



August 17-18, 2019

Saturday, August 17th

8:30 am Ultreya
 4:00 pm Reconciliation / 4:30 pm Rosary
 5:00 pm (Intention: †Christopher & Viola Powers)

Sunday, August 18th – Twentieth Sunday in OT

8:00 am Mass (Intention: For Our Parish)
 9:45 am @ St. Lawrence
 11:15 am @ St. Lawrence

Monday, August 19th

NO MASS

Tuesday, August 20th

Noon @ St. Lawrence

Wednesday, August 21st

8:30 am Mass (Intention: Jack & Sandy Laugle)

Thursday, August 22nd

8:30 am @ St. Lawrence

Friday, August 23rd

8:30 am Mass (Intention: St. Mary's School)

Saturday, August 24th - St. Bartholomew

4:00 pm Reconciliation / 4:30 pm Rosary
 5:00 pm (Intention: Ken & Melissa Selmeyer)

Sunday, August 25th – Twenty-First Sunday in OT

8:00 am Mass (Intention: Orville & Dorothy Hilker)
 9:45 am @ St. Lawrence
 11:15 am @ St. Lawrence

St. Mary Prayer List

*Aloisia Mattl, *Louis Hill, Jr., *Vernon Myers; *Jodi Jerger,
 *Travis Miller; *Chan Mattingly, *Becky Meyer Clark, *Ron Bradford,
 *Virginia Williams, *Christina Nelms, Richard Ascherman, Candi Elsen,
 Gary Manford, Tim Heller, Mrs. Evie Wandstrat, Neil Selley, Caroline
 Seaver, Harrison, Jane, David Weisgerber, Mike Eaglin, Howard Aylor,
 Kevin Cook, Mary Leyendecker, *Brenda Murr, *Pete Squibb, Hayle
 Brashears, Joy Archer, Kathy Simonson, Don Addis, Jared Hodgkins,
 Stefanie Veale, Amy, Debbie, Nate Groh, Michael Renner, Larry
 Hagan, McKayla Schmits, Kelly, Gary Wainscott, Ruth Kern, Colton
 Mattingly, Agnes Kelnhofer, John Hitchcock, Tinker Walston, Ron
 Brunner, Payton Maurice, Ric Geyer, Esther Wolff, Kate Grossmann,
 DeAnna Lanphier, Nanci Ross.

Please remember our Troops and their families in your prayers.

**St. Mary's Parish Collection Information
 August 10-11, 2019 (Fiscal Week 7)**

Weekly Collection	\$8,914.00	Right to Life	5.00
St. Vincent	160.00	Envelopes	110
School	250.00	Attendance	411



Ministry Schedule: August 24-25, 2019: Team 4

5:00pm

8:00am

USHERS & GREETERS

G. & L. Calhoun

C. DeVille & M. McCabe

C. & T. Waldon

T. Vincent & B. Beinkemper

EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

Rick Brown

J. Schuler

S. Mueller

B. Ullrich

J. Oles

C. Vincent

LECTOR

Kevin Gerke

S. Ullrich

D. Estanislaio

ALTAR SERVERS

Colt & Remi Hensley

Adam, Laura, & Lily Dennis

COFFEE & DONUTS

08/25/19 8:00 Bruce Beckman

09/01/19 8:00 Denise Sedler

COUNTERS

08/19/19: Team 5: B. Fairfield, G. Manford, J. Glenn,
 D. Manford

08/26/19: Team 6: B. & B. Ickenroth, P. McKenna, L. Fisher

Ministry Schedule Time

It's time to prepare the new Ministry Schedule for September through December. If you are an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Usher/Greeter, Altar Server, or Lector and would like to make a change in the way you are scheduled, please contact Jim Waldon by August 18th (926-0944 or jim.waldon@mystmarys.com). If you have not been on the schedule but would like to, please let Jim know. New schedules will be available for pickup at weekend Masses on August 24th and 25th.

RCIA

St. Mary's RCIA Team will be combining with St. Lawrence's RCIA team starting in September. The meeting will still be on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 but at St. Lawrence in the undercroft. If you or anyone you know are interested in becoming Catholic or being on the team, please contact Connie at the Parish Office 812-926-0060.

Religious Education

Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings in the school starting at 6:30. A Parent Meeting and registration will be held on Tuesday, August 20th at 6:30 pm in the school cafeteria. This program is for children Kindergarten through 8th grade. We do need catechists!! Please prayerfully consider. Contact me for any questions.

Upcoming Bible Studies

The Wednesday morning and Thursday evening Bible studies will begin this month. We will be studying Psalms by Ascension Press. Wednesday mornings will start on August 28th at 9:15am; Thursday evenings will start on August 22nd at 6:30pm. Call or email Connie to have a book ordered for you.

Sunday, August 18, 11am-5pm, St. Nicholas Church

Picnic. All you can eat buffet dinner featuring fried chicken, roast beef, and famous turtle soup. Carry-out available until 6pm.

Tuesday, August 20th at 6:30 pm, Aurora Knights of Columbus, Council 2111, invites you to join us at Lesko Park for our annual family pitch-in dinner. Fried chicken and drinks will be provided.

Monday, September 2, St. Anthony's, Morris, Labor Day Festival. 11am-4:30pm, Chicken and Roast Beef Dinners. Live music, Grand Prize Raffle, quilts, arts & crafts, games for all ages, B & G Ice-cream truck.

Monday, September 2, St. Peter's Labor Day Festival. Fried chicken dinner from 10:45am – 2:30pm. Reservations encouraged call (812) 623-3670 or www.brookvilleparishes.com.

Bulletin Deadlines

Announcements and inserts/flyers must be submitted to the office no later than Wednesday by 12:00pm. You can email the info to parish.office@mystmarys.com or stop in the office on Tuesdays.

From Father Ben

Friends as we've been following the history of the Diocese of Vincennes, I'd like to look this week not so much at any person or event in particular, but at more general concepts from that era. We all love American history but our Church runs a parallel of American Catholic history. It's a story that we don't often tell, and we really need to.

Putting out diocese in its greater context, remember that Indiana as a state only joined the Union in 1816. The Diocese of Vincennes was founded not long after, in 1834, spanning the length of the State and a third of Illinois. In 1843 the Diocese of Chicago was formed, pulling that third of Illinois with it. In 1857 the Diocese of Fort Wayne was established, effectively splitting Catholic Indiana right down the middle. Not until 1944 would more dioceses be added. Centered in Vincennes, the erratic Bishop Hailandiere had the foresight to see the diocese' center elsewhere, likely in the state's new capital. (Indianapolis as a city wasn't founded until 1821; it became the capital in 1825, then little more than a square mile mud pit). Bishop St. Palias, twice removed from Hailandiere, preferred the diocese' center to move to Madison, Indiana. The people in Madison loved Palias; the people of Vincennes, not so much. Though not until 1898, Indianapolis would become the see of the Diocese, and its new name.

Take a long drive across southern Indiana, and you'll find a host of lovely old German towns, generally centered around a small Catholic Church. Early on, priests from Germany did much ground work not only to start parishes, but encourage immigrant families to settle the area. Cities like Jasper, Indiana for example, were essentially founded by Catholic communities. Immigrants coming from Germany, or already settled within the US looking for a better home, were recruited by clergy to join these new towns. We were helping build the state, and we didn't even know it.

Our Catholic schools, unique in this state by the way, have their own story too. Mother Theodore Guerin and the Sisters of Providence weren't just teaching the faith. They were teaching everyone. Many of the early log cabin schools run by the Sisters were evenly split between Catholics and non-Catholics. Certainly, Catholic schools have served different needs and purposes throughout their time, but in Indiana, our schools early on were the only ones available to anyone. Many German immigrant children, regardless of their faith, found a place there to learn, read and write.

A little closer to home. In the 1850 census, Dearborn County had the highest density of immigrants of any county in the state, save perhaps Vanderburg (Evansville). Even by 1860 when most of the 92 counties in the state still did not have a Catholic Church, we had five... God bless that River. I'm still getting used to river life - you know more about its history than I do. 150 years ago, it was still the primary interstate. Dearborn, Ripley, Decatur and Franklin counties had as many churches as any in the state. Obviously, things change. The world and society and people move on. Just think - in 1860 St. Lawrence and St. Mary's still had missionary priests; New Alsace, St. Leon and Dover all had their own resident pastor. Yes, the world does change.

Good stuff, huh? Friends I believe that if we keep our diocese and our state's history close, perhaps we will get to help write its future. I hope so. Many generations labored to give us what we have today. What will we do for those after us?