

The mission of St. Mary Parish is to make Christ real in our communities by living the gospel, worshipping together, & serving others.

January 31, 2021 • Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saint Mary

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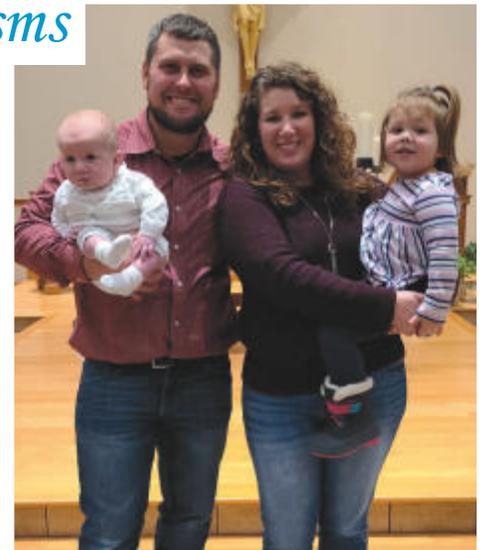
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Baptisms



James Oliver III
son of James & Korissa
and brother of Aubrielle



Colton Kuehn
son of Randy & Kylie
and brother of Kenzie

Candle Memorials:

Emiel Engels Don McEnany
Lavern & Mary Norton

Worship Schedule

Tues	4:30 pm	Rosary by Zoom
Tues	5:30 pm	Keith Sebilsky
Wed	8:00 am	Anita Wenger
Thurs	8:00 am	Don Hartnett
Fri	8:00 am	Sadie Byrnes Family
Sat	4:30 pm	Reconciliation
Sat	5:15 pm	Phyllis Carlin
Sun	8:00 am	Darrell Erdman
Sun	10:00 am	For the People

Daily Mass cancelled if funeral scheduled.

Prayer Concerns:

Gertrude Boeckman, Jeffrey Traeger, Rayla Leary, Donna Nelson, Carter Stevens, Ruth Schissel, Megan Smith, Carol Bolton, Bill Rechkemmer, Fr Lou Jaeger, Harold Iverson, Joanne Zrostlik, Virgil Birgen, Rhonda Kalainoff, Maureen Blonigan, Mary "Cookie" Dreesman

Please pray for the family of...

Ruby Schluter, mother of Ruth (& Bob) Schluter, who died Jan 12.

Baptisms - Lent: In observance of Lent, we will **not** be scheduling baptisms Feb 16-Apr 2. Please contact the office as soon as possible, if you want to schedule a baptism before Lent. Thank you! Contact #319-352-2493 ext 13 or Gerri@StMarysFamily.com

Blessing of Candles and Throats:

Fr Wathier will bless liturgical candles **Tues, Feb 2** at the 5:30pm Mass. If you have candles from home you would like blessed, Father can bless these as well. **On Wed, Feb 3** at the 8am Mass Father will perform a contact-free blessing of throats in honor of St Blaise.

Just for fun... Ole had insomnia for a couple days, "Lena, I'm suffering terrible and I've tried all sorts of remedies, but I can't find anything to help me get to sleep." Lena said, "Ole, I think you should start talking to yourself."

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Back in the twentieth century I spent a summer helping out in a parish in the town of East Dereham in England, a few miles from the Norfolk coast. One of the members of the parish was a woman who was a retired officer in the British Armed Forces. That summer she was invited to a garden party at Sandringham House, the estate of the royal family, where Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother (the mother of Queen Elizabeth II, the current queen of England), was staying. She asked if I would like to accompany her to the event, to which I happily agreed.

There was a wrinkle in that I hadn't brought a suit with me, the appropriate attire for the affair. This occasioned a parish-wide search for something for me to wear. I wasn't as full-figured then as I am now; but I've never been svelte and the suit that was found was probably a few sizes too small. Nevertheless, it had to do.

The Queen Mother was immensely popular with the English people. She and her husband, King George VI, had stayed in London during the blitz of World War II; and the memories of her walking through bombed-out sites offering comfort and support to people were still an important part of the national consciousness. She was 101 when she died in 2002; and at the time of the garden party she was nearly 90.

Security was much different than it is now; and the Queen Mother strolled the grounds of Sandringham House stopping to visit and offer a gracious welcome to her guests. When she came to my companion and me, I was introduced as an American. To which she said, "We've always had a great fondness for Americans. You were so kind to us during the war and in the difficult years afterwards." The fact that I looked like a sausage about to explode from its casing gave her no pause whatsoever. She was so cordial and warmhearted that her words made me feel like I'd piloted a plane that had repelled Nazi bombers or personally delivered canned hams to Buckingham Palace. I often return to this experience when I consider how one voice can manifest the power of kindness and good will.

In Jesus, we fully hear the voice of God who tells us of God's healing, forgiving merciful love; he also tells us what God expects of us. That voice still comes to us today: through the Scriptures, the Church, and the prophets of our time. It is the voice of God that will always tell us we are loved; it is also the voice that produces pangs of conscience when we do not live as we should. The voice is there; are we listening?

The readings this weekend summon us to find our true voice. Does your voice speak in such a way people see your goodness, your joy, that you value the things which matter. Do they hear Jesus? Maybe the morning prayer we need to utter, every day aloud, is a simple one: "Today, let my voice reveal that Christ is alive in me".

- Fr Doug Wathier

GLORY TO GOD:

Priest: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.
W: We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
M: we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
All: Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
M: you take away the sins of the world,
W: have mercy on us;
M: you take away the sins of the world,
W: receive our prayer;
M: you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
W: have mercy on us.
All: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

PSALM 95: IF TODAY YOU HEAR GOD'S VOICE

Bernadette Farrell



- 1. Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.
- 2. Come, let us bow down and worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.
- 3. Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert." Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works.

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COMMUNION: (Refrain) Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry. Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

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SONGS: JAN 30-31 Entrance: 10,000 Reasons; **Prep. Of the Gifts:** You Are the Healing; **Communion:** Eat This Bread; **Sending:** Beautiful Savior

During Communion, a minister will come to your row. As you are approached, stand to receive the Body of Christ. Please leave your masks on until the minister passes by.

Stewardship of Treasure

Weekly offertory budget \$8,913

Gifts Jan 16-22, 2021:

- Offering Gifts.....\$10,475
- On-Line Offering \$5,246
- Christmas Offering\$300
- Food Pantry Gifts\$410
- Holy Day Offering \$50
- Loose Offering \$23
- Those in Need.....\$250

Fiscal Yr July2020 - Jan 22,2021:

Offertory Received \$284,279
Budget Yr-to-Date \$258,490
Overage + \$25,789



Reading I Dt 18:15-20

Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen. This is exactly what you requested of the LORD, your God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die.' And the LORD said to me, 'This was well said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it. But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle that I have not commanded him to speak, or speaks in the name of other gods, he shall die.'"

Reading II 1 Cor 7:32-35

Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties. An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided. An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. A married woman, on the other hand, is anxious about the things of the world, how she may please her husband. I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction.

Gospel Mk 1:21-28

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.



Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. (up)

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins

and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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- I have a new email, phone # or address**
- Candle Memorial \$10** - Include name of person & month preferred.
- Mass Intention \$5** donation

Return in collection box or office.

Super Bowl Brunch Fundraiser: Sun, Feb 7, 7:30-11:30am, Boyd Building, Shell Rock by Boy Scout Troop #1051. Free will offering, carry-outs available. Biscuit & gravy, scrambled eggs, hashbrowns, sausage links, pancakes & drinks.

Calendar: Feb 1-7

Tues: Faith Formation Commission, 6:30pm, room B
Exodus, 8pm, room A

Wed: Faith Formation K-4th Grade, 4:30pm

Thurs: St Mary delivers food backpacks to WSR schools. To volunteer meet 9am in hall.

Fri: 1st Friday Women's Grp, 8:30am, room B
Zoom gathering with North Star, 12:45pm

Sat-Sun: Food Pantry Collection at Masses

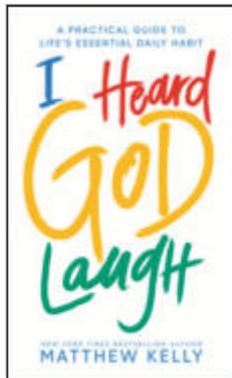
Sun: Rite of Welcoming (RCIA), 10am Mass
Chosen (10th), 6:30pm, hall

St Mary delivering Food Backpacks to WSR Schools in February!

St Mary will deliver kid-friendly food provided by the Food Bank to just inside the WSR schools' doors (no need to enter the school to ensure social distancing). Meet in our hall at **9am Thursdays of Feb** to help children over the weekends, who are on free & reduced lunches.



Looking Ahead to LENT!



Book Study

Matthew Kelly tells us we cannot live the life we have imagined, or experience the joy we yearn for, unless we learn to tend the soul.

Pick up your copy of *I Heard God Laugh* and sign up now

for our **Lent book study** to tend your soul!

Small groups will meet weekly through Lent to pray and discuss this book together.

Sign up information can be found on our church website and in the church hall.

Ash Wednesday, Feb 17

Masses: 7am and 6:30pm

Service: Noon

We will have no-contact distribution of ashes at all Masses/service.

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-1 John Chapter 4

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