

Holy Family

Catholic Community



St. Mary's

1158 North Second Street
Eldorado, IL 62930

Mass: Saturday - 5 pm



St. Mary

2000 West Poplar Street
Harrisburg, IL 62946

Mass: Sunday - 10:30 am

Confessions: 30 minutes before weekend Masses or by appointment.
The Rosary is recited at each Mass 20 minutes before the Mass time scheduled.

PRIEST:

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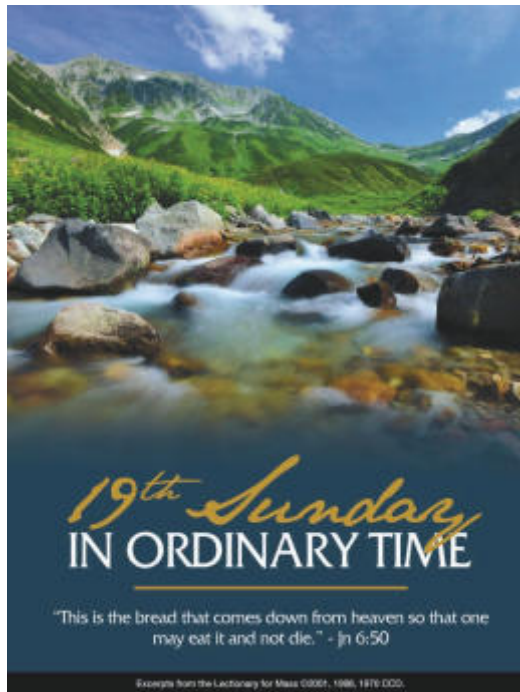
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FUNERAL POLICY

Please contact our parish priests before any arrangements are made with the funeral home involving the priest and the church.

OUR HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Rosary Guild meets 1st Sunday of each month at 3:00 pm at St. Mary's Eldorado Parish Center.

Holy Name Men's Society of St. Mary's Eldorado, meet 2nd Monday of each month in the St. Mary's Parish Center in Eldorado at 7:00 pm from March thru October 6:00 pm from November thru February.

St. Mary's Altar Society of St. Mary's Eldorado, Meet the 4th Monday of the months March, April, May, September, October & December at 6:00 pm in the St. Mary's Parish Center in Eldorado.

Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary meet 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm in the St. Mary Parish Center in Harrisburg.

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Holy Name Men's Society of St. Mary Harrisburg, 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm.

Gift Shop

St. Mary's gift shop is open before and after Mass at the main entrance of St. Mary's Eldorado Church.

Contact Mona Edwards at 618-926-0390.

AUGUST 7TH AND 8TH, 2021
19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Website address: <http://www.holyfamilycatholics.com>

DRAWN BY THE FATHER

"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him." How has God drawn you to faith in Jesus and how have you responded? If you had been alive when Jesus walked the earth, would you have believed in him? If you had seen him with your own eyes and heard him speak, would you have followed him? Would you have left behind your old ideas about religion and society to put faith in a man who claimed to not only be the Messiah but the Son of God? These questions help us to understand some of the struggles the people of Jesus' day must have faced when confronted with his preaching. He claimed not only to know God but to be God. For this reason, so many of the people of his day had trouble understanding and believing in him. Nonetheless, many did come to believe in Jesus. Many left their jobs and families to follow him. And after he rose from the dead and ascended into heaven, many gave their lives to spread the Gospel. What did they know that many of the religious leaders didn't know? How were Jesus' disciples different from the crowds that rejected him and later called for him to be crucified? Were they smarter or better people than those who thought Jesus was nothing more than a troublemaker? Jesus speaks about this in today's Gospel. Believing in him is a gift from the Father. As Jesus puts it, "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him..." Those who accepted Jesus' teaching and followed him did so because they had been given faith directly from God. It was not because they were smarter than everyone else or better people. For some mysterious reason known only to God Himself, they received a special gift of faith. The same is true for us in our day. Why is it that the Gospel message is so compelling to us? Why is it that many of us have changed our lives in radical ways to live up to the ideal life in Christ? At the same time, we see a world with so many people who have rejected Jesus and his Church. We see so much hostility to the Gospel message even among our family members and friends. Why are we different? We might be tempted to believe that we are smarter or better people than those who refuse to accept the Gospel, but that would not be what Jesus taught. The simple fact is that, for some mysterious reason, we have been given the light of faith whereas others have not or have been given less light than we enjoy. This is a very important truth for us to reflect on and consider. Faith is a gift. It is not something we have achieved or a title we have earned. It comes to us directly from the Father. Therefore, none of us can boast about it. It should not be a source of pride for us, or a reason for us to have a judgmental attitude toward those who seem to lack faith. We could just as easily not have been given this gift. The only proper response for us is to humbly accept the Word and live it with the grace that comes from God. If we have been given this gift, we will be accountable to God about how we've put it to use. Have we lived in such a way that others have seen the beauty and truth of the Gospel message? Have we loved others, served the poor, counseled the doubtful, and guided the lost by the light we have received? Jesus warns us that much will be expected from those to whom much has been given. We have been given the greatest treasure of all — faith in the Son of God. How are we putting that gift to use to draw others to Jesus?

Douglas Sousa

Mass Intentions

August 7-8, 2021

St. Mary-Harrisburg: *Jerry Kovach,
Brian & Jason Mann*

St. Mary's-Eldorado: *Kenneth "Bud" Schimp*

Weekday Mass Times

August 10-13, 2021

Tuesday 6:00 PM St. Mary Harrisburg
Wednesday 8:00 AM St. Mary's, Eldorado
Thursday 7:00 AM St. Mary Harrisburg-
Adoration 6:30 AM
Friday 8:00 AM St. Mary's Eldorado - Adoration 7:30

RCIA

For St. Mary Harrisburg & St. Mary's Eldorado Parishes

Right of Christian Initiation for Adults is a preparation process for adults interested in Catholicism. If you or a family member or friend is interested, contact the parish office at St. Mary, Harrisburg @ 618-253-7408 Tues. Wed. Thurs. 8am to Noon, or contact the coordinator @ 618-841-7810.

Classes will start Tuesday, September 7, 2021, 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM & continue through Easter 2022. This is a free program with no pre-registration or commitment required. We welcome you!

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 08 August 2021

1 Kings 19:4-8. Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9. Ephesians 4:30-5:2. John 6:41-51.

"Stop Murmuring." Elijah is running for his life from King Ahab and Jezebel because he told the truth. He was fed by an angel of the Lord for his forty-day flight. This story is context for the third-Sunday-in-a-row conversation between Jesus and the crowd on bread of life. Perhaps, with a sigh, Jesus says: "Stop murmuring." Though what I say may be hard to believe, it is true, it is real. I Am living bread. Eat me and

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

for the weekend August 14-15, 2021

5:00pm Saturday, St. Mary's, Eldorado
Lector: John Fry
Eucharistic Minister: Nancy McGuire
Ushers: David McGuire, Mike Scoffio

8:00am Sunday, St. Paul's Vienna

10:30am Sunday, St. Mary, Harrisburg
Lector: Karen West
Eucharistic Minister: Diane Grisham

Collections
July 31-August 1, 2021

St. Mary's Eldorado

Envelopes: \$3,446.00 Loose: \$100.00
Guatemala: \$215.00

St. Mary Harrisburg

Envelopes: \$2,818.00 Loose: \$207.00
Building/Roof Repair: \$1,100.00 Alms: \$45.00
Candle: \$13.00

Roof Collection

St. Mary Harrisburg has received pledges of \$77,210 of the estimated \$70,000 needed for our new roof. We have collected \$62,475 of the pledged amount. Thank you to all who have donated so far!

Those who still want to contribute to this capital campaign can place donations or pledge cards in the collection basket or bring/mail them to the parish office. We appreciate you.

Early Bulletin Submission

Next week's bulletin will be submitted on Tuesday, August 10. Please have any announcements turned in to the office by Tuesday morning.

Council Meeting

There will be a Central Parish Council Meeting following the 6pm mass on Tuesday, August 10.



PSR

Mark your calendars: PSR will start this year on Sunday, August 22nd in the Harrisburg Parish Hall at 9am. Thankfully, we are returning to normal life after a crazy year! Our classes will be held in-person & breakfast will be provided to the students just like it was pre-COVID! Registration Forms will be available a couple weeks prior to the start date of PSR, they will be at the entrances of both St. Mary's Harrisburg and St. Mary's Eldorado. Secondly, we are also happy to announce that we will be having a BIG celebration for the entire Parish to kick off this year's PSR! The theme is going to be Welcome to the Jungle. The big bash will be held on the PSR start date (Sunday August 22nd). We will have dinner following Mass along with fun activities for both the kids and adults! More info to come! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Megan Burris at 618-926-8232.

Bingo games will be available with prizes for the lucky winners. Bingo prizes are appreciated & may be turned into the office. Thanks!



Private Intentions



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| 8/2 Kim Edwards | 8/18 Connor Henshaw |
| 8/3 Bryan Elders | 8/19 Megan Burris |
| 8/6 Hayley Marks | 8/19 Ranessa Cunningham |
| 8/7 Brandon Henshaw | 8/20 Austin Bradley |
| 8/8 Rita Etienne | 8/20 Kenneth Etienne |
| 8/10 Ann Marie Podoriski | 8/23 Patricia Whyte |
| 8/11 David Nudo | 8/24 E.T. Seely |
| 8/12 Amy Elders | 8/25 Wayne Horstmann |
| 8/13 Steve Lindsey | 8/28 David Etienne |
| 8/17 Andrea Goebel | 8/28 Katie Unthank |
| | 8/30 Diane Mason |



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