

August 5, 2018

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

John 6:24-35

The Right Place for the Wrong Reasons

You don't go to the dentist to shop for curtains or a gas station for your overbite. That's only common sense. But common sense rarely applies in human life. We do things for the most amazing reasons. We spend more money than we have to "prove" we have more than the neighbors think. We work longer hours to make life better for families we see less of. And in the midst of all this madness, the world keeps whispering everything's ok as long as the results are good. Why we're doing it just doesn't matter.

Doesn't it? Jesus says we can do the right things for the wrong reasons and that makes all the difference. When the crowd followed after the miracle of loaves and fishes Jesus confronted them. He knew that they weren't seeking God; they were waiting for the next meal. It looked good on the surface, but their hearts were in the wrong place. We need to ask ourselves today, why am I here at Mass? Have I come to meet God or my neighbors? Is my heart clean or just my new outfit? Before you celebrate His feast at His table take a moment to consider: Are you in the right place for the right reason?

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Weekly Calendar

Monday, August 6

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Tuesday, August 7

Memorial of Saint Sixtus II, pope, and companions, martyrs; Saint Cajetan, priest

7:00 am: Mass: Joseph and Bernice Boh

10:00 am to 4:00 pm: Altar Server Trip to Rivers Edge Park

Wednesday, August 8

Memorial of Saint Dominic, priest

8:00 am: Mass: Leonard & Betty Rueth

Thursday, August 9

Memorial of Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, virgin and martyr

8:00 am: Mass: John Kunhart

Friday, August 10

Feast of Saint Lawrence, deacon and martyr

8:00 am: Mass: Joanne Tibbett

2:00 pm: Mass: Nursing Home Mass

Saturday, August 11

Memorial of Saint Clare, virgin

4:00 pm: Confessions

5:00 pm: Mass: Harold Kuehnel

Sunday, August 12

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am to 7:30 am: Confessions

8:00 am: Mass: Tom Tibbett

10:30 am: Mass: St. Mary's Parish Family

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 29, 2018

Tithe	\$3,525.00
Offertory	380.00
Student	10.55
Total	\$3,915.55
Weekly Budget	\$4,398.88

VBS Donations \$47.00

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday-Sunday, August 11-12

<u>Lectors</u>	(A)	(B)
Sat. 5:00 pm	Rogene Matuszak	Jean Moseley
Sun. 8:00 am	Aaron Wanish	Mary Luedtke
Sun. 10:30 am	Janet Dolle	Phyllis Carney

Extraordinary Ministers

Sat 5:00 pm	Jean Moseley/Mary K. Mills/Jared Thomas
Sun. 8:00 am	Mary Luedtke/Clint Hannasch/Cheyenne Thomas
Sun. 10:30am	Jeannette Bymers

Cantors

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

Servers

Sat. 5:00 pm	Lucas Moseley	Charlie Schoen
Sun 8:00 am	Lisa Smith	Kennedy Wanish
Sun 10:30 am	Maria Cortez	Gracie Schoengarth

Ushers for August

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

Rosary Leaders

Sat. 5:00 pm	Marian Ball
Sun 8:00 am	Jack & Theresa Hammond
Sun 10:30 am	Rick & Gretchen Fitzmaurice

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 fall

Parish Announcements

Annual Missionary Cooperative Program

St. Mary Mission and School

Chippewa Native American Reservation

Saturday, August 11 – Sunday, August 12

Red Lake is a “closed” Indian reservation in the Northwest Minnesota Diocese of Crookston. While the culture of the people is amazing, the poverty creates the “hell” in which too many of the people live. It was Paul VI who stated that poverty is a “hellish circle.” St Mary’s strives to break into that “hellish circle” to make a difference, and through our Pre-K through Grade 6 Mission School we hope our students can break out and THEY make the difference. The Mission is called on in many, many ways to be charitable and give assistance to the countless number of poor and needy who ask for our help. We believe in giving a “hands-up” rather than “hand-outs.” We believe in the power of education to change lives . . . we feel strongly that key to our working for justice is our school. **Father Jerry will be here at St. Mary’s next weekend to give us an opportunity to share in their ministry.**

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



Do you consider yourself welcoming and outgoing? Do people say you are a good listener? Do you make new friends easily? Do you like to answer people’s questions about the Catholic Faith? Are you understanding of people’s point of

view if they are different from your own? Have you ever considered helping people come into the Catholic Church? Members are needed for our newly forming RCIA Team. If you identify with these qualities, you would be a great asset to our Parish by helping in this needed ministry. Please call the parish office for more information.

Thorp Deanery Convocation, September 5, 2018

The Thorp Deanery Convocation is an annual gathering of Catholics from Abbotsford, Colby, Owen, Thorp, Loyal, Greenwood, Willard, Neillsville, Alma Center, Fairview and Fairchild. We come together to grow in our faith and to strengthen the ministries of our parishes. The evening begins with a keynote speaker on a topic of concern to all of us. Then there are two rounds of 45 minute workshops. Each participant is able to pick two different workshops from the 8 offered. The evening ends with a social, giving everyone the chance to share what they learned and meet new friends. ***Please take a brochure placed in the church entrance.***

Enrollment for CCD - Please call the office to enroll any children entering Kindergarten or First Grade in our CCD program. Please also call to enroll any student new to our CCD program. CCD will begin September 13th.

Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary



Of the things that other Christian Communities misunderstand about the Catholic Faith, the teachings about Mary are among the first mentioned. We are approaching a great Marian Feast Day, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a Holy Day on which the Church asks us to celebrate it by attending Holy Mass. Two important points to remember: Mary was assumed by the power of God, not her own power and we are not sure whether Mary had experienced death or not when she was assumed body and soul into Heaven. Many people might accuse Catholics of treating Mary as a god or goddess, but in truth, we do not. Mary holds a special place of honor, but she doesn’t do anything of her own power, only through the power of God Almighty and Jesus. While Jesus ascended to Heaven of His own ability and power, Mary did not. She went to Heaven only through the power of God. This was a special grace afforded to her by God.

There is no agreement as to whether the Blessed Mother first experienced death and was then assumed into Heaven or if she went straight to Heaven without experiencing death. Either way, she was so close to God and because of her sinless existence; death would have held no fear or punishment for Mary. For Our Blessed Mother, death would have simply been a transition from living on earth to living in Heaven with God.

Is the Assumption of Mary a unique phenomenon? Well, we know there is Biblical precedence for assumption as Elijah was taken away in a chariot of fire. Couldn’t Mary just be buried somewhere? We also know of the long tradition in the Church of preserving relics as well as saints’ bodies and yet, we have no relics of Mary’s body, only two empty tombs in the two cities in which she lived: Jerusalem and Ephesus. These things can help us understand and believe in the Assumption of Mary.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church CCC #966 "Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death." ***Please join us at Mass for this Holy Day of Obligation in honor of our Blessed Mother.***

Tuesday, August 14 - 6 pm

Wednesday, August 15 - 7 am

Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus August Meeting will be held following the Vigil Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Vigil Mass will be at 6 pm on Tuesday, August 14th.

4 Person K of C Charity - 9 Hole Scramble Sunday, August 19 @ 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 Hooser (743-6913) to sign-up.

Please sign up by August 13, 2018

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Men of the Cross Conference



The 4th Annual Men of the Cross Conference is slated for Saturday, October 27th at Logan Middle School in La Crosse. More information is available at <http://menofthecross.org/details> or contact Dan Kitzhaber at mensmin@diolc.org.

Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life



USCCB **Call to PRAYER**
Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty

Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy's announcement that he will retire has catapulted **Roe v. Wade** (the Supreme Court's landmark abortion case) into the news. Pro-abortion groups are pulling out all the stops to urge the U.S. Senate to reject any nominee who does not promise to publicly endorse **Roe**. And they are misrepresenting the legal and social reality of **Roe** and what would happen if it is overturned. The upcoming Supreme Court vacancy provides us with yet another occasion requiring focused prayer. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops does not support or oppose the confirmation of any presidential nominee. However, given this historic moment, the U.S. bishops are urging all people of good will to pray that a change in the U.S. Supreme Court may move our nation closer to the day when every human being is protected in law and welcomed in life. From **Friday, August 3, 2018 to Friday, September 28, 2018**, the weekly Call to Prayer will be adapted as a nine-week Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life. In addition to the current invitation to fast on Fridays, participants are encouraged to pray one *Our Father*, *Hail Mary*, and *Glory Be* for the intention of the novena. Through our united prayers and sacrifice, we pray that God will guide our nation in becoming one in which every human being is protected in law and welcomed in life. For more information or to join the prayer movement and subscribe to weekly reminders go to <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/take-action-now/call-to-prayer/legal-protection-of-human-life.cfm>.

Mary's Prayer Garden Needs Your Help... We have a few very dedicated people who are working hard to beautify the Prayer Garden and could use your help. If you and your family would like to adopt any part of the garden to help out, please contact the Parish Office. You would be able to volunteer at a convenient time for you. The current volunteers would be happy to give any direction for the work that needs to be done. Any help you are able to give would be greatly appreciated.



Area Events

Want a more joyful marriage? Take part in the Domestic Church evangelization retreat at the La Crosse Diocesan Center, August 16-19. Couples attending will experience a renewed love as spouses together in Christ. Take your marriage to the next level of happiness. Register today at diolc.org/marriage-enrichment/ or call 608-791-2673.