

The Church of St. Mary

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

JULY 26, 2020
THE 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

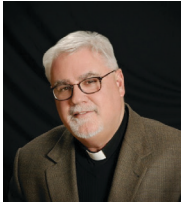
TREASURE



“The kingdom of heaven
is like a treasure buried
in a field.”

MATTHEW 13:44

FROM OUR PASTOR



Fr. Steve Binsfeld

Dear Parishioners,

BEGINNING NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 2:

- 1. We will move away from using the alphabet.** It will be **open seating**, still with all the usual precautions taken.
- 2. We also return to our normal Sunday Mass schedule--8:00 AM and 10:00 AM.** Please spread the word. We also ask you to remember that we are still under the guideline of 250 for maximum capacity. This number includes ALL ministers. We had moved Mass times to 8:30 and 11 because the hospitality ministers needed to be present much earlier and because we did not know how long sanitizing would take between Masses. Our ministers are getting into a routine. We also found out that Masses are shorter and that it does not take as long to sanitize as we had predicted. Again, we are working through this to make sure that people are safe.
- 3. Both the North (A6) & South (A1) doors are open for seating 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass.** Hospitality ministers must be in place 45 minutes before opening.

I am open to a Saturday late afternoon Mass (4:30 or 5 PM) if we need it. Before this can happen, we will need more volunteer ministers to serve at that Mass. This includes: 32 Hospitality ministers, 16 Eucharistic Ministers, 4 Readers, and 4 Sacristans. (This is enough for a once a month rotation.) Please email jeddy@stmaryalexandria.org if you are willing to be a minister. **Training will be necessary.** Training dates will be announced soon.

As part of our preparation for re-convening, we repeated the announcement that had come from the CDC, the Minnesota Department of Health and our Bishop that those 65 and older and those with underlying health conditions were discouraged from doing their usual ministry or even coming to any public function. Some people took that as not being welcomed or allowed. No, not at all. I am 69 and have underlying health stuff. If you want to volunteer, that is totally up to you. If you want to come to Mass, that is up to you as well. There is always a risk in more exposure. That is why we have the precautions we have in place...to try to keep people as safe as we can.

On a personal note, I have decided to put my home up for sale in August. I had thought about renting an apartment in town after I retire on June 30 of next year. However, my neuropathy is progressing. Because of this, I don't want to move twice. So, I have my name in for an apartment at the priest retirement home (Speltz House) attached to my old home church of Sacred Heart in Sauk Rapids (I call it 'the Glue Factory'). These last weeks I have been busy dispersing 'stuff', taking my pictures off the wall, filling nail holes, touching up, taking out extra furniture and the like in preparation for selling. I really love living where I do, but there comes a time.

FR. STEVE

— BANS OF MARRIAGE —

I & II Griffin Hayes & Tasha Harr
I Levi Doherty & Amy Perreault

SUNDAY OFFERINGS	ACTUAL	BUDGET*	VARIANCE
Envelope	\$ 20,262	\$ 23,904	\$ (3,642)
Electronic	4,151	9,769	(5,618)
Other	95	1,058	(963)
July 19	\$ 24,508	\$ 35,634	\$ (10,223)
YTD Offerings	\$ 77,428	\$ 106,902	\$ (29,474)

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

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, Virginia Schultz, Dorothy Becker, Dennis Zaviska, Sally Bellicot, Kathy Bellicot, Lorraine Sellgren-Davis, Mary Waldorf, Dianne Otto, Ronnie Le Grange, Eddie Dummer, Virgene Grubb, Brett Rima, Kay Wagner, Jerry Sacre and Lawrence Cline.



MASS INTENTIONS - we are taking intentions for Masses through the month of September. Please contact the Parish Office at 320-763-5781 or email stmary@stmaryalexandria.org



BEGINNING AUGUST 2, Sunday Mass will return to 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM. There will not be a rotating schedule based on last name, but we are limited to 250 people.

HOLY IS HIS NAME

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ABOUT LIFE



"We cannot diminish the value of one category of human life- the unborn- without diminishing the value of all human life." - Ronald Reagan, former U.S. President

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

FAITH FORMATION

stmreled@stmaryalexandria.org | 320-763-9202

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



WEEKLY FAMILY SESSIONS - Are you looking for a resource to help your family keep holy the Sabbath day at home? Perhaps you are looking for a way to build up your family's faith life. Visit <http://familytogether.stcdio.org/> where you will find weekly sessions based on the Sunday Gospel.

ONLINE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - Camp Creation, Day by Day with God - A group of Faith Formation Directors is collaborating on an online Vacation Bible School based on Genesis 1 for the week of August 3-7. This will be hosted at <http://familytogether.stcdio.org/>. It will be an 'asynchronous' experience, which means parishes and families can join in during the week, or whenever they can afterwards.

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.

NEED SOME QUIET TIME WITH OUR LORD? Eucharistic Adoration is available in our parish church during the day and there are several open chairs around the altar for those of you that want to drop by.

Below is the current schedule and please remember the following before attending:

- (1) bring a mask
- (2) bring your own reading materials
- (3) be reverent

Mon. and Wed.: Noon-7 pm (8:30 AM Mass)
Tue. and Thur.: Noon-5 pm (5:30 PM Mass)
Fri: 9-Noon (8:30 AM Mass)

Jesus, We Trust in You!

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

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stmaryss@stmaryalexandria.org | 320-763-5861

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

JULY

7/19	Laura Khaghany, Alexandria	\$35
7/20	Curtis Behrends, Alexandria	\$20
7/21	Lu Faber, Alexandria	\$20
7/22	Katy Olson, Alexandria	\$20
7/23	Chelsey Nikkel, Alexandria	\$20
7/24	Brady Wales, Alexandria	\$20
7/25	Treyton Olson, Ashby, MN	\$20

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St. Mary's School Alexandria



**ST. MARY'S
WEEKEND MASS UPDATE
STARTING AUGUST 2, 2020**

**MASS SCHEDULE:
SUNDAY AT 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM**

- NO Rotating Schedule - Open Seating
- Maximum Capacity of 250 People
- Seating Begins 30 Minutes Before Mass

SATURDAY MASS INFORMATION

**FOR SATURDAY MASS TO BEGIN,
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED:**

- 32 HOSPITALITY TEAM MEMBERS
- 16 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
- 4 LECTORS
- 4 SACRISTANS
- MUSICIANS

To volunteer, contact the parish office:
320-763-5781 or stmary@stmaryalexandria.org

**MASS WILL CONTINUE TO BE RECORDED
WWW.STMARYALEXANDRIA.ORG**

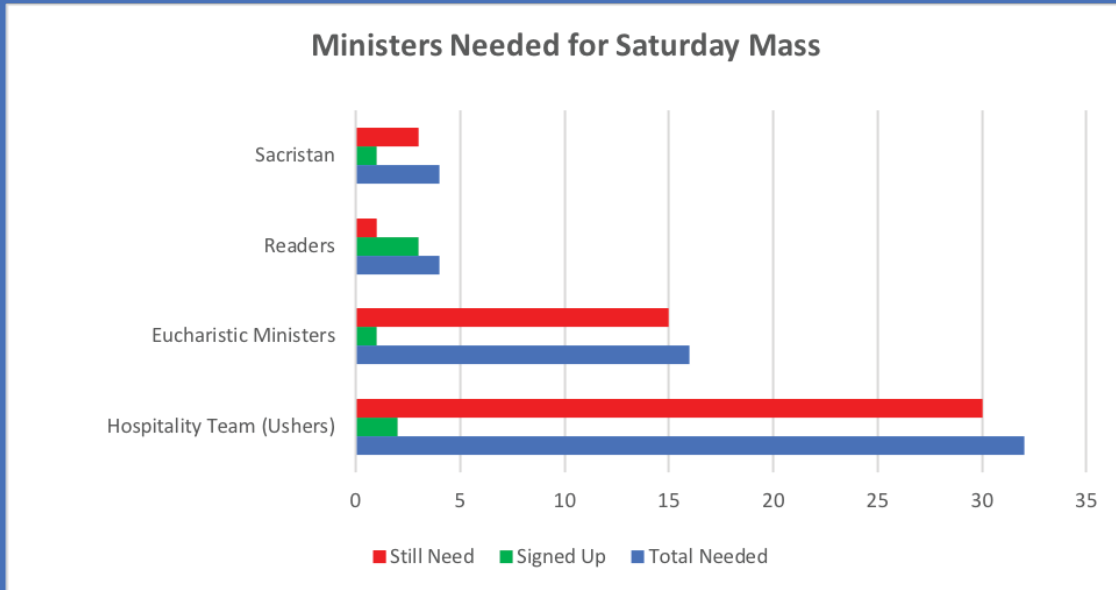
Sign up for the St. Mary's email blasts, check our website and Facebook page for communication as our schedule remains fluid as we strive to best serve our parish community during the pandemic.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Volunteer ministers are needed for Saturday Mass. Once we have enough trained volunteers, we can offer Saturday Mass again.

CAN YOU HELP?

Contact the Parish Office to volunteer. Training is provided.
320-763-5781 or stmary@stmaryalexandria.org



CALL 320-760-1558 TO PICK UP TICKETS!

WHEN: During normal Parish Office hours:
Monday - Thursday 7:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Friday 7:30 AM - 1:00 PM

WHERE: Outside of the Parish Office (near flag poles)
420 Irving Street
(Courtyard/South side of Church)

HOW: Call **320-760-1558** shortly **BEFORE** coming to pick up your tickets; **OR** once you **ARRIVE** Stay in your car and someone will hand-deliver your ticket envelope

THIS IS OUR ONLY PARISH-WIDE FUNDRAISING EVENT.

YOUR HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!



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.** 5:30 PM † Irene Wheeler
- Wed.** 8:30 AM † Gary Ignowski
- Thurs.** 5:30 PM † †Ed & Jeanette Binsfeld
- Fri.** 8:30 AM † Steven Ignowski
- Sun.** 8:30 AM † Francis Schram
11:00 AM 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 - JULY 26

- Mon.** JER 13:1-11; MT 13:31-35
- Tue.** JER 14:17-22; MT 13:36-43
- Wed.** JER 15:10, 16-21; JN 11:19-27
- Thurs.** JER 18:1-6; MT 13:47-53
- Fri.** JER 26:1-9; MT 13:54-58
- Sat.** JER 26:11-16, 24; MT 14:1-12
- Sun.** IS 55:1-3; ROM 8:35, 37-39;
MT 14:13-21

PARISH STAFF

- Steve Binsfeld.....320-763-5781**
Pastor
- Todd Wentworth.....320-763-5781**
Parish Business Administrator
- Laurie Youngers.....320-763-5781**
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- Kathy Fischer.....320-762-2320**
Parish Nurse
- Troy Sladek.....320-763-5861**
Principal & Elementary Faith Formation

- Laurie Bienias.....320-763-9202**
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- Kathy Ballou.....320-763-5781**
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- Francie Peterson.....320-360-0325**
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CONTACT US

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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.](#)

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