

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

MISSION STATEMENT

ST. MARY'S IS A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ON A JOURNEY OF FAITH WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO WITNESS CHRIST'S PRESENCE IN THE WORLD

COFFEE & DONUTS after the 10:00 Mass downstairs in the Hall. Thank you Religious Education for serving coffee & donuts this month. Thanks to The ALTAR SOCIETY for cleaning the Altar area.

From The Pastor:

Jesus tells us to "be watchful! Be Alert! You do not know when the time will come. This is the Advent message. St Paul also gives us spiritual encouragement by telling us to be confirmed in Christ. In Him, we will not lack in any spiritual gifts as we wait for His second coming. In order to watch and be ready we must not be blinded by any sin. That is why during the Advent season like lent there is a call to repentance, almsgiving and prayer.

While prayer helps us to establish a deeper relationship with Christ and His kingdom. Confession is just as helpful in washing us of the obstacle of sin. Confession will give us grace to live closer to Christ and as St John of the Cross says, we become a source of the Holy Spirit.

Today, however, there has been so many misconceptions about confession. You hear many notions. "My priest told me I only have to go when it's serious." "I didn't think I sinned." "Why do I have to confess to a priest, why not just go to God?" "I'm ashamed of telling my sins to Father, he might think bad of me." While these are prevalent thoughts today there is nothing that cannot be overcome.

The first reason we should go to Confession is to please God. Many people look at secondary aspects but the reason why we are created—is to love and adore God. Therefore, if we love God we want to first and foremost please him. Secondly, we may experience psychological peace and fulfill our duty to God.

A person may receive the sacrament of Penance frequently to not only please God but help them overcome a mortal sin through grace. There may be various weaknesses and bad habits and perverse inclinations, or the struggle of inordinate desires and self love. Therefore, we should be anxious to purify the soul through confession and keep our will striving for perfect union with God. Frequent confessions are good.

There are several points to making a good confession. First, we must make an examination of conscience. Ancient monks always regarded daily examination of conscience as essential to holiness. A daily examination reflects our choice of sin. Our reflection makes the examination in light of the ten commandments. Second, we confess our sins. The actual confession is the place where we tell our sins and receive grace. Third, we have a contrite heart. Without a contrite heart we cannot receive forgiveness or absolution. We must be heartfelt in being sorry for our sins. This implies that we make an amends not to sin again. Finally, we make satisfaction for our sins. The prayer and penance given in confession help us to mend up what was lost by sin. Works of penance are give by the priest and they become satisfaction that remit the temporal punishment. Let us follow Christ more deeply this Advent.

UNDERSTANDING THE MASS: Sacred Silence: Silence Prior to the Celebration of the Eucharist:

Before the celebration of the Eucharist, it is recommended that silence be observed in the church, in the sacristy in the vesting room, and in the adjacent areas, so that all may dispose themselves to carry out the sacred action in a devout and fitting manner. Great care should be exerted in this matter to help assure that those who desire silence may be accommodated. Sacred silence also, as part of the celebration, is to be observed at the designated times.

PRO-LIFE: Oral Contraceptives disrupt ability to choose genetically favorable mate: A recent study by the University of Liverpool found that the contraceptive pill may adversely affect a woman's natural ability to choose a genetically favorable mate.

The ability to choose a genetically favorable mate is ascribed in part to pheromones, chemicals that can cause behavioral changes in the opposite sex. These chemicals also contain the genes involved in immunity response. When these genes interact with normal skin bacteria, they influence an individual's particular body odor.

ADORATION: We are looking for a person to spend one hour with our Lord at 10:00 pm Wednesday. If you would like to spend an hour with Jesus, please call Karla at 276-3615.

CHRISTMAS TREE HUNT: Sunday December 7th Following the 10:00 AM Mass at Morning Creek now park approximately 1.5 miles past the Tollgate Store on the right side of the road. You will need to have a day snow park pass purchasable at the DMV. You will also need a tree cutting permit purchasable at most convenience store in town. The knights will take a trailer to the mountain to haul down and deliver trees to homes if needed. If you are unable to go and would like a tree cut and delivered, just let Tony or Marc know. There will be hot taco soup and warm beverages served. Call Tony Nelson @ 966-9227 or Marc Sokoloski @ 966-8833 if you are interested in the day of fun and fellowship. Hope to see you on the Mountain

CHILDREN CHOIR: The first rehearsal for the children's choir will be Sunday, Nov. 29 after the 10:00 AM Mass in the St. Joseph's room at the RE Center. We will be preparing two songs to be sung at the Christmas Eve Mass at 5:00 PM.

First Sunday of Advent November 30, 2008

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY, Dec. 1

7:00 pm MASS †Leonard & Antoinette Herbes/Georgia

6:00 pm-12:00 am ADORATION

TUESDAY, Dec. 2

7:00 am MASS Souls In Purgatory/Yvonne Day

7:00 pm RCIA

12:01 am-12:00 am ADORATION

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 3 Francis Xavier

6:00 pm MASS Zachery Warren/Mary Harris

6:30 pm RE Classes for all Grades

12:01 am-12:00 pm ADORATION

THURSDAY, Dec. 4 John of Damascus

7:00 am MASS †Shawn Phelan/Mary Pat McCarton

7:00 pm Confession

12:01am-12:00 am ADORATION

FRIDAY, Dec. 5

5:45 am Men's Bible & Faith Study

7:00 am MASS †Evelyn Jaeger/Georgia Herbes

12:01 am-9:00 am ADORATION

SATURDAY, Dec. 6

9:00 am MASS Special Intention/Fr. Clemens

3:30 pm Confessions

4:30 pm Rosary

5:00 pm Vigil †Elsie Grubb/Mary & Dick Helling

SUNDAY, Dec. 7 Second Sunday of Advent

8:00-9:00 am Holy Hour

9:00 am Confessions

9:30 am Rosary

10:00 am MASS For the Parish

11:00 am Christmas Tree Hunting departing

11:30 am MASS (sp)†Holy Souls/Bibana Montchalin

KC's WEBSITE: The new website is www.koc1673.org

UP COMING EVENTS:

November 30—First Sunday of Advent

December 4, 11,18, 23—Confession at 7:00 pm **Dec. 22** at 6:00

Dec. 7—Christmas Tree Hunting- Tollgate area about 11:30 am

Dec. 8—Immaculate Conception Mass at 7:00am & 7:00 pm

Dec. 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe Holy Hour at 7:00 pm

December 13—St. Mary's Bazaar

BOOK OF THE MONTH: Cardinal Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan was imprisoned in Vietnam for thirteen years, and then expelled from Vietnam. He continued to proclaim the gospel of peace and freedom, justice and human dignity until his death in 2002. Destined to become contemporary spiritual classics, Van Thuan's writings have inspired hope in millions. His best selling works include *Prayers of Hope— Word of Courage, Testimony of Hope and The Road of Hope*. *Prayers of Hope* is a little book of prayers written while he was in prison. Though he was alone and seemed to have nothing at all, he had the love of faithful friends who were praying for him. And he had the love of Christ in his heart. He wrote these prayers on scraps of paper the prison guards gave him. Check this book out in our library.

We ask you to remember in your Masses and Prayers Dave Stelman & Wilma Hines who passed away last week. "May Eternal Rest Be Granted to Them O' Lord, And Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them."

GIVING TREE: Once again, St. Mary's will sponsor a Giving Tree for needy families in our area. Nametags will be available for pick up beginning November 29 & 30. Please return wrapped gifts to St. Mary's by Dec. 14. Questions please contact Jaime Shea at 541-240-1205

St. Mary's on-line:The website is www.stmaryspendleton.org

Altar Servers for Dec. 6-7

Saturday 5 pm: Daniel & John
Kubishta & Soren Wolf

10:am: Nolan & Great Kennedy &
Robert Miller

11:30am: Mitchell Montchalin

Eucharistic Min. for Dec. 6-7

Saturday 5 pm: Kevin & Karla
Willman

10:00 am: Bud & Bernie Moore

We Would Like To Welcome You To Our Parish Family

If you are new to the Parish, please fill out your name and address below. We would love to add you to our Parish Family. Please visit us at the Parish Office or mail this form to us or place it in the collection basket.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

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