

# 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 Catholic Daughters for serving coffee & donuts this month. Thanks to The ALTAR SOCIETY for cleaning the Altar area.

## From the Pastor:

The gospel reading of the Good Shepherd gives us much to reflect on during this Fourth Sunday in Easter and the 46th World Day of Prayer for vocations. What does Jesus tell us? "I am the good shepherd." Jesus wants to immediately emphasize charity for no one is a good shepherd unless he become one with Christ by love, and has become a member of the true shepherd. Therefore, the office of the good shepherd or priest is charity; thus he says the good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

It should be noted that there is a difference between a good shepherd and an evil one. The good shepherd is intent upon the welfare of the flock and the evil one is intent upon himself. Saint Thomas says they differ in three ways.

First, by their intentions this is implied by their names. The good shepherd feeds his flock. The evil shepherd is a hireling. The good shepherd seeks the benefit of the flock, while the hireling seeks his own advantage. Therefore, the good priest should lead his people to Christ and the Church. He should lay down his life for them.

Second, they differ in attentive care and protectiveness. The good shepherd sees the sheep as his own and cares for his people: "I hold you in my heart" (Phil 1:7). The hireling who doesn't own his sheep has no care for them.

Third, they differ in their affections. For the good shepherd who loves his flock, lays down his life for it. He exposes himself to dangers that affect his bodily life. But the evil shepherd sees the wolf coming, leaves the sheep and flees.

Here the wolf is understood in three ways. First, as the devil tempting "what fellowship has a wolf with a lamb? No more has a sinner with a godly man" (Sir 13:17). Second, the wolf stands for the heretic who destroys: "beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves" (Matt. 7:15). Third, it stands for the raging tyrant: "Her princes in the midst of her are like wolves tearing the prey, shedding blood, destroying lives to get dishonest gain" (Ez 22:27).

For the good shepherd there is relationship with the people. "I am the good shepherd, I know mine and mine know me." This is the true nature of a spiritual father. He is close to his people and the order of the parish is complete.

In reflecting on the holy priesthood and the consecrated life let us take note of the words of our holy father Pope Benedict, "the vocation to the priesthood and consecrated life constitutes a special gift of God which becomes part of the great plan of love and salvation that God has for every man and woman and for the whole of humanity." Jesus exhorts us in this year of priests "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38).

**UNDERSTANDING THE MASS: TABERNACLE:** A genuflection, made by bending the right knee to the ground, signifies adoration, and therefore is reserved for the Most Blessed Sacrament.

**Location of Tabernacle:** It is more in keeping with the meaning of the sign that the tabernacle in which the Most Holy Eucharist is reserved not be on an altar on which Mass is celebrated. Consequently, it is preferable that the tabernacle be located, according to the judgment of the Diocesan Bishop:

- A. Either in the sanctuary, apart from the altar of celebration, in a form and place more appropriate, not excluding on an old altar no longer used for celebration;
- B. Or even in some chapel suitable for the faithful's private adoration and prayer and which is organically connected to the church and readily visible to the Christian faithful.

**PRO-LIFE:** Many of us have found our pro-life advocacy efforts especially challenging since the November 2008 elections. Almost neglected as we have fought to maintain pro-life laws and policies on abortion is the new front opened up on the other end of human life, through the approval of legalized physician-assisted suicide in Washington and Montana. Since then, assisted suicide legislation has revived or been introduced anew in several other states. The assisted suicide issue is back in force and we find ourselves having to re-educate and retool ourselves for the battles of the 21st century. The Second-International Symposium on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide is at the National Conference Center on May 29-30.

**CEMETERY PROJECT:** The Knights of Columbus would like to invite the RE students to join us at Olney Cemetery on Wednesday evening on May 6, 13, or 20 to help replace headstones on the graves of the Sisters.

## THE DIOCESAN CAMP INFORMATION IS OUT!

This year we have High School Kick Back Camp Ages 14-17 from June 14-19, 2009, Junior High Life on Fire Camp, ages 11-13 from July 18-21, T.Y.G (Thank you God) Camp ages 9-10 from August 4-7, Family Camp all ages from July 3-6, and Introducing Leadership Camp ages 16-20 from July 15-21 to be trained to lead this year's Life on Fire Camp. See [www.dioceseofbaker.org](http://www.dioceseofbaker.org) and click on "Camps". Scholarships are available though Catholic Daughters contact Nicola at 278-8080

**PARISH ASSESSMENT:** Please help us in attaining our assessment of \$27,900 which is set by the Diocese. We have collected to date \$27,135.85. Thank you for your generosity.

**WOMEN'S DAY OF DESERT:** Please sign up in the back of the church for the Women's Day of Desert which will be held on May 30.

# 4th SUNDAY Of EASTER MAY 3 2009

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### MONDAY, May 4

7:00 pm MASS Bob & Pat Smith/Mary Harris

6:00 pm-12:00 am ADORATION

### TUESDAY, May 5

7:00 am MASS †Carmella Vescio/Don & Ann Vescio

12:01 am-12:00 am ADORATION

### WEDNESDAY, May 6

6:00 pm MASS †Andrew Vescio/Don & Ann Vescio

6:30 pm RE Classes & Adult Ed Class

12:01 am-12:00 am ADORATION

### THURSDAY, May 7

7:00 am MASS Christine Wilkens/Mary Harris

NOON Parish & Finance Council Meeting

1:30 pm Catholic Daughters

12:01am-12:00 am ADORATION

### FRIDAY, May 8

5:45 am Men's Bible & Faith Study

7:00 am MASS †Lacey Bowman/Kevin & Karla

12:01 am-10:00 am ADORATION

### SATURDAY, May 9

8:00 am MASS Special Intention/Fr. Clemens

3:30 pm Confession

4:30 pm Rosary

5:00 pm MASS †Richard Smith/Mary Harris

### SUNDAY, May 10 5th Sunday of Easter "Mother's Day"

8:00-9:00 am Holy Hour

9:00 am Confessions

9:30 am Rosary

10:00 am MASS For the Parish

11:30 am(sp) MASS Ortencia Ramirez/Elvira Esparza

**St. Mary's on-line:** The website is [stmaryspendleton.org](http://stmaryspendleton.org)

**GROTTO:** Please sign up in the back of the Church to visit St. Mary's Grotto during the month of May. We would like to have at least one family each day visit the grotto.

**HOW DID JESUS & THE APOSTLES EVANGILIZE?** Join Father Clemens and Deacon Omar as they walk through the scripture detailing our call to evangelize. The talk will follow the Monday night Mass May 11 at 7:30 pm.

**THE BOOK OF THE MONTH:** With all his characteristic brilliance and eloquence, Fulton J. Sheen tells the story of the Blessed Virgin Mary and examines Marian beliefs ranging from the Immaculate Conception to the miracle of Fatima in the book *The World's First Love, Mary Mother of God*. Her whole life, from the moment the Angel appeared to her announcing she was to be the Mother of the Son of God, through the boyhood of the Child Christ, the beginning of His public life at the marriage at Cana, the Passion and death at Calvary, up to the time of her assumption into heaven is lovingly and reverently portrayed.

Beneath the deep spirituality of the book there is a firm foundation of history, philosophy and theology, the truths of which are presented clearly and logically.

**ACTION ALERT:** Get ready, America. Congress is set to make various sexual orientations legally protected. Your call is needed today! Please call your representative today to demand politely, but firmly, that he or she vote against H.R. 1913. You may be told this information is incorrect. Call U.S. Representative Greg Walden at 202-225-6730 ask for Chief of Staff. Ask him to vote against H.R. 1913-the Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act.

**KC'S SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST:** will be this Sunday May 3, 2009 from 9:00-11:30 am held in the basement. We will be serving eggs fantastic, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, sausage patties, juices and coffee.

<u>Altar Servers for May 9-10</u>	<u>Eucharistic Min. May 9-10</u>
Saturday 5:00 pm: Nolan & Grant Kennedy	Saturday 5 pm: Bert & Muriel Rosario
10:am: Logan Thorne & Quinn Doherty	10:00 am: Betty Cleveland & Phyllis Ritz
11:30am: Mitchell Montachalin	

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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