

The Church of St. Mary

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

AUGUST 30, 2020
THE 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FOLLOW



“Whoever wishes to
come after me must
deny himself, take
up his cross, and
follow me.”

MATTHEW 16:24b

FROM OUR PASTOR



Fr. Steve Binsfeld

Dear People of St Mary's,

One of the important, and unprecedented, documents that were produced by the Second Vatican Council is the ***Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World***. Even its title suggests something important about *how the Council understood the relationship between church and world, "sacred" and "secular."* The **keyword** in that title, believe it or not, is **"in"**. Other words that could have been used, and deliberately were not, would have been "of" or "for" or "against".

This document is the lengthiest of all of Vatican II's final writings, which emphasizes a necessary balance between, on one hand, *wrongly* seeing the Catholic Church as an enemy or disconnected parallel community alongside "the world"; and on the other hand, *wrongly* seeing the Church as simply capitulating to whatever direction the "world" was going. That Pastoral Constitution was both affirming and critical of many of the stirrings of "modern" culture, such as it was in 1965. It is very recognizably Catholic that way—a **"both-and"** kind of discussion, ***rather than "either-or"***.

Our world, as St. Thomas Aquinas knew better than almost anybody, is *not* a categorically *bad* place; **It is a grace-filled place. Our world is God's stage and raw material for working out His designs here and now.** It's where and how we meet God from day to day, in and through creation and loving relationships. And yet the world is also significantly scarred by the effects of evil and sin, much of it as the result of deliberate human decisions. This summer has been a profound teacher of that for all of us. And the Church, however lofty its aspirations and great its spiritual resources, is not exempt from the effects of sin or human failure. The last two decades have been a profound teacher of that for all of us, too.

The way toward balancing this relationship between "Church" and "world" is first to be precise about what we think these words mean. Second, **it is to recognize that these two realms of human experience cannot simply be neatly separated and isolated from one another.** The same people—all of us—inhabit both of these overlapping and abstract realities at the same time. And third is to avoid labeling one or the other uncritically as "good" or "evil".

This requires hard work, prayer, thoughtfulness, study, and engagement. Mature Christian living is not for the lazy or for the ideologically inclined. That's why we continue to need to be in dialogue with both the community "inside" the Church and the wisdom of those beyond our confines, in the so-called secular realms of life. To seek shelter in just one or the other side of this tension would be the worst of misjudgments. Vatican II understood that 55 years ago. We should, too.

Fr Steve Binsfeld

† We wish to offer our sympathy and promise of prayers to the family and friends of Jeanne Marie Fritz.

— BANS OF MARRIAGE —
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| SUNDAY OFFERINGS | ACTUAL | BUDGET* | VARIANCE |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Envelope | \$ 16,132 | \$ 23,904 | \$ (7,772) |
| Electronic | 17,849 | 9,769 | 8,080 |
| Other | 2,451 | 1,058 | 1,393 |
| August 23 | \$ 36,432 | \$ 35,634 | \$ 1,701 |
| YTD Offerings | \$ 251,220 | \$ 285,072 | \$ (33,852) |

** 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, 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, Lawrence Cline, Kathy Bruder and Dan Radford.

MINISTERS NEEDED to volunteer once a month or more to be a Hospitality Minister, Eucharistic Minister, Reader or Sacristan, please contact the Parish Office - 320-763-5781 or jeddy@stmaryalexandria.org. Training is provided.

CEMETERY UPDATE - The annual fall cleanup day is September 10, 2020. See next week's bulletin for more details.

Thank you to all who have decorated and maintained graves of friends and loved ones. The cemetery looks much better because of your thoughtfulness and work. Crabgrass-like weeds that had threatened to take over the cemetery were sprayed, and will hopefully be under control with continued spraying. Last fall's fertilizer program is making the grass healthier, stronger and more resistant to dry spells.

A program of not seeding new graves until late summer yields better success at controlling weeds and getting the grass growing.

The planned workday on September 10 will include saving the ash trees by trimming as much of the dead wood off as is possible. This along with some possible landscaping by the new sign and grass seeding will be the focus of the work day. Hope to see you there in a social distancing, working mood!

ABOUT LIFE

Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation Committee (JPIC): Pope Francis declared September 1 as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. According to Pope Francis, "The annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation offers to individual believers and to the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation, raising to God our thanks for the marvelous works that He has entrusted to our care, invoking his help for the protection of creation and his mercy for the sins committed against the world in which we live."

A Prayer for our Earth, By Pope Francis

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and

not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.



"Speak up for those who can't speak for themselves. Speak up for the rights of all those who are poor"
- Proverbs 31:8

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

FAITH FORMATION

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YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



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

Monday/Wednesday: 12:00 PM-7:00 PM
Tuesday/Thursday: 12:00 PM-5:00 PM
Friday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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ST. MARY'S SCHOOL CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

AUGUST

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| 8/23 | Matt Stennes, Alexandria | \$35 |
| 8/24 | Mark Eylandt, Alexandria | \$20 |
| 8/25 | Eddie Dummer, Alexandria | \$20 |
| 8/26 | Brittany Jasken, Alexandria | \$20 |
| 8/27 | John Burton, Starbuck, MN | \$20 |
| 8/28 | Maxine Fromm, Brainerd, MN | \$20 |
| 8/29 | Laurie Bayer, Glenwod, MN | \$20 |

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PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY

LIFTING SPIRITS, TOUCHING LIVES

Use these 6 tips to remain active and independent as long as possible.

1

Eat & Drink Healthy

Make healthy choices—like fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean meats, low-fat dairy products, and water.



2

Move More, Sit Less Throughout the Day

Being active can help you prevent, delay, and manage chronic diseases; improve balance and stamina; reduce risk of falls; and improve brain health.

TIP Aim for moderate physical activity, like walking, at least 150 minutes a week (22-30 minutes a day) and muscle strengthening activity, like carrying groceries, at least 2 days a week.



3

Don't Use Tobacco

If you use tobacco, take the first step towards quitting by calling 1-800-QUITNOW for FREE help.



4

Get Regular Checkups

Visit your doctor for preventive services, not just when you're sick. This can prevent disease or find it early, when treatment is more effective.



5

Know Your Family History

Share your family health history with your doctor, who can help you take steps to prevent chronic diseases or catch them early.



6

Be Aware of Changes in Brain Health

Everyone's brain changes as they age, but dementia is not a normal part of aging. See your doctor if you have questions about memory or brain health.



For more about how to prevent chronic disease and maintain a healthy lifestyle, follow @CDCChronic on Twitter or visit www.cdc.gov/chronicdisease.



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BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

August 30, 2020 • 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 16:21-27

Setting Your Mind on God

Jesus tells his disciples he will have to go to Jerusalem to suffer and die. Peter takes Jesus aside and tells him he doesn't have to go through with it. Jesus rebukes him.

God's ways are not always the accepted way of the culture in which we live. Probably our most difficult job as Catholic parents is to instill in our children a value system based on the Gospels rather than the society that surrounds them.

Our children are bombarded constantly with the values of a secular society that prizes possessions and position over just about everything else. The commercial world of social media, magazines, and Amazon teaches them to want more and more, while the competitive worlds of academics and athletic teach them the importance of being number one. We adults can get trapped on this treadmill ourselves wanting a bigger and better car or home, the newest technological gadgets, or pushing ourselves to be the top salesperson or youngest VP in the company.

Jesus tells us to think as God thinks and to see things from God's perspective, not our own. God sees things outside of time. He sees that the treadmill of wanting more and more only gets us to the nowhere of never having enough. God sees globally: for every winner there are thousands of losers, for every rich person there are millions of poor.

We have to help our children trust in God's promise to provide all that they need. We have to help them see that God has a vested interest in each of them becoming their own personal best, not "better than" anyone else. This is definitely one of those lessons our children need to see us witness. It can't become just another sermon. We lose all credibility if we preach it without living it ourselves.

FAMILY RESPONSE

As a family, decide in what areas you have plenty. Choose a charity that can benefit from your bounty.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Are there areas in your life where you are trapped on the treadmill of having to have more and more? How can you begin to change the situation? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION

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 † Steven Bartos
- Wed.** 8:30 AM † Marie Pitzer
- Thurs.** 5:30 PM † Ken Kulzer
- Fri..** 8:30 AM † Stefanie Williams
- Sun.** 8:00 AM For the Parish
10:00AM † Eugene Ley

WEEKLY READINGS - AUGUST 30

- Mon.** 1 COR 2:1-5; LK 4:16-30
- Tue.** 1 COR 2:10B-16; LK 4:31-37
- Wed.** 1 COR 3:1-9; LK 4:38-44
- Thurs.** 1 COR 3:18-23; LK 5:1-11
- Fri.** 1 COR 4:1-5; LK 5:33-39
- Sat.** 1 COR 4:6B-15; LK 6:1-5
- Sun.** EZ 33:7-9; ROM 13:8-10; MT 18:15-20

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