

St. Mary Catholic Church

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VISION:

Love God, Love others, and form disciples for Jesus.

MISSION:

To build a Catholic Community that discovers Jesus, follows Jesus, worships Jesus, and shares Jesus with others.



30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, ‘O God, be merciful to me a sinner.’” - Lk 18:13

October 27, 2019

Call Parish Office For Sacramental Prep

Baptism • Marriage • RCIA

(920) 487-5005 Ext #100

Confessions according to schedule

and Confessions and Sacrament of Anointing
anytime by request.

Contact Father Amadi (920) 487-5005 Ext #3

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Code:

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St. Mary Mass Schedule



Saturday, October 26

7:00 am **Adoration**
 8:05 am † Harold Ebert
 8:45 am **Confessions**
 4:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, October 27

8:15 am † Bob Wagner

Tuesday, October 29

7:00 am **Adoration**
 8:05 am † Liz Westrich

Wednesday, October 30

8:05 am **Mass at Holy Rosary, Kewaunee**

Thursday, October 31

7:00 am **Adoration**
 7:40 am Pray the Rosary
 8:05 am † John & Rosie Meyer
 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Adoration & Confessions

Friday, November 1

6:00 pm All Saints Mass
 † Wallace Englebort

Saturday, November 2

7:00 am **Adoration**
 8:05 am † Harold Ebert
 8:45 am **Confessions**
 4:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, November 3

8:15 am † Leonard & Marie Feuerstein

Rest in Peace **Father Marty Fox**
 (Associate Pastor from 1970 - 72)



Readings for the Week of October 27, 2019

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 [7a]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14
 Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16
 Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Lk 13:18-21
 Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30
 Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31 [26b]/Lk 13:31-35
 Friday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
 Saturday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
 Next Sunday: Wis 11:22-12:2/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14 [cf. 1]/2 Thes 1:11-2:2/Lk 19:1-10



Saint Mary Parish Lights Oct 27 - Nov. 2

Steeple, Tabernacle and Grotto lights will burn in memory of

Terry & Diane Gray

This Week at St. Mary

Monday, Oct. 28

10:00 am –Scrip order is due in the parish office; pick-up will be the following week-end after masses.



Tuesday, Oct. 29

6:00 pm - Thrivent Financial Retirement informational meeting.

Thursday, Oct. 31

9:15 am - Bible Study "The Sunday Scriptures" in the Rosary Society Room.



All are invited, come join us every Thursday!

6:15 pm - **ALPHA** meeting in the Cafeteria.

Friday, Nov. 1

6:00 pm All Saints Mass

Saturday, Nov. 2

4:00 pm - All Souls Day

Sunday, Nov. 3

9:15 am - Free Coffee & Donuts in the cafeteria sponsored by the Rosary Society.

Everyone is welcome!



A very heartfelt "Thank you"!! to all who so generously listened to the Lords call and donated their Time & Talent for the Parish Fall Clean Day on October 4th.



The church and the grounds look fabulous!! As a testament to the "Beauty" of our facilities, several visitors from all over the country have been spotted photographing our Blessed "Home".



Operation Christmas Child is fast approaching. If you haven't already purchased items to send to school, now is a great time to be hitting the clearance aisles. Shopping not your cup of tea? We could also use old shoe boxes to send the items in, and donations to pay for the cost of shipping. **Nov. 18th** is the last date for dropping off Operation Christmas Child packages. Any and all help is appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Emily Paiser at the school. Thanks for your support!

Parish Support

Oct. 19 & 20

Stewardship & Loose Collection	\$	3 807.25
School Operating Support	\$	0.00
Building & Grounds Maintenance	\$	0.00
Direct Withdrawal - Stewardship 10/20/2019		\$2,455.00



**All Soul's
Remembrance
Weekend of
November 3, 2019
@8:15 am Mass.**

Why pray?

For the last few weeks, our parish leadership has been undergoing the ALPHA experience and it's been amazing! I am excitedly looking forward to next spring when the program will be made available for the entire parish. My hope is that ALPHA in the future will lead to the formation of small faith sharing groups that will be organized in parishioner's homes, meet in café's and even in bars! My goal is to get ALPHA out of the parish, into private homes!

One of the recent videos was about prayer. What it is and why it's important. It also offered some useful insights about how to pray better. Everybody prays in one form or another. Studies have shown that to be true. We are hardwired to ask for things from God either for ourselves or for others. Many times, we do so rather instinctively.

It is instructive that in the bible when the apostles asked Jesus to teach them how to pray, he began by saying "when" you pray and not "if" you pray. What then is prayer? It is the lifting up of our hearts and minds to God who loves us and knows everything that there is to know about us. Let that sink in. Realize that you do not update God regarding the recent events of your life when you pray. Why is prayer important? There are many reasons but here are three that leap to mind.

- Prayer opens my eyes and heart to better appreciate the giftedness of all things. When I pray regularly, as St. Therese said so wisely, I am better able to recognize that everything is a gift, a grace and a blessing. Hence prayerful people are grateful people.
- Prayer is an interpreter of desire. I know how much I truly desire something by whether or not I pray for it. It is what I truly desire that gets a mention in my prayer. In prayer, our true desires bubble to the surface.
- Prayer also serves as a translator of hope. It is what I hope for that I pray for. For many of us we hope for good health and happiness for ourselves and our loved ones and hence these petitions are frequently prayed for.

How does one pray better? Benedictine monk and theologian; Luigi Gioia put it succinctly:

Keep it simple.
Keep it honest.
Keep it going.

Fr. Alvan Amadi