

Mass/Service Schedule/Intentions

Tue: 7/5 9:30 am

Wed: 7/6 5:30 pm Adoration
6:30 pm

Sat: 7/9 6:30 pm

Sun: 7/10 8:30 am People of the parish

CONTRIBUTIONS for June 26, 2016

Church Budget	\$ 2,100
General Offertory	\$ 1,703
Building Fund	\$ 210

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK

Building Improvement

COUNTERS for this week are: Ruth Manna and Betty Smith.

The large flower arrangement this week is donated by Nancy Williamson in memory of her husband, Colonel (R) John R. Williamson. St. Joseph's bouquet is in memory of Denis and her father, Elmer C. Burk, and Mother Mary's bouquet in memory of their mother, Agnes M. Burk. Please pray for the deceased.

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

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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.



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, Diane Farmer, Tina Vu and Lore Schnell.

St. Vincent dePaul

St. Mary's Conference for Saint Vincent dePaul will meet for a dinner meeting on Thursday, July 7th at 6 PM at the X-Factor. We invite parishioners to join us and consider becoming a member of our Conference as we bring Christ and assistance to the poor and needy in our community. We continue to assist some very needy families with their water and electric bills that seem to run higher during the summer months. Without our assistance they risk becoming homeless. In addition to helping with payment of these bills, we provide referrals for jobs, financial and budgeting advice, and other resources to help them out of the spiral of poverty. For more information, please contact Nancy Williamson at (706) 356-8046.

HELP-LINE number for those needing assistance is: **1 (678) 892-6163.**

Ministry of Gods Housekeepers

PLEASE, PLEASE!! Are there just two church members who will volunteer a mere 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.** We love Jesus when we honor him with a beautiful church home. If you can help, please call Ray at (706) 779-2700.

Please congratulate our new Parish Council members Gary Cortellino, Jose Flores, Quyen Ha and Courtney Pendergrast. Our next Parish Council Meeting will be July 12th 7:00pm.

Second Collection

Thank you for your generous support of our Holy Father's charitable works through the Peter's Pence Collection. Our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. Your generosity is an act of solidarity with the universal Church, answering the call to become a witness of charity. May God bless you.

Once again we are partnering with the Salvation Army to collect toiletry items for those in need in our community. By collecting these items the Salvation Army was able to assist more with utilities, rent, mortgage, and shelter. We were so thankful for the support from our church families and pray you will not hesitate to assist us again this year in doing the most good for our community. The box for donations is in the narthex. Thank you for your support.

OPEN YOUR HEART

Take a few moments each day, or longer if you are able, to open your heart to God's love. Recall moments when you have felt God's presence or, remember that God always waits for you!

THINK ABOUT YOUR LIFE

What is most important? How do your daily activities, decisions, and focus show your love for God? In what ways does your faith direct and influence your life?

ADJUST AS NEEDED

If your daily pattern of living is not in keeping with the life of discipleship, there is no better time than now to adjust your time spent, attention given, or resources shared. Remember, God waits for you, and others do as well. Your presence and service may be the only sign of God's love for the one in need, even family, friends and fellow parishioners.

DISCOVERING CHRIST

A friend once told me that he lives every day of his life looking for a chance to meet the Lord. I agreed that this was the way I led my life also, until one day when I discovered exactly what he meant. He had been traveling in my neighborhood and had come across a young man, with no shoes on his feet, who was asking people for money outside the local convenience store. He told the young man that he would do what he could to get him some shoes and fresh clothing. And where did he bring this young man to find these shoes and clothes? To my house! I was taken aback when the two arrived at my front door and my friend explained the situation. He told me how excited he was that another day had passed and he found this opportunity to meet the Lord. I was dumbfounded, yet profoundly humbled by the very presence of Christ in my home. I went to my dresser drawer and hesitated briefly as I drew out some clothes I hadn't worn in a long time. Something inside me said to go to the closet. There I pulled out my favorite jeans, a fairly new shirt and sweater, some new underclothes, a pair of shoes and socks. The young man went into the bathroom to change and when he emerged, his face was nothing less than radiant. In the meantime my friend had raided my refrigerator, had made up a "to-go" meal, and took the young man to a place where he could spend the night.

THE CALL ROOTED IN DISCOVERY

This experience taught me so much about what it means to be someone who tries to follow Christ. I discovered that in order to get to know Christ more and more, we have to be the ones who are diligently searching for him in the people we encounter every single day of our lives. Today the Lord Jesus asks us to pray that the abundant harvest will have more laborers. Let us pray that more and more people will have the courage to search for Christ in their everyday lives. And perhaps some will hear the voice of the Lord calling them into ordained ministry.

Today's Readings: Isaiah 66:10-14c; Psalm 66:1-7, 16, 20; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 [1-9]