



*Our Mission is to know, love and serve God by living the Eucharist.*

Promulgated on Pentecost Sunday, 2013

420 Irving Street | Alexandria, MN 56308 | (320) 763-5781



The Church of  
St. Mary

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2019**  
**23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**Come to the St. Mary's Community Block Party!**  
**Sunday, September 8, 2019!**

**11:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Alexandria Runestone Center**

Kids Carnival • Bingo • Country Store • Spin for Sweets • Basket Auctions  
Great Food and Snacks • Photo Booth • Live Entertainment • Beer & Wine

**\$20,000 CAR RAFFLE  
OR \$15,000 CASH**

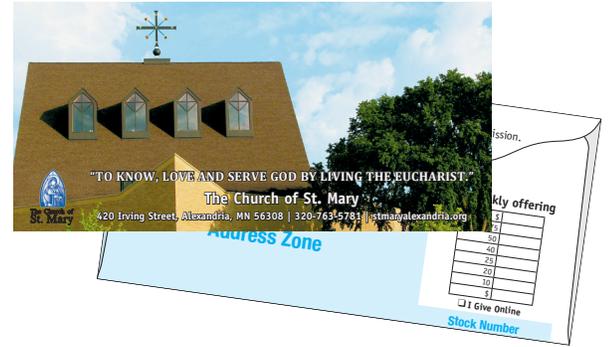
**VIKINGS ON  
WIDESCREEN TV**



**Whoever does not carry his own  
cross and come after me cannot  
be my disciple.**

## FROM OUR PARISH BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

- ❖ In the next week or two, you will be receiving your offertory envelope packet covering the next two months of October & November. However, the packet you receive in the mail this time may look a little different. So, please be careful before throwing stuff away. We have made the switch over to Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) . This switch will save us in excess of \$3,000 each year and nearly \$4,400 in the first year alone. In addition, we have reduced the number of vendors we deal with and are receiving a high level of customer service.



In this initial packet from OSV, there will be a letter from me. Please read both sides of the letter as there is some information regarding the different collections that are taken up here at St. Mary's. I have been confused in the past about what the special/diocesan/national collections were all about. In the letter, I provide a brief summary of each collection in hopes of clearing up some of the confusion that people might have. I will also put a copy of page 2 of this letter out at the hospitality desk. For those of you who contribute out of your retirement or other savings accounts only a couple times a year, this may provide useful in helping communicate to us where you wish to allocate your lump sum contributions.

If you do not receive an envelope packet by the end of September and would like to, please contact Janell at the parish office.

- ❖ I hope you enjoyed our quarterly newsletter that should have arrived at your home at the end of August. We like to share stories of our parish family. In the spring issue we highlighted Sacristans, this summer we shared about the Guatemala Community Partnership, and this fall we took a walk over the Camino in Spain. If you have a story to share or know of someone who does, please contact Kathy Ballou, Communications Coordinator. (Contact info on back page of bulletin.)
- ❖ **Did you know...** we are switching program curriculums for many of our youth faith formation programs. Our new Confirmation program for 10th & 11th graders is Chosen by Ascension Press, our 8th & 9th graders will use Faith Fusion by OSV, our 6th & 7th graders will use Alive in Christ by OSV & we will use Blessed by Dynamic Catholic for 1st Reconciliation & 1st Communion preparation.
- ❖ It was super awesome to see all the smiling faces and feel the energy this first week of school. I thank our custodial staff of Eric Seidel, Tracey Borstad, and Joe Molloy for their enormous effort over the summer in getting our education center floors stripped, repairs made, everything cleaned and polished, and ready to go for open house and the first week of school. Phew!

With gratitude, Todd Wentworth

### — BAPTISMS —

**Nora Patricia**  
Child of Jason & Teri Kriegel

### — BANS OF MARRIAGE —

**I Jack Plankers & Courtney Pasiowitz**

## SUNDAY OFFERINGS

|                               | <u>ACTUAL</u>     | <u>BUDGET*</u>    | <u>VARIANCE FROM BUDGET</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Envelope                      | \$ 20,360         | \$ 26,413         | \$ (6,053)                  |
| Electronic                    | 2,826             | 6,731             | (3,905)                     |
| Other                         | 3,366             | 2,490             | 876                         |
| <b>Weekend - September 1</b>  | <b>\$ 26,552</b>  | <b>\$ 35,634</b>  | <b>\$ (9,082)</b>           |
| <b>Year-to-Date Offerings</b> | <b>\$ 264,545</b> | <b>\$ 320,706</b> | <b>\$ (56,161)</b>          |

*\* Total year budget is spread equally over 52 weeks.  
Detailed financial reports may be viewed at the Parish Office.*

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**ST. MARY'S FALL RUMMAGE SALE** will be held on Saturday, Sept. 21, 8:00 - 11:00 AM. Sale items may be dropped off at the school on Friday, Sept. 20, from 4:00 - 7:00 PM. **NO ELECTRONICS PLEASE!** We are going green, so please bring your canvas bags for shopping. Help will be needed on Friday and Saturday. If you can help, contact Carol at 815-1208.

**THE DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA** will meet for their monthly meeting on Thursday, September 19 at 7:00 PM in the Commons Area.

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, Dan Woods, Kevin Richmond Sr., Andrew Herges, Phyllis VanKempen, Dan Ridler, Rosemary Rehovsky, Marie Peterson, Jelena Newmann, Donna Onstead, Barb Durand, Doloris Lorsung, Patty Suchy, Betty Henshaw, Andrew Eckhoff, Doug Kuiper, Bruce Rivers, Virginia Schultz, Dorothy Jennissen, Cletus Bitzan, Marilyn Miller, Jeff Clayton, MayVis Bruzek and Jen Hall.

**+We wish to offer our sympathy and promise of prayers to the family and friends of Nikki Jo Meyers and Theresa Lanners.**

**A PARISHIONER OF ST. MARY'S** is in need of a living donor for a liver transplant. Criteria include a blood type of O, and between the ages of 21-60. An online Health History Questionnaire is the initial step followed by a thorough physical evaluation. Please contact Kathy at 762-2320 with questions.

Dear Friends,

Our Parish Mission with Mark Price (actor, evangelist, teacher) will be held on October 20-23, at 6:30 PM each evening. Mark will be in costume to portray Judas Iscariot, Simon Peter, Paul of Tarsus and then St. Francis of Assisi consecutively, one each evening to help us meet and encounter these significant people in the early church and in our history. Why? So, we can encounter their message and be on fire with the same message they carried in the first century into the 21st century. See page 8 of this bulletin for more information.

To **PREPARE FOR THE MISSION**, we are hosting **TV TUESDAYS** to explore life in the early church after Christ's ascension by viewing select sections of the series **A.D: The Bible Continues**. *What was life like for the early disciples? How did they not only hang onto their faith after Jesus' death, but where did they get what they needed to bear witness to it? Are we like disciples in the early Church in the post-Christian era? Explore how are we called to witness to Christ.* **September 10, 17, 24; October 1, 8, 15. COME!**

For more information, see page 6 of this bulletin.

Fr. Steve

**THANK YOU** to the following for serving the funeral luncheon of:  
Theresa Lanners - Arlene Larson and Team 4

## ABOUT LIFE



### SANCTITY OF LIFE MOMENT:

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. - John 3:16*

Visit St. Mary's Sanctity of Life online at [sanctityoflifestm.org](http://sanctityoflifestm.org) for information and resources.

# FAITH FORMATION

stmreled@stmaryalexandria.org | 320-763-9202

## YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



### Class Schedule

|                |                         |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| Sunday School: | Sept. 29, 9:50-11:00 AM |
| Grades 1-5:    | Sept. 18, 3:45-4:45 PM  |
| Grades 6-12:   | Sept. 18, 6:30-8:00 PM  |

### Grade 6-12 Parent Meeting

Come hear about the upcoming Faith Formation year for Grades 6 – 12. An informational parent meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 11, at 6:30 PM in the Great Hall**. All parents are welcome to attend. Students do not need to attend. Grade 11 parents will receive information on Confirmation.



## LEADERS AND HELPERS NEEDED FOR CLOW

**Training Session for CLOW Leaders/Helpers**  
**Thursday, September 19, 7:00 PM**  
**Large Conference Room, Parish Office.**

For more info, contact Dawn at [houska6@gmail.com](mailto:houska6@gmail.com) or 760-6272



Sunday school runs September 29 through March 29 during the 10:00 Mass. We are looking for teachers and aides for children ages 4-Kindergarten. Lesson plans and all materials are

provided! We follow the school calendar, so we always have at least one Sunday a month off. Call Julie at 320.491.7089 for more information!

## FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Grades Preschool - Grade 12

Now Available Online **ONLY**  
**stmaryalexandria.org**  
**SIGN UP NOW!**

Classes start in September

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER COMMUNITY** We gather monthly to support and nurture Marriage and Holy Orders in the Church and the world. Looking to attend your first Encounter Weekend? The next one in Alexandria is September 20-22. For more info call Jason at 320-808-3998 or [jasonrauk@gmail.com](mailto:jasonrauk@gmail.com). [www.WWME.org](http://www.WWME.org)

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** Tuesday evenings in the Great Hall immediately following the 5:00 PM Mass. Call Mike at 759-1911 for more info.

**HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP:** Thursdays 5:30-6:00 PM (rosary in Commons Area) 6-7 PM prayer time in the Chapel. Contact Jim Joerger at 834-2945.

**THE MINISTRY OF SPIRITUAL DIRECTION** is a growing practice in the Church. Christian Spiritual Direction is help given by one Christian to another, which enables that person to pay attention to God's personal communication to him or her, to respond to God and to live out the consequences of the response.

Beth Telander from our parish recently completed St. John's Spiritual Direction Certificate Program, after having received her Master's Degree in *Pastoral Care Ministry* from St. John's School of Theology in Collegeville. She has a few directee openings beginning this Fall. To inquire, call 320-808-4002. Craig Hamilton of our parish is also a trained spiritual director. He can be reached at 612-237-3463.



# C.L.O.W.

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN



## PURPOSE OF CLOW

\*\*Help children from the ages of 4 to 9 to have an age-appropriate experience with the Liturgy of the Word. Modeling good liturgical practices such as praying, singing, gesturing, and proclaiming.

\*\*Help children to apply the Word of God to their own experiences and actions.

*(playground, school, classrooms, families)*

\*\*Help children to become closer to God.  
*(God in three persons - Father, Son, Holy Spirit)*

\*\*Help children learn how to participate, both internally and externally, in the celebration of the Mass through prayer, silence, singing, proclaiming, listening actively, movement, etc.

## WHAT DOES A SESSION OF CLOW LOOK LIKE?

Most CLOW sessions will include a combination of the following:

- First reading
- Silence
- Psalm (SUNG)
- Second Reading
- Alleluia (SUNG)
- Gospel (Always done)
- Homily/Reflection
- Profession of Faith/Creed
- Petitions
- Offertory Procession (Sacrifice)



## WHAT CLOW ISNT!!!

\*\*CLOW is **not catechesis, it is worship.**

We are modeling full, conscious, active participation of children in the community of believers.

\*\*CLOW is **not a way to keep children occupied** while the adults listen to Father in peace!

\*\*CLOW is not meant to **create a “new” rite** for children, rather it is a matter of making better use of texts that are understandable for children.

## IMPACT ON THE PARISH

\*\*Children benefit from the welcome they receive from the parish – long past the age of involvement.

\*\*Pastorally strategic – modeling good ritual enhances the overall ritual of the parish.

\*\*Leads to ministerial involvement – prayer leaders, readers, musicians, etc.

\*\*Great way to get parents and kids talking about faith!

## MINISTRIES OF CLOW (HELP ALWAYS NEEDED)

- Prayer Leaders
- Proclaimers of the Word
- Musicians
- Aids/Assistants
- Hospitality/Environment



## PONDERINGS:

How often have we heard that children do not act properly at Mass?

Have you ever paused to consider and think about the examples they are shown? How do you gesture? Pray? Sing? Listen? Process? Do you mumble?

Do you respond whole-heartedly?

**Children are always watching and learning from you!**



## TV TUESDAYS AT ST. MARY'S

Explore life in the early church after Christ's ascension by viewing select sections of the series, *A.D. The Bible Continues*.

Supper after Mass at 5:30 PM in the school cafeteria.  
Film and discussion 6:00 - 7:15 PM in the Great Hall.

On the following Tuesdays:

September 10    October 1  
September 17    October 8  
September 24    October 15

## Now Offering Online Giving

*However God calls you to faithfully give, we make it simple.*

A New Way to Give: Online

[stmaryalexandria.org](http://stmaryalexandria.org)

To set up online giving,  
go to [stmaryalexandria.org](http://stmaryalexandria.org) and click on 'Giving.'



*Upcoming at St. Mary's*

## **THEOLOGY THURSDAYS**

Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 PM in the Great Hall

**NOVEMBER 14**

### **Radical Hospitality**

**Presenter: Aaron Carpenter**

We will explore the idea of hospitality in our parishes by asking three questions: What does the Bible say? What is radical hospitality? What can we do?

**NOVEMBER 21**

### **Finding the Voice of Paul the Apostle Through His Letters**

**Presenter: Dr. Vincent Smiles**

Hear the "real Paul" as we do an overview of his letters. Examine the experience of the early Church to see similarities in our own time and place.

**DECEMBER 5**

### **Practical Catholic Parenting**

**Presenters: Jim and Maureen Otremba**

Catholic parenting can be very difficult and stressful. Hear practical tips and truths you can use today which will empower you to parent in a more peaceful way.

**FEBRUARY 13**

### **The Bible and the Modern World**

**Presenter: Dr. Vincent Smiles**

In an age of science, what can the Bible contribute to human knowledge, and within the Church, what challenges are posed by a historical-critical view of the Scriptures?

**MARCH 19**

### **Empty Vessels**

**Presenter: Aaron Carpenter**

What is the role of the Assembly in the Liturgy of the Word? How do we listen more effectively?

**APRIL 16**

### **Spiritual Direction: The Practice of Contemplative Presence**

**Presenter: Becky Van Ness**

Becky, former high school teacher and now Director of the Spiritual Direction Program at St. John's School of Theology, explores how accompanying another on their spiritual journey helps one develop a deeper sense of the presence of God.

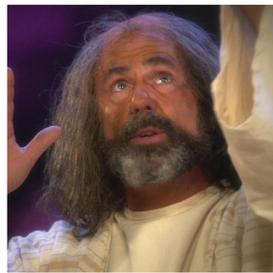
# The Church of St. Mary

Alexandria, MN

## PARISH MISSION

### OCTOBER 20 - 23, 2019

Bible-based theatrical presentations by evangelist, educator, and actor, MARK PRICE.  
Encounter biblical characters in modern times!



**SATURDAY & SUNDAY,  
OCTOBER 19 & 20**

**REFLECTION BY MARK PRICE**  
Mass Times: 5:00 PM, 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20**

**LIGHT SUPPER • 5:00 PM • GREAT HALL**  
**JUDAS ISCARIOT • Villain or Saint • 6:30 - 8:00 PM**  
NOTHING GOOD CAN COME FROM GIVING UP ON JESUS

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 21**

**SIMON PETER • Fisherman, Apostle, Pope • 6:30 - 8:00 PM**  
GOD'S LOVE IS UNCONDITIONAL AND ALL-KNOWING

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22**

**PRESENTATION: BELIEVE & ACHIEVE • 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM**  
GREAT HALL • BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH • BEVERAGES AND DESSERT PROVIDED  
**ST. PAUL • Persecutor to Preacher • 6:30 - 8:00 PM**  
THE UNLIKELY DISCIPLE

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23**

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI • From Riches to Rags • 6:30 - 8:00 PM**  
GRATITUDE AND TRUST IN THE LORD LEADS TO FREEDOM

**FREE • ALL ARE WELCOME • FOR MORE INFO: [STMARYALEXANDRIA.ORG](http://STMARYALEXANDRIA.ORG)**

# ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

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

stmaryss@stmaryalexandria.org | 320-763-5861



Dear Parishioners,

On Tuesday we began another school year. Our enrollment is 193 students. We have added 17 new families to our school family.

New to our staff is Kimberly Hawkins. Kimberly will be teaching 4<sup>th</sup> grade and Spanish. Her ideas and enthusiasm will blend well with the rest of our remarkable staff.

The children, parents, and staff are excited to get this school year started. We welcome all the new faces to our school and look forward to a great year.

Mr. Sladek

## KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are in need of people to help us with the lunch at St. Mary's School. The time commitment to help is from 10:30 AM to 12:15 PM. Volunteers are asked to help for the whole week; but, if there is a day you can't make it, we have a list of substitutes to call.

Duties include cleaning and cutting fruits and vegetables, and assisting with serving the lunch to students.

If you enjoy working in the kitchen and have the time to give, please consider helping us!

Call Mrs. Flaten in the School Office if you have any questions or to schedule your week!

Thank you!



### SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Please contact Mr. Sladek at 763-5861 if interested in helping out.

### SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

**Parent/Teacher Meetings** are on Tuesday, September 10.

Grades K-2 are at 6:30 PM

Grades 3-6 at 7:15 PM

**First School Mass** is Friday, September 13.

### CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

#### SEPTEMBER 2019

|     |                              |       |
|-----|------------------------------|-------|
| 9/1 | Tony Cremers, Alexandria     | \$100 |
| 9/2 | Travis Thorson, Alexandria   | \$20  |
| 9/3 | Maureen Eigen, Alexandria    | \$20  |
| 9/4 | Reenie Elkington, Alexandria | \$20  |
| 9/5 | Scott Hokanson, Alexandria   | \$20  |
| 9/6 | Joe Klick, Alexandria        | \$20  |
| 9/7 | Bob Matchinsky, Alexandria   | \$20  |

## LITURGICAL AND MUSICAL NOTES

### **How do I prepare for Mass on Sunday?**

A few of us are saying, "I prepare by getting my family to church, with the least amount of fighting." All of us have, at one time or another, had the experience of being there at the beginning of Mass and feeling many miles away. It can seem that we are totally distracted by everything, anything going on around us, and by a long list of things, emotions, memories, that find their way into our consciousness the minute Mass starts.

This very common experience offers us the opportunity to reflect upon what we can do to make our experience of Mass much richer, enjoyable, and helpful for our faith life.

### **It starts with an attitude**

If I think about going to Mass merely as "fulfilling my Sunday obligation," I've already lowered the bar terribly to begin with. The Church - the whole People of God - asks us to come together to give thanks and praise to God and because the Mass makes us who we are as Church. The Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy tells us that the Eucharist (which means "Thanksgiving") is the "source and the summit" of our faith life. Our faith life comes from the liturgy and when we celebrate the liturgy well, that celebration is the best expression of our faith life. The Constitution sought to renew the liturgy so that we might all have "fully conscious and active participation" in it. How different this vision is from "attending Mass"!

We can think about preparing for the liturgy the way we'd prepare for anything we want to participate in fully. If we are going to a new movie that is out, we might read several reviews and get connected with the buzz about the movie. If we are going to a sporting event, it always helps our involvement if we stay up-to-date with the teams and know something about the players and some of the team stats. If we are going to a committee meeting or a neighborhood organization gathering, we'd typically get ourselves ready to know the issues and be ready to participate in the event.

The trouble with the Mass is that we don't tend to think about our genuine participation in it. We can have a lot of experience of not "getting anything out of it," when we don't prepare to be engaged in the actions of the liturgy and give ourselves to them.

### **Holy Water**

The first symbol which greets us at the door is water which has been blessed. When we dip our hand in the water and sign ourselves with it, we can experience a sense that we are entering this church, re-connecting with our identity as Baptized into Jesus' death and resurrection. If we do this intentionally, it adds meaning to our journey into the celebration.

### **A few moments before the actions begin**

Just like all formal prayer, it is really important to ask for the grace we desire during this Eucharist. We have lots of things to ask for. We know people who are sick. We may be having financial difficulties. Our marriages may be strained. We might be heart sick about struggles our adult children are having. We have many needs. Our focus at this moment is to ask for the grace we need during this next hour, at this Eucharist. We might pray, "Lord, let me enter into this celebration of your love for me. I know that if I let you love me and give me your Good News, and its challenge, and if I let you fill me with your life-giving Body and Blood, I will have deeper peace and courage, hope and a sense of mission to return to my everyday life, in your Spirit."

### **We are now prepared to enter into and participate in this Mass.**

# OUR THANKS TO THESE MERCHANTS FOR SUPPORTING OUR PARISH BULLETIN

**Douglas Jossart**  
Sr. Mortgage Loan Officer  
NMLS 757016  
Douglas.Jossart@Thrivent.com  
(320) 760-0815



THRIVENT  
FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

**SKIDPRO**  
ATTACHMENTS



www.skidpro.com  
877-378-4642

**NORTHWOODS  
CONSTRUCTION LLC**  
Mike Klimek 320-766-8709  
Dan Klimek 320-766-8690



**GENEVA  
GOLF CLUB**  
Gary & Barb Thompson  
Proshop: 320-762-7089  
Geneva Grill: 320-762-7092

**County Line Off-Sale Liquor**  
Hwy. 29 So.  
**762-8880**

**AQUARIUS - 84, INC.**  
Plumbing, Mechanical, & Hot  
Water Heat  
763-3636 • 214 6th Ave. East  
Alexandria, MN



**Bremer  
Bank**

*Johnson's Pest Control*  
**Jerry Rutten**  
Certified Specialist  
701-388-8584



- Roaches • Flying Insects
- Rodents • Fleas • Ants
- Beetles • Bed Bugs

**Elden's FRESH FOODS**



Live Love Local



**Love INC**  
Love In the Name of Christ  
Love INC of Douglas County Lakes Area  
Call to volunteer, donate or receive services!  
44 Glenn Rd NW  
320-759-3022  
www.loveincdouglas.org

"Mobilizing  
Churches to  
Transform  
Lives"



**CHARLES  
&  
GLEN  
KLIMEK**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
722 6th Avenue East



Membership: Bob Neale 320-762-8685  
KC Hall Rental: John Leesch 320-763-3644

**Bingo: Wednesdays 2:00 PM & Sundays 7:00 PM**

**1210 Broadway St. S**  
**Phone: 320-763-3040**



**The UPS Store**

**Randy Fischer**  
REAL ESTATE.COM



"the needs of the client come first..."  
Julie Rambow, Owner/Broker  
320.762.1050

**Call 320-763-5781**  
**Advertise your  
business here**

**BUTTWEILER'S DO-ALL  
ROOFING & SHEET METAL, INC**  
Bonded Roofing & Sheet Metal  
Alexandria **886-5319**

Individual, couples and family therapy.  
Angelina Lee, MA LMFT  
320.309.0018  
momentumcounselingandwellness.com



**Call 320-763-5781**  
**Advertise your  
business here**

**Rauk Family  
Dentistry**  
Detailed . Distinctive . Sincere



320.763.5556  
raukfamilydentistry.com



**A.R.I.**  
ADVANTAGE REHAB INC.  
700 Cedar Street, Suite 153 320.219.9680  
**Mike Savagau, PT**

**Call 320-763-5781**  
**Advertise your business here**

**PAPPENFUS  
LAW FIRM**  
Personal Injury Lawyers  
Robert H. Pappenfus • Thomas J. Pappenfus  
Alexandria, MN 56308 • 320-763-6688  
Email: law@pappenfus.com • Web: www.pappenfus.com

## PARISH STAFF

**Steve Binsfeld**.....320-763-5781  
Pastor

**Todd Wentworth**.....320-763-5781  
Parish Business Administrator

**Laurie Youngers**.....320-763-5781  
Director of Music & Liturgy

**Kathy Fischer**.....320-762-2320  
Parish Nurse

**Troy Sladek**.....320-763-5861  
Principal & Elementary Faith Formation

**Laurie Bienias**.....320-763-9202  
Logistics Coordinator

**Tammy Huss**.....320-763-9202  
Coordinator of Youth Ministries

**Kathy Ballou**.....320-763-5781  
Communications Coordinator

**Elmer Kobbermann**.....320-834-3103

**Francie Peterson**..... 320-360-0325  
Parish Trustees

## SACRAMENTS

**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.

# OUR THANKS TO THESE MERCHANTS FOR SUPPORTING OUR PARISH BULLETIN

**ALEX RUBBISH & RECYCLING**  
320-763-4712

**"Start Seeing Red"**

**Culligan**  
Better Water: Pure & Simple  
Sales, Rentals, Salt  
763-6586 - 601 Nokomis St.

**AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK**  
OF MINNESOTA  
512 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue East, Alexandria, MN  
320.762.5330

**HEARTLAND**  
ORTHOPEDIC SPECIALISTS  
A Service of ALOMERE HEALTH  
320.762.1144  
HeartlandOrthopedics.com

**BERG - PLUMBING -**  
320-763-5600

Donate Your Car Today!  
Restoring Hope, One Car At A Time  
320.460.7911  
douglasscountycarcare.org  
209 8th Ave E  
Alexandria, MN 56308

**ZIMNY INSURANCE AGENCY**  
www.zimnyinsuranceagency.com  
320-762-2124  
Auto | Home | Business | Life | Health | LTC Ins.  
1103 Broadway, Alexandria, MN

**VILLAGE COOPERATIVE**  
Independent Living for Seniors 62+  
Located One Block from St. Marys  
515 Jefferson St.  
Contact Us Today: 320-219-7592  
Alexandria@reeddevelopment.com

**THORNTON, DOLAN, BOWEN, KLECKER & BURKHAMMER, PA**  
Attorneys At Law  
1017 Broadway, Alexandria, MN

Put the problem solving people to work for you!

**LIVERTON INSURANCE**  
Auto-Owners  
INSURANCE  
LIFE • HOME • CAR • BUSINESS

**CULLEN'S Home Center**  
762-1249

**Winsupply**  
OF ALEXANDRIA  
PLUMBING • HEATING • A/C • WELL SUPPLIES

- Wholesale •
- Showroom Open to the Public •

320.763.2828

**Mike's IN/OUT OIL CHANGE**  
10 Minute OIL CHANGE  
1318 Broadway, Alexandria, MN  
320-763-5259

**BITZAN/OHREN Masonry, LLC**  
Residential / Commercial  
320-834-5488

**Viking Garage Door Co.**  
Doors & Openers  
JANET SCHILTGEN  
320-762-2528

Build It Better With  
**HILLTOP LUMBER**  
www.hilltoplbr.com  
Alexandria • Glenwood Parkers Prairie • Brandon

**ROERS FAMILY BAKERY**  
"Being Sweet to you is our Business!"  
430 Broadway 763-4741

**HopeAfterAbortion.com**

**ACE**  
The helpful place.  
320-763-5200 | 406 Broadway  
Alexandria, MN 56308

**JUETTNER motors**  
Ford • Chrysler  
763-3126 Alexandria

**A & E PLUMBING & HEATING INC.**  
Water Heaters - Furnaces - Service Work  
763-6673

**Alexandria Electric**  
ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR  
620 Oak Street South  
ALEXANDRIA, MN 56308  
763-5222 "Since 1945"

**KN**  
KNUTE NELSON  
Living Exceptionally Well  
Innovative Care for Every Stage of Aging  
320-763-6653  
www.knutenelson.org

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT. 8**

**Mon.** Col 1:24—2:3; Lk 6:6-11  
**Tue.** Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19  
**Wed.** Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26  
**Thurs.** Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38  
**Fri.** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42  
**Sat.** Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17  
**Sun.** Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32[1-10]

**WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE**

**Tue.** 5:00 PM +Sylvia Leier  
**Wed.** 8:30 AM +Edwina Schmidt  
**Thurs.** 7:00 AM +Don Skrove  
1:30 PM Bethany +Cyril Nelson  
**Fri.** 8:30 AM +Kathy DeCock  
**Sat.** 5:00 PM +Lorraine Rachel  
**Sun.** 8:00AM For the Parish  
10:00 AM +Bette Reis

**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)

**CONTACT US**

[www.stmaryalexandria.org](http://www.stmaryalexandria.org)  
[stmary@stmaryalexandria.org](mailto:stmary@stmaryalexandria.org)  
320-763-5781