



PASTOR'S CORNER

SACRED TRIDUUM

We often view things from the perspective of convenience. How can things happen and be as convenient as possible? How can we fulfill our duties and not bother ourselves too much with them?

We can go on and on with that. So, in the same way, we approach our religious commitments. That's natural. No worries; I am not going to make any general examination of our consciences.

However, sometimes, it is better to see things from a different perspective. For example, how do we fulfill our religious requirements and gain spiritually as much as possible? We should perceive our religious events, especially, not only as obligations but as opportunities.

In this case, I want to talk about the Paschal Triduum. We all know that our obligation is to attend mass on Sunday. So, on Easter, we choose to go to church on Easter Sunday, which is an easier option, or to attend the Easter Vigil on Saturday – the longer, extensive liturgy. That's the requirement. But, what about the Holy Thursday and Good Friday liturgies? We don't have to attend them, but it would be a significant loss of graces and an opportunity to complete Lenten preparation with attendance at all three days of liturgies and even Easter Sunday. The beauty of those liturgies calls us to go through the Passover from contemplating the Last Supper and establishing two important sacraments of the Eucharist and Priesthood, then the Passion of Christ, and finally, the liturgy of resurrection on Holy Saturday that leads us through the story of salvation with all its readings, the baptismal liturgy and the sacrifice of the Holy Mass. The crown of all Catholic liturgies is the Holy, Paschal or Easter Triduum (Triduum in Latin simply means "three days"). The early Christians celebrated that as a reminder to be grateful to the Lord for salvation. Easter is the first Christian feast, the most important one, and the essence of the mystery of our salvation.

That's why I INVITE YOU to go beyond what is only required and give your time to attend all three days of the Paschal Triduum and Easter Sunday liturgies. Jesus died for us, so we can give Him this time of prayer because, most of all, all those liturgies are about praising God. It is never enough to do that.

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

Holy Week / The Triduum:
Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper:
 March 28 - 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart

Good Friday: Commemoration of Our Lord's Passion:
 March 29 - 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary's

Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil: Vigil of the Resurrection:
 March 30 - 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's

Easter Sunday: March 31
 9:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart
 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's

Little White Prayer Books for Easter are available to take from our vestibules before or after Masses. We hope you enjoy these prayer books during the Easter season!

A Walk Through the Mass with Fr. Witold: Want to get more from the Mass? Learn from Fr. Witold, as he will give talks in April that will help your understanding by walking through each part of the Mass and discussing its form and meaning. The talks will be every Tuesday in April, beginning April 2, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Schroeder Hall. Refreshments will be provided, plus babysitting will be available. To help plan for refreshments and babysitting, please contact Christine if you plan to attend at ricatholicoffice@gmail.com or 309-794-0660.

Thank you to our parishioners representing us at the Chrism Mass in Peoria this coming week: Mike and Ruth Sherrard from Sacred Heart and Judah and Becca Kennedy from St. Mary's.

MASS SCHEDULE & MORE!

March 26	NO MASS
March 27	11:00 a.m. Adoration & Confessions ST. MARY'S 12:10 p.m. Mass - <i>In honor of Jim Sellers</i> ST. MARY'S
March 28	7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday Mass - <i>Catherine Neary</i> SACRED HEART
March 29	9:00 a.m. Lauds ST. MARY'S 6:00 p.m. Good Friday Service ST. MARY'S
March 30	9:00 a.m. Lauds SACRED HEART 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass - <i>Nancy Harlow</i> ST. MARY'S
March 31	9:00 a.m. Easter Mass - <i>For the People of the Rock Island Parishes</i> SACRED HEART 10:30 a.m. Easter Mass - <i>Bob Tanghe</i> ST. MARY'S

SACRED HEART PARISH NEWS

Stewardship of Treasure: March 9/10

Offertory Envelopes	\$3,140.00
Loose Money	\$624.00
Online Giving	\$2,070.00
Property Improvement Fund	\$374.00
Envelopes Used	93

Stewardship of Treasure: March 16/17

Offertory Envelopes	\$2,169.00
Loose Money	\$238.00
Online Giving	\$1,170.00
Property Improvement Fund	\$835.00
Envelopes Used	61

LAST CHANCE: 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.

On Holy Thursday Sacred Heart will remain open until Midnight for prayer and adoration at our Altar of Repose. We invite you to stay and pray after our beautiful Holy Thursday Mass, and to then consider taking a pilgrimage to our other local parishes!

- St. Pius X, Rock Island: *Open until Midnight*
- St. Mary's, Moline: *Open until Midnight (in school gym)*
- Sacred Heart, Moline: *Open until Midnight*
- Christ the King, Moline: *Open until Midnight*
- St. Ambrose, Milan: *Open until 10 p.m.*
- St. John's, Rapid City: *Open until 10 p.m.*
- St. Patrick's, Colona: *Open until 9:30 p.m.*
- St. Anne, East Moline: *Open until 9 p.m. (in Chapel)*

Sacred Heart Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 7th!

All children of all ages are invited to join us on Sunday, April 7, after our 9 a.m. Mass for our Easter Egg Hunt! The hunt will be located on the greenspace behind the church. We'll have bags for the children. In case of rain, the hunt will be cancelled.

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: March 9/10

Offertory Envelopes	\$2,485.00
Loose Money	\$854.56
Online Giving	\$930.00
Building Improvement Fund	\$155.00
Envelopes Used	84

Stewardship of Treasure: March 16/17

Offertory Envelopes	\$2,280.00
Loose Money	\$557.11
Online Giving	\$880.00
Building Improvement Fund	\$1,545.00
Envelopes Used	83

Welcome to the newest member of our St. Mary's parish family! Benedict James Waldorf, son of Peter and Sarah Waldorf, was baptized on Thursday, March 21, by family member Fr. Luke Winkelmann. Benedict's godparents are Judah and Becca Kennedy. May God bless him and his family!

Easter Egg Hunt on March 31: Join us on Easter Sunday after 10:30 a.m. Mass in the rectory courtyard for an Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Altar and Rosary Society and Men's Fellowship. Kids ages 4 to 12 will have many eggs to find with candy, and one special egg will have a message inside. Ages 3 and under will have a special area just for them next to the garage. Bring a bag for your goodies -- hope to see you there! In case of rain, the hunt will be on Sunday, April 7, after 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Mark your calendar – Salad Luncheon is April 24! The Altar and Rosary Society Salad Luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, April 24, in Schroeder Hall. Serving will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets will be available soon, so watch for more details.

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!

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

Sacred Heart 794-0660
2810 5th Avenue, Rock Island, IL.
shrec@sacredheartri.com www.sacredheartri.com

Saint Mary's 788-3322
2208 4th Avenue, Rock Island, IL.
stmarysrockisland@gmail.com 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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Christine Coleman, *Office Manager*

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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 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday

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ADDITIONAL PARISH NEWS AND MORE!

Holy Week Lauds: The goal of all Christian holiness is close intimacy to God. We are to do everything in relationship such that our very lives become a prayer rising up to the Father. One special way that we become a living prayer is by the Church's unceasing praying of the Divine Office. The Divine Office is an extension of the Eucharistic sacrifice of the Mass, where certain hours of the day are set aside to turn in thanksgiving and praise to God in prayer. The Divine Office is prayed by all priests and religious, and all of the laity are exhorted and encouraged to enter into the practice of praying it as well. The seminarians from the parishes across the Quad Cities in conjunction with the Franciscan friars of Rock Island, are offering a chance for you to join us in praying for a couple of of these liturgies on the mornings of Good Friday and Holy Saturday. There will two different opportunities, please feel free to join for one or both:

- Good Friday, March 29 - 9:00 AM at Saint Mary's, Rock Island
- Holy Saturday, March 30- 9:00AM at Sacred Heart, Rock Island

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 \$16,825 has been pledged. The goal for St. Mary's is \$34,782 and \$20,876 has been pledged.

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 Houglund • Faythe Elsbury • Jack Murtha • John Gross • Randy Burke • 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!

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

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/frzorian

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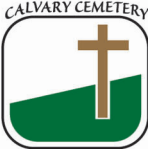
All proceeds donated to charities supported by the Knights of Columbus and Italian-American Society. For additional information, contact Godfather Louie Alongi: (309) 235-6796 / alongilouie@gmail.com
Society President - Kathy Larson: (309) 235-1731 / mamamia20@sbcglobal.net



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 ROOT-ED 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.

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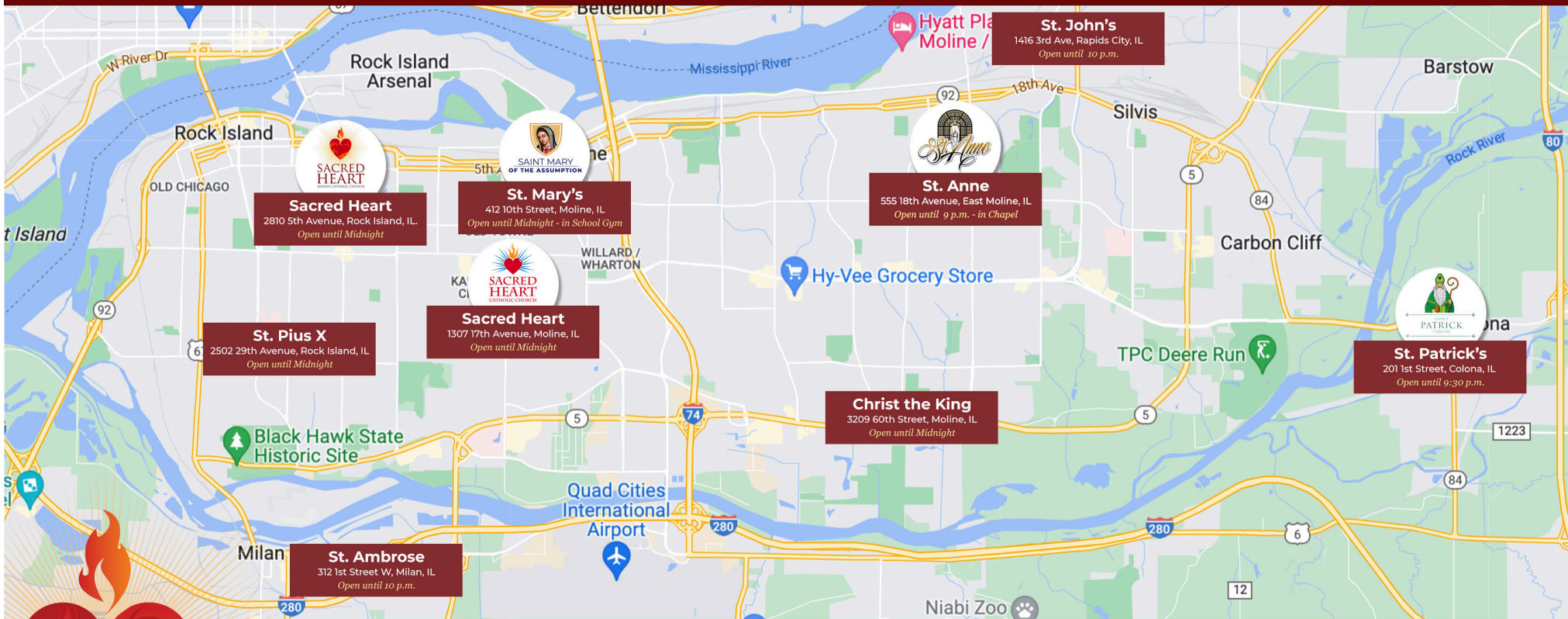
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HOLY THURSDAY *Pilgrimage*

ILLINOIS QUAD CITIES PARISHES - ROCK ISLAND VICARIATE



Participate in the Holy Thursday tradition of making a pilgrimage to local parishes to pray before the Blessed Sacrament at each parish's Altar of Repose. Many parishes are open until Midnight!

This map compliments of Sacred Heart Parish, Rock Island



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