



Weekly Update | June 20, 2021

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Happy Father's Day!



Health & Safety Information

- Those who are fully vaccinated should feel confident to attend Mass or be in any parish building without a face covering.
- Those who are not fully vaccinated should continue to wear a face covering in our indoor and outdoor spaces.
- Face coverings are always welcome for anyone, even if you are fully vaccinated.
- During Mass, the chapel and choir loft will be reserved for those wearing face coverings. You are also welcome to wear a face covering in the church.

A Grateful & Blessed Family

Ripples of God's Love - Through Our Hearts - To All Hearts!

St. Mary Parish Support			
June 2021	Budget	Received	Variance
received 6/7- 6/11/2021		27,432	
June - month to date:	60,000	32,922	-27,078
7/1/20-6/30/2021			
Fiscal Year To Date :	880,000	793,837	-86,163



Mass Times

Mon., June 21, 5:30pm
Tue., June 22, 5:30pm
Wed., June 23, 12:05pm
Thur., June 24, 12:05pm
Sat., June 26, 4:30pm
Sun., June 27, 7:45am
9:45am
6:30pm

Intentions

Fr. Bob Lexa
Alice LeFevre
Richard Kilsdonk
Parishioners of St Mary
Candace Schoultz
Parishioners of St. Mary
Sharon Brautigam
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Mass Attendance

As we have plenty of socially distanced capacity at all weekday Masses, we will no longer be tracking and publishing weekday Mass counts. Please join us! Our weekday Masses offer a very safe worship environment.

Saturday, 4:30 pm (95) | Sunday, 7:45 am (65), 9:45 am (144), 6:30 pm (69)

In Loving Memory

Please pray for those who have lost a loved one. May fond memories comfort them at this time. If you have lost a loved one and would like them to be remembered in the bulletin, call the parish office at 739-5119.

Prayer Requests

Contact Mary Jo Zilisch (920-734-1182 or 920-843-1249) or Laurie Richter (lauriejrichter@gmail.com) if you have a prayer need. Please remember the requests in our prayer baskets.

Events Calendar

Monday, June 21

6:30pm THEO/Community Room
7:00pm Boy Scouts/St. Anne Room

Tuesday, June 22

2:00pm Rosary Group/Chapel
6:15 Confessions/Chapel

Wednesday, June 23

no events

Thursday, June 24

no events

Friday, June 25

parish office closed

Saturday, June 26

9:00am Confessions/Chapel

Sunday, June 27

4:30 pm Confirmation Prep Session/Community Room & St. Anne Room

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Marriage

Congratulations! Contact Fr. Bill at least 6 months before your planned wedding date.

Baptism

Congratulations! Contact the parish office for information.

Confession

Sat. 9-10am and Tues. 6:15-7:15pm (except for the 1st Tuesday of the month)

St. Mary Parish Office

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Monday – Thursday, 8:30am-4:30pm
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In Joy & Sorrow with Father Bill +

One of my favorite stories is about Yellow and Stripe, two caterpillars. The book by Trina Paulus is titled *Hope for the Flowers [A tale partly about life, partly about revolution, and lots about hope for adults and others (including caterpillars who can read)]*

Yellow is precocious and figures out pretty early on that the key in life is to not be so driven and to simply find time to let go and rest. She does that and, in one of those holy moments, she is transformed into a beautiful yellow butterfly. Stripe is caught up in a competition of sorts with others. He sees them building this huge caterpillar pillar. They are on a mission to secure the secret of life and to be successful. Stripe watches one of his friends jump into the caterpillar pillar, stepping over the heads of others, never looking back, and driven to find his way to the top. He sees other caterpillars jettisoned from the pillar from a place high above and falling to the ground. He is intrigued by this notion to get ahead. Stripe joins the climb but Yellow, now a beautiful butterfly, finds ways to coax him onto a better pathway. He leaves the pillar, follows Yellow's pantomime of how to hang upside down from a branch, to be still, to let go, to form a chrysalis, and to become his best self as a butterfly.

As we greet the official start of the Holy Season of Summer, I would encourage you to find ways to slow down just a bit, to balance your work commitments as best you can with times for silence and solitude, for leisure and play, and for family and friends. I think the maxim *All work and no play makes Jack (Jill) a dull boy (girl)* is very true.

One of my favorite Dad moments was to sit

side by side with him in lawn chairs in the backyard of my childhood home in the Town of Menasha, right before supper time. I was a young priest at the time, and then a not-so-young priest. My Dad and I would catch up on all the news in our lives since my last visit a week ago. He was always very interested in what was going on with me. In the midst of the conversation, Dad would stop the conversation to notice the call of the cardinal or wren, or make an observation on what was about ready to be picked from the garden, or just how old that evergreen tree was that I planted as a little kid on a National Tree Day many, many Mays ago.

Sister Joan Chittister, OSB, a woman in our Church today whom I greatly respect, says this:

*Life is about more than work. Work is useless, even destructive, if its purpose goes awry. What will keep work pristine if not the contemplative eye for truth and the contemplative compass for everything God called good? Recreation is the act of stretching the soul. When we stop the race to nowhere, when we get off the carousel of productivity long enough to finally recognize that it is going in a circle, we reclaim a piece of our own humanity...How do we know for sure that life is meant to be an excursion into joy? Because there is simply too much to enjoy: fishing in a back bay, the view from a mountaintop, wild berries on the hill, a street dance in the neighborhood, a good book, the parish festival, the city culture, and the family reunion (from *Illuminated Life* by Sister Joan).*

May your summer days be chocked full of joy! Happy Summer! Happy Father's Day to our Dads still with us and to our Dads with the Lord! All our love!