



## PASTOR'S CORNER

### All Saints of the Seraphic Order

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On November 29th in our Franciscan communities and churches, we celebrated the feast of All Saints of the Seraphic Order, which means the feast of all saints that belonged to any of the branches of any Franciscan Order. I wanted to show you how vast is this Franciscan family of saints. I tried putting together all those saints in order as they go in the calendar. However, that creates such a long list that it wouldn't be possible to fit all of that into one article. I changed my plans then. I still want to show you the richness of the Franciscan family of Saints, but I will probably do it over the year in many other articles. For now, I decided to do some statistics only.

So, we have on that long list the Friars Minor, who belonged to the First Order (Friars and Brothers), the Poor Clare sisters, which are the members of the Second Franciscan Order, and the members of the Third Order Regular or the Third Order Secular. The difference between those two is that some of the Third Order Secular wanted to live a regular religious life but with a different character than the First or Second Order. The Church has approved them, and they use the Rule of the Third Order but live as religious brothers or sisters.

I was able to count all of them, and the total number of Saints and Blessed was 151. Among them, 44 were Blessed, and 107 were Saints. One hundred three belonged to the First Order, 15 to the Second (Poor Clares), 9 to the Third Regular Order, and 24 to the Third Secular Order. Among those 151 Friars, Poor Clares, and the Third Order members, as many as 85 were martyrs. They lost their lives in many countries: Armenia, China, England, and Wales during the persecutions of King Henry VIII, France – past the French Revolution, Ireland during Cromwellian persecutions, Japan. They died in Jerusalem, Ethiopia, Morocco, Syria, Tunis, and Spain, killed by the Muslims; in Netherlands and Switzerland by the Calvinists; in Peru by the Communist Terrorists; or in the Concentration Camp by the German Nazis.

Among all those Franciscan Saints were 3 Doctors of the Church, one pope, and one king. One hundred twenty-five were men, and 26 were women. And I would go on and on with many other statistics. The point is that the Franciscan Family of the Saints, or as we call it the Saints of the Seraphic Order, makes a sizable part of the entire Catholic Church.

This is a heritage that I am proud of, and, at the same, it could be intimidating. I hope I will be able to bring all that "Franciscan potential" closer to you.

Peace and Goodness,  
Fr. Witold Adamczyk, OFM Conv.

**Advent: Simple & Sacred** This year our joint parish Advent nights will be hosted at Sacred Heart from 6-7 p.m. on the following Wednesday evenings: December 7, 14, and 21. With the way the liturgical calendar falls this year, Advent is at its maximum length. Can you just spare the minimum for a little time with Christ? Whether a full hour or for just 10 minutes - take a purposeful break from the hustle and bustle of this season. It'll be the best decision you make all Advent!

**The National Eucharistic Revival is now coming to the parish level!** The National Eucharistic Revival is leading the U.S. Church back to our apostolic roots through encounters with and rediscovery of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Now, at Sacred Heart and St. Mary's, we can make the Eucharistic Revival more of a Eucharistic Reawakening. With our Advent Nights, featuring an hour of Adoration, starting this week, find a handout in this week's bulletin that can help you have a deeper experience during the time. (Adoration is also available every Wednesday morning from 11 a.m. to noon at St. Mary's.) In addition, if you've subscribed to Flocknote for either parish, you will be receiving some videos that highlight the power of the Eucharist. See the back of the bulletin for how to sign up for Flocknote if you haven't yet. Blessings to everyone this Advent!

### MASS SCHEDULE & MORE!

<b>Dec 6</b>	*10:30 a.m. Mass - <i>Art Steinbaugh</i> <b>ST. MARY'S</b>
<b>Dec 7</b>	11:00 a.m. Adoration & Confessions 12:10 p.m. Mass - <i>Jack Milefchik</i> <b>ST. MARY'S</b>
<b>Dec 8</b>	12:10 p.m. Mass - <i>For the People of Sacred Heart &amp; St. Mary's Parishes</i> <b>SACRED HEART</b> 5:30 p.m. Mass - <i>Richard Klauer</i> <b>ST. MARY'S</b> Feast Day Potluck following Mass! <b>ST. MARY'S</b>
<b>Dec 9</b>	12:10 p.m. Mass - <i>Sister Jean Agnes Phillips, BVM</i> <b>SACRED HEART</b>
<b>Dec 10</b>	3:00 p.m. Confessions <b>ST. MARY'S</b> 4:00 p.m. Mass - <i>Bonnie Curry</i> <b>ST. MARY'S</b> 5:15 p.m. Mass - <i>Maria and Phero Nho Tean and Vinh Do</i> <b>SACRED HEART</b>
<b>Dec 11</b>	8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Confessions <b>SACRED HEART</b> 9:00 a.m. Mass - <i>For the People of Sacred Heart &amp; St. Mary's Parishes</i> <b>SACRED HEART</b> Children's Choir Practice after Mass <b>SACRED HEART</b> 10:30 a.m. Mass - <i>Tom Hinzman</i> <b>ST. MARY'S</b>

## SACRED HEART PARISH NEWS

### Stewardship of Treasure: Nov 26/27

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,361.00
Loose Money	\$306.08
Online Giving	\$435.00
Property Improvement Fund	\$165.00
Envelopes Used	53

**Next weekend is Bambinelli Sunday: Bring your baby Jesus statues** from your home Nativity/ Crèche to be blessed by Father at Mass. More commonly known as Gaudete Sunday, on this day our blessing echoes the practice of pilgrims bringing their Christ Child statues to St. Peter's Square in Rome to be blessed by the Pope.

**Calling all children - be a part of the Children's Christmas Choir!** Practices will be after Mass on December 11 and 18, and we will also meet on Friday, December 23, at 10 a.m. If you're interested in being part of the choir please contact Trevor at Trevor.Loes@assumptionhigh.org.

**Thank you** to everyone who came out to our very first Sacred Heart Dinner this past Wednesday evening. We're looking forward to making this a monthly opportunity to gather and build community and friendships. A special thanks to Kathy Papageorgiou for spearheading this new effort!

**Our annual Sacred Heart & St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Gift & Food Basket program is in full swing!** This year we are helping over 50 families and nearly 400 individuals with Christmas presents and food baskets. Thank you to everyone who has taken a name/ names thus far! **\*\*Gifts need to be wrapped and returned to Sacred Heart by this weekend. Need an extension? Contact Kristen Mandle at (309) 738-5909.** This ministry could also use your help on these dates:

- **Friday, December 9:** 12 p.m.: Pick-up food at RiverBend Food Bank and bring it to Sacred Heart. 6 p.m.: Put together food baskets in the church.
- **Saturday, December 10:** 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.: Christmas Gift and food basket Pick-up at Sacred Heart.

If you can help with the above work on December 9 and 10 please let Chris Mandle know.

**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. To do this work 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 if you can help us finish off our 125th Anniversary campaign goals or to learn more about this important work.

## ST. MARY'S PARISH NEWS

### Stewardship of Treasure: Nov 26/27

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,167.00
Loose Money	\$427.65
Online Giving	\$255.00
Building Improvement Fund	\$165.00
Envelopes Used	47

**A big thank you** to Fred Attwood for all his time and efforts in painting the railings and stairs in the stairwell at Schroeder Hall! It all looks great.

**The lectors for December** are Colleen Goebel at 4 p.m. Mass and Pat Versluis at 10:30 a.m. Mass. Money counters are Gloria Hummel and Nancy Hanna.

**Altar & Rosary Society Holiday Christmas Party:** Join us and have some fun on Tuesday, Dec 6th!  
• Where: Holiday Inn 226 17th St., Rock Island (2nd floor).  
• Time: Mass at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. Cocktails, 12:00 p.m. Lunch & Cash Bar  
• Price: \$20

Tickets will be sold before and after Masses this weekend. If you cannot buy in person you can call Jeri at 309-558-7800. Reservation cut-off is no later than December 4th. Bring a friend, we'll see you there!

**Let's feast on our Feast Day!** Thursday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation and our parish Feast Day! There will be 5:30 p.m. Mass that day, with a potluck in Schroeder Hall following Mass. The St. Mary's Men's Fellowship will provide cake for the celebration. Please bring a dish to share and sign up on the bulletin board in the glass house with the number of people attending, so we know how much cake we will need.

**Let us help you for the Holidays!** Bake Sale sponsored by the Altar & Rosary Society will be the weekend of December 10 and 11 in the church vestibule after Masses. If you would like to donate, you can drop off goodies off at Schroeder Hall on Friday, December 9, between 9-11:30 a.m.

**Thankful for your campaign support!** In this season of giving thanks, we are very grateful to the 130 families and friends of St. Mary's who made a pledge for the Honoring Our Past, Securing Our Future campaign. To date, we've received \$212,075. in payments toward the overall pledged total of \$601,061. Your support is allowing us to move forward with the plans for our new heating and air conditioning system, our top priority. Thank you!

## 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](http://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 both Sacred Heart and St. Mary's. 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  
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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.  
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### 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](mailto:info@calvarycemeteryri.com) or at [www.calvarycemeteryri.com](http://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. - 11:55 a.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. Witold.

DECEMBER 4, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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## **Additional Sacred Heart News:**

**Please sponsor a Christmas Poinsettia** by filling out the form in the Fr. Anthony Vestibule. We have three sizes to choose from this year and really appreciate your support.

### **Pray the Rosary at funerals/visitations:**

Would you like to support others' during their time of loss? Please use the sign up sheet in the Fr. Anthony vestibule and someone will contact you when there is a need.

**Join Our Choir!** You are invited to join our choir here at Sacred Heart! Please contact Trevor at (414) 217-0354. We would love to have many voices and new faces join us!

## **ADDITIONAL PARISH NEWS AND MORE!**

### **ADA Update**

As you know, the 2022 ADA is underway in our parishes. Thank you to all who have already contributed! With your help, we are getting closer to reaching our parish goal. If you have not received a pledge card in the mail or have misplaced it, the Diocese of Peoria will be mailing a follow up letter that you may have already received. It will include another pledge card and a self addressed envelope. Please consider supporting our diocesan ministries. If you have already contributed and receive this letter in the mail, please disregard it, as pledges are often received and processed after a letter is assembled and mailed. Currently, we have:

	<i>Goal</i>	<i>Pledged</i>
Sacred Heart	\$26,798	\$9,260
St. Mary's	\$33,178	\$10,861

If you would like help with a pledge please contact Christine in our office at (309) 794-0660 or (309) 788-3322. You can also go online to contribute at: [www.cdop.org/offices/development-stewardship/ada](http://www.cdop.org/offices/development-stewardship/ada)

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

Joe Cervantes	Mike Clark	John Versluis
Stephanie Smith	Judy Clark	Jean Paggen
Rosa Steinbaugh	Nancy Harlow	Rebecca Becker
Lois Evans	Angie Conicella	Deb Owens

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](mailto: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!

**Supplies needed for Catholic Care Packs!** The demand for Catholic Care Packs has been very high lately, and all supplies for the backpacks are needed. These include men's socks, hats and gloves; blankets; and hygiene products such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo. Items can be left in the Catholic Care Packs boxes in the vestibule at both churches. Thank you very much for your support in this busy time of year!

**Contribute online to our parishes:** Sign-up for a one-time gift, or as an annual contributor from our parish websites: [www.sacredheartri.com](http://www.sacredheartri.com) and [www.stmaryri.com](http://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.

**Alleman Catholic High School**, a coeducational secondary institution of 260 students, is seeking applicants for the position of principal for the 2023-24 school year. At Alleman, we aspire for our students to reach their God-given potential, leading Christ-filled lives nourished by prayer, charitable service and the sacraments. We strive to provide the academic, social, and spiritual support that students need to become lifelong-learners and achieve success in this world and the next. The ideal candidate possesses the following:

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- State of Illinois school administrative credential (or eligible for the credential);
- Ten or more years of work experience as a teacher and/or school administrator;
- Passion for Catholic education and a dedication to students, faculty, and parents;
- Excellent oral and written communication skills;
- Demonstrable collaborative leadership ability.

An application packet can be downloaded at <https://cdop.org/careers/>. Application deadline: December 30, 2022.

**The St. Joseph Evening Meal** welcomes volunteers and help. 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.



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**Alleman Catholic High School is seeking applicants for a full-time or part-time Theology instructor** beginning in January of 2023. Applicants must possess a Bachelor's Degree and it is preferable that they have experience in the teaching of the Catholic faith. Interested parties need to contact Mike Lootens at [mlootens@allemanhighschool.org](mailto:mlootens@allemanhighschool.org) for more information and next steps.

**Win BIG MONEY with Alleman's "Dream Big" Raffle! \*\*BUY EARLY for your chance at our Early Bird Drawings!!!**

- \$10,000 - December 15
- \$10,000 - January 17
- \$10,000 - February 17
- \$10,000 - March 17
- \$15,000 - 2nd Place Cash Drawing
- TBD 50/50 Cash Drawing - Last year was \$25,000+
- \$100,000 Cash Drawing at the Father Mirabelli Heritage Ball on March 25!

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Fall 2022

Dear St. Mary's Parishioners,

On behalf of Fr. Luke Spannagel, our Trustees, and the Finance Council, I am happy to present this parish report for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 2022. I mentioned Fr. Luke because it is about the fiscal year that ended before I came to Rock Island. So, it is somehow Fr. Luke's report. I am so grateful for all the work and dedication he offered when he was the pastor of both parishes here. I am thankful for his insight and good advice and his good words about the parishes and people here. I felt his support when the time of transition came, and I was encouraged by his good spirit about Rock Island Historic Parishes. As I can see now, Fr. Luke was right, and I am glad about it.

As you may know, the parishes in the Diocese of Peoria follow the fiscal year for accounting which ends June 30th each year. Collected here is a summary of our parish life from July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022. We also included some financial information from the previous year to compare.

Last fiscal year, our parishes of Sacred Heart and St. Mary's had their RCIA program, which is the preparation to welcome new members of the Catholic Church – taught by Fr. Luke with a team of volunteers from both parishes. Easter Vigil was held at St. Mary's, with 10 entering the Church from St. Mary's, including Joe Kluever, who joined St. Mary's along with his wife and daughters. We also welcomed 11 new households to our parish family! Last year, Bishop Lou visited our parishes and celebrated at 9 a.m. Mass on December 19th, with a later reception hosted by both parishes at Schroeder Hall.

And, finally, there was the pastor transition. Fr. Luke was chosen as a National Eucharistic Revival preacher and left on June 15th. As you know, the Bishop and the Diocese of Peoria invited the Conventual Franciscans to serve in Rock Island, so I came here on August 1st. I want to express my gratitude again to Fr. Luke for his work and dedication, and I hope that I will be able to continue the excellent work of his and all his predecessors.

**Sacraments and Celebrations:**

- Baptisms: 17, with 9 of infants and 8 of adults
- First Communion: 18
- Confirmations: 19
- Marriages: 2
- Funerals: 17

During the last fiscal year, we officially kicked off Honoring Our Past, Securing Our Future Capital Campaign on December 4-5 and continued through February 15/16, with a variety of activities held throughout the campaign. We can be thankful for about 40 members who volunteered for various parts of the campaign. There were 130 pledges made by St. Mary's families and friends that totaled \$601,061. Payments received to date are more than \$210,000 (though not all were received before June 30, the end of the fiscal year). Right now, the planning work is underway on the most necessary project, replacing the aging HVAC system.

**Breaking down our expense categories:**

- Capital Expense: Work on the church and rectory buildings
- Salary: Includes salary, insurance, medical, and the pastor’s mileage reimbursement for ministry
- Building: Utilities, insurance
- Office: Printing/copying, accounting, and bank fees, gifts
- Jordan and Alleman Assessments: Parish support for the schools and our students

**A few other notes and highlights from the previous year:**

- Completed the Mass response booklet for our African community, which has the details in three languages – English, Kiswahili, and Kirundi – to complete a Fulton Sheen Grant.
- Received a Fulton Sheen Grant this summer for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

If you have any questions about this report, please feel free to ask me, our Trustees, or any of our Finance Council Members. Please pray for me as I pray daily for all of you.

Peace and Goodness,

Fr. Witold Adamczyk OFMConv.

**Finance Council:**

Mark Bowker, *Trustee*  
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**St. Mary’s Financial Summary**

For Years ending:	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021
Ordinary Income	\$207,895.00	\$222,195.00
Extraordinary Income	\$142,993.00	\$57,203.00
Investment Income/Loss	-\$56,143.00	\$112,763.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$294,745.00</b>	<b>\$392,161.00</b>
Salary Expenses	\$71,897.00	\$76,099.00
Building Expense	\$64,654.00	\$75,626.00
Office Expenses	\$30,335.00	\$33,320.00
Alleman Assessment	\$19,536.00	\$18,028.00
Jordan Assessment	\$53,300.00	\$53,300.00
Capital Projects	\$74,599.00	\$124,489.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$314,321.00</b>	<b>\$380,862.00</b>
<b>Income-Expenses</b>	<b>-\$19,576.00</b>	<b>\$11,299.00</b>

