

2024-2025 ENROLLMENT

We currently have 171 students registered for the 24-25 school year in grades K-8. This is an average class size of 19! What an amazing school we have! Thank you for all the returned registrations on time.

Preschool currently has 28 students registered.

PTO NEWS

MOMS AND MIMOSAS

Please click the image below for more information and to RSVP.



Hope to see all the moms at this event.

MASS INTENTIONS

Reminder: School Masses can be offered for someone special. Please stop in at the school's main office to make your request. The suggested offering for a Mass intention is \$10. These funds do not go to the school but become a part of the overall parish Mass intention fund. Please contact Ms. Boppart in the main office of the school to make a request.

LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT

Please remember to continue to collect alms for our Lenten service project assisting the poor in Haiti. We will collect the donations on Wednesday March 20.



AFTER SCHOOL CARE

**Please help spread the word that we NEED a supervisor for the after-school care program. We are looking for someone to manage the program as well as supervise the children. Two supervisors are needed to manage the students through at least 3 or 3:30 to be available for the ET recess time. Once the students have returned to the classroom, we could get by with only one supervisor. The last pick-up time is 5pm but students are usually picked up 5-10 minutes before, so the supervisor is able to clock out by 5.**

**Please contact me if you have any leads on this position.**

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Our junior high students have been preparing a presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross. The eighth grade has been rehearsing the actions and dialogue while the sixth and seventh grades are rehearsing the music. The presentation is moving and beautiful. Please join us at Oak Street Church on Friday March 15 at 7 pm for this prayer service.



## SURVIVING DIVORCE

**Surviving Divorce**  
Tuesdays March 19th - June 4th  
6:45-8:45pm

St. Mary Catholic Church  
10307 Dundee Road, Huntley, IL  
This 12 week program is for those separated and divorced. It is designed to restore hope and begin authentic healing. Common topics are explored such as shock and grief, anger, forgiveness, children and family issues, the annulment process and spiritual care.

Cost to participate: \$20  
For questions or to register contact:  
Hopeandhealing@yahoo.com

## PARISH NEWS

### MISSION

## St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Mission

with

J. Michael Sparough S.J.

**TREASURES OF THE HEART:**  
Fanning the Flame of Love

**First Night | Discipleship**  
Following the Light of Life

**Second Night | Reconciliation**  
Re-Kindling the Blaze

**Third Night | Mission**  
Sharing the Fire of His Love



Each night will include prayer, dramatizations of the Gospel stories, hymns, and fellowship.



March 17-19, 2024 | 7 - 8:30PM

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church  
451 W. Terra Cotta Ave. Crystal Lake, IL 60014

## DIOCESAN NEWS

## Registration Open For All



**Illinois March for Life**  
on April 17, 2024

- Registration Deadline:
  - March 13, 2024
- For More information:
  - [www.rockforddiocese.org/life/life-dignity/march-for-life/](http://www.rockforddiocese.org/life/life-dignity/march-for-life/)

LIFE Office  
Diocese of Rockford  
[life@rockforddiocese.org](mailto:life@rockforddiocese.org)



# Finding God in the Moment

**MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT WITH FR. PAUL LIPINSKI - RETREAT MASTER**

FRIDAY MARCH 15 6PM - SATURDAY MARCH 16 5PM  
SERVANTS OF THE HOLY HEART OF MARY, BATAVIA  
COST: \$150 ALL INCLUSIVE - CONTACT CONNIE  
STMMSTEWART@GMAIL.COM | PH 847 502.0775

MARIAN CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## BOOTS, BOW TIES & BLING Gala

Saturday  
March 9, 2024  
5:00pm

- \$1,400/reserved table of 10 \$120/person
- Starline Factory  
300 W Front Street,  
Harvard, IL 60033
- RSVP by February 16 at  
marianauction.givesmart.com
- Themed or Cocktail Attire

**Boots, Bow ties & Bling Gala - March 9**

It's time to dust off your boots, break out your bling!

Join us for Marian Central's premier fundraising event, where you will enjoy a western-themed night complete with dinner, drinks, live music, casino games and live & silent auctions. For more information and to purchase tickets/sponsor the event, visit [marianauction.givesmart.com](http://marianauction.givesmart.com).

## SAVE THE DATE

Marian Central's National Honor Society

Presents:

**Launching Leaders into the World**

# RISE UP

Recognizing and Inspiring Student's Excellence and Undiscovered Potential  
Youth Leadership Development Conference

Date: March 10th

Time: 9am-3pm

Place: Marian Central Catholic High School

Who can attend? Any 6th, 7th, or 8th grader

**SIGN UP HERE!**



Join The Mission of Cor Jesu on a pilgrimage to **The Shrine of Christ's Passion** with Fr. Jerome Koutnik — Holy Week 2024 —

**Monday, March 25th**

Tour two great shrines, Holy Mass at the Carmelite Shrine in Munster, IN., catered lunch, pray Stations of the Cross at the Shrine of Christ's Passion guided by Fr. Jerome, free time and time for

**\$150 per person\***  
Register at [www.corjesumission.org/pilgrimages](http://www.corjesumission.org/pilgrimages) or call 815 575-9480

\*Includes club car access for those with mobility challenges

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**Pro-Life REGISTERED NURSES & SONOGRAPHERS NEEDED!**

1<sup>st</sup> Way Life Center has both PAID & VOLUNTEER positions available at their medical branch in McHenry.

**Care provided at our center:**

- Urine Pregnancy Testing
- Urine STD testing
- Limited OB ultrasounds
- Personalized Pregnancy Options Consultation

**Serve in the Pro-Life Ministry:**

- Low-stress clinical atmosphere
- No nights, holidays, or weekends
- **Flexible hours: 5-hr shifts - up to 25 hrs/wk available.**

Please email your resume or questions to [1stwaymedical@gmail.com](mailto:1stwaymedical@gmail.com)

CALENDAR EVENTS



**March 9**

Mother Son Bowling  
Kingston Lanes, Woodstock



**March 15**

Stations of the Cross  
Oak St Church 7:00 pm  
Presented by 8<sup>th</sup> grade with choir by grades  
6 & 7

See full Athletics calendar here:

<https://sites.google.com/stthomascl.org/stsathletics/monthly-calendar-nscg-game-schedules>

## LEND A HAND



Virtus password to set up a new account: 2train!

Volunteer at Recess:

[Grades 4 & 5](#)

[Grades k & 1](#)

[Grades 2 & 3](#)

[Junior High](#)

**Volunteer at the Thomas Trading Post:** - [Thomas Trading Post Volunteer signup sheet](#)

Donate \$10 gift certificates for the Thomas Trading Post (Julie Anns, Five Below, Target, Amazon, McDonald, etc.): send to school office marked Thomas Trading Post

Support the **Thomas Trading Post** **Wishlist:**  
[Amazon.com](#)

## REMINDER

### TUITION ASSISTANCE

If you are in need of tuition assistance for the 2024-2025 school year, the [grant application portal](#) in FACTs is now open. Assistance must be applied for each year; it is not automatically granted.

### ST. JOSEPH'S DAY

Please return the attached St. Joseph Day RSVP promptly. We are asking for twigs for our craft that day. Please gather twigs in a strong garbage bag and send to school by Friday March 15.

### ATHLETIC BLESSING AT MASS

This week, the boys' volleyball teams were called to the altar for a special blessing at the school Mass.



As always- I will be  
Praying with you and for you,  
*Mrs. Houston*

PRAYING THROUGH LENT WITH CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY

Christ our Lord came among us as the light of the world, that we might walk in his light, and not in the darkness of death. Let us praise him and cry out to him:

Let your word be a lamp to guide us.

God of mercy, help us today to grow in your likeness,  
- that we who sinned in Adam may rise again in Christ.

Let your word be a lamp to guide us,

- that we may live the truth and grow always in your love.

Teach us to be faithful in seeking the common good for your sake,  
- that your light may shine on the whole human family by means of your Church.

Touch our hearts to seek your friendship more and more,

- and to make amends for our sins against your wisdom and goodness.

Loving God,

I hear your invitation, "Come back to me"

and I am filled with such a longing to return to you.

Show me the way to return.

Lead me this day in good works I do in your name

and send your Spirit to guide me and strengthen my faith.

I ask only to feel your love in my life today.

May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.



**St. Joseph's  
Day**

Tuesday March 19  
St. Joseph was a very  
significant Father Figure  
for Jesus.

We would like to celebrate significant male influences on our students lives. Tuesday March 19 we will have a special time in the cafeteria with donuts and crafts for our students and their significant male role model: dad, uncle, grandpa, cousin, brother . . . .

So that families can be together:  
8-845 will be families with last names beginning with A-H  
9-945 will be families with the last names beginning with I-R  
10-1045 will be families with the last names beginning with S-Z

RSVP--

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_  
will be attending St. Joseph Day  
Celebration

Student	Grade

Dietary restrictions:

return by Friday March 15