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WELCOME

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MASS

SATURDAY (VIGIL)

4:30 PM

SUNDAY

7:30, 9:00, and 11:30 AM

MONDAY & TUESDAY

5:15 PM

WEDNESDAY

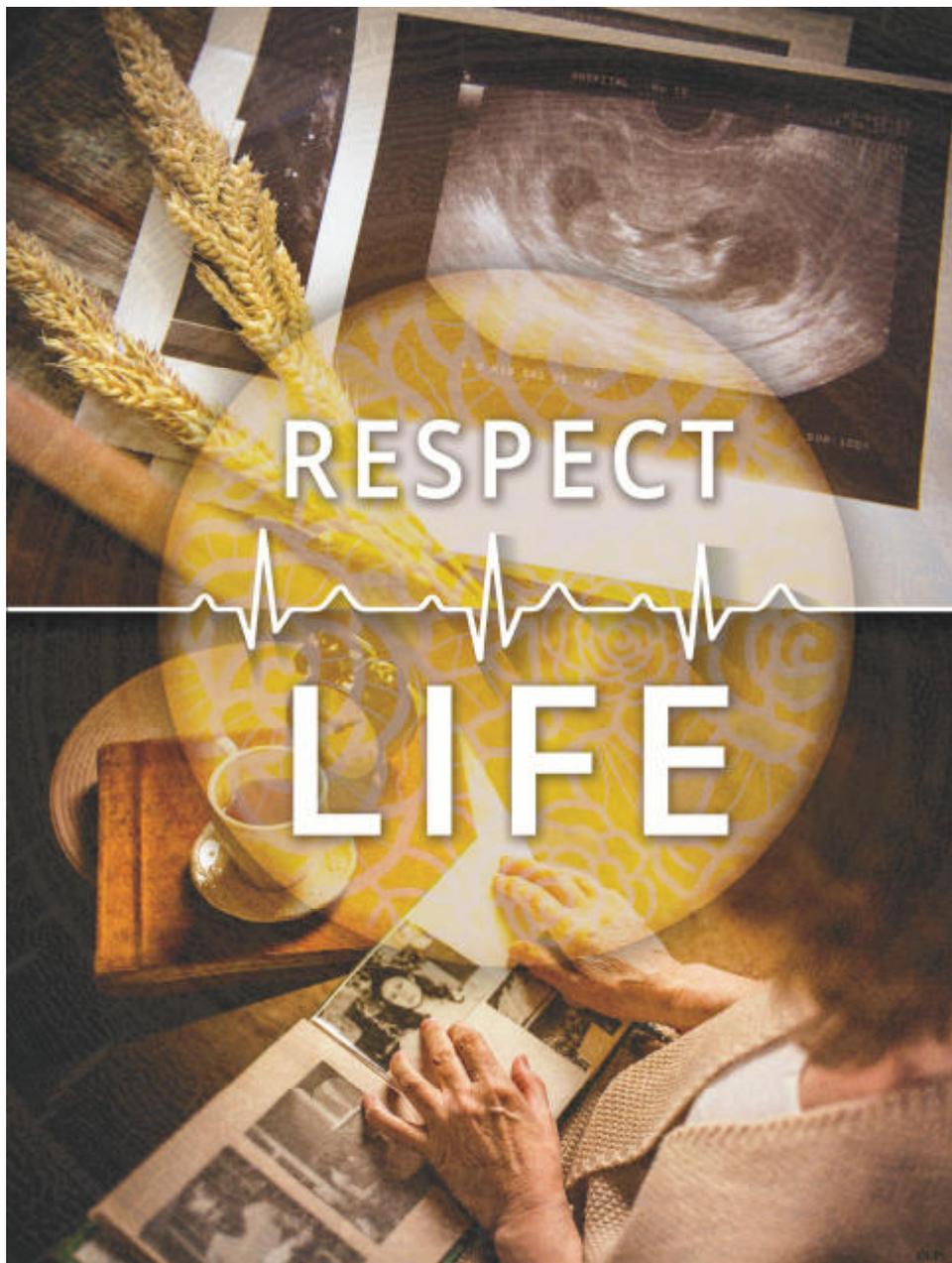
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THURSDAY & FRIDAY

12:15 PM

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday 3:00 - 4:00pm
Every 1st Saturday 9:00 - 10:00am



The Catholic community at St. Mary Parish in Oxford, Ohio welcomes you! Our parish has been gathering in faith since its founding in 1853. Our current church building was dedicated in 1921 and is in the first block of High Street west of the Miami University campus. Join us for prayer and living out the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

OCTOBER 3, 2021

READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 4, Saint Francis of Assisi

Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

5:15pm Karen Obermeyer (Russ Obermeyer)

Tuesday, October 5, Weekday

Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42

5:15pm Donald Wade (Clarence & Jeanette Buller)

Wednesday, October 6, Weekday

Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4

7:00am Barbara & Marilyn Serraino (Bill & Nora Ellen Bowers)

Thursday, October 7, Our Lady of the Rosary

Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13

12:15pm Katie Johnson (Mike & Evelyn Johnson)

Friday, October 8, Weekday

Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26

12:15pm Sue Morris (Jerry & Kathy Morris)

Saturday, October 9, Weekday

Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28

4:30pm Robert & Jeff Schroer (family)

Sunday, October 10, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

7:30am Omer & Betty Schwegman (family)

9:00am Barb Serraino (family)

11:30am The People of St Mary

PRAYER LIST

PARISHIONERS:

Sandra Aranyos	Bonnie Raisch
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Michael Puglielli	

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Chris Arndt	Linda Marchbanks
Karen Byrd-Gibson	Jim Meier
Martha Casteneda	Kenneth Meister
Norma Clawson	Kathy Morris
Martin Ely	Tara McCreary
Robert & Bev Engel	Marti Pugh
Davis Family	Richard Raisch
Mildred Fangman	Ed Ratterman
Lee Fitch	Roy & Donna Rauen
Nancy Gabalac	Kurt Rose
Sean Gabalac	Julie Rowe
Mary Sue Kamphaus	Dennis Sullivan
Lillie Ruth Knight	Karen Taylor
Ruth Kramer	Yoshi Tomoyasu
Michael Loeffelman	Lily Wissler
	Elizabeth Wright



Stewardship

Collection:

\$ 4,330.00

Behind for the week:
(\$ 2,765.00)

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(\$ 12,694.00)

Co-op Mission Appeal:
\$ 4,815.00

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RESPECT LIFE MONTH ***Respect Life Sunday October 3, 2021***

Each year the Church in the United States celebrates October as *Respect Life Month*, and today (October 3), we celebrate *Respect Life Sunday*. This is a time we can use to deepen our understanding of why, as Catholics, we “Respect Life” and what that looks like day-to-day.

We are also in the midst of celebrating the Year of St. Joseph. So, this year, we are looking to the witness of St. Joseph as a defender of life. He didn’t hesitate to follow God’s will of faithfully caring for and protecting Jesus and the Blessed Mother. St. Joseph’s example reminds us that we are also to care for, protect, and defend the lives of our brothers and sisters.

In the Bible, we see that St. Joseph makes sacrifices out of his love for Jesus and Mary. Over and over, he shows himself to be a faithful protector of them both.

After an angel of God appeared to St. Joseph in a dream, he welcomed Mary into his home, even though her pregnancy was mysterious. On the long road to Bethlehem, Joseph guided and provided for Mary and the unborn Christ Child. He welcomed Jesus as his own son in a humble stable and loved Him with a father’s heart. When the infant Jesus’ life was threatened by Herod, Joseph left the comfort and familiarity of his homeland and fled to Egypt with Mary and Jesus to protect Him. And as Jesus was growing up, He learned from Joseph to do the will of the Father. In every circumstance, St. Joseph cared for, defended, and protected the gift of life that had been given by God.

During this Respect Life Month, we can start to become more like St. Joseph by asking ourselves a few questions and reflecting on them: Do we realize how precious every person is? As we go about our day, do we treat people accordingly? How can we help those in our society who are struggling to welcome new life, like moms who are pregnant or parenting in difficult circumstances? How can we reach out to those having a hard time seeing the worth of their own lives? How do we reassure those at the end of life who are afraid they are a burden or feel like their lives don’t have meaning?

At times, we may feel like we can’t make a difference, or that we’re unequipped for what God is asking of us. But St. Joseph “teaches us that faith in God includes believing that he can work even through our fears, our frailties and our weaknesses” (PC, 2). When human life is threatened, when our brothers and sisters need support welcoming or embracing life, may we lovingly respond with the faithfulness of Joseph.

CATHOLIC NEWMAN CENTER AT MIAMI UNIVERSITY

The Newman Center extends an invitation to our resident St. Mary parishioners to join us on Tuesday, October 5th at 6pm for dinner. To keep inline with the current mask mandate, the dinner will be held outside in the open air. Please RSVP to Pam Burk pburk@stmox.org, or call the parish office. 523-2153.

THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS PURE



Mary our Mentor prayer group is reconvening to provide ongoing spiritual support for the women in our parish. Join us at 10:30am Wednesdays starting October 6th. We welcome young and old alike. Through conversation and prayer we create community. “Prayer life is an ongoing relationship, a personal, real, heart to heart friendship in which the two friends speak with each other about what is important to each of them” - John Bartunek. Please contact either

[Lori Verst \(513\) 827-2942](tel:5138272942) or
[Dawna Peterson \(513\) 330-1342](tel:5133301342)
[for further information.](#)

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

OCTOBER 2nd - 3rd 2021

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Thank you for your generous giving!!

FALL SERVICE DAY

Saturday Oct. 2nd 11:30

Saturday Oct. 23rd 10:30

Need Help with Fall yard chores ?

Call the Office or email:

Pam Burk 513-523-2153

pburk@stmox.org



BEACONS OF LIGHT: OPEN COMMENT

PERIOD OCTOBER 1-20

As you know, the Beacons of Light draft "Families of Parishes" will be shared with the faithful for their review and feedback Oct. 1-20 The draft will be posted on:

www.BeaconsAOC.org

along with an online comment box.

If you have questions & concerns or simply want your voice to be heard.

Thank you!

This Week at St. Mary

MONDAY:

2-3:00pm Holy Hour with Adoration, Confessions, Rosary, Divine Mercy and quiet prayer time.

5:15pm-7:30pm Mass, followed by Adoration with quiet prayer. Confessions available.

TUESDAY:

5:15pm Mass

WEDNESDAY:

7:00am Mass

THURSDAY & FRIDAY:

12:15pm Mass

SATURDAY:

3:00PM Confessions

4:30pm Mass

Oxford Presbyterian Church

Food Packaging Event

Sunday, October 17th, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

**Set up begins at 12:30 p.m.
(clean-up to follow)**

Oxford Presbyterian Church – Seminary Community Room - 104 E. Church St., Oxford, OH 45056, USA

All are Welcome to join us!

Be part of our diverse mission efforts to Eradicate Systemic Poverty in the Oxford community and around the world. 15,000 meals will be packed and a third of the meals will be used for local food insecurity.



St. Mary 2020-2021 Annual Report



On the next two pages you will find the annual financial report for our fiscal year which ran from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. We are happy to report that we did \$48,303 better than our budgeted surplus. What is “unhappy” about the result is that much of our savings was due to reduced program expense since many of our programs and ministries were shut down or virtual because of Covid restrictions. As always, I must applaud the parish staff for its great job of keeping a firm control of expenses. As noted in the following numbers, though our revenue was down by over \$107,000, our expenses were kept to over \$156,000 below budget. That being said, reduced attendance and support as Covid continues is a concern. Please don’t forget St. Mary in your household budget, even if you are still staying clear of crowds as the virus continues

Beyond the changes brought about by Covid, we received news at the end of this fiscal year that bring many changes to this year’s budget and management. In June Archbishop Schnurr decided to separate the campus ministry from the St. Mary community. Though I argued the wisdom of that decision, it, nonetheless, stands.

As a result of the Archbishop’s creation of a Newman Center with activities, programs, and staff separate from the parish, you will note that this current fiscal year (2021-22) budget shows the line items “Parents Fund Drive” and “Diocesan Subsidy” are now \$0.00 going forward. Because the Newman Center will now have exclusive use of and responsibility for the Parish Center building, we can expect reductions in some operating expenses. Those savings will have to be determined as the year develops.

I would say that things ought to become clearer in our next budget year of 2022-23, however, the Archdiocesan planning process, “Beacons of Light” will have a completely unknown impact on parish management. Currently, the designation of parish families during this fall, the designation of pastors for those families in the spring, and the new pastors taking office on July 1, 2022, could mean major management changes if not right away, certainly within the next few years. (The stated goal is to have the parish families merge to become one parish by 2027.) The initial draft of parish families should have taken place on last Friday, October 1st. Your input and comments are important! As noted elsewhere in this bulletin, the Beacons of Light draft “Families of Parishes” will be shared with the faithful for their review and feedback Oct. 1-20 The draft will be posted on: www.BeaconsAOC.org along with an online comment box.

The second page of the figures which follow touch upon three other components of our parish: our “Friends of Neighbors in Need” aka “FONIN”, Mt. Olivet Cemetery, and the St. Mary Ladies Society. Throughout Covid, FONIN has continued trying to provide service for the needy in our community. We have adapted our Backpack program and it continued to serve during distance learning and even though we are not able to meet with students in person. We also continue to work with Family Resource Center in collaborative service projects and services.

The beautification and improvements continue at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Our new columbarium as a fitting resting place for cremated remains has marked a number of new clients for niches. Donations are coming in for improving the landscaping and appearance of our parish cemetery.

St. Mary Ladies Society continues to support the care of the altar and sanctuary needs, and who doesn’t appreciate the wonderful appearance of our courtyard garden. We are happy to report that the Society has resumed their in-person meetings.

Finally, please feel free to contact myself or our parish business manager, Mrs. Pam Burk with any further questions. Please remember to read and comment the “Beacons of Light” materials online.

As always, I’m entirely grateful to the parish for the generosity, love and service you provide. Thank you for letting me join you on this journey!

With affection,
Fr. Jeff

Parish Operating Revenue:	Actual 2020-21	Budget 2020-21	Budget 2021-22	Actual 2019-20	Budget 2019-20
Collections	304,553	419,667	369,000	386,034	413,465
Other Donations	5,535	4,800	4,000	65,200	0
Bequest	6,865	0	0	0	0
Stipend (Masses)	3,160	1,550	1,500	1,531	1,700
Parent Fund Drive	12,880	20,000	0	15,771	23,000
Interest	11,715	7,000	8,200	20,591	6,000
Rentals	81,075	81,000	83,400	71,536	78,400
Parish Activities	1,254	4,150	1,500	986	6,100
Religious Education Fees	700	1,600	1,600	1,620	3,350
Rebates (CMA & One Faith.....	4,188	0	0	7,810	0
Diocesan Subsidy	<u>136,398</u>	<u>136,396</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>136,398</u>	<u>136,396</u>
Total Parish Operating Revenues	568,323	676,163	469,200	707,477	668,411
Parish Operating Expenditures:					
Salaries/Benefits	335,662	406,919	300,061	381,659	445,093
Transportation & Seminars	142	6,450	1,700	437	6,880
Office	17,258	18,867	11,147	13,872	25,256
Misc. Administrative	4,548	10,500	3,193	7,108	7,500
Rectory & Household	0	6,500	2,000	0	6,500
Parish Activities	7,974	22,550	4,650	8,234	18,693
Worship	3,849	10,890	7,210	5,416	11,455
Religious Education	2,415	13,060	13,885	4,989	17,135
Utilities	26,951	36,650	22,350	25,442	36,550
Building & Maintenance	9,774	8,600	8,800	13,068	12,700
Property Tax	11,842	10,445	10,445	10,368	10,445
Rental Property	4,308	5,500	32,060	2,766	12,900
Equipment & Furnishings	425	7,100	5,800	271	5,400
Land & Building	22,697	35,185	35,950	26,270	23,323
Diocesan Assessment	<u>45,228</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>43,150</u>	<u>53,000</u>
Total Parish Expenditures	493,073	649,216	509,251	543,050	692,830
Excess/(Deficit)	75,250	26,947	-40,051	164,427	-24,419

Revenues: Collections were down by 27% (\$115,114), other revenues held pretty steady considering a full year of Covid-19 interruption. The parish received two bequests this year that helped total operating revenues.

Expenses: Expenditures were down 32% (\$156,143), mostly across the board. The exceptions were office expenses, building & maintenance and property taxes. All programming budgets were again affected by Covid-19. Salaries/Benefits reflect reduction in staff and health coverage.

Looking forward: Looking at the 21-22 budget you will see zero's for Parent Fund Drive and the Archdiocesan Subsidy. With the separation of the Campus Ministry from St. Mary that income is staying with Campus Ministry as is their expenditures and all future care of the parish center. In the past, income and expense line items were divided by pre-determined percentages. That is no longer the case. The parish is losing an estimated \$112,378 in operating revenue and going forward carrying the total expense of running the parish.

Friends of Neighbors in Need
July 1, 2020—June 30, 2021

Beginning Balance	\$34,457
Revenues:	
Donations	\$11,058
Kroger Cards	1,082
BackPack	10,509
Miscellaneous	0
Total	\$22,649
Expenditures:	
Utilities	\$1,671
Food cards for backpack	11,500
Rent	2,918
BackPack	17,890
Gasoline	165
Misc.	468
Total	\$34,612
Ending Balance	\$22,492

Your generosity to **FONIN** allows them to serve to many in our community. Special collections, individual donations and the Kroger Gift Card Program supply the bulk of revenue. The backpack program was supported by local organizations, other area churches and grants in 2020 –21, and supplies area school children with nutritious weekend meals during the school year and once per week during the summer. **FONIN** was again this past year able to assist with over \$30,000 worth of services to those in need in our community.

Mount Olivet Cemetery
July 1, 2020—June 30, 2021

Beginning Balance	\$21,536
Revenues	
Internments	\$5,750
Site Sales	16,650
Interest	24
Foundations	1,936
Withdrawal CD	10,739
Restitution for damage	140
I Give Catholic	378
Total	\$35,617
Expenditures:	
Internments	\$3,800
Property upgrades	31,012
Miscellaneous	1,129
Foundations	1,377
Total	\$37,314
Ending Balance	\$19,839

Mount Olivet Cemetery continues to be subsidized by the parish for mowing and weed control.

There were some big changes to the grounds this past year, the columbarium is installed and has been utilized, and the driveway has been redone.

This Fall we hope to install a pergola, a Christmas Box Angel, a statue of Mary and more landscaping all made possible by a generous donation.

Ladies Society of St. Mary Parish
July 1, 2020—June 30, 2021

Beginning Balance	\$972
Revenues:	
Funerals	\$125
Added back check	\$25
Total	\$1122

Expenditures	
Misc.	\$212
Total	\$212
Ending Balance	\$910

As went a lot of things this past year: the **Ladies Society of St. Mary Parish** did not operate as "normal". The society provides the parish with altar linens, altar cloths, and help purchase the beautiful flowers for the courtyard. The Ladies Society provides a funeral lunch for those burying a loved one. Although we saw more deaths during this time period, this vital ministry to the grieving was put on hold. We hope and pray that we will soon see the end of the stronghold Covid-19 has on our lives. Any woman of the parish is invited to join this parish group!

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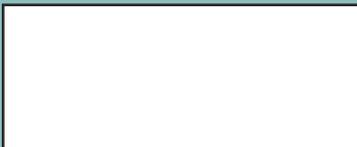
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