

**Mass Offerings**  
September 4-  
September 12, 2021

**Saturday, September 4**  
4:00 p.m. SJ For the people  
6:00 p.m. † Maury Berlage  
by Carole Berlage

**Sunday, September 5**  
8:30 a.m. † Oscar Wegman  
by John and Barb Scott  
10:15 a.m.. †

**Tuesday, September 7**  
5:00 p.m. SJ † Susan  
Sullivan Gable by Bob  
Gable

**Wednesday, September 8**  
8:30 a.m. † Purgatorial  
Society of 2020

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

6:00 p.m. † Pat Uhl by  
Mary & Scott Lafferty

**Thursday, September 9**  
8:30 a.m. SJ † Fr. Bernard  
Schaefer by the parish

**Friday, September 10**  
8:30 a.m.. † Marlene  
Chunes by Tony Chunes

**Saturday, September 11**  
4:00 p.m. SJ † Jason Zeal  
by the Dollar General  
Employees

6:00 p.m. † Maury Berlage  
by Deb Altfillisch family

**Sunday, September 12**  
4:00 p.m. SJ † Jean Sullivan  
by Bob Gable  
6:00 p.m. For the people  
of St. Mary



**Church of St. Mary**  
**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: 8:00 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 from 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 .

**Please pray for**



**Jennifer Sullivan**  
**Carol Northcroft**  
**Terri Ludwig**  
**Marge Misek**  
**Joe Jankowski**

**For those who are  
victims of Hurricane Ida, the  
earthquake in Haiti, wildfires  
and other natural disasters**

**For all who are suffering from  
depression or other illnesses**

**Gospel readings for the week  
of September 5, 2021**

Sunday, September 5, 2021.....

Mk 7:31-37

Monday, September 6, 2021....

Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 7, 2021....

Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday, September 8, 2021...

Mt 1:1- 16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Thursday, September 9, 2021...

Lk 6:27-38

Friday, September 10, 2021...

Lk 6:39-42

Saturday, September 11, 2021...

Lk 6:43-49

Sunday, September 12, 2021 .....

Mk 8:27-35

Only Jesus can turn a mess  
.....into a message



And a test.....into  
a testimony

## Liturgy and Safety

**Saturday, September 11, 2021**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Lector/Com.....Joan**

**Sanitizing.....Toni Mika**

**Sunday, September 12, 2021**

**8:30 a.m.**

**Lector/Com.....1st reading/  
response.... Avery**

**2nd reading /prayers.....Isaac**

**Sanitize Pews after Mass:Staff**

### A plan of recovery

So that is where we have been and are again. After many months of wearing masks, social distancing, pews being disinfected, being away from the actual church gathering, we find ourselves once more in a difficult position of building community within the restrictions that are necessary for our well-being. It is not easy for us who want to worship in the presence of the Christ and his Church to wear masks again and practice social distancing. These practices, however, are very important and they don't take our freedom away from us. While we each have our own opinions and feelings about the Bishop's instruction on mask wearing, this direction helps us be together and to stay safe. Instead of framing this guidance around the question of our freedom, let us focus on how we have been asked to take care of our neighbor and ourselves. It is SIGN of love that I have for you and myself.

There are visible disparities of the effects of the COVID-10: some have paid a terrible price, some have escaped without suffering, harm, or injury. However, there are no two situations entirely alike. That is the result of the pandemic. Almost every parish in the country is facing the challenge of fewer people in the pews. The rebuilding is very challenging. With the new regulations, should we be preparing for success or failure? Will our people come back? How many? When? What is the future of our faith communities?

The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of Vatican II is very clear: our Mass is the most sacred act of human life and the highest act of worship. It gathers together those who have gone before us and all who will come after us, together with Jesus Christ. It makes us partners with God, and it offers food for our souls. It is the source from which the grace is poured upon us. It is that place to which we go for reconciliation and peace, and where we reach communion with God and one another. It is so central for us, that we should never miss an opportunity to participate in the Liturgy, to be enriched by its effects.

I ask that you please follow the instructions our Bishop has issued. For some wearing masks again will be therapeutic, for some it will be comforting, and for some it will spark frustration. But this simple act is the key to our being able to remain together in prayer and worship. Let us do everything we can to stay united and let love win.

Fr. Joachim

In a joint effort St. Mary's and St. Paul Lutheran Churches were able to deposit \$700 in Brynn Fry's account for medical expenses. This was raised from vegetable stand after church on two Sundays.



Before it was a federal holiday, Labor Day was recognized by labor activists and individual states. After municipal ordinances were passed in 1885 and 1886, a movement developed to secure state legislation. New York was the first state to introduce the bill but Oregon was first state to pass the bill in 1887. By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday, and on June 28, 1894, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday.

Knights of Columbus

Meet the third Tuesday every month at 6:30 p.m. in St. Mary Church Hall. Next one is September 21

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### Choosing Deafness

If you're a parent, you know that hearing evaluations are usually done at a child's annual physical exam starting around age four. The little person gets hoisted up onto the exam table, fitted with a pair of special headphones, and then they need raise their hand when they hear a sound.

I bet all of us parents who have sat through one of these tests with a preschooler — especially a particularly strong-willed one — have experienced a moment where we ask ourselves: I wonder if there's something wrong with her hearing. Is that why she doesn't listen to me? 'Come here, put on your shoes, pick up your toys, finish your carrots, don't touch that' — she isn't being naughty, she just can't hear it!

And then that moment, for those of us whose kids passed the hearing test with flying colors, comes crashing down into a realization that, yep, they can hear just fine. They're just choosing deafness.

But how can we really get mad when we remember that we do the same thing to God day in and day out? I often wonder if God, sitting in His Heaven, tires of calling to us in the same way young parents tire of calling out unheeded directions to their small children. Help that person. Hear My voice. Open your heart. Give of yourself here. Talk to Me.

What is the call He wishes you to hear today? Can you hear it? Are you listening?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### Family Faith Formation Program Begins in September!



The Religious Education Program for 2021-2022 is "Finding God"—a family catechesis program inviting parents to become primary catechists of their children. "Finding God" Family Catechesis combines family group meetings and grade specific instruction by catechists with at-home sessions guided by parents. This program is unique in that it helps parents grow in their own faith while they guide their children in core faith formation.

**September sessions:**  
**Sunday, September 12 from 6pm to 7:45pm**  
**Family night with parents and youth**

**Sunday, September 26 from 6pm to 7:45 (youth only)**

### ***SPECIAL REQUEST TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY:***

To support our families in this unique program, would you consider being a one-time 'Kitchen Helper' for the Family Faith Formation program? Just come on your chosen Sunday night and help out!

Sign up in the rear of the church

### Stewardship Report Week of August 29, 2021

Weekly Offering : \$1322  
Weekly expenditures: \$2600  
Deficit: (-\$1278)  
Votive lights: \$11.00  
Stewardship Appeal:  
Goal: \$\$ 7563  
This week : \$200  
Deficit (\$1701)  
Haitian Collection: \$659.00



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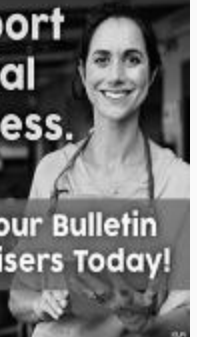
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