



March/April 2020

DO WE GLORIFY GOD WITH OUR MONEY?



ALMSGIVING

We are in the great season of Lent! Lent is a time when we practice asceticism, or self-denial, so as to pick up our crosses and follow Jesus Christ as disciples with greater freedom (Matthew 16:24). It is time to once again focus on the three pillars of the penitential life:

“The interior penance of the Christian can be expressed in many and various ways.

Scripture and the Fathers insist above all on three forms, *fasting, prayer, and almsgiving*, which express conversion in relation to oneself, to God, and to others” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1434).

A good priest I know once said, **through FASTING we empty ourselves** of what is not essential, **through PRAYER we fill ourselves up** with the one who IS essential—God, and **through almsgiving we give ourselves away** to others. We all need this ongoing conversion. We have to overcome personal sins and struggle with temptation and the obstacles to holiness that we find in our own hearts. We need to turn back to God and we need to turn towards our neighbor in love.

“Prayer is good when accompanied by fasting, almsgiving, and righteousness ... It is better to give alms than to treasure up gold. For almsgiving delivers from death, and it will purge away every sin” (Tobit 12:8, 9)

Giving alms for the needs of the poor accomplishes two things. First, it demonstrates **personal freedom** to be able to part with material wealth (in other words, to give alms is to know that one is not enslaved to one’s wealth). Secondly, it allows one to **exercise charity and justice** towards one’s neighbor in need.

At St. Gall, this Lent, we will once again have opportunities to practice almsgiving. First, there is always our amazing local **St. Vincent DePaul Society** Conference. The parishioners in this ministry meet personally with people in need and seek ways that they can provide them with assistance. By now you should notice that you have a monthly envelope for which you can donate to this great apostolate. I can assure you that the money that you give is used well in service of those in need. What a way to glorify God through money!

In addition to our regular support of the St. Vincent DePaul Society and our regular food pantry collection, the parish also designates a specific **Lenten Almsgiving Project** each year. In the past this project has benefitted many local organizations (Beautiful U, in Elburn, which assists young mothers, the Northern Illinois Food Bank, etc.).

Since we are a global Church, however, it is also good, to raise awareness and support for international poverty needs. This year we are once again raising funds to support **Hope for Haitians** (www.hopeforhaitians.org). The people of Haiti are among the poorest of the poor. This organization builds homes for destitute families, provides safe water and sanitation, supports community development and education, and establishes sustainable food sources and income for the people. We will launch our Almsgiving Project on the First Sunday of Lent (February 29/March 1).

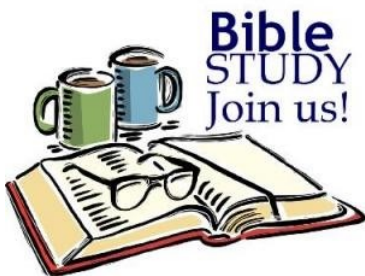
In 2014 the people of St. Gall demonstrated their amazing generosity and raised around \$50,000 and built around 6 or 7 houses! A house costs around \$8400 to build. My goal would be that we could at least raise enough money to build one family home. Who knows, maybe we will be able to do more than that.

STEWARDSHIP

We just completed our Time and Talent Survey. I already see fruits coming from that. That project continues to unfold and I will give an update on that later. Later this year I also will be addressing how we can use our TREASURE to glorify God as well. In short, stewardship involves the basic recognition that **every good thing that we have, our life, our time, our talents, and our treasure, comes to us from God** (see James 1:17). **We have to use all of that to glorify God.** Even when we work hard for our money we still have to recognize, in humility, that our money does not belong to us. The Lord God has a claim on it. We need to freely give back to the Lord by supporting His Church (that includes at the level of the Diocese and the parish—weekly offering, support of youth ministry, etc), and by supporting the poor and those in need through various charities. I will be talking about the challenges to practicing stewardship at a later time. For now, however, I just want everyone in the parish to join me in reflecting on how we all relate to money. Where do we experience anxiety with regards to money? Where do we experience freedom in giving? How and on what do we spend our money and why? How can we use the money that God has blessed us with to glorify Him? More on that later. There is an old saying related to financial investment: “do you work for your money or does your money work for you?” To that, the Christian must add, “Does your money work for GOD?”

In the meantime, thank you so much for generously embarking on this exciting journey of discipleship, following the Lord Jesus in and with His Holy Church!

Blessed Lent!
Fr. DiTomo



LET'S STUDY THE BIBLE!

Father DiTomo's CrossWord Bible Study is back! In addition to the Tuesday evening session, a second session is now available on Thursday mornings. Each bible study session will be focusing on the Gospel of Matthew. The book, *God With Us* by Edward Sri, will be used at each bible session. There are 14 chapters in the book and each session will cover one chapter. The book can be purchased on Amazon.com or on the publisher's websites Emmaus Road (<http://stpaulcenter.com/Emmaus-road-publishing/>). It would be helpful if you bought the book, but all that you absolutely need is the Bible.

The Tuesday evening class meets 7:00 PM and the Thursday morning class meets at 10:00 AM in rooms 3-4. the sessions are approximately an hour and 15 minutes.

In addition to Father DiTomo's CrossWord Bible Study there is also the **Tuesday Morning Bible Study**. Bring your bible and come join us on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 AM. For more information contact Rick Adams at 3drick@ameritech.net or Jane Smith at jane smith@yahoo.com. The book of Judith will be studied in March and the book of Ester will be studied in April.

Bible Study is for fun and spiritual growth. Everyone is welcome! Even if you cannot make every session — you will benefit from bible study — so just do it!

Lent/Holy Week Schedule

CONFESSIONS

Monday	6:30-7:15 PM
Tues., Wed., Thurs.	7:30-7:45 AM
Thursday Evening	6:00-6:15 PM
Friday	12:45-1:00 PM
Saturday	9:00-9:15 AM 3:30-4:15 PM
Sunday	9:45-10:15 AM

"Be Reconciled"

Wednesday

April 1, 2020

7:30 AM-9:00 PM

Fr. DiTomo will hear
confessions "all day"

FRIDAYS DURING LENT

Stations of the Cross:

Friday Evenings at 6:00 PM

Soup Supper:

Friday, March 6th at 6:30 PM

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday April 5th

Saturday Vigil 4:30 PM Mass

8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 5:00 PM Masses

Holy Thursday April 9th

7:30 PM– Mass of the Lord's Supper

9:00 PM-12:00 Midnight-Adoration

Good Friday April 10th

3:00 PM-Solemn Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord

7:30 PM-Living Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday April 11th

11:00 AM Blessing of Easter Food/Baskets

7:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass



Easter Sunday Masses

(please note the change in Mass times)

8:00 AM 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM

(No 5:00 PM Mass on Easter)





125th Annual St. Patrick's Day Turkey Dinner



Dinner

Adults: \$12.00 (18yrs.-59yrs)
Seniors: \$ 10.00 (60+)
Children 13-17: \$8.00
Children 6-12: \$6.00
5 yrs & Under: FREE
Dine in only Family Rate, up to 5 Members: \$35.00 (Maximum of 2 Adults 18 yrs and older)
Carry-outs available at Lions Park 500 Filmore, Elburn for \$12.00

WHICH INCLUDES:

- Home-cooked turkey
- Homemade gravy
- Real mashed potatoes
- Stuffing
- Corn
- Green beans
- Coleslaw
- Cranberry sauce
- Rolls-Soda Bread
- Dessert

ALL YOU CAN EAT

Sunday March 15, 2020

Noon - 3:00 PM

St. Gall Church

EASTER GIVING TREE



Each year, during Lent, our Christian Service Ministry invites parishioners to join us in supplying Easter Baskets for those who may not have the privilege of receiving one at Easter.

Baskets are sent to the Elburn Food Pantry, baby gifts for TLC Life Center in Elgin and for those struggling with making ends meet on a weekly basis (Seniors and the Homebound too). If you know of a family in need, please call Darlene Biggs at 630-746-8916 or Denise Parchert at 630 365-2758.

Any one interested in distributing the baskets are encouraged to do so. **FAITH FORMATION STUDENTS ARE ESPECIALLY ENCOURAGED TO HELP**, especially at the food pantry on the day they will be handed out to those in need, on **Thursday, April 9th from 6:00-7:00 PM.**

Pick up your giving tags beginning the weekend of March 21/22 and please return your basket(s) on or before **Sunday, April 5th at 5:00 PM.**

All candies/food items MUST be individually sealed. Thank you!



NEED HELP?

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul provides financial assistance to those in need, without regard to race, creed, ethnic or social background, health, gender, or political opinion. Requests and assistance provided are kept strictly confidential. The appropriate assistance is determined after a home visit.

Requests for assistance can be made 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by calling St. Gall Church at 630-365-6030 or at svdp@stgall.com. We serve residents of the Villages of Elburn, Maple Park, Kaneville, Virgil, west side of Lily Lake and the surrounding areas as well as those passing through and the homeless. If you call after normal church office hours, please leave your name, phone number, and address and a Vincentian will get back to you.



SAVE THE DATE

FIRST

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

FOR

ST. GALL FALL FEST

APRIL 29TH, 2020 (Wednesday)

@ 7:00 pm - CHURCH



DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION

on

Sunday, April 19th at 3:00 PM

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be sung.

There will be confession and adoration.

You may also wish to stay for the 5:00 PM Mass.



ST. GALL MEAL MINISTRY

Meal Ministry

Is cooking a delicious meal your love language? Do you help your friends and family through difficult times by bringing comfort food to their door? The St. Gall Meal Ministry needs you!

Contact Kelly Heuman for more information on how to get involved, making meals for families in our very own community, including our wonderful pastor, Fr. DiTomo!

Do you need help with meals a few times a week, or know someone else who does? Perhaps you've just had a baby, lost a loved one, or had a recent surgery and it's tough to get dinner on the table. Let's get your meal schedule set up today!

Kelly Heuman
St. Gall Meal Ministry Coordinator
[\(630\) 464-3390](tel:6304643390)
kheuman10@gmail.com

"Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.'" John 21:15

St Gall Library

The Library has several great books displayed for your Lenten reading, stop by and take a look.

Following Jesus by John Shea

Passion - contemporary writers on the story of Calvary

A Guide to the Passion - 100 Questions about the Passion of Christ

The Passion - reflections on the suffering and death of Jesus Christ by Paul Thigpen

The Week That Opened Forever - the Passion of Christ in a different voice

The Final Hour by Michael H. Brown

Give Up Worry For Lent - 40 days to finding peace in Christ by Gary Zimak

The Cross and the Beatitudes by Fulton J. Sheen

I Thirst 40 days with Mother Teresa

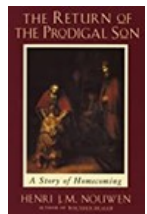
Unless You Take Up Your Cross - Lenten reflection and devotion by Sarah O'Malley and Robert D. Elmer

A Time of Renewal - daily reflections for the Lenten season by Mother Mary Francis

No Greater Love - a biblical walk through Christ's Passion by Edward Sri

New Beginning, New Hope - words of Pope Francis Holy Week through Pentecost

ST. GALL BOOK CLUB



We are in the process of reading "The Return Of The Prodigal Son" by Henri J.M. Nouwen. We will have our next book discussion on April 1st at 6:00 pm in room 8. Please email Jane Smith at (jane smith@yahoo.com) if you would like to join us for this great Lenten read. We welcome new members at any time.



FIRST FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP

Members of the group receive a list of intentions and fast from anything you choose for the one day--First Fridays.

"But this kind does not go out but by prayer and fasting."
Matthew 17:21

Contact Joyce Haveman at joyinprayer70x7@att.net if you would like to join the prayer group or if you should have any questions.

ST. GALL MEN'S GROUP

For the men in our Parish every Saturday morning beginning with breakfast at 6:00 AM followed by weekly program.

Come and join the fellowship!

Questions? Contact Greg Farrell at gjfarrell@prodigy.net

ST. GALL ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY WELCOMES ALL WOMEN PARISHIONERS

Our next meeting is Monday, April 27, 2020 from 6:00 to 6:50 pm. Due to the many time constraints, we are currently conducting Altar & Rosary business through email communications, along with subcommittee meetings when necessary.

New business included the temporary appointment of officers and spending approval for new folding chairs for parish use. We also discussed upcoming events and hospitality needs.

New members are needed & encouraged!! All registered women of the parish who would like to become more involved, can either attend next meeting on April 27th or email your contact information to Pam Barz at pambarz@comcast.net to be included in future email 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.



Join St Gall Prayer Warriors

There are no meetings to attend. Send your email to Joyce Havemann at joyinprayer70x7@stt.net to receive prayer requests and pray with other prayer warriors.

14 Is anyone among you sick? Then he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord;

15 and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven

ST. GALL CEMETERY COLUMBARIUM

Have you seen our new columbarium? It is located in the northeast corner of our St. Gall Cemetery. There are a total of 84 niches available. Each niche can hold 2 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 \$600.00.

For more information please contact Mary Fran Korth in the Business Office at 630-365-6030 x2 or maryfran@stgall.com.



ST. GALL-RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE NEWS



Thank you to everyone who participated once again in our annual "Coins for Mom" for the TLC Life Center. The TLC (*Tender Loving Care-Life Center in Elgin*) was deeply appreciative. They will be sending us a grand total within the month of how much was donated and it will be announce in our weekly bulletin. Your donation will comfort mothers as they receive much needed items for their newborn babies. This is our 29th year for adopt a baby bottle. Thank you again for your support!

JOIN US The first Saturday of every month as we attend the prayer vigil across from the Planned Parenthood Facility in Aurora to pray quietly and peacefully for those entering the facility seeking an abortion, and for the medical staff to have a conscience change of heart. For those wishing to carpool, we will leave St. Gall parking lot at 9:15 AM. The prayer vigil is from 10:00 AM-11:00 AM. Upcoming dates: **Saturday, March 7th and April 4th.**

Waterleaf's new campus (directly across from Planned Parenthood in Aurora) is now OPEN. On February 22nd. St. Gall's Respect Life Ministry and The Knights of Columbus toured the new facility and gave Waterleaf a check for \$1025.00. This was the monies donated from our first Pancake Breakfast held in January. Thank you to you St. Gall Parishioners for your generous donations. Special thanks to our St. Gall Knights of Columbus for helping us with the Pancake Breakfast. Without your help it would not have been a success.



"Do all things for the glory of God!"

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Spring Campaign

From Feb. 26 to April 5



Once again St. Gall Parish will be taking part in **40 Days for Life** at Planned Parenthood in Aurora on **Saturday, March 28th from 12:00 AM TO 12 PM.**

This is a time of prayer and fasting and since it is Lent what a perfect time. You may feel out of your comfort zone but Jesus never said following Him would always be easy. He did say he would be with us...and so we trust in him and his promises! Take a Stand. All you need do is pray during time slot for those contemplating an abortion; the doctors and staff performing abortions and for the child in the womb. Last Fall's campaign over 700 babies lives were saved because of people praying!

Sign up in the vestibule for your time slot. More information will be advertised as an insert in our weekly bulletin. As always, Pray and Work to end Abortion.

RESOURCES/EDUCATION SITES



LIFEMATTERS



waterleaf.com
lifematter.com
tlcpregnancyservices.com
proliferation.org
ilcatholic.org/take-action
Corbellaclinic.org
nrlc.org

femcatholic.com
USCCB.org
wecarepregnancycenter.org
madonnarenewalcenter.com
illinoisrighttolife.org
rockforddiocese.org

Catholic Media

Spiritual Food for Heart and Soul

FORMED

If you're not registered for FORMED yet, go to stgall.formed.org and type in the our parish code HNMG7R to set up your account. Once registered, you will be able to enjoy what FORMED has to offer.

Log in and you will see for yourself!

Catholic Cable TV-EWTN

Cable Provider	Channel #
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	—

Fr. DiTomo's Homilies on Soundcloud

Whether you are traveling or going out of town on business you will never have to miss another *Fr. DiTomo Homily* again.



St. Gall's Valentine Dance Results



Remembering the old and celebrating the new! We hope everyone had an enjoyable time at **"This Magic Moment"** Valentine Dance on February 14th. Special thanks to our committee: Wayne and Denise Parchert, Elizabeth Turk, Debbie Diacek, Jim and Darlene Biggs and Lisa Long our Parish Secretary. Not knowing how it would all come together we are pleased to see so many of you **SINGLES** and **COUPLES** come together for a time of relaxation, dancing, and fellowship. Remember, Jesus enjoyed celebrations as well!

Congratulations to Alvena and Herbert Ruh on 67 years of marriage...a very special couple whom we all love.



Photo booth session with some of the St. Gall Parish Staff.



MARCH SCHEDULED EVENTS

March 1 8:30 AM LOWC-Joyful Sunday (PreK-6)
 5:00 PM Confirmation (Grade 7)
 11:30 AM Ushers & Lectors Training
 11:45 AM Exodus 90 (Rm 8)

March 2 7:00 PM Rosary for Life
 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus (Rms 5-6)

March 3 9:30 AM Tues. Morning Bible Study (Rms 5-6)
 7:00 PM Crossword Bible Study (Rms 3-4)
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
 8:00 PM AA Meeting (Rms. 5-6)

March 4 4:30 PM FF Grades 1-4
 6:00 PM FF Grades 5-6

March 5 7:30 AM-9:00 PM ADORATION
 9:00 AM Little Lambs
 10:00 AM CrossWord Bible Study (Rms 3-4)

March 6 5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal
 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross
 6:30 PM Soup Supper & Fasting Bread

March 7 6:00 AM St. Gall Men's Group
 9:00 AM Art & Environment
 9:15 AM Carpool to Planned Parenthood
 2:00 PM Brad Searles & Jessica Homberg Wedding
SIGN UP FOR ST. JOSEPH TABLE

March 8 8:30 AM LOWC (Pre-6)
 9:30 AM YM Girls Bible Study
 10:00 AM Notre Dame Club of Fox Valley Mass 1 1
 11:45 AM Exodus 90
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
SIGN UP FOR ST. JOSEPH TABLE

March 9 7:00 PM Rosary for Life

March 10 9:30 AM Tues. Morning Bible Study
 5:30 PM Server Training
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
 8:00 PM AA Meeting (Rm. 5-6)

March 11 4:30 PM FF Grades 1-4
 6:00 PM FF Grades 5-6

March 12 7:30 AM-9:00PM ADORATION
 9:00 AM Little Lambs
 7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul (Rm. 5)

March 13 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross
 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Exemplification
Rehearsal

SET UP FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY TURKEY DINNER

March 14 6:00 AM St. Gall Men's Group
 9:00 AM A & E
SIGN UP FOR ST. JOSEPH TABLE
INTERNATIONAL APPEAL SECOND COLLECTION
SET UP FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

March 15 8:30 AM LOWC (Pre-School-6)
 11:45 AM Exodus 90 (Rm 8)
 11:45 AM Elijah Groleau Baptism
 12:00 PM St. Patrick's Day Dinner
REVERSE COLLECTION for FOOD PANTRY
SIGN UP FOR ST. JOSEPH ALTAR

March 16 7:00 PM Rosary for Life

March 17 9:30 AM Tues. Morning Bible Study (Rm 5-6)
 6:00 PM VBS Volunteer Meeting
 7:00 PM Crossword Bible Study (Rm. 3-4)
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
 8:00 PM AA Meeting (Rms. 5-6)

March 18 4:30 PM FF Grades 1-5
 6:00 PM FF Grades 6-7
 6:30 PM Respect Life Meeting (Breakroom)

March 19 7:30 AM-9:00 PM ADORATION
 9:00 AM Little Lambs
 10:00 AM CrossWord Bible Study (Rms 3-4)
 7:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting

March 20 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross
 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Rehearsal

March 21 6:00 AM St. Gall Men's Group
 9:00 AM Art & Environment
ST. JOSEPH TABLE
REVERSE FOOD COLLECTION
GIVING TREE

March 22 8:30 AM LOWC & Joyful Sun. (Pre K-6)
 11:45 AM Exodus 90
 5:00 PM Confirmation GR 7
ST. JOSEPH TABLE
GIVING TREE
REVERSE FOOD COLLECTION

March 23 7:00 PM Rosary for Life
 8:00 PM Knights of Columbus Rehearsal

March 24 9:30 AM Tues. Morning Bible Study (Rm 5-6)
 7:00 PM Crosswords Bible Study
 7:00 PM Choir Practice
 8:00 PM AA Meeting (Rms. 5-6)

March 25 4:30 PM FF Grades 1-5
 6:00 PM FF Grades 6-7

March 26 7:30 AM-9:00 PM ADORATION
 9:00 AM Little Lambs
 10:00 AM CrossWord Bible Study
 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting (Rms 1-4)
 8:00 PM Praise and Worship

March 27 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross
 6:30 PM Knights of Columbus
Exemplification Ceremony

March 28 6:00 AM St. Gall Men's Group
 9:00 AM Art & Environment
EASTER GIVING TREE
FOOD PANTRY ITEMS RETURN
40 DAYS FOR LIFE (12:00 AM—12:00 PM)

March 29 11:45 AM Exodus 90
DONUT SUNDAY After Morning Masses
FOOD PANTRY ITEMS RETURNED
EASTER GIVING TREE

March 30 7:00 AM Rosary for Life

March 31 9:30AM Tues. Morning Bible Study (Rm 5-6)
 7:00 PM CrossWord Bible Study (Rms 3-4)
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal



APRIL SCHEDULED EVENTS



April 1 No FF Classes
7:30 AM-9:00 PM *Be Reconciled*
6:00 PM Book Club Meeting (Rm 8)

April 2 7:30 AM-9:00 PM ADORATION
10:00 AM CrossWord Bible Study (Rms 3-4)

April 3 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

April 4 6:00 AM St. Gall Men's Group
9:00 AM Art & Environment
9:15 AM Carpool to Planned Parenthood
5:45 PM Everly Ann Johnson Baptism
EASTER GIVING TREE RETURN

April 5 8:30 AM LOWC & Joyful Sun. (PreK- 6)
10:30 AM Liam Cornell First Communion
12:00 PM Lumi White Baptism
11:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt
11:45 AM Exodus 90
EASTER GIVING TREE RETURN

April 6 7:00 PM Rosary for Life
5:30 PM Living Stations Rehearsal (Church)
6:30 PM Living Stations Rehearsal (Rms 5-6)
6:00 PM Food Pantry Hand out Baskets

April 7 9:30 AM Tues. Morning Bible Study
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
8:00 PM AA Meeting (Rms. 5-6)

April 8 No FF Classes

April 9 TRIDUUM BEGINS
9:00 PM-12:00 AM ADORATION
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

April 10 GOOD FRIDAY
7:30 PM Living Stations
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

April 11 9:00 AM Art & Environment
MARY'S MANTLE ENDS

April 12

April 13 7:00 PM Rosary for Life

April 14 9:30 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study
7:00 PM CrossWord Bible Study (Rms 3-4)
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
8:00 PM AA Group (Rms. 5-6)

April 15 4:30 PM FF Grades 1-4
6:00 PM FF Grades 5-6
6:30 PM Respect Life Mtg. (Break Room)
7:00 PM Finance Council Meeting

April 16 7:30 AM – 9:00PM ADORATION
9:00 AM Little Lambs
10:00 AM CrossWord Bible Study (Rms 3-4)
7:00 PM St. VdP Meeting (Rms 5-6)
7:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting

April 17

April 18 6:00 AM St. Gall Men's Group
9:00 AM Art & Environment
VBS SIGN UP
REVERSE FOOD COLLECTION

April 19 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
8:30 AM LOWC & Joyful Sun. (PreK- 6)
11:45 AM Audrey Ann Cinquegrani Baptism
3:00 PM DIVINE MERCY Celebrations
5:00 PM Confirmation (Grade 7)
VBS SIGN UP
REVERSE FOOD COLLECTION

April 20 7:00 PM Rosary for Life

April 21 9:30 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study
7:00 PM CrossWord Bible Study
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
8:00 PM AA Meeting (Rms. 5-6)

April 22 4:30 PM FF Grades 1-4 (Last day of classes)
6:00 PM FF Grades 5-6 (Last day of classes)

April 23 7:30 AM – 9:00PM ADORATION
9:00 AM Little Lambs
10:00 AM CrossWord Bible Study (Rms 3-4)
7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting
8:00 PM Praise & Worship during Adoration

April 24

April 25 6:00 AM St. Gall Men's Group
9:00 AM Art & Environment
10:00 AM First Communion Retreat Day
FOOD PANTRY ITEMS RETURNED

April 26 DONUT SUNDAY
8:30 AM LOWC & JOYFUL SUN. (Pre-6)
5:00 PM Confirmation (Grades 7)
FOOD PANTRY ITEMS RETURNED

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

April 28 9:30 AM Tues. Morning Bible Study
7:00 PM Crossword Bible Study
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
8:00 PM AA Meeting A

April 29 7:00 PM St. Gall Fall Fest Meeting

April 30 7:30 AM-9:00PM ADORATION
9:00 AM Little Lambs (Last Class)
10:00 AM CrossWord Bible Study (Rms 3-4)

St. Gall Faith Formation



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. Keep talking about what's happening at Mass and discuss the readings! **Banners due at April 19 or 22 classes so we can practice!**

Family Retreat

Saturday, April 25

10:00am-3:00pm

Includes at least 1 parent and lunch is provided



Mass Rehearsal and Group Picture Setup at the end of the Retreat on April 25! Do NOT wear your special outfit. Bring your special shoes!!

Students can be “bread” to those around them and record their insights from the Gospel and Homily each weekend! Check your First Communion Parent meeting folder for forms and have your student return them to class each week.



Pray for our students and families as they prepare for this important Sacrament.

Live the Eucharistic Life!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VOLUNTEER MEETINGS

6-7pm

March 17 and April 21

We need your help to make this a fun week for Grades K-4! Grade 5 are group leaders!



SAVE THE DATE:
June 8-12

We Set Sail at station at 9am!

Grade 8—Confirmation

Confirmation Mass-February 18, 2020



Please pray for all of our Confirmandi. They accepted their mission to become the best Catholics they can be! Pray for their continued desire to be a faithful witness and to increase their relationship with Christ as they journey to become greater members of our faith community. See the Faith Formation Confirmation Page for our slideshow of pictures! Thank you to Jane Smith for taking our pictures and providing them to our families!

[St. Gall Faith Formation-Confirmation Page](#)



2020 Confirmandi

February 18, 2020

Jack (Joseph) Abel
Matthew (Matthew) Brunscheen
Madeline (Elizabeth of Hungary) Claeson
Alina (Anastasia) Dabek
Abby (Gianna Molla) Grams
Lylah (Catherine of Bologna) Humm
Emily (Angela Merici) Kunzer
William (Juan Diego) Leavey
Nicklaus (Francis of Assisi) McNamara
Frank (Sebastian) Nagel
Casey (Kateri) O'Brien
Noah (Denis) Pawlak
Domenic (Maximillian Kolbe) Perez
Olivia (Cecilia of Rome) Sobel
Alex (Francis Xavier) Villar
Hayden (Anthony of Padua) Vostal
Claudia (Mary Magdalene) Wolff

ST. GALL FAITH FORMATION

CATECHISTS WANTED!

Have you thought about helping our kids keep the faith? Want to take a few classes and get ready? Want to just find out more?

You can check out the upcoming classes at our Catechist corner on the parish web site where you can learn more about our faith and meet some great people! We are offering classes from February to June to get you started.

Pope Francis said you are already a catechist! You are already a witness in your every day life! Do you know someone who would be great? Tell them.

Faith Formation weekly classes are on Wednesdays. Sunday classes are 2x a month.

We now offer Little Lambs on Thursday mornings if you love to sing songs, learn hand motions and help our little ones get to know Jesus.

Pray about it and contact Donna Doherty at donna@stgall.com.



**Families!
You're invited!
Easter Egg Hunt**
The Knights of

Columbus are helping Faith Formation with an Easter Egg Hunt on **April 5th!** RSVP to donna@stgall.com so we accommodate everyone! Watch for details in email/bulletin and on our Faith Formation Pages!

Mary's Mantle for Kids!

Did you pick up your prayer card and calendar? Just say the prayers and practice the virtue every day. Then color the star. If you miss one, just catch up! You need 46 stars!



COLORING CONTEST!

Prizes include a statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Our Lady of Guadalupe rosary pouches!

**What's going on in Faith Formation?
Calendar:** www.stgall.com

—Faith Formation

Like the St. Gall Faith Formation **Facebook** page!

Donna Doherty, Director of Faith Formation

Email: donna@stgall.com
Faith Formation Office (Absences, Events and RSVP) Email: FaithFormation@stgall.com
Phone: 630-365-9166

It's Lent!

Make **Fasting Bread** from 4:30-6:30pm

Faith Formation hosts the **SOUP SUPPER!**
Friday, March 6

After Stations of the Cross, families will have soup and our Fasting Bread for you!



St. Joseph's Table **March 21/22**

Remember your faithful departed at our table with pictures and momentos!

HOLY WEEK

LIVING STATIONS

Grades 3-Adult
Rehearsal
April 6—5:30-7:30pm



Good Friday

LIVING STATIONS
PRAYER SERVICE

April 10 at 7:30pm
for the Parish in Church.
All are invited!

Blessing of Easter Baskets—April 11

Join us at 11am for prayer and a blessing! *A Catholic Tradition, bring your Easter foods and Baskets for a special Easter blessing from Fr. DiTomo on Holy Saturday.*



MARY'S MANTLE CONSECRATION

Faith Formation

Classes and Events

MARCH

LOWC—1, 8, 15, 22

JOYFUL SUNDAYS

Grades PK-6—1 & 22

CONFIRMATION SUNDAYS

Grade 7 only—1 & 22

Wednesdays—4, 11, 18, 25

Little Lambs—5, 12, 19, 26

March 6

Fasting Bread—4:30-6:30pm

Soup/Supper—6:30-7:30pm

March 15

Turkey Day!

March 17

VBS Volunteer Meeting

SPRING BREAK—March 30-April 3

APRIL

LOWC—5, 19, 26

JOYFUL SUNDAYS

Grades PK-6—5, 19

CONFIRMATION SUNDAYS

Grade 7 only—5, 19

Wednesdays—15, 22

Little Lambs—16, 23, 30

April 5—Palm Sunday

St. Gall Egg Hunt at 11:30am

HOLY WEEK

Living Stations Rehearsal

—April 6 at 5:30-7:30pm

Good Friday

Living Stations Prayer Service

—April 10 at 7:30pm

Blessing of Baskets

—April 11 At 11am

Mary's Mantle Consecration

April 12—EASTER

VBS Volunteer Meeting—April 21

1st. Communion Retreat

April 25 10:00am—3:00pm

This retreat includes at least 1 parent! Lunch is provided! Includes Mass rehearsal.



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INTERNATIONAL APPEAL

March, 2020

On the weekend of March 14/15, we in the Diocese of Rockford will be given an opportunity to assist our fellow Catholics and others in need throughout the world.

That weekend, we will take up the International Appeal Collection which includes the following offerings: **The Peter's Pence Collection** which provides the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his most important charitable works. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Your gift makes you a pilgrim of charity around the globe.

Visit: www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/peters-pence

Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRS) work includes resettling and welcoming displaced individuals and families, and advocating on behalf of victims of atrocities such as human trafficking. CRS provides for their basic humanitarian needs, and encourages legislation that reflects the importance of family in society. The reach of this Collection spans the globe, helping families on every continent, with an array of ethnicities and backgrounds, addressing a myriad of needs. Last year, \$69,213 was distributed to this appeal.

Visit: www.usccb.org/catholic-relief

Aid to the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe: This collection funds projects in 28 countries to build the pastoral capacity of the Church and to rebuild and restore the faith and the light of Christ in these countries that have dark pasts but bright futures. The funds are used to grant monies to support seminaries, social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral centers, church construction and renovation. Visit: www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/central-and-eastern-europe/

Worldwide and U.S. Disaster Relief Fund Rockford Diocese Response: Whenever a natural disaster occurs and/or a significant need exists, Most Reverend David J. Malloy receives numerous petitions for financial assistance from his brother bishops in the affected area. With the creation of this fund, he has resources available to respond on behalf of the people of the Rockford Diocese.

Rockford Diocesan Priests' Pension Plan: Our priests devote their lives to bringing people closer to Christ. In retirement, our priests continue to serve as spiritual leaders, counselors, ministers to the sick and much more. With gratitude for their years of faithful ministry, the Diocese has a Priests' Pension Plan to support our 57 currently retired priests and those who will retire in the future. To make your donation on-line, please visit: www.rockforddiocese.org/donate

Catholic Elementary School Financial Support for the Diocese of Rockford: To ensure that we maintain the opportunity for parents to enroll their children in the excellent Catholic elementary schools within our Diocese, we have created a special way for you to assist the Diocese of Rockford in supporting schools that have operating deficits and need your help to become financially viable. Your support through prayer and donations will help our schools continue to provide a quality education, and religious and moral formation in a world badly in need of Gospel values.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend David J. Malloy-Bishop of Rockford

St. Joseph Altar at St. Gall

A St. Joseph Altar is an offering of labor and love. Many people turned to St. Joseph during a drought in Sicily, asking for his intercession many years ago. When the rains came and the crops prospered, prayers were answered. In thanksgiving, the people of Sicily made offerings to St. Joseph from their bountiful harvest. Today this tradition lives on. ***In thanksgiving for our many blessings, consider joining us as we erect a St. Joseph altar the weekend of March 21/22nd.***



Before anything can begin we need volunteers to help. Many of the foods presented at the Altar are symbols of devotion, therefore specific items are needed. **See the sign up sheet in the narthex to volunteer to bring item(s) needed after Mass.**

On Wednesday, March 18 at 9:00 AM come help Kathryn Rossi make 250 cookies in her home or stop by to pick up dough to bake at your house (1091 Lakin Ave., Elburn)

On Thursday, March 19th at 9:00 AM come help Kathryn at St. Gall to bag the 250 cookies.

On Friday, March 20th at 9:00 AM come help Kathryn at St. Gall set up and decorate. Email or text Kathryn with any questions: 630 940-9440 mamamiax4@sbcglobal.net

On Sunday, March 22nd volunteers are needed at 6:00PM to take down the altar.

You may drop off items after the 7:30 AM Mass on Friday, March 20th until 3:00 PM.



Items Needed for St. Joseph Altar



Homemade or store bought BREADS in the shape of a cross, wreath, braid, hammer or staff.



Store bought FRUIT such as: pineapples, oranges, apples, grapes, lemon, lime figs, bananas.



Homemade or store bought CAKES in shape of a Bible, Cross Heart or Lamb, or cake that reads, ***“Happy St. Joseph Day.”***



Store bought VEGETABLES such as: tomatoes, eggplants, potatoes, corn, peppers, squash.



Homemade ITALIAN WEDDING COOKIES: Kathryn's recipe~contact information above)



Miscellaneous Items: wine, vases of lilies, St. Joseph statue, white tablecloths, wheat stalks or rosary beads.



ST.GALL'S LENTEN ALMSGIVING



HELP US BUILD A HOUSE

You can bring hope to Haiti...the poorest country in the western hemisphere. Many Haitians lack the most basic necessities such as food, shelter, clean water and education.

You can make a difference and help St. Gall Church build a house “brick by brick”! Watch the progress of our almsgiving on the poster in the narthex.

You may donate by using the QR scan code, on the GivePlus App, collecting change and using a Hope for Haitian box or by enclosing your donation in one of the envelopes on the table in the narthex. Envelopes can be placed in the collection basket or in the mailbox outside the parish office door.

Thank you for your generous hearts to help the poorest of the poor.





ROSA MYSTICA PRAYER GROUP

It was in the year 1947, in the town of Mountichiari, in Northern Italy, near the Italian Alps, that Our Lady appeared to Pierina Gilli, who was a nurse at the local hospital.

When Our Lady appeared, she looked as though she was in great sadness, she wore a white dress and three roses, one red one, one white one and one golden one. Pierina asked Our Lady who she was, as she replied that she was the Mother of Jesus and the Mother to all of you.

Pierina asked Our Lady why she came and Our Lady stated with great sadness, that she came due to the situation within the church after WWII. Priests no longer faithful, priests leaving the church and a lack of vocations to the priesthood. "Our Lord has asked me to bring a new Marion Devotion to all of religious orders and secular priests." "Those who venerate me in this special way have my special protection, an increase in spiritual vocations, fewer betrayed vocations, and great sanctity among the servants of God".

The apparition was approved on May 31, 1987 by the local bishop. The devotion spread throughout the country, many statues were made and taken home to continue and spread the devotion. Pierina brought a statue to Pope Pius XII, who blessed it. He did not disapprove nor did he approve the apparition. During the many years many pilgrims flocked to Montichiari, and there was much controversy among bishops to approve the apparition or not even though there were miracles attributed to Our Lady. At one point people were asked to no longer come. But that has all changed. On December 7, 2019, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, the Bishop of Brescia, Italy, Monsignor Pierantonio Tremolada, proceeded at a Mass during the canonical institution of the "Rosa Mystica-Mother of the Church Diocesan Shrine" in Fontanelle.

We are continuing Our Lady's wishes, to pray for the church, our wonderful faithful priests and an increase of vocations to the priesthood.

Please join us on the first Wednesday of the month, at 1:30, to join in prayer with the Holy Rosary, at the home of Maureen Pott, 525 Saratoga Dr. in Elburn. Please email at dots1@sbcglobal.net or call at 630-992-6138. God bless.

March 6th—St. Gall

6:30-7:30pm

Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm

Soup Supper at 6:30pm

Stay for the St. Gall Soup/Supper!

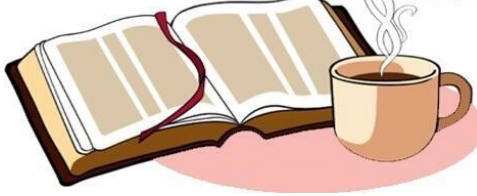
Volunteer? Soup, bread, setup or cleanup?

RSVP to Donna Doherty!

Email: donna@stgall.com

WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS LENT?

Tuesday Morning Bible Study



HOPE FOR HAITIANS

At the heart of God's Word

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is the love of the cross

a dynamic Bible study with Fr. DiTomo
Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm
@ St. Gall Catholic Church, Elburn

HEY LADIES!

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF
RETREAT AND
RESTORATION ON
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH,
FROM 7:00-9:00PM

WITH SPEAKER
LETICIA OCHOA ADAMS











ON MOTHERHOOD,
SUFFERING,
&
LIFE AFTER SUICIDE
LOSS.



please RSVP to Lisa Long at the parish office by emailing Lisa@stgall.com

Easter Symbols and Their Meaning

10 Easter Symbols and Their Meanings

- 1) **Egg:** When Christianity spread across the world, the egg became a symbol of man's rebirth rather than nature or spring. Christians symbolize the egg to Jesus Christ tomb from which he broke forth and rose again. Likewise, they painted the egg with red to symbolize the blood of Christ, and every year the decorations became elaborate and colorful. Today, Easter eggs decorated with myriad of colors make it more fun to look at, so kids can better understand their importance to the celebration of Easter.

- 2) **Easter Baskets:** The symbol of Easter Baskets originates from the Catholic custom of bringing food to the Mass for blessing. Traditionally, people bring baskets of food, their Easter dinner to the church to be blessed.

- 3) **Lilies:** Lily is another Easter symbol often used for decoration. White lilies symbolize purity and honesty. Lilies white color and emergence from the earth in the spring season has made the flower perfect symbol of Easter. Pure white color symbolizes Jesus' purity and resurrection.

- 4) **Hot Cross Buns:** Hot Cross Buns is a popular Easter symbol in England. Buns are a traditional Easter food where it is first baked and served on Good Friday. The symmetrical cross carved into the bread is used to symbolize the resurrection of Jesus. The custom of carving the bread with a cross continues today to remind people of Jesus sacrifices.

- 5) **Easter Lamb:** Christians across the world celebrate Easter with great fanfare. Easter, which is celebrated to remember Jesus' resurrection from the dead after three days, is observed with fervor in some countries. The lamb symbolizes Easter because Jesus represents the lamb, he is the lamb of the highest.

- 6) **Palm Branches:** When Jesus first arrived in Jerusalem, the people welcomed him by waving palm branches to signify their happiness at his arrival. The church uses the palm branches to symbolize the start of Lent and Jesus arrival.

- 7) **The Cross:** an integral part of Christian celebrations, including Easter. The cross is a symbol of life and sacrifices of Jesus for humanity. The cross brings hope and new life, which is why it is also a symbol of Easter.

- 8) **Pretzels:** In some parts of Europe, pretzels are served only at the start of Lent, which is from Ash Wednesday to Easter to maintain the sanctity of the bread. Since the middle ages, pretzel is part of the Easter celebration, families prepare pretzels for the Easter ceremony. Pretzels, resembles a crossed arm folded in prayer and also symbolizes penitence and fasting while the three holes symbolize the Trinity.

- 9) **Butterfly:** The life cycle of the butterfly symbolizes the life of Christ. The caterpillar, which is the first stage, stands for Christ's life on earth. The cocoon stage portrays Christ's death at the cross and burial, the third stage and most important phase is his rebirth after three days. The butterfly, the final stage, is Christ's resurrection from the dead, so it is just right that it is a symbol of Easter

- 10) **Bunny:** The bunny symbols originated in Germany since they were the first ones to mention it in a writing that dates back to the 1500's. The German settlers that came to America brought the tradition and custom of the Easter holiday with them, including the bunny symbol.


~Now you know~



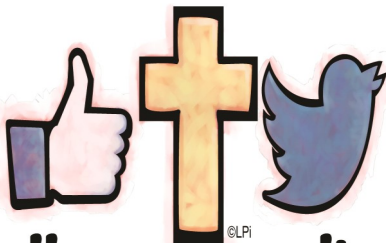
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