

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2014

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Sept. 22	8:00am	† Louis Eversoll
Tuesday, Sept. 23	8:00am	† Gil & Marty Drager
Wednesday, Sept. 24	8:00am	† Dale & Marion Whitaker
Thursday, Sept. 25	8:00am	† Fr. Mike Richel
	10:30am	Manor Care Nursing Home
Friday, Sept. 26	8:00am	For Ann Meyer
	11:00am	Park Place
Saturday, Sept. 27	8:00am	For Michael & Barbara Mohr (TLM)
WEEKEND LITURGIES		
Saturday, Sept. 27	4:00pm	† Mary Koeller
Sunday, Sept. 28	9:30am	† Paul Moen
	12 noon	Misa

PLEASE NOTE:

Mass on Sunday, September 28th will be at 9:30am.

SCRIPTURE SUNDAY with Father Faustino on Wednesdays from 2:30pm to 3:30pm in the rectory living room. Anyone interested may attend. Please bring your Bible.

HOW TO PRAY—Beginning Friday, October 3rd, Father Faustino will begin facilitating sessions on "How to Pray". It will meet every first Friday of the month from 6:30pm-7:30pm in the church hall. All are welcome.

MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS AT THE PLATTEVILLE SITE

The Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC)-Grant County is seeking volunteers who are willing to donate a few hours to assist with meal provision at the Platteville Meal Site. If you could volunteer even one day per week for 2-3 hours that would be greatly appreciated. We are actively seeking volunteers to help deliver meals to individual's homes and also need help in the set-up, serving and clean-up at our meal sites. For more information on the Meals on Wheels volunteer opportunities contact Marlene Hying at the Platteville Nutrition site 348-8402 or the Aging & Disability Resource Center at 608-723-6113 or 1-800-514-0066.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Is 55:6-9—Phil 1:20c-24, 27a—Mt 20:1-16a.
Monday: Prv 3:27-34—Lk 8:16-18.
Tuesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Prv 21:1-6, 10-13—Lk 8:19-21.
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9—Lk 9:1-6.
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11—Lk 9:7-9.
Friday: Sts. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs.
Eccl 3:1-11—Lk 9:18-22.
Saturday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
Eccl 11:9; 12:8—Lk 9:43b-45.
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ez 18:25-28—Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5—Mt 21:28-32.



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

September 14, 2014

Weekly Envelopes.....\$3,271.00
Offertory.....\$ 327.00
Weekly Average Electronic Funds \$ 900.00

Thank you for your generosity!

REFLECTION—"So the last will be first and the first last" - Matthew 20:16

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Through our gratitude and generosity we help each other get to Heaven!

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.

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.**

With Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Helen "Ann" Buchanan who died Tuesday, September 9th in Cheyenne, Wyoming
Eternal rest grant on to her Oh Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

St. Mary's Calvary Cemetery fall clean up

Please remove all decorations the weekend of October 4-5. All remaining decorations will be removed the following week. New decorations may be placed on grave stones the following Sunday, October 12th.

Saturday, Sept 27 4:00 pm		Sunday, Sept. 28 9:30am
Max Frommelt	Altar Servers	Joseph Vystrcil
Mic Frommelt		Noah Tashner Dushan Vystrcil
Lector & Leader of Prayer		
Barbara Stevenson		Sue Momot
Bob Busch		Chris Brunette Lee Eggers
	Sacristan	Connie McCabe
Dan Frommelt		
	Musicians	Classic Choir
Kim & Youth		
	Greeters	Connie Powers Cynthia Powers
Carol Henry		
	Rosary	
Christine Del Priore		Drefcinski Family

I M P O R T A N T M E E T I N G

This is the weekend for the important meeting that is being held Sunday, September 21, at 5:00 PM in St. Mary's Church hall regarding the future of St. Mary's School building. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

NEXT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28 IS OUR PARISH FESTIVAL

Our Parish Festival will 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. 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

Contact Diane Drefcinski at 348-3937 if you have items to drop off now. Otherwise, the gym will be open Sept. 22, 23 and 25 open 6:30pm—7:30pm; Friday and Sept. 26, 8:30-11am to collect. Please have all items (no clothes) cleaned and in working order. Thanks.

SIGN UP SHEETS for donating your time and food are on the tables in back of church. Many hands make light work.

HOMEMADE CINNAMON ROLL UPDATE

We made \$316 on Cinnamon Rolls this past Sunday. More rolls will be available on Saturday, October 18 at the Farmer's Market to support the College Pro-Life Group.

Our next Sunday sale will be October 26th.

Donations of ingredients is appreciated. (Flour, powdered sugar, butter, peanuts, eggs) Please label and place on back counter in church kitchen.

Thanks. Diane Drefcinski

Platteville Thrift Shop News—The fall change over is coming up. This is a great week to really SAVE. On Monday, Sept. 22, everything is 50% off, Tuesday, \$3.00 a bag, Wednesday, \$2.00 a bag, Thursday, \$1.00 a bag until noon & 1:00 - 5:00 everything is FREE. The Shop is closed all day on Friday but opens up on Saturday, September 27 with all new Fall & Winter clothing. Just a reminder that the Platteville Thrift Shop donates around \$30,000 a year back to the community and needs your donations to continue it's mission. Also, volunteers are always welcome at the shop. Just stop in and fill out a volunteer form. Linda

HOPE HOUSE—The sign-up sheet will be available at St. Augustine's from September 10 to 21 and at St. Mary's from September 22 to October 5.

Clarity Clinic will be holding their annual fundraising banquet on Thursday, Oct 16 at 6:30 at Grand River center at 500 Bell St. in Dubuque. Doors will open at 5:30. Banquet is free.

VIRTUS Training—The Safe Environment Program Protecting God's Children for Adults will be held on Monday, September 29 at 6pm. in the rectory meeting room. Any new catechists, persons that will be working with children or parish employees are required to take this class. Please register on line at virtusonline.org. The session will be facilitated by Mr. Joseph Hood.

Religious Education News

Classes Wednesday: Grades 1-5 (6-7pm) —Grades 6-11 (7:15-8:25pm).

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sunday—Parish meeting, 5pm.

Wednesday—Bible Study 2:30pm

Religious Education see below

Sunday—Parish Festival

PASTORAL COUNCIL COLUMN

Embracing Exile

Every now and then, when reading scripture, something catches one off guard. Herein, it is not so much what was said (for God's promises and encouragement are abundant throughout the Bible), but rather where and when it was said:

In 596 BC, the Jews were living their worst nightmare: defeat by the Chaldeans, exile from Jerusalem, and captivity by their enemies in the city of Babylon. To the Jews, this must have seemed a complete reversal of God's promise to defend Israel. In the midst of their suffering, God tells Jeremiah to write a letter to the captives in Babylon, saying this:

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all who were carried away captive, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem to Babylon:

"Build houses and dwell in them; plant gardens and eat their fruit. Take wives and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons and give your daughters to husbands, so that they may bear sons and daughters—that you may be increased there, and not diminished. And seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray to the Lord for it; for in its peace you will have peace (Jeremiah 29:5-7).

Does this not speak to us today? Dark forces in the world loom - we find ourselves living in a strange moral landscape - even threatening to knock down the doors of the church. But God asks us to embrace this moment, to submit to Him, to continue to live life in God's plan by building, planting, marrying and, above all, by raising and nurturing families. In spite of all that seems doubtful, we are to exemplify Christ's peace in the world (*Matt.5:14*), for in this we will find peace.

How can we not love the command, "Be still and know that I am God" (*Ps.46:10*). It silences all human thought and fear, leaving only room for the divine.

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