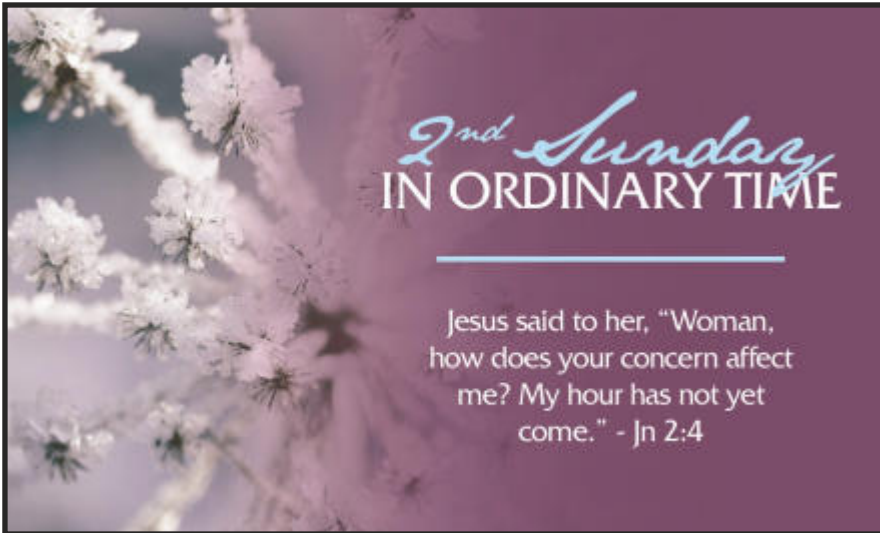


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Mass Times

Mon—Th 8 AM
Saturday5 PM
Sunday 8, 9:30 and 11 AM

Reconciliation: Saturday 3-4 PM

Baptisms: Sunday 12:15 PM By Appointment

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary

Thursday after the 8:00 AM Mass. You are encouraged to recite the Rosary *privately* for the welfare of the Church and Country.

Prayer Requests:

To request prayers for a family member or friend, email their name to the Parish Office. Names will be announced for one month. For continual prayers, contact the Prayer Line Ministry.



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Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 PM	January 15 † Marnie Lawlor By: The Airasian Family
Sunday 8:00 AM	January 16 People of St. Mary's
9:30 AM	† Michael Orzechowski By: His Family
11:00 AM	† Elinor Mateczak By: Her Family
Monday 8:00 AM	January 17 † Matt & Gloria Rivard By: Their Family
Tuesday 8:00 AM	January 18 † Loretta Dumes By: Brian & Barbara Murphy
Wednesday 8:00 AM	January 19 † Wanda Kelly By: Dear Friends
Thursday 8:00 AM	January 20
Saturday 5:00 PM	January 22 † Gluth Family By: The Voorvaart Family
Sunday 8:00 AM	January 23 † Ben Henault By: The Family
9:30 AM	People of St. Mary's
11:00 AM	† Dolories Roderick By: Daughter Kristine Jones

Pray for the Sick: Please pray for the following parishioners/loved ones who are sick - Abby Harris & Family, Maria O'Donnell, Jeremy Muinde-Pires & Kay Yazvac.

Wedding: Congratulations to Jenny Roa and Richard Abraham who were married at St. Mary's last week.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturdays @3:00 –4:00 PM.

The Mass Book for 2022 is now open. Please call the Parish Office to schedule a Mass. The recommended offerings are \$10.00 for a weekday Mass and \$25.00 for a weekend Mass.

Thank-You Martin Chouinard

Although your time among us was very brief, we thank you so much for sharing these two weeks with us, and even more importantly for answering the call of the Lord. We promise you our continued prayers and support as you continue your discernment and studies, and look forward to that day God-willing you will be ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Hartford. We also pledge our prayers for all who may be discerning a vocation to service in the Church and for an increase in vocations to priesthood, religious life, diaconate, marriage, and lay ministry in the Church. God bless you!



Inclement Weather: In the event that schools are closed due to inclement weather, there will be **NO** 8:00 AM Mass and our office will be closed. Sunday Mass will continue as scheduled but please use your best judgement when venturing out.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 17th in observance of the Martin Luther King Holiday.

Confirmation Date: St. Mary's has been scheduled for May 15th, at 2:00 PM at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Hartford. All 2nd year students should complete the confirmation application, saint, and sponsor forms found on the website.



Thank you for your continuous support during these challenging and difficult times. Without your generous support of St. Mary's, we would not be able to carry out our many ministries. Through E-giving and envelope usage, our parish continues to meet the many needs that face our parish. For those who are with us at home, thank you for staying connected each week. For the parishioners who attend daily and weekly Mass, we are blessed to have you in person. We pray God continues to bless the people of St. Mary's.

Catholic High School Collection

The second collection next week (1/22-23) will be for The Catholic High Schools. It supports the outstanding education offered at our Catholic secondary schools by providing funds for tuition assistance, technology enhancements, curricular improvements, marketing and much more. Please consider making a donation.

From the Pastor's Desk...

This weekend, our second reading features St. Paul's poetic rendition of how the Holy Spirit gifts the Church with a diversity of talents, unique to each individual but given for the benefit of the whole community. This list of gifts leads up to St. Paul's famous passage about love which is often chosen as one of the readings at weddings: "**Love is patient, love is kind, ...**" (1 Cor. 13)

This truth that the Holy Spirit provides each one of us certain gifts to be used to benefit the Church at large, is also true at the local level of the parish. At St. Mary's we are so blessed to have so many who willingly share these Spirit-given gifts to benefit the whole community. Most recently we have been blessed with beautiful a beautiful Christmas season through the lovely church decorations arranged (and now put away) by a team of volunteers; musicians – some professionals and others volunteer – who grace us with their vocal and instrumental talent; liturgical ministers who faithfully serve as lectors, Eucharistic ministers, greeters, ushers and altar servers; a team of volunteers who offered their time and expertise to ensure that Christmas gifts were collected and then distributed to individuals and families in need to make their Christmas a bit brighter.

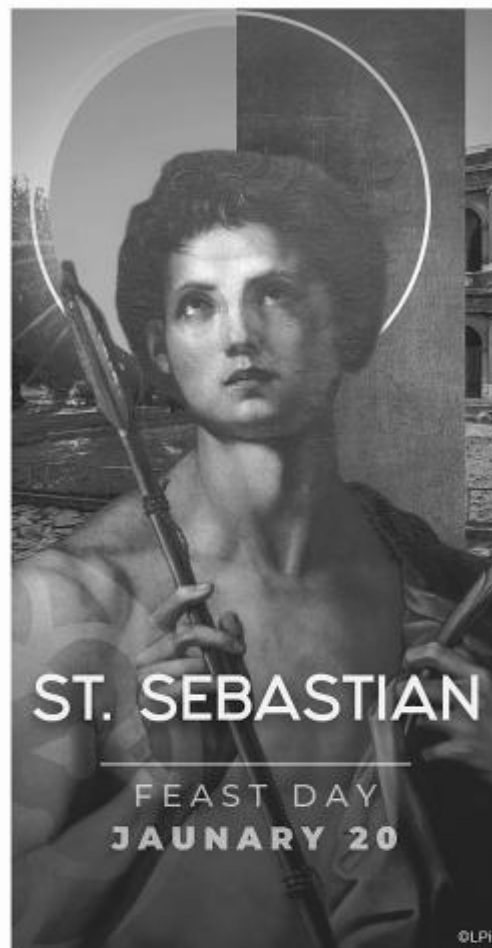
When we speak of "stewardship" in the church, it is this recognizing and sharing of our gifts and time, as well as our financial resources that makes parish ministry flourish. Some of these are quite visible, while many others happen "behind the scenes." The planning and overseeing of parish and school operations through the efforts of the Parish Council, Finance Council, School Board and other such committees involves many hours of meetings and deliberations on the part of those involved that we all benefit from. Faith formation instructors who mentor our young people in the faith, helping them grow in love of the Lord. The planning by ministries such as the Women's Guild, the Adult Enrichment and Spirituality Committee, and Liturgy Committee, enables prayer, educational and social opportunities to help us grow in faith. And there are so many others (my apologies if I have not named your committee) too numerous to mention in this brief column.

I wish to take the opportunity to thank everyone at St. Mary's who so willingly offer their gifts of the Spirit to benefit the communal experience of Church here. At the same time, I put out the challenge to those who may still be discerning those gifts, to pray about how you might share those gifts with and among us. We have had a rough couple of years having to dampen down activities and opportunities to be involved in various committees, ministries here in the parish. However, as we make our way out of "pandemic lock-down," we want to be thinking about how we rebuild and revitalize ministry here. The key to this renewal is to remember that God has gifted us all, through the Spirit, without exception (young and old, women and men, working and retired, etc.) with gifts to share for some benefit to the Church. Please take some time at the start of this new year, to pray about how the Holy Spirit has gifted you, and how you will generously share those gifts with our Church!

Tornado Relief – Thank You!

Thank you for your generous response to our free-will offering taken up to help the community in Kentucky devastated by the December tornado there. Because of your kindness, we were able to send \$6500 in assistance to Catholic Charities of Owensboro, KY to aid in their relief efforts with the people of Mayfield, KY and the surrounding affected communities.

~ Father Stephen



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 - 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.

Altar Server Training

1/16 from 12 PM—1 PM. We invite you to join us at the 11 am Mass, with training classes taking place following Mass. Please register via our website or by email

(ServerLeader@StMarySimsbury.org).



Steubenville East Conference: Calling all High School students: Are you interested in attending the Steubenville East Conference this summer? It has been a couple of summers since we have been able to go, but this summer is looking more likely. Check out the promo video here <https://youtu.be/Z2LPIEwGWhc>. If you are interested please contact Steve DiMotta ASAP.

Simsbury Food Pantry:

On 1/23, we will be collecting non-perishables. Items should be dropped off in the Magowan Center 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Thank you for your support.

Marriage Celebration: 02/13

Please plan to join us at the 9:30 AM Mass to renew your wedding vows. All anniversaries are important to celebrate.

St. Mary's Women's Guild

Monthly meeting will be January 20 @ 7pm via Zoom. Check the website for sign in info.

Book Club: We will be kicking off a 7 week book club on February 1st; *Walk in Her Sandals: Experiencing Christ's Passion through the Eyes of Women* by Kelly M. Walquist. We will offer Tuesdays at 7:00 pm via Zoom and Wednesdays at 8:45 am in person. Please email us if you're interested @ stmarywomensguild@gmail.com



Grades K-6: There is no class this weekend due to the holiday. **Diaper Drive** - Our January Family Service Project will be a Diaper Drive the week of 01/9 - 01/16.

Grades 7-8: Next class will be January 23rd 6:00 - 7:30 PM We will have speaker Mr. Chris Becker give a talk on **Religion and Science** in the Parish Center.

Grades 9-10: January 23rd Mandatory Meeting: All students must attend the Human Trafficking presentation on January 23rd, in the Church, from 6:00-7:30pm. There are no individual classes this month.

High School Students: Have you considered being a Peer Minister? New members welcome, must be a junior or senior in high school. Contact Steve for more information.

New Members: Consider joining us! Fun events, community service projects and just hanging out with friends. Contact Steve or the parish office for more information.

St. Mary's School National Blue Ribbon

Help Needed: St. Mary's school is looking for a person to fill a paid position to assist with lunch supervision and recess duty. The hours are 11 am to 1:10 pm every day. If interested, please contact Mrs. Williamson. mwilliamson@stmarysimsbury.eduk12.net

Open House!: Sunday, January 30th 1:00 - 3:30 pm .Now enrolling for Full Day Prek4 thru 8th grade for the 2022-2023 school year! Meet faculty and staff, visit classrooms & learn more about how our students are creating, collaborating and climbing to new heights! Scan the QR code and register today!



Catholic School Week Faith. Excellence. Service - St. Mary's School is celebrating Catholic Schools Week Jan. 30th thru Feb. 5th! Our students, faculty, staff and parents are what make our school great! Each day of the week will celebrate a different, special aspect- community service, students, our nation, vocations, faculty & staff.



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