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St. Mary Parish of Elgin



Saint Mary Church Elgin IL

## May 21st, 2023 Ascension of the Lord

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.....847-289-2222

## Congratulations to our Hispanic Ministry First Communicants

*Damian Acevedo  
Melanie Alfaro  
Vanessa Alfaro  
Darian Amaro  
Emma Aranda  
Axel Avalos  
Brandon Bahena  
Bryan Bahena  
Erik Bueno Cazas  
Jamie Cabrera Villagomez  
Maritza Carbajal  
Martin Carbajal Jr.  
Alexandra Carbajal-Cazas  
Erick Castanon  
Camila Castillo  
Maximiliano Castillo  
Sophia Catalan  
Andrea Chavez Gomez  
Evelyn De La Cruz-Gomez  
Guadalupe De Santiago  
Mayrani Esteban  
Itzayana Franco  
Jennifer Gonzalez  
Osmar Gonzalez  
William Gonzalez  
Valerie Gracia  
Erick Guardado Medina  
Leonardo Hernandez  
Melissa Hernandez*

*Yatziri Hernandez  
Maite Jimenez  
Marjorie Jimenez  
Emily Lopez  
Laritza Martinez  
Lexi Martinez  
Manuel Montiel Herrera  
Angela Munoz Vieyra  
Ayanari Nieto  
Rafael Nieto  
Emily Paredes  
Yaretzi Pichardo  
Mauricio Plascencia  
Allison Ramirez  
Yarely Robledo  
Yessenia Robledo  
Melanie Rodriguez  
Liliana Rueda  
Daid Smith De Santiago  
Anahi Trujillo  
Orfayair Trujillo  
Crystal Uriostegui  
Josue Vargas Villegas  
Elizabeth Vazquez  
Samantha Vazquez  
Alexis Villagomez  
Alvaro Zavala  
Katia Zavala*



## Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, May 22	7:00am	Anne Zabransky
Tuesday, May 23	7:30am	†Felicia Carreon
Wednesday, May 24	7:30am	†Mary Schemels
Thursday, May 25	7:30am	†Mary Ann Voss
Friday, May 26	7:30am	Living and Deceased members of The Filipac Family
Saturday, May 27	8:00am	†Victor Habisohn
	5:00pm	†Mary Ann Voss †Mary Ann Manicek
Sunday, May 28	7:30am	St. Mary Parish Living and Deceased
	10:30am	†Mary Lam

## Generations of Giving

### Contributions for the Week of May 14th, 2023

Sunday Envelopes.....	\$10,219.81
Online Giving.....	\$3,958.50

May 27 & 28	5:00 pm	7:30 am	10:30 am
Altar Servers	Alex Follman Matthew Rangel Jillian Rangel Volunteer	Jaxson Peach Wyatt Peach Vanessa Zych Nio Lopez	Patrick Johnson Joseph Johnson Norah Lynch Rachael Lynch
Lectors	Denis Seisser	Maggie Perry	Chris Laponte
Extraordinary Ministers	Connie Ten-Bruin Substitute: Tim Sheehan	Barb & Rick Kowall	Deb Riedle Jesse Ordillas

## Pray for Our Military

Rickey Baylon - Navy	Wayne Becker - Army
Zachary Bloomfield - Army	Daniel Cabrera-Army
Tiara Cabrera - Army	Joseph M. Dutner - Army
Ben Kochheiser - Army	Mike Klapperich - Navy
Joseph McAlpin - Air Force	Mitchell Ostidick - Air Force
James Peterson - Navy	Vivica Ramirez, Army
Kenneth Therriault - Army	Jose Uriostegui - Army
Miguel Uriostegui - Army	Josh Wiltsie - Army
Nick Wiltsie- Army	



## Have you joined Flocknote yet?

It makes it easy for you to stay up-to-date with parish events/updates via text message or e-mail!

You can register by texting **SMPE** to **8457** or online via this link <https://StMarysElgin.flocknote.com>. Once you receive the confirmation message, be sure to complete your personal information on the site. Feel free to call the parish office if you have any questions.

## Weekday Mass

Monday: 7:00am;  
Tuesday - Friday: 7:30am  
Saturday: 8:00am

## Dominical Masses

† 5:00 pm SAT. - Sunday Obligation  
† 7:00 pm SAT. - Sunday Obligation (Espanol)

† 7:30 am SUN  
† 10:30 am SUN  
† 1:00 pm (Espanol)

## Sacrament of Reconciliation (English)

† Tuesday: 6:00 pm  
† Saturday: 4:00 pm  
\*Other Times By Appointment.

## Eucharistic Adoration

Every Tuesday from 3:00—7:00pm

## Sacrament of the Sick

If you or a loved one are going to have major surgery or are seriously ill and would like to receive the grace and healing of the Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office.

## Parish Registration

New parishioners are welcome. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

## Baptisms

Please call the Parish Office for information and registration.

## Wedding Dates

Must be reserved at least six months ahead.

## RCIA (Adult Initiation)

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 847-888-2718.

## Bulletin Notices

Must be submitted by Monday noon, one week prior to event.



### May Crowning:

Our First Communicants and 8th graders lead our traditional May Crowning Ceremony on Friday, May 12th. It was absolutely beautiful! Many prayers directed through Mary to Jesus!



### Graduation:

Our 8th graders graduated on Wednesday, May 17th. We wish them well as they move on to their high schools. St. Mary Catholic School has prepared them for the rigorous academic challenges of high school. More importantly, our school has prepared them to be loving, caring, forgiving Catholic Christians who follow God's Law of Love and the Ten Commandments. I am confident that our 8th grade graduates have a firm foundation and will do well in high school.

### Part-Time Art & P.E. Positions Open:

We have openings for part-time art and p.e. teachers for the 2023-2024 school year. Interested applicants may log on to the Rockford Diocese Frontline Application and apply or call Mrs. Norman directly at school at (847)695-6609

### New Hearing Loop Hearing System



St. Mary has ordered a new Hearing Loop system that will allow people with hearing aids to have sound right in their ears! It is the most direct way for those who have hearing impairments to hear sound. We invite you to consider donating towards the \$6,150, which includes an audiologist to come in and teach us how to use it. An instructional video will also be posted on our website. Installation is being scheduled. Thank you for your anticipated generosity!



### Parish Community Night

The Knights of Columbus are hosting our **next Community Night on Thursday, May 24 at 6:30 pm** in the school gym. It will be a Pot Luck dinner! A Flocknote will go out to sign up for a main dish, or side dish, or a dessert. Come and meet fellow parishioners. All are welcome for a night of fun!

### No Cook Day

Please see the flyer for the upcoming No Cook Day at Mr. C's. This event supports St Mary Parish and Faith Formation Office. Mark your calendars for May 24 and enjoy some good food while supporting St Mary Parish.

**Congratulations to our Confirmation Students!**



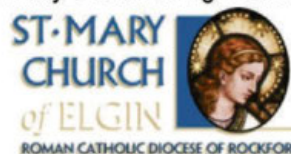
Join us on Wednesday, May 24th for a St. Mary Church of Elgin No Cook Night!

Time: 11:00am-7:30pm

Bring in this flyer or show it on your smart phone and 20% will be donated to St. Mary Church of Elgin.

Mr. C's Hot Dogs and More  
1350 E. Chicago St, Elgin, IL 60120

Place your order inside the restaurant or call ahead at 847-888-4600 and let them know St. Mary Church of Elgin sent you!



### Knights of Columbus

#### Rosary for Life

The Elgin Knights of Columbus will be hosting Annual "Rosary for Life" rosary at their Statue in Mt Hope cemetery Sunday May 21 at 2PM. All parishioners are invited.





## Pro-Life Group

### Shirt and Religious Item Fundraiser

Our Pro-life group will be selling shirts, rosaries, bracelets and prayer cards. They are available for sale in the Parish Office.

### Mother's Day Carnation Sale: Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who purchased carnations during the mother's day weekend. With your help, we were able to raise \$684.41 to donate to **TLC**

**Pregnancy Center**. Thank you for your generosity!



## Clothing Drive



## What's in your closet?

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE

**May 20 & 21, 2023**

**Saturday – 3pm – 7pm**

**Sunday – 7am – 1pm**

- Clothing, shoes, linens, and books in good or bad condition.
- Small housewares (toasters, blenders, mixers, etc.)
- Electronics – for recycling. Sorry, NO TVs.

#### Need donation bags?

They are in the atrium and narthex for your convenience.

Contact Ginger Sorenson  
If you can help that weekend.  
630-777-1186



## 125 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

**July 30th**

12pm Mass

Celebration to follow until 5pm

Join us for the 125th Anniversary of our  
Church's Cornerstone.

### RSVP:

In order to have a better sense of those attending the celebration, we kindly ask that you RSVP. You can call the office at 847-888-2828 or use the sign up in the flocknote sent out earlier this week. We will also have sign ups this weekend in the Atrium for people to sign-up.

### Volunteers Needed:

We are also looking for volunteers to help with any of the following committees:

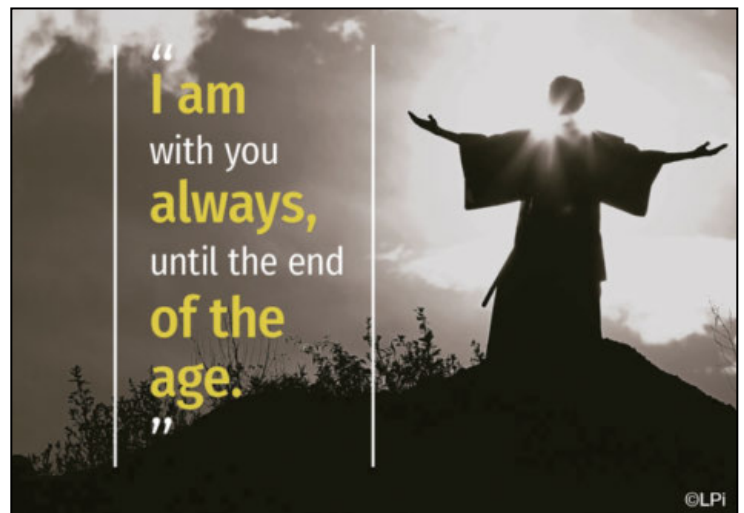
-Food

-Logistics/ Set-up & Clean-up

If interested, please call the parish office at 847-888-2828 ext. 10 or email [mcorona@stmaryelgin.org](mailto:mcorona@stmaryelgin.org).

### Food Committee Update:

There will be sign ups for dish/ food donations for the celebration during **this weekend** after masses in the atrium.



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## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parish Families,

May is rushing by! I always think it is the busiest month of the year for Parishes with a school – and that seems true this year as well! Our two First Holy Communion Masses went very well, my compliments to our Faith Formation Team ☺. Both Masses were beautiful and meaningful, and it is always a joy to see how excited the children and youth are for receiving Our Lord in Holy Communion. We should all look back and remember our excitement when we were receiving Holy Communion for the first time, and try and re-experience that whenever we go forward to receive Our Lord Jesus in Holy Communion.



May Crowning with our St. Mary School children was also very beautiful and meaningful. This year, we used a new statue stand. It is the twin of our St. Michael Statue stand. I was a little worried it would be too tall, but it all worked out without a fuss. This year's 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class has bonded quite well with the younger children in the School. It is not uncommon to see some of our 8<sup>th</sup> Graders holding hands with the youngest Grades as they walk or stopping to visit them in a friendly way, but it is particularly true this year. I thank our excellent Teachers and our excellent Principal for fostering this community spirit in our Catholic School. This past Wednesday was our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Mass. I pray for each of our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduates of St. Mary School as they make their way to St. Edward's or St. Viator's or another of our high schools in the area. May they remain attached to Jesus Christ our Vine and draw life from Him as they rise to new challenges. *Amen.*

I have been visiting with our Gigi Polycarp. I say "our" because she has been a long time Parishioner with her family at St. Mary in Elgin, and she continues to battle cancer. She has 7 children and young adults that she sponsors in Haiti in her orphanage called Bethlehem Home. She has not had very much good news on the cancer front and has a great desire to have her children immigrate to the United States. The oldest of her children is 21 and the youngest is 9 years old. Because she is a local resident of Haiti, due to her Bethlehem Home and dual citizenship, she can do this for far less cost than an American family could adopt and bring them here. It will still cost a substantial sum of money, perhaps 40 to 50,000 dollars. Her two brothers, one of whom is Fr. Pierre Polycarp of the Diocese, and a Cousin, are willing to be sponsors of the children and guardians of the younger ones. If things do not work out to immigrate her children here due to her health, the money we donate can be used to continue to support Bethlehem Home in Haiti and provide for her loved ones there. If you feel called to help Gigi, you can go to **Bethlehemhome.org** and make a tax-deductible donation or drop off an envelope stuffed with money at the Parish Office and we will forward it to Gigi. I have personally given to help Bethlehem Home and find it a satisfying charity to support. An orphan in Haiti is among the poorest of the poor in a poor country.

This Memorial Day Weekend is also Pentecost. I plan to be away for this weekend due to my uncle, Fr. Richard Kuhn, celebrating his 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a priest. He decided to throw a giant party at a Parish he formerly was Pastor of and all my Cousins are coming in to celebrate with him. I apologize for being away for Pentecost and I have Fr. George with us from St. Joseph Hospital. Father George will be full of joy and hope in the Holy Spirit as he celebrates Mass for us ☺. I also am not available to do the Cemetery Mass at Mt. Hope either. I will be back to work the following week.

May God bless you all,

*Fr. Chris Kuhn*



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