

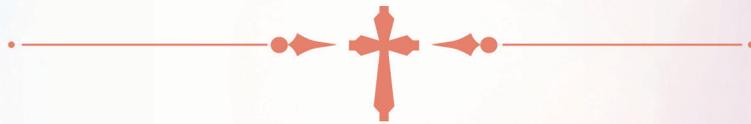
The Church of St. Mary

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OUR MISSION IS TO KNOW, LOVE AND SERVE GOD BY LIVING THE EUCHARIST.

JUNE 28, 2020
THE 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

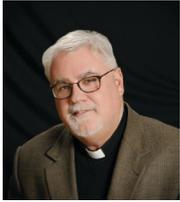
REWARD



“Amen, I say to you,
he will surely not lose
his reward.”

MATTHEW 10:42

FROM OUR PASTOR



Fr. Steve Binsfeld

Dear People of St Mary's,

The very meaning of the word “**neighbor**” has been sorely challenged during the past few months because of the COVID-19. At the very least, we have always thought of our neighbors as the people who live close to us (whether we happen to like them or not!). These days we are having to keep our physical distance, which doesn't seem very neighborly at all. So perhaps this is a very good season to return to the more biblical meaning of that word.

When he was asked by his audience to articulate the greatest commandment of religious law, Jesus responded with not one but *two* of them: “*Love the Lord your God entirely, and love your neighbor as yourself.*” That's the first lesson for us: **We are not allowed to separate those responsibilities into different things. Failing to hold those two mandates together is to fail in our Christian baptismal commitment.** If that seems obvious to you, it apparently isn't to some on both sides of the coin. On one hand, we've all met people who claim to love God but don't have a lot of time to look out for anyone's welfare. Religion is a private, individualistic thing for them. I'm tempted to call it selfish, strange as that idea may sound. On the other hand, we also know people who are very altruistic and generous in service to their neighbors but who don't seem to be able to connect that good work with a necessary adherence to God and common worship. That *also* is something other than what Jesus taught.

But then comes the clarifying question put to Jesus in the scriptures: “**And who IS my neighbor?**” As He did so often, Jesus did not give a pat answer; he told a story, in this case the parable about the Good Samaritan. It's a story about a man who was beaten, robbed and left to die on the roadside and who was ignored by the “religious” people there, but was cared for by a foreign traveler--a Samaritan.

This, Jesus tells us, is our neighbor--the one in trouble. You may not even know his name or his history, but you know of his or her need. **If you love God, do something.**

This is our conviction at St Mary's, as we continue to dedicate ourselves to the work of service, justice, charity and welcome. The neighbor is the vulnerable person whom we encounter, who may or may not live next door or even in the next town. To be neighborly is to be deeply Christian. We have a whole lot of vulnerability going on these days, whether physical, emotional, spiritual, or psychological. It's an invitation for us to pay attention, in whatever ways we can, so as to be faithful to that first and greatest commandment.

We have had daily Mass for several weeks now. **Next Sunday--July 5 we are opening for Sunday Mass at 8:30 and 11:00 AM.** A postcard was mailed to your home last weekend. **July 5**—last names beginning with **A-G at 8:30 AM & H-L at 11:00 AM; July 12**—**M-R at 8:30 AM and S-Z at 11:00 AM; July 19**—**H-L at 8:30 AM & A-G at 11:00 AM; July 26**—**S-Z at 8:30 AM & M-R at 11:00 AM.** Once we have an idea of the numbers of people, that may change. We can also add a Mass. Please be patient as we see how this fits together. We will adjust as we learn more. Keep in mind that we also have Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 PM and Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:30 AM.

Mass will be different from what we are used to. We are asking everyone to follow safety protocols: sanitize your hands when entering the building, bring a mask from home and mask up, follow the physical distancing signs and the direction of the Hospitality Ministers. You will not be allowed to seat yourselves at this point.

Our new hospitality teams have had training this last week and some will be this week. Thank you for coming forward. We also need hospitality teams for weddings and for funerals as well as Holy Days (August 15). We are also scheduling special Masses in August so that our 2nd graders can make their first communion. It is time!

We are coming together once more to celebrate Christ's ultimate sacrifice—his own life given for many in the Eucharist. While some folks don't believe in all the safety protocols, we as a staff value everyone of you. We don't want to have the virus infect anyone who comes to this church as much as we can help it. Even though those who are 65 and older (including me) are still encouraged to watch the Mass at home, some may want to come. Please, for their sakes and the sakes of others, make it an act of sacrifice to help your 'neighbor' and follow our safety protocols for their sakes.

Fr. Steve

COMMUNITY NEWS

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. Names will be published for 6 weeks, and renewed for an additional 6 weeks upon request.



Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Betty Schlosser, Dan Woods, Kevin Richmond Sr., Andrew Herges, Phyllis Van Kempen, Dan Ridler, Rosemary Rehovsky, Marie Peterson, Doloris Lorsung, MayVis Bruzek, Matt Sobiech, Lawrence Cline, Virginia Schultz, Jack Determan, Dorothy Becker, Norma Lais, Dennis Zaviska, Emily Stark, Irene Cline, Sally Bellicot, Kathy Bellicot, Lorraine Sellgren-Davis, Mary Waldorf, Dianne Otto, Ronnie Le Grange, Eddie Dummer, and Chris Ficenecc.

SUNDAY OFFERINGS	ACTUAL	BUDGET*	VARIANCE
Envelope	\$ 18,229	\$ 26,413	\$ (8,184)
Electronic	19,705	6,731	12,974
Other	100	2,490	(2,390)
June 21	\$ 38,034	\$ 35,634	\$ 2,400
YTD Offerings	\$ 1,727,338	\$ 1,817,334	\$ (89,996)

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

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED in efforts to slow down the spread of COVID-19. The parish staff will remain available via phone and email:

320-763-5781 | stmary@stmaryalexandria.org

Please use the dropbox outside the Parish Office for dropping off envelopes and other communications.

THE OUTREACH FOOD SHELF is hosting a special food distribution. Everyone is welcome and no sign up is required. Anyone that would like to supplement their grocery budget is encouraged to come. Grocery items include meatballs, sausage links, dairy and fresh produce. June 29 10:30 AM until gone, 1205 Lake Street, Alexandria.

WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE that this year, the Grants Committee from the Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of St Cloud approved our request for grants submitted to them. This year we were awarded the following from them:

- \$1750 Catholic School Grant
- \$ 400 Adult Faith Formation Grant
- \$ 550 Youth Faith Formation Grant

The Catholic Foundation is a non-profit organization that acquires, manages, and distributes financial gift and bequests in service to the Catholic community and parishes of the Diocese of St Cloud.

— BAPTISMS —

Beau John - Child of Joshua & Crystal Guetter

ABOUT LIFE

Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation Committee (JPIC):

July Food Shelf Collection

"If someone who has worldly means sees a brother in need and refuses him compassion, how can the love of God remain in him? Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." - 1 John 3: 17-18

Due to continued cautions needed because of the pandemic, we will not have a Let's Bag Hunger food collection in July. This does not mean, however, that there is not still a need to help those less fortunate. Outreach Food Shelf continues to distribute food. **To best help them continue to do so, they have indicated that financial donations can be given.** They can use the money to purchase food. Contributions can be sent or dropped off at their address: 1205 Lake Street, Alexandria, MN 56308 or in the drop box by the Church Office. Thanks in advance for your willingness to share.



Every year, more children die from abortion than Americans died in the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, World Wars I and II, the Korean, Vietnam, Gulf and Iraq wars combined. Half of all abortions are obtained by women who have already had at least one abortion. - Right to Life

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

What to Expect as we Return to Mass Beginning July 5!

LIMITED NUMBER OF ATTENDEES

- **Maximum capacity = 250 people.**
- **When that number is reached, the doors will be closed and locked.**
- **Seating will be by last names of the alphabet on a rotating schedule.**
- **We want everyone to have a chance to participate in Sunday Mass (thus the alphabetical rotation.)**
- **We will add a Mass and/or adjust the rotational schedule based on numbers at Mass.**

RETURNING TO PUBLIC MASS

Please note: The dispensation from attending Sunday Mass is still in effect, and recorded Mass will still be available. If you are at risk, feeling unwell, or feeling hesitant at all about attending Mass, please stay home!

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE



Check your temperature; if it's high, please do not come to church.



Stay home if you are ill.



Make sure you have a face covering to bring and wear.

JULY MASS SCHEDULE ALPHABETICALLY BY LAST NAME (*If you are a scheduled volunteer, please come at your assigned date/time)

A-G: July 5, 8:30 AM
July 19, 11:00 AM

H-L: July 5, 11:00 AM
July 19, 8:30 AM

M-R: July 12, 8:30 AM
July 26, 11:00 AM

S-Z: July 12, 11:00 AM
July 26, 8:30 AM

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:
Tuesday/Thursday at 5:30 PM
Wednesday/Friday at 8:30 AM

WHEN YOU ARRIVE



Wear a mask



Apply hand sanitizer



Observe social distancing



Follow guided movement in church



Avoid contact



Do not use kneelers



Use only marked doors

FAITH FORMATION

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YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



**"IT IS
LOVE ALONE
THAT GIVES
WORTH TO
ALL THINGS."**

ST. TERESA OF AVILA



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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

PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US EACH MORNING!

You are invited to join in praying the Rosary each morning at 8:00 AM with friends from St. Mary's Church and the surrounding community. Your prayers will be united via conference call. It is easy to do; please join in!

AT 7:55 A.M. EACH MORNING DIAL THIS NUMBER: 712-775-7465 AND THEN ENTER THIS ACCESS CODE 653790#.

YOU MAY INTRODUCE YOURSELF IF YOU WOULD LIKE. YOU WILL BE ASKED TO MUTE YOUR PHONE WHEN THE ROSARY BEGINS AT 8:00 AM.

QUESTIONS: PLEASE CALL JUDY CLAYTON 320-333-9892 OR DIANE GAY 320-766-7036.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

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

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ST. MARY'S SCHOOL CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

MAY

6/21	Sue Korkowski, Alexandria	\$35
6/22	Rebecca Mateer, Alexandria	\$20
6/23	Dexter Pyle, Montevideo, MN	\$20
6/24	Nicole Klimek, Alexandria	\$20
6/25	Maria Strasser, Alexandria	\$20
6/26	Erma Bettin, Alexandria	\$20
6/27	CJ Stephens, Eagan, MN	\$20

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BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

June 28, 2020 • 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 10:37-42

Take Up Your Cross

Jesus continues to prepare the apostles to go out into the world. He tells them that his message of peace may sometimes provoke people. He tells them again that they will have to face suffering.

We try to shelter our children from harm. But eventually there comes a day when we realize we can no longer protect them from an imperfect world. They have to deal with illness, a pet dying, or friends talking about them behind their backs. Crosses are a part of the human condition. Jesus asks us to accept our crosses and instead of feeling sorry for ourselves to pick them up and somehow be graced through them.

Jesus was fully human, as human as we are, and he accepted his humanity. I think that is what Jesus asks of us, to simply accept the fact that we are human with all the limitations and restrictions that being human brings with it. We fall down and we get hurt. Friends and family disappoint us and sometimes even abandon us. Life is difficult, and no one can escape its crosses. Not even Jesus.

We can work hard to change the things we do not like, but inevitably we cannot control our lives. When we accept this fact in our heart of hearts, we can surrender control and begin to experience the peace of Christ's divinity. We can walk through the bitter haze of any physical or emotional pain because we share in Christ's strength and courage. We have his divine light to shine in all the dark corners.

Teach your children how to accept their disappointments and crosses by carrying your own

crosses with grace. Help them to figure out what pain can be legitimately avoided and what pain just has to be suffered through. Allow them to face the consequences of their actions. And when they are old enough, pray with them the Serenity Prayer, "God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and the wisdom to know the difference. Amen."

FAMILY RESPONSE

Talk about how everyone has crosses in life, some are big and some are small. Ask everyone to share a cross they carried last week. End with the Serenity Prayer.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

What are some of the crosses in your life right now? Which ones can you let go or find a way around? Which ones do you need to just pick up and carry? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION

Starting June 8, Wednesdays at 11:00 AM and Saturdays at 11:00 AM. Please enter through door A1 (Courtyard Door). Health and Safety instructions will be posted.

BAPTISM

All parents must take the Baptism Preparation Course. Call the Parish Office to sign up. Contact Fr. Steve to schedule a baptism date at 320-763-5781.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

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

Please call the Parish Office to arrange at 320-763-5781.

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Tue. †Robert Roth
Wed. ††Aloysius & Marie Sobiech
Thurs. †Leonard Floding
†Katherine Gilronan
Fri. †Irene Wheeler
Sun. †Jeanette Jost
For the Parish

Fr. Steve will be saying Mass privately each day for the Mass intentions and the well-being of the parish and all people of the Alexandria community.

WEEKLY READINGS - JUNE 28

Mon. ACTS 12:1-11; 2 TM 4:6-8, 17-18; MT 16:13-19
Tue. AM 3:1-8; 4:11-12; MT 8:23-27
Wed. AM 5:14-15, 21-24; MT 8:28-34
Thurs. AM 7:10-17; MT 9:1-8
Fri. EPH 2:19-22; JN 20:24-29
Sat. AM 9:11-15; MT 9:14-17
Sun. ZEC 9:9-10; ROM 8:9, 11-13; MT 11:25-30

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