



## PASTOR'S CORNER

### Keep What You Have Promised

In all Rock Island Parishes this weekend, we celebrate the First Holy Communion. Last year, in my bulletin article for Sacred Heart and St. Mary's, I wrote: "I ASK YOU, DEAR PARENTS: PLEASE, your children receive an unimaginable gift. They have access to God Himself. PLEASE, take care of that." "And, DEAR PARENTS, PLEASE, take care of your children's spiritual life. It's not done yet. Don't think you have done what was needed, and you can have a break until your children receive confirmation. It's just started."

When I was a kid, my mom used to tell me the same thing every month around the first Friday: "The first Friday is this week. Don't forget about the confession." And, then, after the first Friday, she always asked me: "Did you remember to go to confession?" That was when kids were more "free" because they could go to church by themselves and didn't need an adult to drive them there. I was usually walking by myself. Of course, I was an altar server and always somehow close to the church, so someone could say it was natural and obvious for me to take care of such things. But you know, kids and teenagers. It's not so obvious and easy. My mom's "boring" reminders were an essential part of her parenting and my spiritual growth. She knew I needed a reminder; she knew how important it was to stay in God's grace and have this desire to get rid of sin. I knew that I couldn't lie to her that I went to confession because when I was serving at Mass, and I was always serving when I went to church, she could easily see if I received Jesus in the Holy Communion. And I wouldn't ever go to the Holy Communion in a state of mortal sin. I would be too terrified to do such a thing. I am so grateful that I was like that. I am so thankful that my mom took her responsibility seriously doing all those boring, annoying, but important things, comments, and reminders. That's what parents must do. Their job is to prepare children to be independent and responsible; the most crucial thing is the child's soul. When the soul of your child is lost, any other effort is pointless.

The biggest problem nowadays is that even if children receive all possible preparation for the sacraments at school or CCD classes, they are not reminded to continue living their spiritual lives. There is so much neglect on the parent's side afterward. It tears my heart in pieces when I learn that children, after their First Holy Communion, don't go to confession, don't attend Sunday Masses, and conse-

quently don't receive Jesus for months and sometimes years. The children are perfectly cared for when it comes to their sports activities. They are very consistent in all those activities. Their parents drive them to any possible place every single day and on the weekends, except church. Everything is essential except their children's souls.

That's why, brothers and sisters, I ask you today to pray for the parents of our First Communion children. May they continue to be the teachers of faith to their children, as they promised at their children's baptisms.

Peace and Goodness,  
Fr. Witold Adamczyk, OFM Conv.

### The Annual Diocesan Appeal is underway in our parishes!

Thank you to all who have already pledged to the appeal. Every dollar raised over our goal will be returned to our parish to help us with parish projects. The goal for Sacred Heart is \$30,818 and \$16,825 has been pledged. The goal for St. Mary's is \$34,782 and \$20,876 has been pledged.

**Pro Populo Masses:** Often you will see Mass intentions listed in the bulletin as "For the People of the Rock Island Parishes." At one time in the past we also referred to these as Pro Populo Masses. "Pro populo" is Latin for "for the people." There is a requirement of all pastors to celebrate at least one Mass on a weekend for the people entrusted to them. We accomplish this in Rock Island with rotating Masses between Sacred Heart, St. Mary's, and St. Pius X that are celebrated for all of you!

### MASS SCHEDULE & MORE!

<b>May 7</b>	12:10 p.m. Mass - <i>Clarence Redecker</i> <b>ST. MARY'S</b> Altar & Rosary Society Meeting after Mass
<b>May 8</b>	11:00 a.m. Adoration & Confessions <b>ST. MARY'S</b> 12:10 p.m. Mass - <i>Vince Dasso</i> <b>ST. MARY'S</b>
<b>May 9</b>	12:10 p.m. Mass - <i>Amanda McLaughlin</i> <b>SACRED HEART</b> 6:30 p.m. Mass - <i>Franciscan Crown Rosary</i> <b>SACRED HEART</b>
<b>May 10</b>	12:10 p.m. Mass - <i>In honor of the Sisters of St. Mary Monastery</i> <b>SACRED HEART</b>
<b>May 11</b>	3:00 p.m. Confessions <b>ST. MARY'S</b> 4:00 p.m. Mass - <i>Sharon Donovan</i> <b>ST. MARY'S</b> 5:15 p.m. Mass - <i>Florence and Lawrence Senger</i> <b>SACRED HEART</b>
<b>May 12</b>	8:30 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. Confessions <b>SACRED HEART</b> 9:00 a.m. Mass - <i>For the People of the Rock Island Parishes</i> <b>SACRED HEART</b> 10:30 a.m. Mass - <i>Karl Steinbaugh</i> <b>ST. MARY'S</b>

## SACRED HEART PARISH NEWS

### Stewardship of Treasure: April 27/28

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,062.00
Loose Money	\$391.00
Online Giving	\$595.00
Property Improvement Fund	\$200.00
Envelopes Used	44

**Congratulations** to the children of our parish making their First Holy Communion this weekend: Elias Dilley, Sut Tu Hpau Wi, Philip Lagra, and Juan Zetina! Join us for cookies after the 9 a.m. Mass in the Fr. Anthony Vestibule!

**All are invited to attend** the Quad Cities Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Service being celebrated here at Sacred Heart today (Sunday, May 5) at 2 p.m. We are proud to host this service for the community!

**The Franciscan Crown Rosary**, or the Rosary of the Seven Joys of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is an ancient sacramental treasured by the Franciscan order. Join us as we draw closer to Jesus through praying to Mary on May 9th at 6:30 pm. All are encouraged to bring flowers from your gardens to place around the statue. For more information contact Gina Howell at (309) 781-9473.

**All children of the parish** are invited to assist with our May Crowning next Sunday, May 12, at our 9 a.m. Mass. Please meet us in the back of the church five minutes before Mass to process in with us as we present flowers to the Blessed Mother.

**Congratulations** to our very own Ava Brinkman and Eliza Kramer, who were named to Alleman High School's 2024 Prom Court!

**Sacred Heart is honored to host Alleman's Baccalaureate Mass on Thursday, May 23rd!** We have a few volunteer roles available that day if you would like to help us out. Please speak with Chris Mandle or Tim Smith after Mass to learn more!

**We have a lot coming up!** Mark your calendars and plan on joining us!

- Thursday, May 9: Franciscan Crown Rosary, 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, May 12: Mother's Day & May Crowning at 9 a.m. Mass
- Thursday, May 15: Confirmation at St. Pius, 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, May 23: Alleman Baccalaureate Mass at Sacred Heart, 6 p.m.
- Saturday, June 1: Porch Party, 6 p.m. - *First of the summer!*
- TBD, Summer: Sacred Heart Parish Picnic

## ST. MARY'S PARISH NEWS

### Stewardship of Treasure: April 27/28

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,672.00
Loose Money	\$373.91
Online Giving	\$555.00
Building Improvement Fund	\$70.00
Envelopes Used	63

**Congratulations** to our children of our parish making their First Holy Communion this weekend: Talitha Devlin and Sebastian Young! Join us in Schroeder Hall after 10:30 a.m. Mass for donuts and more to celebrate these children and enjoy fellowship with your parish family!

**May is the month of our Blessed Mother:** We will honor her by saying the Rosary before each weekend Mass in May. Hope you can join!

**May crowning next weekend:** May crowning will take place May 11th and 12th before each weekend Masses. All children are welcome to meet in the back of the church and take flowers donated by the Altar and Rosary Society to Our Lady.

**It was a very successful Salad Luncheon on April 24** — the line was out the door as serving began! A huge thank you to the Altar and Rosary Society for all your hard work and amazing food, to the Men's Fellowship for all your help and hard work, and to all who attended and enjoyed a delicious lunch.

**Altar & Rosary Society meeting on Tuesday:** The next Altar and Rosary Society is this Tuesday, May 7, in Schroeder Hall after 12:10 p.m. Mass. Please join us before Mass in church to pray the rosary.

**Coming up in May:** Here's a look at what's coming up soon at St. Mary's.

- May 7: Altar & Rosary Society meeting, after 12:10 p.m. Mass in Schroeder Hall
- May 14: Men's Fellowship meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the rectory
- May 15: Confirmation at St. Pius, 5:30 p.m.
- May 18: Ben Schoonmaker's Ordination to the Diaconate, Peoria
- May 19: Deacon Ben's First Mass at 10:30 a.m., followed by a reception in Schroeder Hall

**Lectors for May** are Nancy Hanna at 4 p.m. Mass and Kurt Schmidt at 10:30 a.m. Mass. Money counters are Judith Gilbert and Nancy Hanna.

## FLOCKNOTE FOR SACRED HEART AND ST. MARY'S PARISHIONERS!

Get the latest news from Sacred Heart & St. Mary's with Flocknote! To sign up for FlockNote notifications of Mass times and interesting parish information:

Text to the number: 84576  
With the message: 123sh (for Sacred Heart)  
With the message: 123stm (for St. Mary's)

## LOCAL CATHOLIC NEWS & EVENTS

Get the latest news from our local Catholic parishes and groups at [www.catholicqc.com](http://www.catholicqc.com)

### MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Ministry schedules including altar servers, EMHC's, lectors are now available to members of that ministry via Flocknote and/or email correspondence, and to Sacred Heart parishioners on our website.

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR OUR PARISHES

Financial support for both Sacred Heart and St. Mary's parishes can be accomplished several ways. If you wish to receive contribution envelopes are not currently doing so, please contact our parish office immediately.

Please also consider giving online. This allows you to keep track of your giving for the year (tax statements) and makes bookkeeping easier for the parishes. If you're interested in this route, please contact the parish offices for more information!

### REMEMBER US

Both Sacred Heart and St. Mary's Parishes have always been very appreciative of the generosity of their parishioners. We're often asked how you can remember Sacred Heart in your wills, trusts, or via other gifts. It's important that you reference the parish as Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Congregation of Rock Island, Illinois or St. Mary's Roman Catholic Congregation of Rock Island, Illinois.

### SACRED HEART FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry Weekend is always the 2nd weekend of the month at both Sacred Heart and St. Mary's. We appreciate your support of this vital ministry!

### DID YOUR CONTACT INFO CHANGE?

Please let the church office know your new information as soon as possible so that we may update our records.

### WHEELCHAIR AVAILABLE

A wheelchair is available for any parishioner who needs a pick up or drop off at the parking lot. It's in Good Shepherd Vestibule at Sacred Heart and the vestibule at St. Mary's.

### SACRED HEART & ST. MARY'S CONTACTS

**Sacred Heart** 794-0660  
2810 5th Avenue, Rock Island, IL.  
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2208 4th Avenue, Rock Island, IL.  
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### Catholic Cemetery

Calvary Cemetery is our local Catholic Cemetery - 2901 12th St., Rock Island, IL 61201-5335. Please call them when making arrangements for loved one by contacting them at

### SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

**BAPTISM:** Parents must be registered and doing what is within their means to support the parish and be faithful in sharing the Sunday Eucharist. A baptismal class is required. Godparents must be Confirmed and be practicing Catholics and if married, that their marriage is validly recognized by the Catholic Church. If you are a Sacred Heart parishioner, contact Chris Mandle. For St. Mary's parishioners please contact Christine in the parish office.

**MARRIAGE:** Diocesan Policy - Please notify the office at least 8 months prior to setting the date for your marriage. Requires completion of the Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** Whenever needed, please call the parish office. Please advise us of persons in the hospital, nursing facilities, or homebound.

**RECONCILIATION:** Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - 11:55 a.m. and Saturday: 3 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. at St. Mary's. Friday: 11:00 a.m. - 11:55 a.m. and Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. at Sacred Heart. Also, by appointment.

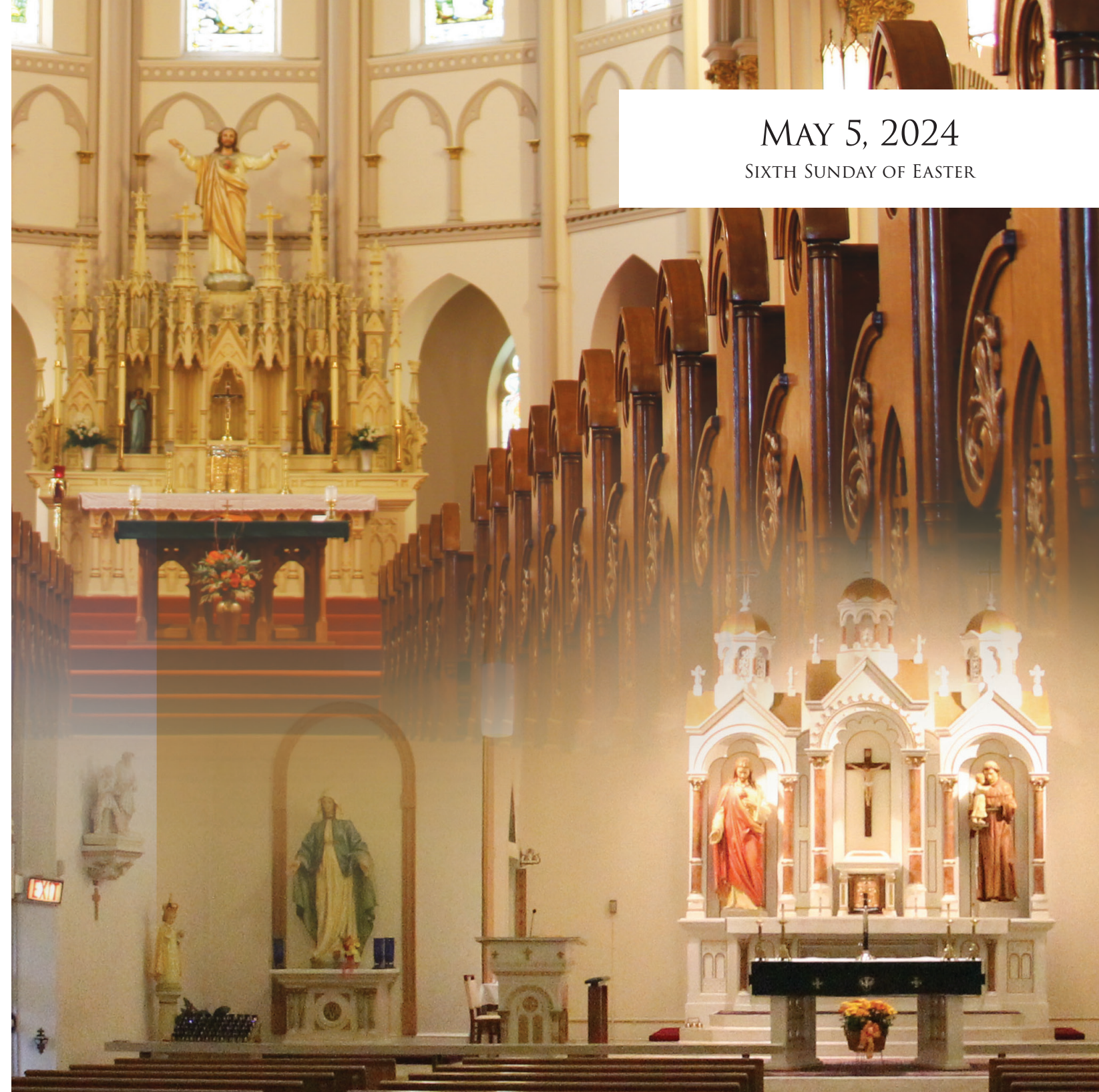
### Thinking of joining the Catholic Church?

#### RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Persons wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith, or to join our Catholic community, please contact Christine in our parish office at (309) 794-0660 or (309) 788-3322 to set up a time with Fr. Witold.

MAY 5, 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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## MORE SACRED HEART NEWS!

**Many of you have commented** to us on how beautiful the lace cloth is on our communion rail. Here's the backstory on this cloth: we traditionally cover the communion rail from Easter through First Holy Communion. This special cloth was donated to us many years ago by Colleen Huiskamp, who purchased it in Avignon, France. Those of you who are history scholars may remember that Avignon was the home of the papacy from 1309 to 1376. We fondly remember Colleen every year that we use it on our communion rail.

**We got things straightened out:** You probably have noticed that the gold cross at the peak of our roof has leaned for years. We're happy to report that it is once again standing up straight after some much needed restoration work was completed this past week. Thank you to Pat VanAcker for overseeing this work!

**Would you like to sponsor one of our Porch Parties this Summer?** Please let Chris Mandle know by phone at (309) 738-5967 or at [chrismandle@gmail.com](mailto:chrismandle@gmail.com). Depending on weather, our Sacred Heart Porch Parties traditionally run through October. Here is our anticipated 2024 schedule:

- Saturday, June 1
- Saturday, July 13
- Saturday, August 3
- Saturday, September 7
- Saturday, October 5 and Sacred Heart Chili Cook-Off!

**For being 174 years old,** our front porch looks pretty good! We completed the repair and painting of the front porch of our rectory/office this week — a much needed improvement! Our rectory/office actually predates the church by at least 50 years, built in 1850 by hotelier, developer, and one-term mayor, Ben Harper, and known for many years as the Harper House. Per the City of Rock Island, it's the earliest Greek Revival style house in Rock Island — and is perhaps the oldest documented residence in the city limits. We're grateful to finally have this painting completed, just in time for hosting Alleman's Baccalaureate Mass and for Porch Party season! Thank you to everyone who contributes to our Property Improvement Fund, which makes projects like this possible!

**Please consider helping the Sacred Heart Food Pantry!** Our food pantry serves dozens of people each weekday as a part of our parish's outreach ministry. This is where your donations of food go on that second weekend of each month. Feeding those in need, however, requires volunteers and we are in need of members of our parish to join this ministry. While the pantry is open Monday through Friday, you could schedule your volunteer time in support of this ministry in a manner that best suits you. Please, consider feeding the poor as part of your works to support Christ's ministry in our parish. Contact Mike Clark at 309-786-6940 if you wish to support this ministry.

## ADDITIONAL PARISH NEWS AND MORE!

**Keep these parishioners, family members, and friends in your prayers:** Joe Cervantes • Mike Clark • Stephanie Smith • Judy Clark • Deb Drish • Rosa Steinbaugh • Lois Evans • Angie Conicella • Ron Boland • Dean Christiansen • Jean Paggen • Rebecca Becker • Mary Kay Orth • Jay Eng • Carol Houglund • Faythe Elsbury • Jack Murtha • John Gross • Randy Burke • Don Barry • Pat Coleman • Renee Bleuer • Elaine Jawoisz • Dick and Diane Sabbe • Mary Lou Baumgartner • Kathy Clark • Brian Gutierrez

If you would like to have prayers offered for parishioners, family or friends, please contact Christine in the office at (309) 794-0660 or (309) 788-3322 or [ricatholicoffice@gmail.com](mailto:ricatholicoffice@gmail.com). We will publish these names from time to time as space allows. It'll also be important to alert Christine in the office if someone's name should later be removed from the list. Thank you in advance to all who will be praying for those in need!

**Mass at Trinity Hospital:** On the third Thursday of each month, Mass will be held in the chapel at Trinity Hospital, Rock Island, at 10 a.m. Following Mass, the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed for all the patients in the hospital.

### **Diocese of Peoria Traveling Monstrance at our local parishes in 2024!**

Thursday, May 30 — St. Anne, East Moline  
Monday, June 3 — St. Mary, Moline  
Thursday, June 6 — St. Mary, Rock Island

**The Social Concerns Committee of Christ the King parish** will be hosting their Annual "Garden of Eden Sale" (Where we sell Everything in the world except clothing!) on Saturday, June 1st. It will take place from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Believer's Together Gymnasium at 3209 60th Street, Moline. All proceeds will go to help many worthy causes throughout the year.

**Travel to Italy with Fr. Peter Zorjan September 23 thru October 3, 2024** Fr. Peter Zorjan and 206 Tours are planning a Trip to Rome, San Giovanni Rotondo, Sorrento and the Amalfi coast. September 23 – October 3, 2024. An optional post-tour to Medjugorje is available. All are invited to join him on these wonderful tours. To Register go to: [www.206tours.com/frzorjan](http://www.206tours.com/frzorjan)

**JORDAN BOOSTER CLUB GOLF OUTING:**

WHEN: May 11th, 2024  
WHERE: Highland Springs Golf Course

This year Jordan Catholic School is going to Celebrate 50 Years of Excellence by playing golf like its 1974! Theme: 1974 Golf Attire (Prizes for Best Dressed!)



**Our annual Walk-a-thon will take place on May 24th** We are walking the Marlier Mile in memory of Mrs. Debbie Marlier. If you would like to donate, please contact a Jordan student that you know or go to our website, click the Donate button and Walk-a-thon.

**Our First Lego Team has made it to Nationals!** They are holding a fundraiser to collect funds for their trip to Massachusetts. Scan the QR Code if you'd like to help them out.

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