

July 22, 2018

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Ephesians 2:13-18

Mark 6:30-34

No Rest for the Weary

Sometimes life simply demands too much. We have the best of intentions to meet all those obligations, but that one last item sneaks in and swamps our boat. And to make things worse, there's no time to catch up once we get behind. The days keep whizzing past and our list of "haven't done's" gets longer and longer. Oh for a week off, with no responsibility, no demands on our time. What a delightful concept!

That world-weariness isn't limited to our secular lives either. "Burn-out" is a far too common term in the Christian world these days. Witness the ever-growing popularity of spiritual retreats. Yet even the best retreat gives us only a moment's rest, it does not make the troubles we face go away. There is no mountain high enough to hide us from the world's need. Like our Savior before us, we must respond to the cry for help with empathy and action, even when we ourselves are battered or worn. No matter how weary we are, His children must be fed, physically and spiritually. And when we reach the very limit of what we can do, His strength, His power will do the rest. If we will only lift those weary hands to Him, our loving Father will lift us up and carry us to the task's completion.

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Weekly Calendar

Monday, July 23

Memorial of Saint Bridget, religious

6:00 pm: Pastoral Council Potluck, Karen Gilbert Home

Tuesday, July 24

Memorial of Saint Sharbel Makhuf

7:00 am: Mass: Clayton Kohlnhofer

Wednesday, July 25

Feast of Saint James, Apostle

8:00 am: Mass: Stanley Pekol

Thursday, July 26

Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am: Mass: In thanksgiving for blessings

Friday, July 27

8:00 am: Mass: John Frank

2:00 pm: Nursing Home Mass

5:30 pm: Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, July 28

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:30 pm: Sacrament of Marriage – Nicole Meyering and Anthony Erickson

4:00 pm: Confessions

5:00 pm: Mass: Roselyn Kotcon

Sunday, July 29

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am to 7:30 am: Confessions

8:00 am: Mass: St. Mary Parish Family

10:30 am: Mass: Gene & Donald Bryan

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 15, 2018

Tithe	\$3,167.50
Offertory	235.75
Student	7.80
Total	\$3,411.05

Weekly Budget

\$4,398.88

Building Fund

\$245.00

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday-Sunday, July 28-29

Lectors

(A)

(B)

Sat. 5:00 pm	Jean Moseley	Delores Schmitt
Sun. 8:00 am	Wayne Thomas	Sherry Hickey
Sun. 10:30 am	Gary Veltus	Gary Veltus

Extraordinary Ministers

Sat 5:00 pm	Delores Schmitt/Jean Moseley/Mary K Mills
Sun. 8:00 am	Wayne Thomas/Sherry Hickey/Scott Swita
Sun. 10:30am	Gretchen Fitzmaurice

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

Servers

Sat. 5:00 pm	Charlie Schoen	Lucas Moseley
Sun 8:00 am	Easton Swita	Wesley Swita
Sun 10:30 am	Aubrey Matousek	Austin Gross

Ushers for July

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

Rosary Leaders

Sat. 5:00 pm	Larry Hoeser
Sun 8:00 am	John Matuszak
Sun 10:30 am	Phyllis Carney

Greeter Schedule – July

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Will resume in fall

Parish Announcements

PCCW Salad Luncheon

We have the final figures for the 2018 Salad Luncheon. Our profit was \$3,769!!! The silent auction brought in \$1,763. Thank you to all the parishioners who donated the silent auction items – Jean Albrecht, Milton & Yvonne Friemoth, Jerry & Marcia Gross, Cindy Grotta, Donna Kuhn, Peasley & Sandy Mayer, Beverly Mazola-Panagiotaros, Mary Ann Meyer, Mary Nauertz, Duane 'Pete' Peterson, Jessica Quicker, Judy Ratsch, Greta Ross, Teresa Spiegel, Wayne Thomas Family, K & Gary Weirauch, Chris Ziegler, Wendell Ziegler and co-chairs Lyn & JoAnn. We mention these people because almost all of them donate items every year to the silent auction. We also had donations from non-parishioners - Phyllis Schoen, who donated two beautifully appliquéd quilts; Renee Husman who donated the olive hand painted glass; and Jim Bauer who is parishioner Carol Tomasello's uncle. Jim donated the Geese in Flight intarsia and oval cut out of Jesus. The items donated by Phyllis Schoen, Jim Bauer and Renee Husman raised over \$550. A special thank you to them for their generosity. The balance of the money raised came from the luncheon ticket sales (200+ tickets were sold), raffle, bars/cookies sales and donations. Once again, the food was delicious and beautiful. Thank you to everyone who made a food item. Also thanks to everyone who worked. Our silent auction tables wouldn't look as nice without the help of K Weirauch. K puts several of the baskets together and then helps set up the tables. Everyone's help was appreciated and contributed to another successful salad luncheon. We look forward to starting the landscaping project around the rectory this fall. Thank you, JoAnn Blum & Lyn Schoengarth

Building & Grounds Meeting has been postponed until Tuesday, July 31, 2018.

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.



Church Parking Lot: For safety reasons and traffic flow please park in the marked stalls in the parking lot.

Knights of Columbus

The **Annual Knights of Columbus Food Drive** is being held during the month of July. Please bring nonperishable food and paper products to the narthex of the church. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

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.

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

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 4963



Altar Server Day Trip to Rivers Edge Park!

WHO: ALL altar servers and students interested in serving. Grades 4 and up!

WHERE: Rivers Edge Campground and Water Trampoline Park.

WHEN: TUESDAY, August 7th. We will meet at Church at 10:00AM and plan to return around 4PM.

**** NO CHARGE** as admission and lunch is provided by St. Mary's Parish**

***LIFE JACKET** required as there are no life guards!

For more information or questions please contact

Scott or Kim Swita 715-937-1092 or switaka@yahoo.com.

Please think about your child joining this ministry and give your child his/her 1st experience of volunteering and serving his/her parish!



Signup in Carport Vestibule by
Sunday, July 29, 2018

Save the Date, Thorp Deanery Convocation, Sept. 5

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.***

10th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Join Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke, the Friars of the Immaculate, Staff, and Volunteers to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Tuesday, July 31, 2018. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 11 am.



Announcing Upcoming Weekend! August 17-19, 2018 in Marathon, WI

Retrouvaille (pronounced 'retro- vī', with long i) means "rediscovery". It is a lifeline of hope and healing for struggling marriages of all ages, even couples who are separated or divorced but want to try again.

- Retrouvaille is a three-phase program that begins with a weekend experience, followed by post-weekend presentations, and monthly small group support meetings.
- It is a Christian peer ministry of couples helping couples with the support of caring clergy members. It is not counseling or group therapy. Couples who have been through crises leading to the brink of divorce share their stories and the tools they used to heal their marriage. Participants reflect and discuss in complete privacy with their spouse.
- Though the program has a Christian orientation, couples of all faiths or no faith background are welcomed and respected for their beliefs. The primary focus is on improving communication and building a stronger marriage, so couples may rediscover the love they have for each other.
- The non-profit program is available in communities worldwide. Program costs are affordable and no couple is ever turned away because of any financial barrier.
- Central Wisconsin Retrouvaille hosts 2 programs a year at St. Anthony's Spirituality Center in Marathon. The next session begins with a weekend held on **August 17-19, 2018**. It is the last session for 2018. Early registration is recommended.

For Information, to register or find another date/location near you, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com Toll free/Confidential call for Central Wisconsin Retrouvaille: **1-877-922-HOPE (4673)**

Ping Pong Table: St. Mary's has a regulation size table that is not being used and would like to sell it. If you would like to purchase for \$20 please contact the parish office.

Summer "Playdate" on the Neillsville Football Field Wednesday, July 25, 2018 - 6 pm to 8 pm (rain date July 26)

Kids over 5 and parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends you are invited. Come dressed to play with paints, water balloons, races, hula hoops, bag games, music and more. Sponsored by Neillsville Optimist Club, Neillsville Rec Dept, Cummins Filtration. Event is free.

New lights sensors in the side basement Stairs: New motion light sensors have been installed in both the north and south exit stairwells going down the stairs. All light switches in the stairwells now have guards over them. We ask that you not operate them as it will render the motion detectors inoperative. The light switches are to be used for emergency use only. Please also do not try and turn off the lights when using the rest rooms or the lights may not come on when the next person enters. These sensors are set to turn the lights on when you enter the stairwell or rest room, and will turn off after a predetermined length of time.

Air Conditioning Systems: With the onset of warm weather, the church air conditioning systems are turned on for the season. Subject to some fine tuning, the systems are being operated as they were last year. For efficient operation of the systems, it is important that all doors to the narthex, sacristies, and stairways be kept closed. Thank you