

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2014

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Aug. 25	8:00am	† Michael Udelhofen
Tuesday, Aug. 26	8:00am	For Sienna Catherine Cullen
Wednesday, Aug. 27	8:00am	† Michael Udelhofen
Thursday, Aug. 28	8:00am	Loren and Betty Junk
	10:30am	Manor Care Nursing Home
Friday, Aug. 29	8:00am	† Ed Hirschert
	11:00am	Park Place
Saturday, Aug. 30	8:00am	Living & Deceased of the Mary & David Drefcinski (TLM)
WEEKEND LITURGIES		
Saturday, Aug. 30	4:00pm	† Murt & David Shea
Sunday, Aug. 31	9:00am	† John Mathie
	12 noon	Misa

The Knights of Columbus

will sponsor a family picnic today, Sunday, August 24 from 4 -7pm at Harrison Park. The Knights will provide the brats and burgers. Those who come are asked to bring a dish to pass. Everyone is welcome.

STUDY AND REFLECT ON THE UPCOMING SUNDAY READINGS with Father Faustino will resume on Wednesday, September 3 from 2pm to 3pm in the rectory living room. Anyone interested may attend.

Who is RCIA For? (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Those who are baptized in another faith & now want to join the Catholic faith.

Those who have never been baptized & want to join the Catholic Church through full initiation.

Those who were baptized as infants but never received Religious Education, Confirmation or First Eucharist.

If you or if you know of anyone that is interested in the RCIA process please contact the parish office 348-9735.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 22:19-23—Rom 11:33-36—Mt 16:13-20.

Monday: St. Louis & St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12— Mt 23:13-22.

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17—Mt 23:23-26.

Wednesday: St. Monica

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18—Mt 23:27-32.

Thursday: St. Augustine, Bishop

1 Cor 1:1-9—Mt 24:42-51.

Friday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

1 Cor 1:17-25—Mk 6:17-29.

Saturday: BVM

1 Cor 1:26-31—Mt 25:14-30.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:7-9—Rom 12:1-2—Mt 16:21-27.



Anyone requesting prayer may call 348-6041. Please call in the morning between 8am & 9am. If no answer please leave your prayer.



ST. MARY PARISH GIVING

August 17, 2014

Weekly Envelopes.....\$1,690.50

Offertory.....\$ 388.00

Weekly Average Electronic Funds \$ 900.00

Thank you for your generosity!

REFLECTION

“Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?”
- Romans 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give the Lord anything, because God already owns it all. God made everything. All that we can do is return a portion of God’s many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity.

Private Reconciliation—every day, one hour before each Mass & Thursdays after morning Mass until 9:30am.

Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays beginning after 8am Mass and concluding with Rosary and Benediction at 8pm.

St. Therese Lecture:

“Who is Pope Francis? What is his Mind?”

Are you interested in learning more about Pope Francis? Director of the Catholic News Agency, Alexandro Bermudez has written an important book revealing little-known insights of the pontiff’s personality, his interior world, his human abilities, his work habits, his devotions, his concerns and his friendships. You are invited to join us on Friday, September 19th at 7:30pm for this lecture and reception at the Bishop O’Connor Center. For more information and to register for this free event, go to www.madisondiocese.org.

The Parish Office will be closed Friday Afternoon, August 29th and Monday, September 1, Labor Day. May everyone have a blessed and safe holiday.

Saturday, Aug. 30
4:00 pm

Max Frommelt
Mic Frommelt

Altar Servers

Sunday, Aug. 31
9:00am

Noah Tashner
Jerrison Faulkner
Vince Momot

Lector & Leader of Prayer

Kent Scheurell
Angie Boldt

Diane Eherenman
Mark Ihm
Jeanette Klaas

Sacristan

Christine Del Priore

Connie McCabe

Musicians

Kim & Youth

Open Ensemble

Greeters

Lorraine Fogel

Jerry McCabe
Virgil Splinter

St. Mary Parish Festival will be held on Sunday, September 28 and feature a food fair menu of turkey, turkey and dressing, meatballs, salad, Mexican food, desserts and beverages similar to the 2013 menu. There will be a Treasure Chest, Granny's Kitchen, Brat Stand and Games. We also have a sweepstakes drawing with \$3500 in prizes. The mailing to parishioners will be sent out soon. Please be generous with your time, talent and treasure for this parish family event. Co-chairs are Terry & Dee Woolf & Linda Schmidt.

September 27 and 28 TRASH AND TREASURE SALE

If you are doing some extra cleaning this summer; save your unwanted items for the Trash and Treasure. (No clothing). Please have all items cleaned and in working order. If you need your items picked up or for more information call Diane Drefcinski at 348-3937.

Check out the Farmer's Market on Saturdays at the City Park. Diane will be selling the famous St. Mary's cinnamon rolls on Saturday, August 30; profit goes to St. Mary Parish.

CCW NEWS

The next meeting of the CCW will be on Thursday, August 28 at 7pm in the church hospitality room.

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, Hazel Green Fall Festival, Sunday, September 7.

Beginning with 10:15am Mass. Charcoal grilled chicken dinner with all the trimmings. Serving from 11:00am – 3:00pm

Food Pantry News—Thanks to all of you who helped with the pantry last week. We served 121 families, 14 first time visitors. The families included 98 children, 149 adults and 61 seniors. Thanks for the donations of toilet paper, fresh vegetables and other items; they were all very much appreciated. Our next pantry is September 19. I know that several of our regular volunteers will be gone, so your help is definitely needed. Thanks for your continued support. Linda

Join High School youth from around the Diocese at Camp Gray on September 6, 2014 for Pier Giorgio Adventure Day!

Camp Gray spans 225 acres, and it's time to discover what's out there. Get out of town to make the most of one of your last "summer" weekends, all while experiencing some authentic Catholic inspiration and getting to know other HIGH SCHOOL teens from around the Diocese of Madison. Classic summery Camp activities, like swimming, the climbing tower, canoeing and more will be available. Come ready for a day of adventure, sweet music, great food and new experiences. This is a day (and possibly a night) that you will never forget!

For more information e-mail lindsay.becher@straphael.org.

Improvements to outside appearance of school and church

Some work needs to be done on the outside of the school and church. I could use some help with weeding around the parish grounds, painting around the outside of the school and day care playground, washing windows in the school doors etc. This work can be done on your time. If you would be willing to help, please call Jerry at 348-8336.

Religious Education Update

I know the beginning of religious education is a month and a half away but I am looking for a few people to help out in classrooms. We need teacher helpers, co-catechists or aides in 3rd, 4th and 5th grade. Please consider helping out if you have children in one of these classes, are a high school senior in need of service hours or just need something to do on Wednesday evenings. Thanks Linda

PASTORAL COUNCIL COLUMN

Christ Is Our Peace

He is our peace, for he has made both one. Since we think of Christ as our peace, we may call ourselves true Christians only if our lives express Christ by our own peace. As the Apostle says: He has put enmity to death. We must never allow it to be rekindled in us in any way but must declare that it is absolutely dead. Gloriously has God slain enmity, in order to save us; may we never risk the life of our souls by being resentful or by bearing grudges. We must not awaken that enmity or call it back to life by our wickedness, for it is better left dead.

No, since we possess Christ who is peace, we must put an end to this enmity and live as we believe He lived. He broke down the separating wall, uniting what was divided, bringing about peace by reconciling in his single person those who disagreed. In the same way, we must be reconciled not only with those who attack us from outside, but also with those who stir up dissension within; flesh then will no longer be opposed to the spirit, nor the spirit to the flesh. Once we subject the wisdom of the flesh to God's law, we shall be re-created as one single man at peace. Then, having become one instead of two, we shall have peace within ourselves.

Now peace is defined as harmony among those who are divided. When, therefore, we end that civil war within our nature and cultivate peace within ourselves, we become peace. By this peace we demonstrate that the name of Christ, which we bear, is authentic and appropriate.

When we consider that Christ is the true light, having nothing in common with deceit, we learn that our own life also must shine with the rays of that true light. Now these rays of the Sun of Justice are the virtues which pour out to enlighten us so that we may put away the works of darkness and walk honorably as in broad daylight. When we reject the deeds of darkness and do everything in the light of day, we become light and, as light should, we give light to others by our actions.

If we truly think of Christ as our source of holiness, we shall refrain from anything wicked or impure in thought or act and thus show ourselves to be worthy bearers of his name. For the quality of holiness is shown not by what we say but by what we do in life.

(From a treatise on Christian Perfection by Saint Gregory of Nyssa, bishop [died 378 AD])

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