



St. Mary Great Mother of God Church

We Welcome You!

August 21 2022

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The Parish Office is open Monday-
Thursday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Closed for lunch 12-1pm

Daily Mass: 7:45 am Wed-Friday
Saturday morning: 8:30 am
No Mass on Mondays or Tuesdays

Weekend Masses:
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 10:30 am

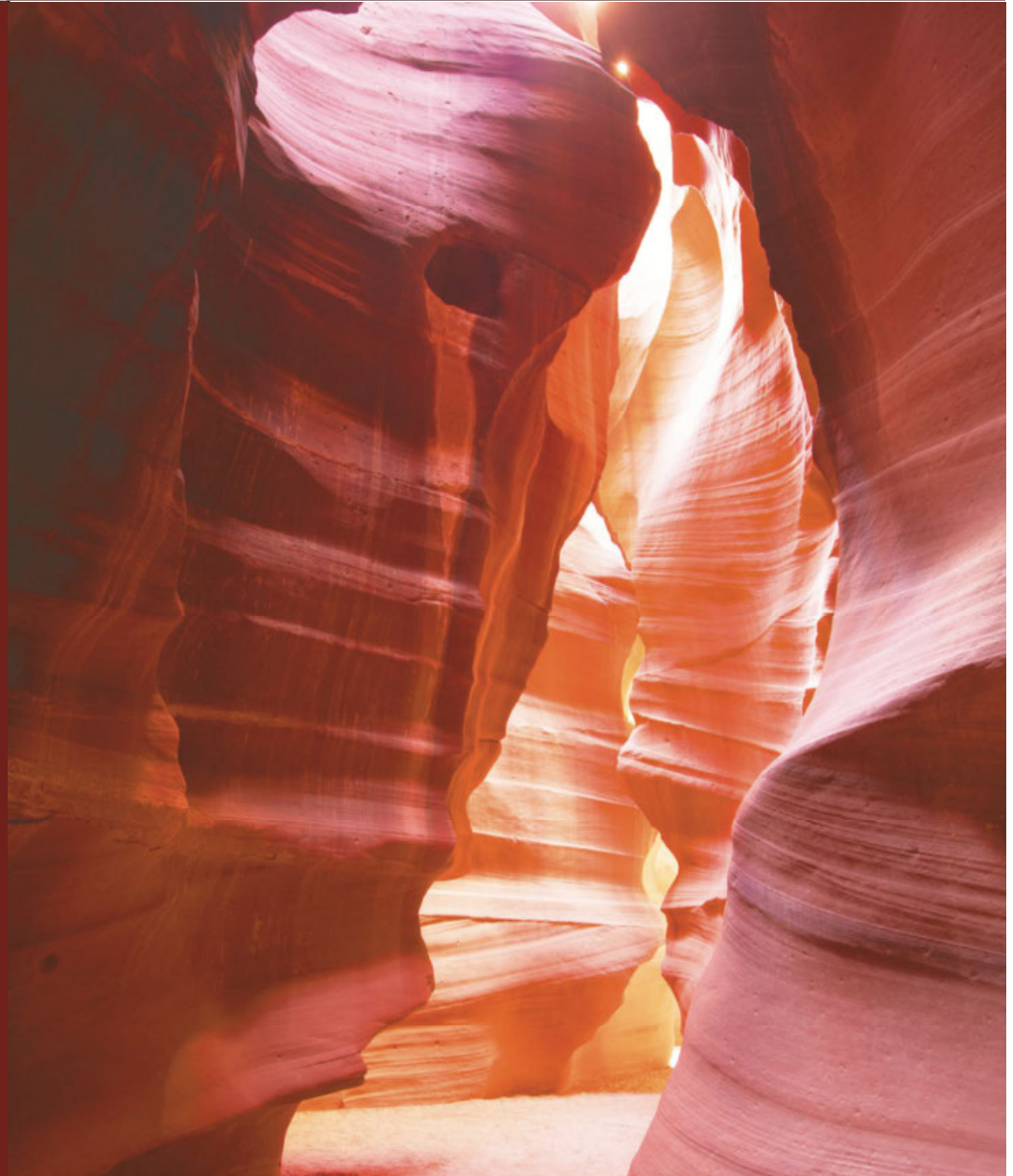
Adoration:
Wednesdays 8:15 a.m. to 6:45 pm

Confession:
Wednesdays 5-6on
Saturdays 3-4:30 pm
Or by appointment

First Fridays of each month:
5-8pm Confession & Adoration

First Saturdays of each month:
Rosary 8:00 am followed by
Mass at 8:30 am

For other Sacraments please call the
parish office



Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?"
He answered them, "Strive to enter through the
narrow gate." - Lk 13:23-24a

Masses for the week of August 22, 2022

Mon	August 22	No Mass Today	
Tue	August 23	No Mass Today	
Wed	August 24	7:45 am	Mass-for Sam Huston
		8:15 am to 6:45 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Thur	August 25	7:45 am	Mass-for the repose of the soul of KurtWolfgang
Fri	August 26	7:45 am	Mass- for Dave & Cheryl Emmette
Sat	August 27	8:30 am	Mass-for the perseverance of all priests and religious
		5:00 pm	Mass-for the repose of the soul of Dion Ritzema
Sun	August 28	10:30 am	Mass-for all parishioners



MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR WEEKEND OF August 27 & 28

	<u>Saturday 5:00 pm</u>	<u>Sunday 10:30 am</u>
Lectors	Melissa Patyi	Matt VanderWerff
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Rhonda Fitzpatrick	Roger/Kathy Southland
Ushers	Sean Coble, Tim Fitzpatrick Bob Rice, Gerald Egan,	Robert & RJ Brabant, Roger Southland, Andrew Shipp
Nursing Home/Homebound	Denise Dommer	
Flower Schedule	Janice O'Neill	



Dinners and House Blessings!

Fr. Michael would love to get to know the parish community. If you would like to invite him over for a lunch or dinner, please email Father and give some available dates and times. Fr. Michael is generally not available for meals on Sundays and Mondays.

Deposit for 8/14/2022

Adult Envelopes:	\$ 5268.00
Loose collection:	\$ 963.52
Children's:	\$ 0.00
Total:	\$ 6231.52



Needed for budget \$5500.00



Happy Birthday to You!

Aug 23	Cade Chichester
Aug 24	Kenneth Gould
Aug 26	Hunter Bengel, Mark Smith
Aug 28	Milo Rademacher, Bessie Streekstra, Joe Gould



Mark your calendars: Upcoming Events at St. Mary Church

September 11th: First Day of Faith Formation Classes. Parish Brunch, Daughters of the Holy Family Initiative meeting after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.



September 18th: Parish Picnic after the 10:30 a.m. Mass at the parish. Bring a dish to pass. The church will provide BBQ sandwiches, chips, drinks and tableware.

September 25th: Parish Brunch, Sons of the Holy Family Initiative meeting after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Note* New time frames for Adoration/Benediction beginning August 24th due to school starting. Adoration is from 8:15 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Vespers and Benediction is from 5:45-6:05 p.m. Confession is from 4:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. K. of C. Social with Pizza is from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. in the parish life center following Benediction.



Chancing the Narrow Gate

From doctors to counselors, anthropologists to schoolteachers, it seems like everyone has their own parenting style to peddle, guaranteeing it will result in a happy and well-adjusted kid.

You've got "gentle parenting," predicated on respect for the child's feelings and needs. You've got "attachment parenting," based on the belief that kids need time to adjust to being outside of the womb. You've got "free-range parenting," where self-sufficiency reigns supreme.

But of all the parenting approaches I've come across, I've never encountered a philosophy that rejects discipline altogether. There are lots of conflicting opinions on how best to administer that discipline, but I've never heard any parent or parenting "expert" worth their salt say that a mother or father should completely ignore misbehavior that threatens the well-being of the child himself.

Discipline is in our human DNA. Consider for a moment what the world would look like if it came to be filled with people who had never been taught to reflect on their life challenges. People who bristled at the suggestion of personal growth.

And yet we become this way with God. Even the most "devout" among us shy away from occasions of divine constructive criticism. We avoid confession and forego daily examinations of conscience. We keep things superficial in our prayer life, avoiding depth of heart and real intimacy with God, afraid of what He will speak to us.

But when we do this, we rob ourselves of an opportunity to rely on God's fatherly strength, to rest in His mercy, to fill ourselves up with His goodness. We're putting up our hands, saying: "No thanks, Father, I'm good. You can keep your discipline. You can keep your grace."

When we do this, we are making a beeline for the "narrow gate," sure of our own strength and ability to pass through it. All I can say is this, proceed at your own peril. Are you so sure of yourself?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Discipline is necessary for us to focus our attention and develop and refine our skills. A disciplined person has integrity and can make difficult but necessary choices. Most people do not like discipline, especially children. When we have to rise above our impulses and desires and do something challenging, it can appear as a punishment. The struggles of living a good and effective Christian life, especially when we actively choose virtue over vice, are allowed by God and necessary for reaching spiritual maturity. God invites us to share in His Kingdom. Hearing and accepting that invitation

requires an active, conscious decision on our part. Reforming our lives and changing how we do things does not come easily. But it is precisely what is necessary for us to enter through the narrow gate that leads to life. Discipline is essential if we are going to discover our desire for union with our Creator and live in God's house. In this way, we will not risk finding the door locked when we need it to be open.

In a Post Roe America, NO WOMAN STANDS ALONE! August 28, 7:30—9:30 pm at St. Robert of Newminister in Ada, in the PLC—go thru door G or H. Join the Pro-Life Movement for a live, virtual event to Discover how churches can ensure NO woman stands alone In a Post-Roe America For more information, please contact Cheryl Heise caheise17@gmail.com www.StandingWithHerSunday.org



Daughters & Sons of the Holy Family Initiative: Introduction and training for women and girls is on September 11th and introduction and training for Men and boys will be September 25th in the St. Joseph Room after the 10:30 a.m. Mass . A light brunch will be served after Mass on both dates. A comprehensive description of this initiative is printed and inserted into this bulletin, or can be found in the bulletin pockets at the entrances.

Faith Formation registration is open for the 2021-2022 school year.



Classes are held on Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. in the Parish Life Center for students entering kindergarten through Confirmation. Classes will begin Sunday, September 11th. During our first class on September 11th, we will also have a parent meeting in the church vestibule at 9 a.m. To register, scan the QR code. The link to register is also available on the parish website, stmarylowell.com, under the Faith Formation tab. Or, please contact Jennie at stmarylowelldre@gmail.com to register.

Volunteers for Faith Formation Needed! Are you interested in helping pass on the faith to the children of St. Mary Church? We are looking for catechists and classroom aides to help us this school year for our Sunday morning Faith Formation classes. No experience required! If you are interested in learning more about becoming a catechist or a classroom aide, please contact Jennie at stmarylowelldre@gmail.com or call 897-9820. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve while growing in your own faith.



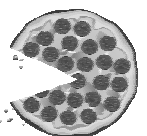
Box of Joy

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women is collecting donations for Box of Joy. Box of Joy is an annual Christmas gift ministry facilitated by Cross Catholic Outreach. By packing Boxes of Joy, participants bless children suffering from extreme poverty by sharing the joy of Christmas and planting seeds of hope. School supplies such as crayons, markers and pencils, as well as drawstring bags, coloring books, small toys, dolls and t-shirts are being requested.



Jesus & Pizza

The Knights of Council 7719 invite the families of St. Mary to spend time with our Savior in holy Adoration on Wednesday evenings until Benediction at ***6:05 p.m.** And then join us for pizza and some Christian fellowship. The Knights will provide pizza and activities for families each Wednesday from the end of Benediction until approximately 7:15 p.m. ***Note this is a new time frame due to school starting.**



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WATCH

INTO THE BREACH – EPISODE 3: LEADERSHIP

Among many other things, Pope St. Gregory the Great is known for his incredible pastoral presence and servant leadership. In honor of this magnanimous Saint, enjoy this episode of Into the Breach! Although primarily targeted at men, this video and its emphasis on service will be fruitful to anyone who desires sanctity and self-mastery!



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FORMED NOW: THE FEAST OF SAINT MONICA

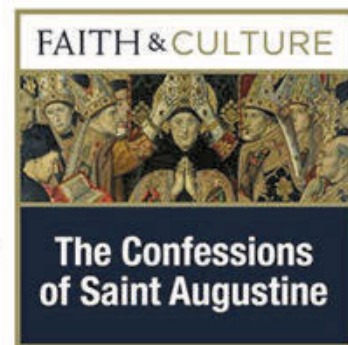


Throughout her life, St. Monica constantly prayed for the conversion of Augustine, her beloved son. In a moment of desperation, she even asked for the bishop's help. In response, he said, "the son of those tears surely will not perish." Truly, as this bishop remarked, Monica's tearful prayers helped build her son into the Doctor of Grace. In this video, join Dr. Gray and Dr. Sehorn as they discuss more about this great Saint.

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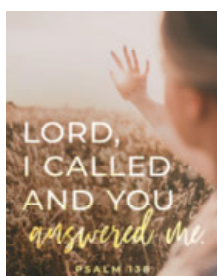
THE FAITH AND CULTURE PODCAST: THE CONFESSIONS OF ST. AUGUSTINE

In this episode of the Faith and Culture podcast, Joseph Pearce and Dr. John Sehorn discuss the most towering Church Father of the West, St. Augustine. Together, Pearce and Sehorn describe the purpose of Augustine's Confessions, the relatability of this Saint, and his impact on the world in his own time and culture. Finally, they discuss what we can learn from Augustine today.



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