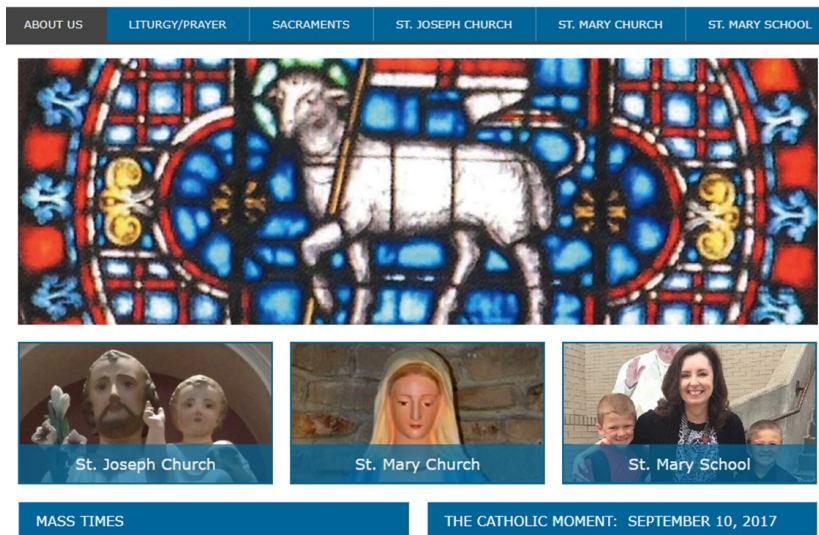


Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As introduced last weekend at Mass and on the cover of the bulletin, we have a new website, maryandjosephchurches.com. The website has pages for St. Joseph Church, St. Mary Church and St. Mary School. My hope is that you will find useful information there and return often. It is very much a work in progress so if you have ideas of things to include please let me know. Below is an image of the home page.

St. Joseph & St. Mary
Elwood Alexandria



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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

September 30, 4:00PM - October 1, 8:30AM

SERVERS & CROSS BEARER

Sat. Mary Sayre, Megan Sayre, Clifford Dickerson

Sun. Izabella, Jude, and Lucy Kelly-Rigney

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Sat. Chip & Cyndee McFerran, Dina Moyer,
Susan Nelson, Jan Lynch

Sun. Larry & Jenny Chapel, Garland Crist,
Regina Culbertson, Mary Anne DiRuzza

CANTORS/READERS

Sat. Regina Culbertson/Fran Huebner

Sun. Dylan Clark, Justin Branson/Stefanie Branson

ORGANISTS

Sat. Cathy DuPouy

Sun. Josh Johnson

SACRISTANS

Sat. Al & Nancy Duffy

Sun. David Crist

GIFT BEARERS

Sat. 09/23 Family of Derek Culbertson

Sun. 09/24 Family of Ralph Flecker

Sat. 09/30 Tim & Regina Culbertson

Sun. 10/01 TBD

CHURCH DUSTING

Beemer Family



This Week...

September 23-October 1

Sat. 4:00PM MASS-Derek Culbertson

Sun. 8:30AM MASS-Ralph Flecker

Mon. 8:00AM No Mass

Tue. 8:00AM Rosary or Devine Mercy Chaplet
6:00PM D of I Meeting/Baby Shower

Wed. 8:00AM MASS-Ken Clark

6:15PM CCD

7:00PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

7:30PM Cantor Practice

Thurs. 8:00AM Communion Service

7:00PM RCIA

7:00PM Joseph's Helper's Meeting

Fri. 8:00AM MASS-Jane Libler

Sat. 3:30PM Rosary

4:00PM MASS-Billy Walters

Sun. 8:30AM MASS-Living & Deceased of
St. Mary Parish

9:30AM Coffee & Donuts

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

9/17/2017

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| Regular Collection | \$ | 4,670.00 |
| Needed Each Week | \$ | 5,474.69 |
| Overage (Shortfall) | \$ | (804.69) |
| Year-to-Date Overage (Shortfall) | \$ | (29,235.04) |
| Building Fund | \$ | 345.00 |
| Children | \$ | 2.00 |
| Hurricane Victims | \$ | 2,269.57 |



Equal Sacrifices Not Equal Gifts

D of I Meeting

The Daughters of Isabella will meet on Tuesday, September 26th at 6:00 p.m. in Zimmer Hall.

Joseph's Helpers

Joseph's Helpers will meet on Thursday, September 28th at 7:00 p.m. in Zimmer Hall. They will lead the rosary before Mass at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 30th.

Fellowship and Coffee & Donuts

Enjoy coffee and donuts next Sunday, October 1st after the 8:30 Mass in Zimmer Hall. This opportunity for fellowship is held on the first Sunday of each month. Please join us!

*"God sends us trials and afflictions to exercise us in patience and teach us sympathy with the sorrows of others."
St. Vincent de Paul*

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This Week...

September 23-October 1

- Sat.** 6:00PM MASS-Bill Hunter
- Sun.** 9:00AM Religious Education
10:30AM MASS-Ruthie (Fettig) Bailey
6:30PM Confirmation Session
- Tue.** 6:00PM MASS-Joseph Bucci
7:30PM K of C Social
- Wed.** 5:00PM Community Dinner
6:30PM Choir Practice
- Thurs.** 6:00PM MASS-Mary & Mike Paturalski
- Sat.** 5:40PM Rosary
6:00PM MASS-Lance Sheedy
- Sun.** 9:00AM No Religious Education
10:10AM Rosary
10:30AM MASS-Nellie Engle

October-Month of Mary

Approximately 20 minutes before each Mass during the month of October the Rosary will be prayed to honor Mary.

Community Dinner

The Community Dinner is this Wednesday, the 27th, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Center. This is a free dinner for everyone in the parish and the community.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

9/17/2017

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| Regular Collection | \$ 4,007.00 |
| Needed Each Week | \$ 3,467.55 |
| Overage (Shortfall) | \$ 539.45 |
| Year-to-Date Overage (Shortfall) | \$ 7,897.74 |
| Building Fund | \$ 1,125.00 |
| Hurricane Victims | \$ 2,006.68 |
| Kathy Wolff Memorial | \$ 75.00 |

Equal Sacrifices Not Equal Gifts



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

September 30, 6:00PM - October 1, 10:30AM

SACRISTANS

Sat. Marcie Frazee

Sun. Dennis Green

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Sat. Grace Werline, Pattie Dever,
Rhonda Goforth, Rocky & Andrea Sparks

Sun. Chris Posey, Lisa & Rick Bunting,
Theresa Gall, Richard Rice

READERS/CANTORS

Sat. Jeff Goforth/Connie Green

Sun. Julie Wilson/TBD

ORGANIST

Sat. & Sun. Karen Skinner

GIFT BEARERS

Sun. 09/24 Bryan King Family

Sun. 10/01 Dennis Fisher Family

USHERS

Sat. Bill Jackson, Ray Collis, Danny Hoose

Sun. Ned Dunnichay, Kevin Melvin, Paul Thomas

SERVERS & CROSS BEARER

Sat. Ted Pedro, Dylan Idlewine

Sun. Melia King, Josi Fisher, Joe Kelich

Gift Bearers

We are looking for volunteers to bring up the gifts during each Mass. If you are interested please sign up on the sheets located at the entrances of the church. Groups of at least 2 to 3 people are needed which could include families or individuals who then could be matched up with other individuals.

Communion for Shut-Ins

If you or someone you know who can't make it to Mass but would like to receive communion, please call Becky Tyner at 552-7868 or Sandy Rodewald at 754-7763.

Grief Recovery

St. Vincent Mercy's grief recovery program, the 2017 fall series, will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at St. Vincent Mercy Hospital on the next 6 Tuesdays beginning September 19th. To register, take the registration form in the brochures located at the doors of the church to the hospital. For further information call St. Vincent Mercy's Pastoral Care Department at 552-4622.

CURSILLO RETREATS

The Cursillo is an encounter with Christ. Cursillo promotes a spiritual revitalization of our world and the transfer of the values of Christ to others. Join us at the next retreat on October 5th-8th for men and October 19th-22nd for women.

ST. JOSEPH RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTER

The St. Joseph Retreat & Conference Center in Tipton is operated by the Diocese of Lafayette and serves priests, religious and lay people. To see what has been done and to check out new updates and postings of opportunities for volunteer activities go to their website www.stjosephretreat.org.

TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Please prayerfully discern about giving to the St. Mary Tax Credit Scholarship Fund. Personal and business donors are eligible to take advantage of a 50% TAX CREDIT against their state tax liability. Federal deductions are available for those who itemize their taxes and qualify. For more information or to make a donation access the following website: www.i4qed.org/sgo/donors.



WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Aaron Durm & Lindsay Cunningham were wed September 16th at St. Joseph's. May God bless you with many years of happiness together!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you enjoy working with small children? St. Mary School is looking for one or two volunteers to help in the Pre-K classroom. Volunteers are needed from 8:00 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. You must be Safe and Sacred certified. If interested, please contact the school office at 724-4459.

RCIA

RCIA has begun and is at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's in Zimmer Hall. All sessions of RCIA are for both parishes. We meet half of the year at St. Mary's and half at St. Joseph's. For more information please call Rhonda and Jeff Goforth at 675-9373 or Scott Woodruff at 278-7134.

A MARRIAGE MOMENT

What is fair? In marriage sometimes one partner gives more than the other (makes more money, does more chores - especially the unwanted ones, etc.). Recently I broke my arm and my husband became St. Jim to me. When has your beloved carried the bigger part of life's burdens for you?
By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net

A PARENTING POINTER

Monday, September 25th, is National Eat Dinner Together Day (www.informedfamilies.org). Maybe you always eat dinner together. If not, make a special effort to eat together on this day. Tell stories of your day. What was the high? What was the low?
By Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net

Readings for the Week of September 24, 2017

- Sunday** Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a
- Monday** Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday** Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday** Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday** Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9
- Friday** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1:47-51
- Saturday** Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45
- Sunday** Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32



Stewardship Note

In today's Gospel, the vineyard owner says, "I am free to do as I please with my money, am I not?" We are likewise free. Is a generous return to the Lord in thanksgiving for His many blessings among the choices we have made?