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OCTOBER 11, 2020
THE 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEAST



“Come to the feast.”

MATTHEW 22:4BC

FROM OUR PASTOR



Dear People of St Mary's Parish Community,
 Congratulations to the seniors who are being confirmed this afternoon and on Wednesday evening.
 May the Holy Spirit guide your hearts and minds in the years ahead.

As you know, the Diocese of St Cloud has filed for bankruptcy; it is really a *court-ordered reorganization*. As part of this reorganization, the court will decide both monetary and non-monetary requirements of the Diocese; they are close to a final settlement. The monetary funds for the settlement will come mainly from diocesan insurers, but also from the sale of diocesan assets, and a smaller portion from the parishes of our Diocese. What parishes give will go to the fund to compensate victims, which will be run by a court-appointed administrator. There are about 72 cases in our Diocese. In doing the reorganization, the Diocese is trying to ensure that all those who have come forward will be compensated for their suffering. As part of parish involvement in the settlement, parishes become insured by a "channeling injunction". Once the *settlement is accepted by the court*, past cases of abuse can no longer be brought to the Diocese or the parishes who are part of this "channeling injunction." That is why the Diocese is making it known through parish bulletins, newspapers and other means that those who have claims against the Diocese should come forward before October 21 to be part of the settlement. I believe our bishop is making a great effort to lead us forward, but it is not easy for him---or for any of us.

Soon we will be receiving materials from Catholic Charities of the Diocese of St. Cloud regarding their upcoming "Make God's Love Visible" fundraising campaign that begins on October 17/18. The particular theme that they have this year is "Hunger Doesn't Wait". Be sure to read additional information on the next page of the bulletin. Be as generous as you can.

The number of COVID-19 infections has been increasing in Douglas County over the past two weeks. I am very proud of our team for the protocols we have in place. Any number of elderly and some who have underlying medical conditions *feel safe* coming to Mass here—some just to a daily Mass, others on the weekend. We require that people mask up, not for any political reason, but **out of charity** for those who are vulnerable. Catholics would call it a *sacrifice*. For safety reasons, the *bishop* mandated that people receive communion *only in their outstretched hand*, not on the tongue. Some may disagree with this practice, but again, we must consider the safety of *all parishioners*, particularly that of the volunteer communion minister and those to whom he or she distributes communion. Communion ministers will say to those who approach and ask for communion on their tongue, "*I am sorry, I can only give you communion in your outstretched hand.*" Once the pandemic subsides, receiving communion on the tongue will again be one of the options by which one can receive communion. Once we reach the mandated capacity inside the church at *250 people*, including all volunteers, then, and only then, will ushers seat people in the Commons Area (22 seats). No one is to sit there or bring in extra chairs from the Great Hall. Hospitality ministers will direct guests to those chairs. When the Commons Area is at capacity, guests will be seated in the Great Hall. For the time being, only 'audio' is available there. Thank you for your cooperation with these guidelines. Volunteer ministers, thank you for serving. Please, do check when you are scheduled to serve. All ministers have been sent an email or have been mailed a copy of the ministry schedule for October - December 2020. We have been having a good number of absentees, particularly with the hospitality ministers at some Masses. This puts a strain on the captains who must try to find people during the time when guests are arriving.

We are already looking toward Christmas and how we can celebrate Mass at a time when we have huge congregations. With the limit of 250 in the Church and with some additional seats in the Commons Area and the Great Hall, this will certainly be a challenge. As we work this through, we will share what we are thinking with you. Christmas is a huge festival time for all of us. Celebrating safely is our concern.

Fr. Steve

— BANS OF MARRIAGE —

II Martin Lovrien & Cathy Juettner

† We wish to offer our sympathy and promise of prayers to the family and friends of Verlyn Bruzek.

SUNDAY OFFERINGS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
Envelope	\$ 46,299	\$ 71,712	\$ (25,413)
Electronic	31,819	29,307	2,512
Other	2,698	3,174	(476)
Sept. 20, 27 & Oct. 4	\$ 80,816	\$ 104,193	\$ (23,377)
YTD Offerings	\$ 404,096	\$ 486,234	\$ (82,138)

** 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, Andrew Herges, Kevin Richmond, Sr., Rosemary Rehovsky, Marie Peterson, Virginia Schultz, Dorothy Becker, Dennis Zaviska, Sally Bellicot, Kathy Bellicot, Mary Waldorf, Dianne Otto, Ronnie Le Grange, Eddie Dummer, Virgene Grubb, Brett Rima, Kay Wagner, Jerry Sacre, Lawrence Cline, Kathy Bruder, Dan Radford, Greg Dahlgren, Curt Hilgers, Lorraine Sellgren-Davis, Jake, Ken Volk and Linda Rakowski.

Hunger Doesn't Wait . . . For the Next Meal, for the Next Paycheck, for a Pandemic - As we navigate the current pandemic, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of St. Cloud has continued its mission of serving and enhancing human dignity for people of all faiths and beliefs, while modifying its existing services and creating new ones.

Hunger Doesn't Wait, a new food delivery program for homebound individuals and households, provides food to persons with limited access to other food support. The program uses a home-delivery model, with local businesses helping deliver safely to households and with little to no contact.

This week you'll receive a mailing from Catholic Charities that includes a story about Erica who benefited from Hunger Doesn't Wait. Please take a few minutes to read her story and learn more about this new food delivery program. We invite you to visit our website at ccstcloud.org to learn more about how Catholic Charities is making a different tomorrow for individuals like Erica throughout Central Minnesota.

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. Additional information about the St. Cloud Diocese bankruptcy case and the deadline to file claims is available on our website under **Get Involved, Events & Announcements**, or [click here](#).

ABOUT LIFE

Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation Committee (JPIC): During a recent JPIC committee meeting, a variety of local organizations gave short presentations to educate us on how they are helping our community. Here are 2:

Love INC (In the Name of Christ) is a national organization that has been in Alexandria for 12 years. The mission of Love INC is to mobilize local churches to transform lives In the Name of Christ. Our local Love INC is comprised of the following:

1. A Clearinghouse where one staff person oversees trained church volunteers as they hear the stories/needs of community members. This staff person verifies needs and refers/finds resources to meet needs.
2. Transformational Ministry where one staff member leads trained church volunteers to facilitate life skill classes for community members experiencing chronic need or desiring a positive life change. Classes focus on finances, boundaries, parenting, goal setting and exploring Christianity.

All aspects of Love INC are based on the principles of Redemptive Compassion and focus on building relationships with those in need physically, emotionally, relationally and spiritually to promote life transformation.

Family Promise is a national organization that assists homeless families by providing temporary housing in local churches. The Douglas County Chapter is solidifying a board of directors and recruiting church partners. Due to COVID-19, no families will be housed at this time.



The right to life is the first human right. Abortion is killing someone that cannot defend him or herself.
- Pope Francis

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

FAITH FORMATION

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YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



CLASS SCHEDULE

Grades 1, 3, 4 & 5:	Oct. 21, 4:45 - 5:30 PM
Blessed (Grade 2):	Oct. 12, 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Grades 6-8 (Wed):	Oct. 21, 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Grades 9-11 (Wed):	Oct. 21, 7:30 - 8:30 PM
Grades 8-11 (Sun):	Oct. 11, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

No class 10/14 due to MEA Break

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD NOW available for home use

To continue ensuring the health and well-being of all those who enter our facilities, it was necessary to move Children's Liturgy of the Word to an online option. This ministry is for children in Grades 1-5.

Please subscribe to our CLOW email blast

which is available on our website home page - stmaryalexandria.org (make sure to scroll down the home page and sign up by the pic of Fr. Steve.)

St. Mary's will send a weekly email that will coach families through an age-appropriate liturgical experience, and all will have fun while doing it! Music, videos, art, and prayer are used to help reinforce the Sunday Liturgy of the Word.

If you have questions, please call the Faith Formation Office at 763-9202



NEED HELP THIS FALL?

If you or a loved one is in need of some help with yard work, window cleaning or light painting, let us know! St. Mary's Faith Formation Youth will be participating in a day of service on **October 16.**

Contact Tammy Huss for more information and to sign up for service help.
thuss@stmaryalexandria.org or 763-9202

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 - 8:00 PM

Tuesday/Thursday: 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Jesus, We Trust in You!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Join us beginning the weekend of October 31/November 1 as we study "LETTER TO WOMEN", an Endow program inspired by Pope St. John Paul II which focuses on the modern Christian concept of woman and her indispensable role in the Church, the family, society, and the world. Will be offered both Saturday morning and Sunday evening.

For more information, contact Lori at 320-808-1145 or biblestudywomen@gmail.com
Enroll and Order Book Before Monday, Oct. 19



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 MARATHON OF SERVICE 2020

October is Marathon Month at St. Mary's School. The Minnesota Marathon for Non-Public Education designates this month as a statewide public relations activity for all Christian schools. By participating, we celebrate our Catholic identity and our commitment to serve the community.

To participate in a Marathon of Service, each student (or family) is asked to complete a service project or act of

kindness during the month of October. We have some school families who are looking for projects to do for the Marathon.

If you are in need of assistance or know someone who needs help with raking this fall, please contact Mrs. Flaten in the school office. The names will be taken and placed on a service list and we will do our best to help those in need.

The students are blessed to be part of a parish community who so generously supports them with their education, and this is one way they can share their time and talent to give back.

Mr. Sladek

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

OCTOBER

10/4	Jeff Schmitt, Alexandria	\$35
10/5	Kimberly Walsh, Alexandria	\$20
10/6	Nathan Klimek, Alexandria	\$20
10/7	Margaret Peterson, Rice	\$20
10/8	Kristina Kramer, Alexandria	\$20
10/9	Crystal Fritzlar, Long Prairie	\$20
10/10	Brent Hoemberg, Alexandria	\$20

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

PAC Meeting – Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00 PM in the School Library

No Bus Service – October 14 & October 23

MEA Break – October 15 - 16

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St. Mary's School Alexandria

Help Support Our School by Participating in:



MORE THAN SHOWING UP

This Gospel is like last week's reading. It reminds us that God's invitation demands some response, some action on our part. Jesus tells a story about a wedding feast, warning the priests and elders that it takes more than just showing up at the table to be allowed to enjoy the feast.

As always, Jesus' parable has a message for us today. Consider the Eucharist as the wedding feast. The Eucharist is, after all, a banquet. In the Eucharist we are invited to become one with Jesus who forgives our sins, offers us new life and calls us to a closer communion with all of creation. It is a glorious celebration of Jesus' love and his sacrifice on the cross.

At the offertory we are invited to offer our own lives with Jesus' so that "through him, with him, in him through the power of the Holy Spirit" we can give glory to God. When we say or sing the great "Amen," we are saying yes to God, and yes to all that the Eucharist entails.

Sometimes we forget that attending Sunday liturgy requires more than just showing up at church. We need to actively respond to God's invitation by participating in the Mass. Even on those days when we don't have the energy to say the prayers or sing the songs, we can make an effort. We can at least lift up our weary hearts in silent prayer and offer our busy, over-extended lives in sacrifice.

Teach your children some of the prayers and simple responses we say at Mass. Say them together before meals. Say a prayer together on the way to church and suggest family members take some time to say "yes" to God's invitation. Consciously choose to put on the right disposition to participate in the great feast to which we have been invited.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Have some quiet prayer time before you leave for Sunday Mass, or ask for a minute of silence in the car on the way to church. Ask everyone to remember what a special gift it is to pray together with your parish family.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

At the end of the Mass, the priest asks you to go out and share the peace of God with others. How can you do that this week? 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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THE INSTALLMENT

SEPTEMBER 2020

FLU VACCINE DURING THE PANDEMIC

Annual influenza 'flu' vaccination is recommended for all people aged 6 months and over.

Both COVID-19 and flu can have varying degrees of signs and symptoms, ranging from no symptoms (asymptomatic) to severe symptoms. Common symptoms that COVID-19 and flu share include:

- Fever or feeling feverish/chills
- Muscle pain or body aches
- Cough
- Fatigue (tiredness)
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults

Differences: Other signs of COVID-19, different from the flu, may include change in or loss of taste and smell.

SCHEDULE YOUR FLU VACCINE!

While the flu vaccine will not protect you against COVID-19, it will reduce your risk of developing influenza, or reduce the severity of the flu.

PREVENTION: COVID-19 may be spread to others by people before they begin showing symptoms, when they have mild symptoms or they may never have symptoms and be asymptomatic.

PRACTICE THE 3 W's:

- Wear a face covering
- Wash your hands
- Wait 6 feet from others

STAY HOME if you are sick. It will help slow the spread and protect those most at risk of serious complications.

For more information about influenza and the flu vaccine, visit www.cdc.gov.



SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION

Wednesdays 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 † Leonard Floding
Wed. 8:30 AM † Robert Roth
Thurs. 5:30 PM † Irene Miska
Fri. 8:30 AM † † Aloysius & Marie Sobiech
Sat. 5:00 PM † † Kevin & Chad Eddy
Sun. 8:00 AM † Sheldon Sibell
10:00AM For the Parish

WEEKLY READINGS - OCT. 11

- Mon.** GAL 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; LK 11:29-32
Tue. GAL 5:1-6; LK 11:37-41
Wed. GAL 5:18-25; LK 11:42-46
Thurs. EPH 1:1-10; LK 11:47-54
Fri. EPH 1:11-14; LK 12:1-7
Sat. EPH 1:15-23; LK 12:8-12
Sun. IS 45:1, 4-6; 1 THES 1:1-5B; MT 22:15-21

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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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