

Rock Island's Historic Catholic Parishes



PASTOR'S CORNER WITH FR. LUKE

Blessed Easter to you all! I pray that this past week has been a joyful one—and that this Divine Mercy weekend brings a great consolation to our hearts. As we continue through the Easter Season, many symbols

help us to capture the deep meaning of our celebration of the Resurrection. As one of our younger parishioners asked about one of these important symbols...“Hey Father, why do we have that big candle?” The very large candle, placed near the pulpit/ambo during Easter time and usually near the baptismal font during other times of the year, is called the Paschal Candle or the Easter Candle. This candle is very prominent at the Easter Vigil, where its symbols are described. Usually most obvious are the five grains of incense, which are typically red incense packed together around a small nail. However, the incense nails for the STM candle are blue with this design. These incense nails inserted into the candle recall the five precious wounds of Jesus (mentioned again below). One might also notice the symbol for the Alpha and Omega—the beginning and the end of the Greek Alphabet...as well as the numbers for our year 2022. These recall that all time belongs to Christ. The candle is burned during Masses in the Easter Season, up until Pentecost. Additionally, the candle is used at baptisms and funerals. It is especially significant for these two celebrations, which highlight our participation in the Paschal Mystery of Christ (passion, death, and resurrection). That is, in Baptism we are baptized into the death of Christ so that, having lived faithfully, we also might share eternal life with when our time comes.

As far as history goes, the Paschal Candle seems to have been regularly used before the late 300's AD, since St. Jerome mentions it in a letter he wrote in 384. According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, St. Jerome's description “makes it probable that the practice was neither of recent introduction nor peculiar” to the local church he was referring to. Other early saints make mention of the Paschal Candle as well, including St. Augustine and St. Ambrose (late 300's early 400's). “Whether consciously designed for that purpose or not, the paschal candle typified Jesus Christ, ‘the true light which enlightens every man that cometh into this world...’ In the...wax a later symbolism recognized the most pure flesh which Christ derived from His blessed Mother, in the wick the human soul of Christ, and in the flame the divinity of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. Moreover, the five grains of incense set cross-wise in the candle recalled the sacred wounds retained in Christ's glorified body and the lighting of the candle with new fire itself served as a lively image of the resurrection.” During later times, “St. Bede, speaking of the year 701, [said] that it was usual in Rome to inscribe the date and other particulars of the calendar either upon the candle

itself or on a parchment affixed to it.” Today, Paschal Candles come in many different designs, but all include rich symbols of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. So, the next time no one is looking, why not venture up and have a closer look at this remarkable element of our Faith?!?

In Christ,
Fr. Luke

There will be refreshments after Masses on Sunday, May 1, at both Sacred Heart (Fr. Anthony Vestibule) and St. Mary's (Schroeder Hall) in honor of our First Holy Communion kids and members of our RCIA class this year!

Congratulations to the members of our RCIA class this year: From Sacred Heart: Mike Sherrard, Emma, Martin Jr., Gillermo, and Santos Guzman, Consuela and Juan Casco, and Justin and Tristan Williams. From St. Mary's: Joe Kluever.

Keep these parishioners, family members, and friends in your prayers:

Joe Cervantes	Mike Clark	Pat Vincent
Nancy Harlow	Al Massie	John Versluis
Rosa Steinbaugh	Jean Paggen	

If you would like to have prayers offered for parishioners, family or friends, please contact Christine in the office at (309) 794-0660 or (309) 788-3322 or ricatholicoffice@gmail.com. We will publish these names from time to time as space allows. It'll also be important to alert Christine in the office if someone's name should later be removed from the list. Thank you in advance to all who will be praying for those in need!

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PEORIA ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL:

Sacred Heart ADA Goal: \$31,527
Pledged **\$18,882**

St. Mary's ADA GOAL: \$33,629
Pledged **\$18,150**

ADA Pledge Cards are available at the entrances of both parishes. If paying with a check please make them payable to the Diocese of Peoria. You can also make your contribution online at: <https://cdop.org/ada2021/>. Thank you in advance for your generosity and for helping our parishes make their goals!

SACRED HEART PARISH NEWS

Stewardship of Treasure: April 16/17

Offertory Envelopes	\$2,247.00
Loose Money	\$1,113.01
Online Giving	\$1,150.00
Property Improvement Fund	\$2,208.00
Envelopes Used	73

Join us after Mass today (Sunday) for an Easter Egg Hunt on the south lawn greenspace for all children up to sixth grade. Donuts, coffee, and juice are also available so be sure to stop out after Mass!

Sunflowers for Ukraine: Please support the Sunflower Project after Mass today (Sunday). Visit our table on the greenspace on the south lawn. Handcrafted notecards, bookmarks and jewelry all with the blue and yellow sunflower theme will be available. All items are handcrafted by Carrie and Hannah Roe and proceeds will support relief efforts for Ukraine.

Quentin Fonseca of our parish will be playing with the QC Symphony this Sunday as a result of winning a concerto competition last year.

QCSO/QCSYE Side-by-Side Concert

April 24 @ 3:00 pm

Edvard Grieg

Piano Concerto in A minor, Op. 16

I. Allegro molto moderato

Featuring 2020-2021 Concerto Competition

Grand Prize Winner, Quentin Fonseca

For more information: <https://qcso.org/event/sxs-concert/>

Spring Grounds Work: Soon we'll be starting work on our grounds including flower beds, mulching, and more! Want to be added to our crew? Contact Chris Mandle at (309) 738-5967. You can also adopt portions of the planting including:

- Front Porch Planting Beds: *Adopted by Pam Young*
- East Side Planting Bed
- New North Planters
- Sign/Driveway Planting Bed
- Front Tree Planting Bed
- West Side Planting Bed
- South Sign Planting Bed
- Front Statue Planting Bed

Legacy gifts to Sacred Heart: Legacy gifts to the parish help to ensure the future of our beloved Sacred Heart. When planning your estate, please consider including Sacred Heart in your will. Estate gifts, trusts, stocks, properties, and more are all ways to make a future investment in Sacred Heart.

ST. MARY'S PARISH NEWS

Stewardship of Treasure: April 16/17

Offertory Envelopes	\$3,408.00
Loose Money	\$690.60
Online Giving	\$330.00
Building Improvement Fund	\$1,365.00
Envelopes Used	86

Lectors for May are Nancy Hanna at 4 p.m. Mass and Sydney Hummel at 10:30 a.m. Mass.

St. Mary's Spring Salad Luncheon - We are back after two years! Tickets are on sale this weekend!. Cost of tickets will be \$10.00, and luncheon is from 11-1 on Wednesday April 27th. To reserve your ticket(s) ahead of time call Jeri @309-558-7800. Tickets will not be sold at the door and we are selling a limited number of tickets. Salad donation sign up sheets are found in the glass house in the church. If you are donating a salad, we ask for a 2 salad donation. Salads can be dropped off the morning of the salad luncheon between 7:30 and 9. Come enjoy besides our salads our infamous chicken casserole and view our newly remodeled hall.

Honoring Our Past, Securing Our Future

update: Our total pledges are nearly at \$592,361, with payments received to date of more than \$150,863! Thank you to all for your generosity and support! Pledge payments can be made by using the Capital Improvements envelope and putting it in the collection, or you can set up online giving. (Please call Christine at 309-788-3322 for help with that.) If you haven't yet made a pledge, there are pledge cards on the table in the vestibule or you can call Christine.

MASS SCHEDULE & MORE!

April 26	12:10 p.m. Mass - <i>Randy Eckert</i> ST. MARY'S
April 27	11:00 a.m. Adoration & Confessions 12:10 p.m. Mass - <i>Special Intention</i> ST. MARY'S
April 28	12:10 p.m. Mass - <i>Lorene Tady</i> SACRED HEART
April 29	12:10 p.m. Mass - <i>For Peace in Ukraine and Russia</i> SACRED HEART
April 30	3:00 p.m. Confessions ST. MARY'S 4:00 p.m. Mass - <i>Clyde and Roberta Davis</i> ST. MARY'S 5:15 p.m. Mass - <i>Larry and Laurie Senger</i> SACRED HEART
May 1	8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Confessions SACRED HEART 9:00 a.m. Mass - <i>Juanita and Louis Cortesio</i> SACRED HEART 10:30 a.m. Mass - <i>Carol Dasso Bishop</i> ST. MARY'S

FLOCKNOTE FOR SACRED HEART AND ST. MARY'S PARISHIONERS!

Get the latest news from Sacred Heart & St. Mary's with Flocknote! To sign up for FlockNote notifications of Mass times and interesting parish information:

Text to the number: 84576
With the message: 123sh (for Sacred Heart)
With the message: 123stm (for St. Mary's)

LOCAL CATHOLIC NEWS & EVENTS

Get the latest news from our local Catholic parishes and groups at www.catholicqc.com

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Ministry schedules including altar servers, EMHC's, lectors are now available to members of that ministry via Flocknote and/or email correspondence, and to Sacred Heart parishioners on our website.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR OUR PARISHES

Financial support for both Sacred Heart and St. Mary's parishes can be accomplished several ways. If you wish to receive contribution envelopes are not currently doing so, please contact our parish office immediately.

Please also consider giving online. This allows you to keep track of your giving for the year (tax statements) and makes bookkeeping easier for the parishes. If you're interested in this route, please contact the parish offices for more information!

REMEMBER US

Both Sacred Heart and St. Mary's Parishes have always been very appreciative of the generosity of their parishioners. We're often asked how you can remember Sacred Heart in your wills, trusts, or via other gifts. It's important that you reference the parish as Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Congregation of Rock Island, Illinois or St. Mary's Roman Catholic Congregation of Rock Island, Illinois.

SACRED HEART FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry Weekend is always the 2nd weekend of the month at Sacred Heart Parish. We appreciate your support of this vital ministry!

DID YOUR CONTACT INFO CHANGE?

Please let the church office know your new information as soon as possible so that we may update our records.

WHEELCHAIR AVAILABLE

A wheelchair is available for any parishioner who needs a pick up or drop off at the parking lot. It's in Good Shepherd Vestibule at Sacred Heart and the vestibule at St. Mary's.

SACRED HEART & ST. MARY'S CONTACTS

Sacred Heart 794-0660
2810 5th Avenue, Rock Island, IL.
shrec@sacredheartri.com www.sacredheartri.com

Saint Mary's 788-3322
2208 4th Avenue, Rock Island, IL.
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Office Hours: Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Office Address for Both Parishes: at Sacred Heart:
2810 5th Avenue, Rock Island, IL.
Christine Coleman, Office Manager

Fr. Luke Spannagel, Pastor
Residence: St. Mary's Office: Sacred Heart

Catholic Cemetery
Calvary Cemetery is our local Catholic Cemetery - 2901 12th St., Rock Island, IL 61201-5335. Please call them when making arrangements for loved one by contacting them at 309-788-6197 or via email at info@calvarycemeteryri.com or at www.calvarycemeteryri.com.

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

BAPTISM: Parents must be registered and doing what is within their means to support the parish and be faithful in sharing the Sunday Eucharist. A baptismal class is required. Godparents must be Confirmed and be practicing Catholics and if married, that their marriage is validly recognized by the Catholic Church. If you are a Sacred Heart parishioner, contact Chris Mandle. For St. Mary's parishioners please contact Christine in the parish office.

MARRIAGE: Diocesan Policy - Please notify the office at least 8 months prior to setting the date for your marriage. Requires completion of the Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Whenever needed, please call the parish office. Please advise us of persons in the hospital, nursing facilities, or homebound.

RECONCILIATION: Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - 12 p.m. and Saturday: 3 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. at St. Mary's. Sunday: 8 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart. Also, by appointment.

Thinking of joining the Catholic Church?

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)
Persons wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith, or to join our Catholic community, please contact Christine in our parish office at (309) 794-0660 or (309) 788-3322 to set up a time with Fr. Luke.

APRIL 24
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



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CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PEORIA

ADDITIONAL PARISH NEWS AND MORE!

Contribute online to our parishes: Sign-up for a one-time gift, or as an annual contributor from our parish websites: www.sacredheartri.com and www.stmaryri.com. You can also call our Office Manager Christine at the parish office if you prefer to have her set it up for you.

Bible study starting April 27! Please join us starting Wednesday, April 27, at 6:30 p.m. in Schroeder Hall for Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible. All are invited! Free babysitting is available. To register or ask questions, contact Eric Young at 309-428-1185 or EricYoung@gmail.com.

Mary's Mantle is a new group for our parishes, geared toward preschool and early elementary students. Children of all ages are welcome. Come join us every Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 at Schroeder Hall at St. Mary's for prayer, story time, crafts, games, and snacks. Parents / guardians bring a snack to share and join their children, helping guide them through the activities. Please, contact Michelle Dasso 309-429-9596 with any questions.

Men's March and Mass in Peoria: Please mark your calendar for the annual Men's March and Mass on April 30, 2022. This event will begin with 8:30am confessions at the Riverfront. There will be a Rally at the riverfront and a talk by Fr. Charles Klamut and the March begins at 9:45am to the Cathedral followed by 10:30am Mass celebrated by Bishop Lou Tylka and Noon fellowship and lunch at the Spalding Center.

Save the Date ~ Totus Tuus!

Totus Tuus, a week long summer youth program, is coming to St. Anne Parish in East Moline. The teen program will be July 24-28 from 7-9 pm and the day program for grades 1 through 6 will be July 25-29 from 9 am to 2:30 pm. Watch for more information on registration!

Visiting a loved one at Calvary Catholic Cemetery?

Even with on-going, yearly maintenance, our roads have simply reached a critical point that necessitates their replacement. To achieve this we need the help of the community. With your help, we hope to replace the roads within the cemetery beginning this year. If you can donate to this much needed project please call Jared Vogeles or a member of our staff at (309) 788-6197, or make an online contribution at www.calvarycemeteryri.com/roads. We also have naming opportunities available for gifts of \$10,000 or more with new wayfinding signage in the cemetery. Thank you in advance for your consideration and generosity.

Emmaus Days 2022: Sessions 1 and 2 will be held at St. John's Catholic Newman Center in Champaign, Illinois. Participants deepen their faith and focus on discerning God's will through prayer and the sacraments. By listening to and spending time with priests and seminarians, participants get a glimpse into their lives. Session 1 is for those who are in college, as well as single men in their 20s and 30s who are discerning their vocation. Online registration will open April 1, 2022.

Session 1	Session 2
June 10-12	June 24-26
St. John's Catholic Newman Center	
Champaign, IL	

Sessions 3 and 4 will be held at Peoria Notre Dame High School. Led by seminarians, participants hear God's call to become real Christian men. The experience includes prayer, talks and activities like basketball, soccer, ultimate frisbee and card games.

Session 3	Session 4
July 17-20	July 20-22
HS Freshmen & Sophomores	7th & 8th Graders
Peoria Notre Dame High School, Peoria, IL	



DIVINE MERCY

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 24

Reconciliation starts at 2pm

Prayer of Divine Mercy at 3pm

Included in the Celebration:

- * Divine Mercy Chaplet
- * Reconciliation
- * Homily
- * Songs of Praise

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be played and sung by Katie Steinke from St. Ambrose & St. Patrick Parishes.

Guest Preacher:
Fr. Joe Baker
Pastor, St. Ambrose, Milan



#ALLinforAlleman

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1320 17th Ave, Moline, IL 61265
or email: office@setonschool.com



Our Lady of Grace, Jordan, and Seton Middle School Drama Club presents Wizard of Oz Jr.

Performances will be held in Alleman High School's Dr. Tracy Spaeth Performing Arts Center (1103 40th St., Rock Island, IL) and are scheduled for May 13th and 14th at 7:00 PM and May 15th at 2:00 PM. The show is around 1 hour and 15 minutes. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$5 for students and will be available at the box office before the show. Please join the cast of 35 students from all three schools on the yellow brick road as we bring the classic songs and characters of Wizard of Oz to life!

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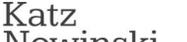
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 - Psalm 8:9-10

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