

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

Come join us downstairs for coffee & donuts after Sunday's Mass.

From the Pastor:

"My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness" (I Cor 12:9). The second reading from the 14th Sunday in Ordinary time gives insight into grace. The Sacraments give us grace and this week we take a look at the Sacrament of Matrimony. It is the grace of this Sacrament that will help the couple to overcome the weakness of sin.

Who instituted the Sacrament of Matrimony? God Himself instituted marriage at the very beginning of the human race when He created Adam and Eve. "Therefore, a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife and they become one flesh" (Gen 2:24). Marriage was instituted by God for two reasons: a) For the procreation and education of children. b) For mutual holiness and love fulfilled by the husband and wife.

Who marries the couple? They marry one another in the presence of the priest. This mutual consent to each other produces an indissoluble bond. Now they are instruments of God's grace for one another, imitate the love Christ has for His Church. Marriage is the best human example of love, because in it, we see a reflection of the deep and faithful love of Jesus for his followers.

What are some obstacles facing marriage today? Many marriage problems begin before the day of matrimony. Often they are living together before marriage in an impure relationship. Couples using contraception reduces their chances to stay married and base the relationship on pleasure rather than sacrifice. Some couples because there is a lack of catechesis put more emphasis on exterior looks rather than the interior grace given from the Sacrament of Matrimony. Pride in both spouses presents a real problem in the communication of love. Love demands we think of the other person first. One of the biggest difficulties is that many couples don't understand true love.

How then does the Church assist couples in the Sacrament of Matrimony? Couples need to have extra preparation for the Sacrament of Matrimony. That is why we ask they notify us 6-8 months prior to the desired marriage. Previous marriages need to be reviewed or an annulment sought before the freedom to marry is granted. Couples must sincerely desire the truth of the Church. The Church only wants to help aid the couples in the grace of this Sacrament. Prayer, purity, modesty, humility and honesty must be integral parts of the couples life. The priest is there to guide them toward the altar and help young people to enter the Sacrament of Matrimony where grace abounds for their journey on earth.

UNDERSTANDING THE MASS: STOLE: The stole is worn by the priest around his neck and hanging down in front. It is worn by the deacon over his left shoulder and drawn diagonally across the chest to the right side, where it is fastened. (Note: While overlay stoles are very popular, there is nothing in the Church documents to indicate that their use is appropriate. The stole should always be worn under the chasuble.)

PRO-LIFE: Pope Benedict XVI told the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences that the right to life of human beings both before and after birth is non-negotiable. He said the pro-life perspective should be a part of "the areas of law, economy, politics and the various other social sciences." The Pope said that "the right to life is at the center of those rights that spring from human nature itself." He called on members of the Academy "to be credible and consistent witnesses to the defense and promotion of these non-negotiable human rights." The pontiff said "central question of the dignity of the human person and human rights, " a celebrated teaching, is "a point of encounter between the doctrine of the Church and contemporary society." "If all human beings are created in the image and likeness of God, then they share a common nature that binds them together and calls for universal respect," he added.

DIOCESE of BAKER PRO LIFE CONFERENCE: "Day of Renewal" The Most Reverend Bishop Robert Vasa will present this Spiritual Retreat on September 19 from 10:00 am-3:00 pm at the Powell Butte Retreat Center. The Center is located at 14427 S.W. Alfalfa Rd. Powell Butte, Oregon. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Suggested donation is \$15. Please R.S.V.P to pmarx@dioceseofbaker.org or 541-388-4004.

STEUBENVILLE NW CAMP: Bring your dirty car to Mass on Sunday July 12. The youth will be having a car wash to raise money to attend Steubenville NW Camp. Your donations will help send 10 of our youth to this camp.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE TO MEMORIZE: Mt 19:5-6 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, no human being must separate."
Mk 10:10-12 In the house the disciples again questioned him about this. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her: and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 5 2009

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY, July 6 Maria Goretti, virgin & martyr

7:00 pm MASS †Mourie Kennedy/Mary Pat McCarton

6:00 pm-12:00 am ADORATION

TUESDAY, July 7

7:00 am MASS Tricia Roscoe/Georgia Herbes

12:01 am-12:00 am ADORATION

WEDNESDAY, July 8

6:00 pm MASS †Delores Miltenberger/Nelson & Gaffery

12:01 am-12:00 am ADORATION

THURSDAY, July 9 Augustine Zhao Rong

7:00 am MASS †Helen McCoy/Karen & Vic Early

12:01am-12:00 am ADORATION

FRIDAY, July 10

5:45 am Men's Bible & Faith Study

7:00 am MASS †For Priests/Georgia Herbes

12:01 am-10:00 am ADORATION

SATURDAY, July 11 Benedict, abbot

8:00 am MASS Special Intentions/Fr. Clemens

3:30 pm Confession

4:30 pm Rosary

5:00 pm MASS Kraig & Jeanette Willman/family

SUNDAY, July 12 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00-9:00 am Holy Hour

9:00 am Confessions

9:30 am Rosary

10:00 am MASS Ellie Heitmanek/Mary Harris

11:30 am(sp) MASS For the Parish

COFFEE & DOUNTS: We will have a sign up downstairs for family or individuals to serve coffee and donuts each week. If you would like to help with this ministry please sign up or call Curt LaVelle at 276-7007.

ADORATION: We are looking for a person to spend one hour with our Lord at 11:00 pm on Monday, midnight & 8 am on Thursday & 3 am on Friday. Please help fill these hours with Jesus, call Karla at 276-3615 to sign up for your hour. Thanks

Marriage Banns— 7/11/2009

Kraig Willman ~ Jeanette Brantley

*You are invited to attend the wedding at 1:00 pm
Reception at Emigrant Spring State Park at 4:00 pm*

BOOK OF THE MONTH: *Called by Name* is the inspiring stories of 12 men who became Catholic Priests. Catholic priests communicate the glory of heaven through the ministry of the word and the sacraments, especially in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the source and summit of our Faith. By fulfilling this mission, these men truly become an *alter Chirstus*, another Christ. In this intriguing look at the awesome call to the priesthood, you will experience firsthand the joys, the struggles, and the extraordinary grace needed, and given by, these men we call "Father." This book is available in our library to check out.

CHURCH PICNIC: The church picnic will be held in the park beside the Church on July 19 at 1:00 pm. A-N bring side dish, O-Z bring dessert. Hamburgers & hot dogs will be provided. Come join us for a afternoon of fun.

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

RCIA: Anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church? Classes started September 22nd at 7:00 PM in the Church. The classes are also open to anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. Any adult who has not been confirmed and who would like this sacrament, the RCIA classes are for you. Contact Fr. Clemens 276-2833.

Altar Servers for July 11-12

Saturday 5:00 pm: Seth & Peter
Case & Walker Hoolehan
10:am: Daniel & John Kubishta &
Soren Wolf
11:30am: Mitchell Montachalin

Eucharistic Min. July 11-12

Saturday 5 pm: John Bjorkland
& Patrick Feller
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 _____

St. Mary's Church 800 SE Court Pendleton, OR 97801