

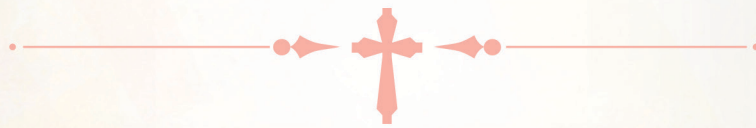
The Church of St. Mary

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Our Mission is to know, love and serve God by living the Eucharist.

MAY 30, 2021
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

DISCIPLES



“Go, therefore, and make
disciples of all nations.”

MATTHEW 28:19

FROM OUR PASTOR



Dear People of St. Mary's,

Monday is Memorial Day. Mass will be at the Church at 8:30 AM. Come, pray for those who sacrificed for this country and then drive to the cemetery and pay your respects.

Effective THIS weekend, our governor and our bishop stated that all remaining capacity and physical-distancing limits will come to an end for Mass and other indoor parish events and gatherings. However, we will keep the **two back sections of the center aisle marked for safe-distance seating** for those who feel more vulnerable. We ask that you come early to be seated there, not with the "Alexandria Rush" as it is more difficult to accommodate a large number of people at the last minute. Many people have felt very safe here with our protocol; I want to make sure they still do. Masks are not required for those who have been *fully vaccinated* but are highly recommended for those not fully vaccinated out of charity toward others and their own safety. Continue to sanitize upon entering the building and as you approach the communion minister.

Communion will be distributed by six ministers, one for each section. The bishop strongly recommends that all Eucharistic Ministers be vaccinated, including the priest. If not, they must mask. This will be in effect for the immediate future. Even though receiving communion on the tongue is now permitted, most Eucharistic Ministers are very uncomfortable in placing the host on someone's tongue. The bishop recommends a special line. That being said, **whoever wants to receive communion on their tongue is asked to get into the priest's line for communion.** The other ministers will simply send you there to receive.

Other items about opening up more: The **Blessed Sacrament chapel** will open up fully this week. As of June 1, **confessions will be heard in the Reconciliation Room** in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel from **3:45 to 4:45 PM on Saturdays**. Fr. Matt, my successor, will hear confessions before weekday Masses *if* there is a sacristan to set up for Mass each day when he arrives.

We have to re-organize almost all of our ministries: servers, readers, communion ministers, hospitality ministers and sacristans. It will take some time to "get back" to some semblance of "normal," but we are starting. While funeral lunches and coffee and rolls may be permitted, having enough people to serve them may prove a challenge. Call if you are able to minister in some way. Everything will be phased in gradually as we get the volunteers. I have 4 weekends left here at St. Mary's until Fr. Matt assumes pastorship.

Thank you for following out protocol during this time. I am still cautious about opening up too quickly because I do not want another outbreak to occur. The virus is still among us and will be for the foreseeable future. We see how devastating the virus is in poorer countries like India as they cannot maintain social distance because of the dense population and with no access to a vaccine. This is what Bishop Kettler wrote on May 19: "*Vaccinations are the best approach for making continued progress against the virus and keeping people as safe as possible from its effects. Scientists and official health authorities have assured us that the current COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective. Pope Francis has stated that receiving one of these vaccines is not only permissible according to Catholic moral teaching but also part of our Gospel duty to protect life and care for our neighbors. I agree with what the Holy Father said earlier this year: "I think everyone must take the vaccine; it's the ethical option because you are playing with your health, your life, but you also are playing with the lives of others."*

Today, Trinity Sunday, celebrates the relationship between the three persons in one God...and that Spirit is shared with us. In other words, we were made in the image and likeness of God, created to be in relationship with one another in charity and love. Fr. Steve



— BANS OF MARRIAGE —

Il Connor Dahl & Kaitlin Haggerty

SUNDAY OFFERINGS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
Envelope	\$ 14,418	\$ 23,904	\$ (9,486)
Electronic	17,465	9,769	7,696
Other	1,983	1,058	925
For May 23	\$ 33,866	\$ 34,731	\$ (865)
YTD Offerings	\$ 1,497,845	\$ 1,632,357	\$ (134,512)

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

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:

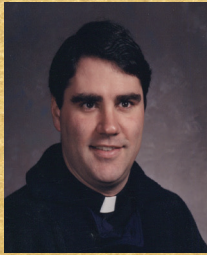
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**WELCOME TO OUR SUMMER VISITORS!
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!**

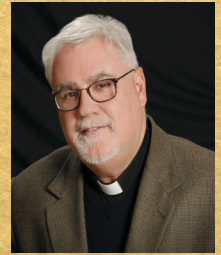


MEMORIAL DAY MASS is scheduled for Monday, May 31 at 8:30 AM at the church, *not* the cemetery.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
Retirement Celebration
HONORING
Fr. Steve Binsfeld



Sunday, June 27, 1:00 - 4:00 PM at Carlos Creek Winery, Alexandria, MN
(Program 2:00 - 2:45)

The event program will be available for viewing on the St. Mary's Facebook page:
facebook.com/stmaryalexandria

ABOUT LIFE

Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Committee (JPIC) - The following is a prayer from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for Memorial Day.

God of power and mercy you destroy war and put down earthly pride.

Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters.

Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

We spend time today remembering the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. We spend time remembering those who lost their lives and could not come home. Reflecting upon their service and know again why we have the luxury and freedom that we enjoy today. Also, we reach out in support and safeguard their grieving families and loved ones who are left behind.



SANCTITY OF 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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!

June 7-10, 2021

Join us this summer for VBS – St. Mary’s annual summer vacation kick-off. During this busy time we present God’s word to children (Age 3 - Grade 3) in four fun, activity-packed mornings.

Registration and Volunteer forms can be found on our website at:

<https://www.stmaryalexandria.org/vacation-bible-school/>



Volunteers Needed for all Ages!!

We specifically need:

- **Teachers for Age 3 – Gr. 3**
- **Teacher’s Aides for Age 3 – Gr. 3**
- **Three Craft workers**

Classes run from 9:00 AM – Noon. Volunteer hours vary depending on the job. Grab a friend and come join us! **Call 763-9202 or 491-7089 to volunteer!!**

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR VBS!!

- Large stuffed ocean animals
- Old blue sheets
- Plastic sea animal toys
- Ping pong balls
- CANNING JARS WITH LIDS
- Aquarium gravel (clean)
- Old aquarium plants (plastic)
- Beach décor for decorations
- Juice and M & M’s
- Snacks for hungry teen volunteers

All items can be left in the box in the Commons Area at church or brought to the Faith Formation office.

Thank You!!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US EACH MORNING!

Our prayers are united via conference call and it’s very easy to do. Please unite your prayers with ours and join us daily.

At 7:55 AM each morning dial: 712-775-7465 and enter access code 653790#. You may introduce yourself if you would like. You will be asked to mute your phone when the rosary begins at 8:00 AM.

Questions:

Judy Clayton 320-333-9892

Diane Gay 320-766-703



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WERE MADE FOR
YOU, O LORD,
AND THEY ARE
RESTLESS UNTIL
THEY REST IN YOU.**



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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 Friday, May 28, school ended and another group of 6th graders graduated from St. Mary's School. This class of students is a true reflection of God's blessings.

The diversity of talents and special gifts has been easily noticeable throughout the course of the year. Our graduates possess a variety of skills that allow them to achieve excellence in academics, public speaking, singing, dancing, art, sports and in serving others. Besides these talents, the students were leaders of our school. Their classroom buddies looked up to them with respect and all admired their talents.

As we say good-bye to the graduating class of 2020-21, I thank them for all of their hard work, leadership and service to our school, parish and community. I am confident they are fully prepared for junior high and know they will have the same influence on the next school they attend as they had here at St. Mary's.

Mr. Sladek

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

5/23	Carol Job, Freeport	\$35
5/24	Justin Dummer, Alexandria	\$20
5/25	Andre Hoheisel, Otsego	\$20
5/26	Kristin Wilcox, LaPorte	\$20
5/27	Lucy Christiansen, Fargo	\$20
5/28	Brittany Sandvig, Parkers Prairie	\$20
5/29	Jay Fiskness, Alexandria	\$20

Congratulations SMS 6th Graders!

Avery Boesl	Anna Korynta
Aubrey Branstad	Brooke Krasky
Leah Brittain	Brooke Nelson
Clare Buttweiler	Grady Olson
Ethan Buysse	Andrew Rauk
Alex Flaten	Zander Rohloff
Landon Gay	Ryan Sanden
Isaac Henry	Tyler Schmitt
Kaden Holt	Gunner Sellnow
Kyle Jahner	Derek Waltzing
Patrick Klecker	Jackson Waltzing

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Position Available - St. Mary's School is accepting applications for a .6 FTE K-6 Spanish World Language teacher for the 2021-22 school year. Interested candidates must have a current Minnesota K-6 teaching license. Position will remain open until filled.

Please send cover letter, references, resume and credentials to: Troy Sladek, Principal
St. Mary's School
421 Hawthorne
Alexandria, MN 56308

BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

May 30, 2021 • Holy Trinity • Matthew 28:16-20

He Is With Us

Jesus has lived his life, died and risen. He has taught his disciples everything he had to teach. Before he leaves them for a final time, Jesus tells them to make disciples of the whole world, teaching all they had learned and baptizing in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Once heard a religious educator say that a disciple was like an apprentice. A disciple doesn't have to have it all together—she makes mistakes. She is someone who is still learning. An apprentice also needs mentoring. She needs someone to teach her and instruct her, but she also needs someone to show her how to be whatever it is she is apprenticing to be.

We are disciples of a Trinitarian God, baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit. Our way into the divine life of this Trinity is through Jesus. Jesus, the Son, is our brother, our savior and our mentor. He shows us how we can share in his divinity by teaching us to accept our humanity.

It was by living his life completely and embracing his death fully that Jesus became our way and our mentor. He accepted his limitations, and embraced his vulnerability. He showed us how to live through pain and loss and die with questions left unanswered. And through it all he shared his love with everyone: friends and enemies alike.

As disciples, we try, and sometimes fail, to live our lives as Jesus lived his, but like all good appren-

tices and disciples, we sometimes fail and have to try again. A great thing to remember is that Jesus is not just the ideal—someone we look up to and try to emulate—Jesus is our mentor. He walks with us, helping us clean up our messes. He constantly shares his love and his life with us so that we can share it with others.

FAMILY RESPONSE

Discuss what qualities you like best in Jesus. Have each family member decide on one quality they would like most to have.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

Which of Jesus' qualities would you most like to have? Why? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 3:45 - 4:45 PM in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

BAPTISM

All parents must take the Baptism Preparation Course. Call the Parish Office to sign up. Contact the Parish Office 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

Mon. 8:30 AM †† Elroy & Gordon Wibstad
Tues. 5:30 PM † Richard Eklund
Wed. 8:30 AM † Pat Petermeier
Thurs. 5:30 PM † Joseph G. Dietl
Fri. 8:30 AM † Deceased KC Members
Sat. 5:00 PM For the Parish
Sun. 8:00 AM † Annabel Randolph
10:00AM † Leonard Roers

WEEKLY READINGS - MAY 30

Mon. Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-56
Tue. Tb 2:9-14; Mk 12:13-17
Wed. Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Mk 12:18-27
Thurs. Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Mk 12:28-34
Fri. Tb 11:5-17; Mk 12:35-37
Sat. Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Mk 12:38-44
Sun. Ex 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

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