanding in explaining the things I need to attend to on a daily



As we acknowledge his services and ministry, please join me in congratulating him and praying to God for many blessings on him and his family. Deacon Howard will be serving/assisting/preaching at the 11:30 am mass on Sunday, April 28th. All are welcome to con-

gratulate and celebrate with a reception immediately after the mass in the narthex.

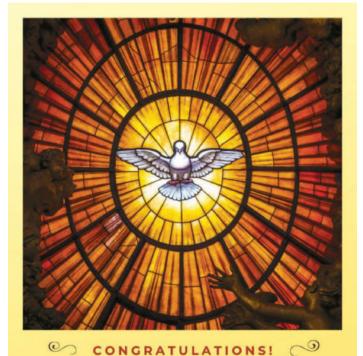
Please also remember our deacons - Bob (30 years), Gary (14 years), and Mike (10 years) - for their continued service. May God bless all our deacons, their wives and families.

And a special note to our 2024 St. Mary Confirmands. On behalf of Saint Mary, I congratulate and wish you God's blessings as you celebrate your Confirmation. It's the Sacrament that invites the Holy Spirit to guide and lead you. You will be witnessing more actively and making decisions that are wise and true. Do not be afraid to hold on to the Fire of the Spirit to walk in to the world to be the loving children of God. I thank Grant Bright, Rebecca Belger and all the catechists, teachers and your parents for taking time to help you grow in your faith. Also thank you to Bishop Grob for his presence celebrating the Eucharist and confirming our students.

Keep the faith and let's journey together witnessing to the Resurrection of Christ in our everyday life.

Peace and Blessings, Fr. Joji.

St. Mary Confirmation takes place on Thursday, April 25th with Bishop Jeffrey Grob. Please continue to pray for our St. Mary candidatee as they receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.



2024 Confirmation Candidates

Your St. Mary parish family wishes you all God's blessings as you are sealed with the Holy Spirit to live a life rooted in Christ.



Benediction and Rosary for Respect Life radical solidarity

Saturday, May 4, 2024

In the main church immediately following the 5:00 p.m. Mass

This service will continue the first Saturday of every month throughout 2024



JOIN US

Pray for people with a mental illness and for their families.

PRAY THE ROSARY On May 15th - the Feast of St. Dymphna.

Join in solidarity to support those who are experiencing mental health concerns using the meditation booklet found at the Chicago Archdiocesan Commission on Mental Health Website. (See below)



NOVENA FROM THE USCCB

Pray a novena during May developed by the USCCB. Each day reflects on a theme to prayerfully approach the topic of mental health. (See resource information below)

Find the prayer resources using the QR code or at the website below. www.catholicmhm.org/prayer-resources



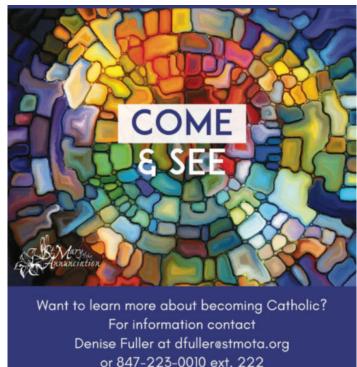
The Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers



Pray for our 1st Communion Candidates!



During the month of May, St. Mary welcomes 2024 1st Communion candidates to the Lord's Table for the first time. Please hold them in prayer as they prepare to receive the Eucharist.



Summer 2024 Adult Confirmation for Vicariate I Parishioners

Are you an adult who missed receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation? Preparation for Confirmation for Vicariate I parishioners will be offered weekly on Mondays beginning Monday, June 3, 7-9 pm, at St. Edna Parish (Door #2),

2525 N. Arlington Heights Rd. in Arlington Heights. Bishop Jeffrey Grob will preside at the Confirmation Mass at St. Edna Parish on Wednesday, July 24 at 7:00 p.m. Registration closes on May 23.

Contact Lorie Crepeau for information and registration; Icrepeau@stedna.org, 847-398-3362, ext. 325.

Lectio Divina Bible Study

Study and reflect on the Sunday readings

Find new ways to apply the Word of God to daily life and become more effective witnesses to Christ. A richly rewarding way to study the Word of God.

> Tuesday mornings (in person) 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. in Meeting Room 1

> > Thursday evenings (virtual) 6:30-8:00 p.m. via Zoom

For information email: stmaryadultformation@gmail.com





Deacon Howard Fischer



Celebrating 25 Years in the Diaconate



It is with much joy that this weekend I am celebrating with you the 25th anniversary of my ordination to the diaconate, which took place on May 1, 1999. It is a great privilege to serve God and His People and I am thankful for the many blessings that have come my way during these years of ministry. Having spent the last thirteen years on the staff of St. Mary of the Annunciation, it is a great gift that I have the opportunity

to work, pray and play with the wonderful people of this parish.

I don't know that God sees milestones ending in 0s or 5s as having extra importance, but we sure find them to be a good time to celebrate and to take stock of our lives! As the years have flown by, they have been filled with countless wonderful people who have allowed me the great privilege of sharing their personal lives and spiritual journeys in good times and bad; who have inspired me with their faith, kindness and example; who have supported me and endured my foibles and limita-



tions. The powerful ministry moments I've experienced range from simple conversations to joyful sacramental celebrations of weddings and baptisms to laying parents and loved ones to rest. I hope that in some small way I have helped us to touch the love and presence of the Lord in our lives.





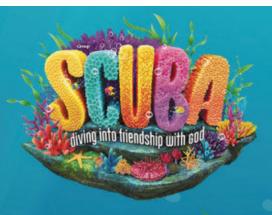
There are innumerable people to whom I am indebted, but I need to share a special note of thanks to my wife, Maryann. Her behind-the-scenes contributions, from critiquing drafts of homilies to doing administrative chores to providing large doses of common sense, and her patience with a husband who is often absent from home and his domestic tasks while doing "church stuff" and leaving her to pick up the slack, are invaluable gifts that I can never repay. She makes my ministry possible – and far better than if I were left to my own devices! In many, many ways this ministry is hers too.

So many good things have happened to the whole Fischer Family as a result of my good friend Fr. Ron enticing me to come work with him at St. Mary! It has truly been wonderful to serve here with Fr. Ron, Fr. Jerry and Fr. Joji, all terrific priests



and shepherds. I would also like to thank my brother deacons at St. Mary – Bob Poletto, Al Sedivy, Gary Kupsak, and Mike Alandy – for their friendship and support. Bob (30) and Mike (10) are also celebrating milestone anniversaries this Spring, so please join me in celebrating their ministries too!

"This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad!" As an Easter people, let us thank the Lord for the unique ways, all of them essential, that we are each called to serve him and one another. At ordination, the bishop hands the Book of the Gospel to each deacon as he says: "Receive the Gospel of Christ whose herald you have become. Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach." Good instructions for all of us! I ask for your prayers that I may continue to grow as a disciple of Jesus and as a minister of the Gospel for whatever years remain ahead — hopefully a few more 0s and 5s! If you wish to contact me, please send an email to deaconhwf99@yahoo.com.



Vacation Bible School 2024 Join the Deep Sea Discovery!

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is a fun, faith-filled week that your kids won't want to miss. We will go on an UNDER WATER ADVENTURE and travel to the depths of the ocean to discover God's AWESOMENESS. Children will have a great time singing songs, watching KidVid stories, creating crafts and playing games. Most importantly, they'll learn to DIVE DEEP into their FREINDSHIP WITH JESUS. We're looking forward to sharing this exciting event with all of you! We hope you can join us on our SCUBA journey!

VBS INFORMATION: MONDAY, JUNE 24 - FRIDAY JUNE 28 9:00 AM - 11:45 AM ST. MARY SCHOOL BUILDING

- Participants can be 4 years old (as of September 1st) through 5th grade.
- Children will be grouped by age to enjoy age appropriate activities.
- Children will experience a themed rotation of Bible stories, games, crafts, music and snacks.
- Cost is \$35 per child which includes activities and snacks for the week and a t-shirt for each participant.
- · Enrollment is limited so register early!
- Find more details using the link at the parish website www.stmaryfc.org

Registration opens on April 2nd

Register using the QR code or the link at the parish website.





SPRED - Archdiocese of Chicago Special Religious Development

SPRED is an agency of the Archdiocese of Chicago which has designed a unique program for people who live with various developmental disabilities. With the support of the SPRED agency, neighboring parishes welcome partici-

pants into a small faith community where they form friendships with people from the parish who journey with them in faith. There are four age groups for SPRED in your immediate community:

- Children between the ages of 6-10 meet at St. Francis DeSales. Lake Zurich.
- 2. Teens between the ages of 11-16 meet at St. Francis DeSales, Lake Zurich.
- 3. Young adults between the ages of 17-21 meet at St. Mary of Vernon, Indian Creek.
- Adults age 22 and older meet at St. Joseph, Libertyville.

If you happen to know anyone with disabilities that are in these age groups that may be interested in SPRED, please have them contact Marion Hornung, Director of Religious Education at St. Mary of Vernon at (847) 362-0653.

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The Archdiocese of Chicago is proud to participate in the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage to offer Catholics opportunities to celebrate the Eucharist as the source and summit of the Christian life. From June 26 - 30, the Archdiocese will host pilgrims on the way to Indianapolis for the Eucharistic Congress as part of the National Eucharistic Revival. All Eucharistic Revival events can be found at: https://pvm.archchicago.org/events/national-eucharistic-revival





使 Golden Apple Gala

Support a Catholic education at Frassati by bidding in our online auction. The Pre-Game Gift Card Auction is now open. Please visit https://bit.ly/FCA_AuctionCatalog or scan the qr code to place your bid.

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Students took time last Monday to experience one of the many marvels of God's creation when they viewed the solar eclipse.





Preschool-8th Grade

TODAY TO SCHEDULE A TOUR



Frassati Catholic Academy, 316 W. Mill St, Wauconda, IL 60084. For more information, scan this QR code, call 847-526-6311 or email lschwabe@frassaticatholicacademy.org

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REP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN



2024-2025 Options

Summer- July 8-12 & 15-19

Fall-Starts on September 3rd

Family Catechesis- Starts on September 8th

Please note that the popular Summer Session classes will be filled on a first come first serve basis. Families interested in the Summer session are encouraged to register early.

Register online using the link at the parish website or the QR code below



CONTACT GRANT BRIGHT WITH ANY QUESTIONS GBRIGHT@STMOTA.ORG OR 847-223-0010 X230







Information session will be given by Fr. Joji on Thursday, May 9th from 7:00 - 9:00 PM In the Parish Meeting Rooms 22333 W. Erhart Rd, Mundelein, IL 60060

- (V) Indian Snacks
- (V) Full presentation on trip details
- Opportunity to meet other trip participants

For trip information contact Kaleigh McAndrews 224-612-2457 or KALEIGHMCA@GMAIL.COM



Open Position at St. Mary

St. Mary is looking to hire some part-time help in the Parish Office answering phone calls, taking mass intentions, preparing mailings, and doing other administrative tasks. Familiarity

with MS Office products is essential. The position would be from 8:30-4:30 on Fridays and one other day of the week. The second day and its hours are open to discussion. Pay would be \$15-\$17/hr. depending on experience.

If you are interested in applying, please email Dcn. Howard at hfischer@stmota.org. Please supply any relevant experience.





Show your support for St. Mary!
Your family or business can sponsor a golf hole or
donate toward the prize raffle at the event.
Be a part of this fun day out at Steeplechase Golf Club
and help make this year's event a smashing success!

Call the parish office or email: gbright@stmota.org

For more on the event visit www.stmaryfc,org





ANNUNCIATION STATUE UPDATE

Plaza Work To Begin!

In early May, when weather permits, we will begin work on two projects in our entrance plaza. The first project is to prepare for the installation of the new Annunciation statue and the area that will surround it. This work involves the removal of concrete and the pouring of the pedestal on which the statue will stand.



Separate from the statue - related work, we will replace the cracked concrete walkway from the main church doors to beyond the bell tower. This work has been on our long-range plan for several years because the entrance plaza concrete has been increasingly showing wear-and-tear from several decades of use and snow plowing. We want to replace the walkway before it gets hazardous. By completing both of these projects at the same time, we will reduce the cost of each piece of work.

Then in early June, again depending on the cooperation of the weather, we will install the plaza and planter around the statue base. We will work on plants for the planter and flower beds later this summer. The renderings below show what the shrine plaza will look like. We have inserted an image of the clay statue model to provide a better idea of what the final shrine area will look like.





(As a reminder, the actual statue will have a bronze/dark brown patina, not the tan of the clay model.) The plaza will accentuate the beauty of the statue and visually separate the shrine from the pedestrian walkway.

Please watch the Bulletin for future updates as these plaza projects progress. Our fundraising for the statue project continues to make steady progress towards our goal. We have already received \$228,000 of the projected \$270,000 cost of the project. If you would like to make a donation for the statue, you may do so via check to the parish office or through GiveCentral using the QR code or the link at the parish website. Gifts of any amount are most welcome and we are grateful for your generosity!

Golf Season Begins - Register Now!

4th ANNUAL ST. MARY SCRAMBLE

MONDAY MAY 20, 2024

STEEPLECHASE GOLF COURSE

SHOTGUN START AT 9:00 AM

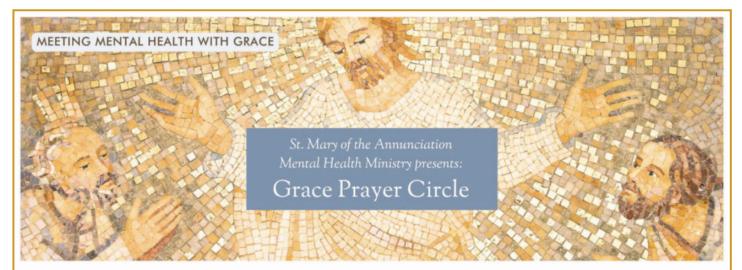
REGISTER AT THE PARISH WEBSITE! WWW.STMARYFC.ORG



JOIN THE ST. MARY COMMUNITY FOR SOME FUN ON THE COURSE! REGISTER AS A FOURSOME OR AS AN INDIVIDUAL AND MAKE SOME NEW CONNECTIONS. DON'T MISS THIS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE FUN ALL FOR THE BENEFIT OF ST. MARY. THERE ARE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR NON GOLFERS AS WELL TO JOIN IN THE FUN!

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- ALL PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT ST. MARY AND ITS PARISH MISSION.
- REGISTER USING QR OR LINK AT THE PARISH WEBSITE WWW.STMARYFC.ORG





All are welcome for a prayer service for those struggling with mental health challenges and also for their friends and loved ones. The next Grace Prayer Circle will take place:

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. St. Mary of the Annunciation Parish 22333 W. Erhart Road, Mundelein in the Main Church

Submit a name. We will pray. Join us.

Prayer requests can be submitted to Diane Mulroe phone: 847-223-0010 ext. 216 or email: dmulroe@stmota.org



PRAY FOR THE SICK:

As members of St. Mary's parish faith community, it is our responsibility to remember both in concrete and spiritual ways those who cannot celebrate Mass with us each week because they are ill. Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Thomas Dunne

Dan McNamee Frank Kopczynski JoAnn Ballwanz Robert Ballwanz Jane Murphy Pat Kopczynski **Bud Maney** Michael Barrett Angeles Valdes Gene Olsen Carol Werling Rita Bell Bernhart Bell William Crotty Catherine Byrne Teresa Kivlehan Matt Miholic Jeannette Zion Mary Jelen Connor Coyle Dorothy Miholic

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PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE RECENTLY DECEASED

Raymond Puccinelli Carolyn Ray Philip Howe Frank Fabianski Jr.



Grant Bockwinkel

Mass

Saturday 5:00PM

Sunday 7:30 AM 9:30 AM*

11:30 AM
Weekdays at 8:00AM*
Monday—Friday

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Religious Education Program (REP) Emergency Number 224-475-1790 Parish Office Hours: Monday through Friday 8:30AM–4:30PM.



Sacrament of Penance

Saturdays 4:00—4:45 PM, and by appointment

Baptisms

Ordinarily during the Mass on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month and after the Mass on the other Sundays, outside of Lent. Parents are required to participate in a Baptismal Preparation class before scheduling a Baptism.

Adult Initiation

Adults who wish to become Roman Catholics are enrolled in a formation process that includes prayer, dialogue, instruction, and introduction to the Church's life and values, rituals and tradition. Call the parish office for more information.

Marriage

St. Mary Parish rejoices with parishioners who are preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony. The Archdiocese of Chicago requires that a wedding be scheduled at least six months in advance so that the couple may receive necessary preparation. A parish wedding information packet is available at the parish office.

Ministry of Care

Ministers of Care visit the homes of the sick, homebound, or hospitalized and bring Holy Communion to them. Call the parish office when a pastoral visit is desired. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is administered by the parish priest upon request.

New parishioners

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