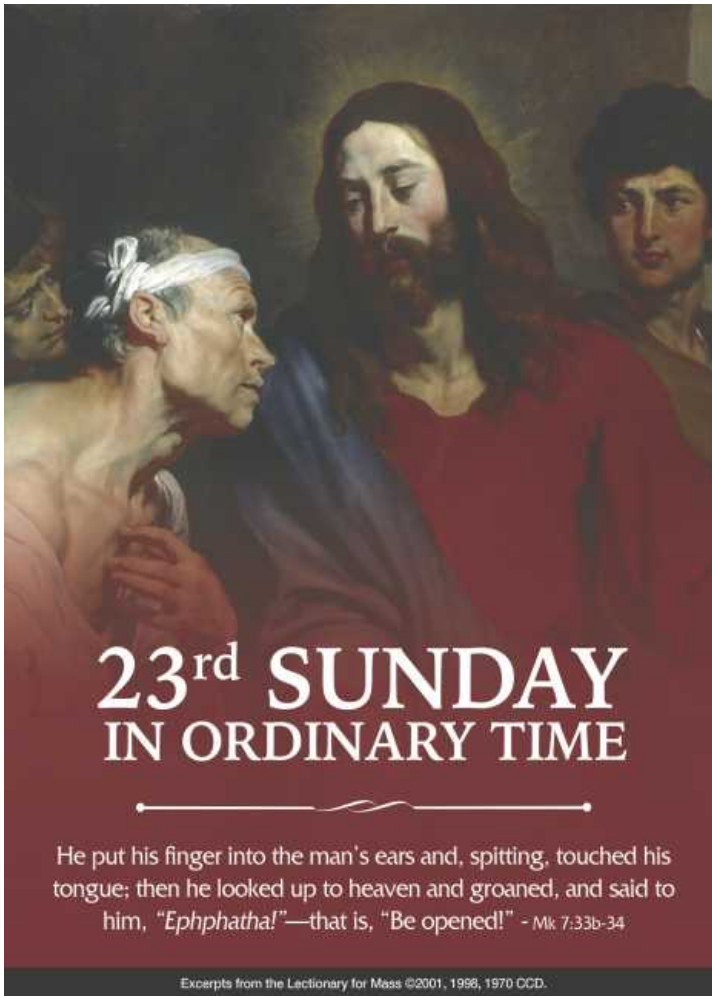


# St. Mary/St. Patrick Catholic Church

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 9, 2018

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## WELCOME!

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you!  
Let us know if you have any questions about  
our parish or the Catholic faith.

## MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, Vigil, 4:30 p.m.

Memorial Day to Labor Day weekends - St. Mary  
September-May - St. Patrick

Sunday, 8:00 a.m. - St. Mary

10:00 a.m. - Memorial Day to Labor Day weekends-  
St. Patrick

10:30 a.m. - September-May - St. Mary

Monday, 7:30 a.m. Communion Service - St. Mary

Tuesday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. Mass - St. Mary

## CONFESSIONS:

Sunday, 7:30 a.m. - St. Mary

First Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - St. Mary

## ADORATION:

First Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - St. Mary

Benediction, 4:00 p.m. - St. Mary

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Very Rev. Matthew M. Bergschneider, Pastor  
Deacon Dick Mulcahey, Deacon Steve Pulkrabek

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## OFFICE HOURS:

Monday–Thursday 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 9, 2018 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Jesus went by way of Sidon into the district of the Decapolis." For most of Jesus' ministry, he remains in Galilee and areas with a predominantly Jewish population. Today, however, we see Jesus traveling through a heavily pagan area. This makes the utterance of faith in today's Gospel all the more astounding. "He has done all things well."

In this story, a deaf man is brought to Jesus. This man is not without community! Despite communication difficulties due to a speech impediment, his people bring him before Jesus. Jesus lays hands upon the man and commands his broken body to change. "Be opened! Immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly." The community is stunned. They can't stop telling the story. The more Jesus asks them to settle down, the more they proclaim! The Jewish people expected a Messiah but a Messiah with very particular qualifications. The Greeks and pagans anticipated no such savior. There were no expectations to meet. They had a special capacity to be completely, utterly surprised.

As Catholics, it can be easy to become accustomed to the songs and the prayers, to the routine of religious education drop-offs and Sunday Mass attendance. By now, we may have very particular expectations. When was the last time you allowed yourself to be surprised by God? Sometimes we are all like the deaf man in today's Gospel. God wants to speak to us, but we can't hear clearly. In your prayer this week, go before God honestly. Give yourself permission to drop your expectations and assumptions. Ask Him to renew your faith to show you how, in your life, "He has done all things well."

## WELCOME BACK!



⊕ Welcome back to a new and exciting year of Religious Education! Next week will be Catechetical & Sundaes Sunday. At the 10:30 a.m. Mass we will recognize the Catechists and Aides who will be volunteering in the RE program this year. After Mass, everyone is invited to the Church hall to build the perfect Ice Cream Sunday!

⊕ Parents of Second Grade Students: Sunday, September 23rd at 9 a.m. there will be a parent meeting in the main body of St. Mary Church to discuss First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Bring your students to class and plan on joining us for this informative meeting.

## THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a program for men and women who have never been baptized or who have been baptized and wish to become Catholic. The program is also for those who may have been baptized Catholic, but never really lived out their faith or haven't received the sacraments of the Eucharist and/or Confirmation. Are you such a person or do you know someone who is? If so, welcome. All you have to do is call the parish office at 815-248-2490, and let us know you're interested. Classes will begin in mid September.

## FAMILY FUN

As we begin a new school year, we are looking for adults and JH/HS students who would like to help plan the Advent & Lenten Family Events. There are a total of three meetings where we will plan and evaluate the activities the families will participate in. If this sounds like something you would be interested in please contact Terry Cravens at the office. Thank you!



"We are created to walk with and support one another; we don't need to fear reaching out in love. Help your friend experience the strength of God's message that resounds throughout time: "Do not fear: I am with you" (Isaiah 41:10)

## ST. ANNE'S CCW

- \* We are looking for donations of old sheets for backing for quilts. These quilts are for the Rockford's Women's Center.
- \* Donations of flatware to build a supply for funerals and other functions are also needed here at St. Mary/St. Patrick Church. All donations can be dropped off at the Parish Center.
- \* The next St. Anne's CCW Meeting will be held Wednesday, September 19th at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mary Church hall.

## FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

- Confessions will be heard at 7:30 a.m. before the 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. First Saturday Confessions will be held 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 8th at St. Mary Church.
- September 16th is Catechetical Sunday, and Sundaes Sunday. After 10:30 a.m. Mass, everyone is invited to the Church hall to build the perfect Sunday.

## ROCKFORD PREGNANCY CARE CENTER'S ANNUAL HIKE FOR LIFE

September 15, 2018 • Registration 8:30 a.m. • Hike 9:30 a.m.  
Midway Village Walking Path in Rockford, IL

For the Benefit of the Pregnancy Care Center of Rockford  
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The Pregnancy Care Center of Rockford offers help and hope to those facing an unplanned pregnancy and positive choices empowers students to win in life, love and relationships. Your donation allows us to offer Free and Confidential services in our center, the Stork Bus (mobile medical unit) and local schools.

The Hike for Life fundraiser will be September 15, with registration at 8:30 a.m. Sign-up/Sponsor forms are available at the entrance to the church.

## Mass Times

Saturday, 4:30 p.m. at St. Patrick Church  
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church

## NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP) AWARENESS AND INFORMATION

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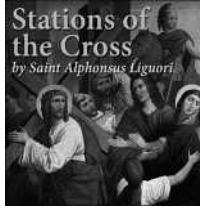
[www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/awareness-week](http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/awareness-week). The site can also be found with a search for "USCCB NFP: Awareness Week." A list of NFP providers and educators is on the Parish Center porch.

- \* The Augustine Foundation has developed a new website to help educate you on NFP and Catholic teaching on human sexuality, the virtue of chastity, marriage, conjugal love and responsible parenthood. A special feature are several brief courses tailored for young adults. Also included is a video of interviews with Catholic Physicians.  
See [catholicsexuality.com](http://catholicsexuality.com).

More NFP resources can be found by visiting: [usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/new-nfp-resources](http://usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/new-nfp-resources).

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
WALK WITH CHRIST IN HIS LAST HOURS**

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To register, go to [www.stmaryspatrick.formed.org](http://www.stmaryspatrick.formed.org) and create a user name and password. FORMED also has an app for Apple and Android mobile devices! Go to the App Store or Google Play store and download the FORMED App.

Were you on St. Mary/St. Patrick's Formed account last time but are finding it hard to access now? When you login does it ask you to purchase a subscription? It was brought to our attention that if you previously registered and took advantage of all the wonderful programs on Formed you may be having difficulties when registering now. If this applies to you we have the answer! Login in to Formed with your email and password. Go to the 'Subscription' tab and when that page opens, go to the parish code and edit it to the current parish code of "JMDNGP." If you continue to have problems or have any questions, please feel free to call the office.

**ST. MARY CHURCH NURSERY  
FOR TYKES, TOTS & BABIES**

The Nursery room in St. Mary Church hall is open during the Sunday Masses for any parents who need to care for their children or babies. The door is always open and the speaker button on the wall can be adjusted to listen to Mass upstairs.



**YOUNG ADULT OVERNIGHT RETREAT: "THE NEXT CHAPTER: LIVING THROUGH TRANSITIONS WITH FAITH"**

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**PARISH PRAYER TREE**



Our Parish Prayer Tree and Prayer Chain offer a network of support and prayers not only for our parish, but for the community at large. If you would like someone included on the Parish Prayer Tree in the bulletin, then please call the Parish Office: 815-248-2490. If you would like someone to be added to the Parish Prayer Chain, please call Mary Borgmann at 815-865-5555 or Margie Flynn at 815-494-4288.

Please remember our homebound parishioners and those currently in Medina Manor, along with Cindy Armour, Lois Belden, Ryan Bergschneider, Virginia Bernard, Adrian Book, Regina Borg, Terry Brogan, Lisa Carlson, Brad Crawford, David DiGvonna, Amy Driscoll, Chris Gignac, Marcella Helwig, Kevin Henze, Pat Hertzner, Carol Hertzner, Jennifer Hicks, Bonnie Hnilicka, Jeanne Hnilicka, Judy Hollenbeck, Gail Jaeger, Tony Jason, Shelly Wenger Jauch, Mary Joyce, Samantha Kaldohl, Emmanuel Kilb, Nancy Kalina, Carol Kirchner, Carolyn Kneip, Eleanor Lamm, Kathy Lenhardt, Stacey Ludkowski, Judy Lynde, Vicki Marshall, Vicky Mathew, Raymond McDade, Ron Meier, Kim (Kauffman) Menke, Theresa Mikosz, Cindy Miller, Jeff Miller, Deacon Dick Mulcahey, Barb Neuzil, Karen Oksnevad, Jana Olsen, Gail Palda, Kelli Palmer, Sandra Pauley, Joe Peiffer, Tom Peiffer, Elefterious Prevett, Marianne Reier, Jimmy Rogers, JoEllen Sharer, Nick Sharkey, Donna Shelby, Dennis Shippy, Donald Shippy Sr., Dean Simmer, Butch Slocum, Dawson Thomas, Carolyn Trickle, Marcie Turner, Bob Vormezeele, Jean Walsh, Laurie Walsh, Steve Walsh, Riley Grace & Isabella Mae Williams & Belinda.

Remember our service men and women currently serving, and include Nic Blum, Will Devore, Will Francis, Andrew Clark Gibling, Lucas Graves, Rev. Bob Keener, Landon Ketchum, Garrett & Jason Kirk, Ashley Kochanski, Mark Shram, Zeth Willard, and Charlie Wojcik.

Please let Margie Flynn, or Mary Borgmann know when you need to have your loved one(s) removed from either the Parish Prayer Tree or the Parish Prayer Chain. Thank you.

(08-06-18)

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. Take time for your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Oct. 19-21 in Brookfield, WI; Nov. 9-10 in Rockford, IL or Nov. 30-Dec 2 in Madison, WI. Website: [alifetimeoflove.org](http://alifetimeoflove.org) or call (888) 574-5653.

**Countdown of the Top 29 St. John Paul II  
Quotes for Young Catholics**

Number 8...

"Love of Christ does not distract us from interest in others., but rather invites us to responsibility for them, to the exclusion of no one..."



**MINISTRY SCHEDULES:**

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  
OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Sept 15 4:30pm Peggy Stewart  
Sept 16 8:00am Deacon Steve Pulkrabek  
Sept 16 10:30am Phyllis Wenger

**LECTORS**

Sept 15 4:30pm Bill Flynn  
Sept 16 8:00am Jan Thornton  
Sept 16 10:30am Andrew Nestler

**USHERS**

Sept 15 4:30pm Pat Flynn & Molly Flynn  
Sept 16 8:00am Tom Walsh & Tom Thornton  
Sept 16 10:30am Angie Clark & Wayne Plasmier

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Sept 15 4:30pm Connie & Joslyn Schultz  
Sept 16 8:00am John Paul & Sean Miller  
Sept 16 10:30am A. Liszka & A. McLevige

**COLLECTION COUNTERS**

Sept 16 Mike & Carol Rosko, Denise Starnes,  
\*Bonnie Vonderohe

**SACRISTAN**

Sept 15 4:30pm Peggy Stewart

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**COLLECTION TOTALS**

4th weekend of August

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Sunday Envelopes:	\$4056.00	\$3369.00
Offertory	\$553.25	\$353.48



The resurrected and glorified  
body is a new creation of God.  
The body is resurrected not in its  
old form, but in its new form.



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**THE LAST THREE ROWS OF PEWS  
AT ST. MARY CHURCH**

The last three rows of pews at St. Mary Church are reserved especially for those who need easier access to a pew, including parents with babies or little children. The half pews are for those who are infirm, disabled and need easy access.

## MASS INTENTIONS

A (+) denotes a Mass intention for our beloved deceased

**Saturday, Sept. 8—The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

4:30pm (SP) +Don & Betty Brown

**Sunday, Sept. 9—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00am (SM) The People of the Parish

10:30am (SM) +Vito Zotto

**Monday, Sept. 10**

7:30am (SM) Communion Service

**Tuesday, Sept. 11**

7:30am (SM) +Jeanne Smith

**Wednesday, Sept. 12—The Most Holy Name of Mary**

7:30am (SM) +Fred & Anne Schwartz

**Thursday, Sept. 13—St. John Chrysostom Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

7:30am (SM) +Jeanne Smith

**Friday, Sept. 14—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

7:30am (SM) +Jean Rosauer

**Saturday, Sept. 15—Our Lady of Sorrows**

4:30pm (SP) +Merlin & Joyce Germain & family

**Sunday, Sept. 16—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00am (SM) +Michelle Arthur

10:30am (SM) People of the Parish

(SM) =St. Mary-Durand (SP) = St. Patrick-Irish Grove

## MEMORIAL CANDLE INTENTIONS

Lighting candles is an ancient practice that we continue to honor today. A lit candle signifies the hope we have in our hearts and the prayers we are offering for a particular intention. In our parish we have two special ways of burning candles for the sake of prayer. Seven day candles burn before the **Tabernacle** and the **Icon of St. Mary** in St. Mary Church. They are available to be lighted for your intention & burn for one week. While we do ask for a donation of \$10.00, cost should not be a prohibiting factor. Please call the parish office at 815-248-2490, to schedule.



### TABERNACLE CANDLES

Sept. 9-Sept. 15 +Kaitlyn Miller

Sept. 16-Sept. 22 +Kaitlyn Miller

### MARY ICON

Sept. 9-Sept. 15 +Kaitlyn Miller

Sept. 16-Sept. 22 +Carolyn Tannehill



## FLORAL MEMORIALS

Floral memorials dedicating the two bouquets on either side of the Tabernacle at St. Mary Church are available for loved ones—living and deceased or for special intentions such as holidays, anniversaries or other special events.

A donation of \$15 per vase will help offset the cost of these flowers and enable you to have a beautiful floral tribute for one week. Please call the parish office at 815-248-2490, to schedule.

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