

Rock Island's Historic Catholic Parishes



PASTOR'S CORNER

I would say it's interesting how life can bring unexpected situations, and we find ourselves surprised. We think: "Is it God who is doing that, or is it the work of the evil one? That's exactly what I asked myself last Saturday when I found out I was sick and wouldn't be able to celebrate on the weekend. The official beginning of the pastor had to be postponed. Actually, my first reaction was that God always has a unique sense of humor. But, later on, I thought that maybe it was not the Lord. Anyway, I was surely in God's hands, so whatever He allowed could benefit me. The question was, what would be my approach to that situation? I had been thinking about it.

Many of us experience similar situations and wonder what to do or what our reaction should be. What to do when our plans don't work as we expected? What should be our reaction when some unexpected and sometimes even a bad obstacle appears in our way? Should we push harder because it is just Satan's maliciousness? Or, should we step back and ask ourselves if our plans are good or if it is truly God's will for us?

I think we should consider both things. If according to God's commandments and the teaching of the Church, our goal is good and it would benefit not only ourselves but many others, then we should persevere. However, at the same time, we can always ask ourselves and look closer at what we do. Maybe there is some small detail we can change, or God gives us a chance to purify our intentions. Or, maybe God humiliates us a little to keep us focused on the good He wants and not boast about how good we are. In all of that, we need to renew our trust in the Lord, which means telling Him that we need Him and are willing to follow. Of course, we will need to repeat that process from time to time, not because God could forget, but because we are not perfect and need to strengthen our will and motivation. To trust the Lord doesn't mean that we won't be afraid or a little uncertain. Jesus trusted His Father and was convinced to sacrifice Himself. However, in His human nature, He was still scared to death in the Garden of Gethsemane because He was sweating blood. So, trust is not about feelings like love, forgiveness, mercy, etc. All of that is about decision-making. I want to trust God, even though I would instead run away. I want to trust God because I know He is the strong One, not me – because He loves me. So my trust is not about what I can do, but what I will allow God to do in my life.

Brothers and sisters, I am so grateful to all priests who helped our parishes last weekend and for the previous few days. I am thankful to Christine, our secretary, and all the volunteers who care for our communities. That's my first im-

pression: I became the pastor of the communities of believers who care about their parishes. That's amazing. I am a lucky priest. Thank you for all your good wishes and prayers.

Peace and Goodness,
Fr. Witold Adamczyk, OFMConv.

The CCD program that serves the Rock Island parishes is looking for some volunteers to be teacher's assistants and substitutes this year. If you are interested in helping out with this important ministry, please reach out to Shaunnessy Shaw, at the St Pius X rectory, 309-793-7373, ext 212. Also, look for student registration forms in the vestibules!

Are you celebrating a 25th or 50th wedding anniversary during 2022? Bishop Lou Tylka will celebrate a Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary in Peoria on Sept. 25 for couples with a 25th or 50th wedding anniversary this year. Please contact Christine in the office at ricatholicoffice@gmail.com, 309-794-0660 or 309-788-3322 to RSVP -- you will then receive an invitation from Bishop Lou in the mail.

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

Joe Cervantes	Mike Clark	John Versluis
Stephanie Smith	Greg Young	Jean Paggen
Rosa Steinbaugh	Nancy Harlow	Judy Clark
Brian Gutierrez	Rebecca Becker	

If you would like to have prayers offered for parishioners, family or friends, please contact Christine in the office at 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!

MASS SCHEDULE & MORE!

Aug 16	12:10 p.m. Mass - <i>Thomas Milefchik</i> ST. MARY'S
Aug 17	11:00 a.m. Adoration & Confessions
	12:10 p.m. Mass - <i>Digna Simpao</i> ST. MARY'S
Aug 18	12:10 p.m. Mass - <i>Daniel Faeth</i> SACRED HEART
Aug 19	12:10 p.m. Mass - <i>Fr. Logan</i> SACRED HEART
Aug 20	3:00 p.m. Confessions ST. MARY'S
	4:00 p.m. Mass - <i>Bonnie Curry</i> ST. MARY'S
	5:15 p.m. Mass - <i>Florence and Lawrence Senger</i> SACRED HEART
	Porch Party Following Mass! SACRED HEART
Aug 21	8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Confessions SACRED HEART
	9:00 a.m. Mass - <i>For the People of Sacred Heart & St. Mary's Parishes</i> SACRED HEART
	10:30 a.m. Mass - <i>Bob Tanghe</i> ST. MARY'S

SACRED HEART PARISH NEWS

Stewardship of Treasure: Aug 6/7

Offertory Envelopes	\$2,236.00
Loose Money	\$317.00
Online Giving	\$1,755.00
Property Improvement Fund	\$1,926.00
Envelopes Used	53

Today (Sunday) we honor Noah Brinkman, our graduating Sacred Heart Altar Server! Thank you for your years of serving Mass at Sacred Heart!

Join us at our next Porch Party next Saturday, August 20, following our 5:15 p.m. Vigil Mass. Come and meet Fr. Witold and share in some food and fellowship with your Sacred Heart parish family and friends!

Spend some time with our parish family at our upcoming Porch Parties this fall!

- Saturday, August 20
- Saturday, September 17
- Saturday, October TBD - *Sacred Heart Chili Cook-Off!*

Parish Picnic: We are currently working on dates and arrangements for this year's annual parish picnic. Stay tuned!

ADA update: Please note that the current ADA appeal ends in August, and Sacred Heart is still about \$13,000 short of our goal. Please finalize any pledges and payments. The shortfall will need to be paid from our general funds.

Our last significant project tied to our 125th anniversary is the completion of the restoration and projection of our historic stained glass windows on our north side. With rising costs in materials, including glass, it's critical that we commit to a contract soon. To do this we need about \$40,000 in sponsorship. As a reminder, full payments are not due until the end of 2023. Contact Chris Mandle at (309) 738-5967 to learn more. Open windows for sponsorship include:

- West Tower Base Window (West): \$3,500
- West Tower Base Window (Altar Servers Room): \$3,500
- West Tower Thin Window 1 (North): \$2,500
- West Tower Thin Window 2 (North): \$2,500
- East Tower Base Window (Reconciliation Room): \$3,500
- East Tower Thin Window (North): \$2,500
- Harp Window (Choir Loft): \$3,500
- Sheet Music Window (Choir Loft): \$3,500
- Alpha Window (Choir Loft): \$3,000
- Omega Window (Choir Loft): \$3,000
- Saint Cecilia/Rose Window (Choir Loft): \$15,000

ST. MARY'S PARISH NEWS

Stewardship of Treasure: Aug 6/7

Offertory Envelopes	\$3,784.00
Loose Money	\$366.04
Online Giving	\$1,110.00
Building Improvement Fund	\$4,023.00
Envelopes Used	79

Join us for an ice cream social to welcome Fr. Witold! The St. Mary's Altar and Rosary Society and Men's Fellowship are hosting an ice cream social welcoming Fr. Witold on Sunday, August 28, immediately following the 10:30 am Mass. It will be held rain or shine.

ADA update: Please note that the current ADA appeal ends in August, and St. Mary's is still about \$15,000 short of our goal. Please finalize any pledges and payments. The shortfall will need to be paid from our general funds.

Altar flowers sign-up: If you would like to provide flowers for a weekend, a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. If it's for a special occasion, please indicate that on the sheet also.

Gift bearers sign-up: If your family would like to take up the gifts at either weekend Mass, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.

Do you need to send mail to St. Mary's? If you need to mail something to the parish, please send it to the office address instead of the church address. The office address is 2810 5th Ave., Rock Island, IL 61201.

Lectors for August: Colleen Goebel is the lector for 4 p.m. Mass for August, and Eric Young is lector for 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Honoring Our Past, Securing Our Future

update: Our total pledges are at \$600,061, with payments received to date of nearly \$188,600. 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.

Rummage Sale Postponed: The Altar and Rosary Society is postponing the rummage sale until later this year. New dates will be discussed at the next meeting in September. Please keep saving your items.

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. Witold Adamczyk, OFM Conv., Pastor

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.

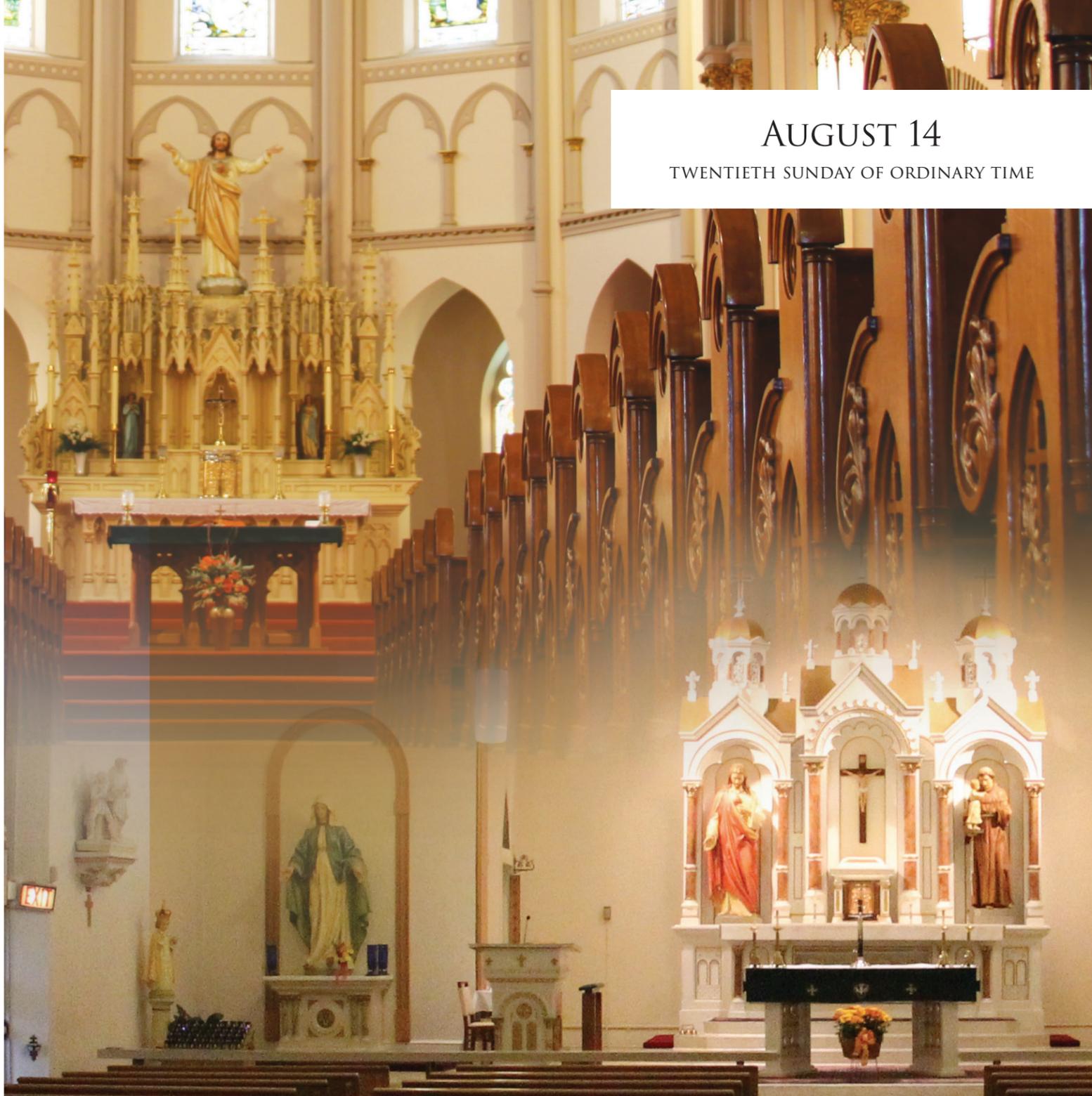
RECONCILIATION: Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - 12 p.m. and Saturday: 3 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. at St. Mary's. Sunday: 8 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart. Also, by appointment.

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.

AUGUST 14

TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



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FR. WITOLD ADAMCZYK, OFM CONV., PASTOR
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ADDITIONAL PARISH NEWS AND MORE!

Come walk with Jesus on the road to Emmaus!

There will be a 7 mile Eucharistic Procession reenacting the walk to Emmaus on October 8th at 8am. We will begin at Holy Family Church in Davenport, stopping at the Cathedral and other parishes, ending with Mass at St Mary in Moline. This will be a beautiful event with both dioceses together adoring Jesus alongside our bishops, Bishop Zinkula and Bishop Tylka. There will be options for those needing a shorter route. Celebrating will continue after Mass with food available for a donation, made by St Mary's parishioners. Save the date, more details coming soon.

Sign your children up for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd!

Now is the time for parents of both parishes to sign up your 3- to 6-year-old children for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, which will begin in mid-September. The program will be offered on Monday evenings and Thursday mornings upstairs at Schroeder Hall. Cost is \$50 per child or \$75 per family, with scholarships readily available. Class size is limited, so please register soon. To register, contact Christine in the office at 309-788-3322 or 309-794-0660 or email ricatholicoffice@gmail.com. If you have any questions or would like to help, please call or text Maggie Schoonmaker at 309-738-1104 or email stjo3@icloud.com. What is Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) all about? CGS provides an environment for our 3- to 6- year-olds to encounter the beauty of God in a learning space (referred to as an atrium) prepared just for them. Each session includes hands-on lessons on the Mass, scripture and sacraments of the Catholic church. Children will be provided with a space to discover God through hands-on work, prayer and song. Each lesson is connected to a specific moment in scripture or Mass and is meant to bring them closer to the Good Shepherd. It is open to all families of St. Mary's and Sacred Heart.

The Sacred Heart Moline Thursday Bible

Study classes invite you to join the study of First Samuel: Establishing the Throne of David. This 19-week study covers a pivotal period where Samuel, the first prophet, is the instrument through which God transitions Israel from a confederation of tribes to a kingdom. The people had demanded a king like the surrounding nations, basically rejecting God's direct and loving rule over them. You will learn of the miraculous birth of Samuel, his call by God, the rise and fall of Saul, the anointing of David, and his battle with Goliath, and much more! Some themes featured prominently are God's providence, kingship, and how God reversed normal human patterns in order to further his plans, showing his sovereignty over all! Fr.

Jeffrey Kirby will show how the events of First Samuel and their lessons are still relevant today for us to apply to our lives. An AM class, PM class, or an Individual study at home are the 3 options to choose from. Registration forms are required for all options in order to access the videos and get the book. Classes begin Sept. 22 nd . There will be a recess between Thanksgiving and New Years and classes resume January 12 th. Registration and book fee is \$36 for the entire year. Deadline for Registration is Sept. 9 th . Location and other information are on the Registration forms which are available by all the Church doors, on the parish website, and at the parish office. Studying First Samuel will prepare you, like Samuel, to hear God's call and be ready to respond! Reserve your place now for a fun class of discussion, and friend and prayer support! Questions? Contact Betty Thomm at (309) 269-3705.

The St. Joseph Evening Meal has returned to serving seated meals! We ask everyone to keep us in your prayers as we make this transition. Additionally, we have 3-4 openings for cooks each month during the summer. Meals are served at the Rock Island Township Hall, and cooks are asked to prepare 35-40 meals. A supervisor is always on duty, and a member of the Evening Meal Committee is also present to assist. If you, an organization to which you belong, or just a group of friends is interested in cooking one evening, please contact Rita Kirk at 309-786-3799.

Job Openings at St. Malachy Parish, Geneseo, Illinois

Director of Youth and Young Adult Discipleship

- Full time position with benefits: vacation, insurance, and PTO
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Parish Music Director

- Part-time with vacation and PTO
- \$14-\$17 per hour
- Coordinate the music for weekend masses
- Coordinate, plan, and execute music for funerals, weddings and other special events
- Leads the practice sessions

Complete job descriptions available at www.saintmalachy.org. If interested, please send a cover letter and resume to Fr. Gifford at frdgifford@stmalgeneseo.org. Please reply by September 1, 2022

Job Openings at Our Lady of Grace

Accounts Manager: Our Lady of Grace is taking applications for an account manager. The position is for 7-10 hours a week. Candidates should have an accounting background. Please contact the principal, Tori McCollum at vmccollum@olgca.org or by calling 309-755-9771.

Extended Care: Our Lady of Grace is in need of staff for its Extended Care program. General hours would be from 3:00-5:30 pm Monday through Friday when school is in session. Please contact the school office at 309-755 9771 for more details.

Cook Needed: Our Lady of Grace is looking for a cook for our hot lunch staff. This person should have experience with commercial cooking and be able to follow both oral and written directions. Applicant must also have a food service sanitation license or be able to obtain one. Hourly position of 4-5 hours per day, when school is in session. Pay will be based on experience. Please contact the school office, 309-755-9771 . The position would begin mid-August.



Alleman: Custodian Needed! Alleman Catholic High School is hiring for a full-time custodian position. Benefits, including medical, dental, vision, retirement, and tuition, are available to full-time employees. Please email your resume to mlootens@allemanhighschool.org or stop in at Alleman to fill out an application.

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