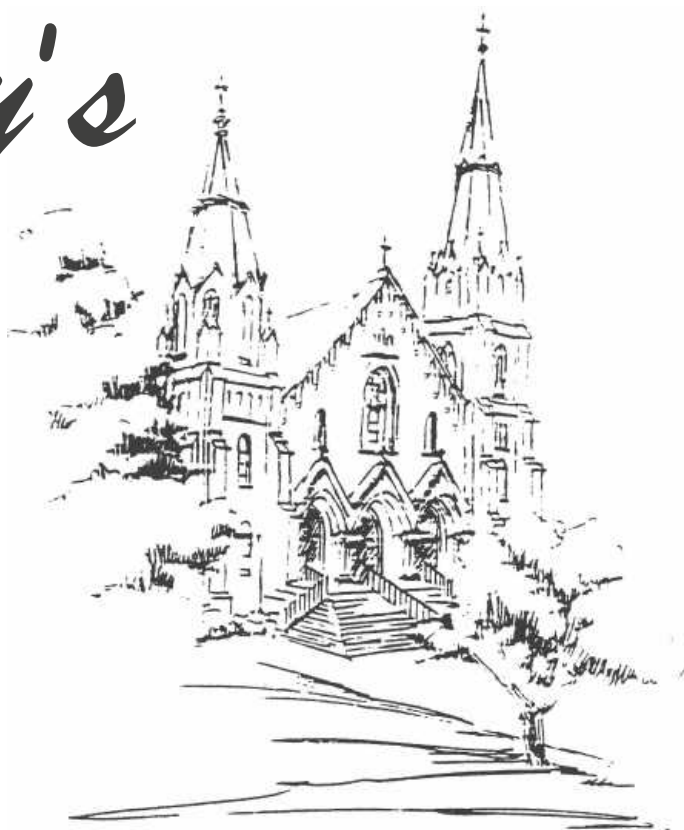


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Eucharistic Liturgies

Weekend Mass Saturday Vigil 5:15 PM
 Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Weekday Mass Wednesday – Friday 7:00 AM
 Saturday 8:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 – 4:45 PM

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the parish office to make arrangements. Baptisms normally take place on the first and third Sundays at 11:30 AM.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples planning to be married are asked to schedule an appointment with Fr. Croghan at least 6 months before the desired date. Wedding dates cannot be scheduled over the phone. One of the parties being married and/or their parents must be registered members of St. Mary's (Pre-marriage instruction is required).

Prayer Line

If you or any of your loved ones are in need of prayer, please call Margaret – 853-5280, or Pat – 853-5229.

New Parishioners

Welcome! Please introduce yourself after Mass. We invite you to become an active member of our parish community. Please call the parish office to register.

Bulletin Deadline

All announcements for the bulletin should be in writing and submitted to the parish office by Monday noon.



Good News!

My brothers and I have long teased our mother about her asking-for-the-manager skills when she has an issue with customer service. When she has a valid complaint, she keeps asking for the next supervisor up until she reaches someone who deals fairly with her. She is bold and unafraid!

When she received extremely unprofessional service at her automotive dealer, she kept asking for help until the general manager was involved. He gave her his cell phone number and came to the service floor to supervise the work on her car. My mother sensed a very different aura among the staff once the general manager was involved.

Perhaps today's first reading should be entitled "Christ the General Manager." Ezekiel's prophecy reveals that God is personally involved in the care of his children. We hear, "I myself will search for my sheep and examine them...I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest." There's no middle-manager here - Christ is the one doing the work of seeking and healing, personally involved in our interactions with those in need. In fact, Christ is identified with the most vulnerable and poor. This is no distant God-king, but one who is deeply engaged with humanity.

There's both comfort and challenge here. Comfort in knowing how close Christ is to us and how tenderly he cares for us, challenge in realizing Christ calls to us through the poor outside our doors who need assistance. As we conclude one liturgical year and look toward the next, we can celebrate with joy our "general manager" God who leaves the corporate office - the heavenly throne - to live so intimately among us.

Janel Esker

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Saturday, November 19 - Vigil Mass

5:15 PM Helen Balon by Her Family

Sunday, November 20 - Our Lord

Jesus Christ the King

8:00 AM Marion Jenny by Her Family

10:30 AM Deceased of the LaFaro Family

Wednesday, November 23 - St. Clement, Columban & Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro

7:00 AM Paul Kanniainen (3rd) by His Family

Thursday, November 24 - St. Andrew - Thanksgiving

9:30 AM For the People of the Parish

Friday, November 25 St. Catherine of Alexandria

7:00 AM Irene Caister by the Jama Family

Saturday, November 26

8:00 AM Marion Lafountain by daughter Lisa Roberts & Family

5:15 PM - Vigil Mass - Joe Maxwell (10th) by His Family

Sunday, November 27 - 1st Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM All Souls Day Intentions

10:30 AM Beulah Granville by daughter Doris & Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, HOSPITALIZED, SICK & SHUT-INS OF OUR PARISH

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 11-26-2011

Sally Glouse & Sue King

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 AM (11/26)	NO SERVERS		
5:15 PM (11/26)	Fritz, Betsy & Nathan Gale	Bill Waldron	Host - Annette Foley & Colleen Kanniainen Cup - Bob Scarlata, Ron Newman, Beth & Steve May
8:00 AM (11/27)	Jenny Maxam, Madeline Krasniak & Georgia Zoller	Bob Burns	Host - Pat & Jerry Dawes Cup - Mike Howard, Carole Byrne, Tina & Joe Lallier
10:30 AM (11/27)	Meradith Thayer, Will & Cheyanne Eisenhut	Kathleen Teodoro	Host - Mary Stuttard & Maryalice Hogan Cup - Michele Beach, Manuel Teodoro, Ani Sojda & Joanne Joseph

Faith Formation

Best wishes to the Clinton High School Soccer Team in their bid to become state champions this weekend!

High School Classes this Sunday, 6:30-8 PM

Monday - Grades 1-5, 7:45-8:45 AM

Grades 1-8, 6:30-7:30 PM

No class Wednesday evening as we enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends.

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Your children, grades K-5, are invited to join in Liturgy of the Word for Children at the 10:30 AM Mass this Sunday. Next session December 4.

The Country Pantry

During this beautiful season let us be thankful for all the blessings we have received during this past year. We are most grateful to you, our friends and benefactors here at St. Mary's, who have so generously supported us through their donations, time and talents. You have made it possible for us to help ease the burden of families struggling to provide nourishing food for themselves and their loved ones. Take comfort in knowing that on Thursday, 137 families will enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner with all the fixings, which you have helped make possible through your generosity. Enjoy your day with your loved ones. God's blessings on us all.

Country Pantry Christmas Star Project

Reminder - please return your gift with the Star pinned to it to Mary's Altar by Sunday, November 27th.

Thank you!



A Family Perspective

Families feed the hungry, give drinks to thirsty toddlers and welcome strangers and even estranged relatives into our homes. We clothe children and visit family members who are sick and imprisoned. The routine actions of family life are religious and priestly for we make Christ present in what we do.



On Thanksgiving Day the 8 AM Mass will be replaced with a **Mass at 9:30 AM**. Hopefully this will allow more of you to join us in a Eucharistic Prayer of Thanksgiving. As in the past, a collection will be taken up at this Mass for the Country Pantry.

Please note, morning **Mass on Friday will be at 8 AM**.

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection	\$7,438.73
Holy Day.....	19.00
School Assessment	114.00
Country Pantry	25.00
Memorial Fund.....	177.00
Diocesan Collections.....	36.00

Second Collection This Weekend

The annual collection for Human Development will be taken up at Masses this weekend.

Again, many thanks for your generosity!

Christmas Fair Thank You

We wish to thank all the chair persons and workers who helped with this year's Christmas Fair. We also thank everyone who donated items for the Bakers, Craft Booth, Attic Treasure, Jewelry, Chinese Auction, Sweet Shoppe and The Festival of Trees. Particularly, a special thank you to all the members of our parish who came and purchased something from the fair and/or had lunch at St. Mary's Café. This year's fair was very successful and we thank you all for your support!

Congratulations to our Christmas Fair Raffle Winners: \$500 - Helen Knepka, \$100 each to Roger Cresswell, Patrick & Barbara Grimes, Anne Hameline, Dee Christ and Barbara Crane. The Quilt was won by Carolyn Barnum, the Scratch Off Lottery Tree won by M/M Patrick Ryan and Anita Fitzgerald's painting won by Teresa Reese. The 32" Color Flat Screen TV was won by Salvatore Cirincio and the Royal Caribbean Cruise was won by Richard K. Smith. The Vera Bradley Gift Set was won by Daniello Gatto. See everyone next year!

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Please join our neighbors for the Clinton Community Thanksgiving Service at the Clinton Methodist Church, Utica Street, on Monday, November 21, at 7 PM.

Lectors Workbooks are Available

Lectors, please pick up your 2012 Lector Workbooks in the sacristy following Mass.

Christmas at the Corner

Christmas at the Corner will be held Friday, November 25, 10 AM to 8 PM at the Stone Presbyterian Church, Clinton. It will feature The Cookie Jar, Seven C's Café, Crafts and Homemade Goodies, Fair Trade Items, The Golden Nugget, Braided Rug Raffle, St. Mary's Church Choir Concert at 3 PM and the Kolb Family Concert at 5 PM. Come join us and help celebrate the start of the Christmas season!

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