

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:

For some Catholics their experience of their priests brings forth good memories. The priest they remember baptized their baby, witnessed their marriage, administered the healing sacrament of anointing, or gave them counsel to help their spiritual growth. For others, their experience of their priest was negative. His preaching failed to engage them. He may have manifested some character flaws they didn't like. He may have treated them uncharitably or unkind. What is for sure is that **every high priest is taken from among men and made their representative before God to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He himself is beset by weakness and makes a sin offering for himself as well as for his people.**

Despite his weakness, he is called to lead the people closer to God. He is called to help others carry their crosses. **For they who belong to Christ have crucified their flesh with its passions and desires** (Gal 5:24). Saint Augustine said there is no need to look outside oneself for sheep to offer to God. Each has within him that which he can crucify.

Could it be that one reason for the lack of vocations is that we have not shown forth Christ crucified for them. Will not those young men who feel called to a life of sacrifice draw back when they see their ideal is not realized in us. The young do have a sense of sacrifice and we often underestimate it. They want a mission with a challenge!

There are young men in this world looking for the priesthood. Studies have shown what kind of priests inspired young men to become priests. First, it was missionary priests. Second, a priest that worked with the poor. Third, a priest that worked hard. The point is that the young prefer the heroic and sacrificial priest. One survey found that 60 percent of the seminarians were inspired to enter the seminary by contact with a hard-working saintly priest.

Where do priestly vocations begin? Vocations are grown in the family. Most particularly, it is the role of the father to take his sons to the altar. The son sees the marriage of his father and mother, and may even desire to be married but offers it up for the higher calling of priesthood. What is the secret to fostering vocations? 1) the young must first hear the call of God. God does not shout a vocation. He whispers it. 2) After hearing the call, the hands must be put into action to serve at the altar, to help the sick and the poor. 3) Vocations prosper through discipline, for the priest must **walk the narrow path to salvation, not the broad way to destruction** (Lk 13:34).

Priests and parishes also foster vocations. The priest should be a visible man of prayer, work and sacrifice. Parishioners must have a healthy sense of the great fruits from the holy priesthood. We have vocations when we are centered on Jesus in the Holy Eucharist and Mary.

UNDERSTANDING THE MASS: Instituted Acolyte: Suitable vesture for the Acolyte: In the Diocese of Baker, Instituted Acolytes and altar servers wear the alb; readers and other lay ministers wear appropriate and dignified clothing. The alb, when properly worn, covers entirely ordinary clothing at the neck. The use of cassock and surplice is laudably approved.

POPE BENEDICT XVI: Only Jesus is "joy to the heart," says Benedict XVI, citing words from St. Bernard of Clairvaux. The Pope reflected today during the general audience on this 12th century saint, highlighting his personal relationship with Christ. According to the Holy Father, "in a more than decisive way, the abbot of Clairvaux configures the theologian to the contemplative and the mystic. Only Jesus -- insists Bernard in face of the complex dialectical reasoning of his time -- only Jesus is 'honey to the mouth, song to the ear, joy to the heart.'" Ideas like this one, noted the Pontiff, won the saint his traditional title: "Doctor Mellifluus: his praise of Jesus Christ, in fact, 'runs like honey.'" Benedict XVI observed that "the abbot of Clairvaux does not tire of repeating that only one name counts, that of Jesus the Nazarene. 'Arid is all food of the soul,' [the saint] confesses, 'if it is not sprinkled with this oil; insipid, if it is not seasoned with this salt. What is written has no flavor for me, if I have not read Jesus.' And he concludes: 'When you discuss or speak, nothing has flavor for me, if I have not heard resound the name of Jesus.'" The Pope said Bernard's concept of true knowledge of God consists in a "personal, profound experience of Jesus Christ and of his love." "And this, dear brothers and sisters," he said, "is true for every Christian: Faith is above all a personal, intimate encounter with Jesus, and to experience his closeness, his friendship, his love; only in this way does one learn to know him ever more, and to love and follow him ever more. May this happen to each one of us."

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WEEKLY BIBLE VERSES TO MEMORIZE: Jn 20:22-23 When he had said this, He breathed upon them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit; whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained." **1Tim 4:14** Do not neglect the grace that is in thee, granted to thee by reason of prophecy with the laying on of hand of the presbyterate.

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 25 2009

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY, Oct. 26 Weekday (30)

7:00 pm MASS †Lloyd & Opal Early/Karen & Vic Early
6:00 pm-12:00 am Adoration

TUESDAY, Oct. 27 Weekday (30)

7:00 am MASS Baker Diocese Priests/Burnett
7:00 pm RCIA
12:01 am-12:00 am Adoration

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 28 Simon & Jude, apostles

5:15 pm Confession
6:00 pm MASS Patrick Feller/Veronica Wilson
6:30 pm RE Class/Adult Ed
12:01 am-12:00 am Adoration

THURSDAY, Oct. 29 Weekday (30)

7:00 am MASS †Melba Nicassio
12:01am-12:00 am Adoration

FRIDAY, Oct. 30 Weekday (30)

5:45 am Men's Bible & Faith Study
7:00 am MASS †Rose & Dave Baker/Jeff & Nancy Burnett
12:01 am-10:00 am Adoration

SATURDAY, Oct. 31 Sunday Vigil

8:00 am MASS Special Intentions/Fr. Clemens
3:30 pm Confession
4:30 pm Rosary
5:00 pm MASS †James Flanagan/Bill & Shirley Nirschl
6:00 pm All saints celebration

SUNDAY, Nov. 1 All Saints (Daylight saving time ends)

8:00-9:00 am Holy Hour
9:15 am Confessions
9:30 am Rosary
10:00 am MASS †Virginia Kohn/Kohn & Wolfgram
11:30 am(sp) MASS For the Parish

* Notes change or new in regular schedule

ALL SAINTS CELEBRATION: We will have a potluck (bring salad or main dish:dessert provided) after the 5:00 pm Mass on October 31(next Saturday). Children and adults are encouraged to dress up as Saints. Games and activities will follow the meal. Fun for all ages.

We ask you to remember in your Masses and Prayers for Laura Moore who passed away this week. "May eternal Rest Be Granted to Her O' Lord, And Perpetual Light Shine Upon Her." Funeral will be Monday at 11:00 am.

CHILDREN CHOIR: Practice for the children choir will be after the 10:00 AM Mass in the St. Joseph Room of the Religious Education Center each Sunday. All children welcome.

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

ALL SOULS DAY SCHEDULE: All Souls day is Monday Nov. 2. Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 am for Pope Benedict VI intentions, at noon for the departed souls of our Parish, and at 7:00 pm for all Souls.

ADORATION: We are looking for a person to spend one hour with our Lord at 3 am on Friday & 8 pm on Wednesday. "*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: Dare to transform your world with kindness! Probably you just can't find the time-and can't ever seem to develop the patience- that you need in order to be consistently kind amidst the irritations that afflict you daily. That's why *The Hidden Power of Kindness* by Lawrence G. Lovasik is such a godsend. You'll learn how to be kinder, even in difficult circumstances. This wonderful book increases our insights into the wonder of the message that speaks so powerfully to us: "Love is patient, love is kind..." You can find this book in our library.

Altar Servers for October 31-Nov. 1

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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