

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: (*From In Conversation with God*)

Charity is the bond of unity and the foundation of the apostolate. Whatever form our apostolate takes and whatever reception it gets, charity must always inform our activities. The Lord made this very clear when he said: *By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.*

When St. Paul wrote to the Thessalonians and recalled his visit with them, he made a point of reminding them: *For you know how, like a father with his children, we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. Each one of you, he writes. Every one. The Apostle did not limit himself to preaching in the synagogues and public places as was certainly his custom. He made sure that he paid attention to each and every individual in the Christian community. He gave friendly encouragement and guidance to every single one. This is how we should behave with our neighbors at work, at home, in the classroom, in the community. We should become good friends with those around us. Friendship is the basis of all apostolate. We should really care for our neighbors, even though this may take some effort at first. Defects should not be a cause of alienation. *The ministry of evangelization requires of the evangelizer a fraternal and ever-increasing love for those whom he is evangelizing.* We have to see in each person his or her value as a child of God. This realization will lead us to a true esteem for our neighbor which will be stronger than any defects or difficulties.*

We who have received the gift of faith should feel the need to share it with others. This effort should be the prime motivation of our life. The apostolic mission is not exclusively the responsibility of the clergy and religious, or of specially-commissioned and *ad hoc* groups. It is the task of every Christian. With the lives of the first Christians as our model, we should examine the actuality of our apostolate in the middle of the world. Let us not forget those moving words of Jesus from today's Gospel: *For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ, will by no means lose his reward.* What will be the Lord's reward for us if we bring many souls to him?

UNDERSTANDING THE MASS: ACOLYTE: A term used to designate one who ministers at the Altar. In this document there is a distinction between an Acolyte and an Instituted Acolyte. Certain duties are reserved to Instituted Acolytes and these should not be confused with the duties of the Acolyte.

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 the 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 \$2,425 of the \$3,000 we needed to order.

POPE BENEDICT XVI: Benedict XVI presented St. Pio of Pietrelcina as a model, calling him a "dispenser of divine mercy" through the confessional. At the end of the general audience, the Pope pointed to today's feast of Padre Pio, offering the 20th century saint as a model for youth, newlyweds, the ill and priests. He urged youth to follow the "testimony of faith and charity" that animated the life of the Capuchin priest, as an aid to "project your future as a generous service to God and neighbor." "The Holy Father asked the saint to help those who are sick to "experience in suffering the support and consolation of the crucified Christ," and he invited newlyweds to "maintain in your families a constant concern for the poor." "May the example of this very popular saint," the Pontiff added, "be for priests in this Year for Priests, and for all Christians, an invitation to always trust in the goodness of God." And he exhorted the faithful to approach the "sacrament of reconciliation, of which the saint of Gargano, a tireless dispenser of divine mercy, was a faithful and assiduous minister."

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>

Sienna is a mobile phone company that supports Pro-Life. For more info go to www.sienna-group.com or call toll free 1-877-474-3662. Their plans are very competitive with other cell phone providers around the area.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSES TO MEMORIZE: Faith plus works **Jam 2:24-26** You see that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. In like manner, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works, when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out another way? For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith also without works is dead.

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 27 2009

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY, Sept. 28 Wenceslaus & Lawrence Ruiz

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

6:00 pm-12:00 am Adoration

TUESDAY, Sept. 29 Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

7:00 am MASS †Lynn Lucia/Warren Wagenseil

7:00 pm RCIA

12:01 am-12:00 am Adoration

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 30 Jerome, priest

5:15 pm Confession

6:00 pm MASS †Bill Nuttman/Feller Family

6:30 pm RE Class/Adult Ed

12:01 am-12:00 am Adoration

THURSDAY, Oct. 1 Thérèse of the Child Jesus

7:00 am MASS Conversion of abortion providers

12:01am-12:00 am Adoration

FRIDAY, Oct. 2 Guardian Angels

5:45 am Men's Bible & Faith Study

7:00 am MASS For all priests/Georgia Herbes

12:01 am-10:00 am Adoration

SATURDAY, Oct. 3 Weekday (26)

8:00 am MASS Special Intentions/Fr. Clemens

3:30 pm Confession

4:30 pm Rosary

5:00 pm MASS Reparation for Blasphemies of Jesus

SUNDAY, Oct. 4 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00-9:00 am Holy Hour

9:15 am Confessions

9:30 am Rosary

10:00 am MASS †Mark & Celia DeMoro/Don & Ann Vescio

11:30 am(sp) MASS For the Parish

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.

ADORATION: We are looking for a person to spend one hour with our Lord at 3 am on Friday. *"For where two or three are gathered together for my sake, there am I in the midst of them."* Call Karla at 276-3615 to sign up for an 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.

WOMENS NIGHT OUT: On October 11 at 6:30 pm in the Church basement all women of the parish are invited for dessert and bunco. Come have some fun.

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

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. Funds are available if you are interested in going call Nicola at 278-8080 or Karla at 276-3615.

Altar Servers for October 3-4

Saturday 5:00 pm: Braden & Jacob Sprenger

Sunday 10:00 am: Seth & Peter Case and Walker Hoolehan

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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