

October 6, 2013

St. Mary's Parish

13 Marvln Street
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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, October 5 - Vigil Mass
 5:15 PM Elizabeth & Walter Stefanik by Their Family
Sunday, October 6 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM Bonnie Burns by Rick & Cindy Heintz
 10:30 AM Laura Atkinson by Her Family
Wednesday, October 9 - St. Denis & John Leonardi
 7:00 AM For the People of the Parish
Thursday, October 10
 7:00 AM Walter & Elizabeth Stefanik
 by Cheryl Stefanik Schreppel
Friday, October 11 - Bl. John XXIII
 7:00 AM John & Kathleen Wilkinson by Ann
Saturday, October 12
 8:00 AM Jeanne Jones by Carl
 5:15 PM - Vigil Lottie & Frank Savicki
 by Joyce & Denny Boj dak
Sunday, October 13 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM Michael & Josephine Kraus by Chris & Family
 10:30 AM Bill Burns by His Wife & Family

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

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 10-12
 Joyce & Denny Boj dak

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection.....\$6,219.00
 Faith Formation.....95.00
 School Assessment.....9.00
 Memorial Fund.....211.00
 Fuel.....15.00
 Respect Life.....55.00

Second Collection This Weekend

The annual Respect Life collection will be taken up at Masses this weekend. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Croghan Stuff - Help Wanted!

All parishes depend on their members to function effectively. We have a wonderful group of individuals who keep the place up and running. We need more!

There are two parish ministries that could use your help. The first is one that you should be familiar with - Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. We could use more people who would be willing to read at Mass and/or distribute communion. Sister Johanne and Sue King are coordinators of this ministry and are in the process of setting up a training session. Please contact them if you are interested or have any questions.

The second ministry is new to St. Mary's. The Diocese is asking that all parishes have people who take care of counting, recording and banking the collection each weekend. We need your help in putting together counting teams for the parish. Our aim is to have each team on a rotating basis much like the lectors and eucharistic ministers. Our parish trustees - Jim Winkler and Evelyn Miccichi - are the coordinators of this ministry and may be contacting you for some help. Please be generous with your time.

As always, THANK YOU for all you do for St. Mary's.

Fr. Croghan

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
8:00 AM (10/12)			
5:15 PM (10/12)	Madison Steates, Madeline Surace & Kaitlynn Schweitzer	Joyce Boj dak	Host - Marybeth King & MaryLou Lauchert Cup - Alex D'Acunto, Annette Foley, Bob Scarlata & Jan Slawson
8:00 AM (10/13)	Tyler, Connor & Garrett Frank	Bob Burns	Host - Jeanne Roback & Ed Kaido Cup - Chris Kielar, Kate Chute, Joe & Tina Lallier
10:30 AM (10/13)	Alyson Burns, LeeAnn & Lauren Chesebro	Susan Yaworsky	Host - Karen Brewer & Phyllis Moore Cup - Carol Fobes, Jane Conniff, Sister Johanne & Michele Beach

Faith Formation

Make a list of all the gifts God has given you; family, friends, teachers, and also gifts of personality (sense of humor, kindness, persistence, etc.) and talents (for music, art, dance, writing, sports, etc.). Choose three. How will you "fan these into flame" this week? How will you show appreciation for the gifts of others?

Grades 1-8 will have regular scheduled classes this week

Grades 9 & 10 meet this Sunday, October 6th

TGIF

TGIF is also off to a great start welcoming many new 9th grade faces! The next meeting will be this Sunday, October 6th, 5:30-7 PM. All high school students are welcome.

Pie Sale This Weekend

St. Mary's Hearts and Hands will be having a pie sale this weekend after ALL Masses in the school gym. Won't you stop by and pick up your favorite pie? We thank everyone in advance for their generosity.



2013-2014 RCIA Program

Our parish will begin the 2013-2014 process of RCIA - Rite of Christian Development of Adults. Information sessions will begin in October for those interested in finding out about the Catholic Religion. At that time, the RCIA process is described and the individual meets with other interested persons. At the end of this time the individual will decide to advance in the process or not. There is absolutely no pressure to continue.

In the three years I have been at St. Mary's, the majority of 13 people welcomed into full membership in the Catholic Church have found out about RCIA from you. You are the person who comes to St. Mary's and will read this bulletin.

I am asking if you would think about the person(s) you know who has mentioned to you their desire to find out more about the Catholic Faith. When you talk to them again, plant a seed by informing them of the upcoming program that will be starting here in St. Mary's in October. The dates for the initial meetings are all Tuesdays: October 22, October 29, or November 5, at 26 Marvin Street, at 6:30 PM.

Besides mentioning the RCIA program, pray for them, volunteer to initially come with them and give them my name and telephone number - Sister Johanne, 853-1849. Thank you.

Good News!

August 25, 2013

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Is 66:18-21 / Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 / Lk 13:22-30

I pride myself on being prompt. It's about being considerate of those waiting for you. So my initial feelings toward the people in today's gospel—those who didn't get to the master's house before he locked the door—are not particularly sympathetic. "Should've checked your watch/stopped dawdling/planned ahead" is what cynically runs through my mind.

But that's exactly Jesus' point—once we're certain of our moral superiority and others' failures, we get in trouble. Jesus' story reveals that people who assumed they'd be welcomed by the master simply by association, heritage, or neighborhood are surprised to be left outside even as outsiders from distant lands are welcomed. God doesn't abide by our rules, divisions, and judgments.

In fact, God delights in upending our ideas of who is right and who is wrong. Jesus states it clearly, "Some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." We hear it repeatedly—"Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own eye?" (Matthew 7:3)—yet we holler in political and religious arenas about who will be saved, who's going to hell, and who God favors and despises.

Jesus is clear: Strive to enter through the narrow door. He says many will attempt to enter but won't be strong enough. It's an interesting word choice—to fit through a narrow door, you need only be lean or thin, not necessarily strong.

Perhaps he meant strong enough to resist condemning others, strong enough to focus on stripping ourselves of sinful behaviors that keep us from intimacy with God.

Janel Esker

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We ask also that you remember in prayer our individuals and families who are struggling with health issues, unemployment and family situations. God bless you for caring and sharing.

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