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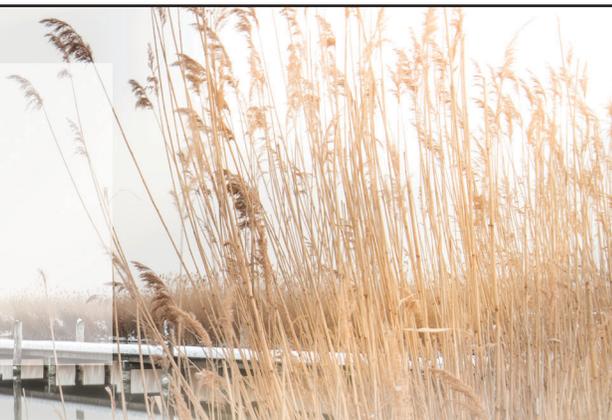
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OCTOBER 20 - 23, 2019

Bible-based theatrical presentations by
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Encounter biblical characters in modern times!



SATURDAY & SUNDAY,
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REFLECTION BY MARK PRICE

Mass Times: 5:00 PM, 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

LIGHT SUPPER • 5:00 PM • SCHOOL GYM

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

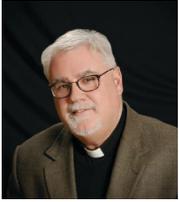
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

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

FROM OUR PASTOR



Fr. Steve Binsfeld

Dear Friends,

Julie Boyle and Melinda Megel have been organizing the **Caring and Sharing Room** for some years. Julie has resigned and Melinda will resign at the end of the year. What is it? It is a **ministry of our parish** that assists those who have little or nothing. The C & S Room accepts used furniture in good condition, kitchen utensils and other select household items, makes sure they are in good order and then gives these items to people who have little or nothing who are referred to them by helping agencies. There are a lot of single moms, moms with kids escaping a violent situation, people who are caught in an economic downturn and don't know where else to turn. It is amazing how many people have so little...and how much this ministry helps them get back on their feet. This is done out of the Marian Building. If someone has a passion to help others, and is good at organizing, give Todd a call at our parish office. We need you if this ministry is to continue. Melinda is willing to help train replacements.

This last Saturday **Bishop John Francis Kinney** was buried out of our Cathedral in St. Cloud and was buried just down the way from the plot that is waiting for me. I worked with JFK as the rector of his Cathedral in St Cloud for 12 years. Was he perfect? No; no one is. But he was a good human being who really did care about people. I found him personable, approachable, thoughtful and introspective...and very Irish. My most memorable moments came flooding back at the funeral: Holy Thursday supper at his house with the St. Cloud area priests, the times I would call him and say, "You have plans for supper?" and he would say, "What's up?" and I would say "Spaghetti ala Carbonara with Insalada Caprese," and he would say "Ohhhhhhh! What time?" Or I would get a call in the early evening and he'd say, "Come on over for some cognac!" or when I'd get a call and he'd say, "Come on over for a 4th of July gathering with my family." It was like a brother-to-brother relationship, like a relationship a priest and bishop should have as partners in ministry. It was hard to say goodbye for me; there were many tearful moments at the Mass. Before he retired, he spoke of his plans to travel around the United States and how he looked forward to it. But that was not to be. He became ill shortly after his retirement and was not even able to make it to his successor's—Bishop Kettler's-- installation. He had a form of neuropathy along with diabetes, congestive heart failure and other things going on that knocked him down. None of us know what will happen in our lives...I suppose if we did, we might faint! But I pray that I have the grace to respond to whatever life throws at me like Bishop John Kinney did.

Fr. Art Hoppe, former pastor of this parish, was also buried last week. Fr. Hoppe was a good and kindly soul and, I think, a really good pastor. I always enjoyed visiting with him at various gatherings. In fact, my very first weekend assignment the week after my ordination was up here. I was assigned to come up and assist him. Well...that was a story. I had to go to the old church (now Great Hall) to hear confessions. However, I could not figure out how to get into the priest's box. There was no door handle or button that I could find. I started rattling it and finally asked, "How do you get into this thing?" Laughing himself, Fr. Hoppe came over and showed me how to get into the confessional. He was a good and kind man. Pray for the repose of his soul.

I thank the WINE (Women in the New Evangelization) leadership for the wonderful conference last Saturday. There were some very moving stories and moments. I was able to be present for part of the beginning and the last hour, but what I heard, I really enjoyed. Indeed, I was "blest among women". It was a very special moment to have a powerful gathering of women from the whole area. May we have more moments like this. Remember, our upcoming **Parish Mission on October 20- 23**. Information is on the front of the bulletin and our website, www.stmaryalexandria.org.

Cemetery clean-up is October 17 from 1 to 5 PM. Anyone able to help is invited.

Fr. Steve

— BANS OF MARRIAGE —

II Austin Klimek & Courtney Richter

+We wish to offer our sympathy and promise of prayers to the family and friends of Rose Schneiderhan, Toni McCarten & Bill O'Brien.

THANK YOU to the following for serving the funeral luncheon of:

Bill O'Brien - Mary Larson, Mary Strasser & Team 7.

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

	ACTUAL	BUDGET*	VARIANCE FROM BUDGET
Envelope	\$ 34,574	\$ 26,413	\$ 8,161
Electronic	2,840	6,731	(3,891)
Other	2,309	2,490	(181)
Weekend - October 6	\$ 39,723	\$ 35,634	\$ 4,089
Year-to-Date Offerings	\$ 415,928	\$ 498,876	\$ (82,948)

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA will meet for their monthly meeting on Thursday, October 17, at 7:00 PM in the Commons Area.

FAITHFULLY FIT class starts October 17, 9:00 - 10:00 AM in the Great Hall.

ATTENTION LECTORS AND SERVERS we are currently working on schedules for December - February. If you have dates you are not available, please contact the parish office by October 31. 320-763-5781 or stmary@stmaryalexandria.org



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.

— BAPTISMS —

Anna Judea

Child of Savannah & Josiah Aultman

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, 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, Cletus Bitzan, Marilyn Miller, Jeff Clayton, MayVis Bruzek, Jen Hall, Matt Sobiech, Peter Olmscheid, Mitch, Ann Smidt, and Donna Wussow.



IT'S A GRAVE MATTER This is the last week to get cemetery decorations you want to save. We will be removing anything that is left on Thursday. The fall winds have been scattering things pretty well already. Clean-up day is scheduled for October 17, 2019 from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. Saturday October 19, 2019 is the backup day. We are doing the usual clean-up plus cutting down two huge cottonwood trees that will need cleaning up. Plan to help out if you can. Bring a rake for leaves if you have one.

The dumpster at the cemetery is for the disposal of cemetery waste like flowers, decorations, and papers that blow in. It is not for disposal of personal waste. Last week five bags of leaves were removed from the dumpster. It filled the dumpster to the point where there would be no room for clean-up day decoration removal.

ABOUT LIFE

JUSTICE PEACE AND THE INTEGRITY OF CREATION (JPIC): In support of RESPECT FOR GOD'S CREATION, JPIC facilitated a viewing of the documentary "BAG IT". This educational film investigates the wide use of plastics in our lives and describes, despite their convenience, their impact on waste management and maintaining a safe environment for ourselves and all forms of life. The discussion that followed acknowledged some astounding facts: 1 million plastic grocery bags are used every minute, 300 million coffee cups are used in the U.S. every day, the average person in the U.S. contributes 800 pounds of packaging per year to the waste system. Participants found hope as they explored ways to reduce these numbers by using reusable products rather than single use items and other measures aimed at reducing, reusing and recycling. Our schoolchildren at St. Mary's school can tell you of the ways they contribute to the Respect and Care of God's Creation. To learn more on the subject access the following resources: Turning plastics into fuel—<https://www.power-technology.com/comment/plastic-to-fuel/>, <http://popedouglasrecycle.com/>, National Geographic-The Story of Plastic, and the "BAG IT"

documentary can be viewed on youtube. *"I wanted to change the world. But I have found that the **only thing one can be sure of changing is oneself.**"* Aldous Huxley



SANCTITY OF LIFE MOMENT:

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves." - Proverbs 30:8

Visit St. Mary's Sanctity of Life online at sanctityoflifestm.org for information and resources.

FAITH FORMATION

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YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



SACRAMENT PREPARATION

This year preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion will be presented with Faith, Fun and Food by

The Blessed Brigade

On Tuesday, October 15, students and their parents will begin lessons using technology, experiments, and hands-on learning to understand our rich Catholic faith and become prepared to receive these sacraments like never before!

We begin our night in the Great Hall
5:30 PM – Light supper will be served
6:00 PM – We begin our journey, followed by Fr. Steve blessing our preparations.

Come and be ready to be BLESSED

“Come to the Table”

Senior High Youth Rally

October 26 & 27

Young Life Camp in Detroit Lakes

Featuring Doug Tooke

Join other Catholic Youth in the Diocese and “Come to the Table.” We will explore together, worship together and have fun together.

For youth in grades 9 – 12. Cost is \$80 for this two-day rally. Deadline to sign up is October 21 (shirt orders no later than October 14).



Class Schedule

Sunday School:	Oct. 27, 9:50-11:00 AM
Grades 1-5:	Oct. 23, 3:45-4:45 PM
Grades 6-12:	Oct. 23, 6:30-8:00 PM

Sunday School Voices

October 13 — Being Thankful/Sharing

Today we heard the story of the 10 men Jesus healed. Only one came back to say thank you! We talked about the many gifts God has given us and we talked about different ways we can say thank you. Sharing is a great way to say thank you!

We decorated banks with paint today. These will be our sharing banks. Next time we will learn about creation and make some beautiful creation jars!

We will not meet next week due to a school vacation. Sunday School meets again Oct 27.



Stewardship

Inspiring a deeper understanding of true giving

October 2019

The pastor explained the meaning of offering and sacrifice, and then directed the ushers to get ready for the offering. People were invited to bodily come forward up to the stairs leading to the platform, and place something of value, but not money, on the stairs, for the offering that day.

At first, people came forth tentatively and with some hesitation. One brought up a blanket, another a Bible, and yet another a coat. One fellow, an avid golfer, went out to the parking lot to his car to get the new set of golf clubs that he had just bought. When he brought the set of clubs up to the stairs, a spirit of generosity spread through the congregation like wildfire. People began to get up and bring anything they had with them to deposit on the stairs.

One fellow, deeply moved by the gift of golf clubs, didn't have anything with him. As he thought about what he might give as an offering, he had what seemed to him a hilarious thought. He went out to his car and brought in a spare tire he had in the trunk. As he rolled it up the aisle to lean against the stairs, another man came up and examined the tire, then went over and whispered in the pastor's ear. The pastor whispered back, and then the man rolled the tire back down the aisle to his seat.

When the offering was finished and the stairs were full of the various items that had been brought forth, the pastor picked up the microphone and addressed the congregation. The pastor relayed what the man had whispered in his ear: the man had had a flat tire earli-

er in the day. He could not afford to buy a new tire, so he prayed to God to bring him one. He had gotten a ride with a friend to church that night. When he saw the tire being rolled up to the stairs, he went over and looked at the model number on it. He couldn't believe it. It was the exact tire he needed.

The pastor suggested he take it home with him and the man therefore rolled the tire down the aisle to his seat. The pastor concluded: "Giving can be infectious, and you never know which of your gifts people will need." 



Time spent on meaningful pursuits such as developing our talents and increasing our knowledge are worthy goals.

However, the noblest use of time that will give meaning to our lives is practicing reverence for life by personal involvement with those who need our help desperately. True greatness lies in qualities of the heart, in charity and in love. Have you noticed that our happiest times are those in which we forget ourselves, usually in being kind to someone else?





If God comes first in our lives, then giving to God should also come first. The person who says, "After I pay all my bills I can't afford to give," may be telling the truth. But these people have made a grave error. They have put the cart before the horse! None of us could afford to give with what's left. Putting first things first means giving first and then managing the rest of our income in a way by which we will still pay all our bills. And this is easier than we may think.

The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed. Big trees may get noticed, but it's the little seeds that grow into better things. "Oh no, I can't be president of the women's group. I can't get organized. Read lessons – I'm afraid of public speaking. Sing in the choir? Why I can't even sing in the shower. I don't know why I bother with these time and talent sheets. I can't do anything" the woman complained. "Look" said a friend. "The campus ministry is asking for cookies. You're a good cook. Why don't you bake some?"

A student on campus notices the flyer. The campus ministry center is offering free coffee and cookies while studying for finals. He studies and eats. He meets new people and makes friends. He starts coming to suppers and social programs. He goes to worship and Bible study. He celebrates graduation by being baptized. This was all made possible by the woman who thought she couldn't serve because she wasn't talented. All she could do was bake.

Too often, society encourages us to "think big;" if we're not a superstar, we don't have anything to offer. If it's not big and flashy, it isn't worth doing. Having talents means serving in leadership positions. Only the special few need apply.

The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed. Out of one little seed, one small talent, good things grow. In looking for the big trees, we may overlook the small things that can make a difference. By thinking our gifts must be perfect, we

overlook important ways we can serve. Stewardship asks us, not are our talents big enough, but how do we faithfully use the talents we have, no matter how insignificant they may seem. Baked any good cookies recently? 

Stewardship: what does it really mean? It means understanding and using who we are, what we have, what we do, individually and corporately, to carry out the mission for which we were sent. I am a child of God's ... unique, different than any other human being ... a frighteningly awesome, humbling, exciting, and challenging fact. It is my responsibility to try and find out in what ways I am unique and how to use what I find out.

With what abilities have I been endowed? Do I have some understanding about what the purpose of my life is supposed to be? Do I know how I'm to use my material possessions to accomplish that purpose? Sometimes it is helpful to talk over things of this nature with someone whose opinion you value; but for me, the best approach is to pray about it. My stewardship is my response to God's love for me, and what better way is there to determine what that response must be than to be in communication with God. Our understanding of our personal stewardship today is not necessarily what our understanding will be tomorrow or years hence. It changes with age, physical capacities, economic circumstances and especially with the growth that comes as we move from the 'now I lay me down to sleep' kind of prayers to longer periods of silence, listening and meditation. Christian stewardship encompasses all things. What you and I return to our Lord is in direct proportion to how well we understand who we are, why we are here, and our willful commitment to try and express our thanks. 

Becoming Partners in God's Work

My child, I've often heard your question: This message is my answer. You're concerned about the hungry in the world, millions who are starving ... and you ask, "What can I do?" **FEED ONE**

You grieve for all the unborn children murdered every day ... and you ask: "What can I do?" **SAVE ONE**

You're haunted by the homeless poor who wander city streets ... and you ask: "What can I do?" **SHELTER ONE**

You feel compassion for those who suffer pain, sorrow and despair ... and you ask: "What can I do?" **COMFORT ONE**

Your heart goes out to the lonely, the abused and the imprisoned ... and you ask: "What can I do?" **LOVE ONE**

Remember this, My Child ... two thousand years ago the world was filled with those in need, just as it is today, and when the helpless and the hopeless called out to me for mercy, I sent a Savior.

Hope Began With Only One!



Dear Editor,

I've been reading your publication, "Stewardship," for some months now and I want to say how much pleasure it gives me.

After more than 60 years as worrying about money, my husband and I decided to tithe because of the personal experiences related to us by people in our parish in Florida. They made it sound like a really good idea, a sign of faith; giving to God what is his, not just because it adds a lot of money to the parish treasury, but because it belongs to God.

Ten percent off the top before taxes

was the chant in Florida. No further decisions needed. Just do it. And when you do, ah, when you do, the burden of having enough of this world's goods simply evaporates. God sees to it that you are taken care of forever.

I think it was the smiles of the tithers that infected us - and I do mean infected rather than affected.

I'm a widow now living on a very small pension and social security. Yet people say that I must be well off because I so obviously do not worry about money. I don't because I tithe. Ten percent of our income meant 100% increase in our faith and with faith comes a delight in living. I like how your publication stresses this. I wish I could make people see that tithing is an act of faith that is repaid without fail over and over again.

E. Barbanel
Westminster, CA

The principle behind stewardship is that every material thing, though you may call it yours ... actually belongs to God. God owns it all: your land, your property, your income, your life. This is God's world. When you give a truly significant portion of your money, you are only setting apart for God's use a portion of the money that has been entrusted to you by God. The person who gives sacrificially does so because he or she knows whose world this is!



Hope Began With Only One!

Steward of the Month

Pro Bono Work

Submitted by: Julie, Carlsbad CA

In Akron, Ohio there is a medical doctor, Charles Casto, who began manifesting his faith in life through pro bono work in Bolivia. Taking two of his children with him, he participated in medical missionary work with other medical personnel among the indigenous Bolivians.

What is particularly remarkable is the fact that Dr. Casto himself is severely handicapped through two major physical problems: first, when a young boy, he played in a pickup sandlot softball game and during the game received a crippling hip injury. Secondly, when on a hunting expedition in Canada with a group of other physicians, Dr. Casto was caught unaware in his hunting blind by a cow moose who trampled him and damaged his good leg. He had the good fortune of being among doctors - the only thing that saved his life - but he then was crippled in his other leg.

Recently, with his hips and knees replaced by plastic and steel, Dr. Casto undertook medical mission work in Central America. The site was a two hour walk up a mountain trail, a trip he couldn't undertake on foot, and even mule-back travel was impossible because he couldn't sit on the animal. The villagers fashioned a sedan chair from an old wooden dining room chair and two two-by-fours wrapped with padding and carried him to the work site. Even with that accommodation, Dr. Casto was drenched with sweat and in pain. Still, he spent the next week from dawn to dusk dealing with medical situations brought on by neglect and lack of available health care. Why does he expose himself to this pain and labor? In his words: I'm a Christian and I can't imagine not using my skills in the service of others. 



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ST. MARY'S SCHOOL TO HOST ACCREDITATION SITE VISIT

Last year school staff and the Board of Education completed a Self-Study and Long-Range Plan. As a final piece of the accreditation process, we will host a Site Visit on October 22-24. During the Site Visit, a team of six members will review our policies and procedures as well as visit with parents and stakeholders. During their visit, the team will want to visit with as many people as possible. If you are around the church, parish office or school October 22-24, you may be approached by a member of the accreditation team and be asked to share your thoughts on our school.



The purpose of the visit is:

- To validate the findings of the school through a review of documents, observations, and interviews with stakeholders
- To evaluate if there is sufficient evidence of compliance with the accreditation criteria
- To analyze the School Strategic Plan for improvement to discern its development was in accordance with the quality expectations of the association
- To provide objective outside feedback on the educational plan and strategic plan

There is a lot that goes into the Self-Study and Site Visit; however, it offers an opportunity for our school community to celebrate the great things that are taking place and to learn ways on how we can improve as well.

The St. Mary's School staff is ready for the visit and we are excited to welcome the accreditation team to our community!

Mr. Sladek

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

OCTOBER 2019

10/6	Lisa Thiele, Springfield, IL	\$35	10/10	Roger Lucy, Alexandria	\$20
10/7	Maureen Eigen, Alexandria	\$20	10/11	Mike Lennes, Alexandria	\$20
10/8	Kelly Wagner, Alexandria	\$20	10/12	Vivian Roers, Alexandria	\$20
10/9	William Vaughan, Alexandria	\$20			

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

No School – MEA Break - October 17-18

Help Support Our School by Participating in:



LITURGICAL AND MUSICAL NOTES

Rediscovering the Corporal Works of Mercy

Jesus' words in Matthew 25 are not about us at all -- but about our neighbors.

Harbor the Harborless/Shelter the Homeless - We think of shelter as a basic requirement of life, but many people simply don't have a roof over their heads or a safe place to live. For many of us, the line between our homes and being homeless is a thin one that can disappear with the death of a spouse, the loss of a job or an illness.

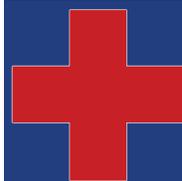
Why not educate ourselves on the causes of homelessness? Then we can make a conscious effort to see each homeless person as a human being worthy of dignity and acknowledgment. In big cities we train ourselves to look away from those who make us uncomfortable. But eye contact and a "good morning" to someone who is homeless can make both of us feel a little more human. We can look around our homes and be grateful for what we have. At the same time, we can clear the clutter from our homes and donate useable items for someone else's home. As with our clothing, it's about simplifying our own lives and using what we have to benefit someone else.

Getting Involved in the Issues - A powerful experience can come from volunteering to build through Habitat for Humanity or a similar program. Volunteers of all skill levels are welcomed and are trained for their tasks. Yes, it benefits the family who will own the house and works to build it -- but the real transformation is in the hearts of those who meet the family and create this new future alongside them. Do I know what homeless shelters there are in my community? What support, supplies or donations can we offer them? For the many children in homeless shelters, do I have toys I can donate? Most children in shelters have few possessions of their own and a book or game could be a great gift. Could I call a shelter and offer to cook, read to children or share a hobby or skill with the guests? What are the gifts each of us have that we can share? The gift of my time could be as helpful as my money.

Working for Fair Housing - If our interests are more along the line of legislation rather than wielding a hammer, we can work for fair housing laws. Do we know what the laws are and how well they are enforced? In the US, fair housing means it is illegal to refuse to rent or sell a home because of color, national origin, religion, sex, family status (families with children) or disability. But in the US, the Department of Housing and Urban Development estimates more than two million instances of housing discrimination occur each year. How can we work toward more fair housing in our own communities? What does it mean to Harbor the Harborless? Yes, some are without shelter, but others are without a homeland or can't afford to stay in their homeland and flee to another country.

For more information on immigration issues, go to, justiceforimmigrants.org.

PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY LIFTING SPIRITS, TOUCHING LIVES



**SAFETY
and
SECURITY**

The priority of The Church of St. Mary is to provide a safe environment within all church facilities and at all church activities. In February of this year a safety and security committee was established that, working in collaboration with local emergency responders and preparedness experts, devised a comprehensive plan to safeguard our congregation.

Safety and security training will take place in November for all ushers, sacristans, staff, and designated volunteers that will be a part of a response team. In the coming weeks we will share the roles and responsibilities of all parishioners in ensuring the plan(s) are understood and implemented. Awareness of your surroundings and knowing the locations of exits are two simple actions each person can take.

Our commitment as Catholic Christians is to uphold the inherent worth and dignity of every person and to practice justice and compassion which compels us to create a safe and nurturing environment. To live our mission "to know, love and serve God by living the Eucharist" we must ensure that everyone who comes to The Church of St. Mary feels valued, safe and secure.



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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 1st 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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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCT. 13

Mon.	Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32
Tue.	Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-42
Wed.	Rom 2:1-11; Lk 11:42-46
Thurs.	Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54
Fri.	2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9
Sat.	Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12
Sun.	Ex 17:8-13; Tm 3:14 — 4:2; Lk 18:1-8

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Tue.	5:00 PM +Dennis Leier
Wed.	8:30 AM +Scott Taveirne
Thurs.	7:00 AM +Bernie Wambeke 2:00 PM Windmill Ponds +Pat Petermeier
Fri.	8:30 AM +Kathy DeCock
Sat.	5:00 PM For the Parish
Sun.	8:00AM Living & Deceased members of the Frank Mareck Family 10:00 AM +Dennis Leier

NEW MEMBERS

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

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