St. Mary Immaculate Parish



Parish and Ministries Guidebook

Updated 9/24/26

Schedule of Masses

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening English Mass in the Church: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday English Mass in the Church: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m., and 12:15 p.m. (Cana Hall)
Spanish Mass in the Church: Saturday at 5:30 p.m. & Sunday at 12:15 p.m.
Polish Mass in Cana Hall: Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday @ 6:30 a.m.
Monday through Saturday @ 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday @ 6:15 p.m. (Spanish)

HOLY DAY MASSES

Please consult the bulletin for Mass times.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

English - Saturday, 2:30 p.m. & Tuesday, 6:15 p.m. (Church Confessionals)
Spanish – Saturday, 2:30 p.m. & Tuesday, 6:15 p.m. (Our Lady of Guadalupe Room)
Polish - Sunday, 8:30-9:00 a.m. (Faith Sharing Room)
Or call for an appointment with a priest: 815.436.2651

Adoration Hours

Continuous exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel runs from 9:30 a.m. on Monday (following morning Mass) through 8:30 a.m. on Saturday.

St. Mary Immaculate Cemetery

The parish cemetery is located at 14313 S. Naperville Rd., Plainfield, IL 60544. Please contact Lori Oberg at 815.436.2651 Ext. 860 for information.

General Information

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office or priests when sickness occurs.

BAPTISMS

Parents of children are required to attend a Baptism Class and be registered parishioners, prior to setting a date for the Baptism of their child. We encourage parents to attend the class before your child is born.

English Baptisms are held on the 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month and Spanish Baptisms are held on the 4th Sunday of the month. Baptisms will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the church. Families are asked to arrive by 1:15 p.m. Dates may change based on the liturgical calendar.

Please contact Margaret O'Leary at the Parish Office, 815-436-2651 Ext. 803, for further details.

General Information

MARRIAGE

Weddings must be scheduled at least six months in advance, according to diocesan norm. Please do not make any reservations with a reception venue or any other vendor until you have met with a priest and your date is confirmed by the Parish Office.

Please contact Margaret O'Leary at the Parish Office, 815-436-2651 Ext. 803 to make inquiries and/or begin the process in preparation for your wedding.

O.C.I.A (Order of Christian Initiation)/BECOMING CATHOLIC

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is a spiritual formation process culminating with entry into the Catholic Church. At St. Mary Immaculate, we welcome inquiries about this process at any time of the year. To begin your OCIA journey, an initial conversation with a team member will be scheduled to determine needs and outline a preparation plan.

Please contact Dr. Doug Muir at 815-436-2651 Ext. 889 for more information.

PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS! Please introduce yourself to one of our priests and to those around you. If you would like to register as a parishioner, go to smip.org/register to complete our online registration form.

You may also register in-person at our monthly Welcome Gathering held on the 4th Sunday of the month, during seven months of the year, at 10:15 a.m. in the School Library. Check the parish website and bulletin for dates.

Please Note: You must be a registered parishioner prior to scheduling a Baptism or receiving a Sponsor/Godparent letter. Contact Laura Van Ham at lvanham@smip.org 815-436-2651, x887 with any questions.

Parish Staff Contact Information

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REV. JOHN HORAN x 813
REV. ANDREW BOGUSZ x 848
REV. TERNAN MONTEIRO x 802
24-Hour Emergency 815-436-2651, Option 7

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Deacon Pat Lombardo x 477
Deacon Manny Perales x 479
Deacon Mike Perkins x 480
Deacon Tom Schroeder x 478
Deacon Jim Sossong x 481
Deacon Glenn Vanek x 482

FORMATION DIRECTOR

Dr. Doug Muir x 889

BIBLE STUDY

Dr. Doug Muir x 889

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Lead Custodian
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Spiritual Direction
Laura Lies x 896

LITURGY COORDINATOR

Anthony Zeszut x 810

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Dr. Doug Muir x 889

MUSIC MINISTRY

Director
Heather Roerig x 805
School Choir Coordinator
Monica Slayman x 819
Youth Choir Coordinator
Heather Roerig x 805
Hispanic Music Coordinator
Rodolfo Rosales x 875

PARISH CALENDAR

Monica Harness x 804

PARISH OFFICE

Main Number 815-436-2651
Administrative Assistant
Margaret O'Leary x 803
Parish Secretary
Adriana Perales x 800
Spanish Translation
Adriana Perales x 800

Parish Staff Contact Information

PARISH SCHOOL

Main Number **815-436-3953**

Principal
Joe Fekech x 834

Assistant Principal
Dan Roehrig x 837

Administrative Assistant
Amber Harting x 812

Secretary
Hope Bohlin x 830

PASTORAL CARE DIRECTOR

Anthony Zeszut x 802

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Dr. Doug Muir, **OCIA (Adults)** x 889
Patti Adams, **OCIC (Children)** x 836

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

R.E. (K-6th Grade) **815-436-4501**

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Bridgett Melzacki – Co-Coordinator x 852
Lori Rosenmayer x 833
Sheri Leto x 847
Renee Ylaya x 829

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YOUTH FORMATION

Eric Futterer x 814

PARISH VISION STATEMENT

One Family in Faith Making Christ Known

Adopted: October 2005

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are the parish community of Saint Mary Immaculate, rooted in the scriptures and the Roman Catholic Tradition of the Diocese of Joliet. We are an active and diverse community, growing in faith. We believe we can unite as an accepting, affirming, and supportive community. Guided by the Holy Spirit, and through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, we celebrate our union with God in worship and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We do this by loving, serving, and sharing our time, talent, and treasure with one another and with all God's people.

Revised by Parish Pastoral Council: April 2019

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

parishcouncil@smip.org

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Bob Lighthiser—Chairperson

Lauren Henzel - Secretary

Pam Angelus – Parish Staff

Father John Horan – Pastor

Kevin Joanis – Member & Finance Council

Denise Rowan – Parish Staff

Annette Waznonis – Member & Finance Council

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

WITNESS COMMISSION

witnesscommission@smip.org

Mission Statement

To enable the community of St. Mary Immaculate Parish to put into practice the Social Teachings of the Church. At the local level and in the broader community, the Commission creates or promotes programs, which respond to human needs and work for justice.

WITNESS COMMISSION MEMBERS:

John Matthews—Chairperson

Teresa Rodriguez - Secretary

Robin Contreras - Member

Stan Drost – Member

Eric Futterer – Parish Staff

Bob Hoerdeman - Member

Father Ternan Monteiro —Parish Staff

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

WORD COMMISSION

wordcommission@smip.org

Mission Statement

Fostering a Catholic culture that supports family and individual formation in all phases of life from birth

WORD COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Geri Morse - Chairperson

Laura Williams—Secretary

Michele Bancroft - Member

Grace Carpio – Member

Sharon Conley – Member

Joe Fekech – School Staff

Bernice Feltz – Member

Dee Kovas - Member

Doug Muir —Parish Staff

Maribel Saldivar - Member

Anna Taylor – Parish Staff

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

WORSHIP COMMISSION

worshipcommission@smip.org

Mission Statement

The Worship Commission seeks to engage all individuals to connect their faith with life through full actual participation in the sanctifying power of Christ.

The Worship Commission strives to promote the Parish Vision (One Family in Faith Making Christ Known), offer guidance to the liturgical life of the Parish and foster the spiritual growth of all through divine worship, sacraments and prayer.

WORSHIP COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Father Andrew Bogusz —Chairperson/Parish Staff

Carlyn Tran – Secretary

Paul Carpio – Member

Cheryl Pirc – Member

Heather Roerig – Parish Staff

Connie Sanfilippo – Member

Patricia Valencia – Member

Anthony Zeszut – Parish Staff

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

COMMUNITY COMMISSION

communitycommission@smip.org

Mission Statement

The purpose of the Community Commission is to create a Christ-focused, welcoming, all-inclusive environment that fosters engagement and participation by all parishioners in order to help strengthen the social ties of the parish and to enhance our presence in the community.

COMMUNITY COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Laura Van Ham – Chairperson/Parish Staff

Jennifer Hoerdeman—Secretary

Lori Brady – Member

Tom Brady – Member

Oscar Gonzalez – Member

Joe Grygiel - Member

Karen Grygiel—Member

Jason Mottl – Member

Agnes Nowak – Member

Joe Zielinski – Member

Marie Zielinski - Member

Ministry Contact Information

ADULT FAITH FORMATION AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

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Baptism Coordinators, Anthony Zeszut ..... 815.436.2651, x 810
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Marriage Preparation, Dr. Doug Muir ..... 815.436.2651, x 889
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Ministry Contact Information

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Ministry Contact Information

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Hispanic Mass Coordinator, Magda Gonzalez 815.207.1047
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Lector Training, Denise Rowan ..... 815.436.2651, x 846
Mass Coordinators, Joe Grygiel 412.427.9454
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Wedding Coordinator, Teresa Rodriguez 815.714.8180

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ST. MARY IMMACULATE SCHOOL

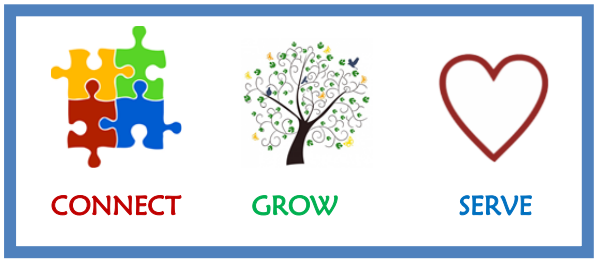
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Athletic Association, Katie Lesters 815.436.3953
Band Booster Club 815.436.3953
Home & School Association, Amanda Knepper 815.436.3953

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Worldwide Marriage Encounter, Tony & Annette Waznonis 815.302.7325

Invitation to Ministry

Would you like to deepen your relationship with God?
Are you looking to connect with others and form new friendships?
Would you like to grow in your faith and love of others?
Do you want an opportunity to serve others as Jesus did?



St. Mary Immaculate Parish has a ministry for you!

Our ministries are divided into nine categories. Below is a brief description. Once you know your area of interest, you are welcome to read through the summaries of each individual ministry on the following pages.
Please contact the ministry leader if you would like to join.

Adult Faith Formation Ministries - Grow in your faith through bible study and prayer

Youth Formation Ministries – Learn and grow in your faith through various programs offered for children three years old through young adult age

Catholic Charter Organizations - Form bonds of friendship and serve others in our parish and community

Christian Service & Pastoral Care – Be Christ to others through various opportunities to serve those in our parish and community

Diversity & Unity – Find a ministry where you feel an even stronger sense of belonging

Fellowship – Enjoy the company of others where Jesus is always present

Peace & Social Justice – Help to bring justice to those without a voice

Liturgy & Worship – Play a more intimate role in liturgical events

Other Organizations – Find opportunities for friendships, growth and service, depending on your interest

Adult Formation and Spiritual Life

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Adult faith formation ministries offer opportunities for enrichment in the faith lives of those 18 and older. Ministries and programming range from study courses which help you seek answers for questions you have about Catholic faith, to groups that pursue spiritual development. Adults participating in formation experiences will accompany one another in their journeys of encountering Christ.

Contact: Dr. Doug Muir at 815.436.2651, Ext. 889 or dmuir@smip.org

BAPTISM COORDINATORS

Baptism Coordinators are volunteers needed to coordinate the baptism sacramental ceremony. Adult parishioners can enrich their faith life by answering a call to ministry. Training for Baptism Coordinators will be provided at St. Mary Immaculate.

Contact: Anthony Zeszut at 815.436.2651, Ext. 810 or azeszut@smip.org

BAPTISM PREPARATION

The sacrament of Baptism ushers us into the divine life, cleanses us from sin and initiates us as members of the Christian community. It is the foundation of the sacramental life.

Parents seeking Baptism for their child are required to be registered parishioners at St. Mary Immaculate, and attend a Baptism Preparation Class prior to setting the date for the Baptism. These classes are offered twice a month in English and once a month in Spanish. If you have attended a Baptism Class at St. Mary's within the past three years, this requirement is waived. Children over the age of seven years are required to participate in our Faith Formation Program to prepare for their Baptism.

English Baptisms are held on the 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month and Spanish Baptisms are held on the 4th Sunday of the month. Baptisms will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the church. Families are asked to arrive by 1:15 p.m. Dates may change based on the liturgical calendar.

Please contact Margaret O'Leary at the Parish Office, 815-436-2651, Ext. 803 or moleary@smip.org for further details. Information is also available on our parish website: www.smip.org

BIBLE STUDY

Adult Bible Study is an important part of our adult faith life. Bible Study is more than learning about the bible, how it came to be and all the famous and infamous people between its covers. It should improve the way we live our daily lives and inform our relationships with God and others. It is a most critical way to build up our faith and prayer life. Adult Bible Study offers the opportunity to improve our personal relationship with God the Father, Jesus His Son and the Holy Spirit in six critical areas:

1. Knowledge and faith: Scripture and sacred Tradition form the essential elements of our faith. Both of these traditions will inform our relationship with God. Each study will improve our overall understanding of the

Adult Formation and Spiritual Life - continued

BIBLE STUDY - continued

Old and New Testaments.

2. Liturgical life: Our experience and knowledge of the bible will forever change our participation in Mass. The Old Testament readings, Psalms, and New Testament letters and gospel selections will become more valuable as we learn the context of the readings and see the connections between all of them.
3. Moral formation: Bible study will change us for the better. When we learn to see ourselves in these timeless stories, we will to see ourselves in these timeless stories, we will change; for we are the people of God, the characters in His story.
4. Prayer: Our study of the Psalms and other books will change the way we pray and understand what we are praying!
5. Communal life: We will make new friends and enjoy a new-found companionship as we travel to our heavenly home together.
6. Missionary Spirit: The Spirit will move us to reach out to others with our new-found knowledge. Our joy will be irrepressible.

Contact: Dr. Doug Muir at 815.436.2651, Ext. 889 or dmuir@smip.org

BROTHERS IN CHRIST

The Brothers in Christ is a group of men that gather together on Saturday mornings from 7:30 to 8:45 to discuss the readings for Sunday morning's Mass and how they may relate to our lives.

The purpose of our ministry is to bring us to a closer relationship with God. We were born to know, love and serve God, and this ministry helps us to do these things.

Come and visit our ministry and see if it answers the need you have in your heart.

Contact: Dutch McCann at 815.981.2973 or dutchmccann@gmail.com or Tom Krepelka at tpkrepelka@amerline.com

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

In Reparation to the offenses to the Immaculate Heart of Blessed Mary, Most Holy, we gather after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the church to pray the Holy Rosary on the First Saturday of each month to please Her petitions during Her Apparition at Fatima, in Portugal, for the Conversion of sinners.

We also have the privilege to offer our Praises and Thanksgivings to God Almighty during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for receiving the Benediction from His Only Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Contact: Sue O'Dwyer at 815.351.1791

Adult Formation and Spiritual Life - continued

FISHERS OF MEN

The mission of this group is to help equip men of all ages to be committed disciples of Jesus Christ and better husbands, fathers and men in their local community through study of scripture, service, fellowship and spreading God's word. Meetings are held every Saturday morning at 7:00 a.m.

Contact: Tom Ketelhut at 815.878.9717or tomketelhut@gmail.com

FIT SHEPHERDS (PASTORES FUERTES)

Fit Shepherds is a community of Catholic men committed to strengthening the body, mind, and spirit while supporting one another in our God-given vocations. We believe that stronger families, stronger parishes, and stronger communities begin with men who actively pursue Christ and strive to lead by example.

Our mission is simple: to form men who are physically disciplined, spiritually grounded, and committed to serving others. Through fitness, faith, fellowship, and service, we challenge one another to become better fathers, husbands, sons, brothers, and disciples of Jesus Christ.

Each Saturday morning, men gather for a challenging but accessible workout designed for every fitness level. Whether you're a seasoned athlete or just beginning your fitness journey, you'll find encouragement and support from brothers who genuinely want to see you succeed. No one is left behind, and no prior fitness experience is required.

Following the workout, we spend time in reflection, conversation, and prayer, discussing the challenges and blessings of living our faith in everyday life. Together we seek wisdom, accountability, and practical ways to grow closer to Christ and live out our calling as Catholic men.

Many men come for the workout but stay because of the brotherhood. Over time, members often experience deeper faith, stronger spiritual discipline, greater confidence in leading their families, and lasting friendships rooted in a common pursuit of Christ. The support and accountability found within the group help men face life's challenges with greater courage, purpose, and trust in God.

Throughout the year, we also participate in service projects and charitable works, putting our faith into action while strengthening our bonds as brothers. By serving together, praying together, and growing together, we become better equipped to be shepherds within our homes, our parish, and our community.

Fit Shepherds is more than a workout group. It is a brotherhood built on faith, accountability, service, and fellowship. We laugh together, pray together, serve together, enjoy great food together, and often finish with a spirited game of pickup soccer.

If you're searching for a way to deepen your faith, improve your health, build authentic friendships, and become the man God created you to be, we invite you to join us. The commitment is only one morning each week, but the impact can extend into every aspect of your life.

Adult Formation and Spiritual Life - continued

FIT SHEPHERDS (PASTORES FUERTES) - continued

"Strong in body. Strong in faith. Strong for our families. Together, we strive to become the men god calls us to be."

When: Saturdays at 7:00 AM
Where: Church Parking Lot
Who: Men and young men ages 14+
Fitness Level: All fitness levels welcome
What to Bring: Yourself, a willingness to grow, and a friend if you'd like

Contact: Jason White at 708.254.7586 or Oscar Gonzalez at 815.603.0291

LAY APOSTLES OF JESUS CHRIST THE RETURNING KING PRAYER GROUP

“From now on, I will think of you as my apostles.” (Jesus, Vol. 10, page 13) Lay apostles are key players in God’s plan to reclaim His world. Our mission is to allow Jesus to flow through us into the world, bringing His light to souls who live in darkness. All are invited to join us to hear the monthly message from Jesus to his apostles through Anne, the lay apostle. We also recite the Luminous Mysteries and follow with fellowship. Our gatherings are held in the Our Lady of Fatima Room (formerly room B & C) at SMI on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 12:30 to 2:00 pm. Come and pray with us!

Contact: Libby Runge at 630.779.6985 or Connie Sanfilippo at adorationsmip@gmail.com

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary is the largest apostolic organization of lay people in the world, with well over 7 million active members, plus perhaps 100 million auxiliary members, in every country. In 2021 the Legion celebrated its 100th anniversary worldwide. Active in the US since 1931, it has been approved by every pope since its inception--each having given it their papal apostolic blessing & endorsed by the Second Vatican Council.

It makes its members better Catholics, first of all, through a balanced program of prayer and service in union with the Holy Spirit as He operates through Mary, Mother of the Church. Works include door-to-door

evangelization, parish visitation projects, youth work, and other spiritual needs of the parish and community. It gives Catholics aged 18 and older an opportunity to do something positive for the Church while at the same time deepening their spiritual life and strengthening their Catholic Faith.

Members meet together once a week for prayer, study, planning and discussion in a family setting; they do a couple of hours of definite work each week in pairs and under the guidance of a Spiritual Director.

Any Catholic, young, not-so-young, single, married, retired, who would like to draw closer to Jesus and His Mother is welcome to give it a try.

Adult Formation and Spiritual Life - continued

LEGION OF MARY - continued

You can get started by being a guest at a weekly meeting each Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the North Wing Our Lady of Fatima Room, which is across from the Adoration Chapel.

Contact: Kate Mottl at 630.336.5952 or kamamottl@gmail.com

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

This ministry provides continued support for married couples, whether your relationship is strong or struggling. Courses are offered at different times throughout the year for couples married for 2 or more years.

Contact: Dr. Doug Muir at 815.436.2651, Ext. 889 or dmuir@smip.org

MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM

When a couple seeks to be married at St. Mary Immaculate they must first meet with one of our priests to ensure there are no obstacles to celebrating the sacrament. After consulting with the priest, the date can then be set. Weddings must be scheduled at least six months in advance, and are not scheduled on Sundays. All engaged couples are required to participate in our Marriage Prep Program. Please do not make any reservations with a reception venue or any other vendor until you have met with a priest and your date is confirmed by the Parish Office.

Please contact Margaret O'Leary at the Parish Office, 815-436-2651, Ext. 803 or moleary@smip.org to make inquiries and/or begin the process in preparation for your wedding.

MEN'S CATECHISM CIRCLE

We study the "Catechism of the Catholic Church" through reading and discussing the Catechism.
Men attending can feel free to ask questions or raise points for discussion. We focus on how the Catechism teaches us to be holier, more faithful men. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. in the Our Lady of Fatima Room (across from the Adoration Chapel).

Contact: Dutch McCann at 815.981.2973 or dutchmccann@gmail.com or Bryan Berry at 815.740.1160 or bhberry2010@gmail.com

O.C.I.A. (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)/BECOMING CATHOLIC

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is the process by which non-Catholics learn about the Catholic faith and way of life. It is a spiritual formation process culminating with entry into the Catholic Church with the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism (if not previously baptized in a Christian denomination), Confirmation, and the Eucharist. At St. Mary Immaculate, we welcome inquiries about this process at any time of the year. We also initiate baptized Christians into the Catholic Church at various times throughout the year, as each individual's preparation process is tailored to their needs. Non-baptized people will be initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil after at least one full liturgical year of preparation.

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O.C.I.A. (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)/BECOMING CATHOLIC - continued

To begin the OCIA process, an initial conversation with a team member will be scheduled to determine needs and outline a preparation plan. Please contact Doug Muir at 815.436.2651, Ext. 889 or dmuir@smip.org, for more information.

***Note: If you are baptized Catholic but have not received First Communion or Confirmation, you would complete your Sacraments of Initiation through the OCIA process**

SONS OF THUNDER

The mission of this group is to help bring young men closer to God, in the leadership of Jesus, and to be a more perfect man, husband and father. Meetings are held every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Contact: Zack Hernandez at zackhernandez1022@yahoo.com

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Spiritual direction is something to experience, offering a holy pause; a time to reflect on how God is present in your daily life. This process can increase the capacity for gratitude helping to develop more mindfulness about your intentions and how God is reflected in those intentions. Spiritual direction invites you to realize more fully the intimacy of God and how that affects you. The value of this can be empowering, encouraging you to be the person God calls you to be no matter what is happening in your life. A spiritual director encourages you to reflect, notice and respond. Typically, people meet with a trained, certified spiritual director once a month.

Contact: Laura Lies at 815.436.2651, Ext. 896 or laura.lies@streamsgrace.com

WOMEN OF FAITH

Our ministry offers support for women wanting to grow in faith, worship and virtue by guiding each other toward a dynamic, personal relationship with Jesus Christ and sharing a joyful perspective on Gospel values. In a world of numerous messages, we aim to put Jesus Christ at the center of our lives while becoming the woman God created us to be. Women age 21 and over are invited to join us every Saturday morning either via Zoom or in-person.

Contact: Lisa DuSatko at 815.325.8235 or Ldusatko@comcast.net

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our ministry provides women of our parish an opportunity to study scripture and learn how it can speak to you today. You can experience the gift of coming together to study scripture and share your faith journey! Women's Bible study is a great way to meet other faithful women of our parish to share fellowship as you grow closer to Christ. All women are welcome to attend, no previous Bible study experience necessary. We offer both a morning and an evening session. You can watch the bulletin for registration information or go to the Parish website under Faith Formation.

Contact: Laurie Hovland at 630.995.0328 or llhovland@yahoo.com or Debbie Jaffray at debbiej@astound.net

Adult Formation and Spiritual Life - continued

YOUNG ADULT FAITH GROUP

This group is for young adults, age 18 and up. If you have doubts about your faith or would like to get closer to God, but don't know how, this group is for you. Explore, ask, learn, and grow with other young people who are also seeking answers. Meetings are held every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Contact: Gonzalo Lozada at ga122698@gmail.com or Araceli Lopez at m_araceli_lopez@yahoo.com

Youth Formation and Spiritual Life

CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation program consists of two years of preparation, generally in the 7th and 8th grades. The Candidates receive the sacrament in the fall after completing this preparation. Retreats, service opportunities, and catechetical development are provided by the Confirmation staff with the help of adult mentors. Public School students meet with their mentors for study and service; St. Mary's School students receive religious instruction during the school day and perform service projects.

Recognizing the importance of parents in the faith development of their children, parents are asked to attend sessions with their adolescent once a month in the Church. Our goal is to support and inform parents so they are prepared to pass on the faith and answer their children's questions.

Along with the commitment to attend these monthly sessions, each family is asked to read and reflect on the Mass Readings of the day, perform four family service projects each year, and attend weekly Mass.

For more information about the program, or to volunteer to share your faith as a mentor, please call Anna Taylor (ataylor@smip.org) at the Confirmation office, 815.436.2861, Ext. 877 or visit www.smip.org and click on "Confirmation" under the "Faith Formation" heading.

FAITH FORMATION K-6

It is our mission to recognize, welcome, teach, and empower the youngest members of our parish, those in Kindergarten through 6th grade, along with their families to be effective builders of the Kingdom of God. In order to do this, the Religious Education program calls upon parents, Catechists, the parish community and its leadership to collectively develop and foster our children's understanding of the teachings of Jesus so that they might individually and collectively utilize their gifts and their wisdom to give form and spirit to this Body of Christ we call the Church.

PROGRAMS

Grades K-6: Weekly classes are offered to grow children's faith and understanding of our religion as well as prepare them for their sacraments. Family Faith Formation nights provide opportunities for our families to come together to pray, learn, and live our faith. Classes run September through the end of April/beginning of May.

Faith Basics: For our older students who are just starting their formal Faith Formation, we have classes geared directly for them. Our Faith Basics classes meet on Saturday mornings and walk with these students through their first two years of formal Faith Formation. Family Faith Formation nights provide opportunities for our families to come together to pray, learn, and live our faith. After the two-year preparation period these students will receive their sacraments and, then, join their grade level peers as they continue their Faith Formation.

Special Ed Faith Formation: To meet the needs of all of our students we offer a variety of options to accommodate individual needs. Some of these include adaptive lessons, 1:1 aides, and Special Ed Faith

Youth Formation and Spiritual Life - continued

FAITH FORMATION K-6 – continued

Formation class. Family Faith Formation nights provide opportunities for our families to come together to pray, learn, and live our faith. If your child has special needs, please call us so we can develop the best Faith Formation experience for him/her.

Homeschool: For those families whose schedules do not work with our class times we offer a Homeschool program. Lessons are picked up and returned monthly. Family Faith Formation nights provide opportunities for our families to come together to pray, learn, and live our faith. Please note this option is not available for 2nd grade or Faith Basics. Please call us for more information.

Registration forms for Faith Formation are available in the Commons and Faith Formation office and on our website at www.smip.org - under the "Faith Formation" heading click on "Religious Education K-6th Grade".

For more information contact the Co-Coordinators: Bridgett Melzacki (815.436.4501 x852 or bmelzacki@smip.org) or Patti Adams (815.436.4501 x836 or padams@smip.org) or visit www.smip.org and under the "Faith Formation" heading click on "Religious Education K-6th Grade".

KNIGHTS OF THE HOLY TEMPLE

The Knights are an altar serving fraternity for young men of high school age. We seek to grow in faith and authentic masculinity through prayer, mutual support and service to the church. Applications are accepted for candidates wishing to join the order, starting in eighth grade.

For more information, contact Bob Lighthiser (*Confrere)* - at 630. 965.1497 or bob.lighthiser@icloud.com, or Father Andrew Bogusz (*Chaplain)* at 815.436.2651, Ext. 848 or frandrew@smip.org.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

This ministry presents the Sunday readings to children, who have not yet received their First Holy Communion, in words that they can understand, during the Liturgy of the Word and Homily of the Sunday 9:00 am Mass. The discussions encourage the children to ponder Gods presence among us. The richness of God's word helps our young children to follow Jesus each day.

Contact Geri Morse at 815.325.9620 or gerimorse@ameritech.net

YOUTH FORMATION - St. Mary Immaculate Youth Ministry (High School Teens)

"I have come that they may have life, and have it in abundance." John 10:10

Join us throughout the year as we seek to live as friends and disciples of Jesus who actively participate in the life and mission of the Church. We will support, encourage, and challenge one another on the journey and adventure of faith. Whether still curious or already committed, we want to take the next steps to grow in our

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YOUTH FORMATION - St. Mary Immaculate Youth Ministry (High School Teens) - continued

love for God and one another!

Be sure to check the bulletin regularly for upcoming formation events including large group activities and speakers, small study and faith sharing groups, retreats, mission experiences as well as regular service and social opportunities.

For more information, contact Eric Futterer at 815.436.2651, Ext. 814 or efutterer@smip.org.

Catholic Charter Organizations

FRIENDS OF GOOD SHEPHERD

The Friends of Good Shepherd is open to all women who wish to engage in fellowship, charity and prayer. We meet in the Gray House several times a year. We are a charitable and social organization dedicated to the Church and family. Through social and fundraising events, we support several organizations, including many programs in our parish and community. We also assist the Good Shepherd Knights of Columbus Council #5573 in various activities, including the Lenten Fish Fry.

Contact: Grace Blaszak, 773.727.0237 or gblaszak@sbcglobal.net

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS-GOOD SHEPHERD COUNCIL #5573

The Knights are a fraternal organization of men who perform charitable, educational and patriotic works for the benefit of their fellow men and the nation. Meeting: second and fourth Thursday of each month. For more information visit http://kofc5573.org/.

Contact: Jorge Perez, Grand Knight, at 815-236-7022 or jeperez75@yahoo.com

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul strives to bring hope to needy parishioners and families in Plainfield School District 202. We meet with families in need, pray with them and make every effort to provide funding for utility bills, food, clothing and other needs. We are a Catholic ministry that sees the face of Christ in those who are struggling.

Contact: Robert Hoerdeman, 779.252.1321 or hoerdjr@gmail.com

Christian Service and Pastoral Care

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Bereavement ministry is comprised of committees; each having a responsibility of providing comfort to families at a time of loss of a loved one. The committee will help to guide in all aspects of the planning for a funeral Mass, and will continue through follow up after the funeral. The group will provide assistance in all the stages of funeral planning, from picking out songs, psalms, intercession, recessionals to name a few.

Contact: Janet Fastabend at 815.505.0911 or bill.janet.fastabend@gmail.com

DAYBREAK MEAL TO FEED THE HOMELESS

This is a parish ministry and we ask all parishioners to please sign up to donate food to the hungry. Our meals are on the first Tuesday in January, March, May, July, September and November. The donation signup is online at www.smip.org/daybreak. See the bulletin or parish website for details.

Contact: Chris McLawhorn at 815.436.8374 or cmclawhorn1@gmail.com or Kathy Hall at 815.436.2729 or sahmhall@aol.com

EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY

Professional Talent Acquisition Manager, Todd Barber, would like to help you on your path to employment. Offered zoom sessions include topics such as effective networking, resumes and interviewing.

Contact: Todd Barber at 317.966.0555 or toddnbarber@gmail.com

FUNERAL LUNCHEON

Depending on parish facility availability, a funeral luncheon may be an option for families planning a weekday funeral Mass. Families will pay for the main meal, but desserts will be donated by parishioners, and coffee, water and lemonade will be provided by the parish. Members of the funeral luncheon ministry will help with set up, serving and clean-up.

Requests for funeral luncheons should be directed to Lori Oberg at 815-436-2651, x860. She will verify availability for the date requested. If a luncheon is scheduled, the number of expected guests will determine the cost for the family.

The opportunities to serve within this ministry are many and varied. We need set-up and clean-up help, those willing to make phone calls from a call list and those who would like to “gift” a parish family with a dessert on an occasional basis by placing their name on our call list.

Contact: Lori Oberg at 815.436.2651, Ext. 860 or loberg@smip.org

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GARDEN GROWERS

The Garden Ministry was established by Father John Regan in 2023. Father John's vision was to bring parishioners together to build community, friendship, sharing of produce and faith.

Do you have a passion for gardening or wish to learn? We are looking for volunteers to help nurture and care for our community garden. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or new to gardening, your hands and heart are welcome. It's a wonderful way to learn about gardening and become involved at St. Mary's. Whether you have a green thumb or have never touched a trowel, there is a place for you in the garden. There are several ways to volunteer:

- Prepping and planting the garden beds in May
- Watering and helping maintain the garden during summer months
- Harvesting and sharing the produce at the sharing table on Sundays

Contact: Robin Contreras at 815.814.8457 or rawc530@yahoo.com or Laura Bringas at 815.603.4072 or laurajbringas@gmail.com

GIVING TREE

Each year at Christmas, the GIVING TREE offers each member of our Faith Community the chance to remember someone less fortunate with a small gift or by adopting an entire family. We provide gifts to various organizations including Daybreak, Guardian Angel Home, Rosewood and Lakewood Nursing Homes, Interfaith Food Pantry of Plainfield, etc.

Contact: Robin Contreras at 815.814.8457 or rawc530@yahoo.com

INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY OF PLAINFIELD

The Plainfield Interfaith Food Pantry distributes food to over 250 families a month and the numbers keep growing. The Pantry needs help Mondays through Saturdays in the morning. Volunteers gather at the Vulcan building on Lockport St. between 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. and work until noon-ish. The Pantry is looking for dedicated, hardworking individuals who can volunteer one or more days a week sorting and boxing non-perishable food items for about 1-4 hours a visit, preferably on a weekly basis.

The Pantry works through all kinds of weather, and confidentiality is a must. Children younger than high school age are not permitted due to the nature of the work. Drivers with trucks are also needed to pick up food donations from local grocery stores.

Contact: Barb Seiden at 815.439.8394

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

On the third Saturday of October each year, St. Mary Immaculate parishioners engage in service projects held on parish grounds and in various communities, reaching out to others with the heart of Christ. The day begins with morning Mass and a special blessing of volunteers. The various service projects take place between 9:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. Project sign ups start in September.

Contact: Pam Angelus at 815.436.2651, Ext. 849 or pangelus@smip.org

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST

The Parish Marriage and Family Therapist provides therapy for adults, children, couples and families. She is a Certified Integrative Mental Health Professional, which means that she also uses nutrition and movement as part of therapy, as needed or wanted.

The therapist sees clients at her office located at 15726 S. Frederick Street in Plainfield, IL and maintains flexible hours to meet your needs. As a licensed therapist, fees may be partially covered by most insurance programs.

For additional information, visit her website at https://www.uniqueoutcomes.com/.

Contact: Amy Dye, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) at 815.355.3596 or amyjodye@uniqueoutcomes.com

MICRO FOOD PANTRY

The micro food pantry ministry covers 10 micro food pantries located throughout Will County. Saint Mary's fills their needs through the Church's internal food pantry. To defer some of the costs we would appreciate either monetary donations through the Parish website for giving or donations of food, can be left between the north entry doors. Please only leave non-perishable items that are not over the expiration dates. Periodic notices will be in the parish bulletin to let people know what items are most needed. Thank you for your generosity.

Contact: Deacon Mike Perkins at 815.436.2651, x 480 or mperkins@smip.org

PARISH FAITH-BASED COUNSELING

The diverse complexities and issues of our society and culture, combined with the needs of our parish community, have necessitated a Professional Pastoral Counselor. Since January 2001, St. Mary's has provided an option for you to consider a person we recommend as a source for individual and/or marital counseling needs. Counseling is a non-judgmental, safe way to look at choices, to see if the consequences of those choices are in alignment with values and goals. Confidentiality is guaranteed.

Contact: Joan Lopina at 815.919.2847

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PASTORAL CARE

Acting on behalf of our parish, our ministry members will visit the sick of our parish, the aged, the infirmed, and the homebound. This ministry extends our church to those parishioners that cannot attend Mass. It is our goal that no one be forgotten. Trained ministers bring the Eucharist to the Rosewood/Lakewood Catholic residents each Sunday between 9:15-10:30 am. During the week, visitation is provided for homebound and hospitalized parishioners.

Contact: Anthony Zeszut at 815.436.2651, Ext. 810 or azeszut@smip.org

PRAYER MINISTRY NETWORK

A book is located in the Narthex of the Church for anyone requesting prayers for those in need. Members of the ministry pray for those named in the book each week. The names are also included in our Mass Intentions.

Contact: Arlene Kauzlarich at 815.436.4398 or edandr@att.net

SHEPHERD'S TABLE

On the second and third Thursday of every month, the members of the SMI Shepherd's Table ministry meet in the St. Mary's parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and then carpool to the shelter, where they prepare and serve lunch for guests of the shelter, using the food items already on hand at Daybreak. Preparation, service and clean up are usually complete by 12:30 p.m. This experience gives our parishioners an opportunity to have a direct impact on those in need. Additional members are always welcome to help with this rewarding ministry.

Contact: Chris McLawhorn at 815.436.8374 or cmclawhorn1@gmail.com

SPECIAL NEEDS FAMILY MINISTRY

This ministry is a community to welcome, include, and serve all members with physical, developmental, or emotional disabilities.

Contact: Patti Adams at 815.436.2651, Ext. 836 or padams@smip.org

ST. ANNE'S SEWING ANGELS

This ministry services our community by "stitching" us together. The Sewing Angels at St. Mary Immaculate Parish was named in honor of St. Anne, Mary's mother and the patroness of seamstresses. On the second Saturday of each month, we enjoy mending clothing and household items, sewing on buttons & badges, and repairing hems (at no cost) for our parishioners and the community. We will do three items at a visit and they must be cleaned, even if it's a new item. We accept items from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., and pick up is by noon. We also assist the Church with a variety of sewing tasks. Come join us!

Contact: Mary Beth Perkins at 815.212.2863 or maperkins58@hotmail.com

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TEMPLE TENDERS

Temple Tenders is a ministry of volunteers that gather Monday mornings after the 9:00 am Mass to clean and dust our Church. We take pride in making St. Mary Immaculate a welcoming, inviting place to worship. If you are interested in joining our team, just show up and plan to spend an hour or two in the Church.

Contact: Pam Carey at 815.474.1361 or auntpamcarey@gmail.com

Communication

DIGITAL MEDIA/WEBSITE

Our Director of Digital Media/WebMaster helps to promote parish, school and ministry events and programs within the parish and on social media. He designs and produces publicity programs in cooperation with parish and school staff and ministry leaders. This includes the development of materials for print as well as electronic media such as the parish monitors, website, social media and our own digital sign.

Contact: Jackson Brunsting at 815.436.2651, Ext. 838 or jbrunsting@smip.org

PARISH DEVELOPMENT

Our Development Director helps to promote parish, school and ministry events and programs through local newspapers and other media outlets in the community, as appropriate. She oversees our donor relations program and manages parish fundraising activities.

Contact: Pam Angelus at 815.436.2651, Ext. 849 or pangelus@smip.org

Diversity and Unity

FILIPINO MINISTRY

The Filipino Ministry seeks to promote active involvement of Filipino parishioners in the life of St. Mary Immaculate Parish through sharing our spirituality, ministerial gifts and cultural heritage. We seek to promote the parish vision “One Family in Faith, Making Christ Known” through community building activities and promoting the programs of the parish, particularly by serving as liaison ministry to the Filipino parishioners.

Contact: Carlyn Tran at 708.227.6248 or carlyn.siwa@gmail.com

HISPANIC MINISTRY

The Hispanic Ministry primarily serves the Spanish-speaking community, coordinating all the Hispanic ministries of our parish with the objective of developing the Hispanic / Latino community spiritually, educationally, and socially.

The Ministry has the responsibility of ensuring that all Hispanic ministries follow our parish's processes, procedures, and regulations. The ministry is also responsible for Hispanic ministers to receive all parish and Diocese of Joliet required training, which allows the ministry to provide continuous support to existing ministries, for the creation of new ministries, and any required parish activities.

The Ministry defines and coordinates Hispanic oriented parish masses, activities, and events, such as "Dia de los Difuntos (Muertos)", “Day of the Virgin of Guadalupe", "Via Crucis (dramatization of the Stations of the Cross)" and the traditional Christmas "Posadas". The ministry also provides ESL classes, citizenship, registration for voters and any other type of workshop that helps and strengthens the Hispanic / Latino community.

Contact: Luis Gonzalez at 214.918.7320 or luis.gonzalez@navistar.com or Eloisa Gonzalez at 214.714.7016 or eloisag_molina@hotmail.com

POLISH MINISTRY

Our purpose is to bring Polish people closer together to the community of SMI. Through the monthly Mass in Polish, we grow and connect spiritually. We help our children to grow up in the same traditions as we have. The Mass in Polish is celebrated each Sunday in Cana Hall at 9:00 a.m. We also have a Rosary Service every Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the north wing Our Lady of Guadalupe Room (formerly Room A).

Contact: Beata Moberg at 630.270.9800 or beata2u@comcast.net

QUINCEAÑERA

Contact: Adriana Perales, 815.436.2651, Ext. 800 or aperales@smip.org

SPANISH BAPTISMS

Contact: Adriana Perales, 815.436.2651, Ext. 800 or aperales@smip.org

Fellowship

CCW (Council of Catholic Women)

The Council of Catholic Women acts to support, empower and educate Catholic women in spirituality, leadership, and service. CCW programs respond with gospel values to the need of the Church and society. All women of the parish are invited to join us at our monthly meetings on the first Thursday of the month (September through May). Watch the bulletin for the monthly themes, activities and time. See you there!

Contact: Debbie Shimek at 815.922.7697 or shim35@sbcglobal.net

MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club is comprised of SMI parish and school men. The purpose of the Men's Club is to raise funds throughout the year with all of the proceeds going back to the SMI school in the form of sponsoring families for Christmas, teacher needs, school needs and to help anyone in the school community that is experiencing hardships. It was formed to develop fellowship, camaraderie and fundraising for the SMI school.

Contact: Matt Pociask at 630-649-9748 or poach67@yahoo.com

NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME TEAM

This ministry introduces new parishioners to St. Mary Immaculate Parish. Our goal is to help new parishioners feel welcomed, guide them into a ministry that suits their talents and interests, and register them as official members of our faith community.

If you would like to register as a parishioner, simply go to smip.org/register to complete our online registration form.

You may also register in-person, and get a tour of our campus, at our Welcome Gathering held on the 4th Sunday on the month, during seven months of the year, at 10:15 a.m. in the School Library. Check the parish website and bulletin for dates.

If you'd like to join our ministry and help to welcome new parishioners, please contact Laura Van Ham for more information.

Contact: Laura Van Ham at 815.436.2651, Ext. 887 or lvanham@smip.org

ST. MARY'S SENIORS

The Seniors are a group of active, adult parishioners who come together once a month in faith and fellowship. The monthly gathering meets from September through May on the 4th Wednesday of the month and begins at 11:00 a.m. with either Mass or a Communion Service, followed by a brief meeting and potluck lunch. Watch the Bulletin for information about guest speakers and programs.

Contact: Sue Quinn at 708.785.9509 or SusanQ8388@gmail.com

Fellowship - continued

WELL-READ MOM BOOK GROUP

This group is open to all women 18 and up, single, married, with children, or without children. This is an international book group for women to connect, learn, discuss, and reorient themselves to what is good, beautiful, and true through great books and literature. We hope to deepen the awareness of meaning hidden in each woman's daily life, elevate the cultural conversation, and revitalize reading literature from books.

We meet once a month on Saturday, at 8:30 a.m., in the Faith Sharing Room. Check the bulletin and website for specific dates.

Contact: Nikki Jaramillo at wrmbg24smi@gmail.com

Liturgy and Worship

ALTAR LINENS MINISTRY

This ministry launders and cares for the linens and albs used during Mass. Volunteers pick up, launder, press and return the items to church. All training is provided.

Contact: Sharon Conley at 815.715.3956 or jnsconley@msn.com

ALTAR SERVERS

Open to all boys and girls from the second grade through high school, as long as the student has made his/her First Holy Communion. Servers assist the Priests and Deacons during parish liturgical services.

Contact: Bob Lighthiser at 630. 965.1497 or bob.lighthiser@icloud.com

ART & ENVIRONMENT

We are a volunteer group helping to enhance the worship space of the parish through decorating with flowers, symbols and banners. Members share their gifts of sewing, decorating and designing.

Contact: Rosemary Tack at 630.927.7673 or rosemarytack@yahoo.com

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

This traditional form of devotion entails spending time in prayer and adoration before Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Adoration in our chapel takes place continuously from 9:30 a.m. Mondays (following morning Mass) through 8:30 a.m. on Saturdays. Adorers can volunteer for weekly Holy Hours and/or as substitutes. New adorers are always welcome!

Contact: Connie Sanfilippo at 815.603.2350 or adorationsmip@gmail.com.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Assist in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ during Mass. Training: one 2- hour training session.

Contact: Anthony Zeszut at 815.436.2651, Ext. 810 or azeszut@smip.org

GREETERS & USHERS

The Greeter Ministry is one of welcoming. A warm smile and sincere welcome are the requirements of this ministry. In addition to helping parishioners feel welcomed, Greeters distribute Mass song sheets before Mass and then distribute the weekly bulletins after Mass.

Ushers help with keeping good order during worship. They assist with finding seats and reserving seats for parishioners, when needed, taking up the collection, and guiding people to the front of the church for Communion.

Contact: Cheryl Pirc at 815.557.7601 or cpirc66@gmail.com

Liturgy and Worship – continued

HEALING SERVICE

On the first Sunday of each month, a Healing Service is conducted in the Church, immediately following the 12:15 p.m. Mass. This service includes a scripture reading and prayer followed by the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Contact: John and Medy Knurek at 630.779.4535

HISPANIC MASS COORDINATOR

Contact: Magda Gonzalez at 815.207.1047

LECTORS

Proclaim the word of God at Sunday Masses and special holidays. Required training is provided.

Contact: Denise Rowan at 815.436.2651, Ext. 846 or drowan@smip.org

MASS COORDINATORS

It is the responsibility of each coordinator to oversee the orderly flow of each liturgy and be there to answer questions and coordinate ministers.

Contact: Joe Grygiel at 412.427.9454 or jgrygiel42@gmail.com

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Coordinates and communicates the schedule for Liturgical Ministers for weekend and Holy Day Masses.

Contact: Anthony Zeszut at 815.436.2651, Ext. 810 or azeszut@smip.org

MUSIC MINISTRY

St. Mary Immaculate offers a wide range of opportunities for parishioners to share their musical talent and interests. Contact: Heather Roerig, Music Director, 815.436.2651, Ext. 805 or hroerig@smip.org

Grace Notes

Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The Choir is open to all people, high school age and older, and sings from September through Corpus Christi. No audition. Ability to read music is helpful but not necessary. Bring your voice and spirit!

Youth Choir

No audition, just a desire to sing praise! The Youth Choir is open to those in 3rd through 12th grades. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. during the school year. The Choir sings from September through Pentecost and is off summers. *Please consider the rehearsal time when considering R.E. class signups, as it is difficult to change classes once assigned.*

Liturgy and Worship – continued

MUSIC MINISTRY - continued

Cantors

Cantors Proclaim the Word of God in the Psalms and lead the congregation in communal singing. Someone with vocal training and/or past experience is desired but not required. The ability to read music is also strongly desired but not required. An audition is required.

Resurrection Choir

Open to all who can be available for funeral Masses during the day. No audition is necessary and you are not required to read music. This is an important ministry and is wonderfully supportive to the bereaved.

Instrumentalists

Qualified instrumentalists are needed to enhance Masses and special celebrations as needed. Piano/Organ, all strings, woodwind & brass are all desired.

HISPANIC MUSIC MINISTRY

Spanish Adult Choir

The Spanish Adult Choir rehearses year-round on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm. You do not need to read music in order to join. The Choir leads song in rotation with the Spanish Teen Choir for the Saturday evening 5:30 pm and Sunday 12:15 pm Spanish Masses. No audition, just a desire to sing praise!

Contact: Rodolfo Rosales at 773.710.2761 or bofo_7@hotmail.com

SPIRITUAL MOTHERHOOD OF PRIESTS

The Spiritual Motherhood of Priests is a new ministry at St. Mary Immaculate. Its goal is to have women in our parish spiritually adopt a priest in our diocese with the purpose of covering him in regular, committed prayer. Ideally, each priest will have two spiritual mothers.

This ministry asks the following of its members:

- One prayer daily for your priest-son
- Eucharistic Adoration – strive for weekly, but at a minimum, twice a month
- Rosary for priest-son – once a month
- Confession regularly

SPIRITUAL MOTHERHOOD OF PRIESTS - continued

- You must remain anonymous to your priest-son and everyone
- We adopt our priest-son for life – your life. If priest-son should pass, you continue to pray for his soul.
- Sacrifices during Lent and/or Advent or World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

Contact: Connie Sanfilippo at 815.603.2350 or adorationsmip@gmail.com.

Liturgy and Worship – continued

WEDDING COORDINATORS

Wedding Coordinators serve a dual role. They assist the priest or deacon in helping the couples prepare for and celebrate their wedding ceremony. They also represent our parish community in welcoming and hosting the couple, their family and friends during a significant time in their lives. We need volunteers who are available for Friday and Saturday afternoon weddings for three to four hours, beginning at 11:30 a.m. or later. We also need assistance with wedding rehearsals on Thursday and Friday evenings for approximately two hours, beginning at 5:00 p.m. and after.

Contact: Teresa Rodriguez at 815.714.8180 or drtefam17@gmail.com

Parish Administration & Management

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMISSION

The Buildings & Grounds Commission consists of parishioners who work with the Pastor and the Business Manager to monitor the maintenance and renovation of the parish and school buildings and all campus grounds.

Contact: Mike Baumgartner at mike@baumgartnerconstruction.com

FINANCE COUNCIL

The Finance Council consists of parishioners who work with the Pastor and the Business Manager to monitor the parish budget and financial life.

Contact: Kevin Joanis at 815.546.2149

Peace and Social Justice

FAITHFUL FRIENDS PEN PAL MINISTRY

Our goal is to exemplify the corporal and spiritual works of mercy by:

- Visiting the imprisoned through a correspondence ministry
- Promoting forgiveness and mercy
- Advocating for criminal justice and prison reform

Contact: Debbie Jaffray at 630.638.0332

REVERENCE FOR LIFE

The mission of the Reverence for Life Ministry is to pray, fast, and be a peaceful witness for the protection of all life from the moment of conception to that of natural death. All life is sacred and designed by God with a mission and purpose in his or her life. We pray that the hearts and minds of our nation can be softened and changed: to protect the baby in the womb, mothers and fathers facing an unexpected pregnancy, and to protect the elderly. Our goal is to educate the members of our parish on God's "Gospel of Life".

We pray the "Rosary for Life" on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the parish.

On the 2nd Saturday of each month, our singular purpose is to peacefully pray at Waterleaf Women's Center for any amount of time that we can between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. across from the Abortion facility. We pray that our presence will give hope to those mothers contemplating abortion and will soften their hearts to say "yes" to life. Our Parish Rosary is at 10:00 a.m.

Contact: Don Hrdlicka at 630.415.6603 or pharmdon@hotmail.com or Maureen Cole at 815.353.8334 or loumaureen12@yahoo.com

St. Mary Immaculate School

St. Mary Immaculate Parish School was founded to serve the needs of educating Catholic youth in the growing community. Built on the teachings of Jesus Christ, the school incorporates three pillars of success: focus on faith, a pursuit of academic excellence and an abundance of opportunities beyond the classroom. St. Mary Immaculate Parish School provides this solid foundation in a safe and secure family environment. We are one of the few Catholic schools to employ a special education teacher and a reading specialist. We also have on staff a specialist for religion, faith, and spirituality; in other words, a campus minister. Our state-of-the-art STEM lab and 1:1 program sets our school apart from many others.

Our focus on faith enables teachers to help students connect with and embody the Catholic faith through daily Bible readings, prayer, and classroom instruction. We nurture strong faith in the students and foster integration into their family faith life. In addition, our caring, enthusiastic teachers consistently guide our students to achieve their fullest academic potential, preparing them well for high school and college. Graduates of St. Mary Immaculate Parish School achieve academic excellence at both public and private high schools, and the names of our graduates are regularly seen on the honor rolls of all the local high schools. Our school also has had many high school Valedictorians and Salutatorians.

Finally, we provide a wide variety of extra-curricular activities and encourage students to discover, develop and share their talents. Outside the classroom our students participate in athletics for boys and girls in grades 5-8, including cross country, track & field, basketball, football, baseball, and volleyball. Students perform in the Band, the Annual School Musical, and the Church Choir. We also offer Student Council, Battle of the Books, a Junior High Academic Team and more.

Students can enjoy a range of activities that develop skill and confidence. There are academic competitions in Spelling and Science Fair. Band is offered during the school day. Students develop leadership through Student Council, Altar Servers and Choir.

Our *Early Childhood Program* builds a learning foundation of reading and math readiness, language arts, music, art, technology, science, religion, and large and fine motor skills. Kindergarten is a Monday - Friday all day program, while our 3 and 4-year olds meet Monday - Friday, with the option of a half-day program.

Parents can take advantage of *Extended Day School* before or after hours. District 202 provides free bus service for residents. And you'll enjoy being a part of our active, welcoming, parent community.

Call St. Mary Immaculate School for information or to apply, at 815.436.3953. Visit us at 15629 S. Rt. 59, Plainfield or at www.smischool.org.

St. Mary Immaculate School - continued

Athletic Association

This group provides a variety of athletic activities geared for students in grades 5-8. The themes of these activities are to teach our Catholic children to compete fairly, to enjoy the camaraderie of the team format and to place an emphasis on the healthy aspects of competition.

Contact: Katie Lesters, Athletic Director, at 815.436.3953

Band Booster Club

This club is made up of parents who support the band activities. They provide concert uniforms and admission to extra-curricular band competitions. The band boosters also organize and put on the Christmas and Spring Concerts, as well as the end of the year Band Banquet.

Contact: 815.436.3953

Home and School Association

This group fosters fellowship among its members as well as among the parents in the St. Mary Immaculate Parish School family. In addition, the HSA works with the principal and staff to promote a variety of special activities throughout the year.

Contact: Amanda Knepper at 815.436.3953 or smihomeandschool@yahoo.com

School Board

This board is made up of parents who serve terms of 3 years and who serve as an Advisory Council to the Pastor of St. Mary Immaculate and the Principal of St. Mary Immaculate School.

Contact: Todd Barber at 815.436.3953

Other Organizations

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Unique weekend experience for married couples, designed to enhance a couples' relationship and deepen their love and commitment. Visit wwme.org.

Contact: Tony & Annette Waznonis at 815.302.7325 or wwmechicagoland@gmail.com