St. Mary University Parish

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Office Hours: Mon - Fri   9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Mass Schedule: Sunday   10:15 am & 6:00 pm
Tuesday   9:00 p.m.
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
1st Thursday of the Month   6:00 p.m.

Confession: Sunday   4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Weekdays   45 minutes before Mass

Open Hours: Sunday   9:00 am - Midnight
Mon-Thur   8:00 am - Midnight
Friday   8:00 am - 10:30 pm
Saturday   9:00 am - 10:30 pm

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PARISH BOOKKEEPER........................ Anne Swift, aswift@stmarycmu.org

Matrimony: Please contact the Parish Office before setting a wedding date.
Infant & Child Baptism: Preparation is required, please contact the Parish Office.
Anointing of the Sick: Contact the Parish Office for anointing.
Interested in Becoming Catholic? Contact Cory Noeker for more information.

OCTOBER 20TH, 2019 • TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

October 6th, 2019……………$901.00

YTD Budget…………………$10,769.23
YTD Actual…………………$10,501.36
Overage/(Shortfall)……….($267.87)

Thank you for your stewardship!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things. But when it ceases to act, it ceases to exist."

- St. Gregory the Great

ROOMS AVAILABLE

If you would like to reserve a room for an activity, please speak to Caleb Brereton at the parish office. He can be reached by phone at (989) 317-4674 or by email at cbrereton@stmarycmu.org

DAILY READINGS

MON (10/21)
Romans 4:20-25;
Luke 12:13-21
TUE (10/22)
Romans 5:12, 15B, 17-19, 20B-21;
Luke 12:35-38
WED (10/23)
Romans 6:12-18;
Luke 12:39-48
THUR (10/24)
Romans 6:19-23;
Luke 12:49-53
FRI (10/25)
Romans 7:18-25A;
Luke 12:54-59
SAT (10/26)
Romans 8:1-11;
Luke 13:1-9
SUNDAY (10/27)
Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18;
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18;
Luke 18:9-14

KOINONIA RETREAT

The Koinonia Retreat at St. Mary University Parish will be held on Oct. 25th through Oct. 27th. The term "Koinonia" reflects the Church's history, fellowship, and support for its members. This retreat is focused on living in Christian community based on the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ: His Life, Death, and Resurrection. Throughout the weekend there will be student witnesses, discussions, reflections, prayer, time to get to know other students, as well as Confession and Adoration. Non-Catholics are welcome to attend! The cost for the retreat is $35; no one is ever turned away because of inability to pay, so please contact Cory Noeker if that is the case! Paper applications are in the parish lounge, or you can click here to sign up if viewing online. Please pray about attending, and say yes to God's call! Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact Bridget Parker or Jessica Schafer at cmkteam@gmail.com.
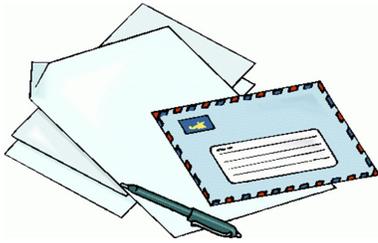
END DISMEMBERMENT ABORTION

Thank you to everyone who signed the End Dismemberment Abortion petition the last two Sundays. With all of your help after the Masses, we were able to collect 61 signatures. If you would like to sign the petition, or if you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

MON (10/21) - Parish Library Reserved - 6pm-7pm
- **Central Catholic Meeting - Parish Library - 9pm-10pm**
TUE (10/22) - Parish Library Reserved - 5:30pm-6:30pm
- **No Praise & Worship This Week**
- *Confession - 8:15pm-8:45pm*
- *Daily Mass - 9pm*
WED (10/23) - **Weekly AA Meeting - Conference Room - 12pm-1pm**
- *Confession - 5:15pm-5:45pm*
- *Daily Mass - 6pm*
- **Apologetics - Parish Library - 6:30pm-8pm**
- Parish Library Reserved - 9pm-10:30pm
THU (10/24) - Conference Room Reserved - 6pm-7pm
- Parish Library Reserved - 7pm-8pm
FRI (10/25) - **Parish Closes for Koinonia Retreat - 12pm**
- **No Student Sports This Week**
SAT (10/26) - **Parish Closed for Koinonia Retreat - All Day**
SUN (10/27) - *Sunday Mass - 10:15am*
- **Parish Reopens After Retreat - 4pm**
- *Confession - 4:30pm-5:30pm*
- *Sunday Mass - 6pm*
- **No Sunday Supper This Week**

October 20th, 2019

World Mission Sunday:

Today we celebrate what the Catholic Church calls World Mission Sunday! In 1926 Pope Pius XI instituted Mission Sunday for the whole Church with the first worldwide Mission Sunday collection taking place in October 1927. The Mission Sunday collection is always taken on the next to last Sunday during the month of October. This day is celebrated in all the local Churches as the feast of catholicity and universal solidarity so Christians the world over will recognize their common responsibility with regard to the evangelization of the world.

You may have noticed that we have two statues on the wall in the sanctuary. They are St. Thérèse of Lisieux and St. Francis Xavier. Pius XI proclaimed St. Francis Xavier "Patron of Catholic Missions," and St. Thérèse the "Patroness of Missions." Since both of these saints lived very different lives in terms of travel, one could ask, "Why are they the ones chosen for missions?" Vatican II defined missionary activity in these terms: "The special end of missionary activity is the evangelization and the implantation of the Church among peoples or groups in which it has not yet taken root." Although St. Thérèse never left the cloister of her convent, her burning desire for conversion of souls was her missionary heart at work. St. Thérèse, once in Carmel, understood her missionary vocation from a contemplative point of view. She writes, "I had declared at the feet of Jesus–Victim, in the examination preceding my Profession, what I had come to Carmel for: I came to save souls and especially to pray for priests. When one wishes to attain a goal, one must use the means; Jesus made me understand that it was through suffering that he wanted to give me souls, and my attraction for suffering grew in proportion to its increase." Now, one can better understand why she would be included as a patroness of Missions even though she did not travel far and wide physically like St. Francis. It is powerful to think about how her type of missionary work has impacted millions of Catholics worldwide. In remembrance of both of our patrons for St. Mary, we have included posters and donation envelopes in the vestibules so that you can learn about and support the Catholic Missions.

In the Church, we have a beautiful process for anyone who wants to become Catholic. It's called the **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA for short)**. If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, or if you just want to learn more about the Church and her teachings, please let any of the staff members know.

We continue to have a good number of applications being filled out to register with the parish. Remember, you can be registered at more than one parish, especially if you already attend both Sacred Heart and St. Mary liturgies. Since we are attempting to get more involvement from the *whole* community, this is a means to communicate what is going on at the parish on a weekly basis. We send out an email blast through MailChimp that gives a detailed account of what you can expect in a typical week here. We have both Student and Community Member affiliation/registration forms in the lounge and in the vestibules. Please fill these out so we can keep everyone in the loop.

HELP NEEDED! Thank you to all who volunteered to help on our Finance Council. We had a very successful first meeting, and I am looking forward to our next one. In the meantime, we now are scheduling our first **Parish Council** meeting. If you are interested in helping the parish in this manner, please let me know. We are hoping to have our first meeting in November.

Cory Nosker