

St. Mary's
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Mass Schedule			
		Umbarger	Happy
Mon, January 20	St. Fabian	No Mass	No Mass
Tue, January 21	St. Agnes	7 PM - Christian Mothers	No Mass
Wed, January 22	Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children	8 AM - Clara Grabber	No Mass
Thu, January 23	St. Vincent	8 AM - Patricia Adrian	7 PM -
Fri, January 24	St. Francis de Sales	8 AM - Elsie Batenhorst	No Mass
Sat, January 25	The Conversion of St. Paul, the Apostle	No Mass	5:30 PM - Parish Family
Sun, January 26	The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 AM - Parish Family	No Mass

ST. MARY'S

Date	Lector	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Usher	Gifts
January 26, 2020	Melvin Wieck	Raynee Robinson Tanner Robinson Charles Russell	Lesann Hartman Kevin Schenk Roger Batenhorst	Jerry Brorman & KC Usher	Volunteers

Divine Mercy Chaplet: 1st Sunday at 10:30 AM

Anointing of the Sick: By Request

CYO 4th Sunday 6:00 pm. at the Hall

CCD: Sundays at 10:15-11:30

Champion Game Tickets for Sale: Our annual Champion Game tickets are now for sale, so please contact your favorite K-C member for details.

JOIN US FOR A SHROVE TUESDAY SPAGHETTI SUPPER fundraiser to help 7 CYO members go to a Steubenville Conference in July 2020! Donations accepted. February 25th from 5 pm - 8 pm while supplies last!

Fruhlingsfest Pre-Planning: If anyone is interested in helping in the kitchen, with live auction items or in any way for our fundraiser, please contact Debbie Batenhorst (806)499-3543.

St Mary's Prayer Blanket Ministry: If you or a loved one suffers from a serious illness and would like a blanket, please contact Laurie Wegman or Fr Grant.

POW Pictures & Stories Needed: As part of her thesis, Michaela Wegman is conducting research on the Italian POW's in Umbarger. She is looking for pictures from the community of Umbarger about the POWs and the St. Mary's Project. If you or a member of your family have anything at all to share; or if you know of pictures, stories or journals from people who have passed on please contact mjwegman1@buffs.watmu.edu or call (806) 206-0453.

Please consider contributing to this project, to keep the history of our beautiful church and the parish's contribution alive!

Pray to the Child Jesus for help forgiving enemies

By Philip Kosloski

While upon the cross, Jesus cried out, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). The statement reiterated the reality that Jesus came to save all of us, not just the virtuous, but most importantly the greatest sinners.

He looked with compassion upon those who put him to death and while it isn't recorded what the Child Jesus would have thought when he learned that his family had to flee from Herod, he most certainly would have forgiven even Herod for his heinous actions.

It's not always easy to forgive those who hurt us, and often we might harbor negative feelings towards them for decades. However, we are urged by Jesus to forgive our enemies and to love them with a Christ-like love.

If this is difficult for us to do, one way to soften our hearts is to pray to the Child Jesus. There is something about children and their innocence that penetrates the coldness of our hearts. The face of a child can help lower our guard and we may be more willing to accept a difficult truth.

Here is a brief prayer to the Child Jesus from The little book of the most holy child Jesus for help forgiving our enemies or those who have hurt us in the past. It challenges us to love all people, especially those who injured us in any way.

This little Child has come into the world to save His people; and not only has He not where to lay His head, but they seek to take His tender life with the cruel sword. Does He say, "I will not save these men. They seek to shed My Blood, to take the life of Me, who came to be their life."

"I will not save them!" No. It is already in His Heart, "Father, forgive them." The wilder their hate, the more tender His love.

Dear Child Jesus, I will bear no anger nor hatred in my heart. I forgive all who have hurt me, or who have sought to do me harm.

Give me grace, for your dear sake, always to forgive, always to pray for those who may injure me or wish me ill.

Dear Mother Mary, it was sorrow, not anger, that filled your heart. You could not but pray for the enemies of your dear Son. Pray that I may have ever a forgiving heart.

Holy Joseph, pray for me.

Most Holy Child Jesus, save your children.

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

What did Early Christians believe about the Eucharist?

By Philip Kosloski

During the first few centuries of Christianity the Eucharist was believed to be Jesus' body and blood.

Jesus said to his apostles, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day" (John 6:53).

In recent centuries much debate has surrounded those words, but from the beginning Christians took Jesus at his word and believed the Eucharist was truly Jesus' body and blood, and not just a symbol. Here is a sampling of what various Christian leaders of the first few centuries said about this teaching.

"I have no taste for the food that perishes nor for the pleasures of this life. I want the Bread of God which is the Flesh of Christ, who was the seed of David; and for drink I desire His Blood which is love that cannot be destroyed." (St. Ignatius of Antioch – 1st century)

"This food we call the Eucharist, of which no one is allowed to partake except one who believes that the things we teach are true, and has received the washing for forgiveness of sins and for rebirth, and who lives as Christ handed down to us. For we do not receive these things as common bread or common drink; but as Jesus Christ our Savior being incarnate by God's Word took flesh and blood for our salvation, so also we have been taught that the food consecrated by the Word of prayer which comes from him, from which our flesh and blood are nourished by transformation, is the flesh and blood of that incarnate Jesus." (St. Justin Martyr – 2nd century)

"[Christ] has declared the cup, a part of creation, to be his own Blood, from which he causes our blood to flow; and the bread, a part of creation, he has established as his own Body, from which he gives increase to our bodies." (St. Irenaeus of Lyons – 2nd Century)

"Since then He says that, if anyone eats of His bread, he lives forever, as it is manifest that they live who attain to His body and receive the Eucharist by right of communion, so on the other hand we must fear and pray lest anyone, while he is cut off and separated from the body of Christ, remain apart from salvation, as He Himself threatens, saying: 'Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink His blood, you shall not have life in you.' And so we petition that our bread, that is Christ, be given us daily, so that we, who abide and live in Christ, may not withdraw from His sanctification and body." (St. Cyprian of Carthage – 3rd century)

"And extending His hand, He gave them the Bread which His right hand had made holy: 'Take, all of you eat of this; which My word has made holy. Do not now regard as bread that which I have given you; but take, eat this Bread, and do not scatter the crumbs; for what I have called My Body, that it is indeed.'" (St. Ephrem of Syria – 4th century)

¿Un día duro en el trabajo? Reza esta poderosa oración

By Anna Ashkova

No es fácil mantenerse de buen humor en el trabajo en todas las circunstancias, sobre todo cuando el día se anuncia muy difícil. Para no desmoronarte, recita en unos segundos esta breve oración

Llegas a la oficina, abres tu correo electrónico y tienes 30 mensajes no leídos. Apenas tienes tiempo de leer el primero, suena el teléfono. Una emergencia debe resolverse rápidamente. Las carpetas a tratar se acumulan en tu mesa durante la mañana y numerosas demandas afluyen de todos los lados. ¡Qué agobio! Y el día acaba de comenzar. ¿Cómo no desmoronarte y seguir siendo eficiente en estas circunstancias?

No existe una fórmula mágica para resolver todas las contrariedades chasqueando los dedos. Sin embargo, ¡existe la oración! Solo ella, a menudo, puede ayudarte a pasar este tipo de días con tranquilidad y con la sensación del deber cumplido. Si piensas que no tienes tiempo para orar porque tu teléfono sigue sonando, aquí tienes una oración muy corta que puedes recitar en algunos segundos:

Señor Jesús, es en vano

que me deshago en mi trabajo

si Tú no estás aquí para construir conmigo.

Permanece presente en el corazón de mis actividades,

porque sin Ti, yo no puedo hacer nada.

Amén.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

FOR BULLETIN NOTICES – Bulletin Deadline: Thursday @ noon. Please Contact Fr. Grant by email: frgrantspinhirne@gmail.com or Christina Wegman by email: cwegman696@yahoo.com or by phone: (806)499-3531.

Baptism or Wedding Please contact Fr. Grant at least 1 month in advance for baptisms and 6 months advance for weddings.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Umberger: Sundays at 8:30 am or by appointment. **Happy:** Saturdays at 5 p.m. and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. or by appointment.

To use or rent the church or parish hall, please contact Fr. Grant or Debbie Batenhorst at least 3 months before the event.

FOR MASS INTENTIONS please talk to Fr. Grant or leave the intention in the collection basket. There are envelopes available in the back of Church.

Please pray for all the sick in our parishes

ST. MARY'S: Severo Gomez, Jeremy Koch, Shirley Skarke Richardson, Marie Wieck

Holy Name of Jesus: Lucy Armendariz, Ricardo Brionez Sr., Ricardo Brionez Jr., Joe Frausto, Susana Garza, Martina Mendez, Martin Montoya, Mario Quzada, Felix Silva, Pedra Soto, Betty Sosa, Leonel Sosa, Mary Ann Sosa, Paula Sosa

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Would you Like to attend an ACTS Retreat Weekend?

Next Retreat: **February 27- March 1, 2020**
Men's Retreat

There is more information about the ACTS Retreat online. If you or someone you know would like to attend you can register online at: ACTSamarillo.org