

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 23 2009

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY, August 24 Bartholomew

7:00 pm MASS † David Stillman/Florence Stillman

6:00 pm-12:00 am ADORATION

TUESDAY, August 25 Louis of France & Joseph Calasanz

7:00 am MASS † Sherwood Stillman/Florence Stillman

12:01 am-12:00 am ADORATION

WEDNESDAY, August 26

5:15 pm Confession

6:00 pm MASS † Henry & Sylva Gorger/Shirley Baker

12:01 am-12:00 am ADORATION

THURSDAY, August 27 Monica

7:00 am MASS † Skylar Murray/Mary Moore

12:01am-12:00 am ADORATION

FRIDAY, August 28 Augustine, bishop & doctor

5:45 am Men's Bible & Faith Study

7:00 am MASS Warren Wagenseil/Mary Helfrich

12:01 am-10:00 am ADORATION

SATURDAY, Aug 29 Martyrdom of John the Baptist

7:00 am MASS Special Intention/Fr. Clemens

7:30 am Altar Server practice & trip to Anthony
Lake bring sack lunch.

3:30 pm Confession

4:30 pm Rosary

5:00 pm MASS Lyn Grant/Mary Ramey

SUNDAY, Aug 30 Registration for RE after all Masses

8:00-9:00 am Holy Hour

9:15 am Confessions

9:30 am Rosary

10:00 am MASS Mary Pat McCarton/Josie & Mike McDaid

11:30 am(sp) MASS For the Parish

RE REGISTRATION: Registration for RE will be the week-ends of August 29-30 and Sept. 19-20 after all Masses.

RE ROOF & FLOOR: Anyone wanting to make a donation to help with the cost of the RE roof and floor please make your checks payable to St. Mary's Building fund. Thank you.

NEW CONFESSION TIME: In the year of the Priest Father would like to offer more times for confession. The new time will be Wednesday at 5:15 pm starting August 19. Of course you can ask Father anytime for confessions.

ADORATION: We are looking for a person to spend one hour with our Lord at 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

BOOK OF THE MONTH: In this popular biography of Saint Faustina, Catherine M. Odell draws on Faustina's diary and many other sources to present the fascinating and inspiring life story of this remarkable young woman whose divinely inspired revelations and mystical experiences have touched thousands of lives and formed the basis for the worldwide Divine Mercy Movement. A profound message of God's hope and love for our time! You can find this book in our library.

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

DIRECTORY: The Church directory is in the back of the church. You should find one with your name on it if you had your picture taken. We have a few extras come to the office if you would like one of the extra copies.

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 Aug 22-23

Saturday 5:00 pm: Nolan & Grant Kennedy

Sunday 10:00 am: Logan Thorne & Quinn Doherty

Sunday 11:30 am: 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 _____

PHONE _____

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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:

It's about saving souls! As Christians we must be convicted that our faith is essential. We must help everyone we meet to find Christ and salvation. We can be thankful that God has allowed us to have the gift of faith and to believe in Him in the Holy Eucharist.

Many of Jesus' disciples who listened to His words "**eat my body, drink my blood**" said, "**This saying is hard; who can accept it**" (Jn 6)? It was hard for the Jews because Jesus appeared to be making Himself God. It was hard for the disciples because they were earthly minded and incapable of understanding it.

Who can accept this? Saint Thomas says, they said this as an excuse. They had followed Him to this point and should have accepted what He said. But because He was not teaching them things that were pleasing to them, they were waiting for an occasion to leave Him: "**A fool does not accept words of wisdom unless you tell him what he desires**" (Prv 18:2).

Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe...The book of Sirach tells us that "**All things were known to the Lord God before they were created**". Scripture tells us also "**All do not have faith**" (2Thes3:2), "**All do not obey the Gospel**" (Rom 10:6).

Therefore, faith is a gift. **No one can come to me, through faith, unless it be given by my Father.** St Augustine takes this scripture to mean, that the act of believing itself is given to us from God. Does everyone receive this gift? It would appear God in His mercy grants all an opportunity to respond to His goodness but some turn away. Why?

We see the stubbornness of the disciples, even though the Lord challenged them and gave them reasons, they still would not believe. Thus scripture says, "**From this time on, many of His disciples turned back.**" They turned back from the faith which they had in a virtuous way, cut off from the body of Christ they lost life. Augustine says some turned back in a final way, that is, those who followed the devil. In I Timothy we read, "**some turned back after Satan**" (5:15).

When we think about saving souls, we must do our best to help others find Christ and avoid satan's snares. It is necessary to speak of hell occasionally so that the person has an understanding of this place of torture. Saint Faustina explains in her diary how she was led by an Angel to the chasms of hell. It was a place of great torture (paragraph 741).

Our Lord continues to examine the ones who stayed with Him. **Do you too wish to leave?** He wanted them to be free to choose to be with Him, out of love.

If we are convicted of our faith in Jesus, we should not waste anytime in helping others find salvation. **Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.** As our life here on earth is short we should always set our sites on where we will spend eternity.

UNDERSTANDING THE MASS: Intinction: If Communion is carried out by intinction, "whereby the priest or minister dips the Host into the chalice of Precious Blood" the hosts should be neither too thin nor too small, but rather a little thicker than usual, so that after being dipped partly into the Precious Blood of Christ they can still easily be distributed to each communicant on the tongue. Self-intinction is prohibited.

MEN'S DAY OF DESERT: The men's Day of Desert will be on Sept. 26 beginning at 6:00 AM and ending at 3:00 PM. Please sign up in the back of the Church if you are interested in going.

DISHES: If you have brought food for funerals or other events please remember to pick up your dishes in the kitchen. Thank you.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING COURSE: Have you ever thought about what unnatural birth control methods really do to your body? To your marriage? The Couple to Couple League has the answers and more. Attend a course and learn a natural method of family planning that is safe, effective, and morally acceptable. Great for achieving as well as postponing pregnancy. A new course will be held on Aug. 29th, Sept. 26th, and Oct. 30th. For more information and registration. Call Scott & Valerie DeSomber at 276-6532

BOOK: In this "Year of the Priests", it would be wonderful to extend our thanks to the priests of our diocese with a gift from our parish family. This gift would be a seven volume set of "In Conversation With God," by Francis Fernandez. This is a very beautiful set of books that any priest would find very helpful in serving his parish, as well as his own spiritual growth. If you would like to make a donation for these gifts you will find envelopes in the back of the church. Just put the envelope in the collection basket. We have collected \$1,500 of the \$3,000 we needed to order .

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSES TO MEMORIZE:

1Cor 10:16 The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not the sharing of the blood of Christ? And the bread that we break, is it not the partaking of the body of the Lord?

Jn 4:31-34 Meanwhile, his disciples besought him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." The disciples therefore said to one another, "Has someone brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, to accomplish his work."