ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 24 • Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Downtown Royal Oak

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Parish Mission Statement

St. Mary Parish is a vibrant, loving and welcoming Catholic Family located in the heart of Royal Oak, dedicated to living the Gospel of Christ.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday – 4:30 p.m.
Sunday – 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
7:30 a.m.
Wednesday – 12:10 p.m.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Monday, Thursday, Friday
6:30 a.m.

HOLYDAY MASS SCHEDULE
7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Arrangements must be made by contacting Christine Wagberg. Please refer to our website before scheduling an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Friday – 6:30-7:15 a.m.
Saturday – 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Also by appointment, please call the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
Active parishioners are invited to contact the parish office. Please allow 9-12 months for marriage prep.

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?
Contact Christine Wagberg to learn more about the process at St. Mary.

NEW TO THE PARISH?
To become a member of our parish family, contact Mary Jiovani at mjiovani@st-mary.org or call the parish office at 248.547.1818, ext. 421.

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
website: www.stmaryroyaloak.com

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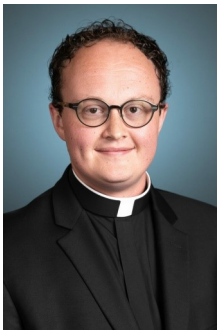


Elements of the Catholic Mass: Purpose of the Mass

In everything we do in life, it is essential to understand the goal or purpose of our actions. If we want to participate in a fruitful manner in the Catholic Mass, we must remember that the goal of our worship is quite clearly directed at the praise of God and the sanctification of the world. In fact, the Church puts these very words on the lips of her ministers and faithful at every celebration of the Eucharist:

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

People: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and the good of all His holy Church.

I have heard some say, mistakenly, the goal of Mass is to develop community. We must be clear, however, that while the tradition teaches that the greatest manifestation of the church is at Mass celebrated by the bishop with his priests, deacons and all the faithful, this community, in fact, is a by-product of the authentic worship of God and care for neighbor – the formation of community is secondary. The purpose of all the sacraments is to sanctify men, to build up the body of Christ, and, to give worship to God, but because they are signs, they also instruct. They not only presuppose faith, but by words and objects, they also nourish, strengthen, and express it; that is why they are called "sacraments of faith." They do indeed impart grace, but, in addition, the very act of celebrating them most effectively disposes the faithful to receive this grace in a fruitful manner, to worship God duly, and to practice charity.

I conclude with a few quotes that help me remember what the purpose of Mass is all about:

"You cannot pray at home as at church, where there is a great multitude, where exclamations are cried out to God as from one great heart, and where there is something more: the union of minds, the accord of souls, the bond of charity, the prayers of the priests."

~ St. John Chrysostom, De incomprehensibili, 3

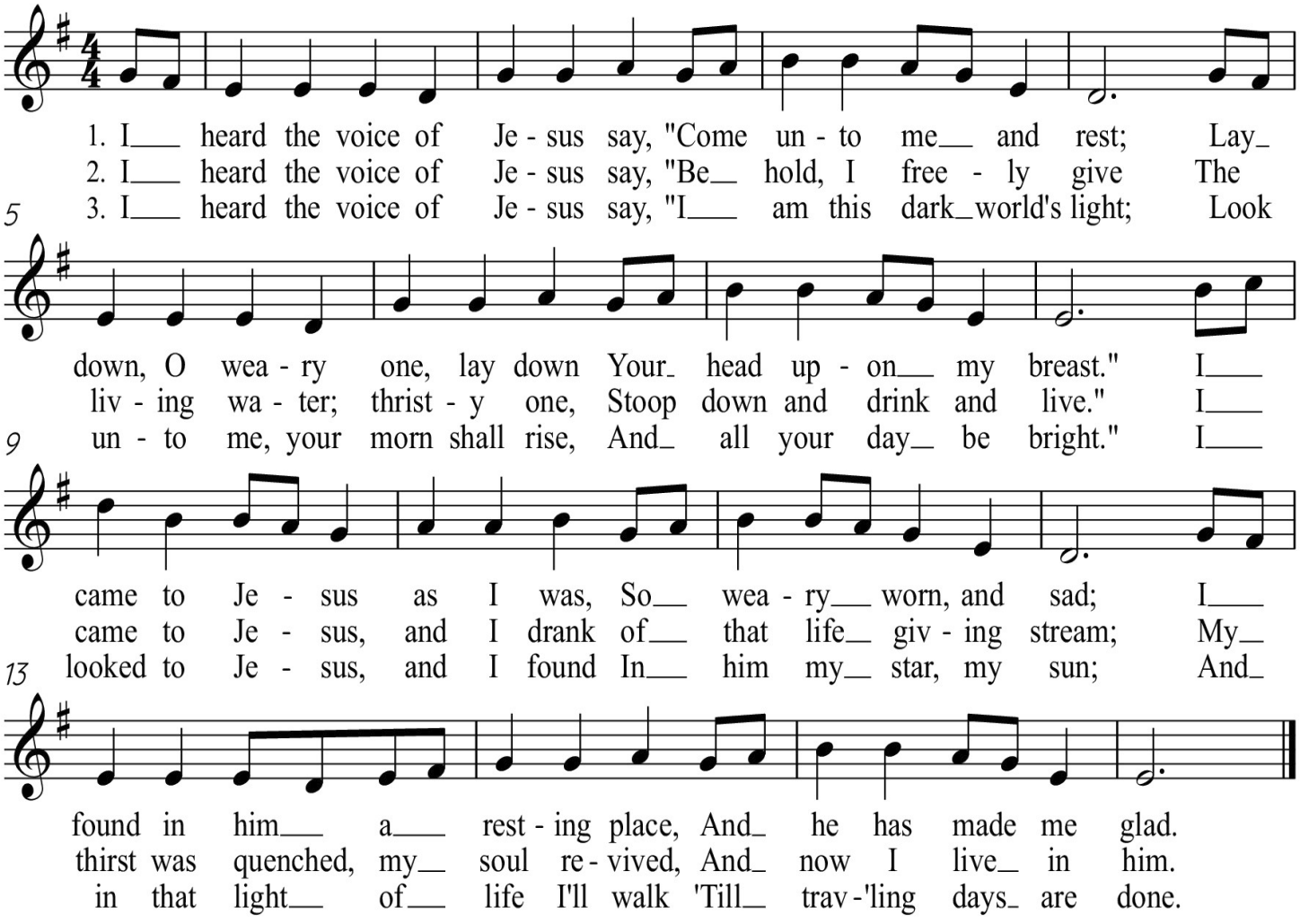
"The duty to offer God authentic worship concerns man both as an individual and as a social being." (CCC, 2136)

"God entrusted the Sabbath to Israel to keep as a sign of the irrevocable covenant. The Sabbath is for the Lord, holy and set apart for the praise of God, His work of creation, and His saving actions on behalf of Israel." (CCC, 217)

See you at the altar of God!

Entrance Hymn

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading - Genesis 18:20-32

In those days, the LORD said: "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great, and their sin so grave,
that I must go down and see whether or not their actions
fully correspond to the cry against them that comes to me.
I mean to find out."

While Abraham's visitors walked on farther toward Sodom,
the LORD remained standing before Abraham.
Then Abraham drew nearer and said:
"Will you sweep away the innocent with the guilty?
Suppose there were fifty innocent people in the city;
would you wipe out the place, rather than spare it
for the sake of the fifty innocent people within it?
Far be it from you to do such a thing, to make the innocent die with the guilty so that the innocent and the guilty would be treated alike! Should not the judge of all the world act with justice?"
The LORD replied,
"If I find fifty innocent people in the city of Sodom,
I will spare the whole place for their sake."
Abraham spoke up again:
"See how I am presuming to speak to my Lord,
though I am but dust and ashes!
What if there are five less than fifty innocent people?
Will you destroy the whole city because of those five?"
He answered, "I will not destroy it, if I find forty-five there."
But Abraham persisted, saying "What if only forty are found there?"
He replied, "I will forbear doing it for the sake of the forty."
Then Abraham said, "Let not my Lord grow impatient if I go on.
What if only thirty are found there?"
He replied, "I will forbear doing it if I can find but thirty there."
Still Abraham went on,
"Since I have thus dared to speak to my Lord,
what if there are no more than twenty?"
The LORD answered, "I will not destroy it, for the sake of the twenty." But he still persisted:
"Please, let not my Lord grow angry if I speak up this last time.
What if there are at least ten there?"
He replied, "For the sake of those ten, I will not destroy it."

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8

R. **Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**
I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart,
for you have heard the words of my mouth;
in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;
I will worship at your holy temple
and give thanks to your name.

R. **Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**
Because of your kindness and your truth;
for you have made great above all things
your name and your promise.
When I called you answered me;
you built up strength within me.

R. **Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**
The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees,
and the proud he knows from afar.
Though I walk amid distress, you preserve me;
against the anger of my enemies you raise your hand.

R. **Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**
Your right hand saves me.
The LORD will complete what he has done for me;
your kindness, O LORD, endures forever;
forsake not the work of your hands.

R. **Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

Second Reading - Colossians 2:12-14

Brothers and sisters:
You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God,
who raised him from the dead.
And even when you were dead in transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, he brought you to life along with him, having forgiven us all our transgressions; obliterating the bond against us,
with its legal claims, which was opposed to us,
he also removed it from our midst, nailing it to the cross.

Alleluia - Romans 8:15bc

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**
You have received a Spirit of adoption,
through which we cry, Abba, Father.
R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

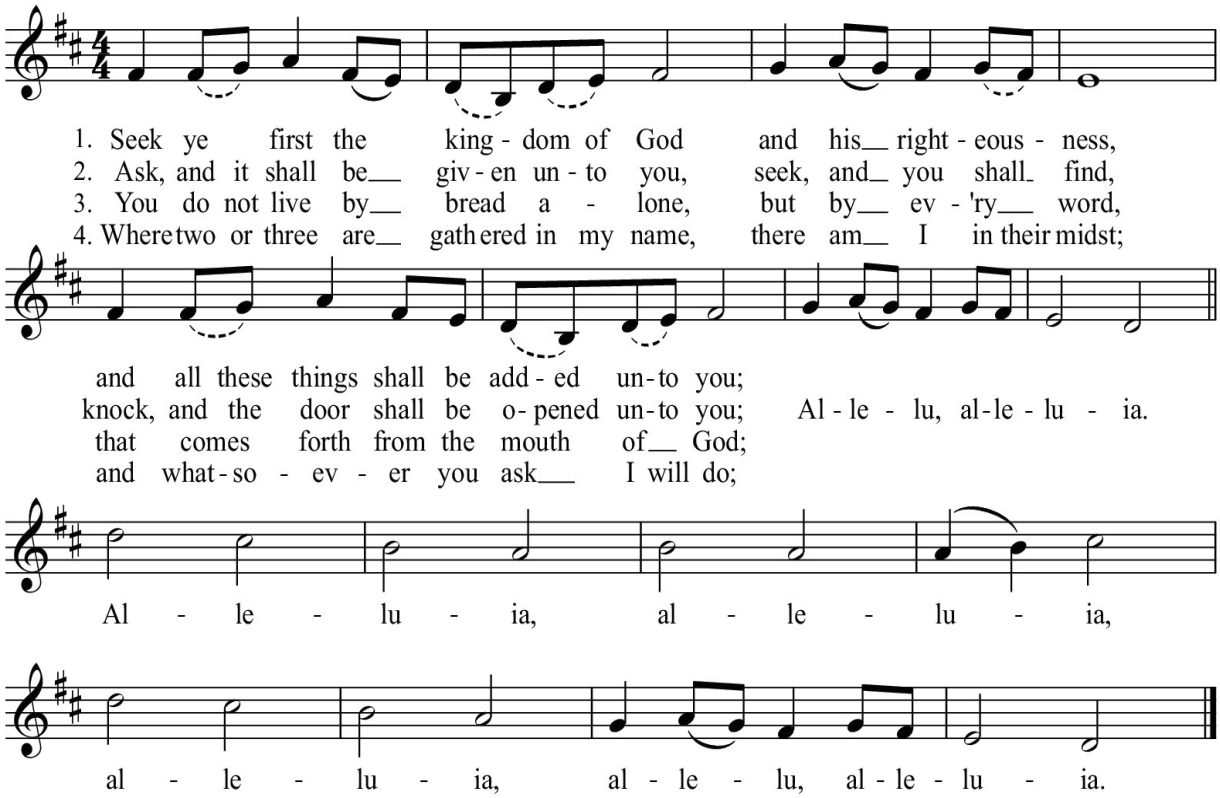
Gospel Reading - Luke 11:1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished,
one of his disciples said to him,
"Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples."
He said to them, "When you pray, say:
Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins
for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us,
and do not subject us to the final test."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend
to whom he goes at midnight and says,
'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,
for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey
and I have nothing to offer him,'
and he says in reply from within,
'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked
and my children and I are already in bed.
I cannot get up to give you anything.'
I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence.

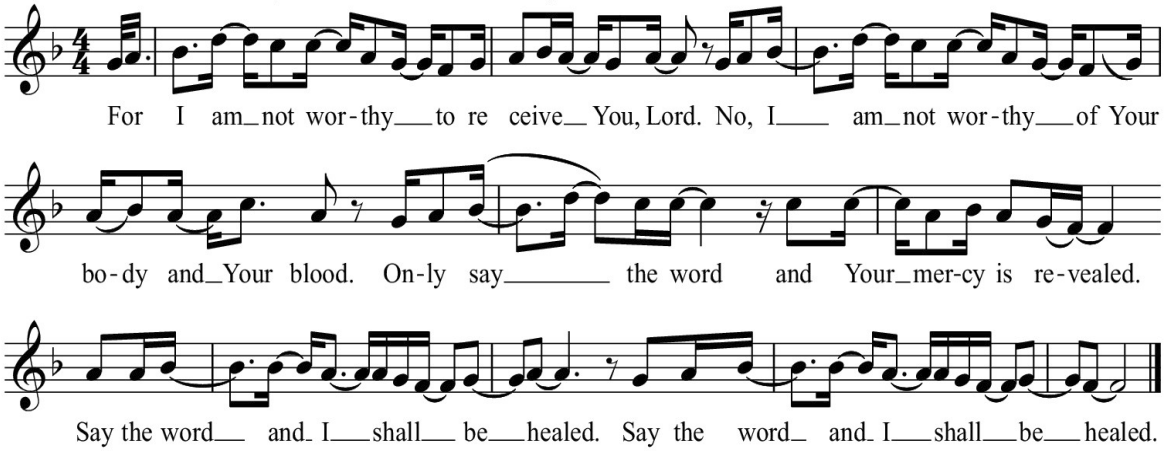
"And I tell you, ask and you will receive;
seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be opened to you.
For everyone who asks, receives;
and the one who seeks, finds;
and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.
What father among you would hand his son a snake
when he asks for a fish?
Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg?
If you then, who are wicked,
know how to give good gifts to your children,
how much more will the Father in heaven
give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

Offertory

Seek Ye First

Communion

I Shall Be Healed

1. Oh, precious Father, tell me what good have I done?
This gift You offer, that of Your precious Son, and yet, before His real presence now I feel I am not worthy, I am bruised and I am bent, I am so worldly
and You are so heaven sent, sent from the Father, from the Son and sent to me.

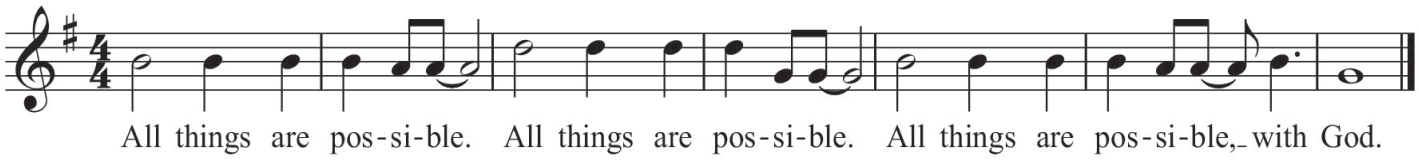


2. Oh, blessed Mother, will you please pray for me?
Is there another so pure and so holy except for He, except for He, except for He?
I can't believe it, that You would shed Your blood and I receive it,
I who was once a broken cup, but now I'm healed, but now I'm healed, but now I'm healed.

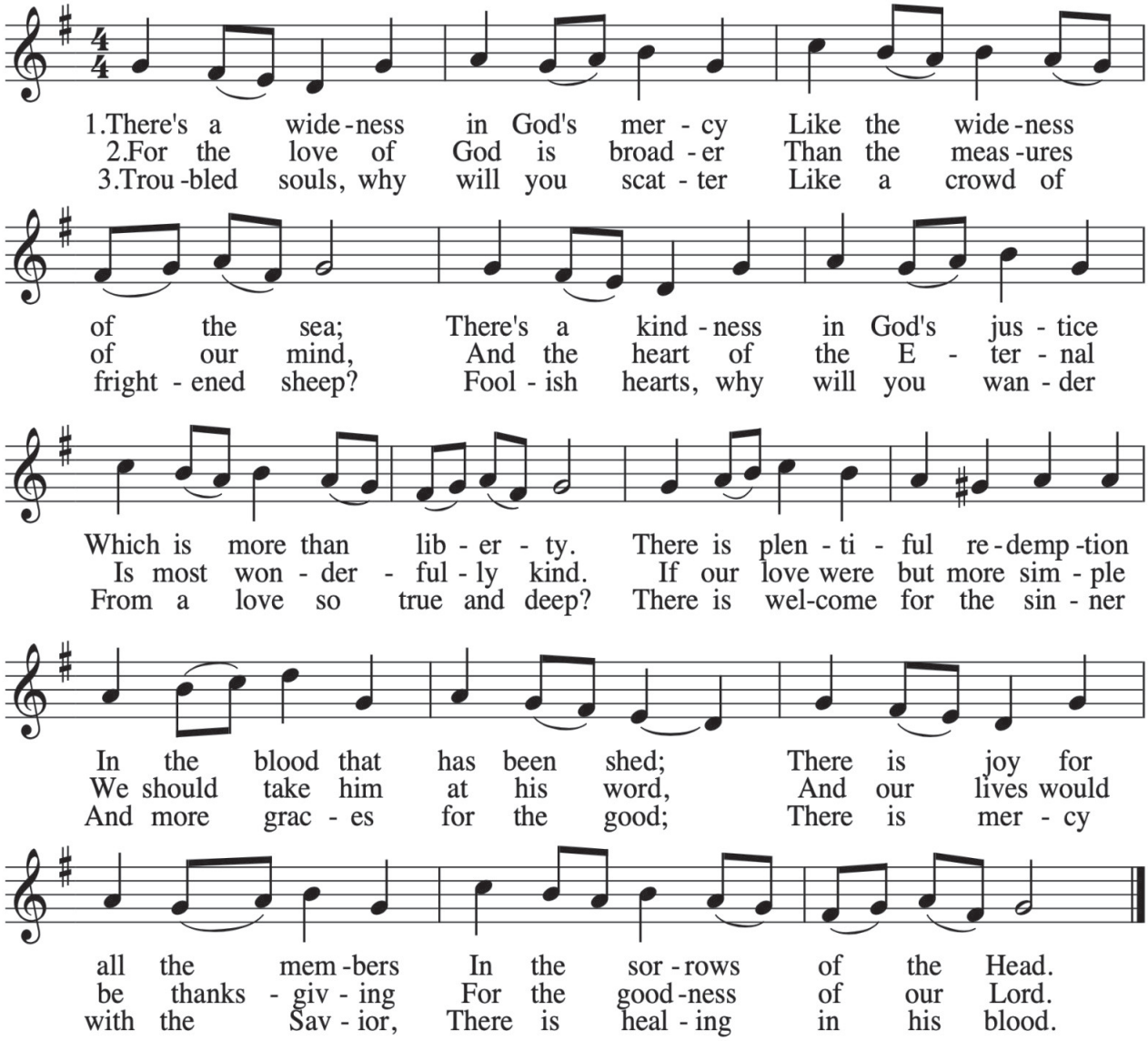
3. Oh, my Lord, if you are willing I can be. You are willing...
I can see the face of God; it's looking lovingly on me, and I am healed.
How I love you, Lord, how I love you, Lord, how I love you, my precious Lord.

Communion Meditation

All Things are Possible



Recessional

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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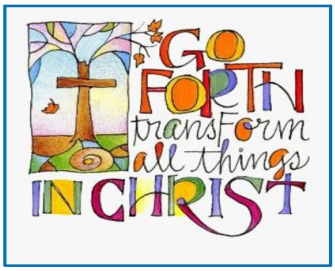
1st – 8th CHILDREN RELIGIOUS FORMATION SESSIONS

For information regarding our hybrid family-based program, which will be beginning in the Fall...

Please call the Religious Formation Office at
248-547-1810 x 207 Or email ***dtrudell@st-mary.org***



Leave a message with your name, and contact and I will get back with you soon as possible. All registration forms will be mailed electronically in mid-August as well as be available on St. Mary website ***www.stmaryroyaloak.com***

Donna Trudell, DRE

New Parishioners to St. Mary in June 2022

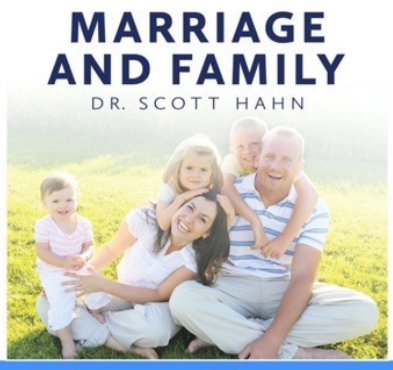
John Foody, Gina Giordano, Gerald Niester III

Welcome to our faith family!

FORMED® PICK OF THE WEEK July 24, 2022

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY: LOVE UNVEILED BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

Strong relationships and marriages are of vital importance to individuals, the Church, and society as a whole. In this focused presentation, Dr. Scott Hahn shares key principles that he has lived out in his own life. His advice is practical, challenging, and sometimes requires sacrifice, but it is sure to bear fruit and bring forth many blessings in your family. In honor of Sts. Joachim and Anne, please enjoy this powerful talk!



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St. Mary
Evangelical Charity
Serving God By Serving Others

BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE:

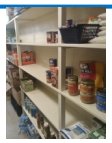
Catholic Charities, the Capuchin soup kitchen and local Woodward churches are conducting a back to school drive. Please consider helping out!

A pre-made list is available for ordering items and having them shipped directly to the Capuchin soup kitchen. You may also shop independently for durable, quality backpacks and school supplies similar to the ones on the list. Please have all items shipped to the soup kitchen no later than August 24. Copy this link to visit the website for purchasing school supplies:
https://ofmcap.cc/CSK-SchoolSupplies
For additional information, call 313-822-8606, ext. 4220.
Please use this address to ship items ordered or those you purchase independently:

Capuchin Soup Kitchen
4390 Conner, Detroit, MI 48215

(**Please do not drop off items at St. Mary**)

SAINT MARY FOOD PANTRY



Our pantry shelves are in need of nonperishable snack food. Food most urgently needed this week:

- Hearty soups with meat
- Canned pasta with meat
- Tuna, Spam & other canned meats
- Snacks: Peanut butter or cheese crackers, Nutri-grain bars, chips, Chewy bars, beef sticks
- Gift Cards: for food, gas, grocery & meds (i.e., McDonald's, CVS, Meijer, other)

A letter of thanks for your act of Evangelical Charity

Dear Fr. Paul and St. Mary Parishioners,

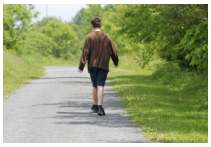
This letter is long overdue. I am one of the people who stayed in your homeless shelter in 2020. My life has taken an interesting turn. I worked in one of the labs at Beaumont Hospital for twenty years and lived in my own home for sixteen. Due to circumstances beyond my control, I found myself homeless.

I want to thank each and every one of you who participated in running the homeless shelter at St. Mary, from the administrators to the custodians and especially the children. I love the way you are teaching your children to be mindful of the less fortunate.

My situation has changed much for the better through the help of Easter Seals of Michigan. I am living in a group home. I have had to make a lot of adjustments in living with five other women, but I am deeply grateful to be off of the street. I will always remember you and your kindness.

Most Sincerely in Christ, (Name withheld)

SATURDAY AUGUST 6: "WALK FOR LIFE"

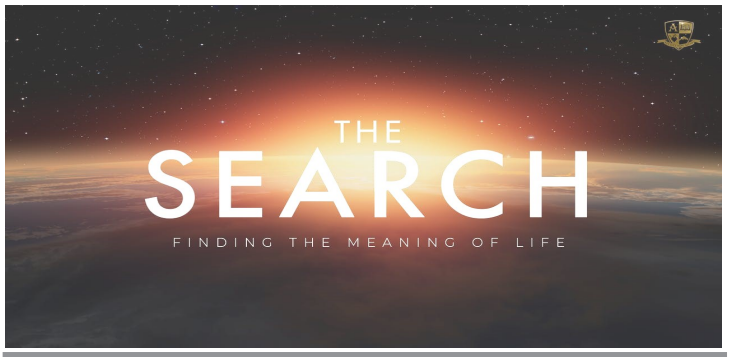


Enjoy a family outing at the Detroit Zoo. Mark your calendars and make plans to "Walk for Life" with your family and friends! St. Mary and other churches in the area are joining our partner, Another Way Pregnancy Center (AWPC), for a day at the zoo, "Walking for Life." Check-in will open at 7:15 AM, breakfast treats will be available from 7:30 AM - 10:00 AM, and the Walk For Life will kick off under the pavilion at 8:30 AM (allow 15 minutes to check in and walk to the pavilion). For more information about this fund-raising event and to purchase tickets, please go to: https://awpcfriends.org/events website.

PERPETUAL ADORATION
at the National Shrine
of the Little Flower Basilica

Adoration is a quiet time spent in prayer before Jesus present in the Eucharist; it's the closest thing to having a face-to-face conversation with Jesus. St. Therese of Lisieux said "Heaven for me is hidden in a little Host Where Jesus, my Spouse, is veiled for love. I go to that Divine Furnace to draw out life, and there my Sweet Savior listens to me night and day."

If you would like to sign up for a weekly hour to spend with our Lord or substitute when needed, please contact **shrineadoration@gmail.com**.



What is this journey in between the event we call "birth" and the one we call "death"? Is the journey taking you somewhere, or are you leading yourself to some kind of destination – a destination that could extend beyond your last breath? What do you want from your life during the in between?

The questions are there. And, the answers are, too. Join fellow parishioners, as we explore the deepest questions of the human heart and discover the meaning of life with this illuminating 7-part video and discussion series filmed & produced by the award winning Augustine Institute Studios.

When: Tuesdays 7 pm
August 2 - September 13
Where: Fellowship Center

RSVP: mjiovani@st-mary.org or 248-547-1818, ext. 241

Bringing Communion to the Homebound

Each Sunday, we gather as a community to hear the Word of God and celebrate the Eucharist. Our reception of Communion is a visible sign of the unity of the one Body of Christ and a profession in our belief of the real presence of Christ in the Sacred Host. While those who are homebound do remain in our prayers, it is essential that they, too, be able to eat from the same table and in so doing remain as branches on the vine, connected to Jesus and to the entire assembly.

First, I need your help in continuing this important ministry. We currently have one person who regularly visits our homebound who are upward of 10 in number. If you are available one to two hours per week, during regular parish office hours, and feel called to bring our Eucharistic Lord to those in need, please reach out to the parish office. Training at both the parish and on-site will be provided to make this ministry as fruitful as God intends it to be.

Then, with our new volunteers meeting the needs of our current homebound, we can open the ministry to additional parishioners in our community.

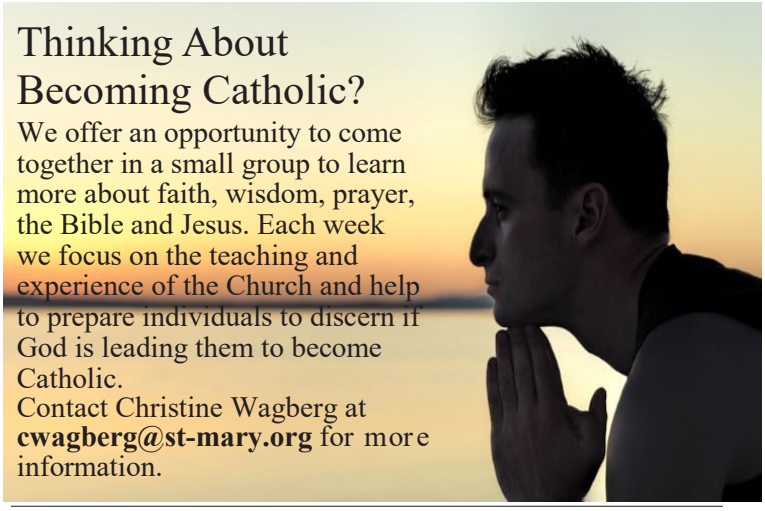
Yours in Christ,
Fr. Paul Snyder

Banns of Marriage

Please pray for our engaged couple who is preparing for marriage:

Christina Reyes and Morgan Shepherd

Thinking About Becoming Catholic?



We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about faith, wisdom, prayer, the Bible and Jesus. Each week we focus on the teaching and experience of the Church and help to prepare individuals to discern if God is leading them to become Catholic.
Contact Christine Wagberg at **cwagberg@st-mary.org** for more information.

Readings for the Week of July 24

Sun.	Gn 18:20-32 Col 2:12-14 Lk 11:1-13	Thurs.	Jer 18:1-6 Mt 13:47-53
Mon.	2 Cor 4:7-15 Mt 20:20-28	Fri.	Jer 26:1-9 Jn 11:19-27
Tues.	Jer 14:17-22 Mt 13:36-43	Sat.	Jer 26:11-16, 24 Mt 14:1-12
Wed.	Jer 15:10, 16-21 Mt 13:44-46	Sun.	Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23 Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Lk 12:13-21

Mass Intentions

Saturday July 23
4:30 p.m. Marian Weeks (24th Anniversary) by daughter, Sandi
Sunday July 24
9:00 a.m. the St. Mary parish family
11:00 a.m. William Richer (45th Anniversary) by the Richer family
Monday July 25
7:30 a.m. Living and deceased members of the Bologna family by Robert and Joy Paesano
Tuesday July 26
7:30 a.m. the St. Mary parish family
Wednesday July 27
12:10 p.m. Special intention for Alan Gorski by family
Thursday July 28
7:30 a.m. the St. Mary parish family
Friday July 29
7:30 a.m. the St. Mary parish family
Saturday July 30
4:30 p.m. Pamela Wright by Janet Tigertt
Sunday July 31
9:00 a.m. Daniel Hutchinson
11:00 a.m. the St. Mary parish family

St. Mary Fellowship Group for Adult Men

Saturday mornings from 7:00-8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Center Atrium

We read the upcoming Sunday readings and discuss how they may apply to us. We share our trials and triumphs as well as pray together. It may make going to Mass more meaningful for you, as I and others have experienced. Contact John at 248-543-9679 for more information, or just show up.

St. Mary Liturgical Ministers Schedule July 30/31	MINISTRY	4:30 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
	LECTORS	Rob Colton Teresa Walczyk	Greg Stein Margaret Blount	Chris Santoro Nicole Obarto
	SACRISTANS	Patricia Donohue	Dale Brasseur	Gemma Goodrid

This Week at St. Mary

Saturday July 23
MISSION APPEAL
7:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Group-FC atrium
1:00 p.m. Gallo/Wickersham wedding-Ch
3:00 p.m. Confessions in Church
4:30 p.m. Mass in Church with Missionary
Sunday July 24
MISSION APPEAL
9:00 a.m. Mass in Church with Missionary
11:00 a.m. Mass in Church with Missionary
12:30 p.m. RCIA-CR
Monday July 25
6:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration in Church
7:30 a.m. Mass in Church
7:00 p.m. Life Issues monthly meeting-offsite
Tuesday July 26
7:30 a.m. Mass in Church
6:00 p.m. AOD event NFP & Med Professionals-FC
7:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration-Ch
Wednesday July 27
12:10 p.m. Mass in Church
Thursday July 28
6:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration in Church
7:30 a.m. Mass in Church
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Ch
Friday July 29
6:30 a.m. Confession in Church
6:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration in Church
7:30 a.m. Mass in Church
Saturday July 30
7:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Group-FC atrium
3:00 p.m. Confessions in Church
4:30 p.m. Mass in Church
Sunday July 31
9:00 a.m. Mass in Church
10:30 a.m. RCIA-CR
11:00 a.m. Mass in Church

God's House Keepers

Group III - July 25-29
Denise LoBue
June Fultz

Group IV: Aug. 1-5
Kathleen McPeek
Julie Ann McEvoy
Debbie Marcial

Born into Eternal Life

Let us pray for Alice Reed, who returned to the Lord on July 14, 2022. Her Funeral Mass was at St. Mary Church on July 23, 2022.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon her.
Amen.

Please Pray for our Sick and Suffering

Ray Anstett, Nancy Barnett, Gail Basile, Julie Beeman, Nancy Bolyea, Tom Brim, Mike Brodeur, Patricia Cayen, Tammy Clark, Jennifer Moy Drinkard, Muna Erickson, Christopher Fulton & family, Janette Gaskin, Mary Gaskin, Zaronda Gaskin, Allison Halfyard, Lisa Harshman, Mark Hartley, Marti Holmes, Carissa Jaye, Jan Kosko, Barbara Maier, Dan Marsh, Carol Margiotta, Connie McMullen, Dylan Nocerini, Lawrence Parish, Cheri Patterson, Hilda Patterson, Claudia Petras, Edie Peoples, Lew Pratsch, Christina S., Gayle Schaeff, Donna Spaniola, Nancy Spigliano, Jennifer Sweet, Erinn Treuter, Ed Trumbo, Betty Ulbrich, Javona Weatherspoon, Jermaine Weatherspoon, Bill Webb.

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July 16/17, 2022

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Variance: $4,783.00

Actual: $34,256.00

Budget: $44,715.00

Variance: ($10,459.00)

Please pray for all our men and women serving in the Military, especially:

Edward Gonzales,
Lt. Col., U.S.M.C.

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SGT., MI Nat'l Guard

Jonathan Ashmore
Lt. Col., U.S. Marines

Jacob Ashmore
Lt. Col., U.S. Air Force

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Specialist, U.S. Army

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Capt., U.S. Air Force

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Almighty and eternal God, protect these active servicemen as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of Your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. Amen.

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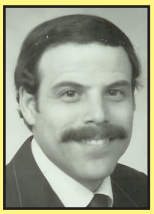
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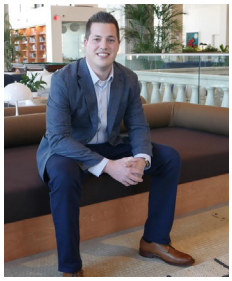

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