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Office Hours:
Monday - Friday 9:00 am—3:00 pm

Parish Devotions and Sacraments
Daily Rosary— 8:05 a.m. before each morning Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament— every Thursday 6-7pm
Divine Mercy Chaplet— every Friday after the 8:30 am Mass
First Friday— 7:00 pm Mass and Benediction
First Saturday— Rosary at 8:05 am with Mass at 8:30 am
Confession—Saturdays 3:00—4:15 pm or by appointment
First Holy Communion & Reconciliation—2nd grade instruction
Confirmation—2 year preparation starting in 7th grade
Baptism and Anointing of the Sick— Contact Fr. John
Marriages— Contact Fr. John 9 months in advance

Mission Statement
We, the People of God of St. Mary Parish, Morrice, seek to grow as a
community united in Jesus Christ in the Catholic Church. Being rooted
in the tradition of our ancestors, we are committed to:
† Pass on the Faith to future
generations and
† Build God’s kingdom by; fostering love for prayer and liturgy;
  evangelizing ourselves, and reach out to the alienated and un-
  churched; educating ourselves in Sacred Scripture in the Catholic Tradi-
  tion; accepting the responsibility to be servant people aware of the
  needs of our parish, community and world.

Organizations & Ministries of St. Mary’s Parish

Parish Council
Jerry McDevitt, President  655-6745
Mike Eckert, VP/Secretary  625-7045

Finance Council
Mike Eckert, President  625-7045
Steve London, Secretary  625-6545

RCIA
Marie Lewis  625-4836

Director of Liturgy
Susan Baldwin  468-3801

Altar Society & Funeral Luncheons
Sandra Michalek  625-3576

Youth Representative
Sarah Reichstetter  625-4719

Right to Life
Jack Karr  517-651-7029
Elizabeth Poe  989-634-5210

Over 50 Group
Barb Martz  625-7774
Tom & Doris Bishop  625-3381

Council on Aging
Elizabeth Poe  989-634-5210
Barb Martz  625-7774

Knights of Columbus
Ross Demerly  989-725-5524

St. Vincent DePaul Society
Jim Nutter  675-7320
The 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Monday, Aug. 17th
7:00 p.m.—for the repose of the soul of Theodore Lakin
req. by Kris Finger

Tuesday, Aug. 18th
8:30 a.m.—for the repose of the soul of John Pavlica
req. by Jim & Joanne Pavlica

Wednesday, Aug. 19th—St. John Eudes
8:30 a.m.—for the repose of the soul of John Venuti
req. by Kris Finger

Thursday, Aug. 20th—St. Bernard
6:00 p.m.—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 p.m.—for the material & spiritual well-being of Carl Thornton &
family, req. by Gene & Donna Montague

Friday, Aug. 21st—St. Pius X
8:30 a.m. for the repose of the soul of Rose Pavlica, Birthday
Remembrance, req. by her family

Sat., Aug. 22nd—The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30 a.m.—for the repose of the soul of Leonard & Rita Thelen
req. by their family
4:30 p.m.—for the repose of the soul of Bob Freed
req. by his family

Sunday, Aug. 23rd—21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.—for the People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.—for the repose of the soul of Anna Austin, Birthday
Remembrance, req. by Jerry & Jerry McDevitt

The Vigil Candle is: in loving memory of Joseph McDevitt
req. by Jerry & Jerry McDevitt

“Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.”

The world is in revolt against God. God created a beautiful
and perfect world. The first man and woman destroyed
this perfect world. They revolted against God, who created
them from nothing. Their revolt was that they can manage
themselves without God and his laws. His laws were not convenient
to their likings. God told them that there is good and evil.
You will be responsible for your actions.

God created everything in perfect order. In order to keep
this order man should not interfere with the creation of God.
God created man and entrusted to him the creation to use
responsibly. God put everything under the rule of man. The
rule of man is subjected to the rule of God. God asked man to
use everything in nature for his nourishment and wellbeing.
Man cultivated the land with different vegetation and gardens.
Man hunted animals that were in nature for food. God
gave instinct to animals to multiply and replenish their own
kinds. The order which God placed in creation will do the job
that God wants it to do. Man should not interfere with God’s
laws.

The State makes unnecessary rules at times which contradict
the rule of God. States come along and put unnecessary laws
and limits man as to what he can eat and how much he can
hunt. These kinds of laws interfere with God’s laws and pro-
duces unnatural results. This morning, I heard that a city in
Michigan is looking for $90,000.00 to kill a hundred deer. Let
us allow the laws of God and laws nature to continue in its’
natural order, let man not interfere with God. Man is not God.

I take you to the Gospel for today. The Gospel is the fourth
 installment from St. John’s sixth chapter. It begins with the last
statement from last week’s Gospel. It reads, “I am the living
bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread
will live forever; the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life
of the world.”

The Jews quarreled among themselves saying, “How can
this man give his flesh to eat?” Jesus said to them, “Amen,
amen, I say to you unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man,
and drink my 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. For my flesh is true food, and my
blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my
blood remains in me and me in him.”

Then our Lord concluded this week’s Gospel with this bold
statement, “This is the bread came down from heaven.” Then
again Jesus reiterated the bread their ancestors ate in the de-
sert is different from the bread he gives us today. Our Lord
said again that your ancestors who ate the manna from the desert
died, but whoever eats my body and drinks my blood will
have eternal life. That is to say the bread and drink, which
are his body and blood, are the sure means and guarantee for
life eternal. We have to remember one thing, which is, just
because we took part in the body and blood of Christ, we are
not going to be saved. You have to be prepared to receive
them and live with the grace the sacrament gives us. Let us
remind ourselves what the Lord said as he closed the Gospel
last week. It is this week’s opening Gospel, “I am the living
bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread
will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for
the life of the world.”

Fr. John

Online Giving: You may now make your weekly/monthly
Sunday offertory and Faith Formation Building Fund
donations online using Paypal. Please go to our website at:
stmarymorrice.org, in the upper right hand box that says
“Online Giving” click on the account you’d like to make your
payment to and follow the directions on the page. We thank
you for your support!

St. Vincent de Paul Society: Help our less fortunate neighbors by
donating to St. Vincent’s. We work with other local groups to help with
rent, utilities, prescriptions and other needs. Envelopes are in
the church entrance. Make checks payable to: St. Vincent de Paul.

Food Bank Collection: The first weekend of every month non
perishable food, supplies and monetary donations which help with
gas & electric bills, are collected for our area Food Bank. Please
bring your donations to the church vestibule. Make checks
payable to: Perry/Morric/Shawsbury Food Bank.

Development Fund
Pledges and Donations for our Faith Formation Center
Current Pledge amount: $170,522.50
Current Paid amount: $169,322.50
Evangelization:

RCIA: Please call Jerry McDevitt at 655-6745 or Marie Lewis at 625-4836 for more information.

Scripture Study: Tues. Sept. 15th at 2:30 pm. Matthew chapter 28. Call Elizabeth at 989-634-5210 or Marie at 625-4836, for more info. We will be beginning the Book of Mark soon. If you would like a study guide, please contact Marie at the number listed above. All are welcome to join us!

Planning for our upcoming Fall Festival is underway. You can help by:

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Donations of regular and diet pop and water bottles are needed for Concessions.

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PRAY FOR: Haily Scott, Greg & Lawrence St. Onge, Gerald Czajkowski, Dorothy Nanasy, Al Smakal, Connie Foster, Marianne Cleary, Sid Grinnell, Jim Nanasy, Virginia Freed, Agnes Bagic, Mary Roll, Larry & Brenda Wilson, Fr. Stan Czarnota, Ruby Benard, Betty Toma, Allen Woodbury, Angie Baker, Lu Rood, Marie Miller, Florence Hoose, Raymond Brandt II & Mary Fredell Brandt, Brian Mills, Mark Hopper, Al & Dorothy Galko, Catherine Back, Kimberly St. Onge, Jadyn Baley, Robert Finger, Conrad Ladouceur, Jo Lardie, Garry Adams, Bob Sanoski, Joe Wesley, Jr., Jerry Stehlik, Mike Miller, Collier Gray, Derek Fokus, Larrie LaBelle, Janet Seymour. Pray for their caregivers as well. Please contact the Parish office to add or remove names. Thank you!

Religious Education

Rose Spencer, DRE

Christ Our Light VBS registration now available. Pre-school—5th grade, please join us. It will be held, Mon.-Wed., Aug. 24th-26th from 9—11:30 a.m. in the lower church. Snacks provided. No cost. Helpers are needed prior to VBS, please contact Rose at: 517-256-9479.

Altar Server Training: either Aug. 27th or 28th during the day. If you have an incoming 3rd grader or above interested (must have made 1st Communion) or a current server who would like practice with incense traditions, please call Rose so we can figure out the best date & time for training. All Servers will have a “mentor” server with them on their assigned months to serve.

Due to the delay in the New Faith Formation building, we will begin Religious Ed in the lower church. Catechist Meeting Tues., Sept. 1st at 7:30 p.m. Please plan on attending (helpers as well). We will be in need of one or two new Catechists. Religious Ed starts Sept. 20th.

St. Mary’s Fall Festival

Sept. 11th, 12th & 13th

Planning for our upcoming Fall Festival is underway. You can help by:

† Donations of regular and diet pop and water bottles are needed for Concessions.

† Extra produce from your gardens, canning items and baked goods can be donated to the Farmers Market.

† Make donations to our Silent Auction. They can be gift cards, something you make or put together like a gift basket, the services individuals offer, such as: making a pie each month for a year or a pot of soup 6 times a year, a day of pampering for 4 women, go over really big. We would like more things like this. Solicit donations from Merchants you patron. Bring them to the Parish office.

† Think about ways to be part of our Festival Parade! Ride your motorcycle, make a float, drive your tractor or farm equipment, kids can decorate and ride their bikes.

† Kids games need prize donations. Beany babies, large stuffed animals and matchbox cars go over big with the kids.

† Gather books for the Book Nook.

† Your talented craft items are needed for the Arts & Crafts booth.

Buy or sell your raffle tickets! If you need more tickets, please contact the Parish office or stop in the vestibule after Mass. Parade and 5k registration forms are available at the Office, in the vestibule or on our Parish website!

Due to the repairs taking place in the Parish Center. Please hold Festival donations until the last two weeks of August and then they can be dropped off at the Parish Center. We appreciate your cooperation. Thank you!

We have sold 51.2% of our tickets! Keep buying or selling your tickets today!

The next drawing is August 17th for $50

Raffle Ticket Prizes

1st Prize: $1000.00
2nd Prize: $500.00—Donated
3rd Prize: $250.00
4th Prize: $200.00
5th Prize: $100.00—Donated
6th Prize: $100.00—Donated

If you would like to contribute any dollar amount toward our Raffle Ticket prize money, your donation will be greatly appreciated. In the past, all money has been donated, so our ticket sales are 100% Festival Profit. Place your donation in the collection basket or drop off/send it to the Parish office. Thank you!

K of C Council #8735 meets the third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Our next meeting is:

Wednesday, August 19th

Grand Knight, Ross Demery

Knight of the Month: Dale Harlacher
Family of the Month: Spencer & Rose Balev
Family of the Year: Marty & Julie Finucane
Knight of the Year: Pat Grennell

Celebration for Deacon Gary Edington

You are invited to a surprise celebration for Deacon Gary Edington who will be celebrating the 20th Anniversary of his Ordination on Sunday, August 30th. Mass will be at 11:00 a.m. with a lunch reception following at St. Paul Church in Owosso.

Senior Day of Appreciation

Thursday, Sept. 17th

St. Isidore Catholic Church, Laingsburg

Please join us of a time of reflection and fellowship. Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m., with a luncheon to follow. Contact the Parish office to register.

Fliers are in the church vestibule for more information.

Update on Church Directory: originally we were going to have the Directory coincide with the Dedication of the Faith Formation Center. This has been delayed because of the Parish Center fire. The Directory will now be available after the Dedication so we can include pictures of the Dedication. This means, if you haven’t been able to submit a family picture, there is still time and we would love to have your family in the new Directory.

We would also like 2015 Festival pictures & Fall events. Please email pictures to: cgarrison@catholicweb.com. To order a Directory, please contact the office or drop your name and payment in the collection basket. Cost is: $20.00. Thank you!
650 Purdy Lane - Morrice, MI
For any information concerning your real estate needs feel free to call Diane or Barb.
DIANE ROLL     BARB ROLL-WYZGA
517-712-8010           517-712-8009

St. Mary’s Altar Society
Meets 2nd Tuesday of every month
Oct.—May, at 7 pm
All Ladies of the Parish
Welcome!

“Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.” Amen

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Morrice, MI

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