



Blessed Sacrament Parish

Parroquia Santísimo Sacramento

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April 30, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CUARTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA



4° DOMINGO DE PASCUA

“El que entra por la puerta, ése es el pastor de las ovejas. A ése le abre el que cuida la puerta, y las ovejas reconocen su voz; él llama a cada una por su nombre y las conduce afuera”.

- Jn 10, 2-3

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MASS SCHEDULE | HORARIO DE MISAS

MONDAY 8:30 am LUNES *Bilingual*
TUESDAY 8:30 am MARTES *Español*
WEDNESDAY 8:30 am MIÉRCOLES *Bilingual*
THURSDAY 8:30 am JUEVES *Español*
FRIDAY 8:30 a.m. VIERNES *Bilingual*

SATURDAY | SABADO
4:00 pm *English*
6:00 pm *Español*

SUNDAY | DOMINGO
9:00 am *English*
11:00 am *Español*
1:00 pm *Español*

HOLY HOUR | HORA SANTA

THURSDAY 7:00 p.m. JUEVES *Español*

CONFESSIONS | CONFESIONES

THURSDAY 7:00 pm JUEVES
SATURDAY 3:00 pm SABADO

OFFICE SCHEDULE | HORARIO DE OFICINA

MONDAY 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 pm LUNES
WEDNESDAY 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 pm MIÉRCOLES
THURSDAY 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 pm JUEVES
FRIDAY 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 pm VIERNES

OFFICE CLOSED | OFICINA CERRADA

TUESDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY
MARTES, SÁBADO Y DOMINGO

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 29, 2023

VIGIL MASSES: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 4 pm †Walter Lechowicz
†Gani T. Vicente
6 pm †Ramiro Castro Hernandez
†Jesus Camacho
†Eliseo Camacho
Salud: Familia Saavdra

Sunday, April 30, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 9 am †Arlene Foreman
†Bernie Foreman
†Donald Rucinski
†Virginia Grosh
11 am †Maria Elena Barrera
†Octavio Cazarez
†Victor Martinez
†Chemita Munguia
1 pm †Ramiro Castro Hernandez
†Jacova Garduño
†Calixto Garcia

Monday, May 1, 2023

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

- 8:30 am †Arlene Foreman
†Ramiro Castro Hernandez

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

ST. ATHANASIUS

- 8:30 am †Ramiro Castro Hernandez

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

ST. PHILIP AND ST. JAMES

- 8:30 am †Inocencio Diaz
†Martin Diaz
†Ramiro Castro Hernandez

Thursday, May 4, 2023

- 8:30 am †Ramiro Castro Hernandez
60th Birthday: Barbara Kay

Friday, May 5, 2023

- 8:30 am †Ramiro Castro Hernandez
Cumpleaños: Rosario Negrete

- 7 pm Nuestros Feligreses/All Parishioners

Saturday, May 6, 2023

- 8 am Pro-Life Mass and Rosary
12 pm First Communion Liturgy

VIGIL MASSES: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 4 pm †Eleanor Poerio
†Armando Vega
6 pm †Ramiro Castro Hernandez

Sunday, May 7, 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 9 am †Jaime Gudino
†Joseph & †Katherine Kisielowski
†Arlene Foreman
†Bernie Foreman
Ordination Anniversary: Fr. Ismael Sandoval-Manzo
Ordination Anniversary: Fr. Jim Hyland
11 am †Maria Elena Barrera
†Ynocencio & †Amparo Diaz
†Victorio & †Juana Macias
†Ramon Becerra, Jr.
El Grupo de Adolescentes de la Parroquia
1 pm †Gloria Hernandez
†Ramiro Castro Hernandez
Cumpleaños: Rosario Negrete

¡Gracias,
Díacono
Juan,
por su
Don
de
Servicio!



Thank
you,
Deacon
Juan,
for
your Gift
of
Service!

Thank You Gathering for Deacon Juan Rosales

Today, April 30, beginning at 2 pm, a potluck celebration in honor of Deacon Juan Rosales will take place in the church basement. Bring one or more of your favorite foods to share. This will be an opportunity to personally thank Deacon Juan for sharing his diaconate ministry with the people of Blessed Sacrament parish for the past five years. As Deacon Juan moves to another parish, we are grateful for his ministry and wish him well.

Reunión de agradecimiento por el diácono Juan Rosales

Hoy el 30 de abril, a partir de las 2:30 pm, se llevará a cabo una celebración en honor al Diácono Juan Rosales en el sótano de la iglesia. Trae una o más de tus comidas favoritas para compartir. Esta será una oportunidad para agradecer personalmente al Diácono Juan por compartir su ministerio diaconal con la gente de la parroquia del Santísimo Sacramento durante los últimos cinco años. A medida que el diácono Juan se muda a otra parroquia, estamos agradecidos por su ministerio y le deseamos lo mejor.

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FR. ISMAEL'S THOUGHTS

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations / Good Shepherd Sunday. "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (MT 9:38; Lk 10:2). Even though we recognize the great value of all vocations, the Church focuses today, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life (religious brothers and sisters), and missionary life. All the members of the church are called to be missionary disciples, proclaiming the gospel wherever we go, in our homes, workplaces, schools, and the streets, but those who decided to commit their lives to proclaim the gospel in a more committed way, need our support, especially through prayer.

Every ordained ministry has its own personal journey. I have shared with you before how an aunt, a religious sister, played a very important role in my response to God's call to the priesthood. But even with her very perseverant push, I needed the support of many family members and friends to persevere in my vocation. I encountered many challenges and obstacles in the 9 years it took from the moment I started my formation, until I was ordained as a priest. During that time, I found out that many people were praying for me. I believe that the result of those prayers was that I was able to overcome many tests and trials, receiving the undeserved gift of priesthood. So, let us continue praying for those young men who are in the seminary and houses of formation working on their discernment and formation. They really need our support. Also, let us encourage young people to consider their call to consecrated life, and deacons, priests and religious brothers and sisters. Sometimes they just need a little push to be directed in their vocational journey. You may be the person helping them to answer the Lord.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Next Saturday, we will have some of our children celebrating their First Holy Communion. We certainly celebrate in a more joyful way the first time they receive the Lord under the appearance of bread and wine, in the Holy Eucharist. But we must keep in mind that the first time is as important as the second, third, and all times they are able to receive it. The worse thing we can do is to celebrate with joy this first time, and ignore the next day, Sunday, when they should receive the Lord for the second time. I invite all these children to dress in their beautiful outfits the following day, Sunday, to celebrate with our community their second communion, and give thanks to God for the greatest gift of Jesus in the Eucharist.

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

Once again, I invite you to join us in our Blessed Sacrament Parish 15 Anniversary Banquet. This is a great opportunity to gather and celebrate as a community that we are a great faith Catholic family, with a great future. Just as a fifteen-year-old girl or boy has the future ahead of them, we also are growing and expecting great things in our midst. Let us make the time to come together and even dance the waltz, as quinceañeras do in their parties, because we have a lot to celebrate and much more to hope for.

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Ismael

PENSAMIENTOS DEL P. ISMAEL

Hoy es la Jornada Mundial de Oración por las Vocaciones / Domingo del Buen Pastor. "Ruega al Señor de la mies que envíe obreros a su mies" (MT 9:38; Lc 10:2). Aunque que reconocemos el gran valor de todas las vocaciones, la Iglesia se enfoca hoy, la Jornada Mundial del Oración por las Vocaciones, en las vocaciones a los ministerios ordenados (sacerdocio y diaconado), la vida consagrada (hermanos y hermanas religiosos) y la vida misionera. Todos los miembros de la iglesia están llamados a ser discípulos misioneros, proclamando el evangelio dondequiera que vayamos, en nuestros hogares, lugares de trabajo, escuelas y calles, pero aquellos que decidieron comprometer sus vidas para proclamar el evangelio de una manera más comprometida, necesitan nuestro apoyo, especialmente a través de la oración.

Cada ministro ordenado tiene su propio camino vocacional. He compartido con ustedes anteriormente cómo una tía monjita tuvo un papel muy importante en mi respuesta al llamado de Dios hacia el sacerdocio. Pero incluso con su empuje muy perseverante, necesité el apoyo de muchos familiares y amigos para perseverar en mi vocación. Me encontré con muchos desafíos y obstáculos en los 9 años que me tomó desde el momento en que comencé mi formación, hasta que fui ordenado sacerdote. Durante ese tiempo, descubrí que muchas personas estaban orando por mí. Creo que el resultado de esas oraciones fue que pude superar muchas pruebas y tribulaciones, recibiendo el don inmerecido del sacerdocio. Por lo tanto, sigamos orando por aquellos jóvenes que están en el seminario y en las casas de formación trabajando en su discernimiento y formación. Realmente necesitan de nosotros. Animemos también a los jóvenes a considerar su llamada a la vida consagrada, y a los diáconos, sacerdotes y religiosos y religiosas. A veces solo necesitan un pequeño empujón para ser dirigidos a su viaje vocacional. Usted puede ser la persona que los ayude a responder al Señor.

PRIMERAS COMUNIONES

El próximo sábado tendremos a algunos de nuestros niños celebrando su Primera Comunión. Ciertamente celebramos de una manera más alegre la primera vez que reciben al Señor bajo la apariencia de pan y vino, en la Sagrada Eucaristía. Pero debemos tener en cuenta que la primera vez es tan importante como la segunda, la tercera, y todas las veces que puedan recibirla. Lo peor que podemos hacer es celebrar con alegría esta primera vez, e ignorar al día siguiente, domingo, cuando deberían recibir al Señor por segunda vez. Invito a todos estos niños a vestir su hermoso atuendo el domingo siguiente, a celebrar con nuestra comunidad su segunda comunión y dar gracias a Dios por el don tan grande de Jesús en la Eucaristía.

BANQUETE DEL ANIVERSARIO DE LA PARROQUIA DEL SANTÍSIMO SACRAMENTO

Una vez más, los invito a unirse a nosotros en nuestro banquete del 15 aniversario de la parroquia del Santísimo Sacramento. Ésta es una gran oportunidad para reunirnos y celebrar como comunidad que somos: una gran familia católica de fe, con un gran futuro. Así como una niña o un niño de quince años tiene el futuro por delante, nosotros también estamos creciendo y esperando grandes cosas entre nosotros. Hagamos tiempo para reunirnos e incluso bailar el vals, como lo hacen las quinceañeras en sus fiestas, porque tenemos mucho que celebrar y mucho más que esperar.

Su hermano en Cristo,

P. Ismael

Sunday Collection

APRIL 22 & 23, 2023

Envelopes	\$3,230	Sobres
Loose	\$299	Suelto
Online Collec.	\$ 300	Colecta en linea
Children Collec.	\$ 127	Colecta de Niños
Total	\$3,956	
Easter Collec.	\$146	Colecta de Pascua
Flowers Collec.	\$ 10	Colecta de Flores
Maintenance	\$ 45	Mantenimiento
Holy Thursday	\$ 30	Jueves Santo
Food Pantry	\$ 123	Despensa Parroquial

WINNER-A-DAY 2023 GANADOR AL DÍA

Sunday, April 9
Barbara Lechowicz, Ticket 4595, \$250.
Monday, April 10
Bernadette Setlak, Ticket 2070,
\$25.
Tuesday, April 11
Anthony Skowronski, Ticket
2592, \$25.
Wednesday, April 12
Leo Flores, Ticket 9223, \$25.
Thursday, April 13
Katie Payne, Ticket 9418, \$25.
Friday, April 14
Mary Ann Koester, Ticket 2438,
\$25.
Saturday, April 15
Sharon Tencza, Ticket 721, \$50.



Thanks for your support! Be sure to watch Facebook Live each Wednesday at 11:30 am for the Winner-A-Day 2023 Drawing!

¡Gracias por su apoyo! Asegúrate de ver Facebook Live

Únase a nosotros
para la 7 pm Misa en honor
del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús
El viernes , 5 de mayo 2023.



Please join us for the
8 AM Pro-Life Mass and Rosary
on Saturday
May 6, 2023



*Flower Offerings for
April 30 – May 6, 2023*

St. John Paul II
In Loving Memory of
Virginia Grosh

St. John XXIII
In Loving Memory of
Patricia A. Carnevale

Please pray for these intentions

The St. Joseph/St. Patrick Saturday Night Supper of March 18th was a great success! People enjoyed the food, fellowship, raffles, split the deck and auction. Thank you to all who gave of their time to set up, clean, decorate, serve and attend. A special thanks goes out to Senator Munoz who very generously donated to the event. Because of everyone's generosity, the parish saw a profit of \$1468.00. A huge and heartfelt "Thank You" to everyone who made The St. Joseph/St. Patrick Saturday Night Supper a success.

Sincerely, Susan Gonerka

Thank You

El San José/St. Patrick Saturday Night Cena del 18 de marzo fue un gran éxito! La gente disfrutó de la comida, el compañerismo, las rifas, el split the deck y la subasta. Gracias a todos los que dieron de su tiempo para instalar, limpiar, decorar, servir y atender. Un agradecimiento especial para el Senador Muñoz quien muy generosamente donó para el evento. Gracias a la generosidad de todos, la parroquia obtuvo una ganancia de \$1468.00. Un enorme y sincero "Gracias" a todos los que hicieron que la cena del sábado por la noche de St. Joseph/St. Patrick fuera un éxito.

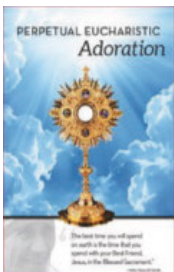
Atentamente, Susan Gonerka

¡Gracias!

Adoration Chapel
Week of
April 30 – May 6, 2023

*In Loving Memory of
Virginia Grosh*

(Please pray for this intention)



FOR THE WEEK OF April 30 - May 7, 2023
DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sunday/domingo, April 30:

Thank You Celebration for Deacon Juan, 2 pm, church hall
Celebración de Gracias por el Diácono Juan, 2 pm, salón de la iglesia

Monday/lunes, May 1:

Dave Brady Memorial Food Pantry, 11:30-2 pm, parish
Book Club, 6:30 pm, office basement

Tuesday/martes, May 2:

Parish Office closed./oficina parroquial cerrada

Wednesday/miercoles, May 3:

Lectio Divina, 7pm, sótano de la oficina

Thursday/jueves, May 4:

Hora Santa y Confesiones/Holy Hour & Confessions, 7 pm, iglesia/
church

Friday/viernes, May 5:

Group de Adolescentes/Youth Group: 4:30-6:30 pm, church hall
Legion de Maria, 5:15 pm, sótano de la oficina
Misa del Sagrado Corazón, 7 pm, iglesia

Saturday/sábado, May 6:

Pro-Life Mass and Rosary, 8 am, church

First Holy Communion Liturgy, 12 p.m.

Liturgia de Primera Comunión - 12 p.m.

Confessions/Confesiones, 3-3:40 pm, church/iglesia

Sunday/domingo, May 7:

May Crowning at each Mass
Coronación de Mayo en cada Misa



May Crowning: May 7

It is a beautiful tradition to honor our Blessed Mother with a May Crowning ceremony. The May Crowning ceremonies will take place at the Sunday Masses of May 7. We hope that you will be able to be a part of one of these services which gives honor to our Blessed Mother.

Coronación de María: 7 de mayo

Es una hermosa tradición honrar a nuestra Santísima Madre con una ceremonia de coronación en mayo. Las ceremonias de coronación de mayo se llevarán a cabo en las misas dominicales del 7 de mayo. Esperamos que puedan ser parte de uno de estos servicios que honran a nuestra Santísima Madre.



Mother's Day Remembrances

Mother's Day Mass intention envelopes are included with the weekly offering envelopes mailed to registered parishioners. Please return the envelopes before Mother's Day so that they may be enshrined at Mary's altar for Mother's Day, and the intentions be collectively remembered at our Mother's Day Masses.

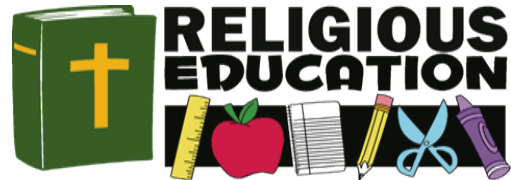
Recuerdos del Día de la Madre

Los sobres de intención de la Misa del Día de la Madre se incluyen con los sobres de ofrendas semanales que se envían por correo a los feligreses registrados. Por favor devuelva los sobres antes del Día de la Madre para que puedan ser consagrados en el altar de María para el Día de la Madre, y las intenciones se recuerden colectivamente en nuestras Misas del Día de la Madre.



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FROM
April 23 - 29, 2023

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
THOMAS BROWN & ERNIE HELLMER
FAMILIES



GREETINGS FROM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Please say the following prayer for our students who will receive Jesus Christ for the first time on Saturday, May 6: May the Lord bless the children making their First Holy Communion. May this day be the step toward a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to Jesus for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship. Amen.

For any questions regarding Religious Education, contact me at (773) 345-9551 or via email at rep@bspchicago.org.

Sincerely,

Lucrecia Garcia, Coordinator

SALUDOS DEL PROGRAMA DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Por favor diga la siguiente oración por nuestros estudiantes que recibirán a Jesucristo por primera vez el sábado 14 de mayo: Que el Señor bendiga a los niños que hacen su Primera Comunión. Que este día sea el paso hacia un amor por la Eucaristía para toda la vida. Dales hambre por este alimento sagrado para que recurran a Jesús en busca de consuelo, guía y sabiduría a medida que crecen en el discipulado completo. Amén.

Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre el Programa de Educación Religiosa, comuníquese conmigo al (773) 345-9551, o a rep@bspchicago.org

Atentamente,

Lucrecia García, Coordinadora

Prayer for the Feast Day of St. Joseph the Worker May 1st

Joseph, patron saint of workers, blending skill with charity, silent carpenter, we praise you! Joining work with honesty, you taught Christ with joy to labor, sharing his nobility. Joseph, close to Christ and Mary, lived with them in poverty, shared with them their home and labor, worked with noble dignity. May we seek God's will as you did, leader of his family! Joseph, inspiration for workers, man of faith and charity, make us honest, humble, faithful, strong with Christ's true liberty, Make our labor and our leisure fruitful to eternity!

Oración por la Fiesta de San José Obrero 1 de mayo

José, patrón de los trabajadores, mezclando habilidad con caridad, carpintero silencioso, te alabamos! Uniendonte al trabajo con honestidad, con gozo enseñaste a Cristo a trabajar, compartiendo su nobleza. José, cerca de Cristo y María, vivió con ellos en la pobreza, compartió con ellos su hogar y trabajo, trabajado con noble dignidad. Que busquemos la voluntad de Dios como tú, líder de su familia! José, inspiración para los trabajadores, hombre de fe y caridad, haznos honestos, humildes, fieles, fuerte con la verdadera libertad de Cristo, Haz nuestro trabajo y nuestro ocio fructífero hasta la eternidad!

World Day of Prayer for Vocations Sunday, April 30

We see in Jesus, the Good Shepherd, the heart of every calling. Everyone is called, and everyone has a vocation in the Church. Please pray for an increase in vocations in the Archdiocese of Chicago!

**Mass and Adoration with Cardinal Blase Cupich
Friday, May 12, 5:30-7 p.m., Holy Name Cathedral**

All are invited to pray for vocations and all those who will be ordained.

If you have questions regarding your vocation, please contact Fr. Tim Monahan at 847.531.0148 or tmonahan@archchicago.org.

**Jornada Mundial de Oración por las Vocaciones
Domingo, 30 de April**

Vemos en Jesús, el Buen Pastor, el corazón de cada llamado. Todos son llamados, y todos tienen una vocación en la Iglesia. ¡Por favor ora por un aumento en las vocaciones en la Arquidiócesis de Chicago!

Mass and Adoration with Misa y adoración con el cardenal Blasé Cupich.

Viernes, 12 de mayo., 5:30 – 7 p.m., Catedral del Santo Nombre

Todos están invitados a orar por las vocaciones y por todos los que serán ordenados.

Si tienes preguntas con relación a tu vocación, por favor comunícate con el padre Tim Monahan al 847.531.0148 o tmonahan@archchicago.org

World Day of Prayer for Vocations-April 30

Today, the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and deceased. Keep our pastor, Father Ismael, in your prayers throughout the week of April 30 – May 6. Encourage your children, grandchildren or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our archdiocese to respond to God's call. Join the Invisible Monastery. Pledge to pray for vocations at the international website, invisiblemonastery.com. It was inspired by a Vatican document urging Catholics to "organize an invisible monastery" in which many persons, day and night, are committed to continuously pray for priestly vocations."

Jornada Mundial de Oración por las Vocaciones, 30 de abril

Hoy, la Iglesia en todo el mundo reza por las vocaciones. ¿Harás un esfuerzo especial para pedirle al Señor más vocaciones al sacerdocio y a la vida religiosa? Ore por los sacerdotes que les ha servido a lo largo de su vida, tanto vivo como fallecido. Tenga en sus oraciones a nuestro párroco, el Padre Ismael, durante la semana del 30 de abril al 6 de mayo. Anime a sus hijos, nietos u otros jóvenes a considerar una vocación como sacerdote o hermano o hermana religioso. Reza un rosario para que más hombres y mujeres jóvenes de nuestra arquidiócesis respondan al llamado de Dios. Únete al Monasterio Invisible. Comprométete a orar por las vocaciones en el sitio web internacional invisiblemonastery.com. Se inspiró en un documento del Vaticano que insta a los católicos a "organizar un monasterio invisible" en el que muchas personas, día y noche, se comprometan a rezar continuamente por las vocaciones sacerdotales".

Mayo/May

The Rosary will be prayed each Monday of May at 6:30 p.m. for priestly vocations and peace in the world. Weather permitting, the rosary will be prayed at the grotto in front of the parish office. Otherwise, it will be prayed in church. Monday, May 8, the rosary will be prayed in English. All other Mondays of May, the rosary will be prayed in Spanish. Everyone is welcome.

El Rosario se rezará todos los lunes de mayo a las 18:30 horas. por las vocaciones sacerdotales y la paz en el mundo. Si el clima lo permite, se rezará el rosario en la gruta frente a la oficina parroquial. De lo contrario, se rezará en la iglesia. El lunes 8 de mayo se rezará el rosario en inglés. Todos los demás lunes de mayo, se rezará en español. Todos son bienvenidos.



**The Blessed Sacrament
Teen Group invites
ALL MOMS to celebrate**

Mother's Day

Friday May 12

6:00 pm

Church Hall

With

Song, dance and more

PRO-LIFE UPDATE, April 2023

There is some good news on the Pro-Life front. The U.S. Supreme Court's Dobbs decision reversing Roe v. Wade, has had some very favorable effects. The Dobbs case was decided on June 22, 2022 and within 100 days later 66 of 79 abortion clinics closed in 15 states which had banned or severely restricted abortions. This statistic was reported by the Guttmacher Institute, a pro-abortion organization formerly affiliated with Planned Parenthood. On April 18, 2023 Guttmacher also reported results of another survey which categorized the states which either banned or severely restricted abortion as "restrictive"-- 24 states, and those who were viewed as likely to keep abortion legal -- 26 states, as "protective." 42 percent of abortions in "protective" states were financed by Medicaid whereas less than 1 percent of abortions were so financed by Medicaid in "restrictive" states. Guttmacher also reported that since 2014 progressively smaller percentages of abortions were performed on minors whereas increasing percentages of abortions were obtained by African-American and Hispanic women. On April 12, 2023 the Society of Family Planning reported that since the Dobbs ruling an average of 5,377 fewer abortions per month occurred across the United States. The Charlotte Lozier Institute, a Pro-Life organization, reported that the Texas heart-beat law has reduced abortions in that state by approximately 1,000 per month.

As was reported in the Bulletin last month, medication abortions in which the unborn child is aborted by means of pills prescribed to the pregnant woman, now account for more than 50% of all abortions in the United States. Currently there is much activity in the courts regarding the availability of one of the drugs used in this method of abortion—mifepristone also known as RU486. That drug is typically used to stop nutrition killing the unborn child and then a second drug, misoprostol, is given to cause contractions to expel the now-dead baby from the mother's womb. In November 2022 the Attorney General of Texas filed a suit against Food and Drug Administration (FDA) seeking to ban use of mifepristone. That complaint alleged that FDA rules illegally required Texas pharmacies to "stock and dispense abortifacients" such as mifepristone even though doing so would violate Texas law and allowed delivery of the drug through the mail in violation of a federal statute. On April 7, 2023 the Texas federal court issued a ruling suspending FDA approval of mifepristone. The FDA appealed that order and five days later the appellate court ordered that the drug could remain on the market, but it rolled back a series of recent changes the FDA made to ease access to it. Those changes included increasing the gestational age when mifepristone could be used -- up to 10 weeks of pregnancy, allowing it to be mailed to patients, and allowing providers other than physicians to prescribe the drug. As of the writing of this update that ruling had been placed on hold pursuant to a temporary order of the U.S. Supreme Court. Meanwhile a federal court in Washington State issued a preliminary ruling allowing access to mifepristone in 18 states, including Illinois, which had filed suit in that court. We can expect more litigation arising from the Dobbs case which gave each state authority over abortion and from the efforts of the federal government to expand abortion access in states that choose to restrict it. The lives of unborn babies hang in the balance. Please pray for them and join us at the next monthly pro-life Mass and Rosary on Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 8:00 AM.

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