
UPDATE

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FROM YOUR PASTOR

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The Major Project Fund

Sometimes you might see a sign that says, "Your tax dollars at work." Oftentimes, it is associated with road repair. On the days after Labor Day, some of you might see some of your Major Project Fund dollars at work. Those are the days when 2 new heating and cooling units will arrive for the church and parish hall. There will be a crane to lift and move the units on Tuesday, September 7. Mertens HVAC will then get the units up and running on Wednesday and Thursday. The cost of the project is \$45,000; and the source of that payment is our Major Project Fund. For those who use the pack of envelopes, it's the pink envelope found in your monthly packet. Thanks for being so generous!

In the spirit of being good stewards, our Heavy Metal Band, aka the St. Vincent de Paul metal recycling group, will be able to salvage the old units and receive some additional funds for the ministries they support. So, thank you x 2!



* * * **IMPORTANT!!** * * *

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PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

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As we look back in gratitude for all that God has given our parish community over the past fifty years, it is also important to discern how God is calling us to use our gifts for the next fifty years. How is each of us being called individually and as a parish, to continue our culture of generosity?

Please join us for faith, formation, fellowship and fun at several upcoming parish events. Invite a family member, friend or neighbor to join us:

Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University: starts September 13 and runs for nine weeks. Go to fpu.com/1138594 to register.

Parish Homecoming: October 16 after 4:30 Mass.

Parish Mission: November 7 – November 11 featuring Fr. Pete Schavitz, C.Ss.R.

Annual Parish Ministry Leader Meeting: November 20 starts with 8:30 am Mass and meeting.

Remember, all are invited to the monthly Parish Council meeting. The meeting is held on the fourth Thursday of the month from 7 – 9 pm in the Parish Hall. Please contact Dave Baranowski prior to notify that you are attending.



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DIRECTOR OF LITURGY AND MUSIC

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Starting in September, our music ministry groups will begin their regular schedule of practices and Masses. We welcome any new singers and instrumentalists to join us. We are always willing to train! Here are some ways you can participate:

Traditional Choir – this four-part harmony group sing selections from traditional hymns to contemporary worship songs. They practice on Wednesdays at 7pm and sing 3 times a month, at various Mass times.

Contemporary Choir – this group of singers lead mostly contemporary worship songs and are joined by guitarists and other instrumentalists. They practice on Thursdays at 7pm and sing about 3 times a month, at various Mass times.

Children’s Choir – although this choir is currently on hiatus, we hope to resume this group for young singers 2nd through 8th grade in the spring.

Cantors – singers who lead the assembly in song when there is no choir present.

Instrumentalists – we welcome parishioners high school and above, who play musical instruments to accompany at our Masses.

For more information, call Nate Jackson at the parish at 894-1373 or email him at njackson@marymother.org.

God bless you with health and happiness.

FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE

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It seems that we are in the midst of change, while attempting to settle into routines. Schools resuming, healthcare needs are mounting for many.

I have recently gotten some phone calls from people in the community, asking for caregiver resources. I often refer callers to the homecare agencies that parishioners and friends have used/recommended. At times, a request for a privately hired caregiver is made. This can be a bit more difficult as the list I once had of caregivers/companions has decreased to “a handful” of names because of availability, one’s own health, life changes, etc. I would like to build that list back up. If anyone knows potential caregivers/companions in the community, please check with them about my contacting them or just have them call me if they would like to be on my list. I pray that we can better provide for one another’s needs as we do this together!

DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION

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Faith is a lifelong journey. Mary, Mother of the Church is grateful and privileged to have the opportunity to share this journey with families, and to partner with them in the faith formation of their children. Below are a few of the programs that Mary Mother offers to empower parents with the tools to pass on our Catholic faith to their children.

FAITH Alive in the Home: Faith Alive in the Home supports parents in being the first teachers of the faith, using methods that incorporate faith into children’s daily lives (18 months-4 years).

Parish School of Religion (PSR): PSR provides the children in grades 1-8 with a regular means to grow in faith and love. PSR sessions meet weekly from September through early May.

Family Prayer Group: Family Prayer Group is a once a month gathering of families of all ages from September through May who share and learn ways to teach and live the faith in their families.

Thank you for the privilege of journeying in faith with your family.

Peace and Joy!



YOU'RE INVITED!

**SAVE THE DATES
MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH
50th YEAR JUBILEE**

**HOMECOMING OCTOBERFEST
OCTOBER 16**

**JOIN US FOR MASS AT 4:30 AND STAY
FOR AN EVENING OF FAITH,
FELLOWSHIP, AND FUN**

INVITE FORMER PARISHIONERS!

**PARISH MISSION
NOVEMBER 7—14
PRESENTED BY
FR. PETE SCHAVITZ, C.Ss.R**

SOCIAL COMMISSION

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JUBILEE THOUGHTS

I've been so blessed! In my life, I've been gifted with knowing some of the Most Incredible, kind-hearted, gentle, generous, amazing people... And some of them came together to create a beautiful celebration of 50 years of praying together here at Mary Mother.

So much work and dedication went into a thoroughly fantastic night. We celebrated with a beautiful Mass and followed it with a lovely evening of food and friendship.

To ALL Of YOU who worked so hard...
Thank You for being part of this journey.

PASTA DINNER (September 19) See the ad in this Update (page 6)

HOME COMING (October 16)

TRUNK-OR-TREAT (October 23)

BUNKO (October 29)

**MISSION (November 7-11) WITH
FR. PETE SCHAVITZ, C.Ss.R.**

ADVENT GLOW (December 3)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS (December 12)

PROGRESSIVE DINNER (January 29)

God Bless!



YOUTH COMMISSION

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Mary Mother's Youth Group continue their weekly prayer group on Wednesdays. Every Wednesday night, we start with praises and thanks. Then everyone goes around with their prayers. Usually, the prayer tower is brought up. The prayer tower is a support beam in the room, that can be written on with chalk. We write down individuals, groups, or events that we want to keep in our prayers. After, we play a quick game of Minute to Win It; everyone has one minute to summarize their week from last Wednesday. It ends with the prayers of Our Father, Hail Mary, and Michael the Archangel. Some members participated in a movie night showing 'Soul Surfer' paired with snacks. On Sunday August 15th, youth group members had a fun recreation night. They enjoyed bowling, eating pizza, and playing in the arcade.

MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP COMMISSION

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Come one, come all to the Mary Mother 50th Jubilee Homecoming Oktoberfest Celebration to be held on Saturday, October 16th on the south parking lot at Mary Mother. The event will kick off with Mass at 4:30 PM and run until 8:30 PM. There will be something for all, young and 'seasoned' alike. The event will feature various activity booths, food including a s'more station and hot apple cider, a beer garden, music for dancing, a visit from Fredbird and a wonderful fireworks display to end the night. Bring your lawn chairs and plan to spend the evening catching up with those you haven't seen for a while or just relaxing with those you see all the time. Per the title of 'Homecoming,' please pass the word to any former parishioners you know who may have moved out of the parish and to those who just may not have felt comfortable to return just yet. The event will be an outdoor event with a rain date of Sunday, October 17th should it be needed. Mark your calendars now to save the date!

ROCK CHURCH FOOD COLLECTION

SEPTEMBER 25—26

*PLACE FOOD ITEMS IN METAL
BASKET IN CHURCH VESTIBULE*

LITURGY COMMISSION

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When I was first invited to attend daily Mass, I thought what a great idea! I was having trouble getting to weekend Mass because of my work schedule. And I thought that there would be a handful of people literally. I was wrong. Not only do we have a larger group that regularly attends, I found it to be refreshing and with extra special surprises. After Mass on Tuesdays, a layperson or deacon will lead us in the devotion of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. There are printed aids to follow along in worship. The Rosary is also an everyday occurrence; and a group meets after Mass usually in the chapel.

So, the weekend challenge seemed to be so much easier once I put it in the forefront and enjoyed the liturgies so much. Thanks to all who lead us in the Rosary, in devotion and in the liturgy. It is such a beautiful way to start the day. The chapel is open for adoration. Devoted parishioners attended to the Blessed Sacrament even in the midst of our recent power outage! Call Pat Dean if you would like to sign up for a slot for Adoration.

TITHING

July 2021 - 4 Sundays
\$943 each agency

- 1) **Feed My People** – Provides emergency food and many other social services to the poor in South County.
- 2) **Prison Performing Arts** - Program engages incarcerated youth and adults in the performing arts to inspire intellectual curiosity and personal development, and builds skills to support successful re-entry into society.
- 3) **Bakhita Spiritual Companions** – Provides spiritual guidance and support to survivors of human trafficking.
- 4) **Institute for Peace and Justice** – Provides alternatives to violence in family, school and community.
- 5) **St. Pius V Immigrant & Refugee Program** – Direct outreach to immigrants and refugees around St. Pius V parish. Direct services provided to the poor including medicine, rent, and clothing on an emergency basis.
- 6) **Kwasha Kids, Inc.** – Provides free education for all students at the Kwasha Molya Community School in Zambia, Africa, including a school lunch program that is designed to promote good health habits and enhance each student's ability to learn.

**BRING A CHILD
UP IN THE WAY
OF THE LORD.**



PSR EVENTS

**PSR OPEN HOUSE
ICE CREAM SOCIAL
SEPTEMBER 12 AFTER
11 A.M. MASS**

**FIRST NIGHT OF PSR
SEPTEMBER 13/15
6:30**

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

During the last quarter, SVDP members provided 532 hours of service and logged 1,618 miles. Food was delivered to 20 families, totaling 83 people. Three home visits were made along with 40 call visits due to COVID, assisting 105 people for various needs. Because of your contributions in dollars, food and scrap metal, we assisted 188 of our Neighbors in Need with the following assistance: \$1,041.64 for utilities, \$6,551.72 for housing, \$6,265.00 for medical, \$238.89 for college books, \$300.00 for food gift cards to cover perishable items, \$175.00 for Walgreen's gift cards, \$225.00 for QT gas cards, \$1,452.00 for food pantry items (valued at \$1.50 per item), and \$4,400.00 for twinning to other conferences using funds from the Metal Collection Program. Items donated to our Metals Program include 15 used bikes that were given to Bike Works, valued at \$200. The Metals Program also donated a used washer and dryer to a neighbor in need at St. Simon Parish, valued at \$200. The Metal Recycling Program began at Mary Mother in 2010. 100% of the proceeds have been donated to Mary Mother SVDP. As of July 21, 2021, the program has generated just over \$150,000. So, we **THANK** you, our parishioners, for supporting our efforts to maintain a clean environment while assisting those in need of financial help. Call Dick at 314-374-4680 for information.

SAVE THE DATE BLOOD DRIVE

IN PARISH HALL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
FROM 2-7 P.M.

APPOINTMENTS CAN BE MADE ONLINE
www.bloodcenter.org (enter 63128 to find MMOC)
Check the Parish Nurse's Corner in the bulletin.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

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The Respect Life Committee is excited to begin the Spiritual Adoption Program in our parish. It's a simple yet effective program that provides an opportunity for children, teens, adults and senior citizens to prayerfully intercede on behalf of moms and unborn babies threatened by abortion. We will pray specifically for one mom that's being supported by Birthright of Hillsboro. We will begin praying in September and pray for her and her baby every day throughout her pregnancy. Prayer cards will be available in church the weekend of September 11-12. This mom will also benefit from our Birthright Baby Shower that will be held at our parish in the spring. Here's the prayer we ask you to pray: "Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to protect the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted. Mary, our Mother in Heaven, pray for us, and especially for your little ones! Because God loves every baby He creates, I promise to pray for my spiritually adopted baby for nine months."

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		Sep 1 9am Adoration 12:30pm Pickleball 4:30pm Volleyball 7pm ProLife 8pm Youth Prayer Grp 8:30pm Men's Basketball	2 9am Prayer Group 9am Walking/PAC 11:30am Zumba 4pm Adoration 7pm Liturgy Mtg	3 6:30pm Pickleball	4 3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass	5 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 9am Mass 11am Mass 6:30pm Rosary
6 LABOR DAY (OFFICES CLOSED) 9:05am AA Group	7 9am Adoration 9am Quilting 9am Walking/PAC 2pm Directory PHOTO Sessions 7pm SvDP Mtg 7:30pm Youth Commission Mtg	8 9am Adoration 2pm Directory PHOTO Sessions 6:30pm Young Women's Prayer Group 8pm Youth Prayer Group	9 9am Prayer Group 9am Walking/PAC 2pm Directory PHOTO Sessions 4pm Adoration 6pm Family Prayer Group	10 9am Sensational Seniors Planning Meeting 2pm Directory PHOTO Sessions 6pm New Parishioner Welcome Dinner	11 10am Directory PHOTO sessions 3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass 5:30pm Blood Pressure Screening	12 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9am Blood Pressure Screenings 9am Mass 11am Mass 12pm PSR Open House/Ice Cream Social 6:30pm Rosary
NO Volleyball, Pickleball, Zumba, Tai Chi or Men's Basketball this week due to Directory Photo Sessions						
13 9:05am AA Group 12:30pm *NO* Pickleball 6pm GriefShare 6:30pm *no* Pickleball 6:30pm PSR 7pm Financial Peace University 7pm Men's Prayer Group	14 9am Adoration 9am Quilting 9am Walking/PAC 4:30pm Volleyball 6:30pm Peace & Justice Mtg 7:30pm Adult Volunteers Mtg (Youth Group)	15 9am Adoration 9:30am Tai Chi 12:30pm Stitching 12:30pm Pickleball 4:30pm Volleyball 6:30pm PSR 8pm Youth Prayer Grp 8:30pm Men's Basketball	16 9am Prayer Group 9am Walking/PAC 11:30am Zumba 4pm Adoration	17 11:30am Friday Friends 6:30pm *NO* Pickleball	18 3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass 10pm UPDATE Due	19 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9am Mass 11am Mass 4pm Pasta Dinner 6:30pm Rosary 7pm Youth Group rec nite
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DEATHS:

JoAnn Mantia
Anna Rapisardo
Bonnie DeHahn

NEW PARISHIONERS:

Mick Pfeil & Emmy Satorre
 Josiah
Mary Ann Blankinship
Sr. Carol Patron CSJ

FAREWELL:

Lisa Butler
Janet Anglo
Don & Rosie Walsh
Ken & Nicole Schroeder Family



Pasta Dinner

Save The Date
Sunday, September 19
from 4-7 pm

**Menu includes: Mostaccioli
(all you can eat),
Italian Sausage, Salad, Roll,
Beverage and Dessert**