

July 9, 2017
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zechariah 9:9-10

Romans 8:9, 11-13

Matthew 11:25-30

Work Smarter, Not Harder

More, more, more. Today's culture exhorts us to do more, be more, achieve more. Unfortunately there isn't any extra time for this "more" to be accomplished in. So we cram our schedules with longer work hours and self-improvement courses trying to be more. Here in a century filled with time saving microwaves and personal computers we feel ourselves more overworked than generations before us. And what is it all for?

In today's Gospel Jesus calls to our overworked and burdened hearts. He holds out a new *yoke* and says, "Come to me, draw close to My meek, humble heart, and you will find rest from the relentless striving for more." When we shuck off the world's expectations and lift our eyes to God, our spirits become filled with His goals, His plans, instead of worldly success. We stop scurrying from project to project, desperate to gain acclaim and find instead contentment serving God. It's God's merciful plan for our lives as His children. We work smarter, not harder and find eternal rewards in Him.

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Weekly Calendar

Monday, July 10

9:00 am: Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, July 11

7:00 am: Mass: Wallace Brey

9:00 am: Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, July 12

8:00 am: Mass: Kenneth Carl

9:00 am: Vacation Bible School

3:00 pm: Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

Thursday, July 13

Saint Henry

8:00 am: Mass: Wallace Brey

9:00 am: Vacation Bible School

Friday, July 14

8:00 am: Mass: Michael V. Joseph

9:00am: Vacation Bible School

11:15am VBS Mass: Children of the Parish

2:00 pm: Nursing Home Mass

Saturday, July 15

Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, bishop and doctor of the church

4:00 to 4:45 pm: Confessions

5:00 pm: Mass: Henry & Florence Pasciak

Sunday, July 16

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 to 7:30 am: Confessions

8:00 am: Mass: Parishioners

10:30 am: Mass: Carl Opelt

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 2, 2017

Tithe	\$3699.35
Offertory	600.01
Student	14.75
Total	\$4214.11

Weekly Budget

\$ 4,414.73

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday–Sunday, July 15-16

<u>Lectors</u>	(A)	(B)
Sat. 5:00 pm	Jeanne Strey	Mary Hartung
Sun. 8:00 am	Dr. Greg Foster	Annie Augustine
Sun.10:30 am	Brenda Larson	Christine Feucht

Extraordinary Ministers

Sat 5:00 pm	Jeanne Strey/Bev Lavey/Greta Ross
Sun. 8:00 am	Dr. Greg Foster/Donna Opelt/Scott Swita
Sun.10:30am	Joel Feucht

Cantors

Sat: 5:00 pm	Mike Hart/Mary Ann Ingold
Sun. 8:00 am	Rita Kuchenbecker/ Renee Schoen
Sun.10:30am	JoAnn Blum/Lorraine Spencer

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

Servers

Sat. 5:00 pm	Charlie Schoen	Krista Krultz
Sun 8:00 am	Eastan Swita	Wesley Swita
Sun 10:30 am	Cameron Feucht	Logan Cullen

Ushers for July

Sat 5:00 pm.	Russell Ratsch
Sun. 8:00 am	Jim Langreck/John Langton/Al Spaete
Sun.10:30am	Eric Backaus

Rosary Leaders

Sat. 5:00 pm	Mary Hartung
Sun 8:00 am	John Matuszak
Sun 10:30 am	Joel & Christine Feucht

Greeter Schedule – July

5:00 pm:	Louis & Shirley Kessler
8:00 am:	Dr. Greg & Linda Foster
10:30 am:	

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Will resume in September

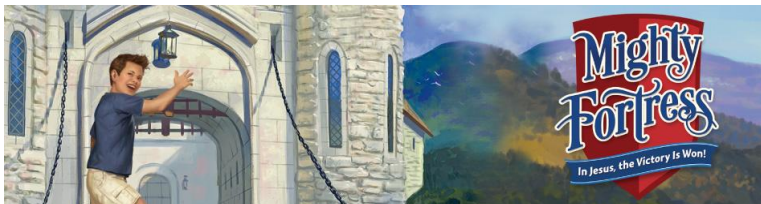
Parish Announcements

Our Lady of Fatima said ...



"I promise to help at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, whoever, on the first Saturday of 5 consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite 5 decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for 15 minutes while meditating on the 15 mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to my Immaculate Heart."

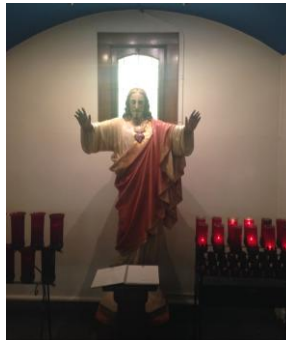
Devotions for the 100th Anniversary of our Lady of Fatima The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will continue to be prayed at 3 pm in the Prayer Garden or church on Wednesdays. Beginning **July** First Saturdays of the month will be celebrated as follows: Confessions will be available at 7:45 am, Mass 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.



Summer VBS!!- July 10-14 9 am to Noon

This year's theme is A Mighty Fortress. We will learn from Bible stories how God has won the victory! Please contact Stephanie Hannasch with any questions regarding VBS.

New Liturgical Schedules are available in the carport vestibule. Please take a moment to pick them up.



Parish Book for Prayer Intentions

A book has been placed in front of the statue of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, to record your prayers, whether seeking intercession or offering thanksgiving to our Lord. As Catholics, we know that intercessory prayer is powerful and necessary in our faith lives. St. Mary's has a strong Parish Prayer Chain, adding voices praying to God for those intentions. When we see the votive candles lit, we know that someone has a particular prayer in their heart. It is no coincidence that this book, like the votive candles, is placed before our Lord's Sacred Heart, which is exposed, to remind us of His unfailing love and mercy.

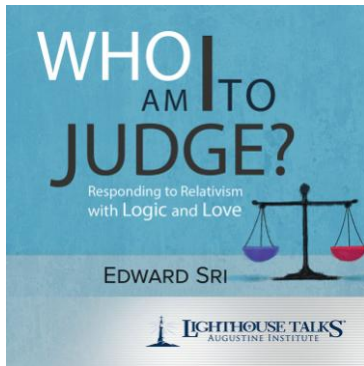
As we add another invitation to remember the prayers of others to the life of St. Mary's Parish, you will notice an added intention during the Universal Prayer (intercessions) at Mass. We will be praying for those on the Parish Prayer Chain and the intentions inscribed in the Book of Intercessions. Please add your prayer requests to the book as they arise and if you wish them to remain anonymous, "for a special intention" is a way for the rest of the parish to know there is a request and our Blessed Lord knows exactly what that request is.

When you leave your prayers, spend a few moments with our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament, remembering to thank our Lord for His many blessings, even when you are having a difficult time seeing them. Consider requesting a Mass Intention, whether for the repose of the soul of a loved one, in thanksgiving for a particular blessing, or even for the intentions of another person (what a beautiful gift for that person who has everything). Infinite graces flow from the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and this tradition has been handed on to us from the earliest times of the Church. In your generosity, remember the souls of those who have gone before us, begging our Blessed Lord to unite them to Him, through our humble prayers.

Knights of Columbus News

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

4 Person Knights of Columbus Charity 9 Hole Scramble Sunday, August 20th at 3 pm. Portion of proceeds go to our local Seminarians and Sisters.



Discussing moral issues with family and friends can be a challenge in a culture that strongly promotes the idea that there is no objective truth. Speaking from a wealth of personal experience, renowned author and theologian Dr. Edward Sri provides 5 “keys” to

enable Christians to oppose with logic and love what Pope Benedict XVI called the “dictatorship of relativism.” He also clarifies the proper understanding of what it means to judge, and the importance of making good judgments.

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.

Air Conditioning: Just a reminder that the air conditioning is running in the church and the narthex. If you see the doors opened to the outside of the church, please close them and help save money.

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.

Area Events

Sowing Seeds of Mercy “Hope for the Homeless” Fund Raiser, Saturday, July 22, 2017: The event will be held at the Allan & Connie Walter Farm, W4077 Heintown Rd, Loyal, WI beginning at 10 am. Join clergy, county leaders, and concerned community members as hands and hearts are joined together in the work of ending homelessness in Clark County. All proceeds will benefit the House of Mercy; a homeless facility serving women and children in Clark County. **If you would like to volunteer to help serving lunch or clean up, please contact the parish office.**

Witnesses for Christ Conference “Basic Catholic Principles for Healing the Culture Starting with Yourself”

August 11-12, 2017

Camille Pauley, the President and CEO (co-founder with Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J.) of Healing the Culture, will be the keynote speaker on Saturday. Camille will unfold the four levels of happiness and basic Catholic principles that help us to experience the deepest happiness. These principles and insights will provide us with a steady compass for navigating the mainstream culture when we encounter bad ideas and values. Camille’s presentation will include engaging, interactive exercises for small group break-outs. Every Catholic is in need of these principles that give a solid underpinning to debates about marriage, pre-marital sex, abortion, assisted suicide, and so many other issues. *Hosted by: Office for Catechesis and Evangelization and Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry*

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.

Pilgrimage to Mexico, Our Lady of Guadalupe

Join Fr Peter Manickam on a trip to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mexico - September 18-22, 2017. The 5 day 4 night trip cost is \$1,550.00 Dbl Occupancy \$800.00 due by July 15th, 2017. \$750.00 due by August 1st, 2017. Bus travel to O’Hare is extra. For more information contact Ruth Blume, St. Mary’s Church, Colby cell 715-223-5074 or home 715-223-3182.