



## PASTOR'S CORNER

### Saint Catherine of Siena

April 29th marks the memorial of St. Catherine of Siena. She is not a Franciscan Saint, but because she was one of the greatest and most influential saints in the history of the Church, she is worth mentioning. In her lifetime, she had a powerful impact on those she encountered, including the pope.

Caterina di Jacopo di Benincasa (Catherine) was the twenty-third or twenty-fourth child born to loving parents in Siena, Italy. As a child, Catherine stood out. She was given the nickname "Euphrosyne," which means "joy," because of her disposition and deep devotion to God from an early age. At the age of six, while she was out walking with her brother, she had the first of many visions. She saw Jesus, sitting on a throne, crowned King, surrounded by Saints Peter, Paul, and John. Within a year, she had made a personal vow to give her whole life to God. Her prayer life was so evident that her parents gave her a basement bedroom so she could use it as her personal place of prayer. This "cell" in which she lived and prayed was also in her soul.

When Catherine was a teenager, she firmly opposed her parents' desire for her to marry. She wanted to be devoted to God alone, so she even cut her hair short to make herself less attractive to young men. Eventually, her parents accepted her vocation.

In 1363, just three days after her sixteenth birthday, Catherine joined the Third Order of Saint Dominic. The Third Order comprised lay people who wore a religious habit but lived at home and worked in the world rather than a cloister. They served the poor and sick and performed charitable works. For the first several years as a Third Order Dominican, Catherine lived a life of seclusion and prayer. Around the age of twenty-one, she entered what would later be described as a "mystical marriage" with our Lord. While praying, Jesus appeared to her, along with the Virgin Mary and King David. Jesus placed a ring on her finger and departed. The ring remained for the rest of her life, although Catherine was the only one who could see it.

After receiving the gift of spiritual marriage, Catherine began a more active ministry to Siena's poor, sick, and imprisoned. When the bubonic plague—the "Black Death"—struck Siena, Catherine and her companions worked hard, caring for those affected. Catherine also began to get involved in controversies plaguing the Church and State. She wrote hundreds of letters to kings, queens, nobility, religious, priests, and even the pope himself. At that time, the divisions in the Church were so profound that Catherine engaged in severe penance and prayer. While in Pisa in

1375, Catherine learned of rebellions within the Church. She fell into ecstasy and received the gift of an invisible stigmata, which appeared physically on her body only after her death.

A dominant focus of her letters to the pope was to urge him to return to Rome. At that time, the papacy had moved to Avignon, France, which became the cause of much internal Church conflict. Anti-popes were elected, and confusion was widespread. Catherine knew that the Holy Father, "Daddy," as she called him, needed to return to the Eternal City to end the chaos. Her letters, and later her face-to-face conversations, were not only directed to the Holy Father with the affection and sincerity of a loving spiritual daughter, but they were also firm, direct, and challenging. In one letter to Pope Gregory XI, she urged him to return to Rome. The pope listened and returned to Rome in 1377. The last few years of Catherine's life were spent writing letters, visiting towns that were warring against the papacy, and consulting two popes. She rallied the people, gained many followers, addressed political, cultural, and moral abuses, and gave an ongoing witness to Christ crucified through her penitential life.

Her last and perhaps greatest gift to the Church was her book *The Dialogue of Divine Providence*. It is believed that Catherine dictated this book while she was in ecstasy. It is a conversation between a soul and the Father in Heaven (source: My Catholic Life!).

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

*Dear Parishioners, Franciscan Brothers and Sisters, Students, Teachers and Staff at Jordan School, Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,*

*Thank you very much for your words of consolation and sympathy expressed to me and my Family in Poland as well as your prayers for my Mom - Maria, who passed away on Holy Saturday. I am thankful for all your signs of solidarity and comfort.*

*May the Resurrected Lord reward you for your goodness.*

God bless you,  
Fr. Mietek Wit, 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.

## SACRED HEART PARISH NEWS

### Stewardship of Treasure: April 20/21

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,992.00
Loose Money	\$857.31
Online Giving	\$945.00
Property Improvement Fund	\$540.00
Envelopes Used	75

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

### Our Sacred Heart family continues to grow!

We joyfully celebrated the baptism of Helena Nu Za Tling, daughter of Matthew Van T Uk, and Nao Mi last weekend. Congratulations to the family and all blessings to Helena on her baptism!

**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.

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

- Sunday, May 5: 1st Communion at 9 am Mass, Quad Cities Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Service at Sacred Heart, 2 pm
- Thursday, May 9: Franciscan Crown Rosary, 6:30 pm
- Sunday, May 12: Mother's Day & May Crowning at 9 am Mass
- Thursday, May 15: Confirmation at St. Pius, 5:30 pm
- Thursday, May 23: Alleman Baccalaureate Mass at Sacred Heart, 6 pm

**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.

### 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.

## ST. MARY'S PARISH NEWS

### Stewardship of Treasure: April 20/21

Offertory Envelopes	\$2,029.00
Loose Money	\$740.64
Online Giving	\$665.00
Building Improvement Fund	\$252.00
Envelopes Used	66

**Thank you** to everyone who made our Annual Salad luncheon a huge success. We couldn't have done it without all of your help!

**Our Condolences** to the family and friends of Kathy Fisher, whose funeral was at St. Mary's on April 25, and Lois Brozovich, whose funeral was at St. Mary's on April 26. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

**Join us on Sunday morning right after 10:30 Mass** for the unveiling and blessing of the new QC PastPort historical sign about St. Mary's. This will be right in front of the church, on Fourth Avenue. The interactive sign features the parish's historical role as the first and oldest Catholic Church in Rock Island County and includes photos and audio, accessible with a smartphone. Please join us!

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

- May 5: First Communion at 10:30 a.m. Mass, Donut Sunday
- May 7: Altar and Rosary Society meeting following 12:10 p.m. Mass, final session of A Walk Through the Mass with Fr. Witold at 6:30 p.m.
- 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.

**175th Anniversary Planning:** St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish will celebrate its 175th anniversary in August 2026. Please share your talents, time and energy and/or donations in assisting with the preparation work! You may contact the parish office or Chair Judith Gilbert at 309-749-5719 or Co-Chair Fred Attwood at 309-798-4356. Also, save the date of Sunday, August 30, 2026, for St. Mary's 175th Anniversary Mass and Dinner!

## 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  
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**Saint Mary's** 788-3322  
2208 4th Avenue, Rock Island, IL.  
stmarysrockisland@gmail.com [www.stmaryri.com](http://www.stmaryri.com)

Office Hours: Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Office Address for Both Parishes: at Sacred Heart:  
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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.

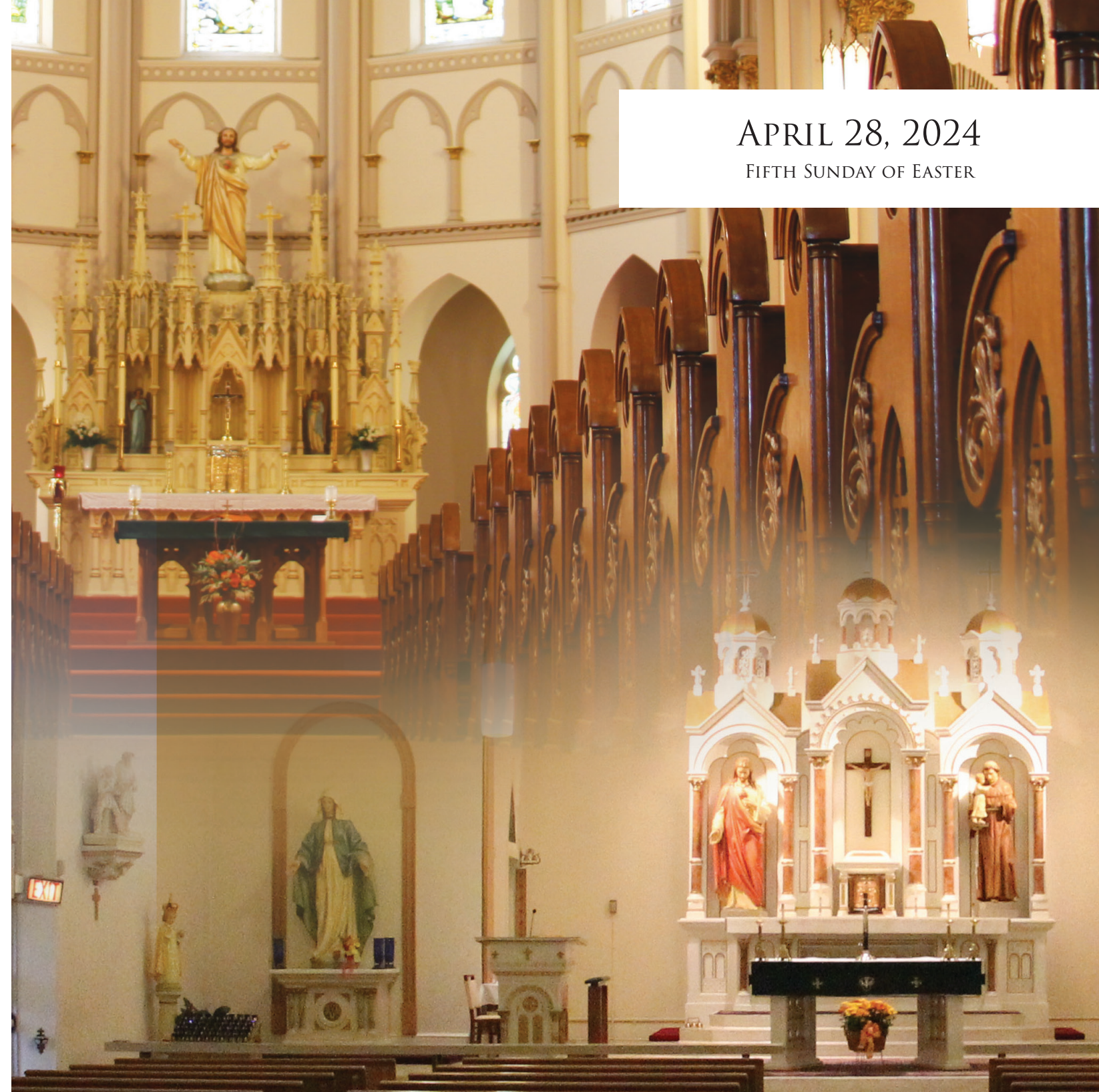
### Thinking of joining the Catholic Church?

#### **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.

APRIL 28, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



ST. MARY  
OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

FR. WITOLD ADAMCZYK, OFM CONV., PASTOR  
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PEORIA

## MASS SCHEDULE & MORE!

- April 30** 12:10 p.m. Mass - *In honor of David Marsho's birthday* ST. MARY'S
- May 1** 11:00 a.m. Adoration & Confessions ST. MARY'S  
12:10 p.m. Mass - *Living and Deceased Members, Benefactors and Family of the Franciscan Order* ST. MARY'S
- May 2** 12:10 p.m. Mass - *Jeanette and Jerome Myers* SACRED HEART
- May 3** 12:10 p.m. Mass - *Living and deceased members of the Howell Family* SACRED HEART
- May 4** 3:00 p.m. Confessions ST. MARY'S  
4:00 p.m. Mass - *Susan Breuwet* ST. MARY'S  
5:15 p.m. Mass - *Mark Dasso* SACRED HEART
- May 5** 8:30 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. Confessions SACRED HEART  
9:00 a.m. Mass - *Giuseppe Leone* SACRED HEART  
10:30 a.m. Mass - *For the People of the Rock Island Parishes* ST. MARY'S  
2:00 p.m. - Quad Cities Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Service

## 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 Hougland • 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

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. 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!

**Do Whatever He Tells You** - All are invited to a day of prayer and recollection presented by the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Farrell Hall on Saturday, May 4th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Christ Child Society and includes lunch. There is no cost to attend. Free will offerings accepted. Reservations are required. RSVP by April 30th to Mary Anne Dockery-Jackson at dockeryjacksonm@gmail.com or call/text (309)738-4679.

**Mass at Trinity Hospital:** On the third Thursday of each month, Mass will be held in the chapel at Trinity Hospi-

tal, Rock Island, at 10 a.m. Following Mass, the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed for all the patients in the hospital.

**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!

### 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

### 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 October 3 – 7, 2024 is available. All are invited to join him on these wonderful tours. To Register go to: [www.206tours.com/frzorzjan](http://www.206tours.com/frzorzjan)



The logo for Disney Camp Rock The Musical features the word "Disney" in its signature script at the top. Below it, "CAMP ROCK" is written in large, bold, block letters with a yellow-to-teal gradient and a thick black outline. Underneath that, "THE MUSICAL" is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font.

### Our Lady of Grace, Jordan, and Seton Middle School Drama Club presents "Camp Rock" the Musical

Performances will be held in Alleman High School's Dr. Tracy Spaeth Performing Arts Center (1103 40th St., Rock Island, IL) and are scheduled for May 10th and 11th at 7:00 PM and May 12th at 3:00 PM. The show is around 1 hour and 15 minutes. Tickets are \$6 and will be available at the box office before the show. Please join the cast of 30 students in a high-energy show based on the hit Disney Channel movies! A classic story of rivalry and power, two bands battle it out in a rockin' summer they will never forget.

**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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