



## Weekly Update October 3rd, 2021

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Health & Safety Information

With Covid-19 numbers increasing due to the Delta variant we want to remind everyone of our health and safety practices in place. We will continue to monitor and adjust to state, local, and Diocesan level health directives.

- Masks are **strongly** encouraged. Staff will be masking during Mass.
- Those who are **not** fully vaccinated **should** continue to wear a face covering in our indoor and outdoor spaces. Those who are fully vaccinated can attend Mass or be in any parish building without a face covering.
- Face coverings are *always* welcome for anyone, even if you are fully vaccinated.
- During Mass, the choir loft will be reserved for those wearing face coverings. You are always welcome to wear a mask in the church.

### Helping Our Neighbors in Need

Below are organizations to support those recently affected by major natural disasters. We'll also have collection boxes near the back of church for each of these organizations.

Help our neighbors in **Haiti** impacted by the devastating Earthquake.

**Cross Catholic Outreach** has nearly two decades of experience working alongside Catholic ministry partners in Haiti. They coordinated millions of dollars in aid after Haiti's 2010 earthquake, so they understand today's needs.

Help our neighbors in **Louisiana** rebuild after the extensive damage rendered by Hurricane Ida by donating to the Hurricane Ida Recovery and Relief Fund created and overseen by the **Catholic Community Foundation and the Archdiocese of New Orleans**.

Stay tuned for more opportunities to support the **Afghani** refugees who will be relocated to the Appleton area. We will be working with World Relief and we'll have more information soon.

## Coffee & Donut Update

We have volunteers this weekend for coffee & donuts. Please join us in the Community Room after 7:45 & 9:45 Mass.

Would you or your family consider taking a shift this Fall to help serve our Parish Family? **Sign up here**. Contact Emily with questions - [ejenks@stmaryparish.org](mailto:ejenks@stmaryparish.org)

## Fellowship Weekend

In conjunction with the October Homily series on Mission and Vision, we'll have special opportunities for you and all our parish family members to gather in **fellowship next weekend**. Join us after the 4:30 Saturday and 6:30 Sunday Mass for desserts. After the 7:45 & 9:45 Mass we'll have coffee, donuts, and other fall treats. Bring the kids for a special craft and other fun activities!

## Prayer Shawls

St. Mary's and St Joseph Prayer Shawl Ministry has been busy making and blessing Prayer Shawls for those who are in need of our prayers. These may be people who are ill, in the hospital or having a rough time These shawls may be for you or for you to take to someone in need. All we ask for is a name so the Prayer Shawl Ministry Team can pray for them.

We are having a Prayer Shawl give away on October 9th and October 10th after each of the Masses. Stop by before or after Mass to check us out.

## Accounting - A Special Gift

Our parish family is looking for someone who God has gifted with the insights and skills of **accounting** to be a member on our Finance Council. We want to continue to

take great care of the many gifts God continues to grace us with and believe that this person will be a true blessing.

If accounting is your special vocation, you embrace **financial generosity** and are excited about St. Mary Parish or you know of someone we could invite, please contact Theresa Rohm at [trohm@stmaryparish.org](mailto:trohm@stmaryparish.org) or at the parish office 739-5119.

## Hand Bell Choir Members Wanted

Whether you've rung before or never seen a bell, come to Handbells 101 for a fun, informative introduction to ringing bells and playing in an ensemble. We'll go through bell ringing basics and cover some interesting techniques. Join us on Monday, October 4th at 6:30PM.

Contact Martha Paalman ([mpaalman@stmaryparish.org](mailto:mpaalman@stmaryparish.org) or 920-420-6481) with questions or for more information

## Boy Scout Popcorn Sales

Wyatt Rumba & Isaac Schraufnagel are young parish family members who are part of Boy Scout Pack 3095. They will be selling popcorn this **weekend** after the 4:30, 7:45 & 9:45 Masses.

## Beacon Child & Youth Ministry Registration & Catechist Needs

Beacon, our ministry for children and youth formation, will be starting on **October 6!** Will you pray for our young people as they begin this journey this week? You still have time to register your children.

Calendars and more information can be found **here**. Register using this **link**

## Meeting the Wind

The Divine Wind is always blowing. You are invited to open your sail and REST. The Secular Franciscans St. Joseph Fraternity is sponsoring a **Meditation IN the Good Spirit** with Br. Jerome Schroeder, Capuchin on Saturday, October 16th from 1:00 - 3:00 pm at St. Joseph Parish.

RSVP to Connie Polley 920-205-3808 or [conniepolley@yahoo.com](mailto:conniepolley@yahoo.com)

## St. Joseph Food Collection

The St. Joseph Food Program is this weekend. For October our specially collected items will be baking items. What do you use when you bake? Please no glass containers and no expired by used dates. Monetary donations will be sent to St. Joseph Food Program. Thank you for your generosity.

## Book Club

Beginning Tuesday, October 12, the St. Mary's & St. Joseph monthly book club will meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month. The October book club selection is *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. The meeting is held in Room L4 here at St. Mary's. New members are always welcome. For more information, please contact Mary Schulz, 920-809-4474

## Be Like Jesus

Do you have a minute, thirty-five.... to watch the promo video for the *Be Like Jesus-Live like Jesus* Small Group Series? You may just see some faces and places you know.

Check out the video below to see what it is all about!

Now that you've seen it, sign up here to check out the opportunities to join the conversation and sign-up.

Invite your family and friends! Not seeing a time that works for you? Got questions? Contact Mary Ann Otto at [motto@stmaryparish.org](mailto:motto@stmaryparish.org)



# ST. MARY SCRIP PROGRAM

## SCRIP IS A GIFT CARD RESALE PROGRAM.

- THE GIFT CARDS ARE WORTH EXACTLY WHAT YOU PAY FOR THEM, BUT BY PURCHASING THEM THROUGH SCRIP, THE COMPANIES GIVE A REBATE THAT COMES DIRECTLY BACK TO THE PARISH.
- WHEN YOU TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SCRIP, YOU ARE GIVING TO ST. MARY AT NO EXTRA EXPENSE TO YOU!
- USE CARDS TO MAKE YOUR REGULAR HOUSEHOLD PURCHASES.
- INSTEAD OF PAYING WITH CASH OR CREDIT, YOU USE PREPAID GIFT CARDS.

### Scrip on Hand Includes:



Woodman's (\$50)  
Festival (\$50)  
Pick N Save (\$50)  
Kwik Trip (\$50)  
McDonald's (\$10)  
Meijer (\$50)  
Walmart (\$50)

Kwik Trip

Kohl's

Kohl's (\$50) (you can even pay your Kohl's Charge bill with their cards!)

Fleet Farm

Grand Central Station (\$50)  
Amazon (\$25)  
Fleet Farm (\$25)  
BP (\$50)  
Starbuck's (\$25)  
Home Depot (\$25)



XAVIER FAMILIES - AFTER YOUR KIDS GRADUATE  
CHANGE YOUR BENEFACTOR TO ST. MARY!!

FOR EXAMPLE, IF EVERY FAMILY AT ST. MARY BOUGHT  
JUST ONE \$100 WOODMAN'S CARD WE WOULD EARN  
\$3250! IMAGINE IF IT WERE MONTHLY!

AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AFTER ALL MASSES  
OR DURING REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

A Grateful & Blessed Family

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

St. Mary Parish Support			
September 2021	Budget	Received	Variance
received 9/20 - 9/24/2021		17,112	
September- month to date:	62,000	70,026	8,026
7/1/21-9/30/21			
Fiscal Year To Date :	189,000	212,937	23,937



## Mass Times Intention

**Mon., October 4, 8:00am**

**No Mass - Priest Retreat**

**Tue., October 5, 8:00am**

**No Mass - Priest Retreat**

Wed., October 6, 12:05pm

Parishioners of St Mary

Thur., October 7, 12:05pm

Sat., October 9, 4:30pm

William & Sue Van Eeckhout, & Emmett  
& Janice Clark

Sun., October 10, 7:45am

Doris Swanson

9:45am

Norb & Bernita Schroven

6:30pm

*We have openings for intentions for weekday and weekend Masses. Keep in mind that we can not schedule Masses more than one year in advance. Please stop by the parish office or call us at 920-739-5119 to schedule a Mass in memory of a loved one. We are happy to take Mass intentions over the phone. The \$10 stipend can be sent via the mail or dropped in the weekend collection in an envelope with a note to apply it to your Mass intention.*

## Events Calendar

### *Monday, October 4*

6:30pm THEO/Community Room

6:30pm Matthew 25/Virtual

7:00pm Boy Scouts/St. Anne Room

8:00pm AA Meeting/L1&L3

### *Tuesday, October 5*

1:00pm St Mary & St Joe's Prayer Shawl Group/St Joe's

2:00pm Rosary Group/Church

7:00pm Pastoral Council/Community Room

### *Wednesday, October 6*

9:00am Connect, Pray, Reflect on the Sunday Scriptures/L7

12:35pm Holy Hour

4:45pm Beacon - Elementary/L1 - L7

6:15pm Beacon - Middle School/Community Room

***Thursday, October 7***

8:00am CIA/FMO Meeting/L7

7:00pm Cor Jesu/Community Room/Church/Chapel

***Friday, October 8***

**Parish Office closed!**

4:00pm Marissa Menting/William Xiong Wedding Rehearsal

***Saturday, October 9***

Fellowship Weekend

Prayer Shawl Give-Away Weekend

9:00am Confessions/Chapel

10:00am Neuro-Endocrine Cancer Support Group/L7

1:30pm Marissa Menting/William Xiong Wedding

***Sunday, October 10***

Fellowship Weekend

Prayer Shawl Give-Away Weekend

11:00am Patrick Collin Hess Baptism

5:00pm Beacon - High School/Community Room

## **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 (95), 9:45 am (182), 6:30 pm (53)

## **In Loving Memory**

Please pray for the family and friends of Carol Wydeven, and, Father Bill's Aunt Donna.

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](mailto:lauriejrichter@gmail.com)) if you have a prayer need. Please remember the requests in our prayer baskets.

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## **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 Tues. of the month)



# *In Joy & Sorrow*

Guest Columnist Mary Ann Otto, Minister for Missionary Discipleship

## **Our Path to Sharing the Good News with the World**

It's been slightly over four months since St. Mary's Parish Synod. Many enlightening conversations came out of that Spirit-filled event. I feel privileged to have experienced it with you!

One of the teams formed to help articulate and execute our Mission and Vision was the Discipleship Formation Team. Once again, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for those who have been called into this important conversation. The purpose of the group is **to create a formational pathway that leads to missionary discipleship and addresses the needs of all ages, wherever we are on our discipleship journey.**

The end goal for each of us and for the St. Mary Parish family is to bring Jesus to the world. The Discipleship Formation Team's role is to recommend opportunities for those just inquiring about God/Jesus/Spirit to those who would like the skills to talk about Jesus with their family, friends and whomever the Spirit puts in their path. I know it is a tall order especially when you think about that we are all in a different place in the spectrum.

Please consider the following possibilities (these are just a few) by completing this sentence: **To become a person who can share Jesus with others I need:**

- To identify where I am in my own personal journey
- To understand why I should believe and how it will affect my life

- To discover who Jesus is and his impact on the world
- Ways to increase my relationship with Jesus through prayer experiences
- To know what a disciple of Jesus is and does
- To understand how the Holy Spirit affects my daily life
- To identify my special strengths and gifts I have been given to serve my parish family and the world
- To look at who we are as The Body of Christ (Family) as both gift and responsibility
- Look at our seven Sacraments as joyful encounters with Jesus that heal and strengthen
- To be formed in the power of our Mass/Eucharist to strengthen me and our community to live as a disciple and share the Good News
- To be aware of the radical nature of Jesus' love and the explanation through Catholic Social Teaching and the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy which drive our outreach
- To identify my personal Jesus story
- The skills to identify where others are on their journey as I prepare to share Jesus

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- The skills and practice to share Jesus with others
- A review of all these things

Are you longing to have any of these needs met as you strive to become a missionary disciple?

We would love to hear from you as we plan for the future! [motto@stmaryparish.org](mailto:motto@stmaryparish.org) or 920-739-5119

**In Christ,  
St. Mary's Discipleship Team and Mary  
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