



**The Catholic Church  
Of St. Mary  
August 22, 2021**

**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.*

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**Confessions :**Wednesday & Friday: 8: a.m.

Wednesday from 5:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m.

Saturday: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday : 8:00 a.m.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

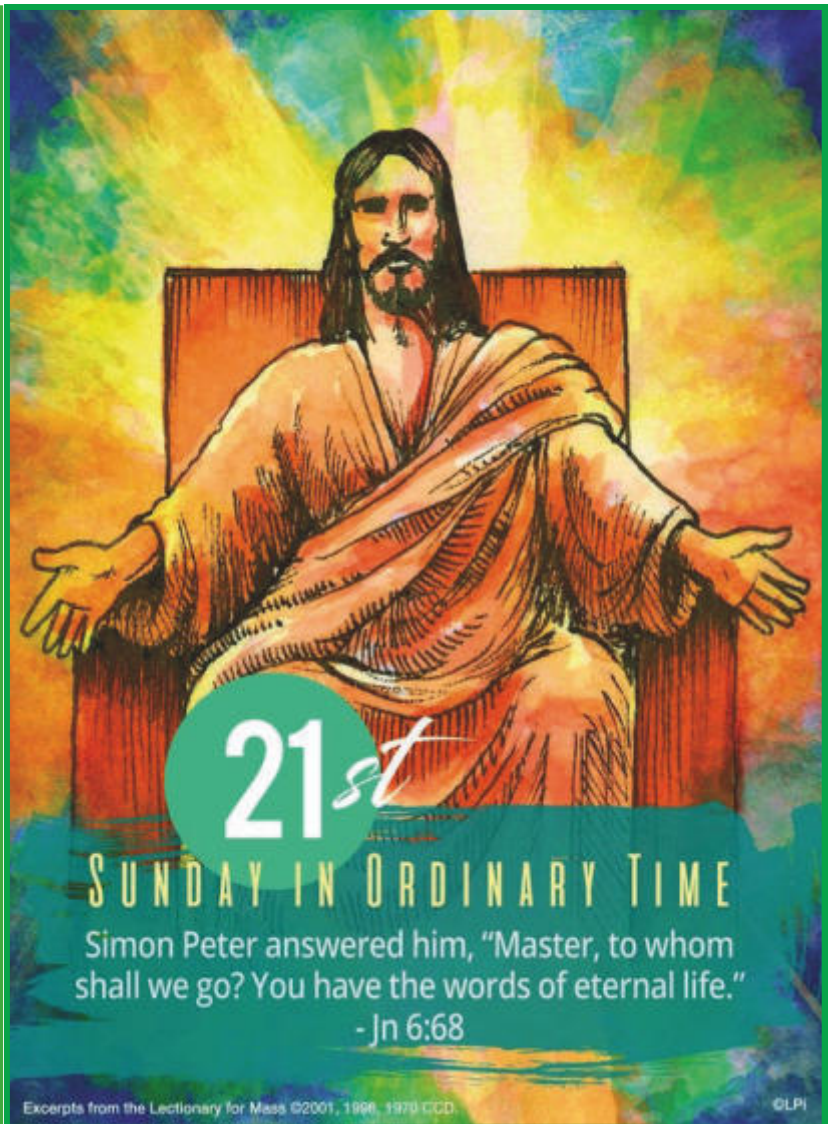
Wednesday ...5:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m. Please join us in  
Prayer

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Please call the Parish Office at  
1-815-8958-3422

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Please contact the  
Parish Office 6 months prior to your wedding date.

**Sacrament of Anointing:** During Mass on the First  
Friday of September and November

For **anointing of the homebound or in the hospital** please call the Parish office at  
**1-815-858-3422** . In emergency call the Parish number  
any time-day or night .



**Mass Remembrances**

**Saturday, August , 2021**

4:00 p.m. S.J. For the people of St. John

6:00 p.m. † Francis Kavanaugh by Mr. & Mrs. Colberg

**Sunday, August 22, 2021**

8:30 a.m. For the continued health of Terri Ludwig by the KC's

10:15 a.m.† Donald Noon by Donna Noon

**Tuesday, August 24, 2021**

5:00 p.m. S.J. † Fr. Bernard Schaefer by the parish

**Wednesday, August 25, 2021**

8:30 a.m. † Pat Uhl by Bill and Gayle Uhl

5:00-5:45 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation

6:00 p.m. † Maria, Michalina and Michak Wincenty Sowiak

**Thursday, August 26, 2021**

8:30 a.m. S.J. † St. John Purgatorial Society of 2020

**Friday, August 27, 2021**

8:30 a.m.† Ken Berlage by Marilyn Berlage

**Saturday, August 28, 2021**

4:00 p.m.† Jason Zeal by Mary Fobbert and Betty Kundert

6:00 p.m. For the people of St. Mary

**Sunday, August 29, 2021**

8:30 a.m. † Millie and Frank Mardjetko by Roseanne Mardjetko

10:15 a.m.† Pauline Zigler by Maria Kmiec



*In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

Jennifer Sullivan  
Marge Misek  
Carol Northcraft  
Terri Ludwig

For those who are suffering loss due to fire, earthquakes and the devastation of conflict

For those who are suffering from health issues

### Gospel Readings for Week of August 22, 2021

Sunday: August 22, 2021 ...Jn 6:60-69  
Monday: August 23, 2021....Mt 23:13-22  
Tuesday: August 24, 2021...Jn 1:45-51  
Wednesday: August 25, 2021....Mt 23:27-32  
Thursday: August 26, 2021.... Mt 24:42-51  
Friday: August 27, 2021....Mt 25:1-13  
Saturday: August 28, 2021.... Mt 25:14-30  
Sunday: August 29, 2021....Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

### Liturgy and Safety

**Saturday, August 28, 2021**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Lector/Com.....Tracy**

**Sanitizing.....Tracy**

**Sunday, August 29 2021**  
**8:30 a.m.**  
**Lector/Com.....1st reading/  
response....Isaac R.**

**2nd reading /prayers.....Deb R**

**Sanitizing: staff**

### Mass Part 3 Where does it come from?

The word "mass" comes from the Latin term "missa." At the end of the Latin Mass the priest dismisses the congregation using these words: "Ite missa est." It is translated into English as "Go, it is send, "the "it" being the church. The church is being sent. From the word "missa" we get the English word "dismiss."

The English word "mass" comes from "sending forth" of the Church into the world, and that means that the Church, following Christ, takes upon herself the task of making disciples of all the nations: "I have been given complete authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 22:18-20). The word "mass" receives its meaning for our communion with Jesus Christ. During Mass, we come to know Him and then, by receiving Him, we the Church, remain perfectly united with Him, ready to bear fruit. (John 15:4).

The mass is also often referred to as the "liturgy." This word also comes from the Greek language, and it means voluntary work -political, technical, or religious that was performed for the people as a whole. The early Church used this term to indicate a service of worship in which each member of the community offers to God on behalf of all, in accord with his or her role. The Liturgy became the public worship of the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ here on earth.

Another word used for Mass is the "Eucharist". The word also comes from the Greek language meaning "to give thanks." The Eucharist is based on the Last Supper accounts (Luke 22:19-20; Mark 14:22-25; 1Cor 11:23-26). There, Jesus in His own words, gives His "Body" and "Blood" as food and drink to be eaten and drunk under the appearances of bread and wine.

There is also the Lord's Supper or Breaking of the Bread. It is found in the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2 verses 43-47. Each of these terms recalls the sacrifice of Jesus, which He offered to the Father during his meal with the Apostles. Whenever we gather together at Mass, we celebrate this sacrifice He celebrated on the night before He died on the cross.

Fr. Joachim

### Stewardship Report Week of August 15, 2021

Date: August 15, 2021	Stewardship Appeal
Weekly Offering: \$1333	Goal: \$7563
Weekly expenditures: \$2600	This week: \$200
Deficit: (-\$1267)	Deficit: (-\$1593)

**Christ  
Offers  
Forgiveness  
For  
Everyone  
Everywhere**





## Parish Religious Education Program in search of helpers!

P. R. E. P. is looking for helpers of all kinds!

Our main focus is for teachers, leaders, or assistants at all levels (young children, youth, and adults). You may lead, partner teach, or substitute teach a few students/participants, with guidance from CRE and staff.

The Family Faith Program, established in January, normally meets two Sundays a month plus the occasional planning meeting. In addition to lesson help, we are looking for someone to be a food coordinator for our Family Faith meals/snacks. This would include planning, grocery shopping, and preparing a simple meal/snack. You would have assistance all along the way—including set up, service and clean-up.

The PREP program is developing some adult group opportunities as well. More will be announced in the coming weeks.

Please prayerfully & joyfully consider how you might best support our religious education program! Remember the power of faith the size of a mustard seed? No contribution is too small!

Lastly, Prayer Warriors are always needed—for our catechists...for our families...for our youth...for anyone with curiosity about developing a deeper faith!

Thank you! If you are interested and would like to chat more—contact Cheryl Rife.

[cheryl.rife@live.com](mailto:cheryl.rife@live.com)  
(815) 990-8618

## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS What's Your Hearth Cake?

"Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you." I've been to a lot of meetings in my years of work in the Church, and you can take my word for it: the ones with snacks just seem to go better.

I don't know what it is exactly. Maybe it's just that people are in a more agreeable mood if you show up with donuts. Or maybe it's about the very real sense of community and camaraderie that is created at a table where people are engaging in that most human of tasks — eating — beside one another. I think a big part of it comes down to the simple fact that we're all just nicer people when we're fed.

This rings true spiritually, too. We simply must remain fed if we, in turn, are to feed others. Think of a time when you have neglected your relationship with God — when you haven't fed yourself with whatever it is that you need to remain committed to the journey of a Christian life. Is it Mass attendance? Is it prayer or Scripture reading? Is it time with your small group, or conversation with a trusted friend who knows your soul? What sustains your ability to be a good disciple, a good steward? What inspires you to give more freely, to love more abundantly?

Whatever it is, that's your hearth cake. That's your jug of water. Don't neglect it. The Angel of the Lord is nudging you in your sleep: "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you."

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS(lpi)

## A little history of.... Our Lady of Sorrows

Catholics were active in and around Elizabeth as early as 1853, and on June 1 of that year, Bishop James Van de Velde, who served as the second Roman Catholic Bishop of Chicago, purchased a piece of property on the south side of town for a church. Priests from New Dublin (New London, WI), had been saying Masses in the homes of the settlers in Elizabeth or the surrounding country. A log building was erected, but by 1866 it proved to be too small for the growing congregation, and a larger building was purchased on the North side of town. The brick building was remodeled and dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows. At an unknown later date, the church became known as St. Mary Church.

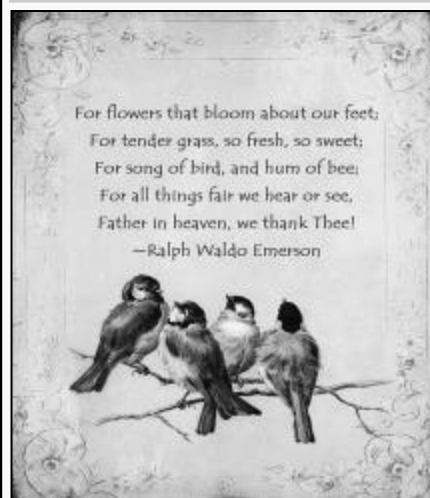
Father William Bally, a pastor in Galena, alternating with the priests from New Dublin, were saying Masses in Elizabeth. From 1880, Elizabeth was attended from Savanna every fourth Sunday. In August 1884, Father F.J. Antl became pastor of Savanna. He continued pastoral care of Elizabeth, together with the Jesuit Fathers. With his initiative, the Parishioners built a school and a convent. Sisters of St. Francis of Milwaukee were invited to provide the education for the children of the parish.

In August of 1887, Elizabeth was separated from Savanna and Father Joseph Ruetershoff was appointed the first pastor of the Elizabeth church. He built the rectory and purchased property for a cemetery. During his tenure at Elizabeth, the areas of Scales Mound and Hanover were added to the parish as missions and were visited once a month. In 1912 the parish school was closed due to decreasing enrollment.

In 1912 Father. J.K. Niles was appointed pastor and he began raising funds for the new church. The corner stone was laid by Bishop Peter Muldoon on October 15, 1913, the first Bishop of Rockford.

The first baptismal record names Maria Catherine, daughter of John Banworth and Augusta Dittmar, baptized August 15, 1884, by Rev. F.J. Antl.

From the Artman family two brothers, Anton and Henry were ordained to the priesthood. Their sister became a nun: Sister Mary Oswin. From the Wand family two daughters became nuns: Sister Mary Bernia and Sister Mary Esperia.



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