

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:

Where do wars and conflicts among you come from? All divisions start from within. It is from our passions that envy grows and **where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable.....And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.**

God created us to live in a state of perfect order and holiness—meaning our desires would be fully in harmony with the truth. Original sin however, upset this balance and one of its effects was the new motive to desire things; envy. Envy can lead to a whole host of other sins, theft, calumny, jealousy, slander and even murder.

Several saints wrestled with the sin of envy. Saint Martha who buried herself in work. But the Lord commended Mary in her silence and prayer. He was telling Martha not to be envious of Mary but to join her. Saint Peter was given three chances to redeem his love. He did so with humility and contrition but then seems to have fallen into the trap of envy. Peter after hearing the way he would die, noticing John says, "Lord, what about this man?" The Lord rebukes him and implies that Peter was having a case of envy.

Envy is the desire to have what someone else has, instead of being content with what is our own. It is very imaginative and brings about division and jealousy. Of course, it like all sins stems from pride. St John Vianney warned, that "whoever is envious is proud."

It is very important one overcomes envy and jealousy for those who avoid these sins and follow the truth will cultivate peace. **Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called Sons of God.** This peace Saint Leo says does not derive from any casual agreement or from any and very kind of harmony, but it pertains to what the Apostle says, **Be at peace before the Lord,** and to the words of the prophet: **Those who love your law shall enjoy abundant peace; for them it is no stumbling block.**

Even the most intimate bonds of friendship and closest affinity of minds cannot truly lay claim to this peace if they are not in agreement with the will of God. We must separate ourselves from the world. Those who keep God ever in their hearts, and are anxious to preserve the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace, never dissent from the eternal law as they speak the prayer of faith. **Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.** Then the peacemakers are bound together in holy harmony and are rightly given the heavenly title, the sons of God, coheirs of Christ.

How does this apply to our parish as a family of God? Are we united under the will of God? If our faith and unity is based on clear teachings and the truth, we will have a holy harmony that keeps us united with God. We are at peace because we submit our wills to the truth of God. It is the truth that will set us free and it is the truth that will help us to become a family of God.

UNDERSTANDING THE MASS: Agnus Dei: The Rite of breaking the Sacred Bread: The supplication *Agnus Dei*, is, as a rule, sung by the choir or cantor with the congregation responding: or it is, at least, recited aloud. This invocation accompanies the fraction and, for this reason, may be repeated as many times as necessary until the rite has reached its conclusion, the last time ending with the words *dona nobis pacem* (grant us peace). While the *Agnus Dei* is sung or said, the deacons or some of the concelebrants may help the principal celebrant break the hosts for Communion and distribute the precious Blood if necessary. This action is reserved to priest and deacons only.

BOOKS FOR PRIEST: 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 \$2,300 of the \$3,000 we needed to order.

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.

POPE BENEDICT XVI: The Church today needs holy and credible bishops, affirmed Benedict XVI's secretary of state when he celebrated Mass today with bishops ordained in the last year. The cardinal gave the bishops this challenge: "Christian people need to see credible witnesses and be guided by holy pastors," who plant the "love of God in everyone who has been entrusted to their care." The secretary of state also assured the bishops of the "greeting and encouragement of Benedict XVI."

He then went on to cite some of the passages from a homily that the Pope gave last Saturday when he ordained five bishops. On that occasion, the Holy Father emphasized virtues such as fidelity, prudence and goodness.

PRO-LIFE: This is a credit card where the proceeds go to Pro-Life. Check it out at <http://www.cardlabconnect.com/AffinityPortal/visitorAction.do?affinityName=savebabieswithyourcard>

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSES TO MEMORIZE: Church is Body of Christ Col 1:18 Again, he is the head of his body, the Church: He, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he may have the first place. **Eph 5:30** (because we are members of his body, made from his flesh and from his bones).

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 20 2009

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY, Sept. 21 Matthew, apostle

7:00 pm MASS †Sr. M Victoria Nuttman/Fellers

6:00 pm-12:00 am Adoration

TUESDAY, Sept. 22 Weekday (25)

7:00 am MASS Ron Smith/Mary Harris

7:00 pm RCIA

12:01 am-12:00 am Adoration

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 23 Pio of Pietrelcina, priest

5:15 pm Confession

6:00 pm MASS †Bill Nuttman/Feller Family

6:30 pm RE Class

6:30 pm History of Catholic Church

12:01 am-12:00 am Adoration

THURSDAY, Sept. 24 Weekday (25)

7:00 am MASS †Lemuel Nichols/Feller Family

12:01am-12:00 am Adoration

FRIDAY, Sept. 25 Weekday (25)

5:45 am Men's Bible & Faith Study

7:00 am MASS For all priest/Georgia Herbes

12:01 am-10:00 am Adoration

SATURDAY, Sept. 26 Cosmas and Damian, martyrs

6:00 am Men's Day of Desert

8:00 am NO MASS

3:30 pm Confession

4:30 pm Rosary

5:00 pm MASS Phyllis Bales & Elliot Garrison/Garrison

SUNDAY, Sept. 27 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00-9:00 am Holy Hour

9:15 am Confessions

9:30 am Rosary

10:00 am MASS For all Priest/Nancy & Jeff Burnett

11:30 am(sp) MASS For the Parish

RE REGISTRATION: Registration for RE will be this week-end 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 and 1 pm on Wednesday. Please help fill these hours with Jesus, call Karla at 276-3615 to sign up for your hour. Thanks.

BOOK OF THE MONTH: *I Believe in Love* is a spiritual classic that has long been loved by Catholics for its wondrous distillation of the teaching of St. Therese of Lisieux into a reader-friendly set of meditations. It's perfect as a personal retreat when you have only a few moments to spare each day— and for spiritual reading anytime and anywhere. *I Believe in Love* has helped countless souls embark on the way to the Father. It will help you focus on Him throughout each day. rest in Him amid your troubles, and live joyfully with Him at every moment. You can find this book in our library.

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

RE ROOF & FLOOR: The cost to replace the RE roof was \$16,600. We have had donations of \$2,690 toward the cost of the roof. Please help pay for this needed maintenance by making your checks payable to St. Mary's Building fund. Thank you for all your generosity.

DAY OF THE SON: If you are a teen who wishes to keep your sanity in this out of control world then come to Day of the Son to get your "Faith Recharged" This event is planned by teens for teens October 9-11, 2009. Go to www.dioceseofbaker.org and click "Youth Events" and then "Day of the Son" for registration forms, medical forms, and more information.

Altar Servers for Sept. 26-27

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.

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ADDRESS _____

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