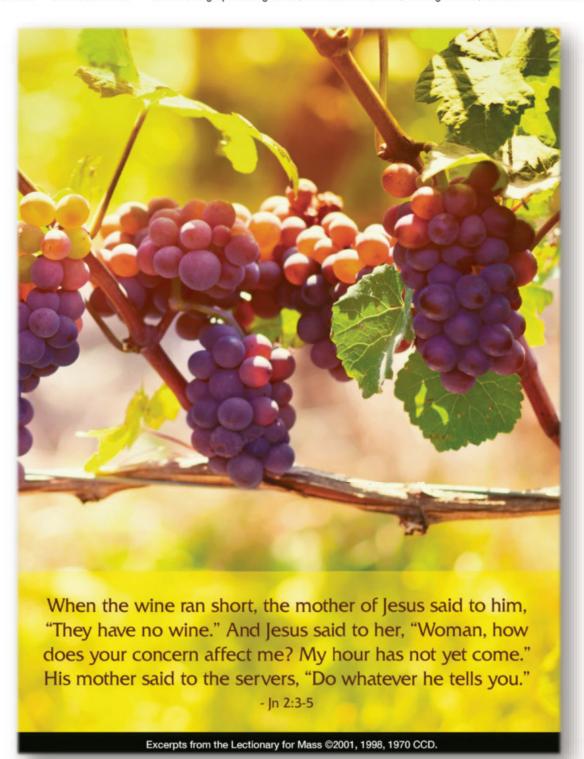
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### Praised be Jesus Christ!

We have returned to Ordinary Time and with that I, once again, can wear my favorite color - Green! ... Of course, with a touch of gold as well. Ordinary Time is not ordinary in the sense that it is common, but rather comes from the word "ordinal" or numbered. The weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered and that's how the term came to be. The invitation of Ordinary Time is to reflect on the ordered life of the Church - this period of time where we are neither feasting nor fasting. It is a chance to reflect on the Second Coming of Christ at the end of time, and the constant coming of Jesus into our everyday lives.

Saint Paul is writing to the Corinthians this week and the portion of the letter we hear proclaimed is some of his most beautiful writing. I have often used the imagery of a mosaic or a tapestry when talking about how it takes all of God's people to build the Kingdom of Heaven. Just think of a mosaic; many pieces of tile comprise the mosaic. They are of different sizes and colors. From far you might not even be able to distinguish the individual tiles. Yet, if even one of those were missing, the image wouldn't be complete, it wouldn't be as beautiful as intended. Think of a tapestry. It is the weaving of many colored threads that make for a beautiful image. So too for the Church. It takes the God-given gifts of all of us to minister and build the Kingdom of Heaven. Saint Paul reminds us that all of us have been given various gifts. They come from the same Spirit for the same purpose, but different for each of us. This is the beauty of the Church! Nobody's gifts are more important than any one else's, because those are gifts given to us from God to live a holy life. When you look at the life of our parish, we have so many people that come from different backgrounds with varied experiences in different stages of life. Yet, the goal is the same - to be a saint! As I continue to learn more about all of you and build relationships, I become more and more grateful for the many gifts present here in our parish.

I hope to see you for a series on the Mass beginning on Tuesday, January 25, and for a viewing of the TV series, *The Chosen* on Wednesday nights in the Gathering Space. These offerings are sure to be prayerful, fun, and beautiful evenings.

### Watch for It!

The parish's new "2022 Guidebook & Directory" will be mailed out in the latter part of January.

# **Liturgical Schedule** and Mass Intentions

### Monday, January 17

8:15 am Mass 4:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration

### Tuesday, January 18

8:15 am Mass - School Liturgy (Grades 1 through 8)

### Wednesday, January 19

8:15 am Mass

### Thursday, January 20

8:15 am Mass 5:00 pm Reconciliation

### Friday, January 21

8:15 am Mass

### Saturday, January 22

4:00 pm Mass (LB)

### Sunday, January 23

7:15 am (AL), 9:00 am (AL), 11:00 am (LB) Masses

- † Ray Markowiak
- † Jack Bartness
- † Theresa Peterson
- † Henry Poehler
- † Lois Hart
- † Jerry Porter
- † Robert Ullenberg
- † Ted Iwinski
- † Carol Schwartz
- John Hanko Family
- · Tiffany Bianchi Family
- The living and deceased members of St. Mary Catholic Faith Community

AL: Fr. Aaron Laskiewicz LB: Fr. Leonard Barbian

XAV: Xaverian Missionary Fathers

The Rosary will be prayed at 6:30 pm on all Mondays in January during Eucharistic Adoration.... Come join us!



May the Risen Lord grant eternal rest and peace to:

**Ruth M. Moser -** wife of the late Charles; mother of Sharon (John) Kurdziel and the late Karen (John) Meier; grandmother of Tanya (Brian) Boyer, Brandon (Anne) Harmeyer, Adam (Erin) Kurdziel, Jason Harmeyer, and Derek Meier, and the late Chad.

The Catholic Faith Community of St. Mary extends our condolences to their families and friends. May they find comfort in God's love and promise.

### **Pray for:**

Jim Herrmann • Dan K. • Fred Licau
Doug Marcelini • Fenton Massey • Jessica P.
Pat Radandt • Bob Rogalinski • Mary Kay Scheidt
Ella Schmidtknecht • Jay Tanel

Readings - January 16 through January 23, 2022

**Sunday:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11;

Jn 2:1-11

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16b-17, 21, 23;

Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10;

Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19

**Next Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15;

1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

### **Video Ministry Service Opportunity**

Bring the Mass to Our Homebound Faith Community!

St. Mary Parish invites you to join our video streaming team that has been faithfully presenting Sunday Masses online to all those in our community who have been unable to attend in person. Starting in February, we will produce online weekend Mass in a new way. We are seeking videographers, filmmakers, photographers, and technicians (amateur or professional) to video-record and upload our Saturday 4:00 pm Masses. A good eye, good reflexes, a little spontaneity for anything that might occur technically, and comfort with computers are needed. Specifically you will be shown how to video-record Mass using a single video camera and upload the recording to a streaming site that homebound participants can then access. Support will be provided by our parish technology staff. This is an excellent opportunity for individuals and families to serve the parish, and along the way, learn the elements of Catholic liturgy (Order of Worship), and of course, participate in the Mass!

If you are interested and would like to join the team, please contact Chris Koleske, Director of Music and Liturgy, at 414-425-2174, ext. 239, or at <a href="mailto:koleskec@stmaryhc.org">koleskec@stmaryhc.org</a>. When you join, you can also sign up for <a href="mailto:koleskec@stmaryhc.org">koleskec@stmaryhc.org</a>. When you join, you can also sign up for <a href="mailto:koleskec@stmaryhc.org">koleskec@stmaryhc.org</a>. When you join, you can also sign up for <a href="mailto:koleskec@stmaryhc.org">koleskec@stmaryhc.org</a>. When you join, you can also sign up for <a href="mailto:koleskec@stmaryhc.org">koleskec@stmaryhc.org</a>. When you join, you can also sign up for <a href="mailto:koleskec@stmaryhc.org">koleskec@stmaryhc.org</a>. When you join, you can also sign up for <a href="mailto:koleskec@stmaryhc.org">koleskec@stmaryhc.org</a>. When you join, you can also sign up for <a href="mailto:koleskec@stmaryhc.org">koleskec@stmaryhc.org</a>. When you join, you can also sign up for <a href="mailto:koleskec@stmaryhc.org">koleskec@stmaryhc.org</a>. When you join, you can also sign up for <a href="mailto:koleskec@stmaryhc.org">koleskec@stmaryhc.org</a>. When you join, you can also sign up for <a href="mailto:koleskec@stmaryhc.org">koleskec@stmaryhc.org</a>. When you join, you can also sign up for <a href="mailto:koleskec@stmaryhc.org">koleskec@stmaryhc.org</a>. When you join, you can also sign up for <a href="mailto:koleskec@stmaryhc.org">koleskec@stmaryhc.org</a>. When you join, you can also sign up for <a href="mailto:koleskec@stmaryhc.org">koleskec@stmaryhc.org</a>. When you join, you can also sign up for <a href="mailto:koleskec@stmaryhc.org">koleskec@stmaryhc.org</a>. When you is the following times:

Tuesday, January 18, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm Thursday, January 20, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm Tuesday, January 25, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm Thursday, January 27, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.

To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

### **Announcements**

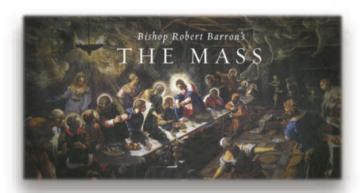
### "The Chosen"

### Wednesday Evenings, January 5 through February 23 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Gathering Space

Join us in viewing *The Chosen*, a multi-season show about the life and ministry of Jesus Christ from the perspective of his early followers and founded on Sacred Scripture. Come to know Jesus in a deeper way as he shares his love, mercy, and compassion with those he met on the way - the sinners, the wounded, the outcasts.

Encounter the humanity of Christ, his mother Mary, Mary Magdalen, John the Baptist and the disciples. Bible stories will come alive to you. Each night you'll view an episode beginning with "Called by Name", followed by small group discussion.

Although the episodes have started, you are still free to come! Each episode has its own defined focus, so you will not have missed out on anything. Registration is not required.



### "The Mass" A Catholic Study Program

by Bishop Robert Barron

Hosted by Fr. Aaron Laskiewicz

Tuesday Evenings
January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22, and March 1
from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Gathering Space

Register now at www.stmaryhc.org.

## Need Prayer? Intercessory Prayer

### First and Third Wednesdays of the Month Immediately Following Daily Mass in St. Mary Church

Join Joyce Budney and Diane Gilles on the first and third Wednesday mornings of the month for just one hour of prayer following the 8:15 morning Mass. Let us come together to pray for your needs, those of the parish and school and for our community at large. Communal prayer style with an option for individual prayer. Upcoming dates are: January 19, and February 2 and 16.

"... Let us confidently approach the throne of grace where we will find mercy and receive grace for timely help." - Hebrews 4:14-16 -

### **Be the Compassion of Christ, Hands & Heart Together**

### **Respect Life - January, 2022**

Saturday January 22, (the anniversary of Roe v. Wade) is the day the U.S. Bishops set aside for a day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. It is also a day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. We are each called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting, and/or giving alms.

The act of abortion rejects God's gift of life. Abortion destroys the life of a child, lovingly knit together in his or her mother's womb, and for someone who has participated in abortion, the loss of a child can form a hole in their heart so deep that sometimes it seems nothing can fill the emptiness. As a human and Christian family, we grieve the loss of so many lives. And yet, even in our grief, we know there is hope.

Christ came for the very purpose of redeeming our sins, offering us his forgiveness, and giving us his peace. Jesus comes to free us from the bonds of sin. And there is no sin that is beyond God's mercy. It is never too late to seek the Lord's mercy and healing through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. His greatest desire is to forgive us, pouring out His infinite mercy upon us so that we may be healed. If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, compassionate help is available. Find out more about the Church's ministry for healing after abortion by visiting hopeafterabortion.com.

We are all sinners. But with the grace of God, we can become saints. We can be lights to the nations, sharing the truth about the irrevocable dignity of the human person. Where sin abounds, God's grace abounds all the more. Therefore, let us take courage and offer prayer and penance, that all human life would be welcomed in love and protected in law.



### **Events and Activities**

- Archbishop Listecki will be celebrating the Diocesan Respect Life Mass on Saturday January 22, at 9:00 am, at St. John the Evangelist Parish (8500 W. Cold Spring Road in Greenfield).
- The Respect Life committee also invites you to join us the weekend of January 22 23 in the Gathering Space after Masses to prayerfully remember our call and role in protecting human life.



Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus. Her open heart and courageous "yes" to God show
us how to live - with hearts open to the Lord, following where He leads. One way to follow
Our Lady's example is to join "9 Days for Life", a novena for the protection of human life,
that will be held Wednesday, January 19 through Thursday, January 27. Each day's
intention is accompanied by a reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture
of life. Join today at 9daysforlife.com!

(From the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C.)

**Attention!** Temporarily, due to the current surge in the coronavirus pandemic, we will not accept clothing donations on behalf of our ministry partners.

At this point in time we ask that you refrain from dropping off items at the Parish Office or on our donation shelves. For more information about donations, please contact Pam Lownik in Social Concerns at 414-425-2174, ext. 256.

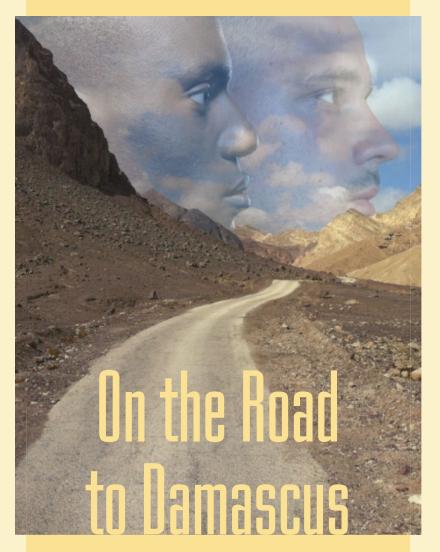
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### **Gay and Straight in Christ (GASIC)**

The focus of our meetings is on open dialogue, education, faith sharing and support. Participants will be assured of the group's commitment to maintain confidentiality for every individual who attends. Typically we meet on the third Thursday of the month. Our next meeting will be at 7:00 pm on January 20 in The Meeting Room. For more details, contact Deacon Bill Goulding at 414-405-8580 or Bill.Goulding@PACSconsulting.com.

### Boy Scout Troop 530's Aluminum Can Collection Saturday, January 29, from 9:00 to 11:00 am Parish Lower Parking Lot

Please remember to save and donate your aluminum cans to this worthy cause, and ask your neighbors to do the same. The boys of Troop 530 thank you for your support.



Racial Justice and Healing: Begin the Journey

Saturday, February 12 9:00 am to 12:00-Noon

in the St. Mary Gathering Space

# Join us for a morning of reflection and education.

As people of God, we have a responsibility to love God and our neighbor as ourselves. Even with our faith at our core, it can be daunting at times to truly know how to best love, support, and work towards healing in the face of difficult topics, such as race.

Learning about racism is a journey, and all of us as God's people walk this path carrying varying experiences, understandings, questions, and even fears that shape us. Just as St. Paul experienced sudden, radical insight and conversion while on his journey to Damascus in the Book of Acts, God invites all of us to take a similar path towards reflection and education regarding racial justice. When we work to meet each other at our varying places on this road, we do service to God and our community.

Wherever you are on this path, we invite you to join the St. Mary Social Concerns Racial Justice team Saturday morning, February 12 as we begin this journey towards racial understanding and healing as individuals and as a faith community. The seminar begins at 9:00 am. Please arrive at 8:30 am to check in. Out of love for one another, masks are strongly encouraged.

Register no later than February 7, 2022 at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/StMaryRoadtoDamascus">https://tinyurl.com/StMaryRoadtoDamascus</a>. Walk-ins are certainly welcome, but your sign-up helps us to plan for your attendance.

For more information, please contact Pam Lownik, Director of Social Concerns and Outreach, at 414-425-2174, ext. 256, or lownikp@stmaryhc.org.

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