

WEEKLY UPDATE

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 14, 2022



Becoming a Catechist

- Grow in sharing faith
- Support our youth
- Work with a team
- About 2 hours/week
- Wednesday evenings

If interested or have questions, contact Tracy,
tturba@stmaryparish.org



St Joseph Food Pantry Collection August 13 – 14

This month's collection is drinks! Any juice, powdered milk, hot chocolate mix, lemonade, tea (hot or iced), coffee and anything that goes with them. As always, nothing non-perishable, glass, or past used by dates!

Senior Connections

Join us on Thursday, August 18th in the community room from 1:00 to 3:00pm for chair yoga with Beth Powers, games, and visiting. Hope to see you there!



Video Operators

Help St. Mary Parish spread the Good News of the Lord! Learn how to operate the videos and livestream Mass, giving access to the homebound, sick, or those just out of town! Shadow us to learn what it is all about. We'll be happy to assist you until you tell us you are comfortable enough to do it on your own! Call Chris Higgins at 920-739-5119 or email him for details at chiggins@stmaryparish.org!



SCRIP Sellers Needed!

This ministry is growing at St Mary's and we are in need of sellers at all the Masses during the weekend. There is a minimal time commitment as most Scrip is sold within the first 15 minutes after Mass is over. This would be a great ministry for families with children but we welcome anyone who would like to volunteer. If you would like to know more about it, call the parish office at 920-739-5119 and ask to speak with Julie Morse. You can also sit with one of the current volunteers and watch how it's done before making a commitment.

Thank You for Your Support of the Seminarian Collection

Over the past seventeen years, the Seminarian Collection has supported 38 men in their formation to the priesthood. Thank you for your prayers and financial support that helped make this collection a success!

Our diocese has been blessed by a generous anonymous gift to the *one by One* campaign. This gift will cover the costs of our seminarians' tuition, room and board, as well as the Kairos formation house for the next five years. As a result of this generosity, the Seminarian Collection has been paused. Please continue to pray for our seminarians and for an increase in vocations. If you know a man that would make a great priest, please tell him and ask him to be open to God's call. To learn more about how we are supporting ministries that are raising vocations, please visit www.catholicfoundationgb.org/vocations.

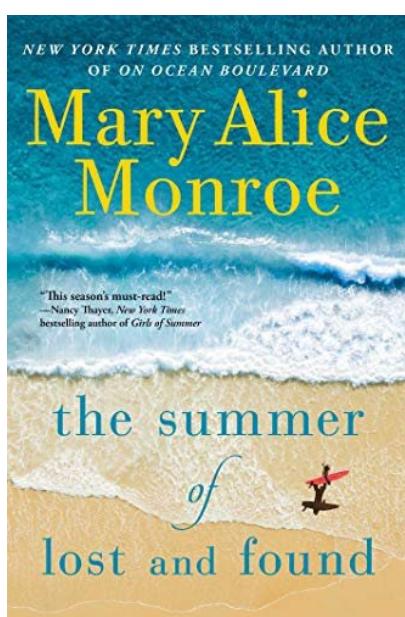
Mark Your Calendars!

Get Your Green On!
Volunteer for Irish Fest!
We are looking for a group of
volunteers for the festival.
Contact Chris Higgins
at chiggins@stmaryparish.org
or by calling 920-739-5119.

Get entry to the event and a T-Shirt!

Irish Fest takes place on
September 16 - 17, 2022

St Mary will be hosting a
Celtic Mass on
Saturday, September 17 at 4:30 p.m.



St. Mary's Book Club

The September 13 selection is *The Summer of Lost and Found* by Mary Alice Monroe, and our October 10 selection is *Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Find the Church* by Rachel Held Evans.

For more information, please contact Mary Schulz, 920-809-4474. New members are welcome to join anytime.

Harbor House

Help the kids of Harbor House thrive
when you donate to our

School Supply Drive

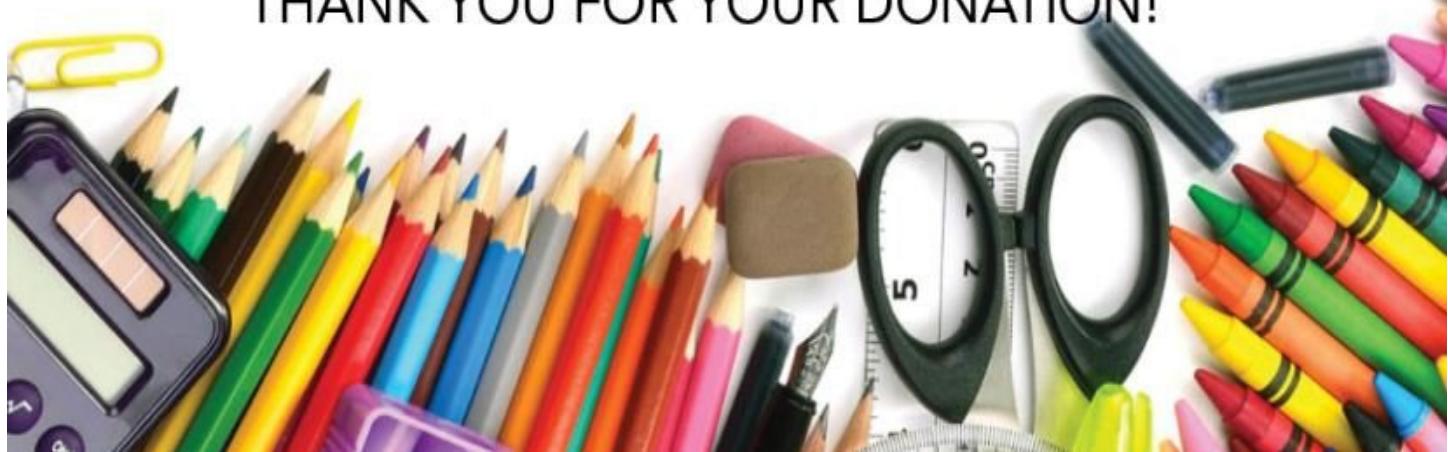
Adult size scissors
10 pack of basic color washable markers
Post-it notes
Black sharpie markers
Highlighters in other colors than yellow
Protractors
Dry erase markers
Scientific calculators

Pencil sharpeners with cover
Fabric pencil cases
Plastic pencil boxes
Headphones
Earbuds
1 inch binders
Binder dividers
Folders with prongs

Plastic folders with pockets
Gender neutral full size backpacks
Lined note cards
Colored pencils
Wide ruled composition notebooks
Graph paper
Large glue sticks

Our annual school supply collection will begin on August 20th and run
through the end of August. There will be carts in the Marian Way
where you can drop off your donations!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!



In Loving Memory

If you have lost a loved one and would like them to be remembered in the bulletin, call the parish office at 920-739-5119.

Prayer Requests

Contact Laurie Richter (lauriejrichter@gmail.com) or Ann Walkowski (920-428-0969) if you have a prayer need. Please remember the requests in our prayer baskets.

Events Calendar

Monday, August 15

- 6:30pm THEO Grief Support Group/Community Room
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts/St. Anne Room
- 8:00pm Al-Anon Meeting/ Lower Level Room 6

Tuesday, August 16

- 10:30am Homily Connect Group/Lower Level Room 7
- 1:00pm St Mary & St Joe's Prayer Shawl Group/St Joe's
- 2:00pm Rosary Group/Church
- 6:15pm Confessions/Chapel
- 7:00pm Finance Council Meeting/Community Room

Wednesday, August 17

- 8:00am Quilting Group/Community Room
- 9:00am Mom's Group/Babysitting Room
- 9:30am Connect, Pray, Reflect on the Sunday Scriptures/Lower Level Room 7

Thursday, August 18

- 8:30am CIA-FMO Group/Lower Level Room 7

Friday, August 19

Parish Office closed!

- 1:00pm Rachel Vanhandel/Robert Fuzak Wedding

Saturday, August 20

St Joe's Food Program Collection Weekend!

- 9:00am Confessions/Chapel

Mass Times Intention

Mon., August 15, 8:00am	Mass at St. Bernard Parish
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Tue., August 16, 8:00am	Mass at St. Bernard Parish
Wed., August 17, 8:00am	Mass at St. Bernard Parish
Thur., August 18, 12:05 pm	Silvester Fait
Sat., August 20, 4:30pm	Candance Schoultz
Sun., August 21, 7:45am	Parishioners of St Mary
9:45am	Jeff Voras
6:30pm	Edward Jochman

IN JOY & SORROW

WITH FR. BILL
SWICHTENBERG

08.14.2022

Before and after every apostolic journey, including his most recent visit to Canada, Pope Francis makes a quick stop at the Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome, to pray before the icon of Mary, the *Salus Populi Romani*, the Health and Protectress of the Roman People. Pope Francis has a deep devotion to Mary, the Mother of God and the Mother of the Church.

Since the beginning of the Church in the first century, Mary has always stood front and center as the *disciple par excellence*. Her prayer, *I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me as you say*, should be the prayer of every disciple of Jesus. Mary was not a demure, quiet, submissive woman, like a wallflower fading into the background, dressed in sky-blue, voluminous robes. She was a faithful disciple of Jesus, who stood on the side of her poor, oppressed sisters and brothers. She reminds us that the Lord God *has scattered the proud in their conceit and will cast down the mighty from their thrones and lift up the lowly*. Those are some mighty table-turning words!

In a Church, since its earliest days devoted to God, who is addressed as Father, I think the People of God have always needed a Mother to turn to. A balance of images in our Christian faith lends itself to a bigger picture that can minister to all of God's holy people.

Calling God our Father evokes images of God as a protector, provider, and even punisher. I caution you not to become too obsessed with the image of God as a punisher. Remember always that the face of God is first and foremost a face of tender mercy.

God is also called a fortress, rock, shield, storm, lover and shepherd.

In order to balance these masculine images of God, in a Church whose hierarchy is masculine, we look to the Scriptures to provide some images of God as a mother. After the return of God's People to Zion following their exile in Babylon, the Israelites are reminded that Zion is referred to as a mother. (*Isaiah 66:10-14*) This glorious return and renewal are likened to a mother nursing her child. A child suckling at her mother's breast is a beautiful image of the intimacy the Lord shares with you and me. (above reflection inspired by Jaime L Waters, *Picturing God as our Mother*, *America Magazine*, June 28, 2022)

Looking over the city of Jerusalem, Jesus weeps and longs to gather his people as a mother hen gathers her baby chicks under her wings. (*Luke 13:34*)

Let's pray always remembering that God is like a father **and** like a mother.

This Monday, on the Solemn Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we look to Mary as the Mother of the Church. Where she has gone, we hope to follow. The word *assumption* comes from the Latin *assumere*, which means *to take to one's self*. Just as the Risen Jesus gathers Mary, his mother, to himself in Paradise, with her body whole and uncorrupted for all of eternity, the Lord will one day gather us to himself in Paradise. At his Second Coming, we too will receive, finally and forever, our glorified and risen body. Jesus' promise of eternal life is our greatest hope. St Julian of Norwich likes to say that Jesus is our Mother, who holds us always close to his heart. I like that image of Jesus very much!

Fr. Bill +

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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)

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