



January, February 2020



### **DEVOTION TO MARY HELPS US TO FOLLOW JESUS**

During my time here at St. Gall I have tried to keep one major goal in mind: forming disciples of Jesus Christ. In the end, that is why any parish exists. Recently, the Lord has put on my heart **the need for our parish to follow Jesus with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

To that end, I am encouraging **everyone in our parish to spend the upcoming Lenten season preparing for Marian consecration.**

There is a long tradition in the Church of seeking perfect union with Jesus through offering ourselves to Our Lady. Through baptism we are all called to holiness—to become saints as we follow Christ. St. Louis Marie de Montfort (1673-1716) called total consecration to Mary **“the surest, easiest, and most perfect means” to becoming a saint.** Through Marian consecration a person gives their body, soul, and the value of their good works and prayers—past, present, and future—to Mary to use and distribute as she wills. Mary is known as Mediatrix of All Graces. As the Mother of the Church she intercedes for the needs of all Christians and all of God’s graces are distributed to the world through her. As St. Louis puts it, “the more a soul is consecrated to Mary, the more it is consecrated to Christ.” **We want to belong to Mary so that we can belong more perfectly to Jesus.** Mary is our close companion as we follow Jesus.

Marian consecration is usually done through a prayer of consecration. A period of preparation before the prayer better opens our hearts to the grace of the consecration (this is also true of those who wish to renew their consecration). This Lent at St. Gall we will be using a new book by Christine Watkins called ***Mary’s Mantle Consecration: A Spiritual Retreat for Heaven’s Help***. This book will cover a 46 day preparation period (the exact number of days from Ash Wednesday to Easter). The cover notes that this book is “for busy individuals, families, groups, and parishes.” We all desire “Heaven’s Help” for struggles in our own lives or in the lives of our families and friends. Marian consecration can help open up the floodgates of grace in our world. The four spiritual practices of Mary’s Mantle Consecration are:

1. **The Rosary** - Everyone is encouraged to pray this most powerful prayer every day.
2. **Fasting** - In the Bible, God’s people fasted before receiving his revelation (Exodus 34:28), or engaging in a great spiritual battle (Esther 4:16; Matthew 4:1-11) and as a way of repenting from sin (Jonah 3:5-9). Certain evil spirits can only be overcome by fasting (Mark 9:29). Through fasting we strip our focus on the desires of the flesh so as to be more open to life in the Spirit. Fasting is one of traditional practices of Lent, of course. The program recommends fasting (only bread and water) at least one day a week during the 46 days. The exact nature of the fast can be modified, however, based on one’s unique health needs (self-denial is the main point).
3. **Contemplation of the virtues and the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit** - By contemplating the virtues and the gifts of the Holy Spirit we open ourselves up to follow Jesus as Mary did. The *Mary’s Mantle* book includes a brief reading for each day focusing on a particular virtue. The readings take only a few minutes! 46 virtues in 46 days (this is based on the 46 stars that are found on Mary’s mantle on the sacred image of Our Lady of

Guadalupe). No saint embodied the virtues and gifts of the Holy Spirit better than Mary.

4. **Consecration to Mary** - Imagine not just “giving something up for Lent” but going through Lent with a well-defined path of contemplation and penance so that, as you come to Holy Saturday, you have experienced growth and transformation! You are more free to follow Jesus! We will have opportunities for parishioners to pray the prayer of consecration together on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday.

The book is available through [www.queenofpeacemedia.com](http://www.queenofpeacemedia.com) or on Amazon (both as a paper book or as an e-book). There is also a prayer journal available for those who would like that option. We will also have some resources for children and families to use. There will also be an option to receive the brief readings via a daily email. Stay tuned for more details in January and February.

**We will start our Marian consecration preparation on Ash Wednesday (February 26) and ending on Holy Saturday (April 11).**

To Jesus through Mary,  
Fr. DiTomo

## A SPECIAL RETREAT FOR ALL PARISHIONERS that people don't want to see end!

THROUGH

### MARY'S MANTLE CONSECRATION

**A WONDERFUL  
OPPORTUNITY FOR  
SPIRITUAL GROWTH:**

—2-MINUTE READING  
AT HOME

—ROSARY

—SIMPLE FASTING

—WEEKLY VIDEOS

**ENDORSED BY:**

—Archbishop  
SALVATORE  
CORDILEONE

—Bishop MYRON  
J. COTTA

—LET US PRAY FOR  
ONE ANOTHER



BE SURE TO SIGN UP WITH YOUR E-MAIL IN ADVANCE.

GET THE BOOKS AND MORE TODAY

**SEE [WWW.MARYSMANTLECONSECRATION.COM](http://WWW.MARYSMANTLECONSECRATION.COM)**

## ST. GALL CEMETARY NEWS

The columbarium in the St. Gall Cemetery is located in the northeast corner of the cemetery. There were recently two inurnments in our columbarium. There are 84 niches in the columbarium. Each niche can hold two standard sized urns of cremated remains. The cost for the niches are \$2000.00—\$2200.00 depending on the level. The niche markers are cast bronze for an additional cost of \$600.00.

We have a new infant cemetery space located next to our columbarium in our St. Gall Cemetery. This is an area reserved for miscarriages, stillbirths, and infant remains. A modest donation could be given for the cemetery plot and the interment. As with the full size grave sites, the family is responsible for any cost associated with the purchase and placement of a grave marker.

For more information please contact Mary Fran Korth in the Business Office at 630-365-6030 x 2 or email Mary Fran at [maryfran@stgall.com](mailto:maryfran@stgall.com).



## SAVE THE DATES!

**Ministry Appreciation Gathering**  
Sunday, February 23, 2020  
11:30 AM

St. Gall Parish volunteers are special servant leaders who freely dedicate their time and talents to our church.



Fr. DiTomo and the Parish Staff will be serving our volunteers as an expression of appreciation for their service to their ministry and to the church.

More Information to follow.

## **Pilgrimage to Italy**

November 8 -20, 2020

Join Fr. DiTomo on a Pilgrimage to Italy. Encounter Christ through history, treasures, and saints of the Church. Highlights include Papal Audience, four major basilicas of Rome, catacombs, coliseum, Roman Forum and much more! For more information or to register contact [ForHisGloryTours@gmail.com](mailto:ForHisGloryTours@gmail.com) or call 847-912-6019.



# PRAISE AND WORSHIP

AT ST GALL CHURCH!

THE FOURTH  
THURSDAY  
OF THE MONTH  
8-9PM

Come and join us on

January 23rd

February 27th

## NEW SVDP ENVELOPE



Dear Parishioners. The Rockford Diocese recently instituted a standard policy on how parishes with SVdP conferences are to receive donations for the Society. Starting January 1, 2020, St. Gall will include in each month's mailed envelope packet one special SVdP envelope. Please use it to make your monthly donation. If by check, please make it payable to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. If you do not use church envelopes, you can drop a check into the collection basket any time, again, made payable to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Donations are tax deductible and you'll receive a tax letter from the Society each year. Thank you for allowing us to directly serve the poor.

If you would like information about the Society, are interested in becoming a member, or know of someone in need, contact the parish office at 630-365-6030.

God bless you.



# 2019 St. Gall Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Annual Report

### **Who We Are**

In the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul leads women and men to grow spiritually through person-to-person service to those in need and suffering. Your St. Gall Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is one of 4,400 conferences in the U.S. and 44,600 conferences in 150 countries worldwide.

### **What We Do**

The members of our local conference donate their time and talent in fundraising events like Donut Sundays, St. Nicholas Breakfast, the St. Gall Cookbook and a Walk for the Poor. Then they visit individuals or families in need in the greater Elburn area to help determine their needs and how we can best assist them. Once a month, members also assist at the Elburn Countryside Food Pantry by picking up food at Jewel and delivering it to the pantry. In 2019, our Vincentians also provided a dinner for the Society's Hope Takes Action Program, a specially designed class to help the poor help themselves move out of poverty.

### **What We Accomplished This Past Year**

During the fiscal year ending September 30th, 2019, the 23 men and women that make up the St. Gall Conference made 33 home visits to the needy, helping 79 people; by paying for Com Ed and NiCor Gas bills, mortgage, home repairs, Village of Elburn utility bill, rent payments, security deposit, temporary housing, health insurance, medical expenses, emergency food, car repairs, car loan and insurance, phone, and vehicle gas. None of this would be possible without the generous financial support of St Gall parishioners. **Thank you!** Here is a summary of the 2019 Annual Report for SVdP:

| <b>Fiscal Year 2019 Profit and Loss Statement</b>    |                 |   |                 |
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| <b>Receipts</b>                                      |                 | <b>Expenses</b>                         |                 |
| Donations from Members                               | \$1,065.00      | Assistance to Needy                     | \$25,205        |
| Donations from Parish Collections                    | \$17,833        | Solidarity Dues                         | \$235           |
| Donut Sundays  | \$1,827         | Operating Expenses: Liability Insurance | \$266           |
| Friends of the Poor Walk                             | \$699           |   |                 |
| St. Gall Cookbook/Candles                            | \$2,061         |   |                 |
| St. Nicholas Breakfast                               | \$406           |   |                 |
| Other Income: Domestic twining, &<br>Other donations | \$4,462         |   |                 |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                                  | <b>\$28,353</b> | <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                   | <b>\$25,706</b> |
| <b>Cash Flow</b>                                     |                 |   |                 |
| Cash on Hand at Beginning of Fiscal Year             |                 |   | \$1,399         |
| Receipts   |                 | \$28,353                                |                 |
| Expenses   |                 | (\$25,706)                              |                 |
| Cash on Hand at End of Fiscal Year                   |                 |   | \$4,046         |

### **How You Can Help**

"You can help those in need in the Elburn area by (i) joining the SVdP Society (meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m.), (ii) providing physical and spiritual assistance to those in need, (ii) contributing financially to SVdP through the new monthly SVdP collection envelopes or by dropping a check in the Sunday Collection basket, (iv) attending Donut Sunday events, and (v) participating or supporting St. Gall walkers in the "Friends of the Poor Walk" each autumn.

If you know someone in need of help, please have them call the parish office at 630-365-6030 during normal office hours or leave a message on our parish web site at [stgall.com/svdP](http://stgall.com/svdP) and select Request Assistance Electronically. We will get back with them ASAP and schedule a home visit to determine how we can help. All communications with the SVdP society are strictly confidential.

January, 2020

## TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday Morning Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, January 14th with the study of 'The Parables of Jesus'. Everyone is invited to attend this weekly Bible Study. Meet and greet begins at 9:15am in Rms 5-6 followed by Bible study until 11:00am. For more information please contact Rick Adams at [3drick@ameritech.net](mailto:3drick@ameritech.net) or Jane Smith at [jane smith@yahoo.com](mailto:jane smith@yahoo.com).

## ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY

ST. GALL ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY WELCOMES ALL WOMEN PARISHIONERS!

New members are needed & encouraged!! Our next meeting is Monday, January 27, 2020 from 6:00 to 6:50 pm. All registered women of the parish who would like to become more involved are encouraged to join us! Please come to the Jan 27<sup>th</sup> meeting or email your contact information to Pam Barz at [pambarz@comcast.net](mailto:pambarz@comcast.net) to be included in the notes and communications. If you do not have access to email, please call the church office and leave your name and phone number and someone will reach out to you. There are many different ways to help out, your talents and your time will be most appreciated. **Save the date: Monday, January 27, 2020 at 6:00 to 6:50 pm.**

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY



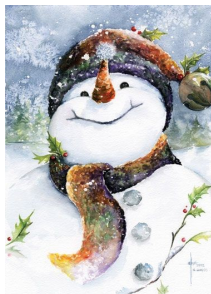
### Health & Wellness Ministry - Fun Exercise! January 25 from 9:00-9:30am

Get moving with fun dance and hand motions to Christian music! No need to register! You can attend the 8:30am Mass, stay for a little exercise, fruit and fellowship!



### Celebrating Winter – Anticipating Spring! January 25 from 9:30-11:30am \$15 per person

Choose your project from snowmen and penguins to Spring flowers and umbrellas! Make some small art projects with music, fellowship and new friends! Learn more techniques using colored pencils, markers and watercolor. Take a little time to rejuvenate and create! Email Donna Doherty at [donna@stgall.com](mailto:donna@stgall.com)



*Invite a friend!*

*Brought to you by Health & Wellness Ministry*

## ST. GALL'S CHRISTIAN SERVICE MINISTRY

And that's a "wrap"! What an amazing show of generosity and compassion from our St. Gall Parishioners as well as those who responded to our need of taking the extra tags remaining on the tree. The smiles and excitement of those taking the tags were heart warming.

The Giving Tree was started 34yrs. ago it is a wonderful way to lift holiday spirits! This year gifts were provided for 6 Holiday Spirit families, 10 St. Gall Families, 6 Seniors from St. Gall and 45 children.

Thank you to all those who volunteered making ornament tags, setting up and decorating the Giving Tree, buying the gifts and delivering the gifts. You all are true and faithful servants of the Lord!

You may never:

**SEE** the tears of joy,  
the **AMAZEMENT** in a parent's face,  
nor the **HOPE** you have given to these families struggling but Jesus does,  
and He **SMILES**.





Ever wonder if prayer and fasting really works?

During the 40 Days for Life in the early Fall and especially October 26th-St. Gall parishioners attended our first 24 hr. vigil at Planned Parenthood. Many stood in the pouring rain, others stood or kneeled in the dark of night praying for those contemplating an abortion, those who work at PP and for those little ones who die from abortion. The report we receive during the 40 Days for Life -**738 LIVES were saved!** Let no one tell you it's a waste of time to pray and fast...our God is still in control!

Thank you to all who participated and sacrificed. It took courage to stand on a lonely street asking for God's Angels to protect those praying, it was humbling to be drenched and cold due to the inclement weather yet with the Holy Spirit we persevered.

*Come Holy Spirit, come*



Waterleaf's new campus (directly across from Planned Parenthood in Aurora, is now OPEN. Please keep them in your daily prayers as they assist those in crisis pregnancies.

**MARCH FOR LIFE**  
CHICAGO  
LOVIN' LIFE IN CHICAGO

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2020**  
The largest pro-life event in the Midwest!

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| <p><b>MARCH</b><br/>Over 8,000 in 2019!</p> <p><b>SCHEDULE</b><br/>Rally at 1 pm<br/>March follows Rally</p> | <p><b>CONVENTION</b><br/>presented by <b>weDIGNIFY</b></p> <p><b>FEATURING</b><br/>Youth Rally<br/>Exhibitors<br/>Banquet</p> |
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Join St. Gall Respect Life Committee as we join the **March for Life in Chicago**, on **Sat., January 11th**. We will depart from the Elburn Depot at 10:25 am and take the 4:40 pm return train. Dress warm. We have signs, (or bring your own). Contact the Parish Office at 630 365-6030 or Darlene Biggs at 630 746-8916 for more information. Teens are encouraged to attend! Can't join us? Set aside some time on the 11th to offer prayers for all attending and for those who are contemplating an abortion or those experiencing post abortion trauma.



Annual “Coins for Moms” Adopt a Baby Bottle Campaign begins the weekend of January 11th. This is our 20th year! We all know how fast loose change can add up. Why not collect it for 2 weeks to fill up a baby bottle!

If you prefer to add bills or a check (write the check out to TLC Life Center) and place it in the bottle then simply bring the bottle back when you come to Mass and place in the basket or on the table designated. All monies help TLC give *Moms to be* a layette set, diapers, formula, toiletries, etc. plus TLC also gives Mom a special gift too. We ask for all bottles to be returned **EMPTY or FULL** the weekend of **January 26th**. Thank you for supporting TLC and non-profit Life Centers of your choice. Last year we received almost \$1,300. The best year yet!



**St. Gall’s Respect Life 1st Pancake Breakfast is set for Sunday, January 19th after the 8:30 and 10:30 AM Masses.** All proceeds will go to Waterleaf in Aurora. A basket will be available for donations. Pancakes, sausage (Reams), fruit, coffee, milk will be served. Join in conversation with other parishioners, meet the St. Gall Respect Life Team and make a cold January morning a little warmer... Please join us!

**St. Gall Respect Life Committee is looking for new members. If you are interested in joining us, we meet the 3rd Wed. of every month at 6:30 PM at the Church.** Can’t make it every month? No worries...come when you can. Be sure and check the Time & Talent Sheet that will be in the pews soon or come to our next meeting on **Wed., January 15th or Wed., February 19th.**



**Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood in Aurora the first Saturday of every month. January 4th and February 1st.** To carpool meet at St Gall parking lot at 9:00 AM or meet fellow parishioners there. We pray for one hour (10:00-11:00 am) on Waterleaf property across the street from PP We need “Prayer Warriors” like you.

## NOTES OF THANKS.....

The window curtains that you have seen in the Parish Office were made and hung by parishioner and retired Business Manager Mary Kugach. Mary recently finished and hung the curtains for the remaining rooms in the Parish Office and also in the classrooms. Thank you Mary for your time and your talent in making these beautiful curtains for the church.



The garden surrounding the St. Francis statue has been partially completed. There is more to come in the Spring! Thank you to Bob Kugach for planting the many perennials this past fall in the cold and rain. Parishioners will be able to enjoy its beauty come this spring and summer.

Many hands make light work! Thank you to all who answered the call and helped the Art & Environment Ministry prepare and decorate the church for Christmas. A beautiful place to worship Jesus during the Christmas season.



## The Elburn Countryside Food Pantry

Some parishioners have asked what are the food pantry slips and where does the returned food go to?

Elburn is blessed to have the Elburn Countryside Food Pantry. The food pantry is a non for profit organization that started in 1987. The pantry was created to serve the Kaneland School District of Northern IL. The pantry is run by volunteers and it is located in the Elburn Community Center. St. Gall Church is one of five local churches that volunteer at the pantry each month. On the third weekend of each month, a basket of small slips of paper, each indicating an item needed for the pantry, is placed in the narthex for parishioners to take as they leave Mass. The items are then purchased and returned to church the following weekend. Jim and Darlene Biggs, who have been involved in this ministry for quite some time, load the items in their truck and take them to the food pantry. These items are then available for those in need. The pantry relies solely on donations, monetary or non perishable, to operate. Thank you to the parishioners at St. Gall Church who have been very generous over the years, Your support in giving to the food pantry is greatly appreciated. For more information contact the food pantry at 630-448-1069 or email at [CountrysideFoodPantry@gmail.com](mailto:CountrysideFoodPantry@gmail.com).



## Knights of Columbus St. Gall Council 17360

Please consider joining the St. Gall Knights of Columbus Council 17360. We are a group of men who have great faith and believe in supporting:

Our Church,  
Our Priests,  
Our Community, and  
Our Friends and Neighbors in need.

Becoming a Knight will give you an opportunity to meet other men in the parish with the same faith and family values. Thank You and God Bless!

For more information, please contact Jim Ryan  
Email: [jimryan2250@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jimryan2250@sbcglobal.net)  
Phone: (630) 746-5275



# JANUARY SCHEDULED EVENTS



Jan 1 Holy Mother of God –Holy Day of Obligation  
8:30:00 AM, 12:10 PM, 7:30 PM  
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Jan. 2 7:30 AM-9:00PM Adoration

Jan. 3 First Friday Fasting Prayer Group

Jan. 4 9:00AM Art & Environment  
9:00 AM Planned Parenthood Carpool

Jan. 5 8:30 AM LOWC/Joyful Sunday (Pre-sch-6 Grade)  
5:00 PM Confirmation Preparation (Grades 7-8)  
(8th Gr classes with sponsors)

Jan. 6 7:00 PM Rosary for Life

Jan. 7 7:00 PM Choir Practice  
8:00 PM AA Meeting (Rms. 5 & 6)

Jan. 8 1:30 PM Mystical Rose Prayer Group  
4:30 PM & 6:00 PM Faith Formation

Jan. 9 7:30 AM-9:00 PM ADORATION  
9:00 AM Little Lambs  
7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul (Room 8)

Jan. 10 6:00 PM YM Middle School Bowling

Jan. 11 6:00 AM St. Gall Men's Group  
9:00 AM Art & Environment  
March for Life in Chicago/Baby Bottle Campaign

Jan. 12 8:30 AM LOWC/Joyful Sunday (Pre-Sch-6 Grade)  
10:30 AM First Communion Parent Mass &  
Meeting  
5:00 PM Confirmation Preparation (Grades 7/8)  
(8th Gr classes with sponsors)

Jan. 13 7:00 Rosary for Life

Jan. 14 9:15 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Rm.5-6)  
7:00 PM Choir Practice  
8:00 PM AA Meeting (Rms. 5 & 6)

Jan. 15 4:30 PM & 6:00 PM Faith Formation  
6:30 PM Respect Life Meeting (Break Room)  
7:00 PM St. Gall Fall Fest Planning Meeting

Jan. 16 7:30 AM-9:00 PM ADORATION  
9:00 AM Little Lambs  
7:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting (Break  
Room)  
7:00 PM Venturing Crew Committee Mtg.

Jan. 18 6:00 AM St. Gall Men's Group  
9:00 AM Art & Environment  
9:00 AM St. Vincent de Paul District Spiritual  
Training Meeting  
REVERSE FOOD COLLECTION  
National Appeal Collection

Jan. 19 8:30 AM Respect for Life Pancake Breakfast  
9:30 AM YM High School Youth Group  
REVERSE FOOD COLLECTION  
National Appeal Collection

Jan. 20 7:00 PM Rosary for Life

Jan. 21 9:30 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Rm. 5-6)  
7:00 PM Choir Practice  
8:00 PM AA Meeting (Rm. 5-6)

Jan. 22 4:30 PM & 6:00 PM Faith Formation  
6:00 PM Encounter Club & Adoration

Jan. 23 7:30 AM-9:00 PM ADORATION  
(Praise & Worship from 8:00pm –9:00pm)  
9:00 AM Little Lambs  
7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting

Jan. 25 6:00 AM St. Gall Men's Group  
9:00 AM Art & Environment  
9:00 AM Health & Wellness Ministry—Fun  
Exercise  
9:30 AM Celebrating Winter—Anticipating Spring  
Art Event

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION  
Return Baby Bottles

Jan. 26 8:30 AM LOWC  
9:30 AM YM Middle School Youth Group  
DONUT SUNDAY  
FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION  
Return Baby Bottles

Homebound Ministry Mtg After Masses in (Rm 5-6)

Jan. 27 6:00 PM Altar & Rosary Meeting  
7:00PM Rosary for Life

Jan. 28 9:30 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study  
7:00 PM Choir Practice  
8:00 PM AA Meeting (Rms. 5-6)

Jan. 29 5:30 PM Catechist Pre-Req (Rms 1-4)  
Catechist with Fr. DiTomo (Rms 5-6)

Jan. 30 7:30 AM-9:00 PM ADORATION  
9:00 AM Little Lambs





# FEBRUARY

## SCHEDULED EVENTS

- Feb. 1 6:00 AM St. Gall Men's Group  
9:00 AM Art & Environment  
9:00 AM Carpool to Planned Parenthood
- Feb. 2 8:30 AM LOWC/Joyful Sun. (Pre-Sch.-6th)  
9:30 AM YM Girls Bible Study
- Feb. 3 7:00 PM Rosary for Life
- Feb. 4 9:30 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study  
7:00 PM Choir Practice  
8:00 PM AA Group (Rms. 5-6)
- Feb. 5 1:30 PM Mystical Rose Prayer Group  
4:30 PM & 6:00 PM Faith Formation
- Feb. 6 7:30 AM-9:00 PM ADORATION  
9:00 AM Little Lambs
- Feb. 7 First Friday Fast Prayer Group
- Feb. 8 6:00 AM St. Gall Men's Group  
9:00 AM Art & Environment
- Feb. 9 8:30 AM LOWC/Joyful Sun. (Pre-Sch.- 6th)  
8:00 AM Confirmation Retreat  
5:00 PM Confirmation (Gr 7)
- Feb. 10 7:00 PM Rosary for Life
- Feb. 11 9:30 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study  
7:00 PM Choir Practice  
8:00 PM AA Group (Rms. 5-6)
- Feb. 12 4:30 PM & 6:00 PM Faith Formation  
7:00 PM Finance Council Meeting
- Feb. 13 7:30 AM-9:00 PM ADORATION  
9:00 AM Little Lambs  
7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul (Rm. 8)
- Feb. 14 7:00 PM Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance
- Feb. 15 6:00 AM St. Gall Men's Group  
9:00 AM Art & Environment  
REVERSE FOOD COLLECTION  
Camp WOW registrations due
- Feb. 16 DONUT SUNDAY  
9:30 AM YM High School Youth Group  
5:00 PM Confirmation (Gr 7)  
REVERSE FOOD COLLECTION
- Feb. 17 7:00 PM Rosary for Life  
OFFICES CLOSED FOR PRESIDENTS' DAY
- Feb. 18 9:30 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study  
5:30 PM Confirmation Mass  
7:00 PM Choir Practice  
8:00 PM AA (Rms. 5-6)
- Feb. 19 5:30 PM Catechist Classes (Rms. 1-6)  
6:30 PM Respect Life Mtg. (Break Room)

- Feb. 20 7:30 AM-9:00 PM ADORATION  
9:00 AM Little Lambs  
7:00 PM Pastoral Council Mtg (Break Rm)
- Feb. 22 6:00 AM St. Gall Men's Group  
9:00 AM Art & Environment  
FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION
- Feb. 23 8:30 AM LOWC  
11:30 Ministry Appreciation Gathering  
FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION
- Feb. 24 7:00 PM Rosary for Life
- Feb. 25 9:30 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study  
7:00 PM Choir Practice  
8:00 PM AA (Rms. 5-6)
- Feb. 26 ASH WEDNESDAY  
4:30 PM & 6:00 PM Faith Formation (Ashes Distributed)  
Mary's Mantle Consecration Begins
- Feb. 27 7:30 AM-9:00 PM ADORATION  
(Praise & Worship from 8:00-9:00pm)  
9:00 AM Little Lambs  
7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting
- Feb. 28 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross
- Feb. 29 6:00 AM St. Gall Men's Group  
9:00 AM Art & Environment



*Remember man  
that you are  
dust and into  
dust you shall  
return.*

# Faith Formation For Pre-K to 8th Grade!

## First Communion

Students will prepare for the Sacrament of Eucharist over the next few months. Be sure to watch their folders and your email for more information about upcoming events. Families who attend Mass weekly with their students should help prepare them. Practice genuflecting when you come in to Church—use the right knee, memorize the prayers—use the right hand for the Sign of the Cross and discuss different parts of the Mass.

### February 8/9—BREAD WEEKEND

Students will give parishioners a loaf of bread at Masses this weekend! Please pray for them as they prepare for receiving Jesus. Cards can be left for them in the Parish Library sacrament mail box.

### First Communion

### Parent Workshop

January 12

10:30am Mass to 3:00pm

Notify the office if you will bring your student or siblings so that we have supervision and activities available for them. RSVP how many will join us for lunch! Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Want to know more about our faith?

## CATECHIST CORNER

Mark your calendar!

January 29 from 5:30-7:30pm

Pre-Req—Catholic Culture

Level 1—Catholic Understanding of Church

Join us for engaging conversation as we review and discuss ways to improve and manage our classrooms.

Level 1 Blitz Part 2

February 1 from 9am-12pm

St. Mary's DeKalb

Understanding Church & Prayer in the Classroom

CATECHIST IN-SERVICE—February 19

Sacramental Life of the Church –

Fr. DiTomo – 5:30-7:00pm

Prayer in the Classroom –

Donna Doherty – 7:00-8:30pm

St. Gall Church

## Confirmation 8th Grade

### CLASSES WITH SPONSORS

January 5 & 12 with Mass rehearsal

### RETREAT AT WALCAMP

February 9—8:00 AM

Includes the Mass, Lunch and Reconciliation! (Rehearsal for the Confirmation Mass during class on January 12)

### CONFIRMATION MASS

February 18 at 5:30pm

Did you know that there are

### CHILDREN'S BULLETINS

and coloring pages in the Library every Sunday for your children to pick up before Mass?



## CONGRATULATIONS!

### CAN YOU WIN? ENTER!

Winners were picked at the Advent Celebration on December 20!

Students and teens completed Children's Bulletins and coloring pages to enter our Bible contest!

Prizes were Children's Bibles, First Readers, the Action Bible and much more! Watch for more opportunities to grow your faith!



## Encounter Club

(Grades 5-6)

Finding Jesus

in every day life!

January 22 during regular classes from 6-7:30pm!

Adoration from 6-6:30pm—families are invited!



## Ash Wednesday Services

February 26

At 4:30pm & 6pm

Families are invited to these services led by our students!

## January

5—LOWC, JOYFUL SUNDAYS  
CONFIRMATION SUNDAYS

8—Gr. 1-6 Classes

9—Little Lambs

12—LOWC, JOYFUL SUNDAYS  
CONFIRMATION SUNDAYS  
FIRST COMMUNION PARENT  
WORKSHOP

15—Gr. 1-6 Classes

16—Little Lambs

22—Gr. 1-6 Classes

ADORATION 5:30 & 6PM

26—LOWC

29—CATECHIST CLASSES

PRE-REQ & LEVEL 1

30—LITTLE LAMBS

## February

1—CATECHIST BLITZ

2—LOWC, JOYFUL SUNDAYS

No CONFIRMATION Gr. 7-8

5—Gr. 1-6 Classes

6—Little Lambs

9—LOWC, JOYFUL SUNDAYS

CONFIRMATION GR. 7

9—CONFIRMATION GR. 8

RETREAT

12—Gr. 1-6 Classes

13—Little Lambs

16—CONFIRMATION GR. 7

18—CONFIRMATION MASS

19—CATECHIST CLASSES

20—Little Lambs

23—LOWC

26—Gr. 1-6 Classes

Ash WED Services 4:30 & 6pm

27—Little Lambs

## Questions?

### Need more info?

Contact Donna Doherty by

email: donna@stgall.com

Faith Formation Office

To register for events, email:

FaithFormation@stgall.com

Or call 630-365-9166

**Snow is coming!**

Did you sign up for  
texts?



Text @37b6df to 81010

## ***St. Gall Homebound Ministry***



Homebound Ministry brings the Eucharist to our parish members who are unable to join our community at Sunday Mass. Our homebound visits include those who are ill and those who have physical challenges such as recent surgeries and rehabilitation conditions.

**IS GOD CALLING YOU?** Are you being called by God to bring Christ in the Eucharist to those unable to join us for Sunday Mass?

An initial training and ongoing support meeting will be held on **Sunday morning, January 26th after the 8:30 and 10:30 am Masses in Rms 5-6**. Sign up on the table in the vestibule if you wish to volunteer in this ministry, or just show up that day. Feel free to call or text Darlene Biggs with any questions (630) 746-8916 or call the Parish Office and speak to Fr. DiTimo. Visits to the homebound will be performed on Sunday after attending Mass. We hope to have several volunteers for this beautiful ministry....

***The indwelling of Jesus through the Eucharist makes us truly His body in the here and now. The Second Vatican Council calls it “the source and summit of the Christian life” and “the foretaste of the heavenly banquet.”***

Are you being called?

Pray and discern, then come join us on Sunday, January 26th.





## UPCOMING: National Appeal Weekend

On January 18-19, 2020 the Diocese of Rockford will have their annual "National Appeal" which includes:

- Retirement Fund for Religious
- Catholic Campaign for Human Development
- Catholic Communication Campaign
- Catholic University of America

Rockford Diocesan Priest's Pension (see more information below)

Catholic Elementary School Support for the Diocese of Rockford

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Our priests devote their lives to bringing people closer to Christ, and in retirement, our priests continue to serve as spiritual leaders, counselors, minister to the sick and much more. With gratitude for their years of faithful ministry, the Diocese has a Priests' Pension to support our 57 currently retired priests and those that will retire in the future.

Last year, the faithful of our Diocese contributed **\$7,785.00**.

To make your donation on-line, please visit: [www.rockforddiocese.org/donate](http://www.rockforddiocese.org/donate)

**There will be envelopes available on the "information table" in the narthex.**

**Thank you for your support!**

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### **Enroll in Electronic Giving**

#### **Do you want to transition away from envelopes and contribute electronically?**

It is the Earth and Budget Friendly way to give! Download the mobile app for **GivePlus Church**. Create an account and follow the prompts to log in. You can safely store bank account information so you don't have to enter it again. Choose to donate one-time as a guest OR set up an account that allows you to conveniently schedule recurring donations. Giving electronically also saves our parish money by calling the Parish Office to discontinue envelopes and contribute online.

If you have any questions, please call Mary Fran Korth at  
630-365-6030 x2 or [maryfran@stgall.com](mailto:maryfran@stgall.com)



**St. Gall**  
***“This Magic Moment”***  
**Valentine Dinner Dance”**

will be held on  
**Friday evening, February 14, 2020**  
**from 7:00-11:00 pm**

Treat your sweetheart to a night out. This should be a great time to beat the winter blues as well as celebrate with friends and fellow parishioners.

Doors open at 6:30pm.  
Come join us for a fun filled evening.

***The Home Town Band will play***  
***from 8:00-11:00 pm.***

We will begin with hor d’oeuvres and snacks with a light meal served later in the evening. We invite you to bring your favorite hor d’oeuvre or dish to share.

There is no cash bar but soft drinks, water and coffee will be available. You may also BYOB.

Limited space so get your tickets early! You may purchase tickets after the Masses the weekend of **January 11-12 and at the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 19th.** Beginning January 20th you may contact the Parish Office at 630 365-6030 to purchase tickets .

**Tickets are \$40 per couple or \$20 each**  
Contact Darlene Biggs with questions at 630 746-8916



**SAVE THE DATE**

FIRST  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
FOR  
ST. GALL FALL FEST

has been changed to  
**APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 (Wednesday)**  
**@ 7:00 pm - CHURCH**



**St. Gall VACATION BIBLE  
SCHOOL**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**June 8-12, 2020**

**Climb aboard and set sail with St. Patrick and the Holy Trinity! Kids Pre-K to Grade 4 will travel Ireland like this amazing missionary! Grade 5 and up can be group leaders or help with stations for skits, crafts and snacks.**

**ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! First meeting:**

**January 28 at 7pm**

## ADVENT CELEBRATION: Anticipating Christmas!

On December 20, 2019, we took a very faith-filled journey to the stable at St. Gall with some of our favorite Christmas songs! After the play and songs, we enjoyed cookies, brownies and hot chocolate!



### Merry Christmas!

Faith Formation kids and families colored book-marks this year!



## Catholic Media

### Spiritual Food for Heart and Soul

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|-----------------------|------------------|
| <b>Catholic Cable</b> |                  |
| <b>Cable Provider</b> | <b>Channel #</b> |
| Mediacom              | 94               |
| Dish                  | 261              |
| Direct TV             | 370              |
| Comcast               | 119              |
| ATT Uverse            | 562              |
| EWTN APP              | 562              |

| Catholic Radio  |            |     |
|-----------------|------------|-----|
|                 | Channel    | App |
| Relevant Radio  | AM 930/950 | YES |
| EWTN            | N/A        | YES |
| Ave Maria Radio | N/A        | YES |
| Sirius XM       | 130        | NO  |

#### FORMED

Feed your faith! Direct your internet browser to [stgall.formed.org](http://stgall.formed.org) and get FREE access to hundreds of videos, movies, audio presentations, and books that make the Catholic faith come alive!

#### LOCAL CATHOLIC STORES

**The Catholic Corner** is located at 4 S. 6th St. in Geneva. Their contact number is 630-457-5466 or go to [thecatholicshopofgeneva.com](http://thecatholicshopofgeneva.com).

**The Catholic Gift Store** is located at 770 N. Peace Rd. in Dekalb. You may contact them at 815-787-0802 or go to [thecatholicgiftstore.com](http://thecatholicgiftstore.com).

These Catholic stores have supported the local communities for many years. Both stores provide books, DVD's, CD's and gifts for children and adults. The Catholic Corner hosts special events as well. Confirmation is this February. What better places to purchase that special Confirmation gift!



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