

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH  
ALTON, ILLINOIS**

**Sunday, August 29, 2010**

**TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, August 30**

6:30 am Stella Lyons†  
8:00 am Peggie Castruita†

**Tuesday, August 31**

6:30 am Evelyn Blair†  
8:00 am Carmie Romano†

**Wednesday, September 1**

6:30 am Jerry Hack†  
8:00 am Armilda Wittman†

**Thursday, September 2**

6:30 am Stella Lyons†  
8:00 am Robert and Genevieve Redd†

**Friday, September 3**

6:30 am Int. of Robert and Roxanne Brakeville†  
8:15 am Marie McNamee†  
5:15 pm OMV Vocations

**Saturday, September 4**

6:30 am Ben Droste†  
8:00 am Bud Galloway†  
5:15 pm John Holmes†

**Sunday, September 5**

6:30 am People of the Parish  
8:00 am Bob and Nancy DeGrand†  
9:30 am Peggie Castruita†  
11:00 am Don Hammond†  
6:00 pm Margaret Sugent†

**REST IN PEACE**

Your prayers are requested for the soul of Jacqueline Kilgo, mother of Karen Perotka and Harry Claywell, father of Jim Claywell.. "May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace."

**REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS**

Please remember our brothers and sisters, who are in need of prayer.

Debbie Fox, Rose Militello, Harold Peters, Joe Miller, Donna Wardein, Martha Davey, Tony Tardino, Janice Mueller, David Moore, Nick Buzaid, Gloria Tovo, Nancy Goen, Josephine Romano, Jenelle Eales, Jon Curry, Joe Bayer, Grace Elwell, Thomas Jun

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

Between

Randy Blow and Emily Schall  
Dustin White and Julianne Plunkett

**RECENT BAPTISMS**

William J. Knetzer

*Son of Paul Knetzer and Heather Francis*  
We welcome him as the newest member baptized into our Catholic Faith Family. May God bless him and his family as they grow together in God's love.

**TWENTY SECOND  
SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Focus: We seek to praise God as we humbly acknowledge the gifts he has given us.**

Humility is a moral virtue that helps us counter our human tendency toward exaggerated pride. Humility does not require us to walk about with downcast eyes as we strike our breasts. Rather, through humility we recognize and celebrate our talents, because we acknowledge God as their source and his praise as their purpose. Today, Sirach teaches the value of humility. Luke echoes this teaching in the Gospel. Jesus describes a wedding feast where the guests compete for the more prestigious places at table. He points out that it is better to take a lower seat. Hebrews compares the Old Law, with its gloomy darkness, to Mount Zion, where the joyous New Covenant is given.

**OKTOBERFEST AUCTION**

Oktoberfest is right around the corner and the auction committee has already started to collect items for the Silent and Live Auction. We would really love your help in making this year's auction a huge success! We are interested in items for baskets, tickets for sporting events and area attractions, or maybe you could donate a stay at your vacation condo or timeshare. You could even offer to host a themed party or a progressive dinner and enjoy a fun night with friends. If you would like to donate an auction item but are stumped for ideas, we have a solution. The Oktoberfest Auction Wish List is registered at Target. You can find the list on the kiosk at Target or at [www.Target.com](http://www.Target.com). Just look under Gift Registry- Target Lists- Organization- st marys (Note: all lower case, no period, no apostrophe). You can also purchase Target gift cards and we can put them towards items. There are a lot of great items for some of our themed baskets as well as some larger items that several families could go in on together. If you would like to donate, please call Melissa Bell at 210-6652 or email [cbell77@msn.com](mailto:cbell77@msn.com).

**PSR REGISTRATION**

PSR classes for the 2010-2011 sessions will begin on the 11th of September 2010. Registration for this session will begin on Tuesday, July 6th at the Parish office during office hours. Please register as soon as possible to help us prepare for this academic year.

**ST. MARY'S  
SCHOOL NEWS**

St. Mary's School has joined The Terracycle Program. In addition to helping save the environment, we will be making money. We will be saving these empty/used items. Capri Sun - clean pouches  
Mars/Cadbury candy wrappers - all sizes  
Malt O Meal Cereal - bags  
Ziploc - clean bags & containers  
Lunchables - clean plastic trays  
Frito/Lay bags - all sizes  
Scotch Tape - dispenser/rolls  
Nabisco/Keebler Cookie Bags - all sizes  
Huggies Diapers - packaging  
Paper Mate/Sharpie - used pens/pencils/markers  
Please place these in any type of plastic bag and put in the baskets in the back of church, or the marked container at the 4th Street entrance.

**YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

2011 Entertainment books (St. Louis Area Edition) with over \$14,000.00 in savings are currently being sold by the Youth Group for the reduced rate of \$30.00 each. Please support them in their pilgrimage to the World Youth Day in Madrid, Spain in August next year by buying or reserving copies from them at the back of the Church after Mass. Additional copies can be purchased or reserved at the parish office during office hours.

**MENS PRAYER  
BREAKFAST**

Attention Men! The Men's Prayer Breakfast for the month of September will be on Thursday, September 2nd., immediately following the 6:30am Mass. This month we will have no speaker, and will instead discuss moving the breakfast to Saturday morning, please join us.

**GOLDEN AGE SOCIETY**

The August meeting of the Golden Age Society will be held on Wednesday, September 1st, at 6:00 p.m. in the Mary Ann Room. We will be having a pot luck dinner. Please Join Us.

## COME AND SEE ...

Is this year of RCIA for you? In this past Tuesday's Gospel for the Feast of St. Bartholomew, the Apostle Nathanael (Bartholomew) is invited to meet Jesus and "Come and see" what He is all about (John 1:45-51). Jesus still invites individuals today and every day to "Come and see." Is He inviting you?! Sessions for those who would like to inquire into the Catholic Faith (RCIA) begin Thursday, September 9 at 7pm in the basement of the church. Please leave your name and contact information at the parish office, 465-4284, or e-mail casimansky@att.net, or drop the attached into the collection basket. Come and see, no strings attached!

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

## RCIA SNACKS

Snacks -- one of everyone's favorite part of RCIA/C! One of the many ways the people of St. Mary's are seen as a welcoming community is through the "snack ministry" during RCIA. Have you ever noticed in the Gospels in almost every important part of Jesus' life food and/or drink is involved?! As we share the Gospel with those in our RCIA and RCIC we also like to "break bread" with them. A great and easy way to be involved in the new evangelization is to volunteer to help bring snacks to RCIA. As most of you know, RCIA and RCIC are held on Thursday evenings at 7pm. If you would like to volunteer to make/bring a snack every once in awhile, please call the office with your name, phone and e-mail. Or fill out the lines below and drop in the collection basket. If you have volunteered in the past and would still like to volunteer, please submit your name again, so we will know if you want to continue this year. Ron Eaton, our snack czar, will then be in contact with you toward the end of August or beginning of September to make up a schedule. "For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. But Jesus answered them, 'You give them something to eat.'" (Mark 6:31,37)

Yes, I would like to volunteer to bring snacks to RCIA.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

## ATTENTION PSR and PRESCHOOL PARENTS

PSR First Communion Pictures and this years pre-school graduation pictures are in and available in the Parish Office. Please stop by and pick them up.

## NFP CLASSES

Natural Family Planning Classes begin in Alton September 20th. Are you looking for help in understanding and living your married sexuality? These Classes offer real practical help and support. Register online at ccli.org. For more information contact John and Joan Kane at 618-466-4410 or kanej@charter.net.

## PASSION AND PURPOSE LIVE

Does God really have a plan for your life?  
 Ready to start living your faith on a deeper level?

What does Catholicism have to do with your life?  
 What does it mean for our relationships?  
 Our families?

MATTHEW KELLY addresses these topics and more at PASSION & PURPOSE LIVE

December 4, 2010  
 9 am-4 pm

SS. Peter & Paul Church  
 Collinsville, IL

## JOIN US! YOUR LIFE WON'T BE THE SAME!

*Who is Matthew Kelly?*

- New York Times bestselling author
- One of the world's best speakers – spoken in more than 50 countries
- Invited to speak to over 50,000 high school students last year
- Author of 4 of the top 10 Catholic bestsellers. Do not miss this opportunity to hear one of the most dynamic and sought-after voices of our time! \$99 ticket price for this unique all-day event includes: Book, Workbook, CD, DVD, Mass Journal, Rosary, Lunch and more! Special Couples Offer: Buy 1 ticket for \$99—2nd ticket for \$49 (includes event, lunch and refreshments ONLY) First 250 to purchase a \$99 ticket receive a FREE. Matthew Kelly CD set valued at \$69.95! For more information and to register. Contact St. Mary's Parish Office at 465-4284 or Melissa Woulfe at (618) 973-0750- mwoulfe@charter.net. Purchasing the ticket from our parish benefits our local Catholic community. Seating is limited. If you are interested in a preview, check out Rediscovering Catholicism, By Matthew Kelly, available in our bookstore and the parish office, for a free will offering.

## REPAIRS BEGIN ON CHURCH BUILDING

You may have noticed that work has begun to repair the outside walls of the church. During this time, equipment may be parked in the handicap parking places. We apologize for the inconvenience.

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Pere Marquette Assembly 4th Degree Knights of Columbus is hosting its annual golf tournament on Saturday, September 25, 8:00 am shotgun start at Muny Golf Course (Robert P. Wadlow) in Alton. This 3-man scramble is \$180/team. Food, Beverages & Attendance Prizes are provided. Skins are included in entry fee. Cash Prizes for 2 Flights/3 places for each. For details, call Mark Droste at 466-7898 or Paul Droste at 466-7746.

## WHAT IS THE MCHS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN?

As the only high school in the Springfield Diocese experiencing increased enrollment, Marquette Catholic High School is kicking off a Capital Campaign. MCHS has taken on the challenge of raising funds to upgrade and implement state of the art technology and learning resources. Other upgrades have been identified to guarantee a safe campus and ensure that modern, energy-efficient facilities will be available for future generations. These improvements, coupled with increasing the MCHS endowment are examples of the Campaign purposes. There will be a Marquette representative speaking at each mass the weekend of August 28th and 29th. Please come and hear all the exciting events happening with the Capital Campaign and how you can be a part of it.

## ST. MARY'S 11TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, September 11th  
 Shotgun start 1:30pm  
 \$100.00 entry fee per person  
 \$400 per team

Tournament includes:  
 18 holes of Scramble Golf & Cart  
 Lunch with beverages before golf  
 Awards and dinner after golf  
 Complimentary beverages on the course  
 Skill prizes, skins game, cash prizes, snack, gifts and FUN!  
 For information, call Rick Rushing at 467-1506 or the parish office at 465-4284. We are in need of sponsors and volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Roxie Brakeville at 466-2676.

# LITURGICAL ROLES...

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

**5:15 p.m. Celebrant:** Fr Jim

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ray Bell, Roxie Brakeville, Karen Crites, Sandra Dean, Kathryn Downey, Joan Albers

**Servers:** Megan Bell, Nathan Bell, Shyann Kopsie, Jody Short

**Lector:** JoAnn Jouett

**Music:** Meredith Ragsdale/Rich Vitale

**Gifts:** Don and Barb Lindsay

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

**6:30 a.m. Celebrant:** Fr Shawn

**Lector:** Melissa Woulfe

**8:00 am. Celebrant:** Fr. Shawn

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mike McNamee, Mary Berger, Stephanie Fitzgerald, Theresa Gratton, Jim Keenan, Mary Jo Keenan

**Servers:** Daniel Allen, Abby Fahnestock,

Noah Fahnestock,, Sarah Gratton

**Lector:** Larry Ashlock

**Music:** Tim Lyon/Anna Haine

**Gifts:** Scott and Donna Taul

**9:30 a.m. Celebrant:** Fr.Shawn

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Barbara Batchelor, Christine Bohne, Mary Kay Brown, Lynne Burns, Carolyn Holt, Mark Droste

**Servers:** Sean Caporal, Jackson Dooling, Joey Hentrich, Gavin Holloway

**Lector:** Ken Wendle

**Music:** Tim Lyon/ Cathy Droste

**Gifts:** Gerald and Neckoe Yungling

**11:00 a.m. Celebrant:** Fr. Jim

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Thomas De Grand, Teresa Dressel, Vallerie Hinman, Sher Lyerla, Mike Marburger, Pam Marburger

**Servers:** Andrew Bregenzler, Adam

Johnes, Rebekah Johnes, Noah Johnes

**Lector:** Sarah Johnes

**Music:** Tim Lyon/Jama Westbrook

**Gifts:** The Donahue Family

**6:00 p.m. Celebrant:** Fr. Jim

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Julie Chartrand, Margaret Schwegel, Karen Hohlbauch, Gerry Le Claire

**Servers:** Alex Rubin, Maddie Rubin

**Lector:** Ryan Downey

**Music:** Spirit of St. Matthew

**Gifts:** Denis and Jaqueline Hellrung

## WEEKDAY SERVERS

Week of Aug. 30 Jim Keenan

Week of Sept. 6 Jason Elmendorf

## WEEKDAY LECTORS

Week of Aug. 30 Bill Haine

Week of Sept. 6 Mark Wuellner

## KOHL'S CARES... VOTE FOR ST. MARY'S

Support St. Mary's School to win \$500,000 from the Kohl's Cares® contest. In celebration of Kohl's Cares® 10th anniversary, they're donating \$500,000 to 20 schools each for a total of \$10 million from the Kohl's Cares® cause merchandise program. Voting ends Sept. 3, 2010.

Please take the time to go vote in this very easy contest and then repost this message to your Facebook and E-mail friends! You can vote up to 5 times for St. Mary's -- you can vote all in the same visit. This does not require you to vote everyday, just visit the site one time and vote 5 times for St. Mary's and you are done. The contest closes September 3, but the earlier you do this the better in the case of a tie. Let's see how many votes we can get even though we are rather late in getting in! You have to be 13-yrs old to vote (so if you aren't 13, get your parents and grandparents to vote!) and Kohl's employees can't vote. Again, PLEASE remind your Facebook and E-mail friends to vote too! Your help is the easiest way for us to advertise this. There are many various ways we could use this money: updating the building, expansion of our music program, an arts program, our bus, and computers are of course in a constant need of updating.

Vote here: <http://apps.facebook.com/KohlsCares/school/1134371/st-mary-school>

## SERRA CLUB INSTALLATION & PRIEST APPRECIATION DINNER

The Serra Vocations Club of Madison County is pleased to announce a special Mass celebrating its installation by Serra International which will be celebrated at St. Ambrose Church in Godfrey on Sunday, September 12, 2010 at 3:00 pm. Monsignor Carl Kemme, the Vicar General of our Diocese, will be the representative of our Bishop Thomas Paprocki, and the Principal Celebrant of the Mass. Anyone who would like to sing in the choir for this event, should contact Sister Joan Ann Springman at [jaspringman@juno.com](mailto:jaspringman@juno.com).

A Priests' Appreciation Dinner will follow in St. Ambrose Hall at approximately 4:00 pm. This is the opportunity to express gratitude to all our clergy.

We welcome members of your Parish to join us for these events. The cost of the catered dinner will be \$20 per person. We encourage you to come to honor your priest(s).

For more information, please contact our Secretary, Dorothy Droste at 618-466-7746, 618-741-8727 or [pdd931@charter.net](mailto:pdd931@charter.net). Mail your reservations with check payable to the Serra Vocations Club of Madison County to Dorothy at 931 Northdale Drive, Alton, Ill., 62002. If you would like information on joining become a charter member of Serra, please contact our Vice President of Membership, Emert Wyss at 618-401-8888.

## *This Week...*

**FRIDAY-** St. Gregory the Great  
First Friday

**SATURDAY-** Rosary in the Church 20 min prior to the 8 am Mass

## JUST FOR LAUGHS

The pastor said to Mr. Smith, one of his long-time parishioners, "Thank you, Mr. Smith, for attending our church. I wish I had twenty parishioners like you."

"Gosh, it's nice to hear that, Pastor, but I'm kind of surprised," admitted Smith. "You know that I complain about every sermon and hardly ever give money."

The pastor said, "I'd still like twenty parishioners like you. The problem is, I have two hundred."

