

August 19, 2018
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"Serving the People of God
Spiritually and Physically since 1848"*

1101 S. LAFAYETTE, FT. WAYNE, IN 46802

FATHER PHILLIP A. WIDMANN, *Pastor*

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Mass Schedule

Sunday - 10:45 am

Holy Day - 5:15 pm

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Prayer Line
Dottie Carpenter (260) 705-1690
Chairperson Parish Pastoral Council
Jennifer Hayes (260) 450-2193

Sacraments

Matrimony

Arrangements are to be made with priest at least 6 months in advance. Pre-marriage instruction required.

Sick and Communion Call

Please keep the Church Office informed of the sick and homebound, particularly when there is serious illness.

Baptism

For details please call the Church Office. Baptismal Preparation is required for parents.

Reconciliation

Sunday: 10:00am-10:30am OR
Anytime by appointment.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Call Parish Office for information.

Parish Pastoral Council

Nov, Jan, Mar, May, 1st Sunday, after Mass

Bulletin Deadline

Monday 12:00 pm
Call or email submissions.

Parish Mission Statement

"Believing in faith in action, St. Mary Mother of God Catholic Church strives to reach out to others through the joyful celebration of Word and Sacrament, embracing diversity, and working for peace, justice, and non-violence."

Parish Membership Welcome

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether visitors, long time residents, or newly arrived in the parish. *We thank God for you.* If you wish to register, please call the parish office, pick up a registration form in the pew, or complete below and place in collection basket.

Name _____ Phone No _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Check one:

New Parishioner New Address New Phone Number Moving, remove from list

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In this Sunday's Gospel, the conflict escalates in the Bread of Life Discourse. Confusion is mounting in the crowd. "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Their minds were thinking literally, not mystically. Jesus doesn't seem to help, however, and only drives his point home with more emphasis. "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." Jesus would later institute the Eucharist at the Last Supper. There he would definitively establish the sacramental reality in which bread and wine become substantially his own Body and Blood. We celebrate this sacrament in the Mass.

Perhaps we do not always understand what we receive. "My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink." What is the essence of food and drink? Food nourishes our bodies, providing essential calories for our survival. Water is used throughout the body to cushion joints, regulate body temperature, and protect sensitive tissues like the brain. When we receive the Eucharist, we receive the spiritual

equivalent of these essential elements. Like water, the Eucharist strengthens the sanctifying grace moving through us. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." The Eucharist connects us intimately to Jesus and confirms our union with him. That is why we abstain from the Eucharist while in a state of mortal sin. It would be a contradiction and deep disrespect to these words of Jesus. To receive the Body and Blood of Jesus is not a right but a gift we receive with deep humility.

As we receive the Bread of Life, grace strengthens our love, separates us from sin -- even wiping away venial sins -- unifies us with the universal Church, and helps commit us to humble service. Together we are nourished for our mission in the world!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

OFFERTORY SOLO

"The Call" - Ralph Vaughn Williams

Drew Childs, soloist—son of our music director, Greg Childs

Sunday, August 19

Sacristan: Sue Jehl

Commentator/Petitions: Carmen Doyle

Servers: Nicole Obioma, Michele Obioma, Michael Obioma

First Reading: Ken Yahne

Second Reading: Louise Yahne

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sue Jehl, Maxine Stovall, Prosper Batinge, Barb Chmiel, Celeste Streicher, Theresa Spencer, Pat McBride, Rosemary Mausser

Ushers: Dennis Doyle, Angela Spencer, Joe Spencer, Christine Myles

Greeters: Christine and Jasmin Myles



Sunday, August 26

Sacristan: Susan Berghoff

Commentator/Petitions: Greg Gemperline

Servers: Tommy O'Neil, Lauren O'Neil, Carl O'Neil

First Reading: Ben Clemmer

Second Reading: Melinda Reyes

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Susan Berghoff, Tom Vodde, Carol Vodde, Maureen McCon, Andrea Thomas, Ken Yahne, Louise Yahne, Dottie Carpenter

Ushers: Adam Huth, Jim Huth, Julie Huth, Megan Horrell

Greeters: Judy and Katy Parrott

"to everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven"

"a time to be born..."

"a time to love..."

"a time to be healed..."

Please pray for the sick of our Parish

"a time to die"

"and a time for peace"

and in our world, all people, both military and civilian who are in the midst of war or natural disasters.

Ecclesiastes 3:1f



"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me." - Jn 6:56-57

Readings for the Week of August 19, 2018

Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [9a]

Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

Monday: Ez 24:15-24/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab [39c]/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [Ez 36:25]/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

ELECTRONIC GIVING PROGRAM - St. Mary Mother of God Church offers this safe and convenient option for you to contribute your Sunday offerings to the Church automatically through your checking or savings account. To obtain the necessary form, please contact Julie Crouch at the Parish Office (jcrouch@stmarysfw.org, or 260-424-8231). You may also go to www.stmarysfw.org, click the "Donate" link, and complete the Authorization Agreement for Direct Payment form. Mail or put the form in the Collection Basket. Thank you!

NOVENA FOR PROTECTION OF LIFE

The U.S. bishops urge our participation each Friday in a nationwide Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life, August 3-September 28. Participants will receive weekly email or text reminders to pray and fast, along with little-known facts about Roe v. Wade to share with others. Sign up at: www.usccb.org/pray!



Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 19

10:45 am *Eugene Kompa*

Sunday, August 26

10:45 am *Lawrence Endress*



Altar of Service

Saint Mary's Soup Kitchen

Please mark your grocery lists for our Soup Kitchen. This week we are asking for ...NOODLES.

Soup Kitchen Weekend volunteers

Saturday 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Sunday 11:30 -1:00 pm

Saturday, August 18: Jim Schmidt

Sunday, August 19: Jasmine & Christina Myles, Anne Marie

Saturday, August 25: Brad

Sunday, August 26: Nina Geary Larry C.

Thank you for volunteering at the Soup Kitchen. Please call me if you are unable to make your scheduled day.

Val Vordran 625-5757 or 450-5170

AVE MARIA HOUSE PANTRY NEEDS

Sugar

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Do you feel a calling to minister to our shut-ins? Please call the church office at 424-8231 or Sue Koester at 493-4282 for more information, or if you know of a parishioner who may be homebound and in need of communion brought to them.



The Week Ahead

RIGHT OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA) IS STARTING SOON

Any adult who would like to learn more about the Catholic Church is asked to call the church office, 424-8231. The first class begins September 9th after the 10:45 am Mass. Classes will continue to meet about every three weeks till Easter.

SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 20 : Soup Kitchen Annual Fundraiser

Featuring music by: **CHRIS WORTH AND COMPANY**

Food and Cash Bar Available

For Tickets Call: 260-705-1690 or 260-424-8231

\$10/ person \$25/Family or \$100/table of 8

VISIT: www.stmarysfw.org

For Parish Information and Current Events

Parish Announcements

NOTICE: PARENTS OF SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

The Children's Ministry Program, *Mary's Kids*, will begin Sunday, September 9 for the 2018-2019 school year. Our program is for children in Kindergarten up through High School. *Mary's Kids* sessions will begin at 9:15 on Sundays in Oechtering Hall. Registration forms are available in the Gathering Area near the entry doors. Come join us as we learn about our faith, pray together, and grow in Christ's love. If your child is preparing for First Communion or Confirmation, or RCIA, our program is an important part. For more information contact Therese Spencer at 747-4242 or by email at tandjspencer@frontier.com.

THANK-YOU

Please be aware that Saint Mary's Parish is most grateful to the person or persons who anonymously donated to the parish a total of \$1,000 to cover the cost of having our silver-plated communion chalices replated. Whoever you are, know that your fellow parishioners are most appreciative of your generosity and will keep you in our prayers.

FAREWELL

Mr. Prosper Batinge, a parishioner at St. Mary Mother of God is leaving to return to his home country of Ghana, to obtain a VISA. He will be moving to Rome to pursue his studies. Mr. Batinge wishes to thank everyone at St. Mary's for their support during his time here.

CAREER MINISTRY

The St. Vincent dePaul Career Ministry will meet Tuesday, Aug. 21, at 6:15 p.m. in the Spiritual Center Rooms A and B for one-on-one career coaching and presentation by Molly Roman on "Efficient and Effective Job Search Strategies that Keep you Moving Forward." A former recruiter, Molly will teach successful approaches used by professionals. Dress is casual. Anyone is welcome. Address: Spiritual Center of St. Vincent's Church, 1502 E Wallen Rd Fort Wayne Indiana, 46825. Contact : Molly Roman (678) 733-3193. Career.ministry@saintv.org

BLHS 60TH ANNIVERSARY MASS

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate Mass commemorating the 60th anniversary of Bishop Luers High School on Tuesday, Aug. 28, at 9:45 a.m. in the gymnasium. Representatives of every graduation class over the past 60 years will participate in a procession. Alumni and friends of Bishop Luers High School are invited for Mass with a reception to follow in the gymnasium lobby.