Welcome to St. Mary Church

April 26, 2026 Fourth Sunday of Easter

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

April 19, 2026

The Stewardship Report for April 19 and for April 26 will appear in the May 3rd bulletin.
CSMA: Our goal for this year's campaign is $9726.00. We have reached 54% of our goal.

MASS READINGS
Week of April 26

Sunday: Acts 2:14a,36-41; Psalm 23:1-6; 1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10
Monday: Acts 11:1-8; Psalms 42:2-3; 43:3-4; John 10:11-18.
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Psalm 87:1-8; John 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a; Psalm 67:2-3,5-6,8; John 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Psalm 89:2-3,21-22,25,27; John 13:16-20.
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Psalm 2:6-11; John 14:1-6.
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Psalm 98:1-4; John 14:7-14.

MAY CROWNING

Next Sunday, May 3, we will honor our Blessed Mother by crowning her image with flowers at the 8 AM Mass.

CURIOUS ABOUT CATHOLICISM?

Do you have a friend or family member interested in the Catholic Faith? Do non-Catholic friends and family always ask "Why do you Catholics believe...?" or "Why do Catholics do ...?" but you don't feel equipped to answer all their questions?

Invite them to attend the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), meeting on **Wednesdays at 6:30pm at the Parish Hall.** Our catechetical team (Amy Ulrich, Jeff Agne, Jill Treece and Fr. Uriel) are available on a continuing basis to help answer their questions - and if so inclined, find full communion with the Catholic Church.

Also, if you or a Catholic you know has not received all their Sacraments, up to and including Confirmation, please join us!

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

That everyone might have food:

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

VOCATION CORNER

Today we acknowledge the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother, or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call. To quote Pope Francis, "Each one of us is called – whether to the lay life in marriage, to the priestly life in the ordained ministry, or to a life of special consecration – in order to become a witness of the Lord, here and now."

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday April 25 & Sunday April 26:
For an increase in vocations
Saturday May 2: Jason Lovell
Sunday May 3: Stan Won

WORD OF LIFE

"Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die; they want to escape what they perceive to be an intolerable situation, and they inaccurately believe that suicide is their only way out. The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, 'Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?'"

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,
"Every Suicide is Tragic"
usccb.org/every-suicide-tragic

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday April 25:
Lector: Jackie Beatty
Eucharistic Ministers: Jeff Agne, Paul Cairatti, Amy Ulrich
Sunday April 26:
Lector: Jim Poletti
Servers: Dallases
Eucharistic Ministers: Lisa Hoehner, Jordan Jansen, Ellen Quertermous
Saturday May 2:
Lector: Cathy Belcher
Eucharistic Ministers: Jeff Agne, Paul Cairatti, Luke Vaughn
Sunday May 3:
Lector: Ellen Quertermous
Servers: Marggrafs
Eucharistic Ministers: Susan Belcher, Mary Ellen Ecker, Ben Marggraf.

HOLYLANDS ARTS SALE NEXT WEEK

At both of our Masses next weekend, May 2-3, Ward Qumsieh of Holylands Arts will once again make beautiful hand carved items made by Christian artists in the Holy Land available for purchase.

Ongoing conflict has deeply affected the tourism industry in the Holy Land, and the families who rely on their art to survive are struggling. Your purchases will help these families. The beautiful olive wood carvings would make good Mothers' Day gifts. Mr. Qumsieh presents these items with the blessing and encouragement of our Diocese.

The 2026 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Those who are kind to the needy honor Him

"It is only through your prayers, kindness and generosity that our diocesan ministries can continue providing services to our parishes, schools and the needy among us throughout the 28 southernmost counties of Illinois. Please support the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal today!"

-Bishop-elect Godfrey Mullen, OSB

WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE ....

Our high school and college graduates, for the graduation issue of the Messenger.

We would also like a list of any St. Mary parishioners who were either killed in military service to our country, or who are currently active duty service members, for the Memorial Day issue. Please forward information to the church office.

painting: *The Childhood of Christ:* Garard van Hanhorst

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

Feast Day April 23

To foster deep devotion to Saint Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the "May Day" celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Joseph the Worker in 1955. This feast extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion. Beginning in the Book of Genesis, the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God.

By work, humankind both fulfills the command found in Genesis to care for the earth (Gn 2:15) and to be productive in their labors. Saint Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labor.

Jesus, too, was a carpenter. He learned the trade from Joseph and spent his early adult years working side-by-side in Joseph's carpentry shop before leaving to pursue his ministry as preacher and healer. In his encyclical *Laborem Exercens,* Pope John Paul II stated: "the Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated, and to help to guide [social] changes so as to ensure authentic progress by man and society."

Joseph is held up as a model of such work. Pius XII emphasized this when he said, "The spirit flows to you and to all men from the heart of the God-man, Savior of the world, but certainly, no worker was ever more completely and profoundly penetrated by it than the foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest intimacy and community of family life and work."

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