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Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 8:00 am

10:30 am (Live Stream)

Monday-Saturday 8:00 am

In the Holy Family Chapel

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday 7:15 pm-7:55 pm in Foyer at Door #4

First Fridays 7:30 am-7:55 am in the Chapel

Saturday 3:00 pm-4:00 pm in the Church

Sunday 7:30 am-7:55 am in the Church

9:45 am-10:20 am in the Church

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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." - Mk 9:35b-37a

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September 19, 2021

From Father Timothy Cloutier

THE DANGERS OF JUMPING ON THE “SOCIAL CAUSE” BANDWAGON: Conclusion

“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are of God; for many false prophets have gone out into the world” (1 John 4:1).

Certainly, many of today’s social issues can be noble ideals that Catholics or any Christian could support. There must still be a right motivation, understanding their core issues and foreseeable consequences. This is achieved with a clear understanding of both the necessary qualifications and limitations that these concepts have. Very few issues can be taken as ends in themselves or stand-alone values, but must be subordinated to an identifiably greater good of society as a whole in the longer term, and of the developmental good of the individuals involved.

Justice, for example, needs to be tempered by equity and fairness, taking into account real, attenuating circumstances that may have been out of the control of an individual facing the consequences of his or her actions. As the saying goes: “blind justice is no justice at all.”

Neither can we “jump onboard” every social change labeled as “progressive;” not every change is for the better. There is a moral component that is inherent in every human behavior. Without identifying, considering, and weighing the moral, psychological, and social implications a change in policy or a legislative decision may have on the people involved, it is a setup for greater serious problems and possible long-term and irreparable harm that could otherwise be avoided. One strident example of that is the issue of gender dysphoria. The limitations of space don’t allow me to address that issue adequately, so I refer you to the National Catholic Bioethics Center website: nbc.org, search: *Transgender Transitioning through Behavioral, Surgical, and Pharmacological Approaches*.

We have come to this juncture of confusion, division, and apathy as a Church in great part due to the failure of the Catholic Hierarchy to make known the Church’s solid and reliable social teaching over the past fifty-five plus years. In many cases some have openly opposed it in favor of the slogans and doubtful theology of the day. In so doing, Catholic bishops and priests as a body have forfeit in the eyes of our contemporaries the moral high ground once occupied.

Scripture Reflections for Next Sunday, 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time:

Numbers 11:25-29 Moses’ aspiration, “would that the Lord would bestow his spirit on them all,” has been fulfilled in those, who through faith and baptism belong to his new People, the Church. The question then begs itself: What are we doing with it?

James 5:1-6 This blunt and practical author echoes many of the Old Testament prophets in decrying social injustices, all the more egregious when Christians, who profess to see the image and likeness of God in each person, are complicit.

St. Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 “Whoever is not against us is with us” may seem a bit broad, but it must be remembered that God works through all people of good will to further his Kingdom on earth, whether it’s in preparing the ground, in planting the seed, or in bringing in the harvest.

Prayers for the Deceased

Please pray for those who have died, especially **Georgine Bellotti**, that she may live forever with Jesus in the Reign of God.



New Parishioners

Maternity of Mary extends a warm welcome to our newest members, **Scott Anderson, and Jessica, Mike, and Sophia Morrissey**. As we are the hands and feet of Jesus, please take a moment to introduce yourself to visitors or those new to our parish.



Entering through doors 4 and 5

As part of the “relaunch” of our parish, we are requesting that as much as possible, parishioners begin using doors 4 and 5 on the southeast corner of the property to enter and exit Mass. The reason for using these doors is twofold.

- 1) Sirba Hall was built as a place for fellowship, as such using doors 4 and 5 will help ensure that socializing happens in Sirba Hall versus in the sanctuary or Narthex. By socializing in Sirba Hall it will leave the sanctuary quiet for those who would like to pray before or after Mass.
- 2) As part of the “relaunch” there will be a focus on welcoming new members to the parish. Part of welcoming is having a dedicated place for newcomers to ask questions, receive information and participating in fellowship. **We thank you in advance for your help in these efforts!**

Pastoral Parish Council

Nominations for the Maternity of Mary Pastoral Parish Council are underway. Slips can be found at the entrances and put into the boxes also located at there. You may nominate yourself or someone else from the parish. Nominations close today Sunday, September 19th. The PPC will notify those who have been nominated and informational packets will be available to them. Discernment night is Wednesday, September 29th. Questions: Parishcouncilfeedback@maternityofmarychurch.org



Archdiocese Synod Small Groups

Our parish family will participate in the Archdiocesan Synod as we help Archbishop Hebda chart the course for the local Church. You are an important part of this process and we need you to join us! Don't miss this opportunity. The six weeks are beginning the week of Sept 20th through the week of October 25th.



Please register to be part of a Small Group to pray, reflect on the Archbishop’s Focus Areas, discuss and give your input. Registration will be after Masses this weekend September 18-19. Synod small groups begin tomorrow Monday, September 20: 9:00am-11:00am and 6:30pm - 8:30pm in Sirba Hall.

Parish Life

Pro Life Spiritual Adoption

Beginning this weekend of September 18-19, the Pro Life Committee will resume their annual Spiritual Adoption.



To honor and celebrate life, our parish will again be sponsoring a Spiritual Adoption Program. We ask parishioners to spiritually adopt pregnant women and their unborn children. Many parents experience the sad loss of a child before birth, due to miscarriage or even abortion. **We are asking you to pray a child to birth**— asking God for health of the baby, and to give parents of these children the grace they need to face whatever difficult circumstances in which they find themselves. You will have an opportunity to complete a pledge card to "Spiritually Adopt" and pray each day for 9 months for a woman in Crisis and her unborn child. A component of the spiritual adoption program is education for which an article will be in the bulletin each month explaining what the mother is experiencing and how her unborn child is developing.

Spiritual Adoption

Congratulations! Your spiritually adopted baby is born this month. She is around 7 1/2 pounds and 20 inches long. Her birth was not the beginning of her life though. Her life began nine months ago when each parent contributed the genetic materials to form this unique human being: including the instructions for her hair and eye color, facial features, health, talents, intelligence and personality. At that miraculous moment she also received her soul from God making her an immortal being: God's plan for her is to live her life on earth then join Him in her heavenly home forever. Never before in history, nor ever again, will anyone exist who is just like your spiritually adopted baby. Your prayers have been invaluable for this baby and her mother. You will surely meet each other in heaven!



Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, September 28, the Red Cross will be here for the annual Summer blood drive between 1 pm-7 pm in Sirba Hall. Volunteers and donors are needed. Contact Lisa Basso for more information 651-695-1764



Dorothy Day Cookie Drop Off

If you would like to donate cookies for Dorothy Day, the September dates are Tuesday, Sept. 21 and Wednesday, Sept. 22. Cookies may be placed in the office entryway from 8:30 am-3:00 pm. Homemade cookies and store bought cookies are appreciated. Thank You!



Holy Childhood 75th Anniversary Celebration

The anniversary committee has been busy working on events for us to celebrate Holy Childhood. Mark your calendars for the following dates:

September 26, Ice Cream Social

October 1, Oktoberfest (age 21 and over only) rain or shine 6-9pm in the lower parking lot. Enjoy a tasting of beers from a variety of breweries. Summit, Surly, Bent Paddle, and Broken Bat are just a few of the offerings. Delicious German food provided by Skinners Pub in St. Paul and Music too! The cost is \$20.00 per person. *Guten Appetite!*

October 9, Food trucks after 5:00 Mass

Holy Childhood will soon be posting additional information in their bulletin, and on their parish website. After the last year, we have a lot to celebrate! **All Maternity of Mary parishioners are cordially invited to these events!** *Father Cloutier*

Thank You!

We had a wonderful Parish Picnic last Sunday, September 12th! There were many dedicated people who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make this happen and be a success. We especially would like to thank: Dick Forliti, Bob and Shauna Archambault, Cathy and Dave Kray, Barbara and Dann Grundman, Austin Busse, and Lexi Hennen!



Food Truck Thursdays

Maternity of Mary had a successful first summer of our Food Truck Thursday! We want to thank everyone who came out and supported these events. We would also like to give a huge thank you to Casey O'Brien for his efforts in coordinating these nights each and every Thursday! Thank you Casey. We hope to see everyone back next summer!



RCIA and Ongoing Adult Faith Formation

It's time to begin considering your own faith enrichment and growth. We will again be offering opportunities for the coming year, September through December, and January through April.

Discern where the Lord may be leading you to grow: Bible study, Advanced Catechesis and Church Teaching, Liturgical Prayer, and various other topics. Look for more information in future bulletins.



Deacon Discernment Day

Saturday, September 25, 8:15 am-5 pm at The Saint Paul Seminary. Men ages 25-59 and their spouses if applicable are invited to attend this day of discernment for the diaconate. This day will explore: Who can become a deacon? How are Holy Orders integrated with marriage and family? How does one discern and respond to the Lord's call to Holy Orders? What is the application, discernment and formation process? Mass, prayer, reflections, lunch, and time for questions and answers are included. Register online at semssp.org/deacondiscernmentday. If you have questions, contact Deacon Bob Bisciglia at bobbisciglia@stthomas.edu or 651.962.5782.

Parish Library

Our parish library exists to serve our parish school children and their families as well as all members of Maternity of Mary parish. Come into the library after Saturday or Sunday Masses. As the school year begins please know that we have a good Catholic collection of children and teen/young adult resources. We do not give fines for overdue charged out items for library users. We do not cause the worry for young readers such as we read in our library book *Catholic School Kids Say the Funniest Things* (pg. 102) "Seven-year-old Justin found it difficult to return library books on time. His fines accumulated until one day he owed a dollar. At the end of the school day his teacher reminded him to bring in money to pay the fine. In all seriousness a dejected Justin lamented, 'Now I won't be able to buy my new car when I am sixteen.'" 

Mass Intentions & Readings

Weekday Mass Intentions September 20-25

Monday 8:00 am † Angie Newsom
Tuesday 8:00 am † Dorothy Suchy
Wednesday 8:00 am † Rodelio Laluna Hernandez
Thursday 8:00 am † Luella Jelen
Friday 8:00 am Dick Houck
Saturday 8:00 am † Lori Larson

Next Weekend Mass Intentions September 25-26

Saturday 4:30 pm † Karl Lacher
Sunday 8:00 am Parish
10:30 am † Dolores Savard

Readings for the week of September 19:

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37
Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Observances for the week of September 19:

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
Monday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest,
and Paul Chöng Ha-sang, Martyrs
Tuesday: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Thursday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Saturday: BVM
Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass and Confession Times

Daily Mass Monday-Saturday 8:00 am in Chapel - Enter t Door 5

No Mass on First Monday of the Month

Saturday Mass 4:30 pm

Sunday Masses 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Confessions: Thursday 7:15 pm-7:55 pm in Foyer at Door #4

First Fridays 7:30 am-7:55 am in the Chapel

Saturday 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm in the Church

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9:45 am-10:20 am in the Church

Adoration: Thursday 8:30 am - 8:00 pm in the Chapel

Financial Blessings

Envelope and Plate Summary

Sunday giving + weekly tithing for week ending September 5, 2021

Envelope/Plate/eGiving Received	\$ 14,540
Envelope/Plate/eGiving Budget	\$ 12,000

Sunday giving + weekly tithing for week ending September 12, 2021

Envelope/Plate/eGiving Received	\$ 10,850
Envelope/Plate/eGiving Budget	\$ 10,000

Total Received to Date

Envelope/Plate/eGiving Received	\$ 112,771
Envelope/Plate/eGiving Budget	\$ 114,500
Fiscal Year July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022 Deficit	(\$ 1,729)

Faith Formation and Youth Ministry

Faith Formation Registration Is Now Open!

Registration for Faith Formation grades Kindergarten through Confirmation is now open! All information regarding the various programs Maternity of Mary offers can be found on our website. Registration can be found at <https://www.maternityofmarychurch.org/faith-formation-registration>. For questions on programming or registrations please contact Austin Busse at abusse@maternityofmary.org.

Lastly, please pray for another successful Faith Formation Year!



MMSA School News

Our band program is ready to kick off another year at MMSA! Perhaps you were in band and know the benefits of music education! If you would like to help sponsor a child who might not otherwise be able to participate in band, please drop your donation into the collection basket and mark it "Band Scholarship Fund". Your kindness is greatly appreciated!



The date for our annual Holiday Bazaar at MMSA has been set. The date is **Saturday, November 13, 2021**. If you are interested in renting a table and selling your wares, please contact Shelley Harrington: by phone: 651-248-3608 or by email: shelleybean13@usfamily.net She will give you all the details!



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