

# Saint Mary's Parish

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

The Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 18, 2005



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## Scripture REFLECTIONS

**"The last to accept his love will be loved as the first."**



The teaching of Jesus might offend those who are sensitive to labor issues, but this parable is not about work and pay. The parable describes the power of God's generous love. Nothing we do merits such love, but God gives His love freely. It is His gift that forgives, heals, sanctifies and gives life. It is not measured in terms of quantity, but quality. You don't need much, and just a little bit makes a big difference.

People may feel that they are overwhelmed by sin, abandoned and rejected by God, or doomed to hell. God's love is so powerful that nothing can stop it. God's desire, purpose and goal is to love and save us. Even the last one to accept His love will be as loved as the first. All He asks in return is for us to love Him. A little bit makes a big difference!

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## Happy Catechetical Sunday

Religious Education classes for grades K-12 will begin today!

Today we commission our parish catechists and bless the children and families that will begin faith formation classes this weekend. The special commissioning rite and blessing will take place at the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

St. Mary's is very fortunate to have talented men and women who are willing to dedicate their time to sharing their faith with the young people of our parish family.

Congratulations and thanks you to: Mary Ann Aston, Jane Rohrbach, Mary McConnell, Toni Burns, Sheri Neu, Penny Ruest, Robert and Pam Colomaio, Mary Carol Wall, John Pronko, Betsy Carisetti, Judy Harris, Robin Kelley and Joe Schuster



## FAMILY MASS and PARISH PICNIC

### We Are Family!

Our first St. Mary's Parish family Mass will take place next Sunday, September 25th at noon in the pavilion. There will be **NO 9:00 a.m. Mass** or religious education classes on this day, but our Mass will involve all our faith formation children and teens and the homily will involve family groups along with all who attend.

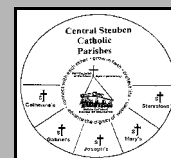
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



## 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** September 18, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Michael Cullen  
By St. Mary's Choir

**MONDAY** September 19, Weekday  
9:00 a.m. Communion Service

**TUESDAY** September 20, Andrew Tim Taegon, Paul Chong  
Hasang and companions, martyrs  
In Memory, Robert Gavagan  
By Mr. And Mrs. Lance Squires

**WEDNESDAY** September 21, Matthew, apostle, evangelist  
9:00 a.m. Communion Service  
7:00 p.m. Praise and Worship Service

**THURSDAY** September 22, Weekday  
5:00 p.m. In Memory, Carmalena Minichello  
By Rosa and Freida Fiordo

**FRIDAY** September 23,  
9:00 a.m. Communion Service  
2:15 p.m. Mass at Taylor Health Care  
In Memory, Josephine Warren  
By Denise, Mary and Audrey

**4:00 p.m.** Mass at Lakeview Apartments  
In Memory, Kay Crotty  
By Mike Crotty

**SATURDAY** September 24,  
4:00 p.m. In Memory, Charles Michael Chayka  
By Al and Evelyn Hanning

**SUNDAY** September 25,  
9:00 a.m. NO 9:00 A.M. MASS

**Noon** MASS IN PAVILION  
In Memory, Dick Perry  
By Barb Perry



### Assembly Schedule

Sept. 24 - Sat. 4:00 p.m. - Lake Country Disciples  
Sept. 25 - Sun. 9:00 a.m. - Precious Blood II  
Noon (Pavilion Mass)— "We Are Family" Assembly  
To form or join an assembly, call 776-3327



### SAINT MARY'S PARISH

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

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

September 10/11, 2005  
Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$3,188.00  
389 People worshiped God at St. Mary's this weekend.



## PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

**SUNDAY** September 18,  
10:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast, free will offering  
10:30 a.m. Religious Education, grades K-12  
7:00 p.m. AA, Pavilion

**MONDAY** September 19,  
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice, church  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice, church  
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts, Room 202

**TUES.** September 20,  
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts, Rooms 202,203

**WED.** September 21,  
5:00 p.m. Praise Ensemble — practice and service  
6:30 p.m. Elementary Youth Group meeting, Room 202  
7:00 p.m. Liturgy Committee meeting, Rectory

**THURSDAY** September 22,  
7:00 p.m. RCIA Inquiry, Rectory  
7:30 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group, Dick Perry Room

**FRIDAY** September 23,  
7:30 p.m. NA, Room 101

**SATURDAY** September 24,  
10 am-4 pm Jr. Hi Retreat, O'Malley Hall  
1:00 p.m. NA, Room 101

**SUNDAY** September 25  
Noon **We Are Family** - Kickoff Mass - Pavilion  
1:00 p.m. Parish "Dish to Pass" Picnic in the Pavilion  
7:00 p.m. AA, Pavilion



## Happy Birthday To You

9/18	Rick Czajkowski	9/21	Joann Palmer
9/18	Jill McConnell	9/22	Ryan Boyd
9/18	John Ambrosone	9/22	Suzanne Fagan
9/19	Marcia Hokula	9/22	Alexander Lakota
9/19	Alexander Venuti	9/23	Jordan Snell
9/20	Betsy Sheehan	9/24	Antoinette Stever
9/20	Kerstin Burns	9/24	Louise Martin
9/20	Alexander Watches	9/24	Robert Jones
9/20	Katherine Mattoon		



## Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund

### Sept. 10/11 — 2nd collection

Thanks to all who contributed to last week's Second Collection for the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund. Gifts to this collection totaled \$661.25. Second Collections for the remainder of the month of September will continue to be for this fund.



## Save the Date

Tuesday, October 4 is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Mary's will celebrate this Feast Day by having a Blessing of the Animals at 5:30 p.m., after the 5:00 Mass. Mark your calendar, bring your pet(s) and join us for this celebration



## Sent to Serve

Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

## PARISH FINANCIAL CHALLENGES RESULT IN LOSS OF FAITH FORMATION COORDINATOR

If you've already scanned Page 1 of this bulletin, or are reading this on Sunday afternoon having already attended Mass, you know that today is Catechetical Sunday. This morning, a new series of Faith Formation classes for children in Kindergarten - High School began. But on this Catechetical Sunday, St. Mary's is without the services of a Faith Formation Coordinator.

As you know, over the past year St. Mary's has faced some very serious financial challenges. In June, it became evident that it would be necessary to make some very difficult choices if the parish was to balance its budget in the fiscal year beginning July 1st.

One of the first decisions made was to cut back on staff hours during the summer months. Our Parish Office was closed on Fridays during July and August and summer programs such as Vacation Bible school were canceled. The last, and without doubt most difficult decision I've had to make was to lay-off our Faith Formation Coordinator for the summer and reduce the position from 40 hours per week to 20 hours per week beginning in September.

Regrettably, because of this cutback in hours and salary, **Eileen Wayne**, who has coordinated our Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation programs, is no longer financially able to continue in this position.

St. Mary's has benefited from Eileen's understanding of our Roman Catholic faith and knowledge of catechetical and liturgical trends and advances. We sincerely thank Eileen for her years of service to the Catechists and children of St. Mary's and wish her well in her new pursuits.

Because of the importance of having a qualified person to assist our volunteer catechists, I have prepared a job description for a **Faith Formation Administrator** which will be submitted to the Diocesan Human Resources office for posting. If you are interested in finding out more about this position, copies of the job description are available at the parish office.

Even as we begin the process of recruiting a qualified person to serve as part-time administrator our K-12 faith formation programs, our volunteer Catechists are ready to share their faith with our children.

During this weekend's classes, children will meet their teachers and work on activities preparing them for next Sunday's FAMILY MASS and Parish Picnic.

At this *Special FAMILY MASS* we will celebrate our parish's Children and Families:

- Kindergarten children will lead our Procession with banners they have made to celebrate FAMILY
- Grades 1-2 will present the Gifts of Bread and Wine and an Altar Cloth
- Grades 3-4 will proclaim the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Readings, and take up the offering.
- Grades 5-6 offer the Prayers of the Faithful
- Jr. High Students will serve Mass offer a skit written to illustrate the Gospel
- High School Students will enact the Corporal Works of Mercy during the homily

This FAMILY MASS will kick-off what we are calling St. Mary's **Year of the Family** - a full year of special activities and initiatives aimed at bringing our young families together and encouraging new families to join our parish and become active in our parish life. I pray that your family will embrace these efforts and invite friends and family members to participate in our parish life.

Because WE ARE FAMILY our only Eucharistic Celebration on Sunday, September 25th will be our PARISH FAMILY MASS AT 12 NOON IN THE PAVILION.

Have a good week. Serve one another well. *Deacon Ray*



## St. Mary's Church Praise and Worship Service

There will be a praise and worship service followed by prayers for healing by Deacon Ed Wight on Wednesday evening, September 21, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

St. Mary's Praise Ensemble will meet at 5:00 p.m. to practice and then sing from 6:00 p.m. until the end of the service. Anyone is welcome to come sing or to play an instrument. Music books will be available for musicians. Come and make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Mark your calendars now attend the Praise and Worship Mass on Wednesday, October 19th at 7:00 p.m. followed by prayers for healing with Father Phil Billotte from All Saints Parish in Corning. Musicians and singers: Please plan to start practice at 5:00 p.m. prior to the Mass