

ST. LAMBERT PARISH
Proclaiming Jesus Christ as Lord



Pentecost Sunday
May 23, 2021

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Sunday Masses: (5 pm Sat)
8am, 10am, 12pm

Confessions: Saturday at 3:30 pm

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Baptisms:

Third Sundays of the month at
1:30 pm. For guidelines and more
information please speak to
Deacon Chick after mass.

To Register as a Parishioner:

Go to stlambert.org under About Us+ or by phone

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Is God calling **you** to be a permanent deacon
for the Archdiocese of Chicago?

**Do you know someone who might be a good
candidate for the diaconate?**

If you do feel the Holy Spirit's gentle nudge
toward diaconal ministry, please contact us so
we can answer all your questions about the
four-year formation program leading to
ordination. If married, wives and family play
a vital role in formation and discernment.

Contact:

Deacon Bob Puhala, Director
847-837-4564

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Or visit our website:

usml.edu/ids/institute-diaconal-studies

THANK YOU

Sunday Offertory Collection

		<u>May 15/16, 2021</u>	
<u>May 8/9, 2021</u>		Sun. Envelopes:	\$4,201.00
Sun. Envelopes:	\$4,792.00	Sunday Mail In:	840.00
Sunday Mail In:	510.00	Loose:	264.00
Loose:	335.00	GiveCentral:	<u>1,355.00</u>
GiveCentral:	<u>1,585.00</u>	Total:	\$6,660.00
Total:	\$7,222.00		

Ascension: \$ 402.00

The only 2 other ways your donation can come directly to the parish are....

1. Online, using our GiveCentral home page at:
givecentral.org/location/204
(There is a small fee for each transaction to the parish)
2. Or donations can be made by using your bank account as a bill payment.
It can be scheduled in advance to occur on a recurring basis or as an individual one time donation. There is no charge to the parish or to you to utilize this service.

If you have any questions, please email or call Debbie.



Illinois Right To Life Team
May 20, 2021



Texas Heartbeat Act Signed into Law

On Wednesday, May 19, Texas signed the Heartbeat Bill into law. Many pro-lifers are saying that this is the “strongest pro-life legislation” that exists currently.

The Texas Heartbeat Act (SB8) prohibits abortion after the sixth week of pregnancy since that is when a heartbeat can first be detected. In the midst of federal courts blocking other states’ heartbeat bills, Texas carefully wrote up this bill, making it almost impossible for the courts to stop.

This law will require the doctors to check for a heartbeat on the child and inform the mother that her unborn child has a heartbeat if they detect it. Once they inform the mother, they must do all they can to protect the life of the child.

“The Texas Heartbeat law is very simple, if a heartbeat is detected, the baby must be protected. We are proud that Texas, Gov. Abbott, and a bipartisan group of lawmakers are leading the way with the strongest heartbeat law in the country. SB8 is designed to withstand the usual legal challenges and will protect babies in the womb from abortion,” Jonathan Saenz, president and attorney for Texas Values, explained.

It is understood by many that a heartbeat is tangible proof that life exists. Of course we know that life begins at conception, but the concrete sign of a heartbeat helps others to recognize an unborn child as a living human.

Texas is not the first state to pass a heartbeat bill. Since 2013, over a dozen states have passed similar laws: Arkansas, Georgia, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Dakota, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, and most recently Idaho and Oklahoma.

While ideally life will someday be protected from conception, it is always cause for celebration when incremental steps are taken to improve the protection of all human life. Each and every step is progress! To learn more about what Illinois Right to Life does to protect life, please visit our website.



It bears no repeating this has been a challenging year for everyone during this historic pandemic! There has been so much to deal with for everyone....and Catholic Charities in Des Plaines has been no stranger to the increase in requests for items that support the dignity of the human person and support the human spirit!



Catholic Charities in Des Plaines has introduced a contactless clothes closet to support those in need! It has been received with relief and gratitude from those in need. However, the increase in requests has exceeded the supply.

This a request to reach out to you to help replenish the inventory as you are able. Please bring your donation on the week-end of **June 12 & 13**. Attached is a list of desperately needed items:

DIGNITY ITEMS:

Adult and Children Socks

Toothpaste/Toothbrush

Shampoo/Conditioner

Body Soap/Shower Wash

Body Moisturizer

Comb

Deodorant

Shaving Items Disposable Razors and Shaving Cream

CLEANING & HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:

Laundry Detergent

Dish Soap

Kleenex

Toilet Paper

Napkins/Paper Towels

Bed Sheets Queen/Full/Twin

Towels-Standard and Washcloths

WARM WEATHER CLOTHING:

Adult women and Children's Tops and Shorts

Women's Leggings

Men's T-Shirts and Short Sleeve Shirts

Adult Men and Women Gym Shoes and Flip Flops

Children Boys and Girls Gym Shoes and Flip Flops

Thank you in advance for your generous spirit and charity to those in such great need!

God abundantly bless you!

PriestsøHealth and Retirement

Second Collection June 12/13th

Priests have dedicated their lives to ministry, serving our needs as Catholics from the moment we are baptized until we receive last rites before entering eternal life. PriestsøHealth and Retirement/PRMAA provides for the health and well-being of 469 active and 246 retired archdiocesan priests.

Today, with healthcare and retirement costs rising, there is an urgent need for your support. Your generosity to the PriestsøHealth and Retirement/PRMAA ensures our priests can continue their meaningful work in our parishes by providing funds for

- * Health insurance
- * Medication
- * Wellness costs
- * Nursing care
- * Independent retirement living residences
- * Priestsøretirement funds

The archdiocese is committed to caring for our priests, but we need your assistance. Your generosity will not only ensure the health and well-being of our priests, but also support their ability to continue meaningful work in our parishes and communities.

You can make a gift online or you may send your contribution to:

PriestsøHealth and Retirement/PRMAA
1400 South Wolf Road,
Bldg 3, Flr 2
Hillside, IL 60162

- OR -

Phone: 708.449.8026



Your generous contribution is greatly appreciated. Know that you are remembered in the prayers of the priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago.



Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi

Saint of the Day for May 24 (April 2, 1566 . May 25, 1607)

Image: Ecstasy of Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi | Alessandro Rosi

Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi's Story

Mystical ecstasy is the elevation of the spirit to God in such a way that the person is aware of this union with God while both internal and external senses are detached from the sensible world. Mary Magdalene deqPazzi was so generously given this special gift of God that she is called the %ecstatic saint.+

Catherine deqPazzi was born into a noble family in Florence in 1566. The normal course would have been for her to have married into wealth and enjoyed comfort, but Catherine chose to follow her own path. At 9, she learned to meditate from the family confessor. She made her first Communion at the then-early age of 10, and made a vow of virginity one month later. At 16, Catherine entered the Carmelite convent in Florence because she could receive Communion daily there.

Catherine had taken the name Mary Magdalene and had been a novice for a year when she became critically ill. Death seemed near, so her superiors let her make her profession of vows in a private ceremony from a cot in the chapel. Immediately after, Mary Magdalene fell into an ecstasy that lasted about two hours. This was repeated after Communion on the following 40 mornings. These ecstasies were rich experiences of union with God and contained marvelous insights into divine truths.

As a safeguard against deception and to preserve the revelations, her confessor asked Mary Magdalene to dictate her experiences to sister secretaries. Over the next six years, five large volumes were filled. The first three books record ecstasies from May of 1584 through Pentecost week the following year. This week was a preparation for a severe five-year trial. The fourth book

records that trial and the fifth is a collection of letters concerning reform and renewal. Another book, *Admonitions*, is a collection of her sayings arising from her experiences in the formation of women religious.

The extraordinary was ordinary for this saint. She read the thoughts of others and predicted future events. During her lifetime, Mary Magdalene appeared to several persons in distant places and cured a number of sick people.

It would be easy to dwell on the ecstasies and pretend that Mary Magdalene only had spiritual highs. This is far from true. It seems that God permitted her this special closeness to prepare her for the five years of desolation that followed when she experienced spiritual dryness. She was plunged into a state of darkness in which she saw nothing but what was horrible in herself and all around her. She had violent temptations and endured great physical suffering. Mary Magdalene deqPazzi died in 1607 at age 41, and was canonized in 1669. Her liturgical feast is celebrated on May 25.

Reflection

Intimate union, God's gift to mystics, is a reminder to all of us of the eternal happiness of union he wishes to give us. The cause of mystical ecstasy in this life is the Holy Spirit, working through spiritual gifts. The ecstasy occurs because of the weakness of the body and its powers to withstand the divine illumination, but as the body is purified and strengthened, ecstasy no longer occurs. See Teresa of Avila's *Interior Castle*, and John of the Cross's *Dark Night of the Soul*, for more about various aspects of ecstasies.

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