

# St. Mary Catholic Church

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... since 1860

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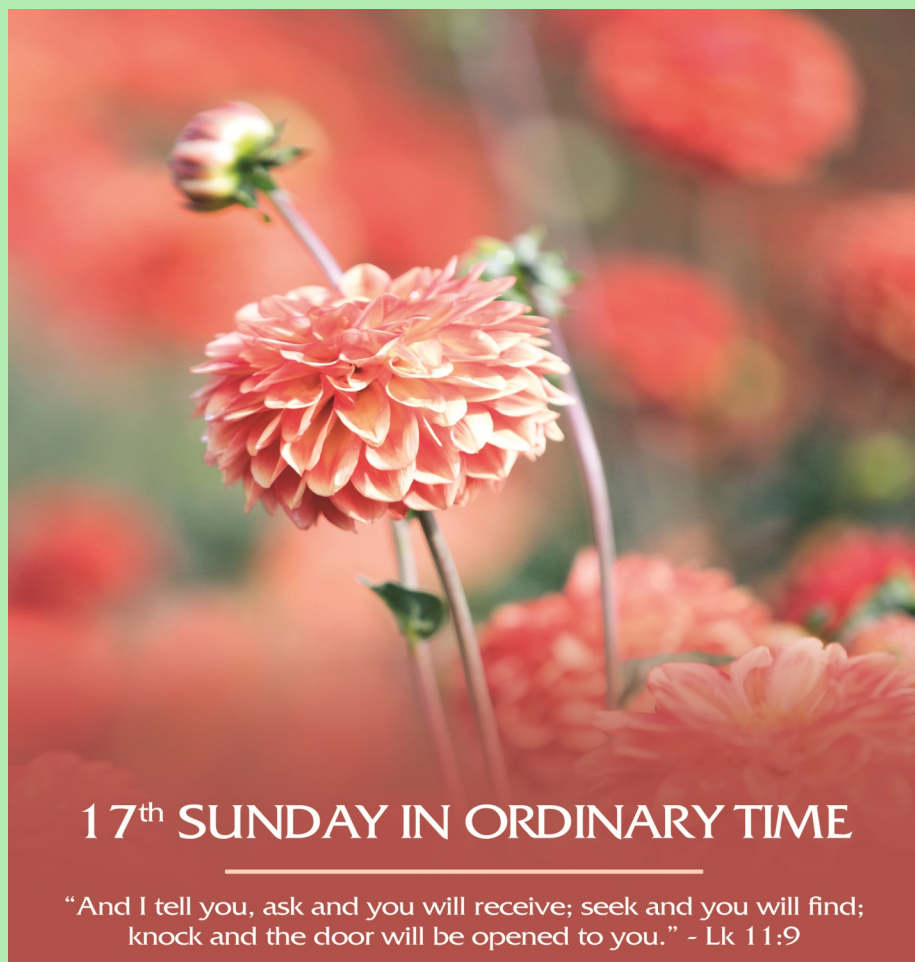
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## VISION:

Love God, Love others, and form disciples for Jesus.

## MISSION:

To build a Catholic Community that discovers Jesus, follows Jesus, worships Jesus, and shares Jesus with others.



## 17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” - Lk 11:9

## July 28, 2019

### Call Parish Office For Sacramental Prep

Baptism • Marriage • RCIA

(920) 487-5005 Ext#100

### Confessions according to schedule

and Confessions and Sacrament of Anointing  
anytime by request.

Contact Father Amadi (920) 487-5005 Ext# 3

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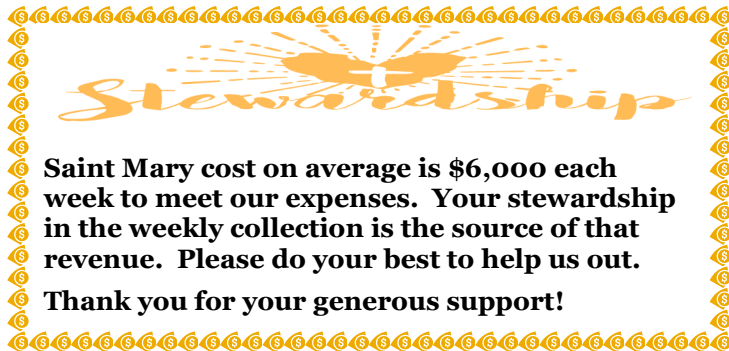
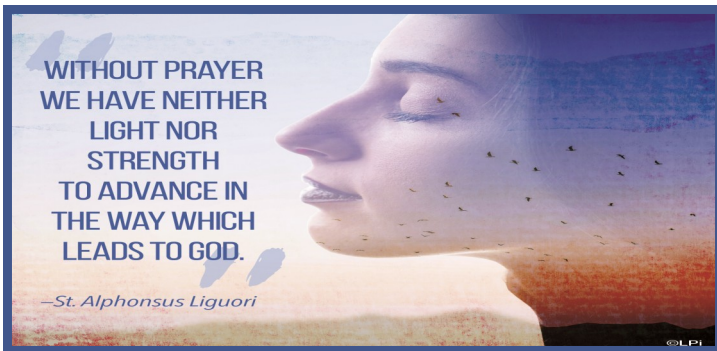
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## The Seven Guiding Principles of Alpha

### Prayer:

One of the unique elements of Alpha is its consistent focus on prayer. We encourage each Alpha to have a prayer team that prays behind the scenes and for each member of the team to pray for the guest daily during the entire Alpha experience. If we don't enlist God then our efforts will not bear fruit. Apart from Jesus we can do nothing. This is a movement of the spirit that we get to be a part of. Don't run Alpha without intentional prayer.

### Hospitality/Food:

One of the most common ways that Jesus met with people was over a meal. We are finding that this is also one of the most effective ways to connect with people who may be skeptical. Hospitality literally means "to love the stranger." As people experience radical hospitality, they begin to experience the grace of God.

### The Alpha Talks/Length of course:

There are 15 Alpha talks that cover core elements of the Christian faith in a unique way. The tone is very gentle, kind hearted, clear and compelling. They are not intense and keep the balance of appealing to the head as well as the heart without ever coming across as preachy. There are five different formats available: Alpha with Nicky Gumbel, the Alpha film Series, and the Alpha Youth Series. It is important to remember that guests with no church background often want a longer course than just 10 or 11 weeks because they have no other church commitments. The Alpha talk sequence is intentional. Utilizing the Alpha talks in their sequence is an important part of Alpha.

### Listening Leaders:

Alpha small groups are unique because our small group hosts don't answer questions, but rather, facilitate group discussions. It is through the process of giving the guests space to articulate what they believe and what they don't believe that is critical to an Alpha experience. It is this counter-intuitive process that allows God to show up and many people find Christians who will actually listen to them and respect them regardless of their background. The Litmus test for a small group host is: Would you entrust your best non-Christian friend to be in this person's group?

### The Alpha Weekend or Day away:

The Alpha weekend or Day away is the best place to introduce people to the Holy Spirit. This special experience also provides an opportunity to minister to people in prayer one on one and train team members in 1:1 Prayer ministry. This is typically where we see most people come to Christ and most people receive spiritual gifts to use in ministry.

### Team Training:

There are two critical training times for any Alpha team: before the course begins and before the Alpha weekend. Without this training, team members may assume that Alpha is all about answering the guest's questions, and not giving them space to process. The Alpha process is a paradigm shift for many and we regularly see the Alphas that train their teams do far better and last longer than those that jump in with no training. Each week before Alpha starts is also a great time to drip in coaching tips for your leaders. Train well, run well!

### Evangelistically Oriented:

Alpha is for everyone. However, it really seems to resonate best with those who would not call themselves a follower of Christ or who have no church background. Make sure that you orient your experience toward those that have little or no understanding of Christianity. After your initial break-in period of introducing Alpha to the church, the number of attendees may drop off. This is the perfect time to encourage your team to be inviting people to Alpha. Don't be content with filling seats. Train your team to invite people they meet to Alpha!