



**SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2017
THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Wednesday 7:30am - 6:30pm Every
First Friday 7:00pm to 8:00pm

To schedule an hour with Our Lord please
contact MaryAnn or Phil Everett at
254-721-0931 or 254-721-8142 or
Helen Marie Kreitz at 254-773-6946.

*"Come to me all you who labor and are
burdened, and I will give you rest."*

Matthew 11:28



CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

Thank you to our families; your prayers strengthen
those being called by God to live out their vocation.

Sept 10	J & C Oakes	11:00am
Sept 16	G Deutscher	5:30pm
Sept 24	B Roeder	9:15am

Second Collection

This week's second collection is for our
Parish School. Thank you for supporting
children with an opportunity to receive
a Catholic education.

Next week:

Second collection is for Catholic Charities
to assist all those suffering from the effects
of Hurricane Harvey.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,
If we want to advance in the
spiritual life, we should first

consider a spiritual retreat. A "spiritual retreat" is an
extended time we take to pray and ponder God's will
in a sustained and focused way. Think of Moses,
who made a retreat whenever he was about to do
something momentous. He left ample time for
solitary prayer, and then he went away to be alone
with God and without distractions. Moses' retreat
was a time of openness toward God. He was
preparing to receive the commandments. The
prophets made time for retreats as well because
sometimes it takes time to discern God's voice. God
called young Samuel several times by name before
Samuel even recognized who was calling. Jesus did
not need to make an effort in order to hear God's
voice, know the Father's will, or grow in communion
with God. Yet he made the effort anyway. Jesus
also went on retreat when he was, like Moses, about
to do something big, like naming his chosen Twelve.
We too need this kind of withdrawal that Moses,
Jesus, and even St. Paul modeled for us; because
we need to adjust ourselves to a radically different
way of thinking. Only then can we begin to discern
God's will and honestly judge our lives by his
standards. To think like God is a grace, but
corresponding to the grace requires some effort on
our part. A retreat gives us time for the effort and a
near occasion of grace. The Church offers many
varieties of retreat experiences: private retreats and
conversational retreats, charismatic retreats and
contemplative retreats; retreats for married couples
and for individuals. I gravitate toward a directed
retreat, with lots of time for silent prayer and
opportunities, too, for private counsel. It helps me to
see more clearly where and how God is calling me.
May we make the time for our hearts to be open to
the voice of God.

Fr. Steve

Stewardship Moment

In today's reading, St. Paul exhorts the Romans to *total* stewardship. Brothers and sisters, he urges, "...offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God."

See Romans 12:1

YOUR GIFT TO GOD

August 27, 2017

Sunday Collection	\$	9005.60
Helping Hands	\$	92.00
School Fund	\$	60.00
Building Fund	\$	50.00
Children's Collection	\$	33.49
Assumption	\$	5.00
Total	\$	9,297.09

Note: totals include online giving

ATTENTION LADIES!!!

This year's Red Carpet Gala's theme is
"St. Mary's has Talent".

Come see the talented parishioners showcased on Saturday, September 9, 2017 at the Parish Hall beginning at 5:00pm. Advanced tickets will be on sale after each mass or available in the church office. Red seating tickets cost \$25 and Gold tickets are \$35. Please contact Amy Castillo 254-718-2924, Theresa Lambert 254-931-6603 or Mona Lockhart 254-624-3175 for more information.



The St. Mary Knights of Columbus Council #3444 will be conducting a service project on September 9th from

8:00am – 12:30pm. We will be constructing a wheelchair accessible ramp at the Nazareth House at 1103 S. 9th St. (across the street from church). Bring work gloves, battery powered drill, and folding chair. Snacks and water provided. Contact Greg at (512) 567-9505 for more information.

ST MARY WEEK AHEAD

Date	Event	Location	Time
Monday Sept 4 th	Quilting Angels	Ave Maria Bldg	9:00am
	Boy Scouts	O'Reilly Building	6:00pm
Tuesday Sept 5 th	Adult Bible Study	Regina Caeli Rm	1:30pm & 6:00pm
	Trust Fund Meeting	Parish Office	6:00pm
	Men of Joseph	O'Reilly Rm 111	7:00pm
Wed Sept 6 th	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church	7:30am
	Altar Society Luncheon	Regina Caeli Rm	12:00pm
	Religious Education Classes	Church + O'Reilly Bldg	6:30pm
	Holy Land Pilgrimage Info Meeting	Regina Caeli Rm	7:00pm
Thursday Sept 7 th	Choir Practice 9:15am Mass	Church	6:15pm
	Pastoral Council	Parish Office	6:30pm
	W.O.M.E.N.	Parish Hall	6:30pm
	Choir Practice 5:30pm & 7:30am Mass	Church	7:00pm
Friday Sept 8 th	W.O.M.E.N.	Parish Hall	1:00pm
Saturday Sept 9 th	Red Carpet Gala	Parish Hall	5:00pm
Sunday Sept 10 th	Hospitality Sunday	Ave Maria Rm	7:30 & 9:30 am Masses



FOCUS ON FAITH FORMATION

As we begin a new year, keep in your prayers and offer a “thank you” to all the people who participate in the different Faith Formation ministries here at St. Mary: the children attending Religious Education (PreK 3yrs old – 10th grade), their parents, families and catechists who lead and support their faith formation; the RCIA leaders and sponsors who teach the adults the Catholic faith to enter the Catholic Church at Easter; the adults who deepen their knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith through leading and attending Bible Study classes; and the leaders of the Baptismal Preparation who inform and instruct the parents and godparents as to their roles in raising children in the Catholic faith.

If you are interested in joining any of these ministries, contact Patricia St. Amour at the parish office.

First night of Religious Education: Wednesday Sept 6th: Parents & children enrolled in Religious Education this coming year need to attend a Back-to-Religious Ed meeting in the church. **Please join us for Adoration at 6:00 pm.

RE Registration will start at 4:00 pm in the O’Reilly Bldg. Please bring Birth and sacrament records, if new to the parish.

Catechist News: All Catechists must attend the training and overview on Wednesday, August 30th at 6:00 pm.

RIGHT OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Registration is now available for the 2017-2018 class. Classes begin on Thursday, September 14th, 7:00pm-8:30pm and meet every Thursday in the Regina Caeli Room of the Ave Maria Building. Contact the office with your name and phone number. One of our program facilitators will contact you.



HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

Hosted by the Altar Society after the 7:30am and 9:30am Masses next weekend. Join us for yummy breakfast food and learn about this ministry.



FALCON’S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,
Last week I shared some quotes from our third grade. This week we have a few more quotes about what they like best about St. Mary’s Catholic School. Enjoy!

Joshua: My favorite thing is sitting next to Gabe and a 5th grader at Mass. I like receiving the body of Christ. I like listening to Father read the Gospel. I like the songs. I like when Father explains the gospel.

Clara: My favorite thing is Art class. Mrs. Shadburn is very nice. She is a very good artist. She teaches art very well. She paints wonderful paintings.

Ben: My favorite thing is Mass. I love the stories of the Bible. Holy Communion is my favorite part of the Mass. The songs are great just like Mass. Father Steve is great.

Paxton: My favorite thing is Math. My favorite thing to do in Math is multiplication. I love to learn Math with my classmates. My Math teacher is good at teaching us. I love doing Math homework.

Graciela: My favorite thing is Art. We get to paint and use crayons. We color dolphins and flowers. Mrs. Shadburn is the best Art teacher. I love Mrs. Shadburn.

Enrollment News

We have welcomed 75 new students to St. Mary’s Catholic School this year and have more coming in September and October. As our enrollment increases, so does our need for tuition assistance. At St. Mary’s Catholic School we believe no child should be denied a quality Catholic education due to their parents’ need for financial assistance.

St. Mary’s Catholic School is blessed to have multiple sources of Tuition Assistance. These include private grants, Trust Fund disbursements, donations, Walking for Education, St. Mary’s 5-K and Diocesan Funding. However, these are not enough. We must do more to keep the fund viable and growing. At this time \$160,000 in tuition assistance and negotiated tuition has been awarded.

To this end, we work tirelessly to raise money to ensure our goal is realized. I am excited to share with you that this year we have planned a number of events/activities to help us to bring in much needed financial assistance monies. Our planned activities are as follows, with more details on each event to come.

1. Candy sale fundraiser in September.
2. Motor Cycle Poker Run on October 21st
3. Small Business Saturday on November 25th
4. 5-K Fund Run in March
5. Walking for Education on March 28th

As you can see, there are going to be many ways in which you can help us raise money for the tuition assistance fund. With so many options, it is our hope that you will easily be able to help.

SEPT 9th - SEPT 10th , 2017

5:30 PM MASS

Deacon:
Lector: HM Kreitz
Lay Ministers: L. & M. Lockhart
Greeters: R. Beck, T. Mays
Altar Servers: D. Nguyen, S. Proctor,
A. Cantu, M. Cruz

7:30 AM MASS

Deacon: B. Rodriguez
Lector: R. Schigut
Lay Ministers: K. & R. Oujezdsky
Greeters: H. Vavra, S. Motl, J. Edwards,
J.T. & J.R. Maldonado
Altar Servers: A. & T. Lucksinger,
M. & L. Maldonado

9:15 AM MASS

Deacon:
Lector: M. Guenat
Lay Ministers: L. & M. Matthews, L. Grygar
Greeters: B. & S. McAtee, T. Hodge,
D. Garza
Altar Servers: M. Knight, S. Bernmen
J. Garcia, MV Maldonado

11:00 AM MASS

Deacon:
Lector: JA Mason
Lay Ministers: J. Solis, JA & J. Mason
Greeters: C. Wohleb, S. Rodriguez, J. Oakes,
D. Stolp
Altar Servers: A. & V. & N. Basile, A. Lambert

Extraordinary Ministers to Homebound

Sept. 10, 2017

L. Lockhart, R. Schigut, K/R Oujezdsky,
Deacon Barney, M/K Walters, HM Kreitz,
M/L Matthews, C. Oakes

SEPTEMBER 4TH to SEPTEMBER 10th , 2017

Monday 6:00PM No Mass
Tuesday 12:10PM † Della Talasek
Wednesday 7:00AM Religious Education
Teachers & Sponsors
Thursday 7:00AM † James Grygar
Friday 8:15AM † Milton Jack Hinson
12:10PM † Larry Cook
Saturday 7:30AM † Margaret Villamaria
4:00PM Confessions
5:30PM For the People
Sunday 7:30AM John Mikeska Family
9:15AM † Daryl Entrop
11:00AM † Eddie Edwards



Altar Society Updates

Altar Society luncheon
Wednesday, Sept. 6th at 12:00pm
Regina Caeli Room

The Killeen/Temple Deanery meeting on August 16th was a huge success. Thank you to all our members who helped with the preparations and clean up and those who were able to attend.



Temple KJT Society #114 Monthly Business Meeting:
Thursday, Sept. 14th at 6:30pm
St. Mary Catholic Church, Ave Marie Room
Anyone interested in joining is welcomed to attend.
For additional information, please contact
Terry Simonton at (254) 642-0103 or
Gene Pavlat at (254) 778-8954



Catholic Charities of Central Texas is coordinating our diocesan relief efforts for Hurricane Harvey victims. We encourage you to visit www.ccctx.org for more information on how to offer help and to provide financial assistance for the victims of the storm.