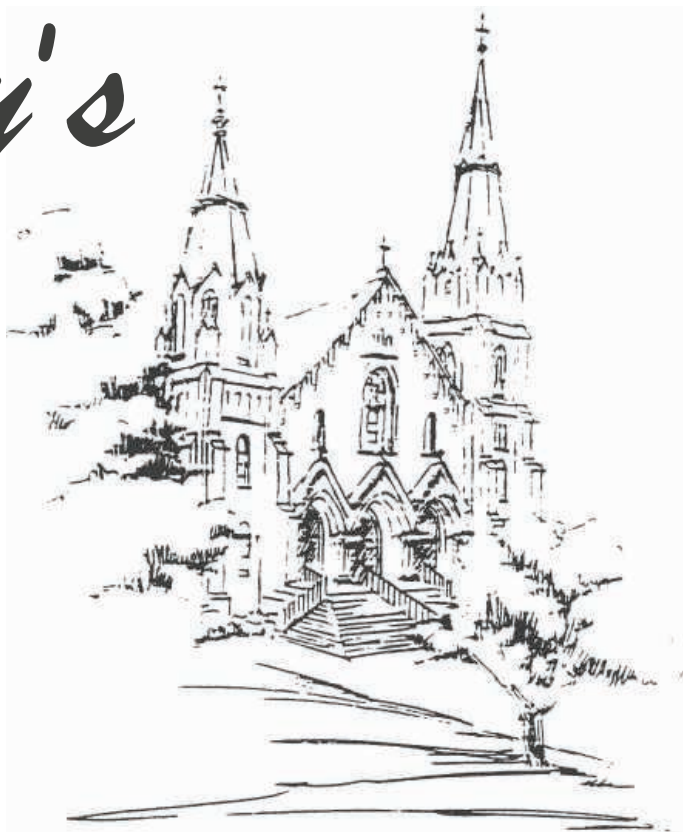


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Eucharistic Liturgies

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, September 16 - Vigil Mass

5:15 PM Linda Knepka by Debbie & Ray Drooms

**Sunday, September 17 - 24th Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Leo J. Crane, Jr. by the Krasniak Family

10:30 AM Donald Farley by the Kowalczyk Family

Wednesday, September 19 - St. Januarius

7:00 AM NO MASS

**Thursday, September 20 - Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon
& Paul Chong Ha-sang**

7:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Friday, September 21 - St. Matthew

7:00 AM Marie Lafountain by M/M Paul Lapierre

Saturday, September 22

8:00 AM Special Intention (Gale Family)
by Mary & Will Waldron

5:15 PM - Vigil Mass - Don & Helen Hamlin
by Carol Fobes

**Sunday, September 23 - 25th Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Frank Owens by His Family

10:30 AM Anthony Veschusio by His wife, Angela

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

Fr. Croghan at Clergy Conference

Because Father will be at the Clergy Conference Monday through Wednesday., there is no Mass on Wednesday. The office will be open as usual 10-3 PM, Monday -Friday.

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 9-22

Joan Scoones & Karen Winkler

dear Padre

September 16, 2012

When does a sacramental become superstition?

I would call a Saint Joseph statue a sacramental, but it seems to me that burying it in the front yard upside down to make a house sell faster turns it into an object of superstition. Where do we draw the line?

John

Dear John,

Prayer and sacramentals become objects of superstition when we use them to try to control God. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says, "Sacramentals derive from the baptismal priesthood: every baptized person is called to be a 'blessing,' and to bless" (1669). All the baptized have a right to use sacramentals to ask for God's blessing.

You rightly point out, though, that people get carried away: "If you bury the statue upside down in the front yard, your house will sell." "If you say a Hail Mary every night, you'll find a job." These practices fit the *Catechism's* definition of superstition: "the deviation of religious feeling and of the practices this feeling imposes...when one attributes an importance in some way magical to certain practices otherwise lawful or necessary" (2111).

The *Catechism* points out that at times the Church must "purify and correct the religious sense which underlies these devotions so that the faithful may advance in knowledge of the mystery of Christ" (1676). The Church must remind people not to use sacramentals and prayer to convince God to do what you want him to do, but rather to ask his blessing.

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Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 AM (9/22)	John Slawson & Nathan Gale		
5:15 PM (9/22)	Betsy Gale, Samantha Gaffney & Taylor Arndt	Annemarie Moffitt	Host - Jim Winkler & Jan Slawson Cup - Marybeth King, Colleen Kannianen Mary Lou Lauchert & Anne Debraggio
8:00 AM (9/23)	Jane Hughes, Georgia Zoller & Nick Frank	Pam Sprague	Host - Kate Chute & Evelyn Micciche Cup - Bob Burns, Carole Byrne, Fran & Gwen Lallier
10:30 AM (9/23)	Cheyenne Eisenhut, Meradith Thayer & Will Eisenhut	Marylalice Hogan	Host - Phyllis Moore & Joanne Joseph Cup - Mary Stuttard, Carol Fobes, Don & Jane Conniff

Faith Formation - Teachers and Classes

Monday morning: 1st - Kristen Sullivan, 6 students, 2nd - Mary Lou Lauchert, 10 students, 3rd - Anne Debraggio, 9 students, 4th/5th - Elizabeth Tantillo, 23 students = total 48 students.

Monday evening: 1st - Jodi Frank, 9 students, 2nd - Susan Yaworsky, 15 students, 3rd - Amanda Bohlert, 18 students, 4th - Melissa Drejza and Carla Pascucci, 16 students, 5th - Tom Hullar, 15 students, 6th - Dave Schulz, 19 students, 7th - Moira Moore, 17 students, 8th - Gabe Martini, 12 students & Kathy Williams, 11 students = total 132 students.

Wednesday evening: Kate Schlosser, 6 students, 2nd - Mary Heintz, 17 students, 3rd/4th - Addie Zoller and Meg Hughes, 14 students, 5th/6th - Pam Sprague, 21 students, 7th/8th - Courtney Zoller and Maureen Hughes, 20 students. Total 78 students.

Sunday evening: 9th - Erik Schlosser and Dick Hunt, 26 students. TGIF - Mike and Lisa Jeffery - youth group for all interested high school students. Total 284 students enrolled in the formal program.

TGIF (Teens Gathered in Faith Youth Group)

Parent information meeting this Sunday, September 16, 6:30 PM, in the school gym. All parents of high school students are invited to come hear what our new program is all about.

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 Mass this Sunday. Next session September 30.

The Country Pantry

Supplies are running low at the Pantry and we are in need of cereal, peanut butter, tuna fish and macaroni and cheese. We can also use dish soap, shampoo and toothpaste. If you are able to help with any of these items, we are most grateful. Thanks for your continuing support. God bless.

Thank You

What a great time everyone had at the Parish Picnic. The weather was great, the food was delicious and everyone enjoyed visiting with each other. The 50/50 was won by Anne & Mike Debraggio. We want to thank Savicki's Farm for their food donation, Rick Heintz of the American Legion for his help and cooperation, to all the parishioners for their food donations and to all the volunteers for their time in working at the picnic. Without all of you, we would not have had such a fun time. Thank you again and we will see everyone next year.

Permanent Diaconate

There will be a seminar for men interested in the Permanent Diaconate Sunday, September 30, at Holy Cross, Dewitt. For more information, see Father.

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection	\$8,590.00
Holy Day.....	2.00
Faith Formation.....	315.00
School Assessment	40.00
Country Pantry	105.00
Memorial Fund.....	60.00
Diocesan Collections.....	85.00

Second Collection This Weekend (really)

The annual Catholic University of America collection will be taken up at Masses this weekend. Many thanks for your continued support.

Third Thursday Group

The Third Thursday Group will meet this Thursday, September 20. We gather in church at 12:15 PM for a Communion Service. Bring a bag lunch and come to the basement after the service for socializing. Dessert and beverage provided!

A Family Perspective

If we want to be happy at home we must commit ("lose ourselves") to our family. If we try to be independent from others ("save ourselves") we end up lonely and alone. Happiness is found in commitments. The gospel is true: We save our life by losing it!

Rite of Inquiry for RCIA

On Thursdays, September 13, 20 and 27, the Rite of Inquiry for the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) for our Parish, will be held at 6:30 PM at the school.

What is RCIA?

The RCIA is first and foremost a process of conversion. This is true because the RCIA is for and about people: people on the move, people being remade in the image of Christ, people being reborn in the Spirit, people on a journey toward faith and people whose faith journey cannot be programmed because programs as such do not cause conversion: only God bring about conversion.

RCIA is an invitation to "come and see." In no way do we wish to negate what you already believe, nor uproot you for a religious tradition in which you are comfortable and at peace. We are simply saying that if you have questions in your heart about the Roman Catholic Church, we would like to offer you a place in our life as a parish, to seek, to question and to understand us a little more. This is meant to be an opening of our door to say you are most welcome in our home and in our life as a parish community to see who we are.

If you know someone who fits the above, please pass this information along to them. It is only necessary to be at one of the Thursday meetings.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact Sister Johanne McCarthy at 853-1949.

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