

Saint Mary's Parish

A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

October 1, 2006



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2006-2007

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

A TIME TO SHARE . . . FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

This week, all registered parishioners in the Diocese of Rochester received a letter from Bishop Clark asking you to contribute to this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). This is a new name for this annual diocesan fundraiser whose goal is to provide half the operating budget for our local church. This appeal funds vital ministries within the diocese that reach out to the most vulnerable members of our society as well as those which provide support directly to our parish. This is the infrastructure which no one seems to notice until it's not there.

That's why it is critical that all of us do our fair share to uphold it. The diocesan goal for this campaign is \$5.3 million. Our parish goal, which is mandatory, is \$xx,xxx.00. What is not received in pledges will need to be paid from our parish savings. We have had to do this the last two years; I am hoping that this year we may indeed make our goal. We would be able to do that easily if every household here made some gift to this year's appeal. Our new goal is 6% higher than our goal last year. If you are a CMA contributor, might you consider increasing your gift over last year by 6%? That will help tremendously. And if you have not given to this appeal in a while, please try to make it a new habit.

I am very proud of our parish's commitment to stewardship. Over the years we have all been blest by the stewardship of many, many parishioners whose love for God and our parish is demonstrated by their gener-



ous sharing of their time, talent and financial resources in support of our many parish ministries and needs.

However, we cannot forget that we are part of something much bigger than ourselves. Many of the ministries funded by this diocesan appeal are ones that no individual parish - no matter how large - could ever do effectively alone. This includes: the Tribunal, which aids people who have suffered the breakdown of a

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Mass/Communion/Reconciliation Schedule

Parish Celebrations of the Lord's Day

Saturday - 4:00 p.m. ♦ Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday ♦ Wednesday ♦ Thursday ♦ Friday - 9:00 a.m.

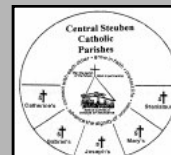
Wednesday - 5:00 p.m.

Scripture/Communion Services

Monday - 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 1, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. In Memory, Al Striano
By Pam Southard - Park & Tom Park
- MONDAY** October 2, The Guardian Angels
9:00 a.m. Communion Service
- TUESDAY** October 3, Weekday
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Cecelia Chester
By Al and Evelyn Hanning
- WEDNESDAY** October 4, Francis of Assisi
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Karl Cummings
By Robert and Jean Cuffney
- 5:00 p.m. In Memory, Shirley Amoroso
By her husband Joe Amoroso
- THURSDAY** October 5, Weekday
9:00 p.m. In Memory, Anthony DeSorbo
By Carol and Kristin Wendler
- FRIDAY** October 6, Weekday
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Helen Kolo
By Freida and Rosa Fiordo
- SATURDAY** October 7, Our Lady of the Rosary
3:30 p.m. Reconciliation
4:00 p.m. In Memory, Ruth Wagner
By Joan Dugan
- SUNDAY** October 8, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. For the intentions of the
Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary
By the Ladies Auxiliary



PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

- SUNDAY** October 1
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour hosted by
Mary Faucett and Michele Ferrara
Religious Ed. K - 12
- 10:30 a.m. Religious Ed. K - 12
- 1:00 p.m. Sunday Supper, O'Malley Hall
- 7:00 p.m. AA, Pavilion
- MONDAY** October 2
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir
7:15 p.m. Choir Practice
- TUESDAY** October 3
7:30 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group
- WEDNESDAY** October 4
7:00 p.m. Sacrament of Confirmation, St. Catherine's
7:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting, Gallagher's
- THURSDAY** October 5
5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers, O'Malley Hall
6:00 p.m. Scrap booking, Room 101
7:00 p.m. Parish Life/Social Ministry Meeting, Rectorry
- FRIDAY** October 6
- SATURDAY** October 7
1:00 p.m. NA, Room 101
- SUNDAY** October 8
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour hosted by K of C Ladies Auxiliary
10:30 a.m. Religious Ed. K - 12
1:00 p.m. Sunday Supper
7:00 p.m. AA, Pavilion



YOUR STEWARDSHIP GIFTS

Upcoming Second Collections

Sept. 30/Oct. 1 - Maintenance
October 7/8 - Insurance

Lector and EM Workshops

By Bill Grimmer
Parish Liturgy Coordinator



We will be having an evening of workshops for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers on Wednesday October 18. The Lector Workshop will begin at 7:00 p.m. and is for any current lector and anyone else who would like to become a lector.

The Eucharistic Minister Workshop will be on the same evening at 8:00 p.m. All current Eucharistic Ministers and anyone else who would like to become a Eucharistic Minister are encouraged to attend.

These workshops will also include updates for Assembly Captains and anyone willing to form a new Assembly.

Both workshops will provide information on changes that occurred as a result of the new GIRM and how we have implemented them in our Parish. The new renovations may also spark some procedural questions that will be addressed.

We hope you can come and participate.



Happy Birthday To You!

10/01	Allison Warren	10/03	Blake Palmer
10/01	Andres Warren	10/04	Alexis Leigh Russo
10/01	Elizabeth Muller	10/05	Angela Mattoon
10/02	Raymond Karowski	10/05	Julie Squires
10/02	Kathleen Patterson	10/05	Maureen Johnson
10/02	Jennie Grosfelt	10/06	Josephine Musso
10/03	Michael Carisetti	10/06	Gail Lyle
10/03	Richard Pruner	10/07	Evelyn Glenn
10/03	Gary Thompson		



Liturgical Assembly Schedule

Oct. 7 - Sat. 4:00 p.m. - Willing Hearts
Oct. 8 - Sun. 9:00 a.m. - K of C Ladies Auxiliary
To form or join an assembly, call 776-3327



SAINT MARY'S PARISH

"A Parish of Very Good Stewards"

Thank you for - Making Parish a Priority!

September 23/24, 2006

Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$1,744.00 THANK YOU!
Second Collection for Faith Formation: \$326.00



The Davenport & Taylor Annual Pecan Sale has begun! Please contact Darcy Cullen at 776 - 3496 to order.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

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marriage to begin anew; our chaplaincy services at area colleges and state prisons; the formation of permanent deacons like our own **Bob Colomaio** and future priests, training for future those newly appointed to parish leadership; our diocesan Catholic Charities whose outreach is to the most needy members of our 12-county diocesan church, include our migrant population; tuition and financial support of those studying for priesthood, financial support for our retired diocesan priests, many of whom still actively serve the church, our Pastoral Planning efforts, preparing for a future less dependent upon priestly ministry than we are at present; the Information Technology department that keeps us all connected and informed; the audio-visual collection of the diocese which provides important resources to parish catechists and our RCIA team.

At St. Mary's, we benefit from all the services mentioned above and many more that could be easily listed here as well. Contrary to what some may suspect, none of this money is used to pay legal settlements related to sexual abuse cases. And easily half of the money raised by this appeal returns to us in the form of services and programming that would be impossible for St. Mary's to provide on its own.

So please read the Bishop's letter carefully and respond quickly with a gift or pledge that may be paid off gradually through June of 2007. As you pray about this, please remember that our God promises that our generosity will be returned to us many times over in ways that will surprise and delight us. Let's never be stingy with God.



Blessing of the Animals Tuesday, October 3 at 5:30 p.m.

To honor **St. Francis of Assisi**, patron saint of animals and the environment, there will be a Blessing of Animals on **Tuesday, October 3 at 5:30 p.m.** on the Church steps. St. Francis of Assisi was born in 1181 at Assisi in Umbria, Italy. He belonged to a wealthy family, but as a young adult he had a conversion and went on to become one of the great leaders of the church, living among the animals and ministering to the poor. He founded the Franciscan Order in 1209 and was canonized by Pope Gregory IX in 1228, two years after his death.



On Wednesday, October 4th, eleven young people from St. Mary's will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Catherine's Church in Addison. Please remember in your prayers this week: **Katelyn Baroody, Alyssa Carpenter, Jason Carpenter, Cody Hutcheson, Tyler Hutcheson, Megan Ruest, Megan Russell, Logan Stratton, Alexander Venuti, Nicholas Venuti, and Robert Watches**



Sent to Serve

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

Boxes and Doors

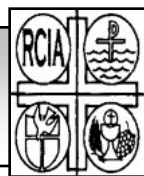
The today's Gospel, John complains to Jesus that some people - not of his immediate group, were casting out devils and healing people in his name. "We tried to stop them!" John says. But Jesus says, "Do not stop them! Whoever is not against us, is for us!"

How often are we like John? How often have we Christians tried to BOX IN GOD. In the past we used expressions like - "There is no salvation outside the Catholic Church." Today, some Christian churches falsely proclaim - "Unless you do this or that or speak in these words - you cannot be saved."

But, God cannot be contained. No matter how we try, we can't box God in. For, God is too big to fit in any one religion, or words, or prayer style. The Spirit of God will not be limited by human tradition or even religious institutions. Are our doors opened wide to those who don't seem to fit into our traditional vision of a "good Catholic? Are our doors opened wide to the poor, to those who are mentally or physically handicapped, to those who have remarried without an annulment?

May St. Mary's doors remain opened wide to these people as well as to you who worship without fail each week.

Have a good week. Serve one another well.



Becoming a Roman Catholic

Introductory Meeting - Thursday, October 5
Inquiry Classes to begin October 25.

Are you or a family member or friend interested in the possibility of becoming a member of the Roman Catholic Church? St. Mary's will hold an informational meeting on Thursday, October 5 at the Parish Office. (Note: date change from September 27) At that meeting we will discuss the process called the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults who have not been baptized and baptized Christians who wish to become full members of the Catholic Church. This is also an opportunity for baptized Catholics who have not been catechized or Confirmed to learn about the faith and prepare for Confirmation. RCIA Inquiry Classes will be scheduled for Wednesday evenings beginning on October 25 but special arrangements may be possible if necessary. For more information or to register for the introductory meeting, please contact Deacon Ray at the parish office: 776-3327.



2006 CROP Walk

The 2006 CROP Walk will take place on Sunday, October 15th at 1:00 p.m. Walkers will assemble at St. Thomas Episcopal Church. If you would like to walk or sponsor a walker, please contact **Barb Ezzo at 776 - 2039**. 25% of the CROP walk proceeds return to local food pantries. 75% feeds the hungry worldwide.

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