

Say the Word and My Soul Shall Be Healed



**Catholic Church of
St. Mary**

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY I *September 19, 2021*

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The 2021 Catechetical Sunday theme focuses on healing: "Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed." This year's theme acknowledges a world in need of healing.

The Family Faith Formation Program has started! On September 12, families with children from Kindergarten through 12th grade gathered in the Parish Hall for a simple meal, had some fun and learned more about the "Finding God: Our Response to God's Gifts" Family Catechesis program! "Finding God" is unique in its flexibility to support busy families as they grow in their faith. The program combines parish-based group meetings and grade-specific instruction by catechists with at-home sessions guided by parents or supporting adults by meeting twice a month—the 2nd and 4th Sunday from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

If you are interested or know of others that might be, please see our website for more information (as well as the 2021-2022 calendar) or contact Cheryl!



September 26, 2021

6:00-7:45 p.m. Youth Only

October Schedule: October 3, 2021 Family night 6:00-7:45 p.m.

October 24, 2021 Youth only 6:00-6:45 p.m.

Mission Statement: The church of St. Mary, followers of Christ, are inspired by our Catholic Faith to build on our relationship through the Eucharist, prayer and education. As the family of God, and with one another, we desire to live or faith in the world.

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**Gospel Readings for Week of
 September 19, 2021**

Sunday, September 19, 2021 Mk 9:30-37
 Monday, September 20, 2021..... Lk 8:16-18
 Tuesday, September 22, 2021.....Mt 9:9-13
 Wednesday, September 22, 2021Lk 9:1-6
 Thursday, September 23, 2021Lk 9:7-9
 Friday, September 24, 2021.....Lk 9:18-22
 Saturday, September 25, 2021Lk 9:43b-45
 Sunday September 26, 2021Mk 9:38-43,
 45, 47-48

St. Justin (c. 100-165)

St. Justin, a martyr and the first Christian philosopher, contributed to our understanding of early Eucharistic theology. Here is what he says:

“We call this food *Eucharistia* of which no one is allowed to partake except the one who believes it to be true what we teach and who has been washed in a bath for the forgiveness of sins and for a new birth and who lives according to the pattern Christ has handed on to us. For we do not receive these things as common bread or common drink. But as Jesus Christ, our Savior incarnate, by the Word of God took both flesh and blood for our salvation, so we are also taught that the food made Eucharist by the word of prayer that comes from him. The food that nourishes by transformation of our flesh and blood, is the flesh and blood of that incarnate Jesus.” (*First Apology* 66:2)

According to Justin, Jesus took our humanity making it his own. The Eucharist nourishes our humanity, which is transformed by it. The Eucharist is the flesh and blood of incarnate Jesus. The goal of the saving incarnation of Christ(Jesus, the Son of God, takes upon himself our human nature) is the Eucharist (Jesus present in the Eucharist with his body and blood, soul and divinity) which transforms our humanity, preparing the soul and humanity for its final eternal destiny.

Fr. Joachim

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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 .



**Prayer for the
 start of our
 2021-2022 year of
 Family and Youth
 Faith Formation**

Lord, we gather with a common heritage—our faith. We gather with a common purpose—to teach that faith.

As a small faith community, we pray for our students and ask that you show the catechists how best to instruct them and share the faith with them.

We pray for our students’ parents and ask that you show us how best to support them in their role as primary educators of their children.

And we pray for our church family . Help us to show one another how to live faithfully, hope joyfully, and love courageously.

Amen.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 18, 2021

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

6:00 p.m. † Benjamin Duffy by the Duffy family

Sunday, September 19, 2021

8:30 a.m. † Ricky and Jesse Reese by Karla Grube

10:15 a.m. S.J. Wally and Leah Duzansky wedding anniversary by the Duzanskys'

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

5:00 S.J. † St. John Purgatorial Society of 2020

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

8:30 a.m. † Margaret Parkersby by Peter and Maria Holy

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

6:00 p.m. Ken Berlage by Marilyn Berlage

Thursday, September 23, 2021

8:30 a.m. S.J. † Deceased members of the Bell family by Maria Kmiec

Friday, September 24, 2021

8:30 a.m. † Pat Uhl by the Deb Altfillisch family

Saturday, September 25, 2021

4:00 p.m. S.J. † Jason Zeal by Marianne Murphy

6:00 p.m. For the people of St. Marys'

Sunday, September 26, 2021

8:30 a.m. † Agnes Slaney by John and Barb Scott

10:15 a.m. S.J. † Bob Hopkins by Mary Wild 10:15 am



Knights of Columbus meeting the 3rd Tuesday of the month. September 21, 2021 in St. Mary church hall at 6:30 p.m. Remember masks please.



*Peace, Faith, Love and Hope.
The Four Candles, Author Unknown*

Their Ambiance was so soft you could them speak...

The first candle said, "I Am Peace, but these days, nobody wants to keep me lit." Then *Peace's* flame slowly diminishes and goes out completely.

The second candle says, "I Am Faith, but these days, I am no longer indispensable." Then *Faith's* flame slowly diminishes and goes out completely.

Sadly the third candle spoke, "I Am Love and I haven't the strength to stay lit any longer." "People put me aside and don't understand my importance. They even forget to love those who are nearest to them." And waiting no longer, *Love* goes out completely.

Suddenly...A child enters the room and sees the three candles no longer burning. The child begins to cry, "Why are you not burning? You are supposed to stay lit until the end."

Then the Fourth Candle spoke gently to the little boy, "Don't be afraid, for I Am Hope, and while I still burn, we can re-light the other candles."

With Shining eyes the child took the Candle of Hope and lit the other three candles.

Never let the Flame of Hope go out of your life. With Hope, no matter how bad things look and are...Peace, Faith and Love can Shine Brightly in our lives.

Liturgy and Safety

Saturday, September 25, 2021

6:00 p.m.

Lector/Com.....Kathy Ondracek

Sanitizing.....Toni Mika

Sunday, September 26, 2021

8:30 a.m.

Lector/Com.....1st reading/
response....Jessica.

2nd reading /prayers.....Jan

Sanitizing: staff

Stewardship Report

Weeks of September 6 and 12, 2021

Date: September 6, 2021

Weekly Offering: \$1398

Weekly expenditures: \$2600

Deficit weekly((- \$1202)

Votive lights: \$7.00

Stewardship

Goal: \$7563

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Date: September 12, 2021

Weekly Offering: \$1372

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Goal: \$7563

Deficit: (-\$901)




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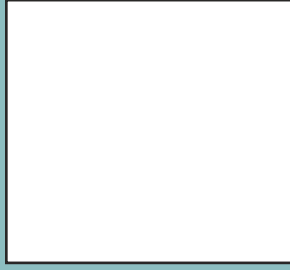
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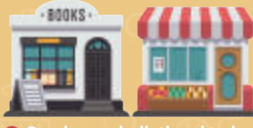
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