

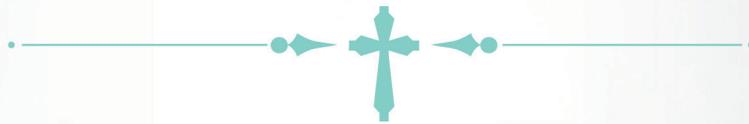
The Church of St. Mary

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

NOVEMBER 8, 2020
THE 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OPEN



“Lord, Lord, open the door for us!
But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to
you, I do not know you.’”

MATTHEW 25:11-12

FROM OUR PASTOR



Dear members of St. Mary's Parish,

Thanks for volunteering to help move my 'stuff' out of my home. If there are some who would be able to come and help do a thorough cleaning of my home, please email Janell at the office at stmary@stmaryalexandria.org or call the office.

Fr. Steve Binsfeld I am sharing a writing by Fr. Ron Rolheiser OMI. Fr. Ron writes a weekly column for newspapers as well as electronically. It is appropriate for the month of All Saints/All Souls. I am sharing this with permission.

THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

"Who among us doesn't have unfinished business with someone whom death has taken away? Perhaps we had hurt that person, or he or she had hurt us, and it was never fully reconciled. Or we feel guilt, because while that person was alive, we should have given more of ourselves to him or her but were too busy with our own lives to reach out.

Worse still, perhaps someone has died for whom we had felt hatred and we should have made some gesture of reconciliation and we never did. Now it's too late! Death has separated us, and some painful bitterness now lies irrevocably unresolved and we live with the guilt, wishing we had done something before it was too late.

But it's not too late. It's never too late if we take seriously the Christian doctrine of **the communion of saints**. To believe in the communion of saints is to believe that **those who have died are still alive and are linked to us in such a way that we can continue to talk with them, that our relationship with them can continue to grow, and that the reconciliation that wasn't possible before their deaths can now occur.**

"*Today you will be with me in paradise!*" Jesus speaks those words to the good thief on the cross and they're meant for every one of us who dies without yet fully being a saint and without having had the time and opportunity to make all the amends and speak all the apologies that we owe to others. There is still time after death, on both sides, for reconciliation and healing to happen because inside the communion of saints we have privileged access to each other and there we can finally speak all of those words that we couldn't speak before. We can reach across death's divide.

It can be a great consolation to die a happy death, snug and reconciled in the arms of love, with no unfinished business. But, happily, there's time still after death for this to happen for those of us who aren't so lucky and who end up dying with some bitterness, anger, wound, and frustration still gnawing away."

Blessings upon your week.

Fr. Steve

— BAPTISMS —

Cecelia Jeanne
Child of Daniel & Susan Hilback

Sophie Ann
Child of Jeremy & Jessica Butanis

† We wish to offer our sympathy and promise of prayers to the family and friends of Alisha Pribble, Edward Dummer, Dorothy Cihlar and Wesley Michel.

— BANS OF MARRIAGE —

II Jake Dodds & Meaghan Baldwin
I Dustin Larson & Diana Dykema

SUNDAY OFFERINGS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
Envelope	\$ 24,882	\$ 23,904	\$ 978
Electronic	6,021	9,769	(3,748)
Other	977	1,058	(81)
For Nov. 1	\$ 31,880	\$ 34,731	\$ (2,851)
YTD Offerings	\$ 522,071	\$ 652,158	\$ (103,087)

** 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, Brett Rima, Jerry Sacre, Lawrence Cline, Dan Radford, Curt Hilgers, Lorraine Sellgren-Davis, Jake, Ken Volk, Linda Rakowski, Juleann Kelley, Jesse Zens, Jody Koubsky, Todd Klinghagen, Kathy Moriarity, and Chris Berg

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Due to COVID-19 this year the Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be delivery only on Thanksgiving Day, November 26. We offer delivery of 1 to 2 hot meals per address to those who are homebound.

- For meal deliveries to the homebound, call 763-9429 (from October 30 until November 19)
- To volunteer to help with the dinner or as a delivery driver, call or email: 618-292-0506 or 320-834-3722 or gracehlambert@yahoo.com (after Oct. 30)

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE - Typically, names are inscribed in a "Book of Remembrance" that is located in the church. This year, because of COVID-19, we are inviting you to sign our virtual Book of Remembrance. Please submit as many names as you would like during the month of November by clicking the link on our website home page, stmaryalexandria.org. Or call the Parish Office at 763-5781 and we can add names for you.

At every Sunday Mass during November, as we pray for the dead, our community will especially remember those names that are submitted.

ABOUT LIFE

Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation Committee (JPIC): This past week, the Cleveland Banner wrote, "We can tell a lot about a person, team or community by how they win or lose. Winning can expose feelings of joy, pride, exhilaration, even boastful arrogance or humble dignity. Losing can expose both humility and humiliation, anger and accusations, pettiness, jealousy, good sportsmanship and maturity or immaturity." The election process in our democracy revolves around winning vs. losing, and both vices and virtues may be exemplified by either side. It is in times like these, that it is the utmost importance to remember the love and compassion of Our Savior.

Differences by Alora M. Knight

We all come warmly from the womb,
Unprinted pages to be filled.
Brought forth upon the stage of life
On which our character starts to build.

Day by day and step by step,
We begin to fit into a mold,
Created by our way of life,
Accepting stories we've been told.

Every culture forms its shackles,
Binding those that live within.
Boundaries set by age-old rules
Is where prejudice will begin.

Few are those who will accept
The differences of all mankind.
The uniqueness making each one
special
Is not the quest most seek to find.

It sometimes seems no one remembers
That God is the Father of us all.
We are equal in His sight,
From the mighty to the small.

The Golden Age will never come,
Nor will there be a lasting peace
Until love replaces hatred.
Then all differences will cease.



I am fearfully and wonderfully made. – Psalm 139:14

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:	Nov. 11, 4:45 - 5:30 PM
Grades 6-8 (Wed):	Nov. 11, 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Grades 9-11 (Wed):	Nov. 11, 7:30 - 8:30 PM
Grades 8-11 (Sun):	Nov. 5, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

FAITH FORMATION SMALL GROUPS

Protocol is being followed regarding masking, social distancing, and sanitizing to keep our students as safe as possible. Please pray for our students and catechists for continued good health and a fruitful faith formation year!



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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!

7 SISTER APOSTOLATE MINISTRY

Please consider being a substitute for the 7 Sister Apostolate ministry that has just begun at St. Mary's. This special ministry involves making one Holy Hour for our priests, one hour per week (including Saturdays and Sundays), on a specific day (but any time on that day), and in front of the Tabernacle and/or the Blessed Sacrament. To learn more about it, to answer your questions, and to sign up, please call Connie Bremmer at 320-212-5204. More info is available at sevensisterapostolate.org.

ANGELS AND DEMONS: WHAT DO SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION SAY ABOUT THEM?

While much of what we see and read keeps us entertained, the media's presentation of the spiritual and diabolical worlds is all too often unconnected to the Christian message. In this presentation, and in light of Christ's absolute victory over sin and death, Fr. Michael Patella will outline the Christian understanding of the devil, angels, demons, ghosts, and spirits in Scripture and Tradition. He will also discuss the inherent problems and dangers that arise today with the undue attention many give to the occult.

Friday, November 20, Webinar presentation from 9:00-11:00 AM. Event is Free. Registration is required (register at least five days in advance of the event); visit www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, call 320-363-3560, or email theologyday@csbsju.edu to register.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

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

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Dear Parishioners,

It is that time of year when we start thinking about Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the Calendar Raffle. The raffle is one of our two major fundraisers conducted at St. Mary's School and all the proceeds go directly towards the school's operating expenses.

By this weekend every child who attends St. Mary's School will be given their raffle tickets to sell. I encourage you to find a St. Mary's School family, purchase a ticket(s), and try your chances at winning a cash prize. If you don't know a St. Mary's school family, there are a variety of other ways to purchase your tickets:

While at Church:

1. Go to the Hospitality Desk.
2. Fill out your ticket(s).

Please Print - Address Must Be Complete

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
License #: X-21001 No. 121

3. Attach payment to your ticket.
4. Drop in the Parish Drop Box. (outside Parish office door)
5. Keep your copy.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL
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★ CALENDAR RAFFLE ★
PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED MARCH 1, 2021 - FEBRUARY 28, 2022
Sponsored by St. Mary's School
Drawings for daily cash prizes will be held February 26, 2021 at St. Mary's School

Daily Drawings
\$100.00 1st of the month
\$ 20.00 15th of the month
\$ 35.00 Sunday
\$ 20.00 Monday-Saturday
License #: X-21001 No. 121

While on campus:



Stop by the school office during school hours.

From your home:

Contact the School Office -



Call - 763-5861



Email -

stmaryss@stmaryalexandria.org

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

CALENDAR RAFFLE

\$20.00 Donation

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DAILY DRAWINGS

\$100.00 1st of the Month

\$50.00 15th of the Month

\$35.00 Sunday

\$20.00 Monday - Saturday

Being one of our major fundraising campaigns, it is important to our school that the calendar raffle is a success. With generous support from all of you, I am confident we will exceed our fundraising goals for the year.

Best of luck and thanks for supporting St. Mary's School.

Mr. Sladek

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

NOVEMBER

11/1	Ryan Rosengren, Alexandria	\$100
11/2	Mike Sponsler, Alexandria	\$20
11/3	Jeff Lefebvre, Alexandria	\$20
11/4	Lisa Thiele, Springfield, IL	\$20
11/5	Bev Peterson, Lakeville	\$20
11/6	John Muus, Grand Forks, ND	\$20
11/7	Rod Hargreaves, Alexandria	\$20

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

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www.gaschoolstore.com
Use ID # 2582419

Substitute Teachers Wanted – Contact Mr. Sladek for more information

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St. Mary's School Alexandria

Help Support Our School by Participating in:



BE PREPARED

In this reading, we have another parable from Jesus. This time Jesus is cautioning us to always be ready to shine our light. He tells a story of ten virgins who are waiting with lit lamps for the bride-groom. The wise virgins dim their lights to conserve the fuel until they will need it. The foolish use up all their fuel before the bridegroom appears.

The parable of the ten bridesmaids has a moral that is easy to spot. The moral is “we don’t know when God will come, but we’d better be ready, have what we need at hand, pay attention, listen, and be prepared.”

Usually when we hear this story, we think about our last days, and being prepared for our final judgment. But this parable also has a lot to say to us about everyday living. God calls to us throughout our lives, and God expects a response. There is an old saying by Charles Kingsley: “Have thy tools ready: God will find us work.” I think this parable is about having our tools ready.

There is no doubt that parents need special tools to nurture their children to be faith-filled, independent adults. They need patience and courage as well as ingenuity and common sense. They need tools to negotiate and persuade, and tools to comfort and coax. Parents also need practical tools like being able to organize and multitask, cook, clean, and manage the finances.

Since parents can’t do it all, you have to count on others to provide some of the tools they may need.

What tool(s) do you most need that you don’t have? Can others provide? If not, how can you get them? Pray daily for what you need, and remember God has promised to provide. With prayer and the help of others, your tools will be ready because God knows raising a child provides abundant work.

FAMILY RESPONSE

What tools does your family need to be more loving and giving with each other?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

How can you help make your family and your world a better place? What tools do you need to accomplish this? 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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TYPE 2 DIABETES

WHAT IS DIABETES? Diabetes is a problem with your body that causes blood glucose (sugar) levels to rise higher than normal. This is also called hyperglycemia.

When you eat, your body breaks down food into glucose and sends it into the blood. When glucose enters cells, it is either used as fuel for energy right away or stored for later use. In a person with diabetes, there is a problem with insulin. But, not all people with diabetes have the same problem. The types of diabetes are type 1, type 2, and a condition called gestational diabetes, which happens when pregnant. If you have diabetes, your body either doesn’t make enough insulin, it can’t use the insulin it does make very well, or both.

WHAT IS TYPE 2 DIABETES? In Type 2 diabetes, your body does not use insulin properly. This is called insulin resistance. At first, the pancreas makes extra insulin to make up for it. Over time your pancreas isn’t able to keep up and can’t make enough insulin to keep your blood glucose levels normal. Type 2 is treated with lifestyle changes, oral medications (pills), and insulin.

Some people with type 2 can control their glucose with healthy eating and being active. But, your doctor may need to also prescribe oral medications or insulin to help you meet your target blood glucose levels. Type 2 usually gets worse over time - even if you don’t need to take medications at first, you may need to later on.

HOW IS TYPE 2 DIFFERENT FROM TYPE 1? In type 1, your body treats the cells that make insulin as invaders and destroys them. This can happen over a few weeks, months, or years. When enough of the cells are gone, your pancreas makes little or no insulin and blood glucose becomes dangerously high.

People with type 1 diabetes take insulin by injection with a syringe, an insulin pen, or an insulin pump.

WHAT CAUSES TYPE 2 DIABETES? Scientists do not know the exact cause of type 2 diabetes. However, development of type 2 diabetes has been associated with several risk factors. These risk factors include:

- history of hyperglycemia, prediabetes, and/or gestational diabetes
- overweight and obesity
- physical inactivity
- genetics
- family history
- race and ethnicity
- age
- high blood pressure
- abnormal cholesterol

More information can be found at:

<http://professional.diabetes.org/PatientEd>

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 † Rosemary Cummings
- Wed.** 8:30 AM † Helen Wysaski
- Thurs.** 5:30 PM † Beverly Ann Gronos
- Fri.** 8:30 AM † Doloris Lorsung
- Sat.** 5:00 PM † Don Skrove
- Sun.** 8:00 AM For the Parish
10:00AM † Alfred Blaskowski

WEEKLY READINGS - NOV. 8

- Mon.** EZ 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1COR 3:9C-11, 16-17; JN 2:13-22
- Tue.** Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10
- Wed.** Ti 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19
- Thurs.** PHMN 7-20; LK 17:20-25
- Fri.** 2 JN 4-9; LK 17:26-37
- Sat.** 3 JN 5-8; LK 18:1-8
- Sun.** PRV 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31;
1 THES 5:1-6; MT 25:14-30

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