



I have come  
to set the  
earth on fire,  
and how I  
wish it were  
already  
blazing!

Luke 12:49

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# ST. MARY WEEKLY CALENDAR

## August 19 (Mon)

- 8:30 AM ROCKs Meeting/L7
- 6:30 PM THEO/Community Room
- 8:00 PM Al-Anon/L6

## August 20 (Tues)

- 8:30 AM NO MASS
- 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group @ St. Joseph, Room L9
- 2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Church
- 6:00 PM Human Concerns Meeting/LL
- 6:00 PM Quilting Group/Community Room

## August 21 (Wed)

- 11:30 AM Communications Task Force/Large Conference Room
- 12:05 PM Mass/Church
- 7:00 PM Betsy's Rebuilt Discussion Group/L7

## August 22 (Thurs)

- 12:05 PM Mass/Church
- 6:00 PM Alpha/L4 & L6

## August 23 (Fri)

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel

## August 24 (Sat)

- Backpack Blessing Weekend**
- 9:00 AM Confessions/Church
- 4:30 PM Mass

## August 25 (Sun)

- Backpack Blessing Weekend**
- 8:00 & 9:45 AM Mass
- Coffee & Donuts after both Masses/Community Room

### PLEASE NOTE:

**NO 8:30 AM MASS ON AUGUST 20**

## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., August 19	12:05 PM	Mass at St. Joseph
Tue., August 20	8:30 AM	NO MASS
Wed., August 21	12:05 PM	Rita & Clem Bardon
Thurs., August 22	12:05 PM	Parishioners of St. Mary
Fri., August 23	8:30 AM	For all cancer patients
Sat., August 24	12:00 PM	Zirimwabagabo/Tutala Wedding
	4:30 PM	Orvil Mueller
Sun., August 25	8:00 AM	Florence & Bill Polley
	9:45 AM	Parishioners of St. Mary

## CONTRIBUTIONS

Office—\$3,330.00    Weekend—\$8,171.00  
 Children's—\$22.00

Baptized in water,  
 this precious child has been  
 clothed in Jesus.

*Hazel Jessica,*

daughter of Anthony & Lisa Lindberg



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 COPY  
 YET?**



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Once you've read it, head to the Rebuilt page at [stmaryparish.org](http://stmaryparish.org). There, you can sign up to join a discussion group, as well as find discussion questions for each chapter in the book. Join us on this exciting new journey!

## PRAYER NEEDS

Contact Mary Jo Zilisch (734-1182) or Laurie Richter ([lauriejrichter@gmail.com](mailto:lauriejrichter@gmail.com)) if you have a prayer need. Please remember the requests in our prayer baskets.



## BACKPACK BLESSING

**AUGUST 24 & 25**

- Bring your backpack to Mass for a special blessing
- Receive a key chain to remind you that your parish family is behind you
- Enjoy Coffee & Donuts after both Masses on Sunday

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## XAVIER THEATRE PRESENTS

The St. Francis Xavier Catholic School System presents Rocky Bleier, Super Bowl champion, Xavier alumnus and Vietnam veteran in "The Play" at the Xavier Fine Arts Theatre. Performances will run September 12 – 14. For performance times and to purchase tickets, call the box office at 920-733-8840 or visit [www.xaviertheatre.com](http://www.xaviertheatre.com).

## SAVE THE DATE ST. JOSEPH FALL FESTIVAL, SEPT. 14-15

On Saturday, enjoy bluegrass music at the 4 PM Mass, food & music by Country Duo after Mass, raffles, a silent auction, craft sale, soup sale, bake sale, plant sale, and kid's games. All the fun continues on Sunday after Masses, and don't forget to pick up burgers, brats, and hot dogs to eat during the Packers—Vikings game!

## IS NOW THE TIME FOR YOU TO ACT?

Have you been reading these notices about inviting someone into the Catholic Church? Do you know a person without a church or someone attending Mass with a spouse but is not a Catholic? Consider inviting this person to attend the RCIA sessions in September to discover whether the Catholic faith might be a fit.

Contact Deacon Gerry at 739-5119 or [schraufnagelstmaryparish.org](http://schraufnagelstmaryparish.org).



## Register now for IPRF (Inter-parish Religious Formation)

Classes start on September 11, so please register soon! Classes are already filling up for some grades at certain times. Registration forms can be found at [inter-parish.org](http://inter-parish.org) or in our office on the 2nd floor of the St. Joseph Parish Center (Holly Hall entrance). If you have questions, contact the IPRF Office at 738-7413 or [iprf@inter-parish.org](mailto:iprf@inter-parish.org)

## BELLS OF ST. MARY HANDBELL CHOIR FALL OPEN HOUSES

We're always looking for people interested in ministering through music! We rehearse each week on Monday evenings, September through May, and perform at various services throughout the year. If you're interested in learning more about the handbell choir, consider joining us at one of our fall open houses, which will be held on Monday, August 26 and Monday, September 23 at 5:30 PM in the choir loft. For more information, you can also contact bell choir director Martha Paalman ([mpaalman@stmaryparish.org](mailto:mpaalman@stmaryparish.org) or 920-420-6481) or visit our Facebook page ([facebook.com/bellsfstmary](https://facebook.com/bellsfstmary)).



## IN LOVING MEMORY

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

# IN JOY & SORROW

With Fr. Bill  
Svichtenberg

The rapid pace at which summer flies by always takes me by surprise. Of all my summers, I have a sense that these summers in my later years seem to move even faster. In the blink of an eye, summer is nearly over. I am preparing to welcome back the faculty, staff, and administration of St Francis Xavier Catholic Schools at a Mass on the Memorial of St Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, on Tuesday morning at St Bernard Church. They will be a little stunned, too, to find themselves in the immediate preparation for another school year.

I am hoping that you still may find some precious time this summer just to slow down, to breathe in the beauty of creation, and to rest in the Lord's presence under a bright, blue sky. In that spirit, I would like to share a poem titled From Blossoms by Li-Young Lee.

*From blossoms comes / this brown paper bag of  
peaches / we bought from the boy / at the bend in the  
road where we turned toward / signs painted Peaches.  
From laden boughs, from hands, / from sweet  
fellowship in the bins, / comes nectar at the roadside,  
succulent / peaches we devour, dusty skin and all, /  
comes the familiar dust of summer, dust we eat. / O, to  
take what we love inside, / to carry within us an  
orchard, to eat / not only the skin, but the shade, / not  
only the sugar, but the days, to hold / the fruit in our  
hands, adore it, then bite into / the round jubilation of  
peach. / There are days we live / as if death were  
nowhere / in the background; from joy / to joy to joy,  
from wing to wing, / from blossom to blossom to /  
impossible blossom, to sweet impossible blossom.*

Poetry speaks to each of us in very different ways. What inspires me about this August poem is that our bodies and spirits and souls are nourished by more than just material things. We carry within ourselves, too, the orchard, the shade and the days.

As friends and disciples of Jesus, we carry within ourselves the divine. There is a taste of the eternal within us that sometimes we forget to give our attention to. The purpose and meaning of our lives is grounded in our relationships with the Lord and with each other. Even the gifts of creation need not stay exterior to our lives but we are bound to them in a web of life, all of which is created by our God. It is so that death is nowhere in the background for those who have connected to the Lord and his promise of eternal life.

Indeed all our days are days we live "from joy to joy to joy, from wing to wing, from blossom to blossom to impossible blossom, to sweet impossible blossom."

There are few days remaining before our children and grandchildren go back to school. But there is still some summertime left! What is waiting still to blossom within you?

Fr. Bill +



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