



Weekly Update | June 6, 2021

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ



Graduation Celebration This Weekend

ALL ARE INVITED! Grandparents, extended family & friends, too! Graduates of all ages—pre-school to post-grad—will be recognized at all weekend Masses.

Health & Safety Update

Parish staff attended a virtual meeting with the Appleton Health Department this week. Here's some of what they learned:

- In our area, risk level has been trending down, but we are still at the "moderately high" level.
- Those who are not fully vaccinated should continue wearing face coverings and social distancing.
- Those who are fully vaccinated should feel confident to resume regular activities without a face covering (no need to social distance).

What does this mean for us at St. Mary?

- Those who are fully vaccinated should feel confident to attend Mass or be in any parish building without a face covering.
- Those who are not fully vaccinated should continue to wear a face covering in our indoor and outdoor spaces.
- Face coverings are always welcome for anyone, even if you are fully vaccinated.
- During Mass, the chapel and choir loft will be reserved for those wearing face coverings. You are also welcome to wear a face covering in the church.

A Grateful & Blessed Family

Ripples of God's Love - Through Our Hearts - To All Hearts!

St. Mary Parish Support			
May 2021	Budget	Received	Variance
received 5/24- 5/28/2021		9,974	
May - month to date:	68,000	62,536	-5,464
7/1/20-5/31/2021			
Fiscal Year To Date :	820,000	760,915	-59,085



Financial Update

As we have reported, monthly giving is down due to lower in-person Mass attendance. We hope this will improve as more people feel comfortable returning. In spite of this, we have continued to move forward with the hopes and dreams of our parish family. As of today, we are not fully staffed and we have been very conservative in our spending throughout the pandemic. We expect to end this fiscal year in June 2021 on target and without a large deficit.

Though it is always our goal to be good stewards of our parish family monies, we look forward to welcoming a new Young Disciples Minister and fully opening up our ministries as the new fiscal year begins in July. We are a family that no longer simply maintains the status quo, but moves forward, grounded in Mission, even during a pandemic. It is very exciting!

As a reminder, if you are not comfortable returning to church, please consider mailing or dropping your envelope off at the parish, using Faith Direct or your banks bill pay option. You are invited to contact Theresa Rohm, our Parish Business Manager with any specific questions. Watch for a full financial report during our Annual Report to the Parish in September.

Mass Times

Mon., June 7, 5:30pm
Tue., June 8, 5:30pm
Wed., June 9, 12:05pm
Thur., June 10, 12:05pm
Sat., June 12, 4:30pm
Sun., June 13, 7:45am
9:45am
6:30pm

Intentions

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Vsha Jayakumar
Gary Malchow Family
Parishioners of St. Mary
Audrey & Harold Deprez
Parishioners of St. Mary
Harold Hanson
Charles Schueller

We have openings for intentions for weekday and weekend Masses. Please stop by the parish office or call us at 739-5119 to schedule a Mass in memory of a loved one. We are happy to take Mass intentions over the phone. The \$10 stipend can be sent via the mail or dropped in the weekend collection in an envelope with a note to apply it to your Mass intention.

Mass Attendance

As we have plenty of socially distanced capacity at all weekday Masses, we will no longer be tracking and publishing weekday Mass counts. Please join us! Our weekday Masses offer a very safe worship environment.

Note: The Chapel is open during 9:45am Mass on Sundays for overflow seating.

Saturday, 4:30 pm (89)

Sunday, 7:45 am (89), 9:45 am (115), 6:30 pm (26)

In Loving Memory

Please pray for the families of Emmett Clark, Joan Kolosso, Juanita Makaroff, and Meg Schroeder. May fond memories comfort them at this time. If you have lost a loved one and would like them to be remembered in the bulletin, call the parish office at 739-5119.

Prayer Requests

Contact Mary Jo Zilisch (920-734-1182 or 920-843-1249) or Laurie Richter (lauriejrichter@gmail.com) if you have a prayer need. Please remember the requests in our prayer baskets.

Events Calendar

Monday, June 7

Parish office closed

6:30pm THEO/Community Room

6:30pm Matthew 25 Committee Meeting/virtual

7:00pm Boy Scouts/St. Anne Room

Tuesday, June 8

2:00pm Rosary Group/Chapel

6:00pm Facilities Committee Meeting/virtual

7:00pm Finance Committee Meeting/Community Room

Wednesday, June 9

no events

Thursday, June 10

no events

Friday, June 11

parish office closed

Saturday, June 12

9:00am Confessions/Chapel

Sunday, June 13

4:30pm Confirmation Prep Sessions/Community Room & St. Anne Room

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Marriage

Congratulations! Contact Fr. Bill at least 6 months before your planned wedding date.

Baptism

Congratulations! Contact the parish office for information.

Confession

Sat. 9-10am and Tues. 6:15-7:15pm (except for the 1st Tuesday of the month)

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In Joy & Sorrow with guest columnist, Nadine Duncan

by Nadine Duncan, St. Mary Minister of Pastoral Care

First, I want to thank the Holy Spirit for our amazing A Way Together Synod on May 23rd that focused on our vision and mission. I know many of you wanted to attend but because of other obligations were not able to. Fr. Bill will be creating a document from all that was shared at the synod and we are exploring ways for you to share in the synod experience as we move forward.

Our motto at St. Mary Parish is **“Ripples of God’s Love, through our Hearts, to all Hearts.”**

At first this motto can seem sentimental. We think of the heart as tied to our emotions or our likes and dislikes. But according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, *“the heart is the dwelling-place where I am, where I live; [...] the heart is the place ‘to which I withdraw. The heart is our hidden center, beyond the grasp of our reason and of others; only the Spirit of God can fathom the human heart and know it fully. The heart is the place of decision, deeper than our psychic drives. It is the place of truth, where we choose life or death. It is the place of encounter, because as the image of God we live in relation: it is the place of covenant (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2563).*

It’s deeper than our physical heart. It’s deeper than our emotions, and our reason. It is the place “to which I withdraw.” It is the “place of encounter” with God. It is the “place of covenant.” It is the place where Divine Life was planted at our baptism. And the only way we can come to understand our heart is through our relationship with God.

How do we get to our hearts? This takes practice because of the busyness of our lives. We look for opportunities through silence and solitude where we can breathe deeply and let go of our concerns, where we quiet our mind of internal chatter and rest in the presence of our Divine Parent. In Psalm 131 we pray, “Lord, I have given up my pride and turned away from my arrogance. I am not concerned with great matters or with subjects too difficult for me. Instead, I am content and at peace. As a child lies quietly in its mother's arms, so my heart is quiet within me”(Good News Translation).

This may sound impossible because we have many things to do and people to take care of. But all we have to do is find those few minutes to hear the quiet voice deep within us, where Spirit calls to spirit, where Heart calls to heart. This is the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. “Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you?” ([1 Corinthians 3:16, ESV](#))

Our heart is a temple, a sanctuary where our spirit desires to worship every second of our lives whether we realize it or not. So where can we find opportunities to enter into our sanctuary? Of course, we want to create a special place where we can be alone with God and spend quality time as often as we can. But brief encounters can also help us remember God is always in our heart. A retired friend of mine has a special chair where he spends quality time with God but also sits in between chores to rest with God. Another friend finds quiet time with God early in the morning before anyone wakes up at her kitchen table when she is having her first cup of coffee. Another tells me she takes

time to be in God's presence before she gets out of bed in the morning and the craziness of the day starts. My best friend bought me a Google Nest for Christmas and I listen to worship music when I'm in my kitchen. Right now I'm listening to "Tin Roof" by Chris Tomlin. The music helps me turn my focus to God. When the song is done, the kitchen is quiet, I rest in the Lord and am still. Another friend finds quiet time in her car in between dropping off and picking up her children. She also takes a moment when she checks on her children at night to see if they are asleep. Their soft breathing helps her quiet herself at the end of the day and she will sit next to them in the dark and rest in the Lord.

The more we do this, the more often we find ourselves in God's presence. Remember, God is only a heartbeat away.

-Nadine