

Saint Mary's Parish

A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach

The Twenty-sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 25, 2005



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We Are Family!

FAMILY MASS and PARISH PICNIC
This Sunday at Noon in Pavilion

St. Mary's Parish Family Mass and Picnic will take place this afternoon, Sunday, September 25th in the Pavilion. There will be **NO 9:00 a.m. Mass** or religious education classes on this Sunday. This Family Mass will involve our Faith Formation children and teens and the homily will involve family groups along with all who attend.

If you attend Mass on Saturday afternoon - please join your Parish Family at about 1:30 p.m. for our Parish Picnic. Hots, hamburgers and beverages will be provided. Please bring a salad, potato, bean, or vegetable dish or a dessert to pass. By official decree of Parish Council President Jo Slovak, cheese and crackers or Chips and dip will officially count as your dish to pass. This will be good news for those of us who are culinary challenged.

HOW TO JOIN OUR FAMILY

Register your membership in our St. Mary's Family.
Get involved in our Parish Life and Ministry.



St. Mary's Parish is always ready to welcome new members. Our registration process is simple. Just pick up a registration form after Mass from our pamphlet rack near our Main Entrance. Complete the form and bring or mail it to our parish office.

Soon after you'll receive a welcoming letter from Deacon Ray and a phone call from our Parish Life Coordinator Karen Grimmer inviting your participation in an upcoming parish activity or a parish ministry. As a member of our dynamic Parish Family, we expect that you will not only worship with us each week-end—but also join us in one of our parish ministries whenever possible. By participating in our Parish Life and Ministries, you'll meet new friends who share your faith in Christ and have become active members of His body.

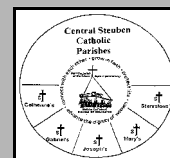
If you are not baptized or were baptized into another Christian denomination but now seek full Communion with the Roman Catholic Church, we have a special process of welcome and instruction just for you. It's called the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or RCIA**. Last Thursday we held our first of a series of **Inquiry Sessions**. At Inquiry Sessions, people share their journey of faith and learn what is involved in becoming a baptized and/or confirmed Catholic Christian. Sessions are informal, "user friendly" and without obligation.

After finding out about the process, you'll decide if joining us at our family table as a baptized, confirmed Catholic is what God is calling you to do. Interested? Call or e-mail Deacon Ray at 776-3327 or rdefendorf@dor.

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 25, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
12:00 noon In Memory, Dick Perry
By Barb Perry

MONDAY September 26, Cosmas and Damian, martyrs
9:00 a.m. Communion Service

TUESDAY September 27, Vincent de Paul, priest
5:00 p.m. In Memory, Carmalena Minichello
By Mr. And Mrs. Lance Squires

WEDNESDAY September 28, Weekday
9:00 a.m. Communion Service

THURSDAY September 29,
5:00 p.m. In Memory, James Harvey
By Agnes Harvey

FRIDAY September 30, Jerome, priest, doctor
9:00 a.m. Communion Service

SATURDAY October 1
3:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00 p.m. In Memory, Carmalena Minichello
By Catherine Tetor

SUNDAY October 2, 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. Michael Cullen
By Mr. And Mrs. Larry Ryan



PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

SUNDAY September 25,
10:30 a.m. No Religious Education
1:30 p.m. Parish Family Picnic in the Pavilion
7:00 p.m. AA, Pavilion

MONDAY September 26,
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 27,
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts, Rooms 202,203
7:00 p.m. Staff meeting, Rectory

WED. September 28,
7:00 p.m. Social Ministry/Parish Life meeting, Rectory
7:30 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group, Dick Perry Room

THURSDAY September 29,
FRIDAY September 30,
7:30 p.m. NA, Room 101

SATURDAY October 1,
1:00 p.m. NA, Room 101

SUNDAY October 2,
10:00 a.m. Coffee hour hosted by
10:30 a.m. Religious Education, Grades K-12
4:00 p.m. "Bells Over Bath" Bell Choir Concert, Mossy Bank
7:00 p.m. AA, Pavilion



Assembly Schedule

Oct. 1 - Sat. 4:00 p.m. - Willing Hearts
Oct. 2- Sun. 9:00 a.m. - Parish Council

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 17/18, 2005
Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$3318.00
Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund Gifts totaled: \$590.78
Campaign for Human Development totaled: \$226.00
424 People worshiped God at St. Mary's this weekend.



Happy Birthday To You

9/25 Patricia Muller	9/30 Joseph Monaco
9/25 Joanne Sheehan	10/1 Allison Warren
9/26 Gregory DiPasquale	10/1 Andres Warren
9/27 Arthur Bell	10/1 Elizabeth Muller
9/27 Mary Watches	10/2 Raymond Karwoski
9/27 Elizabeth Hutcheson	10/2 Kathleen Patterson
9/28 Joseph Baroody	10/2 Jennie Grosfelt



Catholic Charities Steuben County

Congratulations to the following winners of the
Catholic Charity "One In Twenty" fundraiser

Robert Gilchrist -	Ticket # 030	S.Ohradzanki/D.Smith/
John Williams -	Ticket # 043	D. Cody -
St. Mary's Church -	Ticket # 270	Jo Slovak -
Jack Benjamin -	Ticket # 174	Gert Laux -
Dick Sphon -	Ticket # 257	Mary Kulikowski -
Deb Knapp -	Ticket # 281	George Hoeffner -
D. Malone/A. Laslow -	Ticket # 073	Lucy Perkins -
Mike Searson's Kids -	Ticket # 017	Michael Sweet -
Allison Slovak -	Ticket # 121	Terry Underhill -
Dave Hopkins -	Ticket # 225	Nick Testa -
Dianne Tyner -	Ticket #009	



CROP WALK - October 16

The 2005 Cop Walk will be held on Sunday, October 16. Please sign up now with Barbara Ezzo, at 776-2039 or before and after Mass each week. Thank you.



Sent to Serve
Notes from Deacon Ray Defendorf

Parish Kicks off Celebration of the Year of the Family

Last weekend we kicked off our Catechetical Year and this week we celebrate our intention to make this year at St. Mary's - The Year of the Family.

FAMILY is a generous word in that it includes relationships ranging from the small nuclear family, to the Family of Mankind. Our year-long celebration will run the gamut. We'll celebrate both our Parish Family and the nuclear families and individuals that make up our Parish Family. Because becoming welcoming and "Family Friendly" is integral to our parish vision, we'll offer welcome and special activities for both young adults and families with young children. And work extra hard to invite and welcome them into our Parish Family.

We'll encourage the many wonderful baptized Christians who join us for Mass each week with their Roman Catholic spouse - to take the next step and join us as full members of the Church. This process need not be burdensome and we'll strive to make it also "user friendly."



We'll welcome un-baptized people to join us through an expanded Inquiry and RCIA process and, if they choose, "elect" them as membership of our Church in early Lent and Sacramentally initiate them at our Easter Vigil with Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

And we'll continue to celebrate, cherish and involve in ministry and Parish Life the wonderful, caring, people of all ages who make up our St. Mary's Parish Family.



Today's FAMILY MASS begins St. Mary's Year of the Family. I pray that your family will embrace these efforts and invite friends and family members to participate in our parish life.

Congratulations and Condolences

Last Saturday I had the great privilege of officiating at the marriage of Suzanne Fagan and Jim Kennedy. Many of you know Suzanne as a Bath native and part of the Fagan's Funeral Home and Furniture businesses. Jim is the parishioner who looks even more like Santa Claus than I do. The joyous wedding featured music by St. Mary's Choir.



Condolences to the Fagan Family on the death of their matriarch Sally Fagan and to Betsy Carisetti and her family on the death of her mother Helen Baird.

Have a good week. Serve one another well.

Deacon Ray



Scripture
REFLECTIONS

God Never Calls Us to Do What is Not Good for Us



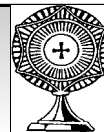
A biography of Pope John Paul II recounts that when he was a young man, he was considering the priesthood. But first he had to wrestle with his doubts. Did God want him to be a priest? It was a difficult time in Poland's history and in his own life and his decision was not easy. But his response obviously made a difference in the history of the Church and of the world.

In the parable of the two sons, both struggle with the idea of doing their father's will. One says yes, but does nothing. The other says no, but goes anyway. It is not their words that fulfill their father's request, but their actions. The son who does as his father asks overcomes his reservations and doubts. The one who says yes does not.

We all seek to do God's Will, but our own doubts can overwhelm us. We know the right thing to do, but our culture or friends or our sense of convenience says otherwise. Trust God that He will never call us to failure or to do what is not good. Our response is given not in our words of faith, but in our actions of love and obedience. That makes the difference in our life.

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**First Friday Devotions
Friday, Oct. 7, 2005**



We can learn to know God better by spending time with Him. St. Mary's Church will be open for quiet prayer and adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament beginning with Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m. and ending with Benediction at 4:30 p.m. There is a sign-up poster in the vestibule of the Church. Come and sit for a time in God's presence. You have nothing to lose but your doubts. For more information call Kathy Donnelly 566-2617.



Celebrate the Feast of St. Francis with your pet. Our Blessing of the Animals is Tuesday, October 4 at 5:30 p.m. on the Church Steps