



2nd Collection
September 7-8,
2019
 Catholic University
 of America

August 24-25, 2019

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
Monday, August 26th
NO MASS
Tuesday, August 27th
 Noon @ St. Lawrence
Wednesday, August 28th
 8:30 am Mass (Intention: †Jerome Bosse)
Thursday, August 29th
 8:30 am @ St. Lawrence
Friday, August 30th
 8:30 am Mass (Intention: †Mary Mattingly)
Saturday, August 31st
 4:00 pm Reconciliation / 4:30 pm Rosary
 5:00 pm (Intention: †Philip & Ive Schuler)
Sunday, September 1st – Twenty-Second Sunday in OT
 8:00 am Mass (Intention: For Our Parish)
 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, *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, Donna, Tammy Turner.
Please remember our Troops and their families in your prayers.

St. Mary's Parish Collection Information
August 17-18, 2019 (Fiscal Week 8)

Weekly Collection	\$7,770.91	Right to Life	5.00
St. Vincent	215.00	Envelopes	105
School	60.00	Attendance	375



Ministry Schedule: August 31-September 1, 2019: Team

5:00pm

8:00am

USHERS & GREETERS

N. Eaglin, G. Manford M. Gutman, K. Fryman
 D. & C. Manford J. & D. Sedler

EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

A. Alley E. Beckman
 T. Alley C. Gutman
 S. Wagner M. McCabe

LECTOR

M. Waldon R. Tyler

ALTAR SERVERS

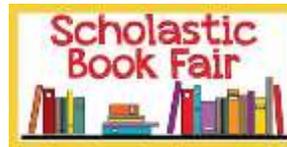
Thad & Eleanor Eaglin Hannah & Nora Haverkos
 Garrett Sohmer Khloe Neeley

COFFEE & DONUTS

08/25/19 8:00 Bruce Beckman
09/01/19 8:00 Denise Sedler

COUNTERS

08/26/19: Team 6: B. & B. Ickenroth, P. McKenna, L. Fisher
09/03/19: Tues-Team 1: C. DeVille, D. Fedroff, J. Sloan, C. Lewis



The Scholastic Book Fair is at St. Mary's School from August 26-30! Students will be able to shop during school hours. Parishioners can shop from 2:15-3:00 each day. We will also have a Breakfast at the Book Fair event after the Wednesday morning Mass on August 28. Stop by to visit with your favorite student and enjoy a muffin. A special guest reader will be there! Please join us! You can also shop online at Scholastic Book Fairs- just search for our school name. Thank you for supporting St. Mary's School! Email kim.rector@mystmarys.com with any questions.



Our prayers and condolences are with the Mattingly family on the loss of their loved one, Chan Mattingly.

RCIA

The RCIA team will be starting on September 4th. Meetings will be on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 at St. Lawrence in the undercroft. If you or anyone you know are interested in becoming Catholic or being on the team, please contact Donn Paquett at St. Lawrence, 812-537-3992.

Religious Education

Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings in the school starting at 6:00 pm. This program is for children Kindergarten through 6th grade. Sessions will begin in mid-September. We do need catechists!! Please prayerfully consider. Contact me for any questions.

AND

If Tuesday evenings are bad for you, St. Lawrence will hold their religious education on Sunday mornings from 8:15 to 9:30 am. Call Donn Paquett for more information.

The Psalms

Thursday evenings- 6:00 pm to 7:30-ish. Every Thursday.
Or Wednesday mornings- after mass (9:15-ish). The 2nd and 4th

Wednesdays of the month. To order a book, contact Connie by email, connie.powers@mystmarys.com. I will be on a short medical leave from August 26 to about September 16th. If you need me, please contact by email and I will get back with you.

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

Continuing through the history of the diocese, turns out there were quarks in our own backyard. Archbishop Purcell of Cincinnati wrote to Bishop St. Palais, asking: why is there not a full-time priest serving in Lawrenceburgh right now? (That being the old spelling and that being the case - we had a mission priest who came when he could). Palais wrote back - when they start treating their priests kinder, I will send a permanent one. How about that?

Yes, times have changed (right?) But one guarantee when it comes to history is that there are no guarantees. As soon as we seem to be settled, built up, or at least headed in the right direction, we ought to be wary. Much the same in the diocese of Vincennes. Thirty years of growth and development, new churches, schools, seminaries, colleges, hospitals, religious sisters. And then this 'thing' happened in America. The Civil War.

Southeast Indiana was itself hotly divided on the subject, no less so in the Church. It seems clear that all wanted to avoid war; many of our then French clergy were especially fearful of war, having lived through half a century of France's bloody, Godless revolution. Purcell in Cincinnati boldly raised the Union flag over the Cathedral, making clear what he believed personally. Bishop St. Palais himself was sadly critical of this. Still, when 1000 man militia formed for the Union in Vincennes, and terrible sickness broke out in the camp, Palais opened an emergency hospital for the troops, and their care came from only those brave enough, the Sisters of Providence. In fact the work of the religious and clergy throughout the war was heroic. Fr. Bessonies of Indianapolis became the unofficial chaplain to all troops stationed at Camp Morton. He even ministered to Confederates imprisoned there. Eventually barred from the camp, friends appealed on his behalf to the

Secretary of War himself, Edwin Stanton. He was only allowed to come to camp, on guard, to attend the dying.

Fr. Bessonies' example was typical of our response to the War. Rather than overtly state a political cause, Catholics were encouraged to attend to the sick and dying, to pray and fast for peace, to familiarize themselves with what was happening, and to long for national healing. I can understand thinking this to be too weak a response. Individuals may be deeply abolitionist and pro-union, but collectively the voice of Church leadership was more vague. Bishops of the Midwest put out this statement:

While [the Church's] ministers rightfully feel a deep and abiding interest in all that concerns the welfare of the country, they do not think it their province to enter into the political arena. They leave to the ministers of the human sects to discuss from their pulpits...our present and prospective difficulties... The Catholic Church has carefully preserved her unity of spirit in the bond of peace, literally knowing no North, no South, no East and no West.

More to say on this topic, but perhaps the lesson learned here is this. The Church has been around for a very long time. She has seen many wars, revolutions and seen nations and states come and go. The Church is at her best when she aids those people, in the midst of war, terror and yes, even slavery. She is the instrument of peace in the world. Wars are inevitable and even in a just war, atrocities and depravities are inevitable too. The Church seeks healing through such horror. Should the Church be overtly political? I cannot say. But I can say that she will strive for mercy and peace in a world that always needs it.