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Weekdays & Saturdays:

6:30 am & 8:00 am

Saturdays: 5:15 pm

(for Sunday Obligation)

Sundays: 6:30, 8:00\*, 9:30,

11:00 am & 5:15 pm

\*8:00 am on Facebook Live Daily

Rosary: 7:30 am daily in the Church

Day before Holy Day: 5:15 pm

Holy Days: 6:30, 8:00 am

12:00 noon and 5:15 pm

(if announced)

First Fridays: 5:15 pm

**CONFESSIONS**

First Friday Of The Month: 4:00-5:00pm

Saturday: 4:00-5:00pm & 7:00-8:00pm

Sunday: 4:45-5:15pm

AND BY APPOINTMENT

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Please call the office if you or  
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## THE SOLMENITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

**MAY 21, 2023**

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Monday, May 22

6:30 am Int of Shannon Connor

8:00 am Int of Wayne Wagon  
Family

#### Tuesday, May 23

6:30 am Otto & Mildred  
Franzmeier, Jr.†

8:00 am Int of H. Lynn

#### Wednesday, May 24

6:30 am Shannon William†

8:00 am Leonard & Verna Berg†

**Father Chris – The People of  
St. Mary's**

#### Thursday, May 25

6:30 am Int of Robert Connor

8:00 am Nancy Treichel†

#### Friday, May 26

6:30 am Bill & Marilyn Halliday†

8:00 am Int of John Lind & Family

#### Saturday, May 27

6:30 am Jim Knue†

8:00 am Charles T. Keshner†

5:15 pm Int of James Cordes

#### Sunday, May 28

6:30 am Everett Loy†

8:00 am Cecelia Pratt†

9:30 am Thomas "Bud" Burket

11:00 am Richard Cox† and Bill Cox†

5:15 pm Ralph "Buzz" &  
Jeanette Zybarth†

## Learning and Living Our Catholic Faith

Can you believe more than Forty Days have passed since Easter?! We hope you are all still celebrating this Easter Joy! Today we celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord!

Forty days after His resurrection, Jesus left His mother and His apostles and ascended to Heaven. Nine days after that (50 days after Easter) God the Holy Spirit descended upon Mother Mary and Apostles who were gathered in prayer in the Upper Room. We call Pentecost the birthday of the Church, because at this point the Apostles, on fire with the Spirit of God, went out and began to publicly proclaim the teachings of Jesus and His Church and baptizing all who came to them. Pentecost, which we celebrate next Sunday is a big deal!

For the 9 days between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost, the Apostles did what Jesus asked them to do: pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit. This intense time of prayer for the apostles is called the first novena. "Novena" comes from the Latin word "novem" which means "nine". A novena is nine days (or hours, or weeks, etc.) of intense prayer for a certain purpose. We continue this tradition today whenever we pray with intensity for an intention by praying for 9 days or hours or minutes, etc. Try it!

### Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Ghost

*O Lord Jesus Christ, Who, before ascending into heaven did promise to send the Holy Ghost to finish Thy work in the souls of Thine Apostles and Disciples deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul the work of Thy grace and Thy love. Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal, the Spirit of Understanding, to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth, the Spirit of Counsel that I may choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven, the Spirit of Fortitude that I may bear my cross with Thee and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation, the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints, the Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable, the Spirit of Fear of the Lord that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God, and may dread in any way to displease Him. Mark me, dear Lord, with the sign of Thy true disciples and animate me in all things with Thy Spirit. Amen.*



**THE 2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND WILL BE  
FOR THE OMV SEMINARIANS.**

If you have submitted a name for prayers in the bulletin they will remain for one month. If you would like to ask the parish to continue praying, please let the parish office know by calling (618) 465-4284. Thank you for your prayers!

## Requests for Prayers

**Please remember our brothers and sisters, who are in need of prayer.**

The Ringering Family, The Grossheim Family, Mark Crammond & Family, Lucy Rose Lucas, Naomi Fader, Barb Cronn, Everett O'Connor, Jack Droste, Matthew Paulda, Mistina Holt, Mary Jenniches, Sean Michael Donahue, Veronica Murray, Keith Houghton, Debra Houghton, Phyllis Milford-Rill, Larry Greenwell, Emilee Tate, Pat Gorman, Liam Maher, G. Terry Westfall, Ellen Saville, Margarita Pulido, Bob Rill, Chris Henkhaus, Mike Mihalich, Martha Kraehmer, Michael Jennings, Jr., Henry Leady, Stephen Turvey, Rollan "Jerry" Jouett, Samuel Madrey, Mary Ann Raymond, Denny Meehan, Sarah Huber, Joan Cox, Florence Sabaj, Bonnie Haegele, Carolyn Holt, Eric Holt, Jenny Breden, Barbara Hill, Jim Budde, Ron Eaton, Cindy Klunk, Catharine Williams, Jerome Carrigan, Donna Lavite, Toni Eichorn, Louis Ferraro, Nathan Robbins, Nicole Purcell, Jack Hartmann, Jerome Baumann, Mary Gillett, Douglas Richardson, Lexie Smith, Baby Kendall Madrey, Rhonda Clark, Richard Davis, Gerald Yungling, Jan Nolan, Jessica Boyd, Sara Ursprung, Mandy Buck O'Connor, Joe Mercurio, Steven G., Gary Harder, Angie Wiegand, Mark Riley, DeAnna Gleason, Mary Featherstone, Kelsey Thaxton, Stephen Adams, Kimmie Poisson, Anna Hartmann, Charlene Carpenter, Jeremy Madison, Michael McNamee, Sr., Bill Greenwell, Beckett Krieg, Tyler Hamby, Mary Buckley, Julie Henkhaus, Thelma Kochan, Bill Fitzgerald, Tom Barrett, Emert Wyss, Mary Wicklund, Pamela Kaizer, Constance Schulz, Darrell Griggs, Baby Charlotte Wenshinsky, Mike Hanahan, Lisa Scheldt, Roy Kubicek, Ron Ridder, Marge Ridder, Victor E., Angel Brenner, Laura Harman, Our Friend Mary, Kathleen Buckley, Steve Miller, Scott Manns, Brenda Vernatti, Nancy Malone, Megan Paulda, Donna Schrage, Bob Wilcox, Stephen Jouett, John & Kate Andre, Michael David Cope, Sharleen Bell, Tanner Akers, Amy Terhaar, Kathy McGuire, Patricia Saale, Baby Leo, Pam Bauer, Dolores Hill, Anthony Loscalzo, Zach Teipe and Family, Tad Holt, Joseph Hansen Jr., Mary Beckmann, Elaine McRae, Nancy Erikson, Kathleen Anderson, Helen Beirmann, Mary Jo Buesteton, Debbie Jones, Kathy Budde, Mark Dehner, Sweet Lainey and her family, Taylor W., Joe Bayer, Sally Fosdick, Kenny Altenberger, Mary Wuellner, Christy Flanagan, Neal Manns, Bonnie Cleary, Erlene Leady, Meredith Ragsdale, Maribeth Leigh, Donna Kahr, Sharon, Ava Crites, Nina Greenwell, Olga Kornyukhova, Rosemary Ruedin, Juanita & Henry Cruz, Margaret & Ray Clark, Carol Geisen, Josh Hedges, Grant Haegele, Dale Brown, Mackenzie Haegele, Lisa Guccione, The Hughes Family, The Cervantes Family, Dan Hurley, Kay Barnett, Laura Wright, Kay Ansell, Don Williams, Richard Hudanick, Celeste Frasier, Sylvia Manns, Katie Butler Simpson, Nancy Gonzales, Madison Krankel, Amy Madalon, Michelle Perica, Mary Miles, Joseph Fischer, Carol Henkhaus, Cheryl Whitten, Sarah Stirton, Chuck Pohlman, JoAnn Acheson, Roy Geisen, Toni Messinger, Sophie H., Mary Thompson, Ava Holt, Doug Manns, Joseph Gleason, Ann Reilly, Richard DuPatz, Jeff Vaughn, Levi McDonald, Allison Brakeville, Sydney Hosford

**Holy Mary, help those in need, give strength to the weak, comfort the sorrowful, pray for God's people, assist the clergy, and intercede for religious. May all who seek your help experience your unfailing protection. Amen.**

## 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

**Acts 1:1-11 ~ Ephesians 1:17-23 ~ Matthew 28:16-20**

**Focus:** Jesus, lifted to glory, is present to all His disciples in every age.

Today we celebrate the ascension of Christ to His eternal glory at the right hand of the Father. He was lifted up that He might be present to all in every age. As the disciples stood before the Lord on that first Ascension Day, so let us now come before Him with confidence in His forgiveness and mercy, and in the promise that He is with us to the end of the age.

In the opening verses of Acts, Saint Luke describes how Jesus ascended to the Father, having first entrusted His Apostles with the task of spreading the Gospel throughout the whole world. In the second reading, Paul prays that all who hear his words might experience the wisdom and power of the ascended Christ, who now reigns in glory over all creation. Matthew recalls the ascension of Jesus and His promise to be with them to the end of the age.

## CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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#### THE WORLD WAS CREATED FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

#### HEAVEN AND EARTH

**329** St. Augustine says: "'Angel' is the name of their office, not of their nature. If you seek the name of their nature, it is 'spirit'; if you seek the name of their office, it is 'angel': from what they are, 'spirit', from what they do, 'angel.'" With their whole beings the angels are servants and messengers of God. Because they "always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven" they are the "mighty ones who do his word, hearkening to the voice of his word".

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES



Jordan Cook, Kris Drake, Kyle Gray, Brian Gehm, Alaina Gehm, Johnny Braun, Grant Wanamaker, Trenton Brown, Michael Lucas, Drew Hargus, Steven Layne Blair, Jr., Joseph Brakeville, Keith Johnson, Joseph Buehlman, Teresa Buehlman, Austin Knebel, Megan Schuette, Daniel Chartrand, Morgun Yogore, William Kerr, Alex Geisen, Matthew Gonzales, Jacob Allen, Matt Jouett, Tamara Cardenas, Emily Keith, Lisa Haegele, Kyle Ontis, Kaleb Denney, Caleb Rench, Danny Geringer, Samantha Gorman, Lane Oliver, Alexander Jaworski, Lance Perkey, Jonathan McCullough, Samantha Hoehn, Grace Gerhart, Trent Ward, Michael Cooke, Ed Maag, Luke Plunkett, Abby Linscott, Eddie Frieling, Avery Geisen, Ellanour Brass, Austen Goheen, Matthew Bazzell, J.C. Wuellner

## PLEASE TAKE NOTE - NEW OFFICE HOURS

Beginning this week, our new office hours will be Monday–Friday, after the 8am Mass, from 8:30-3:30 with a lunch hour from Noon until 1:00. Carolyn Simansky and Marci Wendle will both be working part-time in the office on alternating days. You may reach them at their new emails, carolyn@stmarysalton.com and marci@stmarysalton.com.

## COMING SOON AT ST. MARY'S

Coffee & Doughnut Sunday – May 28

Mass in St. Joseph's Cemetery – May 29

Corpus Christi Procession – June 11

St. Mary's Vacation Bible School – July 17-19

## ROSARY AT THE GROTTO – *Pray with us!*

Pray the rosary with your own family and our Parish Family! During the month of May ~ the month of our Lady ~ we will meet at the Grotto each Saturday following the 5:15pm Mass to pray the Rosary. (The grotto is outside behind the church and rectory. In case of inclement weather, the rosary will be held in the church.) *What a wonderful time to come together to pray to our Lord and honor our Mother Mary. All are invited, young and not-so-young alike!*

*Next Sunday!*  
*Coffee & Donuts!*



Please join us NEXT Sunday, May 28, in the MARY ANN ROOM (church basement), for a coffee & donut fellowship following the 6:30am, 8:00am and 9:30am Masses. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED - If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact the Parish Office (618)465-4284.

## USE SCRIP FOR GRADUATION GIFTS

Many gift cards are available in the parish office or purchases can be made online [www.RaiseRight.com](http://www.RaiseRight.com) or on the Raise Right App. We have Visa gift cards with NO activation fees!! Questions? Need help? Ask Kim at: [thenugens@sbcglobal.net](mailto:thenugens@sbcglobal.net). Thank you for helping support St. Mary's School!

## THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

*Jesus came to heal the whole person, body and soul*

If you are ill or preparing for surgery and would like to be anointed, please contact the Parish Office to schedule a time for this sacrament of healing (618)465-4284. If an older relative of yours is taken to the hospital, please call us too, so that we can have a visit made to them.

\*\* Please note that due to HIPAA policies, the hospitals are not able to notify us if you're admitted. Please reach out to us or have a family member reach out to us.

## ARE YOU GOING ON VACATION?

Many of our Parish families are planning to get away for some summer fun and relaxation in the next few months. We pray that your vacation time will be safe and a source of many wonderful memories. To find a Church and Mass times while away from home, please visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org).

## THRIVE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

The annual BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN for **ThriVe MetroEast** has begun!! ThriVe MetroEast is a Pro-Life Medical Pregnancy Clinic that aims to be the first choice for women facing an unplanned pregnancy. Their services include:

- medical services related to pregnancy and sexual health
- information, counseling and support to individuals facing an unplanned pregnancy or coping with a past abortion or pregnancy loss
- equipping services to individuals and organizations

The majority of their clients are single between the ages of 20-29. The number of abortion-determined women whom they serve, from 43 different ZIP Codes, has quadrupled in the last 2 years. ThriVe MetroEast's goal is for these women to make ThriVe their first choice before going to an abortion clinic. It costs on average \$1,200 to save one life from abortion. Through the Baby Bottle Campaign, we can help ThriVe help these women and their babies.

**The Campaign runs from Mother's Day through Fathers' Day.** Please take a baby bottle and return it to the church or parish office by Fathers' Day!

## CALLED TO SERVE? COME AND SEE.

All men discerning a vocation to the diaconate are invited to a weekend experience at the Villa Maria Catholic Retreat and Conference Center, Friday September 8, (4 pm) thru Saturday September 9, (2pm) 2023. During the weekend you will meet the men and wives currently in formation, proctor classroom lecture, join in meals and social time. In addition to attending Mass with the deacon candidates and wives you will participate in the Liturgy of the Hours Morning and Evening Prayer. Wives of men discerning a vocation are invited and strongly encouraged to attend. Registration: <https://form.jotform.com/231135196152046>

## NEWS ON HOME MASSES

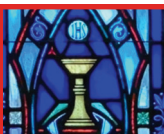
We have celebrated many special "home Masses". As our weather warms, please consider this unique and beautiful way to bless your family and/or bless a special celebration in your family. If you are interested in a home Mass, please contact one of the priests here at St. Mary's and we will arrange it.

## FORMED NEWS!

Know your Faith better!! FORMED offers many wonderful programs for the EASTER SEASON for both children and adults. To learn more, visit our FORMED page at [www.stmarysalton.com/formed](http://www.stmarysalton.com/formed). If you don't have a FORMED account, you can create one through the FORMED link.



# ST. MARY'S Adoration Chapel



<http://www.adorationpro.org/maryalton>

## Adorers Needed:

Fridays: 9:00pm

Saturdays: 4:00pm, 5:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm

## Additional Adorers Needed:

Mondays: 5:00pm, 6:00pm

Tuesdays: 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 6:00pm, 7:00pm

Wednesdays: 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm

Thursdays: 3:00pm, 4:00pm

Fridays: 5:00pm, 8:00pm

Saturdays: 3:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm

## UPCOMING EVENTS


### MEMORIAL DAY FIELD MASS

Please join us in prayer we remember our beloved dead at our annual Memorial Day Mass at St. Joseph's Cemetery on Monday, May 29 at 9:00 a.m. Please note, there will be no 8:00 a.m. Mass on this day. If it is raining, the Mass will be celebrated here at St. Mary's in the Church at 9:00 a.m. Don't forget your lawn chairs!

### CARRY-OUT CHICKEN DINNER

Sunday, June 4, St. Gertrude Parish, 202 Locust St, Grantfork, IL. Serving 11am – 4pm with limited dine-in seating. All dinners \$13 and include: half chicken, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, applesauce, slaw. No substitutions. For additional information, call 618-781-4249.

## School May Crowning



## Rest in Peace

Your prayers are requested for the souls of

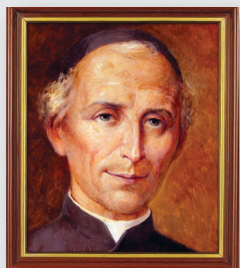
**Norma Hewitt**  
and  
**Rose Flagg**

"May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."

### LOOKING FOR A SPIRITUAL GIFT?

Please visit SS PETER AND PAUL'S GIFT SHOP, 717 State St., Alton, for gifts for Baptism, 1st Communion, Confirmation, RCIA, Weddings, etc. The gift shop is open after all Masses, Saturday, 4pm and Sunday, 8am and 10am.

## Venerable Bruno Lanteri



*"...do not be content to begin only for this year. Begin every day, because it is for every day, even for every*

*hour of the day, that the Lord taught us to say in the Our Father, 'Forgive us our trespasses,' and, 'Give us this day our daily bread.'"*

Learn more and request prayers online:  
[www.omvusa.org/bruno-lanteri/](http://www.omvusa.org/bruno-lanteri/)



# Fr. Paul's Farewell Mass & Reception



## PRAYER CORNER

### Prayer on the Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord

Dear Lord Jesus Christ, Right before your Ascension into Heaven you told your apostles to be your witnesses to the ends of the earth upon receiving the Holy Spirit. May I be similarly inspired to spread your Gospel message in word and deed, according to your will for me; and may I do so prudently and joyfully, with your help, your guidance, and your grace! And remembering this glorious event, help me to seek what is above, Heaven, where you are seated at the right hand of God the Father!  
Amen.

## LITURGICAL ROLES

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES:

New schedules have gone out by email and through MSP.

If you are offline and need your schedule, contact the parish office. If you would like to discontinue or change ministries, also contact us and we will get you set up.

If you have lost access to your account, contact [msp@stmarysalton.com](mailto:msp@stmarysalton.com) for assistance.

### WEEKDAY MASSES:

Servers and Lectors are welcome to resume all roles.

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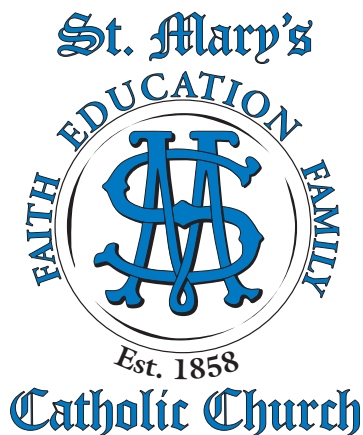
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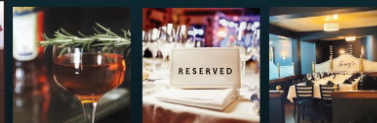
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