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The Church of  
St. Mary

**MAY 19, 2019**  
**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

## **CHURCH CLEANING**

**SATURDAY, MAY 25 AT 8:30 AM**

**NO NEED TO BRING ANYTHING.**



**All are welcome to help!**  
**This a great service project!**  
**Many hands make light work!**

## **The Caring & Sharing Room**

It has been very busy at The Caring & Sharing Room furniture ministry! Consequently, our inventory is very low and we are in need of the following items:

- twin, full and queen beds
- sofas, loveseats, recliners
- dressers and chest of drawers
- microwaves

All items must be clean, gently used and smoke free.

Call us at 320-760-8084 to schedule donations.

Check out our brochure on the St. Mary's website under the "Get Involved" tab.

**MEMORIAL DAY MASS**  
**AT THE CEMETERY**  
**Monday, May 27 at 9:00 AM**



## FROM OUR PASTOR



Fr. Steve Binsfeld

When we hear the word "**pilgrimage**" in a religious conversation, most of us think of a journey to a *particular place*—maybe a town like Assisi, or Fatima, or an experience like *the Camino Walk* to Santiago de Compostella in Spain. (In fact—two of our parishioners—Beth and Kiersten Sabolik—as well as a priest friend of mine, have recently been on "The Camino"! Watch the movie "*The Way*" starring Martin Sheen.) These are life-giving experiences. But there is another type of "pilgrimage" that one of my Jesuit friends had to make that is even more connected to pilgrimage. In their religious formation, Jesuit candidates are to make a required *pilgrimage* as part of their process of entering the full life of that community. These young men discern with their elders a destination where they will go. They are then given \$35 and a *one-way bus ticket* to get to that place, and a month to figure out how to survive and to get back home. This has a very spiritual purpose, which is why it is a necessary part of their religious formation (and why it's among the many reasons that I'm not a Jesuit.).

Clearly nobody could undertake a journey like that all alone. As far as I know, everybody does survive. That's the point. There's no *pre-arranged plan* of where they will travel, whom they will meet, how they will spend their days and nights, and what will be the resources for their return trip. **It's an intensive course on how to become dependent on God and the goodness of others—and how to be in solidarity with all of those who live that way all the time through no choice of their own...**the homeless, the immigrant, the social outcast.

If you ever have occasion to visit with a member of the Jesuit order (of which Pope Francis is a member), ask him about his pilgrimage. No two are the same; some are astonishing stories. On that experience, he either learns to find community and mercy or he fails or he dies. The point is that **nobody finds God all by himself/herself.**

We live in a popular culture that tries to convince us otherwise—to say that *religion is a very private thing*-- a "*Me-And-Jesus*" thing—if in fact we choose to make it a *thing* at all. We are encouraged to believe that the Christian life is able to be lived *without* reference to community, and especially to the poor. That's just *not* true, and it certainly isn't anything that one can read out of the bible.

It is important to take notice of the fact that **the risen Lord Jesus never appeared to anybody all alone**, as he sometimes did during his earthly ministry. The surest way to mistake the truth of Christ alive was and is to try to do it all by yourself. The gospel of John tells us so.

We hear the story of "Doubting Thomas." He couldn't believe that Jesus had been raised from the dead, not because he was a cynic or an obstinately distrustful person—after all, resurrection is a pretty unlikely story for anybody to take in at first. No; it was because Thomas had *absented himself from the community* of fellow disciples on that Easter night. He wasn't there to see and to celebrate *what everybody else saw and celebrated*. And so, he refused to accept the truth of Jesus alive. His frame of mind makes perfect sense for one who was trying to understand things all by himself. **Without community, we can't do it**, just as Thomas couldn't.

Jesus' response was not to seek out Thomas for a *private* revelation. Jesus waited until Thomas came back to join his brothers in communion, when he appeared again. This time Thomas believed.

In the light of a gospel like this, it should come as little surprise that people who—for whatever reasons—are separated from the Christian community and especially from the celebration of Eucharist—have a much harder time holding on to Easter faith. To look out over the state of the world and of the institutional church these days, such as it is, the easy response is to say "*I will not believe until I can see the Lord himself.*" That is understandable enough. But it's **precisely here—in Eucharist and community—that the Lord discloses himself!** Here we are, as Christ's body—wounded but very much alive. And we too are **on pilgrimage together**, ever dependent upon God's Holy Spirit and the compassionate mercy of our fellow travelers. The Jesuits have something to teach us all.

**We need each other**, not only for many physical necessities of life, but **in order to recognize and affirm together the revelation of Christ in our midst.** May we not wander away to try that *on our own*, and may we be ever ready to *welcome those who have tried and been disappointed* in doing that, and who now seek a welcome here. This is at the heart of Easter faith and Easter work.

A few things to remember: Please pray for our Area Catholic Community of Belle River, Osakis and ourselves. We have our first meeting on Wednesday. Remember that there is a **GENERAL CHURCH CLEANING this next Saturday—the 25th—beginning at 8:30 AM.** It is a large church and commons area...and as we all know, many hands make light work. We need you!

Blessings—Fr. Steve

### — BAPTISMS —

Gunnar Matthew - Child of Garrett & Kari Steiner  
Brian Nguyen - Child of Sy & Thanh Nguyen

### — BANS OF MARRIAGE —

III Matthew Roggenback & Megan Behrens  
II David Kenney & Rachael Finley  
I Jacob Pearson & Emily Takle

**THANK YOU** to the following for serving the funeral luncheon of:  
Lyle Keller - Carol Gaffaney and Team 9.

**+We wish to offer our sympathy and promise of prayers to the family and friends of Lyle Keller.**

### FINANCIAL GIFTS

#### COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF MAY 12, 2019


	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
Sunday Envelope	\$24,168	\$29,941
Loose	\$2,474	\$2,115
Sunday Children	\$145	\$115

A more detailed report may be viewed at the Parish Office.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**THANK YOU** St. Mary's parishioners for the generous donations toward the Knights of Columbus Special Olympics campaign. A total of \$2,081.03 was raised to benefit the Alexandria area Special Olympics.

**SAVE THE DATE** - Fr Steve's 40<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversary celebration is Sunday, June 9, 2:00 - 4:00 PM with a 3:00 PM program in the St. Mary's School Gym.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** at St. Mary's Great Hall on Monday, May 20, 1:00 - 7:00 PM and Tuesday, May 21, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM. Appointments or questions, call Janet at 320-763-3381 

*We are thankful for providing such a lovely service for our mother, Mary (Ganje) Rajdl. Thanks to Fr. Steve, Laurie Youngers, Erin Takle, Marlys Weber and the funeral committee and our Church of St. Mary's family. - Julie Barnack & David Rajdl*

## PRAYER CORNER

If you or someone you know in our parish community is sick or ill, or has a family member who could use our prayers, please call our Parish Nurse, Kathy Fischer, at 762-2320.

**Please remember the following people in your prayers:**

Ruth Partington, Carol Peterson, Betty Schlosser, Patrick Stroh, Dan Woods, Kevin Richmond Sr., Paul Roers, Andrew Herges, Phyllis VanKempen, Gladys Bodell, Dan Ridler, Dennis Craig, Ed Longhenry, Rosemary Rehovsky, Melvin Klimek, Marie Peterson, Edwina Schmidt, Jelena Newmann, Donna Onstead, Laurel Bruder, Barb Durand, Ronald Decker, Myrtle Prchal, Doloris Lorsung, and Lorraine Rachel.



**FR. BOB KIEFFER**, one of our parishioners, is celebrating his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination on Tuesday, May 28, here at St. Mary's in Alexandria. You are invited to join the celebration: Mass is at 5:00 PM, followed by a light supper and reception in the Great Hall until 7:00 PM. Fr. Bob is a retired priest of the diocese, living in Alexandria.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTION** will be held on Sunday, May 26, between the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses in the Great Hall. It will start at approximately 9:00 AM and should be completed in time to attend the 10:00 AM Mass. Coffee, rolls and fruit will be provided. All registered, confirmed members of the parish are invited to come, listen and vote. We have 3 open positions. The following people have been nominated and are willing to serve on the council.

Dan Eckstein  
Jim Faber  
Mary Gorghuber  
Florence Wieneke  
Jenna Bryce  
Judy Clayton

Rod Borden  
Randy Kinney  
Ruth Nodsle  
Jodi Rehovsky  
David Reller

**IT'S A GRAVE MATTER** Thank you to all who helped at the Spring Cemetery Cleanup. Thanks to your efforts we were able to haul away the trimmed tree branches, remove old decorations, seed grass by the relocated mausoleum retaining wall, fill in and seed grass on the four new graves, spread dirt and seed over the roots of trees, paint yellow stripes over three more trip hazards, reset the east retaining wall by the new ramp, and level the landings in front of columbaria C2 and C3. It was a great day to get things done! Thank you to each and every one of you for helping out.

## ABOUT LIFE

**JUSTICE PEACE AND THE INTEGRITY OF CREATION (JPIC): Guatemala Trip Overview** - by Lee Ann Sticha, Liz Staples, Brian and Sandi Hoffman, and Jim and JoAnn Almich. It was a transformational experience for us to live among and work with Guatemalan people near the San Lucas Mission from April 29 - May 7. What a blessing to listen to their stories and learn about their culture! We developed relationships as we worked together on concrete block stoves, wooden houses, and a drainage project. Our hope is for the Church of St. Mary to develop a long-term partnership with a Guatemalan community with the support of the Friends of San Lucas. More information about how you can become involved will be forthcoming.



**SANCTITY OF LIFE MOMENT:** "God creates every person for eternal union with Himself and continually invites us to embrace a loving relationship with Him. Every person is chosen." - USCCB - 2018-19 Respect Life Reflection  
Visit St. Mary's Sanctity of Life online at [sanctityoffifestm.org](http://sanctityoffifestm.org) for information and resources.

# FAITH FORMATION

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## YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



### Youth Eucharistic Adoration - YEAH

Youth Eucharistic Adoration Hour (YEAH) is being held Fridays from 6:00 – 7:00 PM in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. This is a chance for our students in grades 6-12 to experience adoration with their peers. Please come and support our St. Mary's Youth Leadership Team. All are welcome!

### Howdy, Pardners!

Get ready for SonWest Roundup

### St. Mary's VBS 2019

June 10-13 (9:00 AM – Noon)

Saddle up and get ready for some fun in the wild, wild west! We'll take a journey back to the time of Moses and learn how God has big plans for each of us. **For more information (and to find registration/volunteer forms) check us out on the web:**

[stmaryalexandria.org/vacation-bible-school/](http://stmaryalexandria.org/vacation-bible-school/)

### VBS Volunteers Needed!!

VBS is less than a month away and we still need to round up some helpers! We are looking for adults and teens (as well as kids completing grades 4-6) to help us out. It's fun! Pair up with a friend and join us! We are looking for:

- **Teachers: Preschool (5) and Grade 3 (1)**
- **Aides: Preschool (3) and Grades 2/3 (2)**
- **Games leader and helpers**

Donations have been coming in---THANKS!!! Still looking for some items if you have them. If you want something back, please CLEARLY LABEL it and we will be certain to return it to you. Call Julie at 846-1842 with any questions.

- WE WOULD LOVE SOME KIND OF COVERED WAGON FOR THE ENTRY DISPLAY
- Old white sheets so we can MAKE a covered wagon if we can't find one!
- Cowboy hats/boots
- Props: lanterns, metal pails, saddles, barrels, wagon wheels, cactus, western signs, straw bales, etc.
- Large stuffed western animals (horses, cows, armadillos, rabbits, snakes, lizards, etc.)
- Plastic horseshoe set
- Baby Moses basket
- Pint mason jars with lids and rings
- Old microphones
- Food: snacks for hungry teen helpers, hamburger, hot dogs, buns, ketchup, mustard, apple juice, candy corn, dried apples



## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER COMMUNITY** We gather monthly to support and nurture Marriage and Holy Orders in the Church and the world. For more info call Jason at 320-808-3998 or [jasonrauk@gmail.com](mailto:jasonrauk@gmail.com). Looking to attend your first Encounter Weekend? [www.WWME.org](http://www.WWME.org)

**ALL ARE INVITED** to attend an ongoing, First Monday of the Month Prayer Service, from 5:30-6:00 PM at Fr. Darin Didier's gravesite to pray for the greater good of the consolidation of our Area Catholic Communities (ACC), for the future of St. Mary's, and for our world. Scheduled days include: June 3, July 1, Aug 5, Sept 2, and Oct 7. For questions, please contact Sue McCulloch at 320-491-7006 (text or call).

**ST. MARY'S PRAYER LINK:** If you have a prayer request, please send to [Wosepkak@aol.com](mailto:Wosepkak@aol.com) or phone Kelly Wosepka at 320-815-4655 or Julie Desautels at 846-1842. All prayer requests will be kept confidential.

# First Communion



*Congratulations to these children who received the sacrament of First Communion on May 4 and May 12, 2019*

*Evalyn Branstad*

*Eila Burginger*

*Henry Buttweiler*

*Dayton Bye*

*Victoria Davidson*

*Maya Engblom*

*Brynn Erickson*

*Kane Evans*

*Lillian Faber*

*Claire Folkestad*

*Kolston Freking*

*Sawyer Hawes*

*Emma Hawkins*

*Ava Hinnenkamp*

*Trayton Hvezda*

*Abby Johnson*

*Allie Johnson*

*Garrison Johnson*

*Isaac Johnson*

*Carter Jorud*

*Lucy Karl*

*Mary Kieffer*

*Lydia Kietzmann*

*Bristol Klimek*

*Lilly Klimek*

*McKenzie Korman*

*Lewis Kuhn*

*Andrew Leesch*

*Baylee Linn*

*Ximena Lopez*

*Adley Lorentz*

*Megan Matchinsky-Mosley*

*Vivian Meyer*

*Stella Moreno*

*Grayer Niblett*

*Brody Pilgrim*

*Ava Rambow*

*Kate Rauk*

*Hunter Revering*

*Aleece Richmond*

*Lucille Sanden*

*Aria Schmidt*

*Dylan Skarka*

*Summer Skillings*

*Colten Steiner*

*Liam Streich*

*Finley Struchen*

*Ashlyn Trautman*

*Brevyn Treat*

*Wyatt Tvrdik*

*Joshua Waters*

*Kyle Wencl*

*Elijah Wimmer*

*Hudson Wurster*

*Brayden Zollner*

Special thanks to Fr. Steve, Laurie Youngers, Erin Takle, Brenda Becker, Marlys Weber, Tammy Huss, Edna & Ron Goracke and all those who made this day special for our 1<sup>st</sup> Communicants!

# Congratulations!

## Church of St. Mary 2019 Graduates



Elliot Amundson  
Trevor Arceneau  
Colin Barten  
Callista Bergquist  
Levi Bergquist  
Katie Bormann  
Trappier Botz  
Danika (Niki) Botzet  
Amanda Brezina  
Rebecca Brown  
Aidan Buttweiler  
Callie Craig  
Weston Davis  
R.J. Devaan  
Ben Doherty  
Karli Dolan  
Matthew Donley  
Christina Drown  
Megan Fletcher  
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Carley Ford  
Randi Fueston  
Emma Gronholz  
Elton Gruber  
Stormy Hegg  
Isabelle Hovel

Noah Huss  
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Alex Jost  
Jared Jost  
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Makia Krippner  
Rachel Kumorowicz  
Kristin Lancaster  
Hunter Lee  
Luke Levasseur  
Meridith Lieser  
Jairo Lopez  
Georgia Lussenhop  
Hannah Mayer  
Maddie Miller  
Samuel Minnerath  
Brinna Murray  
Brady Myhr  
Alex Neale  
Riley Nelson  
Jaclyn Niska  
Wade Odland  
Drew Olson  
Nick Olson  
Parker Olson

Dylan Piepho  
Adam Pohlen  
Baleigh Rasmusen  
Madison Ressemann  
Wade Revering  
Steven Roering  
Lauren Russell  
Isaac Sanow  
Lauren Scherr  
Dakota Schlangen  
Evan Schneiderhan  
Paul Schwartz  
Brock Shriver  
Derek Shulstad  
Joey Steidl  
Dominic Strom  
Ashlyn Swenson  
Madison Swenson  
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Ian Thorson  
Megan VanGaal  
Taylor Wagner  
Meagan Wentworth  
Laura Wilmesmeier  
John Wimmer  
Zacharie Wosepka

ADULTS



# What's your move?

You know you need physical activity to stay healthy.  
But did you know it can help you feel better right away?



Boost your mood



Sharpen your focus



Reduce your stress



Improve your sleep

**So get more active — and start feeling better today.**

## How much activity do I need?

### Moderate-intensity aerobic activity

Anything that gets your heart beating faster counts.



Tight on time this week? **Start with just 5 minutes.** It all adds up!

Or get the same benefits in half the time. If you step it up to **vigorous-intensity** aerobic activity, aim for at least **75 minutes** a week.

## Is it moderate or vigorous? Use the “talk test” to find out.

When you're being active, just try talking:

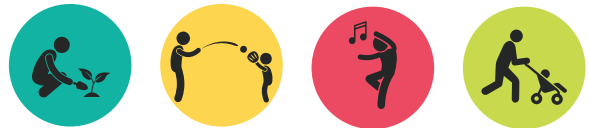
- If you're breathing hard but can still have a conversation easily, it's **moderate-intensity activity**
- If you can only say a few words before you have to take a breath, it's **vigorous-intensity activity**

## What counts?

Whatever gets you moving!



Even things you have to do anyway



Even things that don't feel like exercise

## You can get more active.

No matter who you are, where you live, on your own, or together. You can find a way that works for you.



And over time, physical activity can help you live a longer, healthier life.

- ✓ Lower your risk of diseases like type 2 diabetes and some cancers
- ✓ Control your blood pressure
- ✓ Stay at a healthy weight

So take the first step. Get a little more active each day. **Move your way.**

Find tips to get moving and build a weekly activity plan.

[health.gov/MoveYourWay/Activity-Planner](https://health.gov/MoveYourWay/Activity-Planner)





# ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

St. Mary's School educates the whole child within a nurturing Catholic Christian environment.

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Join us!



Dear Parishioners,

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Mary's Golf Tournament is planned for Wednesday, May 29 at 1:00 p.m. at Geneva Golf Course! There is still time to form a team or have your place of business sponsor a hole.

The purpose of this tournament is to raise money for the Trust Fund Tuition Scholarship Fund. This year, 28 students are receiving scholarships valued at over \$33,000. Without the help of the scholarships, many students would not be able to attend St. Mary's School. Having fewer students would create higher cost per pupil, increased tuition, and fewer technology and learning experiences for all students. As a result, all students, families, and parishioners benefit from the Trust Fund Scholarship Fund!

Fill out your Registration Form and return with your payment to the school office! 

St. Mary's Golf Tournament Committee

## CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

May 12	John Dickey, Donnelly \$35
May 13	Joseph Klick, Alexandria \$20
May 14	Crystal Fritzl, Long Prairie \$20
May 15	Karen McCabe, Wadena \$50
May 16	Laurie Bayer, Glenwood \$20
May 17	Kitty Colgrove, Alexandria \$20
May 18	Myrna Hunt, Alexandria \$20

## SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

**2018 – 19 Registrations** are being accepted. Please contact the school office for more details.

**Board of Education Meeting** – Tuesday, May 21 @ 7:30 AM

## 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ST. MARY'S SCHOOL GOLF TOURNAMENT

### REGISTRATION FORM



**GENEVA GOLF CLUB**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2019**

REGISTRATION	12:00 pm
SHOT GUN START	1:00 pm
SOCIAL HOUR	5:30 pm
DINNER/PRIZES	6:30 pm

CONTACT PERSON \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

#### ❖ \_\_ REGISTRATION:

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(if you don't have a team, we can assign you to one)

Golfer #1 Name \_\_\_\_\_ \$125.00

Golfer #2 Name \_\_\_\_\_ \$125.00

Golfer #3 Name \_\_\_\_\_ \$125.00

Golfer #4 Name \_\_\_\_\_ \$125.00

**Total Team Registration Fee: \$500.00**

❖ \_\_ BUSINESS HOLE SPONSORSHIP: **\$125** A sign with your name will be displayed on a tee box or green.

❖ \_\_ MEMORIAL DONATION: \$\_\_\_\_ "In Memory of Sign" will be posted at a prominent location on the golf course. Please list the loved one or friend you would like to honor \_\_\_\_\_

❖ \_\_ DOOR PRIZE DONATION: I/We would like to contribute the following item(s) to be used as a door prize \_\_\_\_\_

❖ \_\_ Not a golfer or can't play in the tournament? Please consider joining us for the social and dinner event.

Number of guests \_\_\_\_\_

Names of guests \_\_\_\_\_

Your free will donation to cover meal(s) and contribution to the Trust Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE MAKE A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS and send along with your donations to:

**St. Mary's School Trust Fund, St. Mary's School,  
421 Hawthorne, Alexandria, MN 56308**

## LITURGICAL AND MUSICAL NOTES

### To You Who Bring Small Children to Church

There you are sitting in worship or Bible study. Your child, or toddler, is restless. Perhaps they're even a little boisterous. You try to silence them, and nothing. You try to pacify them with food or toys, and nothing. Eventually, you resort to the last thing you wanted to do: you pick them up, and before a watching audience, you make the march out of the church. All the while, you're a little embarrassed. Maybe you're a little frustrated too. You might even think to yourself, "There's no point in coming to church. I get nothing out of it because I have to constantly care for my kid."

I want you — you mothers and/or fathers — to know just how encouraging you are to so many. The little elderly woman who often feels alone beams with a smile at the sight of you wrestling with your little one. She's been there before. She knows how hard it can be, but she smiles because to hear that brings back precious memories. To see young parents and their small children brighten her day, and she may have just received bad news this week about her health, but seeing the vitality of young ones removes — if but for a moment — her fears.

The older man who always seems to be grouchy notices you too. He's always talking about how children in this day have no respect or sense of good. But he sees you — a young family — in church, and you don't miss any gathering. Like clockwork, he can depend on the sight of you and your young family. You give him hope that maybe the church isn't doomed after all, because there are still young parents who love God enough to bring their restless children to worship.

Then there's everybody else. Some people will honestly become frustrated by noisy children in church. They have this warped idea that reverence includes absolute silence. It doesn't. When parents brought their children to Jesus, the disciples rebuked them (Matt. 19:13-15), but Jesus rebuked His disciples. He said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." The term translated "children" in Matthew and Mark is *paidon*. The root of the word "pedagogue" is from this word. It defined children of either an infant state, or more particularly, it was with reference to those who were half-grown and could be either males or females.

When Luke wrote his account of this narrative, he used the word *brephos*; which means "infants." Luke wasn't contradicting Matthew and Mark's account, because Luke wrote that they brought the infants "also" (Luke 18:15-17). They would have squirmed, maybe even cried. This was likely why the disciples rebuked the parents; as well as that they might have thought that the children were too young to understand the blessing Christ pronounced over them.

Bring your children to church. If you don't hear crying, the church is dying. As hard as it might be for you as a parent who's half-asleep, keep on doing what you're doing. You are an encouragement, and you're starting off your children's lives as you should.

Copied: (Author Unknown)

## STEWARDSHIP

### FABRIC OF LIFE

*My life is but a weaving  
Between my God and me;  
I may not choose the colors,  
God knows what they should be;  
For God can view the pattern  
Upon the upper side,  
While I can see it only  
On this, the under side.*


*Sometimes God weaveth sorrow,  
Which seemeth strange to me;  
But I will trust God's judgement,  
And work on faithfully;*

*'Tis God who fills the shuttle,  
God knows just what is best  
So I shall weave in earnest  
And leave with God the rest.*

*At last, when life is ended,  
With God I shall abide,  
Then I may view the pattern  
Upon the upper side;  
Then I shall know the reason  
Why pain with joy entwined,  
Was woven in the fabric  
Of life that God designed.*

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**RECONCILIATION** Saturday at 4:00 PM in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel (room behind presider's chair; also has a separate entry)

**BAPTISM** All parents must take the Baptism Preparation Course. Call the Parish Office to sign up. Check our [website](#) for dates.

**PREPARATION FOR MARRIAGE** Members of the parish (or children of members) must arrange for marriage at least 6 months in advance. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass. Those who wish to be anointed are asked to come to the front of the church.

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**Mon.** Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26  
**Tue.** Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a  
**Wed.** Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8  
**Thurs.** Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11  
**Fri.** Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17  
**Sat.** Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21  
**Sun.** Acts 15:1-2,22-29; Rv 21:10-14,22-23; Jn 14:23-29

**WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE**

**Tue.** 5:00 PM +George Lundberg  
**Wed.** 8:30 AM +Ralph Ignowski  
1:30 PM Edgewood Vista +Bernie Bitzan  
**Thurs.** 7:00 AM ++ Kathleen Ferkinhoff & Jeanette Binsfeld  
1:30 PM Grand Arbor +Bob Rader  
**Fri.** 8:30 AM ++Edward & Dorothy Unger  
**Sat.** 5:00 PM For the Parish  
**Sun.** 8:00AM +Mary Steffen  
10:00 AM +Mary Rajdl

**NEW MEMBERS**

To register, stop by our Hospitality Desk located in the Commons Area of the church or visit our [website to complete the registration online.](http://www.stmaryalexandria.org)

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