

St. Mary Catholic Church

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... since 1860

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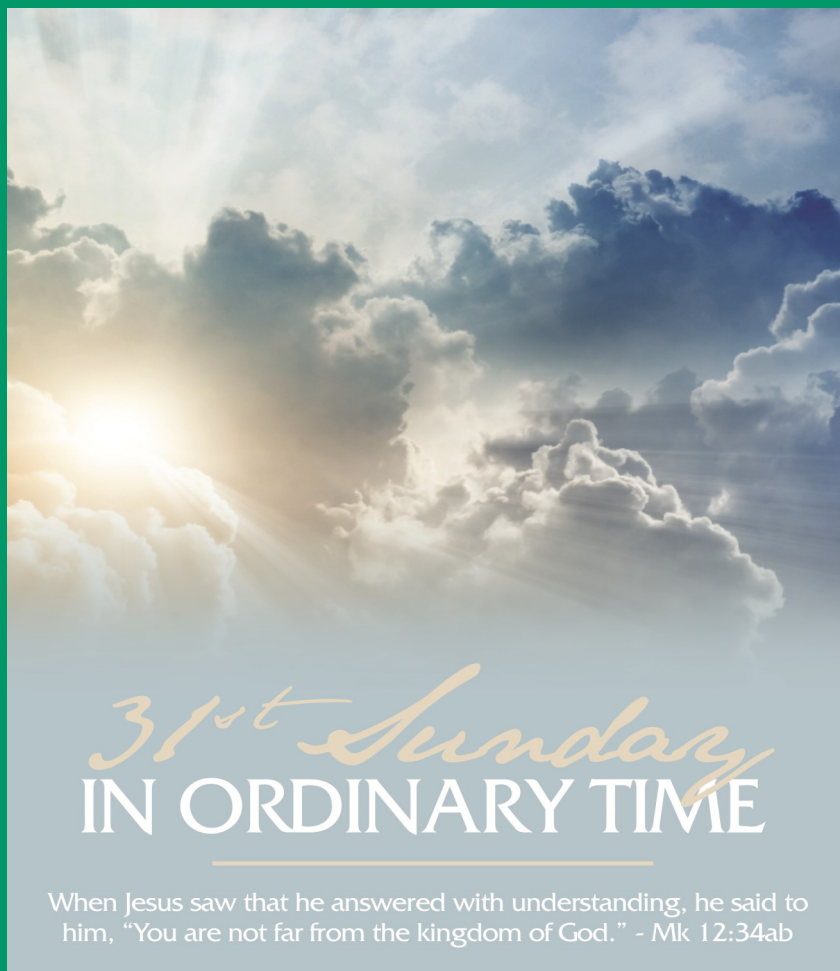
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VISION:

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.



31st Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

When Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:34ab

October 31, 2021

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

Check out
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Parish Access
Code:

C3F6DM

Parish Website:

[https://
stmaryalgoma.com](https://stmaryalgoma.com)

St. Mary Mass Schedule



Saturday, October 30

4:00 pm † Wallace Englebert

Sunday, October 31

7:45 am Rosary

8:15 am For the People of the Parish

Monday, November 1

All Saint's Day

9:00 am † Ron Boucher

Tuesday, November 2

All Soul's Day

12:00 pm At St. Mary Cemetery

Wednesday, November 3

8:05 am For the People of the Parish

Thursday, November 4

St. Charles Borromeo (M)

8:05 am † Ann Schmitt Brodbeck

9:00 am - 4:00 pm Adoration Holy Hour

Friday, November 5

8:05 am † Delores LaLuzerne

Saturday, November 6

4:00 pm † Helen Massart

Sunday, November 7

7:45 am Rosary

8:15 am For the People of the Parish

Clocks move back 1 hour on Sunday, November 7th.

This Week at St. Mary

Sunday, October 31

8:15 am Mass - Livestream

<https://www.facebook.com/Stmaryalgoma/live/>

Tuesday, November 2

6:00 pm - Stewardship Meeting

Wednesday, November 3

5:15pm K-6 grade Faith Formation Classes

6:00 pm - Board of Education Meeting

6:45-8:15 pm 7th-11th grade Faith Formation Classes



Thursday, November 4

9:00 am - Bible Study "The Sunday Scriptures" in the Rosary Society Room. All are invited, come join us every Thursday!



9:00 am - 4:00 pm Adoration Holy Hour - sign up in Parish Office.

6:00 pm Rosary Society Meeting.

Chair persons: Jane Feuerstein & Kathy Romdenne
Committee: Barb Harz, Carol Clark, Louise Pionke, Sara Guth & Lisa Mraz. New members are always welcome!

5:15 PM - Annual Parish Meeting following Mass.

Rosary Society News

Rosary Society Christmas party information will be handed out at the Nov. 4th meeting.



**November 2
Cemetery
Mass at
Noon**

World Mission Sunday



THANK YOU for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. Our parish raised \$ 1,128.00. You may stay connected year-round to the Pope's missions, continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday, by visiting MISSION.org.



Readings for the Week of October 31, 2021

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/
Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
[cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Tuesday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
[1 or 4ab]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/
Jn 6:37-40a

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/
Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14
[13]/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
[cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5,
10-11 [1b]/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/
Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

ARE YOU READY FOR CHRISTMAS?

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY

Advent is a time for new understanding. Explore different pieces of God's revelation together in order to see the divine plan more clearly. God is calling us to life anew, even today. Discuss with us how to see and experience the light of Advent in our daily lives.



When: 6:30 pm, Mondays, Nov. 8-Dec. 13

Location: St. Mary School, 1stFloor Classroom

Call the parish office at 487-5005 to register.

Come Lord Jesus!

Parish Support



	Oct. 23 & 24	
Stewardship	\$ 3,038.00	
School Support	\$ 0.00	
Building & Grounds	\$ 0.00	

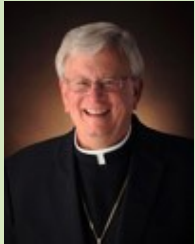


Saint Mary Parish Lights

Oct. 31 - Nov. 6

Steeple, Tabernacle & Grotto Lights

Leonard & Marie Feuerstein



Listening to the Holy Spirit

By: Bishop David Ricken
October 5, 2021

A couple years ago, I had a chance to meet with Pope Francis. During our time together, I shared with him the progress we are making in our effort to build a culture of missionary discipleship. He encouraged me (and us) to “lean into the Holy Spirit,” listening for where the Spirit is guiding us.

In my column reflecting on our visit, I wrote of the pope: “He also said that we need to remember that it is not so much that we bring the Holy Spirit to others; the Holy Spirit is already there. We simply help the people realize how close God is to them already and help them respond to God’s love.” I remember how powerful his words felt at the time.

Well, it seems that the pope’s message was not just for me; this is something he desires for the entire Catholic Church. This weekend, the church around the world will begin a two-year process of prayer, dialogue and listening to help us hear how the Spirit is moving us in this third millennium of the church. This process is known as a “synod” and the theme of this synod is “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission.”

Now, you may be wondering, “What is a synod and what does it mean to be a synodal church?” A “synod” is another name for a “church council,” and synods have been around since the church’s foundation. They can take place at a local level, such as a parish or a diocese, or they can take place in the universal church.

Since Vatican II in the 1960s, the Vatican has regularly held synods of bishops, to bring together bishops from around the world to discuss important topics and help inform the pope’s thinking on key issues. Recent synods at the Vatican have addressed the new evangelization, families and young people.

The word “synodal” is the adjective form of synod. It describes a church that, by its very nature, emphasizes the importance of listening to the people of God. Some may hear this and wonder if the church is becoming a democracy. The answer is no.

Listening to the people of God is not about everyone having a vote and Catholic teaching being decided by majority rule. Rather, it is an invitation for all people to listen attentively for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and then gathering to discern how the Spirit is leading the church. Ultimately, the Holy Spirit is in charge. Our job is to be attentive and remain open to the surprises of the Spirit!

As you can see, Pope Francis is challenging us to pay attention to how the Holy Spirit is moving in the world and what that means for us as a church. In particular, we are being called to make a special effort to listen to the Spirit in the voice of people on the margins of society, whether they are Catholic or not. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus devoted his time and energy to people on the outside of society. So today, we, too, must go to the margins and listen to how Jesus remains present there through the Holy Spirit.

The synod officially begins this weekend at the Vatican. Next week, in dioceses around the world, including our own, we will begin the diocesan phase of the synod. I will kick this off with my 9 a.m. Sunday Mass, Oct. 17, at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral.

Over the next six months, we will engage in a process of prayer, listening and reflection to see how the Spirit is moving in our diocese. Next spring, all the dioceses of the United States will share what we have heard, which will be collected and shared with the organizers of the synod. Finally, in 2023, a group of bishops from around the world will gather at the Vatican to prepare a final report for Pope Francis.

You may be reading this and think that this all sounds a bit overwhelming. I’ll be honest, at times, I feel overwhelmed, too. But rather than seeing this as a burden, I see this as an invitation to deepen our relationship with God by listening closely to the Holy Spirit as revealed in the lives of our brothers and sisters. This is something we have been striving to do here in our diocese over the past several years, so I see this as an opportunity to deepen those efforts and recommit ourselves to being guided by the Holy Spirit.

I hope that each of you will open yourselves to where the Spirit is leading you as well as the church, both here in our diocese and throughout the world. As it says in the preparatory materials for the synod, the purpose of this synod is not to produce documents but to plant dreams, inspire trust, weave together relationships and awaken a dawn of hope. May each of us see ourselves as an essential part of what God is doing in our church.

Come Holy Spirit!