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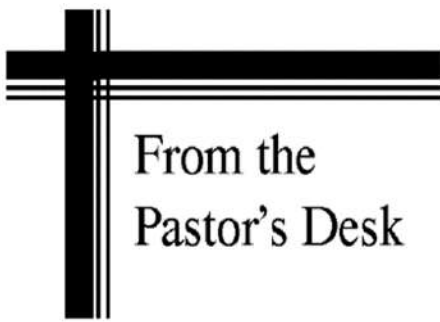


The annual outdoor Mass was held last weekend at the Sunday 10:30 am Mass at Sports Plex north of town. A nice crowd gathered to celebrate the start of the Religious Education/Youth Ministry year.

The Religious Education classes begin this weekend on September 15th, which is Catechetical Sunday. Classes are held from 9:00 to 10:15 am in the Religious Education classrooms in the basement of the rectory.



Youth Ministry will start after the parents' meeting the weekend of September 21st/22nd after Mass in the Parish Hall. Youth Ministry Directors, Ray and Gigi DeSa, will then be sending an email to the group with the Youth Ministry schedule. Classes will be held after the Sunday 10:30 am Mass in the church basement. In the photo at left is Alex Danao who was a junior server at the Mass.



**Pastoral
Musings:
Faith
In
Action**



Lord, when did we see you hungry?" (Matthew 25:37).

An African saying goes, "The trouble for the thief is not to steal the Chief's bugle, but where to blow it." This means that it is not just a question of survival of faith, but how to thrive in our faith with fresh passion, grace, and timely vigilance, sensing the signs of the time.

Our theme for this 2024 Catechetical Sunday: "Lord, when did we see you hungry?" reflects our call to missionary discipleship. St. John Paul II reminded us that the universal call to holiness is closely linked to the universal call to mission. Every member of the faithful is called to holiness and mission. We are called to be the Eucharist by word and action to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Our times cry out for rekindling this fire of holiness, inflamed by the ardent determination to bring as many brothers and sisters as possible to Christ's redeeming LOVE. "Catechesis is nothing other than the process of transmitting the Gospel, as the Christian community has received it, understands it, celebrates it, lives it, and communicates it in many ways (General Directory of Catechesis, no.105).

What is Catechetical Sunday?

The Church established Catechetical Sunday, which is always celebrated on the third Sunday in September, to recognize and celebrate the gift that catechists give to their parish community. They are volunteers who give their time and talents for the faith formation of children to grow in love for the Lord and prepare them for life to live out their faith in the world. We come together as a church community to acknowledge the dedication of those who serve as catechists in our parish family. I admire the commitment and witness of our beloved catechists at both parish communities in Hamburg and Shenandoah.

This day also reminds all Catholics to consider ways we are witnesses for Jesus Christ. All Catholics have the opportunity to rededicate themselves to the mission of passing on the faith and witnessing the Gospel as a community of faith. Let us take up this challenge of deepening our faith and living out this Gospel of love in our families and the world around us.

Who are Catechists?

The word catechesis is from the Greek word meaning "to echo." All those who teach the Catholic faith, share the Church's teachings by word and example, and teach by how they live their lives are catechists. The catechist's goal is always to set hearts aflame for Christ and share that love with others. We celebrate and pray for all who come forward for this ministry. They are people who are willing to share their own faith and have the courage to listen to the faith stories of others, without judgment but with a sense of wonder and awe.

In May of 2021, Pope Francis established the lay ministry of catechists in the Catholic Church, officially declaring that catechists are to be recognized as lay ministers and are due the training and support they need to be successful in their ministry. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that parents have the mission of teaching their children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God (CCC 2226). Therefore, moms, dads, stepparents, grandparents, foster parents, godparents, and all who form the faith of children at home in the domestic church are the first and most important catechists of their children. I admire the parents who bring their beloved children to church and teach them ways of faith by modeling the way and encouraging their hearts.

Peace and Blessings!

Fr. Tom



Saturday 3:30 pm 4:30 pm	Sept 14th—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Reconciliations Mike Lonowski+
Sunday 6:30 am 10:30 am	Sept 15th—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Bud Jorgenson+ Sr. Faustina Lightfoot—blessings on pro- fessing her perpetual vows
Monday	Sept 16th—No Mass
Tuesday 12:00 pm	Sept 17th Wally Teten+
Wed. 12:00 pm	Sept 18th That the faithful will care for the world we inhabit
Thursday 12:00 pm	Sept 19th Marlene Graham+
Friday 12:00 pm	Sept 20th Larry Young+
Saturday 3:30 pm 4:30 pm	Sept 21st—25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Reconciliations Ken DeBaere
Sunday 6:30 am 10:30 am	Sept 22nd—25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Isabella Hanzlick+ Joseph & Mary Ramaekers+ and family

What's Happening

Knights of Columbus Council 1479 meets the second Tuesday of each month. Meal @ 6:00 pm followed by meeting in St. Mary's Parish Hall in Shenandoah.

Legion of Mary group meets @ 10:30 am on Wednesdays in the Parish Hall. Contact Cristina Hansen for more information @ 515-450-1169.

St. Mary's Ladies Guild the Guild will not meet over the summer months. The next Guild meeting will be Tuesday, September 17th following noon Mass.

Bible Study has resumed! We are now meeting every Monday morning at 10:30 am in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!

Men's Faith Formation is now meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Please join us!

Adoration will be the first Friday of every month from 12:30 to 5:00 pm. Sign up sheet is at the back of church.



Mass Intentions are Invited

Mass Intentions are encouraged. If you would like to offer special Mass Intentions for birthdays, anniversaries, or to pray for any of your beloved ones who are sick or passed away, you can contact the office and make dedications for Mass Intentions. We appreciate your support and collaboration.



SAVE THE DATE! Tuesday, September 17th, marks the day of St. Mary's Guild kick-off meeting for the year. Join us after 12:00 Mass in the Parish Hall. There will also be a special treat served that we know you will enjoy. All women who are members of St. Mary's are invited!



A Special Thank You from Sr. Faustina!

May the Peace of Christ be with you! Thank you very much for celebrating my Final Profession of Vows with the Marian Sisters with me! It was such a beautiful day and my heart is full of gratitude and love. It truly was a gift to be with my biological family, parish family, and religious family all together where I grew up. The Mass, music, and luncheon were beautiful and a wonderful way to celebrate and give glory and honor to God for His great love! A huge thank you to the Ladies Guild for hosting the luncheon and decorating the parish hall so nicely. I can see clearly now that our Blessed Mother has been present and leading me my whole life, growing up in St. Mary's Parish and now being a Marian sister! God is so good! The sisters enjoyed some time on the farm as well! Be assured of my prayers for you all and I hope to see you on my home visits.

In Christ's Merciful Love, Sr. Faustina

St. Mary's Church Support—Tithes and Offerings

September 8th Tithes \$1,617.78
August Online Tithing \$1,225.00

Thank you for your generosity and gifts!

Schedule	Sat. Sept 21, 4:30 pm Mass	Sun. Sept 22, 6:30 am Mass	Sun. Sept 22, 10:30 am Mass
Lectors	Jason Stanbrough	Jason Goltz	Steve Schuster
Cantors	Tommy Hanna		Nancy Larson



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

September 15, 2024

Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
 Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 7:1-10
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 7:11-17
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/Lk 7:31-35
 Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50
 Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
 Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13
 Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b)/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-3

Parish Mission Statement

*"In the heart of Mary,
 our parish community welcomes all
 people as Christ,
 offering a place of peace, love and
 prayer."*



Jane Emge	1
Stephanie O'Brien	3
Riley Martin	6
Nicole Farley	7
David Dvorak	8
Judy Anderson	10
Tommy Hanna	12
Kyndil Rystrom	14
Ray DeSa	15
Vivianne Danao	15
Carl Jardon	16
Quentin Slater	16
Adrienne Moore	17
Eleanor Dvorak	17
Coy Meyer	19
Uryiah Olson	20
Cooper Weinrich	21
Juan Cepeda	22
Joan Bloom	23
Christopher Sokolowski	24
Ethan Daoust	24
Violet Roberts	25
Luke Daoust	26
Bill Simpson	27
Steve Huerter	28
Cynthia Willis	28
Miguel Arredondo Rodriguez	28
Bernadette Stanbrough	29



Keep them in your prayers

Bill Hayes	Pam Gilmore
Helen Lewis	Agnes Lonowski
Helen Castle	Coleen Norton
Leesa Teten	Patty Woerth

**2024 ANNUAL
DIOCESAN APPEAL**

**Cultivating
Connections
in Christ**

Parish Goal	\$33,359.00
Pledges	\$ 1,875.00
Parish Gifts	\$23,708.28
Needed to reach goal	\$ 7,775.72

A big thank you to everyone who gave a gift this past week-end to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Our parish ADA goal this year is \$33,359.00, and each and every person's gift brings us closer to that goal. And remember, when we reach our parish monetary goal, any additional gifts stay right here!

Tom & Sue Hanna	15
Quentin & Shelby Sperflage	16
Bob & Nancy Larson	21

PUMPKIN SALE

Come get your fall pumpkins!

Join us for pumpkin treats & coffee in the Parish Hall following Mass
October 5th & 6th

FREE WILL DONATION

Proceeds to benefit Shenandoah
Community Food Pantry
& St Mary's Youth
Ministry



This weekend there will be a second collection for the Seminarian Education Fund.

Why should we support Seminarian Education? Donations to the **Fund for Seminarrians** helps support the young men who are discerning their call to the priesthood. The Diocese bears the cost for Seminarian education

which includes room, board and tuition. By supporting our seminarrians throughout discernment, they can worry **less** about fiscal barriers and focus **more** on pursuing God's calling. Most Seminarrians are just starting out in the *real world* and have little means of independent support. With your generosity, these men will have more time to focus on Serving, Blessing and Strengthening our Communities.

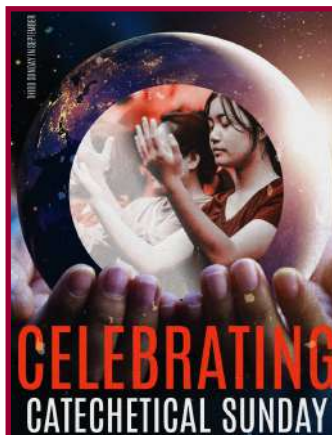
A CATHOLIC CONFERENCE FOR OUR SEARCHING SOULS!

World-Class Speakers
Opening & Closing Masses
Vendors/Organization Booths

Adoration
Superb Music
Reconciliation

Register now for the **Christ Our Life Catholic Conference** which will be held in Des Moines at the Wells Fargo Arena on September 28th and 29th.

Pick up one of the flyers at the back of the church for more information.



This Sunday is Catechetical Sunday, the beginning of the Religious Education/Youth Ministry year. Catechetical Sunday is a day to celebrate the ministry of teaching in the Catholic Church, and the importance of passing on the faith. Catechetical Sunday is also an opportunity to thank catechists for the work that they do. On Catechetical Sunday, catechists are called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. It is celebrated on the third Sunday of September each year.