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*St Francis      St Mary      St Matthew*

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*Pastor: Rev Stephen P. Wirkes      Dc Dean Brainard      Dc Joseph Lupia*



## *The Assumption* *of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

*August 10, 2025*



## Weekly Offering

August 3

- \* St Matthew's \$ 5,195
- \* St Mary \$ 4,006
- \* St Francis \$ 1,885

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The Assumption of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary is a  
Roman Catholic and  
Eastern Orthodox belief  
that Mary, the mother of  
Jesus, was taken body and  
soul into heaven at the end  
of her earthly life.

This event is celebrated as  
a **holy day of obligation** on  
**August 15th.**

**Mass times will be:**  
**9am at St Mary**  
**and**  
**12:10 at St Matthew's**

**In observation of the Holy Day,**  
**The Tri-Parish office will be closed.**

# Saint WHO ??

**Saint Clare of Assisi**

**Feast Day: August 11**

St. Clare of Assisi, (1194-1253), was born into a wealthy, politically influential, Catholic family in Assisi, Italy. When she was 12, her family decided she should marry. She begged them to allow her to wait until she was 18 and they eventually agreed.

As a teen, Clare learned of a priest named Francis (St. Francis of Assisi). After hearing him preach, she decided that her calling was to "live for the Gospel." She admired how Francis lived — in poverty, community, and service to the poor. After receiving permission from the bishop of Assisi, she left her family join Francis and his followers. Once with them, Clare left her fancy life behind, donning a plain robe, simple veil, and cutting her hair short, a symbol of her desire to reject marriage and live a religious life.

Studying early on with the Benedictines, she was joined by her sister. Fearing for their safety from Clare's family who were determined that the daughters return, Francis and his followers built a home for them next to a church they restored, San Damiano, for their protection. While there, Clare and Francis established the Order of the Poor Ladies of San Damiano.

Daily Mass, adoration, and the Eucharist were integral to the lives of Clare's Poor Ladies. The growing community's radical devotion to strict poverty set them apart from other congregations. Following her order's eventual approval by the Pope, she wrote the order's Rule of Life based on the teachings of St. Francis — the first monastic rule known to be written by a woman.

After St. Clare died, the Poor Ladies were renamed the Order of St. Clare or, the Poor Clares, in her honor. She passed away at the age of 59, one day after her Rule was approved. St. Clare, pray for us!





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
10 <b>AUGUST</b>	11 9am-12:30 SM 2nd Time Around Store  10-12 Craft Club  10:30am SF Book Club ZOOM	12 9:30-noon SMFP	6:30 Men's Grp	14 9:30-noon SMFP  6-8 Women's Group  7pm BINGO	15  <b>Feast of the BVM Mass</b> @ SMA 9AM @ SM 12:10PM	16 9am-noon SM 2nd Time Around Store
17	18 9am-12:30 SM 2nd Time Around Store  10-12 Craft Club  10:30am SF Book Club ZOOM	19 9:30-noon SMFP  1-3 Rosary Makers  5:30-7 Heaven's Pantry	20 9:30-11:30 & 4-5:30 Bport FP 10-11 & 6-7 Heaven's Ptry 1-3 Connections 6:30 Men's Grp	21 9:30-noon SMFP  6-8 Women's Group  7pm BINGO	22	23
24	25 9am-12:30 SM 2nd Time Around Store  10-12 Craft Club  10:30am SF Book Club ZOOM	26 9:30-noon SMFP	27  3pm Fresh Food Giveaway SFAPC  6:30 Men's Grp	28 9:30-noon SMFP  6-8 Women's Group  7pm BINGO	29	30

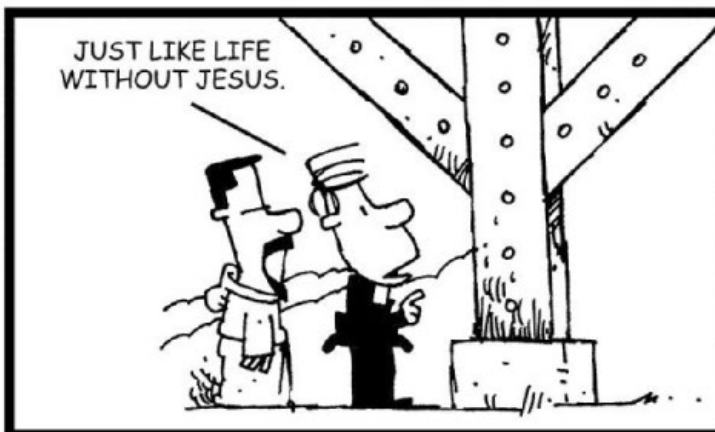
**WHO:** Sunday collection counters  
needed (at least 4)

**WHERE:** St Mary Church

**WHEN:** Sunday after 11am Mass OR  
Monday mornings

Call parish office with questions or  
if interested (315) 437-8318

19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



# Website

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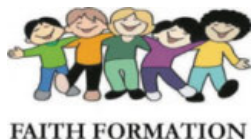
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## FAITH FORMATION

### Pre-Registration

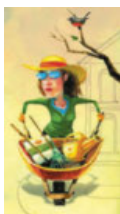
Register your child for Faith Formation classes between July 12 and August 17 and receive \$5 off the registration fee. Call the office at 315-437-8318 or go to [faithalive1.com](http://faithalive1.com) for registration forms.

**Volunteer teachers and aides needed.**



### St. Mary's Flower Gardeners could use your help!

We could use help with maintaining some of our flower gardens. If you have a love of flowers and want the gardens to continue looking nice, please consider helping out. Also, if you know how to keep rose bushes looking healthy and vibrant, the cemetery grotto rose bushes need some TLC. Please call Barb Falkowski at 315-558-0381 as soon as possible. Thanks!!



### FAITH FORMATION

We need TEACHERS, TEACHERS AIDES and HALL MONITORS

Classes are one day a week~

Grades 1-6

Mondays

6-7pm

Grades 7-10

Sundays

9:30-12 noon



### CASINO NIGHT

We need volunteers for Casino Night 2025

Dealers

Servers

Raffle Ticket Sales

Set-Up (Friday, September 26)

Clean up after event

(9pm Saturday, September 27)



## CASINO NIGHT



### THANK YOU

To ALL who participated in our very successful Chicken BBQ. We made almost \$ 600.

*From the  
Business Manager,  
Thomas Lupia*

### Unexpected Expense at Saint Francis



Our neighbors who bought the former rectory contacted us. They were experiencing repeated flooding in their basement, coming up from the drain. It caused a lot of damage. Blanding Plumbing discovered that when the rectory was built, water discharge was connected to the storm drain near the church, with a pipe going underneath the driveway and lawn. When there is a large amount of rain or melting snow that pipe sends water back into their basement.

The piping going into the storm drain has been cut, capped and sealed with cement. The cost was \$4,200. The diocese told us it was our responsibility and had to be done. I wish to keep you informed.

## JOB OPENING APPLY NOW

Volunteering at church BINGO is more than just lending a hand– it's a rewarding way to support our parish, build friendships and strengthen our faith community.

Our bingo program has been a major source of financial support for the parish, as noted in the monthly statements seen in the bulletin. We're incredibly grateful for the dedicated volunteers who have made this success possible. However, due to recent life changes and health concerns, we've lost 5-6 key volunteers. **We are now in urgent need of new helpers to keep the program running strong.**

The time commitment is flexible– some roles require as little as **one hour every 5 weeks**, while others allow for more involvement if you are willing.

**We truly need people like you.** Please prayerfully consider joining our bingo volunteer team.

For more information or to sign up, contact:

**Dave Stevens**

**315-264-5764**

**Patti Koch**

**315-575-5391**



Together, we can keep this vital ministry thriving. Thank you for your support!

Please pray for the souls of the people for whom  
Mass will be offered this coming week

**Monday, August 11 @ St Mary**  
11am Pope Leo

**Wednesday, August 13 @ St Mary**  
9am Tri-Parish Women's Scripture Group

**Friday, August 15**

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9am at St Mary

Rev. Alfred Nortz

Rev. Robert Hall

Msgr. Matthew Luczyki

12:10pm at St Matthew's

Catherine & Peter Fantinato ~ *Children*

Dooher Family ~ *Terry Dooher*

24th Anniversary / *Family*

Kristen Woodmansee ~

Anniversary / *Mom*



Angela Anastas, Johannah Bailey, Bernie Beck,  
Fred Bennink, Helen Berger, Frank & Sandy Bryant,  
Nancy Cassella, Michelle Cayea, Tiffany Conboy,  
Chuck Davidson, Charlotte Diana, James, Pat &  
Debora Dygert, Teddy Emch-Paone, Chuck Gaspe,  
Enrico Geremia, Terri Gonsiewski, Ryan Hill, Michael  
Lavelle, Michael & Brian Lynch, Sam Magari, Anne  
Marie & Michael Maskulinski, Anne McCarthy,  
Joan Moore, Florence Palmiere, Andrew Paulus,  
MaryJo Russell, Pat & Chuck Samora, Katherine  
Sears, Richard Spagnolo, Helen Timmins, Sandy &  
Dennis Van Auken, Chet Waskiewicz

**Sacrament of Penance  
(Confession)**

Saturdays @ St Matthew's  
3:30-4:15pm

Sundays @ St Mary  
after 11am mass



## Weekend Mass Schedule

**Saturday, August 16 @ St Matthew's**

4:30pm Dora Settineri ~ *Joe Falcone*

Marguerite Gratien ~

24th Anniversary / *Family*

Lillian Schmidt ~ *Daughter Cindy & Family*

**Sunday, August 17 @ St. Matthew's**

8am Russ Brandon ~ *2nd Anniversary / Family*

Margaret Kurak ~ *Mary Liz Vecellio*

John Ryan ~ *Mike & Sue Rauer*



A candle has been lit at  
**St. Matthew's**

Albert Hudy  
(Doris & Max)

**PLEASE PRAY  
FOR OUR  
RECENTLY DECEASED**

**John Greis  
Frank Colosi**



**Sunday, August 17 @ St Francis**

9:30am Jim & John Behr ~ *Mom*

John & Richard Corrigan ~

*Patti & Marty Moore*

Jim Conway ~ *Ennamorato Family*

**Sunday, August 17 @ St Mary**

11am Pro Populo ~ *For the People*

Roger Heidelberg ~ *Greg*

Christopher Hart ~ *Ashe Family*

Prayer for Hope  
Lord,  
Restore my hope!  
Where I fear the future,  
write a new script in my heart.  
Where I doubt Your goodness,  
fill me anew.  
Give me steadfast hope for a  
beautiful tomorrow.  
Amen.



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### St Mary's CEMETERY OFFICE HOURS

@ St. Mary's Parish Center

MONDAY EVENINGS

6pm~ 7pm or by appointment

Laura Cavanaugh @ 315-345-8007



### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday ~ Thursday 9am ~ 4pm

OR by appointment —

### PARISH OFFICE MAILING ADDRESS:

(at St Matthew's)

229 W Yates Street

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Parish Office

315-437-8318

E-mail addresses:

St Matthew's

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St Francis of Assisi

Use either of the above email addresses

Website: [www.faithalive1.com](http://www.faithalive1.com)

Please call the parish office regarding any of the following:

**BAPTISM:** arrangements made 2 months prior and parents required to attend baptism class for the 1st child prior to Baptism.

**MARRIAGE:** Arrangements made at least 6 months in advance.

**HOSPITALIZED PARISHIONERS:** Please notify the rectory when a family member is admitted to a hospital or nursing home so the clergy can provide for their spiritual needs.

**COMMUNION:** to sick/shut-in at anytime.

**REGISTRATION/NEW MEMBERS:** Please call the office.

### HELP OUR



You can make cash or  
check donations  
payable to specific pantry  
and drop in collection basket  
or mail to parish office at  
229 W Yates Street  
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### Bridgeport Food Pantry

at St Francis Church

3rd Wednesday of the month

9:30-11:30am & 4-5:30pm

FRESH FOOD GIVEAWAY

4th Wednesday of the month @3pm

### HEAVEN'S PANTRY

at Minoa United Methodist Church

3rd Wednesday of month

10-11am & 6-7pm



### St Matthew's 2nd Time Around Store / Food Pantry

600 W Manlius Street

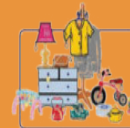
315-438-8635

### PANTRY HOURS:

T / Th 9:30am-noon

### 2nd TIME AROUND STORE HOURS

Mondays 9am ~ 12:30pm



### PARISH TRUSTEES

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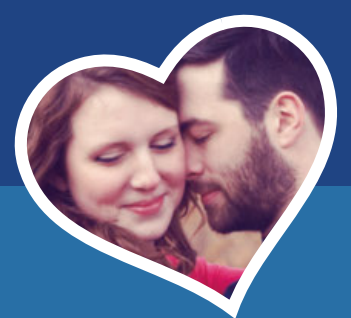


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