

WEEKLY UPDATE

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 28, 2022



We apologize for all the errors in last week's bulletin. Julie is back from vacation so everything should return to normal again.

Coffee & Donuts
begins Labor Day Weekend

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
STUDENTS | get service hours

For details or to sign up:

- scan the code
- visit stmaryparish.org
- contact Nadine in the parish office



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- 1 Elementary Catechist
- 1 Middle School or High School Core Team Leader
- Hospitality Ministers with Youth (5:45-6:30pm Wednesdays)



Beacon Registration

FAITH FORMATION & SACRAMENT PREP

2022-23



SCAN TO REGISTER

Weekly Dates/Times

Elementary: 4:45-6pm

Middle & High School: 6:30-7:45pm

Wednesdays, beginning 9/14

Sacrament Prep

1st Reconciliation & 1st Eucharist:

Begins this fall and continues through Spring

Confirmation: Begins in January '23

Contact

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(920) 739-5119

Live as children of *light*

Join Us For The Fall

Young Adult Retreat

SEPTEMBER : CAMP
23-25 : TEKAWITHA
: SHAWANO, WI

Registration Now Open



Register Here

Visit www.viayoungadults.org
for more information



Senior Connections

Join us on Thursday, September 15th in the community room from 1:00 to 3:00pm for chair yoga with Beth Powers and "topped off" with an ice cream social 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.

Mark Your Calendars!

Tickets are on sale for Irish Fest at <https://www.irishfestfoxcities.com/tickets>

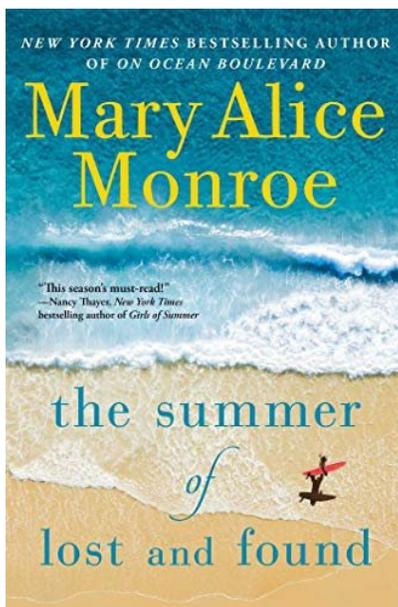
Two-day advanced Ticket is \$20.

One-day advanced Ticket is
\$10 (Fri), \$15 (Sat).

VIP Two-day Pass is \$100 - you can meet the bands, VIP areas with food and half-priced drinks.

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.

In Loving Memory

Please pray for the family and friends of Kermit Frahm. 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 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 29

7:00pm Boy Scouts/St. Anne Room

8:00pm Al-Anon Meeting/ Lower Level Room 6

Tuesday, August 30

2:00pm Rosary Group/Church

6:15pm Confessions/Chapel

Wednesday, August 31

9:00am Mom's Group/Lower Level Babysitting Room

9:30am Connect, Pray, Reflect on the Sunday Scriptures/Lower Level Room 7

Thursday, September 1

No events scheduled

Friday, September 2

Parish Office closed!

Saturday, September 3

9:00am Confessions/Chapel

Mass Times Intention

Mon., August 29, 12:05pm	William & Florence Polley
Tue., August 30, 8:00am	Mass at St. Bernard Parish
Wed., August 31, 8:00am	Mass at St. Bernard Parish
Thur., September 1, 12:05 pm	Dick Powers
Sat., September 3, 4:30pm	Maurice DeBruin
Sun., September 4, 7:45am	Parishioners of St Mary
9:45am	Dick & Marie Powers
6:30pm	Jacob Family



IN JOY & SORROW

WITH FR. BILL
SWICHTENBERG

08.28.2022

This Saturday (8/27), Pope Francis will convene his eighth consistory. Since being elected the Universal Pastor of the Catholic Church in March of 2013, Francis has held a consistory each year of his papacy, except 2021, which was mired in the midst of the global pandemic.

What is a consistory, you ask? A consistory is the moment in the Church's history when the Holy Father creates new cardinals. Cardinals are close advisors to the Pope and also bear the awesome responsibility of electing a new Pope, upon the death or resignation of the current Holy Father. On Saturday, the College of Cardinals who will vote in the next conclave (a new Pope's election) will expand to 132 cardinals, all under the age of 80. Once a Cardinal turns 80, he no longer is eligible to vote for the new Pope. Of those 132 cardinals, Pope Francis has appointed 83 men, Pope Benedict appointed 38, and Saint Pope John Paul II appointed 11.

Let me make this observation. The men that Pope Francis is appointing to serve the Church as Cardinals are truly humble pastors; they do have the *smell of the sheep on them*; and they come from every corner of the world. Back in the days before air travel and ease of communication, the Cardinals hailed mainly from Italy and Europe. Upon the death of a Pope, they needed to get to Rome as quickly as possible, so they were always nearby.

Today, the College of Cardinals represents a total of 90 nations, and the number of Cardinals coming from South America, Africa, and Asia have increased during Pope Francis' tenure at the helm of the Church. If the word *Catholic* means *universal*, as it most certainly does, it is important that the Cardinals electing a new Pope come from every part of the world. Pope Francis is making this happen more than any other Holy Father.

I would also observe that the Pope is appointing men to this critical role in the Church who are truly Spirit-filled and embrace wholeheartedly the synodal pathway for the People of God as the Church moves forward. The synodal model takes very seriously the role of every baptized believer, who shares in the common priesthood of Jesus, in the decision-making processes of the Church. Bishops listen closely to the *sense of faith* that comes from the People of God and the People of God take Bishops and their teaching authority seriously. But it is this *walking together* that creates a new synergy, where the Holy Spirit is most alive and is directing the Church.

As Jesus said, "It is unwise to pour new wine into old wineskins." To grow in holiness means that the whole Church is open to reframing the beautiful teachings and traditions of our Church in a way that is relevant to the signs of the times today. Our teachings and traditions are not stored in a lockbox, but rather are kept in a library where there is always a commingling of the new with the not-so-new. All these above comments are grounded in an understanding of the gift that Vatican Council II was to our Church! Our connection to the

Church's tradition is strong and our openness to new understandings of that tradition for the future is celebrated!

Of the 16 new Cardinal-Electors to be created on Saturday (8/27), only one will come from the United States. His surprise appointment stunned most of the Bishops of the United States. He is a man with the *smell of the sheep on him*. He is a man who truly understands Pope Francis and accepts the Pope's leadership. That cannot be said of all of the American Bishops. I have been following this Bishop for a number of years and have always been impressed by his humility and his intelligence. His name is Bishop Robert McElroy of San Diego.

Prior to the last US Presidential election, Bishop McElroy gave an address on February 6, 2020 at the University of San Diego, titled "Conscience, Candidates, and Discipleship in Voting." I would suggest that this is a speech that every US Catholic should read and pray over. Some of you will agree with the Cardinal and some of you will disagree. That's perfectly fine. Whatever your position, it is always important to consider the biggest picture possible and to be open to having our viewpoints stretched. Stretching, in my estimation, is the *modus operandi* of the Holy Spirit.

I am grateful to Pope Francis for making Bishop McElroy a Cardinal in our Church. May the Lord bless our 16 newest Cardinal-Electors!

In 2015, Pope Francis, in his homily to the newest Cardinals then, said this: "Dear new Cardinals, this is the *logic*, the mind of Jesus, and this is the way of the Church. Not only to welcome and reinstate with evangelical courage all those who knock at our door, but to go out and seek, fearless and without prejudice, those who are distant, freely sharing what we ourselves freely received. *Whoever says: I abide in Christ, ought to walk just as he walked.* (1 John 2:6) Total openness to serving others is our hallmark, it alone is our title of honor!"

Here is the link to Cardinal McElroy's address in February of 2020:

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/bishop-mcelroy-voting-faith-and-conscience>

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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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