



**OCTOBER 23, 2016
THIRTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

COMMUNION CALLS OCTOBER 30, 2016

T. Leos, P. & MA Everett, R. Morales, E. Castillo,
K. & J. Bartz, HM Kreitz, & K. Theisen

October 24TH – October 30TH

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	12:10PM †Ira & Val Lindeman
Wednesday	7:00AM For the People
Thursday	7:00AM †Morris Marburger
Friday	8:15AM †Tony Salazar
	12:10PM †Pearlie Faichtinger
Saturday	7:30AM †Gertrude Peterson
	5:30PM For the People
Sunday	7:30AM †Clarence & Leonette Entrop
	9:15AM John Mikeska Family
	11:00AM †Henry & Helen Janacek

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR
OCTOBER 29TH and OCTOBER 30TH**

5:30 PM MASS

No Deacon
Lector: HM Kreitz
Lay Ministers: B. & K. Theisen, P. Thrift
Greeters: B. Goonan & C. Ramm
Altar Servers: A. Atkins, S. Proctor, M. Cruz,
& D. Nguyen

7:30 AM MASS

No Deacon
Lector: M. Maldonado
Lay Ministers: I. Renico, P. & MA Everett
Greeters: J. Hattemer, R. & J. Bruggman
Altar Servers: A. & V. Lucksinger, A. Federle,
& R. McNeill

9:15 AM MASS

Deacon Barney Rodriguez
Lector: R. Schigut
Lay Ministers: K. & J. Bartz
Greeters: A. Pechal & W. & E. Wilde
Altar Servers: M. & R. Ramm, A. Tavernier
& S. Berumen

11:00 AM MASS

No Deacon
Lector: JA Mason
Lay Ministers: J. Solis, R. Morales & L. Edwards
Greeters: D. & K. Frei, N. Moreno
Altar Servers: A. Lambert, J. Martinez,
T. Kotalik & M. Knight

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the parish community begins in the Sanctuary after the Wednesday 7:00am Mass, thus flowing from the Mass, and will continue until Benediction at 6:30 PM. Prayerfully consider signing up for an hour on Wednesdays. We also celebrate



First Friday with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00pm, followed by hymns, prayers for vocations and quiet time. Benediction and dismissal are at 8:00pm.

Bishop Vásquez' prayer intention

That in prayer we allow ourselves time to ask God's desire, to seek God's presence, and that the gates of God's Kingdom may be open in our hearts...



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The first reading from Sirach reminds us that God has a special love for the weak and oppressed, the orphan and the widow. The second reading exhorts us to persevere in faith and keep our eyes fixed on heaven. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable about the Pharisee and the tax collector.

When we approach the Lord in prayer, whether it is for help or strength, we should avoid false pretenses. Instead, we should recognize who we are, in our struggles and achievements, and stand before the Lord in honesty. This posture allows us to recognize our need for God's grace and mercy, grow in faith, and give a more faithful witness to the Gospel.

May God bless you all.

Fr. Steve



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

You probably saw envelopes as you arrived for mass. This year we celebrate the 90th anniversary of World Mission Sunday. In line with Pope Francis naming the Year of Mercy, the theme is "Mercy Changes the World" and supports the young mission dioceses in areas such as Africa, Asia, Pacific Islands and parts of Latin America. Priests, religious and lay leaders serve the poorest of the poor in these locations. Please keep the Missions in your prayers and thank you for your kind generosity.

All Soul's Day

Remembrance envelopes are located at the church entrances. To honor the faithful departed, fill in names in the spaces provided and include an offering if desired. These will be placed on the altar during All Soul's Day masses. Please turn in envelopes by Sunday, October 30.

October 16, 2016

Stewardship Report

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

Weekly Operating Budget	\$ 10,098
Weekly Offertory Collection	\$ 7,925
Above (Below) Budget	\$ (2,172)
YTD Date Operating Budget	\$ 161,568
Year to Date Actual Offertory	\$ 130,619
Above (Below) Budget	\$ (30,948)

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

A Stewardship Moment

There is an interesting twist we find in today's gospel when we hear Jesus' parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector praying in the temple. The Pharisee is "praying to himself." It doesn't mean he was praying silently. It seems to mean something a lot more troubling, that he is praying to himself; that God is not his prayer's intended audience. The words of the Pharisee are very much centered on himself: he makes claims about his character. He highlights his own admirable activities. Good stewards of their prayer lives know that a prayer of praise and thanksgiving should focus on the goodness of God. Do our prayers of thanksgiving always stay focused on God's unfathomable, immeasurable goodness and generosity?

All Souls? All Saints?

All Saints Day is a solemn holy day celebrated on November 1st. This day is dedicated to all who have attained heaven. Although there could be millions of saints in heaven, we tend to focus on the canon of saints, recognized by the Church.

All Souls Day on November 2nd commemorates those who have died but may not yet be in heaven. We believe that through our intercessory prayer, the faithful departed can be cleansed of their sins. Masses for these days:

All Saints

Monday, 10/31	6:00pm Vigil
Tuesday 11/1	8:15am School Mass, 12:10pm and 6:00pm

All Souls

Wednesday, 11/2	7:00am
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(Information obtained from catholic.org)

St. Mary's Week Ahead

Date	Event	Location	Time
Monday Oct. 24 TH	Quilting Angels	Ave Maria Building	9:00am
	Garden Ministry	St. Mary Gardens	7:30am
Tuesday Oct. 25 TH	Knitting & Crocheting	Ave Maria Building	12:30pm
	Adult Faith Formation	Ave Maria Building	1:30pm
	Rosary – Led by St. Mary Students	Church	2:00pm
	Adult Faith Formation	Ave Maria Building	6:00pm
	Men of Joseph	Ave Maria Building	7:00pm
Wednesday Oct. 26 TH	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament	Church	7:30am
	Religious Education	Church	6:30pm
Thursday Oct. 27 TH	School Trust Fund	Parish Office	6:00pm
	Choir Practice (9:15am Mass)	Church	6:15pm
	Choir Practice (5:30pm & 7:30am Masses)	Church	7:00pm
	RCIA <i>Who is Jesus?</i>	Ave Maria Building	7:00pm



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS®**

Council #3444 invites kids ages 1 to 15 to the annual KC Halloween party at the K of C Hall on October 29th starting at 6:00pm.



There will be games, free food and a costume contest. Admission is free but a donation of \$1 or a canned good is suggested.

FOCUS ON FAITH FORMATION

There has been a lot going on in the Catholic Church lately and not just here at St. Mary Parish community. Last Sunday, Oct. 16th, Pope Francis stated "We declare and define Blessed Solomon Leclercq, Jose Sanchez del Rio (martyred at 14 years old), Manuel Gonzalez Garcia, Lodovico Pavoni, Alfonso Maria Fusco, Jose Gabriel del Rosario Brochero and Elizabeth of the Blessed Trinity (a Carmelite nun) to be Saints."

A saint is a person of remarkable holiness who lived a life of heroic virtue, assisted by the Church, during their pilgrimage on earth. Therefore, we are all called to be saints, to live a life following the teachings of the Catholic Church and the example of Jesus Christ.

Here at St. Mary Parish, we have 160 children from Pre-K to 9th Grade enrolled in RE classes, 7 adults attending RCIA and many adults attending Bible study every week. We need to pray for all of them and for ourselves that we may continue to deepen our knowledge and practice of our Catholic faith while developing a solid relationship with Jesus.

This weekend the children in St. Mary RE and School are hosting a bake sale after every mass to raise funds to cover the cost of the Sacrament Preparation books and materials. Please support these children as they deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ.

We are all a part of the Body of Christ and need to help each other on our faith journey. Pray for one another and support each other in living our Catholic Faith.

For more information see <http://www.roman-catholic-saints.com/>

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)



Join us for class Thursdays in the Ave Maria Building from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Topic for this week is "Who is Jesus?" Please call the Parish Office at 254.773.4541 for more information.



FALCON'S CORNER

Attention Alumni of St. Mary's Catholic School:

Help us begin our celebration of **120** years of quality Catholic education in our community.

When: Friday, October 28th at 8:15 a.m.

What: Mass with Bishop Vasquez

Where: St. Mary Catholic Church

Amazon Smile

As you are getting ready for Halloween and the holidays, don't forget to shop for treats, costumes, and decorations at smile.amazon.com and Amazon will donate to St. Mary's Catholic School.

Strategic Planning

It is time to revisit the Strategic Plan for St. Mary's Catholic School. Our Consultative School Board will head up this process with the full support and participation of the faculty and staff. If you would like to become part of the creation of our new plan please contact Mrs. Wyles (254-778-8141). Your input is valuable.

Save the Date: January 28, 2017: Celebrating Catholic Schools Award Dinner

The Office of Catholic Schools will hold its 2017 Celebrating Catholic Schools Dinner and Awards Ceremony on January 28, 2017 to recognize our Catholic schools and honor those who serve and support our schools. The purpose of this event is to recognize those individuals whose dedication enables schools to accomplish their missions and good works.

I am pleased to announce that this year's nominee for St. Mary's Catholic School will be Mrs. Angie Stolp. Mrs. Stolp has been a dedicated member of the St. Mary's family for over 30 years and is very deserving of this award. The event will take place at 6:00 p.m. at the Hyatt at Town Lake in Austin. The featured speaker this year will be Cardinal Dolan. As soon as tickets become available I will let the community know. Please do mark your calendars and show your support for a wonderful teacher.

Amanda Arney and David Alexander



ALTAR SOCIETY **TURKEY DINNER & BAZAAR**

Save the date for the annual Altar Society Ministry Turkey Dinner and Bazaar – Sunday, November 6TH at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Doors open at 10am – meals served 11:00am – 1:30pm. Enjoy turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Cost is \$10 per plate, including drink and dessert. Raffle tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5, with prizes of Gas Grill, hand stitched quilt, \$150 VISA card, 1 hour plane ride and Keurig Coffee brewer. There will be a silent auction and booths including green plants, country store, crafts and gourmet.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

Join us the second Sunday of every month after the 7:30am and 9:15am masses for coffee and donuts (possibly other yummy bites) in the Ave Maria building. One of our parish ministries hosts a month, giving you a chance to learn about the service they provide our ; they can always use more helping hands. This is an opportunity to meet fellow parishioners. Upcoming dates:

November 13	Men of Joseph & RCIA
December 11	Parish Festival Committee
January 8	St. Mary's Catholic School

HOW TO LIVE THE LORD'S PRAYER **Cedarbrake Retreat Center Nov. 4-6**

Fr. Albert Haase (often heard on Relevant Radio) will lead you in reflections that deepen your appreciation for the Lord's Prayer as a blueprint for holiness. For more information call 254.780.2436 or visit www.cedarbrake.org.