

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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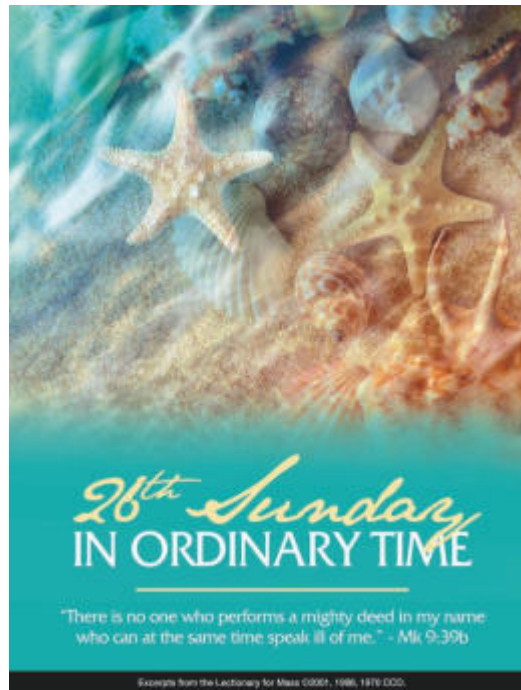
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FUNERAL POLICY

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 25TH & 26TH, 2021
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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IF ALL WERE PROPHETS

Today's readings call us to examine the motives behind our actions, especially those that lead us away from God and towards sin. Not only looking at what obstacles keep us from growing spiritually but also when we are a stumbling block to the growth of other people's faith by way of:

- Being unjust in our judgment of others;
- Showing partiality;
- Exhibitions of greed or entitlement (and not only with regards to money or goods);

Allowing our pride to cloud or color our decisions.

Are we capable of judging the behavior or action, and not the person, and doing so always with kindness? Is our primary motive always the care and well-being of that person without bias or superiority? As we've seen in the past weeks' readings, being a Pharisee can be a dangerous mindset and detrimental to our faith journey. Do we believe the only good accomplished in the world originates from us? Do we count our blessings for how the Holy Spirit moves us to worship and find ways to welcome and invite others? As I began my steps back into the Catholic Church, I experienced difficulty assimilating myself into parish life. My requests to help in established ministry groups were often dismissed, and my ideas rebuffed. I heard a lot of "that's not how we do it here." And I wasn't the only one who experienced this resistance. These women who dismissed me and others became, in some instances, stumbling blocks to the blossoming of others' spiritual development. They were not mean-spirited, maybe overprotective; regardless, they missed a beautiful opportunity to be ambassadors for Christ. Psalm 19:8-14 speaks to the unwitting ways we, like the women's group, block God's blessings, "Yet who can detect failings? Cleanse me from my unknown faults!" How often am I unaware of my Pharisaical thoughts? Thoughts which play right into the enemy's hands to divide and separate God's people? Do I become the catalyst to its end, a response even worse than the foolish men who looked for Moses and Jesus to put a stop to the unwanted evangelistic behavior? If we have been holding back hospitality in our parish ministry or apostolates, we will do well to heed Moses' response. "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets! Would that the LORD might bestow his spirit on them all!" Through our Baptism, we have all been commissioned to know, love, and serve the Lord. With a heart of collaboration and rooting ourselves in prayer, what wonders we can do together to spread and live the Good News. On September 11th, I scanned my newsfeed for stories commemorating the twentieth anniversary of that horrific day. One post included this poignant assertion by a priest concerning the attendance of his church's 9/11 prayer service, "There are far fewer people here today to pray than in years past because sadly, there are far fewer people praying at all." Lack of prayer cultivates into various stumbling blocks in our lives and impacts, more than anything else, the motivations behind our actions. Moses's prayers were always directed toward others. Jesus's entire life was dedicated to the salvation of humankind. How will we live out our faith and call in our life? What obstacles do we put unknowingly or unconsciously in front of others? More importantly, how can we remove those and be prophets, authentic witnesses of the love of God to others?

Allison Gingras

MASS INTENTIONS

September 25th & 26th, 2021

St. Mary-Harrisburg: *John Molinarolo, Jr.*

St. Mary's-Eldorado: *Bob Abell, Denice Ray, Hattie Ruiz, Kenneth "Bud" Schimp*

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

September 28th-October 1st, 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.

Announcing the 104th Anniversary

2021 PUBLIC ROSARY RALLY CRUSADE

What: The Holy Rosary

Where: St. Mary Church Front Lawn

When: October 16, 2021 @ 12 Noon on Saturday

Bring your lawn chairs and join us. We should have ProLife Rosaries for you. We are praying for the conversion of our country. For info call 618-841-7810.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

for the weekend October 2 & 3, 2021

5:00pm Saturday, St. Mary's, Eldorado
Lector: John Fry
Eucharistic Minister: Trudy Stricklin
Ushers: Caleb Boulds, David McGuire

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

10:30am Sunday, St. Mary, Harrisburg
Lector: Bob Dick
Eucharistic Minister: Brenda Questelle

Collections
September 18 & 19, 2021

St. Mary's Eldorado

Envelopes: \$1,630.00 Loose: \$85.00
Haiti: \$509.00 Alms: \$60.00

St. Mary Harrisburg

Envelopes: \$1,378.00 Loose: \$275.00
Building/Roof Repair: \$1,400.00 Haiti: \$797.78
Candle Money: \$19.25

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.

There will not be any masses Oct. 4-7 as
Fr. Christian will be at Convocation.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

Sept. 27th-Altar Society Meeting St. Mary's Eldorado
6PM

Oct. 9th-Annual Alzheimer's Memorial Walk
St. Mary HB 10AM

Oct. 16th-Public Rosary Rally Crusade, HB Noon



Debbie Smith

Roof Collection

St. Mary Harrisburg has received pledges of \$78,560 of the estimated \$70,000 needed for our new roof. We have collected \$65,840 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.

WANTED: Men and women who like to sing! St. Mary Harrisburg is in urgent need of a choir in order to fully celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Kindly reply asap by calling 253-7408 or emailing stmaryhb@frontier.com and leaving your name and phone number. You will be contacted regarding practice dates and times.

ANNUAL ALZHEIMER'S MEMORIAL WALK

The Holy Family Catholic Community Team will walk at St. Mary Church (H'burg) parking lot on Saturday, October 9 at 10:00 AM. Our team will walk in memory of Fr. Don Abell, parishioners, and their families.

All are welcome to participate. Registration is not required.

Due to COVID-19, our annual Alzheimer's Bake Sale has been cancelled. A basket will be placed in the back entrance of the church for any donations. Please make checks payable to Alzheimer's Association. Thank you for your support!

Please wear a mask for the walk. Social distancing will also be implemented in order to comply with COVID guidelines.

Linda Scherrer (618) 841-3945




Birthday Greetings

9/1	Pam Karns	9/13	Roby Podoriski
9/2	Carole Sandusky	9/17	Clara Sisky Jones
9/4	Emma Wargel	9/22	Trudy Stricklin
9/5	Ada Kelam	9/23	Michelle Bradley
9/7	Walter Upton	10/1	Abbey Elders
9/8	Phillip Karns	10/1	Jeff Whiting
9/9	Jane Meyers	10/2	Diane Kovach
9/12	Conner Cunningham		



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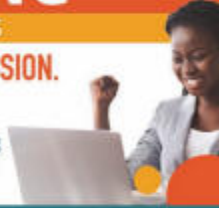
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