

July 30, 2017
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 13:44-52

New Frontiers

In today's world where the globe has shrunk and explorer's eyes scan the universe instead of the oceans, our children are still born with a love of discovery. Whether we're casually participating in scavenger hunts and Easter egg searches or we're researching the causes and cures of disease, humans are addicted to that sense of exploration. We thrill to the feeling of hunting until we find, seeking new horizons even in our own backyards.

God's word tells us we should seek the Kingdom of Heaven with that same ardor. In His parable Jesus likens the Kingdom to buried treasure that believers diligently seek. And then, when we have found that golden reward, we joyously sell all that we have to make the treasure our own. To satisfy our explorer's hearts He daily gives us a new frontier: the Kingdom of Heaven. May we learn to rise each day in eager anticipation of discovering His treasure and making it part of our lives. And may we pass this mission of holy exploration on to each new generation.

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Weekly Calendar

Monday, July 31

Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, priest

Tuesday, August 1

Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, bishop and doctor of the church

7:00 am: Mass: Special Intention for Francis & Katie Thorne

Wednesday, August 2

Memorial of Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eymard, priest

8:00 am: Mass: Wallace Brey

3:00 pm: Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

Thursday, August 3

8:00 am: Mass: Joseph & Bernice Boh

7:00 pm: Holy League Men's Group

Friday, August 4 – First Friday

Memorial of Saint John Mary Vianney, priest

7:00 am: Mass: James Turczyn

7:30 am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 pm: Benediction

Saturday, August 5

Dedication of Basilica of Saint Mary Major

7:45 am: Confessions

8:00 am: Mass: 60th Anniversary Blessings for Tony & Mary Langreck

4:00 to 4:45 pm: Confessions

5:00 pm: Mass: Merlin Enstad

Sunday, August 6

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

7:00 to 7:30 am: Confessions

8:00 am: Mass: Joseph & Bernice Boh

10:30 am: Mass: Parishioners

General Parish Information

Father Varkey Emergency Cell Phone: 715-937-3664

New parishioners: You are most welcome to join the family of St. Mary's. Please contact the parish office.

Prayer Chain: Contact Jean Kuhn 937-1161

Meal Ministry: Please contact Mary Sladich 743-4466

Bereavement Ministry: Contact Annie Augustine 937-1432

Elizabeth Ministry: Contact Renee Schoen 743-4059

Marriage: Contact with the parish is required six months to a year before marriage. Preparation begins with the first contact.

Natural Family Planning: Please contact the Parish Office.

Baptisms: Baptisms are celebrated during the 10:30 am Mass on the fourth Sunday of each month. Baptisms following Mass can also be scheduled. Preparation classes are necessary. Please contact the office for further info.

Interfaith Caregivers Contact: 743-2885

Weekly Collection

July 23, 2017

Tithe	\$3,161.77
Offertory	899.50
Student	14.00
Total	\$4,075.27

Weekly Budget **\$ 4,414.73**

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday–Sunday, August 5-6

<u>Lectors</u>	(A)	(B)
Sat. 5:00 pm	Larry Hooser	Betty Jo Smith
Sun. 8:00 am	Wayne Thomas	Sherry Hickey
Sun.10:30 am	Christine Feucht	

Extraordinary Ministers

Sat 5:00 pm	Mary Kay Mills/Bev Lavey/Delores Schmitt
Sun. 8:00 am	Wayne Thomas/Sherry Hickey/Caitlin Hannasch
Sun.10:30am	Joel Feucht

Cantors

Sat: 5:00 pm	Jody & Judy Conner
Sun. 8:00 am	Kathy Barth/Gina Krzyzanowski
Sun.10:30am	Jeff McNeely/Rose Marie LaBarbera

Accompanists: 5 pm Barb / 8 & 10:30 am Vicente

Servers

Sat. 5:00 pm	Maggie Hooser	Andrew Hooser
Sun 8:00 am	Jared Thomas	Volunteer
Sun 10:30 am	Logan Cullen	Cameron Feucht

Ushers for August

Sat 5:00 pm.	Bill Krzyzanowski/Donald Kotcon
Sun. 8:00 am	David Bohac/Kent Luedtke/Rodney Schoen
Sun.10:30am	Louis Kessler/Larry Kyle/Ken Wirkuty

Rosary Leaders

Sat. 5:00 pm	Marian Ball
Sun 8:00 am	Dr. Greg & Linda Foster
Sun 10:30 am	Larry & Mary Sue Kyle

Greeter Schedule – August

5:00 pm:	Tony Langreck
8:00 am:	Tom & Kelly Silbernagel
10:30 am:	Karen Gilbert & Mary Hartung

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Will resume in September

Parish Announcements

Devotions for the 100th Anniversary of our Lady of Fatima The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet continues to be prayed at 3 pm in the Prayer Garden or church on Wednesdays. First Saturdays of the month will be celebrated as follows: Confessions will be available at 7:45 am, Mass will be celebrated at 8 am, Rosary and Divine Chaplet will be prayed following Mass. If you have any questions contact Rogene Matuszak 715-743-8138.

Mission Coop for the Diocese of Sivagangai, India August 5-6 here at St. Mary's

Dear Parishioners...This is Father Antony Joseph at St. Bartholomew Parish, Trempealeau in the Diocese of La Crosse. I am writing these few lines about my Diocese in India which will help you to get involved in the Mission Cooperative Program this year. St. John De Britto, an energetic Jesuit Priest, with the great missionary zeal, came from Portugal to India in 1673 and sowed the seed of faith by shedding his blood. He was beheaded and by his blood we got the faith which was carried out by our ancestors and the Archdiocese of Madurai was formed. The Diocese of Sivagangai was bifurcated and canonically erected in July 25 1987. Celebrating 30 years after its birth, our Diocese is much committed to meet all the needs of the faithful regarding spiritual, social, cultural and economical developments. We build up the community with meaningful spiritual celebrations which include Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adorations, Pious Devotions, Retreats, Charismatic Convention and all the Sacraments. With regard to the education of our children both in spiritual and intellectual realm, we struggle a lot to meet the expenses due to the poor economical condition of many families. Our Diocese runs many orphanages and schools and a College for the benefit of all students regardless of religion. Added to all this, Last three years the rain fall was very less. The people walk for three miles to get water. In this difficult situation your contributions through the Mission Cooperative Program will surely help the present and future generation of my Diocese to grow greater and stronger in all the level possible. May God bless you! Fr. Antony Joseph

For more information see bulletin insert.

(Envelopes will be available in the pews next weekend.)

Knights of Columbus News

Knights of Columbus Food Drive: The Knights of Columbus is hosting a food drive through this weekend. Non-perishable food and monetary donations will be greatly appreciated. Collection containers are available in the narthex.

St. Mary's Pictorial will arrive in August: Thank you to those who helped with the editing process.

Diocese of La Crosse Parish History Book: A 350 page book including every parish's history and photos, and diocesan history celebrating the 150 year anniversary for the Diocese of La Crosse will be available for \$33 and arrive before Christmas 2017! If you would like to reserve a copy please contact the parish office.

Sow Seeds, Share the Light, Grow in the Faith

CCD teaching and aide positions open for the 2017-2018 year. Seeking 4th grade and 10th grade Confirmation teachers and aides for 8th grade and 2nd grade. Please prayerfully consider sharing your love for Jesus and the Catholic faith with our youth. Contact Stephanie Hannasch at the parish office.

Server Day Outing!!



All servers and those *interested in serving* (grade 4 and up) are invited to Rivers Edge outdoor water trampoline park on **Tuesday, August 15th**. Admission and lunch expenses will be paid for. Those who are interested in serving may attend but will be required to take the server training. SIGNUP is available in the carport vestibule. Please contact Kim or Scott Swita with any questions at 715-937-1092 or switaka@yahoo.com.

Mark Your Calendar.....

Sharing

The Light of Faith

A Deanery Convocation

Sponsored by the Thorp Deanery

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

6:00 - 9:00 PM

St. Anthony's Parish

Loyal, WI

ALL parishioners of the eleven parishes of the Thorp Deanery are invited to the Annual Convocation on September 6th at 6:00 at St. Anthony's in Loyal. Parents, grandparents, lay ministers, religious education teachers, parish council and committee members will find topics of learning and of interest. Some of the topics include class management techniques, growing a super-abundant marriage, housing for the homeless in Clark County, discussing same-sex attraction with our children, finances in marriage, improving parish stewardship, spiritual growth and ways and means to involve everyone in parish life. Registration materials will follow in July/August.



SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

La Crosse, Wisconsin

Schedule of Masses at which Cardinal Burke is principal celebrant

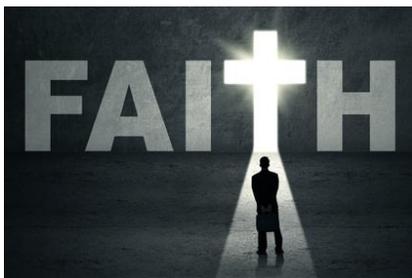
9th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Shrine Church
Monday, July 31, 12:15pm

Speculum Iustitiae Conference
Tuesday, August 8, 12:15pm
Wednesday, August 9, 12:15pm

Sister M. Ancilla, FSGM
Director of Communications - 608-782-5440, ext. 234

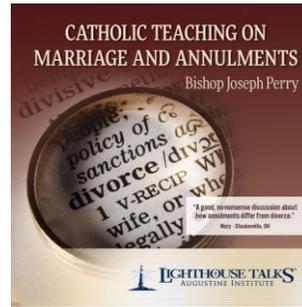
Uganda Pilgrimage 2018: The dates for the 2018 pilgrimage will be June 1 to June 15 (approximately). Our first blessing when arriving will be to attend the Feast of the Ugandan Martyrs at Namugongo on Sunday, June 3rd. Prior to our departure fund raisers will be held for the completion of a girls hostel at the Our Lady of Guadalupe School. The girls who have to travel too far to come to the school are currently sleeping in the school library. We will help with the construction during our time in Uganda and also have many opportunities to be with the people of Uganda and learn about their faith and culture. If you would like to join the group a \$500 nonrefundable down payment is required to hold your spot. The cost of the trip will be approximately \$3,000. Please contact Martha Opelt in the parish office with any questions.

Enrich Your



Don't let summer fun lead you away from learning more about your faith! These websites offer interesting (and short) videos and audio files to help you learn a little bit, even over the summer! Check them out on our website stmaryneillsville.weebly.com or go directly to the following sites.

- WordonFire.org** (Bishop Robert Barron)
- AscensionPresents.com** (Fr Mike Schmitz)
- Reallifecatholic.com** (Chris Stefanick)
- Catholic.Com** (Catholic Answers)
- Relevantradio.com**



Are annulments just a Catholic version of divorce? Nothing could be further from the truth. The differences are profound, and much of the confusion springs from a misunderstanding about marriage itself. Bishop Perry explains the key principles of the Sacrament of Marriage and applies them to divorce and annulments. This presentation answers the most commonly asked questions on this topic.

4 Person Knights of Columbus Charity 9 Hole Scramble

Sunday, August 20 @ 3:00 PM



Hole in One Contest

Prize: \$10,000.00

Cost \$ 40.00 per person (cart not included)

Men and Women invited

Included are door prizes and a Steak dinner

Additional Steak Dinner tickets available at \$15 each!!!

Raffle with a \$250 1st prize and \$50 BP Amoco Gas Card for 2nd

50/50 Raffle Too!

Portion of Proceeds Go To Our Local Seminarians and Sisters

Contact Larry Hoeser (743-6913) to sign-up.

Please sign up by August 14, 2017

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Area Events

Mother Teresa India Festival and Colorfest Walk

Activities for the India Festival begin at Noon at the Marshfield Fairgrounds on Saturday August 5th. Following the Festival, the Colorfest Walk begins at 6 pm. Prepare to become doused with color by running through the four color zones. Adult \$20 includes t-shirt, \$10 bring your own white t-shirt, children under 12 years old \$15 includes t-shirt, \$8 bring your own white t-shirt. Registration forms are on our website: www.indiamissionjoy.org or contact Dennis at 715-305-1960. See flyer in carport vestibule for more details.