

WEEKLY UPDATE

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 11, 2022



St. Joe's Food Pantry Collection this weekend!!!

This month's collection is lunch items such as fruit cups, small snack packages, drinks, peanut butter and jelly.



New time!

ADORATION

- EVERY WEDNESDAY
- 4:30-8:00 PM
- BEGINS SEPTEMBER 14

"Come to me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest."

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

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Live as children of *light*

SENIOR CONNECTIONS

chair yoga
with Beth
Power + ice cream
social

Thursday, Sept. 15 | 1-3pm | St. Anne Room



CELTIC MASS

Saturday, Sept 17 | 4:30pm

Celtic music | readings in Gaelic & English

All Mass goers receive a complimentary ticket to Fox Cities Irish Fest at Jones Park!

irishfestfoxcities.com



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





The Burning Bush
Ex 3:1-12

Listen to the
Voice of Creation
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

Find helpful tips
on our handout
in the back of
church.

Join us for a Special Presentation by
Jason Wilde on Sunday, October 2nd
after the 9:45 am Mass.

EVER THINK OF BECOMING CATHOLIC?

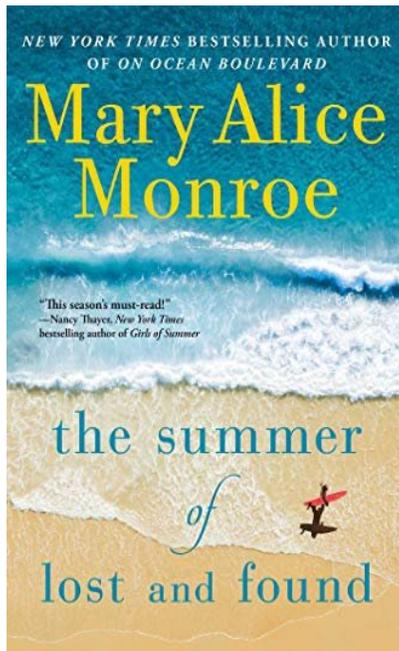


Do you, or someone know,
have questions about the
Catholic faith?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (**RCIA**)
is a program for anyone considering joining the
Catholic Church.

**CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR
MORE INFORMATION**

WE'D LOVE TO JOURNEY WITH YOU!



St. Mary's Book Club

The September 13 selection is *The Summer of Lost and Found* by Mary Alice Monroe. Poignant and moving, this is "a novel of growing up, saying goodbye to the past, and learning to ask yourself the hard questions, including one of the most vital of all: Who do you really want to be." Our October 10 selection is *Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church* by Rachel Held Evans. November's book selection is *The Orphan Keeper* by Camron Wright.

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



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!



Funny Name. Easy Fundraising.

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.

Mass Times Intention

Mon., September 12, 12:05pm	Otokichy Engichy
Tue., September 13, 8:00am	Mass at St. Bernard Parish
Wed., September 14, 8:00am	Mass at St. Bernard Parish
Thur., September 15, 12:05 pm	Robert W Fisher Family
Sat., September 17, 4:30pm	Steve & Mary Scannell
Sun., September 18, 7:45am	In Thanksgiving
	9:45am Bob & Sis Balliet
	6:30pm Parishioners of St Mary

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, September 12

- 6:30pm Matthew 25 - Virtual
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts/St. Anne Room
- 8:00pm Al-Anon Meeting/ Lower Level Room 6

Tuesday, September 13

- 2:00pm Rosary Group/Church
- 6:00pm Book Club/Lower Level Room 4
- 6:00pm Facilities Committee/Community Room
- 6:15pm Confessions/Chapel

Wednesday, September 14

- 9:30am Connect, Pray, Reflect on the Sunday Scriptures/Lower Level Room 7
- 4:30pm Adoration/Church
- 4:45pm Beacon - Grades 1 to 5/Lower Level Rooms
- 6:30pm Beacon - Grades 6 to 12

Thursday, September 15

- 8:00am Fall Quilting Retreat/Community Room
- 8:30am CIA-FMO Group/Lower Level Room 7
- 1:00pm Senior Connections/St Anne Room

Friday, September 16

Parish Office closed!

Saturday, September 17

- 9:00am Confessions/Chapel

IN JOY & SORROW

WITH FR. BILL
SWICHTENBERG

09.11.2022

For the month of September, I include in my prayer space a framed photograph of Saint Mother Teresa of Kolkata, India. Mother is seated in the chapel in one of her Houses for the Sick and Dying, her head is bowed over her Bible or prayer book (I can't make out which it is), and she is deeply communing with her Lord. It is a daily reminder to me, at least during September, of the quiet oasis, which prayer is in our lives. We can choose to step outside of the busyness of our lives, to slow down, to sit still in solitude, and to draw renewable strength, peace, hope and joy into our hearts from the Heart of Jesus Himself.

I am reminded, too, that in every one of the chapels in the houses established by the Missionaries of Charity, founded by Mother Teresa, one's attention is drawn to the Holy Cross of Jesus, and nearby can be found an inscription on a plaque or painted right on the wall. That inscription is: I THIRST! Jesus' thirst for you and me, that we share our lives with him, is insatiable. Jesus never stops desiring to draw us closer to Himself, in both good and bad times, healthy and sick times, and happy and sad times. He wants only to join his wounds, received on His Cross, to our wounds. In Jesus, there is always hope and healing.

After Mother Teresa's death on September 5, 1997, it was revealed that Mother had written many letters that described her dark night of the soul. People were surprised to discover that this living saint struggled every day with doubts and even despair. For the long span of some fifty years, Mother Teresa experienced desolation in her prayer. She felt emptiness and loneliness. She felt that God or Jesus had abandoned her. She rarely felt the overwhelming peace and calm that many of us experience in prayer at different times in our lives. Her inner life was plunged into darkness. In spite of her dark night of the soul, Mother never stopped praying and her ministry to her sisters and brothers who were poor, sick and dying was charged with a luminosity that was the Lord's pure, unadulterated love. Mother Teresa's smile radiated peace and joy to all those whom she touched.

Saint Mother Teresa is known as the Saint of Darkness or the Saint of Doubts. We need her to remind us that we, too, sometimes feel that the Lord has forgotten us or abandoned us. We sometimes have doubts about the Lord's closeness to us or about His promises made to us, including the promise that not even death itself can smother Jesus' promise of eternal life to those who give their lives to Him. The next time you feel like you are in a dark space or are overwhelmed with fears and doubts, turn to Saint Mother Teresa of Kolkata. Ask her to bring you to Jesus so that Jesus can bless you with His healing and hope.

Remember that Jesus is always nearer to us than we are to ourselves, even when we don't feel His closeness or love. Because I am not of the caliber of sanctity as Mother Teresa, who remained faithful through her darkness, the Lord knows that He must come to my aid. And He will! Thanks be to the Lord!

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)

St. Mary Cemetery

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