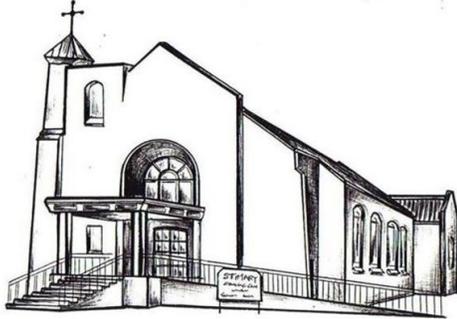


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Mass Schedule			
		Umbarger	Happy
Mon, April 19		No Mass	No Mass
Tue, April 20		7 PM - Christian Mothers	No Mass
Wed, April 21	St. Anselm	8 AM - Jan Mulloy Wieck	No Mass
Thu, April 22		8 AM - John Grabber	7 PM -
Fri, April 23	St. George	8 AM - Clara Grabber	No Mass
Sat, April 24	St. Fidelis	No Mass	5:30 PM - Parish Family
Sun, April 25	The 4th Sunday of Easter	9:00 AM - Parish Family	No Mass

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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

Lector Sign-up Sheet: is located in the back of Church. Please sign up!

Christian Mothers Meeting: will be this Tuesday, following mass at 7. Please join us!

Parish Council Members Needed: Please prayerfully consider serving your parish as two of our Council Members step down. Contact Fr. Grant if interested.

Fruhlingsfest Updates:
Tickets: Please turn in the ticket money by April 25th to Jerry or Kay Borman.

Hall Clean-up: We will clean and set up the hall for our fundraiser on April 25th at 1 PM. All help would be appreciated!

Live Mass Streaming: We will continue to live-stream mass for the time being. To access, follow our Facebook Page: StMarys Umbarger.

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

John Paul II's prayer to St. Padre Pio for strength during suffering

Teach us, we ask you, humility of heart so we may be counted among the little ones of the Gospel, to whom the Father promised to reveal the mysteries of his Kingdom. Help us to pray without ceasing, certain that God knows what we need even before we ask him. Obtain for us the eyes of faith that will be able to recognize right away in the poor and suffering the face of Jesus. Sustain us in the hour of the combat and of the trial and, if we fall, make us experience the joy of the sacrament of forgiveness. Grant us your tender devotion to Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our Mother. Accompany us on our earthly pilgrimage toward the blessed homeland, where we hope to arrive in order to contemplate forever the glory of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Find strength in the Heart of Jesus with this prayer

Every human heart has its weakness, and it is in this precisely that you must especially propose to yourself, the example of this most holy Heart. What is there wanting in you, O divine Heart, of the qualities of which I stand most in need? O living Temple of the divinity, my heart is in darkness, and in you the fullness of wisdom inhabits corporally—my heart is weak, yours is the throne of omnipotence—my heart is fearful and afflicted, oppressed, and craving after happiness, but despairing to find it; in you alone, and in imitating you is my true happiness to be sought, and in you for the future I will seek it. Grant me the strength I need and may I always turn to your Divine Heart in my times of trial. Amen.

Prayer for a peaceful sleep that gives you strength in the morning

Father, into your hands I commend my spirit. Lord Jesus receive my soul. Receive my soul, dear Jesus, into your holy keeping. Preserve it from all imaginings that may be displeasing to you. Grant that I may awaken in the morning refreshed, purified and strengthened—able and willing to labor to advance my own salvation and your merciful intentions in regard to myself, to others, and to you. Amen.

Prayer to St. Gabriel for strength

O Gabriel, might of God, who announced to the Virgin Mary the incarnation of the only Son of God, and in the garden consoled and strengthen Christ oppressed with fear and sorrow; I give honor to you, O chosen spirit, and humbly pray to you to be my advocate with Jesus Christ my Savior, and with Mary His Blessed Virgin Mother; in all my trials assist me, lest I be overcome by temptation and may I give praise and thanksgiving to my God in all things. Amen.

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Top 5 questions Christians ask about angels

By Philip Kosloski

Angels are fascinating spiritual creatures. Many Christians have questions about who they are and what impact they have on the world. Strictly speaking, we do not know much about angels, besides what is revealed in the Bible. Yet, the Bible does give us a good barometer for sorting through the most common myths about angels. Here are the top 5 questions Christians ask about angels and their answers.

Should you name your Guardian Angel?

In recent years it has been popular among many Christians to either name your Guardian Angel or pray a novena to discover its name. This devotion often has miraculous stories attached to it, where people claim that they discovered the name of their Guardian Angel.

While the stories appear to confirm the legitimacy of such a practice, the Catholic Church has been very clear about its stance on naming angels.

In the Directory on popular piety the Church proclaims, “The practice of assigning names to the Holy Angels should be discouraged, except in the cases of Gabriel, Raphael and Michael, whose names are contained in Holy Scripture.”

Do we become angels when we die?

In popular culture, it is common to refer to people who have died as “angels” in Heaven. For many, this simply means that they think of the deceased person as being with God, where angels live.

However, sometimes this comforting thought becomes more concrete. Some people believe that humans really do become angels when they die.

Is this true? Can a human person die and then come back to life as an angel? Or does a human being change into a different creature at death?

The short answer is no. There is no possibility of a human becoming an angel.

When we die, our soul is separated from our body for the moment, but will be reunited with it at the end of time. We speak of this in the Creed each Sunday when we say, “I believe in the resurrection of the body.”

To become an angel after death would mean that we become a different being entirely.

Catholics believe that angels are unique, unrepeatable spiritual beings.

Do angels have wings?

To understand the artistic depiction of angels, we must first understand the nature of an angel in the Christian tradition. First of all, the English word “angel” comes

from the Latin *angelus*, meaning “messenger of God.” The Latin stems from Greek ἄγγελος *ángelos*, which is a translation of the Hebrew *mal’āk*, meaning “messenger,” “delegate,” or “ambassador.”

The Catechism of the Catholic Church puts it this way:

St. Augustine says: “‘Angel’ is the name of their office, not of their nature. If you seek the name of their nature, it is ‘spirit’; if you seek the name of their office, it is ‘angel’: from what they are, ‘spirit,’ from what they do, ‘angel.’”

With their whole beings the angels are servants and messengers of God. Because they “always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven” they are the “mighty ones who do his word, hearkening to the voice of his word.”

The word “angel” then simply describes what they do and not what they are. Angels are above all messengers and as we will see when we open up Sacred Scripture, they are messengers of God’s divine plan. (CCC 329)

Angels are pure spirits, meaning that they do not possess a physical body, though at times they can take on the appearance of a human.

The visible form that is often reported in Scripture or popular news stories is a facade, a mask they put on so that we can see them with our eyes. Otherwise they are naturally invisible creatures.

Artists generally use wings as a symbol of the mission of these creatures as messengers.

What does my Guardian Angel look like?

If we are ever graced with an opportunity to notice our Guardian Angel, it is likely that they will appear to us in a form that brings along with it feelings of peace and security.

Our Guardian Angel knows us better than we know ourselves and expertly chooses a form that is specific to us, not wishing to frighten us, but to comfort us in our hour of need.

It is likely we will never see them visibly in this life. But our Christian faith gives us confidence that our Guardian Angel is always at our side, ready to help us when we need him the most.

Do Guardian Angels know our thoughts?

Are they able to enter into our mind and read our secret thoughts? This is a common question.

The short answer is no. They have not been given special access to our thoughts, whereby they force themselves into our mind. Only God is able to know exactly what is going on in our mind, as he is the creator and sustainer of us all.

St. Thomas Aquinas states this clearly in his *Summa Theologiae*, “What is proper to God does not belong to the angels” (I, 57, 4).

However, while angels are not given unrestricted access to our thoughts, we can reveal to them our thoughts in a spiritual way. Philosopher Peter Kreeft writes in his book *Angels and Demons* that you can “will to reveal your thoughts and your secrets to your Guardian Angel by talking to him, as you would talk (pray) to a human saint in heaven or a friend on earth.”

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:

Umbarger: 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

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