

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.

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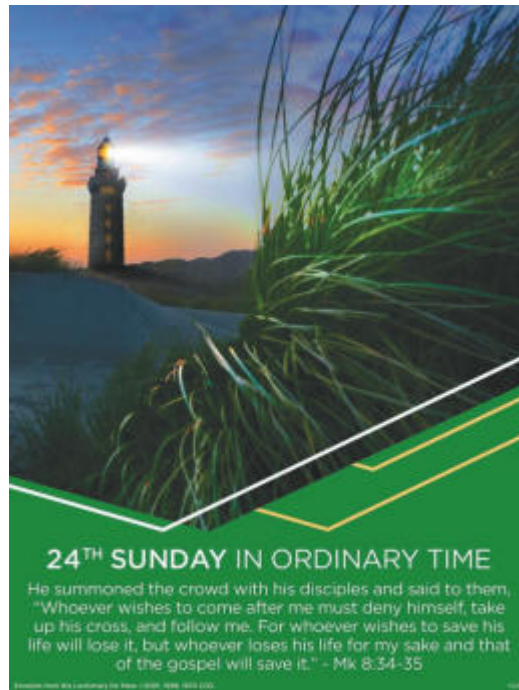
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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

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.

Knights of Columbus meet 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm in the St. Mary Parish Center in Harrisburg.

Holy Name Men's Society of St. Mary Harrisburg, 3rd Sunday of each month following 10:30 Mass.

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.

SEPTEMBER 11TH & 12TH, 2021
24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Understanding Faithful Discipleship

We've all experienced it: life was wonderful and everything seemed to be going along smoothly. Your career and relationships were moving forward with no conflicts or stress. Your family members were healthy. You knew you were loved and you were surrounded by your loved ones. And then, *it* happened. A phone call reporting an accident or death. Your child or parent has gotten sick. A job has been lost ... Whatever *it* was, things changed for you and your family. There was no going back to before. I imagine that Peter and the Apostles experienced that same sinking feeling when they heard Jesus say that he would have to suffer and die. After all, things had been going so well for Jesus and his friends as they traveled from town to town, teaching the crowds and healing the sick. This Sunday's gospel falls at the half-way point of Mark's Gospel and signals a turning point as Jesus begins his journey to Jerusalem where he will eventually suffer betrayal, rejection, and torture, before dying on a cross. Although we know that the story ends with the Easter morning Resurrection, in the passage we hear this Sunday, the Resurrection is a far-off event. Peter and the Apostles weren't prepared to hear that something horrible was looming on the horizon. When Jesus asks Peter, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter's reply is spot on: "You are the Christ." This is a great statement of Peter's faith, but it was also loaded with political and cultural implications. For Peter and many of Jesus' other followers, the Christos — the Messiah or "anointed one" — would be the long-awaited king who would bring justice and prosperity to the oppressed People of Israel. But Jesus makes it clear that he is not that kind of messiah and his followers won't enjoy royal privileges. Jesus explains that, if those traveling with him are to be true disciples, they will have to imitate his example, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." By telling us to "take up" our cross, Jesus isn't saying that we have to meekly submit to unfair treatment and suffering or embrace a blind, "offer it up" sort of spirituality. And, while they may be opportunities for grace, illness, sad events or even disasters aren't "the cross." There is nothing particularly Christian about many of the challenges we face in daily life. Finally, we can never silently or blindly accept abuse or injustice as being the will of God. Jesus rejected these and so should we. Instead, "the cross" that we are to carry is the sacrifices, trials, and hardships that can be a consequence of placing our faith and hope in him and of living according to his teaching. The consequences — or "cost" — of discipleship (to borrow the phrase from Dietrich Bonhoeffer) can take two forms. The first is that by saying "yes" to Jesus, we willingly set aside ways of thinking and acting that are at odds with the Christian life. Faithful discipleship demands that we sacrifice for the good of others, promote peace and justice, and seek God's will in whatever comes our way. It means being a person of love and hope. The second consequence is much more dramatic and costly, physical suffering and even death for the sake of Jesus and the Gospel. As we know, countless Christians around the world have suffered — and continue to suffer — simply because of their faith in Jesus. We can think of so many examples from the past months and years of Christians who have suffered exile, whose communities have been ravaged, and of those who have given their lives for their faith. Pope Francis reflected on this reality when he remarked, "May the Lord, today, make us feel within the body of the Church, the love for our martyrs and also our vocation to martyrdom. We do not know what will happen here: we do not know." As we embrace the cross and accept the consequences of following Jesus the Christ, we can find comfort and strength in the knowledge that the cross was not the end for Jesus and it is not the end of our story either. Jesus conquered death. The Resurrection transforms the cross — his and ours — into a sign of hope and life, "Whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."

Bro. Silas Henderson, S.D.S.

Mass Intentions

September 11th & 12th, 2021

St. Mary-Harrisburg: *John Molinarolo, Jr., Jack Simmons, Jerry & Sue Wenzel*

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

Weekday Mass Times

September 14th-17th, 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

UPDATED GUIDANCE ON MASKS DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE

Based on the new State of Illinois mask mandate taking effect Monday, August 30, 2021, all individuals, regardless of their vaccinations status, age two and older, are required to wear a mask while indoors. This includes weekday and weekend Masses, Eucharistic adoration, children's liturgy of the Word, PSR, nursery, etc. Masking is also required at all indoor parish social events.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 12 September 2021

Deny. Take. Follow. On the long journey to Jerusalem, Jesus clarifies that following the Christ (Peter's response to *Who am I?*) requires denying self, taking up the cross, and following. Saint James helps make this clear with the need for mercy activity. Reread the Second Reading each day this week.

- Clothe the naked. What will I do?
- Feed the hungry. What will I do?
- Shelter the homeless. What will I do?

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

for the weekend September 18 & 19, 2021

5:00pm Saturday, St. Mary's, Eldorado

Lector: Delores Grisham

Eucharistic Minister: Kay Barrow

Ushers: Caleb Boulds, Kim Edwards

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

10:30am Sunday, St. Mary, Harrisburg

Lector: Cheryl Matic

Eucharistic Minister: Frances Bertino

Collections
September 4 & 5, 2021

St. Mary's Eldorado

Envelopes: \$1,955.00 Loose: \$96.00

Guatemala: \$425.00

St. Mary Harrisburg

Envelopes: \$2,325.00 Loose: \$347.00

Building/Roof Repair: \$1,430.00 Alms: \$285.05

Note on September 18 & 19, 2021 a second collection will be taken for the people of Haiti

RCIA PERIOD OF INQUIRY

How someone comes to consider joining the Catholic Church is unique to each individual. Years of marriage to a Catholic spouse, conversations with a Catholic friend or co-worker, or even something written or viewed in the media can move adults toward membership in the Catholic Church. The inquiry period is a time to seek, to ask questions, to begin to learn about the Catholic Church. There are no commitments made or asked during this time. Inquiry is designed for attendees' questions and to begin to feel comfortable with the Catholic community. If you know of anyone outside our Catholic community that has strayed away from the faith or has questions about the faith, please share this information. Let's grow our numbers. Classes will start September 7th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary parish hall.

UP AND COMING MEETINGS:

Sept. 15th - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 6PM

Sept. 19th - New Meeting Date & Time for Holy Name Men's Society of St. Mary Harrisburg after the 10:30 AM Mass in the Parish Center.

Sept. 19th-Eucharistic Minister meeting after 10:30 AM mass

Sept. 19th - Youth Picnic at Jones Lake from 3-6 PM

Sept. 20th - Council meeting 6PM at St. Mary Harrisburg



Private Intentions

Please notify the office of any names that need added to the prayer list.

Roof Collection

St. Mary Harrisburg has received pledges of \$77,410 of the estimated \$70,000 needed for our new roof. We have collected \$64,170 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.

Sunday, September 12, 2021
Fr. Christian's 25th Jubilee Anniversary of Ordination

A catered meal will follow mass at 12:00 noon at the Harrisburg, St. Mary Parish Hall.

Celebrate Youth

You are invited: As we transition out of Pandemic Mode & back into gathered Youth Ministry events, we would like to kick off the school year with a multi-parish event at **Jones Lake on Sunday, September 19** from **3:00-6:00 PM**. All youth of grade 6 and older are invited with their families to gather for games, food, and planning activities for the coming year. You do not need to bring any food, but please let us know how many are coming from your family so that we can prepare the right amount. Come celebrate with other Catholic youth.

Please call or text Delia 618-926-1385.

Eucharistic Ministers

Sunday, September, 19 after 10:30 Mass

Orientation meeting with Fr. Christian for **all** current Eucharistic Ministers (St. Mary Harrisburg) and for any parishioners who would like to join this ministry.



9/1 Pam Karns	9/9 Jane Meyers
9/2 Carole Sandusky	9/12 Conner Cunningham
9/4 Emma Wargel	9/13 Roby Podoriscki
9/5 Ada Kelam	9/17 Clara Sisky Jones
9/7 Walter Upton	9/22 Trudy Stricklin
9/8 Phillip Karns	9/23 Michelle Bradley



Knights of Columbus
LADIES AUXILIARY

All ladies of the parishes
age 18 or older are invited
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6:00 p.m. in Parish Hall

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