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ST. MARY WEEKLY CALENDAR

July 1 (Mon)

6:30 PM THEO/Community Room

8:00 PM Al-Anon/L6

July 2 (Tues)

8:30 AM **NO MASS**

1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group @ St. Joseph, Room L9

2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel

6:30 PM Pastoral Leadership Council/L7

July 3 (Wed)

9:00 AM Quilting Group/Community Room

11:30 AM Communications Task Force/Large Conference Room

12:05 PM Mass

12:35 PM Holy Hour (Adoration)

6:30 PM Men's CRHP Meeting/Large Conference Room

7:00 PM Rebuilt Discussion Group/L7

July 4 (Thurs) Office Closed

Happy 4th of July!

8:30 AM Mass

July 5 (Fri)

8:30 AM **NO MASS**

July 6 (Sat) Monthly St. Joe's Food Program Collection

9:00 AM Confessions/Church

4:30 PM Mass

July 7 (Sun) Monthly St. Joe's Food Program Collection

8:00 & 9:45 AM Mass

11:30 AM Vintage Brunch/Angels Restaurant

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., July 1 12:05 PM Mass at St. Joseph

Tue., July 2 8:30 AM NO MASS Wed., July 3 12:05 PM Edward Gierl

Thurs., July 4 8:30 AM Walter & Jean T. Consie

Fri., July 5 8:30 AM **NO MASS** Sat., July 6 4:30 PM Al Neveau

Sun., July 7 8:00 AM Ed & Dorothy Frahm

9:45 AM The Jacob Family

PRAYER NEEDS

Contact Luanne Witthuhn (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—\$2,439.00 Weekend—\$4,524.10 Children's—\$18.00



ALPHA UPDATES

ATTENTION ALPHA SHARE PRAY'ERS! We know how comforting it can be when we step into another's life during a stressful time like Jesus did and offer God's love and support. We are forming prayer teams to pray with those with needs after Masses on the weekend. Training will be offered for those who are being called to this special ministry. You know who you are!

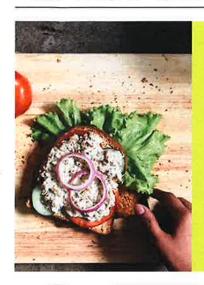
We currently have Alpha and the Follow-Up
"What on Earth Are We Here For?" going on at
St. Mary and St. Joseph. We could use help
with crockpot meals and kitchen hospitality. All
former Alpha participants have been sent an
invitation to participate with a Sign Up Genius
link. If you have questions contact Mary Ann
Otto at 739-5119 or motto@stmaryparish.org.

The dates for our fall ALPHA's and Follow-Up's have been set! Watch for the information soon.
Will this be your time?

Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 9th. St. Mary and St. Joseph will be set ABLAZE when Deacon Keith Strohm returns to the area to help us continue on our Discipleship Pathway.



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

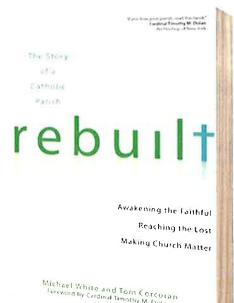


Monthly Collection St. Joe's Food Program JULY 6-7

PROTEIN

packaged tuna, chicken, sardines, etc.

Nothing glass or perishable please.
Place donations in the bins near the altar.
Thank you!





of our parish center with the Century II Campaign!

The addition of the parish center was such a blessing to our parish. The Community Room, Marian Way, Chapel and all the meeting rooms in the lower level are used every week. At times, all rooms are booked and we have to find creative spaces for people to gather.

With such constant use, our space is ready to be spruced up! A group of parishioners with design backgrounds and a few staff members have been meeting to help with the first phase of our update.

This summer we'll be giving the Community Room,
Marian Way and Chapel a face lift with new flooring
and a new coat of paint. The new flooring will be
installed between July 8 - 19. During that time, the
Chapel will be closed, so all weekday Masses will be
held in church. Also during that time, we ask that you
not bring in newspapers, milk caps, Box Tops, or any
other recycling items - we'll be keeping the floor as
clear as possible. Thanks for your patience!



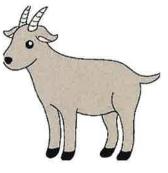
REBUILT: Awakening the Faithful, Reaching the Lost, Making Church Better by Michael White and Tom Corcoran

We have limited copies available for loan (look on the bookshelves in the Marian Way), or you can purchase it online at amazon.com or avemariapress.com.

Head to **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.

GOATS!

In an effort to clean up the riverbank so cemetery visitors can enjoy the view, we have brought in goats! Goats love to eat many of the invasive species of weeds



which have taken over the riverbank; this prevents us from using hazardous chemicals. Goats are not pets—they can bite! An electric fence has been installed to protect goats and visitors. Watch the bulletin and website for updates on this project.

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.

IN JOY & SORROW

With Fr. Bill Swichtenberg

Advent and Christmas Seasons. Check. Lent and Easter/Pentecost Seasons. Check. Having completed these two intense seasons of the Liturgical Year in which we celebrate the Incarnation of Jesus, the Son, of God, and his Dying, Rising, Ascending and Sending of the Holy Spirit, we return to Ordinary Time. These are the Sundays of the Liturgical Year that we count. This weekend marks the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time and we will keep counting the weekends until we reach the Thirty-Fourth Sunday, which is the Solemn Feast of Christ the King. The word ordinary is related to the word ordinal, and ordinals are numbers which can be counted. So the origin of the liturgical season that we call ordinary is actually very practical.

However, the intent of these Sundays of Ordinary Time is to invite us into a deeper consideration of the teaching and ministry of Jesus. As the color of the season is green, we are invited to grow in our friendship with Jesus and to become more mature in our faith. If you think of summertime and gardens and farmers' markets and grass cutting and strawberry picking, you think of growth. Green is the color of growth.

Ordinary Time is our Green Time.

And by the way, maybe a time to give some serious thought to how you and I care for our common home, this little planet we call Earth.

This summer we will be reading from the Gospel of Luke on the weekends. Let me

point out some observations that are unique to the Gospel of Luke.

- The author of the Gospel of Luke organizes the Gospel around Jesus' determination to set his face towards Jerusalem. All of Jesus' ministry is in light of the unselfish gift of his whole self to us as he was stretched on the Tree of the Cross, which stood outside the city of Jerusalem.
- Jesus is a person of deep prayer and the Gospel of Luke gives us special glimpses into Jesus' prayer life.
- The Gospel of Luke highlights the special place of women in Jesus' life.
- Unique to the Gospel of Luke are some of the most poignant of all the Gospel stories, like the Good Samaritan, the Prodigal Son (or the Forgiving Father), the tax collector (or publican) and the Pharisee at prayer in the Temple, Jesus looking up and calling Zacchaeus to come down from the sycamore tree, and the appearance of the Risen Lord to the two disciples as they walk towards Emmaus.

Hopefully, during this holy time of the year, you may get close to the soil, enjoy fresh vegetables from your own garden or the farmers' market, and notice the beauty of green, growing things. Do that and recall how you might grow in your friendship with Jesus this summer.

Happy Ordinary Time!

Fr. Bill +



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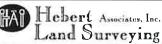
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