



4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd." - Jn 10:17

ST. MARY CHURCH
DeKALB, ILLINOIS
APRIL 25, 2021

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Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday: 9:00 AM - Noon & 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Friday: Closed

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Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM in English *

Sunday Masses: 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM in English *

Weekday Masses: Mon.-Tues. 5:00 PM in English

Wed.-Fri. 7:00 AM in English

NEW

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First Friday 7:00 PM *

* SIGN-UP BY PHONE OR ONLINE TO ATTEND MASSES.

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Vigil/Holy Day Masses: Call Parish Office

Area Care Facilities: Cancelled until further notice.

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Monday - 8:00 AM (FOR CONSIDERATION)

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Excerpt from the Apostolic Letter **Patris Corde of the Holy Father Francis** on the 150th Anniversary of the proclamation of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church

Pope Francis describes St. Joseph as "An Accepting Father"



Joseph accepted Mary unconditionally. He trusted in the angel's words. "The nobility of Joseph's heart is such that what he learned from the law he made dependent on charity. Today, in our world where psychological, verbal and physical violence towards women is so evident, Joseph appears as the figure of a respectful and sensitive man. Even though he does not understand the bigger picture, he makes a decision to protect Mary's good name, her dignity and her life. In his hesitation about how best to act, God helped him by enlightening his judgment" [18]

Often in life, things happen whose meaning we do not understand. Our first reaction is frequently one of disappointment and rebellion. Joseph set aside his own ideas in order to accept the course of events and, mysterious as they seemed, to embrace them, take responsibility for them and make them part of his own history. Unless we are reconciled with our own history, we will be unable to take a single step forward, for we will always remain hostage to our expectations and the disappointments that follow.

The spiritual path that Joseph traces for us is not one that *explains*, but *accepts*. Only as a result of this acceptance, this reconciliation, can we begin to glimpse a broader history, a deeper meaning. We can almost hear an echo of the impassioned reply of Job to his wife, who had urged him to rebel against the evil he endured: "Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" (Job 2:10).

Joseph is certainly not passively resigned, but courageously and firmly proactive. In our own lives, acceptance and welcome can be an expression of the Holy Spirit's gift of fortitude. Only the Lord can give us the strength needed to accept life as it is, with all its contradictions, frustrations and disappointments.

Jesus' appearance in our midst is a gift from the Father, which makes it possible for each of us to be reconciled to the flesh of our own history, even when we fail to understand it completely.

Just as God told Joseph: "Son of David, do not be afraid!" (Mt 1:20), so he seems to tell us: "Do not be afraid!" We need to set aside all anger and disappointment, and to embrace the way things are, even when they do not turn out as we wish. Not with mere resignation but with hope and courage. In this way, we become open to a deeper meaning. Our lives can be miraculously reborn if we find the courage to live them in accordance with the Gospel. It does not matter if everything seems to have gone wrong or some things can no longer be fixed. God can make flowers spring up from stony ground. Even if our heart condemns us, "God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything" (1 Jn 3:20).

Here, once again, we encounter that Christian realism which rejects nothing that exists. Reality, in its mysterious and irreducible complexity, is the bearer of existential meaning, with all its lights and shadows. Thus, the Apostle Paul can say: "We know that all things work together for good, for those who love God" (Rom 8:28). To which Saint Augustine adds, "even that which is called evil (*etiam illud quod malum dicitur*)". [19] In this greater perspective, faith gives meaning to every event, however happy or sad.

Nor should we ever think that believing means finding facile and comforting solutions. The faith Christ taught us is what we see in Saint Joseph. He did not look for shortcuts, but confronted reality with open eyes and accepted personal responsibility for it.

Joseph's attitude encourages us to accept and welcome others as they are, without exception, and to show special concern for the weak, for God chooses what is weak (cf. 1 Cor 1:27). He is the "Father of orphans and protector of widows" (Ps 68:6), who commands us to love the stranger in our midst. [20] I like to think that it was from Saint Joseph that Jesus drew inspiration for the parable of the prodigal son and the merciful father (cf. Lk 15:11-32).

[18] *Homily at Mass and Beatifications, Villavicencio, Colombia* (8 September 2017): AAS 109 (2017), 1061.

[19] *Enchiridion de fide, spe et caritate*, 3.11: PL 40, 236.

43RD WEEK OF FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021**Our Weekly Offering Week Ending 04/18/21**

Sunday Offertory	\$ 6,122.50
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Holy Thursday	\$ 10.00
Good Friday	\$ 5.00
Easter	\$ 1,950.00

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The power of prayer We pray for St. Mary parishioners, relatives, and friends who are suffering from illness, also for those who are homebound, hospitalized, or confined to a care facility, especially:

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To have a name added to or removed from the prayer list, call the parish office at 815.758.5432.

Readings for the Week of April 25, 2021

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29
[22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/
Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/
Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/
Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/
Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/
Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/
Jn 14:7-14
St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26—2:3 or
Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and
16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58
Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32
[26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

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Aurora Central Catholic High School (ACC) will host its virtual 25th Annual Super Saturday Night



fundraiser April 29 through May 1, 2021. The virtual fundraiser will provide ACC families, friends and community members with a guilt-free shopping experience that will benefit ACC's school tuition assistance program and sports facility enhancement project. This year's theme, "Silver Lining," will celebrate ACC's triumphs and perseverance through the COVID-19 pandemic. The free online event will give student parents and local community members the opportunity to support ACC. During the virtual auction, participants can safely place bids online from the comfort of their homes on a mobile device or computer. Auction items include destination getaways; luxury items and services; tickets to major Chicagoland area attractions and activities; gift cards for local businesses and restaurants; ACC prime parking spots and more. ACC's Super Saturday Night fundraiser will help to ensure our school's continued success in the 2021-22 academic year. Auction participants can purchase Pot of Blue and Gold Raffle tickets online for \$25 each or five for \$100 for a chance to win cash prizes. The grand prize winner will receive \$2,500, the second-place winner will receive \$1,000 and the third-place winner will receive \$500. Raffle tickets for class baskets, valued at \$500 each, will also be available online for \$5 each or five for \$20. All raffle winners will be notified by phone or email after the auction concludes on Saturday, May 1. Participants can view auction items, receive texts and place bids for live auction items via smartphone or computer by texting **G1538** to **63665** or registering at <https://bit.ly/3p9nZ07>. The online silent auction opens at 9:00 a.m. CDT on Thursday, April 29 and concludes at 9:00 p.m. CDT on Saturday, May 1. On May 1, raffles will close at 4:00 p.m. CDT and the virtual program and live raffle drawing will take place at 7:00 p.m. CDT. For more information on ACC's virtual Super Saturday Night fundraiser, contact Lea Dacanay-Rodriguez, development director at Aurora Central Catholic High School, at ldacanay@auroracentral.com or 630-907-0095.



Meals on Wheels: Road Crew

For many years, St. Mary has supplied the "road crew" for Meals on Wheels during the days of June for the DeKalb routes. It is a 3 route service. It would be a disappointment if we were not able to serve where needed. We are called to serve the hungry. This ministry takes about 1 ½ hr. to complete. We arrive at the Voluntary Action Center at 10:30, and are usually done by noonish... As one can see, we need 40+ routes covered. It is a ministry of great joy, not only for the receiver, but for the delivery person! Such a simple way to serve God and man...If available for a shift (M-F), in DeKalb, or if you have questions, please call Chris Hacker 758-5625. Leave a message if necessary, and I will get back with you, I promise! Please pray for this ministry, and for those who receive our service.



FIRST COMMUNION MASS

Saturday, May 1 at 11:00 AM

We ask our Parish Family to pray for those who will make their First Holy Communion.

O Jesus, who hast loved us with such exceeding great love as to give us the ineffable gift of the Holy Eucharist, inflame us with a burning zeal to promote Thy glory by preparing worthily the little children who are to approach Thy holy table for the first time. Protect, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, these young souls from the assaults of evil, strengthen their faith, increase their love and endow them with all the virtues that will make them worthy to receive Thee. Amen.

Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' care and love of us. the risen Christ within us.



This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor. Thank You!

Remember the date: May 6, 2021
Give DeKalb County Day

Help St. Vincent DePaul Society support our neighbors in need. For more information, go to GiveDeKalbCounty.org.

For the latest, up-to-date information about our parish, please "Like" our facebook page!
You can find it at www.facebook.com/StMarydeKalbII/ or check out our website: <http://stmarydekalb.org>

WALK FOR LIFE

WE CARE PREGNANCY CLINIC

As many of you know, the Clinic continues to grow in service provision as well as in numbers of clients. The activities provided by the Clinic are supported only by private donation, such as the Baby Bottle Coin Collection and the Walk for Life.

Services include empowering women and men during unplanned pregnancies through testing, option counseling, limited diagnostic ultrasound, parenting education, provision of new and gently used equipment and clothing, and Bible Study. There is also an emphasis on support for the fathers, and this has enjoyed increasing participation!

The annual Walk for Life is a fundraiser scheduled for May 1. It is a sponsored, family friendly walk of two miles. If you want to walk OR sponsor a walker, please call We Care Pregnancy Clinic at 748-4242 for information. You can also register at www.WeCarePregnancyClinic.org. General questions or concerns are always welcome; call Chris Hacker at 758-5625

Again, thank you for prayers for this Christian prolife ministry. Your loving support for our clients and our mission is appreciated.

"Current laws in our country fail to protect the lives of unborn children. ..People of good will must boldly stand up against this intrinsic evil [of abortion], especially when it is occurring on a massive scale, implanted in law and funded, in some instances, by the government."



Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann,
*Chair of the USCCB
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"Priorities at the Polls"*



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
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Questions?, please call Lori Kedzie 815-751-9644



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On May 1st, in honor of Pope Francis' declaring 2021 the Year of St. Joseph and in collaboration with St Mary Church and Catholic Daughters, the SVdP Food Pantry is providing \$40 dinner vouchers to neighbors in need. Parishioners are invited to help sponsor a family for \$40. Please make checks out to Society of St Vincent de Paul and indicate "St Joseph Feast Dinner" in the memo line.

Thank you for your generous support.



Parishioners are invited to give an offering for Mass Intentions in the name of a deceased loved one, for the intentions of someone in need, or in thanksgiving for a blessing received from the Lord. In accordance with Church law, only one intention per mass will be accepted for an offering of \$10.00. For more information, please call the Parish Office at 815.758-5432.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 26 (Easter Weekday)

5:00 PM † Caryl Steimel

Tuesday, April 27 (Easter Weekday)

5:00 PM † Living & Deceased Members of
Burgess-Musche Families

6:30 PM † Poor Souls (Spanish Mass)

Wednesday, April 28 (St. Peter Chanel)

7:00 AM † Linda Heinisch

Thursday, April 29 (St. Catherine of Siena)

7:00 AM † Peggy Hoyt

Friday, April 30 (St. Pius V)

7:00 AM † Marie & Wladyslaw Kaluza

Saturday, May 1 (St. Joseph the Worker)

5:00 PM † Jozeka Kulma

Sunday, May 2 (Fifth Sunday of Easter)

9:00 AM † Kevin Raih

11:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary

4:00 PM † Maria Alcantar

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

FEAST DAY—APRIL 29



She was born during the outbreak of the plague in Siena, Italy on March 25, 1347. She was the 25th child born to her mother, although half of her brothers and sisters did not survive childhood. Catherine herself was a twin, but her sister did not survive infancy. Her mother was 40 when she was born. Her father was a cloth dyer. At the age of 16, Catherine's sister, Bonaventura, died, leaving her husband as a widower. Her parents proposed that he marry Catherine as a replacement, but she opposed this. She began fasting and cut her hair short to mar her appearance. Her parents attempted to resist this move, to avoid marriage, but they were unsuccessful. Her fasting and her devotion to her family, convinced them to relent and allow her to live as she pleased. Despite her religious nature, she did not choose to enter a convent and instead she joined the Third Order of St. Dominic, which allowed her to associate with a religious society while living at home. Fellow Dominican sisters taught St. Catherine how to read. Meanwhile, she lived quietly, isolated within her family home. She developed a habit of giving things away and she continually gave away her family's food and clothing to people in need. She never asked permission to give these things away, and she quietly put up with their criticisms. Something changed her when she was 21. She described an experience she referred to as her "mystical marriage to Christ." In her vision, she was told to reenter public life and to help the poor and sick. She immediately rejoined her family and went into public to help people in need. She often visited hospitals and homes where the poor and sick were found. Her activities quickly attracted followers who helped her in her mission to serve the poor and sick. She was drawn further into the world as she worked, and eventually she began to travel, calling for reform of the Church and for people to confess and to love God totally. She became involved in politics, and was key in working to keep city states loyal to the Pope. She was also credited with helping to start a crusade to the Holy Land. She allegedly was given the stigmata, but it was visible only to herself. From 1375 onwards, she began dictating letters to scribes. She petitioned for peace and was instrumental in persuading the Pope in Avignon to return to Rome. She became involved in the fractured politics of her time, but was instrumental in restoring the Papacy to Rome and in brokering peace deals during a time of factional conflict and war between the Italian city states. She also established a monastery for women in 1377 outside of Siena. She is credited with composing over 400 letters, her Dialogue, which is her definitive work, and her prayers. These works are so influential that St. Catherine would later be declared a Doctor of the Church. She died on April 29, 1380 in Rome. She is one of the most influential and popular saints in the Church.

2021

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BEAR MUCH *fruit* PLEDGE WEEKEND MAY 1-2

EACH SUNDAY, when we gather as a parish for Holy Mass, we experience Jesus Christ in the reading of the scriptures and in the reception of the Eucharist. In the seven deaneries of our Diocese, we have been blessed with men who have chosen to lead a life of ordained service as priests and deacons to our many parishes and faith communities. Your gift to the Diocesan Appeal not only supports those men actively discerning a vocation to ordained ministry, but also provides professional development and training to pastoral leaders, and funding to promote vocations.



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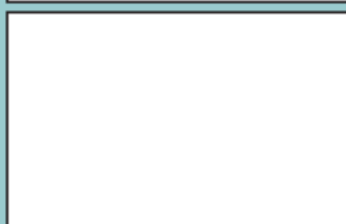
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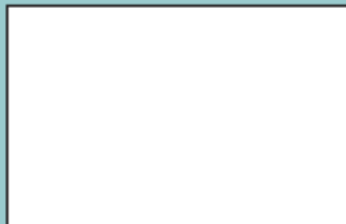
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