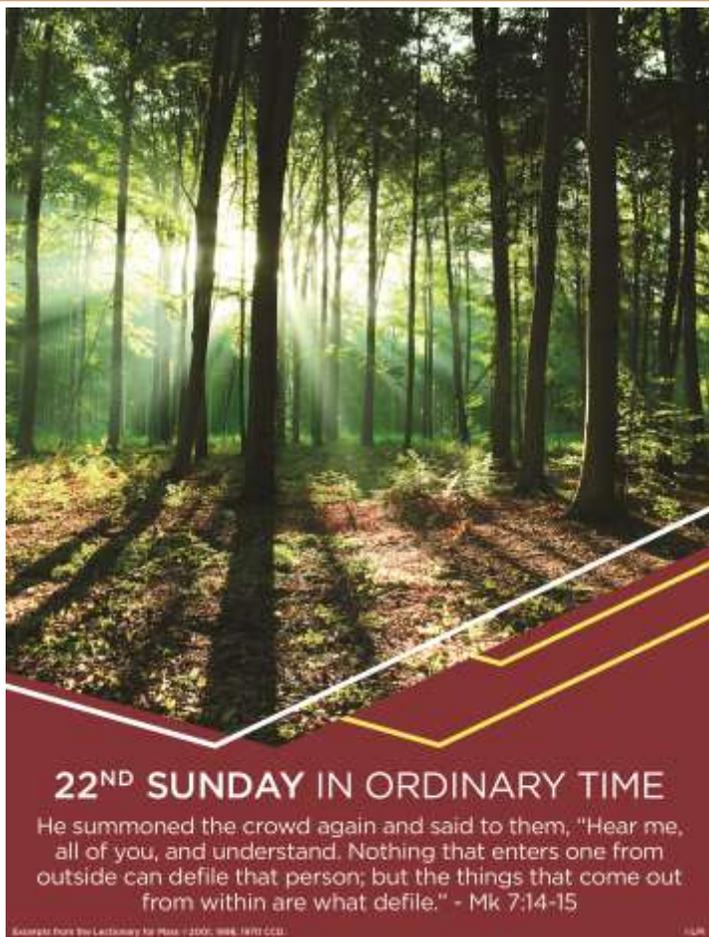


St. Margaret Mary Catholic Parish

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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

GENERAL INFORMATION

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday: 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m. Masses

Monday: 8:15 a.m. Communion Service

Tuesday-Friday: 8:15 a.m. Mass

Rite of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Welcome! We invite you to join our parish. Adults (18+) should join as members on their own, even if their parents are already members. Please complete and return a *New Member Registration* form. The form is available on our website, in the Church, and in the Parish Center. Registration is required for Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation, Marriage, and enrollment in Catholic Formation (religious education) programs.

August 29, 2021 • Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

From A Grateful Heart

Will return next week...



Gospel Meditation

Albert Einstein said that the “true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination.” Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God’s children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God’s compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God’s word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn’t just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That’s why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It’s risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That’s why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling.

PONDERINGS OF THE HEART

*Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves.
~James 1:22*

This week, James exhorts us to be a people of action. This is a great follow up to my reflection on what it means to serve the Lord from last week. The commitment to serve the Lord stirs in us a desire to live a life of Christian holiness. What this looks like in practical application varies from one person to another, but some fundamental generalizations include a recognition that God is the source of all good and everything we have, it means loving God with our entire being, and it means loving all of mankind, too, in word and deed.

The first step in being doers of the word begins in knowing the word. One of countless blessings of spending time in scripture is that we don't have to know everything to know something and be immediately impacted by what we've learned. Certainly, like any story, there is the notion of beginning, middle and end, but there are limitless lessons along the way that begin transforming us for the benefit of self, other, and the Kingdom of God, immediately!

Diane Bergant writes, "When the word of God has taken root in us, everything becomes a religious practice" (*Preaching the New Lectionary*). For me, this became most notable when I considered what the stranger looking in on my life might say about who I serve when seeing how I allocate my time, talent, and monies. I asked myself what would I struggle to give up. Silly as it sounds, it wasn't my faith or even people. I immediately thought of my obsession with all things crafty. Truthfully, I own more crafty supplies than I could ever use in my lifetime, and still I felt compelled to collect more. The purchases then justified the endless hours crafting, and the cost involved meant that it could only be shared with "special" people. Writing it, I realize it sounds ridiculous...but also relatable.

Taking time to consider how my actions reflect my words, and my words reflect who I serve, helps me do a little better each day in my efforts to live a life of Christian holiness. Let this scripture help you consider what your actions might say about who you serve, too, and be open to the changes that better knowing the word brings!

~Jacque, Pastoral Coordinator

Help Us Get to Know You



Did you notice the photos behind the glass cabinet in the Narthex? These are the faces of some of the people who attend daily Mass.

Just as many of us have a "favorite seat," many of us have a "favorite Mass." To better know one another, whether it's the person who sits just a few pews ahead of you or someone who attends a different Mass, we need your help in getting to know each other.

Please submit photos, including your name/names, to Jacque Kelnhofer at jkelnhofer@stmmp.org

Getting to Know You

Featuring Mary Blinkhorn, Administrative Assistant

Over the next several weeks, we are sharing a little "Question and Answer" segment with staff to help us all become better acquainted and encourage you to reach out and let us know how we can best serve the community.



How long have you worked at STMMP?

I joined the STMMP staff as the Assistant to the Faith Formation Director in October of 2007. I transitioned to my current position as Administrative Assistant in July of 2014.

What are your primary responsibilities?

I am first point of contact for many people, either in person or by phone. In that way, I am the "face/voice of the Parish." It is my privilege to be a welcoming presence and resource for the community! I also assist Fr. Pat, Vicki, and Jacque, as needed.

What do you most enjoy about your work?

I have a background in social work and enjoy working with people, particularly helping them. Also, as a lifelong Catholic, I have a deep love for my faith and the traditions. I am pretty organized by nature so enjoy keeping track of all that goes with front office management. No two days are the same. Sometimes the things that come up are so unexpected, so that means it is not a boring job!

What do you do for fun?

I enjoy spending time with family, having coffee with friends, walking the dog, traveling, and gardening.

What is your favorite season, and why?

I like fall the most: I love the crisp feeling; the bright blue sky of September; the fall flowers of October; and, as a parent, I loved watching my kids dress up for Halloween, Dios de los Muertos, and going to the pumpkin patch.

What is your favorite food/drink? Favorite place/brand?

I love all food, except seafood. I love coffee and prefer Panera and Colectivo over other famous brands. I enjoy Blue's Egg near Pius High School; Bel Air Cantina (love Mexican); and Mason Street Grill, downtown, if I go for a special treat.

What is the best way to get in touch?

Anyway is fine: call the main parish number, send me an email, or stop by the Parish Center Mon-Fri, 8 to 4.

Favorite quote / life motto?



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adoration of the Eucharist

1st Fridays
following 8:15 a.m. Mass

Pray with us this Friday, Sept. 3rd.



The Hour of Great Mercy

Fridays at 3:00 p.m. in the Church
Join Us in Praying
The Stations of the Cross
and
The Divine Mercy Chaplet

Special Collection for Little Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi, USA-Mission

Next Weekend, September 4/5

The Sisters will be here next weekend to speak at each of our masses to talk about their mission which is to reach out with compassion to the poor and marginalized of our society, following in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi and Mother Kevin, their Foundress.

STEP UP FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION!



OCTOBER 2021



To donate, text Soles to 71777
catholicschoolswalk.org

Praying for Those Who Serve in the Armed Forces

Our parish wants to be sensitive to those currently serving in the armed forces, and wants to show support through prayer. We invite family and friends to send us the name, rank, branch of service, and location of your family member or friend serving, whether on American soil or overseas. Email Jacque Kelnhofer at jkelnhofer@stmmp.org. Our prayer list for active military is in the Church so our military is included in prayer, every day.

Mother of Perpetual Help Grade School Reunion

Date: Saturday, September 4, 1:00pm
Place: Allenton Veteran's Memorial Park, 127 First Street
Call Nancy Aslin at 262-224-4270 for questions.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

*Please contact the Parish Center at (414) 461-6073
for all sacramental inquiries.*

Infant Baptism

Baptisms may be celebrated at all Masses. Preparation work is required for parents.

Catholic Formation Classes

Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation

Catholic formation classes are available for school-aged children and young adults. Contact us if you are interested in working with our parish to form your children in the faith as they prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation.

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

Are you an adult who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? RCIA is a way to learn about the sacraments and understand how to live in Christ's teachings. We walk the path of formation with you!

The Sacrament of Matrimony

The Sacrament of Matrimony may be celebrated most Saturdays of the year, with the exception of the seasons of Advent and Lent. The bride or groom must be registered as members of the parish and are expected to be attending Mass regularly. Weddings must be scheduled at least nine months prior to the actual date.

Ministry to the Sick or Dying

If you are going to have surgery or if you suddenly take ill and would like the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please call Fr. Patrick at (414) 581-2397. Additionally, we have ministers who can call and pray with you if you are ill or as you recover.



31: School supply drive deadline

3: First Friday/ Adoration following morning Mass

4/5: Little Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi to speak at all Masses

6: Labor Day Mass: 8:15am

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8: Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

11: Patriot's Day

18/19: SVdP Second Collection

23: Morning Mass Social following Mass

25/26: In-pew CSA second collection

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18,
21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13
[13b]/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/
Mk 7:31-37

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 30

8:15 a.m. :Communion Service

Tuesday, August 31

8:15 a.m.: + John Battist

Wednesday, September 1

8:15 a.m.: + Patti Farrell

Thursday, September 2

8:15am: + Richard Emery

Friday, September 3

8:15 a.m.: Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, September 4

5:00 p.m.: + Frank Zovi

Sunday, September 5

9:00 a.m.: + Gerry Schlitz

11:00 a.m.: + Barbara Blawat

7:00 p.m.: the members of our parish

Fifth Promise of Our Lord to Saint Margaret Mary:

“I will shed abundant blessings on all their undertakings “