



## PASTOR'S CORNER

### Remembering Jesus' Suffering

In one of my bulletin articles last year, I wrote about the history of the Stations of Cross and the Franciscan influence on bringing this devotion from the Holy Land to Europe and popularizing it. I will not repeat the same thing this year, but I can assure you, brothers and sisters, that this tradition of the Catholic Church is very Franciscan. We can see the stations of the cross basically in every Catholic church all over the globe. It became a part of the Catholic way of "equipping" our churches. As stated in my article last year, that tradition came to Europe through the Franciscan influence. In the 1500s and 1600s, Franciscans began to build a series of outdoor shrines across Europe depicting various holy spots along the path Jesus took through Jerusalem. In the 17th century, they received from the pope the privilege to erect the stations in all Franciscan churches, and indulgence was granted to those who devoutly visited those places and prayed, meditating on the Passion of the Lord. Later on (in the 18th century), this indulgence was permitted in all churches.

So, nowadays, we also can receive **A PLENARY INDULGENCE that is granted to the Christian faithful who devoutly make the Stations of the Cross.**

I know that Franciscan spirituality has often been seen as the spirituality of "easygoing lovers of animals and nature," but that is a total misunderstanding of St. Francis of Assisi and his movement. When we read any text that came from St. Francis, we can see his "stubborn" focus on three main topics: the Incarnation of the Son of God, the Passion and sacrificial death of Jesus on the cross, and the Sacred Presence of the Lord in the Eucharist in all churches around the world.

St. Francis focused his attention on Jesus as a Person. Most of all, the focus was on Him becoming one of us, which made it possible for Him to sacrifice Himself for us out of unending love. Jesus' Incarnation and Suffering are two marks of God, who walks toward us to meet us on our ground and to take care of us because of our sinfulness. The Lord's presence in the Eucharist is the continuation of this love for us even after Jesus' ascension to heaven.

During Lent, we all should learn from St. Francis the importance of meditating on Jesus's suffering and death. We owe Him, and taking time to reimagine what Jesus suffered to save us is a sign of our love and gratitude. Lent must prepare us for the Resurrection, but the Resurrection wouldn't happen at all if not for Jesus' willingness to suffer

for our sins. That's how we can show our Lord our appreciation and love.

That's why I invite you, brothers and sisters, to attend the Stations of the Cross at our churches during Lent, to make this commitment and give up some time on Fridays to pray and meditate.

Peace and Goodness,  
Fr. Witold Adamczyk OFM Conv.



### Lenten Nights & Stations of the Cross:

Every remaining Friday of Lent 3/8, 3/15, and 3/22 at 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart. You will also have the opportunity for Confession each of these Fridays!

**Thank you from the Christ Child Society:** We would like to thank the parishioners of both parishes for their generous contributions to the Bottle Drive for the benefit of Christ Child Society of the Quad Cities. We were very pleased to receive a total of \$837.09 from Sacred Heart and \$927.33 from St. Mary's. The funds raised will be used for our programs to benefit families of newborns and children in need in the Quad City area. We want everyone who contributed to know how much we appreciate your donations!

### MASS SCHEDULE & MORE!

<b>March 5</b>	NO MASS - Priest Assembly Days 12:10 p.m. Altar & Rosary Meeting <b>ST. MARY'S</b>
<b>March 6</b>	11:00 a.m. Adoration & Confessions <b>ST. MARY'S</b> 12:10 p.m. Mass - <i>In honor of Deb Kavanaugh's birthday</i> <b>ST. MARY'S</b>
<b>March 7</b>	12:10 p.m. Mass - <i>Living and Deceased Members, Benefactors and Family of the Franciscan Order</i> <b>SACRED HEART</b>
<b>March 8</b>	11:00 a.m. Adoration & Confessions <b>SACRED HEART</b> 12:10 p.m. Mass - <i>Jean Haskins</i> <b>SACRED HEART</b> 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross <b>SACRED HEART</b>
<b>March 9</b>	3:00 p.m. Confessions <b>ST. MARY'S</b> 4:00 p.m. Mass - <i>In honor of Elena Moneymaker's birthday</i> <b>ST. MARY'S</b> 5:15 p.m. Mass - <i>Maria Nhien Do and Vincente Ngoc Bui</i> <b>SACRED HEART</b>
<b>March 10</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>Thomas, Anne, Larry and Larry Jr. Hinzman</i> <b>ST. MARY'S</b>

## SACRED HEART PARISH NEWS

### Stewardship of Treasure: February 24/25

Offertory Envelopes	\$2,033.00
Loose Money	\$469.00
Online Giving	\$790.00
Property Improvement Fund	\$275.00
Envelopes Used	60
Ash Wednesday Collection (add.)	\$5.00
Uganda Mission Collection	\$741.00

### Our next Healing Mass is Thursday, March 7th:

Confessions and Adoration is from 6:00-7:00 pm. Mass with Anointing of the sick starts at 7:00 pm. Personal prayer requests will be collected and prayed for during mass. Bring your sacramentals; pictures or candles for a blessing.

**The next Sacred Heart Dinner** is 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.

## ST. MARY'S PARISH NEWS

### Stewardship of Treasure: February 24/25

Offertory Envelopes	\$1,398.00
Loose Money	\$516.10
Online Giving	\$555.00
Building Improvement Fund	\$3,915.00
Envelopes Used	48
Ash Wednesday Collection (add.)	\$20.00
Uganda Mission Collection	\$998.00

### The first Altar and Rosary Society meeting of the year

will be this Tuesday, March 5, in Schroeder Hall. Since there is no daily Mass because the priests will be in Peoria for Assembly Days, the meeting will be at 12:10 p.m. The new officers are hosting, and pizza will be served. No bingo. All ladies are invited as projects for the year ahead will be discussed!

**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.

**Lectors for March** are Carol Hougland at 4 p.m. Mass and Wes Jamieson at 10:30 a.m. Mass.

### Interested in counting the collection?

We are looking for a few more money counters. The money counting can be done either on Sunday mornings during 10:30 a.m. Mass in the St. Mary's rectory or on Monday mornings at the parish office. If you're interested or have questions, please contact Christine at 309-788-3322 or ricatholicoffice@gmail.com.

## 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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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.

MARCH 3, 2024

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## ADDITIONAL PARISH NEWS AND MORE!

**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.

**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 (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

**Save the Date: Wednesday, MARCH 6!** Seven Sisters Apostolate is hosting a gathering to honor the priestly service of the Franciscan friars on Wednesday, March. All are invited to 5pm adoration at St. Pius X Church, followed by Mass at 5:30pm and a simple soup supper afterwards in McCarthy Hall. A short talk about the importance of praying for the sanctification of priests and pastors will be shared. See you there!



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