



Weekly Update | July 11, 2021

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Technology Upgrades Begin July 12

You might notice some extra workers and dust around the building the week of July 12. Our technology updates will be beginning and we're so excited! Stay tuned for updates!

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			
July 2021	Budget	Received	Variance
received 6/28-7/2		14,758	
July - month to date:	64,000	14,758	-49,242
7/1/21-7/31/2021			
Fiscal Year To Date :	64,000	14,758	-49,242



Mass Times

Mon., July 12, 5:30pm
Tue., July 13, 5:30pm
Wed., July 14, 12:05pm
Thur., July 15, 12:05pm
Sat., July 17, 4:30pm
Sun., July 18, 7:45am
9:45am
6:30pm

Intentions

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Parishioners of St. Mary
Emmett Clark
Fr. Bob Lexa
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The Jacob Family

Job Opening - Associate Minister of Young Disciples

Are you a friend and follower of Jesus? Do you love sharing your Catholic faith and building relationships with children, youth and families? Are you innovative? Would you enjoy working collaboratively in bringing to life a new faith and experienced based ministry?

St. Mary Parish is looking for a part time Associate Minister to work cooperatively with our Minister of Young Disciples. The position is flexible with 18 hrs. per week including some evening and/or Sunday hours. Flexible summer schedule.

Qualified candidates will be joyful disciples and open to ministering with families and children of any age from pre-school through high school. Previous experience with preschool, elementary, middle or high school students or youth ministry preferred. Send your resume or contact: Theresa Rohm, trohm@stmaryparish.org. 739-5119.

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 (110) | Sunday, 7:45 am (94), 9:45 am (147), 6:30 pm (29)

In Loving Memory

Please pray for the family and friends of Michael Pfefferle. 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, July 12

7:00pm Boy Scouts/St. Anne Room

8:00pm Al-Anon Meeting/L1&L3

Tuesday, July 13

2:00pm Rosary Group/Chapel

6:00pm Facilities Committee/Virtual

6:15pm Confessions/Chapel

7:00pm Finance Council/Virtual

Wednesday, July 14

no events

Thursday, July 15

no events

Friday, July 16

parish office closed

Saturday, July 17

9:00am Confessions/Chapel

Sunday, July 18

4:30pm Confirmation Prep Session/Community Room

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Xavier Catholic School System

920-735-9380

Marriage

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

Baptism

Congratulations! Contact Nadine Duncan for information.

Confession

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

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Monday – Thursday, 8:30am-4:30pm

Closed Fridays

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In Joy & Sorrow

With guest columnist Mary Ann Otto,
St. Mary Minister of Missionary Discipleship

I BELIEVE IN...

I was raised at a time when parents would dictate what radio stations and yes, vinyl records we would listen to in the general areas of our home. Thus, I was raised on country music from a young age and can still go “Crazy” with Patsy Cline, “Walk the Line” with Johnny Cash and go “On the Road” with Willie Nelson. I continue to enjoy listening to many country songs today.

There was one particular love song that I remember from 1980 recorded by slow methodical singer, Don Williams that always touched me in a particular way entitled “I Believe in You.” In the lyrics, Don Williams professes what he does and does not believe, ending with the proclamation of trust to and faith in the woman he loves. Here are some lyrics to help trigger your memory:

*Well, I don't believe that heaven waits
For only those who congregate
I like to think of God as love
He's down below, he's up above
He's watching people everywhere
He knows who does and doesn't care*

*But I believe in love
I believe in old folks
I believe in children
I believe in you*

(songwriters Sam Hogin, Roger Cook)

Even though the song is somewhat simplistic, it touched me because it called me to consider things that I truly believed in and trusted. I wondered if I had written the song what my lyrics would look like? For those of us on the discipleship journey, it would be interesting to reflect upon what we truly trust when it comes to God, Jesus and our Catholic Church. It may seem like an odd question, thinking, of course, we believe in it all because many of us have been lifelong Catholics. Studies, however, have told us otherwise.

In Sherry Weddell's book *Forming Intentional Disciples-The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus*, she talks about the importance of trust on the pathway to becoming a full-fledged disciple. She states it is impossible to begin the journey without having a positive association with Jesus Christ, the Church, another Christian believer or something identifiably Christian. She also states that it is complicated.

Weddell, in interviewing lifelong, “active” Catholics, she discovered an array of things that people actually trusted. One gentleman, a youth leader said he distrusted God but trusted the Church. Some trust God but not the Church. One woman said she did not trust the Trinity or the Church but had a great devotion to the Virgin Mary. One person actually started down the path of trust to Christianity by his connection to Linus telling the Nativity Story in *A Charlie Brown Christmas*. Yes, it is complicated.

I'm sure if we had a one-on-one visit with members of our parish family, we would have some very diverse responses. What might your response be?

The insights of Sherry Weddell are helpful on several levels for you and me. First, is our own self-knowledge and evaluation. How do I live out my faith in the context of what I trust and believe? Second, if I were to tell my story of faith to someone, where would my emphasis be? How might my story affect my relationship and commitment to my parish family at St. Mary's? Third, do I have friends and family members who have left the Church or are not practicing? Am I able to hear and understand their beliefs and trust level as valid for them in that moment? Can I be supportive.

As the discipleship pathway unfolds in the year ahead, let's write our own "I Believe" song (even if it is in our own mind). I am warning you though, if you happen to pull up the YouTube version of Don Williams song for inspiration, it will be hard to get out of your head for awhile. Humm, Humm, Humm, Humm....

Summer Blessings,
Mary Ann