St. Mary Catholic Church

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Mon. & Thurs. 8:30 am—2:30 pm
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Parish Devotions and Sacraments

Daily Rosary—8:05 a.m. before each morning Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament—every Thursday 6-7 pm
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 unchurched; educating ourselves in Sacred Scripture in the Catholic Tradition; accepting the responsibility to be servant people aware of the needs of our parish, community and world.

Parish Council
Jerry McDevitt, President 655-6745

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Council on Aging
Elizabeth Poe 989-634-5210

Knights of Columbus
Ross Demerly 517-881-4050

St. Vincent DePaul Society
Jim Nutter 675-7320
Mass Intentions

Monday, June 5th—St. Boniface
7:00 p.m.—for the repose of the soul of Mary Venuti
Req. by Kris Finger

Tuesday, June 6th—St. Norbert
8:30 a.m.—for the repose of the soul of John Venuti
Req. by Kris Finger

Wednesday, June 7th
8:30 a.m.—for the repose of the soul of Jim Minzey

Thursday, June 8th
6:00 p.m.—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 p.m.—for the repose of the soul of James Dyer
Req. by Ken & Nancy O'Donnell

Friday, June 9th—St. Ephrem
8:30 a.m.—for the Poor Souls in Purgatory

Sat., June 10th
8:30 a.m.—for the repose of the soul of Peter Bacik
Req. by his parents, Bill & Marian Bacik
4:30 p.m.—for the repose of the soul of Dan Lewis, 1st Annv.
Req. by Jerry & Jerry McDevitt

Sunday, June 11th—The Most Holy Trinity
8:00 a.m.—for the People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.—for the deceased family members, benefactors & friends of Fr. John, req. by Ron & Barb Horvath & family

The Sanctuary Candle is: in loving memory of Mary Ryan
req. by Tom & Pam Ryan

“Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.”

This is the Feast of Pentecost. This Feast is filled with the Old Testament and Jewish traditions. The book of the Leviticus tells us, “And you shall count from the morrow after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven full weeks they shall be, counting fifty days to the morrow after the seventh Sabbath; then shall you present a cereal offering of new grain to the Lord.” [Lev. 23: 15-16.] In Hebrew, this feast of weeks is known as Shavuot literally means, “Weeks.” The Pentecost means fiftieth.

I am looking at the first reading. It is taken from the Acts of the Apostles. It speaks about the action and the work of the Holy Spirit. Let us imagine in our minds the wonderful reading, which places before our eyes a beautiful mosaic of the beginning of our Church and faith. It was very colorful and vibrant. This is what it tells us, “The disciples were in one place. There was great noise from the heavens and from the cloud and noise came tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.” This brings us to the great drama which was unfolding before their very eyes as our Lord and Savior promised to them before he ascended to the Father.

What was the great drama which took place then? The reading tells us that the disciples, after receiving this great gift and were transformed, became a new creation and went to the Synagogues and boldly preached about Jesus the Crucified. In town were many people from various parts of the known world and they came to Jerusalem to celebrate the feast of the “Weeks.” They were Jews and converts of Judaism. They spoke different languages. Yet that day when the disciples talked, they understood them in their native languages. Yet the disciples all were from Galilee. The wonder was how the people understood them in their own language? The Spirit did it! The language of God has no barriers. For people who are opened to God and for the message of Jesus, language is no problem. The Spirit breaks the barriers and goes into the hearts which are open and teaches them about Jesus and his teaching. This what the Psalm pleads for, “Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.” God’s word is the source of renewal and unity.

I do not know how many of you knew that I had a “family” moved into the premise of my office. When they came the wife was pregnant. They made a small house near my office. The husband was very concerned for his wife and fed her daily many times. They were not afraid of me or my office people to go by their house. But when new people came they were little afraid. I witnessed the birth of their babies. I was truly awed to watch how the father and mother took wonderful care their babies. They gently protected them from outsiders. They fed them every day with food. They were very happy in my office space. I greeted them daily and they watched me working. It was wonderful to watch how intimately they looked at my every move. They were good company to me. Last Wednesday I came home, I went see them, unfortunately my “guest family” had moved out. It may be they needed a bigger house. Their names are “Robins” and if you, by chance run into them, say hello to them for me.

I have not sent you yet my thank you cards for your generosity and kindness. I am little busy. I will not leave here without saying thank you for your goodness, generosity and friendship, which sustained me here for these many years. You are all part of my life. Please do not worry about the checks you gave me as gifts. They are safe in my room. It has been my custom that I never send the checks to bank until I sent you a thank you card. God bless you abundantly. I wish all our graduates best wishes and God’s blessing.

With Love, Fr. John
St. Mary’s Annual Garage Sale
June 23rd & 24th
Please start saving your items to donate to our Garage Sale. You will be able to drop them off at the Parish Center beginning Monday, June 12th during Parish office hours, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Evening drop off hours are Sunday, June 18th 1—4 p.m.
Tues., June 20th 3–6 p.m., Thurs., June 22nd 3–6 p.m. Thank you for your generosity which makes this event so successful!

St. Mary’s Fall Festival will be Sept. 8th, 9th & 10th
Here’s how you can help:

† When you are planting your gardens or working in your flower beds, keep our Farmers Market in mind for your extra produce and plants!
† Donate items for our Silent Auction.
† Donate Books to the Book Nook. Drop off times and location will be available closer to the Festival.
† We will take donations of ground beef for our Spaghetti Dinner & Concessions area.
† We would love to have your homemade crafts for our Arts and Crafts area.
† Donate pop and bottled water for Concessions.
† Buy and/or sell Raffle tickets once they arrive.

We are in need of people to head up the following Festival areas:

† Arts and Crafts
† Book Nook
† Kids Games (in a tent this year, with new games!)

You will not need to be present in these areas for the entire Festival weekend, but we need people willing to set up, clean up and oversee these areas, making sure there are people assigned to cover sales or activities. As always, there will be a sign up board when the Festival gets closer and we are always blessed with many awesome Parishioners who will help in Festival areas. If you are interested in heading up one of these areas, please contact the Parish office.

Gloria Carpenter is still collecting cans. They are taken to the Shriners, who in turn help children with medical expenses. You may leave them in the church vestibule or drop them off at the Parish office.

Flowers for the Altar

† You may donate flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one. You may also bring flowers and drop them off on Fridays at the Parish office or Saturday mornings following the 8:30 a.m. Mass at the church. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish office or Sue Grennell at: 517-625-7145.

PRAY FOR: Haily Scott, Greg & Lawrence St. Onge, Gerald Czajkowski, Marianne Cleary, Sid Grinnell, Jim Nanasy, Virginia Freed, Mary Roll, Larry & Brenda Wilson, Fr. Stan Czarnota, Ruby Benard, Betty Toma, Allen Woodbury, Marie Miller, Raymond Brandt II & Mary Feredd Brandt, Brian Mills, Mark Hepper, Catherine Bacik, Kimberly St. Onge, Jadyen Baley, Robert Finger, Conrad Ladouceur, Garry Adams, Bob Sanoski, Joe Wesley, Jr., Jerry Stelhik, Mike Miller, Larrie & Joan LaBelle, Victoria Babcock, David Guiles, Lori Lugo, Laura Crawford, Tom Bishop, Jr., Cindy Berg, Leo McDardle, Chase Bresette, Marlene Call, Vera Bradley, Peg Smith, Jim Nutter, Leo Miller, Debra Lugo, Mr. Adams, & Mick Paskett. Pray for their caregivers as well. Please call the Parish office to add or remove names. Thank you!

News from the St. Joseph Center

Scripture Study: The 18th Chapter of Luke. For the next Scripture Study date and time, please call Pat Latunski at: 989-723-6667. All are welcome!

Intercessory prayer intention: Please pray for our students that are graduating from High School or College.

Special Events, Activities and Meetings

Finance Council Meeting: Tuesday, June 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Festival Committee Meeting: Wednesday, July 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. If you are heading up an area of the Festival, and your schedule allows, please attend this meeting.

Men’s Club Paper Drive
The weekend of June 10th & 11th. Please bring your bundled newspapers to the truck parked behind the Parish Center. No glossy magazines, please. Thank you!

Mass with our Graduates
This Sunday at the 8:00 a.m. Mass
All graduates, High School or College are welcome to attend this Mass. Afterwards, everyone please join us for refreshments in the Parish Center.

Summer Scripture Days
August 15th-17th
St. Francis Retreat Center
703 E. Main St., Dewitt, MI 48820

The theme is “Live to Inspire as We Attempt to Gather the Lost Sheep.” This theme is in response to Bishop Boyea’s pastoral letter which gives us all a mission to pass our faith onto others. Register by calling the Retreat Center at: 866-669-8321 or by visiting their website: www.stfrancis.ws
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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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