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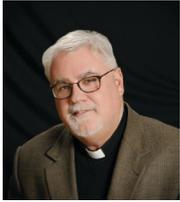
FORGIVE



“Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus answered, “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.”

MATTHEW 18:21-22

FROM OUR PASTOR



Fr. Steve Binsfeld

Dear members of St Mary's Parish Community,

Our Grand Raffle Drawing will take place THIS Sunday AT 5 PM IN OUR ST. MARY'S OFFICE PARKING LOT on the corner of 5th and Irving. Grand prize \$20,000 toward a new car at Juetner Motors or \$15,000 cash, among other prizes. Thank you for your support.

School is well underway and is going well with all the safety procedures in place. As announced in last weekend's bulletin, the church is unlocked for private prayer.

Private Prayer Hours:

Monday through Friday 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

Saturday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Sunday after the 10:00 AM Mass to 2:00 PM.

Note: Daily Mass, Funerals, Weddings and other liturgies may be scheduled during these times as well. Every Mass is public.

Both sets of wooden doors should be open to be able to view the tabernacle, unless Mass is in progress. (That is how the church was designed.) Again, all safety protocols should be followed: be seated in the black chairs around the sanctuary, wear a mask, sanitize your hands as well as the chair upon which you sit before you depart.

Hours for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Church:

Monday and Wednesday: 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Tuesday and Thursday: 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Other news:

---**Laurie Bienias** has taken over Faith Formation for grades 1 through 5. Please be attentive to what she writes in the bulletin as to day of the week and time....and the need for teachers.

---**Laurie Youngers**, our Director of Music and Liturgy, was appointed as chair of the Diocesan Liturgy Commission by Bishop Kettler. Congrats Laurie. I was chair for over 15 years. The wonderful thing about being on the Commission is the people you meet. May she enjoy her time of service.

-The **Confirmation of last year's confirmation class** will take place on 2 dates: **Sunday, October 11 at 2:00 PM** and **Wednesday, October 14 at 7:00 PM**. Confirmation candidates are signing up for one or the other. There will be a limitation on the number of guests, since the maximum number for the church is still 250 (including all ministers). Please keep these young adults in your prayers.

--As of today (Wed) we still **need 14 hospitality volunteers** so we can open Saturday 5:00 PM Mass.

Fr Steve



— BANS OF MARRIAGE —

I Thomas Erickson & Alissa Lommel
I John Thompson & Danielle Peters

SUNDAY OFFERINGS	ACTUAL	BUDGET*	VARIANCE
Envelope	\$ 16,651	\$ 23,904	\$ (7,253)
Electronic	7,019	9,769	(2,750)
Other	472	1,058	(586)
Sept. 6	\$ 24,142	\$ 34,731	\$ (10,589)
YTD Offerings	\$ 297,982	\$ 347,310	\$ (49,328)

** 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, 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, Dan Radford and Greg Dahlgren.

ALEXANDRIA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO is reopening on Wednesdays at 2:00 PM and Sundays at 7:00 PM. Social distancing and masks are required. Space is limited.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

VOLUNTEER MINISTERS NEEDED If you are able to volunteer once a month 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. Saturday Mass can be added back if we get enough volunteers. Thank you!

This year marks the **50th anniversary of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)**, the anti-poverty initiative of the U.S. Catholic Bishops. Over 38 million people in the United States, 12 million of them children, live below the poverty line; and growing numbers of seniors and families are finding themselves very close to the poverty threshold. As the impact of COVID-19 continues to hit our communities, we know that these numbers will likely rise. But we can help! The parishes of our diocese will take up a special collection the **weekend of September 20** to support the U.S. Bishops' important work of fighting poverty. Twenty-five percent of our collected funds will be used for *local* diocesan grants to groups working with those experiencing poverty right here, and all funds collected support further grant possibilities in our area and nationally. Please prayerfully consider how you and I can support the CCHD collection and our neighbors in need on September 20. There is a special envelope in your packet.

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

RE: The Diocese of St. Cloud, Case No. 20-60337

If you were sexually or physically abused by any priest, clergyman, or other person connected with the Diocese, or have any other claim against the Diocese, you must file a claim by **OCTOBER 21, 2020**. For more information, visit <http://stcdio.org/> or call 520-770-8712. For U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Minnesota information, visit www.mnb.uscourts.gov. For advice about your rights, contact an attorney.

ABOUT LIFE



The number one cause of death in America is the needless sacrifice of our children at the altar of convenience called abortion. Conservative estimates put the number of deaths at nearly 48 million.

(Taken from 40 Days for Life)

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

FAITH FORMATION

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YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



INTRODUCING LITTLE SAINTS ST. MARY'S NEW PROGRAM FOR KIDS AGES 4 - KINDERGARTEN!

We are excited to roll out our new preschool/ kindergarten faith formation program, Little Saints. Sadly, it will look a little different than we first envisioned. The plan will be to offer a monthly kit to each family with a child age 4 - kindergarten. The kits will contain Bible stories, lessons, crafts, and activities that your family can enjoy together. These kits (which will be available at the church October-December) will help your children learn more about Jesus and our faith. Your family will explore sacraments, experience liturgical seasons, and discover saints together. Prayer and scripture are foundational. We hope to be back in the classrooms in January, if possible.

Interested? We are asking parents to go online and register. There is NO COST for your children to become Little Saints, but pre-registration is a must! Little Saints gives children a firm, Catholic foundation so they can continue to grow and develop their spiritual lives. It is a great way for families to learn together, pray together, and grow together. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity for your family--join us!!

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

Jesus, We Trust in You!

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Age 4 - Grade 11

Now Available Online ONLY
stmaryalexandria.org

SIGN UP NOW!

Classes start soon!



ZOOM BIBLE STUDY: This Bible study meets every Tuesday, 6:30 - 7:00 PM, and focuses on the Gospel reading for the coming Sunday. If interested contact Mike Sponsler for an email invitation to the Zoom meeting at sponslermc@gmail.com or 320-759-1911.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

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

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Dear Parishioners,

On Tuesday we began another school year. Our enrollment is 222 students. We have added 34 new families to our school family.

New to our staff is Nichole Jensen. Nichole will be teaching Music. Her ideas, enthusiasm and musical gifts 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

Substitute Teachers

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

Board of Education Member Needed!

The St. Mary's Board of Education has two openings beginning in September. Listed below is the nature and function of a Board of Education position. Call or stop by the Parish or School Office for an application if you are interested.

The Board of Education shall monitor and advise the total efforts of education in St. Mary's Parish, Alexandria, Minnesota, including St. Mary's School and youth through adult Faith Formation.

Duties and Functions:

1. Monitor and coordinate parish educational activities.
2. Act as a liaison body with local state school officials.
3. Create better understanding and support of Catholic education.
4. Evaluate policies of the parish educational programs as needed.
5. Be responsible for evaluating the effectiveness of the parish educational programs.
6. Review the development of annual budgets for all parish educational programs, which includes tuition rates, salary scales, and all other financial matters relating to education.
7. Have a Board member on planning and building committees for any new educational facilities.
8. Establish committees as need.
9. Aid the Pastoral Council in accomplishing its goals.
10. Implement policies recommended by the Diocese of St. Cloud.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

9/6	Mandy Larum , Alexandria	\$35
9/7	Amanda Kietzmann, Alexandria	\$20
9/8	Spencer Olson, Evansville	\$20
9/9	Carol Hoffman, Alexandria	\$20
9/10	Toni Diede, Alexandria	\$20
9/11	Darrell Bockus, Kensington	\$20
9/12	Mary Rodel, Alexandria	\$20

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St. Mary's School Alexandria

FORGIVENESS

Jesus is asked how many times we must forgive someone. "Is seven times enough?" a follower asks. Jesus tells them, "Not seven times, but seventy times seven." Jesus goes on to tell a parable about a worthless servant whose huge debt is mercifully forgiven. However, when the servant then refuses mercy to a fellow servant for a much smaller debt, the master punishes him.

Forgiveness is a tricky thing. Sometimes it is easy to forgive: something is broken accidentally or someone unknowingly steps on our toes. But at other times it is not so easy; someone will do something or say something and we want to strike back. That impulse is even stronger in small children who are just beginning to learn to temper their feelings.

I remember years ago watching my daughter-in-law Deborah comfort her three year old as he screamed and kicked his frustration. "Use your words," she kept saying in a calm voice. Her one arm was around him as the other gently rubbed his back. Given the time to express his hurt and anger, Nicholas settled down and the story came out.

His playmate had punched him, and he wanted payback. After a few minutes of listening and some quiet soothing, Deborah was able to counsel her little one into a more appropriate response.

My grandson's reaction is fairly common. It seems a natural response to strike out when we have been struck, to hit back harder, to yell louder. Yet as Christians we are called to follow Jesus, learning from the cross a lesson that rejects the proverb, "an eye for eye" and sets a new agenda for the world. We are asked to forgive seventy times seven.

Deborah set a wise path for her youngster. It is one we can all follow and foster in our families. Take time to settle down before responding in anger or frustration and then "use your words."

Sometimes that means going to the offending party and talking things out. It might mean finding a good listener to help counsel. Finally, it is always a good idea to ask God's help. As I watched Deb comfort Nicholas, I thought of what a beautiful image she was of God—the loving parent—always there to listen, soothe, counsel, and love.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Practice talking out a problem. Ask a family member who is angry with someone to share the story behind his anger. Help him to consider ways he can solve the problem in a positive way.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

What is your primary worry this week? What alternatives do you have in solving this concern? Where is God in this problem? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

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For more information visit: www.recallbasics.org.

FOOD RECALLS

What you should know about food recalls.

Recall notices can be found in the news, at your local grocery store, or online at www.recalls.gov.

To identify if a recalled product is in your home, match identifying marks on the product with the recall notice details such as:

- Product name
- Brand
- Container codes
- Container size

**Identifying information may vary by type of food product.*

If you determine that a recalled product is in your home:

- Do *not* eat the product.
- Dispose of the product carefully.
- Do *not* provide the product to others (eg: do not give to food bank, your pet).
- Do *not* puncture or otherwise open cans.
- Wash hands with warm water and soap after handling the product.

The recall of one product does not mean all forms of that product are a potential problem.

Occasionally recalls are expanded to include additional products as more information is gathered.

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 † Lori Ledermann
Wed. 8:30 AM † † John & Margaret Williams
Thurs. 5:30 PM † Keith Buck
Fri. 8:30 AM † Maureen Bruzik
Sun. 8:00 AM For the Parish
10:00AM † Fran Schuster

WEEKLY READINGS-SEPT. 13

- Mon.** NM 21:4B-9; PHIL 2:6-11; JN 3:13-17
Tue. 1 COR 12:12-14, 27-31A; JN 19:25-27
Wed. 1 COR 12:31-13:13; LK 7:31-35
Thurs. 1 COR 15:1-11; LK 7:36-50
Fri. 1 COR 15:12-20; LK 8:1-3
Sat. 1 COR 15:35-37, 42-49; LK 8:4-15
Sun. IS 55:6-9; PHIL 1:20C-24, 27A;
MT 20:1-16A

PARISH STAFF

- Steve Binsfeld**.....320-763-5781
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Laurie Youngers.....320-763-5781
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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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