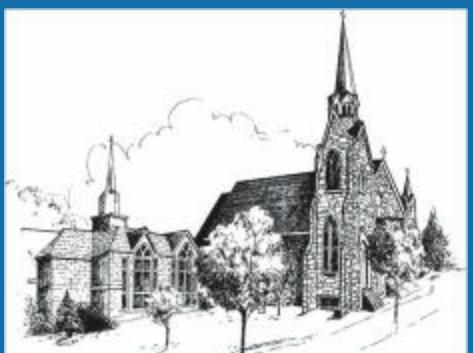
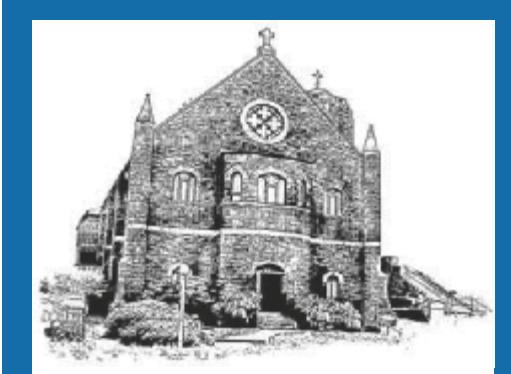


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St. Cyril's, Alexandria Bay

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November 21, 2021

Weekend Masses

St. Mary's, Clayton
Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.
Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

St. Cyril's, Alexandria Bay
Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.
Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

St. Francis Xavier, Redwood
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Call the Parish Office 315-686-3398

Websites:

www.stmarysclayton.org www.stcyrils.org

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Weekday & Holy Day Masses

See page 2 or call the Parish Office

Reconciliation

3:00–3:30pm Saturdays at St. Mary's
Saturdays after 5:30pm Mass at St. Cyril's
and by appointment

First Friday Holy Hour

after 9:00 a.m. Mass on the first
Friday of the month at St. Mary's

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MASS SCHEDULE:



SATURDAY, November 20, Anticipated Vigil

- 4:00 (SM) People of the Parishes
 5:30 (SC) Craig Blum by Mike & Meg Ringer
- SUNDAY, November 21, Our Lord Christ the King**
 9:00 (SM) Deceased Knights of Columbus members & wives
 10:30 (SC) Giulio Rubino by the Rose family

MONDAY, November 22

- 8:00 (SC) All Souls
 9:00 (SM) Robert LaRue by Jim & Betsy Mostrom

TUESDAY, November 23

- 8:00 (SC) All Souls
 9:00 (SM) Liturgy of the Word with Communion

WEDNESDAY, November 24

- 8:00 (SC) All Souls
 9:00 (SM) Veronica Bogenschutz by Cab & Jan Burns

THURSDAY, November 25

- 8:00 (SC) All Souls
 9:00 (SM) All Souls

FRIDAY, November 26

- 8:00 (SC) All Souls
 9:00 (SM) Eduardo Vidal by Don & Patty Howell

SATURDAY, November 27, Anticipated Vigil

- 4:00 (SM) People of the Parishes
 5:30 (SC) Louis & Catherine Slate by Dc. Bernie Slate

SUNDAY, November 28, Our Lord Christ the King

- 9:00 (SM) Tina Tubolino by David & Lynette Robinson
 10:30 (SC) All Souls

2022 Vocation Calendars are available at the entrances of the churches and the parish office. These calendars are thoughtfully provided to you by Cummings Funeral Services. Be sure to take one for your use or for a friend or relative. A special thank you to the Cummings family for providing these calendars.

November 21, Christ the King

The Lord Calls: “My kingdom is not from this world.” The King is the servant-leader, who let go of his life for our sake. Who will follow the example of Jesus and renounce worldly power for the power of the children of God? Are you being called to proclaim the glorious reign of Christ the King as a priest, deacon, or in the consecrated life? Talk to Fr. Art LaBaff, or Fr. Chris Carrara at ccarrara@rcdony.org / 315-393-2920, or Cathy Russell at crussell@rcdony.org / 315-393-2920.

World Youth Day 2023: Young Adults, are you interested? World Youth Day is a worldwide encounter of Young Adults with the Holy Father that occurs approximately every three years. The next World Youth Day will be in Lisbon, Portugal from August 1-6, 2023. It is an amazing experience of the universality of the Church with thousands of young adults from around the world. If you are interested in attending World Youth Day in 2023 and will be 18 or older by late July 2023, contact Marika Donders at mdonders@rcdony.org. Additional details will be released to interested parties as we get closer to the event.



*The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Mary's
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Weekly Giving

Because of an early bulletin deadline, giving amounts will appear in the next bulletin. Thank you for your continued support of St. Mary's and the Catholic Community of Alexandria.

Consider electronic giving—no more forgetting your envelopes or searching for a donation for the basket. For more information, contact the parish office. To sign up to give to St. Mary's, visit www.stmarysclayton.org, go to the Worship tab and click on “Please donate online here”. To sign up to give to the Catholic Community of Alexandria, go to www.stcyrils.org and click on the blue Donate box. Your support is greatly appreciated.

From the Parish Life Coordinator:

Thanksgiving is a season when families gather and celebrate. Often the gathering is about food, football, and a long weekend. But aside from the turkey and stuffing what do we really celebrate? Tradition reminds us that this is really a time to acknowledge the Divine Providence which sustained the pilgrims as they started living in the new land. Given the challenges of winter and the difficulties of navigating new terrain, life was still preserved. And for this let us all give thanks!

St. Mary's Community Christmas Table Saturday, December 4, 11am-2pm

St. Mary's will again hold this event, formerly known as the Food Fair, on Saturday, December 4 from 11am to 2pm in St. Mary's Parish Center. The cost will be \$8 to sample over 50 delicious dishes. Our Confirmation students will again present a living nativity to portray the "reason for the season". Your help is needed to provide a dish or help at the event. Sign up sheets are available at the entrances to St. Mary's Church or phone Mary Luck at 315-788-6340 or Deacon Neil Fuller at 315-405-6910.



Stay Safe, Stay Well. Cold and flu season is approaching, along with the current Covid pandemic. Here are a few reminders about attending Mass or any parish gathering.

- If you have any symptoms of illness such as head or body aches, cough, sinus, fever, or may have been exposed to someone who is ill, please stay home. The Catechism of the Catholic Church #2181 reminds us that "illness" is one of the serious reasons for which participation in Mass can be excused.
- The unvaccinated are required to wear masks, but all are welcome to.
- Distancing is encouraged. Masks should be worn when not able to distance.
- Hand sanitizers are available.

Deacon's Corner by Dc. Bruce Daugherty

We used to have a "Deacon's bench" in our home, but someone said they liked it and my wife quickly gave it to them! Thinking about that Deacon's bench, I had to look up more information and this is what I found. I did do some copying here, just so you know I did not make this up! Thanks to Christianity Stack Exchange.com for the help.

"Deacon's bench is a somewhat modern terminology for a specific type of bench. In fact, the first known usage of this phrase dates back to about 1922. Thus, it cannot be claimed as a tradition in any stretch of the imagination, ecclesiastical or secular." OK, now we know this is a young term.

"A kind of bench whose hinged seat is also the lid of an enclosed storage compartment." Now we know that we should be storing something in this bench. These benches are in actuality not designed for the exclusive usage of deacons in the Catholic Church, but are for storing the books required for the service of the altar or chapter house. Just as deacons are ordained for the service of the altar and aiding the priest in celebrating the Divine Mysteries at the altar.

Deacon benches in the actual church would store the missal, the lectionary, and the breviary. In monastic chapter houses, the deacon's bench would contain the Martyrology, and the Rule of St. Benedict, as well as other books pertaining to the monastic customs and the declarations (and norms) of the particular Congregation in question.

In other words, the deacon's bench contains all the books necessary for any and all liturgical functions in either the church, cathedral, or chapter.

A deacon may not be a storehouse of all things...after all none of us is getting any younger...but deacons do have a wealth of knowledge. Our ministry is to serve others, a ministry of service. Deacons serve in many capacities at liturgies, such as preparing the altar table, as lector, or even as an altar server. Deacons serve in parish ministries, such as adult education. Sometimes even our career skills serve the parishes, such as a counselor or carpenter. Sometimes you may even find a deacon serving up food at the next parish social function!

Black and Indian Mission Collection This Weekend, November 20-21

Ever since the first collection in 1884, the national **Black and Indian Mission Collection** has reflected the generosity of the good People of God and has enabled the Commission to give helpful grants to dioceses across the country to operate schools, parishes, and other missionary services that build the Body of Christ in Native American, Alaska Native, and Black Catholic communities. Our own Diocese of Ogdensburg has benefitted from this collection. Please be generous.

Christ gives us his Body in the Eucharist, he gives himself in his Body and thus makes us his Body, he unites us with his Risen Body. If man eats ordinary bread, in the digestive process this bread becomes part of his body, transformed into a substance of human life. But in holy Communion the inverse process is brought about. Christ, the Lord, assimilates us into himself, introducing us into his glorious Body, and thus we all become his Body.

-Pope Benedict XVI
(General Audience on December 10, 2008)

Music Ministry Notes:

St. Mary's, Clayton

One of the blessings we have is the ability to celebrate the significance of Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection to our faith. As we prepare for Christ's coming, and a new liturgical year, let us remember: "*Christ Jesus Victor, Christ Jesus Ruler! Christ Jesus, Lord and Redeemer!*"

St. Mary's choir is preparing for our Advent and Christmas season! We rehearse at 10:00 am on Sundays, and if you are interested in joining us, please reach out to Corrine Willis at corrinefwillis@gmail.com or 315-221-3689.

St. Cyril's, Alexandria Bay

The St. Cyril's Choir is singing together again, and we love to welcome new people! The Choir gathers in the loft at St. Cyril's at 9:45 for practice before 10:30 Mass. We also will be creating a Children's Choir in addition to our Adult Choir for the Christmas Holidays. For questions, contact Becky Rose at 315-778-8419 or becky.a.rose@gmail.com.

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Thanksgiving Prayer

God, source and giver of all things, we give you thanks and all the glory on this Thanksgiving Day for the splendor and majesty of creation.

We give you thanks for the blessings of family and friends: both those gathered around this table and those who are present only in our hearts.

We give you thanks for this food, prepared by loving hands, and for the graces you provide to nourish our spirits, souls, and bodies so that we may continue to serve you passionately.

Help us to be faithful stewards of all we have been given. May we reflect your love and that which we have received to all those we meet, especially the less fortunate in our midst.

Amen.

St. Mary's Booster Club tickets are now on sale! Dinner will be February 12th. Tickets are \$15 and enter you in 10 weekly drawings of \$30, \$20, and \$15 and three \$100 drawings. That's 33 drawings and dinner for only \$15! Get your ticket today.

Religious Ed News

St. Mary's, Clayton

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Confirmation Grade 9 meets today. I wish you all a Blessed Thanksgiving!

Catholic Community of Alexandria

Trina Henry 315-482-2252

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Grades 1 through 6 will meet next on Sunday, December 5th after 10:30 Mass in St. Cyril's Church hall to review student progress, answer your questions, and hand out the next month's materials.

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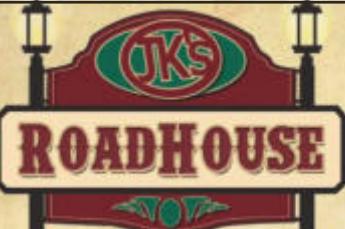
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