

Mass/Service Schedule/Intentions

Tue: 6/21 9:30 am
Wed: 6/22 5:30 pm Adoration
6:30 pm
Sat: 6/25 6:30 pm People of the Parish
Sun: 6/26 8:30 am

~given by Nancy Williamson

CONTRIBUTIONS for June 5, 2016

Church Budget	\$ 2,100
General Offertory	\$ 1,538
Building Fund	\$ 0

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK

Father's Day

COUNTERS for this week are: Gary Cortellino & Yvonne Dessauer

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
Nancy Barbour 706-244-1437
Knights of Columbus: Larry Barbour 706-244-1410
Maintenance Committee: Larry Barbour 706-244-1410
Bulletin editor: Christa O'Barr 706-886-2819;
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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

The next meeting of Saint Vincent dePaul, St. Mary's Conference will be a dinner meeting, **Thursday**, July 7th, 6PM, at the X Factor. Each person is responsible for their meal. We invite parishioners to join us. We are receiving many calls each week from individuals and families in the community for assistance. This last week, we assisted a family with their electric bill. More and more families are needing help with their electric bills as they increase during the summer months. We collected \$39 last week in our Blue Bucket collection at the doors. Thank you for your generosity in helping the needy and vulnerable in our community. We welcome any donations you may want to give to assist our 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 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.

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.

A Note...

In our first reading, God says through Zechariah: "they shall look on him whom they have thrust through, and they shall mourn for him as one mourns for an only son . . . a first-born." That prophecy could be fulfilled in no other than Jesus, the Word made Flesh, the Only-Begotten Son of God, the Crucified.

The day of the Messiah indeed came, with an outpouring of the Spirit. Yet it was a saving event not only for Jerusalem but for all people. Both Jews, and Gentiles could become "children of God," in St. Paul's stunning phrase. Now, "There is neither Jew nor Greek. . . slave nor free . . . male and female . . . if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendant, heirs according to the promise."

In light of today's readings, the Gospel is poignant. Jesus asks His closest friends, "who do you say that I am?" Jesus then reveals to them, as Zechariah had foretold, that the Messiah must be "thrust through" and killed and mourned before the spirit would come forth on Pentecost.

The day has indeed come. Yet still we long for its fullness, and so we pray to God in the Psalm: "for you I long! For you my body yearns; for you my soul thirsts, Like a land parched, lifeless, and without water"

From Our Pastor

There is "no greater mistake in spiritual matters than to force others to follow one's own pattern," warned Saint Ignatius of Loyola. What draws you into a fuller and richer spiritual life may be very different from the pull felt by another faith-filled person on his or her spiritual journey toward a deeper relationship with God.

What is your spirituality type? Take the VISION spirituality quiz and consider your results an invitation to know yourself better and explore different forms of prayer, worship, meditation and ways of living. <https://www.vocationnetwork.org/articles/show/63>

The types of spirituality:
PATH OF INTELLECT (Thomistic prayer): About 12% of the population follows this path, using the syllogistic method of Saint Thomas Aquinas known as scholastic prayer.
PATH OF DEVOTION (Augustinian prayer): The majority of saints are of this spiritual temperament as well as 12% of the population (half of those who go on retreats or belong to small faith groups).
PATH OF SERVICE (Franciscan prayer): More than half of churchgoers practice this spiritual type --- but far fewer of this type come to church regularly.
PATH OF ASCETICISM (Ignatian prayer): More than half of churchgoers practice this type of prayer. It involves imagining oneself as part of a scene in order to draw some practical fruit from it for today. This spirituality goes back to the Israelite way of praying in 1000 B.C. in which one remembers and immerses oneself in an event and thus relives and participates in the event in a symbolic way. (<https://www.vocationnetwork.org/articles/show/63>)

Today's Readings: Zechariah 12:10--11, 13:1, Psalm 63:2-6, 8-9; Galatians 3:26-29; Luke 9:18-24