

# Saint Mary's Parish

*A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach*

The Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

October 23, 2005



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## Scripture REFLECTIONS

**W**e seem to have a fascination with picking the biggest, the best, the fastest. Pick a superlative adjective and we need to find a home for it. In sports, academics and even silly record breakers, we look for the proverbial number one and give it some recognition or a place in a record book. No wonder the Guinness Book of World Records is so popular-and interesting!



Jesus is presented with the daunting task of choosing the most important law for Jews. The dilemma is that there are so many laws, no matter which He picks, the Pharisees will argue that another law is a better choice. But His answer is impossible to dispute, because no law is more important than loving God and each other, since these are the principles on which Jewish laws are based.

We are presented with this question almost daily. Which law for us is most important? Our answer is found in our actions. How well we treat others in traffic, how kind we are to those we work with, how loving we are to our family and friends, and how generous we can be to those less fortunate all answer the question. The opportunity to be the best witness for Christ comes along everyday. It's our choice how well we respond.

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## Sent to Serve

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

## COOPERATING WITH GOD'S GRACE . . . FOSTERING GROWTH IN FAITH

**T**uesday morning Mary Carol Wall and I attended a diocesan catechetical workshop featuring Lee Nagel, the Director of Total Catholic Education for the Diocese of Green Bay. Mr. Nagel's presentation was titled "Cooperating in God's Grace . . . Fostering Growth in Faith," - a review of the National Directory for Catechesis (NDC) the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' recently published instruction on Catechesis—a "churchy" term that means to "proclaim the Gospel and bring people to God."

Most of us grew up in a Catholic culture that left the teaching of religion to the "professionals" - priests and sisters. But, following Vatican II's "Church in the Modern World" proclamation of the important role the laity plays in sharing the faith, more and more lay people became "professional" catechists. Their job was most often to recruit, train and oversee the work of lay volunteer catechists who staffed increasing numbers of Catholic CCD programs aimed primarily at children attending public school.

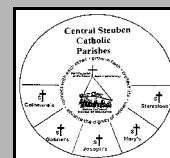
The NDC expands this role of "cooperating with God's grace and fostering one another's growth in faith" to include all Christians. Our baptismal call to be "*priest, prophet and king*" tells us that God intends that each of us offer sacrifice (the work of a priest), speaking boldly the Good News (the work of a prophet) and do so with confidence that our lives can in fact make a powerful difference because - we are the King's

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## Mass/Reconciliation Schedule

Parish Celebrations of the Lord's Day  
Saturday - 4:00 p.m. ♦ Sunday - 9:00 a.m.  
Weekday Masses  
♦ Tuesday and Thursday - 5:00 p.m.

Scripture/Communion Services  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday—9:00 a.m.  
The Sacrament of Reconciliation  
1st and 3rd Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.



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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**SUNDAY** October 23, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Raymond Cummings Jr.  
By his mother, Veronica Cummings

**MONDAY** October 24, Weekday  
9:00 a.m. Communion Service

**TUESDAY** October 25, Weekday  
5:00 p.m. In Memory, Jo Warren  
By Sam and Henrietta Powell

**WEDNESDAY** October 26,  
9:00 a.m. Communion Service

**THURSDAY** October 27, Weekday  
5:00 p.m. In Memory, Geraldine Dean  
By Mr. And Mrs. Jim Galvin

**FRIDAY** October 28, Weekday  
9:00 a.m. Communion service  
2:15 p.m. Mass at Taylor Health Care  
In Memory, Sue Angus  
By Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary

4:00 p.m. Mass at Lakeview Apartments  
In Memory, Josephine Warren  
By Mr. And Mrs. Jim Galvin

**SATURDAY** October 29,  
4:00 p.m. In Memory, Carmalena Minichello  
By Terry Hochreiter

**SUNDAY** October 30, 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time  
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Carmalena Minichello  
By Marcia Shaver



## PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

**SUNDAY** October 23,  
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour hosted by Jim and Kathy Desrosiers  
10:30 a.m. Religious Education K-12  
7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101

**MONDAY** October 24,  
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice, Church  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice, Church  
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts, Room 202

**TUES.** October 25,  
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts, Rooms 202,203  
7:00 p.m. Staff meeting, Parish Office dining room

**WED.** October 26,  
p.m. NCYC pilgrims leave for Atlanta, Georgia  
7:00 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group, Dick Perry Room

**THURSDAY** October 27,  
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts, Rooms 202, 203

**FRIDAY** October 28,  
7:30 p.m. NA, Room 101

**SATURDAY** October 29,  
1:00 p.m. NA, Room 101  
5-Midnight Hall rental



Daylight Savings Time ends, please remember to set your clocks back an hour.

**SUNDAY** October 30,  
10:00 a.m. Coffee hour hosted by Music Ministry  
10:30 a.m. Religious Education, grades K-8  
7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101



### Assembly Schedule

Oct. 29- Sat. 4:00 p.m. - Willing Hearts  
Oct. 30 - Sun. 9:00 a.m. - Heavenly Hash

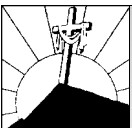


### SAINT MARY'S PARISH

"Where Giving Is An Investment  
In Our Faith and Our Future."

**Thank you for - Making Parish a Priority!**

October 15/16, 2005  
Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$3,431.01  
Second Collection for Can and Quarter totaled \$249.47  
People worshiped God at St. Mary's this weekend.



### Annual Memorial Mass

Remembering Parishioners, Family Members and  
Friends who have died since November 2004.

### ALL SOULS DAY

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2** ✧ 7:00 P.M.

Please call the office with the names of loved ones that you'd like us to remember at this special Mass



## Happy Birthday To You

10/23	Betsy Carisetti	10/26	Alberta Carey
10/23	Marge Thornbloom	10/26	Edward Galpin
10/24	Jean Gallagher	10/27	Tim Gallagher
10/24	Rose Ann Ormsby	10/27	Margaret Donnelly
10/24	Mark Fiordo	10/28	Charlotte Sestak
10/24	Carol Hall	10/28	Kristopher Bly
10/24	Courtney Parulski	10/29	Christina Cardona
10/25	Sara Ambrosone		

## ANNUAL PECAN SALE

Just in time for holiday baking,  
it is time for the **TWIGS** annual  
Pecan Sale to benefit **Ira Davenport Hospital**.  
\$7.50 a pound for grade A pecan halves.  
Contact **Dot Cullen** at 776-3496 to order.



## We Are Family!

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children and therefore heirs to the most powerful force in the Kingdom—the love and favor of our father.

Sharing this good news can be as simple as listening with compassion to another's problems, grieving with them at a time of loss, and offering words of assurance and hope when all seems lost. Christians who have not let their faith become ritualized or stagnant can do this with ease – for they . . .

- know Christ intimately through prayer,
- have learned compassion through service,
- and have experienced the rewards of generosity through sharing their gifts with others.

They are good stewards of the Gift of Faith - and can enthusiastically share their Gift with others.

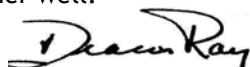
### Off to Atlanta

Last Saturday night and again on this Sunday morning, the teen and adult pilgrims to this year's National Catholic Youth Conference in Atlanta will be donning our multicolored Jester Hats and seeking a blessing from you and Fr. Erb. For many years I was heavily involved in youth ministry, but I've not recently had the opportunity or desire to enmesh myself in the active and sometimes quite noisy lives of teenagers. I'm honestly looking forward to spending these exciting days with our young people and our parent chaperones. Past experiences with youth gatherings at the University of Steubenville and elsewhere have convinced me that the Holy Spirit has a great fondness for young people and is manifested in wondrous ways at events such as this. Being in the presence of thousands of other young people alive with the Holy Spirit and proud of their Roman Catholic faith can be a life changing experience for our teens and the adults who work with them. All of us who are journeying to Atlanta this Wednesday are grateful for your prayers and support.

### Annual Diocesan Ministry Appeal

This weekend following our Gospel, I'll be asking for your support for the **Annual Diocesan Ministry Appeal** (formerly the Thanks Giving Appeal). We'll also watch a video featuring several glimpses of our own parish and people from throughout the diocese who have chosen to financially support our diocesan ministries. This week alone our parish has been enriched by our diocese's Catechetical and Youth ministries. We have also interacted with Catholic Charities to assist several people in need. I hope you will join Pat and me in responding generously to Bishops Clark's recent letter. Extra brochures and pledge forms will be available at this weekend's Masses.

Have a good week. Serve one another well.



## 22 Pilgrims leave on Wednesday for NCYC

**O**n Wednesday, October 26, a group of 22 teens and adult chaperones from St. Mary's led by Mary Carol Wall and Deacon Ray will leave for the National Catholic Youth Conference at the Georgia Dome and World Congress Center in Atlanta Georgia. The young people and their families have worked long and hard to raise the money for this trip.

The National Catholic Youth Conference is an exciting, biennial four-day experience of prayer, community and empowerment for Catholic teenagers and their adult chaperones. The schedule includes general and concurrent sessions addressing a wide variety of topics including forgiveness, Catholic spirituality and prayer, global issues, sexuality and leadership. There are also opportunities for liturgy and special activities such as a concert and exhibits.

## Come Join Our Family! RCIA Sessions Begin on November 9



**I**f you are not baptized or were baptized into another Christian denomination but now seek full Communion with the Roman Catholic Church, we have a special process of welcome and instruction just for you. It's called the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** or **RCIA**. These informative sessions will begin on Wednesday evening November 9 at 7:00 p.m. and continue with several breaks through Easter. On the weekend of November 19/20 we'll welcome RCIA candidates and catechumens through a brief ceremony called the Rite of Acceptance.

If you'd like more information, call or e-mail Deacon Ray at 776-3327 or rdefendorf@dor.org.

## REQUEST FORMS

**P**lease help us to keep track of our **Stuff!** If you need to use a room in St. Mary's buildings or use the pavilion or if you want to borrow tents, tables, chairs or anything else, please come to the office weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and fill out a Building Use Request Form. Thank you.



## WANTED FOR CRAFT FAIR

Donations of purchased or homemade items are needed to be raffled at **St. Mary's Booth at the Christmas Craft Show on Sunday, November 13, 2005.**

Call Evie and Al Hanning at 776-9269 or drop your item off at the Parish Office.