



THE CHURCH OF SAINT MARY

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Parish Mission Statement

The Church of St. Mary, followers of Christ, are inspired by our Catholic faith to build on our traditions through the Eucharist, prayer and education. As the family of God, and with one another, we desire to live our faith in the world.



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Have you ever participated in various trust exercises, where you have to place your faith in others around you? Maybe it was falling backwards with your eyes closed while the person's voice speaking to you seemed to drift further away. Maybe it was jumping from a height into people's arms that didn't seem strong enough to catch you. These activities were supposed to show you the meaning of trust and help grow that trust in you for your comrades. Sometimes it worked. Other times, some prankster would actually let you fall, and then you learned to trust no one. So much for building up our ability to trust.

Trust is important, especially in our relationship with Jesus. He calls us all the time and asks for us to trust. However, because of doubt or a desire to follow our own will, we choose to disregard his request. After objecting to Jesus' request to lower his net into the water, Peter was humbled when he caught so much fish that the net began to tear. Peter was a fisherman by trade. Surely he knew what the catch was probably going to be that day. But Jesus asked him to follow his will. Peter wanted to follow his own. Peter realized that his trust from then on should be in the Lord.

Do you sometimes think your generosity will bear little fruit? Do you wonder if your surrender to God in stewardship living really amounts to much at all?

Trust in Jesus, the one who calls you to this life. His word is truth, and he would never let you fall.

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. - Lk 5:10-11

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 9

4:00 pm (SJ) † Fr. Thomas Barlotomco
By Fr. Dennis

6:00 pm (SM) * † MM J. Gallis
By Joe & Joan Offerman

Sunday, February 10

8:30 am (SM) † JoAnn Wand
By Wayne Wand

10:15 am (SJ) * For the People of SM & SM

Monday, February 11— No Mass

Tuesday, February 12

5:00 pm (SJ) * † Fr. Robert Barlog
By Fr. Dennis

Wednesday, February 13

8:30 am (SM) * † Mayme Ertmer
By Carol Fischer

Thursday, February 14 • •

8:30 am (SJ) * † Gerald Murphy
By Maria Hopkins

Friday, February 15

8:30 am (SM) * † Jim & Sue Berlage
By Joe Berlage & Family

Saturday, February 16

4:00 pm (SJ) † Donald Lucey
By the Kmiec's

6:00 pm (SM) * For the People of SM & SJ

Sunday, February 17

8:30 am (SM) † Warren Gerleman
By Tracy Heidenreich

10:15 am (SJ) * † Douglas Bonar
By Mary Wild

*Pastor scheduled to celebrate



Respect Life Corner Word of Life

“When violent crime impacts a community there is a temptation to respond with anger and vengeance. But the Gospel calls for rehabilitation, reconciliation, and restoration and teaches us to respect the dignity of all human beings, even those guilty of committing horrendous crimes.”



Altar & Rosary Society

The Altar & Rosary Society meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm in the church hall at the Church of St. Mary in Elizabeth, but not in December, January or February.

Knights of Columbus

Fr. Ron Conro Knights of Columbus meet the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm in the church hall at the Church of St. Mary.



“Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch” (Luke 5:4b).

Dear Friends in Christ,

Every so often we meet people who seem to have it all together. They are humble but at the same time enjoy using the talents and skills they have to make a positive difference in the world. They work hard, have a genuine love for everyone, and are a real help and joy to be around. They want to do the right things in the right way, and not cut corners or just do the minimum required of them. They are happy people, and derive happiness from helping others to be happy. It can be a real comfort but also a real challenge when we meet someone like that. We wonder, “Why can’t I be more like that person?” (Or maybe it is our parents telling us that, which can really irritate us!) We might even get a little depressed, thinking that our bad habits prevent us from ever becoming that happy and that helpful to others.

When Peter saw the miraculously large number of fish he and his partners hauled into their boats after Jesus told him where to let down his nets, he probably felt a little like that. Peter recognized that God’s power was in Jesus, but he knew he was sinful and did not deserve to even be in the presence of Jesus, so he said, “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.” Jesus told him, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” At that invitation, Peter, James, and John brought their boats to the shore, left everything, and followed Jesus. May we hear the call of Jesus to repent of our sins, and eagerly follow Jesus and “catch” other people by showing them the love and mercy of Jesus in treating them like Jesus would.

In Christ,
Fr. Dennis

Elizabeth Food Basket News

The Elizabeth Food Basket which serves the Elizabeth area, Scales Mound and Schapville (the latter two do not have a food pantry) has changed its Saturday hours. The EFB will no longer be open the third Saturday of the month, but now will be open on the FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 5:30pm TO 7:00pm. We hope that these hours will help those elderly people who have no transportation be able to find someone to bring them in the evening and also for those who are working to pay monthly bills and may need a little help. If you know of any elderly person who may need a little assistance please call the basket number—815-990-3128.

Stewardship Report

February 2 & 3, 2019

Weekly Offering
National Appeal

\$1228.00
\$555.00



Our Parish Community

We will have religious education classes after the 8:30am Mass this weekend and also on the 24th after Mass. Please mark your calendars.

Vocation Corner By Fr. Robert Gonnella

“This weekend we see both the prophet Isaiah and St. Peter struggling with the same temptation. When they are confronted with the holiness of God, they are tempted to draw away from Him. However, the temptation does not consist in them recognizing their own weakness. We should all be humble enough to admit our own shortcomings and offer them meekly to the Lord our God. The temptation consists, rather, in thinking that their weakness is too much for God to overcome. It is only when they are willing to give their weakness totally over to God that they are able to fulfill the call that the Lord has for them. We are often confronted with the same temptation in our lives as we try to carry our God’s will. We may feel too sinful or broken to be able to accomplish great things for God. However, brothers and sisters, we must follow the examples of Isaiah and St. Peter and not give in to that temptation. We must remember that God calls us to great holiness even in our weakness. It is in surrendering our weaknesses to Him that we can truly receive the strength of His grace to fulfill the mission that He has for us. It is in our weakness that Jesus Christ is strong. Do not be afraid of your weaknesses because the power of God is far greater than any shortcoming you have. Courageously give yourself totally to Jesus Christ and follow Him wherever He may lead you.”

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Mass Schedule *

Weekday

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday: 5:00pm (SJ)

Wednesday: 8:30am (SM)

Thursday: 8:30am (SJ)

Friday: 8:30am (SM)

Weekend:

Saturday: 4:00pm (SJ) 6:00pm (SM)

Sunday: 8:30am (SM) 10:15am (SJ)

First Thursday-8:30am-Mass, Holy Hour and Healing Service (SJ)

First Friday-8:30am-Mass, Holy Hour & Healing Service (SM)

* Subject to change during holy days.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 9-10 am (SM), 3:15-3:45 pm (SJ) or call SM’s office for appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage

Engaged couples must call Fr. Morrissy to begin their preparation at least six months before their wedding date.

Sacrament of Baptism

Call Fr. Morrissy to begin preparation.

Sick or Hospitalized

Please notify Fr. Morrissy of family members who are ill or in the hospital.

Pregnant?

There are alternatives to abortion!
If pregnant and in need of assistance, call 1-800-848-love. For local assistance, call the Freeport Pregnancy Center at 815-232-5433.

(SJ)-St. John • (SM)-St. Mary

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, Feb. 16 at 6:00 pm (SM)

Commentator.....Kim Thorsen.

Lector.....Kim Thorsen

EM.....Frank S, Marilyn B & Mary M

Altar Servers.....Trent

Greeter.....Frank & Norma

Sunday, Feb. 17 at 8:30 am (SM)

Commentator.....Karla Grube

Lector.....Jan Thraen

EM.....Joyce, Dena & Marilyn G.

Altar Servers.....Ty & Leah

Greeter.....Jan T

Elizabeth Nursing Home-

EM.....Larry Berlage



Readings for the Week

February 10, 2019

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

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