Vidi Domum
April 28, 2019 - Divine Mercy Sunday

A Message of Mercy
by Lita Martinez

Man Fully Alive: A New Community for Men
an Interview with Jake Stanley
Parish Office Hours
Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am - Noon & 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am - Noon.

Sunday Masses Times
Saturday (Vigil) 4:30 pm
Sunday 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am 4:30 pm*

Latin Mass (Novus Ordo)
*4:30pm, First Sunday of Every Month

Daily Mass Schedule
Monday - Saturday 8:00 am

Communal Prayer (in the Church)
Chanted Lauds (Morning Prayer) Tuesdays at 7:15am
Rosary & Divine Mercy, prayed after 8:00am daily Mass

Perpetual Adoration
The Blessed Sacrament is exposed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except during morning weekday Masses. A key card is required for access after parish office hours.

Confessions
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Saturday 8:45 am - 11:15 am

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Annulments: Contact John Lowery: nullity@smarymag.org

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Parish Library
For access to our selection of theological and spiritual titles, email your first and last name, email address, and phone number to tom@smarymag.org. When you find a book you want in our online catalogue, you can check it out and pick it up in the parish office during office hours!

Adoration
The following hours are in need of Weekly Adorers: TUES 2:00AM; WED 2:00AM; FRI 6:00AM; SAT 5:00PM & 11:00PM; SUN 7:00AM
There are currently other hours with only one scheduled adorer. Ideally, we would have at least 3-4 people committed to pray in our Adoration Chapel for every hour of the week. Visit smarymag.org/adoration-invitation to sign up. Contact Roger at Liturgy@smarymag.org with questions.

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Readings for the Week
Monday: Acts 4:23-31-37; Ps 2:1-4, 7-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21 or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 -- 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday: I Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

This Week’s Saints, Special Observances & Mass Intentions
Sunday - Divine Mercy Sunday; 7:30 SI Amy Irons; 9:30 + Virginia Kuchon; 11:30 SI Russel & Betty Beazer ; 4:30 SI Amanda Mowbray
Monday - St. Catherine of Siena; 8:00 SI Nancy Triester
Tuesday - Pope St. Pius V; 8:00 + Richard Haynes
Wednesday - St. Joseph the Worker; 8:00 + Clara Grasetti
Thursday - St. Athanasius; 8:00 + Jeanette Plante
Friday - Ss. Philip & James; 8:00 + Rich Mizenko
Saturday - 8:00 SI MaryAnn Mizenko; 4:30 + Mason Rowley

PRAY FOR US...
We extend Our Prayers and Sympathy to the family and friends of Stella Boncler, Peter Ruszkowski, and Art Turner, who have recently passed away. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

“You and I came into the world to live; He came into the world to offer His life for us.” - Archbishop Fulton Sheen
For many of us, the season of Lent was a time of growth. It is challenging and difficult to walk into the desert with the Lord. So, after practicing renunciation and fasting for 40 days, Easter seems... well...easy. It is very often the case that we feel inclined to “take a break” from it all. Granted, we are absolutely meant to celebrate Easter, but the heart of Christian celebration is prayer and worship, not just rest and relaxation. Do you find yourself slacking in your prayer life this time of year? You're not alone. I think that part of what causes us to falter is a subconscious idea that Easter as a reward for a job well done, rather than a grace – an undeserved gift. That being the case, there is reason to pray, now, with just as much fervor as you did during Lent.

As a Church, we celebrate the Easter season through Pentecost, which is June 9th this year. How are you celebrating? How are you communicating to the world, in the way you pray, live, and love, the Good News of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ?

This Sunday, the 8th day of Easter, is Divine Mercy Sunday. In a homily he gave in 2016, Bishop James Conley said, “Very simply, Divine Mercy is the grace and merit won by Jesus Christ on our behalf in his Passion and Resurrection. Divine Mercy is the fruit of the love poured out from the cross by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the love that redeemed us from our sins. As St. John Paul II said so beautifully in his encyclical on divine mercy, Dives et Misericordia, mercy is “loves second name.” And so the grace of Easter naturally flows into Divine Mercy Sunday, the eighth day of Easter, the perfect day and the day of eternity according to the early Fathers of the Church.”

Mercy is a message that lies at the very heart of the Gospel. As we read in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, “The Gospel is the revelation in Jesus Christ of God’s mercy to sinners.” (CCC 1846) This message is meant just as much for ourselves as it is for those who do not know the Lord. Bishop Conley, in an earlier homily, shared that Pope St. John Paul II offered the world “an appeal to mercy.” He encouraged all
Catholics, at all times (especially during the times of year that we slack off) to go to confession. This was a man that forgave the person that attempted to take his life; an embodiment of the Lord’s words, “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.” (Luke 23:34, NAB)

“Have mercy on us and on the whole world.”

In light of more news of recent bombings and vandalism directed toward the Church and our Christian brothers and sisters around the world, perhaps this Easter season could be dedicated to Divine Mercy. “How greatly today’s world needs God’s mercy!” In every continent, from the depth of human suffering, a cry for mercy seems to rise up,” wrote Pope St. John Paul II. “Wherever respect for life and human dignity are lacking, there is need of God’s merciful love, in whose light we see the inexpressible value of every human being. Mercy is needed in order to ensure that every injustice in the world will come to an end in the splendor of truth.” This is why he instituted Divine Mercy Sunday. “Without mercy, St. John Paul II said, the culture of death advances, families crumble, nations falter, and men are left to wander with no sense of themselves, or of the meaning of their lives.”

All are invited to gather today (Sunday) for a Holy Hour at 3:00pm in the church to pray the Divine Mercy chaplet and conclude the novena that began on Good Friday. The intentions offered during this novena could easily be incorporated into one’s daily prayers this Easter. We pray for all mankind, especially all sinners; for the souls of priests and religious; for all devout and faithful souls; for those who do not believe in God and those who do not yet know Christ; for those who have separated themselves from the Church; for the meek and humble souls of little children; for those who especially venerate and glorify God’s mercy; for those in purgatory; and for those who have become lukewarm.

To learn how to pray the Divine Mercy chaplet, visit: www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/praythechaplet.php

To learn more about the message of Divine Mercy, check out the following resources on FORMED:

- The Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song
- The Second Greatest Story Ever Told – a 65 minute talk by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC
- Divine Mercy 101 – a 1 hr filmed talk by Fr. Chris Alar, MIC
- The 7 Secrets of Divine Mercy – an e-book by Vinny Flynn
- Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told – a 10 episode video study

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Sources:
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“Man Fully Alive: A New Community for Men”

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“The Glory of God is man fully alive. - St. Irenaeus

What is Man Fully Alive?

“We’re four regular guys who are tired of settling for “good enough” in our lives. We’re husbands, fathers, and brothers pursuing sainthood together. We believe that Catholic men need each other to get through the challenges of life. We’re not experts but we are passionate about living life in Christ to the full and empowering other men to do the same.”

Man Fully Alive was born out of a series of conversations that Jake had with a number of different guys over the past year and a half. “Following Bishop Olmsted’s letter to men, Into the Breach, one of the things he calls men to do is to be more intentional about building communities. After I read that document, I was praying about what that might be like.”

Since reading that letter, Jake noticed that he was repeatedly having this same conversation with different men in different places. The questions that arose were, “Where do Catholic men go to build community? Why isn’t there more out there for Catholic men? What is it that we should be doing?”

There are various men’s ministries and events for Catholic men throughout our diocese, many of which have great content and structure, “but for some reason the message isn’t being shared effectively. It just seems like guys aren’t responded to it, aren’t interested in it, aren’t even aware of it”

“Many men are hesitant to commit to something regularly or that will require a significant sacrifice of them,” Jake said. “The fact that there are so few men that are actively engaged in the Church, and so many men that are on the fringe, that’s a symptom that there’s still a radical need. So I think that anything we can do to try to reach that need is huge. Especially when you look at the statistics in family life, the way that the father’s faith impacts the children, you just can’t replace it.”

Jake, His brother-in-law Daniel Tansill, and friends Eric Maschue and Steve Bird (a former colleague here at St. Mary Magdalene), started discussing, from their own experience, what they have seen was lacking in Catholic men’s ministries with the intention of exploring ways that they might be able to fill that gap.

What makes it difficult for men to build community?

Jake explained that there are a lot of factors at play here. One is busyness, “A lot of guys work, and then when they get home, that time with family is so precious, because it’s so limited, that it’s really difficult for guys to make it a priority to spend time with each other; at least with any consistency. And then when we do spend time together, guys, like myself, are just masters of keeping things superficial.”

“There’s a hesitancy to be more vulnerable, and to be more authentic about the challenges that we’re facing. And
what I’ve seen is that, unless you carve out a time that’s specifically meant for that kind of intentional conversation, it doesn’t tend to happen spontaneously unless you’re with really, really close friends.”

What they’re trying to do is to carve out a space for guys to say, “Ok, I am having these same struggles, I am experiencing these same joys, I do have these same questions, I am just not often talking to other guys about it.”

Why a Podcast?
“Our weekly podcast is called Man Fully Alive Conversations. Each week, we sit down for motivating conversations about self-development, relationships, and spirituality. Through this medium, we’re connecting men around the country. This community is a place for men to gather and authentically share the joys and sufferings that come with being a man today.”

“The reason we went with a podcast is because men are just busy. They don’t necessarily have time to come to regular events.” A podcast “allows guys, in the context of their own commute, or doing chores, or anything like that to plug in to something substantial.”

Jake and the other podcasters have already had listeners engage with them via social media and their website. “There have definitely been a good number of guys who have been engaging with us, commenting, reaching out to us and sharing positive things about how the podcast has been benefitting them so far, and it’s been really cool to hear those stories.”

Jake affirms that social media is a great platform to start a connection. There can often be a fear of intimacy that inhibits authentic friendships from forming. But with the social media platforms, men have the ability to ask real, honest questions or share concerns with the guarantee of a response, encouragement, support, and no judgment.

Jake explained that it is sometimes easier for people to share digitally precisely because they don’t know the person that will respond to them. Having people that you have never met offer you support and encouragement can be empowering. However, there is debate whether an online community should rightfully be called a community at all. Regardless, whatever begins online must proceed to become an in-person encounter in order for authentic friendship to grow. Some people may need that initial anonymity to test the waters with the whole vulnerability thing, but eventually it will be time to step out of your comfort zone.

Jake has already benefitted from the opportunity to have these conversations that challenge him and help him to grow, surrounded with real brotherhood. “One of my favorite conversations,” he says, “was episode 6, which was called How to be Ambitious and Stay Humble. The reason that that was so impactful for me is that I think that that topic is under-addressed. I think there’s a lot of confusion about what humility is and also what pride is. God calls us to do great things with our life...he doesn’t call us to just pretend that we have no gifts or talents, he doesn’t call us to have no drive to achieve things. I think that’s a message that’s really empowering for men. It’s not bad to be motivated to have a successful career, to have a great family, to be financially stable, all of those things are great desires, it’s just a question of how you go about achieving them. I think that’s a message that a lot of men, including myself, really need to hear. It was really good to dive into understanding when are we being prideful, when are we being falsely humble, and when are we being magnanimous.”

Recent podcasts topics include:

- “Stop living a decent marriage and start living a great one”
- “Why every man needs hobbies”
- “Supporting your stay at home wife”
- “Movies that will make you a better man”

They are currently exploring different ways to continue these discussions in person. The question is: How do men want to interact? When? Where? To do what? How often? Please share your input with the Man Fully Alive podcasters by visiting their website: www.manfullyaliveministries.com. You can also find them on Facebook and Instagram.

Subscribe to the Man Fully Alive Conversations podcast on iTunes, Google Play, Spotify, and more!

Jake Stanley is the Director of Youth Evangelization at St. Mary Magdalene.
## Parish Programs

### Liturgical Ministries:
Altar Servers, Lectors, Ushers, Greeters and Eucharistic Ministers, Adoration Volunteers are wanted - this is a great way to serve the Lord in the most important functions of the Church.

**Contact:** liturgy@smarymag.org

### Music Ministry:
Liturgical choirs for adults & children, strengthening vocal ability & contributing to the beauty of the sacred liturgy, according to the rich tradition of sacred music as understood and shown forth by the mind of the Church.

**Contact:** claire@smarymag.org

### Pastoral Care:
Volunteers are needed to bring Communion to the sick and homebound. This Ministry also coordinates Anointing of the Sick, Funerals, and other end of life needs.

**Contact:** pastoralcare@smarymag.org

### Marriage & Family Life
- Coordinates Ministries involving Engaged and Married Couples, Parents with Young Children and Weddings

**Contact:** chris@smarymag.org

### Infant Baptism:
Coordinates all Infant Baptisms and Baptism Preparation. Must be registered with the Parish for 3 months prior to baptism. Please visit our website for more information and to register your child for baptism.

**Contact:** nullity@smarymag.org

### Nullity:
Ministry for those seeking Annulments

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#### Knights of Columbus:
Fraternity, Service & Outreach
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#### Men’s Fellowship:
Fraternity & Prayer
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#### WINGS (Women In God's Service)
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#### World Wide Marriage Encounter
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#### Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts:
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### Porta Fidei
- Adult Faith Formation Opportunities such as Parish Missions, Speaker Series’ & Bible/Book Studies. Learn more about your faith and grow in your understanding of the Catholic Church & its teachings.

**Contact:** tom@smarymag.org; lita@smarymag.org

### RCIA & Adult Confirmation:
Formation for adults interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and preparation for adults interested in becoming Catholic, or Catholic adults desiring Confirmation and/or First Communion.

**Contact:** lita@smarymag.org

### Family Catechesis:
Religious Education for Children (preschool - 5th grade) & their parents & Sacrament Preparation Classes meet at the parish on Tues & Wed nights. Lil’ Lambs (preschool) meets Wed & Thurs morning.

**Contacts:** familyformation@smarymag.org

### GS24:
High School Youth Group & Sacrament Prep. Meets Sun nights + activities throughout the year. Text GS24 to the number 84576 for text updates!

Check out our weekly Vlog on Youtube at “SMM YM”

**Contact:** gs24@smarymag.org, jake@smarymag.org

### Edge:
Middle School (6th-9th grade) Youth Group & Sacrament Prep. Meets Thurs nights + activities throughout the year.

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### Safe Environment:
Coordinates Training Opportunities and Obligations for all volunteers

**Contact:** setsmm@smarymag.org

### St. Vincent de Paul:
Service & Outreach to the Poor
smmvdpmembers@gmail.com

### Prayer & Witness for Life:
Debra Abel: respectlife@smarymag.org

### Veterans Outreach:
Fellowship, Prayer & Support
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### Financial Peace University:
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Juan Paredes: juan.paredes7508@gmail.com

### Adopt a Seminarian:
Service & Support for Vocations
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### Benedicteine Oblates:
Spirituality
Frank Young: 480-219-1505

### Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner:
Community/Fellowship
Irene Meyers: 213-725-1009
Upcoming Events

**Divine Mercy Sunday**
Join us for a Holy Hour at the hour of mercy on Divine Mercy Sunday. All are welcome to join us in prayer at 3:00pm on Sunday, April 28th. We will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet together and Confession will be available.

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**Charity & Development Appeal**
The annual CDA appeal supports more than 70 educational, charitable, and spiritual organizations who help seniors, the homeless, those who have lost jobs, women who have been abused and families in crisis, right here in Arizona. Visit dphx.org/CDA for more information, and to make your gift online. You may also pick up an envelope in the narthex or the Parish Office.

**Capital Campaign fundraisers**

- **Link your Fry’s Card to St. Mary Magdalene**
  Go to Frysfood.com, log into your account, navigate to your account summary and find the section for Community Rewards. Click 'add' if this is your first time using Community Rewards (or edit to change your selection). In the search box, enter St. Mary Mag and click Search. Our Organization’s number is QK226 (the old number was 29655 and still works – you just can’t search for it). Select and click Enroll. Then use your Fry’s Card when you shop and a 1% of all purchases will be donated to St. Mary Magdalene!

- **Sign up for Amazon Smile for St. Mary Magdalene**
  Go to smile.amazon.com. On your first visit; you will be prompted to choose an organization. Choose St. Mary Magdalene Roman Catholic Parish Gilbert. Always log on to Amazon using smile.amazon.com before purchasing (this is key). Amazon will donate 5% of all purchases to St. Mary Magdalene every time you shop!

- **Youth Evangelization**
  **EDGE** (6th-8th grade) Thursdays, 6:30-8pm in the hall.
  **Attention 5th graders!** You are invited to come and experience a night at EDGE, our Jr. High Youth Group, Thursday, May 2nd. For questions, contact Lauren at EDGE@smarymag.org.
  **GS24** (High School) Sundays, 6-8pm in the hall.
  4.28 Summit Night 4: The Cross & The Altar (Parent Night)
  5.4 Senior Night Outside Bash!

- **Gallup Mission Trip**
  Registration is NOW OPEN for our annual mission trip! All current high schoolers and graduating 8th graders are welcome to join GS24 on June 3rd-7th, in Gallup, NM to work with the Little Sisters of the Poor and the Missionaries of Charity. Visit smarymag.org/education-highschool to sign up for this amazing week of service in the poorest Diocese in the U.S.

**Parish Life Communities**

**Respect Life Initiative**
**Holy Hour for Life** will be sponsored by Respect Life Initiative this Thursday. Adoration and a Rosary for the unborn is every Thursday from 5:30 - 6:30 pm in the St. Michael the Archangel Chapel. Prayers are led by various Parish Life Communities and Ministries. Community prayer begins at 6:00 pm. All are welcome to join us in this powerful hour for life!

**Life Runners** is the world’s largest Pro-Life running/walking team with chapters all over the world, including one here in Gilbert, AZ. Our mission is to pray, fundraise, and run/walk as a Team until we Cross the finish line that ends abortion...All in Christ for Pro-Life! Visit liferunners.org for more information.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**
Christ said “Receive my Spirit.” Invite the Holy Spirit into your marriage on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend, May 17th-19th in Phoenix or June 21-23 in Green Valley. To apply online, and for other weekend dates visit: www.marriazine.com

**WINGS**
All Ladies of the parish are invited to attend the WINGS **Monthly Meeting** on Thursday, May 9th at 7:00pm. We would like to say Thank You! to all who contributed to the Easter Drive for the children at Cardon hospital. The drive was a big success thanks to your generosity!

**Knights of Columbus**
It's **AZ State Raffle** time! Tickets are now on sale for the annual drawing to support our Knights of Columbus council and the local charities that they support! Stop by the courtyard after Mass between now and May 5th to purchase your tickets: $5 each or $20 for 5. 1st prize is $10,000!

Our next **Blood Drive** is Mother’s Day: Sunday, May 12th and you can save up to three lives with a single donation. Give the gift of life in honor of your mother who gave you life! Sign up in the courtyard after Mass or at bloodhero.com.

**Connect With Us!**

Text smarymag to the number 84576 or visit flocknote.com/smarymag to receive text and/or email updates from the groups & ministries that you care about. Bonus: you’ll get a weekly inspirational text from your pastor! Questions? Contact Lita@smarymag.org. You can unsubscribe anytime.

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Around the Diocese

Catholics in Action - Young Adult group
Young adults 18-35: join Catholics in Action’s weekly Thursday meetings at St. Anne, beginning with Holy Hour at 7:00pm, followed by a meeting in the San Juan Diego Chapel afterward. Questions? board@catholicsinaction.org.

Blessed is She Gatherings
Every third Monday of the month, join women from all over the Valley of Phoenix for prayer, a teaching, and small group discussion. Every evening is 7:00pm - 8:30pm, and you are more than welcome to invite and bring a friend (or 3!). Open to women of all ages, 18+. For more info, visit: blessedisshe.net.

Reduce Your Tax Liability!
Give to CEA (Catholic Education Arizona) and get a dollar-for-dollar tax credit. Visit catholiceducationarizona.org for details.

Young Catholic Professionals: Executive Speaker Series
Join us for complimentary food and drinks and a chance to meet and network with other young adult Catholic professionals, followed by a talk and Q&A with Alan Sears, founder of Alliance Defending Freedom, Wednesday, May 1st, 7:00pm at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Phoenix. YCP is dedicated to fostering Catholic identity, encouraging community, and inspiring a call to action for young Catholics in their 20’s and 30’s so that they may be empowered to see their workplaces as a natural site for evangelization. Visit www.ycpphoenix.org for event details and more information.

Catholic Medical Association of Phoenix
Join a growing membership of Catholic medical professionals on Saturday, May 4th for an enjoyable morning of worship, fellowship, and formation. The morning begins at 10:00am with Adoration and Confession in the Diocesan Pastoral Center Chapel, followed by 11:00am Mass and a light luncheon while listening to Dr. Tom Shellenberger, the President of the Catholic Medical Association of Phoenix, provide an engaging presentation on Conscience Objection for Medical Providers. $12 per person. Questions? Contact (602) 354-2122.

Magis Women Evening Art Series
All Women (18+) are invited to “Theological Aesthetics & the Value of the Beautiful” a talk presented by Dr. Larry Fraher, Ph.D. in Art and Religion. Friday, May 10th from 6:00pm-7:30pm at The Sacred Art Gallery (7165 E. Main St., Scottsdale, 85251). Cost: $15. Includes hors d'oeuvres and wine. RSVP at magiswomen.com.

2019 Ordinations
The Mass of Ordination to the Priesthood will be celebrated on Saturday, June 1st at 10:00am at Ss. Simon & Jude Cathedral in Phoenix. Deacons Christopher Gossen and Br. Peter Teresa McConnell, FHS will be ordained priests. A Holy Hour Vigil will be Friday, May 31st at 6:30pm. The Mass of Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate for seminarians Estevan Wetzel and Kevin Penkalski will be on Sunday, May 26th at 9:00am; also at the cathedral. Please keep these men in prayer!

Called to Serve?

Rosary Making Group
We are looking for people who would like to join us in making and/or learning how to make rosaries for St. Mary Magdalene. For more information, please call Mary at (480) 250-8487.

Catholic Humor

Worst airbnb setup ever:

Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. Mark 13:35-36
WHY IS IT?
A man wakes up after sleeping under an ADVERTISED blanket and pulls off ADVERTISED pajamas, bathes in an ADVERTISED shower, shaves with an ADVERTISED razor, brushes his teeth with ADVERTISED toothpaste, washes with ADVERTISED soap, puts on ADVERTISED clothes, drinks a cup of ADVERTISED coffee, drives to work in an ADVERTISED car, and then ... refuses to ADVERTISE believing it doesn’t pay. Later if business is poor he ADVERTISES it for sale.

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