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19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."
- Lk 12:39-40

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**St. Mary's held their annual
Vacation Bible School this
past week in the evenings
from July 31st through Au-
gust 3rd.**

**Twenty-eight kids attended
and celebrated God's gifts
of celebration and re-
demption!**

**Kim Leininger would like to
extend a big thank you to
all those who helped make
VBS a successful event!**



Pastoral Musings: Be Blessed and Not Stressed



Dear Friends,

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (PS 33:1).

As a society and modern culture, we are experiencing the epidemic of stress and anxiety. Keeping up with the demands of life keeps people stressed and worn out. Many of us are getting much less and quality sleep than we need. The heightened stress and anxieties of life makes the blood pressure soar high and get out of control leading to strokes and paralysis in a number of situations of extreme stress. People tend to use many instant ways to numb and compensate the pressures of stress with intoxications and additions that isolate people and trap them in more fear and sickness. Those who are caught up in this vicious cycle find it hard to find freedom and release. This weekend's second reading from the letter of Hebrews focuses on what faith means in the life of the faithful. Faith is the trust and confidence in God that helps transform our stresses and anxieties and make us feel the inner freedom and deliverance of life. It helps us keep God as the center of our life and experience the monumental love that God pours into the daily moments of our life. Faith helps us overcome many anxieties of daily life and finds many ways to bring new life and light into our faith community.

This week, it was a great delight to join with 28 kids and adults in the vacation bible school program inviting kids from other churches and communities. Kids love to dance and sing praise to God through the powerful stories of God's creation and redemption, loving all beings including the pets, animals and birds. It was a delight to see how teachers help the kids to experience the love and joy of faith through action songs, skits and a shared meal every day for a week. I have been talking with our protestant pastors and some volunteers who joined the crew. They are happy to see that our churches are welcoming and keeping an open door to all those who want to come and be part of the community. I told them that Saint Augustine reminds us "in essential things unity, in non-essential liberty, and in all things charity." There are many things that unite our protestant brothers and sisters than divide us. The word, "Ecumenical" means "attitude of Christian unity and collaboration". Many of the other denominational churches and catholic parishes are concerned about how our church will survive in the long haul as our younger generation is moving far away from faith and the practice of faith. This is like the grass which is getting dry for lack of water. If we sprinkle water in times of drought and dryness, the grass and the flowers grow and flourish. Similarly, it is important to inspire hope and confidence by doing all that is possible both individually and collectively as a faith community to grow and flourish. While there are faith communities that grow and thrive with active devotion to the Holy Eucharist and Bible studies, ministries to various age groups, and outreach to the poor and less fortunate, it's good to think about how our community is doing and assess the quality of our faith and discipleship. Anyone can take initiative to inspire and bring hope to the community especially for its future generations.

Jesus tells us that "faith can move mountains." As faithful adults by keeping our faith alive, active and sharing with the younger generation, it helps us pass the batons of inspiration and devotion to the Lord by our example and generous outreach. Studies show that those who enjoy the gift of faith are less stressed and feel more blessed; their families are much stronger and less broken or fragmented. Faith filled families handle the pressures of life with trust and ongoing prayer. If hardship or misfortune should come our way, we learn to endure like saints and heroes of our faith, knowing that God is on our side, and trust that He will make all things good for those who love Him. It is not an easier way of life but more fulfilling and happier that this world can offer without faith. By faith Abraham received power to generate and God blessed him with future generations like the sands of the beach and stars of heaven. "Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen" (Heb 11:1). "Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." (Matthew 17:20-21). With faith, let us pray for good rain and plentiful harvest in due season.

Fr. Tom

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Sunday 6:30 am 10:30am	August 7th - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Parishioners Mary Lightfoot+
Monday No Mass	August 8th Fr. Tom's Day off—No Mass
Tuesday 12:10am	August 9th Dr. Rick Jamison+
Wed 12:10pm	August 10th Leo and Lucy Higgins+
Thursday 12:10am	August 11th Hughie Laughlin+
Friday 12:10pm	August 12th Agnes Laughlin+
Saturday 3:30pm 4:30pm	August 13th Confessions Steve Engelmeyer*
Sunday 6:30am 10:30am	August 14th—20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Parishioners Fern Stanbrough+

Mass Intentions Invited

Mass Intentions are encouraged. If you would like to offer special Mass Intentions for birthdays, anniversaries, or to pray for any of your beloved ones who are sick or passed away you can contact the office and make dedications for Mass Intentions. We appreciate your support and collaboration.

Lectors for Next Week

August 13 —4:30 pm — Jason Stanbrough
 August 14 — 6:30 — Dana Wenstrand
 August 14 —10:30 am — Erwin Aust



Homebound Parishioners:

Evelyn Pontius
 Betty Wells
 Ken DeBaere
 Helen Lewis
 Mary Berning

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Calendar of Events

Knights of Columbus Council 1479 meets the second Tuesday of each month. Meal @ 7pm followed by meeting in the St. Mary's Parish Hall in Shenandoah.

Legion of Mary group meets @ 10:30 am on Wednesdays in the Parish Hall. Contact Joan Bloom for more information @ 712-534-2645.

St. Mary's Ladies Guild is on summer vacation June, July, and August. Meetings will resume in September. Date and time will be announced later.

Bible Study is on break and will resume the end of August. Date and time will be announced later.

Adoration will be the First Friday of every month from 11:00am-5:00pm.

Financial Offering

July 31, 2022 Tithes	\$1,168.02
Vacation Bible School	\$436.00
ADA	\$100.00
ADA 2022 Goal	\$32,042.00
Gift paid	\$30,562.80
Remaining Goal	\$1,479.20
Total Donors to date	55

God bless you for your generosity. Those who have not yet given, please prayerfully consider your gifts for the Annual Diocesan Appeal to complete our goal for the year. **2022.**

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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Readings for the week of August 7, 2022

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/

Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-51/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Parish Office Arrangements

Parish office will be open Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00 to Noon, with Sue Hanna in the office at that time. Peyton Honeyman, Bookkeeper, will be in the office the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Bulletin dead line is Monday, at 10:00 am. Please contact Fr. Tom at his email address- frtomcc@gmail.com or call him at 715-410-7465. He will get back to you as soon as possible.

Parish Mission Statement

*"In the heart of Mary,
our parish community welcomes all people as Christ,
offering a place of peace, love and prayer."*



Thank you to everyone who remembered us in any way on our 50th Wedding Anniversary. We really appreciate it. May God Bless You always!

Jim and Becky Head



Our Annual Mission Appeal has been postponed until sometime in the month of October.

Watch for updates in the bulletin and we will have more information as it is received.

The support you give will be a wonderful way to extend our Catholic mission to the whole world.



Jenni Martin	August 1
Khallon Olson	August 2
Lincoln Roberts	August 6
Janine Burkhiser	August 7
Anna Meyer	August 8
Lily Johnson	August 14
Hank Mather	August 15
Braedon Godfread	August 18
Joe Martin	August 19
Grady Nielson	August 20
Kayla Burkhiser	August 21
Jesselyn Meyer	August 21
Mark Mather	August 22
Cael Ramos	August 22
Melissa Hobbie	August 24
Sophia Sperfslage	August 24



Above are several of the kids attending Vacation Bible School at St. Mary's this past week. A total of 28 were present to enjoy a week of celebrating God's greatness!




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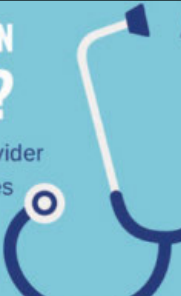
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