

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:

Thus says the Lord: Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be Strong, fear not! Here is our God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing.

In these difficult times when there appear divisions within our country, the world, the Church, we must be strong in our faith. Otherwise, fear will enter and confuse even the best of Catholics. We must remember that our Church has undergone great difficulties. During the Arian heresy, three-quarters of the Bishops were in error. However, God allowed orthodox Bishops to remain true and they helped open the eyes and ears of the faithful.

We must keep our eyes and ears open to Jesus. In today's Gospel of Mark, Jesus cured the man so he could hear and speak. We also know he cured others of blindness. We too, can be blind in many ways. How often we are blind to what God wants to tell us. How often we don't listen to him speak to us. We should want to become poorer so that Christ can lead us through these times.

Saint Ignatius when writing to Saint Polycarp gives us some practical guidelines for living our faith. a) *Give yourself to prayer continually..* Why is prayer so important? It is through prayer that our faith becomes real. Our faith remains formal unless we pray. For example, the mystery of the Assumption is a doctrinal teaching that we must believe. Yet, it will continue to remain a formal teaching unless we ask God to reveal it to us. Lord, show me the mystery of the Assumption and how I can live of it. b) *Exhort all men to salvation.. speak to each man individually, following God's example, bear the infirmities of all, like a perfect athlete of God.* God wants us to speak and help Him save souls, even those who are most distant. c) *If you love only your good disciples, you gain no merit; rather win over the more troublesome of them by kindness.* Our approach toward others must always be in charity. This is not easy since it takes practice to remain in love when someone attacks you. d) *Do not be overwhelmed by those who seem trustworthy and yet teach heresy. Remain firm. The good athlete must take punishment in order to win.* Some Catholics may surprise us with actions opposed to the Church, but clear study of the Word, our tradition, and the Saints will guide us. e) *Do not neglect the poor, help the widows, guard them.* We must always be defenders of the poor. Corporal and Spiritual works of mercy must always be a part of our life. It is there we follow Christ in his good action.

May we never be discouraged and doubt our faith. The one who knocks has the door opened. The one who searches the Scripture and Tradition finds answers and will be lead by the Holy Spirit.

UNDERSTANDING THE MASS: Agnus Dei: Agnus Dei, Latin for "Lamb of God." John the Baptist exclaimed, in reference to Jesus, "Look! There is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!" It is the prayer of invocation prior to the communion rite.

Kneeling: In the Diocese of Baker, it is most appropriate for the faithful to kneel after the *Agnus Dei* until the time arrives to receive Holy Communion, except in locations where kneeling is problematic.

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.

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 \$1,825 of the \$3,000 we needed to order. books.

POPE BENEDICT XVI: Benedict XVI will be praying in a particular way in September for the evangelization of the Word of God. The Apostleship of Prayer announced this general intention chosen by the Pope: "That the word of God may be better known, welcomed and lived as the source of freedom and joy." The Holy Father also chooses an apostolic intention for each month. In September he will pray: "That Christians in Laos, Cambodia and Myanmar, who often meet with great difficulties, may not be discouraged from announcing the Gospel to their brothers, trusting in the strength of the Holy Spirit."

PRO-LIFE: St. Mary's will be putting together our third annual parade float for the Round-up dress up parade on Saturday September 12th. Our theme this year will be "Stand up for Jesus!" Please pray about joining us in this great opportunity to evangelize. We will be meeting in the church parking lot on 9/12/09 at 8:30 am to decorate, and we will leave to line up by 9:30 am. "Be not afraid" to join us!!

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSES TO MEMORIZE: Jn 10:16 I lay down my life for my sheep. And other sheep I have that are not of this fold. Them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice, and there shall be one fold and one shepherd. **Rom 16:17** Now I exhort you, brethren, that you watch those who cause dissensions and scandals contrary to the doctrine that you have learned, and avoid them.

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 6 2009

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY, Sept. 7

7:00 pm MASS Erika Esparza/Elvira Esparza

6:00 pm-12:00 am ADORATION

TUESDAY, Sept. 8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 am MASS †Richard Smith/Mary Harris

12:01 am-12:00 am ADORATION

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 9 Peter Claver, priest

5:15 pm Confession

6:00 pm MASS †Thesla Bennett/Mary Harris

7:00 pm Teacher Meeting

12:01 am-12:00 am ADORATION

THURSDAY, Sept. 10

7:00 am MASS Ellie Heitmarek/Mary Harris

Noon Parish/Finance Meeting

1:30 pm Catholic Daughters in RE building

7:00 pm(Changed) Servants of Mary Mother of Mercy

12:01am-12:00 am ADORATION

FRIDAY, Sept. 11

5:45 am Men's Bible & Faith Study

7:00 am MASS †Dan Shaw/Mary Helfrich

12:01 am-10:00 am ADORATION

SATURDAY, Sept. 12 Most Holy Name of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

8:00 am MASS Special Intention/Fr. Clemens

3:30 pm Confession

4:30 pm Rosary

5:00 pm MASS †Maralla Peterson/Kathryn Thomson

SUNDAY, Sept. 13 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00-9:00 am Holy Hour

9:15 am Confessions

9:30 am Rosary

10:00 am MASS Christine Wilkens/Mary Harris

11:30 am(sp) MASS For the Parish

NATIONAL HEALTHCARE BILL: Check out this website from Bishops opposed to the national healthcare bill
www.americapapist.com/2009/09/list-bishop-against-obamacare.html

RE ROOF & FLOOR: Our deductible for insurance was \$2500. The cost to repair the roof was less so insurance is not paying any of the cost of replacing the RE roof. Our cost was \$16,600. We have had donations of \$1,590 toward the cost of the roof. If you would like to help please make your checks payable to St. Mary's Building fund. Thank you.

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.

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

RE REGISTRATION: Registration for RE will be the week-end of Sept. 19-20 after all Masses.

ADULT EDUCATION: Fr. Julian Cassar will come to our adult class on Sept 23, Oct. 21 and Nov. 18th at 6:30 pm in the RE Center to teach the "History of the Catholic Church".

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.

Altar Servers for Sept. 5-6

Saturday 5:00 pm: Daniel & John Kubishta & Soren Wolf

Sunday 10:00 am: Nolan & Grant Kennedy

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.

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