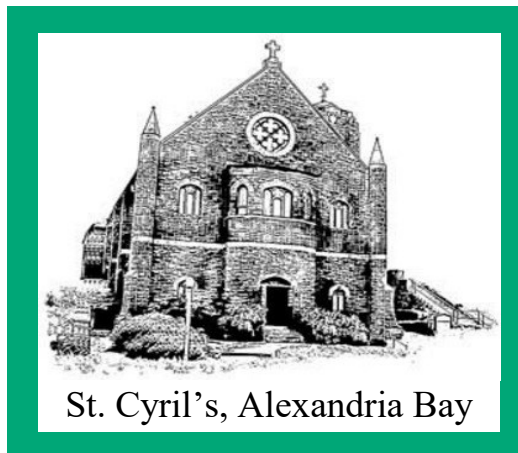
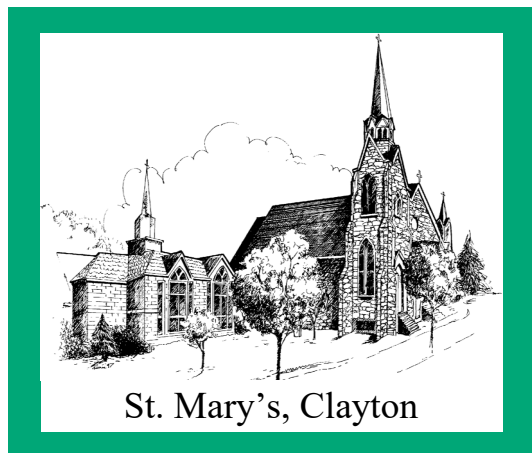


Welcome to St. Mary's Church, Clayton & the Catholic Community of Alexandria, Alexandria Bay



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August 22, 2021

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekend Masses

St. Mary's, Clayton

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

Tabernacle, Thousand Island Park

Sundays at 8:00 a.m.

St. Cyril's, Alexandria Bay

Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

St. Francis Xavier, Redwood

Sundays at 8:00 a.m.

Weekday & Holy Day Masses

See page 2 or call the Parish Office

Reconciliation

3:00–3:30pm Saturdays at St. Mary's

Saturdays after 5:30pm Mass at St. Cyril's

and by appointment

First Friday Holy Hour

after 9:00 a.m. Mass on the first

Friday of the month at St. Mary's

Prayer Line

315-686-3970 or smsjprayerline@gmail.com

*No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church;
No matter what your current family or marital situation;
No matter what your past or present religious affiliation;
No matter what your own personal history, age, background, race, or color;
No matter what your own self-image or esteem;
You are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved, and respected
at St. Mary's, St. Cyril's, and St. Francis Xavier Catholic Churches.*

MASS SCHEDULE:



SATURDAY, August 21, Anticipated Vigil

4:00 (SM) Mimi Kendall by Jon & Patty Kendall & family

5:30 (SC) John & Elda Scrivani by Roderick, Lisa, Cristofer, & Dominic Tidd

SUNDAY, August 22, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 (TIP) People of the Parishes

8:00 (SFX) Mr. & Mrs. Donald Watson by Estate of Emma George

9:30 (SC) Virginia Pieklo by Bonnie & Gary Grausgruber

11:00 (SM) Elaine & Hal Johanssen by Stio & Polizzi families

MONDAY, August 23

8:00 (SC) Stephen Sudkamp by his family

9:00 (SM) Chris & Bill Ierlan by Barb & family

TUESDAY, August 24

8:00 (SC) All of Our Parishioners

9:00 (SM) Ann Dorr by Barry & Toni Kukowski

WEDNESDAY, August 25

8:00 (SC) Intentions of Don Murphy by Morning Mass Group

9:00 (SM) Liturgy of the Word with Communion

THURSDAY, August 26

8:00 (SC) Intentions of Carolyn Smith by Dc. Bernie Slate

9:00 (SM) Liturgy of the Word with Communion

FRIDAY, August 27

8:00 (SC) Richard Hof by Peg & Dan Wallo

9:00 (SM) Jack Getman by the family

SATURDAY, August 28, Anticipated Vigil

4:00 (SM) Gus Brown by Joanne & Brian Bansbach

5:30 (SC) Intentions of Peter & Mary Palamar (60th Anniversary) by Dc. Bernie Slate

SUNDAY, August 29, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 (TIP) Allen Lyle by his family

8:00 (SFX) Harold George by Estate of Emma George

9:30 (SC) Ben Cole by Helen Brennan

11:00 (SM) People of the Parishes

August 22, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Lord Calls: "Choose this day whom you will serve." Consider as well how you are being called to serve the Lord! If you are discerning a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life, talk to Fr. Art LaBaff, or Fr. Chris Carrara at ccarrara@rcdony.org / 315-393-2920, or Cathy Russell at crussell@rcdony.org / 315-393-2920.

Red Cross Blood Drive Tuesday, August 31, noon-4pm at St. Mary's Church parish center. Call 1-800-RED-CROSS or go online to red-crossblood.org to schedule your appointment to donate. Use sponsor code: StMarysClayton.

This past week both St. Cyril's and St. Mary's were pleasantly surprised by a substantial donation towards the cost of the tower work on their churches. This year's work at St. Cyril's is currently underway and work at St. Mary's will begin soon. Heartfelt thanks goes to these donors for their generous gifts towards keeping our churches strong and beautiful. It is greatly appreciated.

Weekly Giving

Thank you for your continued support.

<u>Alexandria</u>	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes	\$ 2,484.00	
Plate	1,066.00	
Electronic	---	
Total	\$ 3,550.00	\$ 3,684.16
Fuel	\$ 3,050.65	Fuel Goal
Fuel to Date	\$ 7,948.65	\$19,357.00
Tower Restoration	\$ 20,096.00	

<u>St. Mary's</u>	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes	\$ 4,551.14	\$ 2,697.00
Plate	\$ 1,317.00	\$ 1,703.00
TI Park	\$ 909.00	\$ 666.00

Please consider electronic giving...a safe and consistent way to support your parish.
 Sign up at www.stmarysclayton.org or www.stcyrils.org or contact the parish office.

From Fr. LaBaff:

We are blessed with these summer Gospels! We witness Jesus slowly reveal Himself as The Bread of Life, as Eucharist – His Body, His Blood, His Real Presence, given for you, for me. What have we heard?

July 25: The miraculous multiplication of five loaves and two fish!

August 1: I am the Bread of Life, whoever comes to me will never hunger, never thirst!

August 8: I am the Bread of Life, whoever eats this Bread will live forever!

August 15: Mary's Assumption. She who said YES, giving flesh to Jesus that we might receive Him!

Today: I am the Living Bread, Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life!

Many disciples responded: *This saying is hard. Who can accept it?* Jesus knowing their thoughts asks: *Does this shock you?* As a result, many returned to their former way of life. They no longer accompanied Jesus. They did not accept nor did they believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist! Many Catholics today do not believe Jesus is really present in Holy Communion. Hopefully, each of us believes with all our heart and soul – Yes! Jesus is The Bread of Life!

Look how often we remind ourselves of Jesus' Real Presence – with our gestures, actions, postures. Why we do these holy things? To become more alive, to be more attentive, to strengthen our faith!

****When we enter the Church** and reach our pew, we “**genuflect**”, bend our knee in adoration, adoring Jesus, ***I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE!*** reserved for us, truly present in

****The Tabernacle** – The House of Reservation. ***I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE.*** Jesus, waiting for you, waiting for me, to kneel in contemplation, to pray, to meditate, as we prepare to receive Him!

****We notice that very special candle**, perpetually burning near “The Tabernacle” announcing: Jesus is here! ***I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE!*** I am really present with you!

****When is Jesus really, truly, present upon our Altar?** The Consecration – ***This is My Body!*** (Bells ring!) ***This is My Blood!*** (Bells ring!) I, your priest, am given this power at Ordination in the Sacrament of Holy Orders – to speak sacred, sacramental words bringing Jesus to our Altar. This humbles me! My words, every priest's words, give us Jesus in Holy Communion; and then to be reserved in the Tabernacle, so the Candle can witness: Jesus is here! Pray for priests! Pray for vocations to the priesthood! Without priests, there is no Eucharist. Without priests, there is NO celebration of Mass. Without the Eucharist, ***I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE***, the Church does not exist.

****Behold, the Lamb of God! Lord, I am not worthy!** We form a procession of the baptized walking forth to receive Jesus' Body and Blood, ***I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE***, in Holy Communion! We become His living Tabernacle. Jesus present within us!

****We reverently bow our heads before receiving Jesus!** Our eyes see Jesus in the Host. ***I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE.*** Yes, I believe! Our AMEN! is our profession of Faith. *My Lord and My God!*

When you get home, get your Bible out! Dust it off! As a family, read all of John, Chapter 6, in one sitting. It's just 71 lines long. Encounter the entire teaching of Jesus – the total, profound invitation Jesus promises you and me. ***I am the Bread of Life.*** Let His miracle continue to multiply in us! Hear how far too many disciples murmured they didn't believe in the Bread of Life. Jesus asks Peter: *Do you also want to leave?* Peter declares for you, for me: ***To Whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe. We are convinced, that you are the Holy One of God!***

***O SACRAMENT MOST HOLY! O SACRAMENT DIVINE!
ALL PRAISE AND ALL THANKSGIVING, BE EVERY MOMENT THINE!***

Summer Receptions After Weekend Masses

All are welcome to join fellow worshipers for a few moments of socialization and light refreshments.

St. Cyril's offers coffee and pastries after the 9:30am Sunday Mass through the summer.

St. Mary's offers a bit of wine and cheese after the 4pm Saturday Mass or pastry and coffee on Sunday after the 11am Mass every weekend through Labor Day/September 5th.

St. Mary's Music Ministry:

"As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord". This verse from today's first reading resounded with me as I reflected on what it means to serve. In the few Masses during which I have played the organ, I have realized how much responsibility lies in the role of a church organist, and how difficult it can be to get our gorgeous instrument to "speak" in a way that truly heightens the spirituality of the Mass. These new obstacles I seem to discover each time I sit on the bench to play have absolutely deepened my respect and appreciation for Cathy Harruff. She seems to have effortlessly figured out a pretty intimidating instrument, and she uses it to beautifully support each Mass through her playing. Her choices of music, organ registrations, and her sensitivity to how to best support different singers has truly served our parish, and has also helped the music from each Mass deepen the meaning of the Word of God for our parishioners. Cathy has selflessly given her time, talent, and knowledge to serve the choir, the church, and the Lord, and we are so very blessed to have had her insight and wisdom for as long as we have.

Reception in St. Mary's Parish Center Sunday, August 22 after 11am Mass

Please join us as we honor and express our appreciation to our organist, Cathy Harruff prior to her and Tom's move to Ohio. We are grateful for her many years of beautiful playing and musical support for our parish.

St. Mary's Booster Club: Winners of the fourth weekly drawing of August 6 are Patrick Paquin, James Fraser, and Dan Heneka. To join, volunteer, or for questions, contact Donna (778-8672), Tim (778-2484), or the parish office (686-3398). Don't miss out on all the fun!

Religious Ed News

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The beginning of our Religious Education year is right around the corner. Be on the lookout for more information as the planning process is quite fluid right now. Registration paperwork will be in the mail in the near future. If you have any questions, please contact me at religioused@stmarysclayton.org or 315-686-2638.

Catholic Community of Alexandria

Trina Henry 315-482-2252

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Any parents interested in information for Religious Education for their children in grades 1st through 6th for St. Cyril's, please contact Trina Henry at 315-482-2252.

The Mystery of the Holy Eucharist Believe, Celebrate, Live

The purpose of this event is to refocus our attention on the Holy Eucharist as a "Mystery to be believe, a Mystery to be celebrated, a Mystery to be lived". (Bishop LaValley, Chrism Mass Homily, 3/20/2021) Those serving in any ministry in their parish are welcome to attend. Saturday, September 18, 9am-3:30pm at several locations: IHC in Watertown, St. James School in Gouverneur, St. Peter's Church in Lowville, the parish center in Waddington. Register by September 1 at www.rcdony.org/mysteryeucharist. Bring your own lunch, light refreshments will be provided.

Marriage and Consecrated Life Jubilee Sunday, October 3 at 2:30pm at St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg

This Mass is to honor married couples celebrating their anniversaries and also Religious Sisters for their decades of service to the Church. Family and friends are welcome to attend. A light reception will follow. Married couples who register online at www.rcdony.org by Friday, September 24 will receive a certificate from Bishop LaValley and have their names included in the program. For more info, contact Steve Tartaglia at 315-393-2920 or startaglia@rcdony.org.