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## Saint Mary Parish



### *Keeping Us Connected Newsletter*

April 24, Issue XVI

Video Message - The Howarths (Parishioners)

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**God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.**

**Psalm 46:1**

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Dear Saint Mary Friends,

First, a sincere thank you to Colleen and Eric Howarth for today's video reflection. Too bad for us, their two young children Clare and Thomas were just a little too active to be included.

Also, stay tuned for a Parish-wide prayer day for an end to the pandemic and all those affected, on May 1. As the song goes, "Start spreading the news."

Continuing with our recent theme of saints who lived in difficult times, I offer the following, as one writer put it: *"One theme unifies the stories of all the saints: Christians are never alone. Even in the most isolated circumstances, saints have a profound union with God."*



**Blessed Franz Jägerstätter** was an Austrian farmer, husband and father during the rise of the Nazis in Germany. Refusing to serve in the Wehrmacht, he was imprisoned, executed in 1943, and Beatified in 2007. A movie about Franz was just released, titled “**A Hidden Life.**” It can be found on Amazon Prime; we've provided the link to the trailer below.

Among Jägerstätter’s writings and letters, one can find gems like:

*"We must go courageously on the way of suffering, whether we begin sooner or later. They may build many beautiful streets today, but they cannot change the way to heaven. This way will always remain rugged and rocky."*

*"Discipleship to Christ requires heroism. I would not exchange my small, dirty cell for a king’s palace if I was required to give up even a small part of my faith. Disciples of Jesus must learn to perceive the suffering of their master as unavoidable."*

On 9 August, before being executed, Franz wrote: *"If I must write... with my hands in chains, I find that much better than if my will were in chains. Neither prison nor chains nor sentence of death can rob a man of the Faith and his free will. God gives so much strength that it is possible to bear any suffering.... People worry about the obligations of conscience as they concern my wife and children. But I cannot believe that, just because one has a wife and children, a man is free to offend God."*

The Vatican website biography of Franz concludes with: “Franz Jägerstätter, who would not bow his head to Hitler, bowed his head to God, and the guillotine took care of the rest. He was obviously called up to serve a higher order.”

Peace, Health, and Blessings,  
**Monsignor Kevin Royal**

***Praised be Jesus Christ!  
Now and Forever. Amen.***

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#### **Also in today’s Newsletter:**

- ·Written reflection by Deacon Rick Lawlor

**Deacon Lawlor's  
Reflection**

- **Trailer** for “A Hidden Life,” the story of Franz Jagerstatter
- Listen live to **Veritas Catholic Radio**
- The latest from **Faith & Family** on creative ways to pass the time
- This week's Children's Liturgy teaching

- [Prayer Intercession Form](#) to submit names of the sick, deceased, health care workers, pharmacists, and first responders

[View Prayer List Here](#)

## FAITH & FAMILY

Go to our [Faith & Family](#) page for our latest blog entry

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### Children's Liturgy Video with Parishioner Elizabeth Gmelin



Go to the [Children's Liturgy Page](#) for more...

## PRAYER AND SACRAMENTS

**Live-Streamed Sunday Mass from St. Mary Parish**

**Every Sunday at 10 AM**

**Watch LIVE and afterwards (anytime) on our [Facebook page](#) and [website](#).**

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### Sacrament of Confession

**Tuesdays - 12:30 to 1:30 PM**

**Saturdays - 3:30 to 4:30 PM**

[More Info](#)

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## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church

Wednesdays and Sundays  
12:00 PM to 6:00 PM

[Sign Up - Sunday, April 26](#)

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### Church Bells Ring Noon Each Day for the Angelus

Whether you can hear them or not, let's try as one community in the Lord to pray the Angelus together at that time, wherever we are. If you don't know the Angelus, you can pray 3 Hail Mary's (or take this opportunity to learn it [here](#)).

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**Our Church is open Monday - Saturday, 8 AM - 6 PM  
Sunday - 11 AM - 6 PM**

The Church is sanitized daily at 7 AM

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### LINKS

[Worship Music for this Sunday](#)

[Bishop Extends Public Mass Suspension](#)

[Fr. Lourderaj's Daily Homilies](#)

[What to Watch this Month on FORMED](#)

[Prayer Requests](#)

[VERITAS Catholic Radio Network](#)

[Making a Spiritual Communion](#)

[Word on Fire Daily Mass - 8:15 AM](#)

[Youth Ministry](#)

[Coronavirus Resources & Information](#)

[Online Daily Mass](#)

[TV Mass Schedule](#)

[CDC Website](#)

[How to say the Rosary](#)

[How to recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy](#)


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You may mail your offertory to the Parish office as well; mail is picked up every day.



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Therefore,  
if anyone is  
in Christ,  
he is a new  
creation.  
The old  
has passed  
away;  
behold, the  
new has  
come.

# Renew

He hath made every thing  
beautiful in his time.  
ECCLESIASTES 3:11



2 Corinthians  
5:17

[This Week's Bulletin](#)