From Fr. Tim’s Desk

This upcoming week is National Vocations Awareness Week (Nov 7-13). Since the 1980’s the number of ordained clergy and religious have rapidly declined. Why? There are so many reasons that I couldn’t have enough space to list them all here. Yet, it is so easy for all of us, many dioceses in this country, and the world for that matter, to point our finger at each other and say to the Church, “It’s the Bishop’s job to have enough priests and religious for my parish!” or “Not my problem, we didn’t have any boys in our family, Father!” These remarks can go on and on. I have heard many of them even before I discerned the priesthood. Then and now after ordination, I still hear the same remarks and find them disheartening. Unfortunately, local Churches now must be reactive rather than proactive and endure the painful process of pastoral planning. A few thoughts to share. The Church is not just the Bishop, Diocesan offices, or the full time Director of Vocations. The Church is not just missionary orders from around the world that can send us priests. Catholicism is growing in third world countries and a missionary priest is needed at their respective home. The Church is not just large families (which are pretty much nonexistent today) who raise their children in the faith, attend Mass every holy day and weekend, pray together, and constantly nourish the seed of a priestly or religion vocation in their children. Then what is the Church? The Church is all the above! We are all responsible for promoting vocations. There should be no finger pointing or false accusations. You and I, a random parish family member, teachers and fellow students attending Catholic Schools and Faith Formation, or anyone who professes the Catholic faith has a responsibility to promote vocations. Another joint responsibility, and in my opinion, the most important, is to pray for an increase in vocations.

Please take the time this week during scheduled Eucharistic Adoration hours at each church building to pray for an increase in vocations. If your schedule doesn’t allow you to do it, please offer up a prayer for an increase in vocations. We pray knowing we are on God’s time and not our time. Despite all the angst, however, I remain hopeful vocations will increase. Remember, God always provides, sometimes not what we might have exactly prayed for, but He provides. Blessings on your week!
Please pray for the following people: Hannah Harpenau, Eli Biezuns, Jameson Heidesch, Linda Harris, Rosemary Wibe, Mike Thiel, Nathan Galles, Barb Brady, Quinn Goodburn, Sue Petersen, Gloria Treinen, Eleanor Dreckman, Mary Vaske, Callie Beeck, Marge Schiltz, Dave Plathe, Marge Sanow, Doug Schiltz, Duane Sanow & all those who serve our country.

**Liturgical Schedule**

**11/9** Tues 8:00 AM - Holy Name  
*Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome*  
Matt Schmillen, L&D Jim & Peg Beck Family

**11/10** Wed 8:00 AM - St. Mary’s  
*Memorial of Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church*  
L&D Jerry Augustine Family, Bill Evans  
-Adoration Following Mass till 4 PM

**11/11** Thurs 8:00 AM - Holy Name  
*Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop*  
L&D James & Diane Ruden Family, Mary Ann Kestel  
-Adoration Following Mass till 12 PM  
8:15 AM - St. Mary’s  
Susie Vaske, Ron Schmilmoeller

**11/12** Fri 8:00 AM - St. Mary’s  
*Memorial of Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr*  
Dennis Niehus, L&D Gerald & Clarice Roder Family

**11/13** Sat 4:00 PM - St. Mary’s  
*Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin*  
Tom Langel, L&D LaVerne & Shirley Jaminet Family

**11/14** Sun 8:00 AM - St. Mary’s  
*33rd Week in Ordinary Time*  
L&D Ray & Vi Krier Family,  
L&D Ollie & Magdalen Krier Family  
10:00 AM - Holy Name  
L&D Ruth (Feeck) Thiel Family, Parish Families

**Liturgical Ministry**

**Saturday, Nov 13, 4:00 PM, Remsen, St. Mary’s**  
Lector: Larry Arens  
EMHC: Luke Homan, Rick Loutsch, Tim Osterman  
Altar Servers: Colbey & Brodey Penning, Brady Wurth  
Gift Bearers: Bob & Connie Plathe

**Sunday, Nov 14, 8:00 AM, Remsen, St. Mary’s**  
Lector: Paige List  
EMHC: Jim & Susanne Wesselmann, Julie Schwickerath  
Altar Servers: Austin & Josie Schwickerath, Talan Blackford  
Gift Bearers: Tim & Connie Begnoche

**Sunday, Nov 14, 10:00 AM, Marcus, Holy Name**  
Lector: 8th Grade Confirmation Class  
EMHC: Robin Jenness, Lisa Spieler  
Altar Servers: 8th Grade Confirmation Class  
Gift Bearers: 8th Grade Confirmation Class  
Ushers: 8th Grade Confirmation Class

**RSM Ushers for November**

Saturday, 4 PM: Randy Ahlers, Brian Kelley, Dean Loutsch, Dale Schroeder, Jay Schroeder, Chuck Welland

Sunday, 8 AM: Lee Galles, Jerry Harpenau, Jason & Nathan Harvey, John Roling, Randy Schiltz

**Prayers Please**

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**Stewardship**

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**Faith Formation Coordinator**: The Marcus Holy Name and Remsen St. Mary’s Parish grouping is seeking an individual(s) who will be responsible for coordination and implementation of the faith formation of the public and home-schooled youth (TK-Grade 10), parishes’ RCIA program, and other continuing education young adult and adult programs (i.e., Bible Studies, Theology on Tap, and presentation of speakers as catechesis opportunities present themselves) within the parish grouping. All tasks to be completed in collaboration with the pastor. If interested and desire a more detailed job description, or any additional questions, please contact Fr. Tim Pick @ pickt@scdiocese.org.

**Baptism**: Call parish office for arrangements - pre-baptism class required.

**Marriage**: Engaged couples are to begin preparations at least 9 months prior to their wedding. Reservations of weddings subject to use fee of $250 at St. Mary’s. Payment due within one month of scheduling wedding date.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**: Communal penance services during Lent and Advent seasons. Individual Reconciliation, one half hour prior to weekend Masses or by appointment.

**Anointing of the Sick**: Please contact the Parish Office.
Upcoming Events

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<td>RSM KC Meeting at Bavarian Meadows 7 PM; CDA Meeting</td>
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<td>RSM 2 Hour Early Out; FFF 7th Grade Confirmation Class 8:30 PM; CYO; RSM KC’s Euchre Tournament VFW Hall 7 pm</td>
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<td>FFF Speaker Fred Shellabarger/First Reconciliation Class 8:30 AM; St. Joseph, Granville Turkey Dinner 3:30-6:30 PM</td>
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St. Mary’s Schools

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Parish News

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK Nov. 7-13. This week is set aside for prayer for an increase in vocations for the Diocese, the nation, and the world. Two years ago the Diocese asked that Eucharistic Adoration during this time especially focus on this intention. If you are able, please consider spending time with the Lord to pray for vocations at our existing time of Adoration at our parishes. - Fr. Tim

A New Virtual Event with Matthew Kelly [reclaim!] your dreams, your voice, your health, your hope for the future, your life, your spirituality, Tuesday, November 9, 7 PM (CST). Visit www.DynamicCatholic.com to purchase tickets today!

Holy Name Parish

Catholic Daughters will meet Monday, November 8, in Holy Name Hall. There will be a patriotic rosary beginning at 5:45 PM with lunch, business meeting and memorial service to follow. As always guests are welcome.

Catholic Daughters will be selling 6 count packages of cinnamon rolls to take home from the KC’s waffle breakfast on Sunday, November 14. Proceeds are to go in part to the Foodbank and to a C.D.A. Scholarship.

Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring DAD’S BELGIAN WAFFLE BREAKFAST on Sunday, November 14, 8:30 AM - 12 PM, at Marcus Community Center. Freewill donation with dine in or carry out. All proceeds will go to support Marcus Meriden Ceghorn Community Food Pantry.

St. Mary’s Parish and Schools

It has been six weeks since St. Mary’s Parishioners received my letter regarding the physical needs of the church and school buildings. As we near the end of this harvest season filled with thankfulness and acknowledge the many blessings we have reaped, let us model ourselves like the woman in today’s Gospel reading who contributed all she had, her whole livelihood. Jesus praised her for her generosity. I ask you to continue to pray about what you might contribute to the 2021 Fall Campaign. - Fr. Tim

Remsen Catholic Order of Foresters will be sponsoring a breakfast and bake sale Sunday, November 7, from 7:30 AM - 11:30 AM at St. Mary’s Schools Cafeteria. The breakfast will consist of pancakes, sausage and scrambled eggs. Options available for the breakfast will be COVID friendly dine-in, carry out or local delivery in Remsen only. For delivery please call one of the following individuals: Don at 712-541-3824, Larry at 712-539-2121, Jerry at 712-540-1994 or MS/HS office at 786-1433.

RSM Junior Class of 2023 is selling Beer City Take and Bake Pizza. They are $10. Available kinds are: sausage, cheese, pepperoni, hamburger and breakfast (egg and bacon). Pick up will be Saturday, November 20, from 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM at St. Mary’s Cafeteria. Please contact a Junior class member or the office at 786-1433, if you would like to place an order. Last day to place an order is Friday, November 12.

RSM Activity Club invites you to their annual Turkey Supper on Sunday, November 14, from 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM at St. Mary’s Schools Cafeteria. The menu includes turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, sweet corn or green beans and dinner roll with homemade salads and desserts. This year you will be able to DINE-IN, carry out or delivery. Please call 786-1433 for delivery and carry out meals, which will be $15. For dining in: adults $15, ages 5-10 $8 with ages 4 and under free.

Holy Communion training for NEW EMHC’s and re-fresher training for those already serving in the ministry will be held on Sunday, November 21.

Holy Name Parishioners are asked to stay after the 10 AM Mass.

St. Mary’s Parishioners are asked to come to the church at 1:30 PM.

PRESENT EMHC’S; YOUR ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED.