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#### Standard Mass Times

*For Holy Day or civic holiday Mass time changes,  
please check the bulletin or call the Parish Office.*

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday	4:00 PM
Sunday	7:30 AM
	9:00 AM
	10:45 AM
	12:15 PM
	6:00 PM

#### Spanish Masses

Saturday - (Church)	5:30 PM
Sunday - (Cana Hall)	12:15 PM

#### Polish Masses

Sunday - (Cana Hall)	10:30 AM
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#### Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday	7:30 AM
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#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

##### English

Saturday	3:00 - 4:00 PM
Sunday	8:30 - 10:00 AM

##### Spanish

Saturday	4:00 - 5:15 PM
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##### Polish

Sunday	10:00 AM
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*Or by appointment with the priests.*

#### Chapel Hours

Continuous exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament from Sunday 7:00 PM through Friday 9:00 PM except on First Fridays when exposition continues overnight to Saturday 7:00 AM.

**As for me and my household,  
we will serve the Lord.**

— Joshua 24:15b

***Twenty-first Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
August 26, 2012***

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## Mass Intentions

<b>Monday—</b> 7:30 a.m.	<b>August 27, 2012</b> Special Intention for Sandra Coe-Foley
<b>Tuesday—</b> 7:30 a.m.	<b>August 28, 2012</b> Madaline M. Conklin — <i>(S.M.I. Seniors)</i>
<b>Wednesday—</b> 7:30 a.m.	<b>August 29, 2012</b> Elaine C. Kasprzyk — <i>(John Kasprzyk)</i>
<b>Thursday—</b> 7:30 a.m.	<b>August 30, 2012</b> Shirley March — <i>(S.M.I. Seniors)</i>
<b>Friday—</b> 7:30 a.m.	<b>August 31, 2012</b> Kent Sutton — <i>(O'Leary Family)</i>
<b>Saturday—</b> 7:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. <i>(Spanish)</i>	<b>September 1, 2012</b> Frances R. Weditz — <i>(Theresa Offerman)</i> Lillian Kurek — <i>Anniversary of Death — (John &amp; Judith Arduino)</i> Consuelo Alma Ochoa — <i>(Apolinar Ochoa)</i>
<b>Sunday—</b> 7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:01 a.m. <i>(Cana Hall)</i> 10:30 a.m. <i>(Polish-Cana)</i> 10:45 a.m. 12:15 p.m. 12:15 p.m. <i>(Spanish-Cana)</i> 6:00 p.m.	<b>September 2, 2012</b> Sophie Barnhart — <i>Anniversary of Death — (Daughters — Dee &amp; Shirley)</i> Mike Nolan — <i>(John Nolan)</i> Lola Clampett — <i>(Family)</i> For Faith in the Family Barbara A. Hummel — <i>(Family)</i> Frank Murray — <i>(Wife — Joan)</i> Luis Angel Rodriguez — <i>(Mom &amp; Dad)</i> Teresa Thinh Nguyen — <i>(Family)</i>

## Offerings

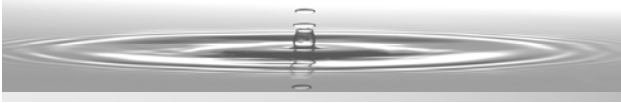
### Weekly Offering from August 18 & 19

**\$37,831**

As members of the Christ's body, the Church, we proclaim with Peter and the apostles that we have come to believe and are convinced that Jesus is God's Holy One. He has the words of eternal life. Stewardship calls us to prepare ourselves each week to hear the Word of God and celebrate Jesus' presence in the gift of the Eucharist.

## Readings for the Week

<b>Sunday</b>	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69
<b>Monday</b>	2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22
<b>Tuesday</b>	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26
<b>Wednesday</b>	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mk 6:17-29
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51
<b>Friday</b>	1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30
<b>Sunday</b>	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



## Reflections from Fr. David

We've arrived at the time of year when the treadmill of life picks up speed. School is back in session! Team sports are back on the field. Religious Education and Confirmation programs are about to start up again. School activities begin anew. There is homework to be done, friendships to renew, busses to catch, kids to drive to and from school, lunches to pack, supplies to buy...whew!!

I love to welcome our parish school children back to school at this time of year. I am being truthful when I tell them that we miss them terribly over the summer and that, when school is out for the summer, it can be too quiet in our parish buildings. Having the students here is a true gift from God: amid the daily tasks of our parish life and ministries, the children's presence is a glorious reminder of the joy, the wonder and the gift of life. To see these young lives, these precious sons and daughters of God, blossom and grow before our very eyes is both inspiring and uplifting. No wonder that Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

But this time of year brings us back to life lived at a more frantic pace. The easier, more relaxing days of summer give way to a family schedule that can, at times, seem like we are in a rubber raft hurtling down a surging, chaotic river. We can feel out of control, just bumping from one appointment to another deadline...hoping and praying that all goes well.

We have so many hopes and dreams for our children. We want so much for them. We want to do whatever we can to open up opportunities and possibilities for them and their beautiful lives; to give them whatever it takes for their dreams (and ours!) to come true.

At times, our children can feel pressured by their own aspirations (we hope that we don't pressure them with ours!). Striving takes effort and teaches us many lessons. Success can be as great a challenge as failure; we have to learn the lessons that come both from our achievements and our mistakes. The most important thing, of course, is for our children to learn that trying their best can bring a deep satisfaction, no matter the outcome. Coming first, last or somewhere in between is only an evaluation of a moment...it cannot take the full measure of the heart and soul of a person. When I was growing up, although I did very well in school, in sports I was always on the "B" team; having skipped a grade, being

younger and smaller than the other kids in my class, I was almost always picked last to be on someone's team; having the physique of someone born to be a catcher or first baseman (and I *loved* playing those positions), I had to learn that, for me, team sports were going to have to be about fun, friendship and fitness...I would never be the "star". And I think I turned out alright, having to integrate those experiences into my life.

Many parents are quietly suffering these days because changing economic conditions have brought about the stark reality that what can be provided materially for our kids is severely limited. One of the main differences between being a kid today as opposed to the half century ago when I was growing up in Chicago is that almost everything I did cost next to nothing...today, most organized activities for children are *very* expensive. Even if we played team sports, we played just as much—or even more—"pick up" games of basketball, football, baseball and softball. Sadly, like almost everything else in our times, the "play" experiences of children have been "monetized" - that is, someone is trying to "make a buck" off of it. And these spiraling costs only increase the pressure on parents.

**The gift that our children are...and were created to be**

We long for our children to realize the full potential of their lives. But we must be cautious lest we use the values and standards of the world as the measure. Our faith and tradition exists not merely to teach us right from wrong: *the truth of our faith, the truth of God, the truth that is Jesus Christ teaches us who we are and what that means for our lives...how we should live and how we find the fulfillment we are wired to yearn for.*

Our children must learn (and so should we) that, being created by the One who gives us life and gives himself to us, the most fulfilling way to live is to be like God. What does that mean? It means we are most like God, we are most closely following Jesus, we are being our best and truest self when we are *being a gift...to God*, to others and even to our real self. This is a posture of love and service. Jesus tries to teach us this truth when he tells us that "the greatest" in the Kingdom is a label attached to those who are the greatest servants! Love and service...giving rather than receiving...these are the eternal truths of the greatest achievements of human life...both for adults and for our children. *Please* teach your children (in word and deed) to be a gift...to find themselves by giving themselves away in love and service.

# Our Family in Faith

## Recurring Meetings\*

### Liturgy & Worship:

**First Saturday Devotion** - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month after the 7:30 am Mass

### Choirs

**Adult Choir** - Wednesdays at 7:00 pm from the weekend after Labor Day through Pentecost

**Youth Choir** - Tuesdays at 6:45 pm from Sep. 13 through Pentecost

**Handbell Choir** - Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. from the weekend after Labor Day through Pentecost

**Spanish Adult Choir** - Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

**Spanish Teen Choir** - Saturdays at 1:00 pm

### Parish Outreach in Challenging Times:

**Employment Ministry** - every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm

### Fellowship & Social Events:

**New Parishioner Welcoming/Registration** - every Sunday at 10:15 am

**W.O.W.S. (Widows/Widowers/Singles)** - 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month at 2:00 pm; Nov. is 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday; Dec. no meeting

### Sacredness of Life:

**Reverence for Life** - 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month, Sep. through May, at 7:00 pm

### Men & Women:

**Brothers in Christ** - every Saturday at 7:00 am

**Columbian Squires** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month at 11:30 am

**Council of Catholic Women (CCW)** - 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month, Sep-Dec & Feb-May from 1:00 to 3:00 pm

**Knights of Columbus Business Meeting** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm

**Knights of Columbus Social Meeting** - 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, Jan. through May & Sep through Oct., at 7:30 pm

**Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary Meeting** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month, Jan. through May & Sep to Oct., at 7:30 pm

**Women of Grace** - every Tuesday at 8:30 am

### Christian Service, Pastoral Care & Social Justice:

**Blood Pressure Screening** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, Sept. to May

### Education & Formation:

**Charismatic Prayer Group** - every Tuesday at 7:00 pm

**Lay Apostles Prayer Group** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 12:30 pm or 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 9:00 am

**LIFETEEN High School Youth Ministry** - every Sunday at 7:00 pm

\* Occasionally meeting days or times may change. Please watch the bulletin for special announcements.

If you do not see your regular weekly or monthly ministry meeting listed here, please contact the bulletin editor at [bulletin@smip.org](mailto:bulletin@smip.org) with the day, time and frequency of meeting. Thank you.

*Please remember the sick and the confined of our parish community, especially...*

Ken Ahlberg, Gerry Aksamit, Vicky Alarcon, Guillermo Aldana, Dolores Aleksand, Victoria Amaya, John Anderson, Pat Anderson, Lina Arango, John Arduino, Magan Jane Arnold, Robert Backode, Rodualdo Abigail Barajas, John Bayler, Dorothy Bayler, JoAnn Bellino, James Beutjer, Amy Bishop, Freda Blahut, Mary Pat Bouck, Thomas Brogan, David Brown, Rita Brown, Isabella Brya, Brenda Bustamante, Edwin Cabat, Manuel Cadre, Jeff Calascibetta, Carlos Cedillo, Eliazar Cervantez, Olga Cervantez, Frank Cesario, Bernard Chesner, Jullian Colletti, Catherine Conniff, Luz Contreras, Yolanda Contreras, Alondra Corral, Ramon Correa, Sam Cumbo, Katherine Cummings, Pat Cunningham, Madeline Currey, Pamela Curry, Mike D'Arcy, Lynette Dattomo, Andrew Dawid, Jan DeLara, Frank Denneau, Lillian Denneau, Dan Dowling, Margaret Eckhorn, Kathleen Ellis, Lewis Ellis, Aaron Erickson, Kathy Erickson, Deborah Fadden, Hayley Fairchild, John Fernandes, Jay Fiday, Sue Flynn, Brittany Foreman, JoAnne Forrester, Margaret Frechette, Alex Freund, Avelina Galvez, Brenda Gillespie, Guadalupe Godinez, Yair Gomez, Carlos Gonzalez, Barb Goodwin, Angela Gotia-Daugherty, Amy Green, Hannah Grispo, Margaret Gruben, Amada Guenero, Hilda Guzman, Daniel Haley, Joe Harmon, Josephine Hayes, Alejandra Hernandez, Khaim Hernandez, Patti Hinders, Ken Hood, Pat Hood, Martin Horan, Edward Houston, Gloria Francisco Huerta, Lucy Hurst, Blanca Ibarra, William Daniel Janowick, Elmer Javier, Betty Jeropke, Gerald Jeropke, Jeanne Jeropke, Karen Johnson, Fernando Juarez, Cheryl Kardas, Derek Khan, Camela Kline, William Klinger, Aden Knar, Charles Kramer, Kyle Krawiec, Evelyn Kukla, Roy Lauderdale, Charles Lawson, David Lea, Lewis Liss, Zachary Loeffler, Scott Lohman, Teresa Lopez, Fr. David Lord, Maribeth Lumb, Eileen Lunsford, Maria Teresa Olvera Mancera, Anna Mandjar, Finyarti Mandjar, Wandy Mandjar, Matteo Marasco, Enedelia Martinez, Linda Maskauskas, RitaMaksimik, Jacqueline Mayr, Jean McCoy, Dawn McErean, Larry McGill, Scott McKenzie, Steve McKenzie, Francisco Medina, Frank Mellen, Sandi Mendel, Gregory Mendoza, Eleanor Meschino, Carol Michalak, Elena Aurora Mireles, Martina Mogan, Anna Monroe, Antonio Montes de Oca, Kevin Moore, Kieran Murray, Vincent Nares, Thomas Nguyen, Delores Novak, Dorothy Odigie, Rhonda Ogdan, Fabian Oleas, Lupita Olivares, Martha Ortega, John Ostenberg, John O'Sullivan, Marcos Padilla, Marlene Pascente, Nick Pasha, Brian Patterson, Violet Peart, Betsy Petrovic, Drew Petrovic, Andrew Pikuza, Virginia Pina, Jim Prendergast, Henry Prosser, Michael Quinn, Michael Rafter, George Rapp, Joretta Raymond, Rochelle Reyna, Jim Rife, Kayla Riha, Alma Rosa Rios, Bill Roach, Billy Roach, Lorraine Rogers, Kimberly Rogers, Virginia Roman, Carol Rupchock, Bruce Rutledge, Annabelle Russell, Eliza Salcedo, Angela Schade, Wil Schinderle, Matthew Schultze, John Schulze, Alan Schwaighart, Elaine Scordato, Bernie Seville, Ralph Sewall, Nancy Shea, Paul Smith, David Sniegowski, Michael Sommese, Jose Soto, Maureen Southerland, Joseph Spillone Sr., Alexandria Stojanov, Rich Strempp, Michelle Strickland, Amanda Tang, Maria Antonia Gomez de la Tasa, Robbie Tesmond, Jack Thompson, Bruce Trevillian II, Scott Turczynski, Sue Vandercar, Leslie Velarde, Teresa Velasco, Catherine Verthein, Armin VonderHeydt, Mike Walker, Phyllis Wallace, Mary Ann Walls, Charles Weyer, Robert Weyer, Dorothy Whitmer, Patty Wielgos, David Willett, Ethan Woodhams, Rita Yahnke, Tracey Yeager, Chela Zabala, Kathy Zambo, Catherine Zivec.

If you would like to add or remove a name from the prayer cross, please contact our parish nurse, Pat Mander, at 815-436-2651 ext. 893.



Please remember

**Hugh M. Clark**

and

**Jose Torres**

and their families in your prayers.

*In Memoriam*



## Congratulations to the Newly Baptized...



### **KENZIE ANN CAMPOS**

Daughter of Dennis Campos & Ashley Lawrence

### **AVA ELIZABETH CHAVEZ**

Daughter of Nick & Erika (Luis) Chavez

### **VICTORIA CAMILA DE LA TORRE**

Daughter of Ruben & Georgina (Alcalde) De La Torre

### **ZOFIA MARIE GARCIA**

Daughter of Diego & Vanessa (Luis) Garcia

### **TYLER LAWRENCE KIEDRO**

Son of Richard & Patricia (Brown) Kiedro

### **LUCILLE ROSE LESNIK**

Daughter of James & Kelly (Anderson) Lesnik

### **CAMDEN ROBERT LONG**

Son of Robert & Dawn (Picard) Long

### **OLIVIA GEORGIA RUEDA**

Daughter of Hector & Maria (Herrera) Rueda

### **ANIKKA GOLD CABARDO SIAO**

Daughter of Gold & Maricel (Cabardo) Siao

## Welcome to our New Parishioners...

### **Gerardo Bibian**

*Shorewood, IL*

### **Jon & Laura Cupps**

*Plainfield, IL*

### **Steven & Assunta Goldman**

*Romeoville, IL*

### **JonPaul & Lisa Jonkheer**

*Plainfield, IL*

### **Tom & Cynthia King**

*Plainfield, IL*

### **Marissa Martinez**

*Plainfield, IL*

### **Linda Mejia**

*Joliet, IL*

### **David & Erin Moe**

*Plainfield, IL*

### **Brian & Megan Seel**

*Aurora, IL*

### **Rich & Patt Stankus**

*Crest Hill, IL*

**10 new households have registered at St. Mary Immaculate since August 19, 2012.**

**7698 households are currently registered with St. Mary Immaculate Parish.**

**2 families have moved/left St. Mary Immaculate Parish in the same amount of time.**

## Save the Date for the SMI First Annual Day of Faith and Service Saturday, October 27

All are invited to join us in offering time and talent to one (or more) of any of our faith and service projects being planned for this exciting day. You can help build fellowship within our parish and our community by giving of yourself. Activities will be staggered throughout the day to provide a variety of time frames and locations. Be sure to come back for Mass at 4:00 p.m. and the volunteer dinner.

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass in the Church

8:00 a.m. Blessing of Volunteers

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Assorted Faith and Service Projects, both at SMI and throughout the community, with durations of 1 to 2 hours each, all day long, including:

- Eucharistic Adoration continuously from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- SMI projects including both inside and outside activities
- Community projects including Food Pantry, Nursing Homes, Fire & Police Departments, Neighborhoods, and more!

4:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass to recognize volunteers and the day's service

5:00 p.m. Dinner for all volunteers in the Gym

Learn more at the Ministry Talks at Masses on September 8 and 9. Specific projects will be listed in upcoming bulletins and on the parish website, and sign-ups to volunteer for specific projects will begin in September. To suggest or coordinate a project, please contact Cindy Sweeney at [csweeney@smip.org](mailto:csweeney@smip.org) or 815-436-2651 ext. 889.

## Healing Service with Anointing of the Sick

Join us Sunday, September 2 at 1:30 p.m., immediately following the 12:15 p.m. Mass, in the St. Mary Immaculate Church for a Healing Prayer Service. After a short scripture reading and prayer, each individual will be offered the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick followed by Eucharistic Adoration. A Healing Service will be held on the first Sunday of every month at 1:30 p.m.

## SMI Youth Choir Rehearsal begins in September 2012

Do you like to sing? Become a part of the St. Mary Immaculate Youth Choir and share your gift. We are getting ready to begin a new season, and if you are in grades 3 through 8, we would love to have you join us. On Tuesday, September 4 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Music Room, there will be a parent meeting. You will receive schedules, registration forms, information and have the opportunity to ask questions.

Our first rehearsal for the children will be Tuesday, September 11. We will rehearse from 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. every Tuesday. When the SMI Youth Choir sings on Sundays, we sing the 10:45 a.m. Mass in the church, from September to Memorial Day. We also sing for the First Communion Masses. For more information please contact: Heather Roerig, Youth Choir Director, by email at [hroerig@smip.org](mailto:hroerig@smip.org) or call 815-436-2651 ext. 805.



## Manna Purchases Support SMI and Can Earn Rebates for You

Put your dollars to work. Buy prepaid gift cards for use where you usually shop and for gifts. You can support St. Mary Immaculate and earn rebates at no extra cost to you. Manna gift cards are available for dozens of nationwide retailers of gas, groceries, home improvement supplies, clothing, books, sporting goods, fast food and more. We now have local merchants participating too. Stop by and check it out!

- Monday - Friday    Parish Office            8:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.
- Saturday            Commons                    4:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- Sunday                Commons                    8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

You can also place Manna orders online for pick-up at SMI. Email [manna@smip.org](mailto:manna@smip.org) for your personal Manna Order Code or call Cherie Bohlin at 815-436-2651 ext. 801. Have questions about Manna? Visit [www.smip.org/manna](http://www.smip.org/manna) or contact Janice Gregoire, Parish Administrator & Business Manager, at 815-436-2651 ext. 851, or email [manna@smip.org](mailto:manna@smip.org).

## Calendar Coordinator Position Available

We are seeking to fill the part-time Calendar Coordinator position. Duties include scheduling recurring and one-time events for our entire Parish, including staff and all our ministries' events here at SMI. Individual will use our web-based calendar software. For more information, please email Cindy Sweeney at [bulletin@smip.org](mailto:bulletin@smip.org) or leave a message at 815-436-2651 ext. 280-822.

## A Heartfelt Thank You ...

goes out to our Art & Environment Committee who has been doing a fabulous job of decorating our worship spaces and maintaining all of our plants.

**To ensure proper care, we ask that all others refrain from watering, trimming, or treating any plants within the building.**

For more information on joining this ministry or to offer any suggestions, please contact Geralyn Kuban at [gkuban@smip.org](mailto:gkuban@smip.org).

Thank you,  
St. Mary Immaculate Parish Staff

## Join our In-House Tour of the Holy Land!

Meet Raed Makhoul, an Orthodox Christian who lives in Israel. As the tour guide for last year's Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, he impressed everyone with his ability to bring the life and times of Jesus alive. Come learn about and discuss the Holy Land. Join us for one or more of his presentations right here at SMI!

- Holy Land Mini Presentation, Sunday, August 26 at 9:00 a.m.
- Holy Land Tour Session 1, Tuesday, August 28 at 7:00 p.m.
- Forum on Christians in the Holy Land, Wednesday, August 29 at 7:00 p.m.
- Holy Land Tour Session 2-Jerusalem, Thursday, August 30 at 7:00 p.m.



1st Century Synagogue in Capernaum



Chapel in the Grotto of the Annunciation Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth



## SMI Parish Drama Team

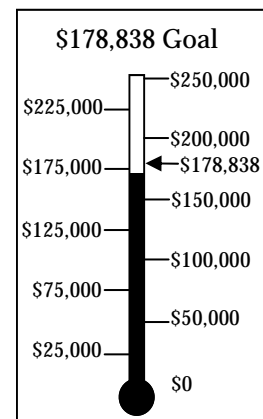
Calling all actors, singers, dancers, writers, directors, and wannabes, plus stage and tech crew! We are looking to form a team of entertainers to provide Catholic Christian entertainment (short skits and monologues) for confirmation retreats, parent/teen sessions, and possibly a few other events. There will be an informational meeting on Monday, August 27 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Library past Cana Hall. If you have any questions, or are unable to attend but interested, please contact either Mary or Cathy Cushing at 815-436-1816.



## 2012 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Progress Report

*We have reached over 96% our goal!*

Please, if you have not already, make sure you return your pledge. An appeal envelope is available in the Commons and can be mailed in or returned to the parish. Monthly pledge payments for the CMAA pledges should be made in the next few days. It is very important that these pledges be paid so that we will reach our goal. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 50% of the additional funds received will be returned to the parish for our use.



PARISH GOAL:	\$178,838
AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$248,481
AMOUNT PAID:	\$172,292
REMAINING BALANCE:	\$ 76,189
REBATE AMOUNT DUE:	<u>see note</u>

\* We will not receive any rebate until pledges have been paid! The remaining balance is the difference between the amount pledged and the amount paid.



**9:01 a.m. Mass in Cana Hall Resumes next week on Sept. 2nd**

# Liturgy and Worship

## Liturgical Minister Schedule for September 1 and 2, 2012

DAY, TIME, & LOCATION	MASS COORDINATOR	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST		ALTAR SERVERS	GREETERS
Saturday 4:00 p.m. Church	Helen Struzik	Tom Clune Paul Fay	Lisa Rivera-Archuleta Richard Blaszak Marsha Dugan James Dugan Marie Fortin Margaret Hartwig	Maria Imburgia Maryann Kinker Evelyn Marcus Helen Struzik Lisa Trishman	Julian Archuleta Hope Ehling James O'Bryan Jeffery Remlinger	Jean Fiaoni Robert Selinger Brenda Selinger Maureen Sutherland
Saturday 5:30 p.m. Spanish Church	Jose Ibarra	Maria Capetillo Angeles Esparza			Josue Vera Arturo Capetillo	
Sunday 7:30 a.m. Church	Kevin Brown	Joseph Lyznicki Tony Clark	Ronald Allan Mary Kay Allan Peter Blazina Kevin Brown Tony Clark Joan Clark	Sandy Kurst Patricia Murphy Joseph Murphy Jim Zilinsky Gerrie Zilinsky	Lauren Crudo Alexandra Kwicien Benjamin Schuneman	John Hir JoAnn Hir Dorathy O'Sullivan Evelyn Godfrey
Sunday 9:00 a.m. Church	Catherine Stetenfeld	Karen Piwowarski Phyllis Petka	Donna Bachtel Bob Clark John Del Carlo Lisa DuSatko Brian Gilbert Melissa Gilbert	Anthony Leazzo Rosemary Tack Georgette Wurster Jenny Zavodny Timothy Stetenfeld	Jean Garcera Madeline Maloney Melissa Mazurkiewicz Cathryn Tack	Ronald Kazmar Kathleen Kazmar Veronica Kuhn Judi Leazzo
Sunday 9:01 a.m. Cana Hall	Cathy Cushing	Richard Burke Cathy Cushing	Karen Stromberger Patti Adams Patti Antikauskas		Caroline Werderitsch Keagan Adams	Joyce Duchek
Sunday 10:45 a.m. Church	Sue Vandercar Dan Vandercar	James Hoeflinger Fran Prokop	Patty Bennett Don Bennett Sue Vandercar Yvonne Cloonan Virginia Fadden Ginny Hawkins	Carolyn Lemke Bryan Lockie Delores McAnally Michele Phelps Ed Scepkowski	Nicholas Barone Pat Malec Dennis Malec Andrew Schroeder	Don/Heather Bennett Jack Eckhorn Ann Eckhorn Jennifer Lockie
Sunday 12:15 p.m. Church	Sue Vandercar Dan Vandercar	Sue Vandercar Dan Vandercar	Vince Buchman Geri Buchman Sandra Franczyk Michael Kelly	Sue Vandercar Dan Vandercar Volunteer Needed	Tatiana Alejandro Tim Benz Marie Lockowitz Rene Villanueva	Rosemary Jedd Toni/Alexis Savic Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed
Sunday 12:15 p.m. Spanish Cana Hall	Jose Vega	Lupita Mora Sergio Salas			Zaida Alvarado Josue Alvarado	
Sunday 6:00 p.m. Church	Irene Murphy	Katrin Volkmer Jody Rankin	Genelle Diab Scott Hatzer Kelly Hatzer Kristin King	Irene Murphy Tricia Niewoehner Wilhelmina Ravelo Heather Walsh	Ryane Jenig Nelson Jenig Kennedy Jenig Sammy Niewoehner	Dora Reardon Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed

## Weekly Schedules

Fellowship—Sunday, September 2, 2012		Laundry—Monday, September 3, 2012
Hospitality Not Held Labor Day Weekend Resumes September 9	Welcome Gathering Event Not Held Labor Day Weekend Resumes September 9	Altar Linens P. Adams



# Liturgy and Worship (continued)

## Music Schedule

<b>Saturday, Sep. 1, 2012</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	J. Sisk <i>M. Slayman</i>	<b>Sunday, Sep. 2, 2012 (continued)</b>	<b>10:30 a.m. (Cana) Polish Mass</b>	<i>K. Frost</i>
	<b>5:30 p.m. Spanish Mass</b>	Spanish Ensemble		<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	S. Kocher <i>J. Kirer</i>
<b>Sunday, Sep. 2, 2012</b>	<b>7:30 a.m.</b>	M. Maksimik <i>K. Frost</i>		<b>12:15 p.m.</b>	L. Kitchell <i>K. Frost</i>
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	S. Bosch C. Papp-Carrington <i>K. Frost</i>		<b>12:15 p.m. (Cana) Spanish Mass</b>	Spanish Ensemble
	<b>9:01 a.m. (Cana)</b>	B. Perine C. Perine <i>J. Kirer</i>		<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Amplify <i>P. Bertino</i>

### First Saturday Devotion on September 1 after 7:30 a.m. Mass

The devotion of First Saturdays, as requested by Our Lady of Fatima, carries with it the assurance of the graces necessary for salvation at the hour of death. However, to derive profit from such a great promise of Our Lady, the devotion must be properly understood and duly performed. The requirements as stipulated by Our Lady are, on the first Saturdays of five consecutive months: Confession, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for fifteen minutes meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, and to do all these things in the spirit of reparation to my Immaculate Heart. Please join us for 7:30 a.m. Mass. The recitation of the Rosary will immediately follow in the Church.



### Bereavement Planning Available

Perhaps you have pre-paid for your funeral at a local funeral home or are thinking about doing that. Wouldn't it be a good idea to pre-plan your funeral Mass? You can do that now and select your favorite songs and readings for the Mass. You can also learn what the accepted Catholic practices are for burial and cremated remains. It will make it easier when the time comes and your family will be pleased that the mass has your personal selections. Please call the church office to arrange a time to meet with a minister trained to set up funeral Masses or send an e-mail through the SMIP website.

### Adult Choir Practice Begins Wednesday, September 5 at 7:00 p.m.

We'd love to have you join us for our first practice of the fall season on Wednesday, September 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. except during the summer months. The Choir is open to all people high school age and older. We usually sing at the 9:00 a.m. Mass from September through Pentecost. No audition, just a desire to sing praise! For more information, contact Cherie Perine, Music Ministry Director at 815-436-2651 ext 850 or [cperine@smip.org](mailto:cperine@smip.org).





In the second reading today St. Paul talks about the special kind of love between a husband and a wife. Through the sacrament of Matrimony we are called to live in love as Christ loved us. Does our marriage relationship reflect the love of Christ for all to see? Attend the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on October 12-14. Contact Tim & Pat Doyle at 630-577-0778. For more information visit our website at [wwmejoliet.org](http://wwmejoliet.org).

## Sacredness of Life

### "Life Support Prayer Vigil" *More Babies Saved!*

St. Mary Immaculate parishioners have been praying for almost five years outside the abortion clinic in Aurora to end abortion. Over that time, support from our parishioners has grown to more than fifty people praying throughout the day. Many have witnessed first-hand how a prayer outside the abortion clinic has made a difference in the lives of mothers, fathers and their babies. Here are three recent testimonials.

On June 8, a female sidewalk counselor asked a father to go back into the abortion clinic and get the mother out. This father responded, went back inside, and returned with the mother before she had the abortion. That same day, another father, upon leaving the abortion clinic that day with the mother of the child in danger of abortion, made a point of telling a male sidewalk counselor: **"I just wanted to tell you that we didn't do it."** These sidewalk counselors were supported with the power of prayer provided by those people praying there that day. In July, another mother, who was homeless and desperately in need of help, was considering aborting her second child. She started out at the Aurora abortion clinic, but left and went to nearby Waterleaf Women's Center. The staff at Waterleaf referred this mother-in-need to a home that shelters young mothers. She was accepted into this home and plans now to keep her second child. These three accounts testify to the power of the prayer, and to the peaceful presence outside this abortion clinic. Can you help pray for one hour to save babies, mothers and fathers from abortion?

Our next days to pray are **Saturday, September 8 and Friday September 14**. If you or someone you know has the flexibility to pray for one hour on either one of these days, please sign up after Sunday Mass on September 2 in the Commons Area or call Joe Basar at 630-333-7590.



### Vigilia de Oración de Apoyo de *Vida - Se salvaron más Bebés*

Los feligreses de Santa María Inmaculada han rezado por casi cinco años en la clínica de abortos en Aurora. En ese tiempo, el apoyo de nuestros feligreses ha crecido a más de cincuenta personas orando durante el día. Muchos han sido testigos presenciales de cómo la oración cuenta. Les presento tres testimonios recientes.

El 8 de junio, una consejera de la acera le pidió a un padre que regresara a la clínica de abortos y sacara a su pareja. Este padre entendió, regreso a la clínica, y salió con la madre antes de que se hiciera el aborto. El mismo día, otro padre, al salir de la clínica con la madre en peligro de cometer un aborto, le comento a la consejera de la

acera: **"Solo le quiero decir que no lo hicimos."** Estos consejeros de acera son apoyados con el poder de la oración proveído por las personas que estaban orando ese día. En julio, otra madre, sin hogar que desesperadamente necesitaba ayuda, consideraba abortar a su segundo hijo. Empezó en la clínica de abortos de Aurora, pero se salió y fue al Centro para Mujeres Waterleaf. El personal de Waterleaf refirió esta madre-en necesidad a una casa hogar para madres jóvenes. Ella fue aceptada en esta casa hogar y sí planea tener su segundo hijo. Estos tres casos confirman el poder de la oración, y la presencia pacífica afuera de la clínica de abortos. ¿Podrías orar por una hora para salvar bebés, madres y padres de los abortos?

Nuestro siguiente día para orar es el **sábado, 8 de septiembre y viernes 14 de septiembre**. Si usted o alguien que conoce tiene la flexibilidad de orar por una hora en cualquiera de estos días, por favor regístrese llenando una forma el domingo 2 de septiembre después de misa en el área común o llame a Joe Basar at 630-333-7590.

# Parish Outreach in Challenging Times

## "YOU" are the Product, Tuesday, August 28

Jan Marino will discuss why, in today's job market, "YOU are the Product." Jan is a life and career transition coach. She is CEO and co-founder of ENCORE Partners, a consulting company. A personal branding expert, she thoroughly understands how the reinvention process works. Through Jan, you will better recognize, in today's market:

- How the career game field, rules, teams and plays have changed dramatically.
- Why YOU are the product, so a strong personal brand is essential.
- How to market YOU and your benefits to set you apart from the competition.

The St. Mary Immaculate Employment Ministry meets August 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Faith Sharing Room. If you are new to networking, come at 6:30 p.m. for an introduction to networking tools like the Handbill and the Elevator Speech. At 7:00 p.m., our program featuring Jan Marino will start. Later, you can work one-on-one with our coaches to improve your resume, to practice interviewing skills or expand your network. Bring copies of your handbill or resume.

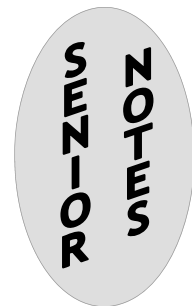
We help job seekers succeed. There is no cost to attend, pre-registration is not required, and everyone is welcome. Our members represent all ages, work backgrounds and future desires. Dress is casual. Email [EmploymentMinistry@smip.org](mailto:EmploymentMinistry@smip.org) or call 815-436-2651 ext 815 for more information.

## Fellowship and Social Events

### Special Guest Speaker Raed Makhouli from Israel SMI Senior Luncheon and Meeting Wednesday, August 29 starting at 11:00 a.m.

Please join us at 11:00 for a special presentation by Raed Makhouli, an Orthodox Christian from Israel. Mr. Makhouli was the guide last year for the parish pilgrimage to Israel, and he will share his experiences and thoughts about the Holy Land with us.

A Communion Service will follow his presentation, and then our meeting and luncheon. Chicken will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. If you have any questions, please call Pat at 815-436-7893, Jane at 815-436-4568 or Judy at 815-436-6492. Guests are always welcome at our meetings.



### Get to Know Fellow Parishioners!

Our Sunday Hospitality Ministry needs volunteers to help bring fellowship (donuts, coffee and juice) to our parishioners each Sunday after morning Masses. We're unable to provide this morning "treat" without your help. This is a wonderful opportunity for families or groups, kids that need service hours, seniors and neighbors to volunteer.

There are 2 shifts available to choose from or you can volunteer for both. The first shift runs from 7:15 - 10:00 a.m. to set up the goodies in the Gym after the 7:30 and 9:00 a.m. Masses. The second shift runs from 9:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., serves after the 9:00 and 10:45 a.m. Masses, then cleans up afterwards. Volunteers are needed for both shifts most Sundays starting in September and throughout the fall.

This is a beautiful ministry that gathers parishioners together and needs volunteers to help. Please consider volunteering a few hours of your time (or more!) on one Sunday to help your church. We can't do this without "U!" Please call Rosemary Tack at 815-267-3805 to sign up, for more details, or to ask any questions you may have.



## Modern Day Slavery

### Presentation by Sr. Stella Storch, Dominican Sister of Sinsinawa



Sr. Stella was a teacher and principal for 27 years and served on the leadership team of her congregation for 6 years. Since 2001 she has been the Coordinator for Justice, Peace, and Ecology for the Sisters of St. Agnes in Fond du Lac, WI, and is educating people about the horror of human trafficking, especially the abuse of women and children in sexual exploitation. Please join the CCW on Thursday, September 6, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Faith Sharing/Harvester Rooms for Sr. Stella's presentation and our monthly CCW meeting and fellowship. Questions? Call Colleen Robey at 815-254-0207.

## *Reflections of the Heart—Time to Come Together as One*

### 17th Biennial Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention

Join us on October 13 and 14 at the Westin Hotel in Lombard where the JDCCW will provide education and information for your parish. Featuring 6 guest speakers, 6 workshops, and inspiring Liturgies! Get information that can be shared with ALL your parishioners, including health issues, vocations and many more. Your parish needs a voice in our future! Registration to this worthwhile event is only \$70.00. We all need to come together as one voice! For information contact the JDCCW office at [jdccwpresident@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:jdccwpresident@dioceseofjoliet.org) or call 815-834-4080.



### *Knights of Columbus Good Shepherd Council #5573*



*For the sick and suffering: may the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ give them strength and consolation through all their trials.  
We pray to the Lord.*

*Por los enfermos y los que sufren: que el Santísimo Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo les concedan fuerza y consuelo en todas sus pruebas.  
Rogemos al Señor.*



## Word of Life

It should also be noted that in a society that respects natural law's right of religious liberty, a conscience clause should be redundant. That is: with or without a stated "conscience clause," the government cannot force religious institutions and churches to act against their beliefs. It should be understood, and has been understood that it is the natural right of man to follow his faith... until now.

~ Most Rev. W. Francis Malooly,  
Bishop of Wilmington,  
Homily, Fortnight for Freedom Mass,  
June 21, 2012



## Palabra de Vida

Debe notarse que en una sociedad que respeta el derecho a la libertad religiosa contenido en la ley natural, una cláusula de conciencia debía ser redundante. Es decir: con o sin una "cláusula de conciencia" declarada, el gobierno no puede forzar a las instituciones religiosas ni a las iglesias a actuar contra sus doctrinas. Debe entender, y así se ha entendido, que el hombre tiene un derecho natural a seguir su fe... hasta ahora.

~Reverendísimo W. Francis Malooly, obispo de Wilmington, Homilía en la misa de la Quincena por la Libertad, 21 de junio 21 de 2012

# *Christian Service, Pastoral Care, and Social Justice*

## **Daybreak Meal on Tuesday, September 4**

What is Daybreak? Daybreak is a homeless shelter located in downtown Joliet. The evening meals for the residents are provided solely by contributions prepared and served from the congregations of local churches and community organizations. This ministry at St. Mary's has committed to supplying the dinner six times per year along with the provisions for breakfast the following day.

We need you! Since this is meant to be a parish ministry, we ask that everyone watch the weekly bulletin for the dates and times for each dinner. Please sign up to donate to the hungry. It truly is a way to help those in need. Due to the fact that this meal is close to the Labor Day holiday please remember to mark your calendar with the date and time.

September Meal. Our next meal is Tuesday, September 4. The pick up time is 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. in front of the church. We will be serving a meatloaf dinner including mashed potatoes, vegetable casseroles and salad. The sign up poster will be in the Commons after all Masses beginning the weekend of August 18 and 19 through September 3. Please check the poster in the Commons for details. If cooking is not for you, please consider donating one of following: fresh fruit, salad, dessert, 2-liter bottles of soda, orange juice or fruit juice, dry cereal, hot cereal, eggs, bacon, tea, and coffee.

Thank you! We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has cooked or donated food.

Questions? Feel free to contact Donna Giancarlo at 436-7166 or Linda Polnik at 436-5069.



The Plainfield Area Interfaith Food Pantry is in need of  
**MACARONI and CHEESE, PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY, and CANNED FRUIT**  
For more information visit [www.plainfieldfoodpantry.org](http://www.plainfieldfoodpantry.org) or call 815-439-8394.  
Thank you for your continued support.

## **Protecting God's Children Workshops Scheduled**

During the 2003-2004 school year, our parish provided "safe environment" education and training for our employees, staff, and volunteers who work with the youth in the life of our parish. Protecting God's Children is the program our Diocese selected for this purpose. Since that time, we have continued to offer workshops for new volunteers who get involved in our ever-growing parish community, and will continue to do so this school year. All are welcome to attend. We have scheduled Protecting God's Children Workshops for the following dates:

- Thursday September 6, 2012 from 7:00-10:00 p.m. in the Stewardship/Unity Rooms**
- Monday September 17, 2012 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Stewardship/Unity Rooms**
- Thursday October 4, 2012 from 7:00-10:00 p.m. in the Stewardship/Unity Rooms**
- Monday October 22, 2012 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Stewardship/Unity Rooms**
- Thursday January 17, 2013 from 7:00-10:00 p.m. in the Stewardship/Unity Rooms**

Please call the Religious Education office at 815-436-4501 or Marci Zimmer at 815-436-2651 ext. 829 to register. We would like to recognize and be sensitive to the fact that some of our parishioners/volunteers interested in attending Protecting God's Children workshops may have been victims of abuse themselves, causing them to be hesitant or cautious about attending a large group workshop. We acknowledge and respect this, and will do our best to accommodate you as needed. Please call our Protecting God's Children Workshop Facilitator, Pat Mander, who is also our Parish Nurse, and we will do our best to work something out for you. Pat can be reached at 815-436-2651 ext. 893. *Please contact the Diocese of Joliet Office of Hispanic Ministry at 815-834-4037 for Workshops in Spanish.*

# Christian Service, Pastoral Care, and Social Justice

## Please Support Our Military Men and Women

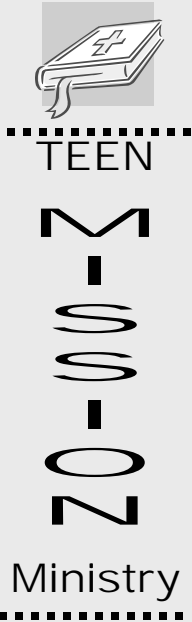
Our Military Ministry's goal is to provide spiritual support to our military families, who have loved ones currently deployed, and to always remember those who are giving and have given so much of themselves through their unselfish service to our country.

**Letter Writing.** Please show your support by writing to our Military Men and Women on Sunday, September 16 in the Gym from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Hour of Silent Prayer.** Please, devote an hour with us to pray for those who wear our uniforms. Come on Friday, September 21 to pray in the Adoration Chapel starting at 6:00 p.m.



For further information, please contact Maria Prekop at 312-259-6851 or by email [maria.prekop@navigant.com](mailto:maria.prekop@navigant.com) or Donna Hoban at 815-254-0622 or by email [hobans@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hobans@sbcglobal.net).



## St. Mary Immaculate Teen Mission Ministry *Beyond Words to Faith in Action*

Are you a High School Teen interested in the week-long Summer 2013 Young Neighbors in Action (YNA) Mission Trip? Join us on Wednesday, September 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Room to learn more and to participate in the information-gathering and decision-making process. Handouts will be distributed with a discussion of YNA action activity choices, dates, locations, requirements and cost.

HS Teens will then have 2 weeks to discuss the information with their parents, check 2013 summer camp/family schedules and prioritize their personal choices. At a meeting on Wednesday., September 19 at 7:00 p.m., we will gather personal choices and discuss results. We will decide on one choice and one alternative to present to Fr. David for approval. Teens do NOT need to make a decision about joining the trip until AFTER approval is received. Unable to attend? Contact [TeenMissionMinistry@SMIP.org](mailto:TeenMissionMinistry@SMIP.org).

## Daybreak Center Seeks Food and Personal Care Donations

Catholic Charities' Daybreak Center in Joliet, the largest homeless shelter in Will County, is seeking to aid homeless shelter residents with donations of:

- white wash cloths
- white bath towels
- canned tuna
- instant mashed potatoes
- canned ravioli
- spaghetti sauce
- jelly (grape, apple, strawberry)
- instant oatmeal
- 1 - 2 lb. bags of rice
- coffee
- iced tea mix

Please bring donations to the back entrance of 611 E. Cass Street (Daybreak Center) in Joliet on weekdays between 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.. To learn more about the programs and services provided by Catholic Charities, visit [catholiccharitiesjoliet.org](http://catholiccharitiesjoliet.org).



## The Annual SMI School Golf Outing Friday, Sept. 14th, Bolingbrook Golf Club

11:30 a.m. Registration, Lunch, Driving Range and Putting Green Opens  
12:45 p.m. Opening Prayer, Rule Review; 1:00 p.m. Shotgun Scramble Starts  
St. Mary Immaculate Parish School's Golf Committee is sponsoring a "Best Ball" scramble followed by cocktails, dinner, prizes and more! We ask all parish golfers to join us for this very enjoyable event! If you are unable to attend, please

consider a donation for prizes and raffles. Proceeds go to an education fund and Christmas gift for the St. Mary Immaculate Teachers.

- Basic Golf Package: Golf, Lunch, Dinner and Bar: \$125.00
- VIP Golf Package: Golf, Two Mulligans, Participate in all Gimmick Holes, Lunch, Cocktails, Dinner, VIP Raffle Ticket: \$150.00
- Dinner only: \$30.00
- Hole Sponsorship: \$250.00 (includes one free meal ticket and signage at Your hole.
- Birdie Sponsorship: \$500.00 (two free dinner tickets and recognition in our event signage)
- Eagle Sponsorship: \$1,000 (includes four free dinner tickets and recognition in our event signage)
- All other donations gladly accepted.

For more information, to sponsor a hole or to make your reservation contact Tim Malec at 815-254-7914, Al Broniewicz at 708-254-1433, Andy Gorski at 817-715-4260, Ryan Doyle at 630-862-0685, Pat Maloney at 630-926-7380 or Joe Ooten at 630-258-9228.

### LIFETEEN

- All High School Teens Invited!
- Sunday nights 7:10 to 9:00 p.m.
- Upstairs in the Stewardship/Unity Rooms
- Food, Faith, Fun, and Fellowship
- Stop by on Sunday Night for more info!

- *Grab a friend and come see what SMI Parish teens are up to!*

#### Upcoming Events

- 8/26: *Special Guest Mr. Raed Makhoul from Israel*
- 9/2: *No Life Teen*

Join Facebook Group  
SMILifeteen  
& keep up with  
all the news!

## "My Time" Registration is open for the 2012/2013 school year Classes Start Sunday, September 9

Classes start September 9, 2012 and will be offered for 4 sessions through April 14, 2013. Registration Forms are available on the table just inside Door B (the Commons) and in the Religious Education Office.

Does your preschooler have a hard time sitting through Sunday Mass? Does he or she ask questions about what is going on during Mass? Would you like to be able to listen and pay attention during Mass?

Then, It's "My Time" with Jesus may be what you're looking for... "My Time" is an early childhood religious education program for 3, 4, & 5 year olds which introduces children to the parts of the Mass on their level while focusing on the weekly Gospel lessons--Children learn about Jesus and how to pray through stories, art, songs, and games.

**If you are interested in teaching or being a student aide, have any questions, or would like more information, call Bridgett Melzacki at 815-436-2651 ext. 852.**



## *Education and Formation (continued)*



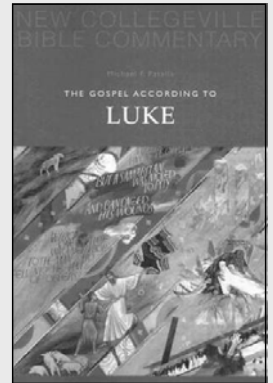
### **Bible Study on the Book of Isaiah**

Isaiah is considered to be one of the greatest Old Testament prophets. We are all familiar with the Emmanuel readings from Advent. We look forward to Handel's Messiah. These images and more came from the Isaiah scroll. Join us for a 10-week investigation into the world and times of Isaiah of Jerusalem. You will also learn about 2<sup>nd</sup> Isaiah and 3<sup>rd</sup> Isaiah. WHAT!?? Yes! Isaiah lives on through his disciples and those who thought like him. Travel through time to see how each generation developed and extended this visionary theologian of the 8<sup>th</sup> century BCE. Learn how he influenced prophets who came after him. Witness his effect on the gospels and even on John's Revelation!

To register, email [djfiday@comcast.net](mailto:djfiday@comcast.net) or call David Fiday at 815-439-1897. No fees, no deadlines, just let David know you are coming (so we have enough materials). Bring a friend and bring your bible! A supplemental commentary will be available for \$7. We meet in the Stewardship Room from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesdays in September, October, and once in November. Specific dates are September 4, 11, 18, 25; October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; and November 6.

### **Bible Study on the Gospel According to Luke**

Please join this 10-week Bible Study on the Gospel According to Luke. This is an opportunity to gain a better understanding and appreciation of the background and context of who Luke's audience was; who Jesus is and what Discipleship means from the perspective of Luke's Gospel, as well as many other themes and teachings of Jesus that are still relevant to us this day. We will meet on Monday's in the Upper Room from September 10 through November 12, from 7:30 until 9:00 p.m. We will use the New Collegeville Commentary on the Gospel According to Luke (\$7.00) for this study. To register, email Anita Besch at [abesch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:abesch@sbcglobal.net), or call her at 630-415-6826 (cell). Provide your name, phone number, email address and if you would like her to purchase the Commentary for you.



### **RE Class Postings are Available**

Postings are up on our office windows and online at [smip.org](http://smip.org).

*Let the children come...*

## *Diversity and Unity*

### **Hispanic Ministry Events**

#### **Cómo Registrarse en la Parroquia**

Si gusta registrarse acuda al escritorio de la recepción el domingo a las 10:15 a.m. EN PUNTO, ellos lo guiarán a la biblioteca de la escuela donde llenará una forma con sus datos y los de su familia. Para recibir cualquier Sacramento, presentación de 3 años, bendición de quinceañera(o), matrimonio, para participar en cualquier Ministerio, o si necesita algún documento firmado debe pertenecer a nuestra Iglesia.



## *Diversity and Unity (continued)*

### **Círculo de Oración Carismático**

Todos los viernes a las 7:00 p.m. en uno de los salones de la Iglesia.

### **Adoración Nocturna al Santísimo en la Iglesia**

Cada primer viernes del mes, de 9:00 p.m. a 5:00 a.m. en la iglesia. Las familias adoran al Santísimo de 9:30 a 11:00 p.m. Los hombres de las 11:00 p.m. a las 5:00 a.m. La próxima reunión es el 1 de septiembre.

### **Misas y Confesiones en Español**

Sábados 5:30 p.m. en la Iglesia.

Domingos 12:15 p.m. en Salón Cana Hall.

Confesiones 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. en Salón NWA.

¡La Misa del sábado cuenta como la del domingo. Los sábados hay muchos asientos desocupados en la Iglesia!

### **Bautizos**

Necesitamos personas que puedan ayudar durante los bautizos en español, para acomodar lo necesario el día del bautizo y organizar a las familias que bautizarán. Para mayores informes comuníquense con Pilar Leal 815-577-1603.

### **Monaguillos**

Necesitamos monaguillos que le ayuden al Sacerdote durante la misa. Si su hijo ya hizo la Primera Comunión y quiere ayudar, comuníquese con Lety Salinas 815-212-6582.

*St. Mary Immaculate Parish and the Parish Filipino Ministry Cordially Invite One and All to a*

### **Filipino Mass**

### **San Lorenzo Ruiz celebration**

**Sunday, September 30, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. in Cana Hall**

Presider - Fr. Mario Quejadas

Refreshments to follow – Potluck Style (Please bring your favorite desserts to share)

#### **Contact persons:**

**Jose Diokno at 815-609-3663**

**Deng Baronia at 815-603-8616**

**Remy at 815-254-8445**

## *Diocesan News*

### **The Diocese of Joliet**

### **Catholic Schools Volunteer Association Needs You**

Parishioners and school parents are needed to assist the Superintendent of Catholic Schools with projects that support a positive religious and academic environment for the entire diocesan school community. Please consider volunteering for the newly formed Catholic Schools Volunteer Association. You can volunteer as little or as much time as you would like. All are welcome! For more information, please email [csovolunteers@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:csovolunteers@dioceseofjoliet.org).



### **Respect Life Coordinator for Office of Human Dignity**

The Diocese of Joliet's Office of Human Dignity is seeking a part-time Respect Life Coordinator (this is an un-benefited position). The Respect Life Coordinator coordinates Respect Life ministry and implements programs of spiritual, educational, and pastoral care and legislative policies and activities. This individual will maintain a working knowledge and accurate assessment of the needs of the Diocese regarding pro-life, chastity, and fertility awareness issues. It requires a flexible schedule and with ability to work evenings and weekends as required. This individual must be a practicing Catholic in good standing who understands and supports the Respect Life and Social Teachings of the Catholic Church. A Bachelor's degree in Pastoral Ministry, Theology, or related field is a must, and at least five (5) years of pastoral experience in Respect Life and Social Concerns. To see a full job description please go to [www.dioceseofjoliet.org/employment](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/employment). Interested applicants meeting the necessary qualifications should email cover letter, resume and salary requirement to: [humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org).

## *Community and Potpourri*

### **Volunteers Needed at The Dominican Literacy Center in Aurora**

Tutors are greatly needed at the Dominican Literacy Center in Aurora. The Center is a literacy program for immigrant/low income women. Female volunteers (who have finished high school) help individual students to read, write and speak English. Tutoring sessions are for 90 minutes, once a week at 260 Vermont St., Aurora, IL, behind St. Therese Church. All volunteers must attend training at the Center. The next training is August 21, 23, 28 and 30 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. It is necessary to attend all sessions. You do not need to speak Spanish in order to tutor. To volunteer or for more information please call Sr. Ann Clennon at 630-898-4636 or email at [domlitctr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:domlitctr@sbcglobal.net).

### **Crisis Line of Will and Grundy Counties Needs Volunteers**

Volunteers are needed for the Crisis Line of Will and Grundy Counties. Duties include over-the-phone counseling, information & referrals, reassurance for elderly, and suicide prevention. Classes start on September 10 and run through October 17, on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For more information please call 815-744-5280.

### **The Upper Room Crisis Hotline Needs Volunteers Training Session Begins September 11**

The Upper Room is a hotline in support of our priests, deacons, and religious brothers who need a lift when life gets troublesome. It is a national service, receiving calls from across the U.S., as well as from Australia, Germany, and Canada. You will be trained to listen, give appropriate referrals, and help them through the crises in their life, especially when some feel life is not worth living. Now is the time to show our love and respect to these good men and help them in their time of need. Please register to help. Compassionate volunteers are always needed to keep the Line open and operative.



A new training class for volunteers begins September 11, runs until November 1, and meets on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Please support our priests, deacons, and Religious brothers by providing your Name, Address, and Phone Number to The Upper Room Crisis Hotline, P.O. Box 3572, Joliet, IL 60434, or call to register at 815-341-9124.

# **AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL AUTHORIZATION FORM** **VISA/MASTERCARD/DISCOVER AUTHORIZATION FORM**

St. Mary Immaculate is providing its parishioners the opportunity to have their Sunday Offering, Tuition, and Building Fund contributions directly withdrawn from their checking accounts or charged to their Visa/MasterCard/Discover accounts on a monthly or semi-monthly basis

We offer this twice a month. You can now choose the 5th or 20th (or both) of each month. If you wish to participate, please complete the form below and submit it with a voided check. For Visa/MasterCard/Discover charges, please write your account number, expiration date and security code on the line provided. These forms can be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the Parish Office. Please call Janice in the Business Office at 815-436-2651 ext. 851, if you have any questions.

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I (we) authorize St. Mary Immaculate to initiate debit entries from my (our) banking account in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the **SUNDAY OFFERING**.

5th of each month \$\_\_\_\_\_ or 20th of each month \$\_\_\_\_\_

I (we) authorize St. Mary Immaculate to initiate debit entries from my (our) banking account in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the **DIOCESAN DEBT PAYMENT**.

5th of each month \$\_\_\_\_\_ or 20th of each month \$\_\_\_\_\_

I (we) authorize St. Mary Immaculate to initiate debit entries from my (our) banking account in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for **TUITION**. **Please circle: SCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED**

5th of each month \$\_\_\_\_\_ or 20th of each month \$\_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE ATTACH A VOIDED CHECK**

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I (we) authorize St. Mary Immaculate to charge my (our) **VISA** or **MASTERCARD** or **DISCOVER** account in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the **SUNDAY OFFERING**.

5th of each month \$\_\_\_\_\_ or 20th of each month \$\_\_\_\_\_

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5th of each month \$\_\_\_\_\_ or 20th of each month \$\_\_\_\_\_

Visa/MasterCard/Discover number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Security code on back of card \_\_\_\_\_  
(last 3 digits on the right)




This authorization is to remain in full force and effect until St. Mary Immaculate Parish has received written or oral notification from me (us) of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford St. Mary Immaculate Parish and the Financial Institution a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

SIGNATURE(S) \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print Name and Give Contact Information \_\_\_\_\_

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# Events This Week

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>August 26</i>	<i>August 27</i>	<i>August 28</i>	<i>August 29</i>	<i>August 30</i>	<i>August 31</i>	<i>September 1</i>
<p><b>7:30 AM</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> <b>10:45 AM</b> <b>12:15 PM</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Mass (CH)</p> <p><b>10:30 AM</b> Mass - Polish (CANA)</p> <p><b>12:15 PM</b> Mass - Spanish (CANA)</p> <p><b>8:00 AM - 12:30 PM</b> Sunday Hospitality (G, K)</p> <p><b>8:00 AM - 12:30 PM</b> Manna Sales (COM)</p> <p><b>8:30 - 10:00 AM</b> Reconciliation - Fr. Gerold (CH-Near Mary Statue)</p> <p><b>9:00 - 11:00 AM</b> Holy Land with Raed Makhouli - Mini Presentation (UN, ST)</p> <p><b>10:00 - 10:30 AM</b> Polish Confessions (FSR)</p> <p><b>10:15 - 11:15 AM</b> Welcome Gathering Event (LIB)</p> <p><b>10:45 - 11:30 AM</b> Spanish Choir (MR)</p> <p><b>2:00 - 3:30 PM</b> Baptisms (CH)</p> <p><b>2:30 - 7:30 PM</b> Troop 19 Summer Court of Honor (G, K)</p> <p><b>4:00 - 6:00 PM</b> Music Practice (CH)</p> <p><b>7:00 - 9:00 PM</b> Life Night (UN, ST, UR)</p> <p><b>8:00 - 9:00 PM</b> AA Meeting (NWB &amp; C)</p>	<p><b>7:30 AM</b> Mass (CH)</p> <p><b>8:15 AM - 4:15 PM</b> Manna Sales (PO)</p> <p><b>8:30 - 10:30 AM</b> Employment Ministry Accountability Group (FSR)</p> <p><b>3:30 - 10:00 PM</b> Athletics (G)</p> <p><b>5:00 - 10:00 PM</b> SSCC Scheduling Meeting (LIB)</p> <p><b>6:00 - 7:00 PM</b> AA Meeting (NWB &amp; C)</p> <p><b>6:00 - 9:00 PM</b> ESL (FSR, HR, UN, ST)</p> <p><b>6:30 - 10:00 PM</b> Spirit and Truth Meeting (WAL)</p> <p><b>6:45 - 8:30 PM</b> SMIP Drama Club Meeting (PLIB)</p>	<p><b>7:30 AM</b> Mass (CH)</p> <p><b>8:15 AM - 4:15 PM</b> Manna Sales (PO)</p> <p><b>3:30 - 10:00 PM</b> Athletics (G)</p> <p><b>4:00 - 10:00 PM</b> RE Opening Meeting (CANA)</p> <p><b>6:30 - 9:00 PM</b> SMIP Employment Ministry (FSR, HR)</p> <p><b>6:30 - 9:00 PM</b> School Board Meeting(UR)</p> <p><b>6:45 - 8:00 PM</b> Youth Choir Practice (MR)</p> <p><b>7:00 - 9:00 PM</b> Charismatic Prayer Meeting (NWB&amp;C)</p> <p><b>7:00 - 8:00 PM</b> Holy Land with Raed Makhouli - Tour Session 1 (CH, COM)</p>	<p><b>7:30 AM</b> Mass (CH)</p> <p><b>8:15 AM - 4:15 PM</b> Manna Sales (PO)</p> <p><b>11:00 AM - 2:00 PM</b> Seniors Meeting (FSR, HR, K, CANA)</p> <p><b>5:30 - 6:45 PM</b> Bell Choir (MR)</p> <p><b>6:30 - 9:00 PM</b> Back to School Night (G)</p> <p><b>7:00 - 9:00 PM</b> Spanish Choir (MR)</p> <p><b>7:00 - 8:00 PM</b> Holy Land with Raed Makhouli - "Forum on Christmas in the Holy Land" (CH, CANA, COM)</p> <p><b>7:00 - 9:00 PM</b> Teen Mission Ministry Core Team (UR)</p>	<p><b>7:30 AM</b> Mass (CH)</p> <p><b>8:15 AM - 4:15 PM</b> Manna Sales (PO)</p> <p><b>3:30 - 10:00 PM</b> Athletics (G)</p> <p><b>6:00 - 9:00 PM</b> Mentor Training Yr. 1 and 2 (UN, ST)</p> <p><b>7:00 - 9:00 PM</b> Spanish Choir (MR)</p> <p><b>7:00 - 10:00 PM</b> Protecting God's Children (FSR, HR)</p> <p><b>7:00 - 8:00 PM</b> Holy Land with Raed Makhouli - Tour Session 2 "Jerusalem" (CH, CANA, COM)</p>	<p><b>7:30 AM</b> Mass (CH)</p> <p><b>8:45 - 9:45 AM</b> School Mass (CH)</p> <p><b>8:15 AM - 4:15 PM</b> Manna Sales (PO)</p> <p><b>3:30 - 10:00 PM</b> Athletics (G)</p> <p><b>6:00 - 7:00 PM</b> Funeral (CH)</p> <p><b>6:30 - 9:00 PM</b> Hispanic Charismatic Group (CANA, CC)</p> <p><b>9:30 PM-12:00 AM</b> Adoration and Benediction Hispanic Ministry (CH, CHAP, NWA, B &amp; C)</p>	<p><b>7:30 AM</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> Mass (CH)</p> <p><b>5:30 PM</b> Mass - Spanish (CH)</p> <p><b>12:00 - 5:00 AM</b> Adoration Hispanic Ministry (CH, CHAP, NWA, B &amp; C)</p> <p><b>7:00 - 9:30 AM</b> Brothers in Christ Meeting (NWA, B &amp; C)</p> <p><b>10:00 AM - 12:15 PM</b> Charismatic Prayer Group-Hispanic (HR, CC)</p> <p><b>3:00 - 3:45 PM</b> Confessions (CH)</p> <p><b>4:00 - 5:15 PM</b> Confessions - Spanish (NWA)</p> <p><b>4:00 - 5:30 PM</b> Spanish Choir (MR)</p> <p><b>4:45 - 5:30 PM</b> Manna Sales (COM)</p>
						<p><b>Go Green!</b></p>  <p>Please recycle this paper when done.</p>

CANA - Cana Hall, E-East/W-West  
 CC - Child Care Rm, PH  
 CH - Church  
 CHAP - Chapel  
 COM - Commons  
 FSR - Faith Sharing Rm, PH, across  
 from Cana Hall  
 G - Gym

HCMR - Holistic Center Mtg Rm  
 HR - Harvester Rm, PH, past Cana  
 Hall, far SE corner  
 K - Kitchen  
 KC - Knights of Columbus House  
 LIB - School Library  
 MR - Music Room  
 NWA - North Wing, Mtg. Rm A

NWB - North Wing, Mtg. Rm B  
 NWC - North Wing, Mtg. Rm C  
 PH - Parish Hall  
 PLIB - Parish Library  
 PO - Parish Office  
 PRESCHL - Preschool Rm  
 SCH - School  
 SL - Staff Lounge

SPR - School Prayer Rm  
 ST - Stewardship Rm, PH, second fl,  
 center room  
 UN - Unity Rm, PH, second floor,  
 SE corner  
 UR - Upper Rm, PH, second floor,  
 top of stairs  
 WAL - School Waldorf Rm

# Contact and General Information

PARISH OFFICE 815-436-2651 815-436-5017—FAX  
WEB SITE WWW.SMIP.ORG E-mail: webmaster@smip.org  
RELIGIOUS ED. *Pre-K through Confirmation* 815-436-4501  
HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY OFFICE 815-436-2350  
PARISH SCHOOL OFFICE 815-436-3953

## PARISH PRIESTS\*

**PASTOR:** FR. DAVID MEDOW—813  
FR. GREG PODWYSOCKI—848  
FR. JOHN REGAN—802  
FR. STAN TABOR—806  
FR. GEROLD SCHUBERT, OFM—In Residence  
*\*In a Pastoral Emergency, dial  
1-815-436-2651 then extension 881.*

## PARISH DEACONS

Deacon Manuel Guerrero—280-807  
Deacon Pat Lombardo—280-477  
Deacon Tom O'Connell—280-479  
Deacon Vic Puscas—280-482  
Deacon Tom Sagenbrecht—280-476  
Deacon Jim Sossong—280-481

## PARISH NURSE

Pat Mander, R.N.—893

## PARISH OFFICE—815-436-2651

**Admin. Asst.:** Pat Widlowski—803  
**Parish Secretary:** Josefina Medina—800

## PARISH SCHOOL—815-436-3953

**Principal:** John Garvey—837  
**Asst. Principal:** Jennifer Errthum—834  
**Admin. Asst.:** Kris Hitchins—812  
**Secretary:** Sue Welch—830

## BUILDING SERVICES

**Supervisor:** Phil Gregoire—820

## BULLETIN EDITOR

Cindy Sweeney—280-822 (*articles are due 10 days prior to the Sunday the article is to be run at bulletin@smip.org or in the Parish Office.*)

## BUSINESS OFFICE

**Business Manager:** Janice Gregoire—851  
Bobbi Mitchell—854/Therese DeSitter—804

## CALENDAR COORDINATOR

Jenny Cederberg—280-486

## CEMETERY DIRECTOR

Cheri Bohlin—801

## COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR

David Bachtel—815

## HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

**Main Number:** 815-436-2350  
**Director:** Karen Welsch—814

## HOLISTIC CENTER STAFF

**Psychologist:** Dr. Ted Welsch, Psy.D.—686  
**Spiritual Director:** Alice Dehm—896  
**Counselor:** Joan Lopina, MS, LCPC—892

## LIBRARY—815-436-2651

## LITURGY DIRECTOR

Geralyn Kuban—810

## MARRIAGE PREP COORDINATORS

Brian & Melissa Gilbert—815-733-6294

## MINISTRIES COORDINATOR

Eve Govea—846

## MUSIC MINISTRY

**Director:** Cherie Perine—850  
Monica Slayman, Janet Kirer—805  
**Youth Choir Director:** Heather Roerig—805  
**Hispanic Ministry Music Coord.:**  
Veronica Cruz—875

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Main Number:** 815-436-4501  
**Program Director:** Geri Morse—840  
**Confirmation Director:** Penny Giunta—878  
**"My Time" with Jesus Director:**  
Bridgett Melzacki—852

## TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR

Jackson Brunsting—838

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Faith Bohlin—828

## WEEKEND SCHEDULE

**Saturday Evening Mass:** 4:00 PM  
**Sunday Mass:** 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:45 AM, 12:15 PM  
& 6:00 PM  
**Spanish Mass:** Saturdays 5:30 PM (Church) &  
Sundays 12:15 PM (Cana Hall)  
**Polish Mass:** Sundays 10:30 AM (Cana Hall)

## WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday through Saturday:** 7:30 AM

## HOLY DAY & CIVIC HOLIDAY MASS TIMES

Please consult the bulletin or call the Parish Office for special Mass times.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**English:** Saturdays 3:00-3:45 PM (Church Confessionals)  
Sundays 8:30-10:00 AM (Church Confessionals)  
**Spanish:** Saturdays 4:00-5:15 PM (NWA)  
**Polish:** Sundays 10:00 AM (FSH)  
Or by appointment with the priests.

**CHAPEL HOURS:** Continuous exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament from Sunday 7:00 PM through Friday 9:00 PM except on First Fridays when exposition continues overnight to Saturday 7:00 AM.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact Parish Office or priests when sickness occurs.

**R.C.I.A.:** Anyone seeking information about joining the Catholic Faith should contact the Parish Office. Inquiry begins in early September each year and lasts until Pentecost Sunday.

**MARRIAGES:** Please contact the Parish Office when planning a marriage. Weddings must be scheduled at least six months in advance according to Diocesan norm. **(Weddings are not scheduled on Sundays unless during a regular Sunday Mass.)**

**BAPTISMS:** Parents of children are required to attend a Baptism Class prior to setting a date for the Baptism of their child. We encourage parents to attend the class before your child is born. Baptisms are held on Sundays at 2:00 PM or during a weekend Liturgy. Please call the Parish Office at 815-436-2651 to register for a Baptism Class Session.

**REGISTRATION:** *WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS!* Please introduce yourself to one of the priests and to those around you. If you are interested in registering as a parishioner, you are invited to attend our Welcome Gathering Event. This is held almost every Sunday at 10:15 AM and usually meets in the Media Center of the Parish School. Registration for membership is no longer taken through the Parish Office but only through the Sunday Gatherings. For information or if you have questions about becoming a parishioner, please call the Parish Office.