



*Sunday, September 1, 2019*

*For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted. Luke 14:11*

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# ST. MARY WEEKLY CALENDAR

## September 2 (Mon) Labor Day—Parish Office Closed

Have a safe and happy holiday!

6:30 PM THEO/Community Room

6:30 PM Matthew 25 Committee/Large Conference Room

8:00 PM Al-Anon/L6

## September 3 (Tues)

8:30 AM **NO MASS**

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

2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Church

## September 4 (Wed)

9:00 AM Quilting Group/Community Room

11:30 AM Communications Task Force/L6

12:05 PM Mass/Church

12:35 PM Holy Hour (Adoration)/Church

1:00 PM Strength & Stretch Class/L1

1:30 PM Strategic Leadership Committee Meeting/L6

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

6:30 PM Campaign Leadership Committee/Community Room

7:00 PM Betsy's Rebuilt Discussion Group/L7

## September 5 (Thurs)

12:05 PM Mass/Church

## September 6 (Fri)

8:30 AM Mass/Chapel

## September 7 (Sat) St. Joseph Monthly Food Collection

9:00 AM Confessions/Church

4:30 PM Mass

## September 8 (Sun) St. Joseph Monthly Food Collection

8:00 & 9:45 AM Mass

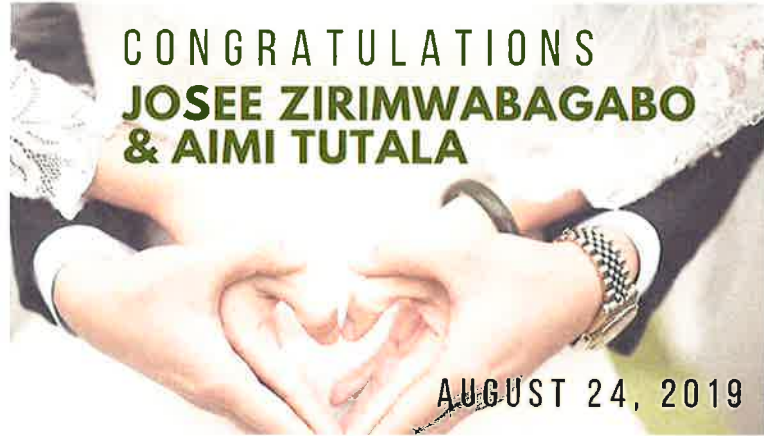
Coffee & Donuts after both Masses/Community Room

# WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., September 2	12:05 PM Mass at St. Joseph
Tue., September 3	8:30 AM <b>NO MASS</b>
Wed., September 4	12:05 PM Tom & Tina Dix
Thurs., September 5	12:05 PM Helen & Gordon Pippert
Fri., September 6	8:30 AM Les Zitzelsberger and Gerald & Ethel Ebben
Sat., September 7	4:30 PM Al Neveau
Sun., September 8	8:00 AM Sally Thomson 9:45 AM Lauren Arkens

## CONTRIBUTIONS

Office—\$2,396.00 Weekend—\$5,732.50  
Children's—\$16.25



## IPRF NEWS

Religious Education classes start on September 11!

### Parents of Kindergarteners

Our IPRF Religious Formation begins in Kindergarten! Our little ones get a jump start on becoming followers of Jesus. Our experienced leaders love working with these kiddos! Call Dana at 738-7413 to register for this year.

### Catechists Needed

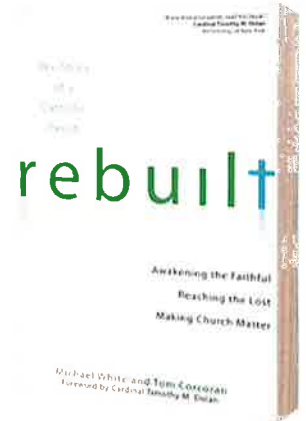
We are in need of help this year for this exciting ministry at both 4:30 and 6:30 PM sessions in elementary, middle & high school. Contact Dana at 738-7413 if you're interested or have questions.

## DISCUSSION GROUPS COMING SOON

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

If you haven't had a chance to read it yet, now is the time. Discussion groups and opportunities will be coming soon. It's very important for as many parishioners as possible to share their thoughts and ideas.

We have limited copies available for loan (find them on the bookshelves in the Marian Way), or you can purchase it online at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) or [avemariapress.com](http://avemariapress.com).



## 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.

**ALPHA begins again Sept. 22**

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|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Sundays</b>         | <b>Wednesdays</b>      | <b>Thursdays</b>        |
| • 11:00 AM - St. Mary  | • 6:00 AM - St. Joseph | • 9:00 AM - St. Joseph  |
| • 4:30 PM - St. Joseph |                        | • 12:00 PM - St. Joseph |
|                        |                        | • 6:00 PM - St. Mary    |

**Who?** You - and anyone you'd like to invite.  
**What?** Food, a video, and discussion in a small group setting.  
**Why?** Explore the Christian faith in an open & relaxed environment.

Find out why over 29 million people around the globe have experienced ALPHA. To sign up, contact Mary Ann at motto@stmaryparish.org or 739-5119.

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**MONTHLY ST. JOSEPH FOOD PROGRAM COLLECTION**  
**SEPTEMBER 7-8**

This month, we're looking for any items that you could pack in a school lunch. Get creative—the healthier, the better! Nothing perishable or in glass containers, please. Donations bins will be near the altar. Thanks, as always, for your generosity!

**STRENGTH & STRETCH CLASS STARTS AGAIN!**

Join us each Wednesday, beginning September 4, at 1 PM in room L1. This class is filled with fellowship and fun and is a great way to help you stay healthy, without placing undue stress on your body. ALL are welcome—all ages, all fitness levels, all people, all faiths! See you there! If you have questions, contact Beth Power at beth.power@new.rr.com.

**E-giving coming soon**

We're excited to announce that we're working with Faith Direct to offer secure, convenient e-giving options to our parishioners and guests. Learn more on the weekend of September 7-8!



**ST. MARY 2019-20 CHOIR INFORMATION**  
**WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1-7: FIRST CALL FOR CHOIR PRACTICES**

**HANDBELL CHOIR**

Practice: Monday evenings, 6:30-8 PM in the St. Mary Choir Loft. New members are welcome and needed! Contact Martha Paalman through the parish office.

**IPRF CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Practice: Wednesday evenings, 5:45-6:20 PM in St. Joe's Church. Children in grades 2-8 are invited to join. We need your voice! Questions? Contact Tom Walter at the parish office.

**ADULT CHOIR**

Practice: Thursday evenings, 6:30-8 PM in the St. Anne Room. New singers welcome! You don't need to know how to read music! If you have a singing voice, we want YOU! Questions? Contact Tom Walter through the parish office.

**VINTAGE BRUNCH**  
**SUNDAY, SEPT. 1**  
**MARY'S PLACE**  
**(3212 N. RICHMOND STREET)**  
**11:30 AM**



**IN LOVING MEMORY**

In the spirit of Christian charity, please pray for the families of Grant Langer and Margaret Frehler. 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.



# ENCOUNTER

GUEST COLUMNIST HEATHER ZIMMERMAN

## MY JOURNEY TO ALPHA

"What happens in the basement of the church when they meet?" That was a question that immediately popped into my mind as I considered getting more involved in the church. I am born and raised Catholic. But besides going to CCD (I had to Google what stood for- Confraternity of Christian Doctrine- AKA religious ed) and the church picnic as a kid, I was never involved in the church.

I knew I wanted to be more involved in the church. I wanted to be closer to Jesus- beyond the Sunday mass and the times I prayed throughout the day. My friends that are different faiths talked about their experiences at their churches. They talked about getting together with others and talking about Jesus. That seemed like the experience I wanted. I wanted to be Catholic though, and get involved in my church.

But I was intimidated. I am 35 years old, and I felt like I missed the boat. (I know, I know- depending how old you are, you might be laughing, but that was my feeling.) I felt I should know more about my faith. I had maybe read a passage or two from the Bible. I could recite my prayers. But I wanted to dig deeper.

I thought ALPHA might be the answer. I decided to take the plunge about a year ago. I had to make this choice a priority though. It was easy for me to tell myself that with work it would not work, or the weeds needed

to be picked, or that laundry needed to be done, or that it was pizza and football night, or...

I decided I was ready to make ALPHA a priority- whatever that meant. I ventured down those basement stairs and got to see what was happening in the basement of the church.

At my first meeting, I learned that ALPHA was not going to tell me about my Catholic faith. I was a little disappointed because I wanted to know more about being Catholic. But I stayed in ALPHA. What I learned was that ALPHA is about strengthening my relationship with Jesus. My friends were not involved in church activities that told them how to be Lutheran or how to be non-denominational. They were involved in different groups that brought them closer to Jesus. That is exactly what ALPHA did. ALPHA helped me learn more about how to have a closer relationship with Jesus. ALPHA also helped me to get to know others who wanted to venture in some way, shape, or form down on a similar journey as I wanted.

If you are thinking about joining ALPHA, but are not sure, feel free to reach out to me. Find me on Facebook or send me an email- [heath1204@yahoo.com](mailto:heath1204@yahoo.com) I would be more than happy to chat.

-Heather

# FALL ALPHA 2019



Is  
there  
more to  
life  
than  
this



Find out why over 29 million people around the globe have experienced ALPHA.

**Sessions begin the week September 22**

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- 4:30 PM - @ St. Joseph

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#### Thursdays

- 9:00 AM - @ St. Joseph
- 12:00 PM - @ St. Joseph
- 6:00 PM - @ St. Mary

## NEW! Hybrid Online Alpha Course with Heather Zimmerman

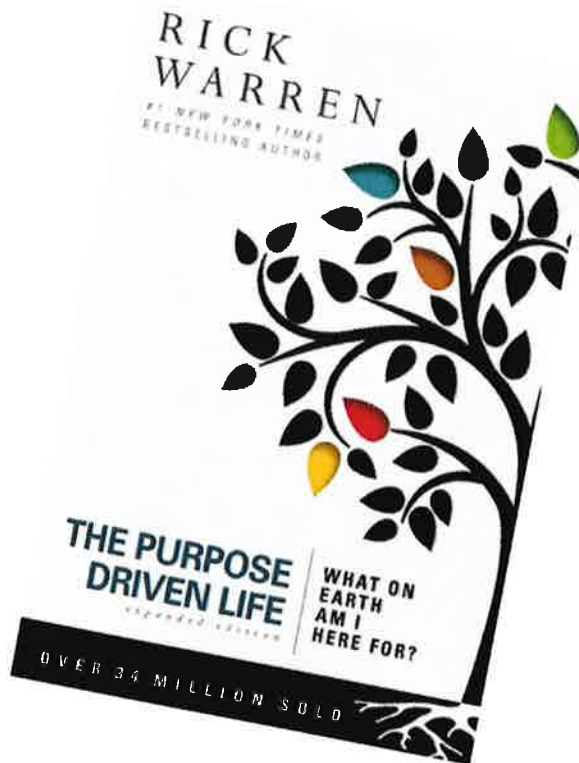
This is a great option if it is difficult for you to attend weekly sessions. This hybrid course will alternate between online and in-person sessions each week.

In-person sessions will be Monday evenings at the Speakeasy Ultra Lounge.

Contact Mary Ann Otto with questions or to sign up!

# Alpha Follow-up Fall 2019

What on earth  
am I Here For?



## Sessions begin the week of September 22

To sign up, contact Mary Ann Otto at [motto@stmaryparish](mailto:motto@stmaryparish) or 739-5119  
Cost: \$10 (aid available)

### Sundays

- 11:00 AM - @ St. Joseph
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### Wednesdays

- 6:00 AM - @ St. Joseph

### Thursdays

- 9:00 AM - @ St. Joseph
- 12:00 PM - @ St. Joseph
- 6:00 PM - @ St. Mary

### This seven-week course explores five purposes for your life:

1. You Were Planned for God's Pleasure
2. You Were Formed for God's Family
3. You Were Created to Become Like Christ
4. You Were Shaped for Serving God
5. You Were Made for a Mission

#### A note about Rick Warren

Rick Warren is the founding Pastor of Saddleback, a large Evangelical Church in California. In the past years he has joined Pope Francis as a speaker at the World Meeting of Families. He has acknowledged Pope Francis as a true witness to the Gospel in our day. The video series originally recorded by Rick Warren has also been recorded using the same messages by ministers of one of the thriving Catholic Churches Rick Warren has worked with. Each group may select which series best suits their taste.



**We need  
YOU!**

**7:30 AM**

**Saturday, September 7**

**Help us spread mulch around the church  
and CELC (former school building). Meet  
in front CELC building.**



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