

Mass/Service Schedule/Intentions

Tue: 6/14 9:30 am

Wed: 6/15 5:30 pm Adoration

6:30 pm

Sat: 6/18 6:30 pm

Sun: 6/19 8:30 am Elmer Burk (D)

~given by Nancy Williamson

CONTRIBUTIONS for June 5, 2016

Church Budget	\$ 2,100
General Offertory	\$ 2,394
Building Fund	\$ 527.86

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK

COUNTERS for this week are: Cathy Staley and Ruth Manna.

Parish Committees

Pastoral Council: Deanna Holmer 706-297-7493

Finance Committee: Bob Defenbaugh 706-886-8950

Ladies of Saint Mary: Gerrie Chalk 706-963-0050

Religious Education: Sharon Cook 706-297-8344

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Maintenance Committee: Larry Barbour 706-244-1410

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Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are needed. See Fr. Sullivan if interested.

Lost Key

The church's Tabernacle key is missing, if anybody knows its whereabouts or finds it please turn in to church office. Thanks!

Pew & Chair Cleaning

In the next few weeks, a professional cleaning service will clean all the upholstery on the pews and the wooden chairs in the church. Marion Rice is Co-ordinating.



Pray for ... PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Zachary Carreno, Kevin Chase, Carl Dowell, Joe Franzmathes, Chuck Hansen, Judy Hawkins, Edna Kane, Ed Kernan, Carl Pope, Chloe Smith, Skip Studley, Joe Todd, Jim Zell, Elaine Peterson, Charles Roberts, Glenn Gloeckner, Mary Hennessey, Hubert Jones, Lisa Panatera - Esquivel, Karen Poole, Carlton House, Mac Boswell, Karen Perchinski, Brion Lanier, Max Biester, Gloria Woodall, Laura Barnett, Dell Thomas, Nan Lunn, Dennis Nolan, Joan Akins, Diane Farmer, Tina Vu and Lore Schnell.

St. Vincent dePaul

Saint Vincent dePaul, St. Mary's Conference is meeting Wednesday evening, June 15th, following Mass (7:15 PM) in the Religious Education room. We invite parishioners to join us. We are receiving many calls each week from individuals and families in the community for assistance. We just helped a young family with their bills and food until the father is able to go back to work following surgery. More and more families are needing help with their electric bills as they increase during the summer months. We welcome any donations you may want to give to assist these families. For more information, please call Nancy Williamson, (706) 356 8046. St. Vincent dePaul, St. Mary's Conference central **HELP-LINE** number for those needing assistance is: **1 (678) 892-6163**.

Ministry of Gods Housekeepers

PLEASE, PLEASE!! Are there two church members who can spend 1 hour, 5 times spread out over the year?? Each will work with another church member of God's Housekeepers to keep St. Mary's clean. Is this too much to ask? If you can help, please call Ray at (706) 779-2700.

Ministry of Gods Gardeners

We are in great need of some folks to help with the upkeep of the gardens and church grounds. If you are able to help even a couple of hours a week or month, please call or email the church office.

Human Trafficking is the most pervasive evil facing the world today.

Please be a part of a national prayer campaign to address this evil.

While it is critical to improve the laws, the problem has become so vast, law enforcement must have supernatural help. This is a time for people of faith to come to the assistance of the thousands of victims suffering in the United States, and the millions of victims suffering around the world.

The issue is compassion. We should also understand that large-scale crime negatively affects the economy. United prayer is extremely powerful. The daily prayers of ordinary people can most certainly win this battle.

I will be out of the office June 14th, 15th and 17th. Christa

A Note...

IT IS good for us to have trials and troubles at times, for they often remind us that we are on probation and ought not to hope in any worldly thing. It is good for us sometimes to suffer contradiction, to be misjudged by men even though we do well and mean well.

These things help us to be humble and shield us from vainglory. When to all outward appearances men give us no credit, when they do not think well of us, then we are more inclined to seek God Who sees our hearts. Therefore, a man ought to root himself so firmly in God that he will not need the consolations of men.

When a man of good will is afflicted, tempted, and tormented by evil thoughts, he realizes clearly that his greatest need is God, without Whom he can do no good. Saddened by his miseries and sufferings, he laments and prays. He wearies of living longer and wishes for death that he might be dissolved and be with Christ. Then he understands fully that perfect security and complete peace cannot be found on earth. traditionalcatholicpriest.com

In today's Gospel, Simon observes Jesus accepting the ministrations of a sinful woman. He questions whether Jesus can be a prophet since Jesus apparently does not know "what sort of woman this is" (Luke 7:39). Jesus, however, knows far more than what Simon observes about the woman. Jesus knows not only her sinfulness but her great love as well. And Jesus responds, not to Simon's verbal objections, but to his unspoken criticism. Here, indeed, is a prophet who knows our thoughts and sinfulness, but knows our goodness, too.

People frequently judge each other by externals, just as Simon did. They categorize each other and, having been categorized, they can do little to escape. The woman in the Gospel was "a sinful woman in the city" (Luke 7:37). Her gestures to Jesus of love and humility were, therefore, overlooked by Simon. A sinner can, apparently, do no good.

Jesus sees things differently. He points out the goodness of the woman and appreciates her love in spite of her failures. Likewise, Jesus knows we are all sinners, but he loves us anyway.

GOD'S GRACIOUS GIFT

Paul today gives tribute to "the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me" (Galatians 2:20). This former persecutor of Christians now boasts of his faith in Jesus. How grateful he must have been for the gift of forgiveness! The God who called Paul saw beyond his sinfulness, saw one who loved God passionately if misguided, and redirected his efforts.

For contemporary humans, forgiveness is as difficult today as it was in the time of the story of David; it is as hard as it was in the time of Simon. We humans have trouble seeing beyond externals and so easily fall into the habit of judging others unfairly.

Jesus' example calls us to look beyond externals, to find the goodness in each person, to forgive. Then God's gracious gift of the Son will not have been, as Paul says, pointless.

Today's Readings: 2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13; Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 7, 11; Galatians 2:16, 19-21; Luke 7:36 — 8:3