



PASTOR'S CORNER

What If I Failed?

We all have plenty of experience with good resolutions. Also, we all have even more experience with failures. That's what discourages us the most. We tried so many times. We make good New Year's Lenten or Advent resolutions. That process repeats every year and even a couple of times a year. We make spiritual resolutions about praying, attending masses, reading the Bible, and getting engaged more in our parish community. We make our health resolutions about losing weight, exercising, and being consistent and persistent in sports activities. Also, we make different resolutions: reading books, spending less time in front of the TV, learning languages, spending more time with children, grandchildren, and spouses, having more time for parents, calling them, etc. We all know the stuff. We have been there.

Also, we know our failures. How often have we started a good program of healthy eating and taking care of ourselves? How many Lents did we start with an enthusiastic resolution about fasting (strictly for spiritual reasons!)? How long did it last? Days, maybe weeks, and we experienced a failure. We cheated, forgot, or something came in life; something happened that ruined our plan and took away our strong will. We have been there too.

However, our failures are not the problem. Every good project must count some failures, imperfections, and disasters. That's part of the process. That's part of painful growing and getting to the finish line. Actually, that's why we try to do that. That's the reason. Especially in the spiritual sphere, it is essential to realize that we don't do it only to pat ourselves on the back and boast about how perfect a plan we had and how even more perfectly we have implemented it in our lives.

Our Lenten efforts, for instance, are the attempts to get closer to God. That's not a straight path. It even cannot be because we are weak and sinful, and God is perfect. So, our attempts will be imperfect and crooked.

We need to accept our failures, BUT we CANNOT let them discourage us. That's the most important part of the Lenten experience. We failed to fast, and one day, it was a disaster! Do not stop! Continue the next day. Did you fail in your prayer resolutions and didn't pray what you should for one or more days? That's why Lent consists of 40 days. Continue despite your failure. Did you completely forget and eat what you shouldn't, neglect your Lenten practices and fail to keep doing the good deeds you planned? Do not let it discourage you! That's what Satan wants. He wants you to give up, to feel sorry for yourself, to lose hope,

and to stop trying. That's what the evil one wants the most. Try again. God accepted your sacrifices even if they weren't consistent and without imperfection. God wants you to try; Satan wants you to stop.

Peace and Goodness,
Fr. Witold Adamczyk OFM Conv.



Lenten Nights & Stations of the Cross:

Every remaining Friday of Lent 3/15, and 3/22 at 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart. You will also have the opportunity for Confession each of these Fridays!

The Annual Diocesan Appeal is now 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 \$16,275.00 has been pledged. The goal for St. Mary's is \$34,782 and \$19,876.00 has been pledged.

MASS SCHEDULE & MORE!

March 12	12:10 p.m. Mass - Fred Orth and Therese Lootens ST. MARY'S 6:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Dinner at QC Coffee & Pancake House 6:30 p.m. Men's Fellowship Meeting ST. MARY'S
March 13	11:00 a.m. Adoration & Confessions ST. MARY'S 12:10 p.m. Mass - Robert Brower ST. MARY'S
March 14	12:10 p.m. Mass - Bob Coleman SACRED HEART
March 15	11:00 a.m. Adoration & Confessions SACRED HEART 12:10 p.m. Mass - In honor of the Sisters at St. Mary Monastery SACRED HEART 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross SACRED HEART
March 16	10:00 a.m. Mass for the St. Patrick's Society Grand Parade! (Parade at 11:30) ST. MARY'S 3:00 p.m. Confessions ST. MARY'S 4:00 p.m. Mass - John and Ed Jawoisz ST. MARY'S 5:15 p.m. Mass - Anna Oanh Nguyen SACRED HEART
March 17	8:30 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. Confessions SACRED HEART 9:00 a.m. Mass - Msgr. Ambrose Cunningham SACRED HEART 10:30 a.m. Mass - Marge Attwood ST. MARY'S

SACRED HEART PARISH NEWS

Stewardship of Treasure: March 2/3

Offeratory Envelopes	\$1,700.00
Loose Money	\$583.00
Online Giving	\$980.00
Property Improvement Fund	\$2,874.00
Envelopes Used	48

The next Sacred Heart Dinner is this Tuesday, March 12, at 6 pm at QC Coffee & Pancake House in downtown Rock Island. Please sign-up in the Fr. Anthony Vestibule or on our website. We hope you can join us!

Sponsor an Easter Lily in honor of a loved one or in your family's name. Please use the sign-up sheet in the Fr. Anthony Vestibule. Money can be deposited in the wooden box or dropped in the collection basket at Mass.

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.

Sacred Heart will need a deep cleaning at the conclusion of Lent!

If you are interested in being a part of our crew that will deep clean our altars and all of the high and low areas of the church in anticipation of Easter, please contact Tim Smith at 309.798.1708 to be added to our crew! We hope to complete this work over the last couple of weeks in March with a couple of options for work days. Thank you in advance!

We are seeking additional members of our parish family to count money after Mass.

If you are good with numbers and can give us an extra hour after mass we could use your help. To learn more please contact Tim Smith at 309.798.1708 or email him at smith-photo69@gmail.com.

Seeking choir members: You are invited to join our choir here at Sacred Heart! If you are interested in singing at our Saturday and/or Sunday Masses, or if you have a secret musical talent please contact Trevor at (414) 217-0354. We would love to have many voices join us!

ST. MARY'S PARISH NEWS

Stewardship of Treasure: March 2/3

Offeratory Envelopes	\$2,663.00
Loose Money	\$470.79
Online Giving	\$930.00
Building Improvement Fund	\$2,483.00
Envelopes Used	77

St. Patrick Society Mass on March 16: The St. Patrick Society's annual Grand Parade Mass will be next Saturday, March 16, at 10 a.m. here at St. Mary's. All are invited to attend! The Altar and Rosary Society will be serving donuts and beverages in Schroeder Hall that morning as well. The Grand Parade begins at 11:30 a.m., starting at the corner of 4th Avenue and 23rd Street.

175th Anniversary Planning: St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish will celebrate its 175th anniversary in August 2026. A planning committee has started meeting to plan for this auspicious celebration. Volunteers are needed for help with a ministry fair, buildings and grounds improvements, parade participation, fundraising, other events, and a video project. 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!

Ladies of St. Mary's: March is the month to sign up to join the Altar and Rosary Society. If you give to on line giving you will not have an opportunity to join. Altar and Rosary is a society of women of all ages that can dedicate their time to supporting our church by helping raise money through bake sales and other events we have throughout the year, but most importantly we will help you if you need care and prayer. If you are interested in joining please place your \$10.00 in an envelope with your name and birth date and place in the collection basket or mail to Christine at the church office. We need your support to keep this 75+ organization continuing. Thank you!

Men's Fellowship Dues and Meeting: All men of the parish are invited to join the Men's Fellowship, a group that raises funds to help with parish projects and assists with parish events. There is an envelope for dues in March, if you contribute using envelopes. If you contribute online and would like to join, please put \$10 in an envelope with your name and put it in the collection or mail to Christine at the parish office. The next Men's Fellowship meeting will be Tuesday, March 12, at 6:30 p.m. in Schroeder Hall and all parish men are welcome.

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

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

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2208 4th Avenue, Rock Island, IL.
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Office Hours: Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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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.

MARCH 10, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Laetare Sunday

“Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad because of her!”

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ADDITIONAL PARISH NEWS AND MORE!

Mass at Trinity Hospital on Thursday, March 21st:

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.

Contribute online to our parishes: Sign-up for a one-time gift, or as an annual contributor from our parish websites: www.sacredheartri.com and www.stmaryri.com. You can also call our Office Manager Christine at the parish office if you prefer to have her set it up for you.

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 Burkner • Don Barry • Pat Coleman • Robert Slater • Salvatrice Leone • Renee Bleuer • Elaine Jawoisz • Dick and Diane Sabbe

If you would like to have prayers offered for parishioners, family or friends, please contact Christine in the office at 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!

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!

Did you Know? Your child can attend a Catholic School & Financial Assistance Is Available! Tuition assistance scholarship grants from the endowment fund established as a result of the Diocese of Peoria ROOTED IN FAITH Campaign and named in honor of Archbishop Spalding, the first Bishop of Peoria, will be available for the 2024-2025 school year for

students enrolled in or intending to enroll in grades Kindergarten through 12 in any Catholic school located in the Diocese of Peoria whose families are active members of a Catholic parish in the diocese. All grants will be based on financial need objectively assessed. Information about the grants and application materials may be obtained from any Catholic elementary or secondary school in the Diocese of Peoria or on the Diocesan website www.cdop.org under Catholic Education and then under Financial Assistance. Consult the detailed protocols and procedures and checklist for all requirements necessary to be eligible for an award. Parents must apply online at: online.factsmgt.com/aid. Families of students currently receiving grants are reminded that all grants are for one year only, and anyone seeking to renew a grant for the 2024-2025 school year must reapply. Deadline date for the completed application is April 26, 2024. Notification of grant awards will be made in June of 2024.

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/frzorjan

"Let your door stand open to receive Him, unlock your soul to Him, offer Him a welcome in your mind, and then you will see the riches of simplicity, the treasures of peace, the joy of grace. Throw wide the gate of your heart, stand before the sun of the everlasting light."

— Saint Ambrose

50th Annual Dream Big Raffle 2024



FR. MIRABELLI HERITAGE BALL

You could win our \$100,000 GRAND PRIZE!
Get your tickets today to also have a chance to win our next Early Bird Drawing on March 15 for \$10,000!

The \$100,000 GRAND PRIZE will be awarded at the Fr. Mirabelli Heritage Ball on March 23 in addition to our \$15,000 2nd Place Prize and the estimated \$25,000+ 50/50 cash prize. Get your DREAM BIG tickets today: www.allemanhighschool.org/heritage-ball in support of Alleman and our students!

50th Anniversary of the Fr. Mirabelli Heritage Ball! You are cordially invited to the 50th annual Fr. Mirabelli Heritage Ball presented by Alleman Catholic High School on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at five-thirty in the evening. The Heritage Ball will be celebrate at Alleman! The evening will include Heavy hors d'oeuvres, live entertainment, auctions and Dream Big Raffle drawings! Tickets are. \$50/person. Cocktail Attire. RSVP by March 8th. For tickets, raffle shares, silent auction and donations, scan the qr code, visit www.AllemanHighSchool.org/heritage-ball or call (309) 786-7793.



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- Psalm 8:9-10

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