

st. mary of the annunciation

MAY 1, 2016 • 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

God's Blessing Upon Our First Communicants

Brody Bautista
Jayden Baltazar
Emily Bjorkquist
Gabriel Campos
Ethan Carvalho
Brian Ciaccio
Rance Cruz
Jonathan Doyle
Caitlin Drobinski
Therese Escano
Madeline Everson
Braden Foley
Claire Frane
Marshawn Gallego
Clare Gannon
Evan Garcia
Jonathan Garcia
Brian Gardner
Madalyn Gardner
Gracyn Gigiano
Jordyn Gochis
James Gochis
Aidan Gorman
Samantha Gotschiewski

Addison Hagel
Benjamin Hannigan
Emilia Harrison
Maya Hernandez
Tanner Johnson
Madeleine Junge
Vincent Kajohn
Allison Kampa
Daniel Karecki
Benjamin Kathan
Logan Kehoe



Thomas Kuhn
Rocco Lagori
Kya Lasky
Robert Lenzini
Michael Lima
Maika Loerakker
Jadon Lohrmann
William Lutz
Isabella Marcheschi

Jasmine Martin
Kyle McDonough
Kelly McQuillan
Zadie Navarrete
Celia Navarrete
Ella Novotney
Emma Olson
Liam O'Neill
Nicholas Ori

Olivia Patrick
Aubrey Paul
Lily Petersen
Taylor Petersen
Rohan Philip
Nico Plumeri
Zac Plumeri
Ava Potempa
Paige Prochnow
Joci Ramirez
Mia Rapplean
Krizelle Renacia
Brianna Restrepo
Jonathan Restrepo
Jaime Reyes
Camryn Rios
Isabel Rodriquez
Bridget Russ
Hayden Schmidt
Matthew Schwarz
Jakob Showers
Kayla Sison
Brady Smith
Isabella Snow
Karissa Spry
Derek Stafseth
Samuel Taracatac
Owen Tews
Serena Varghese
Brandon Werner
Lucy Westerman
Cameron Wiklund
Jessee Will-Coussee
Ryan Wolverton
Ailani Zires
Eduardo Zuniga, IV

LITURGICAL MINISTERS May 7 & 8, 2016

Mass Times	5:00PM	7:30AM	9:30AM	11:30AM
Presiders	Fr. Jacob	Fr. Jacob	Fr. Payne Baptism during Mass	Fr. Alexander
Deacons	Deacon Mike	Deacon Bob	Deacon Gary	Deacon Gary
Lectors	C. Hendricks B. Machak	D. Fuller P. Coughlin	M. Arata D. Wittgen	K. Crotty M. Smith
Eucharistic Ministers	Deacon D. Prezell J. Steiner T. Powell J. Powell B. Steiner T. Kennedy L. Green E. Boyd	Deacon C. Cline L. Zucco E. Tauscher A. Rafferty III M. Sikorski L. Bosshart P. Tekampe M. Tekampe	Deacon K. Franz H. Grady & A. Grady L. Buckman K. Pannhausen R. Fisher J. Fisher J. Rutledge T. Gawne	Deacon M. Crutcher J. Ranchero M. Ranchero Z. Dela Cruz L. Dela Cruz E. McPherson D. Ceglarek J. Ferrigan

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 2, Saint Athanasius Bishop and Doctor of the Church
8:00AM †Patrick Granahan

Tuesday, May 3, Saints Philip & James, Apostles
8:00AM †Sophie Barthuly req. Ronald Barthuly & Family

Wednesday, May 4
8:00AM Lv. Angie Wojciechowski req. Lake County
†Alexis Rose Mendez req. Penny Shepphard

Thursday, May 5, The Ascension of the Lord
8:00AM Lv. Mike & Sherry Schmidt req. Gene Schmidt Family
†Franz Lutsch req. Eva Lutsch & Family
†Carol Olson
†Adam Lewert req. Ed & Linda Dasso
†Frank Lutsch req. Eva, His Wife & Family

9:00AM †Marcelline Vasofsky req. Chester, Her Husband
†Matthew Williams, III
req. Maria, His Wife & Children
†Edward Jamros req. Jamros & Spada Families

Friday, May 6
8:00AM †Jim & †Sophia Kirn req. Nancy & Jim, Children

Saturday, May 7
2:30PM **Wedding:** Danielle Brouillette & Steven McIntyre

5:00PM For All Mothers, Grandmothers & Godmothers
Living and Deceased

Sunday, May 8
7:30AM For All Mothers, Grandmothers & Godmothers
Living and Deceased

9:30AM For All Mothers, Grandmothers & Godmothers
Living and Deceased

11:30AM For All Mothers, Grandmothers & Godmothers
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The Week Ahead

Sunday, May 1—Youth Ministry Bake Sale
9:30AM Childcare
9:30AM Liturgy of the Word for Children
1:00PM Baptismal Preparation for 2nd & 3rd Time Parents

Monday, May 2
8:00AM Mass
8:30AM Pray the Rosary
9:00AM May Crowning
7:00PM Divorce and Beyond

Tuesday, May 3
8:00AM Mass
8:30AM Pray the Rosary
9:00AM Mary's Circle
9:15AM Lectio Divina Bible Study
7:00PM St. Vincent dePaul Meeting
7:30PM Lectio Divina Bible Study

Wednesday, May 4
8:00AM Mass
8:30AM Pray the Rosary
6:00PM PADS Volunteer Dinner
7:00PM Parish Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 5
8:00AM Mass
8:30AM Pray the Rosary
9:00AM Mass
9:15AM Lectio Divina Reflection
6:30PM HarvestFest Meeting
7:00PM Walking Along the Breast Cancer Journey

Friday, May 6
8:00AM Mass in Little Church
8:30AM Divine Mercy Chaplet

Saturday, May 7— Respect Life Rose Sale
5:00PM Liturgy of the Word for Children
6:00PM High School Youth Group

Sunday, May 8— Mother's Day and Respect Life Rose Sale
9:30AM Childcare
9:30AM Liturgy of the Word for Children

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Spring 2016

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On Mother's Day, each of us will have an opportunity to join in the Church's sacred mission of charity through our donations to Catholic Charities Mother's Day Collection. Funds raised from the collection will be used to help struggling families and individuals living right in our own communities.

With 150 programs at 164 locations throughout Cook and Lake Counties, Catholic Charities annually serves more than one million poor and vulnerable people of all ages, races, religions and economic backgrounds. Catholic Charities helps people overcome the challenges of poverty, hunger, homelessness, joblessness, mental illness, abuse, and aging. Low-income families, at-risk children, courageous veterans, and vulnerable seniors rely on Catholic Charities for food, clothing, shelter, and a host of other services.

Supporting the extraordinary work of Catholic Charities takes on special significance during this Jubilee Year of Mercy. By designating the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has provided us a graced opportunity to appreciate more deeply how the mercy of God shapes our lives and, at the same time, how we can bring that mercy into the world through our own actions and the way we live our lives. Catholic Charities exemplifies how we are to transmit His love and compassion to our brothers and sisters who are facing tremendous difficulties.

Mother's Day is the one day set aside for Catholic Charities to request the financial support of each of us in the parishes. Please show your support for the great mercy of the Church by contributing to Catholic Charities during the second collection, or make your donations directly to Catholic Charities at 721 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60654, or www.catholiccharities.net/donate. Now is a particularly important time for us to give generously, as Catholic Charities must contend with the repercussions of the Illinois state budget crisis, which has placed tremendous financial stress on their ability to serve the poor and vulnerable.

During this Jubilee Year, let us take up the Pope's challenge to bring the transformative power of God's infinite mercy into our world. Working together, we can raise up our brothers and sisters in need, providing compassion and concrete support to propel them to a new life filled with hope and dignity. Many thanks for considering a gift to Catholic Charities. May God bless you and your families.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Blase J. Cupich*

Most Reverend Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

JUBILEE OF MERCY RESTORE

God's mercy restores us. What had been lost comes back to us restored. This is a great source of our hope: in God's mercy, nothing is ever irretrievably lost. *[Jesus] asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has saved you."* (Luke 18:40-42)



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Pray for

all who suffer illness, pain and grief:
and for the repose of all who have recently died.
Rose Klabunde



Featured CD for April

We Must Go Out:
The Sacrament of Confirmation
by
Fr. Michael Schmitz

It is through the Sacrament of Confirmation that a Catholic is fully initiated into the Church. Why then do so many newly confirmed Catholics never come back? In this talk, Fr. Mike Schmitz addresses this concerning trend in the Catholic Church with honesty, energy, and humor. Focusing on the true nature of Confirmation, Fr. Mike challenges ALL Catholics to see this sacrament not as a "graduation" from the Church, but as a commissioning by the Holy Spirit to go out into the world and proclaim the Gospel.

Feature CDs can be found at the wooden kiosk in the narthex. Please remember a \$3 donation per CD is suggested to allow the parish to continue the program and offer new material.



Calling All Who Knit or Crochet!

The St. Mary of the Annunciation Prayer Shawl Ministry is a

ministry of prayer and care for those among us who are burdened by serious illness. Volunteers create shawls to be given to parishioners and others near and far who are suffering and are in need of a tangible reminder of our prayers for them.

Shawls and lapghans are started, worked on and finished with prayer and blessed. Each shawl brings to the recipient the warmth, love and concern that through prayers, has been absorbed into every stitch. Prayer shawls are made to give to those who are ill, grieving or lonely. They may also be given to celebrate a joyous occasion. Anyone may give or receive a prayer shawl.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is open to all those who knit and crochet, both the young and the wise, even those who do not drive or who may be homebound, to be involved in a ministry at St. Mary of the Annunciation. Prayer Shawl Ministers offer their gifts - prayer and crocheting or knitting - to stitch these special gifts for people who are suffering and are in need of prayers. All who enjoy knitting or crocheting, including those new to the craft, are invited to lend their ongoing time and gifts.

No meetings are required, although some Prayer Shawl Ministers may wish to gather at St. Mary on a regular basis to turn in completed shawls, share a bit of camaraderie and pray while they work on their latest shawls. All that's needed is a pair of knitting needles or a crochet hook and a desire to be a part of this ministry. Please contact Diane Mulroe in the parish office if you are interested in more information about the Prayer Shawl Ministry!



WEDDING BANNS

Danielle Brouillette & Steven McIntyre III



Pray the Daily Rosary

Please join other parishioners in the Eucharistic Chapel following the 8:00 AM Mass Monday through Thursday.

Pray the Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet

The Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet is prayed in the Eucharistic Chapel on Fridays immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass and 3:00 PM during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Family Rosary

Join us for Family Rosary Saturday Devotion, requested by Our Lady of Fatima, every First Saturday of the month at 4:30 PM.

St. Mary of the Annunciation Bereavement Ministry

10 Week Grief Support Group: "FINDING HOPE/HEALING HEARTS"

One of North America's leading grief educators, Dr. Alan Wolfelt has written many books about healing in grief. In compassionate, down-to-earth language, *Understanding Your Grief* describes ten touchstones—or trail markers—that are essential physical, emotional, cognitive, social, and spiritual signs for mourners to look for on their journey through grief. This book is his most comprehensive, covering the essential lessons that mourners have taught him in his three decades of working with the bereaved.



The Ten Essential Touchstones:

1. Open to the presence of your loss.
2. Dispel misconceptions about grief.
3. Embrace the uniqueness of your grief.
4. Explore what you might experience.
5. Recognize you are not crazy.
6. Understand the six needs of mourning.
7. Nurture yourself.
8. Reach out for help.
9. Seek reconciliation, not resolution.
10. Appreciate your transformation.

Think of your grief as a wilderness—a vast, inhospitable forest. You must journey through this wilderness. To find your way out, you must become acquainted with its terrain and learn to follow the sometimes hard-to-find trail that leads to healing. In the wilderness of your grief, the touchstones are your trail markers. They are the signs that let you know you are on the right path. When you learn to identify and rely on the touchstones, you will find your way to hope and healing. Writing can be a very effective form of mourning, or expressing your grief outside yourself. And it is through mourning that you heal in grief. *The Understanding Your Grief Journal* is a companion workbook and is designed to help mourners explore the many facets of their unique grief through journaling. Specific questions are offered and writing space is provided for the many questions raised.

This weekly group will meet at **St. Mary of the Annunciation** for 10 consecutive **Wednesdays, May 18-July 20, 2016, 6:30–8:00pm**. There is a \$30.00 registration fee which covers the cost of the two books. To register, contact Diane Mulroe in the St. Mary parish office... the group size is limited so register now! dmulroe@stmota.org or call 847-223-0010

Religious Education Registration

2016-2017 registration forms are now on the parish web site.

Forms are also available in the kiosk in the narthex. Please note that registration forms are no longer mailed to families.

It is very important that children begin religious education in first grade as two years are needed in preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion. If you are new to our parish and have not yet registered, please contact the parish office or attend one of our welcoming sessions to become members of St. Mary. Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns.

Sue Matousek
Director of Religious Education
smatous@stmota.org



Mother's Day Rose Sale

This will be Lake County Right to Life's 42nd year for our annual Mother's Day Rose Benefit. Proceeds will benefit Lake County Right to Life, a non-profit, volunteer organization defending Life since 1974. These funds will help LCRTL to continue its programs and efforts to defend and protect the innocent unborn, and all human lives threatened by assisted suicide and euthanasia.

Roses will be available following all masses on May 7th and 8th for a suggested donation of \$2 per rose, \$5 for 3 roses, and \$20 for 12 roses.

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
Tuesday:	1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
Friday:	Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday:	Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

Stewardship Report

<u>Sunday Collection April 17, 2016</u>	\$ 21,322.76
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$ 22,144.23
Difference	\$ (821.47)

Current Fiscal Year-to-Date*	\$ 926,079.59
Budgeted Sunday Collections To-Date	\$ 930,057.69
Difference	\$ (3,978.10)
Difference vs. Last Year	\$ (12,958.25)

<u>Sunday Collection April 24, 2016</u>	\$ 19,492.25
Budgeted Weekly Collection	\$ 22,144.23
Difference	\$ (2,651.98)

Current Fiscal Year-to-Date*	\$ 945,546.84
Budgeted Sunday Collections To-Date	\$ 952,201.92
Difference	\$ (6,655.08)
Difference vs. Last Year	\$ (14,133.39)

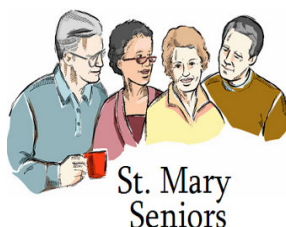
*Note: YTD amount reflects updates by bank to postings and adjustments.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Tuesday, May 10th

Did you know? On adoration days, the main church door is now UNLOCKED for your use until after closing prayers at 8:30 pm. This entrance is used by other church groups, REP, is well lit and better protected from snow/ice in the winter months. Please feel free to park closer and use this entrance/exit when you come to adore!

"During our Holy Hour our souls are fed in two faculties of the spirit - the Mind and the Will. In the Mind we need light; in the Will we need strength. (Fr. John Hardon)." www.stmarknc.org.



St. Mary Seniors

The next meeting and luncheon will be **Monday, May 9, 2016, in the church meeting rooms.** Have any questions, please call Joyce Ladewig at 847-543-0715.

Living God's Word

We pray that God will continue to send the Holy Spirit so that we might retain what is life-giving from the past and be open to any new initiatives that our loving God may offer in days ahead. We pray that our community may see in diversity a gift that can enrich.

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3RD ANNUAL PIZZA 'FUN'DRAISER

St. Mary of the Annunciation School

SALE DATES: FRI, APR 15TH – MON, MAY 16TH

PICK UP DATE: SAT, MAY 21ST FROM 6PM TO 7PM.

*****WE EARN \$5.00 FOR EVERY PIZZA SOLD!*****

All net proceeds from this event will help purchase the much needed carpet-to-tile replacement at St. Mary School/Learning Center. MORE INFORMATION IN THE NARTHEX

Please take a Flyer/Order Form home with you today to learn more about and participate in this worthwhile Fundraiser!

Any additional questions please contact:
tari.mcquillan@sbcglobal.net or m4o.sarah@gmail.com



St. Mary Moms

All moms and children welcome!

Please join us!

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 11, 2016
9:30 – 11:00 am, Meeting Rooms 1 & 2

Questions?

Please email stmarysmoms1@gmail.com or

visit us at www.stmaryfc.org (under REP/Youth/Family)

Shopping Certificates Support our School

The St. Mary Certificate Program is a small, easy way to support our elementary school just by buying gift cards! We sell the same retail store and restaurant gift cards as those other places. But when you buy from our program the profit goes to school activities sponsored by the Home and School Association of St. Mary School.

Gift Cards are available for purchase at the school office during the school year, Monday–Friday, 8am–2pm. The school office is located on Erhart Rd. next to the old church. Please purchase at the school. Certificates will no longer be sold in the narthex.

A full list of merchants can be found at www.mannaexpress.net. If we don't have the cards you want we can order them and they usually arrive in two days. Thank you for supporting our school (PreK – 5th grade).

Amazon	\$25	Barnes & Noble	\$10
Bath & Body Works	\$10	Home Depot	\$25
i-tunes	\$15	Jewel/Osco	\$25/\$100
Kohl's	\$25	Land's End	\$25
Panera	\$10	Shell	\$25/\$100
Starbucks	\$10	Target	\$25/\$100
T.J. Maxx	\$25	Walgreen's	\$25

Please Join the Soup Kitchen Ministry in Feeding the Hungry



No, we're not in the "Great Depression," but in 2015 48.1 million people in the United States (32.8 adults and 15.3 children) were considered to be "Food Insecure." Food insecurity is defined as "A state where consistent access to an adequate food supply is limited by lack of money or other resources." No, we're not in the "Great Depression," but each and every day in Lake County, IL families (men, women, and children) don't have adequate access to enough food to sustain them.

We, the members of the St. Mary of the Annunciation Soup Kitchen Ministry, could really use your help, your time, and your willingness to serve the poor. During this Jubilee Year of Mercy in the Catholic Church, won't you consider joining us in a wonderful ministry? All it takes is a willingness to give up a few hours on a Saturday afternoon every couple of months to prepare and serve a tasty and nutritious meal to the needy. Please remember that in Matthew 25 Christ tells us, "Whatsoever you do for the least of my brothers, that you do unto me."

If you join us, although you'll work pretty hard for a few hours; after it's over and an unkempt mother of five thanks you for feeding her children, you'll never feel better. Make it a family affair, young people over 12 years of age and older are invited to serve with a parent present. Contact Deacon Gary Kupsak (847) 726-2553 or at kupcop@comcast.net for more information or to volunteer. **God bless you for caring!**

Fisch-ing Lines by Deacon Howard Fischer



55 years ago, on May 1, 1961, my oldest brother Tom was ordained a priest in the Archdiocese of Chicago along with 32 other young men. In a wonderful coincidence – work of the Holy Spirit? – I was ordained to the diaconate on the same date 38 years later. While I doubt the eternal God sees particular significance in individual calendar dates, or milestones ending in 0s or 5s, we humans find them to be a good time to take stock of our lives.

In the past few days I had the distinct joy of joining with the Class of '61 as they thanked God for 55 years of priestly ministry. Sadly, my brother was not among them as he was killed in a plane crash less than two years after ordination. In the years that followed, many of his classmates adopted me as their kid brother and I am fortunate to have them as dear friends. One in particular was Fr. Gene Keusal, my brother's best friend and a previous pastor of St. Mary's. Listening as these veteran priests reflected on their many years of service, and as I reflect on the experiences of my ministry, I am reminded of how important it is to our spiritual lives and to the life of the Church for us to have good, compassionate, pastoral priests to inspire, nurture and shepherd us. These priests, and many others I have been blessed to know, have helped me and countless others to focus on the "stuff" that is truly important in life. They have helped so many celebrate the great joys of life and to persevere through its many trials and heartbreaks. I am very grateful for their efforts and example.

At the same time I continue to be concerned by how few men seem to be open to a priestly vocation these days. I don't think God is calling any less today than he was 55 years ago. So what's different? While there are many conditions we could accurately point to, I think this situation has more to do with us than anything else. Priestly vocations were never easy, but our communal support has waned at the same time we have ever greater expectations of the men who serve us as priests.

Think about it: When was the last time you encouraged a young man (or a son or nephew) to consider a vocation to the priesthood? Or discouraged the notion? Yet, if we want to be well-served and competently led, we need to be an incubator for priestly vocations. And we need to support, appreciate and encourage the priests we have who serve with dedication and compassion. And since service is not solely the domain of priests, deacons and religious, we also need to look at our own selves to assess what are we personally doing to serve the needs of others and to foster a culture of service and sacrifice.

As I reflect on my own ministry, the 17 years have gone by in a flash. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity that God has given me to serve Him and His People. I am grateful to the countless people of this faith community and in Algonquin who have allowed me the great privilege of sharing their journeys in good times and bad, who have inspired me with their faith, kindness and example, who have supported me and endured my many foibles and limitations. I am especially grateful and indebted to my wife, Maryann. Her behind-the-scenes contributions (from critiquing drafts of homilies to doing administrative chores to providing doses of much-needed common sense) and her patience with a husband who is often absent from domestic tasks (leaving her to pick up the slack) are invaluable gifts that I can never repay. She makes my ministry possible...and so MUCH better than if I were left to my own devices!

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St. Mary Garden Ministry

St. Mary of the Annunciation is very blessed with its rural setting and beautiful campus. The abundance of flowers, plants, trees and shrubs gives us abundant opportunities to experience God through the beauty of nature. Our meditation garden with its meandering paths and shrines to the Holy Family and St. Francis provide an exceptional environment for prayer and reflection.

With the size of our grounds, maintaining the beauty of our gardens and flowerbeds for all to enjoy is no small endeavor. To help with this important effort, we are inviting you to join our Garden Ministry. No experience is necessary, just a willing heart and up to 1-2 hours of your time per week through the Spring and Summer. You may sign up for your own garden area and work on it according to your availability each week. Or you can join in a group maintaining a larger area. We will also have Spring and Fall clean-up days.

The Coordinator of the Garden Ministry, Rich Peterson, will provide overall guidance on plants and what needs to be done in each area so that everything fits together. The Parish will provide some plants and supplies, but we appreciate donations as well. Opportunities to spend social and prayer time together will also be offered.

Please complete the form below return to the Parish Office (in person, via email, or drop the collection basket). We will also have a sign-up weekend for the Garden Ministry following all of the Masses on April 23-24. A kick-off meeting will be held the first week of May. Joining in this ministry is also an excellent opportunity for students looking for service hours. For more information, please call or text Richard Peterson @ 708-514-1849.

ST. MARY GARDEN MINISTRY INFORMATION FORM

Please complete this form and drop it in the collection basket or at the parish office

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I am interested in:

- ☐ more information
- ☐ an assigned garden area
- ☐ Meditation Garden
- ☐ clean-up days

I am:

- ☐ an experienced gardener
- ☐ have a little experience
- ☐ a novice who is willing to help and learn



PACIFIC GARDEN MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Come with us to the shelter in Chicago

Sunday: May 1st, 2016 from 12:30 to 3:30 pm.

Future 2016 dates: none planned after May 1st

Pacific Garden Mission has been a refuge for millions of weary people seeking food, shelter, clothing, medical care and dental care. They are also offered an answer to life's struggles: faith in Jesus Christ. Pacific Garden Mission is located at 1458 S. Canal Street, Chicago, IL.

Our group meets at the Mission by 12:30pm. You may come individually or as a family. Bring a friend. Our volunteer group name, Saint Mary of the Annunciation, is to be given at check-in. We make beds, fold towels, serve lunch and help in a variety of other ways. A tour of the Mission is offered to first time visitors. Carpooling is available. Carpoolers assemble in our Narthex before the 11:30 mass and leave by 11:15 am.

Contact in advance: Jim Robinson jw_robinson@sbcglobal.net (847) 970-9213 or Mary Baker marylbaker319@gmail.com (262) 366-5719 if you would like to participate in mission with us. We answer questions and help with carpooling arrangements.



Lectio Divina Groups

As followers of Jesus, we want to understand Scripture in a way that applies to our life today. The Christian practice of *lectio divina* is a way of approaching the Bible that helps Scripture to come alive. Through reading, reflecting and praying, readers trust that God will speak through Scripture when we are open to its message. As we listen and understand the Word of God and find new

ways to apply it to our daily life, we become more effective witnesses to Christ. A richly rewarding way to study the Word of God.

Lectio Divina groups offered this Spring/Summer:

Lectio Divina Bible Study
All groups meet in the parish meeting rooms

Traditional Lectio Divina reflection on the Sunday readings:

Tuesday mornings, 9:15–10:15 a.m.

Thursday mornings, 9:15–10:15 a.m.

**LD with stronger academic component
and use of additional resources:**

Tuesday evenings, 7:30–8:45 p.m.

All are welcome! To join a group or for more information call the parish office 847-223-0010 or email jenpepping@gmail.com.

Annual Catholic Appeal Update

We have received our first report on the 2016 Annual Appeal and we are very grateful for the response of our generous parishioners. The current total of pledges for this year's Appeal is \$182,890.00, of which \$111,298.31 has already been paid!!

The Appeal is a major source of funding for the Archdiocese and St. Mary. All money received that exceeds our parish goal of \$77,229.24 will be returned to St. Mary. As in previous years, this "rebate" is a very important source of funding for the functioning of our parish and its ministries. In addition, the Appeal rebate also helps us to address critical big ticket items such as replacing the well pump that supplies us with water and repaving crumbled portions of our parking lots. St. Mary also directly benefits from Archdiocesan programs for Catholic Schools, Religious Education, Youth Ministry, and Lay Ministry Formation (among others) that are supported by gifts to the Annual Appeal.

We will continue update you on our progress with the Appeal over the coming months as pledges continue to arrive. If you have not pledged to the Appeal, you may make a gift via the special link on the Stewardship page of our web site. (Be sure to select "St. Mary of the Annunciation" from the parish drop-down list so credit for your gift is directed appropriately.)

We thank everyone for your generous pledges and payments to the Annual Catholic Appeal. We are very grateful for all those who have sacrificed to support the Archdiocese and St. Mary!

Carmel Catholic invites

6th and 7th grade students to CARMELFEST

Carmel Catholic High School invites 6th and 7th grade students to CARMELFEST on Saturday, May 14, from 7-9:30 p.m. CARMELFEST is a truly one-of-a-kind event with games, food music and much more! The \$5 admission fee gives students access to all attractions as well as food. Attractions include bungee trampolines, obstacle course, mechanical bull, music, dancing, and video games. All students are required to submit a permission form completed by their parent or guardian. Pre-register and submit your permission slip online at carmelhs.org/carmelfest2016, or call 847-388-3320.



Vacation Bible School Registration Began April 1

VBS 2016 is "farm-tastic!" Join us for Barnyard Roundup where children will learn that Jesus gathers us together! They'll look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and explore five Bible accounts where Jesus graciously gathers us together to be with Him now and forever.

VBS runs June 13–17 and is open to children ages 4 years through 5th grade. Registration for St. Mary parishioners began April 1. Be sure to pick up your registration information located in the kiosk in the narthex or online at www.stmaryfc.org. Return forms to the parish office. Questions? Contact Breanna Piland or Megan Mandro at stmarysvbs16@gmail.com.



I Was Ill and You Cared for Me



Devastated doesn't even begin to describe the feelings of parents who lose a child to gun violence. Catholic Charities counsels those experiencing trauma or loss. We have support groups to help those who struggle with substance abuse or live with AIDS. Seniors discharged from the hospital get special care to remain home on the path to healing.

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PADS Volunteer Dinner

If you have volunteered at St. Mary's PADS site this season, mark your calendars for Wed., May 4. That's when we will have our dinner to honor our loyal volunteers. Come meet your fellow volunteers and share your stories from the season. Just let us know if you can make it so we can plan for the food. You are the heart of our shelter. God bless you all. RSVP to poletto@comcast.net.

Theater Organ Concert for Fire Truck

Americana: America's All-time favorite songs.

a concert of theatre organ music featuring the famous 1930's Chicago theater organ. The

afternoon event will include:

- Several different organists and lots of wonderful music
- The Village of Mundelein Community Choir
- A sing-along: sing your heart out as you follow the bouncing ball
- A silent movie with live theater organ music.
- The sights, sounds and beauty of the historic Mundelein Seminary grounds in their vibrant spring time glory.

May 15, 3:00 PM.

University of St Mary of the Lake Seminary
Cardinal Mundelein Auditorium
1000 E. Maple Ave., Mundelein, IL60060

Proceeds benefit the seminary music program and the upkeep of the Mundelein antique fire truck "Old Number One," which was donated to the village of Mundelein by George Cardinal Mundelein in 1925.

Old Number One will be there.

\$20.00 General Admission

Tickets on line at <https://www.eventbrite.com>

Enter the words **Americana theater organ concert**

Or call Vern Lappe 847 404 2347

Special Collection for Ecuador May 21 & 22

On Saturday, April 16, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck the coast of Ecuador. At least 650 people have been reported dead, and well over 7,000 injured. An additional 100,000 people have been affected. Damage to homes, buildings, bridges, roads, and water and electrical grids is extensive.

Catholic Relief Services teams are focusing on meeting immediate needs in remote towns that have not received aid yet. This includes clean water, temporary shelter, food and living supplies. CRS is also working to ensure sanitation and hygiene to prevent diseases. This work will continue throughout the long recovery period.

The parishes of the Archdiocese are taking up a special collection to help CRS with these relief efforts. We ask that you please be as generous as possible to help the people of Ecuador through this collection, which St. Mary will take up on the weekend of May 21-22. Also, please keep our Ecuadorian sisters and brothers in your prayers.

Attention Eucharistic Ministers:

**Please retrieve your next
minister assignment calendar
from the work sacristy today.**



Feast Days of Mary:

Friday - May 13 - Our Lady of Fatima

Tuesday - May 31 - The Visitation

Please join us in the Eucharist Chapel after the 8:00AM Mass for the recitation of the Rosary. All are welcome.

ALL THE ADVANTAGES

We want to give our children what we didn't have;
but let's make sure we give them what we did have:
our faith.

—Anonymous

Farewell Celebrations for Two of Our Priests

Fr. James Presta will become pastor of St. Emily Parish, Mount Prospect, July 1, 2016. His farewell Mass at Saint Mary will be the 9:30 Mass on June 12th with refreshments to follow.

Fr. Nate Payne will complete his assignment at St. Mary Parish on June 30th. The archdiocese will announce his new parish soon. Fr. Nate's farewell Mass will be the 9:30 AM Mass on June 26th. A reception will follow.

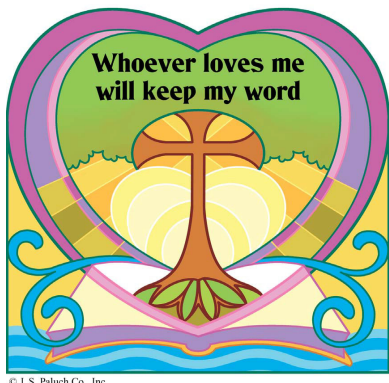
Women's Center Seeks Volunteers

During the month of May, we honor our heavenly mother and our earthly mothers. At the Women's Center we rejoice that since last Mother's Day, with the assistance of our counseling, spiritual, and material help, over 1,000 babies and their mothers were saved from abortion. They sent us beautiful "thank you" letters. We thank you for your help.

The Women's Center is looking for new servant-hearted volunteers to join us on weekdays between 9am-5pm at 5116 N. Cicero Ave., usually for 3-4 hour shifts. 1) We are in need of Spanish-bilingual volunteers to help as a Client Assistant helping new moms shop free in our family room. 2) We are looking for a person with open availability to learn **lobby desk and 3rd floor receptionist** duties so they can serve as a substitute. 3) We have an opportunity to **clean, tag, and box bottles on weekdays for Baby Bottle Campaigns**. 4) We are looking for **three warm-hearted committed volunteers to answer after office** hours phone calls on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 5pm to 9am the next day at home and schedule appointments for our office.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Jesus tells us not to let our hearts be troubled because he has given us His peace; the peace that passes all understanding. We also have the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us and our marriage. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Week-ends on June 10-12, 2016 or August 12-14, 2016 or October 7-9, 2016, all at Elk Grove Village, IL. Early registration is highly recommended. For reservations/information, call Jim & Kris at 630-577-0778 or contact us through <http://wwwme-chicagoland.org>.



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When deacons are ordained, the bishop hands each the Book of the Gospels as he instructs, "Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach." I pray that all of us may embrace this instruction as we wind our way through the journey of life. May God continue to bless us with good priests to serve the People of God and may we help nurture and encourage those among us to hear and answer his call. And be sure to regularly voice your appreciation to our parish priests! If you wish to contact me, please leave a note in the parish office or send an email to deaconhwhf99@yahoo.com.

Who do you turn to when you need someone to talk to?

You may feel worried or low and need some help in dealing with your challenges. You may be concerned about your marriage. Talking to a professional counselor is a great way to find new ways to cope with your issues. **Holbrook Counseling** is a part of Catholic Charities and helps people from all around Lake County. We have affordable fees and are in network with BCBS and Aetna PPOs. Getting started is easy. Make a call to 847-782-4049 to get the help you need.

Sisters to host 'The Song of My Heart Retreat: Love Cannot be Silenced'

Persons of all faith traditions are invited to join the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, for "The Song of My Heart Retreat: Love Cannot be Silenced," scheduled for 7 p.m., Friday, May 20, to 1:30 p.m., Sunday, May 22, at Providence Spirituality and Conference Center, St. Mary of the Woods, Indiana. The retreat will incorporate music, meditation, movement and shared prayer. Cost to attend is \$200, and the registration deadline is May 13. Register online at Events.SistersofProvidence.org, or by calling 812-535-2952 or emailing jfrost@spsmw.org.

Help the Vulnerable:

Urge Elected Leaders to Pass a State Budget

Every 30 seconds someone counts on Catholic Charities for help. We are now asking for your help. Please lend your voice to advocate for the State of Illinois to end its budget stalemate and pass a budget that cares for the poor and most vulnerable in our communities. Catholic Charities is currently owed more than \$25 million by the State of Illinois a number that grows by at least \$2 million per month.

Please take time today to call your state elected officials with this simple message, I am a voter in your district. I am contacting you on behalf of the poor and vulnerable people who depend on our state's safety net of human services, especially the more than 1 million people served by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago. If you do not know who your state representative and senator are, please call the State Board of Elections at (217) 782-4141 or visit www.elections.il.gov and click on New District/ Official Search. You can find more information and a template advocacy letter at www.CatholicCharities.net on the homepage.

Volunteer Opportunity at The Sparrow's Nest Thrift Store in Mundelein

Volunteering at The Sparrow's Nest Thrift Store is an opportunity to help change lives within our community. The Home of the Sparrow and the Sparrows Nest Thrift Stores are a not-for-profit organization that provides hope, opportunity and supports that empowers women and children as they journey from homelessness to self-sufficiency. For more information on The Sparrow's Nest Thrift stores go to www.hosparrow.org/mundelein which is located at 357 Townline Rd., Mundelein, IL 60060, 847-970-5584, (just 12 minutes from here on Rt. 60.)

Please join our group of volunteers for a couple of hours a week (or when you can), at The Sparrow's Nest Thrift Store in Mundelein. We are especially looking for men and women who would enjoy working in the electronics or floral department. There is always a need for another volunteer in our many departments, (clothing, shoes, games, books, linens, housewares, furniture, etc.) RSVP Bonnie Bjerning, 847-543-4588, or e-mail balifeinthepirit@sbcglobal.net. if you have any questions.

Mass

Saturday
5:00 PM

Sunday
7:30 AM
9:30 AM
11:30 AM

Weekday
Monday—Friday
8:00 AM

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847-223-0010

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Parish Office Hours Monday-Friday 8:30AM-4:00PM



Sacrament of Penance

Saturdays 4:00—4:40 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 Church requires at least four months' time before the marriage for adequate 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

We welcome new members who wish to worship with us and support the parish's work and mission. Please call the parish office to schedule a time to register. A complete listing of parish services and organizations is available at the parish office.