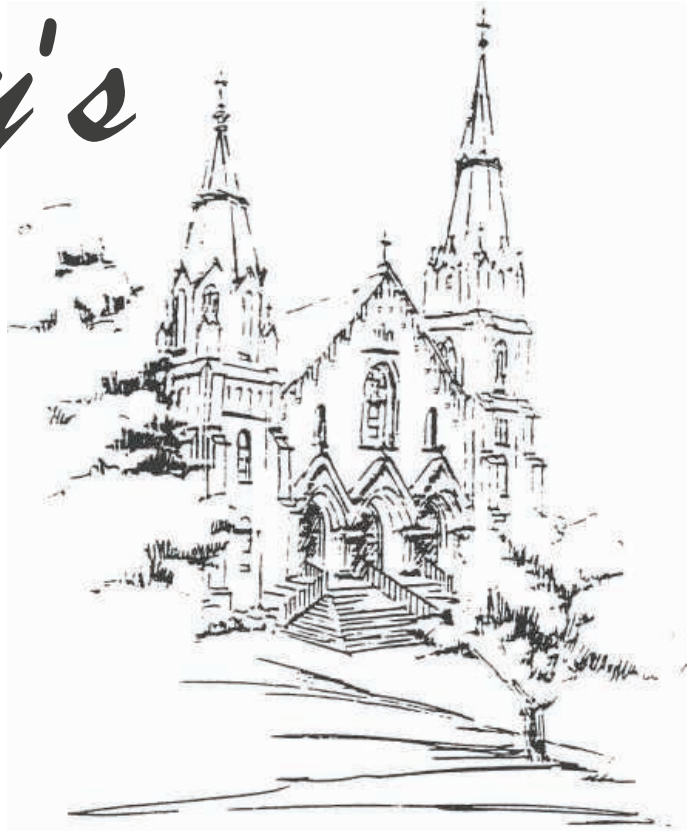


February 3, 2013

St. Mary's Parish

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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, February 2 - Vigil Mass

5:15 PM Arlene Lomanto (8th)
by Fred Lomanto & Family

Sunday, February 3 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Margaret Buckley Schultz
by the McHarris Family
10:30 AM Theresa Battaglini by Sara Ziesenitz

Wednesday, February 6 - St. Paul Miki

7:00 AM Walter & Elizabeth Stefanik
by Cheryl Stafanik Schreppel

Thursday, February 7

7:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Friday, February 8 - Sts. Jerome Emillani & Josephine Bakhita

7:00 AM Beverly Geiser by the McHarris Family

Saturday, February 9

8:00 AM Meme by Grandson, Caden Engle
5:15 PM - O'B O'Brien by Pat Balon

Sunday, February 10 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Philip Burkart by Rosemary Nicholson
10:30 AM Joseph Yanchan, Jr. by His Wife & Family

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED,
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OF OUR PARISH**

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 2-9

Carole Byrne & Amy Franz

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection.....	\$4,420.00
Faith Formation.....	24.00
School Assessment.....	20.00
Memorial Fund.....	15.00
Holy Days.....	48.00

2012 Tax Statement

For a statement of your 2012 donations for tax purposes, please put a note on your envelope, drop a note in the collection basket, or call the parish office at 853-2935, Monday - Friday, 10-3 PM.

The Country Pantry

Today's the day! It's **Soup'er Bowl Sunday!** If you forgot your cans of soup, they may be left anytime in the food box in the back of the church. Everyone is a winner in our Soup'er bowl.

Our need for food is on-going. This month, in addition to soup, we are in need of cereal, hot chocolate and crackers. We appreciate your support in helping us to assist those who need help in feeding their families. We couldn't do it without you. Our families are most grateful. God bless the givers and receivers.

Ash Wednesday Schedule

Ashes will be distributed at St. Mary's, February 13, during the 7 AM and 6:30 PM Masses. Fr. Croghan will also distribute ashes at a noon Mass in the Hamilton College Chapel. (Remember, parking is very limited and in remote locations - come ready to walk.)

The full Lenten Schedule will be available in next week's bulletin.



Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 AM (2/9)	NO SERVERS		
5:15 PM (2/9)	Adam Schneider, Daniel & Nicholas Frank	Jim Winkler	Host - Marybeth King & Tim Lashinger Cup - Barb Bohrer, Annette Foley, Pearl Gapp & Sue Kielar
8:00 AM (2/10)	Jenny Maxam, Madeline Krasniak & John Slawson	Kate Chute	Host - Mike Howard & Evelyn Micciche Cup - Bob Burns, Chris Kielar, Tina & Joe Lallier
10:30 AM (2/10)	Abby Hyde, Cheyanne Eisenhut & Meradith Thayer	Susan Yaworsky	Host - Don & Jane Conniff Cup - Joanne Joseph, Carol Fobes, Anita Fitzgerald & Phyllis Moore

Faith Formation

To some people who knew Jesus, he was just “Joseph’s son” and nothing more. Jesus knew that his Father was with him always and he never gave up on delivering his message. We need to keep our eyes, ears and hearts open to be able to deliver and receive God’s great message of love.

Normal class schedule this week.

9th Grade will meet next Sunday, February 10th.

TGIF (Teens Gathered in Faith) Youth Group

At our last meeting we decided to modify the gathering time to provide an opportunity for 9th Graders to join us. We will not meet for recreation from 5:30-6:30 PM with discussion following. Light supper will be provided. Our next meeting is Sunday, February 10. Please consider joining us at 5:30 PM in the school gym for some fun. Warning: Games are meant to be friendly, but competition tends to get in the way!!

A Family Perspective

Mary and Joseph must have been proud when their village “all spoke well of Jesus and were amazed at his words.” But they probably felt shame when the same people drove him out of town. Like Mary and Joseph, the highs and lows of parenting are our path to being a Holy Family.



Baptized in Christ

We welcome the following children to our Catholic Faith: Audrey Lynn Rotondo, daughter of Steven & Alycia.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
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 Telephone: _____
 Please check one:
 I am new in the parish & wish to register
 I am unsure if registered or not, please check
 I am previously registered and wish to receive envelopes.
 I moved to the above address.

dear Padre

February 3, 2013

Why be Catholic?

I’m engaged to a wonderful woman who was raised in a Protestant faith tradition. I want her to become Catholic. She says all the Catholic rituals aren’t necessary to get to heaven. What can I say to convince her?

Your fiancée is correct about heaven: God has willed the salvation of everyone—not just Catholics (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church [*Lumen Gentium*], 13).

But being Catholic isn’t only about getting to heaven. Earthly benefits abound! Take the Mass: Holy Communion gives us Jesus’ very Body and Blood. The sacrament of reconciliation brings us peace and comfort. Our saints and our special devotion to the Blessed Mother inspire us. Our Church leaders—ordained and religious—bring Christ to our everyday lives. Our Catholic hymns and prayer traditions help us offer praise and thanks in a unique way.

Once we get to heaven, the need for the distinctions that help us walk our path on Earth dissolve. But until we get there, we shouldn’t follow the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church simply because it’s the religion of our parents or spouse; we should follow them because we believe they show us how to deepen our relationship with God by living as Jesus wanted us to.

So while “all the Catholic rituals” do prepare us for heaven, they also enrich and inform our earthly lives in ways we can’t find anywhere else. I thank God for the Catholic Church every day—and you should too.

Fr. Scott Katzenberger, CSSR
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