



## WE PRAY THROUGH OUR SINGING!

Blessed Lent to my St. Gall Family,

I wanted to take this opportunity to offer some tips on how to **PRAY** through the music of the Mass.



### **FIRST: Use the music aides. Open the missalette.**

**Sometime Catholics** just do not feel like picking up a book during Mass. I am not sure why. There may be habit of sitting passively during Mass (like we are the audience at a movie theatre). Some people might prefer to only sing hymns or Mass parts that they have memorized. However, it is not realistic to expect that the entire congregation could have all of the lyrics and melodies to all of the music that it uses at Mass memorized. People often get frustrated when they have to learn new hymns or new Mass settings. This is understandable. Change is always difficult. But remember, with time and repetition, the music will become more familiar.

**Instead of just sitting passively**, why not pick up the missalette (the *Ignatius Pew Missal*), find the hymn and try to sing it? Comprehend the lyrics as you sing—meditate on what you are singing. Make it part of your prayer. Some people will say, “but Father, I don’t read music.” Well, neither do I. However, if you **read the missalette as you listen** during the hymns, the Mass parts, the psalm response, and the antiphon refrains, you can listen and see where the music goes up and down. If you try to sing with the missalette, you will eventually get it.

**Sometimes I hear people say**, “Father, I don’t know these Mass parts (for example, the Lord Have Mercy, the Gloria, the Holy Holy Holy, the Lamb of God), I can’t sing them.” My next question will always be: are you looking at the missalette or the white card that is in the pews or are you trying to do it just by listening only? We cannot say that we are unable to do something if we do not actually try all the way. As a reminder: the Kyrie (Lord have mercy) that we use is on page 5 of the missalette. The Gloria (which will return in Easter) is on page 6. The Holy Holy Holy (Sanctus) is on page 8. The Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) is on page 18 (though during Lent we are using the Latin chant found on page 27). We have also put all of these Mass parts together on one white card available in the pews for your convenience.

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## ***SECOND. Ask yourself: Am I WATCHING the Mass or am I PRAYING the Mass?***

**Am I part of a passive AUDIENCE** or an active worshipping CONGREGATION? The Church challenges the faithful to engage in full, conscious, and active participation in the Mass. For example, while the cantor goes up to sing the psalm, are you watching them as if you are at a show and they are the performer (especially if they are struggling in some way)? Or, rather, do you close your eyes to listen to the words of the psalm that they sing, or read along with the psalm from the missalette? Do you let the words that they sing and then the words of the response that you sing sink into your heart so that it can become a form of contemplative prayer? Doing this has really helped me to go deeper into the prayer of the Mass. Repeatedly singing the Communion antiphon helps us to meditate on those beautiful words of Scripture—part of the official text of the Liturgy. In the same way, **the cantor is merely supposed to LEAD the congregation in singing the hymns and the Mass parts—the entire congregation’s voice should be heard!** It is easy to fall into the trap of wanting to sit back and be entertained by the Mass. But that is not why we are at Mass. We do not come to Mass to watch other people sing.

**There is also the temptation to ask ourselves,** “does the music at Mass make me feel good?,” “Does it please me?” Of course, praising God through song should lift our spirits. However, **the primary aim of the music that we create at Mass is to give praise and adoration to Almighty God. We should ask: does this music allow me to pray and worship God?** That is more important than whether we can tap our toe to an upbeat melody.

**I would like you to consider the ways that you can become involved in the music ministry.** We are in need of additional cantors and choir members. We have several very generous individuals in the music ministry currently. However, we can always use more. Our cantors, in particular, are carrying a heavy load. Perhaps God is calling you to use your talents to help the people of St. Gall give him fitting worship through music? I will be speaking more about this later. Lastly, I want to thank our Director of Sacred Music, Ken Wagman. He is doing an excellent job!

***Fr. DiTomo, Pastor***



## Holy Week Schedule 2018



### CONFESSION

Wed. March 21st *"Be Reconciled"*  
from 9:00 AM-8:00 PM



### *Holy Week Schedule:*

Palm Sunday:

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



Holy Thursday:

7:30 PM– Mass of the Lord's Supper

9:00 PM-12:00 Midnight-Adoration



Good Friday:

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

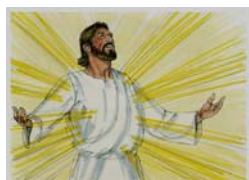
7:30 PM-Living Stations of the Cross



Holy Saturday:

11:00 AM Blessing of Easter Food/Baskets

7:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass



Easter Sunday Masses:

8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

5:00 PM





## St. Gall's 123rd Annual St. Patrick's Day Turkey Dinner

Join us for our annual St. Patrick's Day Turkey Dinner  
Sunday, March 11, 2018 12:00 Noon-3:00 PM  
St. Gall Church and Carry outs at Lion's Park

Seniors: \$10.00 (new price) Adults: \$10.00  
Children 11-15: \$8.00 Children 6-10: \$5.00  
Children 5 yrs. & under: FREE  
Family Group Rate, up to 5 Members: \$35.00  
(DINE IN ONLY!)

Carry-outs at Lion's Park \$14.00

**ENJOY:** Home-cooked turkey, gravy, stuffing, corn, green beans, coleslaw, cranberry sauce, rolls, pies

For more information, please contact Bruce Aderman at:  
[brucejaderman@gmail.com](mailto:brucejaderman@gmail.com) 630 404-6113 or the Parish Office at 630 365-6030.



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## Easter Baskets



## 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.

Most of the baskets are sent to the Elburn Food Pantry but we also supply baskets 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 the Parish Office and speak to Darlene Biggs at 630 365-6030 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, March 29th from 6:00-7:00 PM.**

Pick up your giving tags beginning the week of March 10th and please return your basket(s) on or before **Sunday, March 25th at 12:00 Noon.** All candies/food items **MUST** be individually sealed. Thank you!



# Help for Our Friends In Need

## *Society of Saint Vincent de Paul*

If you, a parishioner, or someone you know in the Elburn Area, is in need of financial assistance, please contact or encourage them to contact the St. Gall Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP).

### **How does a friend in need contact the Society?**

Call St. Gall Church at 630-365-6030 or use the St. Gall SVdP web site [www.stgall.com/svdp](http://www.stgall.com/svdp). On the web, you can request assistance by phone or electronically. All requests are kept strictly confidential.

### **What should one expect after contacting us?**

A Vincentian will call you within approximately 24 hour to set up a time when they and another Vincentian can meet with you at your home.

A Vincentian's role during the visit is to identify how best they can be of service. A decision on the request is normally made within 48 hours of the home visit.

### **What type of help is available?**

The Society's RULE states "No form of charity is foreign to the Society". Although we are typically contacted for rent or utility assistance, the Society can help with a wide range of other needs and bills.

You do not have to be in an emergency situation to receive assistance and we encourage our friends in need to contact the Society before an expense is incurring late or other additional fees.

### **What can I do?**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is seeking new members who wish to serve those in need. Please call Mike Sims at 309-696-8237 to find out more about the Society and what you can do or come to one of our monthly meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at church.

Finally, we want to thank our parishioners for their generous support of the Society through the weekly collections envelope and Donut Sunday. Our next Donut Sundays are March 25th and April 29<sup>th</sup> after the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses.





**R&R**  
**(Reflect & Rejoice)**  
**“You Are Enough”**  
**Jill Duran Guest Speaker**

Come to the very first Ladies’ R&R event. This

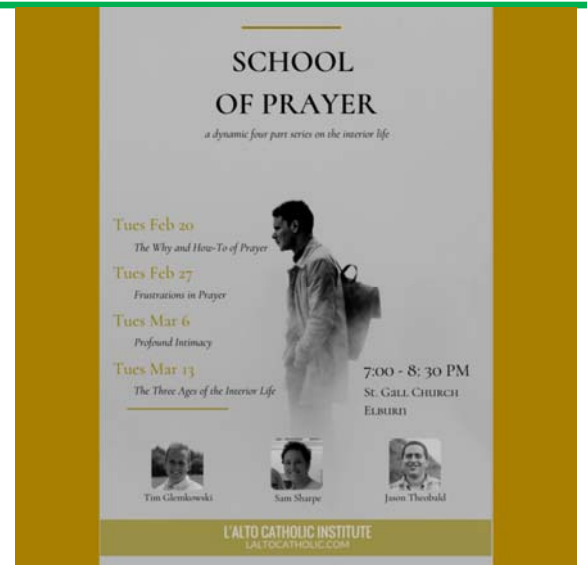
will be the first of a number of events that will give ladies from St. Gall parish (and also friends from the wider area) a chance to get together to reflect on our beautiful Catholic Faith, have some peaceful time of prayer, and enjoy some lively community. For our first event guest speaker Jill Duran will reflect on where women can find their true value.

**Here is the tentative schedule for the evening:**

- 6-6:15 pm. Welcome/mingle
- 6:15-6:45pm. Reflection by Jill Duran, **“You Are Enough: Finding Your True Value”**
- 6:45-7:00pm. *Silent prayer.*
- 7-8pm. Light Lenten dinner (more details to come)
- 8-9pm Fr. DiTomo gives brief reflection with Eucharistic adoration. Leave when you need to.

RSVP (for meal planning) by either stating here that you will attend, or by calling Darlene in the office at 630-365-6030 or emailing [darlene@stgall.com](mailto:darlene@stgall.com)

**Interested in childcare? Let us know. We are looking into providing that option.**



There is still time to take advantage of the School of Prayer Series for Adults here at St. Gall on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in classrooms 1-4

**March 7th “Profound Intimacy” Series with Sam Sharpe**

**March 13th, “The Three Ages of the Interior Life” Series with Tim Glemkowski**

**THAT MAN IS YOU!**

For the men in our Parish every Saturday morning beginning with breakfast at 6:00 PM followed by weekly program. TMIY honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and father.



# ST. GALL-RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE NEWS

Thank you to everyone who took home a “Baby Bottle” and filled it with loose coins, cash or a check. 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. It will be announced in our weekly bulletin. All monies help the Life Center with gifts for newborns and mothers; supplying formula; diapers; receiving blankets; booties, etc. as well as helping with the upkeep of their Mobile Ultrasound Unit and other needs to keep them operational.



**JOIN US The first Saturday of every month as we** attend 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 3rd and April 7th.**

**Conscience Protection:** Health care providers and trainees, churches, and others are being forced to participate in abortions or provide coverage for it in their health care plans, in spite of all the monies/donations Planned Parenthood receives. Federal conscience laws PROHIBITS victims with the ability to defend their rights in court.

In March, Congress will likely decide whether to address the problems in current law by enacting the Conscience Protection Act. **No one should be forced to participate in an abortion. Members of Congress need to hear from their constituents. PLEASE help us spread the word!**

## **General Guidance on Taking Action to Influence Legislation**

Go to the **National Right to Life Committee website** to locate your representatives in Congress, to find out how they have voted, and to contact them! Or to find details on any legislation pending before Congress go to: <http://beta.congress.gov/> where you will find search tools to give you a bill's text, status, co-sponsors, and other information. Also, for an update on current pro-life legislation visit <http://www.capwiz.com/nrlc/issues/>. This page will give you guidance from the nation's top pro-life lobbying group, National Right to Life.

To phone your Congressman, dial the House switchboard at 202-225-3121 and ask for his/her office. If you prefer to dial you Representatives office directly, an alphabetical list of Congressmen and their phone numbers is available at: <http://house.gov/representatives/find.html>. To email your Congressman go to: <http://writerep.house.gov/writerep/welcome.html>. Click on your state from the pull-down menu, fill in your zip code, and click on the “Contact My Representative” box.

To phone one of your Senators, dial the Senate switchboard at 202-224-3121 and ask for his or her office. If you prefer to dial your Senator's office directly, a list of all Senators' phone numbers is available at: [www.senate.gov/general/contactinformation/senators.cfm](http://www.senate.gov/general/contactinformation/senators.cfm), find your Senator's name in the alphabetical list, and click on his or her “Web Form” link. This link will take you to an e-mail form where you can end a message to your Senator.

*“Tiny little fingers, tiny little toes. Tiny little hands and a tiny little nose.  
You and I were like them when we were their size.  
Why oh why I ask, Must they die?”*

## Catholic Media



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**Go to EWTN Faith Factory for Kids**  
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**Program Schedule**  
**Meet the Characters**  
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***(you need this to login later)***

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INSTITUTE**







# MARCH SCHEDULED EVENTS



- March 1 7:30 AM—9:00 PM ADORATION  
7:00 PM VBS Volunteer Planning Mtg. Rm #7
- March 2 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross  
6:30 PM Lenten Soup Supper
- March 3 6:00 AM That Man is You!  
9:00 AM Art & Environment  
9:15 AM Car Pool to Planned Parenthood  
from 10:00-11:00 AM
- March 4 8:30 AM LOWC & Joyful Sunday (Gr. Pre-7)  
5:00 PM Confirmation (Gr 8 and 9)
- March 5 4:00 PM Easter Giving Tree Tag Making  
7:00 PM Rosary for Life
- March 6 9:00 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study  
6:30 PM FF/YM Open House  
7:00 PM School of Prayer-Series #3  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal  
8:00 PM AA (Rms. #5-6)
- March 7 4:30 PM FF Grades 1-5  
6:00 PM FF Grades 6-7
- March 8 7:30 AM-9:00 PM ADORATION  
7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. (Rm #7)  
7:30 PM Venturing Crew (Rms. #5-6)
- March 9 12:10 PM Mass  
12:45 PM Confession  
5:00 PM Jump Start /FM  
6.00PM YE-Fasting Bread and Movie  
6:00 PM Stations of the Cross
- March 10 6:00 AM TMIY!  
9:00 AM Art & Environment  
TURKEY DINNER SET UP  
EASTER GIVING TREE  
INTERNATIONAL APPEAL COLLECTION
- March 11 8:30 AM LOWC (PRE-SCHOOL Through Kndg)  
Noon-3:00 PM ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER  
Carry-outs at Lion's Park  
3:30-5:00 PM Turkey Dinner Clean Up  
EASTER GIVING TREE  
INTERNATIONAL APPEAL COLLECTION
- March 12 5:30 & 7:00 PM Catechist In-Service  
7:00 PM Rosary for Life
- March 13 9:00 AM Tues. Morning Bible Study  
6:30 PM FF/YM Open House  
7:00 PM School of Prayer-Series #4 (last one)  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
- March 14 4:30 PM FF Grades 1-5  
6:00 PM FF Grades 6-7
- March 15 7:30 AM-6:00 PM St. Joseph Altar Items Drop  
7:00 PM Pastoral Council (Work Break Room)  
7:00 PM Vacation Bible School Prep. Mtg.  
7:30 PM Venturing Crew (Rms. 5-6)
- March 16 1:00-6:00 PM St. Joseph Altar Set Up  
6:00 PM Stations of the Cross  
6:30 PM Lenten Soup Supper
- March 17 6:00 PM TMIY!  
9:00 AM Art & Environment  
ST. JOSEPH ALTAR DISPLAY
- March 18 8:30 AM LOWC & Joyful Sun. (Pre-School-7)  
11:45 AM Luke Michael Groleau Baptism  
5:00 PM Confirmation (Gr. 8-9)  
ST. JOSEPH ALTAR DISPLAY  
EASTER GIVING TREE  
REVERSE FOOD COLLECTION
- March 19 7:00 PM Rosary for Life
- March 20 9:00 AM Tues. Morning Bible Study  
7:00 PM Crossword Bible Study
- March 21 9:00 AM-8:00 PM "Be Reconciled"  
Confessions ALL Day  
4:30 PM FF Grades 1-5  
6:00 PM FF Grades 6-7  
7:00 PM Respect Life Mtg. (Work Break Rm)
- March 23 6:00 PM R&R-Women's Dinner & Meeting  
6:00 PM Stations of the Cross
- March 24 6:00 AM TMIY!  
9:00 AM Art & Environment
- March 25 PALM SUNDAY  
8:30 AM LOWC (Pre-School thru Kndg.)  
DONUT SUNDAY  
EASTER GIVING TREE GIFTS RETURNED
- March 26 6:30 PM Living Stations Rehearsal  
SPRING BREAK FOR STUDENTS
- March 29 Holy Thursday-OFFICES CLOSED  
5:30-7:00 PM Hand out Easter Baskets at  
Food Pantry  
7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper  
9:00 PM—Midnight ADORATION
- March 30 Good Friday-OFFICES CLOSED  
3:00 PM Passion of the Lord Service  
7:30 PM Living Stations
- March 31 Holy Saturday  
11:00 AM Easter Basket & Food Blessing  
7:30 PM Easter Vigil



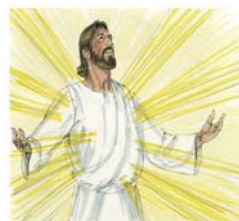
# APRIL SCHEDULED EVENTS



- April 1**      **EASTER SUNDAY**  
8:30 AM Mass  
10:30 AM Mass  
5:00 PM Mass
- April 2**      7:00 PM Rosary for Life
- April 3**      9:00 AM Tues. Morning Bible Study  
7:00 PM Crossword Bible Study  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
- April 4**      4:30 PM FF Grades 1-5  
6:00 PM FF Grades 6-7  
7:30 PM Finance Council Mtg(Work Rm)
- April 5**      7:30 AM ADORATION
- April 6**      Middle School Retreat-Rocked by God  
St. Thomas More-Elgin
- April 7**      6:00 AM TMIY!  
9:00 AM Art & Environment  
9:15 AM Car Pool to Planned  
Parenthood from 10:00-11:00
- April 8**      8:30 AM LOWC & Joyful Sun. (Pre-Gr. 7)  
5:00 PM Confirmation (Gr. 8-9)
- April 9**      7:00 PM Rosary for Life
- April 10**      9:00 AM Tues. Morning Bible Study  
7:00 PM Crossword Bible Study  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal  
8:00 PM AA Group (Rms. 5-6)
- April 11**      4:30 PM & 6:00 PM Faith Formation
- April 12**      7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul (Rm. 7)  
7:30 PM Venturing Crew (Rms. 5-6)
- April 14**      6:00 AM That Man is You!  
9:00 AM Art & Environment
- April 15**      8:30 AM LOWC & Joyful Sun. (Pre-Gr.7)  
11:45 AM Angelo George Luisi Baptism  
5:00 PM Confirmation (Gr. 8-9)  
VENTURING CREW DONUT SUNDAY



- April 16**      7:00 PM Rosary for Life
- April 17**      9:00 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study  
7:00 PM Crossword Bible Study(Rms. 1-4)  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal  
8:00 PM AA Group (Rms. 5-6)
- April 18**      4:30 PM & 6:00 PM Faith Formation  
7:00 PM Respect Life Mtg. (Break Room)
- April 19**      7:00 PM Pastoral Council (Break Room)
- April 20**      5:00 PM Jump Start (Gr. 4-5)  
6:00 PM Youth Event-St. Charles Bowl  
Gr 6-12
- April 21**      6:00 AM TMIY!  
9:00 AM Art & Environment  
~~REVERSE FOOD COLLECTION~~
- April 22**      8:30 AM LOWC (Pre-School-Kndg)  
REVERSE FOOD COLLECTION
- April 23**      7:00 PM Rosary for Life
- April 24**      9:00 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 25**      7:30 PM Venturing Crew (Rms. 5-6)
- April 28**      6:00 AM That Man is You!  
9:00 AM Art & Environment  
10:00 AM First Communion Retreat  
FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION
- April 29**      8:30 AM LOWC (Pre-School through Kndg)  
DONUT SUNDAY  
FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION
- April 30**      7:00 PM Rosary for Life



*Enjoy the "Sun-Rise"  
on Easter morn.....our Lord  
and Savior, Jesus Christ!*

*Have a blessed Easter!*

# St. Gall Faith Formation and Youth Ministry



## 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!

### Family Retreat

**Saturday, April 28**

**10:00am-2:00pm**

**Includes at least 1 parent and lunch is provided.**

Group/Individual photos—Before and after the First Communion Mass on May 6 at 1pm

### Mass Rehearsal

**on May 2-6:30 PM**



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!**

## Confirmation-9th Grade

### Expression of Faith Projects

During 9th Grade classes on **April 8 and 15** Parents and families are invited to come to both classes and witness these amazing presentations by 9th Grade Confirmandi. We will celebrate our new mission in the Church with appetizers and refreshments!

## CONFIRMATION

**February 12, 2018**



Please pray for all of our Confirmandi as they accept 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.

Benjamin Bettag  
Sean Bolger  
Danyelle Borysiewicz  
Nora Crimmins  
Daniel DiChiarro  
Joseph Friede  
Aidan Gatz  
Geo' Marco Grano  
William Haley  
Grace Nemechek  
Zack Nemechek  
William Nemechek  
Morgan Phillip  
Sofia Rios  
Jack Routson  
Adam Schafernak  
Makenna Sikon  
Ysabelle Simbol  
Matthew Sitar  
Ella Uplegger  
Mikaela Warfel



## It's Lent!

**March 9**

**Stations of the Cross and Fasting Bread!**

**JumpStartYM Gr4-5**

**from 5-6pm**

**YM Gr6-12 from 6-9pm**

Stations, soup supper, make bread and the Prince of Egypt movie!

## LIVING STATIONS Grades 4-Adult

Rehearsal  
Monday, March 26

**6:30-8pm**



## Holy Thursday- CHURCH VISITS ROAD TRIP!

**March 29 at 7:30-11:30pm(?)**

Grades 6-12

Families are welcome!

7:30pm Mass, prayer at 4-5 Churches, snacks and ice cream!

*Take the prayer challenge!*

## Good Friday LIVING STATIONS PRAYER SERVICE

March 30 at 7:30pm

for the Parish in Church

**All are invited!**

## Blessing of Easter

**Baskets March 31 at 11am**

*A Catholic Tradition, bring your Easter foods and Baskets for a special Easter blessing from Fr. DiTomo on Holy Saturday.*



# ST. GALL FAITH FORMATION and YOUTH MINISTRY

## Youth Ministry FFYM Open House

**March 6 and 13**

From 6:30-9:00pm for Grades K-12

*Fun, games and activities during the School of Prayer Series from 7-8:30pm. Parents can attend the series and hear our wonderful speakers!*



### **April 20—Road Trip!**

#### **Bowling!**

JumpStart YM  
Grades 4-5

and

YM for Grades 6-12

6-8pm

**Next YM events are on May 11**

### **Peer Ministry Leadership Team**

**For Grades 8-12**



Have you been thinking about it? Don't wait any longer! Join the team to create Middle School Retreats, be a

Camp WOW Counselor, and other activities as we share our faith!

Applications are on the board. Open to all High School students! 8th Grade teens can find out more about PMLT at any YM event.

### **What's going on in Faith Formation or Youth Ministry?**

**Calendar:** [www.stgall.com](http://www.stgall.com)

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for YM Facebook or Twitter!



Register now for  
**Camp WOW!**

**June 18-21**

### **DARE TO DREAM**

Open to current 6-8  
Grade teens and their  
friends!

**Don't miss camp!  
Limited space for  
campers!**

Great Catholic camp  
for current 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade  
teens.

4 days/3 nights of  
activities: swimming,  
archery, canoeing and  
more! Laser tag and  
the disco water slide,  
too!



Counselors leave for  
camp on June 17.

See the bulletin board  
for forms and info.  
or email  
[faithformation@stgall.com](mailto:faithformation@stgall.com)

## FFYM

### Classes and Events

#### **MARCH**

Middle School Workshop— March 2

HIAL Melendez Concert—March 2

LOWC—4, 11, 18, 25

JOYFUL SUNDAYS

Grades PK-7—4 and 18

CONFIRMATION SUNDAYS

Grades 8-9—4 and 18

Wednesdays—7, 14, 21

JumpStartYm—5-6pm—March 9

YM—6-9pm—March 9

Turkey Day—March 11

Donut Sunday—March 25

### **Good Friday**

Living Stations Rehearsal

—**March 26** at 6-8pm

### **Living Stations Prayer Service**

—**March 30** at 7:30pm

Blessing of Baskets—March 31

At 11am

### **Spring Break**

**March 26-March 30**

#### **APRIL**

### **Easter 1**

LOWC—8, 15, 22, 29

JOYFUL SUNDAYS

Grades PK-7—8 and 15

CONFIRMATION SUNDAYS

Grades 8-9—8 and 15

Wednesdays—4, 11, 18

### **YM BOWLING — April 20**

#### **1st. Communion Retreat**

**April 28** 10:00am—  
2:00pm

This retreat includes  
at least 1 parent!  
Lunch is provided!



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# INTERNATIONAL APPEAL

On the weekend of March 10/11, 2018 the Diocese of Rockford will have the annual “International Appeal” Collection appeal. We in the Diocese of Rockford will be given an opportunity to assist our fellow Catholics and others in need throughout the world.

On this weekend, we will take up the International Appeal Collection. Central to that offering is the Peter’s Pence offering which goes to assist the Holy Father in his world-wide mission of charity. Our offering allows us to fulfill our duty of charity beyond our national borders. As Pope Francis has said, “Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor, and for enabling them to be fully a part of society. This demands that we be docile and attentive to the cry of the poor and to come to their aid.”

As part of that collection, we also contribute to the excellent international world of Catholic Relief Services, to the U.S. Bishops’ work for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, and to worldwide and domestic disaster relief.

As always, the collection is also an occasion to contribute to the pensions of the priests of the Diocese of Rockford who have served us and our families over the years. And we can contribute to the on-going needs for support of Catholic Elementary School programs as we pass on the faith to the next generation. In all of these elements of that collection, we stand with the Church in Her work of love and charity. Please pray over these needs and then give generously what you are able.

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 beautiful new church, consider joining us as we erect a St. Joseph altar the weekend of March 18, 2018.*

*Beginning Thursday, March 15th* we will begin preparations for our first St. Joseph Altar in our beautiful new church. *You may drop off items after the 7:30 AM Mass until 6:00 PM.*

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 Sunday, March 18th. at 1:00 PM we are asking for help taking the Altar down. Please indicate on the sign up sheets if you are able to assist us for any amount of time.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and donations in celebrating St. Joseph, the Foster Father of Jesus!

*The feast day of St. Joseph is celebrated on March 19th.*



## Vacation Bible School Call for Volunteers!

VBS 2018 is almost here! We would not be able to have such a wonderful VBS Program without volunteers like you.

**Consider becoming a Volunteer!**

Contact Nicole Hanlon for more details  
*Nicole@StGall.com* or (630) 547-5143

# Giggles and Smiles to you all



The best mathematical equation ever seen: **1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given**

A little boy was listening to a long and excessively boring sermon in church. Suddenly the red sanctuary lamp caught his eye. Tugging his father's sleeve, he said, "**Daddy, when the light turns green can we go?**"

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray: "**Take only ONE. God is watching.**" Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, "**Take all you want. God is watching the apples.**"

A sense of humor is a gift from God. Laughter unites us. Funny things help us get through the humdrum of life. Without humor this would be a lot harder. Pope Francis' smile is infectious...  
let's all join him!



## Out of the mouth of babes



A young mother was having a particularly difficult day. The washing machine quit working, her best friend was upset with her, and to top it off 2 children came down with chicken pox.

She walked into her bedroom, sat on the bed and began sobbing. Her 4 yr. old came in, plopped himself on her lap and asked, "*What's wrong Mommy?*" The mother said, "*Oh baby, sometimes Mommy doesn't feel like anyone loves her.*" Without hesitation, the little guy touched her cheek with one hand and pointed his finger to the Cross above the door with the other and said, "***It's okay Mommy... Him still loves you.***"

## Ah, come on and smile, it'll do your heart good!

### **You've been to Farm Camp if... compliments of Eldon Gould**



By the time you got your drivers license, you had already been driving for several years.

The smell of turned dirt, leather, and horse is perfume to you.

You've eaten several meals on a pickup tailgate.

You know what FFA stands for.

You've been "muddin."

You delivered, or assisted in the birthing of, at least one farm animal by age 10.

You've consumed un-pasteurized , un-homogenized milk.

You eat corn on the cob every day for three weeks in the summer

You can determine, by scent, whether your sheets were dried on the line or in the clothes dryer and you prefer the sent of clothes off the line.



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