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## Regular MASS SCHEDULE HORARIO REGULAR DE MISAS

### Weekday Masses / Entre semana

Mon.-Fri. 7:30 a.m. English  
Miércoles 6:30 p.m. Español

### Saturday Masses / Sábado

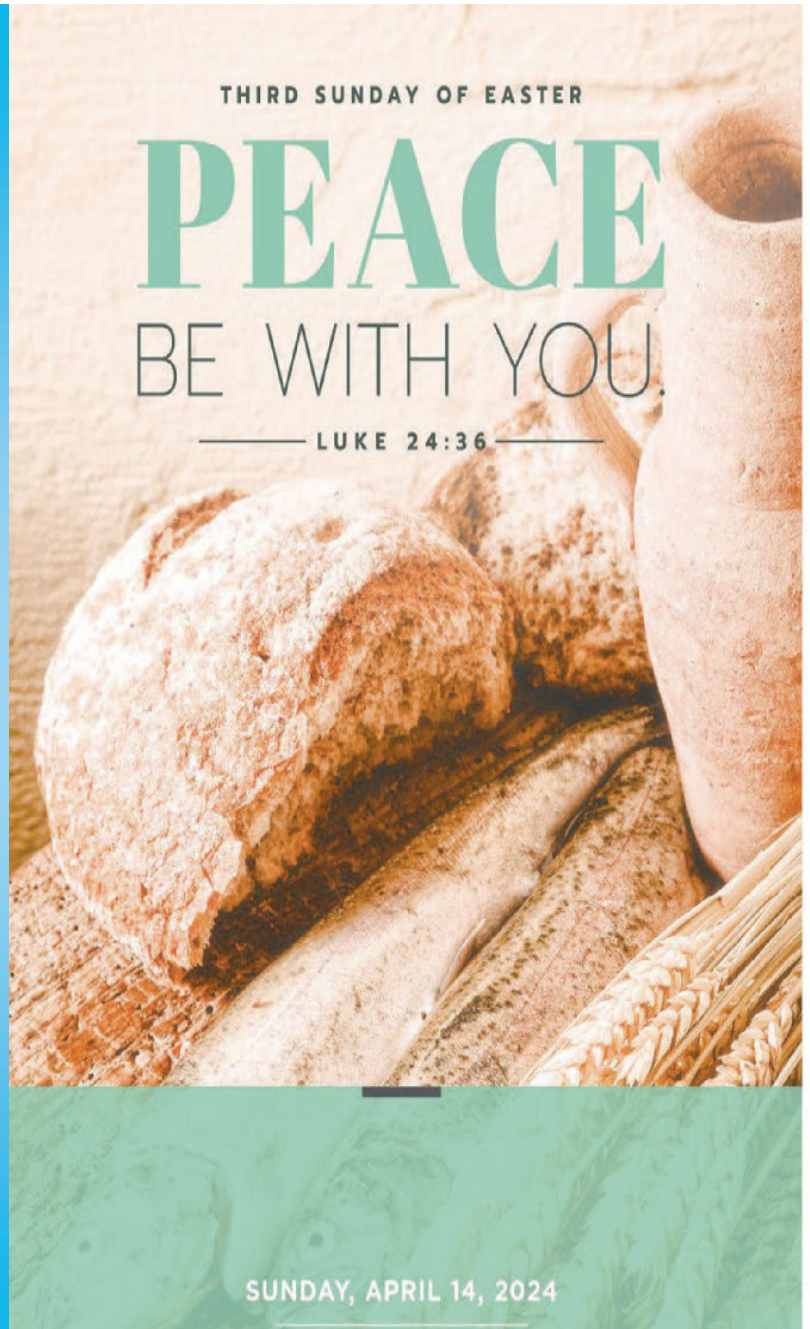
5:00 p.m. English  
6:30 p.m. Español

### Sunday Masses / Domingo

7:00 a.m. English  
8:30 a.m. Español  
9:00 a.m. Latin  
10:30 a.m. English  
12:30 p.m. Español  
5:00 p.m. Español

### Confessions/Confesiones

Wednesday/Miércoles  
5:00–6:15 p.m.  
Saturday/Sábado  
3:30-4:45 p.m.



“ St. Mary’s Parish: Established in 1894, still serving the mission of Jesus Christ today: Building a Community of Love stronger than death”



*“Parroquia Santa María: Establecida en 1894, sigue sirviendo la misión de Jesús Cristo hasta hoy: Construyendo una Comunidad de Amor, más fuerte que la muerte”*

# Bishop Hicks' Column

April 2024

## FAITH-INSPIRED MOVIES



CONTEMPORARY MOVIES are challenging to watch and often dubious to recommend. It seems so many contain agenda-laden themes, disturbing violence, immorality, and obscene language. I keep hoping to uncover that diamond in the rough that is worth watching—either in the theater or streaming live in the comfort of my home.

When I worked as the vicar general in the Archdiocese of Chicago, I had a colleague who would thoughtfully alert me to the latest Catholic, faith-inspired movie. In 2019, he recommended *Love and Mercy: Faustina*. A few days later, I invited a group of seminarians and priests to join me at a movie theater in downtown Chicago to enjoy this movie together. We were all inspired by the life of Sister Maria Faustina, an uneducated nun in Poland who allowed God to do extraordinary things through her.

Here's what was so inspiring: Helena Kowalska entered the convent in 1925 and took the name of Sister Maria Faustina. She toiled at menial tasks to fill her day in the kitchen or garden but was not always treated kindly by others. Yet throughout her humble existence and faithfulness, she experienced mystical encounters with Jesus that clearly revealed God's forgiveness, mercy, and boundless love for humanity. These experiences prompted her to pen her now-famous diary, *Divine Mercy In My Soul*.

She also was gifted with a beautiful vision of Jesus, that most of us now recognize as the Divine Mercy image (*above*). It touchingly portrays Jesus with His right hand raised in a gesture of blessing. His left hand is touching His chest, emanating rays of red and white light. These rays symbolize the blood and water that flowed from Jesus' side, which signify the graces of mercy and forgiveness. Of course, the rays also represent the sacraments of Eucharist and Baptism. The bottom of the image is inscribed with the spiritual words of surrender: *Jesus, I Trust in You*.

Saint John Paul II canonized Sister Faustina in 2000—the first saint of the new millennium. He affectionately named her “the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time.”

Every year on the second Sunday of Easter we, as the Catholic Church, celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. It is a good reminder to focus our attention on God's sacrificial love. On this particular Sunday, we especially pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a powerful prayer invoking God's mercy. Most of us would agree our world, our society, and our very souls are in such need of God's grace these days.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, we pray to turn away from division, hate, and vindictiveness, so we can refocus our gaze and actions on God's mercy, forgiveness, and love.

I love the collect prayed at the beginning of Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday, which boldly proclaims:

*God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast, kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose blood they have been redeemed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.*

Recently, my “movie whisperer” colleague from the Archdiocese of Chicago emailed and encouraged me to see the movie, *Cabrini*. He informed me that it is about an Italian immigrant, Francesca Cabrini, who fights the odds to help the poor and orphans, and ultimately becomes the first American saint. I immediately told him, “Based on your recommendation, I am determined to see it soon!”

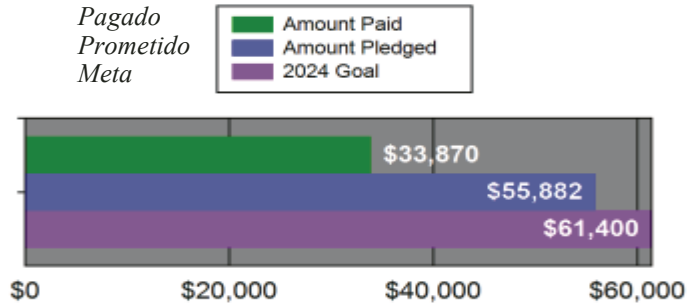
When you see a good, faith-based movie which you enthusiastically give two thumbs up, I encourage you to recommend it to your family and friends. Your endorsement may be a simple way for you to evangelize and help spread the good news of our faith.



**Parish #** 242

**Parish Name** St. Mary Parish - West Chicago

		<u>2024</u>
<i>Meta</i>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>\$61,400</b>
<i>Prometido</i>	<b>Amount Pledged</b>	<b>\$55,882</b>
<i>Pagado</i>	<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>\$33,870</b>
<i>Saldo</i>	<b>Balance Due</b>	<b>\$22,011</b>
<i># donantes</i>	<b>Donor Count</b>	<b>286</b>
<i>Reembolso</i>	<b>2024 Rebate</b>	<b>\$0</b>



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**HELP WANTED Confirmation Office Assistant - St. Mary Immaculate Parish, Plainfield**

St. Mary Immaculate Parish is seeking a Confirmation Office Assistant. The Confirmation Office Assistant is part of the support staff in the Confirmation Department of the Religious Education Office of St. Mary Immaculate Parish. As a ministerial position, it requires supporting the mission of the Catholic Church and representing the Church appropriately in word and demeanor. Customer service is of prime importance. The assistant will interface with another staff member who will work afternoon/evening hours. The Confirmation Office Assistant should have a good command of the English language, both oral and written. He or she should be able to process information and prioritize work by deadline and importance. A strong attention to detail and the ability to work independently is a must. This person should be task oriented, thorough, and focused on accomplishing the goals of the department, while still maintaining a pastoral approach to the needs of families and catechists. Qualifications include a practicing Catholic, 2 years of college or the equivalent, 3-5 years office experience, some supervisory experience preferred. Ability to communicate in Spanish a plus. Must support the mission, philosophy, objectives and policies of St. Mary Immaculate Parish, the Catholic Church, and the Diocese of Joliet. To view a complete job description, visit: The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois. To apply for this outstanding position with St. Mary Immaculate Parish, please send your resume and cover letter to Laura Van Ham at LVANHAM@smip.org





## REGISTRATIONS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025



All registrations will be held in the parish office.

Please make sure your family is registered in our parish prior to dates of registrations. If your family is not registered or you have a balance from prior years, we will not take your registration.

### Registration Dates:

Monday, April 15th 4:00-6:00PM	Wednesday, April 17th 4:00-6:00PM
Monday, April 22nd 4:00-6:00PM	Wednesday, April 24th 4:00-6:00PM
Tuesday, May 21st 9:00AM-12:00PM	Wednesday, May 22nd 9:00AM-12:00PM

Families who register during our registration period (**April-June**) will receive the early bird rate.

Our early bird rate is as follows: **PLEASE NOTE:** Beginning July 1, 2024, tuition is **\$50.00** per family higher than the early bird.

1 child: \$200.00                      2 children: \$250.00    3+ children: \$300.00

2nd year of First Eucharist: additional \$50 per child

2nd year of Confirmation: additional \$70 per child

- Payments can be made by check or cash (No Credit/Debit Cards)
- A minimum of a \$100.00 payment is due at the time of registration and is **NON-REFUNDABLE**.
- The total balance should be paid in full before September 1st or a \$25.00 late fee will be added to the balance due.
- Bring Baptismal and Communion Certificates to be able to register.



## REGISTRACIÓN PARA EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA 2024-2025



Las inscripciones se llevarán a cabo la oficina parroquial.

Asegúrese de que su familia ya esté registrada en nuestra parroquia antes de las fechas de inscripción. Si su familia no está inscrita o no ha pagado la totalidad de su saldo de años anteriores, no tomaremos su inscripción.

### Fechas de Inscripción:

Lunes, Abril 15 de 4:00-6:00PM	Miércoles, Abril 17 de 4:00-6:00PM
Lunes, Abril 22 de 4:00-6:00PM	Miércoles, Abril 24 de 4:00-6:00PM
Martes, Mayo 21 de 9:00AM-12:00PM	Miércoles, Mayo 22 de 9:00AM-12:00PM

Familias que se inscriban durante nuestro periodo de inscripción (**Abril-Junio**) recibirán el descuento por inscripción temprana. Nuestros descuentos de inscripción temprana son los siguientes: **POR FAVOR TENGA EN CUENTA** que desde Julio 1ro, 2024, el costo es **\$50.00 más** por familia que la inscripción temprana.

### Tarifa:

1 niño: \$200.00 / 2 niños: \$250.00 / 3+ niños: \$300.00

2o. año de Primera Comunión: \$50 adicional por estudiante

2o. año de Confirmación: \$70 adicional por estudiante

- Los pagos pueden hacerse con cheque o en efectivo. **NO ACEPTAMOS TARJETAS DE CRÉDITO COMO FORMA DE PAGO.**
- Se debe realizar un pago mínimo de \$100.00 al momento de la inscripción y **NO ES REEMBOLSABLE.**
- El saldo total debe pagarse en su totalidad antes del 1 de septiembre, de lo contrario, se agregará un recargo de \$25.00 al saldo adeudado.
- Traigan los certificados de Bautizo y Comunión para poder inscribirse

Por favor llame a la oficina parroquial 630-231-0013 x 227 si necesita mas información.



**Monday, April 15**

7:30 AM ✝ All Souls in Purgatory

**Tuesday, April 16**

7:30 AM ✝ Fr. Denis Moras Prabhu

**Wednesday, April 17**

7:30 AM Intentions of the celebrant

6:30 PM Intenciones del celebrante

**Thursday, April 18**

7:30 AM ✝ Intentions of the celebrant

**Friday, April 19**

7:30 AM ✝ Tom Tinnes

**Saturday, April 20**

5:00 PM Andrea & Martin Hrdlicka (Wedd.Anniv.)

6:30 PM ✝ Dolores Martinez, Cristian Perez

**Sunday, April 21**

7:00 AM Pro-Populo Dei

8:30 AM Lamar Puliam & Familia (Intenciones)

9:00 AM ✝ Golab Family

10:30 AM ✝ Bruno Hernandez

12:30 PM ✝ Rudy Correa, Jessica Castro, Leticia Correa

**OFFICE HOURS / HORARIO DE OFICINA**

**Mon-Fri./Lun-Vie** 9:30 a.m.-12 Noon  
& 1-4 p.m.

**Mon-Fri./Lun-Vie** 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**Saturday/Sábado:** 10 a.m. to 12 Noon

- Rev. David Lawrence..... Pastor
- Rev. Andrew Buchanan... Associate Pastor
- Dan Culloton.....Deacon
- Luis Saltigerald ..... Deacon
- Sharon Urban .....Business Manager
- María Gómez.....Parish Secretary
- Esperanza Alanis.....Rel. Ed. Secretary
- Leticia Blanco.....Evening Secretary

**Collections April 7, 2024 Weekend**

Collections	Dollars
Saturday and Sunday Masses	\$12,784.00
New Church Fund	\$2,373.00

**Readings for the Week of**

April 14 through 21, 2024

Lecturas para la semana del 14 al 21 de Abril, 2024

<b>Sunday:</b> <i>Domingo</i>	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 1 Jn 2:1-5a Lk 24:35-48	<b>Hechos</b> <b>1 Juan</b> <b>Lucas</b>
<b>Monday:</b> <i>Lunes</i>	Acts 6:8-15 Jn 6:22-29	<b>Hechos</b> <b>Juan</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b> <i>Martes</i>	Acts 7:51—8:1a Jn 6:30-35	<b>Hechos</b> <b>Juan</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b> <i>Miercoles</i>	Acts 8:1b-8 Jn 6:35-40	<b>Hechos</b> <b>Juan</b>
<b>Thursday:</b> <i>Jueves</i>	Acts 8:26-40 Jn 6:44-51	<b>Hechos</b> <b>Juan</b>
<b>Friday:</b> <i>Viernes</i>	Acts 9:1-20 Jn 6:52-59	<b>Hechos</b> <b>Juan</b>
<b>Saturday:</b> <i>Sábado</i>	Acts 9:31-42 Jn 6:60-69	<b>Hechos</b> <b>Juan</b>
<b>Next Sunday:</b> <i>Prox.Dom.</i>	Acts 4:8-12 Jn 3:1-2 Jn 10:11-18	<b>Hechos</b> <b>Juan</b> <b>Juan</b>

**PARISH CALENDAR**

April 14 thru 21, 2024

- Monday, April 15**  
Rel. Ed. Registration, 4 p.m., Guadalupe & Parlor  
Rel. Ed. Classes, 6 p.m. School  
Rel. Ed. Moday Students Parent Mtg., , 6 p.m., Church  
RCIA Práctica musical, 6 p.m., Capilla  
DMG, Guitar Lessons, 7:30 p.m. Rm. 1, School
- Tuesday, April 16**  
Maria Inmaculada group, 6 p.m., St. Joseph Rm.  
Grupo de Oracion Pan de Vida, 6 p.m., Salon 3, Escuela  
RICA, 6 p.m., 6 p.m., St. Francis Hall  
RCIA, 6 p.m., Rm. 8, School  
Espiritualidad Trinitaria, 6 p.m., Parlor 2  
Madre de la Iglesia, 6:30, Salon 6, Escuela  
Espiritualidad, 7 p.m. Church
- Wednesday, April 17**  
Adoration, 8 a.m., Chapel  
Widows Prayer Group, 9:30 a.m., Guadalupe Rm.  
Rel. Ed. Registration, 4 p.m., Guadalupe Rm. & Parlor  
Rel. Ed. Classes, 6 p.m. School  
Escuela de la Cruz, 7 p.m., St. Francis Hall  
Coro Getsemaní, 7:30 p.m. Choir Loft
- Thursday, April 18**  
Rel. Ed. Parent Meeting, 6 p.m., Church  
Adoration, 8 a.m., 7 p.m., Mass, Chapel (Pequeñas Comunidades)  
Coro Pan de Vida, 6:00 p.m., Salon 3, Escuela  
OLF, 6 p.m., Room 5, school  
DMG, 7 p.m., Youth Mtg., Rm. 7, school  
Youth Group, 7 p.m., School
- Friday, April 19**  
HRC, 8:30 a.m., School  
Building community, 12 noon, St. Francis Hall  
Musica, 6:30 p.m., Salon 5, escuela  
Madre de la Iglesia group, 7 p.m., Capilla
- Saturday, April 20**  
Rel. Ed. 9 a.m., School  
Rel. Ed. Mass with parents, 9 a.m., Church  
Rel. Ed. Confirmation Retreat 2, 9 a.m., St. Francis Hall  
Rel. Ed. ConfirmatioN Retreat 2,, 9 a.m. Chapel  
Rel. Ed. Confirmation Retreat 2, 12:30 p.m., School  
Escuela de la Cruz, 5:30 p.m., St. Francis Hall
- Sunday, April 21**  
Grupo Pan de Vida, 6:00 p.m., Iglesia



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