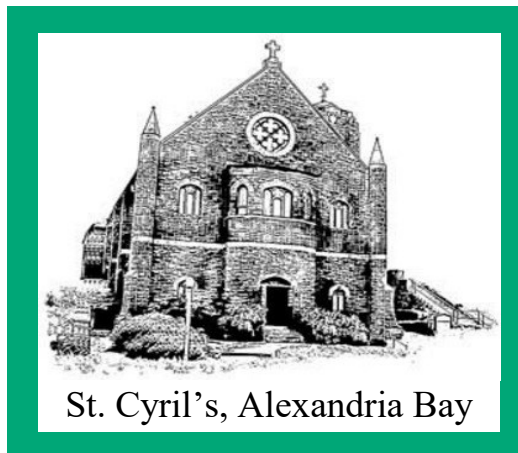
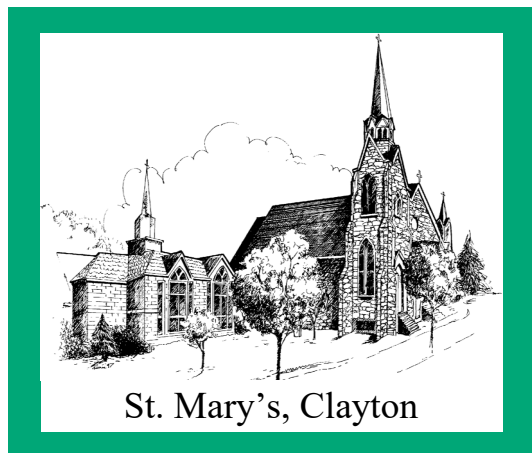


Welcome to St. Mary's Church, Clayton & the Catholic Community of Alexandria, Alexandria Bay



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October 24, 2021

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekend Masses

St. Mary's, Clayton

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

St. Cyril's, Alexandria Bay

Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

St. Francis Xavier, Redwood

Memorial Day - Columbus Day

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, October 23, Anticipated Vigil

4:00 (SM) Hans Wahl & Terry O'Sullivan by Kerry Wahl

5:30 (SC) Richard Snow by his wife, Jeanne

SUNDAY, October 24, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 (SM) People of the Parishes

10:30 (SC) Brian Yaussi by his mother, Martha O'Donnell

MONDAY, October 25

8:00 (SC) Liturgy of the Word with Communion

9:00 (SM) Intentions of Lisa Fuller by Dc. Neil & Dee Fuller

TUESDAY, October 26

8:00 (SC) Liturgy of the Word with Communion

9:00 (SM) Chester Haraczka by his wife, Louise

WEDNESDAY, October 27

8:00 (SC) Liturgy of the Word with Communion

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

THURSDAY, October 28

8:00 (SC) Liturgy of the Word with Communion

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

FRIDAY, October 29

8:00 (SC) Liturgy of the Word with Communion

9:00 (SM) Thomas Bogenschutz, Sr. by Stephanie Davies & family

SATURDAY, October 30, Anticipated Vigil

4:00 (SM) Chris & Bill Ierlan by Barb & family

5:30 (SC) William Northop by Dc. Bernie Slate

SUNDAY, October 31, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 (SM) People of the Parishes

10:30 (SC) Allen & Pauline Tidd by Rod, Lisa, Cristofer, and Dominic Tidd

The Bishops Fund continues: Your support, no matter the size, is so important! Use the response envelope you received in the mail or there are extra envelopes in the church entrances or to make your Bishop's Fund gift online, visit www.rcdony.org and click on the secure "Bishop's Fund Appeal" link.

October 24, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Lord Calls: "What do you want Me to do you for you?" Could your answer be the grace of 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.

Stay Safe, Stay Well. Cold and flu season is approaching, along with the current Covid pandemic. Here are a few reminders about attending Mass or any parish gathering.

- If you have any symptoms of illness such as head or body aches, cough, sinus, fever, or may have been exposed to someone who is ill, please stay home. The Catechism of the Catholic Church #2181 reminds us that "illness" is one of the serious reasons for which participation in Mass can be excused.
- The unvaccinated are required to wear masks, but all are welcome to.
- Distancing is encouraged. Masks should be worn when not able to distance.
- Hand sanitizers are available.

Weekly Giving

Thank you for your continued support.

<u>Alexandria</u>	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes	\$ 1,328.00	
Plate	317.00	
Electronic	487.87	
Total	\$ 2,132.87	\$ 2,365.59
Fuel	\$ 350.00	Fuel Goal
Fuel to Date	\$ 14,805.65	\$19,357.00
Tower Restoration	\$ 60.00	

<u>St. Mary's</u>	This Year	Last Year
Envelopes	\$ 2,294.00	\$ 1,366.00
Plate	\$ 818.00	\$ 672.00
Fuel	\$ 375.00	\$ 25.00

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 the Parish Life Coordinator:

All Catholic churches around the world will be celebrating World Mission Sunday this weekend. What a remarkable event this is when we make a conscious commitment of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In his message for 2021, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, both reminds us and challenges us to bring to voice the gift we have received. The theme of this year's World Mission Day, "We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard," is an invitation to each of us to "take charge" and to make known what we carry in our hearts. This mission is and has always been the identity of the Church: "It exists to evangelize."

Deacon Recognition & Appreciation Mass

Sunday, October 24 at the 10:30am Mass at St. Cyril's Church, Alexandria Bay

All 5 deacon and their wives from both St. Mary's and the Catholic Community of Alexandria will attend as we recognize and thank them for their service to our parishes.

Our parishes are very blessed to have these deacons in our communities. Deacons are servant leaders and provide valuable support to the ministries of our parishes.

All are encouraged to attend this Mass and show your appreciation for our deacons and their wives. A light reception will follow after the Mass.



The Diocese of Ogdensburg and our parishes will celebrate World Missions Sunday on October 24. Pope Francis invites the entire

Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious, and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in today's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Deacon's Corner by Dc. Joel Walentuk

October Peace

At each Mass in lieu of "offering each other a sign of peace" because of the Covid 19 restrictions, I try to condense the message of our readings and reflection into a subject, object, verb, sentence. Yoda Speak with structure.

For instance, October 1st the feast day of Carmelite nun St. Terese the Little Flower, the message of peace was... "Engaged in evangelization may we be instruments of peace through the little way." This message comes from Popes Francis' October monthly prayer intention asking us to be engaged in missionary discipleship and St. Therese's little way... "do the little things with great love."

On October 15th we celebrated another Carmelite nun, Teresa of Avila, who made great progress in the way of perfection. We start October with the little way. We progress each day of October seeking peace through the little way. We reach the middle of October reflecting on our little way and ask... "Are we making progress toward perfection as instruments of peace?"

"We cannot give away what we don't own." To be an instrument of peace we must be at peace. Teresa of Avila gives us a way to own this peace...through the power of prayer, patience, and humility. Discovered on her book-mark she wrote a prayer that sums up a way to own peace... "Let nothing disturb you; Let nothing frighten you. All things are passing. God never changes. Patience obtains all things..."

Now we end October honoring the wisdom of all the saints in celebrating All Hallows' Eve.

As Yoda would say... "Engaged we are."

May God bless you and keep you strong in your faith, hope and love.

October is Respect Life Month

During Respect Life Month, everyone is invited to an hour of prayer across the street from Planned Parenthood, Stone Street, Watertown. We meet at 12:30 every day throughout October, including weekends. Please consider joining us to pray for preborn babies, their mothers and their fathers, as well as those who participate in the abortion industry.

All Saints Day, Monday, November 1st, a holy day honoring all saints, known and unknown. We celebrate the saints, ask for their prayers and intercessions, honor them for their service to God and others, and look to them as examples of how to live our lives. Because this year All Saints Day is Monday, it is suspended as a holy day of obligation in the USA.

All Souls Day, Tuesday, November 2, commemorates those who have died and now are being cleansed of their sins and atoning before entering fully into Heaven. On All Souls Day, we not only remember the dead, but we apply our efforts, through prayer and the Mass, to their release from Purgatory. You can record the names of your deceased loved ones on an envelope, enclose an offering and place in the collection. Masses are then celebrated for all our faithful departed and are listed as "All Souls". Some Masses are celebrated here in our parishes and some by our retired priests.

Music Ministry Notes:



St. Mary's, Clayton

"I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn and sad. I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad." This line parallels the way in which the blind man approached Christ. Many rebuked him for calling out to Jesus, but the man made no attempt to hide his true self. His faith saved him, and it was one of many examples of Christ stunning the crowds by healing and commiserating with those they deemed "unworthy." It is important to remember that the Lord loves and accepts us always, *especially* when we are weak, exhausted, and dejected.

St. Mary's choir will begin rehearsing for the Advent and Christmas season at 10am each Sunday, beginning on October 31. We look forward to making beautiful music together to share with the congregation. For more info about Music Ministry, contact Corrine Willis at corrinefwillis@gmail.com or 315-221-3689.

St. Cyril's, Alexandria Bay

The St. Cyril's Choir is singing together again, and we love to welcome new people! The Choir gathers in the loft at St. Cyril's at 9:45 for practice before 10:30 Mass. We also will be creating a Children's Choir in addition to our Adult Choir for the Christmas Holidays. For questions, contact Becky Rose at 315-778-8419 or becky.a.rose@gmail.com.

St. Cyril's Church, Alexandria Bay
Annual Election Night Ham Dinner

Tuesday, November 2

Adults \$10; Children 12 and under \$5

Takeout Only

Curbside Pickup 4-6:30pm

To order and for pick up time, call Sally at
315-482-2724 or Carol at 315-482-5227.

For delivery, call Patty at 315-767-2229.



By its nature the recitation of the Rosary calls for a quiet rhythm and a lingering pace, helping the individual to meditate on the mysteries of the Lord's life as seen through the eyes of her who was closest to the Lord. In this way the unfathomable riches of these mysteries are disclosed. - Pope St. Paul VI

Religious Ed News

St. Mary's, Clayton

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4th - 7th grades will meet today after 9:00am Mass. On October 30th from 9:30 - 11:00 the students eligible for First Reconciliation prep will meet. You should have received a letter hand delivered from me or in the mail. If you believe your child may be eligible, or you have questions, please reach out!

Catholic Community of Alexandria

Trina Henry 315-482-2252

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Grades 1 through 6 will meet Sunday, November 7th after 10:30 Mass in St. Cyril's Church hall to review student progress, answer your questions, and hand out the next month's materials.

Parents of 7th graders and Confirmation students are asked to please contact Deacon Neil Fuller at 315-405-6910 about the upcoming program.