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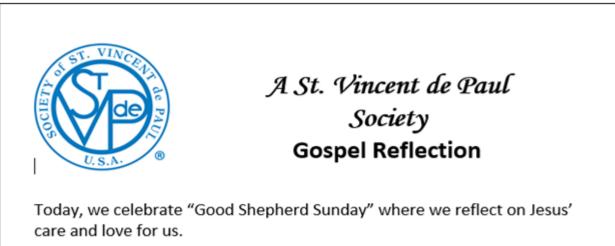
April 21, 2024



AN URGENT APPEAL FROM ST. VINCENT de PAUL

The St. Vincent de Paul Society desperately needs help communicating with those making requests in Spanish. If you know Spanish and are willing to help us in any way, please call our hotline. There is no obligation. We'll accept whatever help you can offer. Thank you.

OUR HOTLINE NUMBER IS (630) 383-2322



Again, this month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brough the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting needy families with help for food, for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

Do you know of someone who needs help? Our contact information is: Hotline: 630-383-2322 Email: stvincentdp@stanneparish.org.

A NOTE FROM FATHER EICKHOFF

Today is Good Shepard Sunday in the Church. This Sunday takes its title from the Gospel reading today which comes to us from the Gospel of John. In it, Jesus remarks that He is the "Good Shepard," the one who will always stand by and protect those who are under His care. Obviously, it is a great comfort to us to know that we have such a guardian for we so often need protection and help against all the forces surrounding us that would seek to do us harm. Thus, the image of the of the Good Shepard is a powerful one in our minds. We often think of Jesus as the Good Shepard. I also think that it doesn't hurt that the image of the Good Shepard makes for great artistic representation in paintings, sculpture, and song. Perhaps it is because it is so easy to imagine a lively scene in which Jesus is the Good Shepard that we don't think so often of Jesus as another title that we hear in today's scripture readings. Today in the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Jesus is described as the "cornerstone." Now I will admit it is probably difficult to create a lively artistic image of a cornerstone. Which is why I suspect we don't often think of Jesus as the cornerstone, but I want to explain why we should take the time to consider Jesus as the cornerstone.

Consider how important the cornerstone is to a building. Without a solid foundation the entire building would collapse into a heap of broken stone and wood. In the same way without Jesus Christ our lives run the grave risk of collapsing into ruin. Without the teaching of Christ, we human beings so often end up wrecking our lives and the lives of others by our selfish actions. We need a solid foundation for our actions. And that solid foundation, the foundation that should form the very basis and core of how we act in our lives, is Jesus Christ. So often when we today think of cornerstones, we think of a ceremonial stone that is embedded into the wall but does not serve a practical purpose of holding the building up. This is the wrong way to think about Christ. The role of Jesus should not be some outward marker of status that is nice to look upon but does not have a practical effect. Rather, Jesus Christ should be foundational to whatever role in which He is there from a building to a human life. If we display our Christian identity to the world that is good. Better still, is to first make sure that Christ is the foundation of our human life even if that foundation – the cornerstone – is not visible to human eyes.

Yours in Christ, Fr. Stephen Eickhoff Pastor

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 22

8:00 AM Clare Hengesbaugh Req: Hengesbaugh Family

Tuesday April 23

7:00 AM Herbert Uher, Jr. Req: Uher Family

Wednesday April 24

8:00 AM Dimford & Bishop Families Req: Phyllis Cowdrey

Thursday April 25

7:00 AM Communion Service

Friday April 26

8:00 AM Johnson/ Smyre Families Req: Anne Kelly

Saturday April 27

5:00 PM Edwin Klein Req: Breedlove and Harper Families

Sunday April 28

7:30 AM For The Parishioners

9:15 AM Myrt Weber Req: Karen Wagner

11:00 AM Anton Pristov Reg: Uher Family



Mon

8:30 AM Rosary 4:45 & 6:15 PM RE K-6 Classes 7:30 PM Celebration Ringers 7:30 PM O.C.I.A. (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Events

Tues

4:45 PM RE DASH BLAZE Girls Bible Study 4:45 PM RE K-6 Classes 7:00 PM St. Vincent DePaul 7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Wed

8:30 AM Rosary
9:30 AM AFF: Transfigured Scripture Study
5:30 PM RE K-6 Classes
5:45 PM Youth Choir
7:00 - 8:00 PM Confessions
7:00 - 8:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration in Chapel
7:00 PM Cursillo
7:30 PM Men's Spirituality
7:30 PM Heart of Worship

Thurs

4:30 & 6:00 PM RE K-8 First Communion Rehearsals 7:00 PM Peace & Justice 7:00 PM AFF: Evening with the Bible

Fri

8:30 –9:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration in the Church

Sat

10:00 AM & 1:00 PM RE K-8 First Communion10:00 AM High School Confirmation Class3:30 PM Confessions5:00 PM Special Collection-Catholic Home Missions

Readings for the Week

Scripture Readings For the Week of April 21, 2024

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Monday Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8; Jn 12:44-50 Thursday Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

Friday

Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14

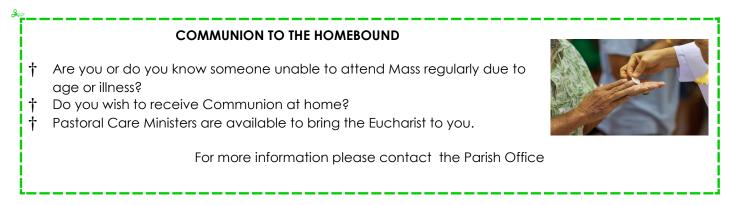
Sunday Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

Sun 7:30 AM Special Collection-Catholic Home Missions 5:00 PM RE DASH 3 Classes

Please Pray For

Karen Alesch Maximiliano Ballesteros Trica Barron Gaetano Capici Mary Connelly Anne Rangel-Croker Roman Cybulski Jim De Vos Paula Dohonge Karleigh Drebes Bob Duprey John Duprey Pat Sheridan Duprey Anna Duy James Feeley Deane Goldstein Frank Gonzales Kelly Gossett Liam Harkins Dean Hartley J. J. Heinemann Martha Hettinger David Hoffman James Hooper Mark Hums Dean Knott Bea Koehler Gene Kosinski Ramiro Martinez Adriana Padilla Jean Sanchez Patricia Slama Father Dan Stempora Marianne Troscinski Ray Vanagas Jay Vidmar Debby Winograd John Wossner Diane Zehner

And all who are experiencing illness and are not listed by name. Names will be kept on listing for six weeks



PARISH BULLETIN EMAIL NOTIFICATION

Stay up to date with what is happening at St. Anne Parish.

Each week Discover Mass will send you an email update with a link to the current week's bulletin.



God's Share

All of us are recipients of many blessings from God. In return, He expects that we praise Him for His goodness and thank Him for His generous 1 gifts. Thanking, however, is not done in word only, but in deed, also.

Total Offering	\$22,990.59	
E-Giving	\$ 5730.50	153 Transactions
Sunday Offering	\$ 17,260.09	\$22,500.00
otal Parish Offering April 7, 2024	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>

Thank you to those who are able to continue to support us through EGIVING or mailing in your contribution!

E-Giving: If you would like to participate in E-Giving <u>https://giving.ncsservices.org/App/Giving/ncs-1474</u>

For those signed up for EGIVING, please continue this practice to aide in the processing of the collection.

"Recent Federal Tax changes may make it advantageous for parishioners receiving RMDs (Required Minimum Distributions) to <u>transfer funds</u> from their IRA (Individual Retirement Accounts) to St. Anne Parish. "Please consult your financial planner or tax advisor before making any tax or contribution decision."

2023 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements will be available by request only this year. If you would like to receive a statement via email or US Mail, please contact the parish office to make this request.

630-554-3331 businessmgr@stanneparish.org

Thank you for your continued generosity to St. Anne Parish

THE 2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL Pledge Your Gift to the CMAA

If you have already pledged your support to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we sincerely thank you! If we all join together, we can meet our parish's goal of \$105,700.00. Each and every gift, regardless of size, truly matters and makes a difference.

If you still plan on making your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how best you can support the CMAA this year to help those in need throughout our Diocese, *For the Glory of God.* Pledge envelopes are still available in the literature racks or you can use the envelope you received in the mail from the Diocese. We also welcome online gifts at jolietdioceseappeal.org.

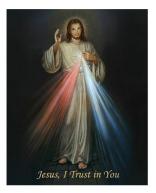
Remember, if we raise more than our goal, the Diocese will return 70 percent of the amount over goal to us to reinvest in our own parish. This is an incredible opportunity and blessing!

Bishop Hicks' Column



April 2024

FAITH-INSPIRED MOVIES



CONTEMPORARY MOVIES are challenging to watch and often dubious to recommend. It seems so many contain agenda-laden themes, disturbing violence, immorality, and obscene language. I keep hoping to uncover that diamond in the rough that is worth watching—either in the theater or streaming live in the comfort of my home.

When I worked as the vicar general in the Archdiocese of Chicago, I had a colleague who would thoughtfully alert me to the latest Catholic, faith-inspired movie. In 2019, he recommended *Love and Mercy: Faustina*. A few days later, I invited a group of seminarians and priests to join me at a movie theater in downtown Chicago to enjoy this movie together. We were all inspired by the life of Sister Maria Faustina, an uneducated nun in Poland who allowed God to do extraordinary things through her.

Here's what was so inspiring: Helena Kowalska entered the convent in 1925 and took the name of Sister Maria Faustina. She toiled at menial tasks to fill her day in the kitchen or garden but was not always treated kindly by others. Yet throughout her humble existence and faithfulness, she experienced mystical encounters with Jesus that clearly revealed God's forgiveness, mercy, and boundless love for humanity. These experiences prompted her to pen her now-famous diary, *Divine Mercy In My Soul.*

She also was gifted with a beautiful vision of Jesus, that most of us now recognize as the Divine Mercy image (*above*). It touchingly portrays Jesus with His right hand raised in a gesture of blessing. His left hand is touching His chest, emanating rays of red and white light. These rays symbolize the blood and water that flowed from Jesus' side, which signify the graces of mercy and forgiveness. Of course, the rays also represent the sacraments of Eucharist and Baptism. The bottom of the image is inscribed with the spiritual words of surrender: *Jesus, I Trust in You*.

Saint John Paul II canonized Sister Faustina in 2000—the first saint of the new millennium. He affectionately named her "the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time."

Every year on the second Sunday of Easter we, as the Catholic Church, celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. It is a good reminder to focus our attention on God's sacrificial love. On this particular Sunday, we especially pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a powerful prayer invoking God's mercy. Most of us would agree our world, our society, and our very souls are in such need of God's grace these days.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, we pray to turn away from division, hate, and vindictiveness, so we can refocus our gaze and actions on God's mercy, forgiveness, and love.

I love the collect prayed at the beginning of Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday, which boldly proclaims:

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast, kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose blood they have been redeemed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Recently, my "movie whisperer" colleague from the Archdiocese of Chicago emailed and encouraged me to see the movie, *Cabrini*. He informed me that it is about an Italian immigrant, Francesca Cabrini, who fights the odds to help the poor and orphans, and ultimately becomes the first American saint. I immediately told him, "Based on your recommendation, I am determined to see it soon!"

When you see a good, faith-based movie which you enthusiastically give two thumbs up, I encourage you to recommend it to your family and friends. Your endorsement may be a simple way for you to evangelize and help spread the good news of our faith.

Saints Frances Xavier Cabrini and Maria Faustina Kowalska, pray for us, and may the Divine Mercy of God bless you today and always.



Good Shepherd Sunday



SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024 MUNDELEIN SEMINARY



The story of the prophet Jeremiah tells us that it is never too early to think about God's plan for us.

For boys (Grades 7-10) to enjoy a day to grow closer to God and visit a seminary. The activities include a tour of Mundelein Seminary, talks about how God calls us, recreation time and open gym, and Mass.



Hightlight this QR code on your phone to sign up today!



Questions, or to have forms emailed to you, please send an email to vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org.

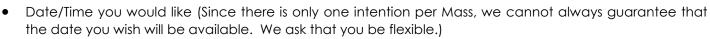


Confirmation Office Assistant - St. Mary Immaculate Parish, Plainfield

St. Mary Immaculate Parish is seeking a Confirmation Office Assistant. The Confirmation Office Assistant is part of the support staff in the Confirmation Department of the Religious Education Office of St. Mary Immaculate Parish. As a ministerial position, it requires supporting the mission of the Catholic Church and representing the Church appropriately in word and demeanor. Customer service is of prime importance. The assistant will interface with another staff member who will work afternoon/evening hours. The Confirmation Office Assistant should have a good command of the English language, both oral and written. He or she should be able to process information and prioritize work by deadline and importance. A strong attention to detail and the ability to work independently is a must. This person should be task oriented, thorough, and focused on accomplishing the goals of the department, while still maintaining a pastoral approach to the needs of families and catechists. Qualifications include a practicing Catholic. 2 years of college or the equivalent. 3-5 years office experience, some supervisory experience preferred. Ability to communicate in Spanish a plus. Must support the mission, philosophy, objectives and policies of St. Mary Immaculate Parish, the Catholic Church, and the Diocese of Joliet. To view a complete job description, visit: The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois. To apply for this outstanding position with St. Mary Immaculate Parish, please send your resume and cover letter to Laura Van Ham at LVANHAM@smip.org

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS FOR 2025

The 2025 Mass intention book is open. This is earlier than previous years since the 2024 Mass intention book is almost completely filled. Mass intention requests must be submitted in writing. Please mail to PO Box 670, Oswego, IL 60543 or email: stanne@stanneparish.org. Please include:



- Name of who the Mass is for
- Name of who the Mass is requested by
- If a card is needed, we will mail it to you or to the person you would like to be notified. Please provide the full address. Arrangements can also be made for you to pick up a card.

There is a \$10.00 offering for a Mass. A check can be mailed to the parish office at P.O. Box 670, Oswego, IL 60543 or you may use our EGIVING and choose the fund "Mass Intentions" <u>https://giving.ncsservices.org/</u> <u>App/Giving/ncs-1474</u>

This year we are instituting a ten Mass intention limit for the 2025 Mass intention book. This is being done to ensure that Masses are available for new intentions. While we only accept one intention per Mass that one intention can be for two or three close family members (such as parents or siblings) or for all the deceased members of a family.



- Saturday, May 18, 2024
- 9:30-11:00 AM
- Joachim Center
- All knitters and crocheters are welcome

PRAYER SHAWLS AVAILABLE



- Know a parishioner, family member or friend going through a difficult time?
- Prayer Shawls are available. Please contact the parish office to arrange a time to pick one up to take to them: 630-554-3331 or stanne@stanneparish.org
- Shawls have been knitted or crocheted, blessed and bagged with an enclosed prayer ready to be given to someone in need

ROSARY



Come join us on Monday and Wednesday to recite the Rosary in the church after the 8:00 AM Mass.

Also, Monday evening we do teleconference Rosary at 7:00 PM. To join: Contact Don Oblazney630-518-7387 St. Anne Parish Religious Education

Contact us by phone (630-554-1425) or email us: reo@stanneparish.org for Cathy Gillooly, DRE K-5 jhdre@stanneparish.org for Julie Krakora, DRE 6-8



Monday-Wednesday Thursday Friday

11:00 AM-7:00 PM 9:30 AM-4:00 PM 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

K-5 Family Scripture Connection

lesus, the Good Shepherd

Did you know that sheep cannot live without a shepherd? They rely on the shepherd for everything and need constant care and watching over. A good shepherd leads his sheep to food & water, keeps them safe from predators & getting lost, and makes sure they are healthy & sheared. In the Gospel for this 4th Sunday of Easter, John reminds us that we are like sheep with the best shepherd ever. Jesus gave up his life to make sure we are safe, cared for, and worthy of eternal life. If we listen to Jesus's voice and follow him, he will never lead us astray. Are you ready to listen to your shepherd this

week and follow Him?

K-5 Schedule

- The next three weeks we have classes as usual. The last week of classes will be May 6-8. - Looking ahead to the summer, Vacation Bible School (VBS) is scheduled for July 22-25. Mark your calendars now!



Be Bold

Young or old it can be hard to be bold about our faith in a culture that disciples actively shiving 4 holiness seems to tone down Christianity. Take a page from St. Peter and trust

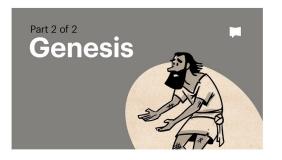
the power of the Holy Spirit to work through you. Better yet, allow other to know Jesus is the rock upon which you live your life.

DASH 3: See you this week (April 21^{st}) from 5 – 7pm and next week, your last formal DASH session. The retreat is on August 17th and other Confirmation items needed will happen the Fall.





Week of April 22, 2024



Genesis Part 2 | Old Testament: Book Overviews | The Bible Project

Watch our overview video on Genesis 12-50, which breaks down the literary design of the book and its flow of thought. In Genesis, God promises to bless rebellious humanity through the family of Abraham, despite their constant failure and folly.



Lectio: Mark

Join Dr. Tim Gray in this powerful 14-part series to discover the Gospel of Mark like never before. Immerse yourself in this action-packed Gospel that offers Saint Peter's account of Christ's life and teaching. Combining the insights of Dr. Tim Gray with the masterful artistry of the Augustine Institute, this Lectio series uses the Church's rich tradition of Lectio Divina to help you better understand and better pray with the Gospel of Mark.



Beloved - Session 1: Does Marriage Matter?

Happy Feast of St. Valentine! This Valentine's Day, remind yourself of the beauty of the Sacrament of Marriage with the Beloved series, presented by the Augustine Institute.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

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Men's Spirituality

Wednesday's 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM

- Read and review next Sunday's Scripture readings with Lectio Divina & discussion.
- Meeting live, in the Joachim Center
- Call or Text Don Oblazney for more information (630) 518-7387.





KENDALL COUNTY COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

The Kendall County Community Food Pantry continues to serve families from the County in need of food assistance.

Interesting Statistics:

- ◆ 2,201 neighbors served with 939 being new in 2024
- 6,540 includes all family members of the neighbors fed in 2024
- 280 families (on average) were served per week in 2024 with a recent week serving 315
- 14,560 shopping carts were loaded up
- 72,800 meals provided per shopping cart. This assumes 5 meals can be made with each cart (which is a low number)
- \$175 assumption of what each cart is worth (again a low number), then...
- \$2,548,000 was saved by all households through food distribution at KCCFP

Cash donations go a long way. For every dollar donated, the pantry can purchase \$8.00 in food from the Northern Illinois Food Bank.

Donations may be mailed directly to:

Checks should be made out to Kendall County Community Food Pantry: (not St. Anne Parish)

Kendall County Community Food Pantry 208 Beaver Street

Yorkville, IL 60560

https://kccfoodpantry.org/donate/

We absolutely insist on enjoying life!





April 26-28, 2024

Ignatian, Silent 12-Step Weekend Retreat for Women

This weekend we'll move through these Steps, examining how each can apply to the many ways we are powerless each day and how we can maximize our ability to enjoy life, thus facilitating us to become "happy, joyous, and free."



Retreat Leader: Fr. Tim Meier, SJ Clean and sober since September 1979



Scan the QR Code to register!



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Fri9:00 AM-1:00 PM	Ν

MISSION STATEMENT Learn. Live and Nurture -Learn the Faith. Live the Faith and Nurture the Faith

As a welcoming Catholic community, we strive to be disciples of Jesus glorifying His true presence in the Eucharist. Just as St. Anne was called by God, we are called as faithful witnesses to celebrate the Sacraments, honor traditions and nurture the family by studying, praying and proclaiming the Good News through service and evangelization.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are generally held the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month (some months this may vary) at 12:30 PM. Expectant parents are to call the Parish Office, six months before the birth of their child for preparation information. Please do not choose Godparents until you receive the established Church guidelines for Godparents.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples seeking the Sacrament of Marriage should call the parish office at least six months before the date of marriage. A wedding date may not be secured until meeting with the parish Deacon or Priest. At that time, the couple will be secured a date and begin the process of preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage.

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EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

Saturday	5:00 PM
Sunday	
Monday-Wednesday-Friday	
Tuesday	
Thursday Communion Service	

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday		
Wednesday		
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION		
Wednesday		
Friday		

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

freickhoff@stanneparish.org

If there is anyone at home who cannot get to Mass and the Sacraments because of illness or age, please call the parish office at anytime to request the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

O.C.I.A. (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Those interested in becoming Catholic or in learning more about the Catholic faith meet weekly. Call the parish office or e-mail rcia@stanneparish.org for more information.

STEWARDSHIP PARISH

We are a stewardship parish. This means that every parishioner with an income is asked to use a Sunday envelope, since we expect to meet our needs from the one collection at the Presentation of the Gifts.

NEW PARISHIONERS

All new families are warmly welcomed to Saint Anne Parish and we ask that you register your family through our website at http:// stanneparish.org/registration-form/.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Bulletin articles are due into the parish office by 10:00 AM Thursday, 10 days before the Sunday you wish the article to appear. Please email your copy to stanne@stanneparish.org using Microsoft WORD.

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DIFIBRILLATOR AED

Located Across from Parish Offices and On Outside Wall of Gathering Room of Church.

PARISH MAILING ADDRESS

Reminder: anything *mailed* to parish offices must be addressed to: P. O. Box 670, Oswego, IL 60543-0670