

"The LORD begot me, the beginning of his works,  
the forerunner of his deeds of long ago;  
from of old I was poured forth,  
at the first, before the earth.

Proverbs 8:22-23

# June 16, 2019 Most Holy Trinity

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## ST. MARY WEEKLY CALENDAR

### June 17 (Mon)

- 1:00 PM TLC Support Group/L4
- 6:30 PM THEO/Community Room
- 8:00 PM AI-Anon/L6

### June 18 (Tues)

- 8:30 AM **NO MASS**
- 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group @ St. Joseph, Rm. L9
- 2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel
- 6:00 PM Quilting Group/Community Room

### June 19 (Wed)

- 8:30 AM Communications Task Force/Large Conference Room
- 12:05 PM Mass
- 6:30 PM Neighbor 2 Neighbor/Community Room

### June 20 (Thurs)

- 12:05 PM Mass
- 6:00 PM ALPHA/L4 & L6
- 6:00 PM Alpha Follow-up/L7

### June 21 (Fri)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel

### June 22 (Sat)

- 9:00 AM Confessions/Church
- 4:15 PM Inter-parish Picnic & Mass @ Pierce Park

### June 23 (Sun)

- 8:00 & 9:45 AM Mass

## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., June 17	12:05 PM Mass at St. Joseph
Tue., June 18	8:30 AM NO MASS
Wed., June 19	12:05 PM James & Donna Gierl
Thurs., June 20	12:05 PM Jack Pankratz
Fri., June 21	8:30 AM Jerry Spilker
Sat., June 22	<b>4:15 PM Inter-parish Picnic &amp; Mass at Pierce Park—Parishioners of St. Mary &amp; St. Joseph</b>
Sun., June 23	8:00 AM Lauren Arkens 9:45 AM Mugs Hughes

## PRAYER NEEDS

Contact Luanne Witthuhn ([dlaawi@gmail.com](mailto:dlaawi@gmail.com)) or Ann Walkowski (920-428-0969) if you have a prayer need. Please also remember the requests in our prayer baskets.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

Office—\$3,682.00 Weekend—\$5,536.00  
Children's—\$29.00

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**Rosa Almanza  
& Jose Almanza**

united in Catholic marriage June 8, 2019



Happy  
Father's Day

Dads - our hearts belong to you!

**WELCOME  
BEN WOLF!**

**New Youth Minister  
& High School IPRF Coordinator**

Ben comes to us from St. Denis in Shiocton. We're so glad to have him on our team! You'll have a chance to meet Ben at Mass later this month - stay tuned for details.

Best wishes and good luck to Peter Leltermann as he moves on to the next part of his journey! Thanks for seven years of service!

## ST. MARY CEMETERY NEWS

Hi friends! As the weather gets nicer, we hope you'll be able to stop by to enjoy our beautiful and peaceful cemetery. We want to give you a couple pieces of information to make your experience as enjoyable as possible.

Deer love to visit our cemetery. When putting live flowers out, it's best to choose varieties that aren't as appetizing to our four-legged friends. While nothing is completely fool-proof when it comes to wildlife, here's a few suggestions for flowers that deer typically don't love to eat: heliotrope, sunflower, zinnia, Persian shield, poppies, larkspur, snapdragon, sweet alyssum, lobelia, sweet William, and marigolds.

We are currently experiencing some difficulties with our water supply on the east side of the bridge. We're working on it, but in the meantime, the taps on the west side of the bridge are working normally. We apologize for the inconvenience!

# SHIPPING CONTAINER PROJECT

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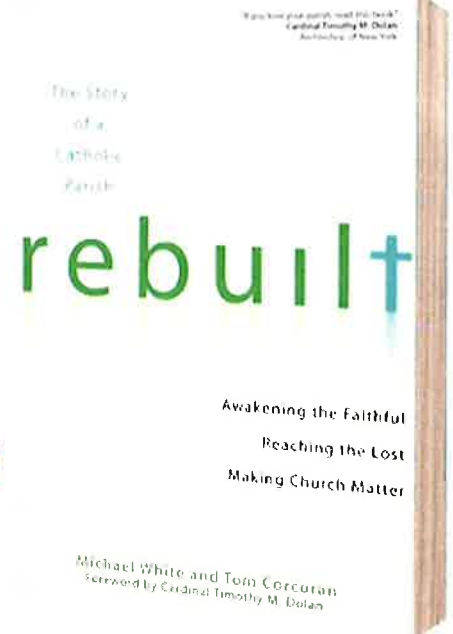
**HOW IT WORKS**

- We invite you to donate items from the Project Wish List.
- Monetary donations are also accepted for both the cost of purchasing needed items and shipping the container.
- Items will be packaged in a large shipping container.
- This container will be shipped to the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

June 2019 = Medical Needs

- **Wheelchairs & foldable walkers**
- **Unopened over-the-counter medications** (such as Tylenol, Aleve, Advil, ibuprofen, Benadryl, Monistat, Clotrimazole)
- **Band-aids, gauze, tape**
- **Unopened first aid cream, antibiotic ointment, dry skin cream**
- **Unopened multi-vitamins** (children & adult)
- **Nutrition supplements** (such as Ensure or Boost)

No prescription medications, opened packages, or glass containers  
Collection totes in the Marian Way  
Monetary donations are also welcome

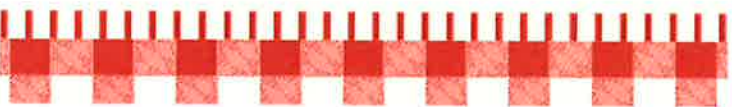


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# INTER-PARISH PICNIC & MASS

June 22, 2019 | Pierce Park  
4:15 PM

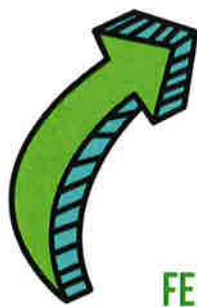
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FEEL THE ENERGY  
JOIN THE CONVERSATION

You might be feeling that there are exciting things happening around St. Mary. A number of committees and church members have been discussing some big ideas—like how we fulfill the mission Jesus gave us in the Great Commission, how we can share Jesus with the world outside our church walls, and what the future of the Catholic Church looks like. Sound like something you'd like to be part of?


Take the first step—read *REBUILT: Awakening the Faithful, Reaching the Lost, Making Church Better* by Michael White and Tom Corcoran. The energy this book creates is astounding, and we need you to be part of the conversation. St. Mary will have limited copies available for loan in the Marian Way in the coming weeks, or you can purchase it online at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) or [avemariapress.com](http://avemariapress.com).

Also, head to [stmaryparish.org](http://stmaryparish.org). On our homepage, you'll find a handy link to our Rebuilt page. There, you can sign up to join a discussion group, as well as find discussion questions for each chapter in the book.

## IN LOVING MEMORY

In the spirit of Christian charity, please pray for the families of those who have lost a loved one. May fond memories comfort you. If you have lost a loved one and would like him or her remembered in the bulletin, call us at 739-5119.





# Liturgical Music "Musings"

by Thomas Walter M.M.

*It Don't Mean a Thing If It Ain't Got Those Wedding Bells*

Dear good people of St. Mary!

Here is a gardening question for you flower lovers! If April showers bring Mayflowers, what do May showers bring?

The answer is May bells (also known as lily of the valley!), Virginia bluebells, Canterbury bells, Coral Bells and the Bellflower (also known as Campanula) all brought to bloom in early to late June!\* But I wish to add one more kind of bell! Wedding bells! Yes, May showers bring June wedding bells - specially here at St. Mary. We have had one June wedding already and we have two more to go! Then we have nearly a dozen more throughout the summer wedding season and into the Fall.

This is wonderful news for us here at St. Mary that these young couples are choosing to have their marriage blessed by the Church and actually have it take place here in church when so many others are having destination weddings. Congratulations to these couples and let's all say a prayer for them for a happy and holy marriage. This allows me to share information on this high interest topic of mine.

Did you know that since 2016 our Catholic Church has undergone a revision of the understanding of the sacrament of marriage? Worked on for many years before it became official nearly three years ago, the wedding ceremony is now called the Order of Celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony not just the Sacrament of Marriage. The bishops of the world, working in tandem with the Holy Father, decided to refocus on the wedding between a man and a woman to have a more ecclesial understanding that the marriage is a covenant not just a contract! To focus on marriage as a covenant brings it back to a more biblical understanding as taught to us by Jesus. A contract can easily be broken, forgotten, or ignored. A covenant is to have a stronger spiritual language meaning and understanding and hopefully a stronger spirituality develops between the couple for a lasting marriage. Remember what Jesus said "a man shall leave his father and mother" etc. Unfortunately and regrettably, divorce is a reality of Christians everywhere and no doubt has touched the lives of some of us here at St. Mary. I ask that you pray with me as we wish our 2019 wedding couples God's graces as He guides them to accept and keep an everlasting covenant in their Sacrament of Matrimony.

The Liturgy for the Sacrament itself but has been adjusted and has become an even more beautiful sacred event with greater spiritual meaning especially if you focus on it as a covenant. There are three "forms" of the Marriage liturgy and all three will include the Rite of Marriage within it. But here are the subtle differences. The first form of the Sacrament of Matrimony has the Rite of Marriage included within the Mass. This means that in addition to the Liturgy of the Word (the scripture we hear on week day and week end Masses) there is the Liturgy of the Eucharist (which includes Holy Communion). This is the expected form used when the couple are both Catholic. The second form of the Sacrament of Matrimony has the Rite of Marriage occur after the Liturgy of the Word but does not include the Liturgy of the Eucharist. There is no Holy Communion because one of the couples is a baptized person from another Christian church. The Liturgy of the Word is followed by the Sacrament of Matrimony. The third form is used when a Catholic is marrying an unbaptized person who is preparing to be baptized (who we call a catechumen), or someone who is not a Christian (i.e. Jewish, Muslim, etc.). Each of the three forms is considered equally valid in the eyes of the Church.

So, what do May showers bring? The happy sounds of wedding bells here at St. Mary! Another topic of even higher interest for me is our Liturgical Music life here at St. Mary!

Along with the Sacrament of Matrimony information I shared above I have additional thoughts on the Liturgical Music here and wish to ask you, the good people of St. Mary, for your help with a project I wish to embark on! Allow me to explain?

In the months to follow you will be hearing about an initiative that Fr. Bill, the Pastoral Team, members of our Parish Leadership Council, and even members of various parish committees will be engaged in. This initiative is based on the story of another parish community that you can read about in the book REBUILT. This book is a true story of how that parish community not only reinvented itself but became REBUILT as disciples for the Lord. They looked at the "what, why, when, who and how" structure of their church, their members, and how successful they were as a body of Christ to each other AND those outside their church community. They literally "rebuilt" their faith community.

One of the "what, why, when, who, and how" areas that was looked at is an area that, as I stated above, is of very high interest to me. The Liturgical Music of a parish is very important to any believing church community and I wish to have us look at ours as a parish community too. The Liturgical Music that we pray (remember, he who sings prays twice!) is to help bring all of our parish members into a deeper spiritual relationship with Our Lord. With this thought in mind I invite you to join my project.

A couple of years ago a survey was taken asking your input on a variety of areas of our Parish life. Two areas that received responses in that survey were the Liturgy and Liturgical Music areas. I invite you to join me to look at the results of the survey specifically in the Liturgical Music responses.

Input that the Liturgy Committee and I would receive could then be used to help with our sung prayer life. I would be interested in having parish members from all three Mass times represented. It would also be beneficial that the representation include the broader range of ages of members that attend those Masses, including parents of the IPRF and Catholic School programs.

One of my own questions is what music resource is most beneficial to us? Should we keep a hymnbook or should we change to worship aids or should we change the kind of hymnbook we use? This is just one area of our sung prayer life that needs reflection on. There are several others as well.

If you would be interested in helping with this project please e mail me at [twalterestmaryparish.org](mailto:twalterestmaryparish.org). I will get back to you as I hope to tackle this project these next few months. If you can't join me please pray for successful results.

God bless you!

*Tom*

Psalm 98:

Sing a new song unto the Lord;  
let your song be sung from mountains high.  
Sing a new song unto the Lord,  
singing Alleluia!

*\*Please forgive the poetic license! Several of these flowers bloom prior to June and there may be several other types of "Bell flowers" that also do so. If you know of any others e mail them to me!*



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St. Mary & St. Joseph

**INTERPARISH  
MASS & PICNIC**

**2019**

Pierce Park

**Saturday, June 22**

**Mass 4:15 PM**

**BYO lawn chair**

**free cookout meal to follow**

please note:  
no 4:30 Mass in church on June 22



# MEET OUR NEW YOUTH MINISTER!

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