**Mission Statement**

The Church of St. Mary, is a Roman Catholic Church whose Mission is that of Jesus Christ: The conversion of sinners and the salvation of souls. This is accomplished by preaching and living the Gospel, celebrating Sacraments and evangelizing the world around us.

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**ADORATION**

9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Thursdays
Sign up on our website

**CONFESSION TIMES**

Saturday - after morning Mass & 3:30 - 4:30 pm
Or by appointment

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES**

Saturday 5:00 pm Vigil
Sunday 8:00 am, 11:00 am
9:30 am Spanish

**DAILY MASSES**

Mon - Fri 8:15 am
Saturday 8:00 am

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**JANUARY 17, 2021**

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**As John The Baptist Watched Jesus Walk By, He Said,**

**“Behold, the Lamb of God.”**

JOHN 1:36
READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13 – 19, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer
Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

Mass for Families of Deceased Children

This coming Saturday, January 23, 8am Mass will be an opportunity for those who have lost children prematurely (due to various means: miscarriage, abortion, cancer, suicide, etc.) to light a candle during Mass to be offered up to Our Lady Mother of Heaven’s Children. If you would like a candle lit in memory of a loved child you can sign up for this Mass and light a candle after the Homily or send an email to pacrentals@stmarysycamore.com with whom you would like remembered and we will light one for you.

HOPE HAVEN VOLUNTEERS:
Cook Schedule
01/23/21 – RE Confirmation Class
Joey Lata
GOD’S CALL
The stories of the call of Samuel and of the first disciples in John’s Gospel help us begin to understand the nature of God’s call. It is not a work order from a distant God to carry out a specific task, but an invitation to participate in what God is already doing. The journey begins with God’s intentions and activity. After the initial moment of call, God is shown to be actively leading these ordinary people to partner in God’s work. For ourselves, we might not experience a single or dramatic moment of call. God’s call can take many forms. But like Samuel, and like Jesus’ disciples, we are invited into a relationship of trust and friendship with God. We too are invited to employ the gifts God has given us, always in dialogue with our God, in our daily lives.

OUR DEEPEST DESIRES
In today’s Gospel, we hear Jesus’ first spoken words in the Gospel of John: “What are you looking for?” This penetrating question reverberates throughout John’s Gospel. The disciples who form Jesus’ first community, and many others who meet Jesus during his life, are drawn to him, seeking something they can’t quite name. As Jesus called and formed his community of disciples, he probed their hearts and allowed them to probe his heart. They shared their deepest needs, hopes, and commitments. Jesus’ words might be directed to us, here and now. Sometimes we struggle to name what we really want. In our faith journey, in prayer and in lived experience, we learn to share our dreams and also to open our hearts to know God’s dreams. In time, with lots of practice, with many successes and failures, we learn to trust God to shape and to fulfill our deepest desires.

YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING
We hear of young Samuel today, dedicated to a life of service to God, under the guidance of Eli, a Temple priest. Twice, Samuel hears the call of God and says “Here I am” to Eli. At last Eli recognizes that it is God who is calling Samuel. When Samuel hears God a third time, Samuel does not say “Here I am,” but “Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.” We can see a subtle shift as Samuel moves away from announcing his intention to serve and more clearly opens himself to God’s voice. Samuel allows God to take the initiative, and attends first to God’s intentions rather than his own. Samuel’s story helps us to remember that accepting God’s call is not only about a new chapter in our personal story. Our acceptance is, more profoundly, a new moment in God’s story. Even in our smallest “yes,” God celebrates our partnership in God’s great work. Through our openness and acceptance, God has new opportunities to bring all of us into loving unity with God.

TODAY’S READINGS
1 Samuel 3:3b–10, 19
Psalm 40:2, 4, 7–8a, 8b–9, 10
1 Corinthians 6:13c–15a, 17–20
John 1:35–42
SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Baptisms
Infant Baptism is by appointment, and is celebrated after 11:00 Mass on Sunday. There is one preparation session for the Baptism. Please call the parish office to set up an appointment.

Marriages
Arrangements should be made at least 6 months but no more than 18 months in advance. Please call Fr. Carl Beekman or email him at cbeekman@rockforddiocese.org.

Confessions
Saturday after morning Mass & 3:30 - 4:30 pm Or by appointment - please call the parish office.

Anointing of the Sick
Please call the parish office to contact Fr. Beekman if a loved one is seriously ill or in the hospital.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)
Persons interested in becoming Catholic or receiving the Sacraments as an adult should contact Fr. Beekman at the parish office.

Registering to become a Parishioner
Become part of the parish community and register at St. Mary. If you are uncertain if you are registered, or would like to register, call the parish office, or go to our website to register.

Daily Marriage Tips
www.foryourmarriage.org

“And a voice came from the heavens, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” (Mark 1:11) Let your spouse know when you are proud of them and why. It is important to show that you recognize what they are doing for you, your family, and others. They will appreciate your recognition and love!

Rockford Walk For Life

The first ever Rockford Walk for Life is taking shape. We have a great lineup of Clergy & speakers to lead us in prayer and inspire us to live the Gospel of Life. Our Walk for Life will begin on Jan 23rd, 2021 at 10:00AM, at the United States Federal Courthouse 327 South Church Street Rockford, and we will walk in procession past the State of Illinois building 200 S Wyman St, here in Rockford.

Here is our line-up:
Rally speakers in front of the Federal Court-house: 10:00AM - 10:30AM
Hope Miller, President of Crusaders for Life
Chris Iverson, Vice-President of Chicago Pro-Life Future
Danniel Pribble, Rockford Family Initiative
Joe and Anne Scheidler, Founders of Pro-Life Action League

Walk: 10:30AM - 11:30AM
Closing Prayer: 11:30AM

For more information, please see our website: www.proliferockford.com/walk

Due to the extreme generosity of our parishioners, along with the normal giving to our community in need, we were able to make financial gifts to two important area nonprofits - the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and We Care Pregnancy Clinic. In their thank you the St. Vincent de Paul Society stated that they were able to “assist more than 872 people, through our neighbor visit and food pantry programs since this time last year”. The We Care Pregnancy Clinic in their thank you stated, “How amazing that you have chosen to be that light for today’s vulnerable babies! When you give to We Care, you reach into the darkness of today’s world to provide love and light and hope to women and babies in your community!
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 17, 2021
Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.
— 1 Corinthians 6:19a

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Sunday Collection - January 10, 2021

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DSA Goal Pledged Payments
2020 $56,757.00 $56,529.00 $48,359.00

As of 11/25/20 99.6% of goal 85.2% of goal

Our Weekly Tithe for January 24th is Opportunity House.

Remember in your prayers
all the sick in our parish,
the convalescents and shut-ins:
Dennis Ballarb, Jan Barone, Ann Battaglia, Linda Rose Berry, Thomas R. Blondell, Maryilene Bondell, Judith Brady, Nancy Brown, Quintin Byrne, Mary Cavileer, Chris Cohn, Stacey Condon, Danilo Cruz, Editha Cruz, Pia Cruz, Nancy Culver, Catherine Cwiklinski, Michael DeBartolo, Matt Deming, Allen Dietz, Donna Dodson, Deb Drager, Sara Elliott, Jim Erion, Marilyn Erion, Logan Fifer, Logan Fitch, Wayne Finn, Mary Fischer, John Garman, Al Gawrych, Deloris George, Tom Gilliam, Joanne Goyette, Raoul Goyette, Mariana Grimson, Ken Hamilton, Chris Hamlin, Pat Herrick, Pete Hicks, Larry Higgins, Ruth Higgins, Joan Hoechel, Diane Hogan, Joanne Irving, Vincent Jacobs, Joseph Johnson, Kathy Keller, Theresa Kelly, Bonnie Kennedy, Nancy Kissel, Aaron Lane, Jeremy Lloyd, Mary Low, Christopher Mamoser, Renee Mazan, William Mazan, Hank & Debbie Maestro, Patricia Martin, JoAnn Makarrall, Charlotte Mirozniak, Cheri Mills, Jon Meredith, Charlotte Monroy, Sheryl Olson, Louis M. Ortega, Donna Petersen, Theresa Pivar, Josh Plagakis, C.J. Potter, Bill Powers, Michael Powers, Natalie Rangel, Ron Razniewski, Sergio Renteria, Patricia Richter, James Robergs, Bill Rock, Denise Sanders, Robert Schein, Celeste Seraphin, Nadine Saucedo, Denise Setchell, Joe Shade, Ruthanne Slayton, Jean Spartz, Sally Stran, Don Stroud, Mary Supple, Doug Truckenbrod, David Voss, Wayne Walter, Alice Warren, Ken Wiese, Warren Young, Dawn Yeloushan, and the patients at Kindred Hospital, the County Home, Oak Crest, Grand Victorian, Pine Acres, Bethany Healthcare, Heritage Woods and the homebound. If you wish to add or remove names from our prayer list, call Liz at 815-895-3275 ext.5.

Please pray for those who Protect and serve us and our country

January 16-17, 2021

• Retirement Fund for Religious
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Help us to be people of prayer,
Committed to the person and message
Of Jesus your Son.

Help us to grasp the integrity and beauty
of the truths of our faith and the
transforming power of your grace.

Nourish and strengthen us as people of
faith, disciples of Jesus, committed to the
mission of the Church and eager to share
the gospel without restraint.

Let our hearts burn within us as we catch
glimpses of your heart in Jesus, for
through him, we know your loving plan
for us.

We ask this through Jesus the Christ who
lives with you and the Holy Spirit in one
loving Trinity.

Amen
Every Thursday we will have either Middle School or High School meeting for a weekly ‘fun’ night! It may be games, virtual karaoke, some kind of theme party...the sky is the limit!! And as SOON as we are able to meet, we will take these in person!! Middle School will meet on the 21st this month, and High School will meet on the 14th and 28th. 7:00 every week. See you there!! *The link will remain the same each week.* https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81895806581?pwd=Lzg4MmxUY1N1aU8vbTlyaU9kNktpdz09

We had an awesome time at our virtual ugly sweater Christmas party last week! We played “Guess that tune” and made up a silly Christmas story! Thanks to everyone who joined. We hope you can join us at our next virtual event!
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