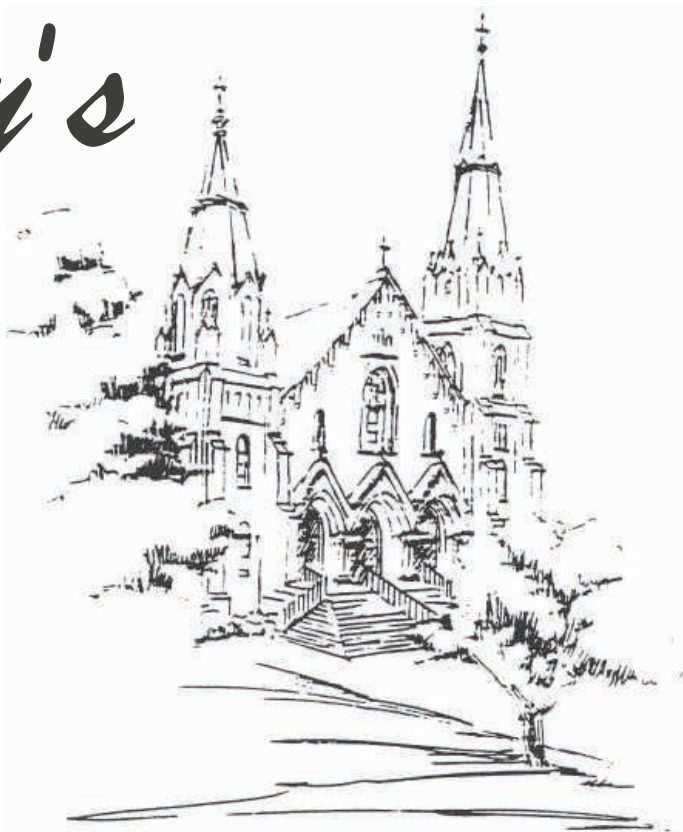


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Eucharistic Liturgies

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

We joyfully welcome all into our Church family through this sacrament. Parents are asked to please call the rectory 853-2935 to make arrangements. Baptismal preparation meetings are held with the Baptismal Team the first Sunday of the month at 9 AM at St. Mary's School.

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.



Saturday, July 28 - Vigil Mass

5:15 PM Margaret Moore by Parish Council

Sunday, July 29 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Leo Crane by Kathleen & Kurt Bodmer

10:30 AM Marie Lafountain by M/M Reginald Miller

Wednesday, August 1 - St. Alphonsus Liguori

7:00 AM For the People of the Parish

**Thursday, August 2 - St. Eusebius of Vercelli
& St. Peter Julian Eymard**

7:00 AM Bacon & Spencer Families
by the Bacon Family

Friday, August 3

7:00 AM Kathleen Phillips by Her Family

Saturday, August 4 - St. John Vianney

8:00 AM Fred Davies by Carol & Bernie Burns

5:15 PM - Vigil Mass - Margaret Stanley
by St. Mary's Parish Council

Sunday, August 5 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Anne Gale by Roger & Barbara Cresswell

10:30 AM Anthony Kwiat by the Kowalezk Family

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED, HOSPITAL-
IZED, SICK & SHUT-INS OF OUR PARISH**

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 8-4

Sally Glouse & Sue King

Good News!

July 29, 2012

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 Kgs 4:42-44 / Eph 4:1-6 / Jn 6:1-15

When my husband and I were planning our wedding, we found the phrase “for richer, for poorer” to be lacking. We felt the phrase “in abundance and in scarcity” would be better because it could encompass not just money, but also time, hope, and happiness. We would be vowing to keep our love abundant even when other things feel scarce.

We live in a culture that focuses on scarcity even though our country is blessed with abundance. Advertisements convince us we don't have enough and we aren't enough. We're rarely satisfied with our hair, our clothes, our life choices—we often feel empty and in need of more.

Today's Gospel begins a series of reflections over the next weeks about Jesus being the bread of life, and today's focus is the abundance Jesus provides. Not only was there enough to feed the 5,000, but there was *more than enough*—there were leftovers, my favorite kind of abundance. I like to refer to these moments in Jesus' life as “doggie-bag theology”: Jesus shares more than enough of what is needed—more than can be enjoyed in one sitting, plenty to take home for further enjoyment.

Abundance. It's a characteristic of God we may forget in a culture that constantly tells us we don't have enough. Even when we feel we don't have enough money or time or even enough of *ourselves* to go around—God overflows with the love, wisdom, and strength that help us through each day.

God really does provide more than enough—are we focusing on the scarcity in our lives, or on the abundance of God?

Janel Esker

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| Liturgical Ministers | | | |
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| Time | Altar Servers | Lector | Eucharistic Ministers |
| 8:00 AM (8/4) | NO SERVERS | | |
| 5:15 PM (8/4) | Lee Ann Chesebro, Marilyn Cirrincione & Abby Hyde | Dave Welchons | Host - Sue King & Bill Waldron Cup - Jan Slawson, Jim Winkler, Sue Kielar & Ann Wilkinson |
| 8:00 AM (8/5) | Jenny Maxam, Madeline Krasniak & Ricky Heintz | Anna Berney | Host - Kate Chute & Ed Kaido Cup - Pam Sprague, Chris Kielar, Fran & Gwen Lallier |
| 10:30 AM (8/5) | Nathan Gale, Taylor & Kendell Arndt | Maryalice Hogan | Host - Anita Fitzgerald & Carol Fobes Cup - Maryalice Hogan, Ani Sojda, Don & Jane Conniff |

Mission Appeal Next Weekend

Rev. Andrew Buechele, Sch.P, a representative of the Piarist Fathers, will speak at masses next weekend. The Piarist Fathers take vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, plus a fourth vow to educate youth. They operate about 200 schools in 32 countries. One of those schools is located in the Appalachian region of eastern Kentucky.

They are asking for your support in helping with educational work in Appalachia but also in many outreach programs designed to help those living in poverty in the mountains. Thank you for your help!

Faith Formation

Jesus teaches us again by his example that we all have gifts and talents to offer. At times we may not think that they are significant or even adequate, but shared with others they multiply and may be just what our neighbor needs from us.

Registration packets for the coming year have been mailed. If you are new to the parish or have a 1st Grader entering our program please contact us at faith-formation@stmarys-clinton.com for registration information. **Teachers needed!** On Monday morning, Monday evening and Wednesday evening. Please consider sharing your gifts and talents with the children of our parish family.

TGIF (Teens Gathered in Faith) Youth Group

We are off on our camping adventure. Please keep us in your prayers as we share a weekend of faith and fellowship. We will come back with some great stories!

The Country Pantry

Today's first reading and the gospel reading emphasize the need for feeding the people. At the Pantry we try to carry out this message by providing food to those in our area, our friends and neighbors, who are in need of food for themselves and their families. Do you know of anyone who is in need and could use a supplemental food package from the Pantry? If so, please call Mary (371-5789) or Jeanne (737-7650).

We are still accepting Kid's Paks for our August distribution. Please return them by August 20th. Your generous response to this appeal has delighted our kids and helped Mom stretch her food dollars while satisfying those ravenous appetites. We are all most grateful for your kindness. God bless!

A Family Perspective

In today's gospel, Phillip worried about "enough food" for the crowd. What is ENOUGH? When does our ENOUGH deprive another family of their fair share? Jesus performed today's miracle because one child was willing to share and risk living with less. Can your family live more simply so that other families can simply live?

Collection for Last Weekend

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|---------------------------|------------|
| Ordinary Collection | \$6,125.00 |
| Faith Formation..... | 105.00 |
| School Assessment | 15.00 |
| Country Pantry | 25.00 |
| Memorial Fund..... | 10.00 |
| Fuel..... | 674.00 |

HOPE Appeal

Thanks to parishioners who have made a pledge to the annual HOPE Appeal we have received \$29,015 in pledges towards our assessed goal of \$31,181 - only \$2,166 to go!

Please make your pledge ASAP. Completed pledges may be placed in the collection basket, mailed or dropped off at the parish office. You can also make a secure online gift or pledge at www.syradio.org. Thank you!

Parish Picnic Meeting

St. Mary's Hearts and Hands will be having a Parish Picnic meeting Wednesday, August 8, 6:30 PM, in the school. The main topic of discussion will be the parish picnic. If you would like to be part of this fun event, we cordially invite you to attend. New ideas are always welcomed and new volunteers are also needed. We look forward to seeing you there. Thank you.

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Robert Tucker, our sales rep from Liturgical Publications will be at St. Mary's this week for those interested in placing a new or updated ad in our bulletin. If you wish, call Robert at 800-888-4574 ext. 3433.

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