

# SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2014

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Sept. 29	8:00am	† Louis Eversoll
Tuesday, Sept. 30	8:00am	† Gil & Marty Drager
Wednesday, Oct. 1	8:00am	† Jean Holt
Thursday, Oct. 2	8:00am	For Ann Meyer
	10:30am	Manor Care Nursing Home
Friday, Oct. 3	8:00am	For Ann Meyer
	11:00am	Park Place
Saturday, Oct. 4	8:00am	For Joe & Nancy Hood (TLM)
<b>WEEKEND LITURGIES</b>		
Saturday, Oct. 4	4:00pm	† Jim Kuhn
Sunday, Oct. 5	9:00am	† Mary Koeller
	12 noon	Misa

## REFLECTION

"Son, go out and work in the vineyard today." - Matthew 21:28  
Christian discipleship is not easy, God never promised it would be. But, what He did promise is that if we put Him first in all things, He will provide all that we need. Through our daily decisions we have the opportunity to generously share our gifts and help those who may not be in position to help themselves.

**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.

## With Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Austin Baxter who died Sunday, September 21st.  
*Eternal rest grant on to him Oh Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.*

## Next weekend, October 4 - 5<sup>th</sup>, the Respect Life Collection will be conducted in our parish.

Your help in supporting these collections is critical. Please take this week to pray about the support you can provide. A brochure and envelope will be inserted into the bulletin next weekend for your donation.

## 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.



## 42nd Annual United Nations Flag Raising

The 42<sup>nd</sup> annual United Nations Flag Raising will take place outside of the Platteville City Hall on Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at 7:30 in the morning. Traditionally, the United Nations Flag flies over the city of Platteville during the month of October which is United Nations month. The public is invited to attend the short flag raising ceremony.

**Parish breakfasts** in the rectory begin Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> after morning Mass The breakfasts will be the last Tuesday of the month.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 18:25-28—Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5—Mt 21:28-32.

**Monday:** Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels. Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a—Jn 1:47-51.

**Tuesday:** St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23—Lk 9:51-56.

**Wednesday:** St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church Jb 9:1-12, 14-16—Lk 9:57-62.

**Thursday:** The Holy Guardian Angels Jb 19:21-27—Mt 18:1-5, 10.

**Friday:** Jb 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5.

**Saturday:** St. Francis of Assisi Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17—Lk 10:17-24.

### 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 5:1-7—Phil 4:6-9—Mk 21:33-43.



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 21, 2014

Weekly Envelopes.....\$1,904.00  
Offertory.....\$ 267.00  
Weekly Average Electronic Funds \$ 900.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**

Saturday, Oct 4 4:00 pm		Sunday, Oct 5 9:00am
David Drefcinski	<b>Altar</b>	Jerrison Faulkner
John Drefcinski	<b>Servers</b>	Andy Eggers
Ben Drefcinski		Vince Momot
<b>Lector &amp; Leader of Prayer</b>		
Angie Boldt		Diane Eherenman
		Mark Ihm
Nekole Frommelt		Jeanette Klaas
<b>Sacristan</b>		
Chirstine Del Priore		Linda Hess
<b>Musicians</b>		
Kim & Youth		Open Ensemble
<b>Greeters</b>		
Barbara Stevenson		Rita Eversoll
		Jan Siegert
<b>Rosary</b>		
Barbara Stevenson		Virgil Splinter

A representative from the Madison Diocese will be here on Saturday October 4 to present the topic on "Sacraments" as part of the Seat of Wisdom Institute. The session will run from 9-3 in the church hall. If you want to attend you can register on line on the Diocese of Madison web page. Look up Seat of Wisdom and register. Find the session on the list. If you want to register and need help call Linda in the parish office. You can bring a lunch or money to order a sub.

### A SALUTE TO VIETNAM ERA VETERANS

**Sunday October 5 at 2pm at the Youth and Ag Building  
916 E. Elm St., Lancaster, WI.**

To honor those who served from Grant County.

A special tribute to the fifteen service men from Grant County who lost their lives in the Vietnam War, including William Arthur Beyer from Platteville and was a graduate of St. Mary School.

Keynote Speaker: David Kies, Platteville native and combat wounded.

Doors open at 12pm for viewing exhibits. The permanent Vietnam War Exhibit from the Cunningham Museum will be dedicated. Refreshments will be served.

Sponsored by the Grant County Historical Society

The Knights of Columbus is seeking an additional Field Agent to represent their Fraternal Insurance Program. This is a FULL-TIME CAREER which offers a complete benefits package. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please call General Agent Dan Baxter at 348-3360/ (866) 563-2863, email resume: Daniel.Baxter@kofc.org or fax resume 348-5360.

## *Parish Festival today*

### September Mobile Pantry News

Thanks to everyone who came out to volunteer for the pantry last Friday. We served 115 families that included 297 individuals, 80 children, 168 adults and 49 seniors. Thanks too, for all of you who are dropping food and toiletries in our bins in the church entryways. These extra items are very much appreciated by our clients. Our next pantry is Friday, October 17. Thanks again for your continued support of the pantry. Linda

### HOPE HOUSE

Sign-up sheet at St. Mary's from September 22 to October 5.

**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](http://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 Festival.

**Monday**—Virtus training, 6pm.

**Tuesday**—Breakfast in the Rectory after morning Mass. Religious Ed. Committee meeting, 6:30pm.

**Wednesday**—Bible Study 2:30pm.

Religious Education see below.

Pastoral Council meeting, 6:30pm.

**Friday**—"How to Pray", with Father Faustino, 6:30pm.-7:30pm In the church hall.

**Saturday**—SOWDI 9am-3pm.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL COLUMN

#### "It's Not Fair"

Echoing the complaint heard in last week's readings, today's First Reading again presents protests that God isn't fair. Why does He punish with death one who begins in virtue but falls into iniquity, while granting life to the wicked one who turns from sin?

This is the question that Jesus takes up in the parable in today's Gospel.

The first son represents the most heinous sinners of Jesus' day - tax collectors and prostitutes - who by their sin at first refuse to serve in the Lord's vineyard, the kingdom. At the preaching of John the Baptist, they repented and did what is right and just. The second son represents Israel's leaders - who said they would serve God in the vineyard, but refused to believe John when he told them they must produce good fruits as evidence of their repentance (see Matthew 3:8).

Once again, this week's readings invite us to ponder the unfathomable ways of God's justice and mercy. He teaches His ways only to the humble, as we sing in today's Psalm. And in the Epistle today, Paul presents Jesus as the model of that humility by which we come to know life's true path.

Paul sings a beautiful hymn to the Incarnation. Unlike Adam, the first man, who in his pride grasped at being God, the New Adam, Jesus, humbled himself to become a slave, obedient even unto death on the cross (see Romans 5:14). In this He has shown sinners - each one of us - the way back to the Father. We can only come to God, to serve in His vineyard, the Church, by having that same attitude as Christ.

This is what Israel's leaders lacked. In their vainglory, they presumed their superiority - that they had no further need to hear God's Word or God's servants.

But this is the way to death, as God tells Ezekiel today. We are always to be emptying ourselves, seeking forgiveness for our sins and frailties, confessing on bended knee that He is Lord, to the glory of the Father.

(Dr. Scott Hahn, Reflections on the Sunday Mass)

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