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Mission Statement

Through our gifts of time, talents, and treasures, we serve our parish as we journey together to the Kingdom of God.

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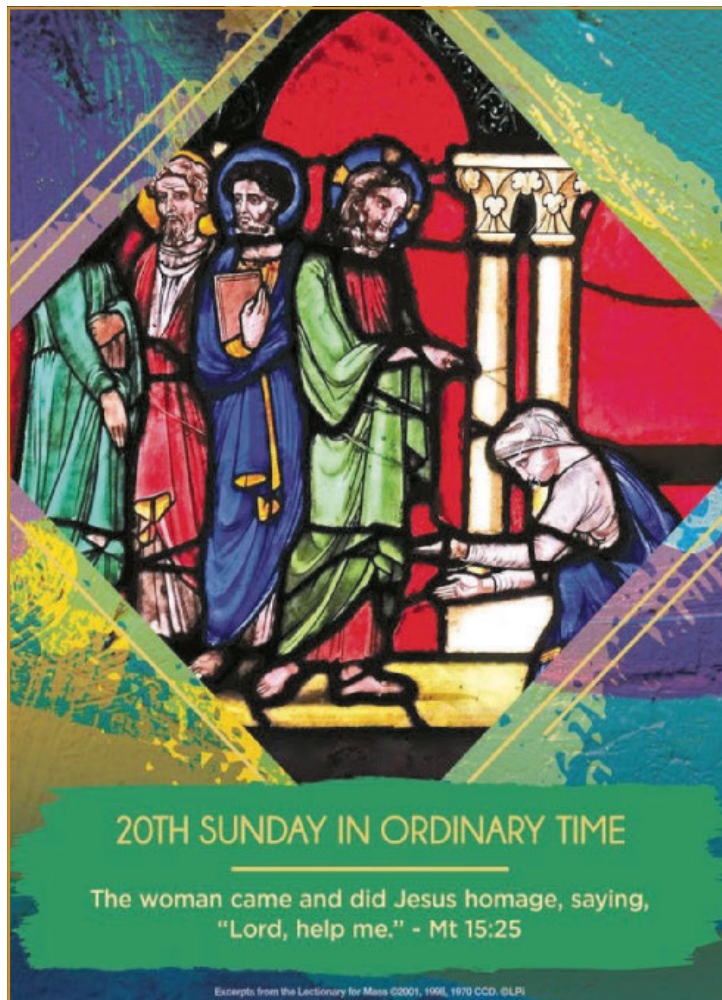
Elementary.....814-834-4927
 Middle/High.....814-834-7800

Bulletin Deadline Monday – 10:00 a.m. – In Writing

Confessions: Saturday: 3:00-3:45 p.m.
 First Friday Week:
 Thursday: 4:00 p.m. Until all are heard
Anytime by Appointment

Mass Schedule

Saturday - 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday - 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
 Weekday - 6:15 a.m. (Monday—Friday)
 Holy Days - Listed in Bulletin
 Parish Office - Will be closed for all Holy Days



RCIA News

Do you want to learn more about the Catholic Church, her teachings and traditions?
 Why do we honor Mary?
 What is the Communion of Saints?
 Is the Eucharist really Jesus Christ?
 Does God hear our prayers?
 Why do we go to "Confession"?



RCIA looks at these and many other issues in the Catholic Church.
 Come and join us as we journey toward a closer relationship with God through Catholicism.
 Meetings will begin soon.
 If you wish to join us, or just check out what we are offering, call Kathy Cheadle at 814-781-3009, or the Parish Office at 814-834-7861, Option 1.

**WELCOME AND THANK YOU
 FOR BEING A PART OF
 MASS THIS WEEKEND.**

August 19(S): Vigil of Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. † Tom Hooper (An.)

August 20: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. † Ken Bish

9:00 a.m. For Sacred Heart Parishioners

11:00 a.m.††† Edward (An.) & Catherine Cunningham & Thomas Cunningham

August 21(M): St. Pius X, Pope

6:15 a.m. Deceased Members of the Benedictine Association of Saint Marys

August 22(T): The Queenship of the Virgin Mary

6:15 a.m. L/D Joseph & Elizabeth Mayer Family

August 23(W): Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time

6:15 a.m. † William Erich

August 24(Th): St. Bartholomew, Apostle

6:15 a.m. † Antoinette Celin (An.)

August 25(F): Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time

6:15 a.m. L/D of John & Margaret Murray Family

August 26(S): Vigil of Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. † Rebecca Frank (An.)

August 27: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. † William A. Bauer (An.)

9:00 a.m. For Sacred Heart Parishioners

11:00 a.m. L/D of Nedzinski & Tate Families



The week of August 20, 2023 the Angel Lamps in the Sanctuary burn for the following intentions:

† Dorie McAlee

†† Lynda Pontzer (An.) & Linda Gies (An.)

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The mother in today's gospel persisted, even when she was ignored and insulted. She would do whatever was necessary to bring relief to her child. Parenting is more than bringing life into the world; it is also about sacrificing daily for your children.



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

Date: Tues., Sept 5, 2023 **Time:** 6:30 p.m. **Place:** Queen of the World,

814-834-4701

WORD OF LIFE!!

“Observe what is right, do what is just.” (Isaiah 56:1)
Of course, easy to say, difficult to live out. Commit as a couple to doing at least one work of justice (service) this week.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

will be held in Sacred Heart Church on Friday from 7:00 a.m. until closing with Benediction at 4:00 p.m.

Fridays at 3:00 p.m. the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said by Vern Kneidel.

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Alice Q. Dollinger (Mother of Dan Dollinger). May God grant them eternal rest and comfort all those who mourn them.

PRAYER LIST - Let us remember all the sick especially Chrissy Aikens, Sharon Boylan, Patty Brock Henry James Farkas, Alice Feldbauer, Don Geci, Irene George, Louise Georgevich, Kathleen Glatfelter, Anita Kosmowski, Dennis Maffei, Darlene Nappe, Tammy Pearsall, Asher Quinn, Kathleen (Daisy) Rowley, William “Bill” Schatz, Dave Schneider, Matthew Sharrow, Ruth “Pug” Sloff, Sandy Tucker, Lucy Weis, Mary Jo Wheeler, and Emily Saline. We pray in hope that God's healing power may touch all those who are sick.

SACRED HEART PRAYER CHAIN - If you want to be placed on the prayer chain for any need, just call Rose at 814-781-6430, or Ann at 814-834-6534. The names of those listed on this prayer chain will not be published in the bulletin. If you want a name to be listed in the bulletin, please call the Parish Office.

FATIMA PRAYER GROUP

Monday Night Apostolate of Fatima Rosary at Sacred Heart Church will be held at **4:00 p.m.** “Pray the Rosary everyday for Peace in the World”.

TRAVELING OUR LADY OF FATIMA ~ is available to visit your home, just call Andy or Bonnie Housler at 814-834-3214 to make arrangements.



“Understand what you do, imitate what you celebrate, and conform your life to the mystery of the Lord's cross.”

-Ordination Rite of Priests-

Gabriel Kraus

Deacon Brian Meyers

Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary

7880 W. Denton Road

Denton, NE 68339

Deacon Luke Dagher

St. Mary's Seminary

5400 Roland Avenue

Baltimore MD 21210

“31 DAY” VOCATION CALENDAR - Please

consider joining the Parish “31 Club” for Vocations to the Religious Life. Try to attend a Mass, Holy Hour, Pray a Rosary **OR** pray on your chosen date and offer it for:

- Priests/religious who have served our parish in the **past**.
- For those priests, religious and deacons serving **now**.
- To ask the Lord of the harvest for **future** vocations.

21st Carl Loeffler, Barb Linder

22nd Sally Smith, Kathy Reuscher

23rd Mary Bowser Gee, Heidi Bach

24th Sylvia & B. G. Kronenwetter

25th Dutch Wegemer, Cathy Schneider, Karen Dick

26th A.J. Feidler, Amy Gorman

27th Pamela Hunt, Marge Gerg

If you would like to be a part of the “31 Day” Vocation Calendar, please call the Parish Office at 834-7861 #1.

THE PRAYERS GOD ALWAYS ANSWERS:

When I was a child, my mother bought a book called "The Prayers God Will Always Answer." I remember my anticipation as I cracked the spine and turned to the first page. I had been spending a lot of time asking God — begging God, actually — over and over again for some specific things that were not materializing. Frankly, it was beginning to feel a lot like that time I asked Santa Claus for a new house, only to wake up on Christmas morning to find ordinary, non-house-shaped presents under the tree — and a growing sense of suspicion that my faith had been ill-placed. To the great disappointment of my pre-teen heart, my mother's book was not a directory of magical phrases God is compelled to obey. It was a list that included things like "Forgive me" and "Help me." I tossed it aside, disappointed. I marvel at the wisdom and the confidence of the Canaanite woman who persists in begging Jesus to heal her daughter. She is ignored, and still she will not be deterred. The disciples try to dismiss her — still, she presses on. Christ himself challenges her, and her faith makes her ready with a reply. Somehow, I am sure that even if Christ had said, "No, it cannot be done for you as you wish," she would have still dropped to her knees and worshiped him, because she knew what I did not: God is not a vending machine, and he's not the genie from "Aladdin." Prayer is not a negotiation, but a relationship. The story of the Canaanite woman is not a story about how to get God to give you what you want. It is a story about the prayers God always answers.

"Then Jesus said to her in reply, 'O woman, great is your faith!'" — Matthew 15:28 ©LPi

COLLECTION FOR LATIN AMERICA ~ Next

week we will take up the collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.



SPECIAL ENVELOPES FOR THE MONTH OF

Aug., 20 In Support of our Parish School Support
Aug., 27 Latin America

DATES TO REMEMBER

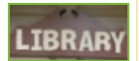
Mondays Praying the Rosary in Church **4:00 p.m.**
Fridays Rosary in Church **1:00 p.m.**
Fridays Divine Mercy Chaplet in Church **3:00 p.m.**
Aug., 21 Saint Anne Society Lunch/Meeting **Noon**
Sept., 1 S.H Super BINGO Doors Open at **4:00 p.m.**
Sept., 12 Elk County Right To Life Meeting **6:30 p.m.**
Sept., 18 Saint Anne Society Lunch/Meeting **Noon**

AREA NEWS

ADORATION AT QUEEN of the WORLD every **Thursday** following the **7:00 AM Mass**. Evening prayer & **Benediction: 5:00 PM.**



RELIGIOUS AND PRO LIFE LENDING



Located on the main floor, of the Sacred Heart Parish Center, is open to all in the community. Mon., thru Fri., from 9 am to 4 pm. Not open on Holidays or Holy Days

THE MATERNITY CLOSET ~Hours: the 1st three weeks on Wednesdays & Thursdays of each month. Babies and children up to 3 years. **Wed's 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. & Thurs's 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. 4th Thurs., 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.** Remember that in front of the Maternity Closet is a cabinet filled with items should you need something at anytime. **Questions: Call Theresa at 814-781-1137.**



PHE PEPPERMINT STICK GIFT SHOP

Hours: Mon., thru Thurs., 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



ST. TOBIAS will be offering an evening Mass at 6:00 pm once a month for the remainder of the year on the following dates: **Sept., 3, Oct., 8, Nov., 5, and Dec., 3.**



MERRY WIDOWS Luncheon & Meeting
Mon., September 11, 2023



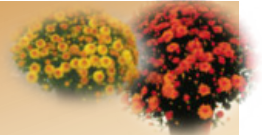
Merry Widows will be at the St. Marys Methodist Church Pavilion for the Tea Party.

BENEDICTINE GIFT SHOP at 139 Church St, St. Marys, PA is fully stocked for Back to School and Fall. Stop in and have a look around. And while you're in the area, please take time to stop by our renovated '1886 Chapel' at 315 Church St. (Right beside the St. Mary's Catholic Church). It's really quite remarkable. Feel free to call Bonnie for a guided tour, 623-556-3160.



ECC Music Boosters Mum Sale!

Purchase tickets now, pick up at Morning Glory Greenhouse from September 1st - 21st
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 Call ECC at 814-834-7800 or Cathy at 814-512-0818
Must present ticket to receive mum!



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- **Monday-Friday**
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St. Marys Inter-Parish




Small Group Discussion

For ALL High School Students

Are you interested in continuing your faith journey by being heard and discovering how to walk the path less traveled!

Come join us on **September 5, 2023**
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
St. Marys Church Parish Center Café



Middle School and High School students Come join us for some fun and games at Dunkin Donuts

Where: Dunkin Donuts
on the Million Dollar Highway, St. Marys


When: Sept 6, 2023

Time: 6:45pm—8:15pm

Who: Students in grades 6-12

The drinks are on us!!

Sponsored by: Rooted Youth Ministry



REGISTER FOR
RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION

BACK TO SCHOOL CORNER:



Praying for every student in our community as they return to school!

REMEMBER TO BE GRATEFUL AND KIND

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WAYS TO CELEBRATE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

1.

BAKE COOKIES TO EAT AT LUNCH.

2.

TAKE A FAMILY PHOTO.

3.

WRITE A LIST OF HOPES FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR.

MAKE IT A GREAT YEAR! START WITH A PRAYER!

HUG & KISS MOM & DAD!

Registration is **NOW** open for Faith Formation at sminterparishff.com
Faith Formation Orientation Nights

Elementary Level Grades 1-5 Orientation
Wednesday Sept. 6, 2023 6:00pm – 7:30pm
St. Mary's Church Parish Center Café.
325 Church St. St. Mary's
(Former Catholic Middle School)

At least One parent and student **must** attend
Grade 1 options Wednesdays at Sacred Heart 5:50pm – 7:20pm or St. Marys Church from 6:00pm – 7:30pm
Tuesdays at Sacred Heart from 6:00pm – 7:15pm.
Grade 1 Classes limited to 10 each and you can pick class when registering till class is full
First day of class will be Wed. Sept. 13 at 6:00pm – 7:30pm at St. Mary's Church Parish Center, 325 Church St.

Middle School Orientation Grades 6 - 8
Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023 6:00pm – 7:45pm
St. Mary's Church Parish Center Café
325 Church St. (Former Catholic Middle School)

At least One parent and student **must** attend
First class for Middle School level will be Sept. 17 at 6:00pm – 7:45pm at St. Mary's Church Parish Center cafe, 325 Church St.

Confirmation Orientation
Grades 9th, 10th Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023 6:00pm – 7:45pm
In the St. Mary's Church

At least One parent and student **must** attend
First Class will be at St. Mary's Church Parish Center Café. 325 Church St. on Sept. 17 at 6:00pm – 7:45pm
student and sponsor or one (1) parent must attend first Confirmation class.

If you have any questions call at (814) 781-1042 or email sminterparishff@gmail.com

PRAYER FOR STUDENTS

Dear Jesus, Thank you for the gift of learning! I want to grow closer to you in everything I do at school. In math and science, help me to see your beautiful plan in the world. Help me to discover new stories and values as I read and write. In art and music, help me to be creative. In sports, help me to treat my teammates and my opponents fairly. Help me to learn new skills in technology. Jesus, you are the perfect teacher. Help me to listen with open ears, an open heart, and an open mind to all my teachers at school. Help me to treat my classmates with care, kindness, and respect. **Thank you, Jesus, for school! Amen.** ©LPi

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NEW WOMEN'S AND FAMILIES SERVICES COMING TO OUR AREA

Are you or someone you know looking for support with a planned or unplanned pregnancy or thinking of building a family through adoption? Would you like to learn about **NEW** and **FREE** services coming to Elk County and surrounding areas offering assistance through a variety of programs and services?

The Women's Care Center (www.wccerie.org) will be presenting a brief program on August 28, 2023 Red Fern Conference Room at 6:00 p.m. addressing their life-affirming pregnancy resource organization.

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The Women's Care Center is a community based non-profit organization that provides support, comfort and assistance to anyone facing a planned or unplanned pregnancy, women in need of healing and childless couples whose arms ache for a child.

This presentation puts information into your hands to potentially change a life or family forever.

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