SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 30, 2023

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MASS INTENTIONS/LITURGIES

JULY 29TH-AUGUST 6TH

Saturday, July 29 | 4:00 p.m. Mass (ST. PAT)

KC Steggeman by Nancy Stolly

6:00 p.m. Mass (SMOW)

Tom & MaryAnne Kruse by Bill & Christine Miller

Sunday, July 30 | 8:00 a.m. Mass (SMOW)

Parishioners of Mary, Queen of Angels

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10:00 a.m. Mass (ST. PAT)

KC Steggeman by Jan Aldo

Tuesday, August 1 | 8:00 a.m. Mass (ST. PAT)

Diane & Leo Jaeger by Leo Jaeger

Wednesday, August 2 | 8:00 a.m. Mass (SMOW)

Donna Fischer by Karen Beasley

Thursday, August 3 | 6:15 p.m. Mass (ST. PAT)

6:45 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration and Confession

Muriel & James Maze by Carol & Mike Maze

Friday, August 4 | 8:00 a.m. Mass (SMOW)

8:45 a.m. Confession

Living & Deceased Members of the Stolly/Lantz Family by Peter & Tricia Stolly

Saturday, August 5 | 3:00 p.m. Confession (ST. PAT)

4:00 p.m. Mass (ST. PAT)

Paul Thomas by Heidi & Joe Kelly

6:00 p.m. Mass (SMOW)

Fr. Carl Uhler by Ashley Roberts

Sunday, August 6 | 8:00 a.m. Mass (SMOW)

Helen Regensburger by Joe & Phyllis Rizzo

10:00 a.m. Mass (ST. PAT)

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YOUR TITHE TO GOD

WEEK OF JULY 22/23	S	T. MARY	ST	PATRICK	
MASS COUNT:		360		321	
SUNDAY COLLECTION:	\$	3,618.00	\$	5,070.00	
ONLINE COLLECTION:	\$	925.00	\$	660.69	
OTHER COLLECTIONS:					
BUILDING IMPROVEMENT:	\$	520.00	\$	85.00	
ARCHDIOCESE ASSESSMENT:			\$	171.00	
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:					
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:	\$	50.00	\$		
TOTAL COLLECTIONS:	\$	5,113.00	\$	5,986.69	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS AUGUST 5/6, 2023

ST. MARY OF THE WOODS

6:00 P.M. SATURDAY

SERVERS: Heath Wilson, Vincent Wilson,

Lincoln Nielsen

READER: John Hintershied

USHERS: Nick Baughman, Jeff True,

Willie Dearwester, Derek Zumberger

CANTORS: Deb Ulrey and Donna True

SACRISTAN: Joan Hintershied

8:00 A.M. SUNDAY

SERVERS: Owen Klinker, Lucas Klinker,

Jase Thompson

READER: Jennifer Klinker

EEM: Jim Thiel

USHERS: Charles Seimet, Deb Seimet,

Fred Wheeler, Ed Fisher

CANTORS: Mary Kuba, Kathy Robinson,

Rebecca Bihn

ST. PATRICK

4:00 P.M. SATURDAY

SERVERS: Della Baker, Rowen Daring,

Sutton Daring, Kaije Snider

READERS: Cathy Dinovo and Sharon Hess

EEM: Mike Dinovo

10:00 A.M. SUNDAY

SERVERS: Carter Buck, Cayde Buck,

Cooper Buck, Cale Kline

READERS: Bob Rhoades and Mindy Bailey

EEM: Mary Giannola





READINGS FOR THE WEEK

BEGINNING ON JULY 30, 2023

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12;

Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130;

Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34;

Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23;

Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28;

Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13;

Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9;

Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38;

Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11;

Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37;

Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab;

Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8;

Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9;

2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

For more information about the Mary, Queen of Angels Family of Parishes or to view bulletins from the parishes, please log on to:

St. Mary (Urbana) champaigncatholics.org

St. Mary of the Woods saintmaryofthewoods.com

St. Patrick (Bellefontaine) catholicbellefontaine.org



ASK FATHER SHAWN

Q: If the Eucharist is meant to give us eternal life, why can't you take it if you are not in a state of grace when that would seem to be when you need it most?

A: The Sacrament of Confession is the remedy the Lord gives to His Church for mortal sin. A person in a state of mortal sin should repent of the sin and be reconciled to God in the Sacrament of Confession before receiving Communion.

The gift of the Eucharist does not for give mortal sin; the Eucharist is meant to bring about an intimate sharing in the life of Jesus Christ for those who are already in a state of grace (friendship with God). The unbaptized must be baptized before receiving Communion. Mortal sin (mentioned in 1 John 5:16-17) causes a person to lose the life of grace first received in Baptism. Those in mortal sin are not in a state of friendship with God and, therefore, cannot enter into Communion with Jesus Christ through reception of Communion. In fact, a person would be desecrating the Eucharist by receiving Our Lord unworthily. That is why Saint Paul says in 1 Cor 11:29 that those who receive the Eucharist unworthily are eating and drinking judgment upon themselves.

Unfortunately, when people disregard the requirements for proper reception of Communion, it causes great spiritual harm. For example, it can weaken one's faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. As we celebrate the Eucharistic Revival across our county, we should all respect the greatest gift Jesus gave to His Church by receiving the Eucharist with great love and only when we are properly disposed.

Welcome

Whether you recently moved here or are just visiting, we are happy that you are here with us! If you would like to join one of our Parishes, please contact the Parish Office for a registration form.





ATTENTION, 2023 SENIOR GRADUATES: K OF C SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

If you are a 2023 Senior graduate, a member of St. Mary of the Woods Parish, and are interested in a modest financial college grant, you may apply for a scholarship offered by the K of C Council #4378. Application forms may be picked up at the Parish Office and returned to the Office no later than August 6, 2023.



SISTERS OF CHARITY OF NAZARETH

Please note that the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth will be speaking at the end of each Mass at both St. Mary of the Woods and St. Patrick Churches this weekend, July 29th and 30th as part of our annual missionary cooperation assigned through the Archdiocese. The parish will be taking up a second collection to help support their work the weekend of August 5/6. Please be generous.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Currently, **St. Patrick Church** is accepting Mass Intentions for the months of **June-August 2024**. Please fill out this form and bring it to the church office or drop it into the offertory basket. There is a \$5.00 stipend for each Mass requested. Each family is allowed 12 requests per calendar year. Only three requests may be submitted at one time.

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MASS INTENTIONS:

Currently, **St. Mary of the Woods Church** is accepting Mass Intentions for any open dates from **now until July 2024.** Please fill out this form and bring it to the church office or drop it into the offertory basket. There is a \$5.00 stipend for each Mass requested. Each family is allowed 12 requests per calendar year. Only three requests may be submitted at one time.

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Dear Parishioners,

Since I have become pastor of several additional parishes, I have been looking at ways to reduce the time I spend doing administration so that I can have time available for more important aspects of ministry, such as bringing the sacraments to the homebound, visiting parishioners, or preparing talks for RCIA or other adult education. At our recent Parish Council meeting, we discussed the possibility of an adjustment to our offices that would make parish administration more efficient. The office at St. Mary of the Woods and St. Patrick would be open on Mondays. Tuesdays-Fridays, Amy Bihn would work in the office in Bellefontaine together with the staff at St. Patrick.

Benefits

This plan would enable me to supervise two offices (Urbana and Bellefontaine) instead of three. That will reduce the amount of repetition and make communication easier. It will enable us to cross-train employees to cover for each other in case someone is sick or goes on vacation. There will be some cost savings that will benefit both churches, as well as added flexibility. That flexibility is important since we struggle to find volunteers and employees to hire to fill all the roles that need to be filed.

I love serving as the pastor of both St. Mary of the Woods and St. Patrick churches. While any change can be upsetting, know that this change is being considered to help me serve the people of our parishes better. If you have any questions or feedback, please talk to me or to one of your parish council representatives.

With Prayers,

Father Shawn Landenwitch

Q&A

Why is this change being considered?

Father Shown Landenwitch

This change will be very helpful for the pastor and the ministry in the parish with the least negative impact. In comparison to changes in the Mass schedule, a change to the office will be rather minor.

How many St. Mary of the Woods employees would be relocating?

One employee, Amy Bihn, will relocate 4 days/week. Our maintenance and cleaning staff will continue to operate as they do now.

How will this impact parishioners at St. Mary of the Woods?

Most parishioners will not notice any change. The office at SMOW gets very little traffic. Those who want to visit the office can do so on Mondays, they could call the office throughout the week, or they could go to Bellefontaine to meet with staff Tuesday-Friday.

Will this change impact the Mass schedule?

No, this change will have no impact on the Mass schedule.

Will the pastor be available to meet at St. Mary of the Woods?

Yes, he will be available after Masses on Wednesday and Friday, as he currently is, or by appointment.

Is this a step towards closing St. Mary of the Woods?

No. The goal is to improve administration so that the pastor has available time to dedicate to more important aspects of ministry. The health of our parish does not depend upon office hours; it depends on fruitful ministry for the Kingdom of God. If anything, this change will strengthen St. Mary of the Woods and St. Patrick by allowing time for our priests to focus on more important ministry.

St. Mary of the Woods and St. Patrick made the necessary changes in 2016 to their Mass schedule so that one priest can cover the Mass schedule on a weekend. The current arrangement, barring some massive shift in Mass attendance, is sustainable.

Will the finances of St. Mary of the Woods and St. Patrick be intermingled with this change?

No-this change will not impact finances (besides some cost savings). St. Mary of the Woods and St. Patrick will keep separate accounting.

Are other family of parishes combining offices?

Yes. For example, St. Joseph in Wapakoneta has a combined office for the Petersburg family.

Will this impact money counters?

No-those procedures and the location for money counting will stay the same.

Will Urbana keep a separate office?

Yes. Because of geographic distance, staffing considerations, office space limitations, and other factors, it would be problematic to have only one office in our family. The best fit currently is to have two offices.



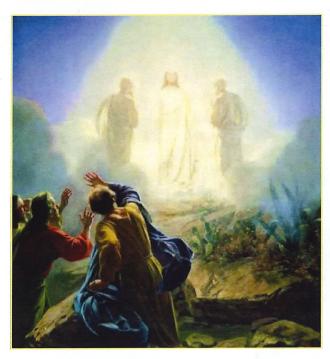
MARY, QUEEN OF ANGELS FAMILY OF PARISHES PICNIC

July 30th; Picnic begins with Rosary at 1:00 p.m.

Lions Park, West Liberty

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Councils: 1727, 1782, and 4378. The Knights will provide meats and drinks. **Please bring a side dish and a lawn game.** The splash pad will be available for those with kids.

Also, Council 1782 will be collecting used/new (ANY CONDITION) sneakers/rubber-soled shoes for the Benjamin Logan Swim Team during the picnic. Please no dress/work shoes. However, rubber cleats are acceptable. Please tie the shoes together.



NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH, IS THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

The Feast commemorates one of the pinnacles of Jesus' earthly life, when He revealed His divinity to three of His closest disciples by means of a miraculous and supernatural light.

Before His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Christ climbed to a high point on Mount Tabor with His disciples, Peter, James and John. While Jesus prayed upon the mountain, His appearance was changed by a brilliant white light which shone from Him and from His clothing.

During this event, the Old Testament figures of Moses and the prophet Elijah also appeared, and spoke of how Christ would suffer and die after entering Jerusalem, before His Resurrection.

Matthew, Mark, and Luke all record that the voice of God was heard, confirming Jesus as His Son (Matthew 17:5, Mark 9:6, Luke 9:35). Peter and John make specific reference to the event in their writings, as confirming Jesus' divinity and His status as the Messiah (2 Peter 1:17, John 1:14).

"After six days, Jesus took Peter, James, and John, His brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, 'Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.'" – Matthew 17:1-5



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